

Southern Cyprus

27th March - 3rd April 2024



Summary: We had an excellent week's birding in southern Cyprus and although the weather wasn't conducive to producing large arrivals of migrants (it was too sunny and hot) we still saw the majority of the expected species in spring as well as a couple of real rarities. All three endemic birds were seen well with numerous Cyprus Wheatears, Cyprus Warbler on two days and a superb encounter with a day-calling Cyprus Scops Owl in the Troodos. The mountains also provided us with at least 6 Masked Shrikes; which appeared somewhat incongruous in the pine forest and a stunning example of the endemic Troodos Orchid. Once again as in the previous year we saw two species of crane with both Baillon's and Little Crane seen very well at Agai Varvara early in the week and another 4 Little Cranes later on. It's always a delight to catch up with these skulking species and Cyprus in spring provides some great opportunities to do so. The majority of the regular migrant warblers were seen well whilst Hume's Warbler on our last day was not only a rarity but also a big surprise on our final morning. Our final morning also produced an even rarer bird locally when a sand plover on the Paphos Headland turned out to be a Tibetan Sand Plover (formerly subspecies of Lesser Sand Plover) which was a first for the island. More regular waders included Marsh Sandpiper, Spotted Redshank and Spur-winged Plovers; that were all seen well whilst a Jack Snipe on our first full day was a welcome addition to our Cyprus list. Other goodies during the week included great views of Semicollared Flycatcher, Bimaculated as well as Calandra Lark and some great raptors including male and female Pallid Harrier and a flock of Lesser Kestrels in the east of the island. Copious amounts of sunshine meant that plenty of butterflies were on the wing with some 18 species recorded including African Ringlet and numerous Swallowtails amongst others. It was a very enjoyable week with good company and plenty to keep us busy throughout the trip.

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Participants: Bob and Sheena Tonner, Andrew Peel and Toni Menzes, Shirley Bain

27th March:

Everyone arrived on time and we quickly picked up the minibus before heading to our hotel in Paphos for the week. We dropped our bags off and quickly freshened up before taking a walk along the front to the east of the hotel to an area of rough ground. We only had an hour or so of light left but this was quite productive with 3 Hoopoes, an Eastern Subalpine Warbler (the only one of the trip), Sardinian Warbler, Chiffchaff, Zitting Cisticola, Crested Lark, White Wagtail, 12+ Northern Wheatears, Yellow Wagtail and 5 or 6 Black-winged Stilts.

28th March:

Weather – Light winds, hot (25°C) and sunny with more breezy conditions along the coast in the afternoon.

A Common Sandpiper and Little Egret were along the rocky shore in front of the hotel at breakfast. Following on from this we headed to Paphos Archaeological site with the first bird

being a couple of Laughing Doves just inside of the entrance. This species is rapidly expanding and is already common and easy to see now in southern Cyprus. A few Yellow-legged Gulls were around whilst 4 Purple Herons migrating over were a nice sight. A couple of Stone Curlews were trying to blend in whilst we also picked up our first Spur-winged Plovers. Other birds we managed to spot within the couple of hours we were in the grounds included a Wryneck, 4 Tree Pipits, a Tawny Pipit, Yellow Wagtails, Eastern Black-eared Wheatear, around 3 Isabelline Wheatears, Northern Wheatear, Song Thrush, 20 – 30 Short-toed Larks, 30 – 40 Lesser Whitethroats, Common Whitethroat, 8+ Hoopoes and a couple of Red-rumped Swallows. After this fine start we picked up some lunch and headed for the Aspro Dam where we found some shade to park and enjoy our lunch. The temperature was certainly soaring and birding away from the shade was a little uncomfortable so we made the most of the cover and spent a couple of hours searching the area. This proved to be a very good move with Long-legged Buzzard and an immature Bonelli's Eagle seen overhead. Bob spotted a harrier over the fields which provided us with brief but very good views of a superb male Pallid Harrier. 3 very noisy Great Spotted Cuckoos kept us entertained as we searched the pines for any warblers or flycatchers. Chiffchaffs and Lesser Whitethroats were obvious although a calling Eastern Bonelli's Warbler remained elusive. Other birds included a couple of Chukars, Sparrowhawk, Common Cuckoo, Song Thrush, Hoopoes and eventually excellent views of a male Semicollared Flycatcher.



Great Spotted Cuckoo



Semicollared Flycatcher

Once the temperature had started falling we made our way to the agricultural area at Mandria where we took a short walk. 100+ Short-toed Larks were in the fields along with around 40 Yellow Wagtails, a couple of Redstarts, a Red-throated Pipit and a few Wheatears. We also picked up a Marsh Harrier and a couple of Spur-winged Plovers that were feeding happily amongst the young crops. Our final port of call was at Agia Varvara where we were fortunate enough to see both Baillon's and Little Crake very well around one small pool with the latter actually chasing the former off at one stage. A Jack Snipe flew in and landed in a grassy area whilst other birds included 3 Green Sandpipers, Reed Warbler, Cetti's Warbler, Spanish Sparrows and various Yellow Wagtails rounding off an excellent first day.



Little Crake



Baillon's Crake

29th March:

Weather – Light winds, sunny and hot.

Heading east from Paphos we stopped off at Kensington Cliffs first thing where we were greeted with a Cyprus Wheatear singing from a prominent branch as we parked. At least 3 Red-rumped Swallows were hawking overhead as we scanned the cliffs for any vultures. A short while later we managed to pick up a lone Griffon, perched half way down the cliff in the distance. This critically endangered population received a boost when 14 Griffons were brought in from Spain last year in an attempt to help the local population recover. It has a long way to go to get back to the hundreds of vultures that used to cruise the Cypriot skies in the 1950's. Glad to see at least 1 Griffon we turned to head back to the car as 3 Alpine Swifts made a low, very fast pass, close overhead.

We moved on to an archaeological site nearby in search of Cyprus Warblers and although none were seen or heard we did get another Cyprus Wheatear singing from a tree top as well as numerous Blackcaps and Sardinian Warblers. We continued after a short break here on to Akrotiri Marsh where we found a nice selection of birds including 3 Marsh Sandpipers, at least 3 Spotted Redshanks, Little Ringed Plover, Spur-winged Plovers, Snipe, Ruff, Green Sandpiper, Wood Sandpipers and a single Little Stint. Amongst the Teal and Shoveler we also located a handful of Garganey, a couple of Glossy Ibis, a lone Spoonbill, 3 Grey Herons and at least 4 Purple Herons. A Peregrine circled over and several Marsh Harriers were also seen cruising the reed beds. A fine Eastern Black-eared Wheatear was a nice find whilst at least 2 Water Pipits and a few Meadow Pipits were located creeping amongst the wetter areas. Other birds here included Reed Warbler, Red-rumped Swallow, Kingfisher, Yellow Wagtails and a single Tawny Pipit.



Night Heron



Yellow Wagtail subsp. dombrowski

Moving on we headed for Agios Georges, where we had our lunch in the shade of the bushes opposite the chapel. Steve had a brief view of a male Semicollared Flycatcher although it remained elusive during the heat of the day for the rest of the group. We did manage to find a nice selection of birds despite the blazing sun including a couple of Redstarts, 2 male Whinchats, an elusive Orphean Warbler, a male Ruppell's Warbler, a distant Great Reed Warbler as well as Isabelline and Cyprus Wheatears. Once we'd finished here we visited nearby Bishop's Pool where we spotted 6 Ferruginous Ducks, Marsh Harrier, Red-rumped Swallows and a Sand Martin. 3 Night Herons showed nicely in flight after they flushed from some overhanging bushes on the pool edge. A Nightingale was also heard within a deep thicket although it wasn't for coming out so we just enjoyed the rich song before leaving the Akrotiri area. Our next stop was at Stadium Kurion where we had several Northern Wheatears and a male Redstart. Finally we called in to the scrub below Aspro Dam. A couple of Great Spotted Cuckoos were noisily advertising their presence and we also had great views of a Chukar calling from a mound. Pride of place though goes to the Cyprus Warbler which showed in the evening light; singing and performing well for us all.



Ruppell's Warbler



Cyprus Warbler

30th March:

Weather – Hot and sunny with light winds in the west of the island whilst there was a moderate north-easterly in the east.

A 2 hour drive across the island to Cape Greco in the far south-east took us to a new site, not previously visited during this tour. Despite the heat on arrival and throughout our time here, we did manage to find some great birds. A small pool hidden near a chapel at the base of the peninsula provided us with 2 Squacco Herons, 3 Little Crakes (2 females and a male), 6 or 7 Ferruginous Ducks as well as Reed Warbler, Willow Warbler, Hoopoe, Red-rumped Swallows and a Green Sandpiper. We stopped for lunch using the shade of some pines on the north-east of the cape before making our way to the area around the burger van. The cultivated field here had numerous Yellow and White Wagtails, 15 Northern Wheatears, an Eastern Black-eared Wheatear and around 10 Short-toed Larks. The trees back near the burger van held a showy Wryneck, a Turtle Dove and a couple of Tree Pipits amongst the ubiquitous Lesser Whitethroats and Chiffchaff. As luck would have it a message on the local WhatsApp group alerted us to a flock of Lesser Kestrels nearby. We soon located the area and as we pulled up saw several Lesser Kestrels perched and hawking overhead. We had only just stopped the van when a female Pallid Harrier circled above us before drifting off to the north. We then spent a happy half an hour watching the Lesser Kestrels (10 – 12) hawking and feeding over the adjacent field. As we were about to leave another elusive Orphean Warbler put in a couple of appearances amongst the low scrub by the van.



Lesser Kestrel



Pallid Harrier

We started the drive back to Paphos in the afternoon, calling in at Oriklini Marsh on the way. The open water held Teal, Shoveler, a couple of Ferruginous Ducks and around 8 Red-crested Pochard which all appeared to be paired up. A few Greater Flamingos were also present as well as several noisy Spur-winged Plovers, 3 Ruff, Snipe and Common Sandpiper. An adult Baltic Gull was sat on the open water when we arrived and a female Little Crane also made a couple of brief appearances on the pool to the right of the tower hide. We left the marsh late afternoon and made our way back to the hotel with a nice variety of birds from the day and some great additions to our trip list.

31st March:

Weather – Sunny and hot (24 - 26°C) with light winds.

This morning we headed for Troodos via the Rock of Hasampoulia in the Diarizos Valley. A short stop by the rock nicely broke up the journey into the mountains and produced a singing Turtle Dove, Cyprus Wheatear and several Red-rumped Swallows. We also found various orchids amongst the trees here including Giant Orchid, Naked Man Orchid and a Tongue Orchid sp. We continued up the winding roads to Troodos village and took a walk around the area to search out the 4 endemic subspecies that make these forests their home. We'd hardly left the minibus when we spotted a couple of Masked Shrikes in a nearby bush. These were a welcome surprise and part of at least 6 individuals that were feeding on insects amongst the trees. Large numbers of Swifts and Pallid Swifts were also hawking over the pines and screaming around the village. Before long we managed to locate our first endemic subspecies, the Coal Tit. Jays soon followed and then a couple of the endearingly named, Dorothy's Treecreepers (Short-toed Treecreeper) were found inspecting a nest hole. Good numbers of Siskins were twittering from the pines and Chaffinch were also on show but unfortunately there was no sign of the Crossbills that are normally in the area. Happy with our good fortune with the shrikes we started making our way down the winding roads. We pulled over at a parking area for a viewpoint, a few kilometres from Troodos to have our lunch in the shade of some trees. We were part way through this when a Cyprus Scops Owl called from across the road. At least two birds were heard in their daytime exploits and eventually one of these flew across the road and perched in the tree that we had been having lunch under. We got some excellent views as the bird perched in the fork of the tree, often leaning into the main trunk whilst continuing to call on a regular basis. Various visitors came and went whilst we enjoyed the owl before we too continued on our way. Another stop a little further down produced a couple of Troodos Orchids in their full glory.



Masked Shrike



Cyprus Scops Owl

We continued back to the coast and onto the fields at Mandria where we found at least 20 Red-throated Pipits as well as a flock of Short-toed Larks, Yellow Wagtails, 3 Tawny Pipits and 6 Isabelline Wheatears. From here we ventured on to Anarita Park where we spotted a

distant ringtail harrier that was probably a Pallid although it never came close enough to be sure. We did get some decent views of a Long-legged Buzzard as well as Great Spotted Cuckoo and Corn Bunting here too. Finally a brief stop at Agia Varvara on the way back to the hotel produced a male Whinchat and a Cyprus Wheatear.

1st April:

Weather – Sunny and hot with light winds.

We began our day with a walk along the side of Mavroklympos Dam where we were greeted with a couple of singing Cyprus Wheatears with their extraordinary, insect like calls. The water held a Cormorant, Little Grebe and a couple of Muscovy Ducks whilst a Common Sandpiper was on the bank. We were also met with a good number of Cyprus Warblers here with at least 5 males seen during a short walk. The first was not far from where we parked and was aggressively chasing Sardinian Warblers around the scrub. Since Sardinian Warblers were first recorded breeding in Cyprus in 1992 there has been a reduction in the abundance of Cyprus Warblers. Maybe the fact that Cyprus Warblers migrate and some of the Sardinian Warblers (that are resident) already had fledged young has contributed to this decline and competition for habitat?



Cyprus Warbler



Blue Rock Thrush

We moved a few miles up the coast to Cape Depranum. Shortly after parking a flock of 10 Purple Herons flew north, following the coast. We then took a walk through the scrub and fields to the south where we picked up around 10 Short-toed Larks (showing well) and a flock of Yellow Wagtails. The off-shore island held lots of Yellow-legged Gulls whilst a small gathering of Shags were on the lower rocks, including a distinctive pale juvenile of this Mediterranean race. We left late morning heading back to the outskirts of Paphos where we searched the rocky coastline for a Rock Thrush. Sadly there was no sign although a Blue Rock Thrush was some compensation. The coast was very busy and a trip into town confirmed that the place was mobbed so we headed for the hill village of Episkopi. Things were much quieter here and after lunch we explored the nearby area which provided us with another Blue Rock Thrush as well as Cyprus Wheatear and 2 Peregrines which were

obviously nesting on the impressive cliff face over the village. We moved on to the Aspro Dam although the settled conditions and good weather meant that few migrants were present so we headed back to Mandria in search of a francolin. It didn't take long to locate a calling bird which provided us with some great views as we used the minibus as a hide and he ran around the crops calling and occasionally popping into the open. The fields once again held Isabelline Wheatear and several Red-throated Pipits rounding off a quiet day for migrants but one which provided some great views of some endemic and local species.

2nd April:

Weather – Hot and sunny with light winds.

On our final full day we headed east once again although this time to Larnaca Sewage Works. The pools held a reasonable variety of birds including Teal, 10+ Garganey, Shoveler, a couple of Ferruginous Ducks as well as Spotted Redshank, Greenshank, Ruff and Spur-winged Plover. 7 Gull-billed Terns also put in a brief appearance as they flew through, heading east. The low saline tolerant shrubs between the hide and the road also produced some nice views of a couple of Spectacled Warblers. From here we made our way towards Spiros Pool and the desalination fields. A roadside, male Spectacled Warbler showed very close to the minibus whilst the pool itself was very quiet apart from a male Kentish Plover. The nearby fields were more productive with Andrew picking up a Stone Curlew whilst the flock of Short-toed Larks also held an excellent companion species in the form of a Bimaculated Lark, which dwarfed the other larks present. Heading back west past the sewage works we stopped briefly at Menou Pools where we found several Greater Flamingos, Spotted Redshank, 3 Marsh Sandpipers, Greenshank and a Kentish Plover. Nearby some agricultural fields were our next destination and on arrival Bob soon spotted a large lark sat in the middle of a recently cut field. After some eye-straining in the heat haze we managed to pick out the salient features of a Calandra Lark adding another lark species to our tally and another new bird for this tour. A couple of Chukars were also running about in the open as a local farmer was cutting the remaining long grass.



Marsh Sandpiper



Water Pipit

After lunch we headed back west, picking up a Long-legged Buzzard from the bus, somewhere between Larnaca and Limassol. We arrived at Agios Georges and explored the scrub around the chapel before driving across the gravel plains. A female Orphean Warbler eventually showed, all be it briefly as she dived from one bush to another. Other birds included Lesser Whitethroats, Isabelline, Eastern Black-eared and Cyprus Wheatears. We took an interesting if rather bumpy route across the gravel pits until we got to Akrotiri Marsh. Once again this provided some great sightings with good views of Purple Heron, 4 Marsh Sandpipers, Spotted Redshank, 10 Snipe, a Curlew Sandpiper, 2 Little Ringed Plover, a Black Francolin, Spur-winged Plover as well as Marsh Harrier and a few egrets. Smaller birds included more Yellow Wagtails, good views of a Water Pipit, Serin and a brief fly-by from a Wryneck that headed into the reed bed; rounding off another fine day.

3rd April:

Weather – Hot and sunny once again with light winds.

After packing our bags we spent the last morning at Paphos Headland where we took a walk around the archaeological site before venturing onto the outer path around the perimeter fence. A Cretzschmar's Bunting was a welcome addition to the trip list whilst good views of a couple of Nightingales were also welcome. Isabelline Wheatear, around 8 Tree Pipits and a few Red-rumped Swallows were also present. More surprisingly though was a wing-barred *phylloscopus* warbler flitting around some trees on the east of the headland. Initially we thought that Yellow-browed Warbler was a great find although even better was the dull plumage and then the diagnostic calls of a Hume's Warbler which revealed the bird's true identity. A Hume's Warbler had been present earlier in March and although there had not been a sighting for at least a couple of weeks the chances are that this was the same bird. We also spotted 5 Night Herons circling around the site looking for somewhere to land. 2 Stone Curlews were also spotted in flight and a Masked Shrike was a nice bird to spot as we headed for the gate. A sand plover had been photographed in the rocky headland earlier in the day and suspicions were rising that it could be Lesser rather than Greater Sand Plover. We made our way along the coastal path where we got some great views of Red-throated Pipits before reaching the spot the sand plover had last been seen in. After initially negative news the bird in question wandered into view and we got some great views and images before we had to leave for the airport. Further analysis of the images and some input from a number of very knowledgeable birders led to the conclusion that this was indeed a Tibetan Plover (Lesser Sand Plover being split in 2023 into Tibetan and Siberian) and a first for Cyprus; a brilliant way to end an excellent week.



Tibetan Plover



Red-throated Pipit

Checklist

Birds:

Mallard:	Small numbers noted on 3 dates
Shoveler:	Small numbers were seen on 3 days
Teal:	Noted on 29 th , 30 th and 2 nd
Garganey:	Seen at Akrotiri Marsh and Larnaca Sewage Works
Red-crested Pochard:	8 were at Oriklini Marsh
Ferruginous Duck	Seen on 3 days with birds at Bishop's Pool, Oriklini Marsh, Cape Greco and Larnaca Sewage Works
Chukar:	Seen or heard most days
Black Francolin:	Seen at Mandria and Akrotiri Marsh
Little Grebe:	Small numbers seen most days
Greater Flamingo:	Small numbers were at Oriklini Marsh and in the Larnaca area
Glossy Ibis:	2 were at Akrotiri Marsh, 29 th
Spoonbill:	A single, summer plumage bird was at Akrotiri Marsh, 29 th
Night Heron:	3 at Bishop's Pool and 5 over Paphos Headland
Squacco Heron:	2 were at Cape Greco

Grey Heron:	Small numbers were seen on a couple of days
Purple Heron:	Seen on 4 days with migrants passing over on 28 th March and 1 st April
Cattle Egret:	Common around Akrotiri Marsh
Little Egret:	A couple were in Paphos and at Akortiri Marsh
Cormorant:	Small number on 3 days
Shag (<i>desmarestii</i>):	Seen at Cape Depranum
Griffon Vulture:	One was on Kensington Cliffs on the morning of 29 th
Bonelli's Eagle:	An immature over the Aspro Dam, 28 th
Sparrowhawk:	One was seen at Aspro Dam, 28 th
Marsh Harrier:	Noted on 3 dates
Pallid Harrier:	A male at Aspro Dam, 28 th and a female Cape Greco, 30 th
Long-legged Buzzard:	Seen on 4 dates during the week
Stone Curlew:	Noted on Paphos Headland and the Larnaca area
Water Rail:	Heard only
Little Crake:	Seen on 2 dates with 4 on 30 th
Baillon's Crake:	One was seen at Agia Varvara,
Moorhen:	Noted on 4 days
Coot:	Seen on 3 days
Black-winged Stilt:	Seen in Paphos as well as Larnaca and Akrotiri Marsh
Spur-winged Plover:	Noted on 4 days; common around Akrotiri and Larnaca
Little Ringed Plover:	Seen at Akrotiri Marsh
Kentish Plover:	A couple were seen in the Larnaca area
Tibetan Sand Plover:	One on Paphos Headland, 3 rd was a first for Cyprus
Snipe:	Small numbers were seen on 3 dates
Jack Snipe:	One was seen in flight at Agia Varvara, 28 th
Spotted Redshank:	Seen at Akrotiri Marsh and near Larnaca
Redshank:	A single was seen on 30 th
Marsh Sandpiper:	Seen at Akrotiri Marsh and near Larnaca
Greenshank:	Seen at Larnaca, 2 nd
Little Stint:	A single was at Akrotiri Marsh, 29 th

Green Sandpiper:	Small numbers were seen on 4 dates
Wood Sandpiper:	Noted on 2 days
Common Sandpiper:	Small numbers were seen most days
Curlew Sandpiper:	A single at Akrotiri Marsh, 2 nd
Ruff:	Seen on 3 dates
Yellow-legged Gull:	Common and noted every day
Baltic Gull:	Single birds were seen on 29 th and 30 th
Gull-billed Tern:	7 at Larnaca Sewage Works, 2 nd
Wood Pigeon:	Common and seen daily
Rock Dove / Feral Pigeon:	Common and widespread
Collared Dove:	Common and seen daily
Laughing Dove:	An increasing species and seen every day
Turtle Dove:	1 was at Cape Greco and another calling in Diarizos Valley
Great Spotted Cuckoo:	Noted on 5 dates and seen on 4
Common Cuckoo:	Singles were seen on 28 th and 2 nd
Cyprus Scops Owl:	One seen very well during the day on Troodos, 31 st
Alpine Swift:	3 at Kensington Cliffs, 29 th
Swift:	Seen virtually daily
Pallid Swift:	Seen well and in numbers at Troodos, 31 st
Kingfisher:	Seen on 29 th and 30 th
Hoopoe:	Common and seen daily
Wryneck:	Singles were seen on 28 th , 30 th and 2 nd
Kestrel:	Common and seen every day
Lesser Kestrel:	10 – 12 birds were at Cape Greco, 30 th
Peregrine:	One was at Akrotiri Marsh and 2 at Episkopi
Masked Shrike:	1 in Paphos, 30 th , 6+ Troodos, 31 st and on Paphos Headland, 3 rd
Jay (<i>glaszneri</i>):	The Cypriot subspecies was seen at Troodos
Magpie:	Widespread and common
Jackdaw:	Common and seen daily
Hooded Crow:	Common and seen every day

Starling:	2 were at Akrotirir Marsh on 29 th
Coal Tit (Cypriotes):	The distinctive Cypriot subspecies was seen at Troodos
Great Tit:	Common and seen every day
Short-toed Lark:	Seen at Troodos
Bimaculated Lark:	One was with Short-toed Larks at Larnaca desalination fields, 2 nd
Calandra Lark:	2 were seen in fields near Larnaca, 2 nd
Crested Lark:	Common on open ground
Sand Martin:	One was seen on 29 th
Swallow:	Common
Red-rumped Swallow:	Noted almost every day
House Martin:	Seen daily
Cetti's Warbler:	Common although more frequently heard than seen
Zitting Cisticola:	Common and recorded daily
Willow Warbler:	A couple were seen on 30 th and 3 rd
Chiffchaff:	Common and seen daily
Eastern Bonelli's Warbler	One was heard calling at Aspro Dam, 28 th
Hume's Warbler:	One was seen as well as heard calling on Paphos Headland, 3 rd April
Great Reed Warbler:	A single was seen perched in the distance near Agios Georges, Akrotiri, 29 th
Reed Warbler:	Common around marshes
Blackcap:	Common and seen daily
Eastern Orphean Warbler:	Singles were noted on 3 dates
Lesser Whitethroat:	Common and widespread
Whitethroat:	Seen on 3 dates
Spectacled Warbler:	Seen quite well in the Larnaca area
Eastern Subalpine Warbler:	A male was seen near the hotel, 27 th
Sardinian Warbler:	Common and widespread
Ruppell's Warbler:	Singles were seen on 29 th and 1 st
Cyprus Warbler:	Seen at Aspro Dam and Mavroklympos Dam
Short-toed Treecreeper:	Seen at Troodos

Blackbird:	Just heard at Troodos
Song Thrush:	A couple were seen during the week
Robin:	A couple around Paphos, 27 th
Nightingale:	Heard on 3 dates and then seen well in Paphos, 3 rd
Redstart:	Small numbers were noted on 2 days
Stonechat:	2 were at Mandria, 28 th
Whinchat:	Small numbers were seen on 2 dates
Blue Rock Thrush:	Seen on 1 st and 2 nd
Semicollared Flycatcher:	A male was seen well at Aspro Dam, 28 th
Northern Wheatear:	Common and seen daily
Isabelline Wheatear:	Seen virtually every day
E. Black-eared Wheatear:	Noted on 4 dates
Cyprus Pied Wheatear:	Seen on 4 days during the week
House Sparrow:	Common
Spanish Sparrow:	Noted on 3 days
Yellow Wagtail:	Seen every day with various races noted
White Wagtail:	Common and seen daily
Tawny Pipit:	Seen on 28 th , 29 th and 31 st
Meadow Pipit:	Seen at Akrotiri Marsh, 28 th
Tree Pipit:	Small numbers were noted on 4 dates
Red-throated Pipit:	Noted on 4 days with small flocks at Mandria
Water Pipit:	Seen at Akrotiri Marsh on 29 th and 1 st
Chaffinch:	Noted at Troodos
Greenfinch:	Common and seen daily
Linnet:	Small numbers were noted most days
Goldfinch:	Common and seen every day
Siskin:	Very common in Troodos
Serin:	Heard on a few occasions and seen on 31 st and 2 nd
Cretzchmar's Bunting:	A male was at Paphos Headland, 3 rd
Corn Bunting:	Seen on 2 dates

Butterflies and Moths:

Swallowtail

Eastern Festoon

Large White

Bath White

Eastern Dappled White

Orange Tip

Clouded Yellow

Cleopatra

Painted Lady

Red Admiral

Large Wall Brown

Wall Brown

African Ringlet

Small Copper

Paphos Blue

Brown Argus

Common Blue

Skipper sp.

Crimson Speckled

Bordered Straw

Flowering Plants:

Barbary Nut

White Asphodel

Serapia sp.

Giant Orchid

Naked Man Orchid

Troodos Orchid

Three-horned Stock

Wavyleaf Sea Lavender

Slender Salsify

Spiny Broom