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2 Georgioupolis Lake 12.9. and 11.12.
A single Aposelemis river 17. & 19.11. 2 there 25.11.

CORY'S SHEARWATER *Calonectris diomedea* PM MB
Offshore records of 450 Gouves 6.4. 10 Malia 8.4. and 2 there 27.9.
45 Chania 10.4. 20 Frangocastello 15.4. 10 Georgioupolis Bay 11.5.
and 2 there 26.9. 20 Skoutelonas river 13.5. 12 Loutro 18.5. 4 Agios
Nikolaos 31.5. 4 Aghia Marina 20.9. 12 there 27.9. and 8 on 3.10.
Last record: 6 offshore at Plakias 19.10.

MEDITERRANEAN SHEARWATER *Puffinus yelkouan* PM MB
Few records 10+ Malia 8.4. and 12.4. 10 Mirabello Bay 9.4.

GREAT CORMORANT *Phalacrocorax carbo* PM WV
1 Heraklion 14.1. 2 Karteros 17.1. 15 there 27.1. and 16 on 4.2. In
mid December there were up to 18.
4 Chania Harbour 10.4. Singles there 11.4. and 16.4. 3 Gouves 26.1.
15 Falasarna 13.5.
A single Souda Bay 31.3.
19 Aghia Marina 27.9. Next day there were 34 and 15 there on 1st
October.

SHAG *Phalacrocorax aristotelis* RB
1 Chania harbour 10.4. 3 Gerani 24.8. 3 Aghia Marina flying west
27.9.

GREAT BITTERN *Botaurus stellaris* PM
A single Agia Reservoir mid May. (S.F. et al.)

LITTLE BITTERN *Ixobrychus minutus* PM
Spring: recorded 10.4.-25.5. Mainly singles at Geropotamos Bridge,
Agia Reservoir, Georgioupolis Lake, Keritis river, Souda Bay,
Aposelemis river.
Three Tavronitis 13.5. and a pair Lake Kournas 13.5.
Autumn: Singles Karteros 28.8. and Agia Reservoir 24.9.

NIGHT HERON *Nycticorax nycticorax* PM
Recorded 26.3.-20.5. Mainly singles, except for 'small flock' Kalo
Horio 28.3., Malia, Agia Reservoir, Souda Bay, Elounda, Plakias,
Chania, Tavronitis river, with 2 there 17.5. Georgioupolis Lake,
Keritis river, Frangocastello and Spring Pool.
June: 1 Aposelemis river 5.6. Autumn record of 2 Agia reservoir 21.9.

SQUACCO HERON *Ardeola ralloides* PM
First record 3 Agia Reservoir 5.4. where up to 7 by 16.5. and 5 there
27.5.-29.5. during April and May small numbers were recorded at 11
sites.
In June up to 3 Aposelemis river 4.6. and a single 29.6.
September: 1 Platanos river 23.9. 3 Aposelemis river 21.9. 1 single
Ierapetra reservoir 10.9.
October: 1 Adele 9.10.

LITTLE EGRET *Egretta garzetta* PM
First record Agia Reservoir 28.3. Common April & May at 17 sites with
max.17 Ierapetra reservoir 30.5.
June: 1 Lake Kournas 6.6. 3 Agia Reservoir 8.6. 1 Paleocastro 8.6.

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Autumn passage: 27.8. to mid October. 25 Maleme flying east 27.8. 50 at roost Georgioupolis and 250 flew east during the evening 21.9. 30 also east there 26.9.

22 Aghia Marina flying west 21.9. and 42 there 3.10.

100 Aposelemis river 21.9. 100 Hersonisos 23.9. 29 Karteros 15.10. 7 Agia 11.10. and up to 6 Agia Reservoir 22.10.

November: 1 Ierapetra reservoir 8.11.

GREAT WHITE EGRET *Egretta alba*

PM

1 Souda Bay 31.3. (RDW.) 1 Agia Reservoir 23.10. (Rev.FHL.)

GREY HERON *Ardea cinerea*

PM

1 Malia 1.3. then small numbers April-May mainly singles at 13 sites; never more than 4 at any one location. Singles at 2 sites in June.

Autumn: 23 Karteros 28.8. then heavy passage 21.9. when 150 at roost Georgioupolis harbour and 500 flew south and west in the evening. On the same date 110 roosted on Ag. Theodori. Small numbers recorded in October and the last was 1 at Malia 29.11.

PURPLE HERON *Ardea purpurea*

PM

First 1 Aposelemis river 21.3. Small numbers, mainly singles, 3.4.-30.5. Max. 8 Plakias Bay 15.4. A single Aposelemis river 3.6.

Autumn: 20 Gerani 25.8. and 17. 30.8. 1 Aposelemis river 30.8.

15 Malia 10.9. 100 immatures on Georgioupolis beach and 15 Platanes 21.9.

1 Agia reservoir 27.9.

WHITE STORK *Ciconia ciconia*

PM

1 Creta Sun Hotel lagoon 6.4.

c.20 over Georgioupolis 10.10.

GLOSSY IBIS *Plegadis falcinellus*

PM

Few Spring records this year. April 1 Georgioupolis Lake 10.4. May 1 Agia Reservoir and Tavronitis river 11.-17.5.

Autumn: September 1 Agia reservoir 12.9. 5 there 22.9. and 3, 24.9.

October: 5 Agia Reservoir 20.10. and 22 there 22.10.

MUTE SWAN *Cygnus olor*

AV

15 arrived at Heraklion in northerly gales in January. One was shot, and two injured. The rest moved west and stayed, with 13 Agia Reservoir 26.-28.3. down to 12, 2.4. and 7, 16.4. In May dropping to 6 during 11.-17.5.

3 (2 adults 1 juv.) were at Georgioupolis Lake early April.

In October there were 2 in Rethymnon Harbour 8.10. & 1 there 15.10.

WIGEON *Anas penelope*

WV

September: 1 Aposelemis river 27.9. November: 6 Ierapetra reservoir 8.11. and 11 there 10.11. (J&CH.)

GADWALL *A. strepera*

WV

September: 2 Agia Reservoir 26.9. (ST) & still there 11.10. (PM). 2 Ierapetra reservoir 8.11. and 11 there 10.11. (J&CH.).

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TEAL *Anas crecca*

WV

February: 'Very many' Ierapetra reservoir 12.2. March. 1 Aposelemis river 2.3. April: Up to 2 5.4.-7.4.
October: 32 Agia reservoir 24.10. November: 9 Ierapetra reservoir 8.11. and 52 there 10.11.

MALLARD *Anas platyrhynchos*

WV

February: 6 Ierapetra reservoir 12.2.
March: 2 Agia Reservoir 30.3. April: a pair 3.4. and 11.4.
May: 2 there 15.5.
September: 1 Agia Reservoir 26.9.-30.9. October: 1 there 2.10.
November: 35 Ierapetra reservoir 8.11. rising to 60 by 10.11. 4 Malia 8.11. and 3 there 29.11.

NORTHERN PINTAIL *Anas acuta*

WV

February: 6 Ierapetra reservoir 12.2. March-April 3 Agia Reservoir 26.27.3. 2 pairs 30.3.-6.4. 2 males 10.-11.4. 3 Gouves lagoon 5.4.
September: 2 Agia Reservoir 22.-24.9. 5 there 28.9.
October: 6 Agia Reservoir 2.10. and 3 24.10. 200+ Kolimbari 15.10. 1 Georgiopolis Lake 22.10.
November: 6 Ierapetra reservoir 8.11. and a single there on 10.11.

GARGANEY *Anas querquedula*

PM

March: First record 10 Agia Reservoir 26.3. and up to 30 first week April down to 12 12.4. Recorded at 6 sites in April mainly small numbers but 20 Gouves lagoon 11.4. and 8 Aposelemis river 15.4. 1 Malia 17.4.
August: Aposelemis river up to 4 by end of month.
September: 1 Aposelemis river 12.9. Up to 4 Georgiopolis Lake 21.-25.9. 33 flying west Aghia Marina 22.9. 2 Lake Kournas 28.9. and 11 there 22.10.

NORTHERN SHOVELER *Anas clypeata*

WV

March: 1 Agia Reservoir 26.3.
April: 1 Gouves 5.-6.4. Georgiopolis Lake a single 9.4.-21.4.

COMMON POCHARD *Aythya ferina*

WV

February: 1 Ierapetra reservoir 12.2. March: 1 Agia Reservoir 26.3.-17.4.
September: 7 Ierapetra 10.9. Lake Kournas a single 21.9.
November: 70 Ierapetra 8.11. Up to 134 there 10.11.
December: 18 Lake Kournas 11.12.

FERRUGINOUS DUCK *Aythya nyroca*

WV

April: 1 Gouves 5.4. 1 Georgiopolis Lake 9.4.
May: 1 Agia Reservoir 16.5. June: 1 Aposelemis river 3.-4.6. (J&CH).
September-October: 1 Georgiopolis Lake 21.-25.9. & 10.10. 1 Agia Reservoir 28.9.-2.10. A single Lake Kournas 20.10.

TUFTED DUCK *Aythya fuligula*

WV

February: 2 Ierapetra reservoir 12.2. April: 1 Lake Kournas 10.4.
November: 4 Ierapetra reservoir 8.11. and a single 10.11.

RED-BREASTED MERGANSER *Mergus serrator*

AV?

January: A female offshore Analysis 26.1. (J&CH)

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- HONEY BUZZARD** *Pernis apivorus* PM
 Spring: Singles Petres Gorge, Amari Valley, Tavronitis River during the first two weeks in May.
 Autumn: 1 Georgiopolis 'drifting west' 21.9. and 2 there 17.10.
- BLACK KITE** *Milvus migrans* PM
 Spring: Singles Plakias 8.4. Chania-Georgiopolis highway 10.5. and Iraklion 11.5.
 October: 1 Platanes 15.10.
- LAMMERGEIER** *Gypaetus barbatus* RB
 April/May records, mainly singles from Lassithi, Kamaraki Pass (2), Kourtaliotiko Gorge, Omalos, Samaria Gorge(2) and Imbros Gorge. July: 1 Kera Avdou Gorge 11.7. August-September: Singles Agios Ioannis, Kali Sikia, Kato Viannos, Samaria Gorge, Zourva, Ambelos Pass, Omalos and Kourtaliotiko Gorge.
- EGYPTIAN VULTURE** *Neophron percnopterus* PM? AV?
 1 gave very close views near Kallergi Refuge 3.4. (RDW.)
- GRIFFON VULTURE** *Gyps fulvus* RB
 Common in mountains and gorges. Highest counts 25 Prasses Gorge 14.10. and 33 Lassithi 23.10.
- SHORT-TOED EAGLE** *Circaetus gallicus* PM
 1 Agia Triada 1.4. and 1 Kalimbari 28.8.
- MARSH HARRIER** *Circus aeruginosus* M B? PM
 Spring passage from 26.3. to 19.4. Mainly singles but 4 Agia Reservoir 30.3. and a pair Geropotamos 7.4. A single Agia Reservoir 20.5. and 29.5.
 Autumn: 1 Itanos 25.8. Singles Elounda 8.9. Roussa Eklissia 9.9. Georgiopolis beach 2 with herons 21.9. 2 Agia Reservoir 24.9. and a juvenile 24.10. November: 1 Malia 29.11.
- HEN HARRIER** *Circus cyaneus* PM WV
 1 Kalo Horio (Ped) 7.1. (J&CH).
- MONTAGU'S HARRIER** *Circus pygargus* PM
 2 Akrotiri peninsula 15.4. (T&FL). 1 Agia reservoir 21.9. a 2nd year male (ST.)
- NORTHERN GOSHAWK** *Accipter gentilis* PM WV?
 1 Arkadi Monastery 8.10. (PM).
- EURASIAN SPARROWHAWK** *Accipter nisus* PM WV
 Spring: Singles Gouves lagoon 7.4. Geropotamos 7.4. Plakias 12.4. Moni Prevelli 13.4. Tavronitis river 16.4. Omalos 19.4.
 November: 1 Koutsounari 9.11. and Monastiraki 10.11.
- COMMON BUZZARD** *Buteo buteo* RB PM
 Common and widespread.
- LONG-LEGGED BUZZARD** *Buteo rufinus* PM
 April: 1 Malia 8.4. 2 Gournia 9.4. and 1 Plakias 11.4.
 October: 1 Marathos 24.10. (PJW)

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- GOLDEN EAGLE** *Aquila chrysaetos* RB
Widely reported from 12 sites. 4 behind Elounda 9.4. and 2 adults with an immature Samaria 22.9.
- BOOTED EAGLE** *Hieraaetus pennatus* WV PM
May: 2 Kourtaliotiko Gorge 12.5. 1 Agia Reservoir 13.5. 2 Lakki 16.5. 1 Tzermiado 16.5.
Autumn: 3 south off the sea Maleme 27.8. 1 Agia Reservoir (pale phase) 22.9. 1 Kera 23.9. 1 Spili 8.10. 1 Georgioupolis 10.10. 1 Maronia 20.10. and Mesa Horio 25.10.
- BONELLI'S EAGLE** *Hieraaetus fasciatus* RB
Singles. Imbros Gorge 12 and 15.5. Morosini Aqueduct 4.5.
Autumn: 1 Askyfou 14.9. Kalia Sikia 14.9. and Ambelos Pass 4.10.
- OSPREY** *Pandion haliaetus* PM
Spring: Singles Plakias 12.4.
Summer/Autumn: Arvi 23.7. Elounda 22.9. and Geropotamos Bridge Pool 22.10.
- LESSER KESTREL** *Falco naumanni* RB? PM MB
6 Agia Triada Monastery Akrotiri 18.4. and 3 17.5. 2 east of Rethymnon in May.
Autumn: 12 Roussa Eklissia 9.9. 2 Ierapetra 10.9.
- KESTREL** *Falco tinnunculus* RB
Common and widespread.
- RED-FOOTED FALCON** *Falco vespertinus* PM
Spring passage: Fewer than usual, small numbers 7.5. to 12.5. Highest numbers 8 Vidiani 11.5.
Autumn: 1 Panagia 26.8.
- MERLIN** *Falco columbaria* PM??
A male Mylo Ford 14.5. (SF.et al)
- HOBBY** *Falco subbuteo* PM
A single Keridis river 8.6. (G.B.) 2 Agia Reservoir 22.9. (S.T.)
- ELEONORA'S FALCON** *Falco eleonora* MB PM
First record 1 Keritis river 16.4. Small numbers during the rest of April. Common by May and widespread in June.
In the Autumn a 'large flock' at Ierapetra reservoir 10.9. Common in October. (J&CH).
- LANNER** *Falco biarmicus* RB PM?
One in the Spring and one in the Autumn.
1 Georgioupolis headland 11.5. (C.H.) & 1 Rodopos 22.10. (Rev.F.H.L.)
- PEREGRINE** *Falco peregrinus* RB PM WV
Widely reported at 21 sites 18.4. to 24.10. Petres Gorge 2 adults and 2 juveniles 16.5. Nest with 3 young Kalo Horio near Ag.Nikolaos in May. (DA)

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CHUKAR PARTRIDGE *Alectoris chukar* RB
February: 1 Kato Metochi 3.2. April-May: recorded Lassithi, Omalos, Argyroupolis, Gouvenatou Monastery, Petres Gorge, Amigdali, Mesa Lassithaki, Kamaraki Pass and Anapolis where one flew off a nest with eggs 20.5.
Autumn: A 'flock' Kaminaki 7.9. 1 Ambelos Pass 23.10. and 4 Makrithos nr. Heraklion 24.10.

QUAIL *Coturnix coturnix* MB PM
April: 2 Valtos 6.4. May: 2 Lassithi 7.5. 2 Tzermiado 16.5. June: 2 Kalo Horio 22.6.

WATER RAIL *Rallus aquaticus* PM WV
Reported from 3 sites during the Winter with a single at Malia 28.1. 2 there 1.3. A single during November and 2 there 15.12.
Aposelemis river 1 there 17. and 25.11. 2 there 5.12.
1 Georgioupolis 10. & 11.12.

SPOTTED CRAKE *Porzana porzana* PM
1 Georgioupolis Lake 22.10. (PJW)

LITTLE CRAKE *Porzana parva* PM
2 Agia reservoir 26.-28.3. 1-2 during April and 1 22.10.

MOORHEN *Gallinula chloropus* RB PM
Winter: 1 Malia 28.1. 17.2. and 19.2. 3 Geropotamos Bridge 17.3.
Present all wetlands late March with peaks of 150 Agia reservoir 26.3. and 80 there 16.4. At Georgioupolis Lake 30+ on 19.4.
Autumn peaks: Up to 20 Georgioupolis Lake 21.-26.9. and 73 on 22.10.
Common in December.

COOT *Fulica atra* RB? WV PM
Max. 34 Ierapetra reservoir 12.2. 'Large flocks' Agia reservoir 5.3. with up to 34 there 26.-28.3.
13 Lake Kournas in early April. 1 Geropotamos Bridge 10.4.
Autumn: Ierapetra reservoir 150 10.9. Smaller numbers 15-20 at the other sites in September.
There were Winter concentrations of 600 Ierapetra 10.11. with 70 Lake Kournas 11.12. and 25 at Georgioupolis Lake 1.12.

BLACK-WINGED STILT *Himantopus himantopus* PM
Recorded at 9 sites 5.4. to 26.5. mainly small numbers but there was a flock of 12 at Frangocastello 12.5.

STONE CURLEW *Burhinus oedichnemus* MB PM WV
April: 3 Kato Peninsula 5.4. 1 flying offshore Gouves 6.4. 4 Malia 17.4. and 2 there 26.4.

COLLARED PRATINCOLE *Glareola pratincola* PM
3 Aposelemis river 19.4.

LITTLE RINGED PLOVER *Charadrius dubius* MB PM
Regular in small numbers, mainly on the north coast from 8.3. max. 15 Tersonas Pond 29.3. A pair breeding Aposelemis river in May.
Last record 3 Lake Kournas 28.9.

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- GREAT RINGED PLOVER** *Charadrius hiaticula* PM WV
 2 Elounda 8.4. and 1 there 9.4. 1 Gouves lagoon 11.4.
 1 Souda Bay early May.
- KENTISH PLOVER** *Charadrius alexandrinus* PM WV?
 1 Keritis river 13.5. 1 Tavronitis river 13.5.
- GOLDEN PLOVER** *Pluvialis apricaria* PM WV
 2 Koutsounari 9.11. (J&CH).
- GREY PLOVER** *Pluvialis squatarola* PM
 2 regularly in Souda Bay during 11-17.4. (SF et el)
- WHITE-TAILED LAPWING (PLOVER)** *Chettasia leucura* AV
 An adult all day at Elounda old salt pans 6.4. after a heavy storm on the 5th. (P.Mackinder, SC. & Snail's Pace). Photographed and report submitted to the recorder for Greece.
- NORTHERN LAPWING** *Vanellus vanellus* WV
 2 Aposelemis river 25.11.
- SANDERLING** *Calidris alba* PM
 1 Gouves lagoon 11.4.
- LITTLE STINT** *Calidris minuta* PM
 Small numbers at 16 sites from 26.3. to 11.5. usually 2-12 but there were 15 at Tavronitis river 16.4. and 27 at Gouves lagoon for 3 days in May.
 June: Up to 2 Aposelemis river first week of the month.
 Autumn: Small numbers 28.8. to 27.9. max. 17 Agia reservoir 21. and 24.9.
- TEMMINCK'S STINT** *Calidris temminckii* PM
 4 Tavronitis river and 1 Ayia dam and Souda Bay both records early May. (S.F.et al)
- CURLEW SANDPIPER** *Calidris ferruginea* PM
 4 Petres river 11.5. 4 Tavronitis river 13.5. Skoutelonas river 13.5. and 1 Elounda 17.5.
 Autumn: 1 Agia reservoir 21.-24.9. 2 Georgioupolis beach 23.9.
- DUNLIN** *C. alpina* PM
 February: 4 Aposelemis river 23.2. April: 1 Elounda 7.-10.4. 4 Aposelemis river 16.4.
 September: 1 Agia reservoir 21.-22.9. 1 Georgioupolis beach 23.9.
- RUFF** *Philomachus pugnax* PM
 Spring records: Small numbers recorded at 8 sites 2.3. to 17.5.. Max. 20 Tavronitis river 16.5.
 Autumn records in October: 1 Agia reservoir 11.10. & 22.10.
- COMMON SNIPE** *Gallinago gallinago* PM WV
 Spring: 2 Aposelemis river 21.3. then 1-3 at 6 sites to 13.4. 1 Kalo Horio marsh May. (DA)
 Autumn: 1 flew west at Gerani 28.8. 1 Agia reservoir 22 and 24.9. 8 there 2.10. and 47 22.10. (PJW).

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Winter: 1 Aposelemis river 25.11. and 2 Perasickos river 11.12.

BLACK-TAILED GODWIT *Limosa limosa* PM
2 Aposelemis river 21.3. A single there 25.-26.5.
3 Agia reservoir 31.3. up to 2 5.4.
1 Tersonas Pond 31.3.-1.4. 4 Gouves lagoon 6.4. 2 Geropotamos river
7.4.
June: 1 Aposelemis river 5.6.

WHIMBREL *Numenius phaeopus* PM WV?
A single Tersonas Pond 31.3. (RDW.)

EURASIAN CURLEW *Numenius arquata* PM WV?
A single Elounda 6.-10.4.

SPOTTED REDSHANK *Tringa erythropus* PM
Most ever recorded. 3 Agia reservoir 30.3. Up to 11 Tersonas Pond
31.3. to 3.4. 1 Elounda 6.-9.4. 1 Geropotamos 7.4. 2 Tavronitis river
May. 1 Ierapetra reservopir 12.5.
Autumn: 1 Agia reservoir 12.9. and 20.10. 3 Elounda 26.10.

REDSHANK *Tringa totanus* PM WV
Spring: 1 Agia reservoir 28.3. and 6.-7.4. 2 Tersonas Pond 31.3. with
a single there in early April. 1 Elounda 6.-9.4. 1 Gouves 11.4. and
5.-7.5.
Autumn: 1 Adele 9.10. 1 Rethymnon Harbour 15.10. 2 Aposelemis river
25.11. and a single 29.11.

MARSH SANDPIPER *Tringa stagnatilis* PM
1 Gouves lagoon 5.4. and 2 there 6.4.

COMMON GREENSHANK *Tringa nebularia* PM
Recorded at 5 sites 28.3. to early May, mainly singles. Max. 3 Agia
reservoir and Tersonas Pond 28.3.-2.4.
Winter: 1 Aposelemis river 29.11.

GREEN SANDPIPER *Tringa ochropus* PM WV?
Small numbers, mainly singles 21.3. to 17.5. Max. 8 Lassithi
swallowhole 7.4. and 5 Elounda 17.5.
Autumn: 12 Aposelemis river 30.8. 5 there 6.9. 2 Georgioupolis Lake
25.-26.9. 18 Agia reservoir 22.9. and 5 Karteros river 27.9.

WOOD SANDPIPER *Tringa glareola* PM
First 1 Tersonas Pond 26.3. then regular in small numbers until mid-
May except for 50+ at Tavronitis river early May. (SF et al)
Autumn: 5 Aposelemis river 3.8. A single there 29.-30.8.2
Georgioupolis Lake 12.9. 70 Agia reservoir 12.9. (C&JH) 1
Georgioupolis lake 10.10.
Winter: 1 Ierapetra reservoir 8.11.

COMMON SANDPIPER *Actitis hypoleucos* PM WV?
February: 1 Istron 12.2. Small numbers 1-3 from 28.3. to 13.5. at 12
sites, more widespread during April.
Autumn: 1-4 at 6 sites 30.8. to 22.9. Max. 10 Agia reservoir 12.9.
Single Plakias 9.-10.10.

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- TURNSTONE** *Arenaria interpres* PM
A single Chania harbour 17.4.
- MEDITERRANEAN GULL** *Larus melanocephalus* PM WV
A single Chania harbour 17.4. and 2 there 18.4.
- LITTLE GULL** *Larus minutus* PM ??
1 Agia reservoir 26.3. (RDW.)
- BLACK-HEADED GULL** *Larus ridibundus* PM WV
Many Heraklion 27.1. a 'larger flock' Istron 12.2. 1 Tersonas Pond 31.3. In Winter there were many on Gioforos river and Heraklion mid December.
- LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL** *Larus fuscus* PM WV
An adult Chania harbour 11.4. (DI.& RSPB tour.)
- HERRING/YELLOW-LEGGED GULL** *Larus cachinnans michahellis* RB
Common throughout the year.
- KITTIWAKE** *Rissa tridactyla* AV
A single Aposelemis river 2. & 4.3. (J&CH).
- GULL-BILLED TERN** *Gelochelidon nilotica* PM
A single Aposelemis river 4.-5.6. (J&CH).
- SANDWICH TERN** *Sterna sandvicensis* PM WV
6 off-shore Gouves 6.4. 2 Chania Harbour 10 and 12.4. 7 flew west Georgiopolis beach 21.9.
- WHISKERED TERN** *Chlidonias hybridus* PM
4 Ierapetra reservoir 30.5. (C&JH).
- WHITE-WINGED BLACK TERN** *Chlidonias leucopterus* PM
March: 1 Aposelemis river 2.3. (J&CH). More records than usual in May. 2 Souda Bay and Tavronitis river in the first week. 8 Agia reservoir 11.- 17.5. 3 Lake Kournas 11.5. 5 Ierapetra reservoir 12.5. and 2, 30.5. A single Aposelemis river and Malia 19.5.
- ROCK DOVE** *Columba livia* RB
Large flock Monastiraki 6.4. 6 Kotsiphos Gorge 9.4. 24 Kourtaliotiko Gorge 14.4. 2 Amari Valley 1st week May. Singles Falasarna, Tavronitis, Moni Prevelli and Mesa Lassithaki during May.
- WOOD PIGEON** *Columba palumbus* RB
Small numbers Mid March and April. Widespread in May. 1-3 at 8 sites June and July. 1 Potamies 16.8. 7 Mesa Lassithaki 16.8. 1 Roussa Eklissia 9.9.
- COLLARED DOVE** *Streptopelia decaocto* RB
New sites at Knossos, Adele, and Phaestos. Still regular in Rethymnon.
- TURTLE DOVE** *Streptopelia turtur* MB PM
First record 1 Georgiopolis 9.4. Then reported from 18 sites in April and May, mainly singles. Max: 4 Aposelemis river 15.4. 3 Mohos

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pool 10.6. then singles Malia Oaks, Mires, Kalo Horio and Karavzano to 23.6. 1-2 August and 1 Karteros 27.9.

GREAT SPOTTED CUCKOO *Clamator glandarius* AV
1 Sitia 8.9. (J&CH).

COMMON CUCKOO *Cuculus canorus* PM
April: 2 Souda Bay 10.4. 1 Agia Triada monastery 10.4. 1 Agia Reservoir 16.4.
May: 1 Anapolis 18. and 20.5. 1 Omalos 27.5. 2 there 28.5.

BARN OWL *Tyto alba* RB WV?
Singles recorded 15.3.-14.10. at Kalo Horio, Kakomouri peninsula, Plakias, Lake Kournas, Perivolias, Agios Ioannis, Kamilori, Aghia Marina, and Argyroupolis where there were 2 on 30.7.

EURASIAN SCOPS OWL *Otus scops* RB MB
Recorded at 15 sites 2.3. to 11.12. Many singles but 2 Kalo Horio(P) from 2.3.-13.3. 3 Lake Kournas 21.4. 2 calling Megalo Chorafia 14.4.-19.4. Frequent in Kalo Horio(P) in May-July. 3 Mesa Lassithaki 21.5. 3 Zaros 16.6. 4 at Kamilari 24.6. Up to 3 Argyroupolis 31.7. Singles in August and September. 5 Kamilari 14.10.
Winter: 2 Argyroupoli 30.11. and 3 there 11.12.

SWIFT *Apus apus* MB PM
First record 2 Rethymnon 17.3. then common with a peak of over 2000 Agia reservoir 29.3. down to 100 the next day. Common in May and July. August widespread.
Autumn: 1-2 in September with the last record 10+ Chania harbour 1.10.

PALLID SWIFT *Apus pallidus* MB PM
2 Agia reservoir 29.3. 1 Georgioupolis Lake 11.5. 2 Petres Gorge 11.5.
(RDW. SF et al)

ALPINE SWIFT *Apus melba* MB PM
Common at many sites after first record of 10 at Agia reservoir 27.3. Main passage third week of May on South & North coasts. Small numbers in June & July and common again in August. 50+ Georgioupolis Lake and Imbros 25.9. In October movement on 15.10. with a single at Platanos and 20 Skinari beach and 2 at Kamilari.

KINGFISHER *Alcedo atthis* RB? PM WV
January and February. singles Aposelemis river and Hersonissos. March-April. Mainly singles at 6 sites until 18.4. 2 Tersonas pond 28.3.-2.4.
August: Singles from 3.8. at Aposelemis river, Gerani, Karteros, Kalives and Geropotamos Bridge. Reported as common in September. In October singles at Plakias, Rethymnon Harbour and Kournas 6.-10.10. 3 Agia 11.10. and 2 Skinari beach near Lefkogia 15.10.
Singles in November and December at Heraklion, Malia, Rethymnon and Geropotamos Bridge.

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EUROPEAN BEE-EATER *Merops apiaster* PM MB?
4+ Akrotiri peninsula 18.4. 8 Gouves April. Small flock Agia
reservoir 13.5. 1 Myrthios Road 15.5.
Autumn: reported as common 7.9.-15.9.(J&CH). 7 South of Vrisses 25.9.
and Temera 27.9.

HOOPOE *Upupa epops* PM
Small numbers mainly singles 2.4.-18.5. at Falasarna, Tavronitis
river, Imbros and Anapolis while at Moni Prevelli there were 3 on
8.4.
Reported as widespread 7.9.-23.9.(J&CH) 3 Georgiopolis 23.9. and 1
Aghia Marina 26.9.

WRYNECK *Jynx torquilla* PM
1 Elounda 6.4. Frequent Lassithi area in May.(J&CH).
June: 2 Malia Oaks 10.6.(J&CH).
September: Singles 9.9.-23.9. Sitia, Platanos Gorge, Amari, Mesa
Lassithaki, Paleochora, 3 Souda Cemetery 24.9.

CALANDRA LARK *Melanocorypha calandra* PM
2 in olive grove near Lake Kournas 17.5.(JSM).
1 Geropotamos bridge 22.10.(PJW)

SHORT-TOED LARK *Calandrella brachydactyla* MB PM WV
January: Small flock Aposelemis river 5.1. February: 2 Kalo Horio and
Malia 10.2. and 19.2. April: Mainly small numbers Plakias, Elounda
and Omalos. 50+ Malia 8.4. 20+ Aposelemis river, 11.4. 18 Gouves on
16.4.
Few May. 2 Katheron Plateau 14.5. and singles Omalos and
Georgiopolis 15.5 June: 3 Aposelemis river 1.6. and 29.6. August: 4
Kolimbari 28.8. 13 Gerani 29.8. More numerous September with a large
flock at Malia 11.9. Up to 6 Georgiopolis 24.9. and a small flock
Aposelemis river 31.10. Flocks in November at Kalo Horio and Malia.

CRESTED LARK *Galerida cristata* RB
Common and widespread.

WOODLARK *Lullula arborea* RB PM
1 Kokkini Hani 26.1. with several records in February-March-April.
Common in May especially on Omalos and at Anapolis.
Autumn: Widespread in September and October. November: Up to 2 Kalo
Horio.
1 Kefalas 1.12.

SKYLARK *Alauda arvensis* WV PM
January: Small flock Aposelemis river 5.1. and a flock Malia 28.1.
February: The flock at Aposelemis river had increased by 4.2.
A single Mylo Ford early May.
In September more common in southern part of Crete.(CAW.) Both large
and small flocks Malia and Aposelemis river in November and December.

SAND MARTIN *Riparia riparia* PM
First 2 Aposelemis river 21.3. 10 Agia Reservoir 29.-30.3. Common
April and May. Passage of small numbers Elounda 16.-17.4. and very
large flocks Georgiopolis 22.-23.4. 13 Tavronitis river 17.5. and

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many passing through mid-May. Small flock Ierapetra 30.5. A single Aposelemis river 3.6. and 5.6
Autumn: 1 Kato Zakros 9.9. 'Small flock' Makryialos 10.9.
200+ Georgioupolis Lake 21.9. 100 there 22.-23.9. and 10 there 25.9.

CRAG MARTIN *Ptyonoprogne rupestris* RB PM?
Small flock Youchtas 9.2. very large flock Ierapetra 12.2. 2 Kalo Horio 16.2. Common April to July in mountains and gorges, small numbers but upto 20 Kourtaliotiko Gorge 13.4.
Autumn: Records of 4 Samaria Gorge 26.8. 10+ there 22.9. rising to 60+ 26.9. smaller numbers elsewhere.
Winter: 5 Ierapetra Reservoir 8.11. 1 Monastiraki 10.11. 2 Aposelemis river 5.12.

BARN SWALLOW *Hirundo rustica* MB PM
Common from 11.3. c.1000 Agia reservoir 29.3. down to 500 next day. Small numbers third week in April. Very common May.
June - August common at Gerani 200 flew west 29.8.
September: Very common. 100 flew west Georgioupolis 21.9. 5 there 22.10.

RED-RUMPED SWALLOW *Hirundo daurica* MB PM
First c.100 Agia reservoir 29.-30.3. Up to 2 6.-7.4. Apart from 11 Gouves 6.4. and 4 Phaestos early April mainly singles April and May. A pair Kalo Horio-Prina 22.5.
Autumn: Small flocks Haraso 9.8. and Kato Zakros 9.9. only singles at 8 sites in September. Last record 1 Temena on the south coast 27.9.

HOUSE MARTIN *Delichon urbica* MB PM
First 100+ Agia reservoir 29.-30.3. Up to 100 6.-7.4. Smaller numbers than usual in April. 11 Gouves 6.4. 4 Phaestos early April. 90 Geropotamos April. Nesting at Souda 19.4.
No reports of large numbers in May apart from common at Tzermiado.
Autumn: Many Lassithi 23.9. and 2 Imbros 25.9.

TAWNY PIPIT *Anthus campestris* MB? PM
First 1 Tersonas Pond 1.4. 3 there 5.4. 2 Malia 6.4. 6+ there 8.4. and 2 on 9.4. 1 Elounda 10.4. 10 Spinalonga 10.4. 3 Plakias 12.4. 2 Omalos 10.4. and up to 10 in May.
Autumn: 10 Maleme 27.8. 30 Pirgos Psilonerou 27.8. 3 Rapaniana 28.8. 1 Georgioupolis 21. and 26.9. 3 Omalos 22.9. 1 Selia 1.10. and 10-15 on Lassithi 23.10.

TREE PIPIT *Anthus trivialis* PM
First 2 Tersonas Pond 29.3. Small numbers during April 1 in song Imbros 14.5. Autumn: Up to 3 Lassithi 23.10. (PJV)

MEADOW PIPIT *Anthus pratensis* WV OB PM
2 Aposelemis river 5.1. Many Aposelemis river and Malia in January. February: Widespread. Spring: Mixed flock of 50 with *A. cervinus*, Tersonas Pond 26.3. 2 Gouves and 1 Malia 6.4.
Autumn: A few scattered individuals. September. Many Aposelemis river 31,10. Common and widespread in November and December with main concentrations Malia, Aposelemis and Perastikos rivers.

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RED-THROATED PIPIT *Anthus cervinus*

PM

1 Aposelemis river 23.2. 2.3. and 4.3. Mixed flock of 50 with
A.pratensis Tersonas Pond 26.3. 1 Kallergi Refuge 3.4. Up to 10 Malia
8.4. down to 3 17.4. 1 Aposelemis river 13.4.
Autumn: 1 Malia 24.10. 300+ Idha Plateau 24.10. (PJW). 1 Aposelemis
river 31.10. Winter: 2 Malia 15.11. 3 at O.F.I. (the Greek 1st
division football club) where they enjoy the green grass 4.12. (J&CH).

WATER PIPIT *Anthus spinoletta* WV

PM

2 Lassithi Plateau 23.10. (PJW.)

YELLOW WAGTAIL *Motacilla flava*

OB PM

First record 2 Aposelemis river 21.3. Up to 8 Agia Reservoir 29.3.-
2.4. Main passage first two weeks of April and a few in May. 100 Agia
reservoir 8.4. and Malia where *flava* outnumbered *feldegg* 2-1 and 450
Geropotamos the same ratio of races including 2-3 *thunbergi* on 7.4.
and 1 *cinerocapilla*.
June: 2 Aposelemis river 3.6. and 5.-6.6.
Autumn: 100+ Gerani 23.8. flying east and a further 85 next day. 5
Maleme 27.8. 30 Pirgos Psilonerou 27.8. Large flock Aposelemis river
29.8.
October: Common. (J&CH).

GREY WAGTAIL *Motacilla cinerea*

WV OB PM

1 Kokkini Hani 26.2. Only 1 Spring record 1 Agia Reservoir in May.
Autumn-Winter 1 Zaros 26.10. and Kalo Horio 31.10. Several Patos Oct
(juveniles with warm pinkish buff breasts) (PJW)

WHITE WAGTAIL *Motacilla alba*

WV RB PM

Common January to March. 1-2 daily at coastal sites 5.-19.4. Frequent
at other sites in May. Falasarna, Agios Nikolaos, Aposelemis river,
Karteros and Spring Pool. June: 3 Itanos 8.6. Small nos. 25.8. to
21.9. Max: 10 Agia Reservoir 22.9. Widespread in October including
20+ Agia 11.10. and common in November and December.

WREN *Troglodytes troglodytes*

WV RB

Single Kera 3.2. and 2 Vidiani 3.2. Widespread in March-April-May
most numerous Kotsiphos Gorge, Samaria, Omalos, Lassithi, Imbros,
Kourtaliotiko Gorge. 3 Rouvas forest 17.6.
Autumn: singles recorded 16.8. to 25.10. and 2 Prasses Gorge 14.10.

ALPINE ACCENTOR *Prunella collaris*

RB

Up to 10 near Kallergi Hut 16.5. (CH).

ROBIN *Erithacus rubecula*

WV PM

Common and widespread January to 23.3. Occasionally heard 21.-27.9.
(CAW) 1 Amoudi near Plakias 13.10. and 2 Prasses Gorge 14.10. Very
common November and December.

RUFIOUS NIGHTINGALE *Luscinia megarhynchos*

MB PM

First record 1 Mili 30.3. Small numbers April 4 Moni Prevelli, 1
Plakias, 2 Falasarna, 5 Agia Triada 2.-12.4.
Singles recorded at 9 sites 11.5. to 29.5. June: 1 Zaros 15. & 16.6.

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BLACK REDSTART *Phoenicurus ochrurus* WV PM
January-February, singles Kalo Horio, Kato Metochi and Kokkini Hani.
A single Moni Prevelli 1.5.
Winter: 1 Aradena Gorge 27.10. Widespread in November, 1 Lake Kournas
2.-11.12.

COMMON REDSTART *Phoenicurus phoenicurus* PM
First record 1 Moni Prevelli 8.4. and 13.4. 1 Agios Ioannis 9.4. 1
Omalos Plateau May. Autumn: 3 Mesa Lassithaki 23.9. 5 there 4.10.
A first winter male Souda Bay cemetery 24.9.
1 Omalos 26.9. and 3 30.9. 1 Rodopou 2.10. and last record 1 female
Prasses Gorge 14.10.

WHINCHAT *Saxicola rubetra* OB PM
Spring: 1-2 at 9 sites 6.4. to first half May. Max: 20+ Agia
reservoir 16.4. Autumn: 1 Gerani 24.8. 2 there 25.8. and 1 on 29.8.
1 Agia reservoir 22.-28.9. 2 Frangocastello-Vouvas road 25.9. 1 Afrata
18.10.

COMMON STONECHAT *Saxicola torquata* WV RB PM
Common and widespread. A male of the Siberian race (*S.t.moura*) Moni
Prevelli in April. (DI & RSPB Tour)

ISABELLINE WHEATEAR *Oenanthe isabellina* OB PM
A single Stavros 28.3. (RDW) 3 Tersonas Pond 28.3. 2 there 31.3.-1.4.
1 Falasarna 2.4. (RDW).

NORTHERN WHEATEAR *Oenanthe oenanthe* MB PM
First records 3 Tersonas Pond and 5 Stavros 28.3. Common in April and
May in many areas. Only large numbers were 50 at 4000' upwards from
Kallergi Refuge area 16.5.
Common in Summer. Autumn 2 Alones 1.8. and Itanos 25.8. when there
were 'many' at Toplou. September common. (J&CH)
2 Lassithi Plateau 23.10.

BLACK-EARED WHEATEAR *Oenanthe hispanica* MB PM
First single at Prevelli 31.3. then at many sites max. 7+ Omalos
16.5.
June: 1 Sitia 8.6. and 1 Falasarna 10.6.
Autumn: 1 Toplou 25.8. then singles to 30.9. at 5 sites. Max. 3
Omalos 22.9.

ROCK THRUSH *Monticola saxatilis* PM
A female Falasarna 2.4. (RDW)

BLUE ROCK THRUSH *Monticola solitarius* WV RB PM
January: 1 Skotino 20.1. February 1-2 Kalo Metochi, Kera, Istron, and
Lato. Widespread in March with small numbers in most gorges, pairs
breeding Kotsiphos Gorge and Mylo Ford. One seen carrying food to a
hole in wall of old castle at Frangocastello 27.10. Singles seen at
Agios Ioannis and Ierapetra 9.11.

BLACKBIRD *Turdus merula* WV RB PM
Common and widespread.

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- SONG THRUSH** *Turdus philomelos* WV PM
January to early March mainly singles Karouzano, Kalo Horio (three there 23.1.) Seles, Lato, 2 at Souda Bay Cemetery, 1 in song in May. Winter: 1 Lassithi plateau 23.10. 3 Koutsounori 9.11.
- MISTLE THRUSH** *Turdus viscivorus* WV
2 Kera Avdou Gorge 14.3. and 1 Kalo Horio 22.3.
- CETTI'S WARBLER** *Cettia cetti* RB
Common and widespread in a variety of habitats but often singing from the depths of Giant Reed (*Arundo donax*).
- ZITTING CISTICOLA** *Cisticola juncidis* RB
2 Malia 17.4. 1 there 27.5. Several Georgiopolis in May, 1 Keritis 13.5. and 1 KM41 on National Road 15.5.
- SAVI'S WARBLER** *Locustella luscinioides* PM
A single Agia Reservoir 20.10. (FHL)
- MOUSTACHED WARBLER** *Acrocephalus melanopogon* WV PM
10+ Agia Reservoir 30.-31.3. 100's 1.-2.4. (RDW) In May 1 12.5. (JSM et al) In Autumn: 1 Platanos river 14.10.
- AQUATIC WARBLER** *A. paludicola* ?? ??
A single at Agia reservoir 12.5. (JSM et al) 1 Agia reservoir 22.10 (PJW)
- SEDGE WARBLER** *Acrocephalus schoenobaenus* PM
c.250 Agia reservoir early April, down to several by 16.4. Only small numbers mainly singles at other wetland sites. May: singles Agia Reservoir and Tavronitis River. September: 2 Aposelemis river and 1 Georgiopolis 12.9.
- REED WARBLER** *Acrocephalus scirpaceus* PM
Only singles recorded at 6 wetland sites 6.4. to 17.5. October: 1 Agia reservoir 2.10.
- GREAT REED WARBLER** *Acrocephalus arundinaceus* MB PM
Very few records. A single Agia Reservoir 10.-11.4., 17.4. and 13.5. 1 Tavronitis River early May. September: 3 Agia Reservoir 28.9. 2 Lake Kournas 28.9.
- OLIVACEOUS WARBLER** *Hippolais pallida* MB PM
Recorded from 15.4. when 1 Aposelemis river. Main arrivals May. Several pairs Lake Kournas 11.-17.5. Singles Agia reservoir (2 there 27.5. and Georgiopolis 16.5. 15 Aposelemis river 19.5. and 'many' 26.5. Common Aposelemis river June 1.-2. Sitia, Sfaka and Badias river. Autumn: 2 Kato Zakros 9.9.
- ICTERINE WARBLER** *Hippolais icterina* PM
1 Kalo Horio 17.5. Autumn: 1 Rapaniana 28.8. 1 Mesa Lassithaki 23.9. Recorded in Platanias October (FHL.)

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SUBALPINE WARBLER *Sylvia cantillans* MB PM
 First Tersonas Pond 28.3. and 3.4. 2 Moni Prevelli 8.4. 1 Falasarna
 2.4. Recorded Georgioupolis, Moni Prevelli and Samaria Gorge mid-
 May.

June: 1 Georgioupolis 6.6.

October: 3 Georgioupolis 22.10. (P JW)

SARDINIAN WARBLER *Sylvia melanocephala* WV? RB PM
 Common and widespread.

RÜPPELL'S WARBLER *Sylvia rüppelli* MB PM
 April: 2 Falasarna 2.4. 1 Moni Prevelli early April-May.
 A pair Frangocastello 11.-17.5. 1 Anoyia-Idea Antro 18.5. 1 Vamos-
 Cape Drapano 24.5. October: 1 Prina 26.10.

ORPHEAN WARBLER *S. hortensis* MB PM
 A single Ag. Ioannis 14.4.

LESSER WHITETHROAT *S. curruca* PM
 April: 1 Hotel Krini, Elounda 8.4.
 September: 1 Souda Bay Cemetery 24.9.

WHITETHROAT *Sylvia communis* MB PM
 Only singles recorded 2nd week in April. A breeding pair Mylo Ford
 April.
 Autumn: 1 Vouvas 25.9. and 1 Volenas 25.10.

BLACKCAP *Sylvia atricapilla* WV PM
 A pair Tersonas Pond 31.3. 1 Ag. Ioannis 14.4. and 1 Agia reservoir
 17.4.
 Autumn: 1 Kera Avdou Gorge 17.10. and 1 Voliones 25.10.

BONELLI'S WARBLER *Phylloscopus bonelli* PM
 A single Loutro 20.5. (CH) and 1 Moni Gonias 23.10. (FHL)

WOOD WARBLER *Phylloscopus sibilatrix* WV PM
 Several mainly singles, Moni Prevelli, Kotsiphos Gorge, Agia
 reservoir, Souda Bay, Agia Triada Monastery and Kritsa 5 12.4.
 May: 1 Kalo Horio 10.5. 3 Moni Prevelli 12.5. 2 Tavronitis river and
 1 Petres Gorge 2nd week in May. Autumn: all singles Sitia 8.9. Kato
 Zakros 9.9. Georgioupolis 21. and 23.9.

CHIFFCHAFF *Phylloscopus collybita* WV PM?
 January/February common and widespread until 17.3. Present Agia
 reservoir 26.3. Singing Georgioupolis 19.4. Autumn: 2 Sitia 9.9. 1
 Kato Zakros 9.9. 3 Aposelemis river 12.9. 1 Spring Pool 16.9. 1 Mesa
 Lassithaki 23.9. Common October and widespread December.

WILLOW WARBLER *Phylloscopus trochilus* PM
 Spring: Present Agia reservoir 26.3. a few there 7.4. 2 Moni Prevelli
 8.4. 1 Megalopotamos valley 13.4. 1 Tavronitis river 16.4.
 Autumn: 2 Agia Fotia 8.9. 10+ Platanos river 23.9. Souda Bay Cemetery
 24.9.

GOLDCREST *Regulus regulus* RB WV
 2 singing Agia Reservoir 2nd week May. (DI)

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- FIRECREST** *Regulus ignicapillus* MB? WV
1 Moni Prevelli 3rd week in May (SF et al)
- SPOTTED FLYCATCHER** *Muscicapa striata* MB PM
First single in Kera Avdou Gorge 18.4. then common, mainly singles, until 22.5.
June: 1 Zakros 17.6. Autumn: many Ag. Ioannis 1.8. 2 there 18.8.
September: widespread(J&CH). October: singles with last at Elounda 26.10.
- RED-BREASTED FLYCATCHER** *Ficedula parva* PM
A single Agia Triada 23.9. (ST.)
- SEMI-COLLARED FLYCATCHER** *Ficedula semitorquata* PM
A male Agia Triada Monastery garden 23.9. (ST).
- COLLARED FLYCATCHER** *Ficedula albicollis* PM
A male Agia Triada Monastery third week in May. (SF et al).
- PIED FLYCATCHER** *Ficedula hypoleuca* PM
Spring records from April with the first 2 Kotsiphos 9.4. then mainly singles 9.4. to 18.4. Agia reservoir, Aghia Triada, Aposelemis river, Plakias, Ag.Ioannis(2) Tavronitis river, Souda Bay Cemetery, Agia Triada Monastery, May: A pair Kare 12.5.
Autumn: 3 Agia Triada 23.9.
- COAL TIT** *Parus ater* ?? ??
1 Souda Bay cemetery 2nd week May. (SF et al)
- BLUE TIT** *Parus caeruleus* RB
Common and widespread.
- GREAT TIT** *Parus major* RB
Common and widespread.
- WALLCREEPER** *Tichodroma muraria* ??
One described in the White Mountains seen very briefly 14.10. by J. Linn & F H Linn, could possibly have been this species.
- SHORT-TOED TREECREEPER** *Certhia brachydactyla* RB
4 Rouvas Forest 17.6. and 2 Samaria Gorge 26.9.
- PENDULINE TIT** *Remiz pendulinus* WV RB
1 Aposelemis river 5.1. and 21.3. 1 Malia 17.2. and 2 on 1.3. 3 on 25.11.
- GOLDEN ORIOLE** *Oriolus oriolus* RB PM
Recorded 8 sites 11.4. to 17.5. All singles except a pair at Tavronitis river 11.-17.5.
- RED-BACKED SHRIKE** *Lanius collurio* PM
Recorded 15 sites 27.8. to 14.10. Singles, August but common September. (J&CH)
October: 1 Lassithi plateau 4.10. 1 Arkadi 7.10. 1 Prines 12.10. and 1 Prasses gorge 14.10. and a single Vori 14.10.

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- LESSER GREY SHRIKE** *Lanius minor* PM
A single Rapaniana 28.8. (AWM)
- WOODCHAT SHRIKE** *Lanius senator* MB PM
First 1 Agia Reservoir 5.4. Main arrivals up to the second week of April. Widespread, mainly singles, in May although several present at Loutro.
June-July: Singles Falasarna 10.6. Gouves 14.6. and Kamilari 1.7.
Autumn: 4 Agios Vasilios 18.8. Singles Akrotiri 31.8, Frangocastello 14.9. and Aposelemis river 19.9.
- EURASIAN JAY** *Garrulus glandarius* RB
May: Small numbers 1-3 recorded Imbros Gorge, Apostoli, Omalos, Kalo Horio and Mesa Lassithaki where up to 3 12.5.
June: 1 Mohos Pool 10.6. and 2 Rouvas Forest 17.6.
Autumn: 4 Mesa Lassithaki 16.8. and 3 there 23.9. 2 Samaria 26.8. and 4 there 26.9. 1 Platanes 15.10.
- YELLOW-BILLED CHOUGH** *Pyrrhocorax graculus* RB
3 Kallergi refuge 3.4. May: Recorded Omalos, Imbros Gorge, Amari Valley and 1 near Mavri 16.5.
Autumn: 2 Samaria Gorge 26.9. 3 Kourtaliotiko Gorge 29.9.
- RED-BILLED CHOUGH** *Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax* RB
Common April and May in all the larger gorges and mountains. Max. of 50 Monastiraki Gorge and Kallergi Refuge first week in April and 100+ Monastiraki-Thripti 21.5.
June: 1 Rouvas Forest 17.6. Common in Autumn max. 50+ Samaria Gorge 26.9. and up to 14 Kourelis 26.10.
- EURASIAN JACKDAW** *Corvus monedula* RB
Common especially upland areas, very large flock Morosini Aqueduct 9.2. and at Arvi 28.7. Large flocks Ag.Ioannis 19.8. Common September and October. 5 Ierapetra 8.11.
- CARRION CROW** *Corvus corone cornix* RB
The race C.c.cornix the Hooded Crow is common throughout the island. Highest concentration 118 Agia reservoir 22.9. to 28.9.
- COMMON RAVEN** *Corvus corax* RB
Common and widespread especially in mountains and also lowland sites. 20 Vrises-Sfakion road 25.9.
- COMMON STARLING** *Sturnus vulgaris* WV PM
Common in Winter often in large flocks of 1000+.
Spring: 1 Agia reservoir 1.4. 1 Heraklion airport 5.4. and a single Georgiopolis area 2nd week in May.
- HOUSE SPARROW** *Passer domesticus* RB
Only record several Chania 10.5. P.d. italiae. The Italian Sparrow is very common and widespread. A roost of c.1200 in Chania market in April.
- SPANISH SPARROW** *Passer hispaniolensis* PM
10+ Omalos 17.4. Summer: Recorded Tavronitis river 5.6. Keridis river 8.6. and Souda Cemetery 9.6.

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TREE SPARROW *Passer montanus* WV? PM
 May: Singles Georgioupolis 15.5. Tavronitis River 15.5. and Ag. Triada 17.5 September: 15-20 Souda Bay Cemetery. 2 Georgioupolis 25.9.

CHAFFINCH *Fringilla coelebs* WV RB PM
 Common and widespread.

EUROPEAN SERIN *Serinus serinus* WV RB PM
 Winter: A flock Aposelemis river 24.1.-11.3. Small number 1-3 recorded at 12 sites 27.3.-22.5.
 June: Singles Tavronitis river 5.6. and Agia Reservoir 8.6.
 September: 3 Agia Reservoir 12.9. and 2 Omalos 30.9.
 October: c.20 Amoudi near Plakias 13.10. November: 1 Malia 25.11.
 December: 4 Kefalos 1.12. and a single Aposelemis River 5.12.

GREENFINCH *Carduelis chloris* WV RB PM
 Common and widespread. Flock of 20+ Prasses Gorge 14.10.

GOLDFINCH *Carduelis carduelis* WV RB PM
 Very common and widespread.

SISKIN *Carduelis spinus* WV PM
 4 Agia Reservoir 2.4.

LINNET *Carduelis cannabina* MV RB PM
 Common in Winter, large flocks Aposelemis River and Kalo Horio.
 Spring: April/May: Small numbers at 12 sites.
 Summer: Many Rouvas Forest 17.6. and 3 Kera Avdou Gorge 4.-18.7.
 Autumn: 20 Gerani 25.8. Widespread in September with a large flock in Kalo Horio 20.9. Many Arkardi 7.10.

COMMON ROSEFINCH *Carpodacus erythrinus* A V?
 A single Aposelemis river a male 12.9. (J&CH) & (AS). Report submitted to recorder for Greece.

CIRL BUNTING *Emberiza cirlus* RB
 2 Kalo Horio 22.3. Mainly singles from 9.4. to mid-May.
 June: Singles Mohos Pool, Kera, Kera Avdou Gorge. Regularly recorded from 16.8. to 28.9. mainly singles but 4 Ag Ioannis and 2 Kali Sikia 15.9. 4 Argyroupolis 28.9. Up to 4 Kalo Horio in November.

ORTOLAN BUNTING *Emberiza hortulana* MB PM
 1 Korphi Plateau 6.5. Feeding young in Imbros 12.5.

REED BUNTING *Emberiza schoeniclus* WV
 Winter: 1 Aposelemis River 5.1. A single Agia Reservoir 16.4. (S.C.)

CORN BUNTING *Miliaria calandra* WV? RB PM
 Small flocks in January and February, many Spili plateau 17.3. 50+ in a flock Lassithi Plateau 7.4. 2 Plakias 8.4. Common in May.
 Autumn: 2 Ag Ioannis 1.8. Small flock Aposelemis River 30.10.
 Winter: 3 Malia 8.11. 3 Aposelemis river 25.11. Small flock Argyroupolis 11.12.

BUTTERFLIES

* Not in 1988 list. Records from DI
SWALLOWTAIL *Papilion machaon*
SCARCE SWALLOWTAIL *Iphiclidides podalirus*
SOUTHERN FESTOON *Zerynthia polyxena*
EASTERN FESTOON *Zerynthia cerisyi* f. *cretica*
LARGE WHITE *Pieris brassicae*
SMALL WHITE *Artogeia rapae*.
MOUNTAIN SMALL WHITE *A.ergani*
*DAPPLED WHITE *Euchloe simplonia*
BATH WHITE *Pontia daplidice*
GRUNER'S ORANGE TIP *Anthochooris gruneri*
CLOUDED YELLOW *Colias crocea*
*PALE CLOUDED YELLOW *C. hyale*
BRIMSTONE *Gonepteryx rhamni*
CLEOPATRA *Gonepteryx cleopatra*
COMMA *Polygonia c-album*
SOUTHERN COMMA *Polygonia egea*
PAINTED LADY *Vanessa cardui*
RED ADMIRAL *Vanessa atalanta*
CARDINAL *Pandoriana pandora*
CRETAN GRAYLING *Hipporchia semele cretica*
MEADOW BROWN *Maniola jurtina*
CRETAN SMALL HEATH *Coenonympha pamphilus thynis*
SPECKLED WOOD *Pararge aegeria*
SOUTHERN SPECKLED WOOD *Pararge aegeria aegeria*
WALL BROWN *Lasiommata megera*
SMALL COPPER *Lycaera phloes*
HOLLY BLUE *Celastrina argiolus*
SILVER-STUDDERED BLUE *Plebejus argus*
BROWN ARGUS *Aricia agestis*
COMMON BLUE *Polyommatus icarus*.
LULWORTH SKIPPER *Thymelicus action*
SMALL SKIPPER *Thymelicus flavus*

MOTHS

BROAD-BORDERED BEE HAWK *Hemeris fuciformis*

MAMMALS

EASTERN HEDGEHOG *Erinaceus concolor*
GREAT WHITE-TOOTHED SHREW *Crocidura russula*
WEASEL *Mustela nivalis*
BEECH MARTIN *Martes foina bunites*

REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS

GREEN TOAD *Bufo viridis*
COMMON TREE FROG *Hyla arborea*
STRIPELESS TREE FROG *Hyla meridionalis* [Not on 1988 checklist]
(Record from S.Foster)
MARSH FROG *Rana ridibunda*
STRIPE-NECKED TERRAPIN *Mauremys caspica*
MOORISH GECKO *Tarentola mauritanica*

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MEDITERRANEAN CHAMELEON *Chamaeleo chamaeleon*
BALKAN GREEN LIZARD *Lacerta viridis*
ERHARD'S WALL LIZARD *Podarcis erhardii*
OCELLATED SKINK *Chalcides ocellatus*
BALKAN WHIP SNAKE *Coluber gemonensis*
DICE SNAKE *Natrix tessellata*
CAT SNAKE *Telescopus fallax*

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