

CRETE BIRD REPORT

2000 and 2001

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White winged Black Terns hawking for insects

WEATHER:

2000:

Sunny and overcast in the first week in April with a hot southern wind in the west on 5th, then bright and a cold wind for the rest of April until 18th when there was rain and cold winds for 3 days. It was clear and settled from then onwards until the first week in May when there were strong winds and storms and large numbers of migrants on the south coast were reported. From the 9th May the weather was more settled. Strong winds reported on 1st June, which brought in Gulls including Audouin's at Elounda.

In the Autumn, late September and early October, there was some bad weather with gale force winds, driving rain and very little sunshine. Passage of birds was noted on 7th and 8th October. The rest of the month was settled with occasional brief showers.

2001:

April began cold and wet with temperatures of 13° recorded in Plakias, on 3rd, and cold and wet, bright intervals and then heavy weather, which brought in migrants. Weather still cool and unsettled until 10th, but good birding resulted. Late April was warmer and humid with thunderstorms and Sahara sand, then sunny but persistent fresh blustery N W winds. During the last week of April the weather settled at last with temperatures of 27° and continued hot with strong northerly winds, then settling by 8th May when it became hot with cloudless skies.

The Autumn was hot in September and October. The weather broke in early November with the winter rains arriving.

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BIRD STATUS:

RB –Resident Breeder, MG-Migrant Breeder, OB- Occasional Breeder, AV – Accidental Vagrant, U –Unknown, PM- Passage Migrant, WV- Winter Visitor.

CRETE BIRDLIST:

Little Grebe *Tachybaptus ruficollis* RB WV PM

2000: First record 20 Agia Reservoir 3.4. records from Georgioupolis Lake, Lake Kournas, with 5-10. In October 10 Agia Reservoir and Georgioupolis Lake.

2001: Several groups at Georgioupolis Lake 3.4.-17.4. Recorded from Agia Reservoir 7.4. Singles and pairs from Agia Reservoir and Georgioupolis Lake in May and June. In August 3 at Georgioupolis Lake suspected breeding. In Autumn last week in Sept. 12 Kournas Lake 2.10. and 12 at Agia Reservoir 4.10. and 9.10.

Great Crested Grebe *Podiceps cristatus* PM WV

2000: No records. **2001:** No records.

Black-necked Grebe *Podiceps nigricollis* PM WV

2000: One Bramiana Reservoir 8.10. and 1 Agia Reservoir 25.10. **2001:** No records.

Cory's Shearwater *Calonectris diomedea* MB PM

2000: Single Gerani 5.4. and Gouves 8.4. In May 500+ following fishing boat into Chania 16.5. Seawatching off Elounda in July produced good numbers with 16N and 2 S 19.7. 13 on 20.7. 140 N and 66 S on 21.7. 7N and 27 S on 22.7. 13 N and 10 S on 23.7. 24 N and 14 S on 24.7. Total 271.

2001: One off S. coast at Ag. Pavlos 5.4. 15-20 seen from Stavros beach, Akrotiri 21.4. 20 seen off Chania harbour 22.4. 14 past Creta Sun and Dia island 12.5. with 5 very close 12.5. One at Ierapetra 13.5. Two out to sea Stavros, Akrotiri 20.6.

In July 1 Agia Galini 6.7. and 13 east and 20 west 7.7. 1 there 8.7. and 3 east 10.7. Common daily 24.7.-9.8. off Chora Sfakion 25 per hour in early am and late pm. In Sept. off El Greco Hotel, Rethymnon 23.- 30.9.

In Oct recorded off Paleochora 9.10. Sougia 10.10. and Maleme 10.10.

Mediterranean Shearwater *Puffinus yelkouan* MB PM WV?

2000: Singles off Gouves 8.4. Mixed flock following a fishing boat into Chania 16.5. Single off Elounda 20.7.

2001: 2 east off Rethymnon 4.4. and 5 off Dia Island 12.5.

Cormorant *Phalacrocorax carbo* PM WV

2000: Singles Souda Bay 7.4. 2 there 13.4. 1 Chora Sfakion 4.5. and 1 Anidri beach 15.7.

2001: 1 at Ag Pavlos 5.4.

Shag *Phalacrocorax aristotelis* RB

2000: Singles Gerani and 3 off Kastelli Kissamou 15.4. in April. 2 Tavronitis 4.5. & 17 there 8.5. One off Tersanas 4.5. and 2 off there 10.5. In Oct. one offshore Agia Marina 25.10.

2001: 2 ad. Stavros 21.4. and 1 near Chania harbour 22.4. 1 imm. On rocks Plakias Bay 26.4. and 1 at Sifnari S. of Falasarna 1 ad.on rocks 28.4.

White Pelican *Pelecanus onocrotalus* PM

2000: One Bramiana Reservoir, a juvenile, 8.10. **2001:** No records.

Bittern *Botaurus stellaris* PM WV

2000: One flying at Falasarna 5.7. **2001:** 1 at Gouves lagoons 6.5.

Little Bittern *Ixobrychus minutus* PM

2000: Singles at Tavronitis river, Lake Kournas, Kato Zakro, Agia Reservoir, Souda Bay, Tersanas Pond from mid April to mid May.

2001: 2 adults Agia Reservoir 29.4. Singles there 5.5. In Oct single Agia Reservoir 4.10 and 6.10.

Black-crowned Night Heron *Nycticorax nycticorax* PM WV

2000: Singles from 8.4. Aposelemis river, Agia Reservoir, until 16.5. 103 Plakias Bay 18.4. 8 Frangocastello 3.5. 4 Souda Bay 3.5. In Oct.1 Aposelemis river pools 14.10.

2001: 4 at Gazanos early Jan. Small flock over Plakias 5.4. One first winter in stream at Plakias 10.4. 1 at Gouves 17.4. 1 imm Agia 23.4. 1 ad. Petres River Gorge 25.4.

Squacco Heron *Ardeola purpurea* PM

2000: Singles at Agia Reservoir from 3.4. Then 1-3 at many wetlands. Only large flock 23 Souda Bay 3.5. Single Autumn records between Damnoni & Plakias 21.9. 1 Almyros (Ag. Nik) 9.10. 1 Agia Reservoir 26.10. 1 at Lake Kournas 27.10.

2001: First record from 7.4. Rethymnon, then commonly recorded as singles or up to 7 at Agia Reservoir, Plakias, Georgioupolis Lake, Lake Kournas, Petres River, Skoutelonas river, Gouves lagoons, Elounda saltpans, Bramiana Reservoir. Drapanias, Tersanas Marsh, Malia Marsh, and Frangocastello until 21.5.

In June single at Georgioupolis Lake 24.6 - 25.6 and 3 Agia Reservoir 26.6 and 1 Georgioupolis Lake 28.6 and 4 at Agia Reservoir 29.6. In Aug. 1 at Frangocastello 1.8 and in Oct 1 at Agia Reservoir. 6.10.

Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis* **PM** **WV**

2000: One Frangocastello 3.5. **2001:** No records.

Little Egret *Egretta garzetta* **PM** **WV**

2000: Records from 7.4. with only one large flock of 38, in Plakias Bay 18.4. records until 30.5. Then records in July until 29.10. but few records compared with Spring.

2001: First record 10 in flock at Plakias 5.4. and two flocks of 11 and 32 flew in separately off the sea there on 8.4. Another large flock of 28 at Kalathas Bay, Akrotiri, and then onwards singles and small flocks until mid May. In June Georgiopolis Lake and Agia Reservoir and Kalives Beach 24.6.-29.6.

In Aug. 3 at Lake Kournas 9.8.

In last week in Sept, singles at Agia and Kournas and flocks off Rethymnon El Greco Hotel and 50+ an island off Platanias 30.9. and 3 at Falasarna 1.10 and 11 at Agia Reservoir. 6.10 and 9.10.

Great White Egret *Ardea alba* **PM** **WV**

2000: One near Palekastros with 4 Grey Herons 29.9.

2001: One adult flew over at Malia Marsh 3.5. and 1 at Lake Kournas 22.5.

Grey Heron *Ardea cinerea* **OB** **PM** **WV**

2000: Common with 1-8 from April until mid May. Largest flock 100+ Phaestos 18.4. Autumn records from late July until end of October.

2001: First record 2 at Frangocastello 9.4. Then common, but only singles from 17.4 at Geropotamus bridge, Agia Reservoir, Georgioupolis Lake, Akrotiri peninsula, Plakias Bay, Bramiana Reservoir and Amigdalos until 13.5. In June singles also recorded at Georgioupolis Lake.

Autumn flocks recorded with 21 at Agia Res. 27.9 and Maleme with c.35 on 29.9 and c.25 off Platanas 30.9 plus 5 over the harbour there. In October recorded at Agia and Maleme with 11 at Agia on 7.10 being the only flock.

Purple Heron *Ardea purpurea* **PM**

2000: First records 10 at Bramiana Reservoir 23.4. Then singles in May at Frangocastello 4.5, Kouromenos Beach, Palekastros on the sameday. Nine at Agia 7.5. Two Souda Bay 3.5, and a single there 4.5. Singles at Tersanas Pond 5.5. Agia 4.5. and Gouves Lagoon(Creta Sun) 6.5.

In October: Singles Aposelemis river 9.10 and 1 Malia 10.10.

2001: Separate flocks of 26 and 38 at Plakias on 6.4. 20 flew past Moni Prevelli on 8.4. Then singles in late April until mid May. In October 5 at Agia Reservoir 4.10. and then singles there 6.10. and 9.10. In Sept 3 at Agia Reservoir 27.9.

Black Stork *Ciconia nigra* **PM**

2000: One Agia Reservoir 28.10.

2001: 11 east over Kavros/Georgioupolis on 5.11 after storms with heavy rain.

- White Stork** **PM**
2000: Passage seen with 2 Vai 5.5. 2 Palekastro 7.5. with single there 8.5. Two Agia Reservoir 12.5. Two circling and mobbed by gulls east of Horafakia 15.5.
 Return passage seen in Autumn with a flock of 100+ nr Pyrgos Messera Plain in second half of September(via MD).
2001: No records
- Glossy Ibis *Plegadis falcinellus*** **PM**
2000: 3 Agia Reservoir 14.4. 1 Gouves lagoon 22.4. 30+ Spili 24.4. 2 at Agia Reservoir 28.4. and 20 Plakias 30.4. In May 1-3 Tersanas Pond 3.5-11.5. and 2 Agia Reservoir 12.5.
2001: Flocks of 10 and 12 in off the sea at Plakias on 6.4. and 7.4. Also 10 more near Agia Reservoir 7.4. and 4 there 11.4. Singles at Geropotamus Bridge 17.4. and Tersanas Marsh 18.4. and 19.4. In May 4 at Malia Marsh 2.5. and a single at Gouves Lagoon(Creta Sun) 6.5. 3 Agia Reservoir 27.9. and flocks offshore El Greco, Rethymonon 23.-30.9.
- Spoonbill. *Platalea leucorodia*** **PM**
2000: No records this year. **2001:** Two immatures in Souda Bay 5.11. were the only record.
- Greater Flamingo *Phoenicopterus ruber*** **PM** **WV?**
2000: Two Gouves lagoon(Creta Sun 8.4). Two Elounda salt pans until 27.5.
 In July 2 at Elounda 13.7. and one there 14.7. Then 2 there 10.10. and 11.10, and 14.10. and at Bramiana Reservoir in October.
2001: The immature remained at Elounda for the third year and now is an adult in company with a subadult. Michalis Dretakis says they met at Bramiana Reservoir in Oct 2000. 2 Elounda salt pans 3.5. and 14.5.
- Mute Swan *Cygnus olor*** **OB** **PM** **WV**
2000: No records this year. **2001:** No records.
- Whooper Swan *Cygnus cygnus*** **AV**
2000: No records this year. **2001:** No records.
- White-fronted Goose *Anser albifrons*** **WV**
2000: No records this year. **2001:** No records.
- Greylag Goose *Anser anser*** **WV**
2000: Two Bramiana Reservoir 12.5. **2001:** No records.
- Red-breasted Goose *Branta ruficollis*** **AV**
2000: No records this year. **2001:** No records.
- Shelduck *Tadorna tadorna*** **WV**
2000 & 2001: In December 1 at Elounda on 7.12 until Feb 2001.
- Wigeon *Anas penelope*** **PM** **WV**
2000: No records. **2001:** No records.

- Gadwall: *Anas strepera*** **PM** **WV**
2000: One female at Bramiana Reservoir 7.12. 2000- 7.2. 2001.
2001: 3 males and 2 females at Agia Reservoir 24.1. and 1 female at Agia Reservoir 5.11.
- Teal *Anas crecca*** **PM** **WV**
2000: 3 Aposelemis river pool 9.10. and small numbers at Agia Reservoir. 24.10 – 31.10.
2001: 1 Agia Reservoir 27.9. and 2 there 4.10. and 7 there 7.10.
- Mallard *Anas platyrhynchos*** **RB** **PM** **WV**
2000: 2 Agia Reservoir.3.4. with 7 there 5.4. and 14.4. and 16.4. and 28.4. also in April 4 Bramiana Reservoir. 23.4. In May 4-5 recorded at Agia until 12.5. One female there 14.5. A single at Sitia 5.5. and then none until October with 10 back at Agia Reservoir.2.10.
2001: Only small numbers recorded in Spring with 1-4 at Agia Reservoir, Georgiopolis and Bramiana Reservoir in April and May.
 In August 2 at Georgiopolis Lake 1.8. and 8 at Agia Reservoir 4.10. and 15 there 9.10.
- Pintail *Anas acuta*** **PM** **WV**
2000: April Single at Plakias bay 20.4. Oct. 2-3 Agia Reservoir. 24.10-31.10.
2001: No records.
- Garganey *Anas querquedula*** **OB** **PM**
2000: 14 Agia Reservoir 5.4. was the first record, then 2 Aposelemis river 8.4. Down to 3 Agia Reservoir 14.4. and a single there 16.4. but meanwhile there were 100+ in Plakias Bay on the same day, down to 4 there 17.4. and a single at Aposelemis river 22.4. In **May** the last record was 1 male at Tersanas Pond 3.5.
2001: c.100 birds on the sea at Plakias 6.4. 1 female Georgiopolis Lake 5.4 and at Tersanas Marsh 18.4. Last record was a pair at Agia Reservoir 29.4. Singles at Agia Reservoir last week in September.
- Shoveler *Anas clypeata*** **PM** **WV**
2000: Oct. 2 males Agia Reservoir 2.10 and a pair there 24.10-31.10.
2001: One at Agia Reservoir at 7.4 and 12 there 11.4. 3 males and 2 females there 23.4. One there in September 27.9.
- Red-crested Pochard *Netta rufina*** **PM?** **WV**
2000: No records. **2001:** No records.
- Pochard *Aythya ferina*** **PM** **WV**
2000: July 20+ Bramiana Reservoir in late July. Oct. 350 at Bramiana Reservoir. 8.10 and recorded as present at Agia Reservoir 24.10-31.10.
2001: Several on 30.9. and then 4 at Agia Reservoir 9.10.
- Ferruginous Duck *Aythya nyroca*** **OB** **PM** **WV**
2000: Oct. Present at Agia Reservoir 24.10-31.10 with a maximum of 10.
Dec. 5-8 present at Bramiana Reservoir 7.12- 30.12

2001: Jan & Feb. 5-8 still present at Bramiana Reservoir. 1.1.- 7.2. then no records until 10 at Agia Reservoir 24.6. Then in Oct, 4 Agia Reservoir 4.10. and 2 there 7.10. 17 there on. 5.11. and 11 at Kournas Lake 5.11.

Smew *Mergellus albellus* **AV**

2000: No records. **2001:** No records.

Red-breasted Merganser *Mergus serrator* **AV**

2000: One female at Elounda 7.12. **2001:** No records.

Honey Buzzard *Pernis apivorus* **PM**

2000: Singles recorded Frangocastello 6.5. and Palekastro 7.5. and from the north coast 4.5.,5.5. and 8.5.

2001: Mostly on north coast going west 3 from Sfakakia (Reth) 4.4. 2 seen on Akrotiri at Tersanas 17.4 - 19.4. Single at Stalis 14.5.

Black Kite *Milvus migrans* **PM WV**

2000: May. Singles at Kouromenos Beach, Palekastro 4.5. and Omalos 6.5. and Kato Zakro Gorge 10.5.

2001: One came in off the sea at Vai beach 13.5.

Bearded Vulture (*Lammergeier*) **RB**

2000: One Omalos Plateau 29.4. Two north of Spili to Amari road 26.9. Single Kourtaliotiko Gorge 27.10.

2001: One adult at Spili 5.4. 1 Tripti- Stavromenos 25.4. One over Omalos 4.10. and 1 north of Omalos 6.10.

Egyptian Vulture *Neophron percnopterus* **PM**

2001: 1 adult seen between Episkopi Maronia 13.5. being mobbed by Hooded Crows.

Griffon Vulture *Gyps fulvus* **RB**

2000: 10+ Imbros Gorge 6.4. 25+ Kourtaliotiko Gorge in April. Several colonies with 3-18 birds every day in April. 6+ Kallikratis Gorge 22.4. In May singles at Chora Sfakion, 2 Agios Ioannis, 4+ Agios Ioannis and 18+ nrear Lakki all on the south coast. Recorded in the west at Chiona beach Paleokastro 13.5. In July 13 at Kallergi Hut on Omalos plateau 3.7 and 10+ Platanos Gorge on 10.7. and 29 recorded on Katheron Plateau in mid to late July. In Sept good numbers recorded on Nida plateau and Amari valley. In October 4 over Elinospilios Gorge and 7 south of Afrata 2.10 and 2 south of Armeni below peak of Lofia 4.10. and 7 over Kourtaliotiko Gorge 4.10. 2 south of Maravi on Akrotiri peninsula across Souda Bay towards the White Mts on 7.10.

2001: Widespread throughout the island from upland to coast but no large flocks reported.

Short-toed Eagle *Circaetus gallicus* **PM WV**

2000: May Single Mouzouras on Akrotiri 14.5. **Sept.** One from Armeni to Rethymnon 25.9 and one from road north of Frati 26.9. 3-4 at Bramiana Reservoir in Nov- Dec 2000.

2001: One Bramiana Reservoir 7.2 and one overhead at Ag. Triada monastery 27.4.

Marsh Harrier *Circus aeruginosus* PM WV

2000: April passage singles daily from 2.4. throughout the island. In May slight increase in daily numbers recorded with 2-3 until 15th May.

In October a female cream crown 26.10. – 28.10 at Agia Reservoir.

2001: 6 over Plakias 6.4. and then singles throughout the island until 13.5. mainly at wetland sites. In late September from 27.9. 1 female at Tavronitis river and 1 male at Agia Reservoir were the only records.

Hen Harrier *Circus cyaneus* PM WV

2000: One adult male over lowlands south of Imbros Gorge then out over the sea 20.9. (JD).

2001: A ‘ringtail’ quartering ground above Plakias 28.9.

Pallid Harrier *Circus macrourus* PM

2000: Two Malia in 22.4. **2001:** One female at Sfakakia(Reth) being mobbed by Kestrels on 16.4. and 1 ad. Male over Knossos ruins on 17.4.

Montagu's Harrier *Circus pygargus* PM

2000: Few records this year compared with 1999. Only records from May and October. Single Palekastro 7.5-11.5. In October ringtail mobbed by Buzzard at Kolimbari beach 26.10. One ringtail at Kotsiphos Gorge 27.10.

2001: One ‘ringtail’ Plakias 6.4. 1 male at Frangocastello 7.4. and 2 there 9.4.

One ad. male over Stavros to Kourna Lake 21.4. and 1 female hunting over hillsides above Vai beach 13.5.

Goshawk *Accipiter gentilis* PM WV

2000: One near Napoli 10.5. One female 21-24.9. between Analipsi and the next headland. **2001:** No records.

Sparrowhawk *Accipiter nisus* OB PM WV

2000: Singles at Skoutelonas 12.4. and one Askifou 16.4. In September one flushed from olive groves near Paleokastro 20.9. In October 2 south over Maravi near Akrotiri 7.10 and 1 Agia Marina chasing after sparrows 24.10.

2001: 1 Plakias 5.4. and one over Georgoiupolis on the same date. 1 Ag. Irini 8.4. 1 Tripti- Stavromenos 25.4. Autumn with 1 at Agia Reservoir 30.9. and 9.10.

Buzzard *Buteo buteo* RB PM WV

2000: Resident records of singles and pairs from Tavronitis river, Theriso Gorge, Kallikratis Gorge, Stavros on Akrotiri, Tersanas Marsh, Akrotiri, Rethymnon old road, Platanes Gorge, Samaria Gorge, Adrakas, Bramiana Reservoir, Georgiupolis, Kalives, Armeni and Agia Marina.

2001: Recorded as common and widespread throughout the period recorders were on the island.

Long-legged Buzzard *Buteo rufinus* RB PM WV

2000: Records from May, September, October and December. One Lassithi 8.5 and one Kato Zakros Gorge 10.5. In September one at Kalives 26.9. – 1.10 and 1-3 there 8.10-10.10. with one perched near observers flat in Kalives. (R&MB)

Two at Bramiana Reservoir during December.

2001: One Bramiana Reservoir during Jan. until 7.2. One near Damnoni 16.4. and 1 Selinari Gorge 6.5., with probably the same bird there 8.5.-11.5. In July 1 Agia Galini 8.7 & 9.7 and 1 soaring above the coast road between Imbros and Frangocastello was believed to be breeding 27.7.

Rough-legged Buzzard *Buteo lagopus* PM?

2000: One near Elos 15.9. and one wintered near Chrysoskalitissa from October 2000 to Jan 2001.

2001: the same bird wintered until Jan 2001.

Buzzard sp. *Buteo*

2001: One with uniform pale tail west of Timbaki on 6.4. showing characteristics of sub species of Steppe Buzzard (I N)

Steppe Eagle *Aquila nipalensis* PM?

2000: One on migration through gorge south of Aganthia near Palekastro 30.9.

One eagle 22.9 near Palimata near Analipsi, was possibly this species.

2001: No records.

Imperial Eagle *Aquila heliaca* PM WV

2000: One adult wintered near Elos during Nov until Jan 2001(Paul Smith and Tasos Sakoulis)

2001: wintering near Elos until Jan and 1 possible near Bramiana Reservoir in early Oct.

Golden Eagle *Aquila chrysaetos* RB

2000: Two over Plakias 17.4. In May Kalipetra near N. coast 8.5. 1 Ziros 12.5.

In July a pair recorded over Kalamavka in late July, and Kritsa and Katheron plateau, also in July. One Selinari Gorge 19.9. In October 1 near Pachia Amnos road 3.10, 1 east of Moni Preveli and 2 over sea near Megalopotamos river Moni Preveli on 4.10.

1 juv. Being mobbed by 3 Ravens on the way to the Samaria Gorge 25.10. 1 adult on way to Irini Gorge 28.10.

Eagle sp. On passage 16 eagles south over Maravi towards White Mts in company with Griffon Vultures 7.10. (R&MB).

2001: 2 near Spili (Kedros fields) 12.4. and 1 near Sfakia 14.4. 1 soaring over Irini Gorge 20.4. 1 Xiloskala 30.4 and 1 seen down the Samaria Gorge from the viewpoint. Singles imm. Kourtaliotiko Gorge 28.4. 1 on land behind Frangocastello and 2 in Ag Nektaros Gorge 29.4. 1 seen from Stalis and 2 on Lassithi 9.5. 1 in Monasteraki Gorge 13.5. 1 near Knossos 8.5. carrying food. 1 overhead at Georgioupolis Lake 24.6.

Booted Eagle *Hieraetus pennatus* PM WV

2000: 4 Samaria Gorge 3.4. 2 Ag. Irini Gorge 3.4. 13 over Akrotiri 12.4. and a single Plakias Bay 17.4. In May 2 over Vai 5.5. Unusually one Adrakos 15.7. was probably an early migrant, while one near Istro during Dec was winter visitor.

2001: One Bramiana Reservoir 7.2. 1 pale morph high NE over Rethymnon mobbed by Hooded Crows 4.4. 1 dark morph NW Georgioupolis Lake 5.4. 1 at Preveli 4.4.

and 1 dark morph mobbing Golden eagle in Irini Gorge 20.4. 1 Lassithi Plateau 4.5. and 1 on telegraph pole at Gouves lagoon 5.5. 2 at Monasteraki Gorge area 13.5.

Autumn records of 1 pale phase at Agia Reservoir 22.9. with 1 in Ida Mts 29.9. and 2 between Storias and Palehora 9.10. 1 Rodavani 10.10. and 1 near beach at Maleme on the same day.

Bonelli's Eagle *Hieraetus fasciatus* RB PM?

2000: In April 2 Prasses Gorge and Imbros Gorge in mid April. In May 2 Imbros Gorge 8.5. and 1 Chendras 12.5. and 1 possible near Plaka 29.5.

In Sept 1 over Imbros Gorge 20.9. and 1 behind Elounda 12.10.

2001: One over Prasses Gorge 5.4. 1 at Ag. Georgios area hunting close to the road 13.5.

Osprey *Pandion haliaetus* PM

2000: Singles in April at Gerani 5.4, Rethymnon harbour 13.4, and Plakias Bay 17.4.

In September 1 Chiona Bay 28.9.

2001: 1 North over Rethymnon 4.4. and 1 North over Georgiopolis Lake 5.4. and 1 perched on pylon Georgiopolis Lake 6.4. possibly all the same bird.

Lesser Kestrel *Falco naumanni* OB PM

2000: In Spring: 68 over Aghia Triada 4.4. One Frangocastello 7.5. 6 Agia Prini Gorge 5.7.

In Autumn: 3 Samaria Gorge 4.7, 5 Messaolia Gorge 12.7.??? 1 male near Makrialos 15.10.

2001: Several at Prevelli 4.4 and recorded from Kourtaliotiko Gorge 12.4 and Prevelli 16.4. 2 over archaeological site at Elevation 2.5. 1-2 near Ierapetra 13.5.

Kestrel *Falco tinnunculus* RB PM WV

2000: Common records from Afrata Gorge, Palekastros, Kato Zakro Gorge, Stavros on Akrotiri, Tersanas Marsh, Adrakos, Kalives, Kommitades, Kourtaliotiko Gorge and throughout the island.

2001: Common and widespread. Thinly spread throughout the island.

Red-footed Falcon *Falco vespertinus* PM

2000: First record 4 Agia Triada 4.4, 1 Plakias 21.4. 5 Skoutelonas river 28.4. 12 Tavronitis river 28.4. and 5 Rapiana 28.4. In May 2 Frangocastello 3.5 and 4.5 and 8.5 and 9.5. Recorded as common everywhere in early May with 100+ Tavronitis river 3.5 and 4.5. 8 there 7.5. 35 there 8.5. On Akrotiri small flocks daily 3.5 -9.5. with 10 and 11 forming the largest flocks. 5-6 near Kolimbari 8.5.

Last record single Geropotamos Bridge 15.5.

2001: 2 males and 1 female seen east of Ag. Triada Monastery 21.4. 1 female seen between Stavros and Agia Triada Moni 27.4. 7 perched on overhead cables below Ag Triada Moni 29.4 and 2 on overhead cables nr Skoutelonas river 29.4. 2 there 5.5. Single east of Maleme 1.5 and 1-3 seen at Skoutelonas, Itanos, Drapanias, Vai and Plakias until mid May.

Merlin *Falco columbarius* PM WV

2000: One near Piskokefalo 12.7.

2001: No records.

Hobby *Falco subbuteo*

PM

2000: One over road near Mixorouma leading to Frati 26.9. One Seli Ambelou Pass 11.10.

2001: 1 Agia Triada Moni drifting N with flock of House Martins 1.5. and 1 at Vai beach 13.5. One at Agia reservoir 30.9.

Eleanora's Falcon *Falco eleonorae*

MB

2000: First record Single Frangocastello 3.5. Then common everywhere with records from Paleokastro 7.5. and near Langada 10.5. Toplou Monastery 11.5. Xerocampos 12.5. Chiona beach, Paleokastro 13.5. 6 Tavronitis 4.5. and single Kolimbari 7.5. 2 at Pervolitsa, Akrotiri 12.5. 1 Malia 7.5. 5+ Nea Roumala 11.5.

In June 6+ along north coast 1.6. In July 1 at Elounda 13.7. & 21.7. and Kalamavka in late July and the coast road to Sitia near Handros.

In the Autumn: Recorded from 30.9-2.10 near Vai and Toplou and passing over Palekastros olive groves to Cape Sideros. The falcons breed on the islands off the north coast and were also recorded south of Kalives 27.9, 28.9. and 8.10. 4 together at Agia reservoir on 22.9. came down to the water. Recorded over Ag. Marina before going to roost on Ag. Theodori island 23.10-31.10. with a max. 6 on 28.10. 1 Kourtaliotiko Gorge 27.10.

2001: First record high over Kotsiphos Gorge 8.4. 1 over the old Fort at Paleohora 28.4. 2 Bramiana Reservoir 5.5. 1 Malia 8.5. 2 at Falasarna 17.5. also reported from Chania.

1-3 Gouves lagoons, Stalis, Malia Marsh, Vai Beach and Lassithi 2.5-16.5.

Recorded from Plakias mid May. 3 over Afrata Gorge, Rodopou peninsula 23.6.

4 Bramiana Reservoir early Oct. 2 at Limni 3.10 and 1 at Elafonitis 3.10.

Lanner *Falco biarmicus*

RB

PM

2000: Two records 1 passing over beach S of Analipsi apparently heading towards Koufonisi island (breeding site?) 23.9. 1 over Knossos 9.10.

2001: No records.

Peregrine *Falco peregrinus*

RB

PM

WV

2000: Singles reported from Spili, Kourtaliotiko Gorge, 20.4. Kallikratis Gorge 27.4. near Langada 10.5. and 2 Kato Zakros Gorge on same date, single at Kouromenos beach, Paleokastro 11.5.

In **Oct** Singles over Malia Marsh 5.10 and Kri Kri islands 13.10.

2001: One with prey at Plakias carried prey towards Myrthios. 1 bird seen from Spili town centre apparently defending territory from Griffon Vulture. 1 soaring with 2 ravens over Georgiupolis village 5.4. 1 over head of Samaria Gorge 20.4. 1 Petres river attacking a Griffon Vulture 25.4. 1-2 Stalis, Lassithi, Monastiraki and Knossos 2.5.-16.5. In September 1 harassing a raven in Ida Mts 29.9. and 1 low over trees at Agia Reservoir on 22.9.

In Oct. 1 over Temenia 3.10. and 1 over north coast road near Chania 8.10.

Chukar *Alectoris chukar*

RB

2000: 6 on Akrotiri 4.4. and a single there 12.4. 2 Omalos plateau 13.4. 1 Kotsiphos Gorge 20.4. 1 Kalamavka 23.4. In May singles reported from Vamos 15.5, Palekastro 8.5. and Ag. Irini Gorge 11.5.

In Oct 2 above Megalopotamos river in Prevelli valley 4.10 and 1 Chrissy island 8.10.

2001: Recorded Moni Prevelli, Kotsiphos Gorge. One on slopes below Prevelli Monastery 4.4. 1-2 Omalos plateau 30.4. 2 Ag Nektarios Gorge 29.4. 1-2 between Sitia and Platanes on hillsides 13.5.

Quail *Coturnix coturnix*

RB

PM

WV

2000: Only records from Gerani 4.4. and 5.4. and single at Gouves 9.10.

2001: Several calling in crops on Omalos plateau 6.5. 1 Malia Marsh 2.5. 1 flushed on the sand dunes adjacent to El Greco, Rethymonon 21.9.

Water Rail *Rallus aquaticus*

OB

PM

WV

2000: One record at Georgiopolis Lake 27.10. **2001:** 1 Agia Reservoir 7.4. and 2 there 9.10.

Spotted Crake *Porzana porzana*

PM

2000: One recorded at Agia Reservoir on 5.4. and 12.4. presumed to be the same bird.

2001: No records.

Little Crake *Porzana parva*

PM

2000: **April** 2 first recorded at Agia Reservoir on 5.4. up to 10 there on 12.4. 2 there 15.4. and 23.4. **May** 4 at Agia 3.5 and between 2-10 there until 14.5.

2001: 1 Agia Reservoir 7.4. Several at Agia 11.4. and a pair on reed edges at Agia Reservoir 29.4. 1 at Agia Reservoir 30.9.

Baillon's Crake *Porzana pusilla*

PM

2000: No records this year. **2001:** No records.

Corncrake *Crex crex*

AV

2000: No records this year. **2001:** No records.

Moorhen *Gallinula chloropus*

RB

PM

WV

2000: First recorded 3.4. from Agia Reservoir, then Georgiopolis lake 7.4. with 52 there by 14.4., while there were 10 at Agia Reservoir. Throughout the rest of the month and into May they were recorded as common with max 115 on 10.5. Also recorded at Tersanas Pond until 16.5.

In October, 30 at Agia Reservoir 2.10 and recorded there, until 31.10 and also from Georgiopolis and Lake Kournas.

2001: First records 38 at Georgiopolis Reservoir 5.4. and 7.4. Singles at small wetlands and river mouths like Geropotamos until mid May. Max. 20 Agia 23.4. 20 Georgiopolis Lake 25.4. and 27.4. In June 24.6.-29.6. good numbers at Agia reservoir and Georgiopolis Lake. In September good numbers and in Oct. 7 Agia Reservoir 4.10 and 25 there 9.10 and a few at Georgiopolis Lake.

Coot *Fulica atra*

RB

PM

WV

2000: First recorded with 50+ at Agia Reservoir 3.4. remaining there until 15.4. Other records of single Georgioupolis Lake 14.4. and Bramiana Reservoir 23.4. In **May** still common at Agia and nest building reported.

In **Oct** 140+ at Agia Reservoir 2.10. and records from Agia Reservoir, Georgioupolis Lake and Kournas Lake until the end of the month.

2001: Singles up to the end of April, then 15 Agia Reservoir 23.4 and 29.4. 10 Lake Kournas 25.4. 6 Georgioupolis Lake 25.4 & 27.4. Family at Agia 5.5. 24.6 -29.6. Good numbers at Georgioupolis Lake and Agia Reservoir. In September good numbers and in Oct. 70+ at Agia Reservoir 4.10 and 90+ there 9.10. with a few at Georgioupolis Lake and Kournas Lake.

Crane *Grus grus*

PM

2000 & 2001: No records.

Oystercatcher *Haematopus ostralegus*

PM

2000 & 2001: No records.

Black-winged Stilt *Himantopus himantopus*

PM

2000: First recorded at Agia Reservoir on 3.4. Then there 5.4 and 12.4 -14.4. Single there in May 3.5. and at Gouves lagoon 6.5.

2001: One at Georgioupolis Lake 7.4. 15-20 seen over sea at Frangocastello 7.4.

1 at Gouves on 17.4. 2 Tavronitis river 29.4. in pool at Beach. 4 Tavronitis river 5.5. 2 at Gouves 5.5.

Avocet *Recurvirostra avosetta*

PM?

2000 & 2001: No records.

Stone Curlew *Burhinus oedicephalus*

RB

PM

MV

2000: 2+ at Gerani on 5.4. and 1 there 7.4. Two at the Gouves lagoon 8.4. In May singles at Malia Marsh 8.5. and Falasarna 6.5.

2001: No records, but possible breeding records from airport.

Cream-coloured Courser *Cursorius cursor*

AV

2000: No records. **2001:** 1 Agia Galini 7.7. (JL)

Collared Pratincole *Glareola pratincola*

PM

2000: Two at Gouves lagoons 22.4. and 5 at Falasarna 7.5.

2001: One seen hawking over the Reservoir and at Reservoir on the dam at Agia Reservoir 29.4.

Black-winged Pratincole

AV

No records in **2000** and **2001**.

Little Ringed Plover *Charadrius dubius*

PM

PM

WV

2000: Common in ones and twos from 1.4. onwards at river mouths and on beaches, including Rethymnon beach, Gerani, Plakias, Gouves lagoons, Skoutelonas, Petres, Souda Bay, Tavronitis and Frangocastello, until mid May.

In Oct 2 at Frangocastello Beach 3.10.

2001: 3 at Plakias 4.4. were the first record, also max. 10 Rethymnon Harbour and Beach on the same day. Then possible breeding records Souda Bay beach, Gouves lagoons and Malia through April and May.

Ringed Plover *Charadrius hiaticula* **PM** **WV**

2000: One Tavronitis river 2.4. In early May passage noted with 4 at Tavronitis River 3.5. at Kouremenos beach, Palekastro 4.5. and Gouves lagoon 6.5.

2001: 2 at Gouves lagoons 5.5. 3 at Tavronitis River 18.5 and 2 there in Oct. 7.10. Odd ones on beach at El Greco Hotel, Rethymnon, during late September.

Kentish Plover *Charadrius alexandrinus* **PM** **WV**

2000: Breeding record with 1-4 recorded at Platanos and Platanos Gorge 2.7-10.7. Young birds seen in field inland of dried out river and also on beach.

2001: 1 Gouves lagoon 5.5. and 2 on Maleme beach 30.9.

Greater Sand Plover *Charadrius leschenaulti* **PM**

2000: & 2001: No current records

Golden Plover *Pluvialis apricaria* **PM** **WV**

2000: & 2001: No current records

Caspian Plover *Charadrius asiaticus* **AV**

2000: & 2001: No current records

Dotterel *Charadrius morinellus* **AV** **WV**

2000: & 2001: No current records

Golden Plover *Pluvialis dominica* **PM** **WV**

2000: & 2001: No current records

Pacific Golden Plover *Pluvialis fulva* **AV**

2000: & 2001: No current records

Grey Plover *Pluvialis squatarola* **PM** **WV**

2000: One on beach west of Pahia Ammos 4.5.

2001: One Gouves lagoon 6.5. in winter plumage, and possibly the same bird at Malia Marsh 7.5. One at Tavronitis 18.5 and 1 at Drapanias 19.5.

Oct. One in winter plumage at Elafonisos 3.10.

Spur-winged Plover *Vanellus spinosus* **AV** **PM?**

2000:& 2001: No records

Sociable Plover *Vanellus gregarius* **AV**

2000:& 2001: No records

White-tailed Plover *Vanellus leucurus* **PM**

2000: Two at Gouves lagoons 6.5.- 8.5. **2001:** No records.

Lapwing *Vanellus vanellus* **PM** **WV**

2000:& 2001: No records

Knot *Calidris canutus*

AV

2000: & 2001: No records

Sanderling *Calidris alba*

PM

2000: One at Frangocastello 4.5.

2001: One Almyros beach, Ag. Nicolaos 11.5. in full breeding plumage. 6+ seen at Drapanias river mouth 16.5-21.5.

Little Stint *Calidris minuta*

PM

WV

2000: First recorded with 2-6 Tavronitis river 2.4. Small flocks seen at Gouves lagoon, Rethymnon beach, Bramiana Reservoir, Aposelemis river, Petres river, Georgiopolis Lake, Agia Reservoir, Kouromenos beach, Palekastros, Souda Bay, Tersanas Marsh, Kato Zakros and the north coast until 16.5.

In Sept. 4 at Damnoni beach 21.9.

2001: 1 Plakias 4.4. 4 Rethymnon Beach & harbour 6.4. 3 still there 7.4. 4 sightings at river mouths and Gouves beach 3.4-17.4. 4 Tersanas Marsh 17.4.-1.5. Singles Agia Reservoir 23.4, Thrapsano 26.4. and Paleokanotikos river 28.4. Still present in May at Gouves lagoon, Thrapsano, Malia Marsh and Vai beach Pool until 13.5. with 15-20 at Gouves lagoon on 5.5.

In October single at Elafonisos 3.10.

Temminck's Stint *Calidris temminckii*

PM

2000: One at Georgiopolis Lake 1.5 and 10.5. (possibly the same bird.)

2001: 1 arrived Rethymnon Beach after heavy rain 9.4. 2 Paleokanotikos river, west of Paleohora 28.4. Singles at Skoutelonas beach river pool 29.4. and Tavronitis river mouth pool 29.4 and one in ditch with Little Stints next to football pitch at Gouves lagoon 5.5.

Pectoral Sandpiper *Calidris melanotos*

AV

2000: First for Crete and Greece a juvenile was seen and photographed at Bramiana Reservoir. (MD) 24.9.2000.

Curlew Sandpiper *Calidris ferruginea*

PM

2000: May 3 recorded Souda Bay 3.5., with 4 there 4.5. down to 2 on 5.5. and 1 on 6.5. Singles at Tersanas Marsh 5.5. and Gouves lagoon 6.5. and Agia Reservoir 14.5.

In **Oct** one at Elounda 16.10.

2001: 1 at Malia Marsh beach pool 6.5. and 1 at Gouves lagoon 12.5. Then 4 at Elafonisi Island 21.5. In June 3 at Agia Reservoir 26.6.

Dunlin *Calidris alpina*

PM

WV

2000: Only two records. One Kouromenos beach, Palekastros 11.5. and Malia Beach 10.10. **2001:** 6 at Platanos on 9.4. 1 at Tavronitis 18.5.

Ruff *Philomachus pugnax*

PM

2000: 1 Agia Reservoir 12.4. and 14.4. 6 Gouves lagoons 22.4. Singles at Bramiana Reservoir 23.4. Tavronitis river 28.4. Petres river 30.4. In May 4 Kouromenos beach, Palekastros 30.4. 12 Agia Reservoir 13.5. with small flocks along N. Coast from 3.5.-16.5 with records from Tavronitis river, Souda Bay, Tersanas marsh. Largest flock 20 at Gouves lagoon 6.5.

2001: 12 at Agia Reservoir 7.4. 2 at Tersanas Marsh 27.4. 4 Skoutelonas river 29.4. and 1 Tavronitis river 29.4. In May 1-4 recorded from Thrapsano Pool, Gouves lagoon and Aposelemis river and Malia Marsh until 13.5.

Jack Snipe *Lymnocyptes minimus* **PM** **WV**

2000 & 2001: No records

Snipe *Gallinago gallinago* **PM** **WV**

2000: One Tavronitis river 2.4. 2 Gerani 3.4.-5.4. Single Gouves 8.4. In May singles at Agia Reservoir 7.5. and Tersanas Marsh 5.5.

In Oct 13 at Agia Reservoir on 28.10.

2001: 1 Tersanas Marsh 18.4. 4 there 27.4. and a single 30.4. and 1 at Gouves lagoons 12.5. In September 1 Agia Reservoir 27.9. In Oct. 3 at Agia Reservoir 4.10. and 8 there 6.10., 1 Tavronitis river 7.10.

Great Snipe *Gallinago media* **PM**

2000: No records. **2001:** One flushed from dry area near Aposelemis river 5.5.

Woodcock *Scolopax rusticola* **PM** **WV**

2000 & 2001: No records

Black-tailed Godwit *Limosa limosa* **PM**

2000: One at Gouves lagoons 8.4. Three at Bramiana Reservoir on 23.4.

Bar-tailed Godwit *Limosa lapponica* **AV**

2001: One photographed at Elafonissos 3.10.

Whimbrel *Numenius phaeopus* **PM**

2000: No records. **2001:** Small flock off the sea Plakias 6.4. and 1 on reef at Frangocastello 14.4.

Curlew *Numenius arquata* **PM** **WV**

2000: 8+ at Gouves lagoons 6.5. **2001:** No records.

Spotted Redshank *Tringa erythropus* **PM**

2000: Singles in May, Sept and Oct. 1 Elounda salt pans 4.5. 1 Plakias beach 27.9 and 1 Agia Reservoir 28.10.

2001: One at Gouves lagoons 5.5. and 12.5. and one at Malia Marsh 3.5.-6.5.

Redshank *Tringa totanus* **PM** **WV**

2000: Singles at Gouves lagoon 6.5. and 2 Elounda 10.10.

2001: Two on sea rocks off Georgioupolis 11.4. 1 Drapanias 16.5. 1 Gouves lagoons 12.5. and 1 Agia Reservoir 7.10.

Marsh Sandpiper *Tringa stagnatalis* **PM**

2000: One record, single Gouves lagoon 8.4.

2001: 4 at Platanes 9.4. 1 Gouves lagoons 5.5.-12.5.

Greenshank *Tringa nebularia* **PM**

2000: Singles throughout April and May at Tavronitis river 2.4, Gouves 8.4. Georgioupolis Lake 14.4, Skoutelonas river 28.4. Petres river 30.4. Plakias Harbour 5.5. Kouremenos Beach 11.5. Two at Agia Reservoir and Souda Bay 6.5. Singles

there 9.5.-15.5. Tersanas Marsh 3.5. and 4.5. Two Omalos and 2 Gouves lagoon 6.5. Last record Elounda 27.5.

In Oct single at Agia Reservoir 2.10.

2001: One at Tersanas Marsh 27.4. and 1 Gouves lagoons 6.5. and 12.5.

Green Sandpiper *Tringa ochropus* **PM** **WV**

2000: One Tavronitis river 2.4. One Gouves lagoon 6.5. and one Kato Zakros beach 14.5. Return passage with 2 flocks totally 10 north over Elounda 18.7. and 2 at Agia Reservoir 28.10.

2001: Singles recorded from 7.4. to 13.5. from Agia Reservoir, Platanes and Adele, Skoutelonas beach river pool, Tersanas Marsh, Gouves lagoon, Malia Marsh, and Sitia river outfall.

Wood Sandpiper *Tringa glareola* **PM**

2000: Singles and small flocks from 2.4. until 16.5. Tavronitis river, Agia Reservoir, Gouves, Bramiana Reservoir, Aposelemis river, Skoutelonas river, Georgiopolis Lake, Megalopotamos river, Kouremenos beach, Tersanas marsh and Tersanas Pond.

2 at Elounda 23.7. and 1 at Agia Reservoir 2.10.

2001: Singles and small flocks from 7.4.- 15.5. at river mouth pools, wetlands and beaches. 2 at Georgiopolis Lake 3.8. and 1 there 4.8. 1 Agia Reservoir 27.9.

Common Sandpiper *Actitis hypoleuca* **PM** **WV**

2000: First record Tavronitis river 2.4. Then common in ones and twos on rivers and coast until mid April. Then 36 Plakias 18.4. and 6 Gouves Port 22.4. From then onwards small flocks of up to 3 throughout May at Frangocastello, Souda Bay, Tersanas Pond and Marsh and Agia Reservoir.

In Autumn 2 near Loutro 29.9. 1 west of Frangocastello 30.9. and at Frangocastello beach 2.10 and two there 3.10.

2001: First recorded from Plakias 4.4. Then common at river mouths, beaches and Agia Reservoir as singles until 16.5. Largest flock 9 at Agia Reservoir 23.4. In Autumn singles at Agia Reservoir and Georgiopolis Lake 27.9. and Paleohora 8.10.

Ruddy Turnstone *Arenaria interpres* **PM** **WV**

2000: One Elounda Salt pans 3.5.-5.5. **2001:** One Elounda Salt pans 3.5.

Long-tailed Skua *Stercorarius longicaudus* **AV**

2000 & 2001: No records.

Great Black-headed Gull *Larus icthyaetus* **PM**

2000 & 2001: No records.

Mediterranean Gull *Larus melanocephalus* **PM** **WV?**

2000 & 2001: No records.

Black-headed Gull *Larus ridibundus* **PM** **WV**

2000: One Plakias Bay 17.4. **2001:** No records.

Little Gull *Larus minutus* **PM** **WV**

2000: One at Lake Kournas 27.10. **2001:** No records.

- Slender-billed Gull *Larus genei*** **PM**
2000: No records. **2001:** One Sitia harbour 9.1. (MD)
- Audouin's Gull *Larus audouinii*** **MB**
2000: One Elounda 2.6. and 6 Kri Kri island 13.10.
2001: One adult at Rethymnon beach flew off N 4.4. One off the beach at Istro 12.5.
- Common Gull *Larus canus*** **WV**
2000 & 2001: One first winter at Iraklion from Dec until early Feb 2001.
- Lesser Black-backed Gull *Larus fuscus*** **PM WV**
2000: One at Frangocastello beach 4.5.
2001: 4-5 Iraklion Jan to early Feb 2001. One on rocks off Stalis 3.5. One with Herring Gull at Kalives 30.6.-2.7.
- Yellow-legged Herring Gull *Larus cachinnans*** **MB PM RB WV**
2000: Common with hundreds at Bramiana Reservoir 23.4. 104 Frangocastello 4.5. 32 Agia Reservoir. 13.5. 17 Georgiopolis Lake 15.5. Then common in small groups. Numerous off Elounda 2.6. 130 off Goat Island, Aghios Nikolaos.
Singles at Elounda in July. In the Autumn 1-3 recorded at Kalives, Kolimbari, Preveli beach, Kalatas Akrotiri, Souda Bay from Maravi, Agia Marina, Chania and Rethymnon.
2001: Large flock Agia Reservoir 7.4. and about 80 loafing there and preening 23.4. Largest flock count c200 off Stalis on sea following fishing boats. Large flocks at Tavronitis and Drapanias outfalls in May. Singles recorded in Sept. 22.-30.9.
- Herring Gull *Larus argentatus*** **AV**
2000: No records. **2001:** A first winter at Iraklion 6.2.
- Kittiwake *Rissa tridactyla*** **PM WV**
2000 & 2001: No records
- Gull-billed Tern *Gelochelidon nilotica*** **PM**
2000 & 2001: No records.
- Caspian Tern *Sterna caspia*** **PM**
2000 & 2001: No records.
- Sandwich Tern *Sterna sandvicensis*** **PM WV**
2000: One on concrete 'rocks' off Chania Harbour 13.4. and Singles Souda Bay 5.5. and 6.5.
- Common Tern *Sterna hirundo*** **PM**
2000: One Plakias Bay 23.4. **2001:** No records.
- Little Tern *Sterna albifrons*** **PM**
2000: No records. **2001:** One fishing in Sitia Harbour 13.5.
- Whiskered Tern *Chlidonias hybridus*** **PM**
2000: Singles at Agia Reservoir 28.4. and 29.4. in April. In May there 4.5. and 16.5. and at Georgiopolis Lake 10.5. and 14.5.

2001: Two Bramiana Reservoir 5.5. 1 at Agia Reservoir 27 -30.9.

White-winged Black Tern *Chlidonias leucopterus* PM

2000: First record 28.4. In May Frangocastello 9.5. Kato Zakro Gorge 10.5. 1 Agia 7.5. 3 Stavros on Akrotiri 4.5. and 1 there 5.5. hunting all day over a field of lucerne for insects. Two Agia Reservoir. 10.5. and 1 there 16.5. 3 Plakias Bay 11.5.

In Autumn 2 juv. Agia Reservoir. 2.10.

2001: Seven over Bramiana Reservoir 5.5. One Agia Reservoir juv. 1st winter 4.10.

Black Tern *Chlidonias niger* PM

2000 & 2001: No records.

Black-bellied Sandgrouse *Pterocles orientalis* AV

2000 & 2001: No records.

Rock Dove *Columba livia* RB

2000: Recorded from Kotsiphos Gorge, Kourtaliotiko Gorge, near Lakki and Kato Zakros Gorge. Many feral types common in the lowlands.

2001: Small flocks from Kourtaliotiko and Kotsiphos Gorge, Lassithi and Ida Mts.

Stock Dove *Columba oenas* OB PM WV

2000 & 2001: No records.

Woodpigeon *Columba columba* RB PM WV

2000: Recorded as singles on Lassithi Plateau, near Lakki, Platanos Gorge, Samaria Gorge and Katheron plateau. Flocks of 10+ in Samaria Gorge and Agia Ioannis in April and May.

2001: 1-3 seen at Myrthios, Moni Prevelli, Agia Reservoir, Agia Irini Gorge, Stalis, Lassithi and Sitia.

Collared Dove *Streptopelia decaocto* RB

2000: Only recorded in towns such as Chania, Rethymnon, Iraklion, Aghios Nikolaos, and Sitia. In September and October flocks of 10+ in Rethymnon, on Akrotiri, and at Venizelos Monument, Chania .

2001: Recorded from towns and villages throughout the island.

Turtle Dove *Streptopelia turtur* MB PM

2000: First record was 5 on 15.4. and from then onwards there were small numbers 2-8 until 10th July.

2001: Singles and small flocks of 2-3 at Tersanas Marsh, Spili, Rodopos, Elafonisos, Malia Marsh, Gouves lagoon and Kalives until 28.6.

Oriental Turtle Dove *Streptopelia orientalis* AV

2000 & 2001: No records.

Laughing Dove *Streptopelia senegalensis* AV

2000 & 2001: No records

Great Spotted Cuckoo *Clamator glandarius* PM

2000 & 2001: No records.

Cuckoo *Cuculus canorus*

PM

2000: First record of single in Plakias 21.4. Then singles in May on north coast 3.5 and Anopolis 4.5, and Chiona Beach, Palekastro 4.5. Two on Omalos plateau 6.5. Last record was two in Kato Zakros Gorge 10.5.

2001: One at Moni Prevelli 8.4. and near Rethymnon on same date. Pair at Prevelli 16.4. and a single there 26.4. One Xiloskalo 30.4. and 1 heard on Lassithi Plateau 4.5. and finally 1 near Sitea 13.5.

Barn Owl *Tyto alba*

RB

PM

WV

2000: One seen near Plakias 30.4.

2001: One in fields opposite apartments in Maleme 7.10.

Eagle Owl *Bubo bubo*

RB?

2000: No records in 2000. **2001:** No records.

Scops Owl *Otus scops*

RB

PM

2000: Seen and heard at Afrata 2.4. and 12.4.1 in Samaria Gorge 3.4., Akrotiri 13.4. Falasarna 15.4, Palekastro 11.5. and 13.5. 8 calling or seen at Vamos on 9.5.-15.5.

2001: One heard near Penelope Apartments, Stalis 2.5.-16.5. 1 calling Kalives 30.6. 1 Agia Galini 6.7, 9.7. and 10.7.

Little Owl *Athene noctus*

RB

2000 & 2001: No records

Tawny Owl *Strix aluco*

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2000 & 2001: No records

Long-eared Owl *Asio otus*

RB

PM

2000: In May a chick from a nest in an army camp near Iraklion Airport came to Natural History Museum of Crete. (MD)

2001: An adult shot at Gergeri in early Feb. 2001 transferred to NHMC.

Short-toed Owl *Asio flammeus*

PM

WV

2000 & 2001: No records.

European Nightjar *Caprimulgus europaeus*

MB

PM

2000: 4 at Palekastro 11.5, 12.5 and 13.5. One at Falasarna 7.5. Singles at Stavros, Akroiri 15.5 and 16.5. 3-4 at the edge of Paleochora 27.6-30.6.

2001: One crossing road near Rodakino on S coast 7.4. Glimpsed near Sfakakia (Reth) 3.4.-17.4. One churring between 5.30 and 6.00am 1 Km south of Gouvenatou Moni on road to Ag. Triada Moni.

Common Swift *Apus apus*

MB

PM

2000: First recorded in Chania 4.4. and then daily in large flocks until mid May. In July small numbers recorded. In October 70+ south over Kalives 8.10.

2001: Singles recorded from 3.4 and widespread in Rethymnon and then common throughout by mid April. Movement in May, with large numbers at Itanos beach and over Ierapetra 13.5. Still present in last week in September then recorded at Elafonisi 3.10.

Pallid Swift *Apus pallidus* MB PM

2000: Single at Frangocastello 4.5. and 6.5. and 3 at Itanos 5.5.

2001: Georgioupolis harbour 5.4. 2 Rethymnon beach seafront 6.4. Small flocks recorded Malia marsh, Gouves lagoon and over Chania harbour with Common swifts 23.6. Also recorded in Chora Sfakion in late July/early August.

Alpine Swift: *Tachymarptis melba* MB PM

2000: First record Tavronitis river 2.4. then small flocks moving through throughout April and May. In July presumed breeding birds seen in Platanes Gorge, Samaria Gorge, Platanes, Adrakos and Elounda.

Return passage noted in late Sept, early Oct with 400+ south over Kalives within a major mid afternoon hirundine migration 5.10. 10+ there 8.10 and 40+ Limnes 3.10.

2001: Large flock at Plakias 4.4. and Phaestos 6.4. and then singles throughout 3.4.-10.4. Then recorded in small flocks until mid May. 15-40 recorded at Agia Galini 3.7.-10.7. where they breed in the cliffs.. 100+ regular at Chora Sfakion 24.7 -9.8. Several above Plakias 28.9. Small flocks recorded during Oct.

White-breasted Kingfisher *Halcyon smyrnensis* AV

2000 & 2001: No records.

Kingfisher *Alcedo atthis* PM WV

2000: Records in April from Souda Bay 7.4 and 13.4. Georgioupolis harbour 14.4 and Plakias 17.4.

Sept. Recorded near Frangocastello from 20.9 onwards. Then records from Rethymnon harbour, and outer harbour, Kalives harbour, Agia Reservoir, Almyros, Malia, and other coastal sites.

2001: Drama at Plakias when one flew into a taverna window and was carried off by a cat 4.4. Singles at Agia Reservoir and Platanes in April. Then no records until August with 1 Georgioupolis Lake 4.8. and 2 on sea cliffs Chora Sfakion 5.8. Common by last week in September and into October.

European Bee-eater *Merops apiaster* MB PM

2000: First record 20+ 5.4 -6.4. along the north coast, then 30+ Stalis 19.4. In May flocks of 10-20 over Frangocastello 3.5 and 4.5. Records from Anapolis, Argoules and Vamos, Stavros, Akrotiri, Therisso Gorge and Tersanas. In the west flocks of up to 40 near Vai 5.5.

In July 2 on the Katheron plateau in late July are a possible breeding record.

In Sept. large flocks passing south in valley between Analipsi and Palimata 20.9 -23.9.

2001: Passage began with 4 near Frangocastello Castle 24.4 and 4 over Akrotiri 24.4. 14 Ag. Triada Moni 27.4. 4 over Keridis river 29.4. In May large flocks 20+ feeding over beehives and plastic greenhouses near Itanos and 54 near Toplou Moni 13.5. Several pairs visiting nest holes in vertical riverbank near Ag. Triada archaeological site.

Blue-cheeked Bee-eater *Merops persicus* PM

2000 & 2001 : No records

- European Roller *Coracias garrulus*** **PM**
2000: One at Chiona Beach Palekastro 4.5. **2001:** No records.
- Hoopoe *Upupa epops*** **MB PM**
2000: Records of singles from Omalos Plateau 3.4. Souda Bay 6.4. and Afrata 12.4. Polyrhynia 15.4. Malia 22.4.
 In May singles Georgioupolis 3.5. and Palekastro 7.5. In July 1 in Platanes Gorge 2.7.
2001: Singles from 3.4. Rethymnon beach, Frangocastello, Sfakakia, Moni Preveli, Gouves lagoons, Iraklion, and Plakias during April.
- Wryneck *Jynx torquilla*** **MB? PM WV**
2000: One at Gerani 6.4. and 7.4. One Spili 20.4. and 2 Lassithi 24.4.
2001: Singles Frangocastello 9.4. Horatakia, Akrotiri 20.6. and Tavronitis river 7.10.
- Green Woodpecker *Picus viridis*** **AV**
2000 & 2001: No records
- Dupont's Lark *Chersophilus dupondi*** **AV**
2000 & 2001: No records.
- Calandra Lark *Melanocorypha calandra*** **OB? PM**
2000: No records. **2001:** 1-2 Malia marsh by the archaeological site 6.5.
- Bimaculated Lark *Melanocorypha bimaculata*** **AV**
2000: One at Bramiana Reservoir 5.9. (MD) **2001:** No records.
- Short-toed Lark *Calandrella brachydactyla*** **MB PM WV**
2000: In April records from Gerani 6.4. and Aposelemis river 8.4. In May 5+ at Frangocastello 7.5. and 9.5. On Akrotiri at Stavos and Tersanas from 1-7 recorded 4.5-7.5.
 In Oct. 23.10-31.10 flocks of 30+ in fields near Kolimbari.
2001: 3 on 4.4. followed by 2 flocks of c100 and c50 on 6.4. at Plakias. 1 at Gouves lagoons 17.4. 2 Malia Marsh 7.5. 5-10 Aposelemis river 12.5. Recorded at Elafonisi 3.10.
- Lesser Short-toed Lark *Calandrella rufescens*** **AV**
2000 & 2001: No records.
- Crested Lark *Galerida cristata*** **RB**
2000 & 2001: Very common breeding across the island in a variety of habitats.
- Woodlark *Lullula arborea*** **RB PM**
2000: Recorded in April and May from Omalos Plateau, Akrotiri, Afrata, Bramiana Reservoir, Lassithi Plateau. Anapolis, Piskokefalo, and Rodopos peninsula .
2001: First heard at Preveli 4.4, then recorded from Spili, Prassies, Ag. Gouvenato Moni, Omalos, Askifou and Nida plateaus, Falasarna, Kera Monastery, Psychro cave, Vai beach, Knossos, Platanas and Georgioupolis.

Skylark *Alauda arvensis*

OB? PM WV

2000 & 2001: No records

Sand Martin *Riparia riparia*

PM

2000: First recorded at Agia Reservoir on 5.4. Then 100+ over Georgioupolis Lake 7.4. and Aposelemis river on 8.4. Recorded as common until 22.4. Later heavy passage recorded at Frangocastello 4.5. – 6.5. and flocks of 100-500 reported from Stavros and Tersanas on Akrotiri and Agia Reservoir near Chania over the period 4.5.- 11.5.

In October 160+ came south over Kalives with other hirundines and later 400+ passed through in an hour on the same date 8.10.

2001: First record Myrthios 4.4. then daily during April. Heavier passage noted with other hirundines 13.5.. Small numbers still at Agia Reservoir 26.6. Autumn records of several at Agia Reservoir 27.9. and 8 at Tavronitis river 7.10.

Crag Martin *Ptyonoprogne rupestris*

RB PM WV

2000: Breeding birds first recorded at Kotsiphos Gorge 6.4. and on Omalos plateau, Imbros and Petres Gorges and Plakias in April. In May reports from Kourtaliotiko Gorge, Moni Preveli, Imbros village, Xyloskalo above the Samaria Gorge, Kato Zakros and Agia Reservoir.

In July 20+ in Samaria Gorge 4.7. also in late October. Also October 20+ in mid afternoon hirundine passage south over Kalives on 8.10.

2001: Recorded from Myrthios and Kourtaliotiko Gorge from 4.4. Small colonies in gorges and on sea cliffs throughout, still in the mountains at the end of September.

Barn Swallow *Hirundo rustica*

MB PM

2000: Common from 3.4 with flocks of up to 50 during April on passage. Heavy passage from Frangocastello and Lake Kournas and Georgioupolis, and Agia Reservoir then small flocks through until 16.5.

Resident 10+ Platanes and Rethymnon old road area 30.6. - 10.7.

Small numbers late 26.9.- 6.10. Larger passage of 80+ with other hirundines migration over Kalives 8.10.

2001: Recorded from 4.4. with mixed flocks of hirundines until 22.5. with good numbers in N W Crete including Agia Reservoir and Georgioupolis Lake. In the Autumn common in late September, many on 3.10 in the mountains, 20 Omalos 4.10. and 25 Tavronitis 7.10.

Red-rumped Swallow *Hirundo daurica*

MB PM

2000: First record from Perivolias 15.4. 3 Myli 26.4. 3 Kotsiphos Gorge 30.4. Records from Chiona beach, Palekastro and Kato Zakros 4.5. 2 Agia Ioannis 7.5. Agia Reservoir 4.5. Irini Gorge 11.5. 2+ Platanes Gorge 10.7.

10 over Kalives and 20 there later on 8.10.

2001: At least two in mixed flock near Phaestos 6.4. 2 nest building Rethymnon 10.4. Small numbers seen throughout April and May. Several at Kournas Lake 23.9.

House Martin *Delichon urbica*

MB PM

2000: Small numbers seen from 1.4. until 7.4. Then almost daily in later April and 13 on 18.4. and 14 on 19.4. Large numbers at Phaestos on 20.4.

In May heavy passage Frangocastello 3.5 -4.5. and 250 over Tersanas 5.5. with smaller numbers until 15.5.

In October 3 at Afrata 2.10. and 70+ over Kalives in mid afternoon with other hirundines, 150 one hour later south over Kalives 8.10.

2001: Common passing through in large flocks 17.4 -13.5. In June small numbers Vrysses and good numbers over Agia Reservoir 26.6. Several regular at El Greco, Rethymnon during last week in September.

Richard's Pipit *Anthus richardii* **PM** **WV?**

2000 & 2001: No records.

Tawny Pipit *Anthus campestris* **MB** **PM**

2000: First record at Gerani 5.4. three seen here regularly down to 2 there 16.4. Single Gouves lagoons 22.4. 3 Malia Marsh 18.4. 2 Spili 24.4.

In May 20+ Frangocastello 6.5. and 2 there 7.5. 1-2 Souda Bay 4.5-6.5. 1 Tersanas 4.5. 1 Omalos 6.5.

In the Autumn One just above Loutro 29.9. and 3 at Malia 10.10.

2001: Recorded from Plakias and Frangocastello 9.4. 1 flying Rethymnon Beach 10.4. Platanes beach 13.4. 2 Falasarna 28.4. in dry fields beside the old harbour. 1-2 Aposelemis river, Malia, Stalis 2.5-16.5. 1 near village on Omalos plateau 26.6.

Tree Pipit *Anthus trivialis* **PM** **WV**

2000: April: Small flock at Gerani 6.4. 2 at Rethymnon Fortezza 13.4. Small flocks recorded from 12.4. and 22.4.

May: 2 Anapolis 4.5. 1 Frangocastello 6.5. and along the north coast 3.5.-8.5. with 50+ at Stavros, Akrotiri 3.5. and 4.5. 3-5 at Tersanas marsh 3.5.-6.5.

2001: Singles then c.50 in off the sea at Frangocastello 9.4. 2 Tersanas Marsh 17.4. Singles Irini Gorge 20.4. and Aptera and Akrotiri 27.4.

Meadow Pipit *Anthus pratensis* **OB** **PM** **WV**

2000: Up to 5 at Gerani during the first week in April and single at Aposelemis river 8.4. Other records from north coast 12.4.-23.4. Last record 4 at Anapolis 4.5.

2001: No records.

Red-throated Pipit *Anthus cervinus* **PM** **WV**

2000: 10 at Gerani 15.4. 1 Gouves Port 22.4. 5 Spili 24.4. Single at Moni Pevelli 5.5. 4 Frangocastello 6.5. Two on NW coast 7.5. and 9.5. One Stavros Akrotiri 8.5.

2001: 1 Adele beach 12.4, 2 Skoutelonas river 29.4. 1 Tavronitis river 5.5. 3-4 on rubbish at Aposelemis river 12.5.

Water Pipit *Anthus spinoletta* **PM** **WV**

2000 & 2001: No records.

Yellow Wagtail *Motacilla flava* **MB** **PM**

2000: First record from Tavronitis river 2.4. and Agia Reservoir 5.4. 500+ Gerani 5.4. then common in small flocks from 7-30 throughout the rest of April. In May small flocks recorded until 15.5. In October 3 at Elounda 7.10.

2001: c20 at Ag. Pavlos and Plakias 5.4. with *Motacilla fl.fl. and Motacilla fl.cinereocapilla*. Later and the month small flocks recorded at Malia marsh, Damnoni, Plakias beach, Falasarna, Maleme, Elevpidon monument and Aposelemis river with races *feldeggi and dombrowski* recorded as well until 12.5. Singles Agia Reservoir 27.9. and several in El Greco, Rethymnon fields 21.9.

Citrine Wagtail *Motacilla citreola* AV

2000 & 2001: No records

Grey Wagtail *Motacilla cinerea* RB? PM WV

2000: One at Agiroupolis 15.5. In October on 2.10 there were 2 birds around the old mill at Agia Reservoir. Recorded as present in west on ones and twos in the last week of October.

2001: 1 Frangocastello 9.4. 1 Agia Reservoir 6.10 -9.10. and 1 in stream outside Paleochora 8.10.

White Wagtail *Motacilla alba* RB PM WV

2000: Singles only from 4.4. Records from Rethymnon, Plakias Bay, Frangocastello, Vai, and along the NW coast.

In Autumn 2 Kalives shore 26.9, 4 in the harbour 1.10. and at Stone Cottage above Kalives 5.10. 3 Chrissy Island 8.10 and recorded as present thinly during last week in October.

2001: 1 Kourtaliotiko 5.4. and at Plakias 5.4. 8 Rethymnon harbour and beach 4.4. declining to 4 later in week. Singles Petres bridge 6.4. and Frangocastello 7.4. Singles at Tersanas 17.4. and 18.4. 5 Souda Bay 21.4. 1 Petres River 25.4. Plakias, Kakomouri headland 26.4.

Common in small nos. 2.5 -16.5. 2 at Dam, Agia Reservoir 26.6. and 2 there 6.10.

Waxwing *Bombycilla garrulus* AV

2000 & 2001: No records.

Dipper *Cinclus cinclus* AV

2000 & 2001: No records.

Wren *Troglodytes troglodytes* RB PM WV

2000 & 2001 : Common in the mountains, and in the gorges at sea level as well as on plateaux.

Dunnock *Prunella modularis* WV

2000 & 2001: No records.

Alpine Accentor *Prunella collaris* RB

2000: No records. **2001:** No records.

Rufous Bush Chat *Cercotrichas galactotes* PM

2000 & 2001: No records.

Robin *Erithacus rubecola* PM WV

2000 & 2001: No records in Spring, but it is a common winter visitor which had left by the time most birdwatchers arrived. From 23.10 recorded as the most common bird seen and heard.

Thrush Nightingale *Luscinia luscinia* PM

2000: No records. **2001:** In dense bush near Sfakakia (Reth) for 2 days with a clear view from 25 yards on 8.4. (AJS).

Nightingale *Luscinia megarhynchos* MB PM

2000: One at Agia Reservoir 3.4. and 5.4. and Plakias and Lassithi Plateau in mid April. One Kallikratis Gorge 22.4. Recorded in May in gorges, along the NW coast and at Agia Reservoir until 16.5.

2001: One on track at Moni Prevelli 8.4. 2-3 Frangocastello 9.4. Heard at Agia Reservoir mid morning 11.4. One in full song Irini Gorge 20.4. and up to six Agia Reservoir 23.4. and 29.4. 2-3 singing Aposelemis, Malia Marsh and Stalis 2.-16.5.

Bluethroat *Luscinia svecica* PM WV

2000: No records

Black Redstart *Phoenicurus ochruros* PM WV

2000: In April singles recorded from Afrata 12.4, and in May at Anapolis 4.5. and on Omalos 6.5. One female Adrakos 17.7.

In the last week in Oct recorded in Agia Marina, Agia Reservoir and the forts of Chania, Rethymnon and Paleochora.

2001: 1 Temenia 3.10.

Common Redstart *Phoenicurus phoenicurus* PM WV?

2000: Singles Afrata 12.4, Akrotiri 13.4. and Omalos 14.4. In May singles at Frangocastello 6.5. and Pervolitsa, Akrotiri 7.5.

2001: 2 at Frangocastello on 9.4. and 1 female there 14.4. Single males seen at Aradena 24.4. Petres River Gorge 25.4. and Moni Prevelli carpark 26.4. 1 male at Aposelemis river 12.5. In Autumn one on Omalos 30.9. and 6.10.

Whinchat *Saxicola rubetra* MB? PM

2000: In April recorded daily in singles until late April. 7 Aposelemis river and Gouves lagoon 22.4. 6 at Spili 24.4. From May 1st recorded as large numbers everywhere until 12.5.

In July recorded on the Katheron plateau mid/late July.

2001: Recorded at Plakias and Frangocastello 9.4. with good numbers there on 14.4. Then common from 17.4-1.5. In May singles, or one to five seen until 17.5.

1 Agia reservoir 27.9.

Common Stonechat *Saxicola torquata* RB PM WV

2000: Recorded from Evelpidon Monument from 2.4. Passage recorded 20+ Frangocastello 3.5. Breeding pairs throughout the island.

In October records from Kalives, Almirida, Agia, Armeni, Horatakia, and Kalatas on Akrotiri Peninsula.

2001: Common breeding bird around coast and on the plateaux April- September.

Isabelline Wheatear *Oenanthe isabellina* MB? PM

2000: One record from Adrakos 17.7.

2001: One Rethymnon Beach 5.4. One at the harbour at Platinos 30.9. One at Falasarna 1.10. and 3 at Elafonisi 2.10.

Northern Wheatear *Oenanthe oenanthe* MB PM

2000: First record from Evelpidon monument 2.4. Singles Gerani 3.4. with 10+ there 5.4. 1-3 seen everyday until 17.4. In May 1 Frangocastello 7.5. and 8.5. with 3 there 9.5. 3 Xyloscalo 13.5. Singles during the first half of May from Kouremenos beach, Palekastros, Omalos, Falasarna, Stavros, Akrotiri, Tersanas and Tersanas Marsh, and Pervolitsa, Akrotiri. In July one at Adrakos 20.7.

2001: First records from Plakias and Frangocastello 3.4. Then widespread on passage with 30 on Akrotiri peninsula 21.4. and common on Omalos from 30.4. Good numbers reported from Gramvousa peninsula from 30.6. 1 Nida Plateau 29.9. and 1-2 in the rough fields at El Greco 22.9.-30.9.

In Oct singles only from Maleme 3.10 and Tavronitis river mouth 7.10.

Pied Wheatear *Oenanthe pleschanka* PM?

2000 & 2001: No records.

Black-eared Wheatear *Oenanthe hispanica* MB PM

2000: Recorded in April and May. First recorded from Imbros Gorge 6.4. Then records from Rethymnon Fortezza, Plakias, Omalos Plateau, Moni Preveli, Kallikratis Gorge, Rodakino Gorge, Zakros, Palekastros, Toplou Monastery, Chiona beach, Palekastros, Kolimbari, Stavros, and Tersanas until mid May. In July 1 Anidri Gorge 2.7, 1 Platanos Gorge 10.7, and 1 male Elounda 13.7.

In October 1 at Elounda 7.10.

2001: First record from Moni Preveli 8.4. then widespread with records from Frangocastello, Gouvenato, Tersanas, Vai beach and Askifou plateau, with both pale and black throated forms recorded.

Desert Wheatear *Oenanthe deserti* PM? WV?

2000 & 2001: No current records.

Finsch's Wheatear *Oenanthe finschii* AV

2000: One adult male on Lassithi Plateau 5.5. (G S & O M Bilboa) Record submitted to Greece records Committee. **2001:** No records.

White-crowned Black Wheatear *Oenanthe leucopyga* AV

2000 & 2001: No records.

Rock Thrush *Monticola saxatilis* PM

2000 & 2001: No records.

Blue Rock Thrush *Monticola solitarius* RB PM WV?

2000: Widespread from early April until early May. (8.5.)

In July 4+ Platanos Gorge 10.7. and Adrakos 14.7. and 17.7.

In Oct. records from Elinospilios Gorge, Afrata, Imbros Gorge and Kommitades, Koxare and Kourtaliotiko Gorge at the beginning of October.

2001: Frequent from 3.4. on coast and inland until last week in September.

Ring Ouzel <i>Turdus torquatus</i>	PM	WV
2000: One on north coast 4.5. 2001: No records.		
Blackbird <i>Turdus merula</i>	RB PM	WV
2000 & 2001: Common and widespread breeding bird.		
Fieldfare <i>Turdus pilaris</i>	PM	WV
2000 & 2001: No records.		
Song Thrush <i>Turdus philomelos</i>	PM	WV
2000 & 2001: One at Gerani 2.4 -3.4.		
Redwing <i>Turdus iliacus</i>	PM?	WV
2000 & 2001: No records.		
Mistle Thrush <i>Turdus viscivorus</i>	PM	WV
2000 & 2001: No records.		
Cetti's Warbler <i>Cettia cetti</i>	RB	
2000 & 2001: Common and widespread in suitable habitats, wetlands, damp and dry fields with Giant Reed hedges <i>Arundo donax</i> even in Knossos car park.		
Zitting Cisticola <i>Cisticola juncidis</i>	RB	
2000: Most records from the NW coast area with records from Gerani 5.4. and 6.4, Tavronitis river, Georgioupolis harbour 14.5. Further west at Gouves (Creta Sun) lagoons 6.5. Appears to be declining.		
2001: One heard from vehicle west of Georgioupolis 7.4. One along the beach road to Kolimbari 29.4. One heard and seen in display flight east end on Maleme Military area 29.4. 1-2 Malia marsh, Aposelemis river 2.5.-16.5. 1 Georgioupolis river 24.6. and 1 Kalivaki beach 28.6.		
Grasshopper Warbler <i>Locustella naevia</i>	PM	
2000: One 'reeling' at Kolimbari beach during last week in Oct.		
2001: One heard singing at Damnoni 7.4.		
River Warbler <i>Locustella fluviatis</i>	PM?	
2000 & 2001: No records.		
Savi's Warbler <i>Locustella lusciniodes</i>	PM	
2000 & 2001: No records.		
Moustached Warbler <i>Acrocephalus melanopogon</i>	PM	WV
2000: One at Agia Reservoir 7.5. 2001: No records.		
Aquatic Warbler <i>Acrocephalus paludicola</i>	PM	
2000 & 2001: No records.		
Paddyfield Warbler <i>Acrocephalus agricola</i>	AV	
2000 & 2001: No records.		

Sedge Warbler *Acrocephalus schoenobaenus* PM

2000: Recorded from Agia Reservoir 3.4. & 5.4, 1 Georgiupolis Lake 7.4, Gerani, Agia Reservoir and Aposelemis river 12.4-16.4. In May, main records from Agia Reservoir 4.5. until 13.5. and along the north west coast 3.5.-9.5.

2001: First recorded at Agia Reservoir 7.4., and 11.4. and up to 6 there 23.4.-30.4. 1 in dense undergrowth N of Kourtaliotiko Gorge 26.4. 1 Tersanas Marsh 27.4. 3 seen in reeds at pool edge Skoutelonas river 29.4. In May recorded Malia Marsh, Aposelemis river, and Vai Beach until 13.5. In October single at Agia Reservoir 6.10.

Marsh Warbler *Acrocephalus palustris* PM

2000 & 2001: No records.

Reed Warbler *Acrocephalus scirpaceus* MB PM

2000: Two at Agia Reservoir 14.4. Single at Aposelemis River 22.4, Kerikes 9.5. and Tersanas 7.5. Many in song at Lake Kournas 10.5.

2001: Single at Damnoni 7.4. In May from 8.5 -22.5. recorded in wet areas like Malia Marsh and Aposelemis river.

Great Reed Warbler *Acrocephalus arundinaceus* OB PM

2000: Recorded at Agia Reservoir 5.4, Aposelemis river 22.4. In May, Kouremenos beach, Palekastro 3.5. singles at Tersanas Marsh 5.5, Agia Reservoir 7.5. & 8.5. Frangocastello 9.5, Vamos village 10.5. Georgiupolis Lake 10.5.

2001: Singles from Georgiupolis Lake 5.4.-7.4. Tersanas 17.4. Falasarna 28.4. Agia Reservoir 29.4. 1-2 Aposelemis river and Malia Marsh 2.5-16.5. One still at Georgiupolis Lake springs 28.6.

Olivaceous Warbler *Hippolais pallida* MB PM?

2000: Small numbers in olive groves and oleanders in many places in May. Records from Frangocastello, Aghios Ioannis, Lake Kournas, Georgiupolis Lake, Agia Reservoir, Platanes and Platanes Gorge.

2001: Seen from viewpoint at Georgiupolis Lake 6.4. 3 Agia Reservoir 23.4. and 30.4. Singles at Skoutelonas river and Tavronitis river 29.4, Venezelou Memorial gardens 1.5. 1-3 in olive groves at Malia and 1-2 Aposelemis river 2.5.-16.5.

Booted Warbler *Hippolais caligata* AV

2000 & 2001: No records.

Olive-tree Warbler *Hippolais olivetorum* PM

2000: One singing at Aghios Ioannis 10.5. **2001:** No records. A late migrant often missed by visitors.

Icterine Warbler *Hippolais icterina* PM

2000: Two at Anapolis 4.5. Itanos 5.5. and Frangocastello 7.5. Single at Lake Kournas and Souda Bay cemetery 10.5. Other records 3.5.-8.5. along NW coast. One on headland east of Kalives 5.10.

2001: One at Falasarna 28.4. One near Elevpidon Monument 4.5.

- Marmora's Warbler *Sylvia sarda*** **U**
2000 & 2001: No records.
- Spectacled Warbler *Sylvia conspicillata*** **AV**
2000 & 2001: No records.
- Subalpine Warbler *Sylvia cantillans*** **MB PM**
2000: Recorded at Moni Gouvernetou 4.4. and one along NW coast 5.5.
2001: One at Ag. Pavlos 4.5. At least 10 birds at Frangocastello 9.4. after a thunderstorm. One pair at Souda nr Plakias also 9.4. Other singles at Malia Marsh 2.5. 1 at Kera Moni 9.5.
- Sardinian Warbler *Sylvia melanocephala*** **RB PM WV**
2000 & 2001: Commonest warbler breeding from March onwards in suitable habitat, mainly in Mediterranean Spiny Broom *Calycotome villosa*.
- Rüppell's Warbler *Sylvia rueppelli*** **MB PM**
2000: One Kato Zakros Gorge 6.5. and between Kritsa and Katheron plateau in mid July.
2001: One male nest building at Souda nr Plakias 9.4. and 1 female at lower entrance to Imbros Gorge 29.7.
- Orphean Warbler *Sylvia hortensis*** **MB PM**
2000: One Chiona Beach Palekastro 13.5.
2001: Singles Frangocastello 7.4, Kedros fields, Spili 9.4. and Agia Reservoir 11.4.
- Barred Warbler *Sylvia nisoria*** **PM**
2000 & 2001: No records.
- Lesser Whitethroat *Sylvia curruca*** **PM**
2000: No records. **2001:** One seen in olive grove Aradena NW of Chora Sfakion 24.4. 1 Aposelemis river 5.5. In Autumn 1 at Kournas Lake 23.9. 1 dead Keridis river 3.10.
- Common Whitethroat *Sylvia communis*** **MB PM**
2000: One and two seen 12.4.-15.4. Single Aposelemis River 22.4. Large numbers everywhere noted in May until 10.5. single Makrialysos 15.10.
2001: One in the bushes at the Archaeological Museum Iraklion 19.4. and in olive grove Aradena 24.4. 8 seen below Moni Prevelli 26.4. and 10 on Kakomouri headland, Plakias 27.4. 1 Tavronitis river 5.5. In October 1 Agia Reservoir 6.10.
- Garden Warbler *Sylvia borin*** **PM**
2000: Singles Frangocastello 3.5. and Aghios Ioannis 7.5. and 2 Imbros Gorge 8.5.
2001: No records.
- Blackcap *Sylvia atricapilla*** **RB? PM WV**
2000: Ones and twos on passage at Gerani from 2.4. Single at Afrata 12.4. and 3 Aghios Ioannis 5.5.
2001: One at Plakias during first week in April. 1 singing Irini Gorge 20.4. and 2 heard Theriso Gorge 22.4. 4 singing around Apostoli east of Spili 25.4. 3 heard in Ag.

Ioannis oak woods 26.4. 8 heard near Lakki 30.4. 1-2 Malia marsh, Gouves lagoons, Stalis, Vai Beach 2.5.-13.5. 1-2 Agia Reservoir 26.6. 1 Amari valley 27.9.

Greenish Warbler *Phylloscopus trochiloides* AV

2000: One of the race *trochiloides* in Oct at Neo Chorio near Tavronitis. 1st for Greece. (Paul Smith).

Yellow-browed Warbler *Phylloscopus inornatus* AV

2000 & 2001: No records.

Dusky Warbler *Phylloscopus fuscatus* AV

2000 & 2001: No records.

Eastern Bonelli's Warbler *Phylloscopus bonelli* PM

2000 & 2001: No records.

Wood Warbler *Phylloscopus sibilatrix* PM

2000: First record from Therisso Gorge 5.4. 1-2 seen daily 12.4.-20.4.

In May 1 at Frangocastello 3.5., 5+ Anapolis 4.5. 3+ Patsianos 6.5. Single Imbros Gorge 8.5. and Kallikratis Gorge also 8.5. Other singles at Stavros, Akrotiri 9.5. and Lake Kournas 10.5.

2001: Singles at Frangocastello 9.4. and in Eucalyptus near Agia Reservoir 23.4. and below Piso Moni Preveli 26.4. and 1 in wood, west of Tavronitis river mouth 29.4. One at Venizelos Graves Park 1.5. 2 below Evelpidon monument 4.5. One flying catching in olive groves near Malia Marsh 15.5. One Elafonisis 3.10.

Chiffchaff *Phylloscopus collybita* PM WV

2000: 2 Frangocastello 6.4. Then present in small numbers from 23.10-31.10.

2001: 1 Malia Marsh 3.5. and 1 Agia Reservoir 4.10.

Willow Warbler *Phylloscopus trochilus* PM

2000: April records from 3.4. at Agia Reservoir and 16.4. and Omalos 14.4. and Frangocastello 3.5.

In October heavy return passage with records from 1.10 onwards from Kalives, Armeni, Amouda taverna, Preveli Beach, Katheron Plateau, Agia Reservoir and Elounda and Makrialios until 31.10.

2001: Singles Tersanas Marsh 19.4, below Piso Moni Preveli 26.4. Kakomouri headland, Plakias 26.4. Ag. Triada Monastery 27.4. 1 only Malia Marsh 6.5.

September: Singles Ida Mts 29.9. and Omalso 30.9. Several sightings at El Greco Rethymnon 20.- 30.9.

Goldcrest *Regulus regulus* RB? PM WV

2000: Seen in trees at Rethymnon Fortezza during last week in Oct. Wintering records from Nov-Dec from a variety of sites.

2001: Wintering records from Jan & Feb at several sites. Heard at Xiloskalo Samaria Gorge 30.4. One in Samaria Gorge 5.10.

Firecrest *Regulus ignicapillus* RB? WV?

2000: One Imbros Gorge 17.4. and 3 there 8.5. **2001:** No records.

Spotted Flycatcher *Muscicapa striata*

MB

PM

2000: Recorded from late April with single in Kotsiphos Gorge 30.4. The 30+ at Frangocastello 3.5. the main passage was on 4.5. & 5.5. with hundreds noted everywhere. There were small numbers noted until 9.5.

In June and July there were singles at Rethymnon old road, 6+ with young at Platanes Gorge 2.7. and 2 Samaria Gorge 6.7.

In Oct records from Elinospilios Gorge, Afrata, Maleme war cemetery, Agia Reservoir, Megalopotamos valley, Prevelli, Kalives and Maravi, Akrotiri. until 8.10.

2001: One at Prevelli 4.4. and 2 Frangocastello 9.4. Common throughout west and centre 17.4.-1.5. One Spili 28.4. Singles Tavronitis river 5.5. below Evelpidion Monument 4.5. S of Falasarna 5.5. near Souda Bay Cemetery 7.5, Istro beach 12.5. Then 1-8 regular 2.5.- 16.5. with c.20 Vai beach 13.5. Last record 3 Agia Reservoir 26.6.

In September singles Amari valley 27.9. and at Agia and Maleme in October until 9.10.

Red-breasted Flycatcher *Ficedula parva*

PM

2000 & 2001: No records

Semi-collared Flycatcher *Ficedula semitorquata*

PM

2000 & 2001: No records

Collared Flycatcher *Ficedula albicollis*

PM

2000: Single Frangocastello 6.4. and 18.4. and Kali Sikea 19.4. Small numbers in Kallikratis Gorge 22.4. In July 1 at Adrakos 15.7.

2001: One male Kakomauri headland, Plakias 26.4.

Pied Flycatcher *Ficedula hypoleuca*

PM

2000: Small numbers at Afrata 12.4. then 1-3 daily until 21.4. In May 1-10 passing through Frangocastello until 6.5. Singles seen at Aghios Ioannis, and small numbers at Imbros Gorge, Vai, Stavros, Akrotiri and Agia Reservoir, until 8.5.

2001: First record at Moni Prevelli 8.4. and 1 there 15.4. Common with about 30 sightings in Frangocastello, Chora Sfakion, Anapoli and Aradena 24.5. 10 below Piso Moni Preveli 26.4. 10 near Ag Triada Moni, Akrotiri 27.4. 1 female behind Malia 8.5.

In Autumn 1 female/juv Maleme beach road 30.9. and 1 Tavronitis beach road 7.10.

Bearded Tit *Panurus biarmicus*

WV?

2000 & 2001: No records.

Sombre Tit *Parus lugubris*

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2000 & 2001: No records.

Coal Tit *Parus ater*

PM?

2000: Single Plakias 19.4. and 3 Imbros Gorge 8.5.

2001: 1-2 at Knossos Archaeological site in the conifers 5.5.

Blue Tit *Parus caeruleus*

RB

2000: Common, breeding bird, mainly away from the coast.

2001: 1-2 in lowlands but otherwise recorded as widespread in wooded areas in the uplands, as well as Ida Mts and Omalos Plateau..

Great Tit *Parus major* **RB**

2000 & 2001: Common breeding bird in gardens, olive groves and uplands.

Rock Nuthatch *Sitta neumayer* **AV**

2000 & 2001: No records

Short-toed Treecreeper *Certhia brachydactyla* **RB**

2000: One in wooded valley near Irini Gorge 10.5.

2001: One in Samaria Gorge viewpoint 4.10.

Penduline Tit *Remiz pendulinus* **RB? PM WV**

2000 & 2001: No records.

Golden Oriole *Oriolus oriolus* **PM**

2000: First record with 6 at Selia 18.4. Singles from Psychro on Lassithi 24.4, Malia Marsh 18.4. Phaestos 20.4. and 6+ at Megalopotamos Bridge 25.4.

In May 1-2 at Rodakino 5.5. and 7.5. 4+ Ag. Ioannis 7.5. 2 Vai 5.5. 1 Kato Zakro Gorge 6.5. and 10.5. 1-2 Palekastro 7.5. and Tersanas on the same date.

2001: First record 1 heard in song near Kato Moni Prevelli and 1 male in fig tree below Piso Moni Prevelli 26.4. 2 flying across E65 road bridge Keridis River 29.4. 1 male nr. Maleme 2.5. 1 female S of Falasarna and Aposelemis river 5.5. 1 male Topolia Voulgare 6.5. Pair near beach at Drapanias 16.5.

Isabelline Shrike *Lanius isabellinus* **AV**

2000 & 2001: No records.

Red-backed Shrike *Lanius collurio* **PM**

2000: No records in the Spring. Autumn records from 27.9. one female in garden at Kalives. 2 females on headstones at British War Cemetery, Souda Bay 28.9. 2 females near Kalives 29.9. and at Elinospilios Gorge, Afrata 2.10. and one male above Megalopotamos Prevelli 4.10. and 1 adult Elounda 6.10.

2001: 1 male Vai beach car park 13.5. 1 near Nida Plateau 29.9. and 1 male Maleme 3.10 and 4.10.

Lesser Grey Shrike *Lanius minor* **PM**

2000: One between Kritsa and Katheron plateau in mid/late July, and 1 adult and 1 juvenile at Almyros, Ag Nikolaos 5.10.

2001: No records.

Great Grey Shrike *Lanius excubitor* **AV**

2000 & 2001: No records.

Woodchat Shrike *Lanius senator* **MB PM**

2000: First record from Omalos Plateau 3.4. Then throughout April and May at Agia Reservoir, Gerani, Frangocastello, Rethymnon Fortezza, Kotsiphos Gorge, Neopolis nr Kritsa, Anapolis, Aghios Ioannis, Kallikratis Gorge, Kouremenos Beach, Palekastro, Stavro, Akrotiri, and Tersanas until 15.5.

In **July** One record from Platanes 9.7.

2001: Frequent from 3.4. with the race *badius* which lacks white wing bars common throughout until May. Two Aradena Gorge 27.7. and 1 Omalos Plateau 4.8.

Masked Shrike *Lanius nubicus*

PM?

2000 & 2001: No records

Eurasian Jay *Garrulus glandarius*

RB

2000: Records from Kotsiphos Gorge 20.4. Singles Imbros Gorge 27.4. Omalos Plateau 29.4. One Ag. Ioannis 7.5. and Lake Kournas 10.5. 5 Omalos Plateau 6.5. and 2 there 13.5. In July records from Samaria Gorge 4.7. and from the Kritsa Katheron Plateau in mid/late July.

2001: 2 Irimi Gorge 20.4. 1 south of Imbros village 24.4. 6 across Omalos Plateau 30.4. 1 above Tzermiado Lassithi 8.5. 2 near village Omalos plateau 26.6. and in the mountains in September and Samaria Gorge 5.10.

Alpine Chough *Pyrrhonorax graculus*

RB

2000: No reports. **2001:** c20 Omalos Plateau 6.10.

Chough *Pyrrhonorax pyrrhonorax*

RB

2000: 15 in Samaria Gorge 3.4.1-2 there 14.4. and 3 over Xyloskala 13.5. and 2 over Omalos Plateau 6.5.

In September, 50+ high above Loutro 23.9 and in Oct. 44 on Katheron Plateau 7.10.

2001: 6 near Xiloskala 20.4. and 30.4. 5+ Lassithi 9.5. 2 down at Stalis in May. 15-20 Omalos Plateau 4.10.

Eurasian Jackdaw *Corvus monedula*

RB

2000 & 2001: Records from Kotsiphos Gorge, Moni Prevelli Valley, Kourtaliotiko Gorge, Aghios Ioannis and Zourva. The breeding colony at Morosini Aquaduct just south of Knossos appears to be the largest, using the holes in the walls.

Rook *Corvus frugilegus*

AV

2000 & 2001: No current records.

Hooded Crow *Corvus (corone) cornix*

RB

2000 & 2001: Common and widespread.

Common Raven *Corvus corax*

RB

2000 & 2001: Common in small numbers with 2-8 recorded from all over the island. Flock of 50+ beyond Anogia on way to Nida Plateau 29.9.

Common Starling *Sturnus vulgaris*

PM

WV

2000: Many hundreds in the trees outside Chania covered market 28.9. 12 at Agia Reservoir 2.10 and 12 at Maravi near Minoan ruins 7.10.

2001: 30-40 Tavronitis river mouth pool 7.10. 15+ Agia Reservoir 9.10.

Spotless Starling *Sturnus unicolor*

AV

2000 & 2001: No records

Italian (House) Sparrow *Passer domesticus*

RB

PM

2000 & 2001: Very common breeding bird, throughout the island.

- Spanish Sparrow *Passer hispaniolensis*** **OB** **PM** **WV**
2000: 30+ flocks at Gerani 13.4.-16.4. Small flock in Megalopotamos valley 5.5. 1 Ag. Ioannis 7.5. Seen at Rethymnon old road 1.7.
 In Oct 2 in a garden at Kalives 1.10.
2001: Records from Prasses Gorge, Stavros – Tersanas on Akrotiri peninsula, Aposelemis river and Malia Marsh, but only 1-3 seen up to 15..5.
- Tree Sparrow *Passer montanus*** **RB** **PM?** **WV**
2000: One at Souda Bay cemetery 13.4. Many at Souda Bay cemetery 12.5. 2 Omalos 6.5. One summered singly at Karteros.
 In Sept, 4 in Kalives garden 27.9. Many recorded wintering in early Dec.
2001: Winter visitor, remaining until late April. Singles near Agia Reservoir 9.4. Frangocastello 7.4, Souda Bay cemetery 21.4. 2 had returned to Agia Reservoir 4.10.
- Rock Sparrow *Petronia petronia*** **AV**
2000 & 2001: No records.
- Chaffinch *Fringilla coelebs*** **RB** **PM** **WV**
2000 & 2001: Common breeding bird particularly in olive groves.
- Brambling *Fringilla montifringilla*** **PM** **WV**
2000: Recorded from Lassithi and Omalos plateaux from November to Spring 2001
2001: Winter visitor a few on Lassithi and Omalos Viannou every year.
- European Serin *Serinus serinus*** **RB** **PM** **WV**
2000: Locally Common. Seen at Gerani from 2.4.-5.4. and Souda Bay 7.4. and at Krystalliana on Lassithi 24.4. In May 4+ Ag. Ioannis 5.5. and Vamos 10.5. Souda Bay 12.5. Georgioupolis Lake 14.5. Other records from the NW coast from 3.5. -8.5. and a pair feeding at least one young 11.5.
 In Sept good numbers at Rethymnon, Fortezza 29.9. and a small flock at Agia Reservoir in last week in Oct.
2001: Heard Agia Reservoir 9.4. One in conifers at Ag. Vassilos nr. Kotsiphos Gorge. Recorded from Akrotiri, Souda Bay Cemetery, Ag Triada Moni, Frati, Stalis, Gouves lagoon and Malia Marsh until 15.5.
- Greenfinch *Carduelis chloris*** **RB** **PM** **WV**
2000 & 2001: Common breeding bird in small flocks.
- Goldfinch *Carduelis carduelis*** **RB** **PM** **WV**
2000 & 2001: Common in small flocks in April and May. 100+ Tavronitis beach wood 7.10 was the largest flock reported.
- Siskin *Carduelis spinus*** **PM** **WV**
2000 & 2001: No records.
- Linnet *Carduelis cannabina*** **RB** **PM** **WV**
2000 & 2001: Small flocks in the hills, records Kallikrates Gorge, Frangocastello, Omalos Plateau, Imbros Gorge, Piskokefalo and Platanes. As well as Spili, Kedros fields, Aptera, Askifou, Ag. Nektarios Gorge, Plakias and Nida Plateau..

Common Crossbill <i>Loxia curvirostra</i>	OB	PM	WV
2000 & 2001: No records.			
Trumpeter Finch <i>Bucanetes githagineus</i>	AV		
2000 & 2001: No current records.			
Scarlet Rosefinch <i>Carpodacus erythrinus</i>	AV		
2000 & 2001: No current records.			
Bullfinch <i>Pyrrhula pyrrhula</i>	AV		
2000 & 2001: No current records.			
Hawfinch <i>Coccothraustes coccothraustes</i>		PM	WV?
2000 & 2001: No records.			
Yellowhammer <i>Emberiza citrinella</i>	AV		
2000 & 2001: No current records.			
Cirl Bunting <i>Emberiza cirlus</i>	RB		
2000: No records received. 2001: One heard Myrthios 4.4. and Plakias 9.4. Recorded on Omalos plateau, with 1-5, 20.4 – 6.5. Also near Zourva 22.4, Ag. Ioannis and at Kera Moni 9.5.			
Rock Bunting <i>Emberiza cia</i>		PM	
2000: No records. 2001: Two near Met/Radio Statio on top of Dimitriana 10.10.			
Cinereous Bunting <i>Emberiza cineracea</i>	AV		
2000 & 2001: No current records.			
Ortolan Bunting <i>Emberiza hortulana</i>		PM	
2000: 2 Plakias 21.4. and 5+ Spili 24.4. 2 Kali Sikea 25.4. One Omalos Plateau 13.5. and NW coast 8.5. In July Katheron plateau in late July and Malia 14.10.			
2001: 1 Moni Prevelli 8.4. Spili, Kedros fields, 9.4. Prevelli 16.4. Upper and Lower Monasteries 26.4. Simadiriana S of Falasarna 28.4. and between Lakki and Omalos 30.4 and Lassithi plateau 9.5. Also reported to be common breeding in the Asterousas Mts in the south.			
Cretzschmar's Bunting <i>Emberiza caesia</i>	OB	PM	
2000 & 2001: No records.			
Yellow-breasted Bunting <i>Emberiza aureola</i>	AV		
2000 & 2001 : No current records.			
Reed Bunting <i>Emberiza schoeniclus</i>		PM	WV
2000 & 2001: No records.			
Black-headed Bunting <i>Emberiza melanocephala</i>	FB	PM	
2000: One male at Tersanas Marsh 4.5. & 8.5. 2001: No records.			
Corn Bunting <i>Miliaria calandra</i>	RB	PM	WV
2000: Locally common in rural areas near rough or cereal fields. Records from Imbros, Frangocastello, Plakias, west of Selia, and Lassithi plateau.			

2001: Frequent Winter flocks and singing males from 3.4. Common around Plakias and especially Frangocastello, other records from Askifou, Imbros, Prassies, Apostoli, Spili, Kotsiphos Gorge, Falasarna and Omalos and Lassithi plateau as well as Lakki, Vamos and on Akrotiri at Drapanos.

MAMMALS

Eastern Hedgehog *Erinaceus concolor* 2 seen as road kills in May. **2001**

Greater White-toothed Shrew *Crocidura russula* One dead in Plakias April **2000**

Ship Rat *Rattus rattus* **2001**

Weasel *Mustela nivalis* One on Lassithi **2000**

Beech Marten *Martes fiona* Dead on road April **2000**. Seen at Malia Marsh and as road kills in May. **2001**

House Mouse *Mus musculus* **2001**. Was this a Cretan Spiny Mouse as House Mouse is not recorded. May

AMPHIBIANS

Green Toad *Bufo viridis* One dead near Plakias April **2000**

Common Tree Frog *Hyla arborea* Agia reservoir April **2000**

Cretan Marsh Frog *Rana cretensis* April **2000**

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Stripe-necked Terrapin *Mauremys caspica* April **2000**

Balkan Green Lizard *Lacerta trilineata* Common April **2000**

Dice Snake *Natrix tessellata* Agia reservoir April **2000**

Cat Snake one in hills below Lassithi Plateau **2000**

BUTTERFLIES – Order follows “The Butterflies of Greece” Pamperis 1997

Swallowtail *Papilio machaon* April **2000**

Scarce Swallowtail *Iphiclides podalirius* April and May **2000** and **2001**

Cretan Festoon *Z. cerisyi f. cretica* April **2000**

Large White April and May **2000** and **2001**

Small White *Pieris rapae* April **2000** and May **2001**

Clouded Yellow *Colias crocea* April and May **2000** and **2001**

Cleopatra *Gonepteryx cleopatra* April **2000** and May **2001**

Mountain Dappled White *Euchloe ausonia* April **2000**

Southern Comma *Polygonia egea* April **2001**

Painted Lady *Vanessa cardui* April **2000**. April and May **2001** 5-10,000 butterflies on 3.5. near Plakias all heading N. after 3 days of strong wind. Even larger numbers along N coast Petres Gorge 4.5. all flying N out to sea.

Red Admiral *Vanessa atalanta* April **2000**. April, May and October **2001**
Southern Speckled Wood *Pararge aegeria* April **2000** and **2001**
Wall Brown *Lasiommata megera* April and May **2001**
Small Copper *Lycaena phlaeas* April **2000** and **2001**
Holly Blue *Celastrina argiolus* April **2000** and **2001**
Brown Argus *Aricia agestis* April **2000**
Common Blue *Polyommatus icarus* April **2000** and **2001**
Lulworth Skipper *Thymelicus acteon* April **2001**

INSECTS

Egyptian Grasshopper *Anacridium aegyptian* April **2001**
Hungarian Grasshopper *Acrida ungarica* April **2000** and **2001**
Red and Black Shield Bug *Graphosoma italicum* April **2000** and **2001**
Cretan Soldier beetle *Lygaeus saxatilis*. April **2000**
Violet Carpenter Bee *Xylocopa violacea* April **2000** and **2001**
7 spot Ladybird *Coccinella 7-punctata* April and May **2000** and **2001**
2 spot Ladybird April **2000**
Hornet sp. One on 17.4. **2000** & October **2001**.
Pine Processionary Moth Caterpillars *Thaumethopoea pityocampa* **2000** and **2001**

OTHER TAXA

Cretan Door Snail *Albinaria inflata* Common on rocks
Banded Snail *Ceriuella virgata* Common on plants.

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