

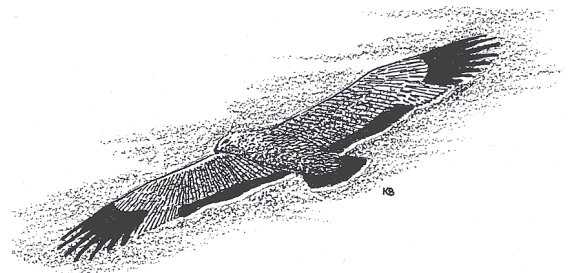
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Introduction to Crete Bird Report 1998

Thank you to all those who have spared time to send in reports of their sightings. It is all helping to give us a better picture of the birds on the island of Crete.

Denis Townsend has worked hard collating all the records you have sent in. Many thanks again to him for all his hard work without which this report would not appear. Please help him by submitting any further records in the order used in this report. Any records of weather and other reports of mammals, butterflies and moths and amphibians and reptiles recorded, preferably with sites are also very useful.

Weather:

The winter weather was mild until early May when there was a period of cool wet weather but then the summer settled down to the usual hot dry season. The Autumn and Winter did not have any exceptional weather which affected bird numbers.

Names and spelling:

Many more place names are appearing in the text and we have refer you to the Nelles Verlag 1: 200,000 which hopefully agree with the spelling we have used.

Illustrations:

Many thanks to Ken Baldrige for his illustrations which we have used in this report.

The Bird List follows the order in "The Birds of Greece" Handrinos/Akriotis.1997.

**R – resident, PM - passage migrant. AV- accidental vagrant, V- vagrant , SV-summer visitor, WV- winter visitor,
STATUS: rare, scarce, common, locally common, introduced.**

LITTLE GREBE *Tachybaptus ruficollis*

R PM

Winter -Spring : max 35 Bramiana reservoir 1.1. 45 Agia reservoir 5.4 down to 9 by 17.4. also recorded Lake Kournas , Georgioupolis lake, Thrapsano pool and Plakiotissa Dam. A pair bred at Georgioupolis lake and there were several pairs with young at Agia reservoir in August. Large numbers in October with 80 at Bramiana reservoir, 20 Georgioupolis lake and 10 Lake Kournas.

GREAT CRESTED GREBE *Podiceps cristatus*

rare WV

No records this year.

BLACK-NECKED GREBE *Podiceps nigricollis*

WV PM

Small numbers in January at Bramiana reservoir, Thrapsano Pool and Sitia . Many at Bramiana reservoir 4.4. 3 at Lake Kournas 10.4.
Up to 20 Bramiana reservoir 16.10. down to 3 by 31.10.

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CORY'S SHEARWATER *Colonectris diomedea* SV PM
Only small numbers offshore April- early May. First large flock 200 Agios Nikolaos 12.5. A few records in Autumn from Falasarna, Ierapetra and Dia.



MEDITERRANEAN SHEARWATER *Puffinus yelkouan* PM
Recorded from late March. Max: 31 in the Gulf of Mirabello.

CORMORANT *Phalacrocorax carbo* WV PM
Small numbers up to 13.5. max. 8 Elounda 21.4.
Winter: 32 Iraklion 10.1. 17 Tombrook 31.1. 26 Iraklion 25.12. Also recorded Hersonisos, Malia, Aposelemis river, Gioforos, Hania, Vai and Bramiana reservoir.

SHAG *Phalacrocorax aristotellus* rare V R
1 Tersanas 4.4. 2 Stamia beach 2.5. A single Falasarna 30.9.

PYGMY CORMORANT *Phalacrocorax pygmeus* V
Up to 2 Power Station from 10.1. – 19.1. 2 also there 18.3. (J&CH).

WHITE PELICAN *Pelacanus onocrotalus* introduced R
An adult with 2 juveniles Paleohora harbour 15.10. (M&FM).

BITTERN *Botaurus stellaris* rare PM
A single Agia reservoir 18.5.

LITTLE BITTERN *Ixobrychus minutus* PM
First Elounda 15.4. then singles April to May at Agia reservoir, Damnoni, Aposelemis river, Petres river and Gouves.
Autumn: 2 Bramiana reservoir 2.10.

NIGHT HERON *Nycticorax nycticorax* PM
A single Aposelemis 12.2. 11 Power Station 18.3. Singles and small groups April to mid May at Elounda salt pans, Georgiopolis lake, Agia reservoir, Bramiana reservoir, Aposelemis river, Kato Horio, Kato Metohi, Lake Kournas, and Plakias. Also up to 2.6. at Makrigialos, Ierapetra, Kato Zakros and Thrapsano Pool.
Autumn: 25 Hersonisos 7.9. rising to 50 on 21.9. 2 Georgiopolis lake 29.9.

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SQUACCO HERON *Ardeola ralliodes* **PM**
First Makrighalos 27.3. Then 1-5 throughout April and early May at 14 sites. Singles up to 17.6 at Makrighalos, Elounda, Thrapsano Pool, Bramiana reservoir, Skinias, Karteros, Georgiopolis lake, Geropotamos Bridge, Plakiotissa Dam, Agia Reservoir. Autumn: Small numbers in August at Aposelemis, Bramiana reservoir and 8 Georgiopolis mid Sept. A single at Bramiana reservoir 2.10.

CATTLE EGRET *Bubulcus ibis* **rare V**
5 at three sites in Jan. 3 most days Makrighalos 29.1 to 11.3. 2 near Georgiopolis lake 13.4. A single at Georgiopolis Lake 23.5.

LITTLE EGRET *Egretta garzetta* **PM**
1-2 in January, Iraklion, Elounda and Sitia. Then common at many sites from 18.3. max. 38 at Almyros 9.4. 16 Bramiana reservoir 24.4. 25 Plakias to 3.5. Small numbers in June.
Autumn: Increasing in September with 100 mid month. 5 Bramiana reservoir 2.10. One with a black tail and edges to its wings.

GREAT WHITE EGRET *Egretta alba* **rare PM**
Singles Gulf of Korfos 28.4. Tersanas pool 6.5. Thrapsano Pool 26.9.-3.10.

GREY HERON *Ardea cinerea* **PM**
Recorded at 25 sites April and early May. Max. 8 Bramiana reservoir 6.4. 27 at Aghia Gallini 8.4. Groups of up to 18 Makrighalos 8.4. 12 Agia reservoir 27.4. and 17 at roost Thrapsano Pool 19.5. where one stayed all summer.
Autumn: 7 Bramiana reservoir 4.10 and 66 Georgiopolis lake 10.10.

PURPLE HERON *Ardea purpurea* **PM**
First Aposelemis river 23.3. Mainly singles in April at Zakros Gorge, Gouves, Agia reservoir, Almyros, Plaka, Limnes, Bramiana reservoir, Georgiopolis lake, Tersanas, Sitia and Thrapsano pool. Only large numbers 16 Makrighalos 6.4. and 6 Plakiotissa Dam 27.4.
Autumn: 13 Georgiopolis lake, mid Sept. and 10 there 10.10.

BLACK STORK *Ciconia nigra* **rare PM**
A single Thrapsano Pool 3.10.(J&CH).

WHITE STORK (*Ciconia ciconia*) **rare PM**
A single Stavros 11.4.(RDW) and 2 Agia reservoir 6.10(CH).

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GLOSSY IBIS *Plegadis falcinellus* **PM**
 Spring passage end of April to early May. Recorded at 14 sites. Max. 24 Zofori 29.3.
 28 Agia Triada 14.4. 4 Bramiana reservoir 16.4, 10 Shonia 20.4. 7 Malia 12.5.
 Autumn: 2 Georgiopolis lake mid Sept. A single Bramiana reservoir 2.- 4.10.

GREATER FLAMINGO *Phoenicopterus ruber* **rare PM**
 A single Elounda 4.4., 17.4. and 17.6. 3 Bramiana reservoir 4.4.
 Autumn: 1 Bramiana reservoir late August and also 3.10.
 Winter: 1 Vai 14.12.

MUTE SWAN *Cygnus olor* **accidental V**
 No records in 1998

GREYLAG GOOSE *Anser anser* **rare WV**
 5 Bramiana reservoir 4.10.

RED – BREASTED GOOSE *Branta ruficollis* **V**
 1 over Iraklion harbour 15.1. (MD)

SHELDUCK *Tadorna tadorna* **V**
 1 Bramiana reservoir 16.4. and 20.4. (J&CH & JT).

WIGEON *Anas penelope* **WV**
 10 Bramiana reservoir 4.4. and 31.10. Winter max: 95 Bramiana reservoir 1.1.

GADWALL *Anas strepera* **rare WV**
 2 Shonia and Georgiopolis lake 7.4.

TEAL *Anas crecca* **WV**
 Groups of 150 offshore Makrigialos 11.3. 4 Bramiana reservoir 4.4.
 Winter Max: 594 Bramiana reservoir 1.1.

MALLARD *Anas platyrhynchos* **R PM**
 2 to 5 Bramiana reservoir and Agia reservoir during April. 5 Agia reservoir 6.5.
 Winter max: 51 Bramiana reservoir 31. 10. and 47 there 1.1.

PINTAIL *Anas acuta* **WV PM**
 20 off Makrigialos 11.3. 1 Aposelemis river 17.3 and 21.3. 3 Power Station 18.3. A
 single Kokkini Hani 2.5. 16 Bramiana reservoir 31.10.
 Winter max. 26 Bramiana reservoir 1.1.

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GARGANEY *Anas querquedula* **PM**
2 Power Station 19.1 then recorded 12.3. to 13.5. Aposelemis river, Bramiana reservoir, Makrighalos (Max. 400 to 13.4.) Agia reservoir (Max: 78, on 5.4.) Plakias (Max: 130, on 15.4) Thrapsano Pool (Max: 51 on 1.4.)
Small numbers at Elounda, Tersanas Pool, Chania and Shonia.
Autumn: Small numbers at Thrapsano pool, Bramiana reservoir and Agia reservoir, in September and October.

SHOVELER *Anas clypeata* **rare WV rare PM**
5 Bramiana reservoir 1.1. Up to 5 Thrapsano pool in April and early May. 2 Langarda 12.3. 2 Thrapsano pool 18.12.

RED-CRESTED POCHARD *Netta rufina* **rare WV**
1 Agia reservoir 4.10.(CH)

POCHARD *Aythya ferina* **WV**
Only recorded at Bramiana reservoir with maximum of 620 on 1st January. In Autumn 120 there on 2.10. 200 on the 16.10. and 550 on the 31.10.

FERRUGINOUS DUCK *Aythya nyroca* **rare WV PM**
2 Bramiana reservoir 1.1. (C&JH). 5 there 30.10. A single Agia reservoir 5.4. and up to 6 there 6.10.

TUFTED DUCK *Aythya fuligula* **rare WV PM**
19 Bramiana reservoir 1.1. and 5 on 30.10.

HONEY BUZZARD *Pernis apivorus* **PM**
A single Zakros Gorge 2.-3.4. 3 Limnes 19.4. Singles on Mt Youchtas 21.4. Rodakino 16.5. and Lakki 9.8.

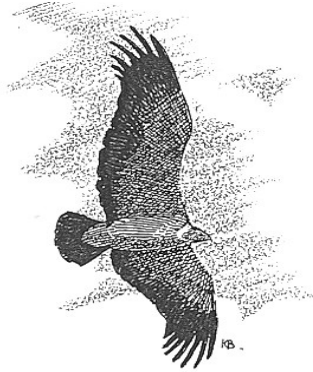
BLACK KITE *Milvus migrans* **rare/scarce WV PM**
Singles Rethymnon Bay 10.4. Elounda 11.4. near Temenia flying N 16.4. and 25.4. Therisso 7.5. Paleokasiro in May. In Autumn one at Bramiana reservoir 4.10.

BEARDED VULTURE/LAMMERGEIER *Gypaetus barbatus* **R**
Recorded Agios Ioannis, Frati, Kera/Avdou Gorge, Selinari, Heardos, Plakias, Kourtaliotiko Gorge, Dikti, Agios Georgios, Fodele, Lassithi, Rethimnon and Kalergi Hut.

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EGYPTIAN VULTURE *Neophron percnopterus* **rare** **PM**
A single between Spili and Kedros 9.4.(PJW) 1 Plaka 15.4. and Tzermiado 19.4.
(DS)

GRIFFON VULTURE *Gyps fulvus* **R**
Common in mountains and gorges. Highest counts 30 Selinari Gorge 5.6. and 25
there 26.12. 30 Lassithi 27.10.



SHORT-TOED EAGLE *Circaetos gallicus* **poss WV** **PM**
Singles: Spinalonga 11.4.- 19.4., Mouzouras 14.4. and Spili 28.10.

MARSH HARRIER *Circus aeruginosus* **rare WV** **PM**
Spring passage: 21.3. to 14.5. mainly 1-2 at 25 sites.
Max: 3 Vai 5.4.
Autumn passage: 5 Hania 21.9. Singles Georgioupolis lake 21.9. and Agia reservoir
4.10.

HEN HARRIER *Circus cyaneus* **rare WV** **PM**
Winter: Singles Pilalimata 22.1 and Langarda 23.2.
Spring: 5.4. to 20.4. mainly singles at Agios Ioannis Point, Kidaria, Shonia, 2
Azokeramos 19.4.

PALLID HARRIER *Circus macrourus* **rare PM in April.**
Singles: Tersanas pool 5.- 7.4.(RDW), Shonia 7.-8.4.(C&JH), Elounda 14.4.,
Plaka(DS), Kedros foothills 16.4.(Honeyguide).

MONTAGU'S HARRIER *Circus pygarrus* **scarce PM in April.**
Singles Agia Triada 6.4. Stavros 11.4. Georgioupolis lake 19.4. Elounda and Kato
Vathia 27.4.

GOSHAWK *Accipiter gentilis* **PM** **WV**
Singles: Kamares Gorge 27.3. Elounda 27.4. and in Autumn Kera/Avdou Gorge
21.9. Petrokefali 24.10. and near Rethymnon 28.10.

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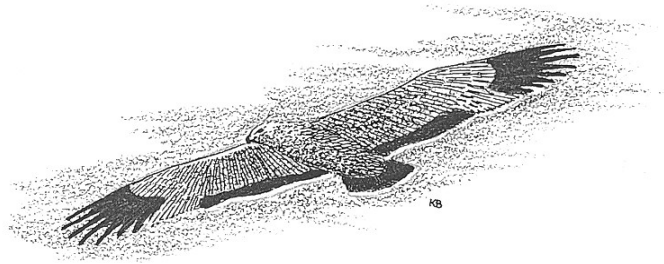
SPARROWHAWK *Accipiter nisus* **R** **PM**
 Recorded at 18 sites 7.4. to 7.5. mainly singles except for a pair Elounda 10.4.
 Autumn: 1 near Ierapetra 26.9. and Tersata , west of Mirtos 4.10.

BUZZARD *Buteo buteo* **R**
 Common and widespread.

LONG-LEGGED BUZZARD *Buteo rufinus* **rare** **PM**
 Singles behind Langarda 29.3. and Elounda 9.4. Nikifordian 23.4. Omalos 6.5. and
 Aposelemis river 3.9.

STEPPE EAGLE *Aquila rapox* **V**
 A first winter bird north of Tsoutsouros Jan-Feb (MD).

IMPERIAL EAGLE *Aquila heliaca* **V**
 An immature over Petrokefoli nr Phaestos 24.10. (MD) & (KB).



GOLDEN EAGLE *Aquila chrysaetos* **R**
 Recorded at 23 sites an increase on previous years.

BOOTED EAGLE *Hieraetus pennatus* **R** **PM** **WV**
 One below the Pines at Rethymnon 8.4. Singles Agia Triada 14.4., Elounda –Plaka
 area 13. –21.4.
 Omalos 25.4. Maleme 6.5. Gouves 9.5.
 Autumn: 1 Georgioupolis lake 21.9. and 1 Vori 29.9.

BONELLI'S EAGLE *Hieraetus fasciatus* **R**
 A single between Spili to Kedros 9.4.
 Two Imbros Gorge 11.4. and 20.4. also Kalamavka area 20.4. otherwise singles at
 Rodakino 20.4. Kaxare, Asfendos 7.10. and Bramiana reservoir 31.10.

OSPREY *Pandion haliaetus* **rare WV rare PM**
 Singles Spinalonga 11.4. and Plakias 15.4.

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LESSER KESTREL *Falco naumanni* **R? WV? PM**
More records than most years. 7 Phaestos 2.4., 2 pairs Zakros Gorge 3.4. Singles Vai, Therasionis Gorge, Elounda, Sitia, Phaestos during April. Up to 3 Aposelemis river 26.-28.4. and 2 Havgas 18.6.

KESTREL *Falco tinnunculus* **R**
Common and widespread.

RED-FOOTED FALCON *Falco vespertinus* **PM**
First record a single Elounda 12.4. 3 there 13.4. then small numbers at 14 sites 22.4. to 16.5. Higher numbers 16 Aposelemis river 26.4. and Agia Triada 12.5.
Autumn: A single Makrigialos 5.10.

MERLIN *Falco columbarius* **rare PM WV?**
No records this year.

HOBBY *Falco subbuteo* **scarce PM**
Singles Toplou 8.4. Agia Triada 14.4. Power Station 15.4. Elounda 28.4. Thrapsano 7.5. and 10.5.
Autumn: 1 Kalergi Hut 9.5. Agia Fotia 29.9. Bramiana reservoir 4.10. Thrapsano Pool 8.10.

ELEANORA'S FALCON *Falco eleonora* **SV**
Recorded 16.4. to 1.11. Small numbers until May then largest counts 15 Gournes 15.5. 13 Kastelli 21.5. 11 Bramiana reservoir 28.8. Very large numbers over Dia 1.9. Up to 22 Bramiana reservoir 4.10. and 5 Omalos 26.10.

LANNER *Falco biarmicus* **scarce R**
A single in the Oxa Mountains 23.4. and another Falasarna 30.9.

PEREGRINE *Falco peregrinus* **PM R**
Present throughout the year and reported at 14 sites. A pair with young Petres Gorge 10.5. and another pair at Rodopos 12.8.

CHUKAR *Alectoris chukar* **R**
Records from Agios Ioannis where 6 reported, Moni Prevelli, Hrissoskalitissos, Idia cave, Asfendas Gorge and Kalergi Hut 9.8. and 11 other sites.

QUAIL *Coturnix coturnix* **PM**
First 4 near Langarda 5.4. then singles on Mount Youchtas 9.4., Stavros 10. – 12..4. and 16.4. Elounda April and Aposelemis river 8.5.

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- PHEASANT *Phasianus colchicus* **introduced**
 1 calling Aposelemis river 8.5. (GO).
- WATER RAIL *Rallus aquaticus* **R PM WV**
 Singles Power Station 14.4. Agia reservoir 5.4., 14.4., 16.4. and 6.10.
 Winter: Singles Malia Jan, Feb, and Nov up to 3 Aposelemis river 14.1. 2 Kato Zakros 21.1. Singles Almyros 1.11. and Aposelemis river 7.12.
- SPOTTED CRAKE *Porzana porzana* **rare PM**
 A single Almyros marsh 10.4. (DS)
- LITTLE CRAKE *Porzana parva* **scarce WV PM**
 Singles Zakros Gorge 3.4. and 19.4. Almyros marsh 10.4. 2 Elounda 11.4. Up to 5 Agia reservoir 5.4. to 17.4. 3 there 1.5.
- BAILLON'S CRAKE *Porzana pusilla* **rare PM**
 No records in 1998
- MOORHEN *Gallinula chloropus* **R PM**
 On most waters throughout the year. Very common on Spring passage during April.
 Max: Georgioupolis lake 50 on 12.4. 130 at Agia reservoir 5.4. rising to 150 by 16.4.
 20 still there 8.5. 4 adults and 10 immatures Georgioupolis lake 16.10.
- COOT *Falica atra* **breeding R WV**
 Records from 16 sites.
 Main Winter/Autumn counts: Bramiana reservoir 2436 1.1.
 586 29.8
 400 16.10
 1680 30.10.
- CRANE *Grus grus* **rare PM**
 A single Langarda 24.3. (M&FM)
- OYSTERCATCHER *Haematopus ostralegus* **rare PM**
 2 Souda Bay 6.4. to 8.4. A single there 10.4. (RDW).
- BLACK-WINGED STILT *Himantopus himantopus* **PM**
 First Aposelemis river 12.3. and present until 24.5. at 20 sites including Bramiana reservoir, Elounda, Agia reservoir, Thrapsano Pool, Tersanas, Skoutelonas river and Souda Bay. Mainly 1-3 birds but 7 Thrapsano Pool 13.4. and 5 Tersanas Pool on the same date.

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STONE CURLEW *Burhinus oedicephalus* **breeding SV PM**
 Singles Langarda 2.4. Rethymnon beach 9.4. Gerani beach 17.4. Aposelemis river
 14.5. 3 Souda bay 6.4. and Malia 12.5. reported as breeding beside the runway at
 Iraklion airport. (MD).

COLLARED PRATINCOLE *Glareola pratincola* **scarce PM**
 Singles Elounda Saltpans 10.-24.4. and 4 there 25.4.(DS).
 Plakias 20.4. and Aposelemis river 27.4.

LITTLE RINGED PLOVER *Charadrius dubius* **rare WV breeding SV PM**
 First record 12.3. Main reports during the first week in April but no large
 concentrations. Max: 8 Aposelemis river 23.4. Then recorded at the usual coastal
 sites in small numbers.

RINGED PLOVER *Charadrius hiaticola* **PM**
 2 Platanos river 10.4. Singles Elounda 12.4. and 23.4. also Plakias 20.4. 2 Aposelemis
 river 7. - 8.5. 1 Agia reservoir 8.5. 2 Georgiopolis lake 13.10.

KENTISH PLOVER *Charadrius alexandrinus* **rare WV rare PM**
 A single Elounda 14.4.- 15.4.(DS).

GREATER SAND PLOVER *Charadrius leschenaultii* **V**
 A single Elafonisi 16.1. First Winter record (MD)

DOTTEREL *Charadrius morinellus* **V**
 No records this year

GOLDEN PLOVER *Pluvialis apricaria* **V**
 No records this year

GREY PLOVER *Pluvialis squatarola* **V WV**
 1 Elounda 26.4. - 28.4. 3 Malia 12.5.

KNOT *Calidris canutus* **V**
 1 Thrapsano Pool 27.4. (MD & J&CH & SC)

SANDERLING *Calidris alba* **PM**
 A single immature Falasarna (CH).
 and an exhausted bird Makrigialos 4.10. (M&RB)

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LITTLE STINT *Calidris minuta* **WV** **PM**
 Records 10.3. to 29.5. with small numbers at 14 sites. Maximum: 19 Elounda 12.4. 7
 Thrapsano pool 7.5. and 10 Agia reservoir 29.5.

TEMMINCK'S STINT *Calidris temmincki* **scarce** **PM**
 Singles Elounda 27.4. and Aposelemis river 28.4., Kisamos 1.-2.5. 3 Aposelemis
 river 7.5. and 2 there 8.5.

CURLEW SANDPIPER *Calidrius ferruginea* **PM**
 Singles Karavopetra 8.4. and Elounda 17.4. to 28.4. 3 at Agia reservoir 29.5. and 1
 there 9.8.

DUNLIN *Calidris alpina* **WV** **PM**
 A single Thrapsano Pool 18.1. and 30.4. 1 Elounda 14.4. 3 Bramiana reservoir 2.10.
 12 there 4.10.

RUFF *Philomachus pugnax* **PM**
 Recorded from 13.3. to 27.5. at 16 sites, mainly 1-3 Max: 35 Thrapsano Pool 29.3., 12
 Vai 5.4., 8 Elounda 17.4. and Agia reservoir 18.4. A male in breeding plumage
 Thrapsano Pool 7.5.
 Autumn:
 2 Bramiana reservoir 4.10. 1-2 Agia reservoir and Georgiopolis lake 4.10.-13.10.

JACK SNIFE *Lymnocyrtus minimus* **rare WV** **PM**
 No records in 1998

SNIFE *Gallinago gallinago* **WV** **PM**
 Winter: 2 Power Station 10.1. and Malia 17.1. also 11.2. 3 Thrapsano pool 18.1.
 Small numbers during April, mainly singles from 3.4. at Zakros Gorge, Lake Kournas,
 Tersanas marsh, Souda Bay. A few Agia reservoir in October and 2 Bramiana
 reservoir 16.10.

GREAT SNIFE *Gallinago media* **WV** **PM**
 No records in 1998.

BLACK-TAILED GODWIT *Limosa limosa* **rare WV** **rare PM**
 No records in 1998

WHIMBREL *Numenius phaeopus* **rare PM**
 A single Stavros 4.4. and Elounda 5.4. 5 Frangocastello 20.4.

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CURLEW *Numenius arquata* **WV** **rare PM**
Single Stavros 4.-8.4. and Elounda 8.4.

SPOTTED REDSHANK *Tringa erythropus* **PM**
First 5 Makrigialos 16.3. then singles Thrapsano pool 29.3. and 9.5. Bramiana reservoir 4.4. Elounda 20.4. Tersanas Marsh 8.5.
Autumn: 1 Georgiopolis lake mid- Sept.

REDSHANK *Tringa totanus* **WV** **PM**
Singles Karteros 18.3., Kokkinos Pirgos 27.3. Aposelemis river late March and to 14.5. Recorded Elounda, and Tersanas pool during April.
Winter: 1 Karteros 23.10. up to 4 Heraklion Jan and Feb. 1 there 25.12. and 27.12.

MARSH SANDPIPER *Tringa stagnatilis* **PM**
Singles Elounda 17.3. Limnes 18.3. Thrapsano pool 1.4. and Shonia 7.-8.4.

GREENSHANK *Tringa nebularia* **PM**
7 Limnes 8.3. 1-3 during April to early May at Karavopetra, Thrapsano pool, Aposelemis river, Souda, Agia reservoir, Malia, Bramiana reservoir, Lake Kournas, Platanos, Kisamos and Tersanas.
Autumn: Singles Thrapsano pool 21.8. and 26.9. Aposelemis river 3.9. and Agia reservoir 6.10.

GREEN SANDPIPER *Tringa ochropus* **WV** **PM**
First record : 1 Makrigialos 16.3. then 1-2 at 13 sites until 10.5. Max: 6 Plakias 30.4.
Autumn: 10 Thrapsano pool 30.7. up to 20 there by 21.8 only 1 by 25.8.
30 Aposelemis river 24.8.

WOOD SANDPIPER *Tringa glareola* **PM**
Records from 1.4. to 31.5. at 22 sites daily singles but 6 Vai 5.4. 7 Aposelemis river 23.4. 11 Elounda 26.4. 17 Thrapsano pool 17.5.
Autumn: Present Thrapsano pool 1.7.-26.9. in small numbers. A maximum of 68 Bramiana reservoir 27.8. was unusual. Singles Georgiopolis lake, Agia reservoir and Bramiana reservoir up to 4.10.

COMMON SANDPIPER *Actitis hypoleucos* **WV** **PM**
Common in small numbers from 27.3. to mid May at 25 sites. Max: 9 Elounda 24.4. up to 4 Souda in April.
2 Georgiopolis lake 29.9. Winter: Singles Almyros 3.1. Thrapsano pool 8.1. Elounda 20.1. Heraklion 14.2. 2 Almyros 1.11.

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- SANDWICH TERN *Sterna sandvicensis* **PM**
Up to 10 Iraklion 21.3. 1 Aposelemis river 21.3. and 5 Ierapetra 6.4. 2 Souda Bay
6.4.-9.4. Max. of 5 Elounda - Kolikitha 17.4. 1 Macrialos, near Koutsouras 30.8.-6.9.
Winter: 5 Ierapetra 1.1. 2 Power Station 9.1. 22 Iraklion 10.1. and Anisaras 13.2.
- COMMON TERN *Sterna hirundo* **PM**
A single Elounda 22.4. (DS)
- LITTLE TERN *Sterna albifrons* **PM**
A single Elounda 26.-27.4. (DS)
- WHISKERED TERN *Chlidonias hybridus* **PM**
First 1 Elounda 25.4. 8 Thrapsano pool 27.4. when a single Agia reservoir. Singles Ini
and Thrapsano pool to 10.5. and a single Iraklion harbour.
Summer: 1 Thrapsano pool 1.7.
Autumn: Singles Agia reservoir 4.10. and Thrapsano pool 8.10.
- BLACK TERN *Chlidonias niger* **PM**
13 Bramiana reservoir 26.4. A 'flock' Agia reservoir 27.4.
- WHITE-WINGED BLACK TERN *Chlidonias leucopterus* **PM**
Single Elounda between 13.4. and 22.4. 1 Agia reservoir 22.4. 2 Bramiana reservoir
26.4. 2 Skinias reservoir, 7 Ini 27.4. 2 Thrapsano pool and Plakiotissa Dam all on
27.4. Singles Thrapsano pool 7.5. and Agia reservoir 29.5.
- ROCK DOVE *Columba livia* **R**
Small numbers Kourtaliootiko gorge, Plakias, Moni Vrandissi, Aghia Galini,
Monastiraki, Gournia, Makrigialos, Max: 7 Kato Zakros gorge 3.4.
- STOCK DOVE *Columba oenas* **PM**
5 south of Rethymnon 8.4. (KB).
- WOOD PIGEON *Columba palumbus* **R**
Small numbers recorded as 21 sites between 4.4. and 26.10.
- COLLARED DOVE *Streptopelia decaocto* **R**
Recorded at over 24 sites throughout the year mainly in built-up areas.
- TURTLE DOVE *Streptopelia turtur* **PM**
Widespread from 16.4 to 3.9. Max: 8 Kato Pines 23.4. and 6 Aposelemis river 23.4.

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- RUFOUS TURTLE DOVE *Streptopelia orientalis* **V**
 One Elasa islet 2.5. is only the second record for Crete. (MD).
- CUCKOO *Cuculus canorus* **PM**
 First Vorizia 27.3. Singles Phaestos 2.4. and Prinas 4.4. also Agia Triada 11.4. and 13.4. A 'red phase' bird Kedros foothills 16.4. 2 Plakias 19.4. 3 Akrotiri 23.4. and 1 Lake Kournas 30.4.
- BARN OWL *Tyto alba* **R**
 Recorded Aghia Galini, Plakias, Lissos, Galatas(dead), Georgioupolis lake, Gournes and Zaros.
- SCOPS OWL *Otus scops* **SV** **R**
 Records from Zaros, Zakros Gorge, Agia Deka, Monasteraki, Imbros, Agios Ioannis, Elounda, Knossos, Temenia, Agia Georgios, Perivolia, Kia Gorge and Kamilari.
- LITTLE OWL *Athene noctua* **V** **rare** **R**
 One Kalo Horio 22.6. (C&JH).
- NIGHTJAR *Caprimulgus europaeus* **SV** **PM**
 Heard at Tersanas 11.5. and 17.5.
- SWIFT *Apus apus* **SV** **PM**
 First Agia reservoir 5.4. then common until 4.9. Late records 2 Bramiana reservoir 4.10 and Georgioupolis lake 12.10.
- PALLID SWIFT *Apus pallidus* **SV** **PM**
 One Platanes river 10.4. 4 prospecting eaves in Rethymnon 13.4.
 Autumn: Up to 10 Chania harbour 13.8. Present Georgioupolis lake 19.8.
- ALPINE SWIFT *Apus melba* **SV** **PM**
 Common from 27.3. to 21.9. Max: 300 Aghia Gallini 17.4.
 Autumn: 200 Georgioupolis lake 16.9. rising to 550 by 21.9. 30 Agia reservoir 4.10. and 50 Knossos 25.10.
- KINGFISHER *Alcedo atthis* **WV** **PM**
 Spring: Singles Petres Gorge 8.4. Agia reservoir 5.4. – 7.4., Kato Zakros 26.4. Aghia Galini 28.4.
 Autumn: 1 Georgioupolis lake 19.8. Common from late Sept throughout the Winter.

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- BLUE-CHEEKED BEE-EATER *Merops supercilliosus* **V**
 One Geropotamus near Agia Triada 12.4. (SVM) and Plakias 3.5.(MH).
- BEE-EATER *Merops apiaster* **SV** **PM**
 Two flocks of 33 and 20 at Elounda on 7.4. First indications of a heavy passage until mid May with records from over 20 sites. Max: 50 over Ag. Ioannis 12.4. Krissoskolitissos 2.5. 20 Ano Rodokino 3.5. 20 Kato Zakros 5.5. 40 Malia Marsh 12.5. A few Plakias 17.5.
 Autumn: 6 Zakros, 2 Paleokastro and Sitia 29.9. several flocks over Plakias 2.10.
- ROLLER *Caracias garrulus* **rare** **PM**
 Singles Plaka 11.-12.4. Aposioli 9.5. and Aposelemis river 14.5. and 24.8.
- HOOPOE *Upupa epops* **SV?** **PM**
 Records at many sites 15.3. to 21.5. Mainly singles but 2 Krotos 28.3. Up to 3 Tersanas Pond 4.4. 11 during April around Elounda (DS). 3 Kapsi Monastery 6.4. Autumn: 2 Spilia 1.8. a single Bramiana reservoir 28.8. Hersonisos 7.9. and Malia 21.9. 3 Georgioupolis lake in mid Sept .
- WRYNECK *Jynx torquilla* **SV** **PM**
 1-2 reported Mesa Lassithaki 10.4. Lassithi 12.4. Kalamavka 20.4. Tzermiado 22.4. Krystalenia 22.4. Agios Georgios 23.4. 3 Mesa Lassithaki 22.4. Agia Irini and Kera/Avdou Gorge up to 5.6. also 6.7. and 10.7.
 Autumn: 1 Kera Avdou Gorge 21.9.
- CALANDRA LARK *Melancorypha calandra* **rare WV** **PM**
 A single Elounda 11.4. (DS).
- SHORT-TOED LARK *Calandrella brachyactyla* **PM**
 Not as numerous as some years. First record a single Istron 23.1. and a flock Aposelemis river 21.3. then small numbers to 12.5. at Anapipsi (small flock 11.4.) Platanes, Aposelemis river , Elounda, Frangocastello, Rethymnon, Metohi, Tersanas Pond and Malia.
- LESSER SHORT-TOED LARK *Calandrella rufescens* **V**
 No records in 1998
- CRESTED LARK *Galerida cristata* **common** **R**
 Common and widespread.

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- WOODLARK *Lullula arborea* **PM** **R**
Common and reported from over 40 sites throughout the island.
- SKYLARK *Alauda arvensis* **WV**
Recorded until 8.4. when one singing Rethymnon. Other sites Bramiana reservoir, Aposelemis river, Malia, Lassithi, Thrapsano pool and Elounda.
Wintering records from 30.10.
- SAND MARTIN *Riparia riparia* **SV** **PM**
First a single Thrapsano Pool 20.3. then small numbers to 15.4. then common during rest of April but no large passage until end of month to second week of May. Heavy passage Frangocastello 29.4. and a large flock Thrapsano pool 13.5.
- CRAG MARTIN *Ptyonoprogne rupestris* **R** **SV** **PM**
Common at 24 sites. A flock of 25 arrived from South over Ierapetra 1.10.
- SWALLOW *Hirundo rustica* **SV** **PM**
Common from 12.3. to 26.10. Many on passage Frangocastello 29.4. and good numbers passing through Makrigialos mid May.
- RED-RUMPED SWALLOW *Hirundo daurica* **rare** **SV** **PM**
First record 18.3. at Power Station and Makrigialos, then present at many sites but only in small numbers until September. 2 at a nest near Kalamavka 24.4.
Movements recorded: 75 Elounda in April and small numbers Makrigialos Bay 25.9.
- HOUSE MARTIN *Delichon urbica* **SV** **PM**
Recorded from 27.3. to 23.5. Numerous on passage, Frangocastello 29.4. and Makrigialos mid May.
Autumn: 3 Makrigialos 26.9.
- RICHARD'S PIPIT *Anthus novaeseelandiae* **V**
A single on Frangocastello Beach 29.4.(G.O.)
- TAWNY PIPIT *Anthus campestris* **scarce** **SV** **PM**
First 1 Lendas 28.3. up to 5 Elounda 11.4. 1 Omalos 24.4., 1 Aposelemis river 27.4. 1 Ini 27.4. 5 Agia Triada Moni 4.4. and up to 3 on 16.4. 1 Tersanas 6.4. 1 Omalos 12.4. 7 Omalos 1.5. and singles Hrissoskatillisos 2.5. and Malia 12.5.
Autumn: 1 Malia 23.9.

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TREE PIPIT *Anthus trivialis* **PM**
Again fewer records this year. First: 1 Aposelemis river 31.3. then small numbers at 23 sites mid-April to early May. Max 5 Elounda 17.4. and numerous Frangocastello 29.4. MD reports remarkable numbers in winter on the Lassithi plateau.

MEADOW PIPIT *Anthus pratensis* **WV**
Common as a winter visitor until 10.4. and from 17.11.
Spring : Singles Elounda 30.3. to 11.4. and singles Tersanas marsh 4.4. and Rethymnon 8.4.

RED-THROATED PIPIT *Anthus cervinus* **rare WV PM**
First a single Shonia 7.4. then small numbers Elounda 8.4.-28.4. Singles Toplou 8.4. Pinakiano 10.4. Kato Zakros 19.4. Aposelemis river 7.5. 2 there on 14.5. 1 Thrapsano pool 17.5. No Autumn records this year.

YELLOW WAGTAIL *Motacilla flava* **PM**
Present from 10.3. to 14.5. and 11.8. to 8.10 at 20 sites. Upwards of 60 Elounda in April with *feldegg*, *flava* and *thunbergi*. Numerous on passage Frangocastello 29.4. mainly *feldegg*.
Autumn: 20 at Bramiana reservoir on 2.10.

GREY WAGTAIL *Motacilla cinerea* **WV**
Singles recorded until 21.3. at Ierapetra, Almyros, Power Station, Iraklion, Aposelemis river, Sitia, and Pilalimata.
Spring: A single Elounda 7.4.
Widespread along North coast in October. Max: 6 Georgioupolis lake 16.10.

WHITE WAGTAIL *Motacilla alba* **WV PM**
Common until 19.4. then small numbers in May. Numerous again from early October.

WREN *Troglodytes troglodytes* **R**
Recorded at numerous sites throughout the year. Especially common in mountains.

DUNNOCK *Prunella modularis* **WV**
No records in 1998

ALPINE ACCENTOR *Prunella collaris* **R**
1 Gournia 6.4. (J&CH) and Kallergi Refuge 3.5.(MD). Up to 6 between Linoseli Col and Xiloscala (CH).

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- ROBIN *Erithacus rubecula* **WV**
Common and widespread until 31.3. and again from 9.10.
Late record in Spring: Tersanas pool 4.4.
- THRUSH NIGHTINGALE *Luscinia luscinia* **PM**
One in song Spinalonga 21.4.(DS).
- NIGHTINGALE *Luscinia megarhynchos* **SV** **PM**
First record 10.4. then singles at 14 sites to third week in May. Breeding confirmed at Angousalenia (J&CH).
- BLACK REDSTART *Phoenicurus ochrurus* **WV** **PM**
Recorded and common to 30.3. April records 1 Kapsia Monastery 6.4. and 2 Elounda 15.4. Again commoner from October.
- REDSTART *Phoenicurus phoenicurus* **PM**
A female at Bramiana reservoir in January.
First 1 Krotos 28.3. then singles near Zakros 4.4. Agia Triada 8.4. Stavros 8.4. and 10.4. Moni Prevelli 20.4.
Autumn: 2 Lassithi 30.9. and Kera/Avdou Gorge 5.10. A few Omalos in October.
- WHINCHAT *Saxicola rubetra* **SV** **PM**
First 3 Kourtaliotiko Gorge 16.4. Fewer records than most years with a light passage during April with small numbers, 1 Theriso 14.4. 1-5 at Damnoni, Agios Ioannis Point, and Elounda 17.4. Makrigialos 18.4. Lake Kournas 19.4. 1 Kastelli 27.4. and 3 Aposelemis river 28.4. a single Tersanas 10.5.
Autumn: 1 Omalos 4.10.
- STONECHAT *Saxicola torquata* **WV** **R**
Common and widespread. Smaller numbers in Summer (J&CH).
- ISABELLINE WHEATEAR *Oenanthe isabelline* **PM**
Singles Moni Prevelli beach 8.4. Mouzoura 11.4. Elounda 12.-18. 4. and Moni Prevelli 20.4.
- WHEATEAR *Oenanthe oenanthe* **SV** **PM**
First record 15.3. then at 43 sites during April and May but no reports of any large numbers as in previous years. Singles June/July at Stromvoulos Plateau, Paleloni, Drapanas and Sivas.
Autumn: 4 Kali Sikia 6.8. 2 Bramiana reservoir 28.8. and several Ferma 1.10.

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BLACK-EARED WHEATEAR *Oenanthe laponica* **SV** **PM**
Small numbers from 27.3. then 1-2 Plora 28.3. Plakias 8.4. a pair Falasarna 15.4.
Gournia , Kato Zakros, Lassithi, Skordilo, Moni Prevelli, several Asterousia Mts,
Spili high meadows, Hora Sfakia and a single Bali 26.6. A bird of the black throated
variety at Langarda 5.4.



ROCK THRUSH *Monticola saxatilis* **rare SV**
A single Zakros Gorge 3.4. 'Common' between Sitia and Kapsia Monastery 6.4.
(PJW). 1 Plaka 27.4.(DS).

BLUE ROCK THRUSH *Monticola solitarius* **R**
Widespread especially in gorges, also common around the coast in April. (SP&SC)

BLACKBIRD *Turdus merula* **common** **R**
Common and widespread.

SONG THRUSH *Turdus philomelus* **WV**
'Many' Tholos and Kato Zakros during Jan, also recorded Malia, Almyros, Vai,
Makrigialos and Aposelemis river.
Spring: Mainly singles Aposelemis river, Kalo Horio, Zaros and Elounda, in March
and April. A single Tersanas 8.5.

MISTLE THRUSH *Turdus viscivorus* **WV**
One Kato Zakros 21.1. 3 Maridati 21.1. and a single Mesa Lassithaki 28.12.

CETTI'S WARBLER *Cettia cetti* **common** **R**
Common and widespread.

FAN-TAILED WARBLER *Cisticola juncidis* **locally common** **R**
Singles Power Station 10.1. Pigos 27.4. up to 3 Kavros in June, 2 singing
Georgioupolis 13.4. Regularly heard at Gerani and along the coast to Kalives 16.4.-
18.4. Also recorded Tavronitis river and Ammoudara.

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MOUSTACHED WARBLER *Acrocephalus melanopogon* **WV** **PM**
Winter: 1 Aposelemis river 14.1. –15.1. 7 Malia 17.1. Singles at Power Station 19.1.
Kato Zakros 21.1. Makrigialos 21.1. and 2 Aposelemis river 26.1.
Spring: Singles at Souyia 21.4 and Almyros 22.4. and Agia reservoir 8.5.

AQUATIC WARBLER *Acrocephalus paludicola* **V**
No records in 1998.

SEDGE WARBLER *Acrocephalus schoenobaenus* **PM**
2 Pililimata 18.4., a few Agia reservoir in April. Singles Agia reservoir 1.5. Lake
Kournas 3.5. Georgioupolis lake 5.5. Aposelemis river 7.5. and Thrapsano 10.5.

MARSH WARBLER *Acrocephalus palustris* **PM**
1 in full song Almyros 20.4.(DS)

REED WARBLER *Acrocephalus scirpaceus* **PM**
First record a single Analipsi 11.4. up to 5 Agia reservoir early April. Singles Gerani
16.4. Plakiotissa Dam 27.4. Small numbers at several sites during the first week in
May. Max 30 Aposelemis river 7.5. 3 Kavros 26.6.

GREAT REED WARBLER *Acrocephalus arundinaceus* **PM**
First a single Agia reservoir 13.4. Small numbers at 10 sites first week in May. Max: 5
Aposelemis river 7.5. A bird showing characteristics of the race *A.a. orientalis* 14.4.
(MD)

OLIVACEOUS WARBLER *Hippolais pallida* **SV** **PM**
2 Pililimata 18.4. Present Aposelemis river 23.4. and common there 28.4. to 18.7.
many Plakiotissa Dam 27.4. then smaller numbers at 12 sites during the first week of
May. 5 Agia reservoir 27.5.
Autumn: 1 Askifou 6.10.

OLIVE TREE WARBLER *Hippolais olivetorum* **SV** **PM**
One in full song near Elounda 8.4.to 28.4.(DS). 1 possible record Ag Irini gorge 20.4.
(BS).

ICTERINE WARBLER *Hippolais icterina* **PM**
Singles Zakros Gorge 1.4. Elounda 19.4. Gortys 28.4. and Lake Kournas 30.4.
Autumn: 1 Dia 1.9. Small numbers Kato Zakros Gorge 29.9. Up to 3 Perivolias 5.10.
1-2 Makrigialos 8.10. and a single Koufonisi Isle 8.10.

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- SPECTACLED WARBLER *Sylvia conspicillata* **V**
 No records in 1998
- SUBALPINE WARBLER *Sylvia cantillans* **PM**
 Common 18.3. to 30.3. Makrigialos (M&FM) Singles Krotos 23.3. Zakros 1.4. Agia Triada 4.4. Tersanas marsh 5.4. and Askifos 5.5.
- SARDINIAN WARBLER *Sylvia melanocephala* **WV** **R**
 Common and widespread.
- RUPPELL'S WARBLER *Sylvia ruppelli* **SV** **PM**
 Singles Krotos 28.3. Moni Preveli 18.4. and 20.4. and Elounda 29.4.
- ORPHEAN WARBLER *Sylvia hortensis* **SV** **PM**
 A single at Spinalonga in the last two weeks of April and at Keridis 4.8.
- LESSER WHITETHROAT *Sylvia curruca* **PM**
 One Omalos 4.10. (CH).
- WHITETHROAT *Sylvia communis* **PM**
 Singles Skourvoula 27.3. Lassithi 12.4. Zakros Gorge 25.4. and Askifou 6.10.
- GARDEN WARBLER *Sylvia borin* **PM**
 One Knossos 21.4.
- BLACKCAP *Sylvia atricapilla* **WV** **PM**
 Winter: A single Makrigialos 21.2.
 Spring: 2 Zakros 2.4. Singles Agia Pareskevi 2.4. Thrapsano pool 3.4. Kalamavka 4.4. Agia reservoir 5.4. Agios Georgios 23.4.
 Autumn: 1 Kastelli 3.10. Up to 3 Kera/Avdou Gorge to 9.10.
- BONELLI'S WARBLER *Phylloscopus bonelli* **PM**
 One Elounda 18.4.
- WOOD WARBLER *Phylloscopus sibilatrix* **PM**
 Singles Zakros Gorge 1.-2.4. Elounda 3.-11.4. 1 near Kandanos 16.4. 1 Plakias 17.4. 2 Moni Preveli 18.4. and 20.4. and 2 near Sougia 22.4 and near Lissos on the same day.
 Autumn: 1 Omalos 5.10. 2 Moni Preveli 20.4.
 A bird with a broken wing Makrigialos 24.4.

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- CHIFFCHAFF *Phylloscopus collybita* **WV**
Common until 3.4. and from 1.11.
- WILLOW WARBLER *Phylloscopus trochilus* **PM**
2 Zakros Gorge 2.4. and Tersanas marsh 6.4. Several Gerani 16.4. and Agia reservoir 18.4. 3 Kato Zakros 19.4. and Agios Georgios 23.4. Singles at Agia reservoir 1.5. and at Aposelemis river 8.5.
- GOLDCREST *Regulus regulus* **WV** **rare** **PM**
2 Malia east valley 1.2. (J&CH)
- FIRECREST *Regulus ignicapillus* **R** **PM**
No records in 1998.
- SPOTTED FLYCATCHER *Muscipapa striata* **PM**
First record Makrigialos 15.3. (M&FM) then fairly common to the end of May at many sites. Max: 10 Frangocastello 17.4. and Aposelemis river 26.4. Large numbers passing through the island 27.4. Numerous Agia reservoir 1.5.
Autumn: Present from 16.8. to 9.10. at Kera, Avdou Gorge, Aposelemis river, Armeni, Perivolakia and Elevtherna.
- COLLARED FLYCATCHER *Ficedula albicollis* **PM**
One Zakros-Sitia 4.4. Singles Elounda from 8.4. 1 Sougia 20.4. 2 Kato Zakros Gorge 24.4.
Autumn: 1 Moni Prevelli 28.4.
- PIED FLYCATCHER *Ficedula hypoleuca* **PM**
First records: Zaros 2.4. and Elounda 5.4. Singles Kandanos 16.4. Temenia 17.4. Sougia 20.4. & 21.4. then 1-4 during April at several sites Aghia Triada, Kourtillotiko Gorge and Frangocastello 17.4. Zakros Gorge 19.4. Moni Prevelli 20.4. 5 Kato Zakros 24.4.
Autumn: 3 at Plakias on 4.10.
- COAL TIT *Parus ater* **rare R**
No records this year.
- BLUE TIT *Parus caeruleus* **R**
Generally common, mainly in the uplands during April.

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GREAT TIT *Parus major*
Common and widespread.

R

SHORT-TOED TREECREEPER *Certhis brachydactyla*
No records in 1998

rare R

PENDULINE TIT *Remiz pendulinus*

WV PM?

Recorded at Aposelemis river, Malia, Almyros, Sitia and Makrigialos until 6.4. then 2 Almyros 21.4. 3 Malia 12.5.
Autumn: 2 Almyros 1.11. and 1 Malia 27.11.

GOLDEN ORIOLE *Oriolus oriolus*

PM

Fairly common from 7.4. with 11 at Vai and 5 Elounda. 1 Knossos 21.4. 2 Kalo Horio 28.4. A single there 1.5. Kera/Avdou Gorge 4.5. Power Station 5.5. Agia Irini 6.5. and in Autumn 1 at the Aposelemis river 3.9.

RED-BACKED SHRIKE *Lanius collurio*

PM

A male Ag. Ioannis 28.4. was the only Spring record.
Autumn: First a single at Bramiana reservoir 27.8. then 1-2 during August and September, Kera/Avdou Gorge 31.8. Dia 1.9. Aposelemis river 3.9. Kera/Avdou Gorge 7.9. and Hersonisos 25.9. Mainly singles to 10.10. at Bramiana reservoir, Kapsa Monastery, Plakias, Askifou and Georgioupolis lake. A single record in Winter at Aposelemis river 17.11.

LESSER GREY SHRIKE *Lanius minor*

PM

Singles Aghia Galini 8.4. Elounda 23.-25.4. Rodopos 12.8. Kato Zakros Gorge and Zakros 29.9.

WOODCHAT SHRIKE *Lanius senator*

PM

First record 28.3. then 24 sites mainly small numbers until 29.5. Max: 5 Mouzouos 11.4. 5 Stavros April and 6 Aghia Triada 17.4.
Autumn: a single at Bramiana reservoir 27.8.

JAY *Garrulus glandarius*

R

Records from Agios Konstandinos, Mesa Lassithaki, Kera/Avdou Gorge, Ag. Ioannis, Kalamavka, Nikifordion and Nea Roumata.

ALPINE CHOUGH *Pyrrhocorax graculus*

R

Recorded Omalos 12.4. 2 Swallowhole, Lassithi April and 2 Linoseli Col 5.10.

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CHOUGH *Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax* **R**
Common in larger gorges. Max: 100 Monastiraki 4.4. and a flock of 50 Omalos 26.10.

JACKDAW *Corvus monedula* **R**
Common in upland areas, the breeding colony had 25 pairs at Knossos Viaduct. 20 Kotsiphos Gorge 19.4.

HOODED CROW *Corvus corone* **R**
The race *C.c. sharpii* is common and widespread.

RAVEN *Corvus cornix* **R**
Common and widespread. Maximum: 25 Kotsiphos 19.4. and 20 at a rubbish tip above Plakias 21.4. and 20 Nea Alikarnasos 1.8.

STARLING *Sturnus vulgaris* **WV**
Recorded until 20.3. and from 1.11. 20 Langarda 28.2. but often very large flocks during the winter.

HOUSE SPARROW *Passer domesticus* **R**
The race *Passer hispaniolus italica* the Italian Sparrow common and widespread.

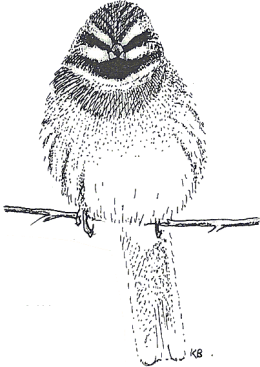
SPANISH SPARROW *Passer hispaniolensis* **PM** **R**
A colony Zakros Gorge 3.4. 25 Stavros 8.4. Small flock Agia Fotia 20.4. and Shonia. Single Omalos 24.4. 100+ Europa Hotel Analypsis 24.-25.4. 1-2 Moni Preveli and Kisamos in April and May.

TREE SPARROW *Passer montanus* **WV** **R**
Up to 5 at Agia Triada monastery early April. 1 at Thrapsano 7.5.

CHAFFINCH *Fringilla coelebs* **R**
Common and widespread throughout the year.

SERIN *Serinus serinus* **WV** **PM**
Recorded Langarda 21.2. then small numbers until 29.5. at Bramiana reservoir, Power station, Mesa Lassithaki, Makrigialos, Plati, Vidiani, Agia Irini, Moni Preveli, Prasses and Vrisses.
Autumn: Several Keritis river 4.8. and Tavronitis 6.8. 2 Falasarna 2.10.

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GREENFINCH <i>Carduelis chloris</i> Common and widespread.	WV	R
GOLDFINCH <i>Carduelis carduelis</i> Common and widespread.		R
SISKIN <i>Carduelis spinus</i> 3 Zaros 2.4. and 2 Agia reservoir 5.4. to 14.4.	WV	PM
LINNET <i>Carduelis cannabina</i> Common and widespread. Small flocks in uplands in April.	WV	R
YELLOWHAMMER <i>Emberiza citrinella</i> A male in full song Kato Metori, Lassithi 22.4. (GO).	V	
CIRL BUNTING <i>Emberiza cirlus</i> Locally common 1.4. to 9.10. and recorded at 28 sites. 6 Omalos 12.4. up to 6 singing Lassithi 22.4. and some in flocks Kalamavka 24.4.		R
		
ROCK BUNTING <i>Emberiza cia</i> No records in 1998.	AV?	R
ORTOLAN BUNTING <i>Emberiza hortulana</i> Present Moni Preveli and Plakias in late April. 2 Rotasi 27.4. and Moni Preveli 22.5. Singles Frati and Kourtaliotiko Gorge 23.5. and 3 Moni Preveli 30.5. Breeding recorded Asterousia mountains 27.4.	SV	PM
CRETZSCHMAR'S BUNTING <i>Emberiza caesia</i> Singles Zakros Gorge 2.4.(PJW) and Swallow Hole on Lassithi.(DS).	rare	PM

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SMALL COPPER	<i>Lycaena phlaeas</i>
LONG-TAILED BLUE	<i>Lampides boeticus</i>
LANG'S SHORT-TAILED BLUE	<i>Syntarucus pirithous</i>
HOLLY BLUE	<i>Celastrina argiolus</i>
BATON BLUE	<i>Pseudophilotes vicrama</i>
BROWN ARGUS	<i>Aricia agestis</i>
COMMON BLUE	<i>Polyommatus icarus</i>
RED ADMIRAL	<i>Vanessa atalanta</i>
PAINTED LADY	<i>Cynthia cardui</i>
CRETAN GRAYLING	<i>Hipparchia cretica</i>
MEADOW BROWN	<i>Maniola jurtina</i>
CRETAN SMALL HEATH	<i>Coenonympha thyrsis</i>
SPECKLED WOOD	<i>Pararge aegeria</i>
WALL BROWN	<i>Lasiommata megera</i>
MALLOW SKIPPER	<i>Carcharodus alceae</i>
LULWORTH SKIPPER	<i>Thymelicus acteon</i>

MOTHS

SMALL YELLOW UNDERWING
PINE PROCESSIONARY MOTH
HUMMINGBIRD HAWK MOTH
SILVER Y

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BLUE-TIPPED DAMSELFLY *Lickman elegans*
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Page 3 Squacco Heron – add Agia reservoir to April/May.
Page 6 Montagu's Harrier – 9.4. not 11.4. at Stavros
Page 7 Booted Eagle – 8.4. not 11.4. at Agia Triada
Page 9 Oystercatcher should read ' 2 Souda Bay 6.4. to 8.4. A single there 9.& 10.4.
Page 12 Greenshank – add Tersanas to April/May.
Page 15 Swift – First Agia not Tersanas 5.4.
Page 17 Tawny Pipit - add 5 Agia Triada 4.4. and up to 3, 16.4. 1 Tersanas 6.4. 1 Omalos plateau 12.4.
Page 26 Ortolan Bunting – 1 Agia Triada 14.4.
Page 29 Rob Wilson not 14.4.-28.4. Change to 4.4.98 – 18.4.98