

# CYPRUS

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*male Cyprus Wheatear*

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**Daily Diary:**

**Sunday 21st March**

**Arrival**

**Warm & sunny, westerly breeze**

Lenia met us off the flight at the new Larnaca Airport terminal and we were soon on our way to Paphos, noting small numbers of Swallows, Swifts and Kestrels en route.

**Monday 22nd March**

**Paphos Headland**

**Warm & sunny though cool westerly breeze**



*Crested Lark*



*Greater Sandplover*



*Lesser Whitethroat*



*Tawny Pipit*

The lovely clear & sunny weather encouraged some of us out before breakfast. We explored the beach immediately in front of the hotel and then the one remaining old field nearby. A few White Wagtails and Swallows were present, a lone immature Cormorant flew past and we had brief views of Cretzschmar's Bunting and Chiffchaff before returning for breakfast. We gathered again at 9am for our walk around the headland and into the mosaics. One or two wheatears were present along the beach and we found two Tawny Pipits which showed well. There was a nice male Kestrel perched on the fence though a Hooded Crow was keeping careful watch nearby. Another Cormorant flew past, this time an adult, and we found quite good numbers of wagtails and pipits on the vegetated slope above the shoreline rocks. One or two Red-throated Pipits were present amongst the Meadow Pipits, their distinctive buzzing calls drawing attention to them. A superb Greater Sandplover, coming into breeding plumage, was then found right at the water's edge and this gave us all excellent views through the telescopes. We eventually managed to work out the mysteries of Isabelline and female Northern Wheatears, seeing good examples of each whilst leaving others unidentified. Yellow

Wagtails then appeared and we found nice males of Black-headed, Blue-headed and a single Grey-headed Wagtail. Butterflies mustn't be forgotten and there were good numbers of Painted Lady, Swallowtails and Clouded Yellows.

We had lunch as usual at Theo's Restaurant on the quayside before entering the World Heritage Site to view the mosaics and ruins, and of course to find more birds! Several further wheatears included Cyprus Wheatear, one in particular coming exceptionally close to us and allowing some good photographic opportunities. We heard several Quail in the grassy fields, and also had good views of Cretzschmar's Buntings and Black Redstarts around the ruins. Lesser Whitethroat, Sardinian Warbler and Blackcap all showed well as did a small party of Short-toed Larks. As we headed back to the hotel, we got the impression that there were rather more birds along the beach, with good numbers of White Wagtails together with further Short-toed Larks and Tawny Pipits.

**Tuesday 23rd March** **Asprokremnos pools & along the South Coast to Akrotiri**  
**A fine day again, warm & sunny with a light breeze**

Our pre-breakfast walk took us across the fields towards the headland where we walked along the quarry before returning back for breakfast. Although generally quiet, we did find Tawny Pipit and several Short-toed Larks in the open earthy field behind the beach. A distant Cretzschmar's Bunting was on one of the bushes near the quarry and as we returned back along the shore, two Stone-curlews flew in off the sea and circled the headland before flying off over the rooftops of Paphos town.



*Epipactis veratrifolia*



*Orchis [coriophora] fragrans*



*Ophrys kotschyi*



*Ophrys attica*

After breakfast, we loaded the bus and our first stop were the pools below the Asprokremnos Dam where we found so much water that two of the pools had water running through them. A Cyprus Warbler greeted us on arrival but didn't show as well as several more birds which we found nearer the dam. These gave really great views, as did several Chukars. We found a really fresh Lesser Fiery Copper butterfly and several good Paphos Blues here, as well as the usual Clouded Yellows, Painted Lady etc. We returned to the bus and headed eastwards along the old coast road, stopping briefly for coffee and again at the side of the road for some good stands of Eastern Marsh Helleborine. On reaching the Phasouri reedbed, we immediately found Glossy Ibis and Squacco Heron, and whilst Lenia prepared the picnic table and lunch, we walked a little way down the path towards the reeds. A pair of Marsh Harriers were quartering the tall reeds and a Little Grebe was in one of the few areas of clear water.

During lunch, we could hear a Black Francolin calling just down the road so once finished, we approached slowly and found it head up in the tall grass near the roadside. Some of us moved round to get better views but as it approached the road itself, it was flushed by a car and flew off towards the reedbed. Once in the bus again, we explored a short distance up the road, returning then to the Akrotiri Salt Lake. Here there were around 600 Greater Flamingos scattered across the lake. We stopped briefly for orchids, quickly finding various *Serapias*, *Orchis [coriophora] fragrans*, and both normal and *bicolor* varieties of *Ophrys apifera*. Two further *Ophrys* species here were *O.sicula* [syn. *O.lutea* subsp.*galilaea*] and best of all though a rather stunted specimen in the very dry conditions, *Ophrys kotschyi*. It was whilst looking at these, we realised that a Stonechat nearby was a stunning male *variegata*, the Caucasian race of Siberian Stonechat. We had then to move on, driving slowly



along Lady's Mile to Zakaki Pool. The lagoons alongside Lady's Mile were remarkably full of water, right up to the roadside, but remarkably devoid of birds except for a single Kentish Plover. The Zakaki Pool on the other hand held good numbers of Coots, with a small number of Shoveler and Ferruginous Ducks. An immature female Marsh Harrier quartered the reed bed at the back of the pool, eventually landing at the reed edge and giving everyone nice telescope views.



*Caucasian Stonechat (variegata)*

### Wednesday 24th March

### Akamas & Baths of Aphrodite, Evretou Reservoir

Sunny & warm, cool north-westerly breeze developing during afternoon

Our pre-breakfast walk was very quiet, simply walking the shore to the north alongside the Tombs of the Kings. A Red-rumped Swallow flew over and a single Isabelline Wheatear was on the rocks inside the fence. We heard a brief snatch of song from a very distant Nightingale. After breakfast, Lenia drove us north to the Baths of Aphrodite at the base of the Akamas peninsula. We walked up to the grotto then out along the main path on the hillside above the ancient olive trees and old caravans. There were various Cyprus Wheatears singing on territory, and we had brief views of a Masked Shrike. The old quarry held a nice Little Owl sitting out in the shade of a slight overhang, and we heard two others calling from further up the hillside and from one of the old olive trees below us. The small island offshore held good numbers of Yellow-legged Gulls and three Cormorants, though a couple of terns flying there must remain unidentified since they disappeared too quickly and at too great a distance.

We then returned to the vehicle and headed up through the small village of Neo Chorio to Smiyies Chapel for lunch. A brief walk here produced excellent views of a male Masked Shrike and several Serins. The orchids here were going over but we still managed to find *Orchis intacta* [syn. *Neotinea maculata*], *Orchis syriaca*, *Ophrys sicula* [syn. *O. lutea* subsp. *galilaea*], *Ophrys israelitica*, *Ophrys bornmuelleri*, *Ophrys levantina* and *Ophrys attica*. We then moved on to explore the upper reaches of the Evretou Reservoir. A nice flock of White Wagtails were feeding in a newly cultivated field and a pair of Chukars also crept off round the corner of the track and legged it out of sight. Before we had reached the summit of the trail up from the road, a ring-tail harrier crested the ridge and promptly disappeared again before any of us could see it properly. There was no sign of it once we could overlook the reservoir itself, though we did watch a nice Long-legged Buzzard drift across the valley, and back again. The grassy terraces below us were absolutely full of orchids, including massed numbers of *Orchis italica*, rather fewer *Himantoglossum* [syn. *Barlia*] *robertiana*, various *Serapias* species and both *Ophrys sicula* and *O. attica* seen earlier in the day. Several Little Egrets were

feeding along the water's edge. We returned a little early to the hotel, so we walked out along the beach for the final hour, immediately finding a confiding Little Ringed Plover by the beach volleyball net, and the usual Tawny Pipit, Short-toed Larks and Northern & Isabelline Wheatears by the bare field.

#### Thursday 25th March

#### Asprokremnos pools, Dhiarizos Valley, Troodos

Hazy sunshine, north-west breeze developing during afternoon

From the balcony of the room, we noted a flock of Black-headed Gulls flying north, followed by a flock of very pale looking passerines which we are assuming to be Short-toed Larks. We took a pre-breakfast walk along the shore in front of the hotel and towards the headland. All the usual suspects were found on the earthy field behind the beach and we returned via the cultivated field in front of reception finding several further Short-toed Larks. After breakfast we headed off in the bus for our second visit to the Asprokremnos Dam Pools. Here we found two Spotted Crakes though there was no sign of a reported Little Crake. A Chukar was sitting out very obviously on the dam itself.



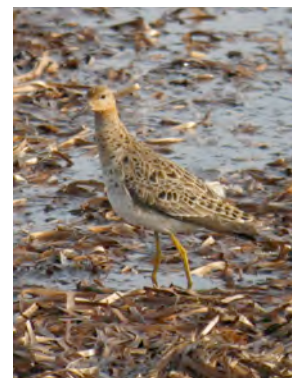
*Little Ringed Plover*



*Finsch's Wheatear*



*Spotted Crake*



*Ruff*

We moved on, heading up the Dhiarizos Valley and stopping for coffee near Kidasi. A Great Spotted Cuckoo flew past below us whilst we enjoyed refreshments and home-made cake. A Blue Rock Thrush flew in front of the bus as we left the village. The road started to climb in earnest and we stopped for lunch north of Agios Nikolaos. As Lenia set out the picnic, we explored down the slope finding a good number of orchids though unfortunately all going over and setting seed. However, these included *Himantoglossum robertiana*, *Ophrys lapethica*, *Ophrys iricolor*, *Ophrys israelitica*, and *Orchis intacta*. After lunch, we went ever onward and upward, through Platres and Troodos up on to Mount Olympos itself. With no snow, the endemic Cyprus Crocus were largely over but an hour's walk here produced excellent views of the endemic race of Coal Tit, Short-toed Treecreeper and Jay, together with Chaffinches and at least one Wren heard singing. It was soon time to head back down the hill and halfway between Mandria and Agios Nikolaos, an adult Bonelli's Eagle brought us to a stop. This superb bird circled in front of us then dropped and perched in one of the pines below us in the valley, allowing prolonged views through the telescopes. When it took off again, it dropped down further on to the ground but unfortunately out of sight in dead ground round the shoulder of the hill. Whilst trying to re-find this, we realised that there was a male Masked Shrike very close to us on the edge of a field of vines. Then a wheatear which was obviously not one of the territorial Cyprus Wheatears made itself obvious – an absolutely fantastic male Finsch's Wheatear – a complete surprise and totally unexpected. As time was getting on, we closed at this point and headed back to the hotel.

#### Friday 26th March

#### Asprokremnos Pools, Nata, Kannaviou Dam, Anarita Park

Sunny & warm, rather hazy with increased humidity

We started our pre-breakfast walk a little earlier than normal to give us time to check out the headland fields. This was very fortuitous with a lovely male Pallid Harrier, Stone-curlew, 20 Night Herons and Nightingales both heard and seen. Those walking the shore a little later found a Spur-winged Lapwing, several nice Red-throated Pipits and a Ruff. After breakfast, we drove round past the Paphos Sewage Works but this was very disturbed with heavy trucks so we pressed on for our third and final visit to the Asprokremnos Pools. One of the Spotted Crakes was showing really well and this allowed good photo opportunities. We then drove on, stopping next at the Nata Ford where the



road crosses the Xeros Potamus. There were still quite good numbers of *Orchis laxiflora* though the small wet area here seems to be gradually being taken over by more dominant vegetation. There were eight Stone-curlews amongst the large pebbles in the river bed itself. Coffee then at the taverna above the village and as we looked out across the valley, we could hear Quail calling below us. As time was moving on, we then headed north towards Pano Panagia, stopping briefly to check out a Long-legged Buzzard circling over the road. We stopped for lunch under the trees near the Kannaviou Dam where we found a nice pair of Masked Shrikes and watched three male Sardinian Warblers fighting over a small patch of undergrowth under the pines. Orchids here included *Dactylorhiza romana*, *Ophrys levantina*, *Orchis italica*, *Serapias vomeracea*, *Serapias bergonii* and *Himantoglossum robertianum*. We walked a trail which wound its way down through the pines. Pairs of Cyprus Wheatears, Masked Shrikes and Cretzschmar's Buntings showed exceptionally well, the buntings in particular coming very close to us as we stood still on the track. We returned to the bus and returned via Pano Panagia and Nata to Anarita Park, a rocky valley and old quarry set below the main road. Here we found a pair of Red-rumped Swallows, several Tawny Pipits and a very large flock of Corn Buntings. A 'grey-and-white' flycatcher was a surprise this early in the spring and this proved to be a female Semicollared Flycatcher. Finally, we had a brief view of a female Masked Shrike as we boarded the bus and headed back to the hotel.

*Arabis purpurea**Cretzschmar's Bunting*

### Saturday 27th March

#### Sunny & warm, north-westerly breeze during afternoon

We repeated our early pre-breakfast walk from yesterday though today found the fields and headland rather quiet. There was a Whimbrel on the beach and a small number of Red-rumped Swallows around the lighthouse area. A Marsh Harrier then drifted over, only to be hussled off by the various Hooded Crows. We could also hear the quiet sub-song from a lone Nightingale. Suddenly, two Hawfinches appeared, one perching right at the top of a nearby tree. Heading back for breakfast, a Turnstone was perched on one of the mounds of decaying weed thrown up by the sea.

After breakfast, we drove to Cape Drepanum where two mixed flocks of Pintail and Garganey flew north just offshore. Good numbers of Short-toed Larks and Black-headed Wagtails were seen and we managed excellent views of a lone Tree Pipit perched in a small dead tree in the large garden near the headland. We walked back towards the rocky hillside and a Black Francolin appeared on a low ridge in the middle of the fields – at quite a distance but a nice view through the telescopes nonetheless. Then a Ruff flew over, followed a little later by two Lesser Black-backed Gulls, heading north. Whilst we were having coffee, a Peregrine drifted over to the island but the incumbent Yellow-legged Gulls were having none of it so it eventually flew back to the mainland right over our heads. We then drove the short distance to the Avagas Gorge and walked slowly up the trail. The citrus grove in the valley bottom was not as busy as expected, with relatively few Sardinian Warblers, Blackcaps and Lesser Whitethroats. A Chukar, first seen beside the track, eventually flew off across the gorge, and we could see a number of Rock Doves showing very good 'wild' plumage characteristics rather than the Feral Pigeons noted up to now around all the towns and villages. For the botanists, there was a good array of the endemic pale pink gladiolus, *Gladiolus triphylla*. Back at the coach, Lenia had prepared our picnic lunch after which we explored the gorge entrance for a short while, Eastern Festoon and Paphos Blue butterflies being the only notable sightings. We headed back to hotel around mid-afternoon.

Gathering again at 4pm, a few of us walked the headland, immediately finding three Dotterel in the earthy field. A small number of Red-throated Pipits were feeding further along the shore and we again found the Whimbrel from this morning. We then headed back to pack for our homeward journey in the morning and, after the normal evening get-together, George and Deborah from Kalliopi Travel arrived to take us all out to a village taverna for our usual pre-departure farewell meze. A good time was had by all!

**Sunday 28th March**

**Larnaca Lagoons & departure**

**Overcast early morning, then bright & sunny though very strong cold westerly wind**

With the clocks changing overnight to Summer Time, dawn was just breaking when a few hardy souls gathered for a final pre-breakfast walk to the headland. A female Marsh Harrier was noted and several Nightingales were singing. We checked out and with our bags loaded in the trailer, we departed the hotel soon after 8.30am and were heading east along the motorway to Larnaca. We first of all visited the salt lake near the old airport terminal but with very high water levels, there were no flamingos present. Just off the Tekke Mosque we did find a small flock of Black-headed Gulls swimming and feeding on the water surface and careful searching revealed several Slender-billed Gulls, some showing the lovely rosy-tinted adult breeding plumage. We then drove past the new terminal buildings to the lakes near Meneou. Again very high water levels meant no waders here but a single Greater Flamingo was feeding very close to the road. We then walked out to the bird watching hide overlooking the artificial tanks where Little Grebe, Mallard, Garganey, Shoveler and Teal were sheltering from the wind. Across the salt marsh and despite the strong wind, Spectacled Warblers were being particularly obvious. We then drove a short distance to overlook an area of flooded salt marsh. Here, two Spur-winged Lapwings showed well at the water's edge, and we also noted Sanderling, and Green, Wood and Marsh Sandpipers. Good numbers of Ruffs were also feeding amongst the low bushes but only showed occasionally. We had our sandwiches in the bus back at the lone flamingo and then drove round to the airport for check-in and our flight home.



*Eurasian Dotterel*



*Greater Flamingo*

**Species Lists:**

The various species lists below use the following references:

**Birds:** We use the worldwide English names and systematic order as recommended by the I.O.C., and published in *Birds of the World – Recommended English Names* (Gill, F. & Wright, M., 2006, updated 2008).

Also: *Collins Bird Guide* (Svensson, L., Grant, P.J., Mullarney, K. & Zetterström, D., 1999).

**Mammals:** We use the suggested worldwide English names and systematic order as found in *Mammals of the World, A Checklist* (Duff, A. & Lawson, A., 2004).

Also: *Collins Field Guide: Mammals of Britain & Europe* (Macdonald, D. & Barrett, P., 1993).

**Amphibians and Reptiles:** *Collins Field Guide: Reptiles & Amphibians of Britain & Europe* (2<sup>nd</sup> edn., Arnold, E.N. & Ovenden, D.W., 2002)

Also: *Amphibians & Reptiles of Northern Cyprus* (Atatür, M.K. & Göçmen, B., 2001,

[www.bornova.ege.edu.tr](http://www.bornova.ege.edu.tr)).

*Snake Species in Cyprus* (Antoniou, A.L., [www.cosmosnet.net/cyprus/explore/3snake.htm](http://www.cosmosnet.net/cyprus/explore/3snake.htm)).

**Butterflies:** *Butterflies of Europe, New Field Guide & Key* (Lafranchis, T., 2004)

Also: *Eddie John's Butterflies of Cyprus* (John, E., [www.grayling.dircon.co.uk/index.html](http://www.grayling.dircon.co.uk/index.html))

**Dragonflies:** *Field Guide to the Dragonflies of Britain & Europe* (Dijkstra, K-D.B., 2006)

**Flowers:** *Mediterranean Wild Flowers* (Blamey, M. & Grey-Wilson, C., 1993)

*The Orchids of Cyprus* (Christofides, Y., 2001)

*Orchids of Europe, North Africa & the Middle East* (3<sup>rd</sup> edn., Delforge, P., 2006)

Alternate names are separated by '/' and optional names are enclosed by '[...]'

**BIRDS - AVES**

**Chukar** *Alectoris chukar* : noted on 6 days with at least 8 Asprokremnos Dam pools on 23rd, 2 Evretou Reservoir on 24th, 1 Asprokremnos Pools 1 en route on 25th, 1 Asprokremnos Pools 1 Anarita Park on 26th, 1 Avagas Gorge on 27th, several en route on 28th.

**Black Francolin** *Francolinus francolinus* : noted on 5 days with a male Phasouri reedbed on 23rd, heard Evretou Reservoir on 24th, 1 Diarhizos Valley on 25th, heard en route on 26th, a male Cape Drepanum on 27th.

**Quail** *Coturnix coturnix* : noted on 5 days with at least 4 heard Paphos Headland on 22nd, heard Evretou Reservoir on 24th, heard Nata on 26th, heard Paphos Headland on 27th & 28th.

**Mallard** *Anas platyrhynchos* : noted on 2 days with 4 Zakaki Pool on 23rd, 2 Larnaca "hide pools" on 28th.

**Shoveler** *Anas clypeata* : noted on 2 days with 10 Zakaki Pool on 23rd, 27 Larnaca "hide pools" 2 Larnaca Salt Lake on 28th.

**Pintail** *Anas acuta* : two flocks totalling c.40 flying north Cape Drepanum on 27th.

**Garganey** *Anas querquedula* : noted on 2 days with two flocks totalling c.40 flying north Cape Drepanum on 27th, 30 Larnaca "hide pools" on 28th.

**Teal** *Anas crecca* : 8 Larnaca "hide pools" on 28th.

**Ferruginous Duck** *Aythya nyroca* : 10 Zakaki Pool on 23rd.

**Little Grebe** *Tachybaptus ruficollis* : noted on 2 days with several Phasouri reedbed 2 Zakaki Pool on 23rd, 3 Larnaca "hide pools" on 28th.

**Greater Flamingo** *Phoenicopterus roseus* : noted on 3 days with patch of pink as we landed Larnaca on 21st, ca.600 Akrotiri Salt Lake on 23rd, 3 Meneou Lagoon on 28th.

**Glossy Ibis** *Plegadis falcinellus* : 1 Phasouri reedbed on 23rd.

**Black-crowned Night Heron** *Nycticorax nycticorax* : 20 Paphos Headland on 26th.



- Squacco Heron** *Ardeola ralloides* : 1 Phasouri reedbed on 23rd.
- Grey Heron** *Ardea cinerea* : noted on 2 days with 11 flying north Paphos Headland on 26th, 1 Larnaca “hide pools” on 28th.
- Purple Heron** *Ardea purpurea* : 1 Phasouri reedbed on 23rd.
- Little Egret** *Egretta garzetta* : 8 Evretou Reservoir on 24th.
- Great Cormorant** *Phalacrocorax carbo* : noted on 5 days with 1 or 2 Kefalos Beach – Paphos Headland area on 22nd & 24th – 26th, 3 Akamas (Baths of Aphrodite area) on 24th, 1 Cape Drepanum on 27th.
- Common Kestrel** *Falco tinnunculus* : noted each day with mating birds at Paphos lighthouse & quarry and 2nd pair mating on hotel next door to Kefalos Beach Hotel.
- Peregrine Falcon** *Falco peregrinus* : noted on 2 days with 1 en route on 23rd, 1 Cape Drepanum on 27th.
- Marsh Harrier** *Circus aeruginosus* : noted on 3 days with 2 Phasouri reedbed 1 Zakaki Pool on 23rd, a young female Paphos Headland on 27th, a female Paphos Headland on 28th.
- Pallid Harrier** *Circus macrourus* : a male Paphos Headland on 26th.
- Long-legged Buzzard** *Buteo rufinus* : noted on 3 days with 1 Evretou Reservoir on 24th, 1 Agios Nikolaos on 25th, 1 Nata on 26th.
- Bonelli's Eagle** *Hieraaetus fasciatus* : an adult north of Agios Nikolaos on 25th.
- Spotted Crake** *Porzana porzana* : noted on 2 days with 2 Asprokremnos Pools on 25th, 1 there on 26th.
- Moorhen** *Gallinula chloropus* : noted on 4 days with 1 or 2 Asprokremnos Pools on 23rd, 25th & 26th, 3 Evretou Reservoir on 24th.
- Common Coot** *Fulica atra* : noted on 2 days at Phassouri Reedbed & Zakaki Pool on 23rd, and 15 Larnaca “hide pools” on 28th.
- Stone-curlew** *Burhinus oedicephalus* : noted on 3 days with 2 Paphos Headland on 23rd, 1 Paphos Headland 8 Nata Ford on 26th, 1 Larnaca “hide pools” on 28th.
- Spur-winged Plover** *Vanellus spinosus* : noted on 2 days with 1 Paphos Headland on 26th, 2 Larnaca “hide pools” on 28th.
- Little Ringed Plover** *Charadrius dubius* : noted on 3 days with 1 Kefalos Beach (Paphos) area on 24th & 26th, 1 Larnaca “hide pools” on 28th.
- Kentish Plover** *Charadrius alexandrinus* : 1 Lady's Mile on 23rd.
- Greater Sand Plover** *Charadrius leschenaultii* : 1 coming into breeding plumage Paphos Headland on 22nd.
- Eurasian Dotterel** : noted on 2 days with 3 Kefalos Beach (Paphos) area on 27th, 2 still there on 28th.
- Whimbrel** *Numenius phaeopus* : On 27th, 1 flew north Kefalos Beach (Paphos) area before breakfast and 1 (?same bird) there late afternoon.
- Marsh Sandpiper** *Tringa stagnatilis* : at least 2 Larnaca “hide pools” on 28th.
- Green Sandpiper** *Tringa ochropus* : at least 4 Larnaca “hide pools” on 28th.
- Wood Sandpiper** *Tringa glareola* : 3 Larnaca “hide pools” on 28th.
- Common Sandpiper** *Actitis hypoleucos* : 1 Kefalos Beach (Paphos) area on 22nd.
- Turnstone** *Arenaria interpres* : noted on 2 days with 1 Kefalos Beach (Paphos) area on 22nd & 27th.
- Sanderling** *Calidris alba* : 3 Larnaca “hide pools” on 28th.
- Ruff** *Philomachus pugnax* : noted on 3 days with a male Kefalos Beach (Paphos) area on 26th, a male Cape Drepanum on 27th, c.40 Larnaca “hide pools” on 28th.
- Collared Pratincole** *Glareola pratincola* : at least 2 Larnaca “hide pools” on 28th.
- Yellow-legged Gull** *Larus michahellis* : noted each day.
- Lesser Black-backed Gull** *Larus fuscus* : noted on 2 days with 3 N Cape Drepanum on 27th, 1 Larnaca “hide pools” on 28th; there were the nominate race colloquially called ‘Baltic Gull’.

- Black-headed Gull** *Larus ridibundus* : noted on 4 days with several Zakaki Pool on 23rd, c.10 Kefalos Beach (Paphos) area on 24th, c.25 N Kefalos Beach (Paphos) area on 25th, 20 Larnaca Salt Lake on 28th.
- Slender-billed Gull** *Larus genei* : 9 Larnaca Salt Lake on 28th.
- Rock Dove / Feral Pigeon** *Columba livia* : noted each day.
- Wood Pigeon** *Columba palumbus* : noted on 6 days in small numbers.
- Collared Dove** *Streptopelia decaocto* : noted each day.
- Great Spotted Cuckoo** *Clamator glandarius* : noted on 2 days with 2 Evretou Reservoir on 24th, 1 Diarhizos Valley on 25th.
- Common Cuckoo** *Cuculus canorus* : noted on 2 days with heard Smiyies Chapel area on 24th, heard north of Agios Nikolaos on 25th.
- Little Owl** *Athene noctua* : 1 seen 2 others heard Akamas (Baths of Aphrodite area) on 24th.
- Alpine Swift** *Tachymarptis melba* : 1 Asprokremnos Dam pools on 23rd.
- Common Swift** *Apus apus* : noted most days, particularly screaming parties over Paphos town.
- Hoopoe** *Upupa epops* : noted on 3 days with 1 Kefalos Beach (Paphos) area on 24th, 1 Geroskipou on 26th, 1 Larnaca “hide pools” on 28th.
- Masked Shrike** *Lanius nubicus* : noted on 3 days with 1 Akamas (Baths of Aphrodite area) 1 Smiyies Chapel area on 24th, 1 north of Agios Nikolaos on 25th, 2 pairs Kannaviou area & a female Anarita Park on 26th.
- Jay (endemic ssp)** *Garrulus glandarius gleszneri* : noted on 2 days with 7 Mount Olympos on 25th, heard Kannaviou area on 26th.
- Magpie** *Pica pica* : noted most days.
- Jackdaw** *Coloeus monedula* : noted most days.
- Hooded Crow** *Corvus cornix* : noted each day.
- Coal Tit (endemic ssp)** *Periparus ater cypriotes* : noted on 2 days with Mount Olympos on 25th, Kannaviou area on 26th.
- Great Tit** *Parus major* : noted most days.
- Swallow** *Hirundo rustica* : noted each day.
- House Martin** *Delichon urbicum* : noted each day.
- Red-rumped Swallow** *Cecropis daurica* : noted on 4 days with 3 Paphos Headland on 22nd, 1 Kefalos Beach (Paphos) area 2 Smiyies Chapel area on 24th, a pair Anarita Park on 26th, at least 25 Paphos Headland & Cape Drepanum on 27th.
- Short-toed Lark** *Calandrella brachydactyla* : noted most days with at least 25 Paphos Headland - Kefalos Beach area on 22nd, then 4 there on 23rd, 2 on 24th, 17N plus 8 on 25th, and 2 on 26th. Then c.50 Paphos Headland & c.10 Cape Drepanum on 27th, 2 Paphos Headland on 28th.
- Crested Lark** *Galerida cristata* : noted most days.
- Zitting Cisticola** *Cisticola juncidis* : noted most days.
- Cetti's Warbler** *Cettia cetti* : noted on 5 days.
- Sedge Warbler** *Acrocephalus schoenobaenus* : noted on 3 days with 1 Asprokremnos Dam pools 1 Zakaki Pool on 23rd, singing Asprokremnos Pools on 25th, 1 Cape Drepanum on 27th.
- Reed Warbler** *Acrocephalus scirpaceus* : noted on 2 days with singing birds Phasouri reedbed & Zakaki Pool on 23rd, 1 Paphos Headland on 26th.
- Chiffchaff** *Phylloscopus collybita* : noted most days with 2 Kefalos Beach (Paphos) area on 22nd, 2 Asprokremnos Dam pools 1 Akrotiri Salt Lake on 23rd, 1 Baths of Aphrodite on 24th, 1 Asprokremnos Pools on 25th, 3 round the hotel on 26th, 4 Paphos Headland on 27th, several Paphos Headland on 28th.
- Blackcap** *Sylvia atricapilla* : noted most days with a male Paphos Headland on 22nd, 2 Asprokremnos Pools on 23rd, several Akamas on 24th, a male Asprokremnos Pools on 25th, singles Asprokremnos Pools, Kannaviou area & Anarita Park on 26th, Avagas Gorge on 27th, several Paphos Headland on 28th.

- Lesser Whitethroat** *Sylvia curruca* : noted most days with at least 3 Paphos Headland on 22nd, 1 Asprokremnos Dam pools on 23rd, 1 Akamas (Baths of Aphrodite area) 1 Evretou Reservoir on 24th, 1 Kefalos Beach (Paphos) area on 25th, 1 Paphos Headland on 26th, several Paphos Headland & Avagas Gorge on 27th, several Paphos Headland on 28th.
- Spectacled Warbler** *Sylvia conspicillata* : at least 4 Larnaca “hide pools” on 28th.
- Sardinian Warbler** *Sylvia melanocephala* : noted most days.
- Rüppell's Warbler** *Sylvia rueppelli* : a male briefly on 26th.
- Cyprus Warbler** *Sylvia melanothorax* : noted on 3 days with at least 4 Asprokremnos Pools on 23rd, a pair there on 25th & 26th.
- Wren** *Troglodytes troglodytes* : heard singing Mount Olympos on 25th & Kannaviou area on 26th.
- Short-toed Treecreeper (endemic ssp)** *Certhia brachydactyla dorothea* : several Mount Olympos on 25th.
- Starling** *Sturnus vulgaris* : noted on 3 days with en route on 21st, en route on 23rd, en route on 24th.
- Song Thrush** *Turdus philomelos* : noted on 6 days with 1 Paphos Headland on 22nd, 1 Asprokremnos Pools on 23rd, several Akamas (Baths of Aphrodite area) & Smiyies Chapel area on 24th, 1 Kannaviou area & 1 Anarita Park on 26th, several Paphos Headland on 27th, 1 Paphos Headland & 1 Larnaca “hide pools” 28th.
- Robin** *Erithacus rubecula* : noted on 4 days with 1 Paphos Headland on 22nd, 2 Akamas (Baths of Aphrodite area) on 24th, 1 Paphos Headland on 27th, 1 Paphos Headland on 28th.
- Nightingale** *Luscinia megarhynchos* : noted on 4 days with heard distantly Kefalos Beach (Paphos) area on 24th, 2 singing 1 seen Paphos Headland on 26th, 2 Paphos Headland on 27th, at least 3 Paphos Headland on 28th.
- Black Redstart** *Phoenicurus ochruros* : 2 Paphos Headland on 22nd.
- European Stonechat** *Saxicola rubicola* : noted on 3 days with a female Paphos Headland on 22nd, 2 Paphos Headland on 26th, 2 Kefalos Beach (Paphos) area on 28th.
- "Caucasian" Stonechat** *Saxicola maurus variegata* : 1 Akrotiri Salt Lake on 23rd.
- Isabelline Wheatear** *Oenanthe isabellina* : noted most days in Paphos Headland - Kefalos Beach - Tombs of the Kings area with at least 3 on 22nd, 1 on 23rd, 3 on 24th, 1 on 25th, 2 on 26th, 2 on 27th, 1 on 28th ; also 1 Cape Drepanum on 27th
- Northern Wheatear** *Oenanthe oenanthe* : noted on 6 days with at least 6 Paphos Headland - Kefalos Beach area on 22nd, 2 Kefalos Beach 1 Lady's Mile on 23rd, 5 Kefalos Beach on 24th, 1 Anarita Park on 26th, 2 Paphos Headland on 27th, 1 Kefalos Beach on 28th.
- Cyprus Wheatear** *Oenanthe cypriaca* : noted on 5 days with 3 Paphos Headland on 22nd, 2 Asprokremnos Dam pools 1 Zakaki Pool 1 en route on 23rd, at least 4 on territory Akamas (Baths of Aphrodite area) on 24th, numerous all day on 25th & 26th.
- Finsch's Wheatear** *Oenanthe finschii* : a male north of Agios Nikolaos on 25th.
- Blue Rock Thrush** *Monticola solitarius* : noted on 2 days with a male briefly Kidasi on 25th, 1 near Anarita Park 26th.
- Semicollared Flycatcher** *Ficedula semitorquata* : a female Anarita Park on 26th.
- House Sparrow** *Passer domesticus* : noted each day.
- Spanish Sparrow** *Passer hispaniolensis* : noted on 5 days.
- Blue-headed Wagtail** *Motacilla flava flava* : noted on 2 days with at least 3 Paphos Headland on 22nd, heard overhead Kefalos Beach (Paphos) area on 24th.
- Grey-headed Wagtail** *Motacilla flava thunbergi* : 1 Paphos Headland on 22nd.
- Black-headed Wagtail** *Motacilla [flava] feldegg* : noted on 6 days with at least 10 Paphos Headland on 22nd, at least 5 Zakaki Pool on 23rd, a male Kefalos Beach (Paphos) area on 25th, several Paphos Headland on 26th, 10 Paphos Headland, 25 Cape Drepanum 27th, 3 Paphos Headland c.10 Larnaca “hide pools” 28th.
- White Wagtail** *Motacilla alba* : noted most days, notable counts being at least 20 Paphos Headland - Kefalos Beach area on 22nd, and at least 25 Evretou Reservoir on 24th.



**Tawny Pipit** *Anthus campestris* : noted on 6 days in Paphos Headland - Kefalos Beach area with up to 2 on 22nd – 27th, 1 Asprokremnos Pools on 23rd, 3 Anarita Park on 26th, several Cape Drepanum on 27th.

**Meadow Pipit** *Anthus pratensis* : noted most days.

**Tree Pipit** *Anthus trivialis* : noted on 4 days with 1 Smiyies Chapel area on 24th, 2 Paphos Headland on 26th, 1 Cape Drepanum 2 Paphos Headland on 27th, 2 Paphos Headland on 28th.

**Red-throated Pipit** *Anthus cervinus* : noted on 4 days with at least 2 Paphos Headland on 22nd, 3 Kefalos Beach (Paphos) area 1 Anarita Park on 26th, 6 Paphos Headland on 27th, 1 Larnaca “hide pools” on 28th.

**Water Pipit** *Anthus spinoletta* : 1 Phasouri reedbed (lo) on 23rd.

**Chaffinch** *Fringilla coelebs* : noted on 2 days with 1 Evretou Reservoir on 24th, several Mount Olympos on 25th.

**Serin** *Serinus serinus* : noted on 2 days with 1 Asprokremnos Pools on 23rd, 2 Smiyies Chapel area on 24th.

**Greenfinch** *Carduelis chloris* : noted most days.

**Goldfinch** *Carduelis carduelis* : noted most days.

**Linnet** *Carduelis cannabina* : noted most days.

**Hawfinch** *Coccothraustes coccothraustes* : 2 Paphos Headland on 27th.

**Corn Bunting** *Emberiza calandra* : noted most days with c.100 Anarita Park on 26th of note.

**Cretzschmar's Bunting** *Emberiza caesia* : noted on 4 days with at least 4 Paphos Headland on 22nd, 1 Paphos Headland on 23rd, 1 Kefalos Beach (Paphos) area 1 Evretou Reservoir on 24th, a pair Kannaviou area on 26th.

## MAMMALS

**Brown Hare** *Lepus europaeus* : 2 Larnaca “hide pools” on 28th.

**Eastern Hedgehog** *Erinaceus concolor* : road kills noted on 3 days.

## REPTILES & AMPHIBIANS

**Starred Agama (endemic ssp)** *Laudakia stellio cypriaca* : noted on 3 days.

**Budak's Snake-eyed Skink** *Ablepharus budaki* : noted on 2 days with 1 Kannaviou area on 26th, 1 Avagas Gorge on 27th.

**Fringe-toed Lizard** *Acanthodactylus schreiberi* : noted on 6 days.

**[Eastern] Montpellier Snake** *Malpolon [monspessulanus] fuscus* : dead on road on 26th.

**Levant Water Frog** *Rana bedriagae* : noted on 4 days.

## BUTTERFLIES

**Eastern Festoon** *Zerynthia cerisyi* : Avagas Gorge on 27th.

**[Common] Swallowtail** *Papilio machaon* : noted on 4 days.

**Large White** *Pieris brassicae* : noted on 6 days.

**Small White** *Pieris rapae* : noted on 5 days.

**Orange-tip** *Anthocharis cardamines* : noted on 5 days.

**Eastern Dappled White** *Euchloe ausonia* : Paphos Headland on 22nd.

**Clouded Yellow** *Colias crocea* : noted on 6 days.

- Cleopatra** *Gonepteryx cleopatra* : Avagas Gorge on 27th.  
**Lesser Fiery Copper** *Lycaena thersamon* : Asprokremnos Pools on 23rd.  
**Small Copper** *Lycaena phlaeas* : Asprokremnos Pools on 25th.  
**Paphos Blue** *Glaucopsyche paphos* : noted on 5 days.  
**Common Blue** *Polyommatus icarus* : noted on 5 days.  
**Red Admiral** *Vanessa atalanta* : noted on 3 days.  
**Painted Lady** *Vanessa cardui* : noted on 6 days.  
**Speckled Wood** *Pararge aegeria* : noted on 2 days at Baths of Aphrodite on 24th, Kannaviou on 26th.  
**Wall Brown** *Lasiommata megera* : Smiyies Chapel on 24th.  
**Cyprus Meadow Brown** *Maniola cypricola* : Cape Drepanum & Avagas Gorge on 27th.

**MOTHS**

- Hummingbird Hawkmoth** *Macroglossum stellatarum* : 1 Asprokremnos Pools on 23rd.

**DAMSELFLIES & DRAGONFLIES**

- Blue Emperor [Dragonfly]** *Anax imperator* : noted on 2 days.

**OTHER SELECTED INSECTS**

- Egyptian Grasshopper** *Anacridium aegyptium* : noted on 3 days.

**SELECTED PLANT LIST**

(with special thanks to Geoffrey Field)

Just those we particularly noticed! .....

**Key:** Nos. in 3rd column refer to Mediterranean Wild Flowers, (Grey-Wilson & Blamey, 1993)

\*\*\* = endemic to Cyprus

<b><u>Ephedraceae</u></b>	<b>Joint Pines</b>	
<i>Ephedra fragilis</i> subsp. <i>campylopoda</i>	Joint Pine	20a
<b><u>Fagaceae</u></b>	<b>Beeches &amp; Oaks</b>	
<i>Quercus coccifera</i> subsp. <i>calliprinos</i>	Kermes Oak	24a
<b><u>Urticaceae</u></b>	<b>Nettles</b>	
<i>Urtica pilulifera</i>	Roman Nettle	48
<i>Urtica urens</i>	-	-
<b><u>Aizoaceae</u></b>	<b>Aizoons</b>	
<i>Aizoon hispanicum</i>	Aizoon	114
<i>Mesembryanthemum acinaciformis</i>	Red Hottentot Fig	116
<i>Mesembryanthemum nodiflorum</i>	-	119
<b><u>Caryophyllaceae</u></b>	<b>Pinks</b>	
<i>Paronychia macrosepala</i>	-	135
<i>Paronychia argentea</i>	-	136

<i>Spergularia bocconii</i>	-	151	
<i>Silene vulgaris</i>	Bladder Campion	157	
<i>Kohlrauschia velutina</i>	Kohlrauschia	187	
<b>Ranunculaceae</b>	<b>Buttercups</b>		
<i>Anemone coronaria</i>	Crown Anemone	211	
<i>Adonis annua</i>	Pheasant-eye	219	
<i>Adonis dentata</i>	-	223	
<i>Nigella sativa</i>	Edible Love-in-a-Mist	229	
<i>Ranunculus arvensis</i>	Corn Buttercup	244	
<i>Ranunculus sceleratus</i>	Celery-leaved Buttercup	251	
<i>Ranunculus ficaria</i>	Lesser Celandine	252	
<i>Ranunculus asiaticus</i>	Turban Buttercup	257	
<i>Delphinium peregrinum</i>	Violet Larkspur	258	
<b>Papaveraceae</b>	<b>Poppies</b>		
<i>Papaver rhoeas</i>	Common Poppy	283	
<i>Glaucium corniculatum</i>	Red Horned-poppy	295	
<b>Fumariaceae</b>	<b>Fumitories</b>		
<i>Fumaria capreolata</i>	Ramping Fumitory	303	
<i>Fumaria officinalis</i>	Common Fumitory	306	
<b>Cruciferae</b>	<b>Cresses</b>		
<i>Arabis cypria</i> (syn. <i>A. purpurea</i> )	Cyprus Rock-cress	323	***
<i>Matthiola tricuspidata</i>	Eastern Sea Stock	329	
<i>Sinapis arvensis</i>	Charlock	359	
<i>Cakile maritima</i>	Sea Rocket	363	
<b>Resedaceae</b>	<b>Mignonettes</b>		
<i>Reseda lutea</i>	Wild Mignonette	376	
<i>Reseda orientalis</i>	Oriental Mignonette	379	
<b>Platanaceae</b>	<b>Plane trees</b>		
<i>Platanus orientalis</i>	Oriental Plane	400	
<b>Rosaceae</b>	<b>Roses</b>		
<i>Crataegus azarolus</i>	Azarole	418	
<i>Crataegus monogyna</i>	Hawthorn	420	
<i>Rubus sanctus</i>	Bramble	428	
<b>Leguminosae</b>	<b>Peas</b>		
<i>Acacia retinoides</i>	-	438	
<i>Acacia pycnantha</i>	Golden Wattle	440	
<i>Vicia tetrasperma</i>	Smooth Tare	523	
<i>Vicia hybrida</i>	Hairy Yellow Vetchling	527	
<i>Vicia sativa</i>	Common Vetch	531	
<i>Lathyrus setifolius</i>	-	544	
<i>Melilotus indicus</i>	Small Melilot	572	
<i>Trifolium fragiferum</i>	Strawberry Clover	652	
<i>Trifolium campestre</i>	Hop Trefoil	656	
<i>Trifolium stellatum</i>	Star Clover	662	
<i>Trifolium angustifolium</i>	Narrow-leaved Crimson Clover	668	
<b>Oxalidaceae</b>	<b>Sorrels</b>		
<i>Oxalis pes-caprae</i>	Bermuda Buttercup	735	
<b>Geraniaceae</b>	<b>Geraniums</b>		
<i>Geranium robertianum</i>	Herb Robert	747	



<i>Erodium malacoides</i>	Mallow-leaved Storksbill	752	
<i>Erodium gruinum</i>	Long-beaked Storksbill	757	
<b>Zygophyllaceae</b>	<b>Caltrops</b>		
<i>Fagonia cretica</i>	Fagonia	766	
<b>Linaceae</b>	<b>Flaxes</b>		
<i>Linum bienne</i>	Pale Flax	777	
<b>Euphorbiaceae</b>	<b>Spurges</b>		
<i>Euphorbia helioscopia</i>	Sun Spurge	799	
<i>Euphorbia veneris</i>	Cyprus Glaucous Spurge	803	***
<i>Euphorbia peplus</i>	Petty Spurge	807	
<i>Euphorbia paralias</i>	Sea Spurge	813	
<i>Mercurialis annua</i>	Annual Mercury	820	
<i>Ricinus communis</i>	Castor Oil Plant	824	
<b>Rutaceae</b>	<b>Rues &amp; Citrus Fruits</b>		
<i>Ruta chalepensis</i>	Fringed Rue	827	
<b>Meliaceae</b>	<b>Persian Lilacs</b>		
<i>Melia azedarach</i>	Indian Bead Tree	843	
<b>Polygalaceae</b>	<b>Milkworts</b>		
<i>Polygala myrtifolia</i>	Shrubby Milkwort	846	
<b>Malvaceae</b>	<b>Mallows</b>		
<i>Malva parviflora</i>	Least Mallow	897	
<i>Malva sylvestris</i>	Common Mallow	898	
<b>Cistaceae</b>	<b>Rockroses</b>		
<i>Cistus creticus</i>	Pink Cistus	962	
<i>Cistus salvifolius</i>	Sage-leaved Cistus	965	
<b>Tamaricaceae</b>	<b>Tamarisks</b>		
<i>Tamarix tetrandra</i>	Tamarisk	1021	
<b>Cactaceae</b>	<b>Cacti</b>		
<i>Opuntia ficus-indica</i>	Prickly Pear	1040	
<b>Umbelliferae</b>	<b>Carrots</b>		
<i>Eryngium maritimum</i>	Sea Holly	1073	
<i>Smyrniolus satrum</i>	Alexanders	1087	
<i>Foeniculum vulgare</i>	Fennel	1108	
<i>Ammi majus</i>	False Bishop's Weed	1135	
<i>Ferula communis</i>	Giant Fennel	1141	
<i>Tordylium apulum</i>	Tordylium	1149	
<i>Torilis arvensis</i>	Spreading Hedge-Parsley	1161	
<i>Torilis nodosa</i>	Knotted Hedge-Parsley	1165	
<b>Primulaceae</b>	<b>Primroses</b>		
<i>Anagallis arvensis</i>	Scarlet Pimpernel	1198	
<i>Anagallis foemina</i>	Blue Pimpernel	1199	
<i>Cyclamen persicum</i>	Persian Sowbread	1210	
<b>Plumbaginaceae</b>	<b>Thriffs</b>		
<i>Limonium sinuatum</i>	Winged Sea-lavender	1220	
<b>Styracaceae</b>	<b>Storax</b>		
<i>Styrax officinalis</i>	Storax	1238	

<b>Oleaceae</b>	<b>Olives</b>	
<i>Olea europaea</i>	Olive	1248
<b>Gentianaceae</b>		
<i>Centaurium pulchellum</i>	Lesser Centaury	1252
<b>Rubiaceae</b>	<b>Bedstraws</b>	
<i>Rubia tenuifolia</i>	-	1306
<b>Convolvulaceae</b>	<b>Bindweeds</b>	
<i>Cuscuta palaestina</i>	Eastern Dodder	1314
<i>Convolvulus althaeoides tenuissimus</i>	Mallow-leaved Bindweed	1331a
<i>Convolvulus siculus</i>	Small Blue Bindweed	1336
<i>Convolvulus coelesyriacus</i>	-	1337
<b>Boraginaceae</b>	<b>Borage</b>	
<i>Echium angustifolium</i>	Narrow-leaved Bugloss	1382
<i>Anchusa aegyptiaca</i>	Eastern Anchusa	1412
<b>Verbenaceae</b>	<b>Verbenas</b>	
<i>Lantana camara</i>	Lantana	1417
<b>Labiatae</b>	<b>Mints</b>	
<i>Phlomis fruticosa</i>	Jerusalem Sage	1455
<i>Lamium moschatum</i>	Blotched Dead-nettle	1477
<i>Lamium amplexicaule</i>	Henbit Dead-nettle	1478
<b>Scrophulariaceae</b>	<b>Figworts</b>	
<i>Misopates orontium</i>	Lesser Snapdragon	1611
<i>Veronica anagallis-aquatica</i>	Blue Water Speedwell	1648
<b>Orobanchaceae</b>	<b>Broomrapes</b>	
<i>Orobanche minor</i>	Common Broomrape	1664
<b>Myoporaceae</b>	<b>Myoporum</b>	
<i>Myoporum laetum</i>	Ngaio	1676
<b>Plantaginaceae</b>	<b>Plantains</b>	
<i>Plantago coronopus</i>	Buck's-horn Plantain	1696
<b>Dipsacaceae</b>	<b>Scabious &amp; Teasels</b>	
<i>Scabiosa prolifera</i>	Carmel Daisy	1750
<b>Compositae</b>	<b>Daisies</b>	
<i>Phagnalon rupestre</i>	Phagnalon	1831
<i>Anthemis rigida</i>	Rayless Chamomile	1870
<i>Chrysanthemum segetum</i>	Corn Marigold	1894
<i>Chrysanthemum coronarium</i>	Crown Daisy	1895
<i>Calendula arvensis</i>	Field Marigold	1908
<i>Notobasis syriaca</i>	Syrian Thistle	1966
<i>Silybum marianum</i>	Milk Thistle	1982
<i>Centaurea solstitialis</i>	Yellow Star-thistle	1994
<i>Centaurea aegialophila</i>	-	1997
<i>Tragopogon sinuatus</i>	Eastern Salsify	2058
<b>Liliaceae</b>	<b>Lilies</b>	
<i>Asphodelus aestivus</i>	Common Asphodel	2089
<i>Gagea fibrosa</i>	Yellow Star-of-Bethlehem	2112
<i>Urginea maritima</i>	Sea Squill	2163

<i>Ornithogalum narbonense</i>	Star-of-Bethlehem	2166	
<i>Ornithogalum trichophyllum</i>	Star-of-Bethlehem	2170	
<i>Muscari comosum</i>	Tassel Hyacinth	2201	
<i>Allium neapolitanum</i>	Naples Garlic	2225	
<b>Iridaceae</b>	<b>Irises</b>		
<i>Gynandiris sisyrrinchium</i>	Barbary Nut	2305	
<i>Gladiolus italicus</i>	Field Gladiolus	2307	
<i>Gladiolus triphyllus</i>	Cyprus Gladiolus	2312	***
<i>Crocus (?)cyprius</i>	Cyprus Crocus	2342	
<b>Araceae</b>	<b>Arums</b>		
<i>Arisarum vulgare</i>	Friar's Cowl	2377	
<b>Orchidaceae</b>	<b>Orchids</b>		
<i>Orchis intacta</i> (syn. <i>Neotinea maculata</i> )	Dense-flowered Orchid	2393	
<i>Dactylorhiza romana</i>	Roman Orchid	2394	
<i>Orchis [morio] syriaca</i>	Syrian Orchid	2403c	
<i>Orchis coriophora</i> ssp. <i>fragrans</i>	Fragrant Bug Orchid	2405a	
<i>Orchis italica</i>	Naked Man Orchid	2409	
<i>Orchis laxiflora</i>	Loose-flowered Orchid	2420	
<i>Ophrys sicula</i> (syn. <i>O.lutea</i> subsp. <i>galilaea</i> )	[Small] Yellow Bee-orchid	2423a	
<i>Ophrys [fusca] funerea</i>	- note that Delforge (3rd edn 2006) now limits <i>O.funerea</i> to Corsica & Sardinia which begs the question what are these plants on Cyprus. Funereal Bee-orchid	2424	
<i>Ophrys [omegaifera] israelitica</i> (syn. <i>Ophrys [fusca] fleischmannii</i> )	Omega Bee-orchid	2424b	
<i>Ophrys iricolor</i>	Rainbow Orchid	2425	
<i>Ophrys bornmuelleri</i>	Bornmueller's Orchid	2427	
<i>Ophrys [bornmuelleri] levantina</i>	'Levantine' Spider Orchid	2427a	
<i>Ophrys [umbilicata] attica</i>	[Mount] Carmel Bee-orchid	2435a	
<i>Ophrys kotschyi</i>	Cyprus/Kotschy's Bee-orchid	2438	***
<i>Ophrys apifera</i>	Common Bee-orchid	2443	
<i>Barlia robertiana</i>	Giant Orchid	2446	
<i>Anacamptis pyramidalis</i>	Pyramidal Orchid	2447	
<i>Serapias vomeracea</i>	Long-lipped/Ploughshare Serapias	2450	
<i>Serapias orientalis</i> (syn. <i>S.vomeracea</i> subsp. <i>orientalis</i> )	Eastern Serapias	2450a	
<i>Serapias bergonii</i> (syn. <i>S.vomeracea</i> subsp. <i>laxiflora</i> )	Lax-flowered Tongue-orchid	2450b	
<i>Serapias parviflora</i>	Small-flowered Tongue-orchid	2452	
<b>Gramineae</b>	<b>Grasses</b>		
<i>Briza maxima</i>	Large Quaking-grass	2460	
<i>Bromus madritensis</i>	Compact Brome	2464	
<i>Avena sterilis</i>	Wild-oat	2471	
<i>Arundo donax</i>	Giant Reed	2494	
<i>Phragmites australis</i>	Common Reed	-	
<b>Pteridophyta</b>	<b>Ferns</b>		
<i>Adiantum capillus-veneris</i>	Maidenhair Fern	2522	

The weather was very settled and migrants, though moving through, were not seen in such large numbers as hoped. However, we did find most of the species we were hoping for plus a few other surprises. This of course is typical of bird migration. The mild but wet winter meant no snow on the Troodos and most plants were ahead and the orchids largely going over. Having said that, we again found most of the expected species. It's impossible to decide on the overall trip highlight as we will all have come away with our own special memories. The Dotterels and Semicollared Flycatcher were complete surprises, and though the Finsch's Wheatear was expected, it certainly wasn't expected where we actually found it!



*Two important things to remember though is that if it looks like rain, don't bite into whole tomatoes and if on the last day you're going to leave your outdoor coat at the hotel, try not to leave your personal diary in the pocket! We must say a big thank you to Deborah and her staff at Kalliopi Travel who organised our time in Cyprus, Lenia for again driving us for the week and setting up the picnic table each lunchtime, and well done to all of you who made this trip the success it was. Both Gary and I hope to see you all again on another trip in the not-too-distant future.*

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