

CRETE BIRD REPORT 1997

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Introduction to Crete Bird Report 1997

Many thanks to everyone who has sent in recordings of their sightings. This year we have had a record number of observers and the coverage of the island shows that there are still plenty of discoveries to be made. The far east and the south east and southern coasts are still underwatched. The movement of raptors in the Autumn is still not understood and the breeding records for the island are still underrecorded. A study by the University of Crete should show some light on this and hopefully in 1998 we will have a more accurate picture of breeding birds on the island. Many thanks to Denis Townsend for all of his hard work in compiling this year's records again.

Weather:

The weather followed the usual pattern except for a very hot period in the summer which broke records.

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

LITTLE GREBE *Tachybaptus ruficollis*

Winter: -Spring : Small numbers present Feb-Apr. at the 4 usual sites of Georgioupolis lake, Agia reservoir, Lake Kournas and Bramianos reservoir. Breeding records at Georgioupolis with 3 adults and 1 juvenile 15.8. Possible breeding at Agia reservoir with 14 adults and 7 juveniles on 17.8. and 27 including 2 juveniles Bramianos reservoir 24.8.

Autumn to Winter: Many from mid Sept to Dec Max 50 Agia reservoir 6.11. 40 Bramianos reservoir 1.12. Also recorded 2 Aposelemis 18.10. 5 Tersanas pool 6.11. 1 Souda bay 12.12. and 16 Thrapsano pool 16.12.

GREAT CRESTED GREBE *Podiceps cristatus*

A single at Lake Kournas 11.12. [CJH]

BLACK-NECKED GREBE *Podiceps nigricollis*

Winter peaks of 160 at Lake Kournas 19.2. and 200 there 14.12. Small numbers during December at Bramianos Reservoir, Souda Bay and Georgioupolis lake.

Spring: Max 20 at Agia and 20 at Bramianos reservoir 5.4 . 7 Lake Kournas 19.4.-22.4. A single Langarda river pool 13.4.

Single at Bramianos reservoir 28.8.-10.9.

CORY'S SHEARWATER *Colonectris diomedea*

Small numbers during April offshore from Frangocastello and Megalopotamos -Agia Galini . 40+ off Elounda 2.5. and Mirabelo Bay 21.6.

Aug.-Oct. Mainly singles off Makrigialos, Plakia , Malia, Anaplysia and Aposelemis river mouth. 69+ off Kato Zakros 28.8.

MEDITERRANEAN SHEARWATER *Puffinus yelkouan*

Up to 50 flew east of Makrigialos 13.4. 10 feeding off Elounda 2.5. Large flock in Kalyves Bay 16.5. 2 flew west Makrigialos Bay 1.10.

CORMORANT *Phalacrocorax carbo*

A single Langarda 23.3. Up to 2 Gramvousa and Mironikitas in April. 1 Katachas Bay 15.9.

Winter: 8 Karteros 10.1. Singles at Heraklion, Elounda, Gioforos and Petres river, Souda Bay and 3 Hania during December.

SHAG *Phalacrocorax aristotellus*

2 Via 1.4. 3 between Megalou and Agia Galini 3.4. Singles Falasarna 7.4. Itanos 11.4. Hania 20.4. Kastelli 8.5. 12 Kolimbari 11.5. and 2 Tavronitis 14.9.

3 immatures Sitia 2.9. and 1 immature there 9.9.

BITTERN *Botaurus stellaris*

One at Malia 6.4.

LITTLE BITTERN *Ixobrychus minutus*

2 Agia reservoir 3.4. then singles during April at Agia, Malia, Elounda, Aposelemis river, and Falasarna. An increase in May with 7 Agia reservoir and Souda Bay 18.5.

Autumn: 1 Bramianos reservoir 2.10.

HERONS spp.

Light passage of Night, Grey and Purple herons to the north over Rethymnon on 7.4. 40 heron spp. flew west over Makrigialos 15.4.

NIGHT HERON *Nycticorax nycticorax*

Regular in groups 3 to 11 from 19.3. – 11.4. Small numbers at Agia Reservoir, Bramianos Reservoir, Elounda, Souda and Thrapsano pool to 18.5. A single still present at Thrapsano pool 1.6.

Autumn: 1 juvenile at Bramianos reservoir 24.8., 26.8., and 3.9. 11 over Tersanas 13.9.

SQUACCO HERON *Ardeola ralliodes*

First Record 2 Bramianos Reservoir 2.4. Then 1 to 3 during the rest of April at Agia Reservoir, Elounda, (1 dead there 20.4.), Malia, Makrigialos, Gouves, Thrapsano Pool, and Aposelemis river. Singles in May at Lake Kournas, Skoutelonas and Agia reservoir. One Hersonissos on 4.6.

Autumn: 10 Agia Reservoir 11.9. 1 Heraklion 16.9. 3 Agia Marina 21.9.

1-2 Bramianos reservoir 22.8.-10.9. 5 (2adults & 3 juveniles) Sitia 2.9.

CATTLE EGRET *Bubulcus ibis*

Singles Agia Reservoir 9.5. (P&A B) Oassi 18.5. and three in a field near Agia reservoir 17.5. (RP)

LITTLE EGRET *Egretta garzetta*

2 Elounda 28.2. and Souda 2.3. then common from 2.4. to 26.4. with 40 at Elounda, 22 Souda Bay 17 Tersanas marsh, and 30 at the Power Station. Smaller numbers at 13 other wetland sites. Singles at several sites until 18.5.

Autumn: 1-6 August to October at Agios Nikolaos, Bramianos Reservoir, Elounda, Tavronitis, Souda Bay, Agia reservoir and Lake Kournas. 10 Sitia 4.9. 24 Iraklion airport 11.9.

Winter: Singles November to early December at Souda Bay, Power Station and Agios Nikolaos.

The rare grey form of the Little Egret was recorded at Kolombari 12.5.(P&AB).

GREAT WHITE EGRET *Egretta alba*

A single Souda Bay 2.3. There were 2 at the same site in early November and a single there 11.12. and 14.12.

GREY HERON *Ardea cinerea*

A single at Elounda 28.2. Spring passage during April, many singles but some large flocks, 13 Bramianos reservoir 2.4. 5 Agia reservoir 5.4. 46 Elounda 9.4. Groups of 30 until 18.4. 6 still present Agia reservoir 17.5 and Bramianos reservoir 18.6.

Autumn: 4-8 Bramianos reservoir 22.8.-10.9. 2 Sitia 2.9. 35 Kokkini Hani 3.9. 15 Heraklion 17.9. 100 to the south over Paleokastro 27.9. 31 to SE over Tavronitis 9.10. 54 arrived at Georgiopolis 10.10.

Winter records: 1 Agia reservoir 6.11. 1 Gioforos river 12.11. 4 Souda Bay 14.12. and a single at Iraklion 24.12.

PURPLE HERON *Ardea purpurea*

First records were singles at Xerocampos and Aposelemis 2.4. and next day at Agia reservoir and Tersanas marsh. Then 5 at Bramianos reservoir on 4.4. Up to 10 Elounda, Malia, Bramianos reservoir and Aposelemis river to 15.4. 1-2 at Karteros, Agia reservoir, Makrigialos, Bramianos reservoir, Malia, Gouves to 24.4.

Singles in early May at Gouves and Malia,

Autumn: 1 Bramianos reservoir 6.8. 10.9. and Kokkini Hani 3.9. 1 juvenile at Bramianos 7.9. 6 Sitia 2.9. 17 Malia 11.9. 2 Lake Kournas 27.9. Singles at Agia reservoir 9.10. Bramianos reservoir 24.10. and Tersanas pool 6.11. which was the last record.

BLACK STORK *Ciconia ciconia*

A juvenile at Agia reservoir 26.9. 1 flew south west over Georgiopolis 1.10. There was a single at Lake Kournas 2.10. and 2 Georgiopolis 4.-5.10.

GLOSSY IBIS *Plegadis falcinellus*

2 at Bramianos reservoir 2.4. and then fairly numerous in April. 9 Aposelemis 9.4. and 6 there 29.4. 10 Malia 7.4. 17 Iraklion Power Station 11.4. 12 Bramianos reservoir 12.4. 8 Gouves 15.4. 20 Malia 17.4. 68 Plakias 19.4. 36 Frangocastello 21.4. Small numbers at Tersanas marsh and pool, Elounda, Agia Triada, Kolombari, Langarda, Limani Gouves, and Agia reservoir to early May.

Autumn: 2 Kokkini Hani 3.9. 1 juvenile Bramianos reservoir 7.9.- 10.9. 1 Agia reservoir to 3.10.

GREATER FLAMINGO *Phoenicopterus ruber*

An adult and juvenile at Xerocampos 2.4. 23 flying around Plakias Bay 27.4. A juvenile at Bramianos reservoir 22.9. and 30.9. 2 there 2.10. and 7.10.

MUTE SWAN *Cygnus olor*

There were 5 at Agia reservoir 2.3.

WIGEON *Anas penelope*

10 Agia reservoir 2.3. 3 still there 31.5. 9 Bramianos reservoir 6.4. Flocks off Tavronitis upwards of 80 birds on 14.9.
Winter max: 52 Bramianos reservoir 1.12. and 22 Agia reservoir 12.12.

GADWALL *Anas strepera*

A single at Agia reservoir 12.12.

TEAL *Anas crecca*

200 off Makrigialos 16.3. 13 Agia reservoir 2.3. and a single 28.4. At Bramianos reservoir there was a large group 4.4. and a pair 12.4. 90+ there 10.9.
Winter max: 129 Bramianos reservoir 1.12. and 55 Agia reservoir 12.12.

MALLARD *Anas platyrhynchos*

7 Agia reservoir 2.3. and a single there 7.5. 1 at Elounda Salt Pans 4.4. At Bramianos reservoir there was a pair on 12.4. In August there were 11 at Agia reservoir and at Bramianos reservoir there were 29 there 24.8. & 26.8. and 31 at 29.8. and very large numbers there 2.10. – 7.10 down to 15 on 27.10.
Winter max: 17 at Agia reservoir 7.11. and 24 at Bramianos reservoir 1.12.

PINTAIL *Anas acuta*

One Agia reservoir 6.4.- 11.4. and Bramianos reservoir 6.4. 50 flew east at Makrigialos 19.3.

In Autumn: 3 at Bramianos reservoir 8.9. and 11 there 10.9. 5 Bramianos reservoir 2.10.-7.10. with 20 there on 27.10. A single at Tersanas Pool 12.10.
Winter max: 70 Kolimbari at 8.11. and 18 at Bramianos reservoir 1.12.

GARGANEY *Anas querquedula*

7 at Agia reservoir 2.3. 80 offshore at Makrigialos 23.3. A pair at Tersanas marsh 29.3. until 10.4. 10 Agia reservoir 30.3. and present there until 11.4.
Up to 7 at Bramianos reservoir 2.4.-12.4. A pair at Kastelli 3.4.
Autumn: 50+ Bramianos reservoir 22.8. About 200 Sitia 2.9. and 500+ there 9.9. 22+ Bramianos reservoir 10.9. 9 Agia reservoir 11.9. and 18 there 1.10. Singles at Aposelemis 14.9. and Lake Kournas 27.9.

SHOVELER *Anas clypeata*

2 Thrapsano pool 27.2. 17 Agia reservoir 2.3. 4 there in late March. Then 3 until 6.4. 12 Bramianos reservoir 2.4. and 8 there 6.4..
Winter Max: 17 Agia reservoir 12.12. and small numbers at Thrapsano pool and Bramianos reservoir during December.

POCHARD *Aythya ferina*

7 Agia reservoir 2.3. 60+ offshore Makrigialos 22.3.
Autumn: 50 Bramianos reservoir 6.8. and 24.8. Down to 35 11.9. and 3.9. but rising again to 52 on 7.9. 42 there 10.9. 100 there 2.10-7.10.
Winter max: 15 Agia reservoir 12.12. and 400 Bramianos reservoir 1.12.

FERRUGINOUS DUCK *Aythya nyroca*

2 at Agia reservoir 2.3. A single there 5.4.
Autumn/Winter 2 Agia reservoir 15.9. and up to 19 in November and December. 2 at Georgiopolis Lake 11.12. and 14.12. 2 at Lake Kournas 11.12.

TUFTED DUCK *Aythya fuligula*

A single at Bramianos reservoir 24.8. – 10.9. 2 there 7.9. 2 at Bramianos reservoir 3.10. 10 there 27.10. and 9 in December. 4 Agia reservoir 6.11. and 6 there 1.12.

BLACK KITE *Milvus migrans*

More records than usual. Singles in Spring at Agia reservoir 2.3. and Tavronitis 17.4. and 11.5., Petres Gorge 18.4. Loutro 25.4. and Akrotiri for 5 days to 7.5. Autumn: singles at lake Kournas 27.9. Kato Zakros 3.10. Georgiopolis Lake 10.10. and Valley of the Dead 23.10.

LAMMERGEIER *Gypaetus barbatus*

Recorded at Aposelemis river, Selinari, Kourtaliotiko, Kera/Avdou, Seli Ambelou, Agia Irini, Omalos, Lassithi, Kallergi Refuge, W Thripti and Sellia.

GRIFFON VULTURE *Gyps fulvus*

Common in the mountains and gorges. Highest counts 29 Selinari and 23 Mt Youchtas.

MARSH HARRIER *Circus aeruginosus*

Spring passage 30.3. to early May when birds were recorded at 22 sites, usually 1-2. , but on 7.4. 25 passed over Elounda Heights in 10 minutes . 4 were at Malia on 6.4. and 5 near Agia Triada monastery 3.5. A single was at Malia on 5.6. Autumn: Singles at Agia reservoir 3.10. and 6.11, Malia 25.10. A winter record from Agia reservoir on 12.-13.12.

HEN HARRIER *Circus cyaneus*

Singles at Radio mast 2.4. Malia 3.4. Agios Konstandinos 5.4. Vidiani 15.4. Toplou Monastery and Agia reservoir 18.4. and 3 at Akrotiri 19.4.

MONTAGU'S HARRIER *Circus pygarrus*

Fewer records than 1996. Spring passage 31.3.- 13.5. with mainly singles at Agia Triada monastery, Stavros, Frangocastello, Spili, Falasarna, and near Chania. At the Tavronitis river a pair was seen 2.5. and 13.5. Records again indicate that the main passage is over the Western half of the island.

GOSHAWK *Accipiter gentilis*

A female in the White Mountains in the first week in May. Singles at Mesa Lassithaki 17.10. and Mili (Rethymnon) 4.11.

SPARROWHAWK *Accipiter nisus*

More records than usual, Spring passage 3.4. to 19.4. with many records of mainly singles from Agia reservoir Triada monastery, Agia Galini, Bramianos reservoir Agios Konstandinos, Rethymnon, Falasarna, Tripti, Aposelemis river, Elounda Heights, 3 there up to 12.4., and Kotsiphos. A single at Toplou monastery 17.6. Autumn: Singles 3.10. to 28.10. at Laki, Apostoli, Georgiopolis, Exopoli, Valley of the Dead and Mt Youchtas.

BUZZARD *Buteo buteo*
Common and widespread.

LONG-LEGGED BUZZARD *Buteo rufinus*
A single Phaestos 8.4. A pair near Makrigialos 11.4. 1 Hersonissos 10.5. 2 Latsida 13.5. A single at Aposelemis river 25.8. and 31.8.

GOLDEN EAGLE *Aquila chrysaetos*
Reported from 12 sites. One flew in from the sea at Sitia 14.9.

BOOTED EAGLE *Hieraetus pennatus*
A single at Agia reservoir 30.3. 5.4. and 6.4. 2 at Stavros 3.4.-5.4. 30 on passage in half an hour near Vrouhas radio station 2.4. Small numbers around Elounda 2.4. – 9.4. Singles Agia Triada monastery 19.4., Prasses 2.5. , Bramianos reservoir 2.10. and 7.10. also Bali 29.12.

BONELLI'S EAGLE *Hieraetus fasciatus*
A single at Lake Kournas 18.4. 2 Imbros Gorge 24.4. Singles Agia Irini 4.5. Kolimbari 12.5. Pefki village 16.6.

OSPREY *Pandion haliaetus*
Singles at Salinen 4.4. Gulf of Korfos 4.4. 2 flew north over Rethymnon 8.4. 1 Kato Gouves 27.10. Singles at Souda Bay 6.11. and 9.11.

LESSER KESTREL *Falco naumanni*
6 above Falasarna 7.4. 4 Tripti 10.4. 6 Agia Triada 16.4. 2 Plakias 21.4.
Autumn: 3 Valley of the Dead 23.10.

KESTREL *Falco tinnunculus*
Common and widespread.

RED-FOOTED FALCON *Falco vespertinus*
First record a single Lassithi 21.4. Then reasonably common until 13.5. Highest concentration was at Agia Triada monastery with 10 there 23.4. rising to 50 by 3.5. then down to 7 by 7.5.
Autumn: Singles at Tavronitis 14.9. and a juvenile Elafonisis 22.9.

MERLIN *Falco columbarius*
One near Megala Horafia 20.4.

HOBBY *Falco subbuteo*
Singles at Langarda 13.3. Lassithi 21.4. Bramianos reservoir 24.8. and 2.10 and Makrigialos 2.10. 1 Mournia (Asterousia) 6.9. A single Agia reservoir 8.-9.10.

ELEANORA'S FALCON *Falco eleonorae*
Present in usual numbers 20.4. to 26.10. Records from Tavronitis, Falasarna, Knossos, Georgioupolis Lake, Makrigialos, Bramianos reservoir, Zakros Gorge, Agia reservoir, Imbros, Rethymnon and Valley of the Dead.

LANNER *Falco biarmicus*

A single at Agia reservoir was the only record.

PEREGRINE *Falco peregrinus*

Recorded at 17 sites from 3.4. with mainly singles recorded. A pair had 2 young at a nest in the Petres Gorge on 18.4. other pairs reported at Selinari Gorge 28.2. and Kotsiphos Gorge 17.4. The numbers of records indicates a possible increase.

CHUKAR *Alectoris chukar*

Records from Bramianos reservoir, including 12 there 1.9. Radio Station Hill, Phaestos, Omalos, Gouvernato monastery and Petres Gorge.

QUAIL *Coturnix coturnix*

Singles at Bramianos reservoir 4.4. and 27.10. and Triptos 29.9.

WATER RAIL *Rallus aquaticus*

1 Malia marsh 3.4. and Agia reservoir 9.5.

Winter: Singles during November and December at Agia reservoir, Aposelemis, Malia, Geropotamos and Georgiopolis Lake.

LITTLE CRAKE *Porzana parva*

3 Agia reservoir 30.3. records then suggest that it was present there until 9.5. when 4 were reported. Numbers usually 1-3 but 6 there 5.3. 12 there 18.4. 2 at Bramianos reservoir 12.4. and singles Kolombari 19.4.

BAILLON'S CRAKE *Porzana pusilla*

A single Agia reservoir 11.4. (RDW) and 2 there 5.4. (P. Mc).

MOORHEN *Gallinula chloropus*

Present throughout the year on most waters in small numbers.

Spring max: 100 Agia reservoir 30.3. down to 20 there 5.4. 90 at Souda 9.4.

Winter max: 70 at Agia reservoir 12.12. and 51 at Georgiopolis Lake 14.12.

COOT *Falica atra*

Main concentration in Spring 14 at Agia reservoir 31.3. 100 Bramianos reservoir 8.4. Numerous at Georgiopolis Lake 18.4.

Summer: Large numbers at Bramianos reservoir 18.6. and 30 there 6.8. rising to 329 7.9.

Autumn: 1250 Bramianos reservoir 1.12. 265 Lake Kournas 11.12. 360 Agia reservoir 12.12. 18 Georgiopolis Lake 14.12. 5 Thrapsano pool 26.12.

OYSTERCATCHER *Haematopus ostralegus*

A single at Karteros 11.4. (C&JH) and 2 at Frangocastello 21.4.(Honeyguide).

BLACK-WINGED STILT *Himantopus himantopus*

First 4 at Xerocampus 2.4. 6 at Elounda 8.4. and Aposelemis river 9.4. Smaller numbers during the rest of April at Souda Bay, Limani, Iraklion Power Station, Malia, Thrapsano pool, Georgiopolis, and Gouves. 1-3 present at 10 sites in May a single remaining Georgiopolis until 18.4. At Thrapsano pool there were 3 on 20.6. which was unusual.

Autumn: A juvenile was at Bramianos reservoir from 1- 7.10.

STONE CURLEW *Burhinus oedicephalus*

Singles at Malia 6.4. Keridis beach 17.4. Aposelemis river 29.4. and Swallowhole on Lassithi 12.5.

LITTLE RINGED PLOVER *Charadrius dubius*

First record was one at Agia reservoir 30.3. Very common during the first two weeks in April with exceptional numbers in Souda bay 8.4. – 10.4. with a maximum of 40 on 9.4.(RDW). Then recorded in the usual numbers at 20 sites until mid August. Last record was a single at Aposelemis river 27.10.

RINGED PLOVER *Charadrius hiaticola*

Up to 6 Elounda 2.4.- 15.4. 2 Petres river 18.4. one there 10.5. Singles Gouves 3.5. Tavronitis 2.5.-8.5. and Aposelemis river 10.5.
Autumn: A single at Langarda 1.10.

KENTISH PLOVER *Charadrius alexandrinus*

2 Langarda 25.3. and a single Aposelemis river 10.4.

GREATER SAND PLOVER *Charadrius leschenaultii*

3 Langarda 23.3. (F&MM).

DOTTEREL *Charadrius morinellus*

A single at Malia Beach 17.4.(TP)

GOLDEN PLOVER *Pluvialis apricaria*

2 Malia 20.11. (C&JH).

GREY PLOVER *Pluvialis squatarola*

Singles Elounda 6.5. and Keridis river mouth 11.5.

SANDERLING *Calidris alba*

3 Elounda 6.5. (MC).

LITTLE STINT *Calidris minuta*

Present in small numbers 28.3. to 1.6. at 11 sites. Maximum numbers 10 at Aposelemis river 14.5. and 9 there 21.5.

Autumn: 2 Thrapsano pool 1.8. and 4 Agia reservoir 15.8. 15 Bramianos reservoir 3.9.

TEMMINCK'S STINT *Calidris temminckii*

A single at Tersanas pool 1.5. and in August 4 at Bramianos reservoir 24.8. and 1-2 Bramianos reservoir 22.8.-10.9.

CURLEW SANDPIPER *Calidris ferruginea*

A single at Tersanas marsh 7.4.-10.4. 3 Limani 25.4. A single at Aposelemis river 12.5. and 16.5.

Autumn: 1 Agia reservoir 17.8. and 2-3 juveniles Bramianos reservoir 1.9.-8.9.

DUNLIN *Calidris alpina*

Spring: 2 Elounda 6.4. 3 Souda bay 9.4. Singles Makrigialos 14.4. and Gouves 15.4.
Autumn; 1 Thrapsano pool 1.8. 4 (2ad.2juv.) at Bramianos reservoir 10.9. 3 Kato Zakros 3.10 and Bramianos reservoir 7.10. 2 Aposelemis river 27.10.

RUFF *Philomachus pugnax*

First record 2 Aposelemis river 6.3.

Spring : Small numbers at 11 sites 2.4.-17.4. with a maximum of 15 Souda bay 8.4. and 14 Agia reservoir 9.4. A second larger peak occurred during the first week in May with 20 Elounda and 30 Gouves 2.5. 60 at Agia reservoir 3.5.-7.5. 47 Malia 6.5.

Summer: 2 Thrapsano pool 1.6.

Autumn: 1 Thrapsano pool 1.8. and 1 Agia reservoir 19.8. 1-3 Bramianos reservoir 22.8.- 9.9. A single Bramianos reservoir 2.10. and 4 there 7.10. Singles at Elounda 25.10. and 27.10.

JACK SNIFE *Lymnocyptes minimus*

Singles at Elounda 6.4.(PW) Souda Bay 8.4.(RDW).

SNIPE *Gallinago gallinago*

Small numbers during April to first week in May at 8 sites. Maximum 5 at Tersanas marsh and a single at Thrapsano pool 1.6.

Autumn: 1-2 Bramianos reservoir 24.8.- 10.9. 7 Agia reservoir 24.9.-26.9.

Winter: 1 Thrapsano pool 26.10. 2 Langarda 5.11. 2 Agia reservoir 6.11. and 2 Malia 21.12.

GREAT SNIFE *Gallinago media*

A single at Tersanas marsh 9.4. and 11.4. (RDW).

BLACK-TAILED GODWIT *Limosa limosa*

Singles Souda Bay 11.4. (RDW) Tersanas marsh 7.4.- 10.4. (RDW) and Makrigialos 9.4.(PMc). 1 Bramianos 26.8. – 1.9.

WHIMBREL *Numenius phaeopus*

4 Langarda 3.4. (F& MM).

CURLEW *Numenius arquata*

A single Agios Ioannis 25.10.

SPOTTED REDSHANK *Tringa erythropus*

Singles at Elounda 6.4. and 6.5. and Kolimbari 8.5. Aposelemis 10.5. Gouves lagoon 15.4. and Agia reservoir 15.5. 1 adult at Bramianos reservoir 24.8.

REDSHANK *Tringa totanus*

Up to 3 Souda Bay 8.4.- 11.4. 1-2 Tersanas marsh 6.4.-11.4. 2 Elounda 6.4. Singles at Aposelemis river 9.4. and 10.4. 2 Power Station 11.4. 6 Chania 20.4.

Autumn: Singles at Thrapsano pool 1.8. Agia reservoir 15.8. Bramianos reservoir 3.9.-7.9. , Elounda 6.10. and 2 there 25.10.

Winter: 2 Souda bay 12.12.

MARSH SANDPIPER *Tringa stagnatilis*

Singles Souda bay 8.4. and Aposelemis river 10.4. (2 there 14.4.) Gouves 15.4. and Thrapsano pool 16.4.

GREENSHANK *Tringa nebularia*

First 6 Langarda 29.3. then singles at 2 sites to 7.4. A small increase 8.4.- 11.4. with 6 Souda bay, 4 Tersanas marsh and 6 Tersanas pool. Singles at 6 sites to 20.4. 2 Elounda 2.5. and 1 Agia reservoir 17.5.
1 Bramianos reservoir 22.-24.8.

GREEN SANDPIPER *Tringa ochropus*

Winter: 1 Thrapsano pool 27.2. Recorded in April at 12 sites with a maximum of 7 at Bramianos reservoir 2.4. Singles in May at Swallowhole, Skoutelonas and Agia reservoir.

Autumn: 1 Thrapsano pool 11.8. 2 there 13.9. 15 at Agia reservoir 15.8. 5 Georgiupolis lake 15.8. 3 at Tersanas pool 16.8. 6 Agia reservoir 17.8. and 4 there 19.8. 1-3 Bramianos reservoir 24.8.-8.9.

WOOD SANDPIPER *Tringa glareola*

First record a single at Langarda 23.3. 2 there 29.3. Small numbers, mainly singles, in April at 21 sites, maximum 5 at Tersanas marsh 5.4. Kato Metochi 5.4. Thrapsano pool 16.4. and 7 Omalos 19.4.

By 3.5. there were 40 at Agia reservoir and 6 at Limani. 2 were still present at Thrapsano pool 18.5.

Autumn: 12 Karteros 31.7., singles Thrapsano pool 5.8. and 20.8. 4 at Agia reservoir 19.8. 23+ Bramianos reservoir 22.8. 16 there 24.9. and 55+ on 3.9. One at Aposelemis river 14.9.

COMMON SANDPIPER *Actitis hypoleucos*

A single 1.1. Fairly common from early April to early October, mainly singles and up to 4 at 16 sites. Maximum 20 Souda bay 19.4.

Autumn: Singles and between 3 and 6 at Agia reservoir and Bramianos reservoir between 17.8 and 7.9.

Winter: 1 Chania 7.11. and a single Souda bay 11.12. and 14.12.

TURNSTONE *Arenaria interpres*

A single at Elounda 6.5.(MC)

MEDITERRANEAN GULL *Larus melanocephalus*

A single Plakias 2.4. 'a good number' Rethymnon harbour 6.4. 1 Skoutelonas beach 26.4.

Winter: 1 Iraklion 19.12. and 4 Gioforos river 19.12.

BLACK-HEADED GULL *Larus ridibundus*

30 on the sea off Makrigialos 16.3. 4 Rethymnon 6.4. 1 Thrapsano pool 14.5. otherwise a Winter Visitor along north coast between Rethymnon and Agios Nikolaos.

AUDOUIN'S GULL *Larus audouinii*

A single Rethymnon harbour 19.4. 5 there 4.10. 1 Elounda 6.10.

LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL *Larus fuscus*

Recorded January, December and November in small numbers, 1-4 at Malia, Chania, Karteros, Aposelemis river and Iraklion.

Spring: 4 Aposelemis 6.3. 1 Rethymnon 6.4.

Autumn: A single at Agia reservoir 15.9.

YELLOW-LEGGED GULL *Larus cachinnans michahellis*

Common all year.

GULL-BILLED TERN *Gelochelidon nilotica*

Singles Elounda 8.4., Bramianos reservoir 18.6. and 15 Georgioupolis beach 25.9.

CASPIAN TERN *Sterna caspia*

A single Phalasarna 6.4.(RDW).

SANDWICH TERN *Sterna sandvicensis*

6 Iraklion 1.3. 1 Makrigialos bay 23.3. Up to 12 Rethymnon 2.4. 2 Chania 6.4. A single at Malia 14.4. and a Winter record of 1 Aposelemis river 5.12.

COMMON TERN *Sterna hirundo*

A single Rethymnon 7.4. (GA& TWD).

LITTLE TERN *Sterna albifrons*

A single Makrigialos 1.9.(F&MM).

WHISKERED TERN *Chlidonias hybridus*

1 Agia reservoir 21.4. and 4.5.-7.5. 4 on 12.5. and 2 there 15.5. 2 Thrapsano pool 14.5. and 4 there 18.5. and a single 17.7.

Autumn: 1 adult at Bramianos reservoir 10.9. A single Agia reservoir 15.9.

BLACK TERN *Chlidonias niger*

5 Bramianos reservoir 18.6. 1 adult there 26.8.

WHITE-WINGED BLACK TERN *Chlidonias leucopterus*

A single Plakias 5.5. Some passage 11.5. to 14.5. with 6 Tavronitis 11.5. 3 Agia reservoir and 23 Thrapsano pool 14.5. where a single was present on 1.6.

ROCK DOVE *Columba livia*

Small numbers Megalou Potamos, Agia Galini, Falasarna, Makrigialos, Kourtaliotiko and Theriso Gorge.

WOOD PIGEON *Columba palumbus*

Recorded Bramianos reservoir, Agios Konstandinos, Selinari, Lassithi, Katheron, Tripti, Dikti, Magrigialos, Agia Triada and Samaria Gorge.

COLLARED DOVE *Streptopelia decaocto*

Up to 7 Rethymnon 6.4. Also recorded at Agia Galini, Pefkos, Agia Stephanos and Iraklion also most lowland areas.

TURTLE DOVE *Streptopelia turtur*

First record Iraklion 3.4. then widely reported at 15 locations, mainly 1-2 but one report of 8 arriving off the sea at Makrighalos 3.5. Seen regularly during the Summer until 20.9. Last record 1 Petres Gorge 27.9.

CUCKOO *Cuculus canorus*

Recorded 6.4. to 4.5. mainly singles at Agia reservoir, AgiaTriada monastery, Rethymnon, Bramiana reservoir, Makrighalos, Souda Bay cemetery, Akrotiri and Agios Irini.

BARN OWL *Tyto alba*

Recorded Exopoli, Mavros Kalimpos, Tavronitis, Armeni, Georgioupolis village, Kalo Horio, Karteros and Kolimbari.

SCOPS OWL *Otus scops*

Records from Agia Galini, Rethymnon, AgiaTriada Monastery, Tavronitis, Makrighalos, Exopoli, Platanes and Georgioupolis village.

LITTLE OWL *Athene noctua*

A single at Kalo Horio 8.7. and 2 there 11.7.(CJH).

NIGHTJAR *Caprimulgus europaeus*

Singles Agia reservoir 7.5. Kolimbari 16.5. Gournes 13.6. 1 dead between Exopoli and Likotinara 16.8. Aposelemis river 31.8. and 2.9. Two SE Georgioupolis 18.8. 1 dead between Iraklion and Lassithi 22.8. 1 Achlia 23.8. 7 in olive grove S Pilalimata 4.9. and 5 there 5..9. 6 recorded there including two males 9.9. A late record was a single at Agia reservoir 7.11.

SWIFT *Apus apus*

First record 50 Agia reservoir 30.3. then widespread and common by 15.4. Autumn: 5 Vrisses 9.10.

PALLID SWIFT *Apus pallidus*

3 Malia 14.4. several Phalasarna 25.4.
1 Rethymnon 18.8. and several at Frangocastello 20.8.

ALPINE SWIFT *Apus melba*

First record 6 Stavros 29.3. and 10 Agia reservoir 5.4. Then widespread and common by 16.4.

Autumn: Large flocks in August and early September. 40 Makrighalos 1.10.

KINGFISHER *Alcedo atthis*

Regular during the Winter from mid-October.

Spring: 1 Agia reservoir 30.3. and 3 there 3.4. 3 Souda Bay 18.4. and a single Plakias 20.4.

Autumn: 1-2 Georgioupolis Lake 15.-16.8. Agia reservoir 17.8.-19.8. Bramianos reservoir 24.8.-10.9. Sitia 4.9-9.9. Keratokambos 30.8. Mirtos 30.8. and Ierapetra harbour 7.9.

BEE-EATER *Merops apiaster*

Fewer records than most years 10 Mirtos 8.4. 1-2 Stalida, Agia Triada Monastery, Agia reservoir, Toplou monastery, 15.4.-24.4. May maximum 30 Agia reservoir 9.5. and 15 Aposelemis river 16.4.

Autumn: 120+ near Armeni (Handras plateau).

ROLLER *Caracias garrulus*

A single Agia reservoir 26.9.(MH).

HOOPOE *Upupa epops*

Recorded at 27 sites 29.3. to 12.4. Mainly 1-3 but 12 Stavros 9.4. and 6 Bramianos reservoir 12.4. Singles at Tavronitis 2.5. and 19.5.

Summer: 2 Zakros Gorge 19.6.

Autumn: 1 between Iraklion and Lassithi 22.8. 3-4 Bramianos reservoir 26.8. 1 between Thripti and Kavousi 27.8. 2 Bramianos reservoir 29.8. 1 Aposelemis river and near Koutsouras 31.8. 1-2 Bramianos reservoir 1.9. 1 Sitia 9.9. and a single at Bramianos reservoir 10.9. 2 Souda Bay 14.9. and 2 Kato Zakros 3.10.

WRYNECK *Jynx torquilla*

Singles 3.4. to 10.4. reported Stavros, Tersanas pool, Phalasarna, Bramianos reservoir, Lassithi, Agios Konstandinos, Agia reservoir, and Makrigialos. A single Mesa Lassithaki 15.4. and Toplou Monastery 18.4. 1 Kera/Avdou 1.5. and 2 there 24.5. 1 Mesa Lassithaki 9.5.

Autumn: 1 SE Kalo Horio (Ag. Nik) 28.8. 3 Kera/Avdou 8.9. and a single Lassithi 22.10.

SHORT-TOED LARK *Calandrella brachyactyla*

Heavy passage 6.4. to 14.4. 40 Elounda 8.4. to 14.4. 50 there 12.4. 25 Keridis river 6.4. 50 Makrigialos 10.4. 18 Elounda 20.4. 15 Tavronitis 2.5.

Autumn: About 20 Lassithi 22.8. 5 Aposelemis 25.8. 1 there 27.10.

Winter: 3 Malia 2.1. 4 Kalo Horio 5.1. A single Kommos 2.11. and 4 Gerani 14.12.

LESSER SHORT-TOED LARK *Calandrella rufescens*

2 Elounda 6.4.(PW) and 2 between Laki and Omalos 8.10.(JS).

CRESTED LARK *Galerida cristata*

Common and widespread

WOODLARK *Lullula arborea*

Common and reported from many sites throughout the island.

SKYLARK *Alauda arvensis*

Present Agios Konstandinos and Malia first week in April.

SAND MARTIN *Riparia riparia*

First record 2 Agia reservoir 2.3. present there 30.3. to 11.4. Maximum: 500 6.4.

Common in April 50 Tersanas marsh and Bramianos reservoir 8.4. 300 Tavronitis 2.5.

Autumn: 1 Agia reservoir 15.8. and Thrapsano pool 20.8. Many Makrigialos 1.10. and Pefki 4.10. 3 Bramianos reservoir 7.10.

CRAG MARTIN *Ptyonoprogne rupestris*

Common recorded at 14 sites. Many with mixed hirundines over Pefki 4.10.

SWALLOW *Hirundo rustica*

First record 200 Agia reservoir and 100 Tersanas marsh 30.3. Many on passage throughout April, common and widespread by 15.4.

Autumn: Many along Makrigialos beach 27.9.-30.9. 600 Pefki 4.10. Constant passage Apostoli 4.10. Up to 1000 Agia reservoir 9.10. 70 Valley of the Dead 23.10.

RED-RUMPED SWALLOW *Hirundo daurica*

First record Agia reservoir 30.3. Small numbers to 8.4. at Phalasarna, Spili, Bramiana reservoir, Malia, Mirtos. Up to 4 Phaestos 18.4. 2 Almyros marsh 19.4. Good numbers at Knossos 22.4.

May a few Tavronitis, Agia reservoir Irini, Kera Eloussa, Agriana and Gouves.

June: records from Makrigialos beach, Xero Kamares and Knossos.

Autumn: Small numbers Vrisses 28.9. 200 flew East Pefki and 6 Apostoli 4.10. 3 Valley of the Dead 23.10.

HOUSE MARTIN *Delichon urbica*

First record 5 Agia reservoir 2.3. 10 there 30.3. and 50 over the water 3.4. 5 Tersanas pool 2.4. Passage recorded during April but scarce in May.

Autumn: About 20 on Lassithi 22.8. then common and widespread from 5.9. present at Makrigialos 27.9. and Zakros 3.10. 100 flew east at Pefki 4.10.

TAWNY PIPIT *Anthus campestris*

First Agia reservoir 29.3. Main passage in the first half of April maximum 10 Falasarna 7.4. 50 east of Makrigialos 9.4. 40 there 10.4. 50-100 near Vai 11.4. 50 Elounda 12.4. Singles Drapana Cape and Souda Bay 29.4.

Autumn: Bramianos reservoir 24.9. Keridis 25.9. Bramianos reservoir 2.10. and Kapsa monastery 6.10. 2 Anapoli 29.9. and 6 Kakomouri 5.10.

TREE PIPIT *Anthus trivialis*

Far fewer records than previous years. First records from Agia reservoir with 2 there 29.3. then 1 to 4 Elounda, Butterfly Gorge, Lassithi, Sissi, Omalos, Gerani, Theriso and Plakias 8.4.-22.4.

Autumn: 1 Souda Bay and several Anapoli late September. Singles at Theriso 8.11. and Kolimbari 9.11. 3 Power Station 8.11.

MEADOW PIPIT *Anthus pratensis*

Small numbers during the first half of April at 12 sites. Maximum 10 Tersanas pool 3.4. 6 Keridis 6.4. 'Many' Aptaera 17.4.

Autumn: 6 Mount Yuchtas 28.10.

RED-THROATED PIPIT *Anthus cervinus*

Winter: Singles at Karteros 3.1. and 12.2. Malia 25.11. and Aposelemis river 5.12.

Spring: 2 Tersanas marsh 7.4.-8.4. a single there 10.4. 2 Plakias 18.4. a single Omalos and Akrotiri 19.4. 3 Preveli and 6 Elounda 20.4. 6 Tavronitis airfield 2.5.

Autumn: 3 Aposelemis river 20.9. and 2 Skotino 6.10.

YELLOW WAGTAIL *Motacilla flava*

First record Stavros and Tersanas marsh 29.3. Main passage 2.4.-11.4. Maximum 50 Tersanas marsh 2.4. 30 Elounda 2.4. 50 Agia reservoir and Tersanas marsh 4.4. 150 Kastelli Kisamos 7.4. 100 Stavros and 150 Makrigialos 9.4. Small numbers present until 28.4. races included *M.f. flava*, *M.f.feldegg* (90% of some flocks) *M.f.cinereocapilla* and *M.f.thunbergi*.

Autumn: Good numbers recorded in late August early September. 15 Plakias 25.9. 2 White river, Makrigialos 1.10. A single at Georgioupolis lake 1.10. 20 Bramianos reservoir 2.10. 15 there 7.10.

GREY WAGTAIL *Motacilla cinerea*

Singles Thrapsano pool, Kera Avdou and Agios Stephanos during February. Recorded as singles at 18 sites 15.10. to 22.12.

WHITE WAGTAIL *Motacilla alba*

Common from 29.3. Maximum 50 Agia reservoir 30.3. 50 Phalasarna 6.4. Fewer after 18.4. A *M.a.yarrelli* Plakias 15.4.

WREN *Troglodytes troglodytes*

Common in the mountains.

DUNNOCK *Prunella modularis*

Singles Preveli 1.4.(PW) and Mount Youchtas 28.10.(NL.MN)

ALPINE ACCENTOR *Prunella collaris*

2 Kallergi refuge 4.5.(DB).

ROBIN *Erithacus rubecula*

Singles Phalasarna 6.4. Stavros 10.4. Georgioupolis 22.10. Kato Zakros 23.10. Mount Youchtas 28.10. and Makrigialos November & December.

NIGHTINGALE *Luscinia megarhynchos*

First record: Preveli 1.4. Singles at 14 sites during April. 2 Kroustalenia 9.5.

BLACK REDSTART *Phoenicurus ochrurus*

Common Makrigialos 1.1. to mid. April. (F&MM). Singles Chania 4.4. and Phalasarna 7.4.

REDSTART *Phoenicurus phoenicurus*

Singles Agia reservoir 3.4., and 10.4.-11.4. Bramianos reservoir 6.4. and 12.4., Souda Bay Cemetery 20.4. and Platanos Gorge 25.4.

Autumn: 1 near Schinokapsala 1.9. 1 Kera /Avdou 22.9. up to 4 Anapoli 28.9. A single Lassithi 5.10.

WHINCHAT *Saxicola rubetra*

First a single Bramianos reservoir 4.4. Common 7.4. to 7.5. and widespread by 16.4. with records from Keridis river, Falasarna, Makrigialos, Gouves and Plakias.

Autumn: Singles at Georgioupolis lake and Lake Kournas and Apostoli first week in October. Numerous Bramianos reservoir 2.10. 3 Kapso Gorge 4.10. 2 Lassithi 22.10.

STONECHAT *Saxicola torquata*

Common and widespread.

ISABELLINE WHEATEAR *Oenanthe isabelline*

First record 25.3. Small numbers to 11.4. Makrigialos (F&MM). Records from Stavros 31.3. Agia Triada monastery 6.4. and Elounda 7.4. and 9.4.

Autumn: Small numbers 19.8. to 1.10.

WHEATEAR *Oenanthe oenanthe*

First record 11.3. Main passage during first two weeks in April, peak numbers 6.4. with 250 Agia Triada Monastery, 250 Stavros(100 there 9.4.-10.4.) 30 Bramianos reservoir up to 30 Makrigialos 9.4. Records also from Tersanas marsh, Malia, Elounda, and Keridis. Common Bramianos reservoir 18.6. and Zakros gorge 19.6.

Autumn: Numerous Bramianos reservoir 2.10. Singles Georgiopolis and Lake Kournas and Elounda 1.10.- 6.10. 2 Lassithi 22.10.

BLACK-EARED WHEATEAR *Oenanthe laponica*

First single at Stavros 30.3. Small numbers Agia Triada monastery 3.4.-11.4.

Maximum 10 7.4. 2 Elounda 5.4. A single Keridis 6.4. 5 near Makrigialos 9.4.

Records also from Lassithi and Radio Mast hill 11.4. Megalo Horofia, Agia Triada monastery, Imbros, and Falasarna 25.4. A single Ederi 16.5.

Autumn: 1 Argoulas 2.10.

ROCK THRUSH *Monticola saxatilis*

A single Bramianos reservoir 4.4. A male at Stavros 9.4.- 10.4. 2 there 11.4.

(RDW). 1 Radio mast hill 11.4. and 2 Megalo Horafia 16.4.

BLUE ROCK THRUSH *Monticola solitarius*

Widespread and common especially in the gorges.

BLACKBIRD *Turdus merula*

Common and widespread.

SONG THRUSH *Turdus philomelus*

Infrequent February to March. Recorded Gerkari 3.4. Kastelli and Bramianos reservoir 4.4. 2 Lassithi 5.4.

Autumn: Singles Kato Zakros 23.10. and Mount Youchtas 28.10.

CETTI'S WARBLER *Cettia cetti*

Common and widespread.

FAN-TAILED WARBLER *Cisticola juncidis*

Singles Lassithi 5.4. Malia 6.4. Up to 2 Gerani 20.4. – 23.4. 1 Tavronitis 8.5. Singles Zakros Gorge 16.6. Power Station 23.7. and Kamisiana 14.8. 4 Georgiopolis 17.8.

MOUSTACHED WARBLER *Acrocephalus melanopogon*

Singles Agia reservoir 21.44. and 27.10. and Aposelemis river 22.12.

AQUATIC WARBLER *Acrocephalus paludicola*

A single Agia river 27.4. watched for up to 15 minutes possibly the same bird was in the same location on 22.4.(A & JM).

SEDGE WARBLER *Acrocephalus schoenobaenus*

A few at Agia reservoir 30.3. to 11.4. 4 there 28.4. and a single 5.5. Also recorded at Bramianos reservoir 2 there 12.4. 1 Plakias 15.4. and Georgioupolis Lake 19.4. 1 Tersanas marsh 23.4.

Autumn: 1 Malia 25.10.

REED WARBLER *Acrocephalus scirpaceus*

First record 1 Langarda 25.3. Singles Agia reservoir, Malia, Makrigialos, Gouves and Aposelemis river to 20.4. Numerous Agia reservoir 22.4. 2 there 5.5. A single Aposelemis 21.5. and 1 Malia 5.6.

The only autumn record was one at Georgioupolis lake 11.10.

GREAT REED WARBLER *Acrocephalus arundinaceus*

A single Agia reservoir 7.4., 9.4. and 21.4. 1 Malia 14.4. 2 Plakias 19.4. 1 Aposelemis river 29.4. Singles present in early May at Tavronitis, Malia, and Souda Bay cemetery.

Autumn: 1 at Georgioupolis 11.10.

OLIVACEOUS WARBLER *Hippolais pallida*

Singles Souda Bay cemetery 29.4. Agia reservoir 10.5. and 14.5. Tavronitis 13.5.

Autumn: 1 Gouverneto Monastery 11.9.

ICTERINE WARBLER *Hippolais icterina*

Autumn: Singles Bramianos 24.8. and Kalo Horio(Ag. Nik) 28.8. Makrigialos 15.9.& 24.9. 2 Bramianos reservoir 2.10. Singles Georgioupolis Lake 1.10. Plakias 3.10. and Elounda 5.10.

SPECTACLED WARBLER *Sylvia conspicillata*

Singles Frangocastello 21.4. (Honeyguide) and Agia Marina 21.9.(MH)

SUBALPINE WARBLER *Sylvia cantillans*

Singles Frati 1.4. and Malia 6.4. 25 Phalasarna 6.4.(RDW). 20 there 7.4. (PMc)
Singles Agia reservoir 10.4. Petres Gorge 18.4. Phalasarna 6.5. 2 Zakros Gorge 19.6.

Autumn: 2 Achlia 31.8. and 1 there 4.9. Singles Makrigialos 15.9. and 24.9.

SARDINIAN WARBLER *Sylvia melanocephala*

Common and widespread.

RUPPELL'S WARBLER *Sylvia ruppelli*

Singles Bramianos reservoir 5.4. Phalasarna 6.4. and 7.4. Moni Prevelli 20.4. and Gouverneto Monastery 8.5.

LESSER WHITETHROAT *Sylvia curruca*

1 Malia 6.4. and Souda Bay cemetery 20.4.

WHITETHROAT *Sylvia communis*

2 Elounda early April. 6 Phalasarna 7.4. with 'many' there 16.4. Singles Gerani 20.4. Theriso 22.4. and Anopoli 28.9.

BLACKCAP *Sylvia atricapilla*

Mainly singles during the first two weeks of April at Agia reservoir, Kato Zakros, Gerakari, Mount Youchtas, Bramianos reservoir, Malia, Rethymnon, and Elounda. 1 Aspro Potamos 26.5.

BONELLI'S WARBLER *Phylloscopus bonelli*

Two at Agia reservoir 9.4. (RDW).
1 between Stavrochori and Ag. Stephanos 5.9.

WOOD WARBLER *Phylloscopus sibilatrix*

A single Gerakari 2.4. 10 Agia reservoir 3.4. then smaller numbers to 4.5. with records from Elounda, Dikti, Gouves, Agia Triada monastery, Toplou monastery, Phalasarna, Venezoulos and Agia Irini.
Autumn: Singles at Achlia 29.8-30.8. and 1.9. and Lithines 5.9.

CHIFFCHAFF *Phylloscopus collybita*

First record Makrigialos 14.3. then mainly singles to the end of March., but numerous Megalo Horafia 16.4.
Autumn: 'Many' Georgiopolis to Lake Kournas 2.10. 35 Elounda 5.10. 4 Agia reservoir 9.10. and a single Valley of the Dead 23.10.

WILLOW WARBLER *Phylloscopus trochilus*

Spring: Singles Frati 1.4. Kato Zakros 2.4. Agia reservoir 3.4.-6.4. Petres river 18.4.
Autumn: 1 Aposelemis river 31.8., a single Bramianos reservoir and 'many' Georgiopolis to Lake Kournas 2.10. 30 Elounda 5.10. 3 Agia reservoir 9.10. and 1 Agios Ioannis 25.10.

FIRECREST *Regulus ignicapillus*

2 Samaria Gorge 6.10.(JA).

SPOTTED FLYCATCHER *Muscipapa striata*

First record a single at Frati. Singles Bramianos reservoir 6.4. and 12.4. Makrigialos 13.4. Widespread by 19.4. 6 Akrotiri 23.4. frequent until 12.5.
Autumn passage 19.8. to 1.10. 3 Kato Zakros 23.10.

COLLARED FLYCATCHER *Ficedula albicollis*

A pair at Bramianos reservoir 6.4. a male Kritsa 7.4. 1 Agia Triada monastery 10.4. 4 Bramianos reservoir 12.4. and Makrigialos 13.4. Singles Vori 16.4. Angouseliano 17.4. and Souda bay cemetery 24.4.

PIED FLYCATCHER *Ficedula hypoleuca*

First record 1 Agia Galini 31.3. 1 Zouvra 4.4. 2 Prevelli 12.4. with several there 20.4. Singles Souda 21.4. and Theriso 22.4.
Autumn: 1 Georgiopolis 7.10.

COAL TIT *Parus ater*

Singles Moni Preveli 1.4. Plakias 2.4. Souda Bay cemetery 29.4. and Samaria Gorge in September.

BLUE TIT *Parus caeruleus*

Generally common and widespread but scarce around Makrigialos.

GREAT TIT *Parus major*

Common and widespread.

SHORT-TOED TREECREEPER *Certhis brachydactyla*

Singles Imbros gorge 2.10. and Samaria gorge 6.10.

PENDULINE TIT *Remiz pendulinus*

A single Malia 4.3. 2 there 20.11. 2 Aposelemis river 14.4. and singles there 29.4. and 27.10. 1 Gouves 15.4. and Gerani 13.12.

RED-BACKED SHRIKE *Lanius collurio*

Autumn: First 16.8. then common at Makrigialos 19.8.-1.10. 50 along road from Handras to Kato Zakros 28.8. 6 Petres Gorge 27.9. 1-2 Georgiopolis, Lake Kournas, Omalos, Elounda, Rodopos, 1.10.- 10.10. and also recorded at Tersanas pool and Souda Bay cemetery. A single at Spinalonga 25.10.

WOODCHAT SHRIKE *Lanius senator*

Summer visitor. First 1 AgiaTriada monastery 31.3. a single Kastelli 3.4. 2 Plaka 11.4. 1 Malia and Elounda 12.4. Up to 6 Plakias 15.4. Widespread by 17.4. 8 Georgiopolis 19.4.

Autumn: A single Zakros Gorge 3.10.

JAY *Garrulus glandarius*

Recorded Lassithi, Mesa Lassithaki, Laki, Malia Oaks, western Omalos and Kera/Avdou. Reported as numerous Katheron plateau 6.5. The Jay on Crete is represented by the race *G.g.cretorium*.

ALPINE CHOUGH *Pyrrhocorax graculus*

A single Samaria gorge 4.5. 2 Lassithi 15.9. and 5.10. 30 Omalos 1.10.

CHOUGH *Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax*

Common in most of the large gorges maximum 100 Ha Gorge 28.2. 50 Prasies 7.10.

JACKDAW *Corvus monedula*

Common in most upland areas.

HOODED CROW *Corvus corone*

The race *C.c. sharpii* is common and widespread.

RAVEN *Corvus cornix*

Common and widespread. Maximum: 85 at Af. Stavromenos 27.8. Also 18 Pigi and 40 Xero Kamares 16.12.

STARLING *Sturnus vulgaris*

Winter visitor: 10 Tavronitis 9.10. and 15 Malia 25.10.

HOUSE SPARROW *Passer domesticus*

The race *Passer hispaniolus italica* the Italian Sparrow very common and widespread.

SPANISH SPARROW *Passer hispaniolensis*

Many Agia reservoir 5.4. 15 Omalos and 20 Phaestos 18.4. Present at Tavronitis 7.5. 4 Anafylisis 10.5. 40 Skoutelonas river during May.

TREE SPARROW *Passer montanus*

Up to 8 AgiaTriada monastery 29.3. to 9.4. 2-3 Tavronitis 2.5.

CHAFFINCH *Fringilla coelebs*

Common and widespread.

SERIN *Serinus serinus*

Regularly in small numbers Langarda. Also recorded April and May at Gerakari, Lassithi, Agios Konstandinos, Agia reservoir, Armeni, Souda Bay cemetery, Knossos, and Tavronitis river where there was a flock 17.4.

GREENFINCH *Carduelis chloris*

Common and widespread.

GOLDFINCH *Carduelis carduelis*

Common and widespread.

SISKIN *Carduelis spinus*

2 Agia reservoir 3.4.- 5.4. and Zourva 4.4. 6 Stavros 6.4. A single Pefkas 6.8.

LINNET *Carduelis cannabina*

Common and widespread.

CIRL BUNTING *Emberiza cirius*

Singles at Frati 1.4. Gerkari 2.4. and 5.4. Agios Konstandinos 5.4. Also recorded Elounda, Katheron plateau, Spili, and Prasses. 1 between Ano and Kato Vianos 30.8.

ROCK BUNTING *Emberiza cia*

10 Kolimbari peninsula 9.10. A single Exopoli 10.10. (JS).

ORTOLAN BUNTING *Emberiza hortulana*

2 Elounda 3.4. and Plakias 17.4. A single Preveli 17.4. Autumn: 2 Voila 25.8. 3 between Katelonias and Sitanos 25.8. Singles W Orino 27.8. and 1 near Mournia (Asterousia) 6.9.

CORN BUNTING *Miliaria calandra*

Common and widespread in suitable locations. Recorded Kastelli, Bramiana reservoir, Lassithi, Agios Konstandinos, Malia and Elounda. Maximum flock was 10 at Tersanas marsh 31.3.

MAMMALS

Mammal list follows The Mammals of Britain & Europe Corbet/Ovenden. Collins 1980.

BEECH MARTEN *Martes fiona*
BADGER *Meles meles*

AMPHIBIANS AND REPTILES

Amphibian and Reptile list follows Reptiles & Amphibians of Britain & Europe. Arnold/Burton. Collins 1978.

COMMON TREE FROG *Hyla arborea*
MARSH FROG *Rana ridibunda*
STRIPE-NECKED TERRAPIN *Mauremys caspica*
BALKAN GREEN LIZARD *Lacerta viridis*
ERHARD'S WALL LIZARD *Podarcis erhardii*

BUTTERFLIES

Butterfly list follows Insects of Britain & Western Europe Chinery Collins 1993.

SCARCE SWALLOWTAIL *Iphiclides podalirius*
SWALLOWTAIL *Papilio machaon*
EASTERN FESTOON *Zerynthia cretica*
LARGE WHITE *Pieris brassicae*
SMALL WHITE *Pieris rapae*
BATH WHITE *Pontia daplidice*
GRUNER'S ORANGE TIP *Anthocharis gruneri*
CLOUDED YELLOW *Colias crocea*
CLEOPATRA *Gonepteryx cleopatra*
WOOD WHITE *Leptidea sinapsis*
SMALL COPPER *Lycaena phlaeas*
BATON BLUE *Pseudophilotes vicrama*
COMMON BLUE *Polyommatus icarus*
RED ADMIRAL *Vanessa atalanta*
PAINTED LADY *Cynthia cardui*
SPECKLED WOOD *Pararge aegeria*

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