CYPRUS

Birding, butterflying, reptiling, mammaling and orchiding – 17-24/5 2010



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INTRODUCTION

This report holds notes on the birds, mammals, reptiles, butterflies and orchids recorded during a week-long visit to Cyprus. Being first time visitors, our activities took us to a number of highlights of both Cypriote nature as well as culture. Nature-wise the main targets were the local bird endemics - species (Cyprus Wheatear and Cyprus Warbler) as well as subspecies (Scops Owl, Jay, Coal Tit, Short-toed Tree-creeper, and Crossbill), besides a wish to see some of the prolific Mediterranean species like Eleonora's Falcon, Black Francolin, and Chukar. More species could have been found in particular with more visits to wetland-habitat – we only made a brief stopover at the famous Akrotiri Lake in order to see the habitat and had the unavoidable look at the Larnaca lakes around the airport, albeit almost devoid of birds. Mammals, reptiles, butterflies and orchids were indentified along – but no special effort was made to find specific species.

Second half of May is not the best time of the year for birding in Cyprus. Spring-migration is almost completed, most of the lowland has dried up and we found the bird-song was surprisingly limited. However we found all our primary targets with the Crossbill being the most difficult. Unfortunately we did not see Little Owl – this would have been interesting as the Cypriot population recently has been incorporated in the subspecies-complex suggested raised to a different species, Lilith's Owl *A. lilith*.

Air-ticket (Austrian Airways), hire of vehicle (EuropCar) and our flat in Vouni (vouni.lodge@primehome.com) were all booked over the internet. Additional hotels were found in Lonely Plant Cyprus. Everything worked without any problems – and total costs were even competitive to having booked the cheapest possible charter-flight from Denmark. So we ended up having a genuine win-win arrangement - except for the one night in Paphos we avoided staying in tourist-ghettos and had throughout a relaxed trip always being close to what we wanted to see.

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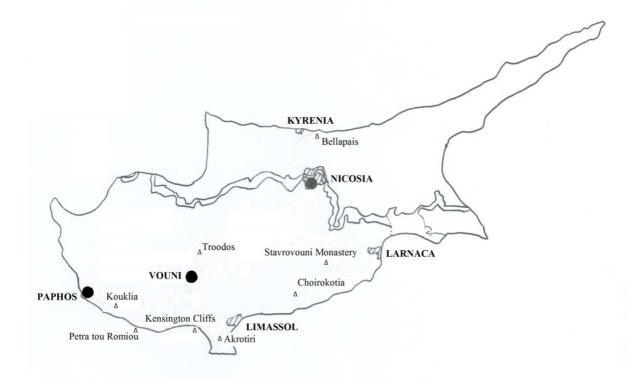
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ITINERARY

- 17/5 Flight Copenhagen-Vienna and Vienna-Larnaca. Pre-booked car delivered by EuropCar at the airport. First stop at nearby Hala Sultan Tekkesi Mosque by the Larnaca Salt lake. By the highway straight to a stop by Choirokoitia a Neolithic village from the 9th millennium BC (a UNESCO-site). Continued drive on the westbound highway to the Episkopi-exit and by small roads to Vouni, where a flat was booked. Walk around in the village before sunset to the local taverna.
- 18/5 All day at Troodos mountain (09.30-18.00). Drive from Vouni up the mountain to Troodos, shopping in Platres and stop by Visitors Centre in Troodos (got good local maps and other info), walk around the weather station at the round-about by the northern entrance to Troodos village, stop in Pedoulas (lunch break and visit to byzantine church), brief stop by Moutoullas (only to find the byzantine church closed), stop by monastery in Kalopanagiotis and finally a walk in the pine forest near the Pondromos reservoir. Return to Vouni.
- 19/5 Rain in the morning delayed our start but drive around all day (09.15-18.30) with main targets being the byzantine churches on the eastern slopes of Troodos. However, first stop by the poorly sign-posted Muflon-enclosure on a steep mountain-slope SE of Platania Forest Station. The rain had ceased and the weather was splendid the rest of day although a bit windy. Churches seen: Agios Nikolaes tis Stegis, Panagia Podythou in Galata (where three other small churches was seen but not entered) and finally a drive on small roads to the Panagia Phorviotissa (Asinou). Ended the day by returning to the Troodos-area where we drove as high as possible on Mount Olympus and made a nice walk on the start of the very easy Artemis trail. Coffee-stop in Platres (with free internet) and return to Vouni.
- 20/5 Morning trip to Troodos mountain with stop by the weather station (07.30-07.50) and walk on the Artemis trail. Mid morning start of round-trip to a number of byzantine churches east of Troodos: Panagia tou Araka (Lagoudera), Stavros tou Agiasmati (north of Platanistasa; did not get hold of the key), Metamorfosis tou Sotiros (Palaichori) and finally Timios Stavros (Pelendri). Return to Vouni.
- 21/5 Morning-walk Vouni (06.55-07.40). Drive to stops by Kensington Cliffs, Petra tou Romiou and Kouklia (Sanctuary of Aphrodite) before final drive to Paphos, where we had a walk around the Archaeological Site and Tombs of the Kings.



- 22/5 From Paphos drive directly to Akrotiri area with brief stops by the lake and the nearby Phassouri reed beds (dry with no free water). We had a brief stop by Kolossi castle and drove directly to Nicosia/Lefkosa. Walk around the city including a long visit to the National Museum.
- 23/5 Walked from the hotel to the border-post to the Turkish-Cypriote part of the Cyprus and hired a taxi for half a day visit to Bellapais and the Kyrenia castle (09.00-14.00). When returning, we were dropped by the grand Selimiye Mosque and walked around the northern part of Nicosia/Lefkosa. Crossed the border-post for pedestrians and walked back to the hotel. Late afternoon a drive out of town through farmland to Pera.
- 24/5 Drive Nicosia to Larnaca only to find the museums closed because of Whitsun. Walked in town and visited the church of Agios Lazarus. With time remaining before flight-departure, we drove inland and up the winding road to the Stavrovouni Monastery to enjoy the view. Small roads back to the Larnaca airport with a brief stop by the lighthouse by Cape Kiti. Returned the car and had an easy in-check.

USEFULL SOURCES FOR INFORMATION / LITERARTURE

Butterflies:

<u>www.cyprusbutterflies.co.uk</u> gives excellent information with good photos of all the tricky and/or endemic species not found in any guidebook to European Butterflies, e.g. Tolman, T (1997): Butterflies of Britain and Europe. HarperCollins.

Reptiles (and amphibians):

Amphibians and Reptiles of Northern Cyprus (2001) by M.K.Atatür & B.Göçmen gives a good introduction and holds excellent colour-photos of all species – available on the internet: http://sci.ege.edu.tr/~bgocmen/cyprus herpetofauna tr eng edition.pdf

Bats:

An introduction to the Bats of Cyprus (1st edition, 2006) by N.E.Middleton & H.Nicolaou – available on the internet: <u>http://www.echoesecology.co.uk/documents/AnIntroductionToTheBatsofCyprusDec06_003.pdf</u>

Birds:

'Birdwatching in Cyprus - A brief guide to visitors to the island' can be down-loaded from the informative web-site for Birdlife Cyprus: <u>http://www.birdlifecyprus.org/images/Pdf_files/wheretowatchbirds.pdf</u>. Another option is A. Stagg & G. Hearl (1998, reprinted 2001): A Birdwatching Guide to Cyprus. Arlequin. Despite being 20 years old, the booklet has very useful maps to a numbers of the sites.



'Wildlife Conservation Area - Hunting is prohibited' is a frequent sign to be seen in the countryside on Cyprus. Must reflect an on-going change in the local attitudes towards a more balanced view on use of wildlife than the traditional Mediterranean 'shoot on everything moving' – perhaps for the moment reflecting a polarization?

LISTS OF OBSERATIONS

Species names are given in English/Danish (when available) and Latin. An * by a species-name indicates that a photo was obtained during the trip, while a $^{\circ}$ indicates a tape recording of song/call was made.

MAMMALS

- 1. Long-eared Hedgehog/Langøret Pindsvin *Hemiechinus auritus*. 21/5 2 road-kills drive Vouni to Paphos, 22/5 1 road-kill drive from Akrotiri to Nicosia.
- 2. European Hare/Hare Lepus europaeus. 24/5 1 near Larnaca Airport.
- 3. *Mouflon/Mouflon Ovis gmelinii ophion. 19/5 1+1 Mouflon-enclosure near Platania Forest Station.
- 4. **Kuhl's Pipistrelle/Kuhls Flagermus** *Pipistrellus kuhli.* 18/5 twice one Pipistrelle-type with max-sound in the 40'ties kHz was briefly heard at Vouni probably this species. *This was the only recording of bats despite use of bat detector at Vouni (several times and during walks after dark). Likewise none recorded in Paphos or Lefkosia.*

BIRDS

- 1. Shag/Topskarv Phalacocorax aristotelis desmarestii. 21/5 1 east of Petra tou Romiou (Aphrodite's Rock).
- 2. Eurasian Flamingo/Flamingo Phoenicopterus roseus. 22/5 24 Akrotiri Salt-lake.
- 3. Griffon Vulture/Gåsegrib Gyps fulvus. 21/5 2 flying over the road near Kensington Cliffs.
- 4. **Short-toed Eagle/Slangeørn** *Circaetus gallicus*. 17/5 1-2 drive between Episkopi and Vouni. Perhaps the same bird was seen twice was carrying a snake.
- 5. **Bonelli's Eagle/Høgeørn** *Aquila fasciata*. 23/5 1 probably immature bird mobbed by crows over Kyreniamountain range. Only seen from driving car. None seen in the Troodos-mountains.
- 6. Peregrine/Vandrefalk Falco peregrinus. 21/1 1 around Kensington Cliffs. Chased by an Eleonora's Falcon.
- 7. ***Eleonora's Falcon/Eleonorafalk** *Falco eleonorae*. 21/5 4 around Kensington Cliffs, 5+ around Petra tou Romiou (Aphrodite's Rock).
- 8. Hobby/Lærkefalk Falco subbuteo. 19/5 1 Panagia Podythou (Galata).
- Kestrel/Tårnfalk Falco tinnunculus. 17/5 1 Larnaca Salt Lake by Hala Sultan Tekkesi Mosque, 1 Choirokoitia (UNESCO-site), 18/5 3 drive Vouni to Troodos, 19/5 +, 20/5 1 Panagia tou Araka (Lagoudera), 21/5 2 Vouni, 2 around Kensington Cliffs, 2 Paphos Archaeological Site, 22/5 +, 23/5 5 drive through farmland Nicosia-Pera, 24/5 1 drive Nicosia-Larnaca-airport.
- 10. Chukar/Chukar Alectoris chukar. 20/5 1 near Stavros tou Agiasmati (north of Platanistasa), 1 adult 5 large pullus Vouni.
- 11. * Black Francolin/Halsbåndsfrankolin *Francolinus francolinus*. 22/5 1 seen + 3+ heard Akrotiri Salt-lake, 1 seen and heard Phassouri reed-beds.
- 12. Black-winged Stilt/Stylteløber *Himantopus himantopus*. 17/5 8 Larnaca Salt Lake by Hala Sultan Tekkesi Mosque.

- 13. Yellow-legged Gull/Middelhavssølvmåge *Larus michahellis*. 21/5 4 around Kensington Cliffs, 5 around Petra tou Romiou (Aphrodite's Rock), 10 Paphos Archaeological Site, 24/1 1 Larnaca.
- 14. Gull-billed Tern/Sandterne Gelochelidon nilotica. 22/5 1 Akrotiri Salt-lake.
- 15. **Feral Rock pigeon/Klippedue** *Columba livia*. Seen in many villages domestic and wild types. But here and there also seen away from human habitation.
- 16. Wood Pigeon/Ringdue *Columba palumbus*. 18/5 3+2 drive Vouni to Troodos, 19/5 +, 20/5 +, 21/5 2 around Kensington Cliffs, 23/5 + drive Nicosia-Bellapais-Kyrenia-Nicosia.
- 17. **Turtle Dove/Turteldue** *Streptopelia turtur*. 10/5 1 singing Muflon-enclosure (near Platania Forest Station), 23/5 1 Bellapais.
- 18. **Collared Dove/Tyrkerdue** *Streptopelia decaocto*. 17/5 2 Larnaca Salt Lake by Hala Sultan Tekkesi Mosque, 20/5 +, 21/5 +, 2 Paphos Archaeological Site, 22/5 + Nicosia/Lefkosa, + driving Paphos-Nicosia, 23/5 + drive Nicosia-Bellapais-Kyrenia-Nikosia, 24/5 in built-up areas.

Barn Owl/Slørugle *Tyto alba*. 18/5 stripes of white droppings from peephole in the end of the church to the monastery of Saint John Lambadistis (Kalopanagiotis) probably indicated occurrence of this species. 19/5 two large nest-boxes at the Agios Nikolaos tis Stegis Church was probably also for this species (?).

- 19. °Scops Owl/Dværghornugle Otus scops cyprius. 18/5 and 19/5 1 heard (tape) Vouni. Endemic subspecies.
- 20. Cuckoo/Gøg *Cuculus canorus*. 18/5 1 heard Troodos Weather Station, 19/5 1 heard Artemis trail (Mount Olympus), 20/5 1 heard Artemis trail (Mount Olympos).
- 21. Great-spotted Cuckoo/Skadegøg Clamator glandarius. 17/5 1 drive Choirokoitia to Vouni, 21/5 1 Vouni.
- 22. Alpine Swift/Alpesejler Tachymarptis melba. 21/5 10+ around Kensington Cliffs.
- 23. **Pallid Swift/Gråsejler** *Apus pallidus*. 18/5 common over the forest around Troodos, 19/5 50+ Artemis trail (Mount Olympus), 20/5 25 Artemis trail (Mount Olympos) Artemis trail (Mount Olympos).
- 24. **Common Swift/Mursejler** *Apus apus.* 17/5 75+ Vouni, 18/5 + drive Vouni to Troodos, + Troodos Weather Station, 19/5 + Vouni, + near Panagia Phorviotissa (Asinou), 20/5 20 Troodos, 21/5 75+ Vouni, 22/5 + driving Paphos-Nicosia, 23/5 + over the Kyrenia mountain range but none over Kyrenia town, 22-24/5 + Nicosia/Lefkosa.
- 25. European Bee-eater/Biæder *Merops apiaster*. 20/5 8 mig. N Artemis trail (Mount Olympos), 21/5 1 Vouni, 5 around Kensington Cliffs.
- 26. Hoopoe/Hærfugl Upupa epops. 18/5 2 drive Vouni to Troodos, 21/5 1 Vouni.
- 27. Roller/Ellekrage Coracius garrulus. 21/5 1 Vouni, 23/5 1 drive through farmland Nicosia-Prea.
- 28. Crested Lark/Toplærke *Galerida cristata cypriaca*. 17/5 2 drive Choirokoitia to Vouni, 21/5 1 Kouklia (Sanctuary of Aphrodite), 5 Paphos Archaeological Site, 22/5 3 Akrotiri Salt-lake. *Near-endemic subspecies*.
- 29. European Swallow/Landsvale Hirundo rustica. Widespread and the most common species seen.
- 30. **Red-rumped Swallow/Rødrygget Svale** *Cecropis daurica*. 18/5 1 drive Vouni to Troodos, 1 Pedoulos, 19/5 +, 20/5 +. Only recorded on the Troodos-mountain.
- 31. Crag Martin/Klippesvale *Ptyonoprogne rupestris*. 19/5 1 Livadi tou Pasia (E of Troodos), 20/5 1 Livadi tou Pasia (E of Troodos).
- 32. **House Martin/Bysvale** *Delichon urbicum*. 18/5 common on the Troodos mountain, 19/5 +, 20/5 +, 21/5 +. Mainly recorded on the Troodos-mountain.

- 33. °Great Tit/Musvit *Pares major aphrodite*. 17/5 1 drive Choirokoitia to Vouni, 18/5 1 heard Vouni, 2 drive Vouni to Troodos, 1 heard Kalopanaigiostos, 19/5 +, 20/5 1 Weather station (Troodos), 21/5 1 family Vouni, 1 family around Petra tou Romiou (Aphrodite's Rock).
- 34. °Coal Tit/Sortmejse Periparus ater cypriotes. 18/5 2 drive Vouni to Troodos, 1 heard Troodos Weather Station, 3 (tape) forest near Pondromos reservoir, 19/5 + (tape) Muflon-enclosure (near Platania Forest Station), 20/5 5 Weather station (Troodos), 2 Artemis trail (Mount Olympos), 2 Panagia tou Araka (Lagoudera). Endemic subspecies.
- 35. ***Short-toed Treecreeper/Korttået Træløber** *Certhia brachydactyla dorotheae*. 19/5 1 Artemis trail (Mount Olympus), 20/5 6 Artemis trail (Mount Olympus). *Endemic subspecies*.
- 36. Wren/Gærdesmutte *Troglodytes troglodytes cyoriotes*. 19/5 2 singing Muflon-enclosure (near Platania Forest Station), 20/5 2 singing Weather station (Troodos).
- 37. Nightingale/Sydlig Nattergal Luscinia megarhynchos. 18/5 2 singing Pano Platres, 20/1 1 singing S of Pera Pedi.
- 38. Whinchat/Bynkefugl Saxicola rubetra. 21/5 1 around Kensington Cliffs, 22/5 2 Phassouri reed-beds.
- 39. *Cyprus Wheatear/Cypern Stenpikker Oenanthe cypriaca. 17/5 2 Choirokoitia (UNESCO-site), 1 drive Choirokoitia to Vouni, 18/5 common on the Troodos mountain, 19/5 +, 20/5 2 Panagia tou Araka (Lagoudera), 2 Vouni, + driving, 21/5 2 Vouni, 3 around Petra tou Romiou (Aphrodite's Rock), 24/5 2 drive Nicosia-Larnaca-airport, 2 Stavovouni Monastery. Endemic breeding species. Widespread in the highlands.
- 40. Blue Rock Thrush/Blådrossel Monticola solitarius. 20/5 1 male singing Livadi tou Pasia (E of Troodos).
- 41. **Blackbird/Solsort** *Turdus merula*. 18/5 2 singing Troodos Weather Station, 1 male forest near Pondromos reservoir, 19/5 +, 20/5 1 Artemis trail (Mount Olympos), + driving.
- 42. °Cetti's Warbler/Cettisanger *Cettia cetti.* 18/5 2 singing Pano Platres, 1 singing Pedoulos, 19/5 1 singing (tape) Agios Nikolaos tis Stegis, 20/5 1 singing S of Pera Pedi, 22/5 2 singing Akrotiri salt lake.
- 43. **Fan-tailed Warbler/Cistussanger** *Cisticola juncidis.* 21/5 1 Kouklia (Sanctuary of Aphrodite), 2 Paphos Archaeological Site, 22/5 2 Akrotiri Salt-lake.
- 44. **°Eastern Olivaceous Warbler/Østlig Bleg Gulbug** *Hippolais pallida*. 18/5 1 singing Troodos Weather Station, 19/5 1 singing probably this species Muflon-enclosure (near Platania Forest Station), 20/1 1 singing Weather station (Troodos), 1 singing Stavros tou Agiasmati (north of Platanistasa), 1 singing Timios Stavros (Pelendri).
- 45. **Sardinian Warbler/Sorthovedet Sanger** *Sylvia melanocephala*. 18/5 3 Moutoullos, 21/5 1 male Vouni, 1 male Paphos Archaeological Site.
- 46. **Cyprus Warbler/Cypernsanger** *Sylvia melanothorax.* 18/5 perhaps one heard Kalopanaigiostos, 21/5 1 pair Vouni, 8+ around Petra tou Romiou (Aphrodite's Rock). *Endemic breeding species.*

Raven/Ravn Corvus corax. None seen or heard in the Troodos mountains despite three days of field-activities in the area.

- 47. **Hooded Crow/Gråkrage** *Corvus cornix pallescens.* Common and widespread in the lowlands. *The main corvid on Cyprus. Some of the crows were strikingly pale and fully living up to pallescens name of the subspecies.*
- 48. ***Jackdaw/Allike** *Corvus monedula sommerringii*. 17/5 2 Choirokoitia (UNESCO-site), 21/5 50 around Kensington Cliffs, 30 around Petra tou Romiou (Aphrodite's Rock), 22-23/5 + Nicosia.
- 49. **Magpie/Husskade** *Pica pica*. 17/5 1 drive Choirokoitia to Vouni, Vouni 4, 18/5 1 drive Vouni to Troodos, 19/5 +, 20/5 +, 21/5 5+° Vouni.

- 50. Jay/Skovskade Garrulus glandarius glaszneri. 18/5 5+ drive Vouni to Troodos, 19/5 +, 20/5 4 Artemis trail (Mount Olympos). Endemic subspecies. Common in the conifer-forest and even visiting the centre of Troodos village.
- 51. Yellow Wagtail/Gul Vipstjert *Motacilla flava*. 21/5 2 (ssp. *thunbergi/flava*) Paphos Archaeological Site, 22/5 5 (ssp. *feldegg*) Akrotiri Salt-lake.
- 52. Tawny Pipit/Markpiber Anthus campestris. 21/5 1 Paphos Archaeological Site.
- 53. Masked Shrike/Masketornskade *Lanius nubicus*. 18/5 2 Pedoulos, 19/5 1 Muflon-enclosure (near Platania Forest Station), drive 1, 20/5 1 Stavros tou Agiasmati (north of Platanistasa).
- 54. *Woodchat Shrike/Rødhovedet Tornskade Lanius senator. 21/5 1 Paphos Archaeological Site.
- 55. °Chaffinch/Bogfinke *Fringilla coelebs.* 18/5 2 singing Troodos Weather Station, 3 singing + 2 forest near Pondromos reservoir, 19/5 +, 20/5 +.
- 56. Greenfinch/Grønirisk Carduelis chloris. 19/5 +, 20/5 +, 21/5 2 Vouni, 21/5 30 Paphos Archaeological Site.
- 57. Goldfinch/Stillits Carduelis carduelis. 19/5 +, 20/5 +, 21/5 2 Vouni, 22/5 8 Akrotiri Salt-lake.
- 58. Linnet/Tornirisk Carduelis cannabina. 17/5 1 Vouni, 18/5 1 drive Vouni to Troodos, 19/5 +, 20/5 +,
- 59. Serin/Gulirisk *Serinus serinus*. 18/5 4 drive Vouni to Troodos, 19/5 +, 20/5 2 Artemis trail (Mount Olympos),
- 60. **Crossbill/Lille Korsnæb** Loxia curvirostris guillemardi. 20/5 3 Weather station (Troodos). Heavy billed birds feeding on the open cones still fixed to the branches of pine-trees. All three birds were greenish but one showed a clear orange-yellow tone to the underside probably a male bird. The subspecies is often treated as a Cypriote subspecies but at times populations further north (Crimea, Caucasus, Turkey) are included in this subspecies.
- 61. **Black-headed Bunting/Hætteværling** *Emberiza melanocephala.* 20/5 1 male singing Stavros tou Agiasmati (north of Platanistasa).
- 62. Cretzschmar's Bunting/Rustværling *Emberiza caesia*. 20/5 1 singing was probably this species Stavros tou Agiasmati (north of Platanistasa), 24/5 1 adult drive Nicosia-Larnaca-airport.
- 63. Corn Bunting/Bomlærke Emberiza calandra. 19/5 1 Moniatis.
- 64. **House Sparrow/Gråspurv** *Passer domesticus*. Abundant in all build-up areas and even found in areas with the slightest human activities: e.g. found by the enclosure for Muflon near Platania Forest Station.
- 65. Spanish Sparrow/Spansk Spurv Passer hispaniolensis. 21/5 1 male Paphos Archaeological Site.

REPTILES

- *Starred Agama/Hardun Laudakia stellio cypriaca. 17/5 3 Choirokoitia (UNESCO-site), 18/5 1 drive Vouni to Troodos, 1 Kalopanaigiostos, 20/5 2 Panagia tou Araka (Lagoudera), 1 Stavros tou Agiasmati (north of Platanistasa), 21/5 1 Kouklia (Sanctuary of Aphrodite), 1 Paphos Archaeological Site, 22/5 1 Akrotiri Saltlake, 24/5 1 highway btw. Lefkosa and Larnaca.
- 2. *Fringe-toed Lizard/art af Frynsefirben Acanthodactylus s. schreiberi. 17/5 1 Choirokoitia (UNESCO-site).
- 3. ***Troodos IIzard/Cypriotisk firben** *Larcerta troodica*. 19/5 1? Muflon-enclosure (near Platania Forest Station), 20/5 1 Panagia tou Araka (Lagoudera), 23/5 1 Bellapais. *Endemic*.

- 4. ***Snake-eyed Lizard/art af Slangeøjefirben** *Ophisops elegans schlueteri*. 19/5 1 Agios Nikolaos tis Stegis, 20/5 1 Panagia tou Araka (Lagoudera), 21/5 2 Paphos Archaeological Site.
- 5. *Blunt-nosed Viper/Levants hugorm Vipera lebetina. 19/1 1 road-kill most likely this species Platania.

BUTTERFLIES

- 1. ***Swallow tail/Svalehale** *Papilio machaon.* 20/5 1 Panagia tou Araka (Lagoudera), 21/5 1 Paphos Archaeological Site, 22/5 1 Akrotiri Salt-lake, 24/5 1 Stavrovouni Monastery.
- 2. *Large White/Stor Kålsommerfugl Pieris brassicae. Seen daily.
- 3. *Small White/Lille Kålsommerfugl Pieris rapae. Seen daily.
- 4. *Bath White/Broget kålsommerfugl Pontia daplidice. 21/5 1 Kouklia (Sanctuary of Aphrodite).
- 5. **Clouded Yellow/Orange Høsommerfugl** *Colias croceus*. 20/5 5 Stavros tou Agiasmati (north of Platanistasa).
- 6. Cleopatra Gonopteryx cleopatra. 20/5 2 Stavros tou Agiasmati (north of Platanistasa).
- 7. Painted Lady/Tidselsommerfugl Vanessa cardui. 20/5 1 Panagia tou Araka (Lagoudera).
- 8. *Cyprus Greyling Hipparchia [semele] cypriensis. Common Vouni and on Troodos mountain.
- 9. *Eastern Rock Grayling Hipparchia syriaca cypriaca. Seen at Vouni.
- 10. Cyprus Meadow Brown Maniola cypricola. 18/1 1 Vouni, 1 Pano Platres.
- 11. **Oriental Meadow Brown** *Hyponephele lupine intermedia*. 20/5 1 Stavros tou Agiasmati (north of Platanistasa).
- 12. *Hermit Chazara briseis larnacana. 20/5 2 Stavros tou Agiasmati (north of Platanistasa).
- 13. **Two-tailed Pasha** *Charaxes jasius*. 20/5 1 Panagia tou Araka (Lagoudera), 1 Stavros tou Agiasmati (north of Platanistasa).
- 14. ***Long-tailed Blue/Vandreblåfugl** *Lampides boeticus*. 19/5 1 Muflon-enclosure (near Platania Forest Station), 20/5 5+ Panagia tou Araka (Lagoudera).
- 15. Grass Juvel Chilades trochylus. 20/5 1 Panagia tou Araka (Lagoudera).
- 16. Lulworth Skipper/Kalkbredpande Thymelicus action. 21/5 1 Vouni.

ORCHIDS

- *Holmboe's Butterfly Orchid Platanthera [chlorantha] holmboei. 18/5 5 forest near Pondromos reservoir, 19/5 1 Muflon-enclosure near Platania Forest Station, 3 Artemis trail (Mount Olympus), 20/5 7+ Artemis trail (Mount Olympos)
- 2. ***Violet Limodore/Almindelig Purpurrederod** *Limdorum abortium.* 18/5 30 forest near Pondromos reservoir, 19/5 10 Muflon-enclosure near Platania Forest Station, 1 (white flowers and green steem) Artemis trail (Mount Olympus), 20/5 1 (white flowers and green steem; same plant) Artemis trail (Mount Olympus).
- 3. **Un-identified Ophrys/Ubestemt flueblomst** *Ophrys sp.* 20/5 rosettes of leaves by the weather station (Troodos) were probably from an Ophrys-species.

PARKING CAN BE DIFFICULT BIRDS ARE ALLOWED EVERYWHERE

