

Cyprus Bird Watching Tours - BIRD is the WORD - Paphos, Limassol, Troodos, Larnaca, Famagusta, Nicosia, Agia Napa 12-16/02/2018

Our final day was overcast and dusty though we managed to miss the rain. We headed to the mountains. A quick walk around the Visitors center produced many Chaffinch, Coal Tit and a Short-toed Treecreeper.

We searched the Atlante Trail for Short-toed Treecreeper of which we found many but all staying near the tops of the trees. I heard a Mistle Thrush here but sadly we couldn't locate it.

In the Square we had a few Crossbill, an Adult male and Female sitting at the top of a small pine tree. Unfortunately a Search and Rescue helicopter decided to inconveniently fly past very low at this precise time flushing them before we could get into the best position for photographs.

We then headed into Livadi tou Passia where many birds were singing and squabbling. I heard a yellowhammer singing too but also couldn't locate it. Here there were two Jays providing good photo opportunities and quite a few Short-toed Treecreepers.

We moved on to Almyrolivadou were we saw two Wrens fighting and also a small party of Coal Tits fighting.

We headed to Platania to eat our food and were treated to a small group of Siskin feeding in the Alder Trees in front of us.



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We then headed to Athalassa in Nicosia and then on to Achna Dam. Achna Dam had unusually high water levels restricting access to much of the site. We found another Isabelline Wheatear that provided great photo opportunities in the shallow end along with a huge flock of coot, 3 Green Sandpiper and 5 Northern Lapwing. Meadow pipit and White Wagtail were everywhere here. Just a lone Great Cormorant on the north side of dam. The day provided 45 species.



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