



HELLENIC RARITIES COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT – 2005

The following evaluations concern reports sent to the Committee for 2005. Also included are previous years' records of birds (or groups of birds) not included in G.Handrinos & T.Akriotis "The Birds of Greece" (Helm, 1997).

The details given for each record are analyzed with the following order:

1. Prefecture or island.
2. City, village or location.
3. Number, sex, age and subspecies (if identified).
4. Date/s of observation.
5. Bird's condition (dead, exhausted or wounded, ringed).
6. Additional information-facts (photographs, sample, acoustic or visual media, other).
7. Name/s of observers with the order given in the form.

Abbreviations:

AWH Aegean Wildlife Hospital (Paros).
BoG The Birds of Greece (Handrinos & Akriotis, 1997).
HBRC Hellenic Bird Ringing Centre.
HWH Hellenic Wildlife Hospital (Aigina).

I. Observations of rare species approved by the Committee

Where necessary, there is a small descriptive text. The chronological appearance of the species in Greece may change in the future if older observations arise and become accepted:

Black-throated Diver *Gavia arctica*

Lasithi, Alatsolimni, 1 first winter, 2/1/2005, (A.Vittery).

This is the 1st observation of the species in Crete.

Storm Petrel *Hydrobates pelagicus*

Halkidiki, Kassandra, 1 adult, 22/11/1992, found exhausted, photo, (HWH).

The Committee is aware of about 30 more observations in central and south Aegean. However, there is no publication or indexing of these and thus no record forms. Therefore, the Committee accepts only the registered records, awaiting registration forms for all the other sightings.

Gannet *Morus bassanus*

Rethymno, Panormo, 1 second year, 8/4/2003, (P.Wilkinson).
Lasithi, Itanos, 1 first winter, 23/12/2004, (A.Vittery).
Lasithi, Xerokampos, 1 first winter, 2/1/2005, (A.Vittery).
Lasithi, Kouremenos, 1 first winter, 11/1/2005, (A.Vittery).
Lasithi, Plaka, 1 adult and 1 first winter, 12/1/2005, (A.Vittery).

There are more observations from Crete, south Aegean and Ionian not submitted to the Committee.

Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis*

Hania, Agia, 4 individuals, 8/5/1997, (R.M.T.Patel).
Florina, Mikri Prespa, 1 individual, 14/5/2004, (J.Henderson, C.Dance, J.Henderson).

Mikri Prespa record is the 1st for the site.

The Committee is aware of many more observations showing that this species has become fairly common and its status in Greece may change and be excluded from the list that the Committee considers. However, there is no publication or indexing of these and thus no registration. Therefore, the Committee accepts only the registered records, awaiting registration forms for the other sightings.

Bean Goose *Anser fabalis rossicus*

Evros, Evros Delta, 1 adult, 4/2/2004, photo, (R.Tyler).

Marbled Teal *Marmaronetta angustirostris*

Evros, Evros Delta, 4 adults, 25/3/2003, photo, (C.Vlachos).

This is the 15th record of this species in Greece, 12 years after the last one (Crete, 1991).

Eider *Somateria mollissima*

Xanthi, Porto Lagos, 1 adult male, 30/12/1990, (P.Mollatt).

Common Scoter *Melanitta nigra*

Xanthi, Porto Lagos, 1 adult female, 28/10/1990, (P.Mollatt).

Smew *Mergus albellus*

Attiki, Parko Antonis Tritsis, 1 adult female, 21-30/12/2004, (E.Stavrakas, P.Latsoudis, N.Probonas, S.Zogaris, G.Beriatos).

This is the 1st observation for the species in Attiki.

Black-shouldered Kite *Elanus caeruleus*

Aitolokarnania, Mesologi, 1 adult, 22/10/2004, (A.Christopoulos).

This is the 3rd record of the species in Greece, 17 years after the last one (Crete, 1987).

Black Vulture *Aegypius monachus*

Irakleio and Naxos, Papas and Zas, 1 immature, 6/1/1999–15/5/1999, (I.Gavalas, T.Gavalas, E.Gavalas, N.Mandilaras, M.L.Schmitt).

Steppe Eagle *Aquila nipalensis*

Irakleio, Viannos, 1 immature, 10/10/1997, (S.Xirouchakis).

Rethymno, Fourfouras, 1 immature, 21/11/1999, (S.Xirouchakis).

Irakleio, Kofinas, 1 immature, 24/3/2001, (S.Xirouchakis, K.Grivas).

Irakleio, Bramiana, 1 first winter *A.n.orientalis*, 26+27/11/2004, (A.Vittery).

Imperial Eagle *Aquila heliaca*

Irakleio, Petrokefali, 1 immature, 14/10/1998, sketch, (K.Baldrige, E.Bird).

The Committee is aware of several more observations in Crete, and another 3 at least in Antikythira. However, no registration forms have been submitted, and the Committee accepts only the registered records, awaiting registration forms for the other sightings.

Osprey *Pandion haliaetus*

Lasithi, Spinaloga, 1 adult, October 1998, (D.Dingle).

Baillon's Crake *Porzana pusilla*

Hania, Agia, 1 adult male, 22/4/2002, (P.Fuesslein, G.Winkler).

Allen's Gallinule *Porphyrio alleni*

Paros, Paroikia, 1 adult, 18/1/1996, found exhausted, photos, (AWH).

This is the 1st observation of this African species in Greece. This bird survived and was returned to Africa. Its occurrence in Greece is in accordance with its general pattern of occurrence in Europe during winter months.

Little Bustard *Tetrax tetrax*

Ileia, Olympia, 1 adult female, 13/11/1999, found shot, photos, (HWH).

There are several more observations not submitted to the Committee.

Great Bustard *Otis tarda*

Larisa, Agioi Anargyroi, 3 adult males, 25/12/2004-15/3/2005, photo, (M.Moschovis, V.Triantafyllou, D.Bousbouras, K.Tsipis, T.Kominos, A.Galanaki, K.Papaconstantinou, N.Kardakari, P.Latsoudis, A.Dimalexis).

Cream-coloured Courser *Cursorius cursor*

Rodos, 1 adult, 6/3/2001, found shot, photo, (HWH).

This is the 7th record of the species in Greece. As with previous records, it was recorded in spring.

Greater Sand Plover *Charadrius leschenaultii*

Irakleio, Aposelemis, 5 individuals, 4/9/1990, photo, (M.Dretakis).

Attiki, Oropos, 1 adult, 8/8/1994, (P.Latsoudis).
 Lasithi, Makrygialos, 3 adults, 23/3/1997, (F.Manfield, M.Manfield).
 Naxos, Glyfada, 1 juvenile, 15/8/1997, (N.Probonas).
 Hania, Elafonisi, 1 first winter *C.l.columbinus*, 16/1/1998, (M.Dretakis).
 Naxos, Potamides, 1 individual, 16/6/2001, (I.Gavalas).
 Naxos, Agios Prokopios, 1 adult female, 11/8/2001, (N.Probonas).
 Naxos, Agios Prokopios, 1 first year, 16/9/2001, (N.Probonas).
 Naxos, Alyki, 1 adult male, 4/9-3/12/2002, photos, (I.Gavalas).
 Naxos, Alyki, 1 adult female, 25/9-26/11/2002, (I.Gavalas).
 Hania, Elafonisi, 1 adult, 10/11/2004 and 9/1/2005, (M.Dretakis, E.Spyridaki, F.Veleglaki).
 Hania, Fragokastello, 1 adult, 16/10/2005, photos, (C.Haag).

Before these records, there were a total of 11 observations of the species in Greece. The Aposelemis record is the 2nd largest count, with the 1st being the 6 individuals seen by G.E.Watson in Sperheios Delta on 16/9/1954. The Committee is aware of, and awaits the submission of, several other observations.

Caspian Plover *Charadrius asiaticus*

Lesvos, Kalloni, 1 adult male, 14/5/2002, photos, (P.Marshall, T.Golding, D.Cleary, D.Mossman, D.Barker, I.Goshawk).
 Ileia, Lehaina, 1 adult male, 29/5/2005, photos, (P.Latsoudis).

These are the 3rd and 4th observations of the species in Greece.

Dotterel *Charadrius morinellus*

Irakleio, Malia, 1 adult, 21/11/1997, (T.Parmenter).
 Ahaia, Klokos, 2 individuals, 3/4/2004, (M.Gletsos).
 Ahaia, Prokopos, 1 first year, 18/9/2004, photos, (P.Latsoudis).
 Naxos, Koronos, 1 adult male and 1 adult female, 27/9/2004, (I.Gavalas, E.Gavalas).
 Ahaia, Prokopos, 5 individuals, 23/9/2005, photos, (P.Latsoudis).

The Committee is aware of, and awaits the submission of, several other observations.

Kittlitz's Plover *Charadrius pecuarius*

Attiki, Loutsa, 1 adult male, 27/8/2005, photo, (C.Vlachos).

This is the 1st record of the species in Greece.

In the Western Palearctic, it breeds only in Egypt and is a rare (mostly winter) visitor to Israel. Elsewhere, it is an extremely rare species, with 3 observations in Cyprus, 5 in Morocco and singles in Spain, France and Norway (Birding World, 19 (1): 18).

White-tailed Plover *Vanellus leucurus*

Evros, Evros Delta, 1 first year, 28/9/1997, found shot, photo, (D.Vangeluwe, G.Handrinos).
 Irakleio, Thrapsano, 3 adults, 5-10/4/2000, photo, (M.Dretakis).
 Irakleio, Aposelemis, 2 adults, 7+8/5/2000, photo, (G.S.Bilbao, O.M.Bilbao).
 Lasithi, Bramiana, 3 adults, 3+4+7/5/2001, photo, (M.Dretakis, J.Bailey).
 Rodos, Kremasti, 1 adult, 8-10/4/2003, photos, (G.Oliosio).
 Naxos, Alyki, 1 adult, 7-9 and 17+18/3/2005, photo, (N.Probonas, I.Gavalas).

Before these records, there were only 4 observations of the species in Greece.

Knot *Calidris canutus*

Naxos, Alyki, 2 adults, 18/3/2002, (I.Gavalas).

Naxos, Agios Prokopios, 1 first year, 25/9-9/10/2003, photos, (M.Dretakis, I.Gavalas).

Aitolokarnania, Katohi, 2 adults, 3/10/2004, photo, (T.Gaitanakis).

The Committee is aware of, and awaits the submission of, several other observations.

White-rumped Sandpiper *Calidris fuscicollis*

Hania, Keritis, 1 individual, 31/8/1994, (M.Dretakis).

Lasithi, Bramiana, 2 individuals, 16+25/8/1997, (M.Dretakis).

These are the 1st and 2nd observations of the species in Greece.

Pectoral Sandpiper *Calidris melanotos*

Lasithi, Bramiana, 1 first year, 24/9/2000, photo, (M.Dretakis, C.Hull).

This is the 1st observation of the species in Greece.

Jack Snipe *Limnocryptes minimus*

Irakleio, Aposelemis, 1 adult, 17/5/2001, sketch, (P.Archer).

Great Snipe *Gallinago media*

Evoia, Dystos, 1 adult, 3/5/2005, photo, (T.Gaitanakis).

Upland Sandpiper *Bartramia longicauda*

Hania, Agia, 1 first winter, 23/11/2004, photos, (A.Sakoulis).

This is the 1st observation of the species in Greece.

It is also the 1st observation in the Balkans and, according to published data, the site of observation is the easternmost that this species has ever been observed.

Terek Sandpiper *Xenus cinereus*

Thessaloniki, Aggelohori, 1 adult, 7/5/1992, (P.Latsoudis).

Lesvos, Kalloni, 1 individual, 20/8/2000, (A.Nicoli, M.Sighele).

There are more observations of the species in Greece, and the Committee waits for the registration forms.

Red-necked Phalarope *Phalaropus lobatus*

Thessaloniki, Aggelohori, 1 juvenile, 11/8/1991, (P.Latsoudis).

Naxos, Potamides, 1 juvenile, 27/8-2/9/2000, photo, (N.Probonas, I.Gavalas).

The Naxos' record is the 1st of the species in this island.

Wilson's Phalarope *Phalaropus tricolor*

Hania, Tersanas, 1 adult female, 1+2/5/1996, sketch, (B.Sparks).
Kerkyra, Lefkimmi, 1 adult female, 8/5/1997, sketch, (J.P.Martin, J.Martin).

This is the 1st and 2nd respectively observations of the species in Greece.

Long-tailed Skua *Stercorarius longicaudus*

Lakonia, Paralia Evrota, 1 juvenile, 17/8/1996, (T.Kominos).
Irakleio, Amourgeles, 1 adult, 13/6/2002, photo, (M.Dretakis, A.Dimalexis, N.Dimitrakopoulos).

This is the 1st and 2nd respectively observations of the species in Greece.

Great Skua *Stercorarius skua*

Kastoria, Orestiada, 1 individual, 4/9/1990, (C.N.Arnold).

This is the 6th observation in Greece and the 1st in inland waters.

Laughing Gull *Larus atricilla*

Irakleio, Almyros, 1 adult, 30/11/1993, (M.Dretakis).
Thessaloniki, Aggelohori, 1 adult, 13/1/2005, photos, (J.Peltomaki, D.Tipling).

These are the 2nd and 3rd observations of the species in Greece.

Armenian Gull *Larus armenicus*

Irakleio, Limani, 1 adult, 3/12/1996, (R.Marshall).

This is the 1st observation of the species in Greece.

The Committee is aware of, and awaits the submission of, several other observations.

Kittiwake *Rissa tridactyla*

Irakleio, Almyros, 1 first winter, 30/11/1993, (M.Dretakis).
Irakleio, Limani, 1 first winter, 30/11/1993, (M.Dretakis).
Irakleio, Limani, 1 adult, 16/1/1999, (M.Dretakis).
Irakleio, Limani, 1 first winter, 7/11/2002, (P.Wilkinson).

Arctic Tern *Sterna paradisaea*

Evros, Evros Delta, 2 adults, 9/8/2003, photo, (C.Vlachos).

This is the 9th observation in Greece, 18 years after the last one (Vistonida, 1985).

Black-bellied Sandgrouse *Pterocles orientalis*

Rethymno, Idi, 1 adult male, 25/1/2000, (I.Rousopoulos, K.Grivas).

This is the 1st observation in Greece.

Rufous Turtle Dove *Streptopelia orientalis*

Irakleio, Petrokefali, 1 individual, September 1996, (E.Georgakakis).
Lasithi, Elasa, 1 adult, 2/5/1998, (M.Dretakis).

There are 5 previous records of the species.

Blue-cheeked Bee-eater *Merops persicus*

Irakleio, Geropotamos, 1 adult, 12/4/1998, (S.V.McCormick, A.V.McCormick, M.Brown, A.Brown).
Halki, Potamos, 2 adults, 19/4/2001, (S.Edwards).
Rodou, Pefkos, 2 adults, 4/5/2001, (C.Auld).
Rodou, Afantou, 1 adult, 19/4/2003, photo (G.Olivos).
Antikythira, Batoudiana, 2 adults, 15/5/2003, sketch, (K.A.Wilson).
Irakleio, Mahaira, 1 adult, 2/4/2004, photo, (M.Dretakis).
Antikythira, Batoudiana, 2 adults, 17/4/2004, 1 adult female ringed, photos, (HBRC).
Tilos, Livadia, 10 adults, 19+20/4/2005, photos, (E.Cavina, K.Mentzelopoulos).

There are 16 previous records of the species.

The Tilos record is the highest count so far (10 individuals).

Little Green Bee-eater *Merops orientalis orientalis*

Rodou, Gennadi, 1 adult, 21/8/2004, photo, (C.Vlachos).

This is the 1st observation in Greece.

It is also the 1st observation of this particular subspecies in the Western Palearctic. This fact made the Committee suspect that this bird was an escape. After examining all the gathered data, the Committee concluded that the possibility of an escape is minimal, so the observation was accepted.

Bimaculated Lark *Melanocorypha bimaculata*

Lasithi, Bramiana, 1 individual, 5/9/2000, (M.Dretakis).

This is just the 2nd observation in Greece, 12 years after the first (Kefallonia, 1988).

Lesser Short-toed Lark *Calandrella rufescens*

Lasithi, Koutsounari, 1 adult, 15/4/1995, (D.Rotel).
Hania, Lakko, 2 adults, 8/10/1997, sketch, (J.Spooner, J.Spooner).
Rodou, Afantou, 1 adult, 9/4/2003, (G.Olivos).
Lesvos, Kalloni, 1 adult, 1/5/2004, photos, (S.Bot, J.Poelstra, R.Gordjin, M.Bunskoek, M.Gal, C.Nengerman).

These are the first observations of the species in Greece.

Water Pipit *Anthus spinoletta*

Naxos, Alyki, 4 adults, 16+17/2/2002, photo, (I.Gavalas).
Aitolakarnania, Katohi, 1 adult, 30/10/2004, photo, (T.Gaitanakis).
Lasithi, Alatsolimni, 1 adult *A.s.coutellii*, 23/11/2004 and 2+11/12/2004, photos, (A.Vittery).
Lasithi, Alatsolimni, 1 adult *A.s.coutellii*, 30/1/2005, (A.Vittery).
Evoia, Dystos, 1 adult, 12/2/2005, photos, (T.Gaitanakis).
Aitolakarnania, Katohi, 20 adults, 28+30/10/2005, photos, (T.Gaitanakis).

*The Committee is aware of many other observations (*A.s.coutellii*) and awaits their registration forms.*

Rock Pipit *Anthus petrosus littoralis*

Lasithi, Alatsolimni, 1 adult, 17+29/12/2004 and 2/1/2005, (A.Vittery).

This is the 1st observation of the species in Greece. Until recently, Rock Pipit was considered as a subspecies of the Water Pipit, still there were no previous observations in Greece.

Richard's Pipit *Anthus richardi*

Irakleio, Viannos, 1 individual, 30/8/1997, photo, (H.M.Busch, J.Rathgeber-Knan).

Hania, Fragokastello, 1 adult, 29/4/1998, (G.Olivos).

Lasithi, Bramiana, 1 adult, 10/4/2001, photo, (M.Dretakis).

Gavdos, Kastri, 1 adult, 26/4/2003, ringed, photo, (HBRC).

Lasithi, Kouremenos, 1 first winter, 21+22/11/2004, (A.Vittery).

Citrine Wagtail *Motacilla citreola*

Irakleio, Stavromenos, 1 adult male, 16/5/1990, (M.Dretakis).

Kavala, Agiasma, 1 adult male, 31/3/1999, photos, (R.Ertel, M.Ertel, H.Reinhardt, L.Reinhardt).

Naxos, Alyki, 1 adult male, 30/4/2001, (I.Gavalas).

Lasithi, Ierapetra, 1 adult female, 8/4/2005, photos, (A.Vittery).

Attiki, Oropos, 1 adult male, 11/4/2005, photos, (P.Latsoudis).

There are 14 previous records of the species in Greece.

White-throated Robin *Irania gutturalis*

Lesvos, Faneromeni, 1 adult female, 5/5/1998, photos, (S.Gillings, S.J.Gough, P.Skerry).

This is the 5th observation of the species in Greece.

The Committee is aware of more observations in Lesvos which may together indicate that this species continues to occasionally breed on the island.

Desert Wheatear *Oenanthe deserti*

Irakleio, Omalos Viannou, 1 adult male, 6/1/1997, photo, (R.Marshall, M.Dretakis).

Irakleio, Zaros, 1 adult male, 30+31/5/1997, sketch, (G.Brown).

Irakleio, Asterousia, 1 adult male *O.d.atroregularis*, 11/4/1998, (M.Dretakis).

There are 7 previous records of the species in Greece.

The Omalos Viannou' record is the 1st winter record of the species.

Finch's Wheatear *Oenanthe finschii*

Lasithi, Oropedio, 1 adult male, 5/5/2000, (G.S.Bilbao, O.M.Bilbao).

This is the 2nd observation of the species in Greece, 7 years after the first (Lesvos, 1993).

River Warbler *Locustella fluviatilis*

Irakleio, Neohori, 1 adult, 3/9/2003, ringed, photo, (T.Fransson).

Aquatic Warbler *Acrocephalus paludicola*

Hania, Agia, 1 adult, 27/4/1997, (J.McLellan, A.McLellan).

This is the 9th observation in Greece, 6 years after the last one (Crete, 1991).

Green Warbler *Phylloscopus trochiloides*

Antikythira, Batoudiana, 1 first year *P.t.nitidus*, 18/9/1998, ringed, photo, (HBRC).
Hania, Neo Horio Kydonias, 1 first year, 27/9/2000, (P.Smith).

These are the 1st and 2nd observations of the species in Greece.

Isabelline Shrike *Lanius isabellinus*

Irakleio, Karteros, 1 adult male, 29/4/2000, (J.Eriksson, L.Eriksson).

This is the 2nd record of the species, 5 years after the first (Evros, 1995).

Carrion Crow *Corvus corone corone*

Florina, Agios Germanos, 1 individual, 22/2/2003, photo, (C.Vlachos).

This is the 1st observation of this subspecies in Greece.

Spotless Starling *Sturnus unicolor*

Irakleio, Aposelemis, 1 adult, 8/4/1999, (M.Dretakis).

This is the 4th observation of the species in Greece, 7 years after the last (Paxoi, 1992).

Trumpeter Finch *Bucanetes githagineus*

Rodos, Afantou, 1 adult male, 9/4/2003, (G.Olivos).

This is the 8th observation of the species in Greece.

Scarlet Rosefinch *Carpodacus erythrinus*

Attiki, Acropoli, 1 adult male, 30/4/1995, (R.Leveque).
Attiki, Lykavittos, 6 individuals, 2/4/1998, photo, (M.Dretakis).
Attiki, Arhaia Agora, 1 adult male, 5+11/5/2000, (E.Bourdakis, I.Tsougrakis, S.Karapataki, A.Petropoulou).
Rodos, Plimmyri, 1 first year, 7/10/2000, ringed, photo, (R.Mellroth, T.Fransson).
Attiki, Strefi, 1 adult male, 12/4+17/6/2002, (E.Bourdakis, A.Petropoulou, S.Petropoulos).
Tilos, Livadia, 1 adult female, 26/4/2002, (S.Edwards).
Attiki, Psychiko, 6 individuals, 5-15/9/2002, photos, (A.Price).
Attiki, Strefi, 1 adult male, 10/4+19/5/2003, (E.Bourdakis, A.Petropoulou, S.Petropoulos).
Irakleio, Neohori, 1 individual, 7/9/2003, (T.Fransson).
Attiki, Lykavittos, 3 adult males and 3 adult females, 31/3-31/7/2004, (E.Stavrakas, P.Latsoudis, N. Probonas).
Attiki, Ymittos, 1 adult male and 1 adult female, 14/4/2004, (A.Price).

Attiki, Strefi, 1 adult male and 1 adult female, 2/5/2004, (E.Bourdakis).
 Irakleio, Kalyvia, 1 individual, 4/9/2004, (T. Fransson).
 Antikythira, Batoudiana, 1 first year, 21/9/2004, ringed, photo, (HBRC).
 Attiki, Psychiko, 6 individuals, 23/9/2004-11/3/2005, photos, (A.Price).
 Lasithi, Kouremenos, 1 first winter, 6/11/2004, (A.Vittery).
 Lasithi, Alatsolimni, 1 first winter, 2/12/2004, (A.Vittery).
 Attiki, Lykavittos, 3 adult males and 3 adult females, 22/3-20/7/2005,
 photos, (E.Stavrakas, N.Probonas, G.Beriatos, T.Gaitanakis, N.Tsiopelas).
 Attiki, Strefi, 1 adult male and 1 adult female, 11+20/4/2005, (E.Bourdakis,
 M.Panagiotopoulou).
 Antikythira, Batoudiana, 1 adult female, 17/5/2005, ringed, photo, (HBRC).
 Attiki, Zografou, 1 adult male and 1 adult female, 9/7/2005, (E.Stavrakas).

There are 4 previous records of the species in Greece.

Snow Bunting *Plectrophenax nivalis*

Rodopi, Imeros, 1 male, 20/11/2004, photo, (S.Bekir).
 Thessaloniki, Aggelohori, 1 male *P.n.nivalis*, 13+15/1/2005, photos, (S.Vasileiadis,
 A.Benou).

These are the 1st and 2nd observations of the species in Greece.

Pine Bunting *Emberiza leucocephalos*

Lasithi, Kouremenos, 1 adult male, 6/11/2004, (A.Vittery).

This is the 4th observation in Greece, 23 years after the last (Hios, 1981).

Rustic Bunting *Emberiza rustica*

Zakynthos, Koinotita, 1 adult male, 30/10/1999, videotape, (M.Calvert).

This is the 3rd observation of the species in Greece, 23 years after the last (Rodos, 1976).

Cinereous Bunting *Emberiza cineracea*

Rethymno, Fortetza, 2 adult females, 6/4/2002, (T.Dougall).

II. Rare species observations accepted by the Committee but included in Category D

The following observations were accepted, but the recorded species are highly likely to be escapes and are not therefore included in the List of the Birds of Greece:

Barnacle Goose *Branta leucopsis*

Irakleio, Limani, 1 adult, 28/12/2004-6/3/2005, photos, (M.Dretakis).

Egyptian Goose *Alopochen aegyptiacus*

Evros, Evros Delta, 2 adults, 21/3/2004, photo, (C.Vlachos).

Syros, Vari, 1 adult, 5-7/2/2005, videotape, (H.Bikopoulos, S.Rousounellos, P.Karamolegos, E.Maragos, A.Papadopoulos).

III. Rare species observations accepted by the Committee but included in Category E

The following observations were accepted, but the recorded species are highly likely to be escapes and are not therefore included in the List of the Birds of Greece:

Wood Duck *Aix sponsa*

Attiki, Parnitha, 1 adult male and 1 adult female, 5/11/2005, photos, (T.Gaitanakis).
Lasithi, Bramiana, 1 adult female, 11/6/2005, photo, (A.Vittery).

IV. Rare species observations not accepted by the Committee

The following observations were rejected by the Committee for not having satisfactory facts and details that would help in the right identification of the species or they were erroneously identified:

Western Reef Heron *Egretta gularis*

Hania, Kolympari, 1 individual, 12/5/1997.

Striated Heron *Butorides striatus*

Lasithi, Zakros, 1 adult, 25/4/1996.

Golden Eagle *Aquila chrysaetos*

Santorini, Oia, 1 adult, 20/9/1999.

Pratincole Hybrid *Glareola pratincola* x *Glareola nordmanni*

Lasithi, Kouremenos, 1 adult, 26/6/2005.

Lesser Sandplover *Charadrius mongolus*

Lesvos, Kalloni, 2 individuals, 14/9/1998.

Spur-winged Plover *Vanellus spinosus*

Attiki, Pikrodafni, 1 adult, 28/4/2005.

Slender-billed Curlew *Numenius tenuirostris*

Evros, Evros Delta, 1 first winter, December 2004, photo.
Pieria, Nea Agathoupoli, 1 adult, 9/10/2005.

Lesser Yellowlegs *Tringa flavipes*

Xanthi, Porto Lagos, 1 juvenile, 5/8/2003, photos.

Belted Kingfisher *Ceryle rudis*

Lefkada, Nydri, 1 adult, 8-22/9/1992.
Kefallonia, Skala, 1 adult, September 1993.
Skiathos, Troulos, 1 adult, September 1994.

Desert Lark *Ammomanes deserti*

Lasithi, Vai, 1 adult, 1/7/2005.

Bimaculated Lark *Melanocorypha bimaculata*

Lasithi, Ierapetra, 1 adult, 14/4/1995.
Lasithi, Koutsounari, 2 adults, 14/4/1995.

Lesser Short-toed Lark *Calandrella rufescens*

Hania, Foinikas, 4 adults, 15/4/1996.
Lasithi, Elounta, 2 adults, 6/4/1997.

Pechora Pipit *Anthus gustavi*

Hania, Agia, 1 adult, 19/10/1994.

Olive-backed Pipit *Anthus hodgsoni*

Lasithi, Kouremenos, 1 individual, 19/12/2004-21/1/2005.

Pied Wagtail *Motacilla alba yarrellii*

Rethymno, Plakias, 2 adults and 6 chicks, 8/7/2003.

White-throated Robin *Irania gutturalis*

Fokida, Delphoi, 1 adult male, 18/4/2005.

Eyebrowed Thrush *Turdus obscurus*

Hania, Omalos Kydonias, 2 adults and 1 first winter, 19/2/2005.

Upcher's Warbler *Hippolais languida*

Rethymno, Kournas, 1 adult, 19/8/1996.
Hios, Marmaro, 1 adult, 9/5/1997.

Marmora's Warbler *Sylvia sarda*

Hania, Georgioupoli, 2 adults, 12+14/6/2001.

Arctic Warbler *Phylloscopus borealis*

Attiki, Glyfada, 1 adult, 6/3/2005.

Pallas's Leaf Warbler *Phylloscopus proregulus*

Serres, Kerkini, 1 adult, 29/10/2004.

Isabelline Shrike *Lanius isabellinus*

Drama, Drama, 1 adult, 11/9/1998.
Drama, Drama, 1 first year, 14/9/1998.

V. Total evaluation results

In the year 2005, the Committee evaluated 186 registration forms. Of them, 152 records were accepted to Category A, 3 records added to Category D and 2 records added to Category E (84.40%), while 29 records were not accepted (15.60%) to Category A.

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