



HELLENIC RARITIES COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT – 2007

The following evaluations concern reports sent to the Committee for 2007. 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) or the previous annual reports of the HRC.

The taxonomic order followed is compliant to the last revision of the Association of European Records and Rarities Committees (AERC-TAC, 2003b).

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:

AERC	Association of European Records and Rarities Committees.
ANIMA	Hellenic Wildlife Care (Athina).
BoG	The Birds of Greece (Handrinos & Akriotis, 1997).
HRC	Hellenic Rarities Committee.
HBRC	Hellenic Bird Ringing Centre.
HWH	Hellenic Wildlife Hospital (Aigina).
LWH	Lesvian Wildlife Hospital (Lesvos).

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:

Tundra Swan *Cygnus columbianus bewickii*

Serres, Kerkini, 4 adults, 2/1/2005, photo, (P.Oikonomou).

Evros, Evros Delta, 88 individuals, 12/1/2007, photo, (N.Probonas, T.Gaitanakis, G.Beriatos).

Rodopi, Vistonida, 2 adults and 3 immatures, 13/1-5/3/2007, photo, (M.Panagiotopoulou, G.Yfantis, N.Probonas, T.Gaitanakis, G.Beriatos).

Pella, Agra, 2 adults and 3 immatures, 27/1-5/2/2007, photo, (O.Tzimoulis, T.Kourouzidis, M.Noidou, S.Prousali, S.Kalpakis).
Evros, Evros Delta, 172 individuals, 15/2/2007, (E.Makrygianni, P.Ioannidis).
Pella, Agra, 1 adult, 5/3/2007, (M.Noidou, S.Kalpakis).
Thessaloniki, Volvi, 2 adults and 4 immatures, 9+12/12/2007, photo, (H.Tsilianidis, D.Vavylis, A.Bounas).

The Committee is aware of many more observations, showing that the species has become relatively common mainly in the wetlands of Northern Greece (especially in heavy winters). However, there has been no publication or indexing of these records, as well as registration to the Committee. For the time being, the Committee acknowledges only the records listed in BoG and all the registration forms submitted and approved (a total of 23), and waits for the others to be submitted.

Whooper Swan *Cygnus cygnus*

Kerkyra, Lefkimmi, 1 adult, 14+17/1/2007, photo, (I.Gasteratos, I.Gasteratos, I.Gasteratos, I.Gasteratou, E.Gasteratou).

Bean Goose *Anser fabalis*

Evros, Evros Delta, 4 adults, 2/2/2006, photos, (P.Oikonomou).

Red-breasted Goose *Branta ruficollis*

Irakleio, Thapsano, 1 immature, 17/2/2002, photo, (A.Sakoulis).
Evros, Evros Delta, 2400 individuals, 20/2/2003, (E.Makrygianni).
Evros, Evros Delta, 20 individuals, 5/1/2006, (E.Makrygianni).
Evros, Evros Delta, 40 individuals, 31/1/2006, (E.Makrygianni).
Evros, Evros Delta, 50 individuals, 2/2/2006, photo, (P.Oikonomou).
Evros, Evros Delta, 80 individuals, 10+11+13/2/2006, (E.Makrygianni).
Evros, Evros Delta, 200 individuals, 17/2/2006, (E.Makrygianni).
Evros, Evros Delta, 350 individuals, 21/2/2006, (E.Makrygianni).
Evros, Evros Delta, 3 adults, 12/1/2007, (N.Probonas, G.Beriatos, T.Gaitanakis).
Evros, Evros Delta, 3 individuals, 31/1/2007, (E.Makrygianni).

The count of 2400 birds in Evros is the highest for this species in Greece.

Ruddy Shelduck *Tadorna ferruginea*

Evros, Evros Delta, 352 individuals, 12/1/2007, (G.Handrinos, D.Vangeluwe).

The count of 352 birds in Evros is the highest for this species in Greece.

Common Shelduck *Tadorna tadorna*

Hania, Metohi, 1 individual, 11/12/2007, photo, (C.Turvey, S.Turvey).

Greater Scaup *Aythya marila*

Arta, Salaora, 5 adult males and 2 adult females, 15/2/2005, photo, (P.Oikonomou).
Aitoloakarnania, Aitoliko, 2 adult females and 1 adult male, 6/3/2006,
(A.Christopoulos).

There are also other records not submitted to the Committee.

Common Eider *Somateria mollissima*

Evros, Evros Delta, 2 adult males, 8+11/8-19/9/2003, (E.Makrygianni, H.Alivizatos, A.Nikolaros).

Kavala, Agiasma, 1 adult female, 25/7/2007, photos, (E. Möller, K.Nottmeyer-Linden, D.Wegener, A.Böger).

Long-tailed Duck *Clangula hyemalis*

Xanthi, Porto Lagos, 1 adult female, 4/4/2005, photos, (E.Amengual).

There are 17 previous records of the species in Greece.

Velvet Scoter *Melanitta fusca*

Messinia, Divari, 6 adult males, 6/3/1996, (A.Bonetti).

Thessaloniki, Gallikos Delta, 1 first winter, 12/11/2007, photos, (M.Panagiotopoulou, I.Tsougrakis, S.Vasileiadis, O.Tzimoulis, K.Standring).

Thessaloniki, Loudias Delta, 2 first winter males, 8/12/2007, photos, (O.Tzimoulis, T.Kourouzidis, E.Papadraga, A.Hardenbol).

Red-breasted Merganser *Mergus serrator*

Hania, Viglia, 1 adult female, 22/2/2006, photo, (C.Turvey, S.Turvey).

White-headed Duck *Oxyura leucocephala*

Euros, Evros Delta, 6 adult males, 30/1/2006, photo, (E.Makrygianni, A.Athanasiadis, A.Nikolaros).

Red-throated Diver *Gavia stellata*

Preveza, Tsipeli, 1 adult, 12/1/2002, (N.Probonas, I.Rousopoulos).

Euros, Evros Delta, 1 adult, 12/1/2005, (H.Alivizatos, E.Kapoutsis).

Xanthi, Porto Lagos, 1 adult, 13/1/2007, (T.Gaitanakis, G.Beriatos, N.Probonas, M.Panagiotopoulou, G.Ygantis).

Northern Gannet *Morus bassanus*

Messinia, Voidokoilia, 1 adult, 25/11/2000, (P.Latsoudis).

Euros, Evros Delta, 1 third year, 29/8/2007, photo, (R.Clarke, J.Clarke).

Kerkyra, Lefkimmisi, 1 first winter, 29/12/2007, photos, (I.Gasteratos, D.Daltzis, S.Servos, S.Michala).

Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis*

Iraklio, Almyros, 2 individuals, 20/2/1993, (M.Dretakis).

Iraklio, Almyros, 1 individual, 22/3/1993, (M.Dretakis).

Lasithi, Bramiana, 5 adults, 16/5/1996, photo, (M.Dretakis).

Messinia, Divari, 1 individual, 27/10/1996, (A.Bonetti).

Iraklio, Limani, 3 individuals, 15/1/1997, (M.Dretakis).

Lasithi, Bramiana, 2 individuals, 16/5/1997, (M.Dretakis).

Lasithi, Istronas, 1 individual, 14/1/1998, (M.Dretakis).

Hania, Tyflos, 2 individuals, 16/1/1998, (M.Dretakis).

Lasithi, Kato Zakros, 2 individuals, 21/1/1998, (M.Dretakis).

Messinia, Divari, 1 individual, 5-29/4/1999, (A.Bonetti).

Evros, Evros Delta, 4 adults, 28/4-3/5/1999, (E.Makrygianni, P.Malkopoulos, G.Handrinos, D.Vangeluwe).
Lasithi, Bramiana, 2 individuals, 6/5/1999, (M.Dretakis).
Lasithi, Bramiana, 1 individual, 25/5/1999, (M.Dretakis).
Messinia, Divari, 4 individuals, 19/11/1999-1/4/2000, (A.Bonetti).
Irakleio, Giofyros, 1 individual, 13/1/2000, (M.Dretakis).
Lasithi, Siteia, 1 individual, 19/1/2000, (M.Dretakis).
Hania, Agia, 1 individual, 28/4/2000, (M.Dretakis).
Hania, Agia, 1 individual, 5/6/2000, (M.Dretakis).
Lasithi, Bramiana, 1 individual, 9/6/2000, (M.Dretakis).
Hania, Agia, 2 adults, 28/2/2001, photo, (A.Sakoulis).
Naxos, Alyki, 1 individual, 3/5/2001, photo (I.Gavalas).
Lasithi, Bramiana, 1 individual, 1/6/2001, (M.Dretakis).
Irakleio, Almyros, 3 adults, 15/1-10/2/2002, photo, (M.Dretakis).
Irakleio, Geropotamos, 18 individuals, 16/1/2002, (M.Dretakis).
Hania, Falasarna, 2 individuals, 22/1/2002, (M.Dretakis).
Lasithi, Bramiana, 1 adult, 27/6/2002, photo, (M.Dretakis).
Naxos, Ammitis and Alyki, 1 individual, 17+18/11/2002, (I.Gavalas).
Irakleio, Xeropotamos, 4 adults, 2/1/2003, photo, (M.Dretakis).
Naxos, Alyki, 3 adults, 13/3/2003, (I.Gavalas).
Naxos, Alyki, 4 adults, 12/4/2003, (I.Gavalas).
Naxos, Alyki, 2 adults, 30/4+1/5/2003, (I.Gavalas).
Naxos, Alyki, 1 adult, 2-7/6/2003, photo, (I.Gavalas).
Lasithi, Bramiana, 5 individuals, 5/7/2003, (M.Dretakis).
Lasithi, Bramiana, 15 individuals, 11/1/2004, (M.Dretakis).
Irakleio, Xeropotamos, 8 individuals, 13/1/2004, (M.Dretakis).
Irakleio, Katalyki, 1 individual, 18/1/2004, (M.Dretakis).
Lasithi, Bramiana, 10 individuals, 28/3/2004, photo, (M.Dretakis).
Hania, Kamisiana, 2 adults, 9/1/2005, photo, (A.Sakoulis, M.Dretakis).
Lasithi, Ierapetra, 2 individuals, 13/1/2005, (M.Dretakis).
Irakleio, Katalyki, 1 individual, 17/1/2005, (M.Dretakis).
Aitoloakarnania, Aitoliko, 1 adult, 12/11/2005, (A.Christopoulos).
Irakleia, Agios Georgios, 1 adult, 24/11/2005, (I.Gavalas, K.Gavala).
Messinia, Divari, 1 adult, 26/11/2005, photo, (A.Bonetti).
Ileia, Kotyhi, 11 adults, 26+28/12/2005 and 6/1/2006, photos, (G.Beriatos, A.Beriatos, N.Tsiopelas, P.Latsoudis).
Irakleio, Xeropotamos, 1 adult, 7/1/2006, photo, (M.Dretakis).
Irakleio, Xeropotamos, 20 individuals, 27/1-18/2/2006, photo, (M.Dretakis).
Aitoloakarnania, Louros, 2 adults, 9/5/2006, photos, (A.Christopoulos).
Irakleio, Giofyros, 8 individuals, 2/12/2006, photo, (M.Dretakis).
Ahaia, Lamia, 4 individuals, 5/1/2007, (G.Beriatos, K.Vidimioti, A.Beriatos, I.Beriatou, A.Tsousis).
Lakonia, Evrotas Delta, 3 adults, 20+23/1/2007, photo, (D.Bousbouras, E.Bourdakis).
Messinia, Divari, 2 individuals, 24/1/2007, (M.Kalouli, S.van Maren).
Irakleio, Xeropotamos, 1 individual, 23/2/2007, (M.Dretakis).
Evoia, Dystos, 1 adult, 9/4/2007, photo, (M.Houzouris).
Aitoloakarnania, Louros, 1 adult, 5/5/2007, photo, (G.Beriatos, N.Probonas, T.Gaitanakis, A.Christopoulos).
Evros, Evros Delta, 1 adult, 16/5/2007, photo, (E.Makrygianni, P.Ioannidis).
Aitoloakarnania, Amvrakia, 1 adult, 26/5/2007, (K.Papaconstantinou, N.Kardakari).

Naxos, Alyki, 3 adults, 2+3/6/2007, photo, (N.Probonas, I.Gavalas, E.Bourdakis, G.Karris, F.Spina, A.Evaggelidis, T.Kominos).
Serres, Kerkini, 1 adult, 11/6/2007, photo, (M.Houzouris).
Thesprotia, Kalamas Delta, 20 adults, 17/8/2007, photo, (M.Panagiotopoulou, S.Yfantis).
Ileia, Kotyhi, 2 adults, 4/11/2007, photo, (G.Beriatos, N.Tsiopelas).
Irakleio, Xeropotamos, 1 adult, 14/11/2007, (M.Dretakis).
Irakleio, Xeropotamos, 3 adults, 16/11/2007, photo, (M.Dretakis).
Thesprotia, Kalamas Delta, 82 individuals, 8/12/2007, photo, (R.Tsiakiris, G.Ioannou, J.Halley, D.Vokou).
Lesvos, Sigri, 1 adult, 26/12/2007, photo, (E.Kakalis, E.Gribylakou).

*The count of 82 birds in Kalamas is the highest for this species in Greece.
The Committee is aware of several more observations, indicating that this species has become relatively common, and in the near future it will be excluded from the list of species that this Committee considers.*

Great Egret *Ardea alba*

Kerkyra, Lefkimmi, 156 individuals, 17/1/2007, photo, (I.Gasteratos, E.Gasteratou).

White Stork *Ciconia ciconia*

Kerkyra, Potamos, 1 adult, 5/4/2007, (I.Gasteratos, P.Gasteratos).

Greater Flamingo *Phoenicopterus roseus*

Kerkyra, Lefkimmi, 1 first winter, 14+17/1/2007, (I.Gasteratos, I.Gasteratos, I.Gasteratos, I.Gasteratou, E.Gasteratou).
Hania, Moronis, 9 adults, 5/2/2007, photo, (N.Kountourakis).

Egyptian Vulture *Neophron percnopterus*

Hania, Kalyviani, 6 adults, 7/9/2006, photo, (C.Turvy, S.Turvey, M.Turvey, S.Turvey).
Hania, Kissamos, 1 immature, 16/11/2006, photo, (C.Turvy, S.Turvey).
Hania, Kalyviani, 2 immatures, 19/11/2006, (C.Turvy, S.Turvey).
Hania, Kalyviani, 1 individual, 25/9/2007, (C.Turvy, S.Turvey).

Eurasian Griffon Vulture *Gyps fulvus*

Andros, Palaiopoli, 1 immature, 23/9/2007, photo, (J.F.Graf, A.Graf).

Eurasian Black Vulture *Aegypius monachus*

Lasithi, Sfaka, 1 immature, 13/11/2007, (G.Andreou).

Rough-legged Buzzard *Buteo lagopus*

Evros, Evros Delta, 1 immature, 9/2/2005, (H.Alivizatos, G.Voulgaridis).

Steppe Eagle *Aquila nipalensis*

Lasithi, Siteia, 1 adult female, 1/7/1996, photo, (HWH).
Evros, Evros Delta, 1 immature, 2/9/2005, (R.Clarke).

The Siteia bird was sent to the HWH after being held in captivity for an unknown time period.

Saker *Falco cherrug*

Evros, Evros Delta, 1 adult, 14/9/1999, (R.Clarke).

Xanthi, Magana, 1 immature, 21/4/2002, found wounded, photos, (HWH).

Aitoloakarnania, Alykes Mesologiou, 1 individual, 15/11/2003, photo, (I.Rousopoulos).

Little Crake *Porzana parva*

Lesvos, Kalloni, 3 adult females and 1 adult male, 4/5/2007, photo, (J.Jennings, M.Smyth).

Lesvos, Kalloni, 1 adult female and 1 adult male, 16/5/2007, photo, (J.Jennings, M.Smyth).

Corn Crake *Crex crex*

Lesvos, Loutropoli Thermis, 1 adult, 17/4/1998, found wounded, photo, (LWH).

Xanthi, Xanthi, 1 first year, 6/10/2002, found wounded, photo, (HWH).

Lesvos, Mytilini, 1 first year, 28/9/2006, found wounded, photo, (LWH).

Evros, Evros Delta, 3 individuals, 16/10/2006, (A.Anastasiadis, E.Makrygianni, V.Vasileiadis).

Lesvos, Plomari, 1 juvenile, 26/8/2007, found wounded, photo, (LWH).

Irakleio, Limani, 1 adult female, 19-21/9/2007, found wounded, photo, (M.Dretakis, E.Haritos, I.Henshaw, C.Barbouditis, E.Papadimitrakis).

Lesvos, Abeliko, 32 individuals, 22/9/2007, photo, (E.Kakalis, E.Gribylakou).

Evros, Evros Delta, 4 individuals, 2/10/2007, (A.Anastasiadis, E.Makrygianni).

Attiki, Pedio Areos, 1 first year, 25/10/2007, found wounded, photos, (ANIMA).

The 32 individuals of the Abeliko record were shot by poachers and seized by game wardens. Similar was the fate of all the individuals recorded in Evros.

Little Bustard *Tetrax tetrax*

Evros, Evros Delta, 1 individual, 11/2/1999, (E.Makrygianni).

Evros, Evros Delta, 1 individual, 10/2/2005, (H.Alivizatos, G.Voulgaridis).

Rodopi, Arogi, 1 adult female, 14/1/2007, (G.Yfantis, M.Panagiotopoulou).

The Evros bird in 1999 was illegally shot by a poacher and seized by a forest warden who doesn't want his name be disclosed.

Stone-Curlew *Burhinus oedicnemus*

Thessaloniki, Halastra, 1 individual, 15/12/2007, (M.Panagiotopoulou, L.Sidiropoulos).

Greater Sand Plover *Charadrius leschenaultii*

Naxos, Alyki, 2 adults, 17/12/2006-6/9/2007, photos and videotape, (I.Gavalas, M.Kotsakis, H.Alivizatos, N.Probonas, A.Christidis, E.Bourdakis, K.A.Papaconstantinou, P.Latsoudis, U.Visconti).

Aitoloakarnania, Kleisova, 1 adult *C.l.columbinus*, 29/9/2007, photo, (N.Probonas, G.Beriatos, C.Vlachos, A.Christopoulos, N.Tsiopelas, T.Gaitanakis, K.Raptis, G.Georgiou).
Hania, Viglia, 1 adult, 12+13/11/2007, photos, (C.Turvey, S.Turvey).

There are 34 previous records of the species in Greece.

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

Eurasian Dotterel *Charadrius morinellus*

Messinia, Divari, 1 adult male, 2/10/1999, photo, (A.Bonetti).
Messinia, Divari, 1 juvenile, 12/8/2000, (A.Bonetti).
Messinia, Divari, 1 juvenile, 25/8/2000, (A.Bonetti).
Hania, Lefka Ori, 3 individuals, 22/9/2005, (G.Steele).

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

European Golden Plover *Pluvialis apricaria*

Hania, Kissamos, 1 adult, 20/4/2007, photo, (C.Turvey, S.Turvey).
Hania, Kissamos, 16 individuals, 12/11-3/12/2007, photos, (C.Turvey, S.Turvey).

Spur-winged Lapwing *Hoplopterus spinosus*

Attiki, Shinias, 1 adult, 24/5/2007, photo, (G.Papagiannis).

Sociable Lapwing *Vanellus gregarius*

Serres, Kerkini, 1 first winter, 4/11/2007, photo, (N.Probonas, C.Vlachos, T.Gaitanakis, O.Tzimoulis, K.Raptis).

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

Red Knot *Calidris canutus*

Ahaia, Aigio, 1 first year, 14-17/9/2003, (K.Papaconstantinou).
Aitoloakarnania, Tourlida, 2 adults, 24/9/2004, photo, (P.Oikonomou).
Messinia, Divari, 1 first year, 23/10/2006, photo, (B.Trapp).
Xanthi, Porto Lagos, 33 individuals, 13/1/2007, (N.Probonas, M.Panagiotopoulou, G.Beriatos, T.Gaitanakis, G.Yfantis).
Ahaia, Aigio, 1 adult, 9-14/8/2007, (K.Papaconstantinou).
Aitoloakarnania, Kleisova, 24 individuals, 29/9/2007, photo, (N.Probonas, G.Beriatos, C.Vlachos, A.Christopoulos, N.Tsiopelas, T.Gaitanakis, K.Raptis, G.Georgiou).

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

Pectoral Sandpiper *Calidris melanotos*

Thessaloniki, Kalohori and Gallikos Delta, 1 first year, 29/9+13/10/2007, photos, (O.Tzimoulis, T.Kourouzidis, C.Vlachos, A.Palasantza).

This is the 2nd observation of this species in Greece, 7 years after the last (Crete, 2000).

Jack Snipe *Lymnocryptes minimus*

Hania, Keritis, 1 individual, 29/12/2006, photos, (S.Turvey, C.Turvey).

Great Snipe *Gallinago media*

Kos, Tigaki, 1 adult, 10+11/5/2005, photos, (R.Chittenden, M.Langman).

Terek Sandpiper *Xenus cinereus*

Arta, Logarou, 1 adult, 24/5/1994, (I.Rousopoulos, K.Papaconstantinou, J.Millett).

Arta, Logarou, 1 adult, 28/5/1997, photo, (I.Rousopoulos).

Evros, Evros Delta, 1 first year, 8/9/2000, (R.Clarke).

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

Wilson's Phalarope *Phalaropus tricolor*

Thessaloniki, Kalohori, 1 adult, 11-16/12/2007, photos, (S.Vasileiadis, D.Vavylis, H.Tsilianidis, O.Tzimoulis, P.Doubalakidis, T.Kourouzidis, E.Papadraga, M.Panagiotopoulou, L.Sidiropoulos, P.Kourakli, A.Bounas, C.Vlachos, A.Palasantza).

This is the 3rd observation of this species in Greece, 10 years after the last (Kerkyra, 1997).

Red-necked Phalarope *Phalaropus lobatus*

Lesvos, Kalloni, 3 juveniles, 26/8/2001, photo, (R.Edwards).

Arctic Skua *Stercorarius parasiticus*

Evros, Evros Delta, 1 adult, 1/9/2006, (R.Clarke, J.Clarke).

Skua sp. *Stercorarius* species

Halkidiki, sea area 2,5 nm of Stratoni, 1 individual, 28/7/2004, (A.Christidis).

*The Committee, after evaluating all the available data, decided to acknowledge only the genus of the bird (*Stercorarius*) as the possibility of misidentification could not be ruled out (*S. maccormicki* instead of *S.skua*).*

Armenian Gull *Larus armenicus*

Irakleio, Limani, 1 adult, 13/10/2006-18/1/2007, photos, (M.Dretakis, C.Vlachos, F.Katsigiannis).

There are 7 previous records of the species in Greece.

Black-legged Kittiwake *Rissa tridactyla*

Kavala, Limani, 1 first winter, 29/11/2007, photos, (A.Christidis).

Kavala, sea area 3 mi of Nestos Delta, 1 first winter, 11/12/2007, photo, (A.Christidis).

Laughing Dove *Streptopelia senegalensis*

Hania, Georgioupoli, 3 adults, 28/6/1999, photo, (C.Vlachos).

There are 7 previous records of the species in Greece.

Little Swift *Apus affinis*

Arta, Foteino, 1 adult, 15/6/2007, photo, (P.Oikonomou).

This is the 3rd observation of this species in Greece.

White-throated Kingfisher *Halcyon smyrnensis*

Hania, Agia Pelagia, 1 adult, 4/10/2007, (E.Jensen, L.Nisbeth-Klink).

According to BoG, this is the 5th record for the species in Greece, 18 years after the last (Crete, 1989).

Blue-cheeked Bee-eater *Merops persicus*

Rodos, Plimmyri, 1 adult female, 6/5/2004, photos, (M.Domokos).

Rodos, Gennadi, 3 adults, 12/4/2006, (D.Bishop).

There are 26 previous records of the species in Greece.

Richard's Pipit *Anthus richardi*

Irakleio, Skinias, 1 adult, 12/4/2007, (M.Dretakis).

Thessaloniki, Kalohori, 1 adult, 1/12/2007, photos, (O.Tzimoulis).

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

Yellow Wagtail *Motacilla flava xanthophrys*

Kavala, Nea Iraklitsa, 1 adult male, 10/4/2007, photo, (A.Christidis).

Citrine Wagtail *Motacilla citreola*

Messinia, Divari, 1 adult male, 20/5/1997, (A.Bonetti).

Lesvos, Kalloni, 1 adult male, 1/5/2002, (N.Petrou).

Lesvos, Kalloni, 1 adult male, 4/5/2003, photo, (N.Petrou).

Evros, Diavolorema, 1 adult male, 25/4/2007, (G.Katsadorakis).

Lesvos, Voulgaris, 1 adult female, 10/5/2007, photo, (J.Jennings).

Lesvos, Tsiknias, 1 adult male, 13/5/2007, photo, (J.Jennings).

Lesvos, Tsiknias, 1 adult female, 14/5/2007, photo, (J.Jennings).

There are 22 previous records of the species in Greece.

The Committee is aware of many other observations, especially in the eastern Aegean islands, indicating that this species has been observed quite frequently during recent years and may have its status in Greece changed. However, there is no publication or total indexing and submission of these records to the Committee. Therefore, the Committee is currently acknowledging only those observations listed in BoG and all the submitted and accepted records, and waits for the others to be submitted.

Bluethroat *Luscinia svecica*

Naxos, Alyki, 1 adult female, 13/1-5/2/2001, (I.Gavalas).

Naxos, Ammitis, 1 adult female, 6+12/3/2001, (I.Gavalas).

Desert Wheatear *Oenanthe deserti*

Aitoloakarnania, Louros, 1 adult male, 25/3/2006, (A.Christopoulos).

There are 11 previous records of this species in Greece.

Fieldfare *Turdus pilaris*

Arta, Voulgareli, 1 adult, 24/8/2007, (N.Kardakari, K.Papaconstantinou).

This record indicates possible breeding of the species in this area.

Yellow-browed Warbler *Phylloscopus inornatus*

Antikythira, Batoudiana, 1 individual, 8/10/2007, ringed, photo, (HBRC).

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

Isabelline Shrike *Lanius isabellinus*

Rodos, Pefkos, 1 first year, 7/9/2002, (C.Auld).

This is the 4th observation of this species in Greece.

Carriion Crow *Corvus corone corone*

Thesprotia, Sagiada, 1 individual, 30/7/2006, photo, (P.Oikonomou).

Arta, Voulgareli, 1 individual, 6/4/2007, photo, (P.Oikonomou).

There is only 1 previous record of this subspecies in Greece, (Megali Prespa, 2003).

Red-fronted Serin *Serinus pusillus*

Samos, Mesokampos, 1 adult male and 1 adult female, 5/2/1980, (A.Korakis, G.Kolliopoulos).

Samos, Mesokampos, 1 individual, 31/3/1983, (A.Korakis).

Samos, Mesokampos, 2 adult males and 1 adult female, 1/12/1985, (A.Korakis).

Samos, Mesokampos, 1 adult male and 1 adult female, 2+17/3/1986, (A.Korakis, G.Kolliopoulos).

Samos, Mesokampos, 1 adult male, 12/11/1988, (A.Korakis, I.Skaros).

Samos, Mesokampos, 1 adult male and 1 juvenile, 12/8/1991, (A.Korakis, G.Kolliopoulos).

Samos, Floka, 7 individuals, 6/1/1997, (A.Korakis).

The count of 7 at Floka is the highest count for the species in Greece.

Common Rosefinch *Carpodacus erythrinus*

Attiki, Vryonas, 1 adult male, 9/5/2007, σκίτσο, (V.Chatzirvasanis).

Antikythira, Skariana, 2 first year, 6/10/2007, photos, (E.Eissing).

Attiki, Papagou, 1 adult male, 25/11/2007, photo, (T.Kourouzidis).

There are 30 previous records of this species in Greece.

II. 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:

Black Swan *Cygnus atratus*

Irakleio, Limani, 1 adult, 27/3/2007, photo, (I.Stathi, M.Dretakis).
Evros, Evros Delta, 1 adult, 15/9-24/10/2007, photo, (A.Nikolaros, P.Ioannidis, V.Ilias).

Wood Duck *Aix sponsa*

Irakleio, Almyros, 3 individuals, 9/7/2007, photo, (M.Dretakis).

Mandarin Duck *Aix galericulata*

Attiki, Parko Antonis Tritsis, 1 adult female, 17/3/2007, photo, (N.Probonas, E.Stavrakas).

Black headed Weaver *Ploceus melanocephalus*

Rodos, Kremasti, 1 adult male, 6+9/4/2007, photo, (A.Tarozzi, J.Rutten).
Attiki, Parko Antonis Tritsis, 1 adult male, 20/5/2007, photos, (G.Georgiou, G.Beriatos, G.Papagiannis).

III. Rare species observations not accepted by the Committee

The following observations were rejected by the Committee, due to the lack of sufficient facts and details that would help in the correct identification of the species or they were erroneously identified:

Great Northern Diver *Gavia immer*

Thessaloniki, Halastra, 1 individual, 13/12/2006.

Lesser Flamingo *Phoenicopterus minor*

Samos, Psili Ammos, 1 first winter, 20/12/1989, found dead.

Lammergeier *Gypaetus barbatus*

Evros, Dadia, 1 individual, 9/8/2001.

Eurasian Griffon Vulture *Gyps fulvus*

Attiki, Glyfada, 1 individual, 16/12/2007.

Black-winged Pratincole *Glareola nordmanni*

Naxos, Alyki, 1 adult, 26/4/2001.
Pieria, Kitros, 1 adult, 14/6/2003, photos.

Greater Sand Plover *Charadrius leschenaultii*

Evros, Evros Delta, 1 adult, 12/1/2007, photo.

Stilt Sandpiper *Calidris himantopus*

Hania, Moronis, 1 adult, 15/4/2007, σκίτσο.

Slender-billed Curlew *Numenius tenuirostris*

Thesprotia, Sagiada, 1 individual, 3/10/2002.

Xanthi, Ptelea, 1 adult, 4/4/2005.

Thesprotia, Sagiada, 1 first winter, 13+14/1/2007.

Curlew sp. *Numenius species*

Evros, Evros Delta, 1 first winter, 11/1/2007, photos.

Red-necked Phalarope *Phalaropus lobatus*

Lesvos, Kalloni, 4 individuals, 10/5/2007, photos.

Sabine's Gull *Larus sabini*

Pieria, Kitros, 1 individual, 24/2/2007.

Armenian Gull *Larus armenicus*

Pella, Agra, 1 adult, 22/12/2006 and 7/1/2007.

Kastoria, Orestiada, 1 adult, 2/1/2007, photos.

Evros, Evros Delta, 2 adults, 2/9/2007.

Caspian Gull *Larus cachinnans*

Thessaloniki, Volvi, 2 adults, 10/5/2007, photos.

Dupont's Lark *Chersophilus duponti*

Arta, Kommeno, 1 individual, 24/3/2007, photo.

Rock Pipit *Anthus petrosus*

Naxos, Alyki, 1 adult, 26/1+19/2/2000.

Desert Wheatear *Oenanthe deserti*

Hios, Volissos, 1 adult male, 31/3-15/4/1994, photo.

Voiotia, Elaionas, 1 adult male, 2/9/2007, photo.

Common Chiffchaff *Phylloscopus collybita abietinus*

Hania, Kamisiana, 1 individual, 23/2/2005.

Hania, Tavronitis, 1 individual, 1/1/2007.

Hania, Tavronitis, 1 individual, 11/1/2007.

Flycatcher sp. *Muscicapa/Ficedula species*

Attiki, Strefi, 1 individual, 29/9/2006, photos.

Eurasian Treecreeper *Certhia familiaris*

Samos, Karvounis, 6 individuals, December 1994-February 1995.

Samos, Karvounis, 6 individuals, December 1995- February 1996.

Samos, Karvounis, 6 individuals, December 1996- February 1997.

Samos, Karvounis, 6 individuals, December 1997.

Southern Grey Shrike *Lanius meridionalis*

Arta, Foteino, 1 adult, 10/2/2007, photo.

Atlantic Canary *Serinus canaria*

Arta, Tzoumerka, 1 individual, 21/7/2006, photo.

Twite *Carduelis flavirostris*

Thesprotia, Paramythia, 1 individual, 18/11/2004, photo.

Rustic Bunting *Emberiza rustica*

Attiki, Oropos, 1 adult, 10/2/2007, photo.

IV. Total evaluation results

In the year 2006, the Committee evaluated 235 registration forms.

Of them, 195 records were accepted to Category A, 6 records added to Category E (85.50%), while 34 records were not accepted (14.50%) to Category A.

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