

Trip Report Lesvos

12-19 June 2005



My family.

Preface

I travelled with my family, wife Natalia and children Alexander 13 and Nina, 10, from Copenhagen airport with Solresor on a combined vacation and birding trip. We stayed at the very calm and well situated hotel Panorama at the northern part of village Petra. When staying at this hotel it is recommended to have a room in the more higher situated cottages with beautiful views over Petra. We rented a 5-door Fiat Punto with AC in advance at <https://www.economycarrentals.com>. I used the *Freytag & Berndt* 1:75 000 map over Lesvos, but found on Lesvos the possibly better *Lesbos Road Edition 212* 1:70 000. Essential in the preparation of the trip was the excellent *Birding on the Greek Island of Lesvos* by Richard Brooks with plenty of very useful maps. The weather was sunny all days with just light skies in one morning. Temperatures ranged from just above 20 degrees early in the mornings to just below 30 in the afternoons. In all 78 species of birds were seen.

Itinerary

Sunday 12 June

Picked up the car at the airport at 12 hrs and drove to Petra. Crested Larks and Collared Doves were among the first species outside Mytilini. Made a very short stop near the salt pans at Kalloni. Arrived at Petra at 13 hrs. Paid a visit to the Petra reservoir in the evening.

Mytilini 12.20

Crested Lark	1
Collared Dove	10
House Sparrow	15
Hooded Crow	2
Yellow-legged Gull	15

Kalloni saltpans 13.00-13.10

Greater Flamingo	250 (minimum)
Little Tern	25
Common Tern	10
Crested Lark	1
Collared Dove	5
Common Swift	5
Barn Swallow	10
Common House Martin	10

Lafionas 13.20

From the car.

Red-rumped Swallow	1
Common Buzzard	1

Panorama hotel, Petra 13.30-17.50

House Sparrow	25
Collared Dove	20
Common House Martin	5
Hooded Crow	5
Yellow-legged Gull	25
European Goldfinch	1 singing
Common Blackbird	1 singing in the hills N Petra



Petra.

Petra reservoir 18.00-19.00

European Turtle Dove	3 singing
Black-headed Bunting	15, many juvenile
Cretzschmar's Bunting	1 female
Corn Bunting	3
Alpine Swift	5, one drinking from the reservoir
Common Swift	10
Yellow-legged Gull	50
Black-eared Wheatear	1 male, white-throated
Eurasian Jay	3
Eurasian Sparrowhawk	1 seen well
Red-rumped Swallow	2
Common House Martin	20
Barn Swallow	10
Cirl Bunting	1 singing + 1 female
Common Kestrel	1 male
European Greenfinch	2
Blue Tit	1
Eastern Olivaceous Warbler	1 singing near the turn off to the reservoir
Woodchat Shrike	1 male

Panorama hotel, Petra 19.00-21.00

Alpine Swift	50 around the Mikro Nisi island
European Shag	7 on the Mikro Nisi island
Western Jackdaw	15 on the Mikro Nisi island
Little Owl	1 ad + 3 pull/juv at the roof of the hotel
Eastern Olivaceous Warbler	1 singing

Monday 13 June

Panorama hotel, Petra 8.00-12.20

European Shag	12 on Myrmingi island and one fishing close to the northern shore off Petra
European Goldfinch	2 juvenile
Black-eared Wheatear	2 male, black-throated
Great Tit	2
Peregrine Falcon	1 adult male heading north
Long-legged Buzzard	1 landing in the hills above the hotel
Western Rock Nuthatch	1 pair at the hotel
Common Tern	5

Kalloni salt pans 13.00-14.10

Black Stork	1 soaring above the northern hills
European Bee-eater	10 perching in bushes
Black-headed Bunting	15, many singing
Corn Bunting	10, some singing
White Stork	2
Crested Lark	10
Red-rumped Swallow	5
Eastern Olivaceous Warbler	3, one seen well
Rufous-tailed Scrub Robin	1 near the water-plant. Perched briefly on a wire
Black-winged Stilt	25
Little Ringed Plover	1 adult
Eurasian Crag Martin	2 among House Martins
House Martin	40
Barn Swallow	25
Black Tern	1 adult
Pied Avocet	100
Greater Flamingo	500
Grey Heron	1
Spanish Sparrow	10 at the water plant

Achladeri, the Krüpers Nuthatch-place 14.00-15.00

Subalpine Warbler	1 pair warning
Black-eared Wheatear	1 ad male
Crested Lark	4
Long-legged Buzzard	2
Spotted Flycatcher	1

Petra reservoir 17.55-18.45

Cetti's Warbler	1 singing
Black-headed Bunting	10 including two newly fledged juveniles
Corn Bunting	5
Common Nightingale	2 singing
Black-eared Wheatear	2 ad male
Cretzschmar's Bunting	1 male
European Bee-eater	4
Blue Rock Thrush	1 male
Common Blackbird	1 male
Crested Lark	4
European Greenfinch	6



Petra reservoir.

Petra 19.00-22.00

Carrion Crow	c. 300 near the beach at dusk
Little Owl	1 adult plus 2 juveniles at the hotel roofs
Grey Heron	1 heading east over Petra at dusk

Tuesday 14 June**Panorama hotel, Petra 8.00-11.05**

Western Rock Nuthatch	1 singing
Long-legged Buzzard	1 soaring over the beach

2 km SW the turn off to Filia, Petra 11.40-12.00

Eastern Bonelli´s Warbler	1 singing in mixed Olive-Tree and Oak wood
Eleonora´s Falcon	2 warning

Skalochori, northern part 12.30-13.15

Parked at the northern turn off to the village and walked along a gravelled road for a few hundred meters.

Eurasian Jay	3
Cinereous Bunting	1 female near the road, seen very well
Western Rock Nuthatch	15
Cretzschmar´s Bunting	1 male
Common Chaffinch	20 in Pine trees along the gravelled road
Blue Rock Thrush	1 male
Eurasian Blue Tit	5
Sombre Tit	1
European Goldfinch	5

"Grand Canyon" between BP-station and Vatousa 13.40-13.55

Visited a deep gorge in the northernmost part of the canyon. The stream with heavily polluted water.

Winter Wren	1 singing
Cretzschmar´s Bunting	1 male warning
Eurasian Crag Martin	10



"Grand Canyon" between BP-station and Vatousa.

Turn off to the monastery just before Vatousa 13.55

Middle Spotted Woodpecker	1 male visiting nesting hole in Olive Tree
Balkan Green Lizard	1

2-3 km SW Skalochori 11.40-12.00

Eastern Orphean Warbler	2 probably juveniles near the road. They were photographed.
Long-legged Buzzard	2
Woodchat Shrike	1

Olive Tree-warbler-place NE Skalochori 17.40-18.10

Masked Shrike	1 male photographed
Sombre Tit	2
Eurasian Hoopoe	1
Eurasian Jay	1
Great Tit	1
European Turtle Dove	5
Eurasian Jay	3
Common Blackbird	1



Olive Tree-warbler-place NE Skalochori

Wednesday 15 June

Potamia valley 12.30-14.55

Very hot and inconvenient for singing birds.

Masked Shrike	2
Middle Spotted Woodpecker	3
Eurasian Hoopoe	1 singing
European Turtle Dove	2
Great Tit	4
Eurasian Blue Tit	5
Common Blackbird	1
Winter Wren	1 singing
Subalpine Warbler	6 including some juveniles
Cirl Bunting	10
Western Rock Nuthatch	1

BP-station, Kalloni 15.05

Spanish Sparrow Large colony with at least 100 birds

Achladeri, the Krüpers Nuthatch-place 15.25-16.20

Eventually got the Krüpers Nuthatch in the Pine wood just N the army silos (to the left of the road).

Common Quail	2 young flushed in young Pine bush near the road just before the silos!
Krüpers Nuthatch	1 male heard and seen well
Cirl Bunting	1 singing male
Common Chaffinch	4
European Greenfinch	4
Spotted Flycatcher	1 still in the same place, N the silos

Mithymna (Molyvos) 17.30-20.00

Yellow-legged Gull	2 adult
Common Swift	25
Collared Dove	10
Northern Wheatear	1 pair on the meadow just N the castle
European Goldfinch	10 near the castle



Thursday 16 June

Vigla, Lepetymnos mountains 12.15-14.40

Took the gravelled road/track 1.8 km SE Sykaminia towards the Vigla. The road was barely drivable. Had planned to take the other road back from

Vigla to Kapi, but did not dare because it was a little bit longer and could be even worse.

Short-toed Eagle	1 seen in valley on the way upwards
Eurasian Griffon Vulture	1 ad seen very well on the way upwards. It was heading north possibly towards Turkey, but was not followed for a long period. It was moulting some secondaries and made a little bit rugged appearance.
Subalpine Warbler	3
Northern Wheatear	1 male near the top
Common Linnet	2 near the top
Long-legged Buzzard	3
Blue Rock Thrush	1



Vigla, Lepetymnos mountains 16 June.

Klio, small pond at the road just S the village 14.35-14.45

Ruddy Shelduck	1 pair with 6 pullus
Yellow-legged Gull	6 ad
Lesser Kestrel	1 along the road a few km further to the south

Stipsi 15.28

Feral Pigeon 2, remarkably the first seen

The "Amfi-disco", Petra 15.55-17.16

Walked up the small gravelled road just south of the disco for maybe 100 m till the road stops at a newly constructed well. A small gate at the entrance was easily passed.

Black-eared Wheatear	10 ad both white- and black-throated forms
Cirl Bunting	1 female
Western Rock Nuthatch	2
Eurasian Blue Tit	2
Great Tit	1
Little Owl	1
Common Kestrel	1 male resting on telephone pole eating small animal (lizard?)



The hills N Petra.

Friday 17 June

See-watching from the balcony in the morning 7.45-8.35

Georgios Petras island (Rabbit island)

Alpine Swift 10 entering caves on the island

Western Jackdaw	25, some flying there and back from land
Yellow-legged Gull	150, probably nesting, many juveniles
Rock Dove	2 or possibly Feral Pigeon

Myrmingi island

Yellow-legged Gull	10
European Shag	3

Mikro Nisi island

Common or Lesser Kestrel	2 pairs
Yellow-legged Gull	50
Alpine Swift	15

The hills north of Panorama hotel

Eurasian Jay	1
Crested Lark	2
Masked Shrike	1 female
Blue Rock Thrush	1 male

Potamia valley 13.30-14.00

Tried the places suggested by Richard Brooks in "Birding on the Greek Island of Lesbos", but I never got shore I was on the right spots. The palces were hard to find according to several tracks turning off and not in his maps. Talked to an Italian birder who a few days before succeeded in tape-luring an Olive-Tree Warbler. But bad recordings of my one made me not playing the sounds in the tape-recorder of our car. Of course it would have been much better visiting in the morning.

Eurasian Sparrowhawk	1 adult female seen well
Woodchat Shrike	1 adult male
Black-headed Bunting	1 singing male
Subalpine Warbler	1 singing
Middle Spotted Woodpecker	4
Spanish Sparrow	1
Cirl Bunting	3
Eurasian Blue Tit	2
European Turtle Dove	3
Great Tit	1
European Goldfinch	3
Common Blackbird	3
Stripe-necked Terrapin	1



Potamia valley.

Parakila 14.15-14.30

Visited the small chapel in the southern part which is a known locality for Cinereous Buntings. I did not succeed in finding any.

Collared Dove	1
Red-rumped Swallow	1
Common House Martin	10
Barn Swallow	10

Pond near the road (northern side), 6 km E Eresos 15.40-16.00

There were a few more ponds, but only the bigger eastern was more thoroughly scanned.

Common Moorhen	1 heard from the reeds
Little Grebe	2 adult and 1 juvenile
Common Linnet	1 adult male
European Goldfinch	3



Pond near the road (northern side), 6 km E Eresos

The "Isabelline Wheatear crossing" W Andissa 16.40-17.05

Isabelline Wheatear	1 juvenile
Woodchat Shrike	2 adult and 2 juvenile
Crested Lark	10
Eurasian Hoopoe	2
Eastern Orphean Warbler	1 juvenile

**Small valley with mixed olive trees and oaks 17,1 km S Skutaros
17.30-17.50**

Seemed to be a good biotope for Olive Tree Warbler.

Middle Spotted Woodpecker	1
Long-legged Buzzard	1



Small valley with mixed Olive Trees and Oaks 17,1 km S Skutaros

Saturday 18 June

The "Amfi-disco", Petra 5.45-8.20

Very different to visit in the morning. No disturbing sun or heat and the birds were of course much more active.

Cretzschmar's Bunting	2 singing male and female
European Turtle Dove	1 singing + 2
Black-eared Wheatear	2 male, black-throated + 2 juvenile
Chukar	1 playing and 1 flushed
House Sparrow	150
Peregrine Falcon	1 adult male flying N
Western Rock Nuthatch	6
Rüppel's Warbler	2 female + 1 male approached just near the disco when a Little Owl appeared. Also 1 female and 1 singing further uphill.
Little Owl	1
Collared Dove	1
Barn Swallow	6
Subalpine Warbler	1 female
European Shag	18 sitting on the Myrmingi island off Petra
Alpine Swift	30 on Mikro Nisi island off Petra

Common Linnet	2
Crested Lark	2
Eleonora ´s Falcon	1 adult light phase flying towards the Georgios Petras island (Rabbit island)
Blue Rock Thrush	1 female
Black-headed Bunting	1 male + 2 females
Eurasian Blue Tit	5
Great Tit	4
Sardinian Warbler	1 female close to the top

Klio, small pond at the road just S the village 14.15-14.22

Ruddy Shelduck	1 pair with 7 pulli still in the pond
Yellow-legged Gull	42 ad
Grey Heron	1

Slope with Pine Trees at Klio 14.25-14.35

European Serin	1
European Greenfinch	1
Black-eared Wheatear	2

Panagiouda 14.50

Lesser Kestrel	1 male
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Prasologos island off Pedi 15.05-15.10

Viewed from lay-buy along the road.

European Shag	7 on the Mikro Nisi island
Common Tern	6
Yellow-legged Gull	25

Lay-buy on the N side along the main road between Mytilini and Kalloni, 7.7 km SE the turn off to Achladeri (or 5.0 km NW Lambou Myli) 16.00-16.15

Krüpers Nuthatch	2 including 1 female, probably a pair, in Pine Trees c. 50 m from the road at a block field.
Short-toed Treecreeper	1
Common Chaffinch	2
Great Tit	2

Sunday 19 June

See-watching from the balcony in the morning 6.50-7.30

Georgios Petras island (Rabbit island)

Yellow-legged Gull	110, many juveniles
European Shag	7 in the western part of the island

Myrmingi island

Yellow-legged Gull	5
European Shag	9

Mikro Nisi island

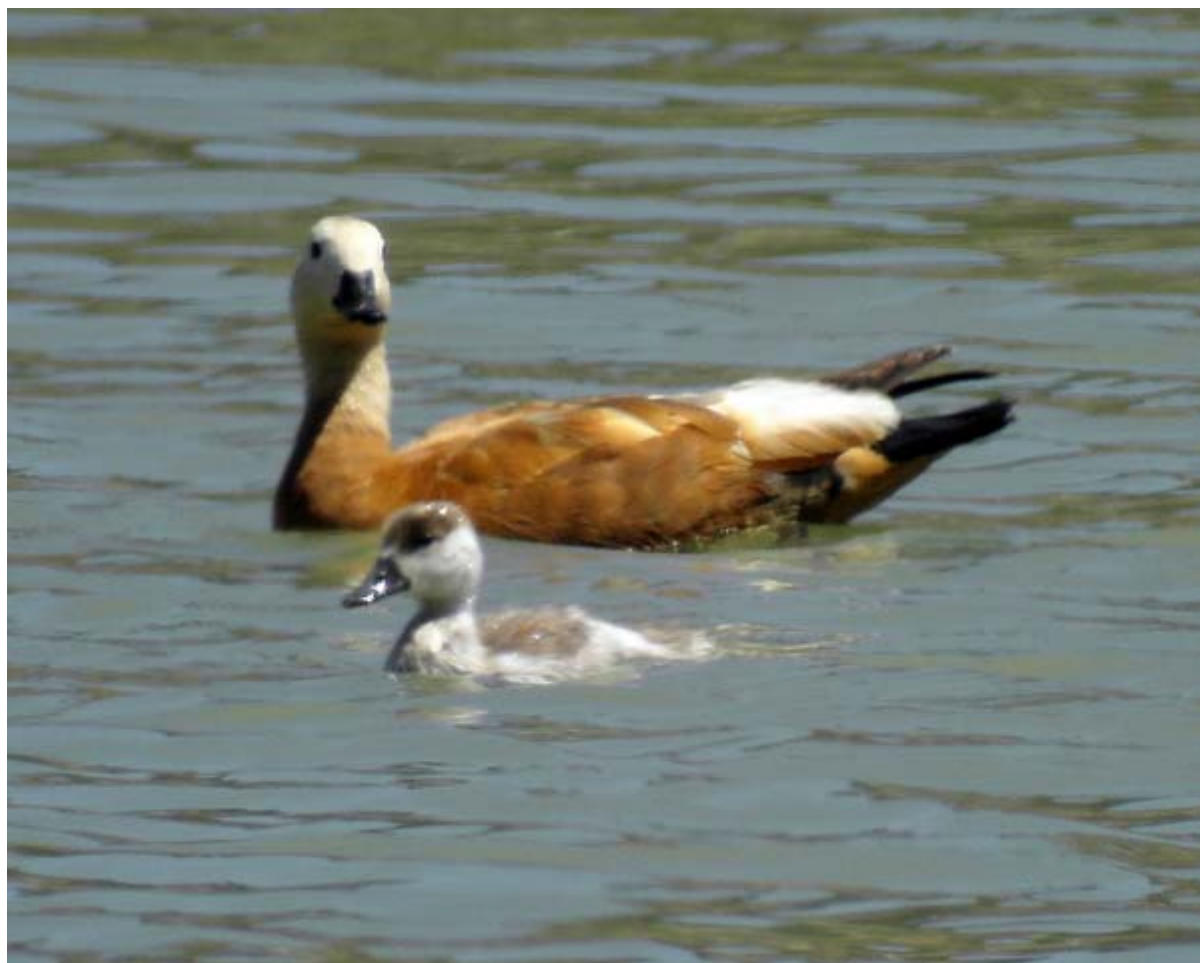
Lesser Kestrel	2
Yellow-legged Gull	50
Western Jackdaw	30

Species list

Birds

Ruddy Shelduck *Tadorna ferruginea*

1 pair with 6 pulli Klio, small pond at the road just S the village 16 June
and the same pair with 7 pulli Klio 18 June.



Male Ruddy Shelduck with pullus Klio 16 June.

Chukar *Alectoris chukar*

1 playing and 1 flushed The "Amfi-disco", Petra 18 June

Common Quail *Coturnix coturnix*

2 young flushed in young Pine bush near the road just before the silos!
Achladeri, the Krüpers Nuthatch-place 15 June

Little Grebe *Tachybaptus ruficollis*

2 adult and 1 juvenile in pond near the road (northern side), 6 km E
Eresos 17 June



Juvenile Little Grebe in pond near the road (northern side), 6 km E Eresos 17 June.

European Shag *Phalacrocorax aristotelis desmaresti*

7 on the Mikro Nisi island from Panorama hotel, Petra 12 June, 12 on Myrmingi island and one fishing close to the northern shore from Panorama hotel, Petra 13 June, 3 Myrmingi island 17 June, 18 sitting on the Myrmingi island off Petra 18 June, 15 Prasologos island off Pedi 18 June, 7 in the western part of the Georgios Petras island (Rabbit island) 19 June and 9 Myrmingi island 19 June.

Black Stork *Ciconia niger*

1 soaring above the northern hills Kalloni salt pans 13 June.

Grey Heron *Ardea cinerea*

1 Kalloni salt pans 13 June, 1 heading east over Panorama hotel, Petra at dusk 13 June, 1 Klio, small pond at the road just S the village 18 June

White Stork *Ciconia ciconia*

2 Kalloni salt pans 13 June.

Greater Flamingo *Flamingo roseus*

250 (minimum) Kalloni salt pans 12 June and 500 Kalloni salt pans 13 June

Eurasian Griffon Vulture *Gyps fulvus*

1 ad seen very well flying N on the way upwards. Vigla, Lepetymnos mountains 16 June.

Short-toed Eagle *Circaetus gallicus*

1 seen in valley on the way upwards Vigla, Lepetymnos mountains 16 June.

Eurasian Sparrowhawk *Accipiter nisus*

1 seen well Petra reservoir 12 June and 1 adult female seen well Potamia valley 17 June.

Common Buzzard *Buteo buteo*

1 Lafionas 12 June was the only observation.

Long-legged Buzzard *Buteo rufinus*

1 landing in the hills above the Panorama hotel, Petra 13 June, 2 Achladeri, the Krüpers Nuthatch-place 13 June, 1 soaring over the beach Panorama hotel, Petra 14 June, 2 2-3 km SW Skalochori 14 June, 3 Vigla, Lepetymnos mountains 16 June and 1 in small valley with mixed Olive Trees and Oaks 17,1 km S Skutaros 17 June.

Lesser Kestrel *Falco naumanni*

1 along the road a few km to the south of Klio, 16 June, 1 male Panagiouda 18 June and 2 Mikro Nisi island 19 June.

Common Kestrel *Falco tinnunculus*

1 male Petra reservoir 12 June and 1 male The "Amfi-disco", Petra 16 June.

Lesser or Common Kestrel *Falco naumanni/tinnunculus*

2 pairs Mikro Nisi island 17 June.

Eleonora's Falcon *Falco eleonora*

2 warning 2 km SW the turn off to Filia 14 June and 1 adult light phase flying towards the Georgios Petras island (Rabbit island) 18 June.

Peregrine Falcon *Falco peregrinus*

1 adult male heading north Panorama hotel, Petra 13 June and 1 adult male flying N The "Amfi-disco", Petra 18 June.

Common Moorhen *Gallinula chloropus*

1 heard from the reeds in pond near the road (northern side), 6 km E Eresos 17 June.

Black-winged Stilt *Himantopus himantopus*

25 Kalloni salt pans 13 June.



Male Black-winged Stilt Kalloni salt pans 13 June.

Pied Avocet *Recurvirostra avosetta*

100 Kalloni salt pans 13 June.

Little Ringed Plover *Charadrius dubius*

1 adult Kalloni salt pans 13 June.

Yellow-legged Gull *Larus michahellis*

15 Mytilini 12 June, 25 Panorama hotel, Petra 12 June, 50 Petra reservoir 12 June, 2 adult Mithymna (Molyvos) 15 June, 6 ad Klio, small pond at the road just S the village 16 June, 150, probably nesting, many juveniles Georgios Petras island (Rabbit island) 17 June, 10 Myrmingi island 17 June, 50 Mikro Nisi island 17 June, 42 ad Klio, small pond at the road just S the village 18 June, 25 Prasologos island off Pedi 18 June, 110, many juveniles Georgios Petras island (Rabbit island) 19 June, 5 Myrmingi island 19 June and 50 Mikro Nisi island 19 June.



Adult Yellow-legged Gull Klio 16 June.

Little Tern *Sterna albifrons*

25 Kalloni saltpans 12 June.

Common Tern *Sterna hirundo*

10 Kalloni saltpans 12 June, 5 Panorama hotel, Petra 13 June and 6 Prasologos island off Pedi 18 June.

Black Tern *Chlidonias niger*

1 adult Kalloni salt pans 13 June.

Rock Dove/Feral Pigeon *Columba livia*

2 Feral Pigeons Stipsi 16 June, 2 Rock Doves or possibly Feral Pigeon Georgios Petras island (Rabbit island) 17 June.

Collared Dove *Streptopelia decaocto*

10 Mytilini 12 June, 5 Kalloni salt pans 12 June, 20 Panorama hotel, Petra 12 June, 10 Mithymna (Molyvos) 15 June, 1 Parakila 17 June and 1 The "Amfi-disco", Petra 18 June. These were the birds noted, but seen in most places.

European Turtle Dove *Streptopelia decaocto*

3 singing Petra reservoir 12 June, 5 at the Olive Tree-warbler-place NE Skalochori 14 June, 2 Potamia valley 15 June, 3 Potamia valley 17 June and 1 singing + 2 The "Amfi-disco", Petra 18 June.

Little Owl *Athene noctua*

1 ad + 3 pull/juv at the roof of the Panorama hotel, Petra 12 June, 1 adult plus 2 juveniles at the hotel roofs 13 June, 1 The "Amfi-disco", Petra 16 June and 1 The "Amfi-disco", Petra 18 June. The family heard, seen and photographed every evening at the hotel.



Juvenile Little Owl, Petra 15 June.

Common Swift *Apus apus*

5 Kalloni saltpans 12 June, 10 Petra reservoir 12 June and 25 Mithymna (Molyvos) 15 June.

Alpine Swift *Apus melba*

5, one drinking from the reservoir, Petra reservoir 12 June, 50 around the Mikro Nisi island from Panorama hotel, Petra 12 June, 10 entering caves on the Georgios Petras island (Rabbit island) 17 June, 15 Mikro Nisi island 17 June and 30 on Mikro Nisi island off Petra 18 June.

European Bee-eater *Merops apiaster*

10 perching in bushes Kalloni salt pans 13 June and 4 Petra reservoir 13 June.

Eurasian Hoopoe *Upupa epops*

1 Olive Tree-warbler-place NE Skalochori 14 June, 1 singing Potamia valley 15 June and 2 "the Isabelline Wheatear crossing" W Andissa 17 June.

Middle Spotted Woodpecker *Dendrocopos medius*

1 male visiting nesting hole in Olive Tree at the turn off to the monastery just before Vatousa 14 June, 3 Potamia valley 15 June, 4 Potamia valley 17 June and 1 in the small valley with mixed Olive Trees and Oaks 17,1 km S Skutaros 17 June.

Crested Lark *Galerida cristata*

1 Mytilini 12 June, 1 Kalloni saltpans 12 June, 10 Kalloni salt pans 13 June, 4 Achladeri, the Krüpers Nuthatch-place 13 June, 4 Petra reservoir 13 June, 2 the hills north of Panorama hotel 17 June, 10 "the Isabelline Wheatear crossing" W Andissa 17 June and 2 The "Amfi-disco", Petra 18 June.

Eurasian Crag Martin *Hirundo rupestris*

2 among House Martins Kalloni salt pans 13 June and 10 "Grand Canyon" between BP-station and Vatousa 14 June.

Barn Swallow *Hirundo rustica*

10 Kalloni saltpans 12 June, 10 Petra reservoir 12 June, 25 Kalloni salt pans 13 June, 10 Parakila 17 June and 6 The "Amfi-disco", Petra 18 June.

Common House Martin *Delichon urbicum*

10 Kalloni saltpans 12 June, 5 Panorama hotel, Petra 12 June, 20 Petra reservoir 12 June, 40 Kalloni salt pans 13 June and 10 Parakila 17 June.

Red-rumped Swallow *Hirundo daurica*

1 Lafionas 12 June, 2 Petra reservoir 12 June, 5 Kalloni salt pans 13 June and 1 Parakila 17 June.

Winter Wren *Troglodytes troglodytes*

1 singing "Grand Canyon" between BP-station and Vatousa 14 June and 1 singing Potamia valley 15 June.

Rufous-tailed Scrub Robin *Cercotricas galactotes*

1 near the water-plant, perched briefly on a wire, Kalloni salt pans 13 June.

Common Nightingale *Luscinia megarhynchos*

2 singing Petra reservoir 13 June.

Isabelline Wheatear *Oenanthe isabellina*

1 juvenile at "the Isabelline Wheatear crossing" W Andissa 17 June

Northern Wheatear *Oenanthe oenanthe*

1 pair on the meadow just N the castle at Mithymna (Molyvos) 15 June and 1 male near the top Vigla, Lepetymnos mountains 16 June.

Black-eared Wheatear *Oenanthe hispanica*

1 male, white-throated, Petra reservoir 12 June, 2 male, black-throated, Panorama hotel, Petra 13 June, 1 ad male Achladeri, the Krüpers Nuthatch-place 13 June, 2 ad male Petra reservoir 13 June, 10 ad, both white- and black-throated forms, The "Amfi-disco", Petra 16 June, 2 male, black-throated + 2 juvenile The "Amfi-disco", Petra 18 June and 2 at slope with Pine Trees at Klio 18 June.



Male black-throated form of Black-eared Wheatear Petra 18 June.

Blue Rock Thrush *Monticola solitarius*

1 male Petra reservoir 13 June, 1 male Skalochoi, northern part 14 June, 1 Vigla, Lepetymnos mountains 16 June, 1 male the hills north of Panorama hotel 17 June and 1 female The "Amfi-disco", Petra 18 June

Common Blackbird *Turdus merula*

1 singing in the hills N Petra Panorama hotel, Petra 12 June, 1 male Petra reservoir 13 June, 1 at the Olive Tree-warbler-place NE Skalochoi 14 June, 1 Potamia valley 15 June and 3 Potamia valley 17 June.

Cetti's Warbler *Cettia cetti*

1 singing Petra reservoir 13 June.

Eastern Olivaceous Warbler *Hippolais pallida*

1 singing near the turn off to the Petra reservoir 12 June, 1 singing Panorama hotel, Petra 12 June and 3, one seen well, Kalloni salt pans 13 June.

Subalpine Warbler *Sylvia cantillans*

1 pair warning Achladeri, the Krüpers Nuthatch-place 13 June, 6, including some juveniles, Potamia valley 15 June, 3 Vigla, Lepetymnos mountains

16 June, 1 singing Potamia valley 17 June and 1 female The "Amfi-disco", Petra 18 June.

Sardinian Warbler *Sylvia melanocephala*

1 female close to the top at the "Amfi-disco", Petra 18 June.

Rüppel's Warbler *Sylvia rueppelli*

3 female + 2 male at the "Amfi-disco", Petra 18 June.



Adult female Rüppel's Warbler Petra 18 June.

Eastern Orphean Warbler *Sylvia crassirostris*

2, probably juveniles, near the road 2-3 km SW Skalochori 14 June. They were photographed and 1 juvenile at "the Isabelline Wheatear crossing" W Andissa 17 June.



Juvenile Eastern Orphean Warbler 2-3 km SW Skalochoi 14 June.

Eastern Bonelli's Warbler *Phylloscopus orientalis*

1 singing in mixed Olive-Tree and Oak wood 2 km SW the turn off to Fila
14 June.

Spotted Flycatcher *Muscicapa striata*

1 Achladeri, the Krüpers Nuthatch-place 13 June and 1 still in the same
place, N the silos 15 June.

Sombre Tit *Parus lugubris anatoliae*

1 Skalochoi, northern part 14 June and 2 at the Olive Tree-warbler-place
NE Skalochoi 14 June.

Eurasian Blue Tit *Parus caeruleus*

1 Petra reservoir 12 June, 5 Skalochoi, northern part 14 June, 5 Potamia
valley 15 June, 2 the "Amfi-disco", Petra 16 June, 2 Potamia valley 17
June, 5 the "Amfi-disco", Petra 18 June

Great Tit *Parus major*

2 Panorama hotel, Petra 13 June, 1 Olive at the Tree-warbler-place NE
Skalochoi 14 June, 4 Potamia valley 15 June, 1 the "Amfi-disco", Petra 16

June, 1 Potamia valley 17 June, 4 the "Amfi-disco", Petra 18 June and 2 at lay-buy on the N side along the main road between Mytilini and Kalloni, 7.7 km SE the turn off to Achladeri (or 5.0 km NW Lambou Myli) 18 June.

Krüpers Nuthatch *Sitta krueperi*

1 male heard and seen well Achladeri, the Krüpers Nuthatch-place 15 June and 2 including 1 female, probably a pair, in Pine Trees c. 50 m from the road near a block field at lay-buy on the N side along the main road between Mytilini and Kalloni, 7.7 km SE the turn off to Achladeri (or 5.0 km NW Lambou Myli) 18 June.

Western Rock Nuthatch *Sitta neumayer zarudnyi*

1 pair at the Panorama hotel, Petra 13 June, 1 singing Panorama hotel, Petra 14 June, 15 Skalochori, northern part 14 June, 1 Potamia valley 15 June, 2 The "Amfi-disco", Petra 16 June and 6 the "Amfi-disco", Petra 18 June.



Western Rock Nuthatch Petra 18 June.

Short-toed Treecreeper *Certhia brachydactyla*

1 at lay-buy on the N side along the main road between Mytilini and Kalloni, 7.7 km SE the turn off to Achladeri (or 5.0 km NW Lambou Myli) 18 June was the only observation.

Woodchat Shrike *Lanius senator*

1 male Petra reservoir 12 June, 1 2-3 km SW Skalochoi 14 June, 1 adult male Potamia valley 17 June, 2 adult and 2 juvenile "the Isabelline Wheatear crossing" W Andissa 17 June.



Adult male Woodchat Shrike Potamia valley 17 June.

Masked Shrike *Lanius nubicus*

1 male photographed at the Olive Tree-warbler-place NE Skalochoi 14 June, 2 Potamia valley 15 June and 1 female the hills north of Panorama hotel 17 June.



Adult male Masked Shrike at the Olive Tree-warbler-place NE Skalochori 14 June.

Eurasian Jay *Garrulus glandarius atricapillus*

3 Petra reservoir 12 June, 3 Skalochori, northern part 14 June, 1 at the Olive Tree-warbler-place NE Skalochori 14 June, 3 at the Olive Tree-warbler-place NE Skalochori 14 June, 1 The hills north of Panorama hotel 17 June.

Western Jackdaw *Corvus monedula*

15 on the Mikro Nisi island from Panorama hotel, Petra 12 June, 25, some flying there and back from land Georgios Petras island (Rabbit island) 17 June and 30 Mikro Nisi island 19 June.

Hooded Crow *Corvus corone*

2 Mytilini 12 June, 5 Panorama hotel, Petra 12 June, c. 300 near the beach at dusk Panorama hotel, Petra 13 June.

House Sparrow *Passer domesticus*

15 Mytilini 12 June, 25 Panorama hotel, Petra 12 June, 150 The "Amfisco", Petra 18 June. More seen but not recorded. Very common. Un

unusual record was one at nest constructed in free in an electric pole in the Potamia valley 15 June.



Adult male House Sparrow at nest constructed in the free, Potamia valley 15 June.

Spanish Sparrow *Passer hispaniolensis*

10 at the water plant Kalloni salt pans 13 June, large colony with at least 100 birds BP-station, Kalloni 15 June and 1 Potamia valley 17 June.

Common Chaffinch *Fringilla coelebs*

20 in Pine trees along a gravelled road Skalochori, northern part 14 June, 4 Achladeri, the Krüpers Nuthatch-place 15 June and 2 at lay-buy on the N side along the main road between Mytilini and Kalloni, 7.7 km SE the turn off to Achladeri (or 5.0 km NW Lambou Myli) 18 June.

European Serin *Serinus serinus*

1 at slope with Pine Trees at Klio 18 June.

European Greenfinch *Carduelis chloris*

2 Petra reservoir 12 June, 6 Petra reservoir 13 June, 5 Skalochori, northern part 14 June, 4 Achladeri, the Krüpers Nuthatch-place 15 June and 1 at slope with Pine Trees at Klio 18 June.

European Goldfinch *Carduelis carduelis*

1 singing Panorama hotel, Petra 12 June, 2 juvenile Panorama hotel, Petra 13 June, 10 near the castle Mithymna (Molyvos) 15 June, 3 Potamia valley 17 June and 3 at pond near the road (northern side), 6 km E Eresos 17 June.

Common Linnet *carduelis cannabina*

2 near the top Vigla, Lepetymnos mountains 16 June, 1 adult male in pond near the road (northern side), 6 km E Eresos 17 June and 2 at the "Amfi-disco", Petra 18 June.

Cirl Bunting *Emberiza cirlus*

1 singing + 1 female Petra reservoir 12 June, 10 Potamia valley 15 June, 1 singing male Achladeri, the Krüpers Nuthatch-place 15 June, 1 female the "Amfi-disco", Petra 16 June and 3 Potamia valley 17 June.

Cinereous Bunting *Emberiza cineracea*

1 female near the road, seen very well Skalochoi, northern part 14 June.

Cretzschmar's Bunting *Emberiza caesia*

1 female Petra reservoir 12 June, 1 male Petra reservoir 13 June, 1 male Skalochoi, northern part 14 June, 1 male warning "Grand Canyon" between BP-station and Vatousa 14 June and 2 singing male and 1 female the "Amfi-disco", Petra 18 June.

Black-headed Bunting *Emberiza melanocephala*

15, many juvenile, Petra reservoir 12 June, 15, many singing Kalloni salt pans 13 June, 10 including two newly fledged juveniles Petra reservoir 13 June, 1 singing male Potamia valley 17 June and 1 male + 2 females the "Amfi-disco", Petra 18 June



Adult female Black-headed Bunting Petra 18 June.

Corn Bunting *Emberiza calandra*

3 Petra reservoir 12 June, 10, some singing, Kalloni salt pans 13 June and 5 Petra reservoir 13 June.

Amphibians and reptiles

Marsh Frog *Rana ridibunda*

Heard and seen Petra reservoir 12 and 13 June and in the Potamia valley 15 June.

Eastern Spadefoot Toad *Pelobates syriacus*

1 at the hotel. Approached in the evenings outside our flat and was seen hunting insects.

Balkan Green Lizard *Lacerta trilineata*

1 near the turn off to the monastery just before Vatousa 14 June and 1 Potamia valley 15 June.



Balcan Green Lizard Potamia valley 15 June.

Stripe-necked Terrapin *Mauremys caspica*

1 Potamia valley 17 June

Agama Lizard *Agama stellio*

1 Petra reservoir 12 June and 1 Potamia valley 17 June.

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