

Rhodos**09.-16.05.2010**

A short visit of the beautiful island of Rhodes was aimed primarily towards conventional tourism but we also made some nice ornithological observations. The weather was hot and dry and the river beds of Kremasti and Paradisi were almost run dry. So there were no rails and herons at these sites. We visited the mountains, the Appolakia Dam, the surroundings of Lindos, the butterfly valley and the cape of Prasonisi. There was a nice little reservoir close at the road from Appolakia to Vathi which is possibly a new site that was quite productive in terms of birds. The highlight was definitely the bathing falcons at the Appolakia dam! Hopefully we will return to this island, maybe in the early springtime.

Non-Passerer:

1. Grey Heron	1 Appolakia Dam
2. Squacco Heron	2 Appolakia Dam
3. Little Egret	2 Appolakia Dam
4. Common Buzzard	1 River Gadouras
5. Long-legged Buzzard	1 near Vathi, road to Appolakia
6. Lesser Kestrel	1,0 north-west of Lindos
7. Kestrel	1,0 Lindos Akropolis
8. Peregrine	1 Lindos->Tomb of Kleobolous, breeding place?
9. Eleonora's Falcon	1x 3 , 1x 5 (!) obviously bathing/drinking Appolakia
10. Chukar	heard Appolakia dam
11. Moorhen	1 Appolakia dam
12. Little Ringed Plover	1,1 (breeding?) River Gadouras (almost dry)
13. Yellow-legged Gull	almost everywhere at the coastline, only adults
14. Rock Dove	Pefki (domestic doves?)
15. Collared Dove	everywhere in the settlements
16. Turtle Dove	near Appolakia dam regular, also at the small reservoir near Vathi
17. Alpine Swift	4 Acropolis Lindos, 3 Appolakia Dam
18. Common Swift	at many sites: airport, Lindos, Rhodos...
19. Pallid Swift	Lindos Acropolis 11.5. ca. 10
20. Bee-Eater	Small Reservoir near Vathi 8 11.5. Gadouras River at least 10, maybe more (heard) 15.5.

Passerer:

21. Crested Lark	almost everywhere
22. Wood Lark	1 singing woodland close to Kattavia
23. Crag Martin	obviously breeding at Kallithea Thermae and close to Lindos (path to Kleobolous tomb)
24. Barn Swallow	common
25. Red-rumped Swallow	small reservoir near Vathi regularly
26. House Martin	
27. White Wagtail	1 passing by Hotel AquaGrand near Pefki
28. Yellow Wagtail	0,1 River Gadouras (C.f. feldegg?)
29. Tawny Pipit	2x 1 (obviously breeding there) path to Kleobolous tomb

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| 30. Wren | singing in the butterfly valley (Petaloudes) and Epta Pyges |
| 31. Blue Rock Thrush | very active in the hotel AquaGrand and in the Kallithea Thermae |
| 32. Blackbird | not very often noticed but singing in the butterfly valley and at the Epta Pyges |
| 33. Reed Warbler | one singing at the mouth of River Kremasti (dry!) |
| 34. Olivaceous Warbler | one singing mouth Kremasti, one singing in the dry river bed Gadouras |
| 35. Orphean Warbler | one female in a bush at the path from Lindos -> Klebolous tomb |
| 36. Sardinian Warbler | almost everywhere calling and singing |
| 37. Rufous Scrub Robin | one in the area of the hotel AquaGrand Pefki |
| 38. Whinchat | numerous (migrating?) at the path Lindos->Kleobolous tomb |
| 39. Black-eared Wheatear | Thermae of Kalithea, Hotel AquaGrand Pefki, several at the path Lindos-Klebolous |
| 40. Blue Tit | only two in a tree at the "Old Silk Factory" Street to Prasonisi |
| 41. Golden Oriole | heard in the village of Applakia 11.05. |
| 42. Woodchat Shrike | seen at three sites: path to the Klebolous tomb, street to the cape of Prasonisi and in the gardens of the hotel AquaGrand in Pefki |
| 43. Jay | seen quite often in the olive groves and elsewhere |
| 44. Hooded Crow | common |
| 45. Raven | seen on the way to butterfly valley and in the dry river bed of Gadouras |
| 46. House Sparrow | common |
| 47. Chaffinch | Butterfly valley and Epta Pyges |
| 48. Greenfinch | quite common |
| 49. Cretzschmar's Bunting | only one singing close to the village of Appolakia 11.05. |
| 50. Black-headed Bunting | seen/heard at two sites: street to cape Prasonisi and one singing in the dry river bed of Gadouras |
| 51. Corn Bunting | one singing near Appolakia dam 11.05., 15.05. |



The small reservoir at the street from Appolakia to Vathi (1 km before entering Vathi). Here you can see Bee-eaters, Turtle Doves, Red-rumped Swallows and Long-legged Buzzard.