

LESVOS FALL MIGRATION

September 26 – October 3, 2021

HIGHLIGHTS

Either for rarity value, excellent views or simply a group favorite.

- Krüper's Nuthatch
- Sombre Tit
- Eurasian Spoonbill
- Dalmatian Pelican
- Red-backed Shrike
- Little Owl
- Eurasian Stone-curlew
- Western Rock Nuthatch
- Meadow Pipit
- Short-toed Snake Eagle
- Black-eared Wheatear
- Blue Rock Thrush
- Golden Eagle
- Common Kingfisher
- Lesser Grey Shrike
- Red-footed Falcon
- Greater Flamingo
- Black Stork
- Sardinian Warbler
- Eurasian Nuthatch
- Ruddy Shelduck
- Water Rail
- Eurasian Hobby
- Tawny Pipit
- Western Rock Nuthatch
- Masked Shrike
- Gull-billed Tern
- Blue Rock Thrush
- Slender-billed Gull
- Short-toed Eagle
- Pied Avocet
- Mediterranean Gull
- Black Stork
- Black-tailed Godwit
- Middle Spotted Woodpecker
- Common Redstart

Leaders: Steve Bird & Gina Nichol

SUMMARY:

After conducting many spring migration tours over the years and missing Lesvos for the last two and a half years due to Covid, it was a pleasure to get back to our beloved Greek island. Sunrise Birding LLC's inaugural fall migration tour on Lesvos was a fantastic week dominated by clear blue skies and warm weather. During the tour, we found unprecedented numbers of Spotted Flycatchers and Willow Warblers as well as Red-backed Shrikes, with the majority being juvenile birds. With most of the island bone dry, and any area that held water was a bird magnet. The Kalloni and Polichnitos Salt Pans were very productive and the small amount of



water by the Tsiknias River ford was an excellent spot worth visiting twice a day. A few

enjoyable surprises included an adult Golden Eagle, 9 Dalmatian Pelicans, and 20 Eurasian Spoonbills. Other highlights included three species of Nuthatch including the specialty, **Krüper's Nuthatch** (Steve Bird), Red-footed Falcon, Lesser Grey, Masked Shrike, an obliging Water Rail and, of course, the ever changing light on the Greater Flamingos (Gina Nichol) in the salt pans, off the beach, and in the rivers!



Monasteries, Thermal Pools, Moussaka, fantastic views, and great company made for a superb and memorable trip!

Day 1 - 26th Sept

The day began with Steve showing everyone a **Spurge Hawk Moth** (Steve Bird) that had been attracted to light on the hotel roof during the night. After photos and breakfast, we took a short drive to the Tsiknias River ford where we parked and surveyed the small pools of shallow water that remained there. Crested Larks and Corn Buntings came in to drink and bathe, as did a small group of Goldfinches. Greenshanks showed well beside a Little Ringed Plover and we watched a Tree Pipit and White Wagtail come in for its morning immersion. Eurasian Reed Warbler and several Willow Warblers were seen and behind us on a farm building sat a motionless Little Owl.



Further along the almost dry river we found Great Egret, Little Egret and above us flew a pair of Black Storks. Red-backed Shrikes showed well on bushes and wire fences. We then made our way to the northeast corner of the Kalloni Salt Pans and walked the track along the edge of the moat. The Greater Flamingos glowed in the beautiful morning light and a rather dull looking juvenile fed totally unconcerned by our close proximity. We scoped the salt pans and found 7 Dalmatian Pelicans (Steve Bird), 16 Eurasian Spoonbills and a variety of other birds such as Greenshank and Redshank, 4 Eurasian Curlew, Grey Heron, more egrets and a fine looking adult Slender-billed Gull.



Returning past the salt pans back toward Kalloni, we saw a Common Sandpiper and a very elusive Tawny Pipit hiding in some grass tufts in a field. Butterflies included Mallow Skippers and Long-tailed Blue, and several Red-veined Darter dragonflies were easily seen.



In the afternoon, we made a quick stop at the Christou River where we spotted 4 **Eurasian Stone-curlew** (Steve Bird) standing motionless in the dead grasses. Moving on we visited the Potamia Reservoir which is a small area of water but always full as it must be quite deep. Here, with the light behind us, we counted 10 Little Grebes, Eurasian Coot, Moorhen, and a

speeding Kingfisher. As we made our way back to the minibus, we noticed that sprinklers were dripping water under the olive trees and forming small pools of water. Birds were coming in to drink and bathe and included lots of Great and Blue Tits, Chaffinch, Greenfinch, Goldfinch, Blackcap, and Willow Warblers.

Just a short distance away was Metochi Lake which is actually more like a large pond and at this time of year and almost empty of water. On the far end we counted 4 Black Storks, Common Sandpiper, and a single Gull-billed Tern. Balkan Pond Terrapins were all around the edges and again Red-veined Darter dragonflies were everywhere.



From here we drove to the west side of Kalloni Salt Pans where some strategic parking and telescoping found us 7 Common Shelduck, Eurasian Curlew, Ruff, 10 Little Stint, 3 Dunlin, at least 20 Redshanks, and 5 Slender-billed Gulls among the many Black-headed Gulls. Returning back towards our hotel along the Lotzaria track, we saw plenty of Spotted Flycatchers and Willow Warblers and at the River ford we spotted a Sedge Warbler.

Day 2 - 27th Sept

A pre-breakfast walk to the Christou River found an amazing 7 Eurasian Stone-curlew trying their best to stay camouflaged. We also had good views of 4 Greenshanks, 32 Kentish Plovers mixed with a few Little Ringed Plovers, and 2 Little Stints. We also found one lone Grey Plover, while Tamarisk bushes held a couple of busy Willow Warblers.



After breakfast we headed to the Potamia Valley before it got too hot. There were Spotted Flycatchers everywhere and we must have seen at least 30. A few juvenile Red-backed Shrikes were noted and then a single juvenile Masked Shrike flew in and landed in an Olive Tree offering great views. A pair of distant **Western Rock Nuthatches** (Gina Nichol) eventually worked their way towards us giving reasonable views. As we walked the track further we found a couple of Lesser Whitethroats among the many Willow Warblers, and Gina spotted a Blue Rock Thrush perched up on a dead

tree sticking out of the rocks. A pair of Common Buzzards drifted overhead and then we got to see a much closer Western Rock Nuthatch. Meanwhile a Eurasian Sparrowhawk showed well as it circled overhead.

Moving on we found a shady spot where Blue and Great Tits showed as well as a few more Spotted Flycatchers. A Middle Spotted Woodpecker was very elusive but after persistence we all saw it fly across the dry river bed and land in an Olive Tree. A small patch of water produced Red-veined Darters, Violet Dropwing, and some fresh Willow Emeralds.

In the afternoon we drove to Achladeri Forest where, on arrival at the small patch of pine forest, we were soon following a flock of Great and Blue Tits around. They were joined by Chaffinches and then a group of about 10 Long-tailed Tits. A couple of Short-toed Treecreepers were seen and the occasional Eurasian Jay flew through the wood. Continuing to follow the tit flock, Morgan eventually found our target species, the superb **Krüper's Nuthatch** (Steve Bird) and we enjoyed great views of this island speciality as it returned to the same tree several times. Spotted Flycatchers and Willow Warblers also appeared and, after playing cat and mouse with a **Middle Spotted Woodpecker** (Steve Bird), we eventually all got fantastic views. To finish off, Rubina spotted a pair of Woodlarks that were seen walking through the short grass as a juvenile Hobby flew overhead.



We drove back past the Salt Pans where we counted 19 Slender-billed Gulls among the Black-headed Gulls. A lone Ruff and a couple of Little Stints were spotted as well as two Dunlin. Beside the Tsiknias River ford we had a Common Kingfisher, two Common Snipe, Green Sandpiper, Greenshank and a Black Stork. Another great day!

Day 3 - 28th Sept

This morning we set off toward the west of the island. A brief roadside stop for a Common Redstart that quickly disappeared produced a Eurasian Nuthatch, a bird surprisingly hard to catch up even though they are resident. Our first stop was at Perivolis Monastery where a fruiting tree at the entrance road soon produced several Blackcaps, Lesser Whitethroats, a Common Redstart, and three Sardinian Warblers. Further along we spotted a Cirl Bunting on a wire, then beside the river which was almost dry, we found another fruiting tree with more Blackcaps, Spotted Flycatchers and another Common Redstart. There were several White Wagtails showing well and a Western Rock Nuthatch put on a great performance.



We then continued on to Ipsilou Monastery where, after a look around the chapel and museum, we climbed to



the roof terrace where a Long-legged Buzzard and



Common Buzzard flew overhead and Common Ravens drifted in front of us at eye-level. Butterflies here included lots of Small Coppers and some Wall Browns.

We continued on to Sigri and visited the Petrified Forest Museum. The lady at the coffee counter welcomed us is to have our picnic lunch on the

terrace. It always amazes us how friendly the locals are! Afterwards we slowly made our way back stopping first along the road to the Petrified Forest. A brief Black-eared Wheatear got away from us but we did manage to see 5 Linnets, a Stonechat, and an obliging Northern Wheatear. Continuing back, a brief stop by a river bridge found us a Grey Wagtail. As we were watching the Wagtail, Steve looked up and over the hill came a fantastic adult **Golden Eagle** (Gina Nichol) being mobbed by Ravens. The massive bird landed on the cliff top allowing us to scope it for several minutes. A Common



Buzzard then came in and mobbed it while behind a distant Eleanor's Falcon was seen and a Short-toed Eagle flew high overhead.

Day 4 - 29th Sept

An early morning visit to Metochi Lake as the light came up got us great views of **3 Black Storks** (Steve Bird), Greenshank, Common and Green Sandpipers, and the Gull-billed Tern that was still present. After breakfast we headed out to the Tsiknias ford where 4 Black Storks fed and we saw a Common Kingfisher once again flying fast and away!



Up on the Lotzaria track it was busy with a female Red-footed Falcon sat on the wires. The wires also held 8 Tree Pipits, 1 Meadow Pipit, and a Lesser Grey Shrike. Common Whitethroat and a Cetti's Warbler showed briefly in a nearby bush, then we found a freshly cut field with 30 Yellow Wagtails and an amazing count of nearly 30 Willow Warblers together on one fence. Several Whinchats were also noted and we had good views of Northern Wheatear.

We then headed north where a hawk watch on the mountains near Sikiminia produced 10 Eurasian Sparrowhawks, 4 Hobbys, a Marsh Harrier, 1 Long-legged Buzzard, and several Common Buzzards. We took lunch at the quaint fishing village of **Skala Sikiminia** and then headed back along the coast track where we made a quick stop to dip our feet in the sea where the hot thermal waters rose to the surface. It was almost too hot to put your feet in!



In the late afternoon, down beside the Kalloni Salt Pans, we checked out the sheep fields which were fairly quiet excepting a few Northern Wheatears and the ever present Crested Larks.

Day 5 - 30th Sept

Today we drove up to Mount Olympus to look for a couple of species that few people ever see on the island. An amusing time was had as we tried to get our minibus out of a tiny village with very narrow streets! With words of encouragement from the locals, “Éla, Éla, Éla!”, and stern guidance from Morgan, we eventually made our way out of the village and to our spot among the mixed pine forest.

A short walk soon found several skulky European Robins and after a lot of patience and persistence, we eventually got one to show well. Nearby, a Eurasian Wren showed briefly several times but not well enough to go on everyone’s list. A Pied Flycatcher was the same. We did see Red-veined Darter dragonflies and a Southern White Admiral butterfly. Moving on we had a quick visit to the top of Mount Olympus for the amazing views and a selfie before heading to Polichnitos Salt Pans.



Among the many Greater Flamingos and **Pied Avocets** (Gina Nichol), we found a single **Black-tailed Godwit** (Gina Nichol), 5 Black Storks, 27 Sandwich Terns and at least 7 Mediterranean Gulls. A group of 7 Little Stints flew past and we also added three Dunlins, plus Common Redshanks, and a Common Greenshank. As we traveled back toward our hotel, a quick stop at Mesa found us 2 Common Shelduck.



Day 6 - 01st Oct

A pre-breakfast visit to the Potamia Valley found a lot of activity with 20+ each of both Great and Blue Tits, as well as smaller numbers of Willow Warblers and Red-backed Shrikes. The Western Rock Nuthatches were very vocal and a few Spotted Flycatchers flew back and forth from the tree tops. On the nearby Potamia Reservoir, we found an immature Black-crowned Night Heron and a Garganey that flew off.

After breakfast we visited Tsiknias ford (now Rubina's favorite place!) where the light conditions were fantastic. A **Water Rail** (Steve Bird) unusually showed itself as did Common Snipe, Green Sandpiper and the standard Crested Larks and Corn Buntings. A Eurasian Sparrowhawk (Steve Bird) made everything dive for cover but gave a fantastic show as it perched on the river bank.



Moving on we made our way to the east side of the Kalloni Salt Pans where we counted 9 Dalmatian Pelicans, with several sat right out giving fabulous views. Fifteen Spoonbills were seen with most of them asleep and 3 Sandwich Terns were perched with Black-headed Gulls and 1 Slender-billed Gull. A group of 30 Mallard included a single Wigeon and Garganey flew by and we found 3 Eurasian Curlew. On the track we got great looks at three Tawny Pipits.

After lunch we drove north to Perasma Reservoir. A stop at some recently cut fields found us Barn and Red-rumped Swallows, plus House Martins and one or two Sand Martins. Once we reached the Reservoir there was a lone Ruddy Shelduck sat on the small pool of water remaining there. It was accompanied by 12 Little Grebes and 67 White Wagtails. We then made our way back and took a short drive up the Napi Valley where a careful scan of a rocky farm found us a **Little Owl** (Gina Nichol) perched in a



small window of a stone building. Further on, we managed to find and see our target species a pair of Sombre Tits, another island specialty.

Continuing back to the Tsiknias River ford we saw a hunting Marsh Harrier. On the river was a Black Stork and Common Snipe, but the reason we sat and waited was to see if the Common Kingfisher would come in and perch. Good karma and the bird did indeed fly in and perch briefly on some reeds for a photo opportunity. I was sure we could do better so after it flew away I placed a small stick beside the pool of water it seemed to like. Tomorrow's mission was to stake out the stick!!

Day 7 - 02nd Oct

This morning we left the hotel at dawn and made our way to the Kingfisher stake out. We parked and waited. Several Common Greenshank performed well in front of us as well as Common Snipe, Little Ringed Plover, a Black Stork, Great Egret, Corn Buntings, Crested Larks and Goldfinch. A Cetti's Warbler, 2 Eurasian Reed Warblers and some Willow Warblers made a visit but where was the Kingfisher? We had seen it way down the river but that's where it stayed. Suddenly a **Kingfisher** (Morgan Werner) appeared on the stick we had provided!!! Yes! Success and photos taken!! It only took an hour, so time for breakfast.



After breakfast, we set off south. A quick stop was made when a Western Osprey flew over, and then we continued to Tavari and an area by a river bridge which produced Moorhen and some dragonflies. A small Olive grove was out of the wind and held Common Redstart, Blackcaps, Lesser Whitethroat, and several Blue and Great Tits. Nearby Agios Fokas was devoid of birds but the scenery was spectacular and Achilles Well distracted us for a few minutes.



It was time to head back to Polchinitos Salt pans where we made a stop at the small fishing village and took our picnic beside the pleasant beach, watched by 8 Mediterranean Gulls sat on the water. We then checked the salt pans and found 6 Black Storks, Dunlin, Little Stint, 23 Sandwich Terns, Slender-billed Gulls and some amazingly close Greater Flamingos.

Another little fishing village held 3 European Shags sat on some rocks before we continued to Achladeri Forest. It was surprisingly quiet compared to last time we were here but a pair of Woodlarks gave us a good look. We made our last run of the Kalloni Salt Pans and saw a nice Western Marsh Harrier on the Lotzaria track. Our last look at the Tsiknias River provided a close Green Sandpiper and then we headed back to the hotel where local cheese and wine provided by Morgan went down well before our final dinner in town.

Day 8 - 03rd Oct

Morgan flew out on the early flight this morning and Rubina had the chance to experience the thermal pools at Thermes Gera Hot Springs before heading to the airport.

Thank you to our wonderful birders who made this tour so much fun!

Gina & Steve



SPECIES LIST FOR LESVOS – Sept. 2021

A = Number of species recorded on tour

B = Number of days out of 7 recorded

C = Highest daily count

H = Heard Only

N/C = No Count

C=Common

This list follows the IOC WORLD BIRD LIST and as such names may be different than some of the field guides and other taxonomies – appendix *

A	BIRDS	SCIENTIFIC NAME	B	C
1	Common Shelduck	<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>	2	7
2	Ruddy Shelduck	<i>Tadorna ferruginea</i>	1	1
3	Garganey	<i>Anas querquedula</i>	1	2
4	Eurasian Wigeon	<i>Mareca penelope</i>	1	1
5	Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	2	38
6	Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>	2	18
7	Greater Flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus ruber</i>	6	300+
8	Black Stork	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>	5	6
9	Eurasian Spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>	3	20
10	Black-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	1	1
11	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	6	12+
12	Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>	7	12
13	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	6	8
14	Dalmatian Pelican	<i>Pelecanus crispus</i>	2	9
15	Great Cormorant *	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo sinensis</i>	7	70
16	European Shag *	<i>Phalacrocorax aristotelis</i>	1	3
17	Short-toed Snake Eagle	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>	2	1
18	Golden Eagle*	<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>	1	1
19	Eurasian Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>	5	10
20	Northern Goshawk	<i>Accipiter gentilis</i>	1	1
21	Western Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>	3	1
22	Long-legged Buzzard	<i>Buteo rufinus</i>	5	2
23	Common Buzzard *	<i>Buteo buteo</i>	7	3
24	Western Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>	1	1
25	Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	2	1
26	Red-footed Falcon	<i>Falco vespertinus</i>	1	1
27	Eleonora's Falcon	<i>Falco eleonora</i>	1	1
28	Eurasian Hobby	<i>Falco subbuteo</i>	2	4
29	Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	1	1
30	Water Rail	<i>Rallus aquaticus</i>	1	1
31	Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	5	6
32	Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>	2	3
33	Eurasian Stone-curlew	<i>Burhinus oedichnemus</i>	2	7
34	Pied Avocet *	<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>	4	29
35	Grey Plover (Black-bellied Plover)	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>	1	1
36	Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>	6	15
37	Kentish Plover	<i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>	3	32
38	Eurasian Curlew	<i>Numenius arquata</i>	2	3
39	Black-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa limosa</i>	1	1
40	Ruff	<i>Philomachus pugnax</i>	2	1
41	Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>	4	10
42	Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>	4	3

43	Common Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>	5	3
44	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	3	2
45	Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>	5	2
46	Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>	6	24
47	Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>	5	5
48	Slender-billed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus genei</i>	4	19
49	Black-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>	6	150+
50	Mediterranean Gull	<i>Ichthyaetus melanocephalus</i>	2	8
51	Yellow-legged Gull	<i>Larus michahellis</i>	7	120+
52	Gull-billed Tern	<i>Sterna nilotica</i>	2	1
53	Sandwich Tern	<i>Sterna sandvicensis</i>	3	27
54	Rock Dove	<i>Columba livia</i>	7	N/C
55	Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	7	12
56	Little Owl	<i>Athene noctua</i>	4	1
57	Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>	7	2
58	Middle Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos medius</i>	4	2
59	Red-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius collurio</i>	7	20
60	Lesser Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius minor</i>	1	1
61	Masked Shrike	<i>Lanius nubicus</i>	1	1
62	Eurasian Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>	7	3
63	Eurasian Jackdaw	<i>Coloeus monedula</i>	2	50
64	Hooded Crow	<i>Corvus corone</i>	7	50+
65	Common Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>	6	10
66	Sombre Tit	<i>Poecile lugubris</i>	2	2
67	Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>	7	20
68	Eurasian Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>	7	20
69	Long-tailed Tit	<i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>	1	10
70	Wood Lark	<i>Lullula arborea</i>	2	2
71	Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>	7	50
72	Sand Martin (Bank Swallow)	<i>Riparia riparia</i>	1	2
73	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	6	15
74	Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Hirundo daurica</i>	1	4
75	Common House Martin	<i>Delichon urbica</i>	1	10
76	Cetti's Warbler	<i>Cettia cetti</i>	3	1
77	Willow Warbler	<i>Pyloscopus trochilus</i>	7	40
78	Common Chiffchaff	<i>Pyloscopus collybita</i>	1	1
79	Sedge Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus schoenobaenus</i>	2	1
80	Eurasian Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>	2	2
81	Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>	4	6
82	Lesser Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia curruca</i>	4	2
83	Common Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia communis</i>	3	2
84	Sardinian Warbler	<i>Sylvia melanocephala</i>	2	3
85	Eurasian Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>	1	1
86	Eurasian Nuthatch	<i>Sitta europaea</i>	1	1
87	Krüper's Nuthatch *	<i>Sitta krueperi</i>	1	2
88	Western Rock Nuthatch	<i>Sitta neumayer</i>	3	4
89	Short-toed Treecreeper	<i>Certhia brachydactyla</i>	2	3
90	Common Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>	7	3
91	Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>	7	37

92	Pied Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula hypoleuca</i>	1	1
93	Common Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus</i>	2	2
94	Blue Rock-thrush	<i>Monticola solitarius</i>	2	1
95	Whinchat	<i>Saxicola rubetra</i>	3	2
96	Common Stonechat	<i>Saxicola torquata</i>	2	1
97	Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>	6	6
98	Black-eared Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe melanoleuca</i>	1	1
99	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	7	N/C
100	Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>	4	30
101	Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>	1	1
102	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>	6	70
103	Tawny Pipit	<i>Anthus campestris</i>	2	3
104	Tree Pipit	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>	3	8
105	Meadow Pipit	<i>Anthus pratensis</i>	1	1
106	Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>	7	10
107	European Serin	<i>Serinus serinus</i>	1	1
108	European Greenfinch	<i>Carduelis chloris</i>	1	4
109	European Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>	6	30
110	Common Linnet	<i>Carduelis cannabina</i>	1	5
111	Cirl Bunting	<i>Emberiza cirlus</i>	3	1
112	Corn Bunting	<i>Miliaria calandra</i>	7	30+
	OTHER SIGHTINGS	Scientific Name		
1	Bottle-nosed Dolphin	<i>Tursiops truncatus</i>		
2	Red Fox	<i>Vulpes vulpes</i>		
3	Persian Squirrel	<i>Sciurus anomalus</i>		
4	Stripe-necked / Balkan Terrapin	<i>Mauremys rivulata</i>		
5	Starred Agama	<i>Laudakia stellio</i>		
6	Snake-eyed Lizard	<i>Ophisops elegans ehrenbergi</i>		
7	Mediterranean Chequered Scorpion	<i>Mesobuthus gibbosus</i>		
8	Hummingbird Hawk Moth	<i>Macroglossum stellatarum</i>		
9	Spurge Hawk Moth	<i>Hyles euphorbiae</i>		
10	Red-winged Grasshopper	<i>Oedipoda germanica</i>		
	BUTTERFLIES	Scientific Name		
1	Swallowtail	<i>Papilio machaon</i>		
2	Small White	<i>Pieris rapae</i>		
3	Clouded Yellow	<i>Colias crocea</i>		
4	Small Copper	<i>Lycaena phlaeas</i>		
5	Common Blue	<i>Polyommatus icarus</i>		
6	Southern White Admiral	<i>Limenitis reducta</i>		
7	Red Admiral	<i>Vanessa atalanta</i>		
8	Mallow Skipper	<i>Carcharodus alceae</i>		
9	Millet Skipper	<i>Pelopidas thrax</i>		
10	Wall Brown	<i>Lasiommata megera</i>		
	DRAGONFLIES	Scientific Name		
1	Red-veined Darter	<i>Sympetrum fonscolombii</i>		Seen
2	Violet Dropwing	<i>Trithemis annulata</i>		Seen
3	Southern Skimmer	<i>Orthetrum brunneum</i>		Seen

4	Willow Emerald	<i>Chalcolestes viridis</i>	Seen
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Appendix * These birds follow IOC list

Great Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax carbo sinensis*) – Birds found on Lesvos belong to the subspecies *sinensis*.

European Shag (*Phalacrocorax aristotelis desmarestii*) – The subspecies found on Lesvos is *desmarestii* which is confined to Mediterranean coasts and islands.

Golden Eagle (*Aquila chrysaetos*) a rare bird on the island with single sightings every 3 or 4 years

Common Buzzard / Steppe Buzzard (*Buteo buteo vulpinus*) – There is a race of Common Buzzard often referred to as Steppe Buzzard. We saw several of these migrating with Common Buzzards.

Krüper’s Nuthatch (*Sitta krueperi*) – Lesvos is regarded as the best place in the world to see this smart looking nuthatch. It prefers pine forests and is also found in nearby Turkey. We watched a pair busily coming back and forth.



Common Snipe (Steve Bird)



Greater Flamingo (Gina Nichol)



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