

# BirdLife Cyprus BBA 2017

FIELD RECORDING FORM for rarer

breeding species (see page 2 of this form for methodology)

Observer (s)		10x10km Square code & name	
Date (dd/mm/yyyy)	/ /		
Weather Codes <i>1,2 or 3</i> (see instructions)	Cloud	Wind	Rain
	_____	_____	_____
	Survey Start Time (hh:mm)	:	
	Survey End Time (hh:mm)	:	
Notes on square and visit:			

SPECIES (Rarer breeders)	BREEDING EVIDENCE	COUNT	Other SPECIES (common breeders)	BREEDING EVIDENCE	COUNT (approx.)
European Shag					
Goshawk					
Long-legged Buzzard					
Bonelli's Eagle					
Hobby					
Peregrine Falcon					
Quail					
Yellow-legged Gull					
Rock Pigeon					
Laughing Dove					
Long-eared Owl					
Pallid Swift					
Alpine Swift					
European Bee-eater					
Calandra Lark					
Woodlark					
Short-toed Lark (Great)					
Crag Martin					
Blackbird					
Nightingale					
Blue Rock Thrush					
Golden Oriole					
Spotted Flycatcher					
Red-backed Shrike					
Woodchat Shrike					
Wren					
Raven					
Crossbill					
Spanish Sparrow					

## **Breeding Birds Atlas (BBA) survey methodology 2017**

The aim of the 2017 Atlas survey work is for recorders to carry out a single visit (of 1-2 hours duration) to 10x10 Atlas squares they have visited in previous years, during May of 2017. **The main focus of this visit is on 'firming up' breeding evidence for rarer Cyprus breeding birds** recorded in those earlier years – see list of possible such rare breeders in the form above. The 1-2 hour visit, which should take place during the morning, can also be used to check parts of 10x10km squares not visited in previous years, again with main the aim of recording rarer breeders (plus relevant breeding evidence based on the standard codes below). But **please ensure you also record all other species** (plus relevant breeding evidence) seen during this 1-2 hour visit, not just rarer breeders.

**The 1-2 hour visit can involve both driven and walked recording effort.** If you have a GPS device, please record the 'track' followed for the 1-2 hour survey and email it to the coordinator along with your completed survey data. If you want to cover two areas of your 10x10km square that are far apart, you can 'suspend' the survey while you drive between these two areas, 're-starting' again once in the desired area. Please add a note that your survey involved a 'suspended' travel time in the 'Notes on square and visit' box on page 1 and do *not* include birds seen during the 'suspended' time period on this form.

<b>BREEDING CODES</b>
<b>Non-Breeding:</b> Migrant (M), sUmmering (U), overFlying (F)
<b>Possible Breeding:</b> nesting Habitat (H), Singing male (S)
<b>Probable Breeding:</b> Pair (P), Territory (T), Display (D), probable Nest site (N), Agitated (A), nest Building (B)
<b>Confirmed Breeding:</b> Distraction Display (DD), Used Nest (UN), FLedged young (FL), Occupied Nest (ON), Faecal sac or Food carrying (FF), Nest with Eggs (NE), Nest with Young (NY)

## **WEATHER CODES**

<b>Code</b>	<b>Cloud</b>	<b>Wind</b>	<b>Rain</b>	<b>Visibility</b>	<b>Temperature</b>
<b>1</b>	0 -33%	Calm	None	Good	Cool
<b>2</b>	33 – 66%	Light	Drizzle	Moderate	Warm
<b>3</b>	66 – 100%	Windy	Showers	Poor	Hot

## **RETURN OF DATA**

All completed forms should be returned to the survey organiser soon after all your site visits are completed. You may want to make a neat copy of your surveys before returning them to the survey organiser – please remember to transfer all visit information (date, times etc) from your Field Recording Forms and if possible make the neat copy soon after each visit when it is still fresh in your mind. If possible, please also use the standard **Excel template** file provided by the survey coordinator to enter up all your survey data electronically and then email this to the coordinator.

Please return to: Christina Ieronymidou, Monitoring and Research Coordinator, BirdLife Cyprus, PO Box 12026, Nicosia 2340

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