TRIP REPORT

RHODES, GREECE

4 TO 11 MAY 2016

GLYN & CHRIS SELLORS

MALE LITTLE BITTERN, KREMASTI
FACTS & FIGURES

CAR PARKING AT EAST MIDLANDS AIRPORT - £ 50

JET2 FLIGHTS – EAST MIDLANDS TO RHODES - £ 200 EACH

ACCOMMODATION IN IALYSOS – VILLASDUC HOTEL – APARTMENT WITH B & B - £ 200 EACH

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CAR HIRE WITH JET2 ( HERTZ ) £ 200 FOR 7 DAYS

ITINERARY

FLIGHT FROM EAST MIDLANDS TO RHODES – JUST OVER 4 HOURS – WE COLLECTED OUR CAR FROM Hertz & DROVE STRAIGHT TO OUR HOTEL IN IALYSOS.

I CHOSE IALYSOS BECAUSE THE RIVER AT KREMASTI IS ONE OF THE BEST SITES FOR BIRDING ON RHODES & ONLY A SHORT DISTANCE FROM OUR HOTEL.

I VISITED THE RIVER AT KREMASTI EVERY MORNING – IT WAS EXCELLENT FOR HERONS & WADERS, ALTHOUGH APRIL WOULD BE BETTER FOR MORE VARIETY. ( I DID FLUSH A GREAT SNIPE - & IT CALLED )

FROM IALYSOS WE DID DAY TRIPS TO OTHER PARTS OF THE ISLAND.

LINDOS – A BEAUTIFUL OLD TOWN WITH AN ACROPOLIS – FROM THE ACROPOLIS WE WATCHED LESSER KESTRELS FROM ABOVE BREEDING IN A CAVE – ALSO BLACK-EARED WHEATEARS WERE BREEDING IN THE WALL RIGHT NEXT TO THE TICKET OFFICE + ALPINE & PALLID SWIFTS.

APOLAKIA DAM – NOT VERY PRODUCTIVE, BUT LONG-LEGGED BUZZARDS & BEE-EATERS.

AFANDOU BEACH – STONE CURLEWS, BEE-EATERS, HOOPOES ETC. – THIS LOOKS A VERY GOOD AREA FOR MIGRATION IN APRIL.
GADOURAS RESERVOIR – BOTH SHALLOW ENDS WERE EXCELLENT – WHITE-WINGED BLACK TERNS, FERRUGINOUS DUCKS, SQUACCO HERON, BLACK-WINGED STILTS, WOOD SANDPIPERS – 2 HONEY BUZZARDS NEARBY.

WE ALSO TRIED OTHER PLACES THAT LOOKED OF INTEREST ON THE MAP.

RHODES IS A BEAUTIFUL ISLAND & WE WILL DEFINITELY DO ANOTHER TRIP, BUT PROBABLY IN MID APRIL WHEN THERE ARE LOTS MORE MIGRANTS.

SYSTEMATIC LIST

GREAT CRESTED GREBE

LITTLE GREBE

SHAG – 1 ON THE SEA – IALYSOS

LITTLE BITTERN – 4 AT THE RIVER – KREMASTI ( BIRDS OF THE TRIP – I HAVEN’T SEEN THEM THIS WELL FOR QUITE A FEW YEARS )

NIGHT HERON – AN ADULT AT THE RIVER – KREMASTI

SQUACCO HERONS – 3 SHOWING WELL AT THE RIVER – KREMASTI

LITTLE EGRETS

GREY HERONS

PURPLE HERON – 1 NEAR GADOURAS RESERVOIR

GLOSSY IBIS – 1 GADOURAS RESERVOIR

MALLARDS

FERRUGINOUS DUCKS – C. 15 GADOURAS RESERVOIR

TUFTED DUCKS

SHORT-TOED EAGLES – 2

LONG-LEGGED BUZZARDS – C. 6

COMMON BUZZARDS

HONEY BUZZARDS – 2 ( MALE & FEMALE ) NEAR GADOURAS RESERVOIR

SPARROWHAWK – 1
KESTRELS

LESSER KESTRELS – SEVERAL PAIRS WERE BREEDING IN A CAVE AT LINDOS – LOOKING DOWN FROM THE ACROPOLIS

ELEONORA’S FALCONS – 6 SHOWED VERY WELL AT IALYSOS BEACH ON OUR FIRST EVENING – WE ALSO SAW 3 AT THE ACROPOLIS OF IALYSOS & 2 ON OUR TRAVELS AROUND THE ISLAND.

CHUKARS – SEVERAL SMALL CHICKS AT KALITHEA NORTH OF FALIRAKI

MOORHENS

COOTS

BLACK-WINGED STILTS – 3 AT GADOURAS RESERVOIR

STONE CURLEWS – 4 AT AFANDOU BEACH

LITTLE RINGED PLOVERS

RINGED PLOVERS

LAPWINGS

CURLEW SANDPIPERS – 2 AT COLOSSOS BEACH NORTH OF FALIRAKI

TEMMINCK’S STINTS – 4 AT THE RIVER – KREMASTI & 1 AT THE RIVER – COLOSSOS NORTH OF FALIRAKI

LITTLE STINTS – 1 AT THE RIVER – KREMASTI & 4 AT THE RIVER – COLOSSOS NORTH OF FALIRAKI

WOOD SANDPIPERS – C. 10 AT THE RIVER – KREMASTI & SEVERAL OTHERS

COMMON SANDPIPERS

GREAT SNIPE – I FLUSHED 1 AT THE RIVER – KREMASTI – IT SHOWED WELL IN FLIGHT BEFORE DROPPING INTO COVER – CROAKING CALL

COMMON SNIPES

RUFFS – C. 4 AT THE RIVER – KREMASTI

BLACK-HEADED GULLS

YELLOW-LEGGED GULLS

SANDWICH TERN – 1 FLEW DOWN THE BEACH AT IALYSOS
WHITE-WINGED BLACK TERNS – 1 AT THE RIVER – KREMASTI – 1 AT THE BEACH – IALYSOS & 7 STUNNERS SHOWING WELL AT GADOURAS RESERVOIR

WOOD PIGEONS

COLLARED DOVES

TURTLE DOVES – C. 20

LITTLE OWLS – 2

SWIFTS

PALLID SWIFTS – SEVERAL AT THE ACROPOLIS – LINDOS

ALPINE SWIFTS – C. 6

HOOPOES – 2 AT AFANDOU BEACH

BEE-EATERS – C. 300 ON OUR TRAVELS AROUND THE ISLAND

WOOD LARKS – SEVERAL NEAR GADOURAS RESERVOIR

CRESTED LARKS – VERY COMMON

SAND MARTINS

CRAG MARTINS

SWALLOWS

RED-RUMPED SWALLOWS

HOUSE MARTINS

TAWNY PIPITS – 2 AT KALITHEA NORTH OF FALIRAKI

WHITE WAGTAILS

YELLOW WAGTAILS

WRENS

ROBINS

NIGHTINGALES

EASTERN BLACK-EARED WHEATERS – 2 BREEDING AT LINDOS & 1 MALE AT KALITHEA NORTH OF FALIRAKI
WHINCHATS
BLUE ROCK THRUSHES – LINDOS & KALITHEA
BLACKBIRDS
BLACKCAPS
SARDINIAN WARBLERS – VERY COMMON
WHITETHROATS
CETTI'S WARBLERS
GREAT REED WARBLERS
EASTERN OLIVACEOUS WARBLERS – COMMON
SPOTTED FLYCATCHER – ONLY 1 SEEN
BLUE TITS – VERY ELUSIVE
MAGPIES
JAYS
JACKDAWS
HOODED CROWS – VERY COMMON
RAVENS
GOLDEN ORIOLE – ONLY 1 – FLEW ACROSS ROAD
HOUSE SPARROWS
CHAFFINCHES
LINNETS
GOLDFINCHES
GREENFINCHES
BLACK-HEADED BUNTING – ONLY 1 MALE
CORN BUNTINGS – THE ONLY PLACE WE SAW CORN BUNTINGS WAS AT GADOURAS RESERVOIR
BUTTERFLIES

SWALLOWTAILS – COMMON
CLEOPATRAS
CLOUDED YELLOWS

REPTILES

WALL/ROCK LIZARDS & LARGER AGAMA LIZARDS

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IMAGES BELOW
CRESTED LARK

BEE-EATER
MALE LESSER KESTREL

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FEMALE HONEY BUZZARD

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SARDINIAN WARBLER

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