



## Bird Records from Crete, 30.06.2000 to 10.07.2000

Stayed several km east of Rethymon centre. (near "old road" in A birdwatching guide to Crete).

Generally speaking lots of birds about and would definitely go back (though not just because of the birding)

Not a birding holiday, but took a few early morning walks. Summary of species seen:

Date	30.06.2000	01.07.2000	02.07.2000	04.07.2000	06.07.2000	09.07.2000	10.07.2000
Place	"Old Road"	"Old Road"	Plantanes Gorge	Samaria Gorge	Plantanes	Plantanes (incomplete list)	Plantanes Gorge
Griffon Vulture				3			10+
Buzzard	2		4+	1	2		2
Lesser Kestrel				3			
Kentish Plover			1		3	1	4
Yellow legged gull		2					
Woodpigeon			1	1			1
Collared dove		1	*				
Turtle dove	4+		8+	3	8+	*	6++
Swift	4	4+	*				
Alpine swift			5+	2	1		
Hoopoe			1				
Crested lark	4	*				20	2
Crag martin				20++			
Swallow	10+	10+	*		10+		*
Red-rumped swallow							2+
Wren				4	1		2
Stonechat		1			2	3	4
Black eared Wheatear							1
Blue Rock Thrush							4+
Blackbird	*	*	6	*	6		*
Cetti's warbler					1+		
Olivaceous Warbler			2++		2+		
Orphean warbler			1 <u>probable</u>				
Sardinian Warbler	4	3	*		3+		6++
Spotted flycatcher	1		6+ (with young)	2	4+		10+
Blue tit	*	*	numerous	*			*
Great tit		*	numerous	*			*
Shrike sp (imm)					1		
Woodchat shrike						1	
Jay				3			
Hooded crow	*	3	4+			3	3
Raven						1	2+



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House sparrow	*	*	*		*		*
Spanish sparrow		*					
Chaffinch	*			*	2		4
Greenfinch	*	*	*	*	*		*
Goldfinch	*	*	*	*	*		*
Linnet						4	

\* means numbers not noted

The Kentish Plover may well have been breeding as young birds also present. Seen once on the beach and the rest of the time in a field a little inland next to the (dried out) river.

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