



## Tico Tours

### Cyprus: Autumn (Fall) Passage Birding

#### Duration- 10 Days

Expect around 130+ species

Dates to be confirmed through September - October

For 6-8 participants (+Tour Leader/Guide/Driver)

**Introduction:** Once the baking hot summer has passed Cyprus is again a great location for more birding. This 10-day autumn (fall) birding tour has one central base allowing a full and thorough exploration of the countries habitats and associated avifauna. We will spend time birding at the various autumn (fall) migrant hotspots which will include northern and western headlands, marshes, reedbeds, lakes, riverbeds and beaches. Autumn passage is less marked than that of spring however there are alternative attractions such as the impressive movements of cranes and raptors which occur at this time of year. We will also spend time birding in the mountains, where, in stunning scenery we will seek out the many endemic sub-species.

Key species we will target include two stunning endemic birds: *Cyprus Wheatear* and *Cyprus Warbler* that will be preparing to leave their breeding grounds, along with a great range of resident species such as *Griffon Vulture*, *Black Francolin*, *Shag*, *Ferruginous Duck*, *Long-legged Buzzard*, *Bonelli's Eagle*, *Common Kestrel*, *Peregrine Falcon*, *Chukar*, *Common Quail*, *Stone Curlew*, *Kentish Plover*, *Spur-winged Plover*, *Yellow-legged Gull*, *Rock Dove*, *Common Wood Pigeon*, *Barn Owl*, *Little Owl*, *Scops-Owl*, *Calandra Lark*, *Crested Lark*, *Woodlark*, *Crag Martin*, *Blue Rock Thrush*, *Common Blackbird*, *Cetti's Warbler*, *Fan-tailed Warbler*, *Spectacled Warbler*, *Sardinian Warbler*, *Wren*, *Great Tit*, *Coal Tit*, *Short-toed Treecreeper*, *Magpie*, *Eurasian Jay*, *Jackdaw*, *Hooded Crow*, *House Sparrow*, *Spanish Sparrow*, *Common Chaffinch*, *European Serin*, *European Greenfinch*, *Eurasian Goldfinch*, *Common Linnet*, *Common Crossbill* and *Corn Bunting*.

Amongst the above we will search for the following migrant passerines that will be heading south for the winter, such as: *Greater Short-toed Lark, Sand Martin, Barn Swallow, Red-rumped Swallow, House Martin, Tawny Pipit, Tree Pipit, Red-throated Pipit, Blue-headed Wagtail, Grey-headed Wagtail, Black-headed Wagtail, Citrine Wagtail, Rufous Bush Robin, Thrush Nightingale, Nightingale, Common Redstart, Whinchat, Isabelline Wheatear, Northern Wheatear, Black-eared Wheatear, Rock Thrush, Sedge Warbler, Reed Warbler, Great Reed Warbler, Eastern Olivaceous Warbler, Icterine Warbler, Barred Warbler, Lesser Whitethroat, Common Whitethroat, Blackcap, Wood Warbler, Spotted Flycatcher, Red-breasted Flycatcher, Pied Flycatcher, Golden Oriole, Lesser Grey Shrike, Red-backed Shrike, Woodchat Shrike, Masked Shrike* and *Ortolan Bunting* and a wide range of non-passerines such as *Common Cuckoo, Common Swift, Pallid Swift, Alpine Swift, Common Kingfisher, Blue-cheeked Bee-eater, European Bee-eater, Roller, Hoopoe, Wryneck* and *Nightjar*, and a wide range of raptors, waders, wildfowl, gulls and tern, highlights including *Pygmy Cormorant, White Pelican, Great Bittern, Squacco Heron, Little Bittern, Purple Heron, White Stork, Glossy Ibis, Eurasian Spoonbill, Eurasian Wigeon, Honey Buzzard, Black Kite, Western Marsh Harrier, Hen Harrier, Pallid Harrier, Montagu's Harrier, Levant Sparrowhawk, Lesser Spotted Eagle, Booted Eagle, Red-footed Falcon, Eleonora's Falcon, Lesser Kestrel, Spotted Crake, Little Crake, Baillon's Crake, Collared Pratincole, Black-winged Stilt, Pied Avocet, Little Ringed Plover, Marsh Sandpiper, Slender-billed Gull, Audouin's Gull, Whiskered Tern, White-winged Black Tern* and *Black Tern* amongst others.

Further highlights of the trip are likely to include the ancient archaeological sites that are dotted around the country such as Paphos Headland, Kourion, Baths of Aphrodite's etc, the beautiful scenic views and landscapes along the varied coastline and the stunning mountain valleys, furthermore the hospitality of the Greek Cypriots and their food will further delight.

**Price:** £2,700.00/\$4,210.00 (based on 6 people) or £2,350.00/\$3,660.00 (based 8 people)

**Single Supplement:** £600.00/\$935.00

**Price includes:** All accommodation, breakfast and boxed lunch, all guiding, all transport (and fuel) when in Cyprus, all reserve entrance fees.

**Price does not include:** International flights to/from Paphos (Cyprus), evening meals (allow Euro 40 - 60.00 per night), items of personal nature, travel insurance, optional extra drinks, gratuities.