

# Ringed Birds in the Eastern Mediterranean



Mark and recapture or resight is one of the fundamental methodologies in the field of biological sciences and is applied to bird populations throughout the world as a tool for identifying species structures, taxonomy, demography and movements. It is very important for us to learn more about birds in Cyprus.

In 2001 the KUŞKOR Ringing Scheme was founded by KUŞKOR officials and qualified British ringers and it has been running ever since. Adopting British Trust for Ornithology conventions and regulations and British-sourced metal rings headed 'Kuşkor North Cyprus', the KUŞKOR scheme has welcomed qualified ringers who have been trapping birds at sites across North Cyprus assisted by resident ecologists.

Cyprus is at the heart of the vast Eastern Mediterranean flyway and has resident, passage migrant, migrant breeding and wintering populations of birds about which relatively little is known and as such they are the perfect subjects for ringing studies. As well as adding significantly to our general understanding of Cyprus birds at the study sites, ringing-based articles from KUŞKOR ringers have been published on the breeding Eurasian Reed Warbler, Nightingale and Cyprus Warbler and the presence of the scheme has continued to give focus to avian conservation issues in North Cyprus. Some publications may be available at our stall.

Licensed and suitably experienced ringers who are interested in finding out more can contact us.

