



## 2016 Winter Season field trip launched on 5<sup>th</sup> March

A very changeable and somewhat windy day. We managed to dodge all the worst weather and were rewarded with an enjoyable day that still produced some migrant birds – plus some year firsts for all of us.

Red-rumped Swallow near **Büyükkonuk** and a Sparrowhawk near **Bafra** en route.

### 09:30 North end of Boaz Beach: Fish pools and headland

Black Francolin male seen singing in field opposite

Chukar, White Wagtail, Stonechat, Sardinian Warbler, Corn Bunting, Black Redstart Female, Magpie, Spanish Sparrow, Crested Lark, Redshank, Cormorant, Shag, Audouin's Gull 1 (all seabirds perched on a large off-shore buoy near the fish farm), House Sparrow, Barn Swallow.

### Cape Bafra 10:30

Track down to the beach and point count spot was not passable without 4\*4 and it was too wet and windy to be worthwhile anyway. However, there were a lot of birds in this area. Particularly along a new road just before Thalassa Hotel to the left, which leads presumably to a new hotel they are building. There we saw Isabelline Wheatear 4, Lesser Whitethroat, Kestrel Several, Chaffinch ~50, Goldfinch ~20, Linnet ~20, Stonechat, Song Thrush.

### Kumyali Harbour

A stop for lunch but nothing seen on the estuary, although only a brief look. Yellow-legged Gull ~4, Baltic Gull 5, Song Thrush, Sardinian Warbler

**Mehmetçik** - totally dry. Sad to report the Tamarisks lined the road providing cover for waders when it is wet, have all been ploughed up during road re-surfacing.

### Balalan Cliffs

Jackdaws >50, Blue Rock Thrush 1 male, Kestrel, Sparrowhawk, Alpine Swift ~5

**Attendees:** Helen May, Julie Simon, Mike Smith, Pete Hillyard, Judy Hurst, Christina Hessenberg, Dindy Drury, Les Owen, Kay Owen, Gavin Croucher, Robin Snape, Damla Snape, Toprak Snape, Poyraz Snape.

*The happy group of birders surrounded by the spectacular cyclamen display in Galayta/Mehmetçik cemetery.  
photo by Gavin Croucher*

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