



## 2015 Autumn Season 2<sup>nd</sup> field trip launched on 10<sup>th</sup> Oct

A large group of Kuşkor birders took to a 50-seater coach (an experiment in group transport for large numbers) to take a last look at Geçitköy Dam before the water from Turkey inundates the current geography of the area and quite drastically alters the terrain. Just a few days later the sluice gates were opened and we look forward to the arrival of a year-round massive expanse of water... It's going to be very interesting observing how this large aquatic resource is utilised by wildlife over the coming years. For sure it's going to change a lot of migration habits. Let's hope there will be plenty of varied habitats for all kinds of wildlife.

Sighting list for the day:

### **Geçitköy Dam**

**Birds:** Hobby 3, Bonelli's Eagle 2, Cormorant 2 (their favourite perch for many years now gone) hopefully new ones will emerge from the margins of the expanded dam), Willow Warbler, Sardinian Warbler many, Kingfisher 2, Coot ~10, Little Grebe ~10, Spanish Sparrow ~500, Mallard 10, Jackdaw, White Wagtail, Grey Heron 2, Stonechat 1. **Butterflies:** Swallowtail, Painted Lady, Eastern Rock Grayling, Small White.

### **Kayalar-Sadrazamköy Rocks and Spring:**

Notable damage to the pool at the spring by the side of the road here which has been dug out, opened up and partly fenced off. Still many endemic Cyprus Marsh Frogs though. **Birds:** Jackdaw 2, Hooded Crow 5, Sardinian Warbler, Osprey 1, Sparrowhawk, Blue Rock Thrush 2; and **Butterflies:** Clouded Yellow, Cyprus Meadow Brown

### **Sadrazamköy Water Tank**

Spanish Sparrow >400, Spotted Flycatcher, Redstart, Sardinian Warbler, Goldfinch

### **Sadrazamköy Walk towards Lighthouse**

Spectacled Warbler, White Wagtail 2, Northern Wheatear 2, Whinchat, Stonechat, Kentish Plover, Shag 2, Yellow-legged Gull.

**Attendees:** Mike Sillence, Gavin Croucher, Pete Hillyard, Elaine Hillyard, Mike Smith, Shelly Smith, Christina Hessenberg, Dindy Drury, Alan Edwards, Carole Edwards, Bill Clark, Neil Avery, Angela Brooks, Kursat Aker, Ece Aker, Emel Bilgin, Mike Gabb, Luc Bujold, Alan Carling, Marianna, Tegiyi Birey, Robin Snape, Olkan Ergüler

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