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Subject: Information on BirdLife Cyprus

Dear members of Cyprus Services Rambling Club,

First of all we would like to thank you for agreeing that we can join you on one of your walks and for giving us the opportunity to inform you about our work and introducing you to the birds of Cyprus.

BirdLife Cyprus is a non governmental, non profit organization committed to the conservation of wild birds and their habitats in Cyprus. Our organization is the Cyprus representative of BirdLife International -a globally active conservation organization that operates in over 100 countries and territories worldwide and is the recognized global authority on birds.

BirdLife Cyprus strives to protect the birds of Cyprus and their habitats through extensive conservation, communication, scientific and awareness raising work. It also enables citizens of Cyprus and of other countries to play their part in nature and environmental protection.

BirdLife Cyprus campaigns at both national and European levels on behalf of birds and their habitats. Our campaign work covers a variety of environmental issues including 1) illegal hunting and trapping – a persistent threat for birds of Cyprus, 2) designation and effective protection of Important Bird Areas (IBAs) as Special Protection Areas (SPAs) according to EU laws and 3) promotion of a set of practical programs to ensure local farming practices are kept wildlife-friendly.

BirdLife Cyprus aims to raise public awareness on issues that affect the birds of Cyprus and their habitats through a combination of articles in the local media, campaigns and events/talks to introduce people to the birds and the issues facing them.

I would also like to take this opportunity to stress the importance of people to our organization. Members enhance our influence and our voice at both national and European level. Members provide a part of our funding in order to implement our mission and vision and dedicated members make valuable volunteers on whom we rely. Moreover, a large number of members give us the opportunity to raise public awareness on environmental issues for a better natural environment of Cyprus. To support our work you can make a donation or become a member online through our website www.birdlifecyprus.org. For more information on our work please visit our website.

Finally, BirdLife Cyprus has a free electronic newsletter in Greek and English to which you can subscribe if you go to: www.birdlifecyprus.org/subscribe.php?lang=en

For any additional information please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards,



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