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- Other abbreviations not in italics and without full stops: in litt, in prep, pers comm
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On Cyprus the species’ high diet diversity and limited dependence on carrion (Kassinis 2009, Bakaloudis *et al* 2012) may make it less vulnerable to poisoning and better able to cope with fluctuations in dietary resources...

The high level of avian endemism on Cyprus (Stattersfield *et al* 1998) with now three endemic species (Gill & Donsker 2018) and a potential fourth (Pentzold *et al* 2013, 2016, OSME 2018, Tritsch *et al* 2018), plus two endemic subspecies, suggests that any anthropogenic changes in previous millennia may not have resulted in major changes to the species composition of natural habitats...

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### **Websites:**

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