

# **NORTH WEST YUNNAN FROM A HOLARCTIC VIEW**

**in search of some rare new Holarctic species**

**16-01 UNTIL 29-01-2016**



Gould's Shortwing and Biet's Laughingthrush, by Menxiu both two of the main target birds of the trip

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### Legenda:

**\*AAAA** = New (Holarctic) Species **(17)**

**\*Aaaaa** = New species not Holarctic

**AAAAA** = Good species for the trip or for me

*The list order is conform Beaman (M) 1994 with the recent changes on the splitting and lumping issue mainly based on publications in the "important magazines". Subspecies is only mentioned when thought to be important and really visible in the field. The totals of birds per species are just a total of the birds I saw to give an idea how many of a species you encounter during a trip. Only species seen are mentioned, and heard when no lifer (with one exception).*

On this trip the weather was reasonable with almost no rain in the birding moments. In the mountains it was rather cold with quite a lot of snow. In the marshes and forests it was pleasant, sometimes quite hot but very good birding weather.

### Itinerary

**16-01** Flew in the evening from Amsterdam to Chengdu and later on to Shangri-La, constantly thinking of a great bird I was missing in the Netherlands (a Siberian Rubythroat) which was discovered on the day I had to leave..

**17-01** Arrived at Shangri-La (3000+ meter) late in the evening where Menxiu of <http://www.chinawildtour.com/> picked me up from the airport.

**18-01** Drove all day to Meli Snow Mountain (MSM) in the Deqin Country and birded in the afternoon. Spent the night in a hotel close by.

**19-01** Birded in another valley in the Deqin country at a Tibetan settlement and spent the night there.

**20-01** Birded in the morning around the Tibetan settlement (leaving without seeing the parakeet) and drove in the afternoon and night to Lijiang and spent the night there.

**21-01** Birded around Lijiang all day, in the morning in search of Biet's Laughher and in the afternoon in a city park for Yunnan Nuthatch.

**22-01** Searched for the nuthatch in the morning In the city park and drove to Baihualing in the Gaoligong NNR in the afternoon to check in a small hotel.

**23-01** Birded at Baihualing in the lower parts in search of the shortwing.

**24-01** Walked up to the summit for about 1/3 (2500 meters) of the total walk and back at Gaoligong.

**25-01** Birded at Baihualing around the hides all day.

**26-01** Drove to another part of the Gaoligong mountain range with birding stops and birded there.

**27-01** Birded in the morning around the summit (3000 meter). Later that afternoon "flew" from heavy snowfall to the lower parts on the way to Baoshan, afraid that this would not be possible the next morning (which proved correct) because the pass closed after us.

**28-01** Birded in the morning in a city park of Nujiang and drove to Baoshan in the afternoon.

**29-01** Flew back from Baoshan via Kunming, Beijing to Amsterdam to arrive in the early morning of 30-01 and twitched the Rubythroat later that morning!

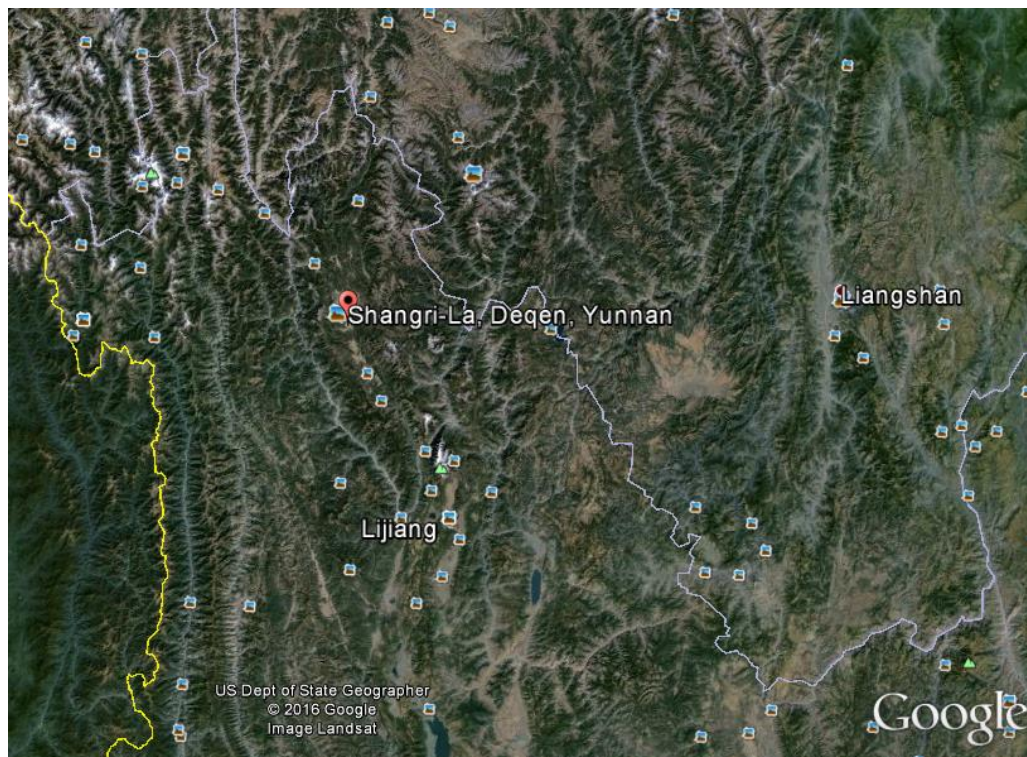


Menxiu and Grace looking at the Biet's Laughher place.

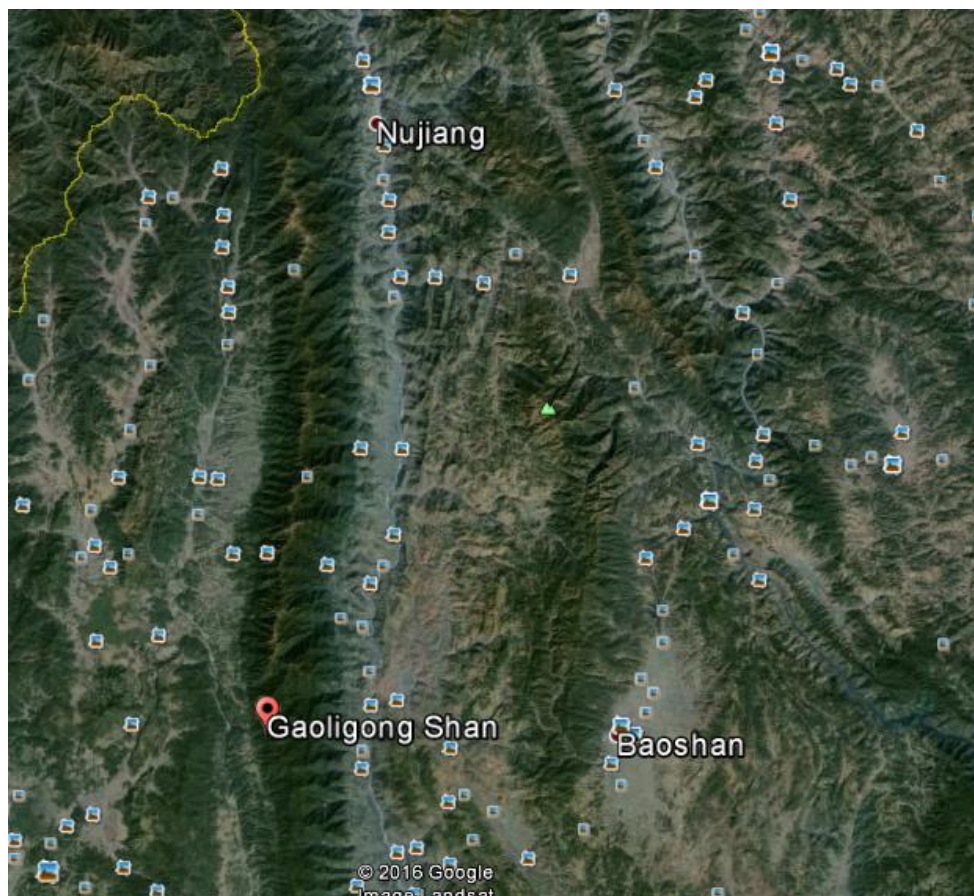


How quick the weather can change, in the morning free of snow, two hours later..





*Shangri-La the first part of the tour.*



*Gaoligong, the second and third part of the tour.*

## THE BIRD SPECIES

01. **Bar-headed Goose – *Anser indicus***  
20-01 50 ex. at a high lake near Shangri-La.
02. **Goosander – *Mergus merganser***  
20-01 400 ex. at a high lake near Shangri-La.
03. **Ruddy Shelduck – *Tadorna ferruginea***  
20-01 500 ex. at a high lake near Shangri-La.
04. **Common Pochard – *Aythya ferina***  
20-01 75 ex. at a high lake near Shangri-La.
05. **Northern Shoveler – *Anas clypeata***  
20-01 10 ex. at a high lake near Shangri-La.
06. **Gadwall – *Anas strepera***  
20-01 10 ex. at a high lake near Shangri-La.
07. **Eurasian Wigeon – *Anas Penelope***  
20-01 1 mannetje at a high lake near Shangri-La.
08. **Mallard – *Anas platyrhynchos***  
20-01 100 ex. at a high lake near Shangri-La.
09. **Northern Pintail – *Anas acuta***  
20-01 40 ex. at a high lake near Shangri-La.
10. **Common Teal – *Anas crecca***  
20-01 100 ex. at a high lake near Shangri-La.
11. **Lady Amherst's Pheasant – *Chrysolophus amherstiae***  
18-01 1 male seen well walking in front of the electric bus in Meli  
Snow Mountain park. All the features seen well.
12. **Little Grebe – *Tachybaptus ruficollis***  
21+22-01 About 10 birds in the city park of Lijiang
13. **Speckled Woodpigeon – *Columba hodgsoni***  
18-01 1 ex. flying at Meli Snow Mountain park  
26-01 8 ex. seen well at Baihualing
14. **Snow Pigeon – *Columba leuconota***  
20-01 50 ex. in a flock near the Tibetan village.
15. **Wedge-tailed Green Pigeon – *Treron sphenurus***  
A total of 11 seen at Baihualing.
16. **Black Stork – *Ciconia nigra***  
20-01 20 ex. at a high lake near Shangri-La. Strange to see this for  
me associated with good weather species in such an environment.
17. **Great Egret – *Ardea alba***  
20-01 15 ex. at a high lake near Shangri-La.
18. **Little Egret – *Egretta garzetta***  
22-01 20+ ex. seen from the car while driving.

19. **Nothorn Lapwing - *Vanellus vanellus***  
 20-01 1 ex. at a high lake near Shangri-La.
20. **Pallas's Gull – *Ichthyæetus (Larus) ichthyæetus***  
 20-01 20 ex. at a high lake near Shangri-La. Nice some already coming into summer plumage.
21. **Black-winged Kite – *Elanus caeruleus***  
 21-01 1 ex sitting on a telegraph pole near Lijiang  
 22-01 1 seen hunting from the car along the road.
22. **Himalayan Griffon Vulture – *Gyps himalayensis***  
 22+23-01 2 birds in total flying above Baihualing.
23. **Cinereous Vulture – *Aegypius monachus***  
 19-01 1 bird in flight along the way, seen well with the black facemask. For the location: <http://observado.org/waarneming/view/114082445>
24. **Black Eagle – *Itinaetus malaiensis***  
 24-01 2 ex seen well in flight during the walk, nice views.
25. **Golden Eagle – *Aquila chrysaetos***  
 19-01 1 ex. above the Tibetan settlement.
26. **Eurasian Sparrowhawk – *Accipiter nisus***  
 22-01 1 ex. along the road  
 28-01 1 ex. from the car while waiting in a traffic jam.
27. **White-Tailed Sea Eagle – *Haliaeetus albicilla***  
 20-01 3 ex. at a high lake near Shangri-La. Some adult birds.
28. **Himalayan Buzzard – *Buteo (buteo) refectus***  
 20+21-01 4 ex. in total spread over these two days in Degen.
29. **\*COLLARED OWLET – *Glaucidium brodiei***  
 26-01 1 ex. seen very well calling from a tree near the road. Finally after year of hearing and using this species' call for attracting birds I SAW one. We heard at least 4 more birds in the Lijiang and Baihualing area.



Finally....

30. **Greater Yellow-naped Woodpecker – *Chrysophlegma flavinucha***  
 24-01 1 seen well during the walk to the summit.



31. **Bay Woodpecker – Blythipicus pyrrhotis**

A total of 3 birds heard and one of them seen during the trip

32. **\*Crimson-breasted Woodpecker - Dryobates pernyi**

26-01 1 male seen very well with a crimson middle breast and a Middle Spotted like head and neck pattern while walking down from the summit.

33. **\*Stripe-breasted Woodpecker – Dendrocopos atratus**

24-01 1 ex. seen well while walking up the summit.

34. **Darjeeling Woodpecker – Dendrocopos darjellensis**

18-01 1 ex. seen well at MSM.

24-01 1 ex. . seen well while walking up the summit.

35. **Great Barbet – Psilopogon virens**

A total of 5 seen at the feeders of Baihualing.

36. **Golden-throated Barbet – Psilopogon franklinii**

A total of 6 seen at the feeders of Baihualing.

37. **Blue-throated Barbet – Psilopogon asiaticus**

24-01 2 ex. at the feeders in the late afternoon at Baihualing.

38. **Common Kingfisher – Alcedo atthis**

21 -01 1 ex. at the citypark of Lijiang.

39. **Grey-chinned Minivet – Pericrocotus solaris**

23-01 2 males at Baihualing.

27-01 2 ex. seen while walking down from the summit.

40. **Blyth's (White-browed) Shrike Babbler - Pteruthius aeralatus ssp: ricketti**

21-01 1 ex. seen well near Lijiang.

24-01 1 ex. on the summit walk.



*The bird near Lijiang*

41. **Green Shrike-babbler – Pteruthius xanthochlorus**

24-01 Common in small flocks on the summit walk.

42. **Black-eared Shrike Babbler – Pteruthius melanotis**

23-01 3 ex. at Baihualing, very nice views in a feeding flock

43. **Maroon Oriole – Oriolus traillii**

23-01 1 ex. at Baihualing, very nice views

44. **Bar-winged Flycatcher-shrike – *Hemipus picatus***  
24-01 5 ex. in a small flock at the base of the summit walk.
45. **Ashy Drongo – *Dicrurus leucophaeus***  
24-01 1 ex. near the village we stayed in the evening at Baihualing.
46. **Bronzed Drongo – *Dicrurus aeneus***  
A total of 5 seen in the Baihualing area.
47. **Yellow-Bellied Fantail – *Chelidorhynchus (Rhipidura) hypoxantha***  
A total of 9 seen on several days, often near settlements.
48. **White-throated Fantail – *Rhipidura albicollis***  
A total of 6 seen spread over the trip.
49. **Long-tailed Shrike – *Lanius shach* ssp: *tricolor***  
A total of 13 birds seen on the trip, many in the fields while driving. All with all dark upper head..
50. **Grey-backed Shrike – *Lanius tephronotus***  
21-01 1 ex. seen very well near Lijiang.
51. **Alpine Chough – *Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax***  
19+20-01 Common around the Tibetan settlement.
52. **Yellow-billed Blue Magpie – *Urocissa flavirostris***  
27-01 1 ex. seen perched and in flight over the road coming down from the summit. Nice views with yellow bill
53. **Azure-winged Magpie – *Cyanopica cyanus***  
20-01 2 ex. seen near Lijiang.
54. **Eurasian Magpie – *pica pica***  
20-01 2 ex. seen near Lijiang.
55. **Eurasian Nutcracker – *Nucifraga caryocatactes***  
A total of 5 birds seen and many more heard in the higher parts visited during the trip.
56. **Common Raven – *Corvus corax***  
19+20-01 4 seen around the Tibetan settlement.
57. **Large-Billed Crow – *Corvus macrorhynchos* ssp: *tibetosinensis***  
Seen in low numbers almost daily.
58. **Streaked Spiderhunter – *Arachnothera magna***  
23-01 1 ex. at Baihualing.  
24-01 1 ex. near the base of the summit start, called “the platform”.
59. **Fire-tailed Sunbird – *Aethopyga ignicauda***  
A total of 5 birds seen spread over the trip, both males and females.
60. **Black-throated Sunbird - *Aethopyga saturate***  
25-01 1 mail at one of the feeders at Baihualing.
61. **Green-tailed Sunbird - *Aethopyga nipalensis***  
A total of 17 seen mainly in the Baihualing area.
62. **Orange-bellied Leafbird – *Chloropsis hardwickii***  
25-01 1 ad the feeders at Baihualing.  
27-01 1 ex. on the way up to the summit.

63. **Alpine Accentor – *Prunella collaris* ssp: *nipalensis***

27-01

1 ex. seen well near the summit

28-01

1 ex. along the way



*Very rufous underparts*

64. **Eurasian Tree Sparrow – *Passer montanus***

Quite commonly seen at several place during the trip.

65. **Olive-backed Pipit – *Anthus hodgsoni* ssp: *hodgsoni***

A total of 30 seen spread over the stay at Baihualing. Very striped mantle.



*Look at the mantle*

66. **White Wagtail – *Motacilla alba* ssp: *alboides***

A total of 15 seen spread over the trip.

67. **White-winged Grosbeak – *Mycerobas carnipes***

A total of 12 seen, mainly in Baihualing but also in the visited Tibetan village (3000+ meter)

68. **Scarlet Finch – *Haematospiza sipahi***

25-01

1 adult male seen well at one of the hides at Baihualing.

Feeding on seeds what a cracker!

69. **Long-tailed Rosefinch – *Carpodacus sibericus* ssp: *henrici***

18-01

2 ex. a pair seen from the road at MSM.



70. **Crimson-browed Finch - Propyrrhula subhimachala**

27-01

2 ex, a pair seen well near the visited summit.



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*The male*

71. **Pink-rumped Rosefinch – Carpodacus eos**

19+20 -01

13 ex. in total in a small sometimes mixed flock at the Tibetan village, great views.

72. **Vinaceous Rosefinch – Carpodacus vinaceus**

23+25-01

1 female at one of the feeders at Baihualing, nice white tertialtips

73. **Himalayan (?) Beautiful Rosefinch – Carpodacus pulcherrimus ssp: *argyrophrys***

21-01

1 male in a city park near Lijiang, it gave nice views. Himalayan bases on location and considered subspecies.

74. **\*BLANFORD'S ROSEFINCH – *Agraphospiza rubescens***

22-01

1 female perched near one of the feeders at Baihualing. A small rosefinch with no obvious markings on the upperparts (wingbars (slightly) or tertialtips). Blanford's female seems to fit this perfectly; lucky we could make one picture. Hopefully I will see a male sometime..



*The back was uniform with no (buff)wingbars, no male but second best..by Menxiu.*

75. **Grey-headed Bullfinch – *Pyrrhula erythaca***  
 21-01 4 cracking males at the Laughingthrush place. Nice views with the orange prominent breasts
76. **Plain Mountainfinch - *Leucostica nemoricola***  
 20-01 40 ex. in one flock near the Tibetan village.
77. **Red Crossbill – *Loxia curvirostra* ssp: *himalayensis***  
 27-01 60 ex. seen in a small flock near the summit, the birds did not look different and sounded the same (by ear) as “our” subspecies.
78. **\*TIBETAN SISKIN – *Spinus thibetanus***  
 25-01 30 ex. at the hides, nice views.  
 26-01 10 ex. in a small flock. Nice very yellow males.
79. **Godlewski’s Bunting – *Emberiza godlewski***  
 19+20 -01 10 ex. in total at the Tibetan village.
80. **Little Bunting – *Emberiza pusilla***  
 24-01 1 ex. seen well near the village we stayed.
81. **Fire-capped Tit – *Cephalopyrus flammiceps***  
 23-01 7 ex. in small flocks in the visited valley. No adult males.
82. **Yellow-browed Tit – *Sylviparus modestus***  
 23-01 2 ex. in the visited valley, great views.  
 27-01 5 ex. seen in a passing feeding flock.
83. **Coal Tit – *periparus ater* ssp: *aemodius***  
 19-01 2 ex. at a birding stop.
84. **Rufous-vented Tit – *Periparus rubidiventris***  
 18-01 2 ex. seen during a birding stop along the way.
85. **Black-bibbed Tit – *Poecile hypermelaenus***  
 One of the commonest tit recorded, 9 seen in total.
86. **Green-backed Tit – *Parus monticolus***  
 A total of 10 birds seen spread over the trip.
87. **Great Tit – *Parus major* ssp: *tibetanus***  
 Quite common, mostly around Lijiang.
88. **Yellow-cheeked Tit – *Parus spilonotus***  
 A total of 12 seen spread over three days at Baihualing.
89. **Oriental Skylark – *Alauda gulgula* ssp: *vernayi***  
 20-01 5 ex. in a small flock on a field near the Tibetan village, great views with the orange secondaries.
90. **Hill Prinia – *Prinia atrogularis* ssp: *atrogularis* (?)**  
 23+25-01 2 ex, without a black throat (winter plumage?) at the feeders of Baihualing.
91. **\*Rufescent Prinia – *Prinia rufescens***  
 28-01 40 ex. at Nujiang in a citypark, nice prinia.

92. **Plain Prinia – Prinia inornata**

23-01 1 ex. near the village where we stayed.

93. **Common Tailedbird – Orthotomus sutorius**

25-01 2 ex. seen at Baihualing

94. **Scaly-breasted Wren Babbler – Pnoepyga albiventer**

25-01 2 ex. seen very well feeding at the feeders at Baihualing, both dark morph.



*One of these often hard to see buggars*

95. **Asian House Martin – Delichon dasypus**

28-01 10 ex. at Nujiang in a city park. White throat and less contrasting than Nepal.

96. **\*NEPAL HOUSE MARTIN – Delichon nipalense**

28-01 150 ex. at Nujiang in a city park, great views, bigger, more contrasting and with an obvious black throat.

97. **Red-rumped Swallow- Cecropsis daurica ssp: nipalensis (?)**

22-01 10 ex. in a small flock along the way.

28-01 1 ex. at Nujiang in a city park

98. **Barn Swallow – Hirundo rustica**

A total of 20 ex. seen spread over the trip.

99. **Eurasian Crag Martin – Ptyonoprogne rupestris**

A total of 24 ex. seen spread over the trip.

100. **Grey-throated (Plain) Martin - Riparia (paludicola) ssp: chinensis**

22-01 7 ex. in a small flock along the way.

101. **Mountain Bulbul – Ixos mccllellandii**

A total of 35 ex. seen spread over the trip, the most common forest Bulbul.

102. **Black Bulbul – Hypsipetes leucocephalus**

25-01 1 ex. at one of the Baihualing feeders.

103. **\*CRESTED FINCHBILL – Spizixos semitorques**

Common at the feeders of Baihualing, giving great views.



104. **Red-whiskered Bulbul – Pycnonotus jocosus**

Quite common in the villages of Baihualing in small flocks.

105. **Red-vented Bulbul – Pycnonotus cafer**

28-01 10 ex. at Nujiang in a city park.

106. **Flavescent Bulbul – Pycnonotus flavesceus**

23-01 10 ex. at Baihualing.

25-01 2 ex. at Baihualing.

107. **Chinese Leaf Warbler – Phylloscopus yunnanensis**

22-01 10 ex. in a small flock, presumed to be this species in the city park of Lijiang. They looked different from Lemmon-rumped in being more obvious marked (a yellow supercilium), smaller

108. **Yellow-browed Warbler – Phylloscopus inornatus**

23-01 2 ex. calling from the village we stayed in at Baihualing.

109. **Hume's Warbler – Phylloscopus humei**

28-01 10 ex. at Nujiang in a city park giving very nice close up views.

110. **Lemon-Rumped Warbler – Phylloscopus chloronotus**

Common in Baihualing, presumed to be this species being different from the well marked Pallas's.



*I think Lemmon-rumped?*

111. **Pallas's Leaf Warbler - Phylloscopus proregulus**

21+22-01 4 ex. in total around Lijiang

28-01 2 ex. at Nujiang in a city park

112. **Buff-barred Warbler – Phylloscopus pulcher**

Quite common in the Baihualing area, one of the easy to ID phylo's

113. **Ashy-throated Warbler - Phylloscopus maculipennis**

A total of 15 birds seen at the Baihualing area.

114. **Black-faced Warbler - Abroscopus schisticeps ssp: *ripponi***

27-01 8 ex. in one flock on the way coming down, strange to see them in heavy snow...

115. **Chestnut-headed Tesia - Oligura castaneocoronata**

25-01 1 ex. showing well at one of the hides.



*A very hard bird to get a still from with a camera of mine...*

116. **Black-throated Tit – *Aegithalos concinnus***

27-01

10 ex. in one flock near the summit.

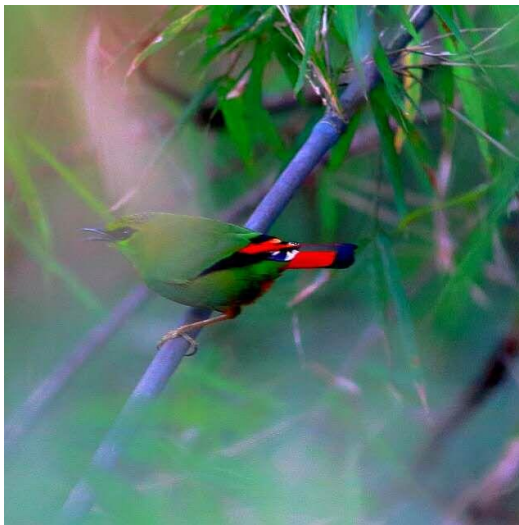
117. **Black-browed Tit - *Aegithalos bonvaloti***

The commonest tit in the forests, in big flocks.

118. **Fire-tailed Myzornis – *Myzornis pyrrhoura***

26+27-01

4 ex seen very well and found on sound (very high pitched),  
in a little flock showing quite well.



*The best "the driver" could make of these flitting birds.*

119. **Golden-breasted Fulvetta – *Lioparus chrysotis***

24-01

4 ex. in one small flock on the summit walk

120. **\*WHITE-BROWED FULVETTA – *Fulvetta vinipectus***

The commonest Fulvetta seen in small flocks almost daily in the visited mountains areas.

121. **\*Streak-Throated Fulvetta - *Fulvetta m. ssp: manipurensis***

27-01

5 ex. in one flock common the way down from the summit.

122. **Spectacled Fulvetta - *Fulvetta ruficapilla* ssp: *sordidior***

21-01

4 ex. in a small flock near Lijiang.

123. **\*SPOT-BREASTED PARROTBILL – Paradoxornis guttaticollis**

24-01

7 ex. in a small noisy flock near the village we stayed. Great views of singing birds.



Great views, both pic's by our driver.

124. **\*BROWN-WINGED PARROTBILL - Sinosuthora brunnea**

25-01

1 ex. coming down at one of the feeders. Nice views of the pinkish throat and breast..



It needs a proper camera to photograph this always on the move bird.

125. **White-collared Yuhina – Yuhina diademata**

Quite common in the Deqen and Lijiang area.

126. **Stripe-throated Yuhina – Yuhina gularis**

Common in the Deqen area, mixed in with White-collared.

127. **Whiskered Yuhina – Yuhina flavicollis**

Common in the Baihualing area.

128. **Rufous-vented Yuhina – Yuhina occipitalis**

Common in the Baihualing area.

129. **Oriental White-eye – Zosterops palpebrosus**

Common in the Baihualing area and in the city park of Nujiang.



130. **Streak-breasted Scimitar Babbler - Pomatorhinus ruficollis ssp: *similis***

21-01

4 ex. near Lijiang.

25-01

4 ex. at Baihualing near the feeders.

131. **Black-streaked Scimitar-babbler - Pomatorhinus gravivox ssp: *decarlei***

20-01

1 seen very well hopping around near a parking lot at MSM.

132. **\*Cachar Wedge-billed (Chevron-breasted) Babbler - Sphenocichla roberti**

24-01

7 ex. in small flock on the summit walk, giving extreme good views. Very noisy birds.



Great views of birds coming into tape

133. **Rusty-capped Fulvetta – Schoeniparus brunneus**

Quite common in the Baihualing area, sometimes in small flocks.



134. **Rufous-winged Fulvetta – Schoeniparus castaneiceps**

21-01

1 ex. near Lijiang area, just after seeing the Biet's.

135. **Yunnan (Grey-cheeked) Fulvetta - Alcippe morrisonia ssp: *yunnanensis***

Quite common in small flocks in the Baihualing area.

136. **\*Spot-throated Babbler - Pellorneum albiventris**

23-01

1 ex at one of the feeders of Baihualing, stubby "plump" warm colored babbler.

137. Himalayan Cutia – Cutia nipalensis

23-01  
walk.

2 ex. giving nice views feeding on the branches on the summit



*Later the two turned out to be three..*

138. \*BIET'S (WHITE-SPECKLED) LAUGHINGTHRUSH - Ianthocincla bieti

21-01

1 ex. near Lijiang area, one bird found after three hours of searching on call near a steep gully. With a lot of effort we found the bird in view and could see it for minutes calling from a tree. Almost the bird of the trip. *Location not in the report because of risk for birds being captured.*



*Yessss, the best Laugher there is in full view.*

139. Giant Laughingthrush – Garrulax maximus

A total of 21 seen in the Deqen part of the trip



140. **\*MOUSTACHED LAUGHINGTHRUSH – Garrulax cineraceus**  
 24-01 1 ex. seen well, by himself at the beginning on the summit  
 walk solitaire feeding low down near the path. Moustache seen very well.
141. **White-throated Laughingthrush – Garrulax albogularis**  
 18-01 2 ex. seen at a short birding stop along the way.
142. **\*SCALY LAUGHINGTHRUSH – Garrulax subunicolor**  
 26-01 1 ex. seen very well in flight in a flock Assam Laughingth. Very  
 dark with scaling and a white outertailendging.
143. **Black-faced Laughingthrush – Trochalopteron affine ssp: oustaleti**  
 A total of 20 seen in different flocks encountered during the trip
144. **Elliot's Laughingthrush – Trochalopteron elliotii**  
 The commonest laughingthrush encountered.
145. **\*Red-tailed Laughingthrush – Trochalopteron milnei**  
 A total of 17 seen at the feeders in Baihualing, in small flocks.
146. **\*Assam Laughingthrush - Trochalopteron chrysopeterum ssp: woodi**  
 A total of 30 seen in flocks at Baihualing.
147. **Long-tailed Sibia – Heterophasia picaoides**  
 23-01 15 ex. in a valley in Baihualing, surprisingly only on that date?
148. **Beautiful Sibia - Malacias pulchellus**  
 Common at Baihualing in big noisy flocks.
149. **\*BLACK-HEADED SIBIA - Malacias desgodinsi ssp: desgodinsi**  
 Common in Baihualing in small flocks mostly at the feeders.



*Easy to photograph..*

150. **\*Grey Sibia – Malacias gracilis**  
 19-01 2 ex. at the Tibetan village. Nice greenish undertailcoverts,  
 hunting at the edge of a low tree forest at 3000 meter.
151. **Red-billed Leiothrix – Leiothrix lutea**



07+08-01

12 ex. at Baihualing near the start of the summit walk.

152. **Bar-throated Minla – *Chrysominla strigula***

A total of 33 seen in the Baihualing area.



*Great colorful birds..*

153. **Red-tailed Minla – *Minla ignotincta***

Common in the Baihualing area, in small flocks at the feeders.



*Minla's (Red-tailed and Blue-winged), Rusty-capped Fulvetta and Brown-winged Parrotbill, what a scenery..*

154. **Blue-winged Siva – *Siva cyanouroptera***

A total of 31 seen mainly in the Baihualing area, but also in the Lijiang area.

155. **\*Scarlet-faced Liocichla – *Liocichla ripponi***

23-01

2 ex. at the feeders giving great views.



*Nice views and photo opportunities..*

156. **Streak-throated Barwing - Actinodura waldeni ssp: saturator**

25-01

2 ex. seen well near an old building at Baihualing

See: <http://observado.org/waarneming/view/114231862>

157. **Rusty-Fronted Barwing – Actinodura egertoni**

Common in small flocks in the Baihualing area.

158. **Goldcrest – Regulus regulus**

21+22-01

6 ex. in the city park near Lijiang.

159. **\*Hume's (Manipur) Treecreeper – Certhia (manipurensis) shanensis**

26-01

2 ex. seen well in another valley in the Baihualing area. Seen well with a brown throat area and no barred tail.

160. **Bar-Tailed Treecreeper – Certhia himalayana**

22-01

1 ex. seen very well with a barred tail in the city park at Baihualing.

161. **Chestnut-vented Nuthatch – Sitta nagaensis**

The common nuthatch, seen on many places, most common in the Lijiang area.

162. **\*YUNNAN NUTHATCH – Sitta yunnanensis**

22-01

1 ex. seen very well, in song in the city park at Lijiang, small all white on the underparts. See: <http://observado.org/waarneming/view/115706299>



*One of the most wanted for this trip, it took us a few hours to find it...*



163. **Wallcreeper – Tichodroma muraria**

19+20-01

2 ex. at a small crack seen while passing it twice, great views.

164. **Eurasian Wren – Troglodytes**

26-01

1 ex. seen well at the summit (3000 meter)

165. **Rufous-bellied Niltava – Niltava sundara**

25-01

2 ex (a pair). Seen very well at one of the feeders at Baihualing.



*Great colors these Niltava's*

166. **Large Niltava – Niltava grandis**

A total of 6 seen in the Baihualing area, giving great views.

167. **White-browed Shortwing – Brachypteryx hyperythaea**

25-01

2 female types at the hides at Baihualing

168. **\*GOULD'S SHORTWING – Heteroxenicus stellatus**

23-01

3 ex. near mountain streams in one of the valley's of Baihualing

25-01

1 ex. seen extremely well at one of the hides of Baihualing.

The birds species of the trip, also heard the high pitched song. They were easy to found because of coming into the tape but almost always stayed in cover. See:

<http://observado.org/waarneming/view/114134963>

<http://observado.org/waarneming/view/114134964>

<http://observado.org/waarneming/view/114183814>



*Two of the birds seen on 23-01 by Menxiu*



The bird of the feeder, left Menxiu ,right by myself.

169. **Slaty-backed Forktail – *Enicurus schistaceus***

23-01

1 ex. in one of the valleys in the Baihualing area, seen well.

170. **Spotted Forktail – *Enicurus maculates***

23-01

1 ex. seen near a mountain stream visited. Also heard.

171. **\*WHITE-BROWED BUSH ROBIN – *Tarsiger indicus ssp: yunnanensis***

26-01

1 female type, feeding in the open on the road. Good views out in the open.

172. **Golden Bush Robin – *Tarsiger chrysaeus***

A total of 6, all female or first winter (with orange tailsides) birds seen at the feeders of Baihualing.

173. **Himalayan Bluetail – *Tarsiger rufilatus***

Quite common at the feeders in Baihualing and along the mountain roads, the commonest “robin” recorded.

174. **\*RUFIOUS-BREASTED BUSH ROBIN – *Tarsiger hyperythrus***

26-01

1 male giving superb views near the summit (3000 meters).

This was the first record for the area and making this trip a Robin’s fest trip..

See: <http://observado.org/waarneming/view/114238787>



“The other” Bluetail, and Golden Bushrobin at the feeders of Baihualing.





**175. Rufous-gorgetted Flycatcher – *Ficedula strophinata***

A total of 9 birds seen around the feeders at Baihualing, giving great views.



**176. Chinese Flycatcher – *Cyornis glaucicomans***

23-01

1 male seen very well (with the orange throat) near the

**177. Blue-fronted Redstart – *Phoenicurus frontalis***

Seen almost daily in the Lijiang and Baihualing area in low numbers.

**178. White-throated Redstart – *Phoenicurus schisticeps***

The common redstart at high elevations (3000 meters), and therefore very common around the Tibetan village.

179. **Hodgson's Redstart** – *Phoenicurus hodgsoni*

18-01

2 ex. seen along the road at Degen.

21-01

1 ex. near Lijiang.

180. **Daurian Redstart – *Phoenicurus auroreus***

28-01

5 ex. in the city park of Nuijiang, also some males.

**181. White-capped Water Redstart - *Chaimarrornis leucocephalus***

21-01

1 male in the city park of Lijiang

**182. Chestnut-bellied Rock Thrush - *Monticola rufiventris***

A total of 5 seen in the Baihualing area, also a spectacular looking female.

183. **Eastern (Stejneger's?) Stonechat – *Saxicola maurus* ssp: *stejnegeri***

22-01

1 male seen while stopping (and getting out of the car) in a traffic jam, along the way. A quite pale individual, matching Stejneger's.

184. **Grey Bushchat – *Saxicola ferreus***

Common in the Baihualing area.

185. **Long-tailed Thrush – *Zoothera dixonii***

23-01

1 ex. seen very well on the road. Great to see this species again after so many years.



A "Back of camera" of the bird in the morning on the road, photo by Menxiu

186. **\*HIMALAYAN FOREST THRUSH – *Zoothera salimalii***

23-01

2 ex. seen well,

27-01

1 ex. seen very well near an old barn in the Baihualing area. A big thrush with dark upperparts with no wingbars. Also the spots on the underparts where more concentrated on the underbreast, like a breastband. Great to see this newly described species. The news of its discovery got out while we were out in the Yunnan field. See:

<http://observado.org/waarneming/view/114134962>

<http://observado.org/waarneming/view/114238788>

187. **\*Black-breasted Thrush – *Turdus dissimilis***

23-01

2 female types seen at one of the feeders in Baihualing.



Great views of this not Holarctic thrush.



**188. Kessler-s Thrush – Turdus Kessleri**

18-01

40 ex. in one flock at one of the high passes, crossed that day,

in one flock.



*Biet's Laughingthrush in a cage, therefore the location is not given in this report, but please contact me.*



*Happy man in Yunnan, but also coming back when twitching the Rubythroat..*

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