

# Japan

## Winter Birding

**26<sup>th</sup> January to 13<sup>th</sup> February 2024 (19 days)**

## Southern Extension

**13<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> February (8 days)**

# Trip Report



Steller's Sea Eagle by David Hoddinott

**Trip report compiled by Tour Leader: David Hoddinott**

## ***Tour in Detail***

Our Winter Japan tour started off with a visit to Mizumoto Park. Here we enjoyed good views of Eastern Spot-billed Duck, Eurasian Wigeon, Common Pochard, Common Snipe, Ryukyu Minivet, smart Varied Tit, Brown-eared Bulbul, Japanese Bush Warbler, key target Brown-headed Thrush, numerous Dusky Thrush and a flock of Buff-bellied Pipit. It was then time to move on to a wetland area where we picked up the much sought-after Oriental Stork and Eastern Marsh Harrier. We then continued to Tatara Marsh where we had good views of Tundra and Whooper Swan, a splendid vagrant American Wigeon gave good scope views, large flocks of Northern Pintail, cracking Japanese Green Woodpecker and Japanese Wagtail. Thereafter we travelled to Karuizawa for the night.



**Pallas's Rosefinch by David Hoddinott**

The following morning, we set off for Hanare Mountain where we had several great sightings. The optional walk up the mountain was strenuous and needed a good level of fitness. Highlights here included Willow Tit, Japanese Tit, Long-tailed Tit, Eurasian Nuthatch, Brambling, Hawfinch, Eurasian Bullfinch, Meadow Bunting, Pallas's Rosefinch and a splendid mammal in the form of Japanese Serow. We stopped off at a local park to enjoy our lunch and were delighted to find several Japanese Waxwing! an elusive and highly nomadic species. We then continued to Lake Toden and the Chikuma River where we had wonderful views of Gadwall, displaying Falcated Duck, Eurasian Teal, magnificent Smew close-up, Common Merganser and scarce Long-billed Plover. What a day! Dragging ourselves away we drove to Nagano for the night.

After breakfast we set off for Nagano and the famous "Snow Monkeys" or Japanese Macaque. We enjoyed wonderful views of these confiding monkeys and had numerous photographic opportunities of them in the snow and whilst they were swimming in the hot springs. The birding was quiet however we picked up several Eurasian Jay, Coal Tit, and a splendid endemic Japanese Accentor. We then had time to visit the impressive Matsumoto Castle en route to Suwa Lake where we overnighted.



**"Snow Monkeys" Japanese Macaque by David Hoddinott**

Due to the recent earthquake we had to adjust our itinerary slightly which worked out even better as we needed to travel less and found more birds. This tour was amazing in so many ways, we seemed to just find all the birds we were looking for in good time, enjoyed stunning scenery, splendid photographic

opportunities, had amazing weather, seamless logistics, delicious meals, good accommodation, and wonderful company.

After breakfast the next morning we spent time in the local park alongside our hotel where we enjoyed great sightings of Bull-headed Shrike whilst searching for the elusive Japanese Grosbeak. Around the lake we were also treated to amazing views of Bohemian and Japanese Waxwing feeding on berries, what luck! In the early morning, we spent some time at Shiojiri Enri Park where we had great sightings including Chinese Hwamei, Siberian Long-tailed Rosefinch, Rustic Bunting, confiding Pallas's Rosefinch and Red Crossbill. We then continued to Shonai River en route enjoying good views of Azure-winged Magpie.

Along the river we were delighted to find a roost of five Long-eared Owl – what a fabulous sighting! As well as several Long-billed Plover and Asian House Martin. We then move on to Lake Biwa for the night.

Early the following morning we explored around Lake Biwa and found many Taiga and a few Tundra Bean Goose, Greater Scaup, Common Goldeneye, two male Green Pheasant, Grey-headed Lapwing, Little Ringed Plover, Hen Harrier, Great Spotted Woodpecker and Eurasian Skylark. Next was Lake Yogo where we enjoyed scope views of Baikal Teal, several Black-necked Grebe, a brief White's Thrush and superb Red-flanked Bluetail. Next was Lake Ibanai where we had more looks at Baikal Teal, several Common Redshank, and a fleeting Ruddy-breasted Crake. We then continued to Osaka, stopping for a flock of the much sought-after Japanese Grosbeak.

From Osaka we flew to Miyazaki and drove to Izumi for four nights stay. The Izumi area is well known for its wintering cranes, and we were not to be disappointed with a spectacle of nearly thirteen thousand cranes of five species with a bonus in the form of the rare and threatened Siberian Crane (see photo above). Other cranes seen included Sandhill, White-naped, Common and Hooded.



**Japanese Waxwing by David Hoddinott**



**Siberian Crane by David Hoddinott**

Other notable sightings in the area included Common and Ruddy Shelduck, Brown-cheeked Rail, Northern Lapwing, Green Sandpiper, Eurasian and Black-faced Spoonbill, Eurasian Goshawk, Merlin, Peregrine Falcon, Daurian Jackdaw, Rook, cute Chinese Penduline Tit and Russet Sparrow.

Whilst in the area we visited Akune where we had good views of Brown Booby, Pelagic and Japanese Cormorant and Blue Rock Thrush. We also took time out to visit Kogawa Dam where we found the spectacular Mandarin Duck, White-bellied Green Pigeon, Common Kingfisher and Japanese Pygmy and Japanese Green Woodpecker. On one afternoon we also visited Yatsushiro where we found



several waders including Grey and Kentish Plover, Eurasian Curlew and Common Greenshank and the sought-after Saunders's Gull.

The next morning, we left early to search for the shy and highly elusive Copper Pheasant. We took a tough hike through some wonderful forest where after virtually giving up (three hours), well we were headed back when a splendid male appeared, and we were treated to amazing views (see photo). Thereafter we spent time at Shimoezu Park where we had great scope views of Brown-cheeked Rail and Dusky Warbler, en route picking up Oriental Magpie.



**Copper Pheasant by David Hoddinott**

The next day we spent time at Kogawa Dam, then Sogi Falls where we saw Olive-backed Pipit. We then drove to Hitotsuse Estuary where highlights included fifty Northern Lapwing and several Chestnut-eared Bunting. Thereafter we made our way to Hyuga for the night.

The following morning, we enjoyed a short pelagic trip into the Kadogawa Harbour area and were rewarded with good sightings of Black-tailed Gull, stunning Japanese Murrelet and Pacific Reef Heron. In the afternoon we visited Lake Miike where we had wonderful views of Yellow-throated Bunting, a brief Grey Bunting and Eyebrowed Thrush. In the evening, we enjoyed a wonderful traditional meal at our local Onsen.

The following day was a travel day and so from Miike we drove to Miyazaki and then flew to Tokyo, from there we took another flight to Kushiro and then drove to Nemuro.

The following morning, we set off on the Nemuro pelagic sea-birding trip and enjoyed wonderful views of Thick-billed and Common Murre, scarce Pigeon and Spectacled Guillemot and Ancient Murrelet. We also enjoyed great views of Harbour Seal and Sea Otter. Thereafter we spent time around Cape Nosappu where we found



**Japanese Murrelet by David Hoddinott**

the stunning Harlequin Duck, Greater Scaup, Black Scoter, impressive Long-tailed Duck, numerous, Red-breasted Merganser, Red-necked Grebe, Glaucous-winged and Glaucous Gull, Red-throated and Black-throated Loon, two Red-faced Cormorant, a flock of Hawfinch and several Red Fox.

The following day we spent some time walking a woodland trail near Lake Furen where we had superb views of White-backed Woodpecker. Continuing the drive around Notsuke Peninsula we were delighted to see large numbers of the amazing Steller's Sea Eagle and smaller numbers of White-tailed Eagle. Other noteworthy sightings included many Whooper Swan, fabulous Stejneger's



Scoter, hundreds of Slaty-backed Gull, Hen Harrier, a few Dusky Thrush, handsome Eurasian Bullfinch, a magnificent flock of Asian Rosy Finch, Common Redpoll and herds of Sika Deer. Thereafter we made our way to Yoroushi for two nights stay.

Around Yoroushi we enjoyed magnificent views of Solitary Snipe, Blackiston's Fish Owl, Marsh Tit, Long-tailed Tit, Eurasian Wren, Eurasian Jay, Eurasian Nuthatch, several Brown Dipper, Japanese Wagtail, and a cute little mammal called Sable. It was an amazing experience staying at this wonderful Onsen, enjoying delicious traditional meals in the comfort of a cosy and comfortable place whilst watching birds at our leisure, with heaps of snow and ice outside and temperatures well below freezing. We also took a drive to the Rausu area where we had good views of a vagrant flock of the rare and sought-after Pine Bunting. A boat trip there was rewarding with further views of both Steller's and White-tailed Eagles.



**Solitary Snipe by David Hoddinott**

From Yoroushi we travelled to Kushiro. En route we stopped off at two Red-crowned Crane sanctuaries which were both impressive with good numbers of this threatened species and interestingly a single Sandhill and White-naped Crane were also present. We enjoyed watching the Red-crowned Cranes calling and dancing in the snow, a wonderful experience. From there we visited the Kushiro Marsh National Park where the cranes were saved from extinction. Here we found more Smew, a splendid Grey-headed Woodpecker, a magnificent pair of Ural Owl at their day roost and a flock of Eurasian Siskin.



**Japanese Scops Owl by David Hoddinott**

The following morning, we visited Lake Akan where we picked up the beautiful Goldcrest before making our way to Kushiro airport to catch our flights to Tokyo. Here the main Japan in Winter tour ended and those continuing the extension overnighted in Tokyo.

The following morning those on the Southern extension took a flight to Amami. After arrival we drove towards Tsumugi Village, stopping for Japanese Cormorant and Humpback Whale en route. Arriving at the village we needed some patience and perseverance before locating a stunning Black Wood Pigeon and enjoyed splendid scope views of it sunning itself showing off its green iridescence. A little while later we located a

magnificent pair of Lidth's Jay – the colours must be seen to be believed, a truly stunning bird! Thereafter we continued to Amami City for two nights stay. After dinner we enjoyed a splendid night drive where we



encountered several Amami Woodcock, a pair of Northern Boobook, lovely Ryukyu Scops Owl and the rare Amami Rabbit.

The following morning, we explored the trails and roads around the Amami Natural Forest where we found a confiding Ryukyu Green Pigeon, several Grey-faced Buzzard, lovely White-backed Woodpecker, Varied Tit, Brown-eared Bulbul, very brief Amami Thrush, Ryukyu Robin and Red-flanked Bluetail. In the afternoon we visited the Akina Rice Fields which were fairly quiet, but we did see an Eastern Yellow Wagtail.



**Lidth's Jay by David Hoddinott**

The next day we visited some mudflats near the airport where we found many Siberian Sand Plover and Grey-tailed Tattler before flying from Amami to Naha and then driving to Yambaru where we enjoyed three nights stay. We enjoyed exploring the network of roads in Yambaru National Park and were rewarded with amazing sightings of Okinawa Rail both during the day and at night, elusive Japanese Scops Owl which showed extremely well, rare Okinawa Woodpecker, Ryukyu Minivet, and beautiful Okinawa Robin. In the afternoons we visited some wetlands where we found Tundra Bean Goose, Cinnamon Bittern, Grey-headed Lapwing, Pin-tailed and Common Snipe and Light-vented Bulbul. Further south we explored a different forest where we enjoyed great views of the localized Ryukyu Flycatcher.

Leaving Yambaru we travelled back to Naha via the Triangle Pond where we had many wonderful sightings. These included several Ruddy-breasted Crake, Temminck's and Long-toed Stint, Common Redshank, Eurasian and Black-faced Spoonbill, vagrant Green-winged Teal and many more waterbirds. From Naha we flew back to Tokyo and then took the overnight ferry to Miyaki Island.

We arrived at Miyaki Island before dawn. We then drove to the Nature Centre where we were pleased to find



**Short-tailed Albatross by David Hoddinott**

a beautiful pair of Owston's Tit, Eurasian Wren, White's Thrush, cracking Izu Thrush, and Izu Robin. Delighted with our sightings and finding the three key endemics we enjoyed our lunch before taking the ferry back to Tokyo. The Ferry crossing was amazing with over one hundred Black-footed and Short-tailed Albatross, small numbers of Laysan Albatross, several Tristram's Storm Petrel, thousands of Streaked Shearwater and two Providence Petrel.

We enjoyed our final dinner together on the ferry before returning to our hotel in Tokyo where the tour concluded. And so ended another fantastic trip! We travelled to the airport and connected

with our international departure flights. Thanks must go to a wonderful group of enthusiastic and fun participants, as well as a superb ground operations team. I am very much looking forward to travelling with you all again!

## Annotated List of species recorded

**Note:** Number in brackets ( ) indicate number of days on the tour the species was recorded. List powered through the report generator of our partner iGoTerra.

### Birds (228 in total: 225 seen, 3 heard)

Nomenclature and taxonomy follows Gill, F, D Donsker, and P Rasmussen (Eds). 2023. IOC World Bird List (v 13.2). Doi 10.14344/IOC.ML.13.2.

**Status codes:** E = Endemic, NE = Near-endemic, I = Introduced. **IUCN codes:** CR = Critically endangered, EN = Endangered, VU = Vulnerable, EW = Extinct in the Wild, NT = Near Threatened, DD = Data Deficient

#### Ducks, Geese, Swans Anatidae

<b>Taiga Bean Goose</b>	<i>Anser fabalis middendorffii</i>
(1) 200 Lake Biwa 31.1.	
<b>Tundra Bean Goose</b>	<i>Anser serrirostris</i>
(2) 1 Lake Biwa 31.1 and 2 Kunigami Village 16.2.	
<b>Tundra Swan (LC)</b>	<i>Cygnus columbianus</i>
(3) 1 en route 27.1, 2 en route 30.1 and 400 Lake Biwa 31.1.	
<b>Whooper Swan (LC)</b>	<i>Cygnus</i>
(7) 12 en route 27.1, 50 Nemuro pelagic 7.2, 15 Nemuro pelagic 8.2, 100 Notsuke peninsula 9.2, 6 Rausu Area 10.2, 7 Ito 11.2 and 2 en route 12.2.	
<b>Common Shelduck (LC)</b>	<i>Tadorna</i>
(2) 50 Izumi 2.2 and 15 Yatsushiro Mudflats 3.2.	
<b>Ruddy Shelduck (LC)</b>	<i>Tadorna ferruginea</i>
(1) 1 Izumi 3.2.	
<b>Mandarin Duck (LC)</b>	<i>Aix galericulata</i>
(3) 40 Kogawa Dam 3.2, 10 Kogawa Dam 5.2 and 2 Lake Miike 6.2.	
<b>Baikal Teal (LC)</b>	<i>Sibirionetta formosa</i>
(2) 560 Lake Yogo 31.1 and 6 Kogawa Dam 3.2.	

**Northern Shoveler (LC)**
*Spatula clypeata*

(5) 1 Chikuma River 28.1, 20 Lake Yogo 31.1, 2 en route 1.2, 3 Izumi 2.2 and 1 Hitotsuse 5.2.

**Gadwall**
*Mareca strepera*

(7) 2 Chikuma River 28.1, 30 Matsumoto Castle 29.1, 2 Suwa Lake 30.1, 200 Lake Yogo 31.1, 30 Izumi 2.2, 1 Shimoezu Park 4.2 and 30 Triangle Pond 18.2.

**Falcated Duck (NT)**
*Mareca falcata*

(4) 17 Lake Toden 28.1, 400 Lake Yogo 31.1, 30 Izumi 2.2 and 15 Shimoezu Park 4.2.

**Eurasian Wigeon (LC)**
*Mareca penelope*

(11) 200 en route 27.1, 50 Lake Toden 28.1, 10 Suwa Lake 30.1, 50 Lake Yogo 31.1, up to 100 Izumi 1-3.2, 200 Shimoezu Park 4.2, 50 Hitotsuse 5.2, 400 Lake Miike 6.2 and 20 Ose Beach 15.2.

**American Wigeon (LC)**
*Mareca americana*

(1) 1 en route 27.1.

**Eastern Spot-billed Duck (LC)**
*Anas zonorhyncha*

(14) 50 en route 27.1, 30 Lake Toden 28.1, 60 Matsumoto Castle 29.1, 20 Suwa Lake 30.1, 100 Lake Yogo 31.1, up to 200 Izumi 1-3.2, 20 Shimoezu Park 4.2, 150 Hitotsuse 5.2, 400 Lake Miike 6.2, 6 Benoki Dam 16.2, 5 Kunigami Village 17.2 and 2 Miyake-Jima 19.2.

**Mallard**
*Anas platyrhynchos platyrhynchos*

(14) 6 en route 27.1, 50 Lake Toden 28.1, 2 Suwa Lake 29.1, 200 Lake Yogo 31.1, up to 250 Izumi 1-3.2, 10 Shimoezu Park 4.2, 50 Hitotsuse 5.2, 100 Lake Miike 6.2, 100 Cape Nosappu 8.2, 6 Lake Furen 9.2, 10 Rausu Area 10.2 and 8 Kushiro Marsh 11.2.

**Northern Pintail (LC)**
*Anas acuta*

(10) 200 en route 27.1, 30 Lake Toden 28.1, 50 Lake Yogo 31.1, up to 100 Izumi 1-3.2, 10 Shimoezu Park 4.2, 30 Hitotsuse 5.2, 30 Lake Miike 6.2 and 2 Cape Nosappu 8.2.

**Eurasian Teal (LC)**
*Anas crecca*

(9) 2+15 heard Lake Toden 28.1, 400 Lake Yogo 31.1, up to 10 Izumi 1-3.2, 6 Shimoezu Park 4.2, 10 Hitotsuse 5.2, 12 Kunigami Village 16.2 and 30 Triangle Pond 18.2.

**Green-winged Teal (LC)**
*Anas carolinensis*

(1) 1 Triangle Pond 18.2.

**Common Pochard (VU)**
*Aythya ferina*

(8) 100 en route 27.1, 10 Lake Toden 28.1, 50 Suwa Lake 29.1, 10 Suwa Lake 30.1, 200 Lake Yogo 31.1, 2 Izumi 3.2, 1 Hitotsuse 5.2 and 1 Cape Nosappu 8.2.

**Tufted Duck (LC)**
*Aythya fuligula*

(13) 2 en route 27.1, 6 Lake Toden 28.1, 30 Suwa Lake 29.1, 2 Suwa Lake 30.1, 1000 Lake Biwa 31.1, 2 Izumi 1.2, 2 Izumi 3.2, 6 Hitotsuse 5.2, 2 Lake Miike 6.2, 20 Lake Miike 7.2, 6 Notsuke peninsula 9.2, 10 Rausu Area 10.2 and 10 Miyake-Jima 19.2.

**Greater Scaup (LC)**
*Aythya marila*



(7) 1 Suwa Lake 29.1, 2 Lake Biwa 31.1, 3 Hitotsuse 5.2, 10 Nemuro pelagic 7.2, 60 Cape Nosappu 8.2, 6 Notsuke peninsula 9.2 and 10 Rausu Area 10.2.

**Harlequin Duck (LC)** *Histrionicus histrionicus*

(3) 50 Cape Nosappu 8.2, 20 Notsuke peninsula 9.2 and 150 Rausu Area 10.2.

**Stejneger's Scoter (LC)** *Melanitta stejnegeri*

(1) 8 Notsuke peninsula 9.2.

**Black Scoter (NT)** *Melanitta americana*

(4) 20 Nemuro pelagic 7.2, 50 Cape Nosappu 8.2, 100 Notsuke peninsula 9.2 and 10 Rausu Area 10.2.

**Long-tailed Duck (VU)** *Clangula hyemalis*

(3) 30 Cape Nosappu 8.2, 20 Notsuke peninsula 9.2 and 10 Rausu Area 10.2.

**Common Goldeneye** *Bucephala clangula clangula*

(6) 20 Lake Biwa 31.1, 6 Nemuro pelagic 7.2, 20 Cape Nosappu 8.2, 10 Notsuke peninsula 9.2, 20 Rausu Area 10.2 and 3 Kushiro Marsh 11.2.

**Smew (LC)** *Mergellus albellus*

(6) 1 en route 27.1, 20+10 heard Lake Toden 28.1, 15 Suwa Lake 29.1, 15 Lake Yogo 31.1, 1 en route 1.2 and 4 Kushiro Marsh 11.2.

**Common Merganser (LC)** *Mergus merganser*

(9) 1 Lake Toden 28.1, 30 Suwa Lake 29.1, 2 Suwa Lake 30.1, 30 Lake Biwa 31.1, 40 Nemuro pelagic 7.2, 2 Cape Nosappu 8.2, 10 Notsuke peninsula 9.2, 30 Rausu Area 10.2 and 6 Kushiro Marsh 11.2.

**Red-breasted Merganser (LC)** *Mergus serrator*

(6) 1 Akune 3.2, 1 Yatsushiro Mudflats 4.2, 2 Nemuro pelagic 7.2, 100 Cape Nosappu 8.2, 20 Notsuke peninsula 9.2 and 50 Rausu Area 10.2.

### **Pheasants & Allies *Phasianidae***

**Copper Pheasant (NT)** *Syrnaticus soemmerringii*

(1) 1 en route 4.2.

**Green Pheasant (LC)** *Phasianus versicolor*

(2) 2 Lake Biwa 31.1 and 1 Yoroushi Onsen 15.2.

### **Swifts *Apodidae***

**House Swift** *Apus nipalensis nipalensis*

(1) 2 Benoki Dam 16.2.

### **Pigeons, Doves *Columbidae***



**Rock Dove**

*Columba livia domestica*

(18) 20 en route 27.1, 10 en route 29.1, 10 Izumi 1.2, 10 Izumi 2.2, 50 Shimoezu Park 4.2, up to 20 en route 5-15.2, 5 en route 17.2 and 5 en route 18.2.

**Black Wood Pigeon (NT)**

*Columba janthina*

(4) 1 Tsumugi Village 13.2, 1 Amami Nature Observation Forest 15.2, 1 heard Amami Nature Observation Forest 16.2 and 1 heard Miyake-Jima 19.2.

**Oriental Turtle Dove (LC)**

*Streptopelia orientalis*

(18) 10 en route 27.1, 5 Hanare Mountain 28.1, 2 en route 29.1, 10 Shonai River 30.1, 30 Lake Biwa 31.1, 10 Lake Miike 1.2, 10 Izumi 2.2, 6 Izumi 3.2, 20 Kushiro Marsh 4.2, up to 20 en route 5-7.2, 2 Tsumugi Village 13.2, 2 Amami Nature Observation Forest 14.2, 6 Amami Nature Observation Forest 15.2, 6 Kunigami Village 16.2, 4 Kunigami Village 17.2 and 6 en route 18.2.

**White-bellied Green Pigeon**

*Treron sieboldii sieboldii*

(4) 12 Lake Miike 1.2, 6 Kogawa Dam 3.2, 6 Kogawa Dam 5.2 and 3 Lake Miike 6.2.

**Ryukyu Green Pigeon (LC)**

*Treron permagnus*

(2) 3 Amami Nature Observation Forest 14.2 and 1 heard Amami Nature Observation Forest 15.2.

**Rails, Crakes & Coots Rallidae**

**Brown-cheeked Rail (LC)**

*Rallus indicus*

(2) 1 Izumi 2.2 and 1 Shimoezu Park 4.2.

**Okinawa Rail (EN)**

*Hypotaenidia okinawae*

(2) 9 Yanbaru 16.2 and 1 heard Yanbaru 17.2.

**Common Moorhen**

*Gallinula chloropus chloropus*

(5) 2 Lake Ibanai 31.1, 15 Shimoezu Park 4.2, 3 Ogimi Rice Fields 16.2, 1 Kunigami Village 17.2 and 13 Triangle Pond 18.2.

**Eurasian Coot**

*Fulica atra atra*

(16) 50 en route 27.1, 10 Lake Toden 28.1, 50 Suwa Lake 29.1, 10 Suwa Lake 30.1, 1000 Lake Biwa 31.1, 10 en route 1.2, 20 Izumi 2.2, 6 Izumi 3.2, 500 Shimoezu Park 4.2, 50 Hitotsuse 5.2, 50 Lake Miike 6.2, 10 Lake Miike 7.2, 20 Ose Beach 15.2, 4 Benoki Dam 16.2, 11 Triangle Pond 18.2 and 20 Miyake-Jima 19.2.

**Ruddy-breasted Crake (LC)**

*Zapornia fusca*

(2) 1 Lake Ibanai 31.1 and 3 Triangle Pond 18.2.

**Cranes Gruidae**

**Siberian Crane (CR)**

*Leucogeranus leucogeranus*

(1) 1 Izumi 2.2.

**Sandhill Crane**

*Antigone canadensis canadensis*

(2) 3 Izumi 2.2 and 1 en route 11.2.

**White-naped Crane** *Antigone vipio*

(2) 1000 Izumi 2.2 and 1 Ito 11.2.

**Red-crowned Crane (VU)** *Grus japonensis*

(1) 150+200 heard Ito 11.2.

**Common Crane (LC)** *Grus grus*

(1) 5 Izumi 2.2.

**Hooded Crane (VU)** *Grus monacha*

(1) 5000 Izumi 2.2.

### **Grebes Podicipedidae**

**Little Grebe** *Tachybaptus ruficollis poggei*

(13) 3 en route 27.1, 2 Chikuma River 28.1, 3 Suwa Lake 29.1, 2 Suwa Lake 30.1, 6 Lake Ibanai 31.1, 2 en route 1.2, 3 Izumi 2.2, 2 Izumi 3.2, 12 Shimoezu Park 4.2, 6 Hitotsuse 5.2, 2 Lake Miike 6.2, 3 Kushiro Marsh 11.2 and 1 Miyake-Jima 19.2.

**Red-necked Grebe** *Podiceps grisegena holbollii*

(2) 8 Cape Nosappu 8.2 and 3 Notsuke peninsula 9.2.

**Great Crested Grebe** *Podiceps cristatus cristatus*

(11) 10 en route 27.1, 30 Suwa Lake 29.1, 200 Lake Yogo 31.1, 1 en route 1.2, 1 Izumi 2.2, 6 Izumi 3.2, 6 Shimoezu Park 4.2, 4 Hitotsuse 5.2, 2 Lake Miike 6.2, 6 Cape Nosappu 8.2 and 2 Notsuke peninsula 9.2.

**Black-necked Grebe** *Podiceps nigricollis nigricollis*

(1) 12 Lake Yogo 31.1.

### **Stilts, Avocets Recurvirostridae**

**Black-winged Stilt (LC)** *Himantopus himantopus*

(3) 3 Ogimi Rice Fields 16.2, 3 Kin Rice Fields 17.2 and 6 Triangle Pond 18.2.

### **Plovers Charadriidae**

**Northern Lapwing (NT)** *Vanellus vanellus*

(2) 2 Izumi 2.2 and 50 Hitotsuse 5.2.

**Grey-headed Lapwing (LC)** *Vanellus cinereus*

(3) 1 en route 30.1, 3 Lake Biwa 31.1 and 1 Kin Rice Fields 17.2.

**Pacific Golden Plover (LC)** *Pluvialis fulva*





(2) 3 en route 13.2 and 19 Ose Beach 15.2.

**Grey Plover (LC)**

*Pluvialis squatarola*

(1) 70 Yatsushiro Mudflats 3.2.

**Long-billed Plover (LC)**

*Charadrius placidus*

(2) 1 Chikuma River 28.1 and 3 Shonai River 30.1.

**Little Ringed Plover**

*Charadrius dubius curonicus*

(4) 3 Lake Biwa 31.1, 4 Ushuku Port 15.2, 5 Kin Rice Fields 17.2 and 1 Triangle Pond 18.2.

**Kentish Plover (LC)**

*Charadrius alexandrinus*

(2) 50 Yatsushiro Mudflats 3.2 and 10 Ose Beach 15.2.

**Greater Sand Plover (LC)**

*Charadrius leschenaultii*

(1) 1 Yatsushiro Mudflats 3.2.

**Siberian Sand Plover (LC)**

*Charadrius mongolus*

(1) 100 Ose Beach 15.2.

**Sandpipers, Snipes Scolopacidae**

**Eurasian Curlew**

*Numenius arquata orientalis*

(1) 3 Yatsushiro Mudflats 3.2.

**Ruddy Turnstone**

*Arenaria interpres interpres*

(1) 10 Ose Beach 15.2.

**Temminck's Stint (LC)**

*Calidris temminckii*

(1) 1 Triangle Pond 18.2.

**Long-toed Stint (LC)**

*Calidris subminuta*

(3) 1 Ogimi Rice Fields 16.2, 4 Kin Rice Fields 17.2 and 5 Triangle Pond 18.2.

**Dunlin (LC)**

*Calidris alpina*

(6) 4 en route 27.1, 20 Lake Biwa 31.1, 200 Yatsushiro Mudflats 3.2, 20 Cape Nosappu 8.2, 3 Notsuke peninsula 9.2 and 10 Ose Beach 15.2.

**Eurasian Woodcock (LC)**

*Scolopax rusticola*

(1) 2 Yanbaru 15.2.

**Amami Woodcock (VU)**

*Scolopax mira*

(1) 3 Amami Nature Observation Forest 13.2.

**Solitary Snipe**

*Gallinago solitaria japonica*

(1) 1 Yoroushi Onsen 10.2.



**Pin-tailed Snipe (LC)**

*Gallinago stenura*

(1) 1 Ogimi Rice Fields 16.2.

**Common Snipe**

*Gallinago gallinago gallinago*

(5) 2 Tokyo--Mizumoto Park 27.1, 8 Lake Biwa 31.1, 15 Ogimi Rice Fields 16.2, 1 Kin Rice Fields 17.2 and 6 Triangle Pond 18.2.

**Common Sandpiper (LC)**

*Actitis hypoleucos*

(8) 1 Chikuma River 28.1, 1 Shonai River 30.1, 1 Izumi 2.2, 1 Izumi 3.2, 2 Kushiro 6.2, 1 Ogimi Rice Fields 16.2, 2 Kin Rice Fields 17.2 and 3 Triangle Pond 18.2.

**Green Sandpiper (LC)**

*Tringa ochropus*

(4) 1 Izumi 2.2, 1 Izumi 3.2, 1 Akina Rice Fields 14.2 and 2 Kin Rice Fields 17.2.

**Grey-tailed Tattler (NT)**

*Tringa brevipes*

(1) 2 Ose Beach 15.2.

**Common Redshank**

*Tringa totanus ussuriensis*

(2) 4 Lake Ibanai 31.1 and 1+9 heard Triangle Pond 18.2.

**Wood Sandpiper (LC)**

*Tringa glareola*

(1) 2 Kin Rice Fields 17.2.

**Common Greenshank (LC)**

*Tringa nebularia*

(3) 40 Yatsushiro Mudflats 3.2, 9 Kin Rice Fields 17.2 and 16 Triangle Pond 18.2.

**Gulls, Terns, Skimmers Laridae**

**Black-headed Gull**

*Chroicocephalus ridibundus*

(6) 20 en route 27.1, 1 Lake Biwa 31.1, 5 Yatsushiro Mudflats 3.2, 10 Nemuro pelagic 7.2, 3 Cape Nosappu 8.2 and 3 Rausu Area 10.2.

**Saunders's Gull**

*Chroicocephalus saundersi*

(1) 100 Yatsushiro Mudflats 3.2.

**Black-tailed Gull (LC)**

*Larus crassirostris*

(4) 1 Akune 2.2, 60 Kushiro 5.2, 20 Kushiro 6.2 and 20 Ferry-Miyake to Tokyo 19.2.

**Common Gull (LC)**

*Larus canus*

(3) 40 Lake Biwa 31.1, 1 Shiojiri Enri Park 5.2 and 1 Rausu Area 10.2.

**Glaucous-winged Gull (LC)**

*Larus glaucescens*

(3) 3 Cape Nosappu 8.2, 3 Notsuke peninsula 9.2 and 5 Rausu Area 10.2.

**Glaucous Gull (LC)**

*Larus hyperboreus*

(3) 2 Cape Nosappu 8.2, 5 Notsuke peninsula 9.2 and 3 Rausu Area 10.2.

**Vega Gull**
*Larus vegae*

(9) 1 Lake Biwa 31.1, 5 Akune 2.2, 5 Yatsushiro Mudflats 3.2, 30 Shiojiri Enri Park 5.2, 10 Kushiro 6.2, 20 Nemuro pelagic 7.2, 2 Cape Nosappu 8.2, 2 Notsuke peninsula 9.2 and 2 Rausu Area 10.2.

**Slaty-backed Gull (LC)**
*Larus schistisagus*

(7) 2 Akune 2.2, 10 Shiojiri Enri Park 5.2, 1 Kushiro 6.2, 50 Nemuro pelagic 7.2, 200 Cape Nosappu 8.2, 500 Notsuke peninsula 9.2 and 500 Rausu Area 10.2.

**Auks Alcidae**
**Thick-billed Murre (LC)**
*Uria lomvia*

(1) 4 Nemuro pelagic 8.2.

**Common Murre**
*Uria aalge inornata*

(3) 6 Nemuro pelagic 8.2, 2 Notsuke peninsula 9.2 and 1 Rausu Area 10.2.

**Pigeon Guillemot (LC)**
*Cepphus columba*

(1) 2 Nemuro pelagic 8.2.

**Spectacled Guillemot (LC)**
*Cepphus carbo*

(3) 30 Nemuro pelagic 8.2, 20 Notsuke peninsula 9.2 and 10 Rausu Area 10.2.

**Ancient Murrelet (LC)**
*Synthliboramphus antiquus*

(1) 2 Nemuro pelagic 8.2.

**Japanese Murrelet (VU)**
*Synthliboramphus wumizusume*

(1) 3 Kushiro 6.2.

**Loons Gaviidae**
**Red-throated Loon (LC)**
*Gavia stellata*

(2) 3 Cape Nosappu 8.2 and 1 Notsuke peninsula 9.2.

**Black-throated Loon**
*Gavia arctica viridigularis*

(2) 1 Cape Nosappu 8.2 and 1 Notsuke peninsula 9.2.

**Albatrosses Diomedidae**
**Laysan Albatross (NT)**
*Phoebastria immutabilis*

(1) 13 Ferry-Miyake to Tokyo 19.2.

**Black-footed Albatross (NT)**
*Phoebastria nigripes*

(1) 150 Ferry-Miyake to Tokyo 19.2.

**Short-tailed Albatross (VU)**
*Phoebastria albatrus*





(1) 109 Ferry-Miyake to Tokyo 19.2.

**Northern Storm Petrels *Hydrobatidae***

**Tristram's Storm Petrel (LC)**

*Hydrobates tristrami*

(1) 15 Ferry-Miyake to Tokyo 19.2.

**Petrels, Shearwaters, Diving Petrels *Procellariidae***

**Providence Petrel (LC)**

*Pterodroma solandri*

(1) 1 Ferry-Miyake to Tokyo 19.2.

**Streaked Shearwater (NT)**

*Calonectris leucomelas*

(1) 1000 Ferry-Miyake to Tokyo 19.2.

**Sooty Shearwater (NT)**

*Ardenna grisea*

(1) 2 Miyake-Jima 19.2.

**Storks *Ciconiidae***

**Oriental Stork (EN)**

*Ciconia boyciana*

(1) 3 en route 27.1.

**Gannets, Boobies *Sulidae***

**Brown Booby**

*Sula leucogaster plotus*

(2) 6 Akune 2.2 and 2 Miyake-Jima 19.2.

**Cormorants, Shags *Phalacrocoracidae***

**Red-faced Cormorant (LC)**

*Urile urile*

(1) 2 Cape Nosappu 8.2.

**Pelagic Cormorant**

*Urile pelagicus pelagicus*

(6) 3 Akune 2.2, 6 Nemuro pelagic 7.2, 50 Cape Nosappu 8.2, 60 Notsuke peninsula 9.2, 30 Rausu Area 10.2 and 2 Miyake-Jima 19.2.

**Japanese Cormorant (LC)**

*Phalacrocorax capillatus*

(8) 20 Akune 2.2, 6 Kushiro 6.2, 6 en route 13.2, 1 en route 14.2, 5 Ose Beach 15.2, 6 en route 16.2, 10 en route 17.2 and 10 Ferry-Miyake to Tokyo 19.2.

**Great Cormorant (LC)**

*Phalacrocorax carbo*

(13) 200 en route 27.1, 30 Lake Toden 28.1, 30 Suwa Lake 29.1, 50 Lake Biwa 31.1, 50 Lake Biwa 1.2, 20 Izumi 2.2, 200 Izumi 3.2, 10 Shimoezu Park 4.2, 10 Kogawa Dam 5.2, 6 Lake Miike 6.2, 10 Benoki Dam 16.2, 250 en route 17.2 and 20 en route 18.2.

### **Ibises, Spoonbills *Threskiornithidae***

#### **Eurasian Spoonbill**

*Platalea leucorodia leucorodia*

(3) 9 Izumi 2.2, 6 Hitotsuse 5.2 and 1 Triangle Pond 18.2.

#### **Black-faced Spoonbill (EN)**

*Platalea minor*

(3) 10 Izumi 2.2, 15 Hitotsuse 5.2 and 15 Triangle Pond 18.2.

### **Hérons, Bitterns *Ardeidae***

#### **Cinnamon Bittern (LC)**

*Ixobrychus cinnamomeus*

(1) 1 Ogimi Rice Fields 16.2.

#### **Eastern Cattle Egret**

*Bubulcus coromandus*

(1) 10 Kunigami Village 16.2.

#### **Grey Heron**

*Ardea cinerea jouyi*

(19) 5 en route 27.1, 20 Lake Toden 28.1, 3 Suwa Lake 29.1, 2 Shonai River 30.1, 15 Lake Biwa 31.1, 2 en route 1.2, 6 Izumi 2.2, 30 Yatsushiro Mudflats 3.2, 2 Shimoezu Park 4.2, 8 Hitotsuse 5.2, 20 Kushiro 6.2, 5 Kushiro Marsh 11.2, 1 en route 13.2, 2 Akina Rice Fields 14.2, 1 Ose Beach 15.2, 3 Benoki Dam 16.2, 2 Kin Rice Fields 17.2, 12 Triangle Pond 18.2 and 1 Miyake-Jima 19.2.

#### **Great Egret (LC)**

*Ardea alba*

(14) 2 en route 27.1, 1 Lake Toden 28.1, 2 Suwa Lake 29.1, 1 Shonai River 30.1, 6 Lake Biwa 31.1, 3 en route 1.2, 10 Izumi 2.2, 2 Izumi 3.2, 1 Shimoezu Park 4.2, 20 Hitotsuse 5.2, 20 Kushiro 6.2, 2 Kunigami Village 16.2, 6 Kin Rice Fields 17.2 and 1 Triangle Pond 18.2.

#### **Intermediate Egret**

*Ardea intermedia intermedia*

(2) 2 Kunigami Village 16.2 and 20 Kin Rice Fields 17.2.

#### **Little Egret**

*Egretta garzetta garzetta*

(10) 4 Matsumoto Castle 29.1, 10 Lake Biwa 31.1, 10 Izumi 2.2, 1 Izumi 3.2, 3 Shimoezu Park 4.2, 3 en route 5.2, 2 en route 6.2, 1 Kunigami Village 16.2, 2 Kin Rice Fields 17.2 and 2 Triangle Pond 18.2.

#### **Pacific Reef Heron**

*Egretta sacra sacra*

(7) 1 Shiojiri Enri Park 5.2, 2 Kushiro 6.2, 1 en route 13.2, 5 Ose Beach 15.2 and up to 5 en route 16-18.2.

### **Ospreys *Pandionidae***

#### **Osprey**

*Pandion haliaetus haliaetus*

(13) 1 en route 27.1, 2 Lake Biwa 31.1, 1 Izumi 2.2, 6 Yatsushiro Mudflats 3.2, 2 Shimoezu Park 4.2, 10 Hitotsuse 5.2, 5 Kushiro 6.2, 2 en route 13.2, 1 en route 14.2, 1 Ose Beach 15.2, 2 en route 16.2, 4 Kin Rice Fields 17.2 and 3 en route 18.2.

### **Kites, Hawks, Eagles *Accipitridae***

#### **Japanese Sparrowhawk (LC)**

*Accipiter gularis*

(1) 2 Chikato Park 29.1.

#### **Eurasian Sparrowhawk**

*Accipiter nisus nisosimilis*

(4) 1 Watarase 27.1, 1 Kushiro Marsh 4.2, 1 Shiojiri Enri Park 5.2 and 1 Kin Rice Fields 17.2.

#### **Eurasian Goshawk (LC)**

*Accipiter gentilis*

(4) 1 Tokyo--Mizumoto Park 27.1, 1 Izumi 2.2, 1 Izumi 3.2 and 1 Miyake-Jima 19.2.

#### **Eastern Marsh Harrier (LC)**

*Circus spilonotus*

(2) 1 en route 27.1 and 1 Lake Biwa 31.1.

#### **Hen Harrier (LC)**

*Circus cyaneus*

(4) 1 Lake Biwa 31.1, 1 Izumi 2.2, 1 Izumi 3.2 and 1 Notsuke peninsula 9.2.

#### **Black Kite**

*Milvus migrans lineatus*

(17) 10 en route 27.1, 40 Lake Toden 28.1, 10 en route 29.1, 2 en route 30.1, 100 Lake Biwa 31.1, 20 en route 1.2, 10 Izumi 2.2, 30 Izumi 3.2, up to 20 en route 4-7.2, 3 Cape Nosappu 8.2, 15 Notsuke peninsula 9.2, 10 Rausu Area 10.2, 3 en route 11.2 and 1 Miyake-Jima 19.2.

#### **Steller's Sea Eagle (VU)**

*Haliaeetus pelagicus*

(6) 1 Lake Biwa 31.1, 2 Nemuro pelagic 7.2, 20 Cape Nosappu 8.2, 80 Lake Furen 9.2, 180 Rausu Area 10.2 and 4 en route 11.2.

#### **White-tailed Eagle**

*Haliaeetus albicilla albicilla*

(4) 10 Cape Nosappu 8.2, 30 Lake Furen 9.2, 120 Rausu Area 10.2 and 3 en route 11.2.

#### **Grey-faced Buzzard (LC)**

*Butastur indicus*

(6) 10 en route 13.2, 10 Amami Nature Observation Forest 14.2, 3 Amami Nature Observation Forest 15.2 and up to 8 en route 16-18.2.

#### **Eastern Buzzard (LC)**

*Buteo japonicus*

(18) 2 en route 27.1, 1 Lake Toden 28.1, 3 en route 29.1, 2 en route 30.1, 1 Lake Biwa 31.1, 1 en route 1.2, 1 Izumi 2.2, 1 Izumi 3.2, 1 en route 4.2, 2 en route 5.2, 1 Lake Miike 6.2, 8 en route 7.2, 3 Cape Nosappu 8.2, 2 Notsuke peninsula 9.2, 1 Rausu Area 10.2, 1 en route 12.2, 1 en route 14.2 and 2 Miyake-Jima 19.2.

### **Owls *Strigidae***

#### **Northern Boobook (LC)**

*Ninox japonica*

(1) 2 Amami Nature Observation Forest 13.2.





**Ryukyu Scops Owl (NT)**

*Otus elegans*

(3) 3 Amami Nature Observation Forest 13.2, 1 Yanbaru 15.2 and 1 heard Yanbaru 16.2.

**Japanese Scops Owl (LC)**

*Otus semitorques*

(2) 2 Yanbaru 15.2 and 1 Yanbaru 16.2.

**Long-eared Owl (LC)**

*Asio otus*

(1) 5 Shonai River 30.1.

**Blakiston's Fish Owl**

*Ketupa blakistoni blakistoni*

(3) Up to 1 Yoroushi Onsen 9-11.2.

**Ural Owl (LC)**

*Strix uralensis*

(1) 2 en route 11.2.

**Kingfishers *Alcedinidae***

**Ruddy Kingfisher (LC)**

*Halcyon coromanda*

(1) 1 heard Yanbaru 16.2.

**Common Kingfisher**

*Alcedo atthis bengalensis*

(6) 1 en route 27.1, 1 Matsumoto Castle 29.1, 1 Kogawa Dam 3.2, 1 Akina Rice Fields 14.2, 1 Ogimi Rice Fields 16.2 and 1 Kin Rice Fields 17.2.

**Woodpeckers *Picidae***

**Japanese Pygmy Woodpecker**

*Yungipicus kizuki*

(11) 1 en route 27.1, 2 Hanare Mountain 28.1, 1 Lake Miike 1.2, 1 Kogawa Dam 3.2, 2 Kogawa Dam 5.2, 1 en route 6.2, 1 Notsuke peninsula 9.2, 2 Amami Nature Observation Forest 14.2, 1 Yanbaru 16.2, 3 Nago Castle Park 17.2 and 1 heard Miyake-Jima 19.2.

**Great Spotted Woodpecker**

*Dendrocopos major japonicus*

(5) 1 Hanare Mountain 28.1, 2 Lake Biwa 31.1, 1 Notsuke peninsula 9.2, 2 Yoroushi Onsen 10.2 and 4 en route 11.2.

**Okinawa Woodpecker (CR)**

*Dendrocopos noguchii*

(1) 2 Yanbaru 16.2.

**White-backed Woodpecker (LC)**

*Dendrocopos leucotos*

(2) 2 Lake Furen 9.2 and 1 Amami Nature Observation Forest 14.2.

**Japanese Green Woodpecker (LC)**

*Picus awokera*

(4) 1 en route 27.1, 1 Hanare Mountain 28.1, 1 Kogawa Dam 3.2 and 1 heard Kogawa Dam 5.2.

**Grey-headed Woodpecker (LC)**

*Picus canus*

(2) 1 heard Notsuke peninsula 9.2 and 1 Kushiro Marsh 11.2.

**Caracaras, Falcons *Falconidae***

**Common Kestrel (LC)** *Falco tinnunculus*

(10) 2 en route 27.1, 1 en route 28.1, 1 Lake Biwa 31.1, 1 Izumi 2.2, 1 Izumi 3.2, 1 Hitotsuse 5.2, 1 Cape Nosappu 8.2, 2 Amami Nature Observation Forest 14.2, 1 Ogimi Rice Fields 16.2 and 1 Kin Rice Fields 17.2.

**Merlin (LC)** *Falco columbarius*

(2) 1 Izumi 2.2 and 1 Izumi 3.2.

**Peregrine Falcon (LC)** *Falco peregrinus*

(3) 1 Izumi 2.2, 1 en route 15.2 and 1 Benoki Dam 16.2.

**Cuckooshrikes *Campephagidae***

**Ryukyu Minivet (LC)** *Pericrocotus tegimae*

(5) 1 Tokyo--Mizumoto Park 27.1, 2 Kogawa Dam 5.2, 2 Tsumugi Village 13.2, 2 Benoki Dam 16.2 and 6 Nago Castle Park 17.2.

**Shrikes *Laniidae***

**Bull-headed Shrike** *Lanius bucephalus bucephalus*

(10) 1 en route 27.1, 1 Chikuma River 28.1, 4 Shonai River 30.1, 8 en route 31.1, 1 en route 1.2, 2 Izumi 2.2, 1 Izumi 3.2, 2 Shimoezu Park 4.2, 2 Hitotsuse 5.2 and 2 en route 6.2.

**Crows, Jays *Corvidae***

**Eurasian Jay (LC)** *Garrulus glandarius*

(7) 2 Notsuke peninsula 28.1, 6 Shimoezu Park 29.1, 2 Kogawa Dam 3.2, 1 heard Kogawa Dam 5.2, 1 Cape Nosappu 8.2, 12 Yoroushi Onsen 10.2 and 15 Yoroushi Onsen 11.2.

**Lidth's Jay (VU)** *Garrulus lidthi*

(3) 2 Tsumugi Village 13.2, 6 Amami Nature Observation Forest 14.2 and 2 Amami Nature Observation Forest 15.2.

**Azure-winged Magpie** *Cyanopica cyanus japonica*

(2) 2 en route 28.1 and 10 en route 30.1.

**Oriental Magpie** *Pica serica serica*

(1) 2 Kushiro Marsh 4.2.

**Daurian Jackdaw** *Coloeus dauuricus*

(1) 11 Izumi 2.2.

**Rook** *Corvus frugilegus pastinator*

(3) 30 en route 27.1, 200 Izumi 2.2 and 50 Hitotsuse 5.2.

**Carrion Crow** *Corvus corone orientalis*

(18) Up to 60 en route 27-30.1, 50 Lake Biwa 31.1, 20 en route 1.2, 100 Izumi 2.2, 20 Izumi 3.2 and up to 30 en route 4-13.2.

**Large-billed Crow (LC)** *Corvus macrorhynchos*

(24) Up to 50 en route 27-30.1, 6 Lake Biwa 31.1, 2 en route 1.2, 10 Izumi 2.2, 2 Izumi 3.2 and up to 50 en route 4-19.2.

### **Waxwings *Bombycillidae***

**Bohemian Waxwing** *Bombycilla garrulus garrulus*

(1) 12 Suwa Lake 30.1.

**Japanese Waxwing (NT)** *Bombycilla japonica*

(4) 8 Notsuke peninsula 28.1, 6 Matsumoto Castle 29.1, 4 Suwa Lake 30.1 and 16 Lake Miike 6.2.

### **Tits, Chickadees *Paridae***

**Coal Tit (LC)** *Periparus ater*

(5) 3 Hanare Mountain 28.1, 3 Shimoezu Park 29.1, 2 Shiojiri Enri Park 30.1, 2 Lake Miike 1.2 and 2 Lake Akan 12.2.

**Varied Tit (LC)** *Sittiparus varius*

(11) 2 en route 27.1, 1 Hanare Mountain 28.1, 1 Chikato Park 29.1, 1 Shiojiri Enri Park 30.1, 1 Kogawa Dam 3.2, 1 Kushiro Marsh 4.2, 3 Kogawa Dam 5.2, 3 Lake Miike 6.2, 3 Amami Nature Observation Forest 14.2, 2 Yanbaru 16.2 and 2 Yanbaru 17.2.

**Owston's Tit (EN)** *Sittiparus owstoni*

(1) 2 Miyake-Jima 18.2.

**Marsh Tit** *Poecile palustris hensoni*

(4) 3 Lake Furen 9.2, 2 Yoroushi Onsen 10.2, 5 Yoroushi Onsen 11.2 and 2 Lake Akan 12.2.

**Willow Tit** *Poecile montanus restrictus*

(2) 5 Hanare Mountain 28.1 and 3 Shimoezu Park 29.1.

**Japanese Tit** *Parus minor*

(18) 10 en route 27.1, 10 Hanare Mountain 28.1, 8 Shimoezu Park 29.1, 6 en route 1.2, 3 Kogawa Dam 3.2, 6 Kushiro Marsh 4.2, 3 Kogawa Dam 5.2, 3 Lake Miike 6.2, 1 Nemuro pelagic 8.2, 2 Lake Furen 9.2, 3 Yoroushi Onsen 10.2, 2 Yoroushi Onsen 11.2, 2 Amami Nature Observation Forest 14.2, 1 Amami Nature Observation Forest 15.2, 4 Yanbaru 16.2, 3 Nago Castle Park 17.2, 1 Yanbaru 18.2 and 1 Miyake-Jima 19.2.



### Penduline Tits *Remizidae*

#### **Chinese Penduline Tit (LC)**

*Remiz consobrinus*

(1) 6 Izumi 3.2.

### Larks *Alaudidae*

#### **Eurasian Skylark (LC)**

*Alauda arvensis*

(4) 8 Lake Biwa 31.1, 20 Izumi 2.2, 6 Yatsushiro Mudflats 3.2 and 2 Hitotsuse 5.2.

### Bulbuls *Pycnonotidae*

#### **Brown-eared Bulbul (LC)**

*Hypsipetes amaurotis*

(21) 10 en route 27.1, 10 Hanare Mountain 28.1, 10 en route 29.1, 20 Shonai River 30.1, 50 Lake Biwa 31.1, 10 Lake Miike 1.2, 4 Izumi 2.2, 5 Izumi 3.2, 10 Kushiro Marsh 4.2, 10 Kogawa Dam 5.2, 20 Lake Miike 6.2, 1 Notsuke peninsula 9.2, 1 Yoroushi Onsen 10.2, 2 Yoroushi Onsen 11.2, 6 Tsumugi Village 13.2, up to 10 Amami Nature Observation Forest 14-16.2, 6 Nago Castle Park 17.2, 2 Yanbaru 18.2 and 8 Miyake-Jima 19.2.

#### **Light-vented Bulbul**

*Pycnonotus sinensis orii*

(4) 2 en route 15.2, 15 Kunigami Village 16.2, 20 Nago Castle Park 17.2 and 2 en route 18.2.

### Swallows, Martins *Hirundinidae*

#### **Pacific Swallow**

*Hirundo tahitica namiyei*

(6) 10 Tsumugi Village 13.2, 2 Akina Rice Fields 14.2, 2 Yoroushi Onsen 15.2, 6 Kunigami Village 16.2, 6 Kin Rice Fields 17.2 and 4 Triangle Pond 18.2.

#### **Barn Swallow (LC)**

*Hirundo rustica*

(4) 1 Lake Biwa 31.1, 2 Shimoezu Park 4.2, 6 en route 5.2 and 8 en route 6.2.

#### **Asian House Martin**

*Delichon dasypus dasypus*

(1) 1 Shonai River 30.1.

### Cettia Bush Warblers & Allies *Cettiidae*

#### **Japanese Bush Warbler (LC)**

*Horornis diphone*

(11) 1 en route 27.1, 1 Shonai River 30.1, 1 Lake Miike 1.2, 1 heard Izumi 3.2, 1 Kushiro Marsh 4.2, 1 heard Kogawa Dam 5.2, 1 heard Lake Miike 6.2, 2 Yanbaru 16.2, 3 Nago Castle Park 17.2, 1 Yanbaru 18.2 and 1 Miyake-Jima 19.2.

#### **Asian Stubtail (LC)**

*Urosphena squameiceps*

(1) 1 heard Izumi 3.2.

### Bushtits *Aegithalidae*

#### **Long-tailed Tit (LC)**

*Aegithalos caudatus*

(9) 15 Hanare Mountain 28.1, 3 Chikato Park 29.1, 5 Shiojiri Enri Park 30.1, 6 Lake Miike 1.2, 5 Kushiro Marsh 4.2, 5 Kogawa Dam 5.2, 2 Lake Miike 6.2, 2 Yoroushi Onsen 10.2 and 12 Yoroushi Onsen 11.2.

### Leaf Warblers *Phylloscopidae*

#### **Yellow-browed Warbler (LC)**

*Phylloscopus inornatus*

(1) 1 Yanbaru 16.2.

#### **Dusky Warbler (LC)**

*Phylloscopus fuscatus*

(2) 1 Shimoezu Park 4.2 and 1 Kin Rice Fields 17.2.

### Cisticolas & Allies *Cisticolidae*

#### **Zitting Cisticola**

*Cisticola juncidis brunniceps*

(3) 1 Hitotsuse 5.2, 2 Ogimi Rice Fields 16.2 and 2 Kin Rice Fields 17.2.

### White-eyes *Zosteropidae*

#### **Warbling White-eye (LC)**

*Zosterops japonicus*

(14) 1 en route 27.1, 4 Agata Park 29.1, 30 Lake Miike 1.2, 2 Kogawa Dam 3.2, 10 Kushiro Marsh 4.2, 6 Kogawa Dam 5.2, 5 Lake Miike 6.2, 6 Tsumugi Village 13.2, 15 Amami Nature Observation Forest 14.2, 3 Amami Nature Observation Forest 15.2, 50 Benoki Dam 16.2, 50 Kin Rice Fields 17.2, 6 Yanbaru 18.2 and 10 Miyake-Jima 19.2.

### Laughingthrushes & Allies *Leiothrichidae*

#### **Red-billed Leiothrix (LC)**

*Leiothrix lutea*

(1) 15 Lake Miike 1.2.

#### **Chinese Hwamei**

*Garrulax canorus canorus*

(1) 3 Shiojiri Enri Park 30.1.

### Goldcrests, Kinglets *Regulidae*

#### **Goldcrest**

*Regulus regulus japonensis*

(1) 1 Lake Akan 12.2.

### Wrens *Troglodytidae*

#### **Eurasian Wren (LC)**

*Troglodytes troglodytes*

(4) 1 Kogawa Dam 5.2, 1 Yoroushi Onsen 9.2, 1 Yoroushi Onsen 10.2 and 2 Miyake-Jima 19.2.

### Nuthatches *Sittidae*

#### **Eurasian Nuthatch (LC)**

*Sitta europaea*

(6) 4 Hanare Mountain 28.1, 1 heard Lake Miike 6.2, 2 Yoroushi Onsen 9.2, 2 Yoroushi Onsen 10.2, 6 Kushiro Marsh 11.2 and 2 Lake Akan 12.2.

### Starlings, Rhabdornises *Sturnidae*

#### **White-cheeked Starling (LC)**

*Spodiopsar cineraceus*

(11) Up to 50 en route 27-29.1, 30 Shonai River 30.1, 100 Lake Biwa 31.1, 50 en route 1.2, 20 Izumi 2.2, 6 Izumi 3.2, 20 Shimoezu Park 4.2, 20 en route 5.2 and 2 en route 6.2.

#### **Common Starling**

*Sturnus vulgaris poltaratskyi*

(2) 1 Izumi 2.2 and 15 Hitotsuse 5.2.

### Thrushes *Turdidae*

#### **White's Thrush**

*Zoothera aurea toratugumi*

(2) 1 Lake Yogo 31.1 and 1 Miyake-Jima 19.2.

#### **Amami Thrush (NT)**

*Zoothera major*

(2) 1 Amami Nature Observation Forest 14.2 and 1 Amami Nature Observation Forest 15.2.

#### **Eyebrowed Thrush (LC)**

*Turdus obscurus*

(1) 3 Lake Miike 6.2.

#### **Pale Thrush (LC)**

*Turdus pallidus*

(8) 1 en route 27.1, 1 Lake Yogo 31.1, 1 Kogawa Dam 3.2, 1 Kogawa Dam 5.2, 6 Lake Miike 6.2, 3 Yanbaru 16.2, 2 Yanbaru 17.2 and 2 Miyake-Jima 19.2.

#### **Brown-headed Thrush (LC)**

*Turdus chrysolaus*

(2) 2 en route 27.1 and 5 Lake Miike 6.2.

#### **Izu Thrush (VU)**

*Turdus celaenops*

(1) 5 Miyake-Jima 19.2.

#### **Dusky Thrush (LC)**

*Turdus eunomus*

(12) 20 en route 27.1, 50 Hanare Mountain 28.1, 3 en route 29.1, 10 en route 30.1, 20 Lake Biwa 31.1, 2 en route 1.2, 10 Izumi 2.2, 10 Izumi 3.2, 12 Shimoezu Park 4.2, 1 Cape Nosappu 8.2, 10 Notsuke peninsula 9.2 and 1 Kushiro Marsh 11.2.

### Chats, Old World Flycatchers *Muscicapidae*

**Izu Robin (VU)**
*Larvivora tanensis*

(1) 1 Miyake-Jima 19.2.

**Ryukyu Robin (NT)**
*Larvivora komadori*

(3) Up to 6 Amami Nature Observation Forest 13-15.2.

**Okinawa Robin (NT)**
*Larvivora namiyei*

(3) Up to 2 Yanbaru 15-17.2.

**Ryukyu Flycatcher (LC)**
*Ficedula owstoni*

(1) 1 Nago Castle Park 17.2.

**Red-flanked Bluetail (LC)**
*Tarsiger cyanurus*

(5) 1 Shiojiri Enri Park 30.1, 4 Lake Yogo 31.1, 2 Lake Miike 1.2, 1 Kogawa Dam 5.2 and 1 Amami Nature Observation Forest 14.2.

**Daurian Redstart**
*Phoenicurus aureus aureus*

(11) 1 en route 27.1, 1 Chikuma River 28.1, 2 Shiojiri Enri Park 30.1, 2 Lake Biwa 31.1, 1 Lake Miike 1.2, 1 Izumi 3.2, 1 Kushiro Marsh 4.2, 2 Kogawa Dam 5.2, 2 Lake Miike 6.2, 1 Tsumugi Village 13.2 and 1 Amami Nature Observation Forest 14.2.

**Blue Rock Thrush**
*Monticola solitarius philippensis*

(11) 3 Akune 2.2, 2 Kushiro Marsh 4.2, 2 Shiojiri Enri Park 5.2, 2 en route 6.2 and up to 15 en route 13-19.2.

**Dippers Cinclidae**
**Brown Dipper**
*Cinclus pallasii pallasii*

(5) 1 Shimoezu Park 29.1, 1 Lake Miike 1.2 and up to 2 Yoroushi Onsen 9-11.2.

**Old World Sparrows, Snowfinches Passeridae**
**Russet Sparrow**
*Passer cinnamomeus rutilans*

(3) 200 Izumi 2.2, 15 Lake Miike 6.2 and 10 Lake Miike 7.2.

**Eurasian Tree Sparrow**
*Passer montanus saturatus*

(19) Up to 50 en route 27-30.1, 50 Lake Biwa 31.1, 10 en route 1.2, 20 Izumi 2.2, 10 Izumi 3.2, up to 30 en route 4-11.2, 5 en route 16.2, 3 en route 18.2 and 6 Miyake-Jima 19.2.

**Waxbills, Munias & Allies Estrildidae**
**Scaly-breasted Munia**
*Lonchura punctulata topela*

(1) 10 Kin Rice Fields 17.2.



### Accentors *Prunellidae*

#### **Japanese Accentor (LC)**

*Prunella rubida*

(2) 3 Shimoezu Park 29.1 and 2 Shiojiri Enri Park 30.1.

### Wagtails, Pipits *Motacillidae*

#### **Eastern Yellow Wagtail (LC)**

*Motacilla tschutschensis*

(1) 1 Akina Rice Fields 14.2.

#### **Grey Wagtail**

*Motacilla cinerea cinerea*

(13) 1 Chikuma River 28.1, 1 Chikato Park 29.1, 1 Lake Miike 1.2, 1 Izumi 2.2, 1 Izumi 3.2, 1 Kogawa Dam 5.2, 1 Lake Miike 6.2, 4 Tsumugi Village 13.2, 3 Akina Rice Fields 14.2, 3 Benoki Dam 16.2 and up to 1 en route 17-19.2.

#### **White Wagtail (LC)**

*Motacilla alba*

(17) 3 en route 27.1, 3 Chikuma River 28.1, 2 en route 29.1, 2 Shonai River 30.1, 2 Lake Biwa 31.1, 2 en route 1.2, 2 Izumi 2.2, 3 Izumi 3.2, 2 en route 4.2, 2 Kogawa Dam 5.2, 1 en route 8.2, 30 en route 13.2, 5 Akina Rice Fields 14.2, 2 Ose Beach 15.2, 2 Kunigami Village 16.2, 15 Kin Rice Fields 17.2 and 1 Miyake-Jima 19.2.

#### **Japanese Wagtail (LC)**

*Motacilla grandis*

(7) 1 en route 27.1, 4 Chikuma River 28.1, 1 Chikato Park 29.1, 1 en route 1.2, 2 Kushiro Marsh 4.2, 1 Yoroushi Onsen 10.2 and 1 Yoroushi Onsen 11.2.

#### **Richard's Pipit (LC)**

*Anthus richardi*

(1) 1 heard Izumi 2.2.

#### **Olive-backed Pipit (LC)**

*Anthus hodgsoni*

(2) 2 Sogi Falls 5.2 and 3 Lake Miike 6.2.

#### **Buff-bellied Pipit (LC)**

*Anthus rubescens*

(5) 10 en route 27.1, 20 Izumi 1.2, 10 Yatsushiro Mudflats 2.2, 10 Hitotsuse 5.2 and 1 Ushuku Port 15.2.

### Finches, Euphonias *Fringillidae*

#### **Brambling (LC)**

*Fringilla montifringilla*

(3) 50 Hanare Mountain 28.1, 2 Shiojiri Enri Park 30.1 and 20 Sogi Falls 5.2.

#### **Hawfinch**

*Coccothraustes coccothraustes japonicus*

(7) 3 en route 27.1, 15 Hanare Mountain 28.1, 1 Shiojiri Enri Park 30.1, 10 Cape Nosappu 8.2, 1 Notsuke peninsula 9.2, 3 Kushiro Marsh 11.2 and 1 Lake Akan 12.2.

#### **Japanese Grosbeak**

*Eophona personata personata*

(2) 1 Suwa Lake 30.1 and 6 en route 31.1.

#### **Eurasian Bullfinch (LC)**

*Pyrrhula pyrrhula*

(4) 8 Hanare Mountain 28.1, 4 Notsuke peninsula 9.2, 1 en route 10.2 and 1 heard Miyake-Jima 19.2.



**Asian Rosy Finch**

*Leucosticte arctoa brunneonucha*

(1) 45 Notsuke peninsula 9.2.

**Siberian Long-tailed Rosefinch**

*Carpodacus sibiricus sanguinolentus*

(2) 3 Shiojiri Enri Park 30.1 and 1 Lake Biwa 31.1.

**Pallas's Rosefinch (LC)**

*Carpodacus roseus*

(2) 2 Hanare Mountain 28.1 and 2 Shiojiri Enri Park 30.1.

**Grey-capped Greenfinch (LC)**

*Chloris sinica*

(12) 10 en route 27.1, 20 Chikuma River 28.1, 10 en route 29.1, 2 Shonai River 30.1, 10 Lake Biwa 31.1, 6 Lake Miike 1.2, 20 Izumi 2.2, 50 Yatsushiro Mudflats 3.2, 20 Shimoezu Park 4.2, 20 en route 5.2, 5 Notsuke peninsula 9.2 and 2 Miyake-Jima 19.2.

**Common Redpoll**

*Acanthis flammea flammea*

(2) 50 Notsuke peninsula 9.2 and 30 Kushiro Marsh 11.2.

**Red Crossbill (LC)**

*Loxia curvirostra*

(1) 60 Satsuma--Sendai River 30.1.

**Eurasian Siskin (LC)**

*Spinus spinus*

(3) 1 Shiojiri Enri Park 30.1, 40 Kushiro Marsh 11.2 and 1 Miyake-Jima 19.2.

**Buntings *Emberizidae***

**Pine Bunting (LC)**

*Emberiza leucocephalos*

(1) 7 en route 10.2.

**Meadow Bunting**

*Emberiza cioides ciopsis*

(6) 1 Notsuke peninsula 28.1, 1 en route 29.1, 6 Shiojiri Enri Park 30.1, 4 Izumi 3.2, 2 Kushiro Marsh 4.2 and 2 Miyake-Jima 19.2.

**Chestnut-eared Bunting**

*Emberiza fucata fucata*

(2) 1 Izumi 3.2 and 3 Hitotsuse 5.2.

**Rustic Bunting (VU)**

*Emberiza rustica*

(4) 3 en route 27.1, 1 Notsuke peninsula 28.1, 6 Shonai River 30.1 and 2 Akina Rice Fields 14.2.

**Yellow-throated Bunting**

*Emberiza elegans elegans*

(1) 4 Lake Miike 6.2.

**Masked Bunting (LC)**

*Emberiza personata*

(5) 3 en route 27.1, 2 Shonai River 30.1, 5 Kogawa Dam 3.2, 1 Kushiro Marsh 4.2 and 12 Kogawa Dam 5.2.

**Grey Bunting**

*Emberiza variabilis variabilis*

(3) 2 Lake Miike 1.2, 3 Kushiro Marsh 4.2 and 1 Lake Miike 6.2.

**Common Reed Bunting***Emberiza schoeniclus pyrrhulina*

(5) 1 en route 27.1, 1 Lake Biwa 31.1, 5 Izumi 2.2, 3 Izumi 3.2 and 2 Hitotsuse 5.2.

## Mammals (17 in total: 17 seen)

### Mongoose *Herpestidae*

**Small Indian Mongoose (LC)***Urva auropunctata*

(1) 4 Kin Rice Fields 17.2.

### Wolves, Coyote, Foxes and Jackals *Canidae*

**Red Fox***Vulpes vulpes schrencki*

(4) 5 Cape Nosappu 8.2, 3 Notsuke peninsula 9.2, 2 Rausu Area 10.2 and 2 Kushiro Marsh 11.2.

### Earless Seals *Phocidae*

**Harbor Seal (LC)***Phoca vitulina stejnegeri*

(1) 10 Notsuke peninsula 8.2.

### Weasels and Otters *Mustelidae*

**Sea Otter (EN)***Enhydra lutris*

(1) 2 Notsuke peninsula 8.2.

**Sable (LC)***Martes zibellina*

(2) 1 Yoroushi Onsen 9.2 and 1 Yoroushi Onsen 10.2.

**Japanese Weasel (NT)***Mustela itatsi*

(1) 1 en route 1.2.

### Pigs *Suidae*

**Eurasian Wild Pig (LC)***Sus scrofa*

(3) 2 Amami Nature Observation Forest 13.2, 2 Amami Nature Observation Forest 15.2 and 1 Yanbaru 16.2.

### Deer *Cervidae*

**Sika Deer (LC)***Cervus nippon*

(6) 1 heard Lake Miike 1.2, 30 Nemuro pelagic 7.2, 20 Cape Nosappu 8.2, 150 Notsuke peninsula 9.2, 10 Rausu Area 10.2 and 10 Kushiro Marsh 11.2.

**Cattle, Antelopes, Sheep, Goats *Bovidae***

**Japanese Serow (LC)**

*Capricornis crispus*

(2) 2 Hanare Mountain 28.1 and 2 Satsuma--Sendai River 30.1.

**Rorquals *Balaenopteridae***

**Humpback Whale (LC)**

*Megaptera novaeangliae*

(2) 1 en route 13.2 and 1 Ferry-Miyake to Tokyo 19.2.

**Sperm Whales *Physeteridae***

**Sperm Whale (VU)**

*Physeter macrocephalus*

(1) 1 Ferry-Miyake to Tokyo 19.2.

**Oceanic Dolphins *Delphinidae***

**Melon-headed Whale (LC)**

*Peponocephala electra*

(1) 20 Ferry-Miyake to Tokyo 19.2.

**Old World Fruit Bats *Pteropodidae***

**Ryukyu Flying Fox (VU)**

*Pteropus dasymallus*

(2) 1 Yanbaru 15.2 and 1 Yanbaru 16.2.

**Old World Monkeys *Cercopithecidae***

**Japanese Macaque (LC)**

*Macaca fuscata*

(1) 200 Nagano 29.1.

**Rabbits, Hares *Leporidae***

**Amami Rabbit (EN)**

*Pentalagus furnessi*

(1) 3 Amami Nature Observation Forest 13.2.

**Nutria *Myocastoridae***



**Coypu (LC)**

*Myocastor coypus*

(3) 1 Shonai River 30.1, 3 Lake Ibanai 31.1 and 3 en route 1.2.

**Squirrels *Sciuridae***

**Eurasian Red Squirrel (LC)**

*Sciurus vulgaris*

(1) 1 Yoroushi Onsen 11.2.