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Kasachstan
Via Astrachan (Russia):

Volga Delta close to border (25.June/26.6.),

Botaurus stellaris – few males calling
Rallus aquaticus – few calls
Chlidonias leucopterus – few colonies, feeding chicken
Chlidonias hybridus – colonie with feeding birds
Chlidonias niger – present, no confirms breeding
Vanellus vanellus – breeding expected
Tringa totanus – overflying
Anas strepera – few males present
Phasianus colchicus- male
Upupa epops – fledged juvenile
Corvus frugilegus – birds with fledged juveniles
Panurus biarmicus – seven birds, juveniles included
Acrocephalus arundinaceus – many males singing

Between there an Ganjuskino (26.6.)

Coracias garrulus – few birds on power lines
Lanius minor – few birds on power lines
Vanellus vanellus – few breeding pairs
Chlidonias leucopterus – many birds, colonies should be present
Chlidonias hybridus – many birds
Sterna hirundo – few pairs, probaly breeding
Falco vespertinus – 3 + 4 birds, probably breeding
Buteo buteo – 1 bird
Oenanthe isabellinus – confirmed breeding
Remiz pendulinus - nesting
Galerida cristata – probably breeding
Himantopus himantopus – few pairs

Ganjuskino area

Chettusia leucura – Male with alarm calls – surely breeding
Himantopus himantopus – breeding
Vanellus vanellus – pair with nest
Ardea purpurea – one bird fishing, two more birds
Coracias garrulus– two birds
Botaurus staellaris – calls
Plegadius falcinellus – 5 birds
Lanius minor – few birds

Merops apiaster – few birds
Netta rufina – female with two chicks
Circus aeruginosus – pair
Sturnus roseus – 4 between common starlings
Fulica adra – pair with chicks
Cettia cetti – singing at channel bank, short spot
Podiceps ruficollis – breeding expected
Oenanthe isabellinus – surely breeding

West of Ganyuskino (26/27.6.06)

Caprimulgus europaeus – two singing males, display, two birds seen later
Lanius minor – breeding
Melanocorypha calandra – few birds, families??
Oenanthe isabellinus – with juv.
Passer montanus – breeding expected

Zaburune 27.6.06

Emberiza bruniceps – singing male, one female
Riparia riparia – colony 15 pairs

Lagoone

Anthropoides virgo – Pair with chicken, two more ad.
Charadrius alexandrius – 4 + 2
Burhinus oedicephalus – 2 birds
Xenus cinereus – 2 birds
Numenius arquata – 5+3+2
Tadorna tadorna – female with 30 chicks, female with 13 chicks
Tadorna ferruginea – few birds with chicks
Sterna hirundo – pair with 3 juv. (already fledged)
Gelochelidon nilotica – pair and another bird
Sturnus roseus – 8
Melanocorypha calandra – many
Circus aeruginosus – 2 juv.
Fulica adra – few pairs
Emberiza bruniceps - male

Lake between Aggystan and Noroboga tinshoe

Himantopus – many pairs
Chlidonias leucopterus – ca. 100
Anas querquedula – few birds

Altwasser, 30 km west of Atyrau (27./28.6.)

Circus macrourus – male bird hunting

Emberiza bruniceps – few pairs
Anthropoides virgo – two overflying
Vanellus vanellus – two pairs with juv.?

28.6.06 Atyrau, south end to oral delta, asian side

Galerida cristata – pair with two juv.
Merops persicus – 4 on powerlines , breeding expected

River Oral delta

Panurus biarmicus – lots of families
Remiz pendulinus caspius - many
Acrocephalus arundinaceus – dominating
Acrocephalus agricola – lots
Cygnus olor – many pairs
Nycticorax nycticorax – many overflying, colony expected
Plegadius falcinellus – many overflying to colony?
Phalacrocorax pygmeus – many overflying, later juv (already fledged)
Netta rufina – F with juv.
Hiraeetus albicilla – one ad., breeding possible
Podiceps cristatus – many pairs
Larus cachinnans- colony with chicken
Circus aeruginosus – few birds
Glareola nordmanni – few pairs with juv., feeding
Vanellus vanellus – few pairs with juv.
Cuculus canorus – many
Phalaropus lobatus – 2x2 birds
Motacilla (flava) feldegg – singing male

Chettusia leucura – one bird, seemed to breed
Himantopus – few breeding pairs
Larus icht. – 15 birds in L. cachinnans colony
Sterna caspia – 16
Pelicanus crispus – two overflying
Ardea purpurea – 2
Chlidonias niger – 10
Chlidonias hybridus – ca. 20
Merops persicus – two birds
Emberiza bruniceps – few
Merops apiaster – 2
Milvus migrans – bird collecting prey on road

Camp at River, 30 km nördl. Atyrau 28./29.6.06, E

Athene noctua – chasing fox
Lanius minor – 4 pairs with nests in Salix spec. within 500 metres
Coracias garrulus – breeding in Salix
Ixorbychus minutus – 1bird
Burhinus oedicnemus – many calls during night, one seen next morning
Corvus frugilegus-colony and fledged young

Haemantopus ostralegus – 4 overflying
Falco subbeteo – breeding in Salix
Merops apiaster – many, colony near by?
Oenathe isabellinu – one
Emberiza bruniceps – 3 territories

29.6.06 way north on P 246 (west of Ural-River)

Aquila nipalensis 1 (120 km north of Atyrau)
Anthropoides virgo – Pair with chicken 125km north Atyrau, Pair 130 km north
Milvus migrans – two birds, single
Coracias garrulus – quite common, some breeding in Salix Trees, some in river bank.
At least 12 seen.
Falco tinnunculus – one bird seen
Tadorna tadorna – 2 females with chicken
Tadorna ferruginea – few birds

Old Water at Ural river 29./30.6.06 (ca. 260 km north of Atyrau)

Haliaeetus albicilla – nest with one young, almost fledging, nest in Populus spec.
Coracias garrulus – 3, breeding in trees
Falco subbuteo – breeding in Salix
Emberiza hortulana – singing Male
Mergus albellus – female with 4 pulli
Perdix perdix – 5 birds seen
Upupa epops – 2 birds seen
Pica pica – breeding
Haemantopus ostralegus – 1 overflying
Tringa totanus – 1 overflying
Asio otus – calls at night
Emberiza bruniceps – Male singing
Turdus pilaris – small colony? 5 birds seen
Covus frugilegus – colony 75 nests
Crex vrex – calling at night
Coturnix - calls
Milvus migrans – seems breeding around
Oriolus oriolus – male singing
Streptotelia turtur – calls
Parus major – pair with juv.

Further north on P246

Aquila nipalensis – soaring
Milvus migrans – few
Falco tinnunculus – 2x1
Circus macrourus - one
Falco vespertinus – more than 20
Columba palumbus – pair
Melanocorypha calandra – one

meadows 50 km south of Ural City 30.6./1.7.06

Anthus trivialis – 2 male singing

Acrocephalus schoenobaenus – 2 males singing
Crex crex – at least 12 calling males around camp at night, six during daytime
Perdix perdix – pair
Emberiza hortunlan – 3 singing Males
Glareola nordmanni – one overflying
Coracias – 3 birds
Chlidonias leucopterus – 3 “hunting”, later 90 - 100
Dendrocopos major – one bird calling
Circus aeruginosus – pair
Circus pygargus – male
Oriolus – two territories

Road to Ural, 1.7.06

Falco subbuteo – few
Coracias – 4
Merops apiaster - few
Carpodacus erythrinus – Male in Ural

Oral west to border (1.7.06) via Kamenka

Falco vespertinus – 3 (40 km west of Ural)
Circus pygargus – 2x1
Anth. virgo – pair in wheat field