Birding Trip Report to China

June 8th – July 7th 2013

Visiting following provinces: Jilin, Hebei, Shanxi, Shaanxi, Sichuan and Qinghai

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Introduction
For Tom, Erwin and I, it was our third visit to China. We visited Sichuan in 2006 and SE China in 2010. For Stijn, it was his first visit to China. We combined a select selection of target species with the goal of seeing as much species as possible. Including a lot of specialties in the trip made it one of the most expensive ones that we have ever done. Nowadays, if you want to see the rarest birds in China, the budget is far above the low budget traveler’s budget.

Thanks.....
....to Jon Hornbuckle, Craig Brelsford, Terry Townshend and Remco Hofland for there advice, coordinates, and up-to-date information.

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**Used trip reports and other information on the internet**

Nowadays, [Cloudbirders](http://www.cloudbirders.org) is the website for world birders to find trip reports. Check it out!

There are not so many good trip reports for Qinghai with information for independent birders. Most of the people go there with organized tours and in their trip report, there is barely any useful information. I am not going to list all these rather useless reports. You can read them to have some ideas about the area and to find species lists. Luckily, there are 4 exceptions:

* **Tibet (Xizang and Qinghai Provinces) - China, 29 May – 27 June 2005** by George Wagner
* **Qinghai and Xizang (Tibet), with W Sichuan, China, July 16 - August 14, 2006** by Remco Hofland
* **China: Sichuan & Qing Hai 7 - 27 July 2007**, by Vincent van der Spek
* **SE of Qinghai/Tibet Plateau, 6th June to 15th June 2005** by Mr. Tang Jun, Ms. Dang Rong and Mr. Dong Xiaohue.

Thanks to these four reports with GPS-coordinates and good descriptions of the most important places, we had a very successful trip in Qinghai. Only for Ala Shan Redstart, the information in these reports was no longer up-to-date. Luckily, we found a new place by ourselves.

For the rest of the trip, we used these good trip reports:

* **China, 26th April to 27th May 2012** by Jon Hornbuckle
* **Spring birding trip to Xuanzhong Monastery, Jiaocheng, Taiyuan, Shanxi, 13-16 March 2012** by Paul Holt & Qingyu Wang
* **Yang Xian, Shaanxi, China, August 21-22 2004** by Björn Anderson
* **Tangjiahe Nature Reserve, Sichuan, August 23-26 2007** by Björn Anderson

In addition, useful information is available on [www.birdingbeijing.com](http://www.birdingbeijing.com).

For the identification of *Phylloscopus*- and *Seicercus*-warblers, the presentation of Per Alström is very helpful.

**Logistics**

Jean Wang (Jankowski’s Bunting and Baer’s Pochard) and Sam Tours (Blackthroat, Przevalski’s Parrotbill and Qinghai Province) arranged the logistics. They also arranged some train and flight tickets.

**Flights**

* International flight with Hainan Airlines from Brussels to Beijing.

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* Domestic flight with China Airlines from Beijing to Ulanhot, and return flight. Booked by Jean.

* Domestic flight with Hainan Airlines from Xining to Beijing. Booked by ourselves. This flight was – for obscured reasons - canceled at the moment that we were at the airport. Due to this, we also missed our international flight back home.

**Trains**
* **** - Taiyuan. Booked by Jean.

* Taiyuan - Xian. Booked by Sam Tours.

* Guangyuan - Xining. Booked by Sam Tours.

**Cars**
* From Beijing to ****. Booked by Jean.

* From Xian to Changqing and Tangjiahe. Booked by Sam Tours. Also an English speaking, non-birding guide, Rosa, accompanied the driver. We did not ask for a guide at Sam Tours but at the end, when you see all the troubles we had, it was very good that Rosa was with us. We also did not have to pay for her guiding services. She just accompanied the guide because she wanted to visit the parks. You can contact her by telephone (18049224755) and e-mail (rosatour2006@gmail.com or rosatour2006@126.com).

The car was not good enough to drive up into the Changqing Reserve from the hotel till the start of the trail. The underside of the van was too low. Rosa arranged another car for the second day.

* For the Qinghai part of the trip. Booked by Sam Tours.

**Exchange rate**
We changed money 3 times with exchange rate for 1 euro = 7.47, 7.40 and 7.81 CNY.

**GPS-coordinates**

I took new waypoints and registered some tracks. To get the waypoints or tracks in .kmz- or .kml-format for Google Earth, please contact me. The waypoints are also available [here](#). Notice that these are only the waypoints and tracks that we took during our trip. The ones we found in other reports and websites are not included. I also did not add the coordinates for Jankowski’s Bunting and Baer’s Pochard in the list. Both species are too rare nowadays to publish these data free on the internet.

**Visited places and local guides**

**Baicheng area (Jilin)**
Guide was Mr. Li Xiaoping. Mobile telephone 13843646887. He speaks no English.
Contacted by Jean. Does only know the specialties (Jankowski’s Bunting, White-naped and Red-crowned Crane). We asked him to go for Northern Parrotbill near Qiqihar but too far away for him. Was also drunk one afternoon and wanted us to go with another guide, but this happened to be the local police officer. We insisted he guided us but he dropped us near the road on a place that was not very interesting. I would not recommend him as your guide; we were not satisfied by his guiding services. Unless you just want to see Jankowski’s Bunting. We stayed in the area for 3 days, but I think 1 day is enough to see the bunting.

We visited two known places for Jankowski’s Bunting. On the first place, north of Dagangcun (I found this name on Google Earth), we saw one pair and one male a little bit further. In addition, another bird was seen two kilometers away from this place.

The second place is southwest of Baya Huxu. This place holds much more Jankowski’s Buntings. This area is private property. We asked the owner for permission first. We saw at least 20 birds, including three fledglings. Also many birds were transporting food.

Near the Xianghai Reserve, we had White-naped and Red-crowned Cranes. A pair of White-browed Chinese Warblers on the parking lot of the hotel in Xianghai Reserve was an unexpected observation.

Cost 4550 CNY/pp (+/- €560) including accommodation, transport and guiding.

Xuanzhong Monastery (Shanxi)
This monastery is near Jiaocheng, 55 km from Taiyuan. We stayed at the Guashan Hotel in Jiaocheng, less then 20 minutes from the monastery. Brown Eared Pheasant is easy to find here, even in June. In Paul Holt’s trip report is mentioned that the pheasants are hard to find during the breeding time but I found in 2 trip reports that they were observed during this period. We found six birds near the monastery and heard three others calling in the forest near the monastery. We saw them in the morning and afternoon.

Yangxian (Shaanxi)
The fields near this town are the best places on earth to see Crested Ibis. See also for details in Björn Anderson’s trip report. Driving around near the village, we found four birds. One bird was already seen in the fields along the highway, just before exit Yangxian.

On the day of arrival in the city, we had to pay extra to go in the fields near the town, what we refused.

Later on, we also saw six birds on several places on our way to Changqing Nature Reserve. Therefore, it is not necessary at all to pay extra to go birding in the fields near Yangxian. You have many opportunities to find the ibises by just driving around in the area.

Changqing Nature Reserve (Shaanxi)
Local guide was Jack. Do not know his Chinese name. He does know the places for Blackthroat very well. That is the most important. Otherwise, we were not very satisfied
by his services. Only wanted to start at 6h30 at the hotel (sunrise 5h40) and stopped guiding at 18h30 one day and 17h30 the second day (sunset 20h00). He told us that these were the rules for this reserve. After his guiding, we had to go with him the way down by car to the village again. Bird watching opportunities near the village were not so good. Also, Jack did not know the name of most of the birds in English. He also was not very communicative, maybe because of the discussions we had with him.

It is a 24km drive from the hotel in Banqiao to the start of the trail to the Blackthroat territories. We paid 7480 CNY (+/- €920)

**Tangjiahe Nature Reserve (Sichuan)**
The visit to this park was the disappointment of the trip. Due to thunderstorms with heavy rainfall during the night, it was not possible to cross the river during the next day. According to the rangers, it would take 4 – 5 days before it was possible to cross the river again, in the hypothesis that it stopped raining immediately.

We paid a lot of money (12720 CNY (+/- €1560)) to see the Przewalski's Parrotbill and we want this money back: no service, no money. This caused a lot of discussion with the staff office members and rangers of the park. It was only thanks to the many telephone calls of Sam and Rosa to the rangers and the staff at the park office that we recuperated 3/4 of the money.

Because we only had our train to Xining the next evening, we decided to stay in the park. To avoid paying entrance fee for the next day, we stayed in the expensive hotel inside the park. We got a reduction for this fee because of the breakdown we had. The first night, we stayed in a hotel in Qinxi (Shiniusi on Google Earth?), 10 km from the entrance gate. Price is much lower there.

We spent our time along the track near the river behind the hotel but bird activity was very low here. The rainy weather was also not very helpful for bird watching. On our second day, heavy rainfall made it impossible to go out for bird watching.

**Koko Nor (Qinghai)**
We visited the eastern edge of the lake. For directions, see Hofland and van der Spek.

We found Small Snowfinches on the right side of the road that goes north along the eastern shore, about 2 km from road 109. Also Black-necked Cranes and Mongolian Lark (only observation in Qinghai), were observed here.

Next stop was along road 109 at km 2155. Here we saw our first Pallas' Gulls (more over Heimahe village) and 3 Tibetan Larks.

**General remark for areas west (Dolan Mountains) and east of Chaka (both highway 109) and almost everywhere along highway 214.**

Road constructions are going on everywhere. They are improving the highway from a single road to a 2x2 highway. Also along highway 214, they are building tunnels. So maybe in the future the kilometer markers mentioned in a few trip reports are no longer useful. Between Qingshuihe and Nanqing, all the kilometer markers were removed. The roadwork also made that travelling time-consuming. The old road was very much
degraded over long distances.

**Rubber Mountains (Qinghai)**
We visited the place mentioned by Hofland and Wagner. Despite searching here for more than 5 hours, we did not find Ala Shan Redstart. It is still a very good place for Przevalski’s Rosefinch.

**Dolan Mountains (Qinghai)**
There is no useful information for the Dolan Mountains in trip reports on the internet. We only read that most of the birdwatchers go there for Ala Shan Redstart. We want to prove our luck for this species, just by looking for the right habitat. At +/- 80 km from Chaka, we found conifers on the mountain flanks at the right side of the road. This kind of habitat only stretched for about 3 to 4 km over the range. At km 2335.5, there is a track, that goes straight to this mountain flanks. This track is only accessible by 4-wheel drive. We walked the 5 kilometers to the conifer trees. To reach this area, follow the track. It first goes through a dry area. Follow it uphill until it goes between the only 2 houses on this place. The habitat is getting greener once you are at the foot of the mountain range. At the conifer trees (3800-3900 masl), we saw 6 males and 3 females Ala Shan Redstarts. One of the pairs was feeding nestlings. See GPS-coordinates.

**Flats east of Chaka (Qinghai)**
We first visited the known place along highway 109 km 2238. See also the trip report of van der Spek. We found the targets (Mongolian Ground-jay, Blanford's Snowfinch and Pallas' Sandgrouse) very quick. On our way to Gonghe from Chaka, we took the (new?) highway 6. The habitat south of this highway is the same as there is at km 2238. From out of the car we saw 1 Mongolian Ground-jay and a few Pallas' Sandgrouse (wp). This area can be a good alternative for the place closer near Chaka.

**Wadis near Gonghe (Qinghai)**
Just outside Gonghe, on the east side, we found a dry small wadi along highway G214. There were no kilometer markers along this part of the highway. It was a newly constructed part of the highway. (Situation on Google Earth not up-to-date, new highway not on the map). We followed the wadi till the end and found 2 Margelanic Whitethroats. Also in this wadi, we saw 2 pairs of Daurian Partridges. Another wadi is also situated east of the G214, between km 149 and 151. Coming from the main road, drive over a small bridge, just in front of the wadi. We walked this wadi till the end. On top, there is a flat, dry area. We had several Margelanic Whitethroats and a Przevaski's Partridge here. In the fields nearby, we found Black-faced Bunting. See GPS-coordinates.

**Between Gonghe and Er La Pass, highway 214 km 258 (Qinghai)**
We stopped at a rocky gully/river with sparse vegetation. We found both Spotted and Streaked Rosefinches here. Large scale road construction works are also going on here. See GPS-coordinates.

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**Er La Pass (Qinghai)**
We visited this mountain 3 times to search for Tibetan Sandgrouse and Roborovski's Rosefinch. We found 9 and 2 Roborovski's Rosefinches on the first 2 times but no sandgrouse. On our last attempt, we found a pair of sandgrouses, not on top of the mountain but on a flat area, a little bit lower than the top. See GPS-coordinates. They are constructing a tunnel under Er La Mountain so maybe in the further the road over the pass is no longer accessible.

**Between Wenquan and Qingshuihe (Qinghai)**
During our ride to the south, we had bad weather all the time. We did not stop on many places. On our ride back to the north, we stopped at the marshes near Madoi. Here we found Lesser Sand Plover and a couple of Black-necked Cranes.

**Between Yushu and Nanqing (Qinghai)**
We stopped on a few places at the highest points along the road. We found Spotted Rosefinch and Red-faced Rosefinch on 2 places. For both places, there are GPS-coordinates. Due to the roadwork, no kilometer markers were present but we took GPS-coordinates.

**Between Yushu and Qingshuihe (Qinghai)**
We stopped on a few places with rocky cliffs. On one of these places we found several Tibetan Partridges and White-browed Tits. Due to the roadworks, no kilometer markers were present but we took GPS-coordinates.

**Kanda Shan (Qinghai)**
For directions, see the map in the report of Wagner. This map is still accurate. We managed to drive with our mini-van till the foot of the pass (a few 100 meters after exit 2, see map of Wagner). Search for Tibetan Bunting in the low vegetation near the track over the pass. We found a pair just north over the pass. In the bushes near Kanda Shan top, we found White-tailed Rubythroat and Tibetan Partridge. More species were also found lower down, in the gorge you are driving through when you are going to Kanda Shan. See GPS-coordinates.

**Beizha Forest Reserve (Qinghai)**
Map made by Wagner is still accurate. Only difference is that nowadays you can reach the HQ and D'our Monastery with a mini-van. Now there are bridges everywhere so you do no longer need to drive through the river. The road is concreted till Biezha village, from there it is a good drivable track.
The HQ is at km 19. There is a family with young children living in the HQ nowadays. They have to open the gate on the road to the monastery but they only wake up after 8am. This is no problem as the best birding areas for Szecheny's Partridge is on the hill opposite the HQ (other side of the river and the road) and for Tibetan Babax along the road 1-2 km before and after the HQ. In the gully just before the HQ and at km 17 (both right-hand side of the road, coming from the village), we found Szecheny's Partridge.
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and Blood and White-eared Pheasants. We stayed 2 nights with the family at the HQ. There is no accommodation, we used our own mattresses and sleeping-bags and slept in the corridor. One of us slept in the kitchen on the bank. They are constructing a new building here what seems to be accommodation but I am not sure of it. We found a good area for other species like Severtzov’s Grouse and Red-flanked Bluetail in the valley left of km 34 (coming from the HQ). Also Blood and White-eared Pheasants are here. At the beginning there is low scrub, after about 1 km you will find a patch with big pine trees. One evening, we tried here for Pere David’s Owl but without success. A thunderstorm prevented us from trying for a prolonged time. Maybe for accommodation it is better to stay 1 night at the HQ and 1 night in the monastery to be close to the birding spots mentioned here.

Hills north of Xining / Bei Shan (Qinghai)
We visited the place described by Hofland and found Pale Rosefinch close near the place that their group found it. They were on sandy cliffs and not on rocky cliffs as described in a few trip reports. See GPS-coordinates. They planted a lot of (pine) trees and bushes on these hills so maybe in the further this site is no longer suitable for Pale Rosefinch. The cliffs where we saw the Rosefinches are too steep to plant trees but maybe these cliffs alone are too small to hold a population.

Laoye Shan (Qinghai)
We visited this place just for a few hours. We took the road up to the radio communication tower. From there, we check a few pine forest patches. Finding Gansu Leaf-warbler was no problem. Finding Przevalski’s Nuthatch was not successful. We recommend you to go Dongxia Forest Reserve to find all the targets. The forest is much better at that place.

Dongxai Forest Reserve (Qinghai)
This reserve is not far from Laoye Shan. You have to pay an entrance fee (we paid 110 CNY for 5 persons and car). Around the picnic area, we found Przevalski’s Nuthatch and Gansu Leaf-warbler. See GPS-coordinates. See also in Hofland and Wagner.

Huzhu Bei Shan (Qinghai)
See also Hofland. The entrance fee for the reserve is 98 CNY/pp. When you do not have a vehicle from the Qinghai Province, you are not allowed to drive into the reserve by your own car. You have to go with one of the small busses from the reserve. We stayed in the Hostel Lake. Very basic, no washroom facilities and expensive for what you get (190 CNY/room). The trail behind the hostel was good for Red-flanked Bluetail, Gansu Leaf-warbler and at the waypoint given by Hofland, Blue-eared Pheasants.

**Short description of our itinerary**

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**Itinerary**

**June 8th**
We had our flight Brussels - Beijing at 13h40. Direct flight to Beijing.

**June 9th**
We arrived at Beijing Capital airport at 5 o'clock in the morning. After passing the immigration control, changing money and dropping our luggage, we took the subway to the Olympic Forest Park. However, when we were on our way, we saw that is was bad weather in Beijing. It was raining hard and we decided to return to the airport. At 14h 30, we had our flight to Ulanhot. Mr. Li Xiaoping was waiting for us at the airport. Half an hour drive to Baicheng. Night in Baicheng, Hexiang Hotel.
**June 10th**

At 4h00 in the morning, we left the hotel to go for Jankowski’s Bunting. We drove to an area north of Baicheng. One of the first birds we saw was a Mongolian Lark. A little bit further, we found a pair of Jankowski’s Buntings on the fence around the JB key habitat. They soon disappeared and we drove a little bit further to another place. Here, we found another male. We stayed in this area until noon. On our way back to the nearby village, we flushed another Jankowski’s Bunting in a field with longer grass and small bushes. Afterwards, we returned to Baicheng where we had lunch. Then, we drove to Xianghai Reserve. We stopped at a lake along the road and saw Grey-headed Lapwing, Chestnut-eared Bunting, Daurian Jackdaw and White-cheeked Starling. Around 16h00, we arrived at the hotel. We stayed near the marsh until 19h00, only a few hundreds meters from the hotel.

**June 11th**

At 4 o’clock in the morning, we were already bird watching in the bushes in front of the hotel. As everywhere in this region, the bushes were nearly empty of birds. Only a Meadow Bunting was observed. After breakfast, we went to some places near the lakes. We had three White-naped Cranes flying over and we also had a mixed pair of Red-crowned and White-naped Crane. Close near this place, many Red-crowned Cranes are kept in captivity. When we were ready to leave the parking place, we found a couple of White-browed Chinese Warblers. The afternoon, we spent on a few places around some other lakes. At 19h00, we were at the hotel again.

**June 12th**

We left at 4h30 to another place for Jankowski’s Bunting, near Horqin Youyi Zhongqi. The species is still doing well on this place. We saw more than 20 including fledglings. We stayed here till 10h15. Lunch in Horqin Youyi Zhongqi. At 14h30, we were at the airport in Ulanhot again. Flight at 17h30.
June 13th
Today we left the hotel at 6 o'clock for a 3 1/2 hour drive to *****. Immediately when we arrived there we found a Baer's Pochard. In total, we saw three single drakes and one pair. A few Schrenck's Bitterns were flying over the reed beds and two Blunt-winged Warblers were hopping around in the reed. At 12h30, we drove to *****. After lunch, we took the train to Taiyuan at 17h00. We arrived in Taiyuan at 22h15. Then we took a taxi to Jiacheng where we arrived at midnight. Night in Guashan hotel.

June 14th
We left the hotel at 5 o'clock for a short drive by taxi to Xuanzhong Monastery.

Immediately when we arrived at the monastery, we saw three Brown Eared Pheasants. Later, we had two other birds and a single one on the flanks near the monastery. We spent the whole day near the monastery. Also here, we saw a few Long-tailed Rosefinches. We also walked up along a trail that goes higher in the mountains. Birding was rather slow here. We had a few Daurian Redstarts, Godlewski's Bunting, a singing Yellow-streaked Warblers, two Black Storks and a few Pere David's Laughingthrushes. In the afternoon, we found a flock of Long-tailed (Silver-throated) Tits in the gully below the monastery. At 5 o'clock in the afternoon, we left and drove to Taiyuan again. Here we had a night train to Xian at 23h00.

June 15th
We arrived in Xian at 8h30. A local representative of Sam Tours, Rosa, and the driver, were waiting for us. Rosa went with us for the following days. After having breakfast, we left to Yangxian. It was a four hours drive along the highway. Just before the exit of Yangxian, we saw our first Crested Ibis in the fields. At the hotel in Yangxian, we met an official of the government. She told us that it was not allowed to go searching for Crested Ibis in the fields near the city, unless we paid 300 CNY. We refused to do this and stayed in the hotel in the afternoon and evening. Night in

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At 6u30, we met our local guide Jack at the parking of the hotel. First plan was to go searching for Crested Ibis. We found four in the fields close near the city. Due to some miscommunication, we did not stop at one of the better places for the ibis. Later on, Jack told us that he was surprised that we did not want to stop there; we were surprised that we did not go to the best place. This was our first misunderstanding with Jack. Luckily, we found a few other Crested Ibises along the road to Changqing Nature Reserve. Even in the village near the big entrance gate of the reserve, we saw one. After putting our luggage in our hotel room, we drove in the reserve. We had to drive very slowly on our way up and we had to go out of the car a few times to pass some gutters. It was already 11 o'clock when we arrived at the start of the trail. We went to the spot where most of the people go for Blackthroat. The male was only a little responsive and did not show himself. Only Erwin saw a glimpse of it. Two males and one female Blood Pheasants walked in, they were very good to see. We also found a breeding Barred Laughingthrush in the bushes. After trying to see the Blackthroat for a few hours, we gave up. We walked to another territory. This male was much more responsive and it came very close. Eventually, once again only Erwin saw it. We returned to the first bird again. It was singing from time to time and this time also Tom had a glimpse of it. Even while the bird was still very active, Jack decided, to our big surprise, to return to the hotel. At the moment, it was 18h30 and one hour and a half before sunset. We start to discuss about his decision but he did not want to change his mind. Once we were in the car, he even told us that his plan for tomorrow was to start at 6u30 and to stop at 17h30. We were totally surprised by his way of guiding but another discussion did not bring a solution, we had to do it his way.

 unidentified snake

Actually too late for early morning birding, we left the hotel at 6h30. We spent an hour

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before in the fields near the hotel with Yellow-throated Bunting as a new bird for Tom and Stijn.

We arrived at the track to the Blackthroat territories at 7h30. We walked to the same place as yesterday. We played the sound for a short time and the bird responded soon. But once again, he stayed in the dense bushes all the time. Around 10 o'clock, we walked to the second territory but also this bird did not show himself. Jack thought that it was better to go to another territory, higher up the hill. Immediately when we played the tape here, this bird came into view. Only Stijn saw it this time. I decide to creep inside a more open part of bamboo and bushes. The Blackthroat showed himself once for a few seconds but he was completely open on a branch.

Blackthroat habitat in Changqing Nature Reserve

We walked down to the main track again. Here, we walked higher up along the track. There were not so many birds around, Emei and Claudia's Leaf-warblers were new for the trip. At 17h30, time for bird watching was over and we drove back down to the hotel. From time to time, we got out of the car for birding along the track but nothing really interesting was seen.

Another unidentified snake

June 18th

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We woke up at 5h20 to have some time for birding along the river from the hotel upstream to the reserve. We only observed a few of the more common bird species. At 8 o'clock, we started driving to Tangjiahe. It was a 9 hours drive to the Qinxi, 10 km from the entrance of Tangjiahe Nature Reserve. We stayed in a hotel in this village.

**June 19th**
At 2 o'clock, heavy thunderstorms with heavy rainfall started. This was not so good for our planning today. At 5h30, still in heavy rain, we left the hotel. In the park, the park staff members were waiting for us. Soon it was clear that the heavy rainfall jeopardized our climb to the Przewalski's Parrotbill habitat. The guides decided to cancel the trip. This was the start of a long and difficult discussion with the staff office members of the park. It was already after 3 o'clock in the afternoon when we had an arrangement for receiving back a part of our money.

The rest of the day, we were bird watching on the track behind the hotel, near the river. Also we followed 2 side trails but bird activity was very low. From time to time, it was raining also and in the evening, it was raining hard again. Hotel in the park.

**June 20th**
At 5h00, we woke up to search for Himalayan Wood Owl. It was dry at that moment but we did not find one. Soon, it began to rain hard again and we had to stop bird watching. At 9 o'clock, Rosa and the driver were waiting for us and we started to drive to Guangyuan. The river in the park was very high and wild and along the road, we soon saw the first smaller landslides. Further on, we could just pass some bigger landslides but one was so large that we had to return. We had to make a 50 km detour to drive to Guangyuan. After all, we were lucky not to have been climbing up the mountain yesterday. Otherwise, we would have been getting struck here for days.
At 14h15, we arrived at the railway station. Our train to Xining of 17h47 had a delay of half an hour. Night on the train.

June 21st
With a three hours delay, we arrived in Xining at 1 pm. It was raining here so we decided to drive straight to Koko Nor instead of start bird watching in the hills north of the town. The driver was waiting for us at the railway station, so soon we were on our way to Koko Nor. It was around 3 pm when we arrived at the eastern border of the lake.

In the meantime, it also stopped raining and the sun was shining. We took the road that goes north on this side of the lake. Soon we encountered an adult Small Snowfinch with a few fledglings. A couple of Black-necked Cranes was flying over and two more pairs, one with a young, was on the borders of the lake and a nearby marsh. We also identified Hume's Short-toed Larks and saw two Mongolian Larks. Our next stop was at km 2155. Here we observed a few Pallas’ Gulls and three Tibetan Larks. At 8 pm we arrived in Heimahe. Night in Heimahe.
June 22\textsuperscript{nd}
At 5h30, we were on our way to the Rubber Mountains, only about 10 km from Heimahe.

Small valley in the Rubber Mountains

We visited the valley on the right side of the road, mentioned by Hofland and Wagner. This valley has some small side-valleys with low bushes. Birding was good here with White-browed Tit, White-browed Tit-Warbler, Robin and Brown Accentors and White-backed Thrushes, just to name a few. However, we did not find Ala Shan Redstart despite a 5 hours search.

At noon, we left this place and we drove to the semi-desert flats east of Chaka. Here along highway 109 at km 2238 we walked around for a few hours. We soon saw our first Pallas' Sandgrouses flying by; nearly 20 were seen. Also Blanford's Snowfinches were soon found. For Mongolian Ground-Jay, we had to search harder but we found a couple with a young. We had great views of them while they were running around in the area.

Flats east of Chaka

It was yet 5 pm so we had time to go to another place. We drove to the Dolan Mountains west of Chaka. We drove till we found good habitat for Przevalski's
Partridge. We walked to the foot of the mountains, which were close to the road. Soon we heard a partridge calling. After we played tape, the bird came into view and we had fantastic views of it. Now it was time to drive back to Chaka. Night in Chaka.

**June 23rd**
At 5 o'clock, we were already on our way to the Dolan Mountains. Today our target was Ala Shan Redstart. We did not have an exact location for it but we want to give it a try. About 80 km from Chaka, we found good habitat on the mountain flanks on the right side of the road. It took a while to walk to the place but it was worth it. We found six males and three females.

![Ala Shan Redstart habitat in the Dolan Mountains](image)

At noon, we were on the highway again and on our way to Chaka. After lunch in Chaka, we drove to Gonghe along highway G6. Along this highway, there is the same kind of habitat as there is along highway 109 km 2338. From out of the car, we saw a few Pallas’ Sandgrouses and one Mongolian Gound-Jay. At 6 pm, we were in Gonghe. We still had time to search for Margelanic Whitethroat in a wadi just out of the town. After walking the wadi nearly till the end, we found two Margelanic Whitethroats. Another mission was accomplished. Night in Gonghe.

**June 24th**
We left Gonghe at 6h30. Today, the Er La Pass was on the planning. Along the way, we stopped at km 258. Here is a river in a deep gully with small bushes. We walked around here for an hour but we only found Streaked Rosefinches, no Spotted. At noon, we arrived at Er La Pass. We climbed up the slopes on the east side of highway 214. It was hard to reach the higher parts of the mountains but nine Roborovski’s Rosefinches were a great reward. We stayed here searching for Tibetan Sandgrouses till 6pm but we did not find any. Other birds new to list were White-winged Redstarts and Tibetan Snowfinches. Night in Wenquan.
**June 25th**

Early morning, we went to Er La Pass again for a next try for Tibetan Sandgrouse. Also now, we had no success. At 11am, we started the long drive on the Tibetan Plateau. We were only driving for an hour when it started raining. Later on it was even snowing and on the highest places, the landscape was covered with a thin cover of snow. This bad weather made it nearly impossible to do some bird watching along the road.

Around 8pm, we arrived in Qingshuihe where we stayed in a basic hotel. Around 11pm, somebody was knocking on our door. It were two policemen and somebody without a uniform. They checked our passports and luggage. Also, they checked the photographs on one of our cameras. Finally, after a final check of our passports, everything was ok for them and we could go to bed again.

**June 26th**

We left Qingshuihe at 7am under a blue, clear sky. Today, our destination was Nanqing.
En route, we stopped on many places and saw many good birds. On one of the first stops, we had excellent views of a pair of Tibetan Partridges with five birds in total. At the same place, we had White-browed Tit, Citrine Wagtail and our first Hodgsons' Redstarts. We also checked many places for Spotted Rosefinch but we could not find any. At noon we were in Yushu were we had a short stop to search for a bank. In the afternoon, we had the long drive to Nanqing. On one of our stops, we finally found a pair of Spotted Rosefinches. The scenery after Yushu was impressive. The flat landscape changed in fantastic mountain scenery. At 9pm, we arrived in Nanqing.

**June 27th**

We left the hotel at 6am to go to Kanda Shan. It is only a short drive to the pass. We drove till the track that goes up to the pass. Instead of following the track, we followed the small stream uphill. We checked the alpine meadows in the direction of Kanda Shan top but no Tibetan Bunting was found. Good birds we saw here were White-tailed Rubythroats and Tibetan Partridges. We walked back to the track over the pass and here, we found a couple of Tibetan Buntings. We had great views of them and also we could made good photographs. Now that our target was in, we walked down again. Another Tibetan Partridge was found.

In the afternoon, we walked down the road in the gorge that leads to Kanda Shan. It was good birding here and we spent here 3-4 hours. A pair of Tibetan Partridges was foraging just at the roadside. Once we were out of the gorge, we drove to the Mekong. It did not take long to find another target species, Ibisbill. We found three of them on the banks of the river. Night in Nanqing.

**June 28th**

We left the hotel at 6.30am to Beizha Forest. We did not leave very early as we did not know the conditions of the road. It all went well and we arrived at the headquarters around 8am. The gate was still closed and nobody was around there. But for the moment, that was no problem for us. We started birding on the hill opposite the headquarters and within half an hour, we found a group of ten Szechenyi's Partridges.
They were foraging just in front of us and so we could watch them very well.

At 10h30, we walked to the headquarters again. The gate was open now and we continued to D'our Monastery. While we were driving, we realized that it is a long way from the monastery to the birding areas near the HQ. We decided to turn back and to overnight at the HQ. On our way back, we stopped at a few places but we did not find something special. And it also started to rain hard, just at the moment that we saw a Tibetan Babax crossing the road, close near the HQ. Late afternoon, we climbed up the hill opposite the HQ again. The plan was to stay here till dark to try for owls but heavy rain made us to go down again to the HQ. After we had lunch, the rain was over and we would try for Pere David's Owl again along the track to the monastery. We played tape on many places with big trees but there was no reaction at all.

**June 29th**
This morning, Tom was bird watching at the gully at km 17. Three of us were birding in the gully close near the HQ. Birds we saw were Szcehenyi's Partridge and Blood and White-eared Pheasants. In the afternoon, we drove to the gully at km 34. Severtzov’s Grouse, Himalayan Bluetail and Grey-crested Tits were good write-ins. We stayed in the pine forest till dark to try for Pere Davids Owl again but after a quarter of an hour, thunderstorm and heavy rain started and we had to stop our attempt. Night at the HQ.

**June 30th**
Early morning visit to the gully at km 34 again to search for a few new species for Stijn. Our attempt was fruitless, however. At noon, we returned to the HQ and after a basic meal we drove back to Nanqing. Night in Nanqing.

**July 1st**
Today, we had the first of three days of driving back to the north. We left the hotel at
6.45 am. We had time to stop at a few places for birding. The first stop was on one of the highest passes on the way to Yushu. We soon found a Red-faced Rosefinch. Also spectacular was a Wolf that was passing by very close. On our next stop, we found another Red-faced Rosefinch but scanning the environment for Tibetan Snowcock did not give any result. We had lunch in Yushu. On our way to Qingshuihe we stopped in the same valley as we did on our way to the south. We saw four Tibetan Partridges again, also we had a White-browed Tit. We walked around here for an hour. Just before we arrived in Qingshuihe, it was raining very hard. Night in Qingshuihe, where we stayed in another very basic hotel.

_July 2nd_

We left Qingshuihe at 6am for a long drive on the bad road to Wenquan. We stopped en route for bird watching at the many lakes near Madoi. Eurasian Wigeon and our only Lesser Sand Plover were new for the list. Also we saw three Wild Asses and Tibetan Gazelles. At 4pm, we arrived in Wenquan. Night in the same hotel as on our way to the south.

_July 3rd_

At 6am, we were on our way to Er La Pass for the third time. The weather was not good at all; the top of the mountain was covered in dense mist. At the moment we arrived at the pass, it also started to rain. But the mist on the top disappeared and we decided to take a chance for Tibetan Sandgrouse again. On our way to the top it was raining hard. This was not the ideal weather to go bird watching on top of a mountain. At a moment, we were even thinking about going back to the car. However, after we were walking around on the top for a while, it stopped raining. We searched further and it was Stijn who found a pair of Tibetan Sandgrouses. They were not on the flat area on the top, but on a flat area a little bit lower than the top. Despite the clouds of mist from time to time, we had clear views of them.

![Looking for Tibetan Sandgrouse on the top of Er La](image)

It was already 11am when we arrived back at the car. We start driving to Gonghe.
Along the way, we stopped at the same river in the deep gully as we stopped on our way to the south. This time we had more luck, we found a singing male Spotted Rosefinch. Late afternoon, we arrived in Gonghe. We walked in a wadi east of the road, somewhere between km 149 and 151. Here, we were looking for both Desert and Mongolian Finches. We found a few Margelanic Whitethroats and a Przevalski’s Partridge. In the fields nearby, we had two male Black-faced Buntings. Night in Gonghe.

**July 4th**

When we woke up, it was raining hard. We canceled our plan to search for Desert and Mongolian Finches again. We drove straight to Xining. Along the way, it was raining hard constantly, so it did in Xining. Instead of going to the mountains north of the city, we check in first. It did not take long before it stopped raining and we were on our way to the hills. We did not find the right direction immediately, but after a while, we were driving up the mountain closest near Xining. On a sandy cliff, we found four Pale Rosefinches. Amongst these, we also had several Godlewski’s and Meadow Bunting. Yellow-streaked Warblers were also around. Night in Xining.

![Hills north of Xining, with the city at the background](image)

**July 5th**

At 5.30am, we left Xining for Laoye Shan. We only had to ask a few times for the road up to the radio communication tower. We walked around here for a few hours. We had great views of a Siberian Rubythroat and finding Gansu Leaf-warbler was very easy. There are not really large patches to search for Przevalski’s Nuthatch.
We decided to drive to the nearby Dongxia Forest Reserve. One of the first birds that we saw at the picnic area was Przevalski's Nuthatch. We walked around for some time; Gansu Leaf-warblers were around in good numbers.

Early afternoon, we left this place for a long drive to Huzhu Forest Park. Along the way, we stopped at a quarry where we found an Eagle Owl and two Wallcreepers. We arrived in Huzhu at 17u30. We left our car at the parking lot and took a small bus of the park to the Hostel Lake, where we stayed for the night.

**July 6**

At 6am, we were on the trail behind the hostel. We found our first Himalayan Bluetail and many species of leaf-warblers. We walked straight to the place for Blue Eared-Pheasant. When we arrived there, we heard them already calling. It did not take long before we saw one on the opposite flank of the valley. Soon, a group of five birds came into view. After we watched them for a while, we started to walk to the hostel again. This time, we took our time and observed more Himalayan Bluetails, two Grey-crested Tits and we identified the *Phylloscopus*-warblers that were around.

At 11am, we left the hostel. The bird watching part of the trip was finished. From now on, we had the long way home. We arrived at the airport of Xining at 15h00. Our flight of 19h00 was delayed to 21h20 by a half hour each time. And at the end, it was even canceled. It was hard to find someone who speaks English to explain us what was happening. The reason they give for the cancellation was the bad weather in Beijing. Strange because during the time that we were waiting for our flight, a few other flights departure to Beijing and on the internet, we found that the weather was good in Beijing as well.

We were brought back to a hotel in Xining.

**July 7**

At 10 o’clock, we had a flight with Hainan Airlines to Beijing. It took a lot of discussion to arrange another flight back home. Finally, we had tickets for a flight to Berlin the next day. The rest of the day, we stayed in a hotel near the airport.
July 8th
We had our flight early afternoon. Late afternoon, we arrived in Berlin. Another flight

to Brussels was at 20h00. At 21h40, we arrived in Brussels, 40 hours later then first

planned.

Bird list
Our list of observed birds is strictly following Clements 6th edition (updates until

2013).

Total number of birds observed: 301

Swan Goose Anser cygnoides Vulnerable (VU)
10/06/2013 - near Baicheng (am) and Xianghai Reserve (pm) - 25+. Four pairs with pulli.
11/06/2013 - Xianghai Reserve - 4 pairs with pulli

Graylag Goose Anser anser
21/06/2013 - Koko Nor - 15+

Bar-headed Goose Anser indicus
21/06/2013 - Koko Nor - +/- 30
22/06/2013 - Rubber Mountains - 12
25/06/2013 - Wenguan to Quinshuihe - 50+
02/07/2013 - Qingshuihe - Wenquan - +/- 15

Ruddy Shelduck Tadorna ferruginea
11/06/2013 - Xianghai Reserve - 3
21/06/2013 - Koko Nor - +/- 10
22/06/2013 - Rubber Mountains - 6
24/06/2013 - Gonghe to Er La Pass - 2
25/06/2013 - Wenguan to Quinshuihe - 100+
26/06/2013 - Quinshuihe - Yushu - Nangqing - 6
27/06/2013 - Kanda Shan (and drive to there) - 2
01/07/2013 - Nangqing - Yushu - Quinshuihe - 5
02/07/2013 - Qingshuihe - Wenquan - 50+

Common Shelduck Tadorna tadorna
11/06/2013 - Xianghai Reserve - 4

Cotton Pygmy-Goose Nettapus coromandelianus
13/06/2013 - ***** - 2

Gadwall Anas strepera
10/06/2013 - near Baicheng (am) and Xianghai Reserve (pm) - 6
11/06/2013 - Xianghai Reserve - a few

Eurasian Wigeon Anas penelope
02/07/2013 - Qingshuihe - Wenquan - 1

Mallard Anas platyrhynchos
10/06/2013 - near Baicheng (am) and Xianghai Reserve (pm) - a few
11/06/2013 - Xianghai Reserve - a few
03/07/2013 - wadi and fields near Gonghe - 2

Eastern Spot-billed Duck Anas zonorhyncha
10/06/2013 - near Baicheng (am) and Xianghai Reserve (pm) - 5
11/06/2013 - Xianghai Reserve - 3
13/06/2013 - ***** - 2
21/06/2013 - Koko Nor - 1
**Northern Shoveler** *Anas clypeata*
- 10/06/2013 - near Baicheng (am) and Xianghai Reserve (pm) - 1 male
- 11/06/2013 - Xianghai Reserve - 2

**Northern Pintail** *Anas acuta*
- 10/06/2013 - near Baicheng (am) and Xianghai Reserve (pm) - 2
- 11/06/2013 - Xianghai Reserve - 1

**Garganey** *Anas querquedula*
- 11/06/2013 - Xianghai Reserve - 2

**Red-crested Pochard** *Netta rufina*
- 21/06/2013 - Koko Nor - 50+

**Common Pochard** *Aythya ferina*
- 10/06/2013 - near Baicheng (am) and Xianghai Reserve (pm) - +/- 25
- 11/06/2013 - Xianghai Reserve - 3
- 21/06/2013 - Koko Nor - +/- 50

**Ferruginous Duck** *Aythya nyroca* *Near-threatened (NT)*
- 13/06/2013 - ***** - +/- 10
- 21/06/2013 - Koko Nor - 2

**Baer's Pochard** *Aythya baeri* *Endangered (EN)*
- 13/06/2013 - ***** - 3 pairs and 2 drakes

**Tufted Duck** *Aythya fuligula*
- 13/06/2013 - ***** - 2
- 02/07/2013 - Qingshuihe - Wenquan - 2

**Common Merganser** *Mergus merganser*
- 26/06/2013 - Quinshuihe - Yushu - Nanqing - 2

**Przevalski's Partridge** *Alectoris magna* *Country endemic Restricted range*
- 22/06/2013 - Dolan Mountains - 1
- 03/07/2013 - wadi and fields near Gonghe - 1

**Szechenyi's Partridge** *Tetraophasis szechenyii*
- 28/06/2013 - Beizha Forest - 11 seen + heard
- 30/06/2013 - Beizha Forest - 1 and 2 adults with 3 juveniles
Daurian Partridge *Perdix dauurica*
12/06/2013 - to Horqin Youyi Zhongqi and Ulanhot - 1 at the JB spot.
22/06/2013 - Rubber Mountains - 1
23/06/2013 - wadi near Gonghe – 4

Tibetan Partridge *Perdix hodgsoniae*
26/06/2013 - Quinshuihe - Yushu - Nanqing - 5
27/06/2013 - Kanda Shan (and drive to there) - 12
01/07/2013 - Nanqing - Yushu - Quinshuihe – 4

Japanese Quail *Coturnix japonica* Near-threatened (NT)
10/06/2013 - near Baicheng (am) and Xianghai Reserve (pm) – 4

Blood Pheasant *Ithaginis cruentus*
16/06/2013 - Changqing NR - 2 males and 1 female
28/06/2013 - Beizha Forest - 5 + 2
29/06/2013 - Beizha Forest - 10+ and 1 heard
30/06/2013 - Beizha Forest - 2 seen and a few heard
Koklass Pheasant *Pucrasia macrolopha*  
17/06/2013 - Changqing NR - 1 male

White Eared-Pheasant *Crossoptilon crossoptilon* Near-threatened (NT) Country endemic  
27/06/2013 - Kanda Shan (and drive to there) - 5 + 2  
28/06/2013 - Beizha Forest - 6 + 2  
29/06/2013 - Beizha Forest - 13+3+6+11  
30/06/2013 - Beizha Forest - 2 seen and a few heard

Brown Eared-Pheasant *Crossoptilon mantchuricum* Vulnerable (VU) Country endemic  
14/06/2013 - Xuanzhong Monastery - 6 seen extremely well and 3 other heard

Blue Eared-Pheasant *Crossoptilon auritum* Country endemic  
06/07/2013 - Huzhu Forest Park - 5 seen and 1 heard

Ring-necked Pheasant *Phasianus colchicus*  
09/06/2013 - Ulanhot to Baicheng - 1 male  
10/06/2013 - near Baicheng (am) and Xianghai Reserve (pm) - 2 + few heard  
11/06/2013 - Xianghai Reserve - 1 male seen and a few heard  
12/06/2013 - to Horqin Youyi Zhongqi and Ulanhot - a few heard  
13/06/2013 - ***** - a few heard  
14/06/2013 - Xuanzhong Monastery - 1 heard  
18/06/2013 - Changqing to Qinxi - 1
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Golden Pheasant *Chrysolophus pictus* Country endemic
17/06/2013 - Changqing NR - 6

Severtzov's Grouse *Bonasa sewierzowi* Near-threatened (NT) Country endemic
29/06/2013 - Beizha Forest - 2

Little Grebe *Tachybaptus ruficollis*
10/06/2013 - near Baicheng (am) and Xianghai Reserve (pm) - a few
11/06/2013 - Xianghai Reserve - a few
13/06/2013 - ***** - 2
21/06/2013 - Koko Nor - +/- 20

Great Crested Grebe *Podiceps cristatus*
10/06/2013 - near Baicheng (am) and Xianghai Reserve (pm) - a few
11/06/2013 - Xianghai Reserve - a few
02/07/2013 - Qingshuihe - Wenquan - +/- 10

Eared Grebe *Podiceps nigricollis*
11/06/2013 - Xianghai Reserve - 4
21/06/2013 - Koko Nor - 20+
02/07/2013 - Qingshuihe - Wenquan - 1

Black Stork *Ciconia nigra*
14/06/2013 - Xuanzhong Monastery - 2

Oriental Stork *Ciconia boyciana* Endangered (EN)
10/06/2013 - near Baicheng (am) and Xianghai Reserve (pm) - 1 adult with 2 pulli on the nest.
11/06/2013 - Xianghai Reserve - 1 adult with 2 pulli on the nest

Great Cormorant *Phalacrocorax carbo*
10/06/2013 - near Baicheng (am) and Xianghai Reserve (pm) - a few
11/06/2013 - Xianghai Reserve - a few
21/06/2013 - Koko Nor - +/- 10

Great Bittern *Botaurus stellaris*
10/06/2013 - near Baicheng (am) and Xianghai Reserve (pm) - 2 heard
11/06/2013 - Xianghai Reserve - 5 seen and a few heard
13/06/2013 - ***** - 3

Yellow Bittern *Ixobrychus sinensis*
10/06/2013 - near Baicheng (am) and Xianghai Reserve (pm) - 10+
11/06/2013 - Xianghai Reserve - 7+
13/06/2013 - ***** - 10+

Schrenck's Bittern *Ixobrychus eurhythmus*
13/06/2013 - ***** - 5+

Gray Heron *Ardea cinerea*
10/06/2013 - near Baicheng (am) and Xianghai Reserve (pm) - a few
11/06/2013 - Xianghai Reserve - a few
13/06/2013 - ***** - 1
16/06/2013 - Yangxian and drive to Changqing NR - 1
02/07/2013 - Qingshuihe - Wenquan - 1

Purple Heron *Ardea purpurea*
10/06/2013 - near Baicheng (am) and Xianghai Reserve (pm) - 5+
11/06/2013 - Xianghai Reserve - 10+
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13/06/2013 - ***** - fairly common

**Great Egret** *Ardea alba*
10/06/2013 - near Baicheng (am) and Xianghai Reserve (pm) - 1
11/06/2013 - Xianghai Reserve - 1

**Little Egret** *Egretta garzetta*
16/06/2013 - Yangxian and drive to Changqing NR - 10+
18/06/2013 - Changqing to Qinxi - 10+
25/06/2013 - Wenguan to Quinshuihe - 2
02/07/2013 - Qingshuihe - Wenguan - 1

**Cattle Egret** *Bubulcus ibis*
15/06/2013 - to and around Yangxian - a few
16/06/2013 - Yangxian and drive to Changqing NR - a few
18/06/2013 - Changqing to Qinxi - 10+
25/06/2013 - Wenguan to Quinshuihe - 6
02/07/2013 - Qingshuihe - Wenguan - +/- 10

**Chinese Pond-Heron** *Ardeola bacchus*
10/06/2013 - near Baicheng (am) and Xianghai Reserve (pm) - 1
13/06/2013 - ***** - 2
16/06/2013 - Yangxian and drive to Changqing NR - 1
18/06/2013 - Changqing to Qinxi - 1
19/06/2013 - Tangjiahe NR - 1

**Black-crowned Night-Heron** *Nycticorax nycticorax*
10/06/2013 - near Baicheng (am) and Xianghai Reserve (pm) - 3
13/06/2013 - ***** - 1

**Crested Ibis** *Nipponia nippon* Restricted range
15/06/2013 - to and around Yangxian - 1 near the highway close near Yangxian
16/06/2013 - Yangxian and drive to Changqing NR - 10
18/06/2013 - Changqing NR (near hotel) - 1

**Eurasian Spoonbill** *Platalea leucorodia*
10/06/2013 - near Baicheng (am) and Xianghai Reserve (pm) - 10+
11/06/2013 - Xianghai Reserve - 3

**Lammergeier** *Gypaetus barbatus*
22/06/2013 - Rubber Mountains - 4
23/06/2013 - Dolan Mountains - 2
24/06/2013 - Gonghe to Er La Pass - 1 + 2
25/06/2013 - Er La Pass - 2
26/06/2013 - Quinshuihe - Yushu - Nanqing - 2
01/07/2013 - Nanqing - Yushu - Quinshuihe - 2

**Himalayan Griffon** *Gyps himalayensis*
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Golden Eagle *Aquila chrysaetos*
23/06/2013 - Dolan Mountains - 1 adult and 1 juvenile
24/06/2013 - Er La Pass - 2
26/06/2013 - Quinshuihe - Yushu - Nanqing - 2
27/06/2013 - Kanda Shan (and drive to there) - 1
28/06/2013 - Beizha Forest - 1
30/06/2013 - Beizha Forest - 2
01/07/2013 - Nanqing - Yushu - Quinshuihe - 1

Chinese Sparrowhawk *Accipiter soloensis*
16/06/2013 - Yangxian and drive to Changqing NR - 4
18/06/2013 - Changqing NR (near hotel) - 1

Black Kite *Milvus migrans*
22/06/2013 - Rubber Mountains - 1
27/06/2013 - Kanda Shan (and drive to there) - 1
01/07/2013 - Nanqing - Yushu - Quinshuihe - 1

Common Buzzard *Buteo buteo*
05/07/2013 - Dongxia Forest - 1

Upland Buzzard *Buteo hemilasius*
17/06/2013 - Changqing NR - 1
21/06/2013 - Koko Nor - 1
22/06/2013 - Chaka - 1
24/06/2013 - Wenguan - 2
25/06/2013 - Wenguan to Quinshuihe - 6
26/06/2013 - Quinshuihe - Yushu - Nanqing - 3
29/06/2013 - Beizha Forest - 2
01/07/2013 - Nanqing - Yushu - Quinshuihe - 3
02/07/2013 - Qingshuihe – Wenguan – 7

Great Bustard *Otis tarda* Vulnerable (VU)
10/06/2013 - near Baicheng (am) and Xianghai Reserve (pm) – 4

Eurasian Moorhen *Gallinula chloropus*
10/06/2013 - near Baicheng (am) and Xianghai Reserve (pm) - a few
11/06/2013 - Xianghai Reserve - a few
13/06/2013 - ***** - a few
Eurasian Coot *Fulica atra*
10/06/2013 - near Baicheng (am) and Xianghai Reserve (pm) - a few
11/06/2013 - Xianghai Reserve - a few
13/06/2013 - ***** - a few
21/06/2013 - Koko Nor - 10+

White-naped Crane *Grus vipio* Vulnerable (VU)
11/06/2013 - Xianghai Reserve - 4 flying over and 1 coupled with a Red-crowned Crane.

Black-necked Crane *Grus nigricollis*
21/06/2013 - Koko Nor - 6, including 1 pair with a juvenile
25/06/2013 - Wenguan to Quinshuihe - 4
02/07/2013 - Qingshuihe – Wenquan – 2

Red-crowned Crane *Grus japonensis* Endangered (EN)
11/06/2013 - Xianghai Reserve - 1 coupled with a White-naped Crane.

Northern Lapwing *Vanellus vanellus*
10/06/2013 - near Baicheng (am) and Xianghai Reserve (pm) - a few
11/06/2013 - Xianghai Reserve - fairly common

Gray-headed Lapwing *Vanellus cinereus*
10/06/2013 - near Baicheng (am) and Xianghai Reserve (pm) - 8
11/06/2013 - Xianghai Reserve - 10+

Lesser Sand-Plover *Charadrius mongolus*
02/07/2013 - Qingshuihe – Wenquan – 1

Long-billed Plover *Charadrius placidus*
16/06/2013 - Yangxian and drive to Changqing NR – 1

Little Ringed Plover *Charadrius dubius*
10/06/2013 - near Baicheng (am) and Xianghai Reserve (pm) - 2
11/06/2013 - Xianghai Reserve – 2

Eurasian Oystercatcher *Haematopus ostralegus*
11/06/2013 - Xianghai Reserve – 1

Ibisbill *Ibidorhyncha struthersii*
27/06/2013 - Kanda Shan (and drive to there) – 3
Black-winged Stilt \textit{Himantopus himantopus}
10/06/2013 - near Baicheng (am) and Xianghai Reserve (pm) - fairly common
11/06/2013 - Xianghai Reserve - common

Common Greenshank \textit{Tringa nebularia}
10/06/2013 - near Baicheng (am) and Xianghai Reserve (pm) - a few

Marsh Sandpiper \textit{Tringa stagnatilis}
11/06/2013 - Xianghai Reserve - 1

Wood Sandpiper \textit{Tringa glareola}
11/06/2013 - Xianghai Reserve - 7

Common Redshank \textit{Tringa totanus}
11/06/2013 - Xianghai Reserve - a few
21/06/2013 - Koko Nor - 5
24/06/2013 - Gonghe to Er La Pass - 1
25/06/2013 - Wenguan to Quinshuihe - 5+
27/06/2013 - Kanda Shan (and drive to there) - 1
01/07/2013 - Nanqing - Yushu - Quinshuihe - 100+
02/07/2013 - Qingshuihe - Wenquan - 100+
03/07/2013 - wadi and fields near Gonghe - +/- 5

Eurasian Curlew \textit{Numenius arquata}
10/06/2013 - near Baicheng (am) and Xianghai Reserve (pm) - 2 seen and a few heard
11/06/2013 - Xianghai Reserve - 5+

Black-tailed Godwit \textit{Limosa limosa} Near-threatened (NT)
10/06/2013 - near Baicheng (am) and Xianghai Reserve (pm) - +/- 5
11/06/2013 - Xianghai Reserve - 4

Red-necked Stint \textit{Calidris ruficollis}
02/07/2013 - Qingshuihe – Wenquan – 1

Ruff \textit{Philomachus pugnax}
02/07/2013 - Qingshuihe – Wenquan – 1

Oriental Pratincole \textit{Glareola maldivarum}
10/06/2013 - near Baicheng (am) and Xianghai Reserve (pm) - 10+
11/06/2013 - Xianghai Reserve - fairly common

Black-headed Gull \textit{Chroicocephalus ridibundus}
10/06/2013 - near Baicheng (am) and Xianghai Reserve (pm) - 2
11/06/2013 - Xianghai Reserve - 10+

Brown-headed Gull \textit{Chroicocephalus brunnicephalus}
25/06/2013 - Wenguan to Quinshuihe - 3
02/07/2013 - Qingshuihe – Wenquan – 15+

Pallas's Gull \textit{Ichthyaeus ichthyaeus}
21/06/2013 - Koko Nor – 15

Little Tern \textit{Sternula albifrons}
10/06/2013 - near Baicheng (am) and Xianghai Reserve (pm) – 2

White-winged Tern \textit{Chlidonias leucopterus}
10/06/2013 - near Baicheng (am) and Xianghai Reserve (pm) - 20+
11/06/2013 - Xianghai Reserve - fairly common

Whiskered Tern \textit{Chlidonias hybrida}
10/06/2013 - near Baicheng (am) and Xianghai Reserve (pm) - common
11/06/2013 - Xianghai Reserve - common

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13/06/2013 - ***** - common
21/06/2013 - Koko Nor - 10+
22/06/2013 - Chaka to Dolan Mountains - 1
25/06/2013 - Wenguan to Quinshuihe - 2

Common Tern Sterna hirundo
10/06/2013 - near Baicheng (am) and Xianghai Reserve (pm) - 20+
11/06/2013 - Xianghai Reserve - 1
25/06/2013 - Wenguan to Quinshuihe - 1
27/06/2013 - Kanda Shan (and drive to there) - 2
02/07/2013 - Qingshuihe - Wenquan - +/- 5

Tibetan Sandgrouse Syrrhaptes tibetanus
03/07/2013 - Er La Pass - 2

Pallas's Sandgrouse Syrrhaptes paradoxus
22/06/2013 - Flats east of Chaka - +/- 20 flying around. Once seen 8 at one time.
23/06/2013 - Chaka to Gonghe - 4

Hill Pigeon Columba rupestris
21/06/2013 - Koko Nor - 30+
22/06/2013 - Chaka - 30+
24/06/2013 - Gonghe to Er La Pass - a few at km 258
25/06/2013 - Wenguan to Quinshuihe - a few
26/06/2013 - Quinshuihe - Yushu - Nanqing - fairly common
27/06/2013 - Kanda Shan (and drive to there) - 10+
28/06/2013 - Beizha Forest - a few
29/06/2013 - Beizha Forest - a few
30/06/2013 - Beizha Forest - a few
01/07/2013 - Nanqing - Yushu - Quinshuihe - fairly common
02/07/2013 - Qingshuihe - Wenquan - 1
03/07/2013 - drive to Gonghe - a few
03/07/2013 - wadi and fields near Gonghe - a few
04/07/2013 - Hills north of Xining - a few
05/07/2013 - Laoye Shan - a few
05/07/2013 - Huzhu Forest Park - a few
06/07/2013 - Huzhu to Xining - a few

Snow Pigeon Columba leuconota
27/06/2013 - Kanda Shan (and drive to there) - 20+

Oriental Turtle-Dove Streptopelia orientalis
10/06/2013 - near Baicheng (am) and Xianghai Reserve (pm) - a few
11/06/2013 - Xianghai Reserve - fairly common
12/06/2013 - to Horqin Youyi Zhongqi and Ulanhot - a few
13/06/2013 - ***** - a few
14/06/2013 - Xuanzhong Monastery - a few
16/06/2013 - Yangxian and drive to Changqing NR - a few
18/06/2013 - Changqing NR (near hotel) - a few
19/06/2013 - Changqing to Qinxi - a few
05/07/2013 - Laoye Shan - 1
05/07/2013 - Dongxia Forest - 2

**Eurasian Collared-Dove** *Streptopelia decaocto*
11/06/2013 - Xianghai Reserve - 3
21/06/2013 - Xining - 10+
23/06/2013 - wadi near Gonghe - 1
05/07/2013 - Dongxia to Huzhu - 2
06/07/2013 - Huzhu to Xining - 2

**Spotted Dove** *Streptopelia chinensis*
14/06/2013 - Xuanzhong Monastery - a few

**Large Hawk-Cuckoo** *Hierococcyx sparverioides*
16/06/2013 - Changqing NR - 5 heard
17/06/2013 - Changqing NR - a few heard
18/06/2013 - Changqing NR (near hotel) - 1 heard
19/06/2013 - Tangjiahe NR - 1

**Common Cuckoo** *Cuculus canorus*
10/06/2013 - near Baicheng (am) and Xianghai Reserve (pm) - common
11/06/2013 - Xianghai Reserve - common
12/06/2013 - to Horqin Youyi Zhongqi and Ulanhot - 1 seen and 1 heard
13/06/2013 - **** - fairly common
17/06/2013 - Changqing NR - 1 heard
23/06/2013 - Dolan Mountains - 2
23/06/2013 - wadi near Gonghe - 3
24/06/2013 - Gonghe to Er La Pass - a few
26/06/2013 - Quinshuihe - Yushu - Nanqing - a few
27/06/2013 - Kanda Shan (and drive to there) - 3+
28/06/2013 - Beizha Forest - 1 heard
29/06/2013 - Beizha Forest - 3 heard
30/06/2013 - Beizha Forest - 1 heard
01/07/2013 - Nanqing - Yushu - Quinshuihe - 2
03/07/2013 - wadi and fields near Gonghe - 2
04/07/2013 - Hills north of Xining - 1 heard
05/07/2013 - Dongxia to Huzhu - 1
05/07/2013 - Huzhu Forest Park - 1 heard
06/07/2013 - Huzhu to Xining - 6

**Oriental Cuckoo** *Cuculus optatus*
11/06/2013 - Xianghai Reserve - 1
17/06/2013 - Changqing NR - 1 heard

**Lesser Cuckoo** *Cuculus poliocephalus*
14/06/2013 - Xuanzhong Monastery - 1 heard

**Asian Koel** *Eudynamys scolopaceus*
16/06/2013 - Yangxian and drive to Changqing NR - a few heard

**Eurasian Eagle-Owl** *Bubo bubo*
05/07/2013 - Dongxia to Huzhu – 1

**Asian Barred Owlet** *Glaucidium cuculoides*
16/06/2013 - Yangxian and drive to Changqing NR – 1

**Little Owl** *Athene noctua*
10/06/2013 - near Baicheng (am) and Xianghai Reserve (pm) - 1
11/06/2013 - Xianghai Reserve - 3
26/06/2013 - Quinshuihe - Yushu - Nanqing - 1
04/07/2013 - Hills north of Xining - 3

**White-throated Needletail** *Hirundapus caudacutus*

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**Common Swift** *Apus apus*
10/06/2013 - near Baicheng (am) and Xianghai Reserve (pm) - +/- 15
12/06/2013 - to Horqin Youyi Zhongqi and Ulanhot - 5
14/06/2013 - Taiyuan - a few
16/06/2013 - Yangxian and drive to Changqing NR - a few
21/06/2013 - Koko Nor - a few
22/06/2013 - Rubber Mountains - 4
23/06/2013 - wadi near Gonghe - 10+
03/07/2013 - wadi and fields near Gonghe - 10+
04/07/2013 - Hills north of Xining - 10+
05/07/2013 - Laoye Shan - +/- 50
06/07/2013 - Huzhu to Xining - a few

**Salim Ali’s Swift** *Apus salimalii*
19/06/2013 - Tangjiahe NR - +/- 10
21/06/2013 - Koko Nor - 10+
22/06/2013 - Rubber Mountains - 2
24/06/2013 - Gonghe to Er La Pass - a few
26/06/2013 - Quinshuihe - Yushu - Nanqing - a few
27/06/2013 - Kanda Shan (and drive to there) - 15+
28/06/2013 - Beizha Forest - +/- 5
29/06/2013 - Beizha Forest - a few
30/06/2013 - Beizha Forest - a few
01/07/2013 - Nanqing - Yushu - Quinshuihe - 1
05/07/2013 - Laoye Shan - a few

**Common Kingfisher** *Alcedo atthis*
13/06/2013 - ***** - 4

**Crested Kingfisher** *Megaceryle lugubris*
16/06/2013 - Yangxian and drive to Changqing NR - 4
18/06/2013 - Changqing NR (near hotel) - 1

**Eurasian Hoopoe** *Upupa epops*
10/06/2013 - near Baicheng (am) and Xianghai Reserve (pm) - 1
23/06/2013 - wadi near Gonghe - 1
25/06/2013 - Wenguan to Quinshuihe - 1
26/06/2013 - Quinshuihe - Yushu - Nanqing - 10+
27/06/2013 - Kanda Shan (and drive to there) - 1
28/06/2013 - Beizha Forest - 2 en route to Beizha
01/07/2013 - Nanqing - Yushu - Quinshuihe - 2
03/07/2013 - wadi and fields near Gonghe - 2
04/07/2013 - Hills north of Xining - a few

**Eurasian Wryneck** *Jynx torquilla*
03/07/2013 - wadi and fields near Gonghe - 1

**Gray-capped Woodpecker** *Dendrocopos canicapillus*
19/06/2013 - Tangjiahe NR - 2

**Rufous-bellied Woodpecker** *Dendrocopos hyperythus*
18/06/2013 - Changqing NR (near hotel) - 1

**Great Spotted Woodpecker** *Dendrocopos major*
11/06/2013 - Xianghai Reserve - 2
17/06/2013 - Changqing NR - 1
18/06/2013 - Changqing NR (near hotel) - 1
04/07/2013 - Hills north of Xining - 2
05/07/2013 - Huzhu Forest Park - 1

**Eurasian Three-toed Woodpecker** *Picoides tridactylus*
28/06/2013 - Beizha Forest - 2
29/06/2013 - Beizha Forest - 1
Black Woodpecker *Dryocopus martius*
28/06/2013 - Beizha Forest - 2 heard
29/06/2013 - Beizha Forest - 1 seen and 1 heard
30/06/2013 - Beizha Forest - 1 heard

Gray-faced Woodpecker *Picus canus*
14/06/2013 - Xuanzhong Monastery - 1
28/06/2013 - Beizha Forest - 1
29/06/2013 - Beizha Forest - 1
30/06/2013 - Beizha Forest - 3

Eurasian Kestrel *Falco tinnunculus*
10/06/2013 - near Baicheng (am) and Xianghai Reserve (pm) - 1
11/06/2013 - Xianghai Reserve - 1
14/06/2013 - Xuanzhong Monastery - 1
16/06/2013 - Yangxian and drive to Changqing NR - 1
05/07/2013 - Laoye Shan - 1

Amur Falcon *Falco amurensis*
09/06/2013 - Ulanhot to Baicheng - 5
10/06/2013 - near Baicheng (am) and Xianghai Reserve (pm) - 15+
11/06/2013 - Xianghai Reserve - 15+
12/06/2013 - to Horqin Youyi Zhongqi and Ulanhot - 5+
03/07/2013 - wadi and fields near Gonghe - 1 male. What was he doing here this time of year?
**Saker Falcon** *Falco cherrug*
25/06/2013 - Wenguan to Quinshuihe - 2
26/06/2013 - Quinshuihe - Yushu - Nanqing - 2
30/06/2013 - Beizha Forest to Nanqing - 1
02/07/2013 - Qingshuihe - Wenguan - 1

**Long-tailed Minivet** *Pericrocotus ethologus*
16/06/2013 - Changqing NR - 6
17/06/2013 - Changqing NR - 4

**Brown Shrike** *Lanius cristatus*
10/06/2013 - near Baicheng (am) and Xianghai Reserve (pm) - 5+
11/06/2013 - Xianghai Reserve - a few
12/06/2013 - to Horqin Youyi Zhongqi and Ulanhot – 5

**Long-tailed Shrike** *Lanius schach*
16/06/2013 - Yangxian and drive to Changqing NR - 2
18/06/2013 - Changqing to Qinxi – 1

**Gray-backed Shrike** *Lanius tephronotus*
26/06/2013 - Quinshuihe - Yushu - Nanqing - +/- 5
27/06/2013 - Kanda Shan (and drive to there) - 2
28/06/2013 - Beizha Forest - 2
30/06/2013 - Beizha Forest - 1
30/06/2013 - Beizha Forest to Nanqing - 4
01/07/2013 - Nanqing - Yushu - Quinshuihe - 7
04/07/2013 - Hills north of Xining - 7
05/07/2013 - Laoye Shan - 1
05/07/2013 - Dongxia Forest - 1
06/07/2013 - Huzhu to Xining – 1

**Chinese Gray Shrike** *Lanius sphenocercus*
10/06/2013 - near Baicheng (am) and Xianghai Reserve (pm) - 2
11/06/2013 - Xianghai Reserve - 2
12/06/2013 - to Horqin Youyi Zhongqi and Ulanhot – 5

All where of the subspecies *sphenocercus*.

**Black Drongo** *Dicrurus macrocercus*
09/06/2013 - Ulanhot to Baicheng - +/- 5
13/06/2013 - ***** - 1
16/06/2013 - Yangxian and drive to Changqing NR - 1
18/06/2013 - Changqing to Qinxi - 1
26/06/2013 - Quinshuihe - Yushu - Nanqing – 1

**Hair-crested Drongo** *Dicrurus hottentottus*
18/06/2013 - Changqing NR (near hotel) - 1
18/06/2013 - Changqing to Qinxi – 2

**Eurasian Jay** *Garrulus glandarius*
16/06/2013 - Changqing NR - 2
18/06/2013 - Changqing NR (near hotel) – 3

**Azure-winged Magpie** *Cyanopica cyanus*
05/07/2013 - Dongxia to Huzhu - 3
06/07/2013 - Huzhu to Xining – 1

In the update of august 2013 in the Clements’s Checklist, this species and *Iberian Magpie* *Cyanopica cooki*, are split.

**Blue Magpie** *Urocissa erythrorhyncha*
14/06/2013 - Xuanzhong Monastery - 10+
16/06/2013 - Yangxian and drive to Changqing NR - fairly common
17/06/2013 - Changqing NR - a few
18/06/2013 - Changqing NR (near hotel) - a few

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Eurasian Magpie *Pica pica*
10/06/2013 - near Baicheng (am) and Xianghai Reserve (pm) - fairly common
11/06/2013 - Xianghai Reserve - fairly common
12/06/2013 - to Horqin Youyi Zhongqi and Ulanhot - fairly common
13/06/2013 - ***** - a few
14/06/2013 - Xuanzhong Monastery - a few
15/06/2013 - to and around Yangxian - a few
16/06/2013 - Yangxian and drive to Changqing NR - fairly common
17/06/2013 - Changqing NR - 2
18/06/2013 - Changqing NR (near hotel) - a few
19/06/2013 - Changqing to Qinxi - a few
20/06/2013 - Dolan Mountains - 1
23/06/2013 - wadi near Gonghe - 3
27/06/2013 - Kanda Shan (and drive to there) - a few
28/06/2013 - Beizha Forest - fairly common
29/06/2013 - Beizha Forest - a few
30/06/2013 - Beizha Forest - a few
01/07/2013 - Nanqing - Yushu - Quinshuihe - a few
03/07/2013 - wadi and fields near Gonghe - a few
04/07/2013 - Hills north of Xining - a few
05/07/2013 - Dongxia to Huzhu - a few
06/07/2013 - Huzhu to Xining - a few

Mongolian Ground-Jay *Podoces hendersoni*
22/06/2013 - Flats east of Chaka - 1 pair with a juvenile
23/06/2013 - Chaka to Gonghe - 1

Flats east of Chaka

Eurasian Nutcracker *Nucifraga caryocatactes*
14/06/2013 - Xuanzhong Monastery - 6 seen and a few more heard
16/06/2013 - Changqing NR - 1 seen and a few heard
17/06/2013 - Changqing NR - 2 seen and a few heard

Red-billed Chough *Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax*
22/06/2013 - Rubber Mountains - 1
23/06/2013 - Dolan Mountains - 4
26/06/2013 - Quinshuihe - Yushu - Nanqing - 10+
27/06/2013 - Kanda Shan (and drive to there) - a few
01/07/2013 - Nanqing - Yushu - Quinshuihe - 6
03/07/2013 - wadi and fields near Gonghe - a few
04/07/2013 - Hills north of Xining - a few
05/07/2013 - Laoye Shan - 6

Yellow-billed Chough *Pyrrhocorax graculus*
27/06/2013 - Kanda Shan (and drive to there) - 4
### Daurian Jackdaw *Corvus dauuricus*
10/06/2013 - near Baicheng (am) and Xianghai Reserve (pm) - 2  
11/06/2013 - Xianghai Reserve - 1  
12/06/2013 - to Horqin Youyi Zhongqi and Ulanhot - 3  
21/06/2013 - Koko Nor - 1  
28/06/2013 - Beizha Forest - fairly common  
29/06/2013 - Beizha Forest - fairly common  
30/06/2013 - Beizha Forest - a few  
01/07/2013 - Nanqing - Yushu - Quinshuihe - a few

### Rook *Corvus frugilegus*
09/06/2013 - Ulanhot to Baicheng - +/- 20  
12/06/2013 - to Horqin Youyi Zhongqi and Ulanhot - a few

### Carrion Crow *Corvus corone*
05/07/2013 - Laoye Shan - a few

### Large-billed Crow *Corvus macrorhynchos*
17/06/2013 - Changqing NR - 3  
19/06/2013 - Tangjiahe NR - 3  
20/06/2013 - Tangjiahe to Guangyuan - 2

### Common Raven *Corvus corax*
25/06/2013 - Wenguan to Quinshuihe - 2  
28/06/2013 - Beizha Forest - a few  
29/06/2013 - Beizha Forest - 2

### Tibetan Lark *Melanocorypha maxima*
21/06/2013 - Koko Nor - 3  
25/06/2013 - Er La Pass - 1

### Mongolian Lark *Melanocorypha mongolica*
10/06/2013 - near Baicheng (am) and Xianghai Reserve (pm) - 10+  
21/06/2013 - Koko Nor - 2  
24/06/2013 - Gonghe to Er La Pass - 3

### Hume's Lark *Calandrella acutirostris*
21/06/2013 - Koko Nor - 10+

### Lesser Short-toed Lark *Calandrella rufescens*
10/06/2013 - near Baicheng (am) and Xianghai Reserve (pm) - 2  
12/06/2013 - to Horqin Youyi Zhongqi and Ulanhot - 3

### Crested Lark *Galerida cristata*
23/06/2013 - wadi near Gonghe - 2

### Sky Lark *Alauda arvensis*
12/06/2013 - to Horqin Youyi Zhongqi and Ulanhot - a few

### Oriental Skylark *Alauda gulgula*
21/06/2013 - Koko Nor - 10+  
22/06/2013 - Flats east of Chaka - 1  
23/06/2013 - Dolan Mountains - fairly common  
26/06/2013 - Quinshuihe - Yushu - Nanqing - a few  
02/07/2013 - Qingshuihe - Wenguan - a few  
03/07/2013 - wadi and fields near Gonghe - a few  
05/07/2013 - Dongxia to Huzhu - fairly common

### Horned Lark *Eremophila alpestris*
21/06/2013 - Koko Nor - 10+  
22/06/2013 - Rubber Mountains - a few  
22/06/2013 - Flats east of Chaka - fairly common  
22/06/2013 - Dolan Mountains - a few  
23/06/2013 - Dolan Mountains - a few
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23/06/2013 - Chaka to Gonghe - a few
24/06/2013 - Gonghe to Er La Pass - fairly common
24/06/2013 - Er La Pass - a few
25/06/2013 - Er La Pass - fairly common
26/06/2013 - Wenguan to Quinshuihe - fairly common
27/06/2013 - Kanda Shan (and drive to there) - a few
02/07/2013 - Qingshuihe – Wenquan - a few
03/07/2013 - wadi and fields near Gonghe - a few

Bank Swallow Riparia riparia
10/06/2013 - near Baicheng (am) and Xianghai Reserve (pm) - +/- 5
13/06/2013 - ***** - 1

Pale Sand Martin Riparia diluta
21/06/2013 - Koko Nor - 6
22/06/2013 - Rubber Mountains - a few
22/06/2013 - Dolan Mountains - 1
24/06/2013 - Gonghe to Er La Pass - a few at km 153
25/06/2013 - Wenguan to Quinshuihe - +/- 10
02/07/2013 - Qingshuihe – Wenquan – 3

Eurasian Crag-Martin Ptyonoprogne rupestris
14/06/2013 - Xuanzhong Monastery - 1
26/06/2013 - Quinshuihe - Yushu - Nanqing - 2
27/06/2013 - Kanda Shan (and drive to there) - +/- 5
29/06/2013 - Beizha Forest - 10+
30/06/2013 - Beizha Forest - 10+

Barn Swallow Hirundo rustica
09/06/2013 - Ulanhot to Baicheng - a few
10/06/2013 - near Baicheng (am) and Xianghai Reserve (pm) - common
11/06/2013 - Xianghai Reserve - a few
12/06/2013 - to Horqin Youyi Zhongqi and Ulanhot - a few
13/06/2013 - ***** - a few
15/06/2013 - to and around Yangxian - a few
16/06/2013 - Yangxian and drive to Changqing NR - a few
18/06/2013 - Changqing to Qinxi - a few

Red-rumped Swallow Cecropis daurica
09/06/2013 - Ulanhot to Baicheng - 1
10/06/2013 - near Baicheng (am) and Xianghai Reserve (pm) - 10+
11/06/2013 - Xianghai Reserve - fairly common
12/06/2013 - to Horqin Youyi Zhongqi and Ulanhot - a few
13/06/2013 - ***** - a few
15/06/2013 - to and around Yangxian - a few
16/06/2013 - Yangxian and drive to Changqing NR - a few
26/06/2013 - Quinshuihe - Yushu - Nanqing - a few
28/06/2013 - Beizha Forest - 1
Asian House-Martin Delichon dasypus
15/06/2013 - to and around Yangxian - 2
16/06/2013 - Yangxian and drive to Changqing NR - a few
18/06/2013 - Changqing NR (near hotel) - a few
19/06/2013 - Tangjiahe NR - +/- 5
26/06/2013 - Quinshuihe - Yushu - Nanqing - +/- 5
27/06/2013 - Kanda Shan (and drive to there) - +/- 5
28/06/2013 - Beizha Forest - +/- 5
29/06/2013 - Beizha Forest - 5+
30/06/2013 - Beizha Forest - 2
01/07/2013 - Nanqing - Yushu - Quinshuihe - a few
03/07/2013 - wadi and fields near Gonghe - a few
06/07/2013 - Huzhu Forest Park - a few

Gray-headed Canary-Flycatcher Culicicapa ceylonensis
17/06/2013 - Changqing NR - 1
19/06/2013 - Tangjiahe NR - 1

Marsh Tit Poecile palustris
16/06/2013 - Changqing NR - 1
17/06/2013 - Changqing NR - 1

Willow Tit Poecile montanus
14/06/2013 - Xuanzhong Monastery - 1

Songar Tit Poecile songar us
27/06/2013 - Kanda Shan (and drive to there) - 1 - subspecies weigoldicus
28/06/2013 - Beizha Forest - 5 - subspecies weigoldicus
29/06/2013 - Beizha Forest - 2 - subspecies weigoldicus
05/07/2013 - Dongxia Forest - a few

Of the several Songar Tit subspecies, maybe only weigoldicus merits full species status (Sichuan Tit). All the others are now lumped back in with Willow Tit Parus montanus.

White-browed Tit Poecile superciliosus Country endemic
22/06/2013 - Rubber Mountains - 1
26/06/2013 - Quinshuihe - Yushu - Nanqing - 2
30/06/2013 - Beizha Forest - 1
01/07/2013 - Nanqing - Yushu - Quinshuihe - 1

Coal Tit Periparus ater
14/06/2013 - Xuanzhong Monastery - 3
18/06/2013 - Changqing NR (near hotel) - 1

Rufous-vented Tit Periparus rubidiventris
28/06/2013 - Beizha Forest - 2
30/06/2013 - Beizha Forest - 2

Yellow-bellied Tit Pardaliparus venustulus Country endemic
14/06/2013 - Xuanzhong Monastery - 1
17/06/2013 - Changqing NR - 1
19/06/2013 - Tangjiahe NR - 6

Gray-crested Tit Lophophanes dichrous
29/06/2013 - Beizha Forest - 2
06/07/2013 - Huzhu Forest Park - 2

Japanese Tit Parus minor
14/06/2013 - Xuanzhong Monastery - 5+
18/06/2013 - Changqing NR (near hotel) - 5+

In the update of august 2013 in the Clements’s Checklist, this species is split from Great Tit Parus major.

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Green-backed Tit *Parus monticolus*
18/06/2013 - Changning NR (near hotel) - 1
19/06/2013 - Tangjiahe NR - +/- 10
04/07/2013 - Hills north of Xining - 1

Ground Tit *Pseudopodoces humilis*
21/06/2013 - Koko Nor - 30+
24/06/2013 - Er La Pass - a few
25/06/2013 - Er La Pass - a few
26/06/2013 - Quinshuihe - Yushu - Nanqing - a few
27/06/2013 - Kanda Shan (and drive to there) - a few
30/06/2013 - Beizha Forest to Nanqing - a few
01/07/2013 - Nanqing - Yushu - Quinshuihe - a few
02/07/2013 - Qingshuuihe - Wenquan - a few

Chinese Penduline-Tit *Remiz consobrinus*
10/06/2013 - near Baicheng (am) and Xianghai Reserve (pm) - 1 seen and 1 heard
11/06/2013 - Xianghai Reserve - 1 seen and a few heard

White-browed Tit-Warbler *Leptopoecile sophiae*
22/06/2013 - Rubber Mountains - 3
27/06/2013 - Kanda Shan (and drive to there) - 1

Crested Tit-Warbler *Leptopoecile elegans* Country endemic
28/06/2013 - Beizha Forest - 2

Silver-throated Tit *Aegithalos glaucogularis*
14/06/2013 - Xuanzhong Monastery - 8

*In the update of August 2013 in the Clements’s Checklist, this species is split from Long-tailed Tit *Aegithalos caudatus.*

Black-throated Tit *Aegithalos concinnus*
18/06/2013 - Changning NR (near hotel) - 10+

Sooty Tit *Aegithalos fuliginosus* Country endemic
16/06/2013 - Changning NR - +/- 10
17/06/2013 - Changning NR - 4

Przevalski’s Nuthatch *Sitta przewalskii*
05/07/2013 - Dongxia Forest - 1
Wallcreeper *Tichodroma muraria*
05/07/2013 - Dongxia to Huzhu – 3

**Eurasian Treecreeper** *Certhia familiaris*
05/07/2013 - Dongxia Forest - 1
06/07/2013 - Huzhu Forest Park – 2

**Hodgson’s Treecreeper** *Certhia hodgsoni*
29/06/2013 - Beizha Forest - 1

_In the update of august 2013 in the Clements’s Checklist, this species is split from **Eurasian Treecreeper** *Certhia familiaris._

**Eurasian Wren** *Troglodytes troglodytes*
06/07/2013 - Huzhu Forest Park – 2

**White-throated Dipper** *Cinclus cinclus*
26/06/2013 - Quinshuihe - Yushu - Nanqing - 2
30/06/2013 - Beizha Forest - 1
01/07/2013 - Nanqing - Yushu - Quinshuihe - 4
06/07/2013 - Huzhu Forest Park – 6

**Brown Dipper** *Cinclus pallasii*
16/06/2013 - Changqing (near hotel) - 1
18/06/2013 - Changqing NR (near hotel) - 3
19/06/2013 - Tangjiahe NR - 1
06/07/2013 - Huzhu Forest Park – 1

**Collared Finchbill** *Spizixos semitorques*
16/06/2013 - Yangxian and drive to Changqing NR – 20+
18/06/2013 - Changqing to Qinxi - fairly common
19/06/2013 - Tangjiahe NR – 3

**Brown-breasted Bulbul** *Pycnonotus xanthorrhous*
16/06/2013 - Yangxian and drive to Changqing NR – a few
18/06/2013 - Changqing to Qinxi - fairly common

**Light-vented Bulbul** *Pycnonotus sinensis*
13/06/2013 - ***** - 1
15/06/2013 - to and around Yangxian - a few

**Goldcrest** *Regulus regulus*
17/06/2013 - Changqing NR - 1 seen and 1 heard
18/06/2013 - Changqing NR (near hotel) - 1 heard
29/06/2013 - Beizha Forest - 1
30/06/2013 - Beizha Forest - 2
05/07/2013 - Dongxia Forest – 2

**Pygmy Cupwing** *Pnoepyga pusilla*
17/06/2013 - Changqing NR - 1 seen and 2 heard

**Slaty-bellied Tesia** *Tesiola olivea*
17/06/2013 - Changqing NR – 1

**Yellowish-bellied Bush-Warbler** *Cettia acanthizoides*
16/06/2013 - Changqing NR - a few heard
17/06/2013 - Changqing NR – a few heard

**Smoky Warbler** *Phylloscopus fuligiventer*
22/06/2013 - Rubber Mountains – 4 – ssp weigoldicus

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The subspecies weigoldicus is still under Dusky Warbler P. fuscatus by Clements but is with Smoky Warbler by Martens.

**Buff-throated Warbler** *Phylloscopus subaffinis*
28/06/2013 - Beizha Forest – 2

**Alpine Leaf-Warbler** *Phylloscopus occisinensis* Country endemic
22/06/2013 - Rubber Mountains - 7
23/06/2013 - Dolan Mountains - 1
26/06/2013 - Quinshuihe - Yushu - Nanqing - +/- 10
27/06/2013 - Kanda Shan (and drive to there) - 5+
30/06/2013 - Beizha Forest – 1

**Yellow-streaked Warbler** *Phylloscopus armandii*
14/06/2013 - Xuanzhong Monastery - 4
27/06/2013 - Kanda Shan (and drive to there) - 1
04/07/2013 - Hills north of Xining - fairly common
05/07/2013 - Laoye Shan - a few
05/07/2013 - Dongxia Forest - a few

**Buff-barred Warbler** *Phylloscopus pulcher*
29/06/2013 - Beizha Forest – 1

**Gansu Leaf-Warbler** *Phylloscopus kansuensis* Country endemic
05/07/2013 - Laoye Shan - 5+
05/07/2013 - Dongxia Forest - 5+
06/07/2013 - Huzhu Forest Park - a few

**Sichuan Leaf-Warbler** *Phylloscopus forresti* Country endemic
19/06/2013 - Tangjiahe NR - 2
28/06/2013 - Beizha Forest - a few
29/06/2013 - Beizha Forest - 1 seen and a few heard
30/06/2013 - Beizha Forest - 1 seen and a few heard

**Chinese Leaf-Warbler** *Phylloscopus yunnnanensis*
16/06/2013 - Changqing NR - 6+
17/06/2013 - Changqing NR - 10+
05/07/2013 - Laoye Shan - a few
06/07/2013 - Huzhu Forest Park - a few

**Hume's Warbler** *Phylloscopus humei*
17/06/2013 - Changqing NR - 1
05/07/2013 - Laoye Shan - 1
05/07/2013 - Dongxia Forest - a few

**Greenish Warbler** *Phylloscopus trochiloides*
17/06/2013 - Changqing NR - 3
27/06/2013 - Kanda Shan (and drive to there) - 5+
28/06/2013 - Beizha Forest - a few
29/06/2013 - Beizha Forest - a few
30/06/2013 - Beizha Forest - a few
05/07/2013 - Dongxia Forest - 1
06/07/2013 - Huzhu Forest Park - a few

**Large-billed Leaf-Warbler** *Phylloscopus magnirostris*
16/06/2013 - Changqing NR - 1 heard
17/06/2013 - Changqing NR - 2 seen and a few heard
06/07/2013 - Huzhu Forest Park - 1 seen and 1 heard

**Claudia's Leaf-Warbler** *Phylloscopus claudiae*
14/06/2013 - Xuanzhong Monastery - 1
17/06/2013 - Changqing NR - 1
19/06/2013 - Tangjiahe NR – 1

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**Emei Leaf-Warbler** *Phylloscopus emeiensis* Country endemic
17/06/2013 - Changqing NR – 3

**Martens's Warbler** *Seicercus omeiensis*
17/06/2013 - Changqing NR - 2 seen and a few heard
18/06/2013 - Changqing NR (near hotel) - a few heard

**Blunt-winged Warbler** *Acrocephalus concinens*
13/06/2013 - ***** – 2

**Oriental Reed-Warbler** *Acrocephalus orientalis*
10/06/2013 - near Baicheng (am) and Xianghai Reserve (pm) - +/- 5
13/06/2013 - ***** - 10+

**Russet Bush-Warbler** *Bradypterus mandelli*
16/06/2013 - Changqing NR – 1

**Brown Bush-Warbler** *Bradypterus luteoventris*
16/06/2013 - Yangxian and drive to Changqing NR - 1
17/06/2013 - Changqing NR - 1 seen and a few heard

**Margelanic Whitethroat** *Sylvia margelanica*
23/06/2013 - wadi near Gonghe - 2
03/07/2013 - wadi and fields near Gonghe – 5

**White-browed Chinese Warbler** *Rhopophilus pekinensis*
11/06/2013 - Xianghai Reserve - 2
12/06/2013 - to Horqin Youyi Zhongqi and Ulanhot - 2 at the JB spot
14/06/2013 - Xuanzhong Monastery – 8

**Great Parrotbill** *Conostoma oemodium*
16/06/2013 - Changqing NR - 2
17/06/2013 - Changqing NR – 4

**Three-toed Parrotbill** *Paradoxornis paradoxus* Country endemic
17/06/2013 - Changqing NR – 2

**Spectacled Parrotbill** *Paradoxornis conspicillatus* Country endemic
16/06/2013 - Changqing NR - 2
17/06/2013 - Changqing NR – 6

**Vinous-throated Parrotbill** *Paradoxornis webbianus*
13/06/2013 - ***** - +/- 5
18/06/2013 - Changqing to Qinxi – 3

**Reed Parrotbill** *Paradoxornis heudei* Near-threatened (NT)
13/06/2013 - ***** – 2

**White-collared Yuhina** *Yuhina diademata*
16/06/2013 - Changqing NR - 2
17/06/2013 - Changqing NR - fairly common
19/06/2013 - Tangjiahe NR – 2

**Chestnut-flanked White-eye** *Zosterops erythropleurus*
19/06/2013 - Tangjiahe NR - +/- 10

**Japanese White-eye** *Zosterops japonicus*
17/06/2013 - Changqing NR – 2

**Gray-cheeked Fulvetta** *Alcippe morrisonia*
18/06/2013 - Changqing NR (near hotel) - 1
19/06/2013 - Tangjiahe NR – 2

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Tibetan Babax *Babax koslowi* Near-threatened (NT) Country endemic
28/06/2013 - Beizha Forest - 2
29/06/2013 - Beizha Forest - 5
30/06/2013 - Beizha Forest - 1

*Pere David’s Laughingthrush* *Garrulax davidi* Country endemic
14/06/2013 - Xuanzhong Monastery - +/- 5
04/07/2013 - Hills north of Xining - 4 seen and a few heard
05/07/2013 - Laoye Shan - a few

*Barred Laughingthrush* *Garrulax lunulatus* Country endemic
16/06/2013 - Changqing NR - 1 on a nest
17/06/2013 - Changqing NR - 1 on a nest

*Giant Laughingthrush* *Garrulax maximus*
28/06/2013 - Beizha Forest - 1 seen and a few heard
29/06/2013 - Beizha Forest - 1 seen and a few heard
30/06/2013 - Beizha Forest - a few heard

*White-browed Laughingthrush* *Garrulax sannio*
16/06/2013 - Yangxian and drive to Changqing NR - 6+
18/06/2013 - Changqing to Qinx – 4

*Elliot’s Laughingthrush* *Garrulax elliotii*
16/06/2013 - Changqing NR - 2
17/06/2013 - Changqing NR - 3
27/06/2013 - Kanda Shan (and drive to there) - 1
28/06/2013 - Beizha Forest - 7
29/06/2013 - Beizha Forest - a few
30/06/2013 - Beizha Forest - a few
05/07/2013 - Laoye Shan - a few
05/07/2013 - Dongxia Forest - a few
06/07/2013 - Huzhu Forest Park - a few

*Red-billed Leiothrix* *Leiothrix lutea*
19/06/2013 - Tangjiahe NR – 2

*Ferruginous Flycatcher* *Muscicapa ferruginea*
19/06/2013 - Tangjiahe NR – 1

*Oriental Magpie-Robin* *Copsychus saularis*
18/06/2013 - Changqing to Qinx – 1

*Indian Blue Robin* *Larvivora brunnea*
17/06/2013 - Changqing NR – 1

*White-bellied Redstart* *Luscinia phaenicuroides*
28/06/2013 - Beizha Forest - 1 male and 2 juveniles
29/06/2013 - Beizha Forest - 2
30/06/2013 - Beizha Forest - 1
05/07/2013 - Laoye Shan - 3
05/07/2013 - Dongxia Forest - 3+

*Blue Whistling-Thrush* *Myophonus caeruleus*
16/06/2013 - Changqing NR - 1
17/06/2013 - Changqing NR - 1
18/06/2013 - Changqing NR (near hotel) – 1

*White-crowned Forktail* *Enicurus ileschenaui*
16/06/2013 - Yangxian and drive to Changqing NR - 1
18/06/2013 - Changqing NR (near hotel) - 2
19/06/2013 - Tangjiahe NR – 1
**Black-throated Blue Robin** *Calliope obscura* Restricted range
16/06/2013 - Changqing NR - 2 seen and 1 heard
17/06/2013 - Changqing NR - 1 seen and 2 heard

**Siberian Rubythroat** *Calliope calliope*
05/07/2013 - Laoye Shan - 2
05/07/2013 - Dongxia Forest - 2

![Black-throated Blue Robin](image)

**White-tailed Rubythroat** *Calliope pectoralis*
27/06/2013 - Kanda Shan (and drive to there) - 4

**Himalayan Bluetail** *Tarsiger rufilatus*
29/06/2013 - Beizha Forest - 1 seen
30/06/2013 - Beizha Forest - 1 male
06/07/2013 - Huzhu Forest Park - +/- 10

**Slaty-backed Flycatcher** *Ficedula Hodgsonii*
29/06/2013 - Beizha Forest - 3
30/06/2013 - Beizha Forest - 3
05/07/2013 - Laoye Shan - 1

**Snowy-browed Flycatcher** *Ficedula hyperythra*
19/06/2013 - Tangjiahe NR - 1

**Blue-fronted Redstart** *Phoenicurus frontalis*
22/06/2013 - Rubber Mountains - 5+
22/06/2013 - Dolan Mountains - 2
27/06/2013 - Kanda Shan (and drive to there) - 1
28/06/2013 - Beizha Forest - a few
29/06/2013 - Beizha Forest - a few
30/06/2013 - Beizha Forest - a few
01/07/2013 - Nanqing - Yushu - Quinshuihe - 1
06/07/2013 - Huzhu Forest Park - 4

**Plumbeous Redstart** *Phoenicurus fuliginosus*
16/06/2013 - Yangxian and drive to Changqing NR - +/- 10
17/06/2013 - Changqing NR - 2
18/06/2013 - Changqing NR (near hotel) - 3
19/06/2013 - Tangjiahe NR - 5+
23/06/2013 - Dolan Mountains - 1
26/06/2013 - Quinshuihe - Yushu - Nanqing - 3
27/06/2013 - Kanda Shan (and drive to there) - 1
05/07/2013 - Huzhu Forest Park - 1
06/07/2013 - Huzhu Forest Park - 2

**White-capped Redstart** *Phoenicurus leucocephalus*
19/06/2013 - Tangjiahe NR - 1 male
26/06/2013 - Quinshuihe - Yushu - Nanqing - 1 male
27/06/2013 - Kanda Shan (and drive to there) - 5+
28/06/2013 - Beizha Forest - +/- 10
29/06/2013 - Beizha Forest - a few
30/06/2013 - Beizha Forest - a few
01/07/2013 - Nanqing - Yushu - Quinshuihe - a few
05/07/2013 - Huzhu Forest Park - 3
06/07/2013 - Huzhu Forest Park – 2

**Ala Shan Redstart** *Phoenicurus alaschanicus* Near-threatened (NT) Country endemic
23/06/2013 - Dolan Mountains - 6 males and 3 females. We also found 2 nests.

![Ala Shan Redstart](image)

**Hodgson’s Redstart** *Phoenicurus hodgsoni*
26/06/2013 - Quinshuihe - Yushu - Nanqing - 7
27/06/2013 - Kanda Shan (and drive to there) - a few
28/06/2013 - Beizha Forest - a few
29/06/2013 - Beizha Forest - a few
30/06/2013 - Beizha Forest - a few
01/07/2013 - Nanqing - Yushu - Quinshuihe - a few

**White-throated Redstart** *Phoenicurus schisticeps*
27/06/2013 - Kanda Shan (and drive to there) - 6
28/06/2013 - Beizha Forest - 3
29/06/2013 - Beizha Forest - a few
30/06/2013 - Beizha Forest - a few
05/07/2013 - Laoye Shan - 1
05/07/2013 - Dongxia Forest - 1
05/07/2013 - Huzhu Forest Park - 1
06/07/2013 - Huzhu Forest Park – 6

**White-winged Redstart** *Phoenicurus erythrogastrus*
24/06/2013 - Er La Pass - 7 males and 2 females.
25/06/2013 - Wenguan to Quinshuihe - 1
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22/06/2013 - Rubber Mountains - 3
24/06/2013 - Gonghe to Er La Pass - 3 at km 258
25/06/2013 - Wenguan to Quinshuihe - fairly common
26/06/2013 - Quinshuihe - Yushu - Nanqing - 3
27/06/2013 - Kanda Shan (and drive to there) - 5+
28/06/2013 - Beizha Forest - fairly common
29/06/2013 - Beizha Forest - fairly common
30/06/2013 - Beizha Forest - fairly common
03/07/2013 - drive to Gonghe - a few

**Red-billed Starling** *Sturnus sericeus*
16/06/2013 - Yangxian and drive to Changqing NR – 6

**White-cheeked Starling** *Sturnus cineraceus*
10/06/2013 - near Baicheng (am) and Xianghai Reserve (pm) - 3
11/06/2013 - Xianghai Reserve - 3
23/06/2013 - Gonghe – 1

**Alpine Accentor** *Prunella collaris*
25/06/2013 - Er La Pass – 1

**Robin Accentor** *Prunella rubeculoides*
22/06/2013 - Rubber Mountains - fairly common
24/06/2013 - Er La Pass - +/- 5
26/06/2013 - Quinshuihe - Yushu - Nanqing - 2
01/07/2013 - Nanqing - Yushu - Quinshuihe - 3
03/07/2013 - drive to Gonghe – 2

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**Rufous-breasted Accentor** *Prunella strophiata*
27/06/2013 - Kanda Shan (and drive to there) - 4
28/06/2013 - Beizha Forest - 1
29/06/2013 - Beizha Forest - 2
30/06/2013 - Beizha Forest - 3
05/07/2013 - Laoye Shan – 1

**Brown Accentor** *Prunella fulvescens*
22/06/2013 - Rubber Mountains - fairly common
22/06/2013 - Dolan Mountains - 2
23/06/2013 - Dolan Mountains - +/- 5
24/06/2013 - Gonghe to Er La Pass - 2 at km 258
26/06/2013 - Quinshuihe - Yushu - Nanqing - 1
01/07/2013 - Nanqing - Yushu - Quinshuihe - 2
03/07/2013 - drive to Gonghe - a few
03/07/2013 - wadi and fields near Gonghe - a few
05/07/2013 - Laoye Shan – 1
05/07/2013 - Dongxia to Huzhu – 1
**Eastern Yellow Wagtail** *Motacilla tschutschensis*
11/06/2013 - Xianghai Reserve - 2

**Citrine Wagtail** *Motacilla citreola*
10/06/2013 - near Baicheng (am) and Xianghai Reserve (pm) - 1 male
11/06/2013 - Xianghai Reserve - 1
26/06/2013 - Quinshuihe - Yushu - Nanqing - 1 male
01/07/2013 - Nanqing - Yushu - Quinshuihe - 1 female

**Gray Wagtail** *Motacilla cinerea*
15/06/2013 - to and around Yangxian - 1
16/06/2013 - Changqing NR - 2
17/06/2013 - Changqing NR - 4
18/06/2013 - Changqing NR (near hotel) - a few
19/06/2013 - Tangjiehe NR - 4
28/06/2013 - Beizha Forest - 1

**White Wagtail** *Motacilla alba*
10/06/2013 - near Baicheng (am) and Xianghai Reserve (pm) - 1 male
11/06/2013 - Xianghai Reserve - 2
13/06/2013 - ***** - 2
16/06/2013 - Yangxian and drive to Changqing NR - 2
18/06/2013 - Changqing NR (near hotel) - 2
18/06/2013 - Changqing to Qinxi - a few
19/06/2013 - Tangjiehe NR - 3
21/06/2013 - Koko Nor
23/06/2013 - wadi near Gonghe - 1
26/06/2013 - Quinshuihe - Yushu - Nanqing - a few
27/06/2013 - Kanda Shan (and drive to there) - 5+
28/06/2013 - Beizha Forest - 2
29/06/2013 - Beizha Forest - a few
30/06/2013 - Beizha Forest - a few
01/07/2013 - Nanqing - Yushu - Quinshuihe - fairly common
03/07/2013 - drive to Gonghe - 1
05/07/2013 - Dongxia to Huzhu - a few
05/07/2013 - Huzhu Forest Park - 1
06/07/2013 - Huzhu Forest Park - 4

**Richard’s Pipit** *Anthus richardi*
10/06/2013 - near Baicheng (am) and Xianghai Reserve (pm) - a few
11/06/2013 - Xianghai Reserve - a few

**Olive-backed Pipit** *Anthus hodgsoni*
28/06/2013 - Beizha Forest - 4 seen and a few heard
29/06/2013 - Beizha Forest - 1

**Water Pipit** *Anthus spinolletta*
22/06/2013 - Rubber Mountains - 4
23/06/2013 - Dolan Mountains - 2

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Przevalski’s Rosefinch *Urocynchramus pylzowi* Country endemic
22/06/2013 - Rubber Mountains – 6

Slaty Bunting *Latoucheornis siemsseni* Country endemic
19/06/2013 - Tangjiahe NR - 1 male with 1 juvenile

Pine Bunting *Emberiza leucocephalos*
23/06/2013 - Dolan Mountains - 5+
Tibetan Bunting *Emberiza koslowi* Near-threatened (NT) Country endemic
27/06/2013 - Kanda Shan (and drive to there) - 1 pair

Godlewski's Bunting *Emberiza godlewskii*
14/06/2013 - Xuanzhong Monastery - 4
23/06/2013 - wadi near Gonghe - 3
26/06/2013 - Quinshuihe - Yushu - Nanqing - 1
27/06/2013 - Kanda Shan (and drive to there) - a few
28/06/2013 - Beizha Forest - a few
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29/06/2013 - Beizha Forest - 4
30/06/2013 - Beizha Forest - 5+
01/07/2013 - Nanqing - Yushu - Quinshuihe - a few
03/07/2013 - wadi and fields near Gonghe - a few
04/07/2013 - Hills north of Xining - fairly common

**Meadow Bunting** *Emberiza cioides*
10/06/2013 - near Baicheng (am) and Xianghai Reserve (pm) - 2
11/06/2013 - Xianghai Reserve - 10+
12/06/2013 - to Horqin Youyi Zhongqi and Ulanhot - +/- 10
03/07/2013 - wadi and fields near Gonghe - 3
04/07/2013 - Hills north of Xining – 4

**Rufous-backed Bunting** *Emberiza jankowskii* Endangered (EN)
10/06/2013 - near Baicheng (am) and Xianghai Reserve (pm) - 1 pair + 1 male + 1 ex.
12/06/2013 - to Horqin Youyi Zhongqi and Ulanhot - 20+. Several fledglings.

**Chestnut-eared Bunting** *Emberiza fucata*
11/06/2013 - Xianghai Reserve - +/- 10

**Yellow-throated Bunting** *Emberiza elegans*
17/06/2013 - Changqing NR - 6
18/06/2013 - Changqing NR (near hotel) - 3
18/06/2013 - Changqing to Qinxi – 2

**Black-faced Bunting** *Emberiza spodocephala*
03/07/2013 - wadi and fields near Gonghe - 1 seen and 1 heard

**Pallas’s Bunting** *Emberiza pallasii*
10/06/2013 - near Baicheng (am) and Xianghai Reserve (pm) - 1 pair

**Plain Mountain-Finch** *Leucosticte nemoricola*
24/06/2013 - Er La Pass - +/- 10
25/06/2013 - Er La Pass - a few

**Black-headed Mountain-Finch** *Leucosticte brandti*
24/06/2013 - Er La Pass – 4

**Gray-headed Bullfinch** *Pyrrhula erythaca*
29/06/2013 - Beizha Forest - 1
30/06/2013 - Beizha Forest - a few heard
05/07/2013 - Laoye Shan - 2
05/07/2013 - Huzhu Forest Park - +/- 10
06/07/2013 - Huzhu Forest Park – 4
Common Rosefinch *Carpodacus erythrinus*
16/06/2013 - Changqing NR - 1 heard
26/06/2013 - Quinshuihe - Yushu - Nanqing - fairly common
27/06/2013 - Kanda Shan (and drive to there) - 10+
28/06/2013 - Beizha Forest - a few heard
29/06/2013 - Beizha Forest - a few heard
30/06/2013 - Beizha Forest - a few heard
01/07/2013 - Nanqing - Yushu - Quinshuihe - a few
05/07/2013 - Laoye Shan - a few heard
05/07/2013 - Dongxia Forest - a few heard
06/07/2013 - Huzhu Forest Park - fairly common

Chinese Beautiful Rosefinch *Carpodacus davidianus*
14/06/2013 - Xuanzhong Monastery - 1
23/06/2013 - Dolan Mountains - 2
03/07/2013 - drive to Gonghe – 2

Pink-rumped Rosefinch *Carpodacus eos*
27/06/2013 - Kanda Shan (and drive to there) - 6
28/06/2013 - Beizha Forest - 10+
29/06/2013 - Beizha Forest - a few
30/06/2013 - Beizha Forest - a few
05/07/2013 - Huzhu Forest Park - fairly common
06/07/2013 - Huzhu Forest Park - 20+

Vinaceous Rosefinch *Carpodacus vinaceus*
16/06/2013 - Changqing NR – 3

Pale Rosefinch *Carpodacus synoicus*
04/07/2013 - Hills north of Xining – 2 pairs

Chinese White-browed Rosefinch *Carpodacus dubius* Country endemic
28/06/2013 - Beizha Forest - fairly common
29/06/2013 - Beizha Forest - fairly common
30/06/2013 - Beizha Forest - fairly common
05/07/2013 - Huzhu Forest Park - a few
06/07/2013 - Huzhu Forest Park - 10+

Tibetan Rosefinch *Carpodacus roborowskii* Country endemic Restricted range
24/06/2013 - Er La Pass - 9, including 2 adult males.
25/06/2013 - Er La Pass - 1 pair
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Streaked Rosefinch *Carpodacus rubicilloides*
22/06/2013 - Rubber Mountains - 7
24/06/2013 - Gonghe to Er La Pass - 4
03/07/2013 - drive to Gonghe - 1 at km 258

Spotted Rosefinch *Carpodacus severtzovi*
26/06/2013 - Quinshuihe - Yushu - Nanqing - 1 pair
03/07/2013 - drive to Gonghe - 1 at km 258

Red-fronted Rosefinch *Carpodacus puniceus*
01/07/2013 - Nanqing - Yushu - Quinshuihe - 2 males and 1 female

Long-tailed Rosefinch *Uragus sibiricus*
14/06/2013 - Xuanzhong Monastery - +/- 5

Oriental Greenfinch *Chloris sinica*
14/06/2013 - Xuanzhong Monastery - 4
16/06/2013 - Changqing NR - 3
17/06/2013 - Changqing NR - 1
23/06/2013 - wadi near Gonghe - +/- 5
03/07/2013 - wadi and fields near Gonghe - a few
04/07/2013 - Hills north of Xining - a few
05/07/2013 - Laoye Shan - a few

Red Crossbill *Loxia curvirostra*
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28/06/2013 - Beizha Forest - 10+
29/06/2013 - Beizha Forest - a few heard
30/06/2013 - Beizha Forest - a few heard

Twite Carduelis flavirostris
21/06/2013 - Koko Nor - 6
22/06/2013 - Rubber Mountains - common
24/06/2013 - Gonghe to Er La Pass - 2 km 258
26/06/2013 - Quinshuihe - Yushu - Nanqing - 2
01/07/2013 - Nanqing - Yushu - Quinshuihe - a few
03/07/2013 - drive to Gonghe - a few
03/07/2013 - wadi and fields near Gonghe - 2

White-winged Grosbeak Mycerobas carnipes
23/06/2013 - Dolan Mountains - 8
27/06/2013 - Kanda Shan (and drive to there) - 2
28/06/2013 - Beizha Forest - 1
29/06/2013 - Beizha Forest - 5+
30/06/2013 - Beizha Forest - 2
05/07/2013 - Laoye Shan - 1

Russet Sparrow Passer rutilans
16/06/2013 - Yangxian and drive to Changqing NR - 1
17/06/2013 - Changqing NR - 1
18/06/2013 - Changqing NR (near hotel) - 2
18/06/2013 - Changqing to Qinxi - a few

Eurasian Tree Sparrow Passer montanus
09/06/2013 - Ulanhot to Baicheng - a few
10/06/2013 - near Baicheng (am) and Xianghai Reserve (pm) - fairly common
11/06/2013 - Xianghai Reserve - fairly common
12/06/2013 - to Horqin Youyi Zhongqi and Ulanhot - fairly common
13/06/2013 - ***** - fairly common
14/06/2013 - Xuanzhong Monastery - fairly common
15/06/2013 - to and around Yangxian - fairly common
16/06/2013 - Yangxian and drive to Changqing NR - a few
18/06/2013 - Changqing to Qinxi - a few
21/06/2013 - Koko Nor - common
22/06/2013 - Chaka - a few
23/06/2013 - wadi near Gonghe - a few
26/06/2013 - Quinshuihe - Yushu - Nanqing - a few
01/07/2013 - Nanqing - Yushu - Quinshuihe - a few
03/07/2013 - drive to Gonghe - a few
03/07/2013 - wadi and fields near Gonghe - common
06/07/2013 - Huzhu to Xining – 1

Rock Petronia Petronia petronia
21/06/2013 - Koko Nor - 3
26/06/2013 - Quinshuihe - Yushu - Nanqing - 2
03/07/2013 - wadi and fields near Gonghe – 1

Tibetan Snowfinch Montifringilla henrici Country endemic
24/06/2013 - Er La Pass - fairly common
25/06/2013 - Er La Pass - a few
01/07/2013 - Nanqing - Yushu - Quinshuihe - a few
03/07/2013 - Er La Pass - a few

Black-winged Snowfinch Montifringilla adamsi
22/06/2013 - Rubber Mountains - +/- 20
23/06/2013 - Dolan Mountains - 3
26/06/2013 - Quinshuihe - Yushu - Nanqing - a few

White-rumped Snowfinch Montifringilla taczanowskii
21/06/2013 - Koko Nor - 10+
24/06/2013 - Er La Pass - a few
26/06/2013 - Quinshuihe - Yushu - Nanqing - 2
01/07/2013 - Nanqing - Yushu - Quinshuihe - a few
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**Pere David’s Snowfinch** *Montifringilla davidiana*
21/06/2013 - Koko Nor - 8

**Rufous-necked Snowfinch** *Montifringilla ruficollis*
21/06/2013 - Koko Nor - 3
22/06/2013 - Rubber Mountains - +/- 8
24/06/2013 - Er La Pass - a few
25/06/2013 - Er La Pass - a few
25/06/2013 - Wenguan to Quinshuihe - fairly common
26/06/2013 - Quinshuihe - Yushu - Nanqing - a few
01/07/2013 - Nanqing - Yushu - Quinshuihe - a few
02/07/2013 - Qingshuihe – Wenquan - a few
03/07/2013 - drive to Gonghe - a few

**Blanford’s Snowfinch** *Montifringilla blanfordi*
22/06/2013 - Flats east of Chaka – 2

**White-rumped Munia** *Lonchura striata*
16/06/2013 - Changqing NR - 1

**Mammal list (not complete)**

**Tibetan Macaque** *Macaca thibetana*
19/06/2013 – Tangjiahe - 5+

**Himalayan Marmot** *Marmota himalayana*
Several on the Tibetan Plateau, e.g. in the Rubber Mountains, Er La Pass, Kanda Shan, and other places.

**Plateau Pika** *Ochotona curzoniae*
Common throughout the Tibetan Plateau.

**Glover’s Pika** *Ochotona gloveri*
26/06/2013 – Quinshuihe – Yushu – Nanqing - 1
01/07/2013 – Nanqing - Yushu – Quinshuihe - 3

**Woolly Hare** *Lepus oiostolus*
22/06/2013 – flats east of Chaka – 2
23/06/2013 – Dolan Mountains – 2

**Tibetan Fox** *Vulpes ferrilata*
24/06/2013 – Er La Pass – 1

**Red Fox** *Vulpes vulpes*
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21/06/2013 – Koko Nor – 1
24/06/2013 – Gonghe to Er La Pass - 1
25/06/2013 – Er La Pass to Quinshuihe -1 + 2

**Wolf** *Canis lupes*
01/07/2013 – Nanqing - Yushu – Quinshuihe -1

**Domestic Yak** *Bos grunniens*
Common throughout the Tibetan Plateau.

**Kiang (Asian Wild Ass)** *Equus hemionus*
25/06/2013 – Er La Pass to Quinshuihe - 15+
02/07/2013 – Qingshuihe to Wenquan – 7

**Tibetan Gazelle** *Procapra picticaudata*
25/06/2013 – Er La Pass to Quinshuihe -2
02/07/2013 - Qingshuihe to Wenquan – 20+
More where observed but not all were register.

**Blue Sheep** *Pseudois nayaur*
23/06/2013 – Dolan Mountains – 5
01/07/2013 – Nanqing - Yushu – Quinshuihe - 100+
More where observed but not all were register.