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Great Crested Grebe (*Podiceps cristatus*) - **24 seen (Max. 10)**: Bartogai camp (2 between 6th May 2008 and 8th May 2008 (2 visits)), Bilikol Lake (1 on 30th April 2008), Dzubagly (1 on 28th April 2008), Konshengel camp (10 on 4th May 2008), Sorbulak Lake (10 on 27th April 2008).

Black-necked Grebe (*Podiceps nigricollis*) - **8 seen (Max. 6)**: Sorbulak Lake (6 on 27th April 2008), Topar Lakes (2 on 4th May 2008).

Great Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax carbo*) - **51 seen (Max. 50)**: Bilikol Lake (1 on 30th April 2008), Sorbulak Lake (50 on 27th April 2008).

White Pelican (*Pelecanus onocrotalus*) - **1 seen**: Sorbulak Lake on 27th April 2008.

Dalmatian Pelican (*Pelecanus crispus [philippensis]*) - **26 seen (Max. 10)**: Konshengel camp (6 on 4th May 2008), Sorbulak Lake (20 between 27th April 2008 and 5th May 2008 (2 visits. [Max. 10])).

Grey Heron (*Ardea cinerea*) - **34 seen (Max. 20)**: Bilikol Lake (20 on 30th April 2008), Konshengel camp (10 on 4th May 2008), Sorbulak Lake (4 on 27th April 2008).

Great White Egret (*Casmerodius albus*) - **11 seen (Max. 10)**: Bilikol Lake (1 on 30th April 2008), Topar Lakes (10 on 4th May 2008).

White-headed Duck (*Oxyura leucocephala*) - **2 seen**: Topar Lakes on 4th May 2008.

Mute Swan (*Cygnus olor*) - **1 seen**: Sorbulak Lake on 27th April 2008.

Ruddy Shelduck (*Tadorna ferruginea*) - **35 seen (Max. 10)**: Bartogai camp (9 between 6th May 2008 and 8th May 2008 (2 visits. [Max. 6])), Bilikol Lake (4 on 30th April 2008), Dzubagly (10 on 28th April 2008), Konshengel camp (4 between 3rd May 2008 and 4th May 2008 (2 visits. [Max. 2])), Sorbulak Lake (2 on 27th April 2008), Tien Shan observatory (6 between 9th May 2008 and 10th May 2008 (2 visits. [Max. 4])).

Common Shelduck (*Tadorna tadorna*) - **7 seen (Max. 5)**: Sorbulak Lake between 27th April 2008 and 5th May 2008 (2 visits. [Max. 5]).

Eurasian Wigeon (*Anas penelope*) - **13 seen (Max. 10)**: Bartogai camp (3 on 7th May 2008), Lake Ters-Ashibulak (10 on 28th April 2008).

Gadwall (*Anas strepera*) - **72 seen (Max. 50)**: Bilikol Lake (10 on 30th April 2008), Dzubagly (10 on 28th April 2008), Sorbulak Lake (52 between 27th April 2008 and 5th May 2008 (2 visits. [Max. 50])).

Common Teal (*Anas crecca*) - **3 seen (Max. 2)**: Konshengel camp (2 on 4th May 2008), Sorbulak Lake (1 on 27th April 2008).

Mallard (*Anas platyrhynchos*) - **7 seen (Max. 2)**: Bartogai camp (1 on 8th May 2008), Bilikol Lake (2 on 30th April 2008), Konshengel camp (2 between 3rd May 2008 and 4th May 2008 (2 visits)), Sorbulak Lake (2 on 27th April 2008).

Garganey (*Anas querquedula*) - **256 seen (Max. 100)**: Bartogai camp (26 between 6th May 2008 and 8th May 2008 (2 visits. [Max. 16])), Bilikol Lake (10 on 30th April 2008), Dzubagly (100 on 28th April 2008), Konshengel camp (10 on 4th May 2008), Kopa Lakes (10 on 2nd May 2008), Sorbulak Lake (100 on 27th April 2008).

Northern Shoveler (*Anas clypeata*) - **21 seen (Max. 10)**: Dzubagly (10 on 28th April 2008), Sorbulak Lake (11 between 27th April 2008 and 5th May 2008 (2 visits. [Max. 10])).

Red-crested Pochard (*Netta rufina*) - **54 seen (Max. 20)**: Bartogai camp (2 on 8th May 2008), Dzubagly (10 on 28th April 2008), Konshengel camp (20 on 4th May 2008), Sorbulak Lake (12 between 27th April 2008 and 5th May 2008 (2 visits. [Max. 10])), Topar Lakes (10 on 4th May 2008).

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Ferruginous Duck (*Aythya nyroca*) - **18 seen (Max. 10)**: road to Zhaltarangy cemetery (10 on 4th May 2008), Sorbulak Lake (3 on 5th May 2008), Topar Lakes (5 on 4th May 2008).

Tufted Duck (*Aythya fuligula*) - **12 seen (Max. 10)**: Bartogai camp (2 on 8th May 2008), Sorbulak Lake (10 on 27th April 2008).

Goosander [Common Merganser] (*Mergus merganser*) - **3 seen**: Bartogai camp on 6th May 2008.

Black-eared Kite (*Milvus lineatus [migrans]*) - **19 seen (Max. 10)**: Bartogai camp (8 between 6th May 2008 and 8th May 2008 (2 visits. [Max. 6])), Konshengel camp (10 between 3rd May 2008 and 4th May 2008 (2 visits. [Max. 10])), Sorbulak Lake (3 between 27th April 2008 and 5th May 2008 (2 visits. [Max. 2])), Tien Shan observatory (1 on 9th May 2008), Topar Lakes (10 on 4th May 2008).

White-tailed Eagle (*Haliaeetus albicilla*) - **1 seen**: Sorbulak Lake on 27th April 2008.

Lammergeier (*Gypaetus barbatus*) - **5 seen**: Aksu Gorge (1 on 29th April 2008), Dzubagly (2 between 28th April 2008 and 30th April 2008 (2 visits)), Taldybulak (1 on 1st May 2008), Tien Shan observatory (1 on 9th May 2008).

Egyptian Vulture (*Neophron percnopterus*) - **4 seen (Max. 2)**: Aksu Gorge (2 on 29th April 2008), Karatau Gorge (2 on 28th April 2008).

Himalayan Griffon-vulture (*Gyps himalayensis*) - **8 seen**: Upper Charyn valley on 6th May 2008.

Eurasian Griffon-vulture (*Gyps fulvus*) - **13 seen (Max. 10)**: Aksu Gorge (10 on 29th April 2008), Taldybulak (3 on 1st May 2008).

Monk (Cinereous) Vulture (*Aegypius monachus*) - **8 seen (Max. 4)**: Aksu Gorge (2 on 29th April 2008), Karatau Gorge (1 on 28th April 2008), Taldybulak (1 on 1st May 2008), Upper Charyn valley (4 on 6th May 2008).

Short-toed Eagle (*Circaetus gallicus*) - **3 seen**: Aksu Gorge on 29th April 2008.

Western Marsh-harrier (*Circus aeruginosus*) - **8 seen (Max. 6)**: Bilikol Lake (6 on 30th April 2008), Nurly (1 on 8th May 2008), Sorbulak Lake (1 on 27th April 2008).

Montagu's Harrier (*Circus pygargus*) - **3 seen**: Aksu Gorge (1 on 29th April 2008), Barkara gorge (1 on 30th April 2008), Topar Lakes (1 on 4th May 2008).

Shikra (*Accipiter badius*) - **11 seen (Max. 4)**: 'El Dorado' Konshengel village (1 on 3rd May 2008), Konshengel camp (6 between 3rd May 2008 and 4th May 2008 (2 visits. [Max. 4])), Topar Lakes (4 on 4th May 2008).

Eurasian Sparrowhawk (*Accipiter nisus*) - **22 seen (Max. 11)**: Aksu Gorge (2 on 29th April 2008), Bartogai camp (1 on 6th May 2008), Bilikol Lake (11 on 30th April 2008), Dzubagly (1 on 28th April 2008), Konshengel camp (2 between 3rd May 2008 and 4th May 2008 (2 visits)), Kopa Lakes (1 on 2nd May 2008), Sorbulak Lake (1 on 27th April 2008), Taldybulak (1 on 1st May 2008), Tien Shan observatory (1 on 10th May 2008), Topar Lakes (1 on 4th May 2008).

Long-legged Buzzard (*Buteo rufinus*) - **42 seen (Max. 20)**: Aksu Gorge (2 on 29th April 2008), Bartogai camp (4 on 6th May 2008), Karatau Gorge (1 on 28th April 2008), Kokpak pass (10 on 6th May 2008), Konshengel camp (2 between 3rd May 2008 and 4th May 2008 (2 visits)), Kopa Lakes (1 on 2nd May 2008), Taldybulak (1 on 1st May 2008), Tamgaly (1 on 2nd May 2008), Topar Lakes (20 on 4th May 2008).

Golden Eagle (*Aquila chrysaetos*) - **4 seen (Max. 2)**: Bartogai camp (1 on 6th May 2008), Kokpak pass (1 on 6th May 2008), Taldybulak (2 on 1st May 2008).

Booted Eagle (*Hieraaetus pennatus*) - **2 seen**: Aksu Gorge on 29th April 2008.

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Osprey (*Pandion haliaetus*) - **1 seen**: Sorbulak Lake on 5th May 2008.

Lesser Kestrel (*Falco naumanni*) - **21 seen (Max. 20)**: Bartogai camp (1 on 6th May 2008), Kokpak pass (20 on 6th May 2008).

Common Kestrel (*Falco tinnunculus*) - **16 seen (Max. 3)**: Aksu Gorge (2 on 29th April 2008), Bartogai camp (1 on 6th May 2008), Bilikol Lake (1 on 30th April 2008), Dzubagly (1 on 28th April 2008), Issyk bridge (1 on 6th May 2008), Konshengel camp (1 on 3rd May 2008), Sorbulak Lake (4 between 27th April 2008 and 5th May 2008 (2 visits. [Max. 3])), Taldybulak (1 on 1st May 2008), Tamgaly (1 on 2nd May 2008), Tien Shan observatory (2 between 9th May 2008 and 10th May 2008 (2 visits)), Topar Lakes (1 on 4th May 2008).

Merlin (*Falco columbarius*) - **2 seen**: 'El Dorado' Konshengel village (1 on 3rd May 2008), Tien Shan observatory (1 on 10th May 2008).

Eurasian Hobby (*Falco subbuteo*) - **9 seen (Max. 6)**: Bilikol Lake (6 on 30th April 2008), Dzubagly (2 between 28th April 2008 and 1st May 2008 (2 visits)), Topar Lakes (1 on 4th May 2008).

Himalayan Snowcock (*Tetraogallus himalayensis*) - **5 seen (Max. 2)**: Tien Shan observatory between 8th May 2008 and 10th May 2008 (3 visits. [Max. 2]).

Chukar (*Alectoris chukar*) - **2 seen**: Karatau Gorge on 28th April 2008.

Common Pheasant (*Phasianus colchicus*) - **3 seen (Max. 2)**: Bilikol Lake (2 on 30th April 2008), Topar Lakes (1 on 4th May 2008).

Baillon's Crake (*Porzana pusilla*) - **1 seen**: Konshengel camp between 3rd May 2008 and 4th May 2008 (2 visits).

Common Moorhen (*Gallinula chloropus*) - **2 seen**: Dzubagly (1 on 28th April 2008), Topar Lakes (1 on 4th May 2008).

Common Coot (*Fulica atra*) - **62 seen (Max. 50)**: Bartogai camp (1 on 6th May 2008), Bilikol Lake (10 on 30th April 2008), Sorbulak Lake (50 on 27th April 2008), Topar Lakes (1 on 4th May 2008).

Demoiselle Crane (*Grus virgo*) - **2198 seen (Max. 2000)**: Konshengel camp (10 on 4th May 2008), Lake Ters-Ashibulak (2000 on 28th April 2008), Plover plain Konshengel (18 on 3rd May 2008), Sorbulak Lake (170 on 27th April 2008).

Little Bustard (*Tetrax tetrax*) - **1 seen**: Lake Ters-Ashibulak on 28th April 2008.

Macqueen's Bustard (*Chlamydotis macqueenii*) - **2 seen**: Konshengel camp on 3rd May 2008.

Ibisbill (*Ibidorhyncha struthersii*) - **1 seen**: Tien Shan observatory on 9th May 2008.

Black-winged Stilt (*Himantopus himantopus*) - **29 seen (Max. 20)**: Konshengel camp (3 on 3rd May 2008), Kopa Lakes (2 on 2nd May 2008), Sorbulak Lake (20 on 27th April 2008), Topar Lakes (4 on 4th May 2008).

Collared Pratincole (*Gareola pratincola*) - **212 seen (Max. 200)**: Bilikol Lake (200 on 30th April 2008), Sorbulak Lake (12 between 27th April 2008 and 5th May 2008 (2 visits. [Max. 10])).

Black-winged Pratincole (*Glareola nordmanni*) - **11 seen (Max. 10)**: Lake Ters-Ashibulak (10 on 28th April 2008), Sorbulak Lake (1 on 5th May 2008).

Little Ringed Plover (*Charadrius dubius*) - **27 seen (Max. 20)**: Bartogai camp (2 on 6th May 2008), Bilikol Lake (5 on 30th April 2008), Konshengel camp (20 on 3rd May 2008).

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Greater Sand Plover (*Charadrius leschenaultii*) - **2 seen**: Plover plain Konshengel on 3rd May 2008.

Northern Lapwing (*Vanellus vanellus*) - **38 seen (Max. 20)**: Bilikol Lake (10 on 30th April 2008), Dzubagly (6 on 28th April 2008), Kopa Lakes (1 on 2nd May 2008), Sorbulak Lake (21 between 27th April 2008 and 5th May 2008 (2 visits. [Max. 20])).

Common Snipe (*Gallinago gallinago*) - **1 seen**: Sorbulak Lake on 5th May 2008.

Black-tailed Godwit (*Limosa limosa*) - **1 seen**: Dzubagly on 28th April 2008.

Common Redshank (*Tringa totanus*) - **23 seen (Max. 20)**: Dzubagly (1 on 28th April 2008), Konshengel camp (1 on 5th May 2008), Sorbulak Lake (21 between 27th April 2008 and 5th May 2008 (2 visits. [Max. 20])).

Common Greenshank (*Tringa nebularia*) - **5 seen**: Bartogai camp (1 on 6th May 2008), Dzubagly (1 on 28th April 2008), Kopa Lakes (1 on 2nd May 2008), road to Zhaltarangy cemetery (1 on 4th May 2008), Sorbulak Lake (1 on 27th April 2008).

Green Sandpiper (*Tringa ochropus*) - **43 seen (Max. 20)**: Bilikol Lake (20 on 30th April 2008), Dzubagly (20 on 28th April 2008), Sorbulak Lake (2 between 27th April 2008 and 5th May 2008 (2 visits)), Topar Lakes (1 on 4th May 2008).

Wood Sandpiper (*Tringa glareola*) - **1 seen**: Kopa Lakes on 2nd May 2008.

Common Sandpiper (*Tringa hypoleucos*) - **5 seen**: Bartogai camp (1 on 6th May 2008), Dzubagly (1 on 28th April 2008), Konshengel camp (1 on 3rd May 2008), Sorbulak Lake (2 between 27th April 2008 and 5th May 2008 (2 visits)).

Little Stint (*Calidris minuta*) - **1 seen**: Konshengel camp on 4th May 2008.

Temminck's Stint (*Calidris temminckii*) - **10 seen (Max. 5)**: Bartogai camp (1 on 6th May 2008), Konshengel camp (9 between 3rd May 2008 and 5th May 2008 (3 visits. [Max. 5])).

Yellow-legged Gull (*Larus cachinnans [argentatus]*) - **35 seen (Max. 10)**: Bilikol Lake (10 on 30th April 2008), Dzubagly (10 on 28th April 2008), Sorbulak Lake (15 between 27th April 2008 and 5th May 2008 (2 visits. [Max. 10])).

Black-headed Gull (*Larus ridibundus*) - **35 seen (Max. 20)**: Bilikol Lake (10 on 30th April 2008), Kopa Lakes (4 on 2nd May 2008), Sorbulak Lake (20 on 27th April 2008), Topar Lakes (1 on 4th May 2008).

Gull-billed Tern (*Sterna nilotica*) - **51 seen (Max. 50)**: Dzubagly (1 on 28th April 2008), Sorbulak Lake (50 on 27th April 2008).

Common Tern (*Sterna hirundo*) - **16 seen (Max. 10)**: Bilikol Lake (2 on 30th April 2008), Sorbulak Lake (4 on 27th April 2008), Topar Lakes (10 on 4th May 2008).

White-winged Black Tern (*Chidonias leucopterus*) - **10 seen**: Sorbulak Lake on 5th May 2008.

Black Tern (*Chidonias niger*) - **24 seen (Max. 10)**: Sorbulak Lake (14 between 27th April 2008 and 5th May 2008 (2 visits. [Max. 10])), Topar Lakes (10 on 4th May 2008).

Black-bellied Sandgrouse (*Pterocles orientalis*) - **210 seen (Max. 200)**: Konshengel camp (200 on 3rd May 2008), Nurly (10 on 8th May 2008).

Rock Dove (*Columba livia*) - **92 seen (Max. 50)**: Aksu Gorge (10 on 29th April 2008), Bartogai camp (1 on 6th May 2008), Bilikol Lake (10 on 30th April 2008), Dzubagly (1 on 28th April 2008), Konshengel camp (10 on 3rd May 2008), Sorbulak Lake (50 on 27th April 2008), Taldybulak (10 on 1st May 2008).

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Yellow-eyed Stock Dove [Pale-backed Pigeon] (*Columba eversmanni*) - **4 seen:** Tourangar Forest on 4th May 2008.

Wood Pigeon (*Columba palumbus*) - **150 seen (Max. 50):** Aksu Gorge (50 on 29th April 2008), Bartogai camp (10 on 6th May 2008), Bilikol Lake (10 on 30th April 2008), Dzubagly (50 on 28th April 2008), Konshengel camp (20 on 3rd May 2008), Taldybulak (10 on 1st May 2008).

European Turtle-dove (*Streptopelia turtur*) - **1 seen:** 'El Dorado' Konshengel village on 3rd May 2008.

Oriental (Rufous) Turtle-dove (*Streptopelia orientalis*) - **23 seen (Max. 20):** Nurly (3 on 8th May 2008), Zheltoranghy cemetery (20 on 4th May 2008).

Laughing Dove (*Streptopelia senegalensis*) - **1 seen:** Barkara gorge on 30th April 2008.

Eurasian Collared-dove (*Streptopelia decaocto*) - **2 seen:** Aksu Gorge (n/c on 29th April 2008), Bilikol Lake (2 on 30th April 2008), Dzubagly (2 on 28th April 2008).

Common Cuckoo (*Cuculus canorus*) - **6 seen:** Bartogai camp (1 on 6th May 2008), Konshengel camp (1 on 3rd May 2008), Kopa Lakes (1 on 2nd May 2008), Nurly (1 on 8th May 2008), Plover plain Konshengel (1 on 3rd May 2008), Topar Lakes (1 on 4th May 2008).

Eurasian Scops-owl (*Otus scops*) - **4 seen:** Dzubagly (3 between 28th April 2008 and 30th April 2008 (3 visits)), 'El Dorado' Konshengel village (1 on 3rd May 2008).

Common Swift (*Apus apus*) - **100 seen (Max. 50):** Issyk bridge (50 on 6th May 2008), Konshengel camp (50 on 3rd May 2008).

Common Kingfisher (*Alcedo atthis*) - **2 seen:** Dzubagly (1 on 28th April 2008), Kopa Lakes (1 on 2nd May 2008).

European Bee-eater (*Merops apiaster*) - **51 seen (Max. 13):** Aksu Gorge (5 on 29th April 2008), Bilikol Lake (2 on 30th April 2008), Dzubagly (10 on 30th April 2008), Issyk bridge (10 on 6th May 2008), Kopa Lakes (1 on 2nd May 2008), Nurly (10 on 8th May 2008), Taldybulak (13 on 1st May 2008).

European Roller (*Coracias garrulus*) - **16 seen (Max. 5):** Aksu Gorge (1 on 29th April 2008), Bartogai camp (3 between 6th May 2008 and 7th May 2008 (2 visits. [Max. 2])), Bilikol Lake (2 on 30th April 2008), Issyk bridge (2 on 6th May 2008), Konshengel camp (1 on 3rd May 2008), Kopa Lakes (5 on 2nd May 2008), Sorbulak Lake (1 on 27th April 2008), Topar Lakes (1 on 4th May 2008).

Hoopoe (*Upupa epops*) - **11 seen (Max. 4):** Aksu Gorge (1 on 29th April 2008), Bartogai camp (2 between 6th May 2008 and 7th May 2008 (2 visits)), Bilikol Lake (1 on 30th April 2008), Dzubagly (1 on 28th April 2008), Konshengel camp (1 on 3rd May 2008), Sorbulak Lake (4 on 27th April 2008), Topar Lakes (1 on 4th May 2008).

Eurasian Wryneck (*Jynx torquilla*) - **2 seen:** Plover plain Konshengel (1 on 3rd May 2008), Sorbulak Lake (1 on 27th April 2008).

White-winged Woodpecker (*Dendrocopos leucopterus*) - **2 seen:** Dzubagly (1 on 29th April 2008), Topar Lakes (1 on 4th May 2008).

Calandra Lark (*Melanocorypha calandra*) - **7 seen (Max. 3):** Bilikol Lake (2 on 30th April 2008), Dzubagly (1 on 28th April 2008), Konshengel camp (1 on 3rd May 2008), Sorbulak Lake (3 on 27th April 2008).

Bimaculated Lark (*Melanocorypha bimaculata*) - **5 seen:** Konshengel camp on 3rd May 2008.

White-winged Lark (*Melanocorypha leucoptera*) - **2 seen:** Tamgaly on 2nd May 2008.

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Short-toed Lark (*Calandrella brachydactyla [cinerea]*) - **9 seen:** Bartogai camp on 7th May 2008.

Lesser Short-toed Lark (*Calandrella rufescens*) - **2 seen:** Aksu Gorge (1 on 29th April 2008), Konshengel camp (1 on 3rd May 2008).

Eurasian Skylark (*Alauda arvensis*) - **7 seen (Max. 5):** Aksu Gorge (5 on 29th April 2008), Sogati Plain (2 on 7th May 2008).

Horned (Shore) Lark (*Eremophila alpestris*) - **4 seen:** Sogati Plain on 6th May 2008.

Sand Martin (*Riparia riparia*) - **470 seen (Max. 200):** Bilikol Lake (200 on 30th April 2008), Konshengel camp (70 between 3rd May 2008 and 4th May 2008 (2 visits. [Max. 50])), Sorbulak Lake (200 between 27th April 2008 and 5th May 2008 (2 visits. [Max. 100])).

Eurasian Crag-martin (*Ptyonoprogne rupestris*) - **4 seen:** Aksu Gorge on 29th April 2008.

Barn Swallow (*Hirundo rustica*) - **470 seen (Max. 200):** Bartogai camp (30 between 6th May 2008 and 7th May 2008 (2 visits. [Max. 20])), Bilikol Lake (200 on 30th April 2008), Dzubagly (10 on 28th April 2008), Konshengel camp (100 between 3rd May 2008 and 4th May 2008 (2 visits. [Max. 50])), Sorbulak Lake (20 on 27th April 2008), Taldybulak (100 on 1st May 2008), Tamgaly (10 on 2nd May 2008).

Red-rumped Swallow (*Hirundo daurica*) - **1 seen:** Dzubagly on 28th April 2008.

House Martin (*Delichon urbica*) - **100 seen:** Nurly on 8th May 2008.

Tawny Pipit (*Anthus campestris*) - **15 seen (Max. 10):** Bartogai camp (11 between 6th May 2008 and 7th May 2008 (2 visits. [Max. 10])), Bilikol Lake (2 on 30th April 2008), Karatau Gorge (1 on 28th April 2008), Konshengel camp (1 on 5th May 2008).

Tree Pipit (*Anthus trivialis*) - **3 seen (Max. 2):** Dzubagly (2 on 28th April 2008), Tien Shan observatory (1 on 10th May 2008).

Red-throated Pipit (*Anthus cervinus*) - **2 seen:** Konshengel camp between 3rd May 2008 and 5th May 2008 (2 visits).

Water Pipit (*Anthus spinoletta*) - **5 seen:** Tien Shan observatory on 9th May 2008.

White Wagtail (*Motacilla alba*) - **81 seen (Max. 20):** Bartogai camp (20 between 6th May 2008 and 7th May 2008 (2 visits. [Max. 10])), Bilikol Lake (10 on 30th April 2008), Dzubagly (30 between 28th April 2008 and 30th April 2008 (2 visits. [Max. 20])), Konshengel camp (10 on 3rd May 2008), Panfilov Park (10 on 27th April 2008), Sorbulak Lake (1 on 5th May 2008).

Citrine (Yellow-hooded) Wagtail (*Motacilla citreola*) - **8 seen (Max. 5):** Bartogai camp (n/c on 8th May 2008), Dzubagly (3 on 28th April 2008), Konshengel camp (5 on 3rd May 2008).

Yellow Wagtail [Ssp] (*Motacilla flava*) - **130 seen (Max. 100):** Konshengel camp (30 on 4th May 2008), Topar Lakes (100 on 4th May 2008).

Black-headed Wagtail (*Motacilla flava feldegg*) - **82 seen (Max. 50):** Aksu Gorge (5 on 29th April 2008), Dzubagly (20 on 28th April 2008), Konshengel camp (50 on 3rd May 2008), Nurly (5 on 8th May 2008), Sorbulak Lake (2 on 27th April 2008).

Syke's Yellow-wagtail (*Motacilla flava beema*) - **2 seen:** Topar Lakes on 4th May 2008.

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Grey Wagtail (*Motacilla cinerea*) - **29 seen (Max. 10)**: Aksu Gorge (5 on 29th April 2008), Dzubagly (10 on 28th April 2008), Konshengel camp (10 on 3rd May 2008), Sorbulak Lake (1 on 5th May 2008), Taldybulak (1 on 1st May 2008), Tien Shan observatory (2 on 10th May 2008).

Brown Dipper (*Cinclus pallasii*) - **2 seen**: Dzubagly (1 on 1st May 2008), Tien Shan observatory (1 on 8th May 2008).

Winter Wren (*Troglodytes troglodytes troglodytes*) - **2 seen**: Tien Shan observatory between 9th May 2008 and 10th May 2008 (2 visits).

Himalayan (Brown) Accentor (*Prunella himalayana*) - **2 seen**: Tien Shan observatory on 9th May 2008.

Black-throated Accentor (*Prunella atrogularis*) - **3 seen (Max. 2)**: Tien Shan observatory between 9th May 2008 and 10th May 2008 (2 visits. [Max. 2]).

Common Nightingale (*Luscinia megarhynchos*) - **5 seen**: Barkara gorge (1 on 30th April 2008), Bilikol Lake (1 on 30th April 2008), 'El Dorado' Konshengel village (1 on 3rd May 2008), Panfilov Park (1 on 6th May 2008), Topar Lakes (1 on 4th May 2008).

White-tailed (Himalayan) Rubythroat (*Luscinia pectoralis*) - **7 seen (Max. 5)**: Tien Shan observatory between 9th May 2008 and 10th May 2008 (2 visits. [Max. 5]).

Bluethroat (Red-spotted) (*Luscinia svecica svecica*) - **1 seen**: 'El Dorado' Konshengel village on 3rd May 2008.

Eversmann's (Rufous-backed) Redstart (*Phoenicurus erythronota*) - **1 seen**: Tien Shan observatory on 9th May 2008.

Blue-capped Redstart (*Phoenicurus caeruleocephalus*) - **2 seen**: Taldybulak (1 on 1st May 2008), Tien Shan observatory (1 on 9th May 2008).

Common Redstart (*Phoenicurus phoenicurus*) - **6 seen**: Dzubagly (1 on 1st May 2008), 'El Dorado' Konshengel village (1 on 3rd May 2008), Konshengel camp (2 between 3rd May 2008 and 5th May 2008 (2 visits)), Kopa Lakes (1 on 2nd May 2008), Lake Ters-Ashibulak (1 on 28th April 2008).

Guldenstadt's (White-winged) Redstart (*Phoenicurus erythrogaster*) - **2 seen**: Tien Shan observatory on 9th May 2008.

Siberian Stonechat (*Saxicola torquata maura*) - **21 seen (Max. 6)**: Bartogai camp (2 on 7th May 2008), Bilikol Lake (6 on 30th April 2008), Dzubagly (1 on 28th April 2008), Konshengel camp (5 on 3rd May 2008), Kopa Lakes (6 on 2nd May 2008), Sorbulak Lake (1 on 27th April 2008).

Northern Wheatear (*Oenanthe oenanthe*) - **2 seen**: Dzubagly (1 on 1st May 2008), Karatau Gorge (1 on 28th April 2008).

Pied Wheatear (*Oenanthe pleschanka*) - **13 seen (Max. 4)**: Aksu Gorge (1 on 29th April 2008), Bartogai camp (2 between 6th May 2008 and 7th May 2008 (2 visits)), Karatau Gorge (2 on 28th April 2008), Konshengel camp (4 on 3rd May 2008), Sorbulak Lake (3 on 27th April 2008), Tamgaly (1 on 2nd May 2008).

Desert Wheatear (*Oenanthe deserti*) - **1 seen**: Nurly on 8th May 2008.

Isabelline Wheatear (*Oenanthe isabellina*) - **51 seen (Max. 20)**: Bartogai camp (30 between 6th May 2008 and 8th May 2008 (3 visits. [Max. 10])), Konshengel camp (20 on 3rd May 2008), Lake Ters-Ashibulak (1 on 28th April 2008).

Rufous-tailed Rock-thrush (*Monticola saxatilis*) - **1 seen**: Konshengel camp on 3rd May 2008.

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Blue Rock-thrush (*Monticola solitarius*) - **1 seen:** Taldybulak on 1st May 2008.

Blue (Violet) Whistling-thrush (*Myiophonus caeruleus*) - **4 seen (Max. 2):** Dzubagly (3 between 28th April 2008 and 29th April 2008 (2 visits. [Max. 2])), Tien Shan observatory (1 on 8th May 2008).

Eurasian Blackbird (*Turdus merula*) - **24 seen (Max. 20):** Bilikol Lake (1 on 30th April 2008), Panfilov Park (21 between 27th April 2008 and 6th May 2008 (2 visits. [Max. 20])), Taldybulak (1 on 1st May 2008), Tien Shan observatory (1 on 10th May 2008).

Black-throated Thrush (*Turdus ruficollis atrogularis*) - **2 seen:** Dzubagly (1 on 29th April 2008), 'El Dorado' Konshengel village (1 on 5th May 2008).

Mistle Thrush (*Turdus viscivorus*) - **5 seen (Max. 2):** Barkara gorge (1 on 30th April 2008), Bilikol Lake (1 on 30th April 2008), Tien Shan observatory (3 between 9th May 2008 and 10th May 2008 (2 visits. [Max. 2])).

Cetti's Warbler (*Cettia cetti*) - **2 seen:** Bilikol Lake (1 on 30th April 2008), Nurly (1 on 8th May 2008).

Common Grasshopper-warbler (*Locustella naevia*) - **2 seen:** Dzubagly (1 on 1st May 2008), Lake Ters-Ashibulak (1 on 28th April 2008).

Savi's Warbler (*Locustella luscinioides*) - **1 seen:** Nurly on 8th May 2008.

Paddyfield Warbler (*Acrocephalus agricola*) - **5 seen (Max. 3):** Bilikol Lake (3 on 30th April 2008), Topar Lakes (2 on 4th May 2008).

Eurasian Reed-warbler (*Acrocephalus scirpaceus*) - **1 seen:** Topar Lakes on 4th May 2008.

Blyth's Reed-warbler (*Acrocephalus dumetorum*) - **1 seen:** 'El Dorado' Konshengel village on 3rd May 2008.

Clamorous Reed-warbler (*Acrocephalus stentoreus*) - **2 seen:** Bilikol Lake on 30th April 2008.

Booted Warbler (*Hippolais caligata*) - **4 seen:** Tourangar Forest on 4th May 2008.

Lesser Whitethroat (*Sylvia curruca*) - **31 seen (Max. 10):** Bilikol Lake (10 on 30th April 2008), Dzubagly (10 on 28th April 2008), 'El Dorado' Konshengel village (10 on 3rd May 2008), Taldybulak (1 on 1st May 2008).

Desert Lesser Whitethroat (*Sylvia curruca minula*) - **1 seen:** Topar Lakes on 4th May 2008.

Hume's Lesser Whitethroat (*Sylvia curruca althaea*) - **19 seen (Max. 5):** Aksu Gorge (4 on 29th April 2008), Bilikol Lake (5 on 30th April 2008), Dzubagly (5 between 30th April 2008 and 1st May 2008 (2 visits. [Max. 4])), Karatau Gorge (1 on 28th April 2008), Topar Lakes (4 on 4th May 2008).

Desert Warbler (*Sylvia nana*) - **1 seen:** Sogati Plain on 6th May 2008.

Barred Warbler (*Sylvia nisoria*) - **3 seen (Max. 2):** Aldarly Magic Tree (2 on 5th May 2008), 'El Dorado' Konshengel village (1 on 3rd May 2008).

Orphean Warbler (*Sylvia hortensis*) - **1 seen:** 'El Dorado' Konshengel village on 3rd May 2008.

Eurasian Chiffchaff (*Phylloscopus collybita*) - **32 seen (Max. 10):** Aksu Gorge (1 on 29th April 2008), Dzubagly (20 between 28th April 2008 and 30th April 2008 (2 visits. [Max. 10])), Panfilov Park (1 on 6th May 2008), Taldybulak (10 on 1st May 2008).

Sulphur-bellied Warbler (*Phylloscopus griseolus*) - **2 seen:** 'El Dorado' Konshengel village (1 on 3rd May 2008), Tien Shan observatory (1 on 9th May 2008).

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Hume's Yellow-browed Warbler (*Phylloscopus inornatus humei*) - **73 seen (Max. 30)**: Dzubagly (12 between 28th April 2008 and 1st May 2008 (3 visits. [Max. 6])), Panfilov Park (1 on 6th May 2008), Tien Shan observatory (60 between 9th May 2008 and 10th May 2008 (2 visits. [Max. 30])).

Greenish Warbler (*Phylloscopus trochiloides*) - **2 seen**: Dzubagly (1 on 28th April 2008), Upper Charyn valley (1 on 6th May 2008).

Spotted Flycatcher (*Muscicapa striata*) - **2 seen**: 'El Dorado' Konshengel village between 3rd May 2008 and 5th May 2008 (2 visits).

Songar Tit (*Parus songarus*) - **2 seen**: Tien Shan observatory on 10th May 2008.

Coal Tit (*Parus ater*) - **2 seen**: Tien Shan observatory between 9th May 2008 and 10th May 2008 (2 visits).

Rufous-naped Tit (*Parus rufonuchalis*) - **1 seen**: Aksu Gorge on 29th April 2008.

Great Tit (*Parus major*) - **51 seen (Max. 40)**: Dzubagly (1 on 1st May 2008), Panfilov Park (50 between 27th April 2008 and 6th May 2008 (2 visits. [Max. 40])).

Turkestan Tit (*Parus bokharensis*) - **3 seen (Max. 2)**: Topar Lakes (1 on 4th May 2008), Tourangar Forest (2 on 4th May 2008).

Azure Tit (*Parus cyanus*) - **3 seen (Max. 2)**: Issyk bridge (1 on 6th May 2008), Topar Lakes (2 on 4th May 2008).

Yellow-breasted Tit (*Parus flavipectus [cyanus]*) - **8 seen (Max. 4)**: Dzubagly between 28th April 2008 and 29th April 2008 (2 visits. [Max. 4]).

Eastern Rock (Persian) Nuthatch (*Sitta tephronota*) - **2 seen**: Karatau Gorge (1 on 28th April 2008), Tamgaly (1 on 2nd May 2008).

White-crowned Penduline-tit (*Remiz coronatus [pendulinus]*) - **2 seen**: Barkara gorge (1 on 30th April 2008), Issyk bridge (1 on 6th May 2008).

Golden Oriole (*Oriolus oriolus*) - **4 seen**: Barkara gorge (1 on 30th April 2008), Dzubagly (1 on 1st May 2008), Nurly (1 on 8th May 2008), Panfilov Park (1 on 6th May 2008).

Isabelline (Daurian) Shrike (*Lanius isabellinus [cristatus]*) - **3 seen**: Bartogai camp (1 on 7th May 2008), Kopa Lakes (1 on 2nd May 2008), Tamgaly (1 on 2nd May 2008).

Isabelline (Turkestan) Shrike (*Lanius isabellinus phoenicuroides*) - **2 seen**: Bartogai camp (1 on 6th May 2008), Bilikol Lake (1 on 30th April 2008).

Long-tailed (Rufous-backed) Shrike (*Lanius schach*) - **2 seen**: Dzubagly between 28th April 2008 and 29th April 2008 (2 visits).

Lesser Grey Shrike (*Lanius minor*) - **4 seen**: Barkara gorge (1 on 30th April 2008), Bartogai camp (1 on 6th May 2008), Taldybulak (1 on 1st May 2008), Tien Shan observatory (1 on 9th May 2008).

Great Grey (Northern) Shrike (*Lanius excubitor*) - **1 seen**: Plover plain Konshengel on 3rd May 2008.

Great Grey (Steppe) Shrike (*Lanius excubitor pallidirostris*) - **4 seen (Max. 2)**: road to Zhaltarangy cemetery (2 on 4th May 2008), Zheltorangy cemetery (2 on 4th May 2008).

Black-billed Magpie (*Pica pica*) - **18 seen (Max. 10)**: Bartogai camp (1 on 6th May 2008), Dzubagly (2 between 28th April 2008 and 29th April 2008 (2 visits)), Panfilov Park (4 on 27th April 2008), Sorbulak Lake (10 on 27th April 2008), Taldybulak (1 on 1st May 2008).

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Red-billed Chough (*Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax*) - **10 seen:** Tien Shan observatory on 9th May 2008.

Yellow-billed (Alpine) Chough (*Pyrrhocorax graculus*) - **5 seen:** Tien Shan observatory on 9th May 2008.

Eurasian Jackdaw (*Corvus monedula*) - **92 seen (Max. 50):** Bartogai camp (2 between 6th May 2008 and 7th May 2008 (2 visits)), Dzubagly (80 between 28th April 2008 and 30th April 2008 (2 visits. [Max. 50])), Taldybulak (10 on 1st May 2008).

Rook (*Corvus frugilegus*) - **681 seen (Max. 500):** Bartogai camp (1 on 6th May 2008), Bilikol Lake (10 on 30th April 2008), Dzubagly (50 on 28th April 2008), Konshengel camp (20 on 3rd May 2008), Sorbulak Lake (500 on 27th April 2008), Taldybulak (100 on 1st May 2008).

Carrion Crow (*Corvus corone corone*) - **40 seen (Max. 10):** Bartogai camp (2 between 6th May 2008 and 7th May 2008 (2 visits)), Bilikol Lake (10 on 30th April 2008), Dzubagly (10 on 28th April 2008), Konshengel camp (10 on 3rd May 2008), Sorbulak Lake (1 on 27th April 2008), Taldybulak (1 on 1st May 2008), Tien Shan observatory (6 between 9th May 2008 and 10th May 2008 (2 visits. [Max. 5])).

Common Raven (*Corvus corax*) - **3 seen:** Aksu Gorge (1 on 29th April 2008), Bilikol Lake (1 on 30th April 2008), Taldybulak (1 on 1st May 2008).

Rose-coloured (Rosy) Starling (*Sturnus roseus*) - **2060 seen (Max. 2000):** Bartogai camp (10 on 7th May 2008), Bilikol Lake (10 on 30th April 2008), Dzubagly (30 between 28th April 2008 and 30th April 2008 (2 visits. [Max. 20])), Konshengel camp (2000 on 3rd May 2008), Tamgaly (10 on 2nd May 2008).

Common Starling (*Sturnus vulgaris*) - **41 seen (Max. 10):** Bilikol Lake (10 on 30th April 2008), Dzubagly (20 between 28th April 2008 and 29th April 2008 (2 visits. [Max. 10])), Issyk bridge (10 on 6th May 2008), Taldybulak (1 on 1st May 2008).

Common Myna (*Acridotheres tristis*) - **162 seen (Max. 100):** Bilikol Lake (10 on 30th April 2008), Dzubagly (100 on 29th April 2008), Konshengel camp (10 on 3rd May 2008), Panfilov Park (30 between 27th April 2008 and 6th May 2008 (2 visits. [Max. 20])), Taldybulak (10 on 1st May 2008), Tien Shan observatory (2 on 9th May 2008).

Saxaul Sparrow (*Passer ammodendri*) - **8 seen:** Zheltoranghy cemetery on 4th May 2008.

House Sparrow (*Passer domesticus*) - **2061 seen (Max. 2000):** Dzubagly (10 on 28th April 2008), 'El Dorado' Konshengel village (20 on 5th May 2008), Nurly (2000 on 8th May 2008), Panfilov Park (29 on 27th April 2008), Tien Shan observatory (2 on 10th May 2008).

Rock Sparrow (*Petronia petronia*) - **1 seen:** Sogati Plain on 6th May 2008.

European Greenfinch (*Carduelis chloris*) - **2 seen:** Dzubagly (1 on 28th April 2008), Panfilov Park (1 on 27th April 2008).

European Goldfinch (*Carduelis carduelis*) - **11 seen (Max. 5):** Bartogai camp (2 on 8th May 2008), Bilikol Lake (2 on 30th April 2008), Dzubagly (2 on 29th April 2008), Upper Charyn valley (5 on 6th May 2008).

Eurasian Linnet (*Carduelis cannabina*) - **5 seen (Max. 3):** Bartogai camp between 6th May 2008 and 8th May 2008 (2 visits. [Max. 3]).

Plain (Hodgson's) Mountain-finch (*Leucosticte nemoricola*) - **10 seen:** Tien Shan observatory on 9th May 2008.

Desert Finch (*Rhodopechys obsoleta*) - **5 seen (Max. 3):** 'El Dorado' Konshengel village (2 on 5th May 2008), Nurly (3 on 8th May 2008).

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Common (Scarlet) Rosefinch (*Carpodacus erythrinus*) - **32 seen (Max. 10)**: Bilikol Lake (10 on 30th April 2008), Dzubagly (3 on 29th April 2008), 'El Dorado' Konshengel village (4 on 5th May 2008), Konshengel camp (5 on 3rd May 2008), Taldybulak (10 on 1st May 2008).

Red-mantled Rosefinch (*Carpodacus rhodochlamys*) - **1 seen**: Tien Shan observatory on 10th May 2008.

White-winged Grosbeak (*Mycerobas carnipes*) - **4 seen (Max. 2)**: Tien Shan observatory between 9th May 2008 and 10th May 2008 (2 visits. [Max. 2]).

Rock Bunting (*Emberiza cia*) - **3 seen**: Aksu Gorge (1 on 29th April 2008), Kokpak pass (1 on 6th May 2008), Taldybulak (1 on 1st May 2008).

Grey-necked Bunting (*Emberiza buchanani*) - **15 seen (Max. 10)**: Bartogai camp between 6th May 2008 and 8th May 2008 (3 visits. [Max. 10]).

Ortolan Bunting (*Emberiza hortulana*) - **2 seen**: Konshengel camp (1 on 3rd May 2008), Topar Lakes (1 on 4th May 2008).

Chestnut-breasted (White-capped) Bunting (*Emberiza stewarti*) - **2 seen**: Kokpak pass (1 on 6th May 2008), Taldybulak (1 on 1st May 2008).

Red-headed Bunting (*Emberiza bruniceps [melanocephala]*) - **42 seen (Max. 20)**: Bilikol Lake (4 on 30th April 2008), Konshengel camp (30 between 3rd May 2008 and 5th May 2008 (2 visits. [Max. 20])), Lake Ters-Ashibulak (4 on 28th April 2008), Tamgaly (4 on 2nd May 2008).

Corn Bunting (*Miliaria calandra*) - **14 seen (Max. 10)**: Aksu Gorge (10 on 29th April 2008), Dzubagly (4 on 28th April 2008).

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