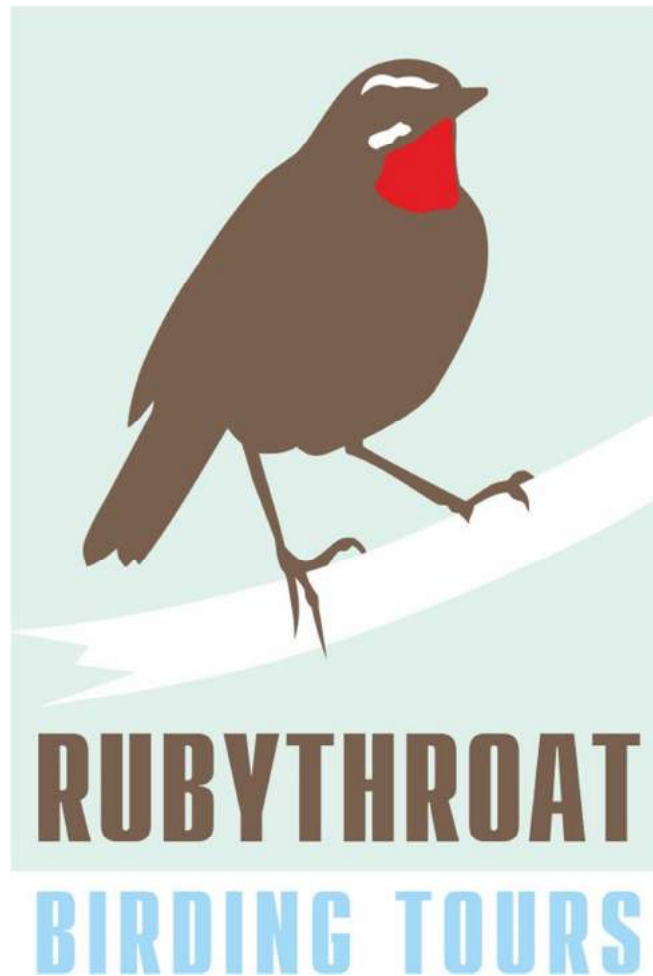


Trip report Kazakhstan

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In the early hours of the morning at 2 am, the group landed at Almaty International Airport where they met up with Machiel Valkenburg, their guide in Kazakhstan for this upcoming tour. Machiel lived for over 8 years in Kazakhstan and has a lot of experience birding the country. After breakfast at a local restaurant we drove towards the Ili-Ala-Tau National Park and entered at the Kaskelen gate. It was raining heavily but fortunately stopped when we entered the park. The gorgeous fresh green hills rendered some interesting species like Azure Tit, Common Buzzard and many Hume's Warblers. In the far distance we heard a White's Thrush calling and a Blue-whistling Thrush was seen well near the river. In the early evening we reached our pleasant hotel in Almaty where we enjoyed a fine dinner.



Gerard de Jong

Eversmann's Redstart - *Phoenicurus erythronotus* by Gerard de Jong

The next three days were spent in the mountains south of Almaty, around the famous Big Almaty Lake. The pine forests and juniper bushes provide habitats for some very interesting species and we were on the lookout for all of them. We left Almaty again in rain which had also poured down all night. We drove upwards but a landslide had blocked the road. Bonny (manager of RBT) arranged for a 4X4 who took us up easily; our Sprinter bus would follow later after the road was cleared. We started birding and noted the first common species such as Greenish and Hume's Warblers, Blue-capped and Eversmann's Redstart, Azure Tit and Black-throated Accentor. The area around our hotel proved to be very good and we birded this place daily. We found a gorgeous male Red-mantled Rosefinch in the top of a pine and not long after also a White-tailed Rubythroat showed itself splendidly. Common birds like Mistle Thrush, Grey Wagtail, White-winged Grosbeak and Tree Pipit showed themselves regularly. An evening excursion rendered several calling Boreal Owls together with another White's Thrush while Eurasian Woodcocks displayed above the forest. We visited the Big Almaty Lake where quickly we heard the call of a flying

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Ibisbill. The bird was found soon afterwards and all of us had walk away views. However to get to this spot proves to be more difficult every year because of border guard patrols. A little higher up around the Observatory we birded the juniper scrubs and quickly found all desired species such as White-browed Tit Warbler, Sulphur-bellied Warbler and more White-tailed Rubythroats, White-winged Grosbeaks and Fire-fronted Serin. Around us we heard the calls of Himalayan Snowcocks constantly but were unable to locate any from this spot. When going higher along the asphalt road leading to Cosmos Station, we found several Brown Accentors which showed very well. Both Yellow-billed (Alpine) and Red-billed Chough were seen on many occasions and sometimes provided very close encounters. At the very top (3600m) we were very lucky to come across a fine couple of Güldenstädt's Redstarts. On the last day we descended back to Almaty and made some small stops in the pine forests where Songar Tit (sometimes regarded as a split from Willow Tit) was seen beautifully up close. At the last we were very lucky with four soaring Himalayan Vultures and at the river we found a Blue Whistling Thrush and a Brown Dipper with youngster. The first part of our tour finished with a few good beers in our Almaty hotel.



Demoiselle Crane – *Anthropoides virgo* by Machiel Valkenburg

After another great breakfast we set sail for a three-day stay near the Sogety plains and Charyn Canyon east of Almaty. Just outside of Almaty we made a short stop to buy fresh bread from a roadside bakery; really delicious! During the 250km drive eastwards we made several more short stops where we had good sightings of some White-crowned Penduline Tits, Common Kingfisher, European Bee-eater, European Roller and Eurasian Hoopoes, Red-tailed Shrikes and a singing Paddyfield Warbler. We were rather unlucky as it started raining as we entered the Kokpek Pass. It meant we had to postpone the sighting of the Chestnut-headed Bunting. Despite the bad weather we did see many Pied Wheatears, Chukars and

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Masked Wagtails. We spend most of our time birding the Sogety valley during our time in the east. We started at the northern part where a small well was the local theater for the evening. At this artesian, in no time tens of Mongolian Finches with many Grey-necked Buntings came to drink. Very quickly a Crimson-winged Finch came in as well for a little drink. On the surrounding plains species like Tawny Pipit, Horned Lark, Isabelline Wheatear and Lesser Short-toed Lark are common. Sometimes we were lucky to find a Desert Wheatear, Asian Desert Warbler or Demoiselle Crane. In the air a Black-eared Kite or Long-legged Buzzard was always nearby. A colony of Lesser Kestrels proved an interesting subject for the photographers of the group. The main attractions however were the four Pallas's Sandgrouses we found during a morning excursion among many Black-bellied Sandgrouses. Our last visit in the east was the Kokpek Pass but now with good weather the Chestnut-headed Bunting proved very obliging and we all had great views of this master bird.



Scops Owl – *Otus scops* by Machiel Valkenburg

The final days in the southeast of Kazakhstan were spent in the Taukum Desert which is located around 250km north of Almaty, the former capital of the country. During the four days exploring these parts most time was spent in the desert around the village of Kolshengel but also excursions were made to Topar and Zheltorangly. After leaving the hotel in Almaty we moved towards Sorbulak Lake for the first waterbirds of the trip. The best birds included Ruddy Shelduck, Red-crested Pochard, Great White Pelican, summer plumage Spotted Redshanks and a pair of White-headed Duck. In the Taukum desert the best birding is near several waterholes which are spread out over a distance of 30km. In the early morning we witnessed many Black-bellied and occasionally Pallas's Sandgrouse which came to the waterhole. Here we also found Bimaculated Larks amongst the many Calandra Larks and Red-headed Buntings. In the village of Kolshengel we found many warblers feeding in the trees. Blyth's and Paddyfield Reed Warbler were

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especially interesting but Hume's Warblers were the most numerous. Hundreds of Common Rosefinches and the taxonomically interesting 'indicus' subspecies of the House Sparrow along with loads of Common Nightingales and Spotted Flycatchers made it a very interesting spot. In the evening we witnessed as well the migration of no less than 80 Crested Honey Buzzards!!



Red-headed Bunting – *Emberiza bruniceps* by Gerard de Jong

Our day excursion to the Topar Lakes and Zheltorangly forest was a great day with mild temperatures which made birding easier and very pleasant. In the forest we enjoyed another excellent field lunch with a nesting Turkistan Tit near to our spot. The White-winged Woodpecker flew over and was picked up quickly, followed by loads of excellent pictures. The Pale-backed Pigeon that lives in the Turanga needed more searching but was found as well and a pair showed really well. At Machiel's usual spot, we found a pair of nesting Saxaul Sparrows which were very obliging; this is definitely a contestant for prettiest sparrow! The biggest surprises in the Taukum Desert were for sure a couple of White-winged Larks. We usually come across them in the far north but for some reason they were present in the south. During our time in the desert we lodged in a comfortable local yurt camp, the historical nomad dwelling of the Kazakh people. The staff of the camp, including a very talented professional cook, made us feel right at home and took care of us with excellence. The birding around the camp was more than superb; Red-headed Buntings were calling from all around; five Blue-cheeked Bee-eaters showed themselves brilliantly to all of us while they were feeding above a flock of cows. We scoped the Macqueen's Bustard who was standing on top of a barkhan (local name for a sand dune) and Greater Sand Plovers were breeding not far from the camp. Some Long-legged Buzzards were around continuously but one buzzard proved to be an Upland Buzzard; what a great catch! Large flocks of Brown-necked Ravens and

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Demoiselle Cranes were easily approached. We finally headed back to Almaty by way of the Wish Tree where some Barred Warblers and Lesser Grey Shrike showed outstandingly.



'pallid' Merlin - *Falco columbarius pallidus* by Machiel Valkenburg

The last days of our tour were an exploration of the Korgalzhyn Nature Reserve near the capital of the country, Astana. A morning flight brought us to Astana from where we drove a further 200km to the small village of Korgalzhyn. During the drive we noted over 30 individuals of Red-footed Falcon nesting next to the road. Pallid Harriers were abundant as well and a few Short-eared Owls displayed wonderfully. The whole group was excited when we saw our first Black Lark; it displayed its stunning 'butterfly' flight where it beats its wings very slowly as it ascends. Over the course of our stay we must have seen many thousands of these gorgeous and special birds. Around the village we found the endangered Sociable Lapwing which has a stronghold here. One couple paraded over the steppes and we all had great sightings.



Sociable Lapwing - *Vanellus gregarius* by Gerard de Jong

Another steppe treasure is the White-winged Lark which is less abundant than the Black Lark but nonetheless was seen on many occasions. Korgalzhyn is a 'must do' for all birders with an interest in waders and we were lucky to see thousands of individuals of Ruff, Terek Sandpiper, Green Sandpiper, Spotted Redshank, Curlew Sandpiper, Temminck's Stint, Little Stint and Red-necked Phalarope. This abundance was enriched with large flocks of White-winged and Black Terns, Marsh Harriers, Black-winged Pratincoles, Horned Grebe's, Arctic Loon, Pallas's Gulls, Steppe Gulls, Booted Warblers, Savi's Warblers, Moustached Warblers and loads of Northern Wheatears. Some special birds we were hoping to find were the 'steppe' Twite and 'steppe' Merlin; both subspecies revealed themselves excellently giving walk away views. After two nights in Korgalzhyn we headed back to Astana and made one more stop near the city, where the drop-dead-gorgeous Pine Bunting was quickly found. Both male and female were present and gave prolonged views. In the evening we enjoyed our final dinner in the city and the group went to bed as they needed to make their direct flight to Amsterdam with KLM. Machiel stayed in Kazakhstan for another tour.



Pallas's Gull - *Larus ichthyaetus* by Gerard de Jong

I would like to thank the entire group for their attention and dedication; we all enjoyed a great trip with many superb sightings. We had loads of laughs and sometimes also discussed the more important things in life! I hope to see you all again soon on another tour of Rubythroat Birding Tours!

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COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME	Kaskelen	BAL	BAL	BAL	Charyn	Charyn	Charyn	Taukuml	Topar	Taukum	Sorbulak	Korgalzh	Korgalzh	Korgalzh
Ducks, Geese & Waterfowl	Anatidae														
Graylag Goose	<i>Anser anser</i>													X	
Mute Swan	<i>Cygnus olor</i>													X	X
Whooper Swan	<i>Cygnus cygnus</i>												X	X	X
Ruddy Shelduck	<i>Tadorna ferruginea</i>			X			X		X	X	X	X		X	X
Common Shelduck	<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>								X			X	X	X	X
Gadwall	<i>Anas strepera</i>					X			X	X		X	X	X	X
Eurasian Wigeon	<i>Anas penelope</i>								X					X	
Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	X							X	X		X	X	X	X
Northern Shoveler	<i>Anas clypeata</i>								X			X	X	X	X
Northern Pintail	<i>Anas acuta</i>											X	X	X	
Garganey	<i>Anas querquedula</i>								X	X		X	X	X	X
Green-winged (Common) Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>								X						
Red-crested Pochard	<i>Netta rufina</i>								X	X		X		X	X
Common Pochard	<i>Aythya ferina</i>								X			X		X	X
Ferruginous Duck	<i>Aythya nyroca</i>									X		X			
Tufted Duck	<i>Aythya fuligula</i>													X	X
White-headed Duck	<i>Oxyura leucocephala</i>								X	X		X		X	
Pheasants, Grouse & Allies	Phasianidae														
Chukar	<i>Alectoris chukar</i>					X		X							
Himalayan Snowcock	<i>Tetraogallus himalayensis</i>		X	X	X										
Common Quail	<i>Coturnix coturnix</i>									X	X			X	
Ring-necked Pheasant	<i>Phasianus colchicus</i>	X		X	X		X	X		X			X		
Loons	Gaviidae														
Arctic Loon (Black-throated Diver)	<i>Gavia arctica</i>													X	
Grebes	Podicipedidae														
Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>									X					
Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>								X	X			X	X	X
Eared (Black-necked) Grebe	<i>Podiceps nigricollis</i>											X			
Flamingos	Phoenicopteridae														
Greater Flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus roseus</i>													X	
Storks	Ciconiidae														

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Black Stork	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>												X				
Cormorants & Shags	Phalacrocoracidae																
Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>							X	X			X	X	X			
Pelicans	Pelecanidae																
Great White Pelican	<i>Pelecanus onocrotalus</i>							X	X			X		X			
Dalmatian Pelican	<i>Pelecanus crispus</i>								X			X		X			
Herons, Egrets & Bitterns	Ardeidae																
Great Bittern	<i>Botaurus stellaris</i>															X	
Little Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus minutus</i>									X							
Gray Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>					X		X	X			X	X	X	X	X	
Great Egret	<i>Ardea (Egretta) alba</i>									X		X		X			
Ibises & Spoonbills	Threskiornithidae																
Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>																
Eurasian Spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>																
Hawks, Eagles & Kites	Accipitridae																
Crested Honey-buzzard	<i>Pernis orientalis</i>									80							
Cinereous (Black) Vulture	<i>Aegypius monachus</i>					X											
Himalayan Griffon	<i>Gyps himalayensis</i>				X												
Short-toed Eagle	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>											X					
Booted Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus pennatus</i>							X									
Steppe Eagle	<i>Aquila nipalensis</i>												X				
Imperial Eagle	<i>Aquila heliaca</i>											X					
Eurasian Marsh-Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>								X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Pallid Harrier	<i>Circus macrourus</i>													X	X	X	
Montagu's Harrier	<i>Circus pygargus</i>									X	X						
Shikra	<i>Accipiter badius</i>	X							X	X							
Eurasian Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>		X		X		X	X	X	X							
Northern Goshawk	<i>Accipiter gentilis</i>																
Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X
White-tailed Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus albicilla</i>																
Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>	X		X													X
Long-legged Buzzard	<i>Buteo rufinus</i>					X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
Upland Buzzard	<i>Buteo hemilasius</i>									X							
Bustards	Otididae																
Macqueen's Bustard	<i>Chlamydotis macqueenii</i>											X	X				
Rails, Gallinules & Coots	Rallidae																

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Eurasian (Common) Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>					X				X		X	X	X	
Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>								X	X		X	X	X	
Cranes	Gruidae														
Demoiselle Crane	<i>Anthropoides virgo</i>					X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Common Crane	<i>Grus grus</i>													4	
Stilts & Avocets	Recurvirostridae														
Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>							X	X		X		X	X	
Pied Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>												X	X	
Ibisbill	Ibidorhynchidae														
Ibisbill	<i>Ibidorhyncha struthersii</i>			X											
Oystercatchers	Haematopodidae														
Eurasian Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus ostralegus</i>					X					X				
Plovers & Lapwings	Charadriidae														
Black-bellied (Gray) Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>												X	X	
Northern Lapwing	<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>							X	X		X	X	X	X	
Sociable Lapwing	<i>Vanellus gregarius</i>												X		
Greater Sand-Plover	<i>Charadrius leschenaultii</i>							X	X	X	X				
Kentish Plover	<i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>												X		
Common Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>												X		
Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>					X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Sandpipers & Allies	Scolopacidae														
Terek Sandpiper	<i>Xenus cinereus</i>												X	X	X
Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>			X		X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	
Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>					X		X	X			X	X	X	
Spotted Redshank	<i>Tringa erythropus</i>							X			X		X	X	
Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>							X				X	X	X	
Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>												X		
Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>							X			X	X	X	X	
Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>												X		
Eurasian Curlew	<i>Numenius arquata</i>												X		
Black-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa limosa</i>												X	X	
Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>												X		
Ruff	<i>Philomachus pugnax</i>											X	X	X	
Curlew Sandpiper	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>												X	X	
Temminck's Stint	<i>Calidris temminckii</i>							X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>												X		
Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>												X	X	

Boreal Owl	<i>Aegolius funereus</i>		X	X														
Short-eared Owl	<i>Asio flammeus</i>												X					X
Nightjars & Allies	Caprimulgidae																	
Eurasian Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus europaeus</i>						X											
Swifts	Apodidae																	
Common Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>	X										X						X
Kingfishers	Alcedinidae																	
Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>						X											
Bee-eaters	Meropidae																	
European Bee-eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>	X					X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Blue-cheeked Bee-eater	<i>Merops persicus</i>									5								
Rollers	Coraciidae																	
European Roller	<i>Coracias garrulus</i>						X			X	X	X	X	X				
Hoopoes	Upupidae																	
Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>						X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Woodpeckers	Picidae																	
White-winged Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos leucopterus</i>										X							
Eurasian Three-toed Woodpecker	<i>Picoides tridactylus</i>						X											
Falcons & Caracaras	Falconidae																	
Lesser Kestrel	<i>Falco naumanni</i>								X									
Eurasian Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Red-footed Falcon	<i>Falco vespertinus</i>														X			4 6
Merlin	<i>Falco columbarius</i>															X		
Eurasian Hobby	<i>Falco subbuteo</i>		X	X		X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
Shrikes	Laniidae																	
Red-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius collurio</i>																	X
Red-tailed Shrike	<i>Lanius phoenicuroides</i>						X				X	X	X			X		
Isabelline Shrike	<i>Lanius isabellinus</i>																	
Long-tailed Shrike	<i>Lanius schach</i>																	
Southern Gray Shrike	<i>Lanius meridionalis</i>							X										
Lesser Gray Shrike	<i>Lanius minor</i>									X	X		X					
Old World Orioles	Oriolidae																	
Eurasian Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>							X	X									X
Crows, Jays & Magpies	Corvidae																	
Eurasian Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Eurasian (Spotted) Nutcracker	<i>Nucifraga caryocatactes</i>		X	X	X													
Red-billed Chough	<i>Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax</i>		X	X	X													
Yellow-billed (Apline)	<i>Pyrrhocorax</i>				X													

Chough	<i>graculus</i>																		
Eurasian Jackdaw	<i>Corvus monedula</i>					X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Rook	<i>Corvus frugilegus</i>	X				X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Carrion Crow	<i>Corvus corone</i>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Hooded Crow	<i>Corvus cornix</i>												X	X	X	X			
Brown-necked Raven	<i>Corvus ruficollis</i>										X	X	X						
Common Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>	X																	
Bearded Reedling	Panuridae																		
Bearded Reedling (Tit)	<i>Panurus biarmicus</i>																X		
Larks	Alaudidae																		
Calandra Lark	<i>Melanocorypha calandra</i>									X	X	X	X						
Bimaculated Lark	<i>Melanocorypha bimaculata</i>									X		X							
White-winged Lark	<i>Melanocorypha leucoptera</i>										X						X	X	
Black Lark	<i>Melanocorypha yeltoniensis</i>															X	X	X	
Greater Short-toed Lark	<i>Calandrella brachydactyla</i>					X			X	X	X	X							
Lesser Short-toed Lark	<i>Calandrella rufescens</i>						X	X											
Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>					X		X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Sky Lark	<i>Alauda arvensis</i>					X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Oriental Skylark	<i>Alauda gulgula</i>																		
Horned (Shore) Lark	<i>Eremophila alpestris</i>					X	X	X											
Swallows	Hirundinidae																		
Bank Swallow (Sand Martin)	<i>Riparia riparia</i>						X			X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Pale Sand Martin	<i>Riparia diluta</i>									X									
Eurasian Crag-Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne (Hirundo) rupestris</i>							X											
Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Common House-Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>	X					X	X	X			X			X		X	X	
Tits, Chickadees & Titmice	Paridae																		
Willow Tit	<i>Poecile montanus</i>																		
(Songar Tit)	<i>(Poecile (m.) songarus)</i>				X														
Coal Tit	<i>Periparus ater</i>		X	X	X														
Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X					X	
Turkestan Tit	<i>Parus major bokharensis</i>										X								
Azure Tit	<i>Cyanistes cyanus</i>	X				X	X	X		X									X
Penduline-Tits	Remizidae																		
White-crowned	<i>Remiz coronatus</i>					X		X											

Penduline-Tit																			
Long-tailed Tits	Aegithalidae																		
White-browed Tit-Warbler	<i>Leptopoecile sophiae</i>			X	X														
Wrens	Troglodytidae																		
Eurasian Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>		X	X	X														
Dippers	Cinclidae																		
White-throated Dipper	<i>Cinclus cinclus</i>																		
Brown Dipper	<i>Cinclus pallasii</i>		X		X														
Kinglets	Regulidae																		
Goldcrest	<i>Regulus regulus</i>		X	X	X														
Bush-Warblers & Allies	Cettiidae																		
Cetti's Warbler	<i>Cettia cetti</i>							X			X								
Leaf-Warblers	Phylloscopidae																		
Willow Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>																		X
Common Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>	X		X	X					X	X	X	X				X	X	X
Sulphur-bellied Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus griseolus</i>			X	X														
Hume's Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus humei</i>	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				X
Greenish Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochiloides</i>		X		X					X									X
Reed-Warblers & Allies	Acrocephalidae																		
Booted Warbler	<i>Iduna caligata</i>							X									X	X	X
Sykes's Warbler	<i>Iduna rama</i>									X									
Moustached Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus melanopogon</i>																	X	
Paddyfield Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus agricola</i>	X				X				X	X				X	X	X	X	X
Blyth's Reed-Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus dumetorum</i>								X		X	X	X						X
Eurasian Reed-Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>									X								X	
Great Reed-Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus arundinaceus</i>					X								X					
Grassbirds & Allies	Locustellidae																		
Savi's Warbler	<i>Locustella luscinioides</i>																		X
Common Grasshopper-Warbler	<i>Locustella naevia</i>	X																	X
Sylviids	Sylviidae																		
Garden Warbler	<i>Sylvia borin</i>																		
Asian Desert Warbler	<i>Sylvia nana</i>							X	X										
Barred Warbler	<i>Sylvia nisoria</i>									X		X							

European Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>							X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X
Accentors	Prunellidae															
Brown Accentor	<i>Prunella fulvescens</i>				X											
Black-throated Accentor	<i>Prunella atrogularis</i>		X	X	X											
Wagtails & Pipits	Motacillidae															
Western Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>									X	X		X	X	X	
Citrine Wagtail	<i>Motacilla citreola</i>									X					X	
Gray Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X				
White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
East Siberian Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba ocularis</i>								X							
Tawny Pipit	<i>Anthus campestris</i>					X	X	X	X				X	X		
Tree Pipit	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>	X	X	X	X					X	X					
Water Pipit	<i>Anthus spinoletta</i>		X	X	X											
Buntings & New World Sparrows	Emberizidae															
Pine Bunting	<i>Emberiza leucocephalos</i>															X
Rock Bunting	<i>Emberiza cia</i>	X							X							
Gray-hooded (-necked) Bunting	<i>Emberiza buchanani</i>					X	X	X								
Ortolan Bunting	<i>Emberiza hortulana</i>								X							
Chestnut-breasted Bunting	<i>Emberiza stewarti</i>								X							
Red-headed Bunting	<i>Emberiza bruniceps</i>									X	X	X	X			
Reed Bunting	<i>Emberiza schoeniclus</i>										X				X	X
Corn Bunting	<i>Emberiza calandra</i>								X							
Finches, Euphonias & Allies	Fringillidae															
Plain Mountain-Finch	<i>Leucosticte nemoricola</i>		X	X	X											
Crimson-winged Finch	<i>Rhodopechys sanguineus</i>					X										
Mongolian Finch	<i>Bucanetes mongolicus</i>					X	X	X	X							
Common Rosefinch	<i>Carpodacus erythrinus</i>									X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Red-mantled Rosefinch	<i>Carpodacus rhodochlamys</i>		X	X												
European Greenfinch	<i>Chloris chloris</i>	X	X			X		X					X			
European Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>	X	X	X		X		X		X			X			
Twite	<i>Carduelis flavirostris</i>														X	
Eurasian Linnet	<i>Carduelis</i>					X	X	X								X

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	<i>cannabina</i>																		
Fire-fronted Serin	<i>Serinus pusillus</i>		X	X	X														
White-winged Grosbeak	<i>Mycerobas carnipes</i>		X	X	X														
Old World Sparrows	Passeridae																		
Saxaul Sparrow	<i>Passer ammodendri</i>									X									
House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X				
Indian Sparrow	<i>Passer d. indicus</i>									X		X	X						
Spanish Sparrow	<i>Passer hispaniolensis</i>									X		X	X	X					
Eurasian Tree Sparrow	<i>Passer montanus</i>					X		X						X	X	X			
Rock Petronia (Sparrow)	<i>Petronia petronia</i>					X		X											
MAMMALS																			
Dogs	Canidae																		
Corsac Fox	<i>Vulpes corsac</i>							X	X			X							
Cattle, Sheep, Antelopes	Bovidae																		
Siberian Ibex	<i>Capra sibirica</i>		X	X															
Squirrels	Sciuridae																		
Grey Marmot	<i>Marmota baibacina</i>			X	X		X												
Bobak Marmot	<i>Marmota bobak</i>																	X	
Large-toothed Suslik	<i>Spermophilus fulvus</i>										X			X					
Small Suslik	<i>Spermophilus erythrogenys</i>																	X	
Muskrat (I)	<i>Ondatra zibethicus</i>										X		X						
Gerbils	Gerbillidae																		
Great Gerbil	<i>Rhombomys opimus</i>					X	X	X											
Rabbits and Hares	Leporidae																		
Tolai Hare	<i>Lepus tolai</i>					X	X												
European Hare	<i>Lepus europeus</i>										X		X			X			
Other Wildlife																			
Tortoises	Testudinidae																		
Horsfield's Tortoise	<i>Testudo horsfieldi</i>											X	X						
Typical Snakes	Colubridae																		
Dice Snake	<i>Natrix tessellata</i>							X											
Agamas	Agamidae																		
Steppe Agama	<i>Agama sanguinolenta</i>							X	X										
Wall & Sand Lizards	Lacertidae																		
Sand Lizard p.	<i>Lacerta strigata</i>																	X	
Captive/Re-introduced																			

Dromedary Camel	<i>Camelus dromedarius</i>												X			
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