

TRAVELREPORT

NORTHERN CHINA

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ITENERARY

- Thue 10-05 Flight via Paris to Beijing.
Wed 11-05. Birded in the Summer Palace, Forbidden City and Cool Hill in Beijing. In the evening on the sleeping train to Taiyuan.
Thur 12-05. Early morning arrival in Taiyuan, than travelled by buss to Pangquangou reserve.
Fry 13-05. All day birded at Pangquangou.
Sat 14-05. All day birded at and around Pangquangou.
Sun 15-05. In the morning birded near Pangquangou, after that drove to Taiyuan and by sleeping train to Xi'an.
Mon 16-05. Arrival at Xi'an, with a short visit at the Terracotta Warriors, than drove over the Qinling mountains via Foping to Yangxiang.
Thue 17-05. Birded around Yangxiang (village Caoba, for the nest of the Ibis)
Wed 18-05. Drove back to Xi'an via Foping (Qinling mountains) with a few hours birding around there.
Thur 19-05. Flew from Xi'an via Beijing to Changchun (Manchuria) and drove to Beicheng.
Fry 20-05. Birded at the steppes of Beicheng and drove later on to Xianghai.
Sat 21-05. All day birded at Xianghai
Sun 22-05. All day birded at Xianghai
Mon 23-05. Morning birding around Xianghai and later on drove to Changchun for a flight to Beijing.
Thue 24-05. Again birded in the Summer Palace in the morning, and later on drove to Whuling Shan
Wed 25-05. All day birded at Whuling Shan
Thur 26-05. Morning birding at Whuling Shan and than drove via the Great Wall (Mutian You) to Beijing.
Fry 27-05 A morning Flight from Beijing to Paris and by TGV to home.

Legenda:

*AAAA = New species

AAAA = Good bird for the area or for myself

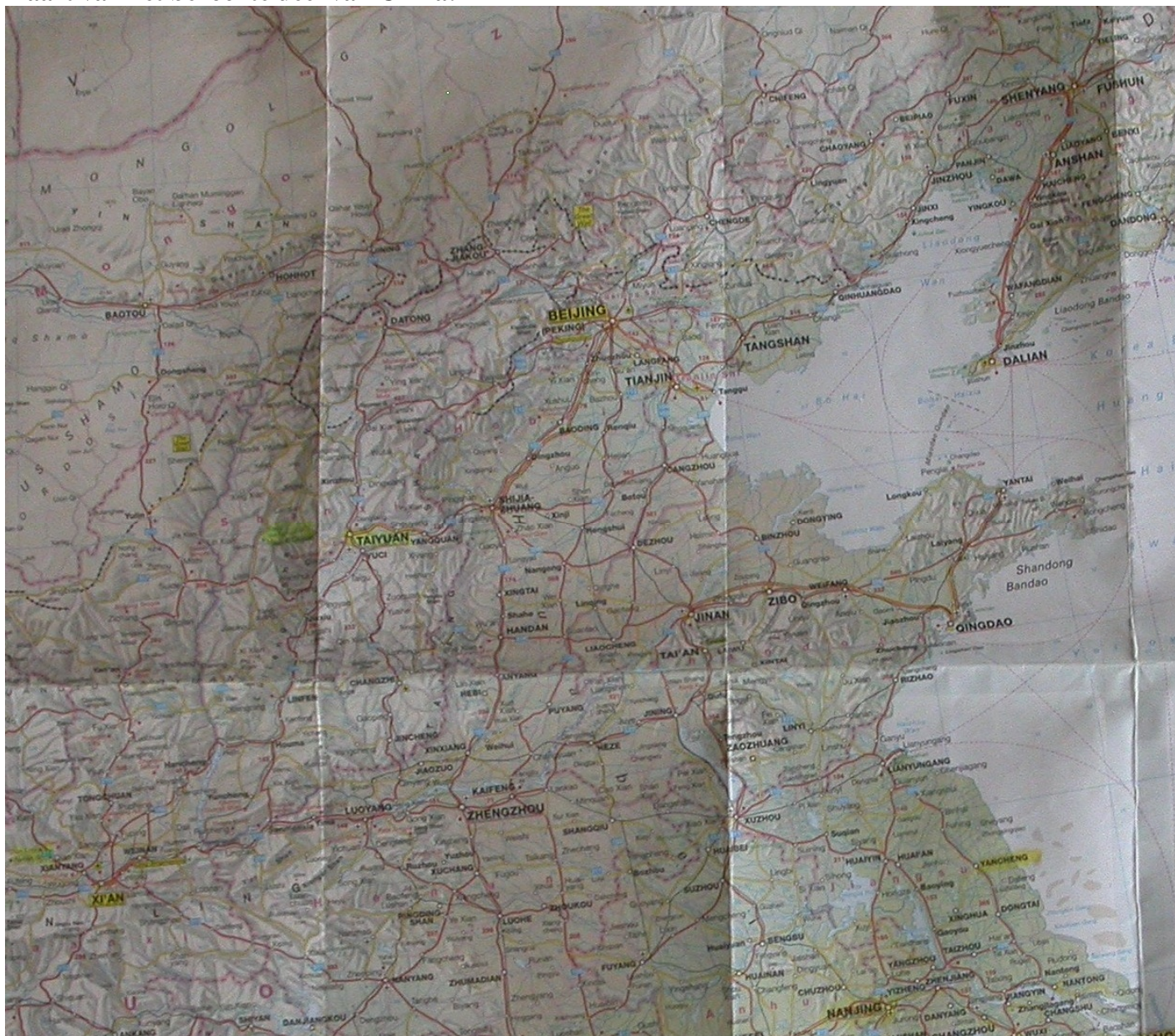
The Dutch name is given when known. The list order is conform Palaearctic Birds by Beaman with the recent changes on the splitting and lumping issue. Subspecies is only mentioned when thought to be important.

The weather was good without rain, with cold mornings (coldest 5 C) and sometimes hot days (25 C), often windy.

The area in the north-east of China around and in Xianghai reserve was almost completely dried out since no good rains after 1998 had fallen. This resulted in low numbers of ducks (no Bear's Pochard..), geese, cranes and storks. Also Jankowski's bunting seems to suffer from this drought because no birds were found inside the reserve anymore.

Heard species new for me as a life bird are not mentioned in the report because I do not count them for my list.

Kaart van het bezochte deel van China:



THE BIRDSPECIES

001 LITTLE GREBE – *tachybaptus ruficollis*
(dodaars)

Seen at Xainghai and the Summer palace, with a maximum of 20 birds on one day.

- 002 GREAT CRESTED GREBE – *podiceps cristatus*
(fuut)
A total of 24 birds seen in Xainghai Reserve, all in pairs.
- 003 RED-NECKED GREBE – *podiceps grisegena*
(roodhalsfuut)
20-01 1 ex. On a steppe lake near Beicheng.
- 004 BLACK-NECKED GREBE – *podiceps nigricollis*
(geoorde fuut)
A maximum of 80 birds on one day seen at Xianghai Reserve, all in pairs in breeding plumage.
- 005 GREAT BITTERN – *botaurus stellaris*
(roerdomp)
22-05 3 birds booming in a reedbed in Xianghai reserve, nice views of one flying.
- 006 YELLOW BITTERN – *ixobrychus sinensis*
24-05 5 birds seen in the reed pond in the summer palace, nice flight views.
- 007 SCHRENK'S BITTERN – *ixobrychus eurhythmus*
24-05 1 adult male flying with two Yellow Bitterns at the Summer palace, nice rufous on the upperwings.
- 008 CINNAMON BITTERN – *ixobrychus cinnamomeus*
17-05 1 bird flying in at the Crested Ibis breeding centre.
24-05 1 bird flying at the Summer palace.
- 009 BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERON – *nycticorax nycticorax*
(kwak)
At most 50 birds seen on a day mostly in wet area's near human populations (Summer palace), the birds where seen feeding in flight above water and also swimming (??).
- 010 CATTLE EGRET – *bulcus ibis* ssp: *coromandus*
(koereiger)
17-05 120 ex. near a heronry at the ibis site, all birds where not very rufous as seen in south-east Asia.
- 011 CHINESE POND HERON – *ardeola bacchus*
Seen at the Summer palace (maximum 5 on a day) and at the heronry at the ibis site.
- 012 LITTLE EGRET – *egretta garzetta*
(kleine zilverreiger)
A few seen along the way south of Beijing, and 40 ex. in a heronry at the ibis site.
- 013 GREAT EGRET – *egretta alba*
(grote zilverreiger)
22-05 1 ex. Flying over at Xianghai.

014 GREY HERON – *ardea cinerea*
(blauwe reiger)

Seen at various (also dry) sites with a breeding colony of about 50 birds in Xianghai.

015 PURPLE HERON – *ardea purpurea*
(purperreiger)

Seen daily at Xianghai with a maximum of 12 birds a day.

*016 **CRESTED IBIS – NIPPON NIPONIA**

17-05 12 birds seen over the day near a small village called Caoba in the Yangxiang area. The birds were first seen leaving a roost near a nest on the edge of the village (giving loud crying calls, at least one with no rings), the nest was located and we saw the two young being fat (adult had a yellow ring with 197). Also another bird was seen flying near the heronry. Two birds were seen very close to the breeding centre and one bird, (red ring) was in the afternoon seen feeding in one of the rice fields, this one had a nest in the area about 10 K from visitors centre. The birds had nice pink in the wings and were all in their greyish breeding plumage.



017 EURASIAN SPOONBILL – *platalea leucorodia*
(lepelaar)

21-05 3 ex. in one of the lakes in Xianghai.
22-05 2 ex. on a nest in Xianghai

*018 **SWAN GOOSE – ANSER CYGNOIDES**

Seen daily in small flocks, pairs and on a nest (four eggs) in Xianghai. A very noisy big goose.



- 019 GREYLEG GOOSE – *anser anser ssp. rubrirostris*
(grauwe gans)
Seen almost daily in Xianghai with a maximum of 10 a day.
- 020 COMMON SHELDUCK – *tadorna tadorna*
(bergeend)
Seen daily in Xianghai with up to 15 birds a day.
- 021 EURASIAN WIGEON – *anas penelope*
(smient)
Seen daily with up to 10 birds, mostly pairs in Xianghai.
- 022 FALCATED DUCK – *anas falcata*
(bronskoeend)
21-05 9 ex. with a small flock of males and a pair in Xianghai.
22-05 2 ex. a pair at Xianghai.
Nice flightviews.
- 023 GADWALL – *anas strepera*
(krakeend)
Seen daily in Xianghai, with a high total of 80 on one day.
- 024 EURASIAN TEAL – *anas crecca*
(wintertaling)
20-05 10 ex. on a steppe lake at Beicheng.
- 025 MALLARD – *anas platyrhynchos*
(wilde eend)
Seen at variable numbers with a maximum of 20 ex. on a day in all wet area's visited.
- 026 CHINESE SPOT-BILLED DUCK – *anas zonorhynchos*
Seen daily in numbers up to 10 ex. in and around Xianghai.
- 027 NORTHERN PINTAIL – *anas acuta*
(pijlstaart)
A total of 6 birds seen at Xianghai.

028 GARGENEY – *anas querquedula*
(zomertaling)

Seen daily in Xianghai with numbers up to 15 birds a day.

029 NORTHERN SHOVELER – *anas clypeata*
(slobeend)

12-05 1 bird along the way.
Seen daily with up to 8 birds at Xianghai Reserve.

030 COMMON POCHARD – *aythya farina*
(tafeleend)

11-05 1 male at the Summer palace.
Seen daily with up to 70 birds a day at Xianghai Reserve.
24-05 1 male at the Summer palace.

031 STEJNEGER'S SCOTER – *melanitta stejnegeri*

20-05 4 ex. together on a steppe lake near Beicheng.

032 COMMON GOLDENEYE – *bucephala clangula*
(brilduiker)

20-05 2 birds on a steppe lake near Beicheng.

033 RED-BREASTED MERGANSER – *mergus serrator*
(middelse zaagbek)

20-05 10 birds on a steppe lake near Beicheng.
21-05 25 birds on the lakes in Xianghai Reserve.

033 CRESTED HONEY BUZZARD – *pernis ptilorhynchus*

11-05 50 ex. in two groups migrating NE over the Summer palace,
nice males and females with the males showing the underparts as a
small serpent eagle.
17-05 3 ex. over Yangxiang.
18-05 1 ex. on the way to Xi'an.

034 EASTERN MARSH HARRIER – *circus spilonotus*

Seen almost daily with up to 8 ex. in Xianghai Reserve. Males are
really stunning with the pied harrier plumage pattern.

035 PIED HARRIER – *circus melanoleucos*

21-05 1 male flying over a pond in Xianghai Reserve.
Very nice views.

036 EURASIAN SPARROWHAWK – *accipiter nisus*
(sperwer)

A total of 6 seen in visited area's all except Manchuria.

037 CHINESE GOSHAWK – *accipiter soloensis*

17-05 6 ex. some in display flight, some perched at Yangxiang.
The display flight was very spectacular with sometimes flying in
slow-motion together.

*038 **GREY-FACED BUZZARD – BUTASTER INDICUS**

26-05 1 bird seen very well perched and in flight at the Great Wall.
Good views with even the black throat stripe sometimes visible, the

rest as in the books.

039 COMMON BUZZARD – *buteo buteo* ssp: *japonica*
(buiserd)

18-05 1 ex. flying over a valley near Foping.

040 GOLDEN EAGLE – *aquila chrysaetos*
(steenarend)

25-05 2 ex. Flying at Whuling Shan.

041 OSPREY – *pandion haliaetus*
(visarend)

20-05 1 ex. hunting at a steppe lake at Beicheng.

042 COMMON KESTREL – *falco tinnunculus*
(torenvalk)

Seen on all the visited area's with a maximum of 2 a day.

043 AMUR FALCON – *falco amurensis*

15-05 1 female on a wire along the road during the day.
Common from 19-05 in the North East hunting along the roads,
mostly male birds.

044 EURASIAN HOBBY – *falco subbuteo*
(boomvalk)

25-05 1 ex. at Whuling Shan.

045 DAURIAN PARTRIDGE – *perdix dauurica*

21-05 2 ex a pair nicely walking in front of the car at Xianghai Reserve.
23-05 2 ex at Xianghai Reserve.
Quite like "our" Grey Partridge, but larger with a longer neck and grey spotted sides of the neck.

046 JAPANESE QUAIL – *coturnix japonica*

20-05 1 ex. flushed from a field near Beicheng while searching for the Jakowski's Bunting.

047 KOKLASS PHEASANT – *pucrasia macrolopha*

25-05 2 one bird flushed from a ridge and one heard calling twice in Whuling Shan.
26-05 1 bird flushed and heard calling at Whuling Shan.

*048 **BROWN-EARED PHEASANT - CROSSOPTILON MANTCHURICUM**

12-05 1 bird heard at Pangquangou.

13-05 2 birds of which one seen walking up a hill (a calling male) flying over and landing on the other side of a hill in a forest in Pangquangou

14-05 1 bird heard at Pangquangou.

15-05 4 birds heard at Pangquangou.

A very big eared pheasant with a black-brown body, nice white whiskers, a red facial skin (this not seen well) and a big long white tail holding up high at the base. The sound is easy when known.

049 COMMON PHEASANT - *phasianus colchicus*
(fazant)

ssp: *decollatus*(?), with almost no collar, quite common and seen and heard almost daily with a maximum of 3 birds a day on the southern part of the range.

Ssp: *pallasi*, with a collar, seen daily with up to 5 birds a day in the north east.

050 YELLOW-LEGGED BUTTON QUAIL – *turnix tanki*

23-05 1 bird seen running and flying behind the quest house in Xianghai Reserve.

051 WHITE-BREASTED WATERHEN – *amauronis phoenicurus*

17-05 1 ex. in a rice field at the ibis site.

052 COMMON MOORHEN – *gallinula chloropus*
(waterhoen)

Seen almost daily with 12 on one day in Xianghai Reserve.

053 EURASIAN COOT – *fulica atra*
(meerkoet)

A total of 5 birds seen all in Xianghai Reserve.

054 COMMON CRANE – *grus grus*
(kraanvogel)

A total of 7 first year birds present on the ponds in Xianghai Reserve.

055 RED-CROWNED CRANE – *grus japonensis*

A total of 7 birds seen in Xianghai Reserve. Two pairs on the nest and three individual young birds.

056 GREAT BUSTARD – *otis tarda*
(grote trap)

20-05 18 birds seen on a steppe area near Beicheng, one flushed from a nest (by accident), also very nice flight views of small groups.

057 EURASIAN OYSTERCATCHER – *haematopus ostralegus* ssp: *osculans*
(scholekster)

23-05 5 ex. flying and calling over the quest house in Xianghai Reserve.

058 BLACK-WINGED STILT – *himantopus himantopus*
(steltkluut)

Common in Xianghai Reserve, with 60 a day.

059 PIED AVOCET – *recurvirostra avosetta*
(kluut)

Seen daily in small colonies in shallow lakes of the Xianghai Reserve.

060 ORIENTAL PRANCOLE – *glareola maldivarum*
(oosterse vorkstaartplevier)

Seen daily with up to 25 birds in small colonies in Xianghai Reserve. Very good views. All birds with very buff rufous breasts.



061 LITTLE RINGED PLOVER – *charadrius dubius*
(kleine plevier)

Seen at rivers in small numbers (up to 20 birds) along the trip in all visited suitable habitats.

062 KENTISH PLOVER – *charadrius alexandrinus* ssp: *dealbatus*
(strandplevier)

62 birds in total seen on the sandy area's in Xianghai Reserve.

063 MONGOLIAN PLOVER – *charadrius mongolus* ssp: *stegmanni*
(mongoolse plevier)

20-05 1 ex. a female still in winter plumage at a pond in Xianghai Reserve.

22-05 3 ex. very nice summer birds on a mudflat at Xianghai Reserve.

064 PACIFIC GOLDEN PLOVER – *pluvialis fulva*
(kleine goudplevier)

Seen daily in small flocks up to 70 birds on a day (mostly moulting into breeding plumage) at Xianghai Reserve.

065 GREY-HEADED LAPWING – *vanellus cinereus*

14-05 1 ex. along a river near Pangquangou.

17-05 3 ex. flying at the ibis site.

Common breeder at Xianghai Reserve, with 30 birds a day.

066 NORTHERN LAPWING – *vanellus vanellus*
(kievit)

Seen daily at Xianghai Reserve, with up to 50 birds on a day.

067 RED-NECKED STINT – *calidris ruficollis*
(roodkeelstrandloper)

22-05 100 birds seen in small flocks at a big mudflat at Xianghai Reserve, nice summer plumage birds but also winter plumage.

068 LONG-TOED STINT – *calidris subminuta*

20-05 3 birds together in summer plumage on a pond in Xianghai Reserve.

069 SHARP-TAILED SANDPIPER – *calidris acuminata*
(siberische strandloper)

21-05 3 ex. in a pond in Xianghai Reserve.

22-05 8 ex. on a mudflat at Xianghai Reserve.

070 CURLEW SANDPIPER – *calidris ferrugina*
(krombekstrandloper)

Seen almost daily with up to 50 birds a day (on the mudflat), at Xianghai Reserve.

071 BROADBILLED SANDPIPER – *limicola falcinellus* ssp: *sibirica*
(breedbekstrandloper)

22-05 1 ex. in the flock of Red-necked stints in Xianghai Reserve.

072 RUFF – *philomachus pugnax*
(kemphaan)

A total of 5 birds seen during our stay at Xianghai Reserve.

073 COMMON SNIPE – *gallinago gallinago*
(watersnip)

Seen daily with up to 10 birds at Xianghai Reserve.

074 PINTAIL SNIPE – *gallinago stenura*

20-05 1 ex. flushed from a scrubby area in Xianghai Reserve.

21-05 1 ex. flushed calling from a scrubby area in Xianghai Reserve.

Identified on small (common snipe like) size, “craoaaak” sound and no white trailing edge on the wing. Upperparts more cold colour.

075 SWINHOE’S SNIPE – *gallinago megala*

20-05 1 ex. flushed from the edge of a pond calling at Xianghai Reserve.

The bird was very big and potbellied (like great or wood snipe), no trailing edge on the wing and had a mixed sound between common and pintail very different than the “craoaaak” sound of the pintail snipes seen, more “eee” notes in it but not as harsh and also different as the commonly heard commons. I no how tricky id is on these snipes (Leader and Carey), but the combination with the call gave us enough to do it.

076 BLACK-TAILED GODWIT – *limosa limosa* ssp: *melanuiroides*
(grutto)

Quite common seen with up to 50 birds a day in Xianghai

Reserve.

077 LITTLE WHIMBREL – *numenius minutes*

20-05 45 birds in one flock on a bank of a pond in Xianghai Reserve. Later this group became smaller with groups flying of high (calling with its strange call), and some birds were found feeding on ploughed fields in the area. Nice views of the birds with the slender bills and the whimbrel like head patterns.

078 WHIMBREL – *numenius phaeopus*
(regenwulp)

21-05 2 ex. flying at Xianghai Reserve.

079 EURASIAN CURLEW – *numenius arquata* ssp: *orientalis*
(wulp)

Seen daily with up to 20 birds a day at Xianghai Reserve.

080 SPOTTED REDSHANK – *tringa erythropus*
(zwarte ruiter)

Seen daily in flocks up to 100 birds a day at Xianghai Reserve.
All in summer plumage.

081 COMMON REDSHANK – *tringa tetanus*
(tureluur)

11-05 2 birds at the Summer palace.
Seen daily with up to 10 birds a day at Xianghai Reserve.

082 MARSH SANDPIPER – *tringa stagnatilis*
(poelruiter)

Common as a breeding bird with up to 60 birds a day at Xianghai Reserve. Nice song flights seen.

083 COMMON GREENSHANK – *tringa nebularia*
(groenpootruiter)

Seen daily in small numbers with a maximum of 20 a day at Xianghai Reserve.

084 GREEN SANDPIPER – *tringa ochropus*
(witgat)

21-05 2 ex. in a pond at Xianghai Reserve.

085 WOOD SANDPIPER – *tringa glareola*
(bosruiter)

Common in large numbers with up to 40 a day at Xianghai Reserve.

086 COMMON SANDPIPER – *actitis hypoleucos*
(oeverloper)

12-05 5 ex. in a small flock on a river near Pangquangou.
14-05 2 ex. on a river along the way.
Seen daily with up to 30 birds a day at Xianghai Reserve.

087 BLACK-HEADED GULL – *larus ridibundus*
(kokmeeuw)

Seen at various breeding colonies in and around Beicheng and the Xianghai Reserve with up to 40 birds a day.

088 GULL-BILLED TERN – *sterna nilotica*
(lachstern)

21-05 1 ex, seen at a lake in Xianghai Reserve

089 COMMON TERN – *sterna hirundo* ssp: *longipennis*
(visdief)

11-05 10 ex. at the Summer palace migrating.
Seen daily with up to 40 birds a day at various breeding colonies at Xianghai Reserve.

090 LITTLE TERN – *sterna albifrons*
(dwergstern)

20-05 2 birds along a canal in Xianghai Reserve.

092 WHISKERED TERN – *chlidonias hybridus*
(witwangstern)

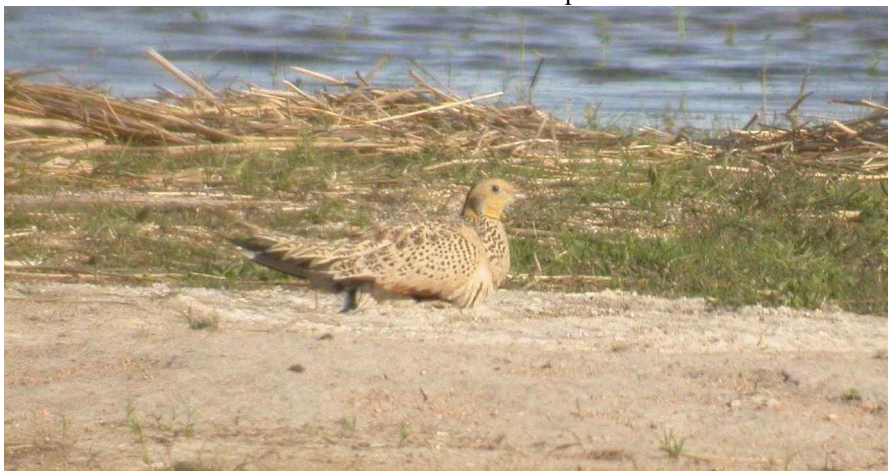
Seen daily with up to 100 birds a day, not clear of these where migrants or breeding birds at Xianghai Reserve.

093 WHITE-WINGED BLACK TERN – *chlidonias leucopterus*
(witvleugelstern)

Seen daily with up to 120 birds a day, mostly migrants in small flocks at Xianghai Reserve.

094 PALLAS'S SANDGROUSE – *syrhaptes paradoxus*
(steppehoen)

20-05 80 birds seen in small flocks, at a drinking pool in a steppe area near Beicheng, also collecting water with the belly feathers, often in pairs.



095 HILL PIGEON – *columba rupestris*

14-05 20 birds in one flock in the hills near Pangquangou.

096 EURASIAN COLLARED DOVE – *streptopelia decaocto*
(turkse tortel)

12-05 1 ex. near Pangquangou.

14-05 2 ex. near Pangquangou.

097 RED TURTLE DOVE – *streptopelia tranquebarica*

17-05 1 ex. flying by at the ibis village.

098 ORIENTAL TURTLE DOVE – *streptopelia orientalis* ssp: *orientalis*
(oosterse tortelduif)

17-05 common at the ibis site.

Seen daily in low numbers with up to 6 birds a day at Xianghai Reserve.

099 SPOTTED DOVE – *streptopelia chinensis*

Seen daily in the Beijing to Xi'an part of the trip with up to 6 birds in a day mainly near human settlements.

100 LARGE HAWK CUCKOO – *hierococcyx sparveroides*

Seen (only three times) but mostly heard on many occasions during the whole trip. When seen it was a large cuckoo with a noticeable large head.

101 INDIAN CUCKOO – *cuculus micropterus*

16-05 2 birds seen at the Terracotta Warriors.
17-05 5 birds seen and heard at the ibis site.
24-05 3 birds seen very well at the Summer palace.

102 COMMON CUCKOO – *cuculus canorus*
(koekoek)

Seen on several days during the whole trip also nice brown birds.

103 ORIENTAL CUCKOO – *cuculus saturatus*
(boskoekoek)

13-05 7 birds seen and heard at Pangquangou.
18-05 3 birds at Pangquangou.
24-05 1 bird at Whuling Shan.
25-05 1 bird at Whuling Shan.

*104 **LESSER CUCKOO – CUCULUS POLIOCEPHALUS**

18-05 1 bird heard at Foping, but not seen.
25-05 1 bird seen sitting and calling from a tree near the quest house of Whuling Shan.
A small cuckoo, with a short tail, the call is the best ID feature.

105 COMMON KOEL – *eudynamis scolopacea*

16-05 1 ex flying at a hill site near Foping, after calling.
17-05 1 bird heard at the ibis site.
18-05 1 ex. seen around the ibis site.

106 ORIENTAL SCOPS OWL – *otus sunia*

1 bird heard calling during day time at the ibis site.

107 ASIAN BARRED OWL – *glaucidium cuculoides*

17-05 1 ex. in a tree at the ibis site, good views.

108 LITTLE OWL – *athene noctua* ssp: *plumipes*
(steenuil)

22-05 1 ex. at a telegraph pole at Xianghai Reserve. Quite brown compared to "our" birds.

109 GREY NIGHTJAR – *caprimulgus indicus*

13-05 1 ex. nice flying in the morning dusk coming into the tape

singing.

110 WHITE-THROATED NEEDLETAIL – *hirundapus caudacutus*
(stekelstaartgierzwaluw)

20-05 1 ex. flying over a steppe near Beicheng heading north.

111 COMMON SWIFT – *apus apus* ssp: *pekinensis*
(gierzwaluw)

Common at Beijing.
12-05 3 ex. along the way.

112 BLACK-CAPPED KINGFISHER – *halcyon pileata*

A total of 7 birds seen in the first part of the trip (excluding the NE),
good views of birds perched.

113 COMMON KINGFISHER – *alcedo atthis*
(ijsvogel)

A total of 6 birds seen spread over the trip in all main visited parts.

114 CRESTED KINGFISHER – *ceryle lugubris*

16-05 1 bird seen on stones along a river on the way near Foping.

115 EURASIAN HOOPOE – *upupa epops* ssp: *saturate*
(hop)

A total of 7 birds seen at Xianghai Reserve.

116 GREY-HEADED WOODPECKER – *picus canus*
(grijskopspecht)

13-05 1 heard at Pangquangou.
17-05 1 heard at the ibis site.
18-05 1 male seen quite well in a tree near Foping, much alike “our”
birds.
Heard daily in Whuling Shan.

117 BLACK WOODPECKER – *dryocopus martius*
(zwarte specht)

Heard but not seen several times on several days at Pangquangou.

118 GREAT SPOTTED WOODPECKER – *dendrocopos major*
(grote bonte specht)

11-05 1 ex. in the Summer palace.
18-05 1 ex. at the near Foping.

119 GREY CAPPED WOODPECKER – *dendrocopos canicapillus*

1 bird (not sexed because the red is always difficult to see) close by
in a tree at the Summer palace.

*120 MONGOLIAN LARK – MELANOCORYPHA MONGOLICA

20-05 common on a steppe area near Beicheng. Nice views of
displaying birds, much like White-winged Lark, with a calandra lark
head (with rufous on the crown) and black upper flank spot.

121 ASIAN SHORT-TOED LARK – *callandrella cheleensis*

20-05 common on a steppe area near Beicheng.

21-05 1 ex. seen at a dry part in Xianghai Reserve.

122 EURASIAN SKYLARK – *alauda arvensis*
(veldleeuwerik)

20-05 common on a steppe area near Beicheng.
21-05 2 ex. seen at a dry part in Xianghai Reserve.

123 SAND MARTIN – *riparia riparia*
(oeverzwaluw)

Seen daily at Xianghai Reserve, with up to 20 birds a day.

124 BARN SWALLOW – *hirundo rustica*
(boerenzwaluw)

Seen commonly on the whole trip.

125 RED-RUMPED SWALLOW – *hirundo daurica*
(roodstuitzwaluw)

Seen commonly during the whole trip, especially in lowland area's.

126 ASIAN HOUSE MARTIN – *delichon dasypus*

18-05 25 birds seen on the way in two flocks in the mountains and checked on id, jizz is quite different than Common House.

127 COMMON HOUSE MARTIN – *delichon urbica*
(huiszwaluw)

20-05 2 birds in a flock of hirundines moving north in Xianghai Reserve.

128 RICHARD'S PIPIT – *anthus richardi*
(grote pieper)

Common at the Steppe area a Beicheng, as a breeding bird.
Seen almost daily with up to 2 birds a day at Xianghai Reserve.

129 BLYTH'S PIPIT – *anthus godlewskii*
(mongoolse pieper)

16-05, 1 bird perched on an antenna on a house in the Qinling mountains we crossed. Very strange to see this species like this. It seems they do this more often on migration north. Nice views of the totally buff underparts with streaking at the breast, and short hindclaw.

130 OLIVE-BACKED PIPIT – *anthus hodgsoni*
(siberische boompieper)

14-05 1 ex. in a tree singing at Pangquangou.
20-05 1 ex. flushed from a steppe (!!) at Beicheng.

131 RED-THROATED PIPIT – *anthus cervinus*
(roodkeelpieper)

21-05 1 ex. in a flock of "yellow wagtails" at Xianghai Reserve.

132 EASTERN GREY HEADED WAGTAIL – *motacilla flava* ssp: *macronyx*

11-05 3 ex. at the Summer palace.
12-05 2 ex. along the way.
21-05 30 ex. at Xianghai Reserve.

---- GREEN-HEADED WAGTAIL – *motacilla flava* ssp: *taivana*

21-05 50 ex. mixed with other yellow wags at Xianghai Reserve.

----- ALASKAN YELLOW WAGTAIL – *motacilla flava* ssp: *tschutschensis*

21-05 1 ex. an adult male at Xianghai Reserve. Between the other yellow wagtails, probably more but not paid attention on them after seen this one. Good white supercilium.

133 GREY WAGTAIL – *motacilla cinerea*
(grote gele kwikstaart)

A quite normal bird in hill sites with there up to 15 birds a day, but also 2 seen in the NE part of China.

134 AMUR WAGTAIL – *motacilla alba* ssp: *leucopsis*

Common with up to 15 birds a day in the first part of the trip (excluding the NE and Beijing)

135 LONG-TAILED MINIVET – *pericrocotus ethologus*

A total of 9 birds seen in the first part of the trip (mainly in Pangquangou). Nice views often high in trees.

*136 **COLLARED FINCHBILL – SPIZIXOS SEMITORQUES**

Quite common in small flocks in the Yangxiang area with up to 15 birds a day.

*137 **BROWN-BREASTED BULBUL – PYCNONOTUS XANTHORRHUS**

16-05 birds spread over the day.
17-05 10 ex. at the ibis site.

138 CHINESE BULBUL – *pycnonotus sinensis*

16-05 8 ex. spread over the day.
17-05 10 ex. at and around the ibis site.

139 BROWN DIPPER – *cinclus pallasii*

16-05 1 bird on a rock in a river along the way.

140 WINTER WREN – *troglodytes troglodytes*
(winterkoning)

15-05 2 ex. at Pangquangou .
Quite common in Whuling Shan with up to 10 birds a day.

141 SIBERIAN RUBYTHROAT – *luscinia sibilans*
(roodkeelnachtegaal)

21-05 4 birds seen at various sites spread over the day in Xianghai Reserve. Presumed all migrants.

142 RED SPOTTED BLUETHROAT – *luscinia svecica* ssp: *svecica*
(Roodsterblauwborst)

20-05 1 ex. at a steppe at Beicheng, a migrating bird.
Seen daily with a few individuals at Xianghai Reserve.

144 SIBERIAN BLUE ROBIN – *luscinia cyane*

13-05 1 ex. heard singing in Pangquangou.

15-05 3 ex. also seen (first year males) at Pangquangou.
Common (mostly heard) at Whuling Shan.

145 RED FLANKED BLUETAIL – *tarsiger cyanurus* ssp: *rufilatus*
(blauwstaart)

Seen and heard daily with up to 15 birds a day (14-05) at Pangquangou. Nice adult males sometimes perched on the road, or in low down bushes in the forest.

146 DAURIAN REDSTART – *phoenicurus aureus*

Common on every visited site during the whole trip, often near houses.

147 PLUMBOUS REDSTART – *rhyacornis fuliginosus*

Common in the water streams during the first part of the trip (excluding the NE and Whuling Shan). Often seen in pairs displaying.

*148 **WHITE-BELLIED REDSTART – HODGSONIUS PHAENICUROIDES**

25-05 10 ex. at Whuling Shan, very nice views of displaying males, for me one of the birds of the trip, more like a black bush robin (with a long tail with red in it held high up). Song quite obvious and easy, often low down and secretive in bushes.

149 SIBERIAN STONECHAT – *saxicola maurus*
(aziatische roodborsttapuit)

17-05 2 ex. at the ibis site.
20-05 2 ex. at the steppes of Beicheng.
22-05 3 ex. at Xianghai Reserve.

150 BLUE ROCK TRUSH – *monticola solitarius* ssp: *pandoo* (*philippensis*?)
(blauwe rotslijster)

12-05 2 ex. with a red belly along the way in the mountains.
17-05 1 ex. with a blue belly near the ibis site.

151 (CHINESE) BLACKBIRD – *turdus merula* ssp: *mandarinus*
(merel)

17-05 10 ex. in the village of Caoba. Looks bigger more laughingthrush like (broad wings), with a more grey colour and yellow bill.

152 GREY-SIDED THRUSH – *turdus feae*

Common seen and heard with tenth of birds a day at Whuling Shan. The song is very simple one phrase. Like eyebrowed but without orange breast and flanks.

153 NAUMANN'S TRUSH – *turdus* (*eunomus*) *naumanni*

12-05 5 ex. in one flock near the village of Pangquangou.
13-05 6 ex, the same flock and one extra near the village of Pangquangou. All birds looked pure with no "dusky markings".

154 CHINESE (SONG) THRUSH – *turdus mupinensis*

Seen daily with up to 8 a day near Pangquangou. Manly singing in the early morning.

*155 **WHITE-CROWNED FORKTAIL – ENICURUS LESCHENAILTI**

17-05 2 ex. a pair in a small stream at the ibis site, very nice views.



156 MANCHURIAN BUSH WARBLER – *cettia canturians*

17-05 2 ex, of which one with very nice views singing in the open at the ibis site.

*157 **BROWN BUSH WARBLER – BRADYPTERUS LUTEOVENTRIS**

18-05 2 ex, at Foping, one tapelured and showing very well, very brown plain quite longtailed bushwarbler. The song is easy like a soft distant machinegun.

158 ZITTING CISTICOLA – *cisticola juncidis* ssp: *tinnabulans*
(graszanger)

17-05 2 ex. Singing (very different then “our” birds) at the ibis site.

*159 **STRIATED PRINIA – PRINIA CRINIGER**

17-05 1 ex. near a nest site giving good views at a hill site near the ibis site. Quite big longtailed prinia, with streaked mantle.

*160 **CHINESE HILL WARBLER – RHOPHILUS PEKINENSIS**

12-05 6 ex. in pairs in a low valley near Pangquangou. Like a big prinia, very streaked and beady eyed.

161 LANCEOLATED WARBLER - *locustella lanceolata*
(kleine sprinkhaanzanger)

21-05 15 birds almost all on a small patch of scrub in Xianghai Reserve.

22-05 5 birds seen, all migrants.



162 BLACK-BROWED REED WARBLER – *acrocephalus bistrigiceps*

Seen daily with up to 15 birds a day at Xianghai Reserve. All just incoming birds and almost not singing.

163 ORIENTAL REED WARBLER – *acrocephalus orientalis*

12-05 3 ex. in the Summer palace.

Common in the reed beds of Xianghai Reserve.

164 THICK-BILLED WARBLER – *acrocephalus aedon*
(diksnavelrietzanger)

17-05 1 ex. in scrub in a farmland at the ibis site singing.

24-05 2 ex. singing in the trees of the Summer palace.

165 GREY-CROWNED WARBLER – *seicercus tephrocephalus*

18-05 5 ex. singing at Foping, difficult to get good views, but eventually saw the grey on the head, yellow eyering and yellow underparts.

166 BLYTH'S LEAF WARBLER – *phylloscopus reguloides*

12-05 2 ex. seen in Pangquangou.

15-05 1 ex. seen in Pangquangou.

18-05 Common at Foping.

Seen daily at Whuling Shan with up to 10 a day. Quite confusing that the start of the song of Chinese Leaf Warbler resembles the song of this species.

167 PALE-LEGGED LEAFWARBLER – *phylloscopus tenellipes*

17-05 1 ex. at the ibis site, obviously a migrant.

168 TWO-BARRED GREENISH WARBLER – *phylloscopus trochiloides* ssp: *plumbeitarsus*
(swinhoes boszanger)

11-05 1 ex. in the Summer palace, calling and nice views.

23-05 1 ex. in the trees behind the quest house at Xianghai Reserve.

*169 **LARGE-BILLED LEAFWARBLER – PHYLLOSCOPUS MAGNIROSTRIS**

14-05 6 ex. all singing males at Pangquangou.
18-05 common at Foping.
26-05 1 ex, singing at Whuling Shan.
Quite large leaf warbler (bill not that large as expected), song six notes and easy to recognise. Obvious supercilium, mostly one sometimes two wingbarres.

170 ARCTIC WARBLER – *phylloscopus borealis*
(noordse boszanger)

15-05 1 ex. singing along the way.
16-05 20 ex. in the park near the terracotta warriors.
24-05 10 ex. at the Summer palace.
Mainly in song on migration.

171 PALLAS'S LEAFWARBLER – *phylloscopus proregulus*
(pallas boszanger)

12-05 15 ex. spread over the day, all migrants
13-05 1 ex. at Pangquangou.
15-05 1 ex. at Pangquangou.
23-05 1 ex. Xianghai Reserve.

172 CHINESE LEAF WARBLER – *phylloscopus sichuanensis*

A common bird in the forest area's like Pangquangou and Whuling Shan. Loudly singing.

173 YELLOW-BROWED WARBLER – *phylloscopus inornatus*
(bladkoning)

11-05 2 ex heard in the Summer palace.
22-05 1 ex. at the quest house in Xianghai Reserve.
23-05 5 ex. at the quest house in Xianghai Reserve.

174 HUME'S LEAF WARBLER – *phylloscopus humei*
(humes bladkoning)

13-05 5 ex. at Pangquangou, at the highest points.
Common at the higher levels at Whuling Shan.

175 RADDE'S WARBLER – *phylloscopus schwartzi*
(raddes boszanger)

21-05 2 ex. in small bushes at Xianghai Reserve. Migrants, great views.

176 YELLOW-STREAKED WARBLER – *phylloscopus armandii*

Common on the scrubby higher levels at Pangquangou.
24-05 2 ex. at Whuling Shan.
Mostly in song quite explosive, in view much as Radde's.

177 DUSKY WARBLER – *phylloscopus fuscatus*
(bruine boszanger)

18-05 1 ex. at Foping.
Seen daily at Xianghai Reserve. With up to 15 birds a day, in the low scrub. All migrants.

178 DARK-SIDED FLYCATCHER – *muscicapa siberica*

16-05 4 ex. in the gardens at Xian's terracotta warriors.
Seen daily around the ibis site with up to 5 ex. a day.
Flanks variable in colour.

179 ASIAN BROWN FLYCATCHER – muscicapa dauurica

11-05 3 ex. at the Summer palace.
12-05 2 ex. at Pangquangou.

*180 **SLATY-BACKED FLYCATCHER – FICEDULA HODGSONII**

Seen daily (and heard many more) at Pangquangou, with up to 10 a day. Like a small Mugimaki Flycatcher, with white at the tail base sides.

181 TAIGA FLYCATCHER – ficedula albicilla

11-05 5 ex. at the Summer palace, migrants.
22-05 1 ex. at Xianghai Reserve.
23-05 1 ex. at Xianghai Reserve.

182 YELLOW-RUMPED FLYCATCHER – ficedula zanthopygia

17-05 3 ex. at the Ibis site, all nice singing males.

183 **CHINESE FLYCATCHER** – ficedula elisae

13-05 3 singing males at Pangquangou.
15-05 3 singing males at Pangquangou.
25-05 1 first summer (by some called *Beijing Flycatcher*) with a not yellow rump at Whuling Shan.
26-05 1 first summer (by some called *Beijing Flycatcher*) with a not yellow rump at Whuling Shan.

184 ASIAN PARADISE FLYCATCHER – trepsiphone paradise

17-05 4 ex., with one white fase (what a bird!!), all at the Ibis site, very nice views.

*185 **SPOT BREASTED SCIMITAR BABBLER – POMATORHINUS ERYTHROCNEMIS sp: gravivox**

17-05 8 ex. heard and seen well at the Ibis site. As in the books, ssp not recognised in the field.

*186 **RUFOUS-CAPPED BABBLER – STACHYRIS RUFICEPS**

16-05 1 ex. heard at Foping.
17-05 1 ex. seen very well at the ibis site, in scrub. As in the book with an obvious rufous cap.

187 VINOUS-THROATED PARROTBILL – paradoxornis webbianus

16-05 4 ex. along the way in one small flock.
17-05 10 ex. all around the ibis site.
26-05 1 ex. at the Great Wall.

*188 **WHITE-BROWED LAUGHINGTHRUSH – GARRULAX SANNIO**

16-05 1 ex. seen very well along the way in the Qinling mountains.
As in the book.

189 PERE DAVID'S LAUGHINGTHRUSH – *garrulax davidi*

12-05 2 ex. along the way.
13-05 2 ex. in the lower levels of Pangquangou.
26-05 1 ex. at the Great Wall.

*190 **BARRED LAUGHINGTHRUSH – GARRULAX LUNULATUS**

18-05 1 ex. seen and heard at Foping, with a barred back.

191 RED-BILLED LEIOTHRIX – *leiothrix lutea*

18-05 1 ex. seen briefly at Foping.

*192 **WHITE-COLLARED YUHINA – YUHINA DIADEMATA**

18-05 15 ex (quite common) in small groups at Foping, very
responding to pishing and sseeking.

193 LONG-TAILED TIT – *aegithalos caudatus* ssp: *glaucogularis*
(staartmees)

14-05 4 ex. at Pangquangou.
15-05 2 ex. seen very well at Pangquangou. Dark birds.

194 MARSH TIT – *parus palustris* ssp: *hellmayri*
(matkop)

16-06 3 ex. together in the park at the Terracotta Warriors.

195 SONGAR TIT – *parus songarus*

Seen daily with a maximum of 10 a day in the forest area's except
the NE part of the trip.

196 YELLOW-BELLIED TIT – *parus venustulus*

Seen commonly daily in the forest area's except the NE part of the
trip.

197 BLACK-THROATED TIT – *parus concinnus* ssp: *concinus*

16-05 3 ex. in a small flock along the way.
17-05 2 ex. near the ibis site.
Very nice birds with more black on the throat than the birds in India.

198 COAL TIT – *parus ater* ssp: *kuatunensis*
(zwarte mees)

13-05 5 ex. at Pangquangou.
15-05 2 ex. at Pangquangou.
Very much alike our birds.

199 GREAT TIT – *parus major* ssp: *minor*
(koolmees)

Seen throughout the trip in small numbers at all visited places.

200 GREEN-BACKED TIT – *parus monticolus*

18-05 2 ex. at Foping, nice views of this nice tit.

201 CHINESE NUTHATCH – *sitta villosa*

Reasonably common with up to 10 birds a day (family groups) in the forested area's of the trip excluding the NE.

202 EURASIAN NUTHATCH – *sitta familiaris* ssp: *sinensis*
(boomklever)

13-05 1 ex. in the forest at Pangquangou, very alike “ours”.

203 EURASIAN TREECREEPER – *certhia familiaris* ssp: *bianchii*
(kortsnavelboomkruiper)

14-05 5 ex. on a walk at Pangquangou.

204 CHINESE PENDULINE TIT – *remiz consobrinus*

Daily 1 bird at Xianghai Reserve in very dry habitat.

205 JAPANESE WHITE-EYE – *zosterops japonicus*

16-05 3 ex. around the ibis site.

17-05 10 ex. around the ibis site.

206 BLACK-NAPED ORIOLE – *oriolus chinensis*

16-05 1 bird flew in the park around the Terracotta Warriors.

207 BULL-HEADED SHRIKE – *lanius bucephalus*

13-05 4 ex (both pairs) at Pangquangou.

14-05 1 ex. at Pangquangou.

Nice quite dark birds.

208 BROWN SHRIKE – *lanius cristatus* ssp: *cristatus*
(bruine klauwier)

Seen daily at the Yangxiang area, and Xianghai Reserve, with up to 5 ex. a day.

209 LONG-TAILED SHRIKE – *lanius schach* ssp: *schach*

17-05 2 ex, a pair, near the visitors centre at Yangxiang.

210 CHINESE GREY SHRIKE – *lanius sphenocercus*

20-05 1 ex. at Xianghai Reserve.

21-05 1 ex. at Xianghai Reserve.

22-05 1 ex. at Xianghai Reserve.

Nice views, longtailed and big.

211 BLACK DRONGO – *dicrurus macrocercus*

Seen daily in the lowlands excluding the NE, with up to 20 a day, mostly on wires, and becoming more common at the end of the trip.

212 ASHY DRONGO – *dicrurus leucophaeus*

17-05 2 ex. around the ibis site, very close views of one bird.

213 HAIR-CRESTED DRONGO – *dicrurus hottentottus*

17-05 2 ex. around the ibis site.
25-05 1 ex. at Whuling Shan.
Good view of the crest.

214 EURASIAN JAY – *garrulous glandarius* ssp: *sinensis*
(vlaamse gaai)

18-05 1 ex. flying at Foping.

215 BLUE MAGPIE – *urocissa erythrorhyncha*

Seen almost daily with up to 3 birds a day at all sites except the NE.

216 AZURE-WINGED MAGPIE – *cyanopica cyanus* ssp: *cyana*

Common at the Summer palace in Beijing with family groups.

217 COMMON MAGPIE – *pica pica* ssp: *sericea*
(ekster)

Common during the whole trip.

218 SPOTTED NUTCRACKER – *nucifraga caryocatactes* ssp: *interdicta*
(notenkraker)

Seen daily at Pangquangou, with up to 12 birds a day.
18-05 4 ex. at Foping.
Very brown body with contrasting black wings.

219 DAURIAN JACKDAW – *corvus dauuricus*
(daurische kauw)

20-05 3 immatures flying over a steppe lake at Beicheng.

220 (EASTERN) ROOK – *corvus frugilegus* ssp: *pastinator*
(roek)

23-05 4 ex. near a small colony along the way.

221 (ORIENTAL) CROW – *corvus corone* ssp: *orientalis*
(zwarte kraai)

A total of 6 birds at the Xianghai Reserve.

222 LARGE-BILLED CROW – *corvus macrorhynchos*

11-05 2 ex. at Beijing.
16-05 1 ex. near Foping.
24-05 1 ex. at the Summer palace.
26-05 10 ex. at Whuling Shan.

*223 **RED-BILLED STARLING – STURNUS SERICEUS**

17-05 common at the ibis site in small groups and various ages.

224 PURPLE-BACKED STARLING – *sturnus sturninus*

16-05 1 female or first year at the park near the Terracotta Warriors
22-05 1 ex. flying at Xianghai Reserve.

225 WHITE-CHEEKED STARLING – *sturnus cineraceus*

11-05 5 ex. along the way.
12-05 3 ex. at Pangquangou.
16-05 20 ex. near Beicheng.
22-05 5 ex. at Xianghai Reserve.

226 CRESTED MYNA – *acridotheres cristatellus*

11-05 1 ex. on a wire close to the Summer palace.

227 RUSSET SPARROW – *passer rutilans*

Seen almost daily with up to 10 birds at Pangquangou and the ibis site.

228 EURASIAN TREE SPAAROW – *passer montanus*
(ringmus)

Common during the whole trip.

229 BRAMBLING – *fringilla montifringilla*
(keep)

23-05 1 adult summer in the trees at the Quest house at Xianghai Reserve.

230 GREY-CAPPED GREENFINCH – *carduelis sinica*

Common at Pangquangou and the ibis site.

231 COMMON CROSSBILL – *loxia curvirostra* ssp: *japonica*
(kruisbek)

13-05 10 ex. in one flock at Pangquangou.

232 COMMON ROSEFINCH – *carpodacus erythrinus*
(roodmus)

Common as a migrant with up to 20 birds a day in Xianghai Reserve.

*233 BEAUTIFUL ROSEFINCH – CARPODACUS PULCHERRIMUS ssp: *davidianus*

14-05 3 ex. on a high plateau at Pangquangou. One male (nice scope views) and 2 females. Big rosefinch with a pink brow, and pale pink breast.

*234 VINACEOUS ROSEFINCH – CARPODACUS VINACEUS

18-05 1 female in the scrub at Foping. Found by Beaman on call (!! , just a chip..), good views of a streaked small rosefinch with white tips to the tertials.

235 LONG-TAILED ROSEFINCH – *uragus sibericus*
(langstaartroodmus)

13-05 1 male at Pangquangou. Nice views of a bird in the scrub.

236 YELLOW-BILLED (CHINESE) GROSBEAK – *eophona migratoria*

16-05 1 ex. in the park at the Terracotta Warriors.
22-05 1 ex. at Xianghai Reserve.
24-05 2 ex. at the Summer palace.

237 BLACK-FACED BUNTING – *emberiza spodocephala* ssp: *spodocephala*

(maskergors)

11-05 3 ex. in the reed beds at the Summer palace.
22-05 5 ex. in the reed beds at the Xianghai Reserve.
23-05 3 ex. in the reed beds at the Xianghai Reserve.

238 GODLEWSKI'S BUNTING – *emberiza godlewskii*

Seen almost daily in the mountains sites which we passed at Panguangou, Foping and Whuling Shan, with up to 5 ex. in a day.

239 MEADOW BUNTING – *emberiza cioides*

12-05 1 ex. at Panguangou.
17-05 1 ex. at the ibis site.
Seen daily at Xianghai Reserve, with up to 6 birds a day.

*240 **JANKOWSKI'S BUNTING – EMBERIZA JANKOWSKII**

20-05 3 males singing in a steppe area near Beicheng. After a long surge in the steppe we found three singing birds, one of them showed very well in the scope while singing from a small scrub in the steppe. With the rufous crown, white supercilium and dark moustasial stripe, grey breast and warm buff belly, with small but obvious dark (bordeaux red) belly patch. In flight rufous rump and striped back.



241 CHESNUT-EARED BUNTING – *emberiza fucata*

21-05 5 ex. seen in Xianghai Reserve.
22-05 1 ex. at Xianghai Reserve.

242 LITTLE BUNTING – *emberiza pusilla*
(dweggors)

11-05 1 ex. at the Summer palace high up in a tree.
23-05 2 ex. in the trees behind the quest house at Xianghai Reserve,
nice views.

243 CHESNUT BUNTING – *emberiza rutila*
(rosse gors)

23-05 1 adult male with the Little Buntings in the trees behind the
quest house at Xianghai Reserve.

244 YELLOW-BREASTED BUNTING – *emberiza aureola*
(weidegors)

21-05 4 ex. at Xianghai Reserve.
22-05 15 ex. at Xianghai Reserve.
All migrants some singing.

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