

TRAVELREPORT
CHINA IN WINTER
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ITENERARY

- Sun 05-11. Flight from London Heathrow to Frankfurt and Beijing.
Mon 06-11. Birded all day (without sleep) at the Great Wall (Badaling)
Thue 07-11. Birded all day at the Ming Tunes (Dingling) and again at the Great Wall at Badaling. In the evening a flight to Yangcheng.
Wed 08-11. Birded at the reed farms and saltpans around Yangcheng.
Thur 09-11. Birded at the reed farms and Da Feng (the new port) around Yangcheng.
Fri 10-11. Birded at the Saltpans and the port of Shi Jang Gang and ended the day at the Crane Farm (Bear's Pochard !!!) at Yangcheng.
Sat 11-11. An hour a fruitful search at the Crane Farm at Yangcheng and after that travelled to the airport of Shanghai ad flew to Nanchang (Jianxi province).
Sun 12-11. Drove from Nanchang to the mountains at Guan Shan and birded along the road (wetlands).
Mon 13-11. Birded at Guan Shan all day.
Thue 14-11. Birded at Guan Shan all day.
Wed 15-11. Birded at Guan Shan in the morning and drove to Shahushan (near Poyang Hu) in the afternoon and evening.
Thu 16-11. Birded at Poyang Hu all day, at the lakes Bang Hu and Nan Hu.
Fri 17-11. Birded at Poyang Hu until 17.00 hour (Shahu Lake, Dahuchi Lake and Bang Hu Lake) and drove to Jijang for an overnight stay.
Sat 18-11. Birded at the Xin River and the Luan River and drove to Wuyuan.
Sun 19-11. Birded all day around Wuyuan at several sites.
Mon 20-11. Birded all day around Wuyuan and Xiao Qi and drove to Nancheng in the evening.
Thue 21-11. A total day of travelling from Nancheng by plain to Guiyang (Guizhou province) and then drove to Shuyang (at the base of the plateau) for an overnight stay.
Wed 22-11. Drove up to the plateau from Shuyang and birded at the highest point (2.400 meters) then descended to Cohai (the sea of grass) and birded along the east/south side. In the evening a night in Weining.
Thue 23-11. Birded at Tuoda all day (three hour drive from Weining, only 63 KM but a very bad road)
Fri 24-11. Birded at Cohai all day, in the morning at the vegetable gardens in the afternoon along the South side (long walk)
Sat 25-11. In the morning birded again at Tuoda, in the afternoon a punt trip (by boat) at the east side of Cohai. In the evening drove back to Shuyang.
Sun 26-11. Drove to Guiyang, flew to Guangzhou and later on to Hong Kong, then an evening flight to Munich an later on to Colon.

Legenda:

****AAAA** = New Species and new Holarctic Species

*** AAAA** = New species

AAAA = Good bird for the area or for myself

The Dutch name is given when known (according to van den Berg, Dutch Birding-namen). 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.

Only new bird species SEEN mentioned.

The weather was good but windy on the first day at Beijing (cold -2C to 15C) and very good at Yangcheng (up to 18 C) but turned bad after that with murk, slow rain and up to 14C with (luckily) no wind. At Cohai the weather improved with sunny days up to 14C.



Points of pencils at the location of the visited spots Above Beijing, second from above Yangcheng, third from above Poyang, beneath Cohai.

THE BIRDSPECIES

001 LITTLE GREBE – *tachybaptus ruficollis*

(dodaars)

Seen almost daily in small groups at all visited sites, also in (small) streams in woodland. All with white eyes.

002 GREAT CRESTED GREBE – *podiceps cristatus*

(fuut)

Seen at most water sites except of Cohai, with up to 20 birds a day.

003 BLACK-NECKED GREBE – *podiceps nigricollis*

(geoorde fuut)

08-11 2 ex. at Yangcheng in winterplumage.

10-11 1 ex. at Yangcheng at one of the ponds.

004 GREAT CORMORANT – *phalacrocorax carbo ssp: sinensis*

(aalscholver)

Seen at most suitable places for the species with up to 60 birds as a maximum day count.

005 GREAT BITTERN – *botaurus stellaris*

(roerdomp)

09-11 3 ex. seen flying over the reed beds at Yangcheng.

17-11 1 ex. flushed during the afternoon at Poyang Hu.

006 YELLOW BITTERN – *ixobrychus sinensis*

24-11 1 immature at Cohai.

007 BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERON – *nycticorax nycticorax*

(kwak)

09-11 15 birds in the reed beds at Yangcheng.

16-11 1 ex. at one of the lakes.

24-11 1 ex. flushed at Cohai.

008 CATTLE EGRET – *bulbulcus ibis ssp: coromandus*

(koereiger)

22-11 1 ex. at Cohai.

25-11 1 ex. seen during the punt trip

Both in winter plumage.

009 CHINESE POND HERON – *ardeola bacchus*

12-11 1 ex. flying by at Poyang.

Seen daily at Cohai with up to 5 birds on a day.

010 LITTLE EGRET – *egretta garzetta*

(kleine zilverreiger)

Seen almost daily during the whole trip at all visited places.

011 GREAT EGRET – *egretta alba ssp: modesta*

(grote zilverreiger)

Seen almost daily at various sites with water in lower numbers than 010 and often more solitaire.

012 GREY HERON – *ardea cinerea*

(blauwe reiger)

Common during the trip at various sites and in big groups.

013 PURPLE HERON – *ardea pupurea*

(purperreiger)

24-11-1 ad. seen at Cohai.

014 BLACK STORK – *ciconia nigra*

(zwarte ooievaar)

07-11 3 ex. flying over the Ming Tombes

17-11 15 ex. in one flock at Bang Hu.

015 ORIENTAL STORK – *ciconia boyciana*

12-11 1 ex. very distant along the way at the edge a lake at Nanchang.

17-11 102 ex. spread over the lakes visited that day and sometimes seen very well, including the light eye.



016 EURASIAN SPOONBILL – *platalea leucorodia*

(lepelaar)

A maximum total of 11 birds on one day at Yangcheng. More than 1000 at Poyang, and flocks up to 300 at other sites.

017 BLACK-FACED SPOONBILL – *platalea minor*

10-11 3 ex. together at Yangcheng at a lagoon. Whiter and smaller than 016 and the black face was even visible when the birds where asleep.

018 BEWICK'S SWAN – *Cygnus bewickii*

(kleine zwaan)

12-11 70 ex. At a small lake near Nancheng.

Seen daily at Poyang with a maximum of 180 birds on a day.

019 SWAN GOOSE – *anser cygnoides*

A total of 1600 birds seen on both days at Poyang, but with the biggest concentration at Bang Hu on 17-11.

Very noisy but nice to see huge flocks.

020 TAIGA BEAN GOOSE – *anser fabalis ssp middendorffii*

(taigarietgans)

Quite numerous at Poyang with up to 1100 birds seen on a day. As in Europe id is still quite a problem on some solitaire birds. Very slim long “flat” bill and long neck.

18-11 4 ex. at the Xin River.

021 TUNDRA BEAN GOOSE – *anser rossicus ssp: serrirostris*

(toendrarietgans)

Seen at Yangcheng (30 on a day) and around Poyang (100 on a day). Very thick heavy bills and shorter necks but see 020.

022 GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE – *anser flavirostris* ssp: *frontalis*
(kolgans)

Common at the Poyang area with up to 10.000 a day seen in huge flocks.

023 LESSER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE – *anser erythropus*
(dweggans)

16-11 9 ex. in a family flock at one of the lakes at Poyang.

17-11 46 ex. in family flocks all together at one lake shore at Bang Hu.

Very good views also with juv. birds and also heard the high pitched calls, just like Petten but without colour rings.....

024 GREYLAG GOOSE – *anser anser* spp: *rubrirostris*
(grauwe gans)

12-11 10 ex in a mixed flock with Greater White- Fronts near Nanchang.

025 BAR-HEADED GOOSE – *anser indicus*
24-11 910 ex in small flocks at Cohai.



026 RUDDY SHELDUCK – *tadorna ferruginea*
(casarca)

06-11 3 ex. flying over at the Great Wall

17-11 15 ex. at Poyang Hu.

Common at Cohai with up to 300 each day.

027 MANDARIN DUCK – *aix galericulata*
(mandarijneend)

14-11 10 ex. at a river site at Guan Shan

15-11 2 ex. along the way.

19-11 24 ex. at a river site at Wuyuan.

20-11 60 ex. at several river sites at Wuyuan.

Very nice to see several flocks in hillside habitat and a healthy population.

028 EURASIAN WIGEON – *anas penelope*
(smient)

Common throughout the trip at all suitable places and most common at Poyang Hu and Cohai (10.000+)

029 FALCATED DUCK – *anas falcata*

(bronskoeend)

Common throughout the trip at most suitable places with a maximum count of 1.000 birds on Cohai (22-11).



030 GADWALL – *anas strepera*

(krakeend)

10-11 10 ex. at the Crane farm at Yangcheng.

Common at Cohai with up to 3.000 a day.

031 BAIKAL TEAL – *anas Formosa*

(siberische taling)

08-11 3 ex. two males and one female, the males almost out of eclips at Yangcheng.

10+11-11 3.500 in one flock (sometimes two) in the evening swirling over the lake at the Crane Farm at Yangcheng. Very nice distant but impressive. This species has a typical flight jizz with “short tail and pot belly” showing a white belly.

032 EURASIAN TEAL – *anas crecca*

(wintertaling)

Commonly seen at all suitable habitats especially Cohai.

033 MALLARD – *anas platyrhynchos*

(wilde eend)

Seen in reasonable numbers during the trip with the highest day counts at Poyang and Cohai (300 ex.)

034 CHINESE SPOT-BILLED DUCK – *anas zonorhyncha*

Common during the trip at all suitable area's with a maximum of 400 a day at Poyang.

035 NORTHERN PINTAIL – *anas acuta*

(pijlstaart)

Common at most sites and most common at Poyang and Cohai (300 a day)

036 GARGANEY – *anas querquedula*

(zomertaling)

12-11 1 female type in a flock of Eurasian Teals at Nanchang.

037 NORTHERN SHOVELER – *anas clypeata*

(slobeend)

Seen at low numbers at all the water sites with a maximum of 20 on a day (08-11)

038 RED-CRESTED POCHARD – *netta rufina*

(krooneend)

One flock of 73 birds at Cohai, with immatures with them.

039 COMMON POCHARD – *aythya farina*

(tafeleend)

Common at most visited sites but concentrated to the deepest water levels with a maximum of 1000 at Poyang and Cohai.

****040 BEAR'S POCHARD – *AYTHIA BAERI***

10-11 1 male at the Crane Farm at Yangcheng. The bird was found in the last hour of daylight in a flock of Common Pochards by myself swimming “at profile”. After looking at the bird for a few minutes the bird swam away to the end of the lake and only showed its white flank stripe at the waterline (high near the head and sloping to the end of the bird), green sloping head, fox brown chest, white eye, white sharply demarcated (by a dark line) under tail coverts when swimming aside. Swimming away its tail was held downwards so its white under tail coverts were visible as two “rear lights”. Most of the group had to run towards me calling (maybe the reason the bird swam away) over a slippery dike, so had only a rear end view.

040 FERRUGINOUS DUCK – *aythya nyroca*

(witoogeend)

Reasonable common at Cohai with up to 300 birds on a day (24-11). Mainly in the most shallow water with vegetation.

041 TUFTED DUCK – *aythya fuligula*

(kuifeend)

Seen at most water sites in low numbers (tens) but in Cohai up to 300 birds a day.

042 GREATER SCAUP – *aythya marila*

(toppereend)

08-11 10 ex. at one site at Yangcheng in a small flock

043 SMEW – *mergellus albellus*

(nonnetje)

11-11 1 female flying over at the Crane Farm at Yangcheng.

044 RED-BREASTED MERGANSER – *mergus serrator*

(middelste zaagbek)

18-11 22 ex. at Yangcheng.

20-11 1 female on the river in a flock of Mandarin ducks at Wuyuan. A very strange record.

045 SCALY-SIDED MERGANSER – *mergus squamatus*

18-11 17 birds (ten males and seven females) at the Xin River.

18-11 5 birds on a river near Wuyan (a new site).

The birds were swimming and chasing each other also in flight. At courtship the forehead of the male was held steep with the neck high up. All the features were seen also the scaly flanks.





Two males in flight



Courtship of male

046 GOOSANDER – *mergus merganser*

(grote zaagbek)

08-11 4 ex. at Yangcheng.

24-11 15 at Cohai in scattered groups.

047 BLACK-WINGED KITE- *elanus caeruleus*

(grijze wouw)

16-11 1 feeding at Poyang (nice views)

22-11 2 ex. sitting on a fence at Cohai.

048 WHITE-TAILED EAGLE – *haliaeetus albicilla*

(zeearend)

06-11 1 immature circling at the Great Wall.

16-11 1 immature at Poyang.

24-11 1 adult sitting on the ground at Cohai.

049 WESTERN MARSH HARRIER – *circus aeruginosus*

(bruine kiekendief)

25-11 1 adult female flying at Cohai. Very unusual record.

050 EASTERN MARSH HARRIER – *circus spilonotus*

A total of 12 birds seen on the trip, spread equally over the day's with the lowest number at Cohai.

051 HEN HARRIER – *circus cyaneus*

(blauwe kiekendief)

A total of 17 birds seen on the trip in various area's visited.

052 NORTHERN GOSHAWK – *accipiter gentillis*

(havik)

22-11 1 ex. at Cohai in flight.

23-11 1 ex. in flight at Tuoda

053 EURASIAN SPARROWHAWK – *accipiter nisus*

(sperwer)

A total of 7 seen spread over the trip, mainly around Beijing.

054 (JAPANESE) BUZZARD – *buteo buteo ssp: japonicus*

(buizerd)

A total of 22 seen spread over the trip, some big birds. Often this subspecies shows a broad light band over the upperwings.

055 IMPERIAL EAGLE – *aquila heliaca*

(keizerarend)

17-11 1 immature sitting on some stones at a lake edge at Poyang.

24-11 2 ex, one adult and one first year circling over head at Cohai, cracking...

056 BONELLI'S EAGLE – *hieraaetus fasciatus*

(havikarend)

19-11 1 immature seen flying over a few times during the mourning at Wuyuan

057 OSPREY – *pandion haliaetus*

(visarend)

10-11 1 ex. flying at Yangcheng.

058 PIED FALCONET – *MICROHIERAX MELANOLEUCOS

20-11 3 ex. seen very well sometimes together at a radio tower and on power lines. A very beautiful white and blue/black falconet with completely white underparts and with white spots in the tail (seen when spread).

059 COMMON KESTREL – *falco tinnuculus*

(torenavalk)

A total of 7 birds seen spread over the trip.

060 MERLIN – *falco columbarius*

(smelleken)

19-11 1 immature/female at Yangcheng.

16-11 1 adult male at Poyang.

061 PEREGRINE FALCON – *falco peregrinus*

(slechtvalk)

A total of 6 birds seen during the trip at various sites.

062 JAPANESE QUAIL – *coturnix japonica*

08-11 1 ex. along the way around Yangcheng.

10-11 1 ex. along the way around Yangcheng.

Seen daily with about 30 ex. at the wet shores of Poyang.

063 CHINESE BAMBOO PARTIDGE – *BAMBUSICOLA THORACICA

13-11 several heard at Guan Shan.

14-11 several heard at Guan Shan

19-11 1 seen flying over the road (just tickable views) at Wuyuan.

20-11 several heard at Wuyuan.

A small brownish partridge flying quite high over a trail into the vegetation.

064 KOKLASS PHEASANT – *pucrasia macrolopha*

16-11 4 ex. calling against each other at Guan Shan in the early mourning.

065 SILVER PHEASANT – *LOPHURA NYCTHEMERA

13-11 2 ex. seen briefly on the road at Guan Shan, flying up.

14-11 3 ex. seen quite well walking up the rocks in the forest at Guan Shan.

15-11 3 ex. seen very well in sleeping trees at Guan Shan.

19-11 3 ex. two males walking up a hill and one female (flushed) at Wuyuan.

Very big pheasants, impressive tales and nice views.

066 COMMON PHEASANT – *phasianus colchicus*

(fazant)

Seen quite commonly during the trip with a maximum of 15 (16-11) birds on a day.

067 (EASTERN) WATER RAIL – *rallus aquaticus* ssp: *indicus*
(waterrail)

19-11 1 ex. seen well at a coastal site at Yangcheng. Browner and bigger looking than the European one.

068 BROWN CRAKE – *amaurornis akool*

16-11 2 ex. at Nanchang.

18-11 1 ex. along the way.

19-11 3 ex. around Wuyuan.

069 COMMON MOORHEN – *gallinule chloropus*

(waterhoen)

A total of 13 seen during the trip with a maximum of 5 birds on a day (10-11) at various sites.

070 EURASIAN COOT – *fulica atra*

(meerkoet)

Common at most sites with hundreds in groups at open watersides.

071 COMMON CRANE – *grus grus*

(kraanvogel)

09-11 13 ex. at Yangcheng.

12-11 4 ex. at Poyang.

At Cohai the highest count was 461.

****072 BLACK-NECKED CRANE – *GRUS NIGIRCOLLIS***

A total of 401 birds was counted at Cohai, in small groups (often family). The birds were quite used to people.



073 HOODED CRANE – *grus monacha*

A total of 401 birds was counted at Poyang, mainly in one group on one of the lakes. Also many juveniles were present. A very high count for this area.

074 WHITE-NAPED CRANE – *grus vipio*

A total of 341 birds was seen in small scattered groups at Poyang at many of the lakes.

075 RED-CROWNED CRANE – *grus japonicus*

09-11. A total of 15 birds was seen at Yangcheng. Due to warm weather most were probably in Manchuria.

076 SIBERIAN CRANE – *grus leucogeranus*

(siberische witte kraanvogel)

A total of 1540 birds was the highest count (17-11) at Poyang. All birds were gathered at Bang Hu in one big group. This was very impressive, probably the whole world population standing and calling (higher and more Whooper Swan like than other cranes) together. The birds were standing in foggy weather which gave the whole scenery a “special” atmosphere. Many juveniles were seen. On other days small flocks were seen in Poyang (for instance 20 birds flying over towards Bang Hu on the same day), also 1 “lost” immature was seen on one of the lakes on 16-11.

077 EURASIAN OYSTERCATCHER - *haematopus ostralegus ssp: osculans*

(scholekster)

08-1130 ex. in one Group at Yangcheng.

10-11 40 ex. at the same place at Yangcheng.

078 PIED AVOCET – *recurvirostra avosetta*

(kluut)

A total of 120 birds were seen at Yangcheng.

16-11 4 ex. at Poyang.

17-11 50 ex. at Poyang.

079 LITTLE RINGED PLOVER – *charadrius dubius*

(kleine plevier)

10-11 2 ex. together at a scrape at Yangcheng.

080 KENTISH PLOVER – *charadrius alexandrinus*

(strandplevier)

Common at Yangcheng with up to 200 a day.

Up to 10 birds a day at Poyang.

18-11 5 ex. at the banks of the Xin River.

081 GREY PLOVER – *pluvialis squatarola*

(zilverplevier)

Seen daily at Yangcheng with up to 50 birds on a day.

082 NORTHERN LAPWING – *vanellus vanellus*

(kievit)

09-11 10 ex. at Yangcheng.

12-11 6 ex. at Nanchang.

Common at Poyang with up to a 100 birds a day.

A total of 7 birds seen at Cohai.

083 RED-NECKED STINT – *calidris ruficollis*

(roodkeelstrandloper)

09-11 3 ex. in a mixed flock of Dunlins and Kentish Plovers at a fishpond. Nice to see first winter birds who are quite different in jizz than “our” Little Stints.

084 DUNLIN – *calidris alpine ssp: sakhalina*

(bonte strandloper)

A common wader at most water sites except Cohai, with the highest numbers (250 ex.) at Yangcheng.

085 COMMON SNIPE – *gallinago gallinago*

(watersnip)

Seen at most water sides, often flushed with the highest numbers at Poyang, with 20 ex. on a day.

086 BLACK-TAILED GODWIT – *limosa limosa* ssp: *melanuroides*
(grutto)

08-11 2 ex. at Yangcheng.

16-11 45 ex. in one small flock at a lake at Poyang

Quite small birds with shortish bills.

087 BAR-TAILED GODWIT – *limosa lapponica* ssp: *baueri*
(rosse grutto)

09-11 1 ex. in winter plumage at a fishpond at Yangcheng.

088 EURASIAN WHIMBREL – *numenius phaeopus* ssp: *variegates*
(regenwulp)

09-11 1 ex. at Yangcheng.

089 EURASIAN CURLEW – *numenius arquita* ssp: *orientales*
(wulp)

Seen at several sites during the trip with the most at Yangcheng (50 birds on a day).

090 FAR EASTERN CURLEW – *numenius madagacariensis*

10-11 1 ex. seen well at a coastal site at Yangcheng. Also when not in flight quite distinctive from 090, buffisch wash on the underparts en darker with a different jizz.

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

Common in Yangcheng and Poyang with big wintering flocks.

24-11 3 ex. at Cohai.

092 MARSH SANDPIPER – *tringa stagnatilis*
(poelruiter)

10-11 4 birds in a small flock at Yangcheng at one of the ponds.

093 COMMON GREENSHANK – *tringa nebularia*
(groenpootruiter)

Seen daily in low numbers (25 ex. max) at Yangcheng and Poyang.

094 GREEN SANDPIPER – *tringa ochropus*
(witgat)

10-11 2 ex. at Yangcheng.

12-11 1 ex. at Nanchang.

Seen daily at Poyang with low numbers (2 ex. max)

095 COMMON SANDPIPER – *actitis hypoleucos*
(oeverloper)

10-11 2 ex. at Yangcheng together at a harbour visited.

096 RELICT GULL – *larus relictus*

08-11 1 first winter at Yangcheng at one of the natural ponds.

10-11 2 first winters at two locations at Yangcheng, one on a pond and one patrolling the coast.

Nice bulky birds.



097 SAUNDERS'S GULL – *larus saundersi*

10-11 2 first winters at one of the natural ponds at Yangcheng. Nice views perched and flying.

098 BLACK-HEADED GULL – *larus ridibundus*

(kokmeeuw)

Common during the whole trip.

099 KAMCHATKA GULL - *larus (canus) kamtschatschensis*

10-11 2 (one adult and one second winter) at a coastal site at Yangcheng.

****100 MONGOLIAN GULL – *LARUS MONGOLICUS***

Seen daily at Yangcheng in low number (15 ex. on a day). A big bulky pink legged white headed Gull and the only of its kind in the area.

101 SIBERIAN GULL – *larus heuglini* ssp: *taimyrensis*

(heuglin's meeuw)

09-11 5 ex. mixed in a flock of 100. Slimmer and less bulky than 100 with yellow(ish) legs and a slightly darker mantle.

102 VEGA GULL – *larus vegae*

08-11 1 adult in a flock of 100.

103 CASPIAN TERN – *sterna caspia*

(reuzenster)

A maximum count of 125 birds at one lagoon at Yangcheng.

104 WHISKERED TERN – *chlidonias hybridus*

(witwangster)

11-11 1 juv. flying over at the Crane Farm at Yangcheng.

105 ORIENTAL TURTLE DOVE – *streptopelia orientalis* ssp: *orientalis*

(oosterse tortelduif)

A total of 38 birds seen spread over the trip at various sites.

106 SPOTTED DOVE – *streptopelia chinensis*

Common during the whole trip.

107 ASIAN BARRED OWLET – *glaucidium cuculoides*

23-11 1 perched on a telegraph pole in daylight.

108 WHITE-THROATED KINGFISHER – *halcyon smyrnensis*

(smyrnaijvogel)

12-11 2 birds around Nanchang.

16-11 1 ex. at Poyang near the quest house.

18-11 1 ex. at the Xin river.

19-11 1 ex. near Wuyan.

109 COMMON KINGFISHER – *alcedo atthis*

(ijsvogel)

A total of 5 where seen during the trip at various sites.

110 PIED KINGFISHER – *ceryle rudis*

(bonte ijsvogel)

Commonly seen from the Poyang area onwards on the trip with a maximum of 5 on one day.

111 CRESTED KINGFISHER – *ceryle lugubris*

07-11 1 flying over the Ming Tombs (strange place for the species with no water in sight)

20-11 2 ex. at a stream near Wuyuan.

112 EURASIAN HOOPOE – *upupa epops*

(hop)

Seen at most sites (except Beijing) with a maximum of 4 birds on a day (09-11).

113 GREAT BARBET – *megalaima virens*

Seen with a maximum of 5 birds on a day (13-11) and heard daily at Guan Shan.

114 SPECKLED PICULET – *picumnus innominatus*

14-11 1 bird seen well at Guan Shan, cracking bird.

115 GREY-HEADED WOODPECKER – *picus canus*

(grijskopspecht)

07-11 1 ex. at the Ming Tombs.

14-11 3 ex. at Guan Shan.

20-11 1 ex. near Nanchang.

23-11 1 ex. around Tuoda.

116 GREAT SPOTTED WOODPECKER – *dendrocopos major*

(grote bonte specht)

A total of 9 birds seen spread over the trip.

117 GREY-CAPPED WOODPECKER – *dendrocopos canicapillus*

06-11 3 ex. around Beijing.

07-11 2 ex. around Beijing.

13-11 1 ex. at Guan Shan.

****118 BAY WOODPECKER – *BLYTHIPICUS PYRRHOTIS* ssp: *pyrrhotis***

13-11 2 ex. seen spread over the day at Guan Shan.

A medium sized big billed brown woodpecker with dark barring on the wings. Red in the neck was not obvious.

118 ASIAN SHORT-TOED LARK – *calandrella cheleensis*

17-11 2 ex. seen in flight at Poyang.

119 ORIENTAL SKYLARK – *alauda gulgula*

The commonest lark for the trip with the highest numbers at Poyang (where it was common)

18-11 8 ex. at the Xin river.

120 EURASIAN SKYLARK – *alauda arvensis*

(veldleeuwerik)

16-11 1 ex. at Poyang, probably under recorded.

121 GREY-THROATED MARTIN – *riparia (paludicola) chinensis*

18-11 50 ex. in a flock feeding over the Xin river. Quite distant and just recognisable as a dull darkish throated riparia.

122 BARN SWALLOW – *hirundo rustica*

(boerenwaluw)

A total of 15 seen spread over several days at Yangcheng.

123 COMMON HOUSE MARTIN – *delichon urbica*

(huiswaluw)

10-11 1 migrating south at the coast at Yangcheng during several hours of migration watch.

124 RICHARD'S PIPIT – *anthus richardi*

(grote pieper)

A total of 3 birds seen (some well) at Poyang

18-11 2 ex. at the Xin river.

24-11 1 ex. at Cohai.

125 OLIVE-BACKED PIPIT – *anthus hodgsoni*

(siberische boompieper)

Reasonable common during the trip at most localities with a maximum of 8 birds 18-11) on a day.

126 RED-THROATED PIPIT – *anthus cervinus*

(roodkeelpieper)

Seen in the Poyang area with up to 4 birds in a day.

18-11 2 ex. at the Xin river

22-11 2 ex. at Cohai.

24-11 1 ex at Cohai.

127 SIBERIAN BUFF BELLIED PIPIT – *anthus (rubescens) japonicus*

Common throughout the trip at area's with water with the highest numbers at Yangcheng and Poyang
Sometimes in mixed flocks with Lapland Buntings and Oriental Skylarks in just cut reed beds.

128 EASTERN GREY HEADED WAGTAIL - *motacilla flava ssp: macronyx*

25-11 1 ex. at Cohai from the punt trip, nice views.

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

Seen daily at Yangcheng with up to 20 birds on a day almost all in winter plumage.

130 CITRINE WAGTAIL – *motacilla citreola ssp: calcarata*

(citroenkwikstaart)

Seen daily at Cohai with up to 25 birds on a day, some very nice males with black backs.

140 GREY WAGTAIL – *motacilla cinerea*

(grote gele kwikstaart)

14-11 1 ex. at Guan Shan.

141 HIMALAYAN WAGTAIL – *motacilla alba ssp: alboides*

Seen daily at the Guizhou area with up to 20 birds on a day (24-11). All in winter plumage.

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

Common in the lowlands during the trip with up to 10 birds on a day.

----- EAST SIBERIAN WAGTAIL – *motacilla alba ssp: ocularis*

18-11 1 ex. along the Xin River, nice views.

142 GREY-CHINNED MINIVET – *pericrocotus solaris*

13-11 40 ex. in a few flocks at Guan Shan.

19-11 2 ex. at Wuyuan.

20-11 2 ex. at Wuyuan.

143 ORANGE-BELLIED LEAFBIRD – *chloropsis hardwickii*

13-11 2 ex. at Guan Shan.

14-11 4 ex. at Guan Shan, two pairs.

144 COLLARED FINCHBILL – *spezixos semitorques*

19-11 1 ex. at Wuyuan.

20-11 25 ex. in one big flock at Wuyuan.

145 BROWN-BREASTED BULBUL – *pycnonotus xanthorrhous*

22-11 Common in the little valley around the highest point along the way to Cohai.

24-11 8 ex. around Cohai.

146 CHINESE BULBUL – *pycnonotus sinensis*

Common in all visited area's except Cohai.

147 SOOTY HEADED BULBUL – *PYCNONOTUS AURIGASTER

12-11 1 ex. seen well at a small wooded area near Nanchang.

148 CHESNUT BULBUL – *hemixos castanotus*

Common in flocks at Guan Shan.

19-11 20 ex. in one flock at Wuyuan.

149 MOUNTAIN BULBUL – *hypsipetes mccllellandii*

13-11 1 ex. seen well in a flock of 150 at Guan Shan.

150 BLACK BULBUL – *hypsipetes leucocephalus* ssp: *leucothorax*?

Common in flocks (up to 50 birds a day) at Guan Shan of the odd looking white headed form.

151 JAPANESE WAXWING – *bombycilla japonica*

07-11 2 birds with very nice scope views at the Ming Tombs near Beijing, with a dark red trailing edge at the tail, reddish on the scapulars and the black under the crest. The birds were feeding on berries with Naumann's Thrushes. A really surprise find.

152 BROWN DIPPER – *cinclus pallasii*

14-11 1 ex. at Guan Shan.

20-11 1 ex. at Wuyuan.

153 SIBERIAN ACCENTOR – *prunella montanella*

06-11 10 ex. around Badaling (Great Wall).

07-11 1 ex. around Beijing.

Mouth-watering views of this sometimes sulky accentor but one performed feeding on the road.

154 NORTHERN RED-FLANKED BLUETAIL – *tarsiger cyanurus*

(blauwstaart)

A total of 20 birds seen at Yangcheng (migrants even at seawalls) and in the forest of Guan Shan and Wuyuan., always solitary, most immature types but also some nice males.

-----HIMALAYAN RED-FLANKED BLUETAIL – *tarsiger cyanurus* ssp *rufilatus*

22-11 2 males along the road at the valley visited at the top of the mountains.

23-11 1 ex. at Tuoda.

25-11 1 ex. at Tuoda.

ID done on adult males because of the lack of a white supercillium, immatures on distribution.

155 BLUE-FRONTED REDSTART – *phoenicurus frontalis*

23-11 1 female at Tuoda.

25-11 2 males at Tuoda, found on call (rattle) very nice views of this pygmy rockthrush like redstart.

156 DAURIAN REDSTART – *phoenicurus aureoreus*

Commonly seen almost daily on the trip at all visited area's.

157 WHITE-CAPPED REDSTART – *chaimarrornis leucocephalus*

20-11 1 male at Tuoda near the Pied Falconet site.

23-11 1 male in a stream at Tuoda.

158 PLUMBOUS REDSTART – rhyacornis fuliginosus

A total of 10 birds seen at lower streams visited during the trip in all area's except Beijing.

159 SIBERIAN STONECHAT – saxicola maura

(aziatische roodborsttapuit)

08-11 3 ex. at Yangcheng.

22-11 1 ex. at Cohai.

24-11 4 ex. at Cohai.

160 ORIENTAL MAGPIE ROBIN – copsychus saularis

16-11 1 male on a fence at Poyang.

161 BLUE WHISTLING THRUSH – myophonus caeruleus

14-11 1 ex. heard singing at Guan Shan.

15-11 2 ex. of which one seen almost flying against my head at Guan Shan.

162 WHITE'S THRUSH – zoothera aurea

(goudlijster)

13-11 1 ex. at Guan Shan in a tree.

19-11 1 ex. at Wuyuan at the edge of a forrest trail sitting motionless.

163 SIBERIAN THRUSH – zoothera siberica

(siberische lijster)

10-11 1 female at a sea wall forest (migrant trap) at Yangcheng, sitting motionless and allowing superb views.



164 (CHINESE) BLACKBIRD – turdus merula ssp: mandarinus

Seen at most visited sites accept Beijing in low numbers with a maximum of 15 on a day (20-11).

165 GREY-BACKED TRUSH – turdus hortulorum

14-11 1 female sitting in a tree at Guan Shan eating berries.

****166 JAPANESE THRUSH – TURDUS CARDIS**

13-11 1 female seen well when “frozen” for a minute or so in a tree at Guan Shan. A small thrush with brown/olive upperparts, spots on the underparts and just visible orange flanks (with dark spots in the orange).

167 EYEBROWED THRUSH – *turdus obscurus*

(vale lijster)

08-11 1 flying around us coming in to land at some of the fishponds at Yangcheng.

10-11 1 at Yangcheng at a small part of wood on a dike.

168 NAUMANN’S THRUSH – *turdus naumanni*

(naumann’s lijster)

07-11 30 ex. at the Ming Tombs near Beijing.

08-11 1 ex. at Yangcheng.

10-11 4 ex. at Yangcheng at a small part of wood on a dike.

169 DUSKY THRUSH – *turdus eunomus*

(bruine lijster)

A total of 51 birds seen on the trip spread over many places except Beijing and Cohai with a maximum of 40 birds on a day (10-11 sea wall forest at Yangcheng and migrating along the coast). No intermediates seen between 168 and 169.

170 CHINESE THRUSH – *turdus mupinensis*

22-11 1 at the little valley at the highest point going to Cohai.

25-11 1 seen very well at Tuoda.

****171 LITTLE FORKTAIL – ENICURUS SCOULERI**

13-11 1 ex. along a stream at Guan Shan, a very little quite short tailed forktail with a white forehead and white outer tail feathers.

172 WHITE-CROWNED FORKTAIL – *enicurus leschenaultia*

13-11 2 ex. at Guan Shan.

19-11 2 ex. at Wuyuan

20-11 2 ex. at Wuyuan. All at small streams.

****173 CHESNUT HEADED TESIA – TESIA CASTANEOCORONATA**

13-11 1 male seen very well (responding to the tape) at Guan Shan on a stony hill in the forest, with a chestnut head (with a white spot behind the eye) greenish upperparts and greenish yellow underparts. The only holarctic tesia, what a bonus....

****174 BROWNISH-FLANKED BUSH WARBLER – CETTIA FORTIPES**

A total of 23 birds seen and heard (like a soft Dusky Warbler but variable) in the Jiangxi part of the trip. Seen in the lowlands (Poyang) and forest Wuyuan. It looks also quite like a roundish tailed Dusky without much of a supercilium.

175 ZITTING CISTICOLA – *cisticola juncidis* ssp: *tinnabulans*

(graszanger)

08-11 1 heard at Yangcheng.

Seen almost daily at Poyang with up to 10 birds a day. The call was the same as in Western Europe.

176 PLAIN PRINIA – *prinia inornata*

Fairly common in Jiangxi part of the trip and Cohai, with small family groups with up to 10 birds on a day (22-11).

177 STRIATED PRINIA – *prinia criniger*

20-11 1 ex. seen very well in the scope at Wuyuan.

178 CHINESE HILL WARBLER – *rhopophilus pekinensis*

07-11 10 ex. in small parties spread over the day around Beijing.

****179 JAPANESE SWAMP WARBLER – LOCUSTELLA PRYERI**

16-11 7 ex. seen in the wet vegetation along the lakes, often singing (a very strange song, hard to describe), quite big locustella, with an open grey face, grey underparts, heavily black striped mantle and very rufous scapulars and upperwing coverts. Also a long tail.

****180 CHESNUT-CROWNED WARBLER – SEICERCUS CASTANICEPS**

13-11 1 ex. at Guan Shan, seen well with very yellow underparts and a chsnut supercilium (crown not visible) and an eyering.

***181 RUFOUS FACED WARBLER – ABROSCOPUS ALBOGULARIS**

14-11 3 ex. at Guan Shan

15-11 1 ex. at Guan Shan.

Always one or two in the feeding flocks of small passerines in the forest. The “composition” of these flocks was always the same. A cracking warbler of the size of a Pallas’s warbler. The face (head) was very obvious.

182 PALLAS’S WARBLER – *phylloscopus proregulus*

(pallas boszanger)

07-11 1 heard near in a forest near Beijing.

Common in the forest in the Jiangxi and one of the commoner species in the feeding flocks.

22-11 1 ex. along the way.

25-11 1 ex at Tuoda in a feeding flock.

183 LEMMON RUMPED WARBLER – *phylloscopus chloronotus*

22-11 2 ex. at the little valley at the top going to Cohai.

23-11 6 ex. at Tuoda.

25-11 2 ex. at Tuoda.

As 182 but obvious duller with no yellow in the supercilium/crownstripe and less green. From beneath (crown not seen) like a Yellow-browed warbler with a “lemon” rump.

184 YELLOW-BROWED WARBLER – *phylloscopus inornatus*

(blackkoning)

A total of 15 birds seen at Yangcheng (most birds seen also migrating in the reed beds) and Jiangxi.

185 DUSKY WARBLER – *phylloscopus fuscatus*

(bruine boszanger)

10-11 1 ex. at Yangcheng behind the guesthouse.

12-11 1 ex. at Nanchang.

Nice views.

186 GOLDCREST – *regulus regulus*

(goudhaan)

10-11 1 ex. in the low scrub on the seawall of one of the harbours, a migrant, just like home.....

187 BLACK-STREAKED SCIMITAR BABBLER – *pomatorhinus gravivox*

22-11 5 ex. at the highest point driving to Cohai. Nice views sitting in the open.

***188 GREY-SIDED SCIMITAR BABBLER – POMATORHINUS SWINHOEI**

19-11 1 ex. seen quite well at Wuyuan, heard many more times (a whistle) this is a recent split of from *erythrocnemis*.

****189 STREAK-BREASTED SCIMITAR BABBLER – POMATORHINUS RUFICOLLIS**

14-11 1 ex. seen well at Guan Shan.

15-11 1 ex. seen well at Guan Shan.

25-11 3 ex. seen very well at Tuoda.

A very handsome rusty scimitar babbler.

190 RUFOUS-CAPPED BABBLER – *stachyris ruficeps*

A total of 10 birds seen at the Jiangxi part of the trip, always one in a mixed feeding flock of passerines in the forest.

****191 GREY-HEADED PARROTBILL – PARADOXORNIS GULARIS**

13-11 50 ex. in a feeding flock high in the trees at Guan Shan, a spectacular sight these big parrotbills, with big yellow bills and black line on the head (cap)

192 VINOUS-THROATED PARROTBILL – paradoxornis heudei

Common at Beijing, Yangcheng.

20-11 10 ex. at Wuyuan.

Usually in noisy big flocks.

***193 ASHY-THROATED PARROTBILL – PARADOXORNIS ALPHONSIANUS**

22-11 15 ex. in two feeding flocks of mixed passerines at the little village at the highest point on the road to Cohai. A very neat parrotbill, with a tiny bill.

****194 REED PARROTBILL – PARADOXORNIS HEUDEI**

09-11 25 ex. in a reed bed at Yangcheng

10-11 5 ex. seen in a reed bed at Yangcheng.

The birds gave very nice views when they fad in the reed (giving cracking noises) in small family parties.

Restricted to the reed and sometimes singing in the sunny weather. A cracking bird which I missed in Ussuriland...





****195 CHINESE BABAX – BABAX LANCEOLATUS**

22-11 30 ex. in two groups at the highest point on the road to Cohai.
A very noisy but beautiful quite big bird.

196 MASKED LAUGHINGTHRUSH – *garrulax perspicillatus*

15-11 10 ex. in one group at a stop along the way to Poyang.
20-11 1 ex. at Wuyuan in the hills while searching for an other laughingthrush (Courtois's)..

197 GREATER NECKLACED LAUGHINGTHRUSH – *garrulax pectoralis*

20-11 15 ex. in one roving flock, great views.

198 PERE DAVID'S LAUGHINGTHRUSH – *garrulax davidi*

Common around Beijing with up to 15 birds on a day.

199 WHITE-BROWED LAUGHINGTHRUSH – *garrulax sannio*

12-11 8 ex. along the way (road) a family group.
22-11 2 ex at Cohai.
25-11 4 ex. at Tuoda.

200 HWAMEI – *garrulax canorus*

15-11 2 ex. along the way to Poyang.
20-11 2 ex. at Wuyuan at the Pied Falconet place.

****201 ELLIOT'S LAUGHINGTHRUSH – GARRULAX ELLIOTI**

22-11 common (15+) around the highest point and lower down driving to Cohai. Seen and heard even more. A very nice laughing thrush with a white eye.

202 RED-BILLED LEIOTHRIX – *leiothrix lutea*

Common at Guan Shan and one of the most numerous "members" of the passerine feeding flocks. Always in groups.

****203 SPECTACLED FULVETTA – ALCIPPE RUFICAPILLA**

23-11 10 ex. at Tuoda, seen very well in mixed feeding flocks of passerines, showing in the open.

****204 GREY-HOODED FULVETTA – ALCIPPE CINEREICEPS**

22-11 15 ex. seen in two feeding flocks around the highest point driving to Cohai. A very nice Fulvetta with a white wing patch and obvious light eye.

***205 DUSKY FULVETTA – ALCIPPE BRUNNEA**

14-11 1 ex. in a feeding flock of passerines at Guan Shan.

15-11 3 ex. in a feeding flock of passerines at Guan Shan.

19-11 1 ex. in a feeding flock of passerines at Wuyuan.

Always low down and usually one or two present per feeding flock, if you not see them in the flock you missed them.....

***206 RUSTY-CAPPED FULVETTA – ALCIPPE DUBIA**

23-11 4 ex. at Tuoda. Showing extremely well in the undergrowth. This is a bit of a counterpart of 205 in the higher up forest. A very nice fulvetta.

***207 GREY-CHEEKED FULVETTA – ALCIPPE MORRISONIA**

The commonest fulvetta of the trip and the most numerous member of the passerine flocks in the Jiangxi part of the trip.

***208 STRIATED YUHINA – YUHINA CASTANICEPS**

13-11 20 ex. at Guan Shan in one feeding flock.

19-11 30 ex. at Wuyuan in one big flock.

A small noisy yuhina.

209 WHITE-COLLARED YUHINA – yuhina diademata

A total of 24 birds seen in the hills and forest around Cohai and Tuoda.

****210 BLACK-BROWED TIT – AEGITHALOS BONVALOTI**

23-11 15 ex. in a mixed flock with Black-Throated at Tuoda. Very nice views. The birds where as a group in a larger group of birds constantly calling to each other.

211 BLACK-THROATED TIT – aegithalos concinnus

Common in the Jiangxi and Guizhou (Cohai) province.

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

06-11 3 ex. seen in a flock at Badaling near Beijing.

213 MARSH TIT – parus palustris ssp: hellmayri

06-11 5 ex. at Badaling.

***214 BLACK-BIBBED TIT – PARUS HYPERMELAENA**

22-11 1 ex. in the village at the highest point driving to Cohai.

23-11 5 ex. spread over the day around Tuoda.

The sound and song was very different than 213 with a larger black bib.

215 SONGAR TIT – parus songarus

06-11 2 ex. at Badaling.

07-11 2 ex. at Badaling.

216 YELLOW-BELLIED TIT – parus venustulus

Quite common around Beijing and in the Jiangxi province.

217 JAPANESE TIT – parus major ssp: minor

Common throughout the trip.

218 GREEN-BACKED TIT – *parus monticolus*

22-11 4 ex. in the village at the highest point driving to Cohai

25-11 1 ex. at Tuoda.

****219 CHESNUT-VENTED NUTHATCH – *SITTA NAGAENSIS***

22-11 1 ex. in the village at the highest point driving to Cohai.

A small nuthatch with white underparts and a chestnut vent and (mainly) flanks.

220 CHINESE PENDULINE TIT – *remiz consobrinus*

09-11 1 ex. in the reed beds of Yangcheng.

12-11 3 ex. seen well at one of the lakes near Nanchang.

221 FORK-TAILED SUNBIRD – *aethopyga christinae*

13-11 1 female at Guan Shan.

19-11 1 male at Wuyuan.

222 JAPANESE WHITE-EYE – *zosterops japonicus*

19-11 1 ex. at Wuyuan.

20-11 2 ex. at Wuyuan.

22-11 2 ex. along the way.

223 LONG-TAILED SHRIKE – *lanius schach*

Common during the trip at all visited places except Beijing, with 15+ on a maximum day. All birds looked the same.

224 GREAT GREY SHRIKE – *lanius excubitor*

(klapekster)

07-11 1 immature (with still juvenile feathers on the crown and heavily barred) at Badaling.

225 CHINESE GREY SHRIKE – *lanius sphenocerus*

09-11 1 ex. along the road at Yangcheng.

16-11 1 ex. at Poyang.

226 EURASIAN JAY – *garrulous glandarius* ssp: *bispecularis*

(vlaamse gaai)

20-11 12 ex. in one flock at Wuyuan.

23-11 20 ex. at Tuoda.

25-11 6 ex. at Tuoda.

227 BLUE MAGPIE – *urocissa erythrorhyncha*

A total of 45 birds seen during the trip at various sites at Beijing, the Jiangxi province and Tuoda.

228 ASIAN AZURE – WINGED MAGPIE – *cyanopica cyanus*

Common around Beijing with up to 30 birds on a day.

229 GREY TREEPIE – *dendrocitta formosae*

Seen daily at Guan Shan with 10 birds on a day.

A total of 5 birds where seen at Wuyuan.

230 EURASIAN MAGPIE – *pica pica*

(ekster)

Common around Beijing and less numerous at Guizhou.

231 DAURIAN JACKDAW – *corvus dauuricus*

(daurische kauw)

25-11 25 ex. in one wintering group, all adults, on the road to Tuoda.

232 ORIENTAL CROW – *corvus corone* ssp: *orientalis*

06-11 5 ex. at Beijing.

Seen daily in the Guizhou province with up to 5 ex. a day.

233 LARGE-BILLED CROW – *corvus macrorhynchus* ssp: *japonicus*

A total of 4 birds seen around Beijing.

A total of 4 birds seen coming from Tuoda on both occasions.

234 COLLARED CROW – *corvus torquatus*

22-11 1 ex. at Cohai on the edge of the lake in a small flock of 232.

23-11 2 ex. coming from Tuoda, a pair.

235 RED-BILLED STARLING – *sturnus sericeus*

08-11 1 ex. at the guest house at Yangcheng.

12-11 300 ex. in one very large flock at Nanchang.

20-11 120 ex. at Wuyuan in several flocks.

236 COMMON STARLING – *sturnus vulgaris* ssp: *tauricus* or *poltaratskyi*??

(spreeuw)

09-11 30 ex. at Yangcheng in one flock on the wires. No difference noticed with “our” winter vulgaris.

237 WHITE-CHEEKED STARLING – *sturnus cineraceus*

Seen at Yangcheng, where common, with lower numbers in Jiangxi (a maximum of 40 on a day), and 2 at Guizhou province.

238 BLACK-COLLARED STARLING – *sturnus nigricollis*

A total of 15 birds seen in small groups during our stay in the Jiangxi province.

239 CRESTED MYNA – *acridotheres cristatellus*

Seen at almost all parts of the trip except Beijing with the highest numbers in Guizhou province.

240 RUSSET SPARROW – *passer rutilans*

A total of 40 ex. birds seen in several flocks during the stay in the Guizhou province.

241 EURASIAN TREE SPARROW – *passer montanus*

(ringmus)

Commonly seen during the trip mainly around Beijing and Yangcheng.

242 WHITE-RUMPED MUNIA – *lonchura striata*

10-11 4 ex. at Yangcheng behind the guesthouse.

15-11 8 ex. at Guan Shan.

Common at Wuyuan in small flocks.

243 SCALY-BREASTED MUNIA – *lonchura punctulata* ssp: *topela*

19-11 30 ex. In one flock in a sleeping bush. Much duller than in India, with almost no visible spots. Many immatures.

244 BRAMBLING – *fringilla montifringilla*

(keep)

Commonly seen on almost all visited areas except Poyang with up to 300 ex. on one day (22-11)

245 GREY-CAPPED GREENFINCH – *carduelis sinica*

06-11 1 ex. at Badaling.

07-11 10 ex. at the Ming Tombs.

18-11 15 ex. near the Xin river.

****246 BLACK-HEADED GREENFINCH – *CARDUELIS AMBIGUA***

Common in the Guizhou province from entering at the high pass to Tuoda. The best views at Cohai in the rice fields. Most birds were freshly moulted with greyish tops on the black head feathers but some were moulted further on (black heads). Much greener than 245 on mantle, breast, belly and throat. Females difficult to separate from 245.

247 EURASIAN SISKIN – *carduelis spinus*

09-11 1 ex. a migrant in a coastal reed bed at Yangcheng.

248 YELLOW-BILLED GROSBEAK – *eophona migratoria*

A total of 33 birds seen on the trip at Yangcheng and the Jiangxi province with the most (20 ex) at the Xin river.

249 LAPLAND LONGSPUR – *calcaurus lapponicus*

(ijsgors)

08-11 1 ex. at Yangcheng in a flock of 127.

09-11 250 ex. in one big flock in the fields at Yangcheng, a spectacular sighting all in winter plumage.

****250 SLATY BUNTING – *LATOCHEORNIS SIEMSENSI***

14-11 3 ex, one male and two female at Guan Shan. Giving crippling views (and Little Bunting like calls), The male like a stubby dark eyed junco and the females nice warm brown head and forehead, with a open “baby” face.

251 BLACK-FACED BUNTING – *emberiza spodocephala*

(maskergors)

Common at Yangcheng and the Jiangxi province part of the trip, mostly seen in wet area’s (reed).

252 PINE BUNTING – *emberiza leucocephalos*

(witkopgors)

07-11 1 male at the Ming Tombs, sitting quietly in a tree giving very good views. The bird was in fresh plumage with many whitish tops at most feathers. A surprise find.

253 GODLEWSKI’S BUNTING – *emberiza godlewski*

06-11 2 ex. at Badaling.

07-11 5 ex. at the Ming Tombs and surroundings.

22-11 10 ex. at the highest point driving to Cohai.

254 MEADOW BUNTING – *emberiza cioides*

18-11 2 ex. a pair at the Xin river, good views.

255 CHESNUT-EARED BUNTING – *emberiza fucata*

10-11 1 ex. on a wire near a harbour at Yangcheng, a male (obvious chestnut cheek)

16-11 2 ex. at Poyang, seen well, both birds in nonbreeding (fresh) plumage in the wet area’s on the edge of a lake.

256 YELLOW-THROATED BUNTING – *emberiza elegans*

07-11 2 ex, at Beijing.

A total of 6 birds seen during our stay at Yangcheng.

22-11 15 ex. in one flock at the village at highest point driving to Cohai

25-11 3 ex. at Tuoda.

A cracking bunting.

257 YELLOW-BROWED BUNTING – *emberiza chrysophrys*

(geelbrauwgors)

12-11 2 ex. at a small pool edge at Nanchang.

15-11 1 ex. at a stop along the way coming from Guan Shan.

20-11 3 ex. together at Wuyuan near a small village.

All birds where in the fresh breeding plumage, with prolonged views.

258 TRISTRAM’S BUNTING – *emberiza tristrami*

12-11 1 ex. a migrant at the edge of a lake near Nancheng.

14-11 1 ex. at Guan Shan in the forest.

A total of 5 birds at Wuyuan in the forested area’s.

A very rufous rump (instead of greyish) is a good id feature of this from 257.

259 RUSTIC BUNTING – *emberiza rustica*

(bosgors)

12-11 1 ex. at a patch of bushes near Nanchang.

260 LITTLE BUNTING – *emberiza pusilla*

(dweggors)

Seen at all places visited except Cohai itself (seen at the Village on the way up there though) in small wintering flocks with a maximum of 25 on a day (07-11).

261 CHESNUT BUNTING – *emberiza rutila*

(rosse gors)

12-11 1 male nonbreeding at a patch of bushes near Nanchang. A bonus bunting as they are normally way south..

262 COMMON REED BUNTING – *emberiza schoeniclus* ssp: *pyrrhulina* or *minor*

(rietgors)

09-11 1 ex. seen quite well at Yangcheng in a flock 263. Much bigger and less light buff.

263 PALLAS'S REED BUNTING – *emberiza pallasi*

Common with 100+ on a day at Yangcheng, giving crippling views in big flocks in the reed beds. A few breeding plumaged birds between them.

264 JAPANESE REED BUNTING – *emberiza yessoensis*

09-11 2 males, one first winter and one adult coming into breeding plumage (still with a light moustachial stripe) between the flock of 263 feeding on the ground. The rufous in the neck and the very rufous rump are good id features.



The Hairy list:

Tolai Hare-*lepus tolai* – 16-11 1 at Poyang.

Pere David's Rock Squirrel – *tamiosciurus davidianus* - 07-11 1 ex. at the Ming Tombs.

Pallas's Squirrel – *callosciurus erythraeus* – 20-11 4 ex. at Wuyuan.

Swinhoe's Striped Squirrel – *tamiops swinhoei* – 13-11 4 ex. at Guan Shan.

Rhesus Macaque – *macaca mulatta* – 14-11 10 ex. at Guan Shan seen in the morning from the guesthouse.

Chinese Water Deer – *hydropotes inermis* – 16+17-11 a total of 4 seen at Poyang.