

# Birding China with Oriental Bird Club:

A spring 2012 birdwatching trip to Yunnan & Beijing.

*Itinerary by Jesper Hornskov \*\*\*ALL RIGHTS RESERVED\*\*\**

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China's southwestern-most province, Yunnan, has long been neglected as a destination by travelling birdwatchers. While neighbouring Sichuan certainly has a lot to offer ornithologically, Yunnan has now relaxed restrictions on access so that some of the least disturbed areas near the Burma border can be visited.

Anyone susceptible to the allure of Thailand and the eastern Himalayas will look wistfully at a map of the region and regret that Burma looks set to remain a tricky destination for ornithological pilgrims for years to come: long-planned tours have been cancelled a few days before scheduled kick-off as the essential permits were whimsically withdrawn, and the situation remains volatile. However, west of the mighty Salween river, in China, steadily improving infrastructure has made accessible a variety of essentially "Burmese" habitats, from forests between 300-2,800m above sea level to paddies & scrub swarming with winter visitors and passage migrants. On this trip we will spend 17 days here, following an itinerary which, drawing on unequalled birding experience in the area, has been carefully planned to maximise field time. We will have time to properly search for the specialities of these secretive forests following a quick visit to picturesque Lijiang, home to the endemic Yunnan Nuthatch, east of the Salween biological divide.

Part of the charm of this scenically arresting, tucked-away and culturally still-authentic corner of the world is that it has yet to be discovered by Western Tourism (as recently as January/ February 2010 we saw just one other Westerner in the course of an 18 day trip!) – nonetheless roads are far better than one might suppose, our accommodations will be comfortable throughout (double rooms with private toilet & hot shower) and the hospitable climate ensures a year-round supply of fresh, palatable food. We'll be expecting a species total of 380-450 on the tour, potentially including some Palearctic ultra-heavyweights at Beijing on the first day...

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less wary than 15 years ago – among the species we can expect are Greylag Goose, Ruddy Shelduck, Yellow-nibbed Duck (= Chinese Spotbill), Common Teal, Falcated Duck, Gadwall, Wigeon, Pintail, Shoveler, Red-crested Pochard, Ferruginous Duck & Goosander. Up to c80 Common Cranes have been recorded here - in November 2002 we were lucky enough to find them accompanied by a stray Demoiselle, apparently a provincial first and much more of a surprise than a Black-necked Crane would have been.

**Day 03:** We'll expect to have the best part of the day in Lijiang before heading towards the Gaoligongshan. We will do whatever maximizes chances of catching up with any species we feel have eluded us.

We may not be able to resist returning to the delightful park. Gazing across the lake at the towering and proudly unclimbed 5,500m Jade Dragon mountain, the eastern-most outlier of the Himalayas, is well worth the time... the grand scenery (equal to the very best of the Rocky Mountains in the opinion of one well-travelled 2001 group member) which with its snowpeak and a glacier crowning the pine-bristling ridges easily matches anything the Panda reserves of neighbouring Sichuan have to offer.

Scarcer birds seen at various times of the year on previous visits include Black-bibbed & Rufous-vented Tits, Rufous-browed Accentors, the lovely White-throated Redstart, White's Thrush, Chinese Song Thrush, Giant & Moustached Laughingthrushes, Chestnut-tailed Minla, Black-headed Sibia (whose far-carrying, melancholy song often dominates the dawn chorus), Hodgson's & Bar-tailed Treecreepers, Tibetan Siskin, *himalayana* Red Crossbill, and the distinctive local race of Nutcracker.

We will overnight in a modest hotel close to the Salween river, eager to start up into the Gaoligong range and pleased to have now done by far the longest drive of the trip.

**Day 04: Bamboo**, stunted ridgetop vegetation, mature evergreen forest, overgrown stream gullies, and cultivation-edge scrub comprise the habitats available to us in the impressive Gaoligongshan.

We'll spend our 1<sup>st</sup> Gaoligongshan morning walking an old caravan track and associated side paths, until recently used for wood extraction but currently only used by the occasional visitor to this now much better protected watershed. As the first rays of sun hit the forest edge things are likely to look hectic as new birds present themselves for extended viewing at close range – usually some of them stick around and we will be in no hurry to move on, preferring to make the most of this easy introduction to one of the great wilderness areas of continental Asia. We'll hope to encounter a number of novelties, perhaps including Chinese Babax, White-throated Laughingthrush, White-browed Fulvetta, White-collared Yuhina, Aberrant Bush Warbler, and Grey-headed (or Beavan's) Bullfinch.

Also possible - but much less likely - are specialities such as Rufous-throated Hill Partridge, Sclater's Monal, Bull-headed Shrike, Brown & Fulvous Parrotbills, Yellow-bellied Flowerpecker, Crimson-browed Finch, and Collared Grosbeak.

The ridgeline of the rugged Gaoligongshan, running roughly N to S, constitutes a formidable barrier to East/West range expansions but is also a leading line for migrating birds – on many mornings in March and April things are pretty lively, with band after band of spirited Rufous-vented Yuhinas, wave after wave of Fire-tailed Sunbirds, and a steady trickle of Tibet-bound Yellow-bellied Fantails & *Phylloscopus* warblers moving through.

From late morning on, as thermals build up, we'll have a fair chance of seeing a scattering of soaring migrants such as Himalayan Griffon (and the occasional Black Vulture), Hen Harrier, Northern Goshawk, Eurasian Sparrowhawk, *japonicus* Common (and rarely also Long-legged) Buzzard, and Steppe, Imperial & Booted Eagles.

In the early afternoon we'll move on to **Tengchong** for a two-nights' stay.

**Day 05:** In many ways Tengchong is the ideal birdwatching base: a wooded hill - our main site - is just over five minutes away from our hotel, there are plenty of birds, and many of them are easy to see. Expected species are Oriental Turtle Dove, Hoopoe, Grey-capped & Great Spotted Woodpeckers, Large Cuckoo-shrike, Long-tailed Minivet, Grey-backed Shrike, Slender-billed Oriole, the vocal Ashy Drongo, Red-billed Blue Magpie, Green-backed & Black-throated Tits, Brown-breasted Bulbul, assorted *Phylloscopus* warblers, Bianchi's Warbler, Spot-breasted Scimitar Babbler, White-browed Laughingthrush, Red-billed Leiothrix, White-browed Shrike Babbler, Blue-winged & Red-tailed Minlas, the taxonomically-more-interesting-than-hitherto-assumed Grey-cheeked Fulvetta, Brown-winged Parrotbill, Japanese Whiteeye, Naga Nuthatch, Bar-tailed Treecreeper, White's & Black-breasted Thrushes, Himalayan Red-flanked Bluetail, Oriental Magpie Robin, Grey Bushchat, Russet Sparrow, Gould's Sunbird, Olive-backed Pipit, Common Rosefinch, and Little Bunting.

Also present but trickier are Mountain Bamboo Partridge, the secretive Silver and Lady Amherst's Pheasants, Besra, Large Hawk Cuckoo, Brown Wood Owl, Fire-capped Tit, Brownish-flanked Bush & Yellow-streaked Warblers, the charming Pygmy Wren Babbler, Chinese Babax, Red-faced Liocichla, Black-headed Sibia, Spot-breasted Parrotbill, Siberian Rubythroat, White-tailed Robin, Large Niltava, Maroon-backed Accentor, Tibetan Siskin, and the smart Yellow-throated Bunting.

**Day 06: Before leaving** Tengchong we'll devote another morning to wooded habitat near the town – one species we'll be particularly keen not to miss is Brown-winged Parrotbill.

After lunch we'll drive S to Yingjiang, where a visit to the river may yield Ruddy Shelduck, Great Cormorant, Black-shouldered Kite, River Lapwing, Little Ringed Plover, Common Greenshank, Green Sandpiper, Temminck's Stint, Small Pratincole, the magnificent River Tern, and both White-throated & Pied Kingfishers.

Among the 'also-possibles' perhaps Great Black-headed Gull is the most interesting.

**Day 07-11:** We'll thoroughly cover the very extensive forests near Yingjiang, concentrating on the lower slopes, mainly birding between c300-1,350m in evergreen, mixed and bamboo forest.

For at least a couple of nights we'll be based on the very border of Burma and shall make a point of venturing forth from our new and rather incongruously upmarket hotel (during an exploratory visit in January 2004 we were among the very first guests, managing to book rooms even before the official opening date!) to take in the scenes on the market streets leading down to the border bridge.

We'll make sure to divide our time fairly equally between the subtly different habitat zones but will target our efforts in order to maximise chances of catching up with anything likely to be encountered only here. Doing so we are likely to make genuine contributions to the patchy knowledge of bird distribution on the

Burma/Yunnan border. As far as can be discovered, prior to JH's January 2004 exploratory visit no Western birder/ornithologist had visited this area for at least half a century, and - despite the obvious potential - of the relatively few Chinese ornithologists who have undertaken field work since the end of the civil war in 1949 apparently only one had found the time to pay a very brief visit.

Among the birds noted in the general area in January 2004 were Red Junglefowl, Crested Goshawk, Emerald Dove, Pin-tailed Pigeon, Red-breasted Parakeet, Crested Tree Swift, Red-headed Trogon, Long-tailed Broadbill, Collared Treepie, Sultan Tit, Striated Swallow, Black-crested & Grey-eyed Bulbuls, Chinese & Yellow-vented Leaf Warblers, Bianchi's, Broad-billed & Rufous-faced Warblers, Red-billed Scimitar Babbler, Streaked Wren Babbler, White-crested, Spot-breasted, White-browed, Blue-winged & Red-tailed Laughingthrushes, good numbers of Red-faced Liocichla, Spectacled Barwing, Red-tailed Minla, Black-throated Parrotbill, Hill & Golden-crested Mynas, White-browed Shortwing, White-tailed Robin, Orange-gorgetted and Sapphire Flycatchers, Small Niltava, Golden-fronted Leafbird, Little Spiderhunter & Spot-winged Grosbeak.

Subsequent visits have added the magnificently weird Ibisbill (now in a family of its own), the no less attractive River Lapwing, Indian Roller, Crested Kingfisher, Blue-bearded Bee-eater, Great (a specimen - of sorts - shown us in January 2004 had indicated its recent presence in the area), Wreathed & Oriental Pied Hornbills, Grey-bellied Tesia, Coral-billed Scimitar Babbler, Greater Necklaced & Black-throated Laughingthrushes, Lesser Rufous-headed & Grey-headed Parrotbills, Asian Fairy-bluebird, the restricted-range Collared Myna, Vinous-breasted & Asian Pied Starlings, Black-backed & White-crowned Forktails, Baya Weaver, and Scarlet Finch.

Locals report frequently seeing Grey Peacock Pheasant, and we might chance upon White-cheeked Hill Partridge, Kalij Pheasant, Pale-capped & Yellow-footed Green Pigeons, Spot-bellied Eagle Owl, Brown Fish Owl, Pale-headed & White-bellied Woodpecker, Buff-breasted, Spot-throated & Spot-necked Babblers, White-necked Laughingthrush, White-spectacled Warbler, Pale-chinned Flycatcher or Beautiful Nuthatch, all known from old records or from adjacent N Burma, or Collared Falconet, Alexandrine Parakeet, Blue-eared Barbet, Chestnut-bellied Nuthatch or Blue-winged Leafbird, all outside their published range but recorded recently.

**Day 12: A very birdy watershed slightly farther a-field** - more conveniently visited en route so we'll take our luggage with us as we set out early - impressed in all respects on exploratory visits: the sheer quality of the birds present, the good views so many of them afforded (photographers and digiscopers take note!) and the comparative ease of the walking involved. Among the birds so far not recorded elsewhere in the Ruili area were Banded Cuckoo Dove, Mountain Imperial Pigeon, Golden Bush Robin, Green Cochoa, Coral-billed Scimitar Babbler, Blue-winged Laughingthrush, Cutia (on one occasion extended views of a group of no less than nine of these otherwise tricky birds - there was simply no getting rid of them!), Slaty-bellied Tesia, Grey-cheeked Warbler & Scarlet Finch. Undoubtedly we will have a fair chance of adding a goodie or two...

**Day 13-14: Ruili area!** With over 475+ species recorded in the vicinity to date, lively Ruili must be the best birdwatching base in all of China yet few people have ventured here. Within easy reach of the town is sprawling evergreen forest, paddies, and scrub, and with a bit of luck we may add a species or two to the already long area list.

On the whole the avifauna is reminiscent of northern Thailand's, but many species which are rare or (for winter visitors) not annual there are quite common at

Ruili, and there is a more noticeable Sino-Himalayan element as well.

Asian House Martin, Scarlet Minivet, Bar-winged Flycatcher Shrike, Black-backed Forktail (added to the Chinese bird list here at Ruili in 1992 by the hard-walking Danish pioneer, J H Christensen), Red-whiskered and Red-vented Bulbuls, Pied Bushchat, Puff-throated Babbler, the sought-after Rufous-necked Laughingthrush, Hwamei, Dusky, Yellow-browed, Greenish, ex-Golden-spectacled (two or three taxa), and Striated Warblers, Grey-headed Flycatcher, Black-throated Sunbird, Little Bunting, Common Rosefinch & Chestnut-tailed Starling are all among species likely to be encountered on our first visit to forest edge habitat. We'll be sure to have a try for the little-known Collared Myna, perhaps the most interesting of open-country species on offer...

A good two-and-a-half days will be spent in the field out of Ruili, mainly in the extensive forests above town. As things get hectic we'll be thankful of our group's small size - walking quietly along the trails we'll see successive mixed flocks of woodpeckers, babblers, warblers, flycatchers and sunbirds alternating with opportunities to stalk skulkers, watch raptors soaring, or simply wait in a promising spot by a stream, near a bamboo thicket, or under a fruiting tree.

We should see most of the following: Crested Honey Buzzard, Crested Goshawk, Speckled Wood Pigeon, Large Hawk Cuckoo, Blue-throated Barbet, Grey-headed & Grey-capped Woodpeckers, Black-winged Cuckoo Shrike, the colourful Long-tailed and Short-billed Minivets, Large Wood Shrike, White-throated Bulbul, Eyebrowed & Black-breasted Thrushes, Red-billed Scimitar, Golden, Grey-throated and Chestnut-capped Babblers, White-crested, both Lesser and Greater Necklaced, Black-throated and White-browed Laughingthrushes, Silver-eared Mesia, Rusty-capped Fulvetta, Striated and White-bellied Yuhinas, Grey-headed Parrotbill, the skulky Grey-bellied Tesia, Pale-footed Bush & Blyth's Leaf Warblers, Rufescent and Grey-breasted Prinias, Orange-gorgetted, the minute Little Pied, Pale Blue, Hill Blue and Verditer Flycatchers, Large Niltava, Black-naped Monarch, the attractive Velvet-fronted Nuthatch, Brown-throated Treecreeper, Japanese Whiteeye, Maroon Oriole, and Bronzed Drongo.

Also present though in lower densities are: Common and Rufous-throated Hill Partridges, Silver Pheasant, Red Junglefowl, Thick-billed Pigeon, Greater Coucal, Red-headed Trogon, Coppersmith Barbet, Stripe-breasted Woodpecker, Greater Goldenback, Silver-breasted Broadbill, the rarely seen Rusty-naped Pitta, Flavescent Bulbul, Asian Fairy Bluebird, Burmese Shrike, White-bellied Redstart, White-tailed Robin, the superb Red-faced Liocichla, White-hooded Babbler, Rufous-backed Sibia, Lesser & Greater Rufous-headed Parrotbills, Chestnut-headed Tesia, Small Niltava, Purple Sunbird, and Green Magpie.

Paddies and other open, roadside habitats in this in effect SE Asian part of China is home to egrets (mainly Little & Cattle but also a few Great & Intermediate), Black-shouldered Kite, White-breasted Waterhen, Pied, Common and White-throated Kingfishers, Oriental Skylark, 'Eastern' Yellow and Citrine Wagtails, Richard's and Paddyfield Pipits, Long-tailed Shrike, (Siberian) Stonechat, Plain Prinia, Common Tailorbird, White-rumped and Spotted Munias, and Black Drongo.

**Day 15: After a final morning near Ruili** we'll return to the Gaoligongshan.

**Day 16 : Before pressing on** to the pleasant little hotel built especially for visiting naturalists we'll return to the old caravan track. Spring will have advanced considerably during our absence, and the magnificent Lady Amherst's Pheasant should be in full display mode.

**Day 17-20 : Gaoligongshan!** Among the commonly encountered species are Great and Golden-throated Barbets, Bay Woodpecker (we are likely to get a few

heard-onlies before we actually see one!), Olive-backed Pipit, Grey-chinned Minivet, Crested Finchbill, Mountain & Black Bulbuls, Orange-bellied Leafbird, 'Himalayan' Red-flanked Bluetail (the blue-browed *rufilatus* is increasingly regarded as a valid species), Chestnut-bellied Rock Thrush, Spot-breasted & Streak-breasted Scimitar Babblers, Chestnut-crowned Laughingthrush, White-browed Shrike-babbler, Rusty-fronted Barwing, Blue-winged Minla, Rufous-winged & Grey-cheeked Fulvettas, the superb Beautiful Sibia, Whiskered & Rufous-vented Yuhinas, Buff-barred, Ashy-throated & White-tailed Leaf Warblers, Grey-headed Flycatcher, the exotic-looking Yellow-bellied & White-throated Fantails, Black-throated, Green-backed, Yellow-cheeked & the obscurely marked Yellow-browed Tits, the buzzing Buff-bellied (or Fire-breasted) Flowerpecker, Gould's, Green-tailed & Fire-tailed Sunbirds, Chestnut-flanked Whiteeye, and Ashy Drongo. We have a fair chance of seeing a Besra either seeking to take advantage of the abundance of prey or display-fighting over our vantage point.

We may have to work a bit harder for species such as the magnificent Mountain Hawk & Black Eagles, Speckled Wood & Wedge-tailed Green Pigeons, Brown Wood Owl (dawn hoots may indicate in which direction to search: one showed magnificently at its day roost in December 2003), Greater Yellownappe, Crimson-breasted Woodpecker, White-browed Bush Robin, Little, Spotted and Slaty-backed Forktails, Blue Whistling, Long-tailed & Chestnut Thrushes, Pygmy & Long-tailed Wren Babblers, the highly specialized & much sought Slender-billed Scimitar Babbler, Rufous-capped Babbler, Black-eared & Chestnut-fronted Shrike-babblers, Chestnut-tailed Minla, Golden-breasted & Manipur (split from Streak-throated) Fulvettas, Black-throated Parrotbill, Chestnut-crowned, Broad-billed & Black-faced Warblers, Hill Prinia, White-tailed Nuthatch, and Grey Treepie. Sit-and-wait tactics can be employed with often considerable success as the movements of mixed feeding flocks bring birds into view.

Depending on our luck we might also see a number of the scarcer or downright rare inhabitants of these secretive forests - among them Temminck's Tragopan, Koklass & Silver Pheasants, Darjeeling Woodpecker, Gould's Shortwing, Blue-fronted Robin, Cachar Wedge-billed, Scaly-breasted & Spotted Wren Babblers, Scaled Laughingthrush, the superb Red-faced Liocichla, Black-headed Shrike-babbler, Cutia, Yellow-throated Fulvetta, Brown Bullfinch, and the vocal but secretive Gold-billed Magpie.

**Day 21 : After a final morning in Gaoligongshan** we'll return to Beijing. The evening will undoubtedly find us pondering the surreal contrasts between the crowded, modern capital and the far-flung corner of the empire from which we have just returned.

*Domestic flight schedules are not available at the time of writing – we are unlikely to reach the capital until after dark.*

**Monday 15 Apr / Day 22: Departure after breakfast.** Anyone not wishing a lie-in ahead of the flight will not have to venture beyond the hotel grounds for a final bit of Beijing birdwatching – Spotted Dove, 'Eastern' Azure-winged Magpie, *hellmayri* Marsh Tit, and the attractive White-cheeked Starling all occur.

*Anyone with a day or two to spare should enquire about the possibilities of further birding (or sightseeing!) in the Beijing area.*



**Health:** Anyone in general good health and reasonably fit should be able to fully enjoy this exciting journey. As we reach only moderate altitudes altitude sickness will not be a worry.

Consult your doctor re. any specific precautions, vaccinations etc. - the risk of malaria is negligible at the time of our visit.

Note that only fairly unsophisticated medical facilities exist away from Beijing - all participants must accept the full implications of this.

**Essential equipment:** Rainproof jacket + ditto light overtrousers; hiking boots (preferably waterproof); woolen hat & gloves & sweater/fleece jacket & longjohns (mainly for Beijing); sun hat; sun glasses; sunscreen lotion & ditto lip balm (protection factor 15+ is best); some lozenges, chocolate & snacks; large water bottle (100C heat resistant); size >500ml drinking mug; small torch; ear plugs (possible sources of noise at Chinese hotels include other guests, barking dogs, roosters, snoring room mates...)

A telescope is *not* essential - carrying it in forest is mostly not worth the effort!

A suitcase is not ideal. Please use a backpack or a soft, easy-to-carry-and-stow hold-all travel bag.

**Recommended equipment:** Sports sandals (doubles as bath slippers), bar of soap, small towel, light umbrella.

**Dress code:** please note that outer layers (including your headwear: no white or very pale sun hats!) must be in muted colours to decrease the risk of spooking e.g. those shy gamebirds.

**Smoking:** no smoking is allowed in the vehicle - and this applies equally for our driver(s)! - or at table, and smokers are at all times required to ensure that their smoking does not bother other group members.

**Visa:** you need your visa only for entering the People's Republic of China – special permits relating to our itinerary are secured for us locally prior to our arrival, so in your application please list only the 'places to visit' specified in your tour confirmation document.

Please note that your China visa will normally be valid for entry only within 90 days of issue date.

**General note:** there will be no trekking as such - emphasis will be on seeing birds, *not* on covering as many miles as possible on foot. Nonetheless, Yunnan's mountainous terrain does not allow 'easy' trips – we'll walk undulating-to-uneven tracks with the occasional fairly steep section and this, in combination with moderate altitude, means that determination will on some occasions be required to reach the habitat we aim for.

Though all possible efforts will be made to stick to the itinerary this may not always be possible due to circumstances beyond our control: a degree of flexibility is thus required, and participants must be adventurous and willing to put up with the rigours & inconveniences inherent in travel in fairly remote & culturally alien areas.

**Comments:** "...although [the tour] was at the harder edge of birding I enjoyed it and it certainly improved my birding skills. I also realize that you put a huge amount of work into making the trip successful and the accommodation/food etc were fine..." (R. East, on our March/April 2010 trip).



Gadwall *Anas strepera*  
Falcated Duck *Anas falcata*  
Eurasian Wigeon *Anas penelope*  
Mallard *Anas platyrhynchos*  
Indian Spotbill *Anas poecilorhyncha*  
Chinese Spotbill *Anas zonorhyncha*  
Northern Shoveler *Anas clypeata*  
Northern Pintail *Anas acuta*  
Garganey *Anas querquedula* P  
Baikal Teal *Anas formosa* P  
Common Teal *Anas crecca*

Red-crested Pochard *Netta rufina* P

Common Pochard *Aythya ferina*  
Baer's Pochard *Aythya baeri* P  
Ferruginous Duck *Aythya nyroca*  
Tufted Duck *Aythya fuligula*  
Greater Scaup *Aythya marila* P

Common Goldeneye *Bucephala clangula*

Smew *Mergellus albellus*

Goosander *Mergus merganser*

Little Grebe *Tachybaptus ruficollis*

Great Crested Grebe *Podiceps cristatus*  
Slavonian Grebe *Podiceps auritus* P  
Black-necked Grebe *Podiceps nigricollis*

Black Stork *Ciconia nigra*  
Oriental White Stork *Ciconia boyciana* P

Eurasian Spoonbill *Platalea leucorodia* P

Eurasian Bittern *Botaurus stellaris* P

Cinnamon Bittern *Ixobrychus cinnamomeus*

Black-crowned Night Heron *Nycticorax nycticorax* P

Striated Heron *Butorides striata*

Chinese Pond Heron *Ardeola bacchus*

Eastern Cattle Egret *Bubulcus coromandus*

Grey Heron *Ardea cinerea*  
Purple Heron *Ardea purpurea* P  
Great Egret *Ardea alba*

Intermediate Egret *Egretta intermedia*  
Little Egret *Egretta garzetta*

Little Cormorant *Phalacrocorax niger*

Great Cormorant *Phalacrocorax carbo*

Collared Falconet *Microhierax caerulescens* P

Common Kestrel *Falco tinnunculus*  
Amur Falcon *Falco amurensis* P  
Merlin *Falco columbarius*  
Eurasian Hobby *Falco subbuteo* P  
Oriental Hobby *Falco severus* P  
Saker *Falco cherrug* P  
Peregrine *Falco peregrinus*

Osprey *Pandion haliaetus*

Jerdon's Baza *Avecida jerdoni* P

Oriental Honey Buzzard *Pernis ptilorhynchus*

Black-shouldered Kite *Elanus caeruleus*

Black Kite *Milvus migrans lineatus*

White-tailed Eagle *Haliaeetus albicilla* P

Himalayan Griffon *Gyps himalayensis* P

Black Vulture *Aegypius monachus* P

Short-toed Eagle *Circaetus gallicus* P

Crested Serpent Eagle *Spilornis cheela*

Eastern Marsh Harrier *Circus spilonotus* P  
Hen Harrier *Circus cyaneus*  
Pied Harrier *Circus melanoleucos* P

Crested Goshawk *Accipiter trivirgatus*  
Shikra *Accipiter badius* P  
Japanese Sparrowhawk *Accipiter gularis* P  
Besra *Accipiter virgatus*  
Eurasian Sparrowhawk *Accipiter nisus*  
Northern Goshawk *Accipiter gentiles* P

Grey-faced Buzzard *Butastur indicus* P

Common Buzzard *Buteo buteo japonicus*  
Long-legged Buzzard *Buteo rufinus* P  
Upland Buzzard *Buteo hemilasius* P

Black Eagle *Ictinaetus malayensis*

Greater Spotted Eagle *Aquila clanga* P  
Steppe Eagle *Aquila nipalensis* P  
Eastern Imperial Eagle *Aquila heliaca* P  
Golden Eagle *Aquila chrysaetos* P

Bonelli's Eagle *Hieraetus fasciatus* P

Booted Eagle *Hieraaetus pennatus* P  
Rufous-bellied Eagle *Hieraaetus kienerii* P

Mountain Hawk Eagle *Spizaetus nipalensis*

Great Bustard *Otis tarda* P

Slaty-legged Crake *Rallina eurizonoides* P

Eastern Water Rail *Rallus indicus* P

White-breasted Waterhen *Amaurornis phoenicurus*

Black-tailed Crake *Porzana bicolor* P  
Ruddy-breasted Crake *Porzana fusca* P

Purple Swamphen *Porphyrio porphyrio* P

Common Moorhen *Gallinula chloropus*

Common Coot *Fulica atra*

Siberian Crane *Grus leucogeranus* P  
White-naped Crane *Grus vipio* P  
Common Crane *Grus grus*  
Hooded Crane *Grus monacha* P  
Black-necked Crane *Grus nigricollis* P

Barred Buttonquail *Turnix suscitator* P

Great Stone Curlew *Esacus recurvirostris* P

Ibisbill *Ibidorhyncha struthersii* P

Black-winged Stilt *Himantopus himantopus* P

Pied Avocet *Recurvirosta avosetta* P

Northern Lapwing *Vanellus vanellus*  
River Lapwing *Vanellus duvaucelii*  
Grey-headed Lapwing *Vanellus cinereus*  
Red-wattled Lapwing *Vanellus indicus*

Pacific Golden Plover *Pluvialis fulva* P

Long-billed Plover *Charadrius placidus* P  
Little Ringed Plover *Charadrius dubius*  
Kentish Plover *Charadrius alexandrinus*  
Lesser Sand Plover *Charadrius mongolus*

Greater Painted-snipe *Rostratula benghalensis* P

Pheasant-tailed Jacana *Hydrophasanius chirurgus* P

Eurasian Woodcock *Scolopax rusticola* P

Wood Snipe *Gallinago nemoricola* P

Pintail Snipe *Gallinago stenura* P  
Swinhoe's Snipe *Gallinago megala* P  
Common Snipe *Gallinago gallinago*

Eastern Black-tailed Godwit *Limosa melanuroides* P

Eurasian Curlew *Numenius arquata* P

Spotted Redshank *Tringa erythropus* P  
Common Redshank *Tringa tetanus* P  
Common Greenshank *Tringa nebularia*  
Green Sandpiper *Tringa ochropus*  
Wood Sandpiper *Tringa glareola*

Common Sandpiper *Actitis hypoleucos*

Temminck's Stint *Calidris temminckii*

Small Pratincole *Glareola lactea*

Common Gull *Larus canus*  
Vega Gull *Larus vegae* P  
Yellow-legged Gull *Larus cachinnans* P  
Lesser Black-backed Gull *Larus (fuscus) 'taimyrensis'* P  
Great Black-headed Gull *Larus ichthyaetus* P  
Brown-headed Gull *Larus brunnicephalus* P  
Common Black-headed Gull *Larus ridibundus*  
Slender-billed Gull *Larus genei* P  
Relict Gull *Larus relictus* P

River Tern *Sterna aurantia*

Pallas's Sandgrouse *Syrrhaptes paradoxus* P

Blue Hill Pigeon *Columba rupestris* P  
Speckled Wood Pigeon *Columba hodgsonii*  
Ashy Wood Pigeon *Columba pulchricollis* P  
Pale-capped Pigeon *Columba punicea* P

Oriental Turtle Dove *Streptopelia orientalis*  
Eurasian Collared Dove *Streptopelia decaocto*  
Spotted Dove *Streptopelia chinensis*

Barred Cuckoo-Dove *Macropygia unchall*

Emerald Dove *Chalcophaps indica*

Ashy-headed Green Pigeon *Treron phayrei* P  
Thick-billed Green Pigeon *Treron curvirostra*  
Pin-tailed Green Pigeon *Treron apicauda*  
Wedge-tailed Green Pigeon *Treron sphenurus* P  
White-bellied Green Pigeon *Treron sieboldii* P

Mountain Imperial Pigeon *Ducula badia*

Alexandrine Parakeet *Psittacula eupatria* P  
Finsch's Parakeet *Psittacula finschii* P

Red-breasted Parakeet *Psittacula alexandri*

Chestnut-winged Cuckoo *Clamator coromandus* P

Large Hawk-Cuckoo *Cuculus sparveroides*  
Hodgson's Hawk-Cuckoo *Cuculus nisicolor* P  
Indian Cuckoo *Cuculus micropterus*  
Common Cuckoo *Cuculus canorus*  
Oriental Cuckoo *Cuculus saturatus*  
Lesser Cuckoo *Cuculus poliocephalus* P

Banded Bay Cuckoo *Cacomantis sonneratii*  
Plaintive Cuckoo *Cacomantis merulinus*

Asian Emerald Cuckoo *Chrysococcyx maculatus*  
Violet Cuckoo *Chrysococcyx xanthorhynchus*

Square-tailed Drongo Cuckoo *Surniculus lugubris*

Common Koel *Eudynamis scolopaceus*

Green-billed Malkoha *Rhopodytes tristis*

Greater Coucal *Centropus sinensis*  
Lesser Coucal *Centropus bengalensis*

Mountain Scops Owl *Otus spilocephalus* P  
Collared Scops Owl *Otus lettia*  
Oriental Scops Owl *Otus sunia* P

Eurasian Eagle-Owl *Bubo bubo* P  
Spot-bellied Eagle-Owl *Bubo nipalensis* P

Brown Wood Owl *Strix leptogrammica* P  
Chinese Tawny Owl *Strix nivicola* P

Collared Owlet *Glaucidium brodiei*  
Asian Barred Owlet *Glaucidium cuculoides*

Little Owl *Athene noctua* P

Brown Hawk-Owl *Ninox scutulata* P

Hodgson's Frogmouth *Batrachostomus hodgsoni* P

Grey Nightjar *Caprimulgus jokata*  
Large-tailed Nightjar *Caprimulgus macrurus* P  
Savanna Nightjar *Caprimulgus affinis* P

Himalayan Swiftlet *Aerodramus brevirostris*

White-throated Needletail *Hirundapus caudacutus*  
White-vented Needletail *Hirundapus cochinchinensis*

Asian Palm Swift *Cypsiurus balasiensis*

Common Swift *Apus apus*

Fork-tailed Swift *Apus pacificus*  
?Dark-rumped Swift *Apus acuticauda* P  
House Swift *Apus nipalensis*

Crested Treeswift *Hemiprocne coronata*

Red-headed Trogon *Harpactes erythrocephalus*  
Ward's Trogon *Harpactes wardi* P

Indian Roller *Coracias benghalensis* P

Dollarbird *Eurystomus orientalis*

White-throated Kingfisher *Halcyon smyrnensis*  
Black-capped Kingfisher *Halcyon pileata*

Oriental Dwarf Kingfisher *Ceyx erithaca* P

Common Kingfisher *Alcedo atthis*

Crested Kingfisher *Megaceryle lugubris* P

Pied Kingfisher *Ceryle rudis*

Blue-bearded Bee-eater *Nyctiornis athertoni*

Green Bee-eater *Merops orientalis*  
Blue-tailed Bee-eater *Merops philippinus* P  
Chestnut-headed Bee-eater *Merops leschenaulti*

Hoopoe *Upupa epops*

Oriental Pied Hornbill *Anthracoceros albirostris* P

Great Hornbill *Buceros bicornis* P

Wreathed Hornbill *Rhyticeros undulates* P

Great Barbet *Megalaima virens*  
Golden-throated Barbet *Megalaima franklinii*  
Blue-throated Barbet *Megalaima asiatica*  
Blue-eared Barbet *Megalaima australis* P  
Coppersmith Barbet *Megalaima haemacephala*

Northern Wryneck *Jynx torquilla*

Speckled Piculet *Picumnus innominatus*

White-browed Piculet *Sasia ochracea* P

Rufous-bellied Woodpecker *Hypopicus hyperythrus* P

Grey-capped Pygmy Woodpecker *Dendrocopos canicapillus*  
Stripe-breasted Woodpecker *Dendrocopos atratus*  
Crimson-breasted Woodpecker *Dendrocopos cathpharius*  
Darjeeling Woodpecker *Dendrocopos darjellensis*  
Great Spotted Woodpecker *Dendrocopos major*

Rufous Woodpecker *Celeus brachyurus* P

Lesser Yellownape *Picus chlorolophus*  
Greater Yellownape *Picus flavinucha*  
Grey-headed Woodpecker *Picus canus*

Greater Goldenback *Chrysocolaptes lucidus*

Pale-headed Woodpecker *Gecinulus grantia* P

Bay Woodpecker *Blythipicus pyrrhotis*

Long-tailed Broadbill *Psarisomus dalhousiae*

Silver-breasted Broadbill *Serilophus lunatus* P

Rusty-naped Pitta *Pitta oatesi* P

Large Woodshrike *Tephrodornis virgatus*

Ashy Woodswallow *Artamus fuscus*

Common Iora *Aegithina tiphia*

Large Cuckoo-shrike *Coracina macei*  
Black-winged Cuckoo-shrike *Coracina melaschistos*

Rosy Minivet *Pericrocotus roseus*  
Ashy Minivet *Pericrocotus divaricatus* P  
Grey-chinned Minivet *Pericrocotus solaris*  
Long-tailed Minivet *Pericrocotus ethologus*  
Short-billed Minivet *Pericrocotus brevirostris*  
Scarlet Minivet *Pericrocotus speciosus*

Bar-winged Flycatcher-shrike *Hemipus picatus*

Bull-headed Shrike *Lanius bucephalus* P  
Brown Shrike *Lanius cristatus* P  
Burmese Shrike *Lanius collurioides*  
Long-tailed Shrike *Lanius schach*  
Grey-backed Shrike *Lanius tephronotus*

Slender-billed Oriole *Oriolus tenuirostris*  
Black-naped Oriole *Oriolus chinensis* P  
Maroon Oriole *Oriolus traillii*

Black Drongo *Dicrurus macrocercus*  
Ashy Drongo *Dicrurus leucophaeus*  
Bronzed Drongo *Dicrurus aeneus*  
Lesser Racket-tailed Drongo *Dicrurus remifer*  
Hair-crested Drongo *Dicrurus hottentottus*  
Greater Racket-tailed Drongo *Dicrurus paradiseus*

Yellow-bellied Fantail *Chelidorhynch hypoxantha*  
White-throated Fantail *Rhipidura albicollis*

Black-naped Monarch *Hypothymis azurea*  
Asian Paradise-flycatcher *Terpsiphone paradisi* P

Eurasian Jay *Garrulus glandarius*

Azure-winged Magpie *Cyanopica cyanus*

Yellow-billed Blue Magpie *Urocissa flavirostris* P

Red-billed Blue Magpie *Urocissa erythrorhyncha*

White-winged Magpie *Urocissa whiteheadi* P

Common Green Magpie *Cissa chinensis*

Grey Treepie *Dendrocitta formosae*

Collared Treepie *Dendrocitta frontalis*

Common Magpie *Pica pica*

Red-billed Chough *Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax* P

Daurian Jackdaw *Corvus dauuricus* P

Rook *Corvus frugilegus* P

Carrion Crow *Corvus corone* P

Large-billed Crow *Corvus macrorhynchos*

Eastern Great Tit *Parus major minor*

Green-backed Tit *Parus monticolus*

Yellow-bellied Tit *Parus venustulus* P

Yellow-cheeked Tit *Parus spilonotus*

Rufous-vented Tit *Parus rubidiventris*

Coal Tit *Parus ater* P

Marsh Tit *Parus palustris*

Black-bibbed Tit *Parus hypermelaenus* P

Songar Tit *Parus songarus* P

Sultan Tit *Melanochlora sultanea* P

Yellow-browed Tit *Sylviparus modestus*

Penduline Tit *Remiz pendulinus consobrinus* P

Fire-capped Tit *Cephalopyrus flammiceps* P

Grey-throated Sand Martin *Riparia chinensis*

Sand Martin *Riparia riparia* P

Pale Sand Martin *Riparia diluta* P

Barn Swallow *Hirundo rustica*

Wire-tailed Swallow *Hirundo smithii* P

Eurasian Crag Martin *Ptyonoprogne rupestris*

Asian House Martin *Delichon dasypus*

Nepal House Martin *Delichon nipalense* P

Red-rumped Swallow *Cecropis daurica*

Striated Swallow *Cecropis striolata*

Long-tailed Tit *Aegithalos caudatus vinaceus*  
Black-throated Tit *Aegithalos concinnus*  
Pere Bonvalot's Tit *Aegithalos bonvaloti*

Oriental Skylark *Alauda gulgula*

Fan-tailed Warbler *Cisticola juncidis*

Chinese Hill Warbler *Rhopophilus pekinensis* P/BJ

Striated Prinia *Prinia crinigera* P

Hill Prinia *Prinia superciliaris*

Rufescent Prinia *Prinia rufescens*

Grey-breasted Prinia *Prinia hodgsonii*

Yellow-bellied prinia *Prinia flaviventris* P

Plain Prinia *Prinia inornata*

Mountain Tailorbird *Orthomus cucullatus*

Common Tailorbird *Orthomus sutorius*

Crested Finchbill *Spizixos canifrons*

Striated Bulbul *Pycnonotus striatus*

Black-crested Bulbul *Pycnonotus flaviventris*

Red-whiskered Bulbul *Pycnonotus jocosus*

Brown-breasted Bulbul *Pycnonotus xanthorrhous*

Chinese Bulbul *Pycnonotus sinensis*

Red-vented Bulbul *Pycnonotus cafer*

Sooty-headed Bulbul *Pycnonotus aurigaster* P

Flavescent Bulbul *Pycnonotus flavescens*

White-throated Bulbul *Criniger flaveolus*

Grey-eyed Bulbul *Iole propinqua*

Mountain Bulbul *Ixos mccllellandii*

Ashy Bulbul *Hemixos flavala*

Black Bulbul *Hypsisetes leucocephalus*

Striated Warbler *Megalurus palustris*

Chestnut-headed Tesia *Oligura castaneocoronata*

Slaty-bellied Tesia *Tesia olivea*

Grey-bellied Tesia *Tesia cyaniventer*

Pale-footed Bush Warbler *Cettia pallidipes*

Japanese Bush Warbler *Cettia diphone* P

Brownish-flanked Bush Warbler *Cettia fortipes*

Aberrant Bush Warbler *Cettia flavolivacea* P

Yellowish-bellied Bush Warbler *Cettia acanthizoides* P

Grey-sided Bush Warbler *Cettia brunnifrons* P

Spotted Bush Warbler *Bradypterus thoracicus* P

Brown Bush Warbler *Bradypterus luteoventris* P  
Russet Bush Warbler *Bradypterus mandelli* P

Indian Reed Warbler *Acrocephalus (stentoreus) brunnescens* P

Dusky Warbler *Phylloscopus fuscatus*  
'Chinese' Tickell's Warbler *Phylloscopus occisinensis*  
Buff-throated Leaf Warbler *Phylloscopus subaffinis*  
Yellow-streaked Warbler *Phylloscopus armandii*  
Buff-barred Leaf Warbler *Phylloscopus pulcher*  
Ashy-throated Leaf Warbler *Phylloscopus maculipennis*  
Chinese Leaf Warbler *Phylloscopus yunnanensis* P  
Pallas's Leaf Warbler *Phylloscopus proregulus*  
'Eastern' Lemon-rumped Warbler *Phylloscopus 'forresti'*  
Yellow-browed Warbler *Phylloscopus inornatus*  
Hume's Leaf Warbler *Phylloscopus humei*  
Greenish Warbler *Phylloscopus trochiloides*  
Large-billed Leaf Warbler *Phylloscopus magnirostris* P  
Blyth's Leaf Warbler *Phylloscopus reguloides*  
Claudia's Leaf Warbler *Phylloscopus claudiae*  
White-tailed Leaf Warbler *Phylloscopus davisoni*  
Yellow-vented Leaf Warbler *Phylloscopus cantator*

Grey-crowned Warbler *Seicercus tephrocephalus*  
Bianchi's Warbler *Seicercus valentini*  
Emei Flycatcher-warbler *Seicercus omeiensis*  
Plain-tailed Flycatcher-warbler *Seicercus soror* P  
Grey-cheeked Warbler *Seicercus poliogenys*  
Chestnut-crowned Warbler *Seicercus castaniceps*

Broad-billed Warbler *Tickellia hodgsoni* P

Rufous-faced Warbler *Abroscopus albogularis* P  
Black-faced Warbler *Abroscopus schisticeps*  
Yellow-bellied Warbler *Abroscopus superciliaris*

?Spot-throated Babbler *Pellorneum albiventre* P  
Puff-throated Babbler *Pellorneum ruficeps*

Spot-breasted Scimitar Babbler *Pomatorhinus erythrocnemis*  
Streak-breasted Scimitar Babbler *Pomatorhinus ruficollis*  
Red-billed Scimitar Babbler *Pomatorhinus ochraceiceps*  
Coral-billed Scimitar Babbler *Pomatorhinus ferruginosus* P

Slender-billed Scimitar Babbler *Xiphirhynchus superciliaris*

Naung Mung Scimitar Babbler *Rimator naungmungensis* P

Streaked Wren-Babbler *Napothera brevicaudata*

Scaly-breasted Wren-Babbler *Pnoepyga albiventer* P  
Pygmy Wren-Babbler *Pnoepyga pusilla*

Spotted Wren-Babbler *Spelaeornis formosus* P  
Long-tailed Wren-Babbler *Spelaeornis reptatus*

Cachar Wedge-billed Babbler *Sphenocichla roberti* P

Rufous-capped Babbler *Stachyris ruficeps*  
Golden Babbler *Stachyris chrysaea*  
Grey-throated Babbler *Stachyris nigriceps*

Striped Tit-Babbler *Macronous gularis* P

Chestnut-capped Babbler *Timalia pileata* P

Yellow-eyed Babbler *Chrysomma sinense* P

Rufous-tailed Moupinia *Moupinia poecilotis*

Chinese Babax *Babax lanceolatus*

White-throated Laughingthrush *Garrulax albogularis* P

White-crested Laughingthrush *Garrulax leucolophus*

Lesser Necklaced Laughingthrush *Garrulax monileger*

Greater Necklaced Laughingthrush *Garrulax pectoralis*

Black-throated Laughingthrush *Garrulax chinensis*

Moustached Laughingthrush *Garrulax cineraceus* P

Rufous-chinned Laughingthrush *Garrulax rufogularis* P

Spotted Laughingthrush *Garrulax ocellatus* P

Grey-sided Laughingthrush *Garrulax caerulatus*

Rufous-necked Laughingthrush *Garrulax ruficollis*

Spot-breasted Laughingthrush *Garrulax merulinus* P

Hwamei *Garrulax canorus* P

White-browed Laughingthrush *Garrulax sannio*

Blue-winged Laughingthrush *Garrulax squamatus*

Scaly Laughingthrush *Garrulax subunicolor* P

Elliot's Laughingthrush *Garrulax elliotii*

Black-faced Laughingthrush *Garrulax affinis* P

Chestnut-crowned Laughingthrush *Garrulax erythrocephalus*

Red-tailed Laughingthrush *Garrulax milnei*

Red-faced Liocichla *Liocichla phoenicea*

Silver-eared Mesia *Leiothrix argentauris*

Red-billed Leiothrix *Leiothrix lutea*

Cutia *Cutia nipalensis* P

Black-headed Shrike-Babbler *Pteruthius rufiventer* P

White-browed Shrike-Babbler *Pteruthius flaviscapis*

Green Shrike-Babbler *Pteruthius xanthochlorus* P

Black-eared Shrike-Babbler *Pteruthius melanotis*

Chestnut-fronted Shrike-Babbler *Pteruthius aenobarbus*

White-hooded Babbler *Gampsorhynchus rufulus*

Rusty-fronted Barwing *Actinodura egertoni*

Spectacled Barwing *Actinodura ramsayi* P

?Streak-throated Barwing *Actinodura waldeni* P

Blue-winged Minla *Minla cyanouroptera*

Chestnut-tailed Minla *Minla strigula*

Red-tailed Minla *Minla ignotinta*

Golden-breasted Fulvetta *Alcippe chrysotis*  
Yellow-throated Fulvetta *Alcippe cinerea*  
Rufous-winged Fulvetta *Alcippe castaneiceps*  
White-browed Fulvetta *Alcippe vinipectus*  
Spectacled Fulvetta *Alcippe ruficapilla*  
Manipur Fulvetta *Alcippe manipurensis*  
Rusty-capped Fulvetta *Alcippe dubia*  
Brown-cheeked Fulvetta *Alcippe poiocephala*  
'Western' Grey-cheeked Fulvetta *Alcippe fratercula*  
Nepal Fulvetta *Alcippe nipalensis* P

Rufous-backed Sibia *Heterophasia annectans* P  
Grey Sibia *Heterophasia gracilis*  
Black-headed Sibia *Heterophasia desgodinsi*  
Beautiful Sibia *Heterophasia pulchella*  
Long-tailed Sibia *Heterophasia picaoides*

Striated Yuhina *Yuhina castaniceps*  
Whiskered Yuhina *Yuhina flavicollis*  
Stripe-throated Yuhina *Yuhina gularis*  
White-collared Yuhina *Yuhina diademata*  
Rufous-vented Yuhina *Yuhina occipitalis*

White-bellied Yuhina *Erpornis zantholeuca*

Brown Parrotbill *Paradoxornis unicolor* P  
Spot-breasted Parrotbill *Paradoxornis guttaticollis* P  
Vinous-throated Parrotbill *Paradoxornis webbianus* P/BJ  
Brown-winged Parrotbill *Paradoxornis brunneus*  
Fulvous Parrotbill *Paradoxornis fulvifrons* P  
Black-throated Parrotbill *Paradoxornis nipalensis* P  
Lesser Rufous-headed Parrotbill *Paradoxornis atrosuperciliaris* P  
Greater Rufous-headed Parrotbill *Paradoxornis ruficeps* P  
Grey-headed Parrotbill *Paradoxornis gularis*

Fire-tailed Myzornis *Myzornis pyrrhoura* P

Chestnut-flanked White-eye *Zosterops erythropleurus*  
Japanese White-eye *Zosterops japonicus*  
Oriental White-eye *Zosterops palpebrosus*

Asian Fairy-bluebird *Irena puella* P

Goldcrest *Regulus regulus*

Northern Wren *Troglodytes troglodytes* P

Naga Nuthatch *Sitta nagaensis*  
Chestnut-bellied Nuthatch *Sitta cinnamoventris* P  
White-tailed Nuthatch *Sitta himalayensis*  
Yunnan Nuthatch *Sitta yunnanensis*  
Velvet-fronted Nuthatch *Sitta frontalis*  
Giant Nuthatch *Sitta magna* P

Wallcreeper *Tichodroma muraria* P

Hodgson's Treecreeper *Certhia hodgsoni* P  
Bar-tailed Treecreeper *Certhia himalayana*  
Rusty-flanked Treecreeper *Certhia nipalensis* P  
Brown-throated Treecreeper *Certhia manipurensis*

Spot-winged Starling *Saroglossa spiloptera* P

Golden-crested Myna *Ampeliceps coronatus* P

Hill Myna *Gracula religiosa* P

Great Myna *Acridotheres grandis* P  
Crested Myna *Acridotheres cristellatus* P  
Collared Myna *Acridotheres albocinctus* P

Vinous-breasted Starling *Sturnus burmannicus* P  
Black-collared Starling *Sturnus nigricollis*  
Asian Pied Starling *Sturnus contra* P  
Chestnut-tailed Starling *Sturnus malabaricus*  
White-cheeked Starling *Sturnus cineraceus*  
Eurasian Starling *Sturnus vulgaris* P

Blue Whistling Thrush *Myophonus caeruleus*

Orange-headed Ground Thrush *Zoothera citrina*  
Plain-backed Thrush *Zoothera mollissima* P  
Long-tailed Thrush *Zoothera dixonii* P  
Small-billed Scaly Thrush *Zoothera dauma* P  
White's Thrush *Zoothera aurea* P  
Dark-sided Thrush *Zoothera marginata* P

Grey-backed Thrush *Turdus hortulorum* P  
Black-breasted Thrush *Turdus dissimilis*  
Grey-winged Blackbird *Turdus boulboul* P  
?Chinese Blackbird *Turdus mandarinus*  
Chestnut Thrush *Turdus rubrocanus*  
Eyebrowed Thrush *Turdus obscurus*  
Black-throated Thrush *Turdus atrogularis* P  
Red-throated Thrush *Turdus ruficollis* P  
Naumann's Thrush *Turdus naumanni*  
Chinese Song Thrush *Turdus mupinensis* P

Purple Cochoa *Cochoa purpurea* P  
Green Cochoa *Cochoa viridis* P

Gould's Shortwing *Heteroxenicus stellata* P

Lesser Shortwing *Brachypteryx leucophrys*  
White-browed Shortwing *Brachypteryx montana* P

Bluethroat *Luscinia svecica* P  
Siberian Rubythroat *Luscinia calliope* P  
Himalayan Rubythroat *Luscinia pectoralis* P  
Indian Blue Robin *Luscinia brunnea* P  
Siberian Blue Robin *Luscinia cyane* P

White-browed Bush Robin *Tarsiger indica* P

Himalayan Red-flanked Bluetail *Tarsiger rufilatus*  
Northern Red-flanked Bluetail *Tarsiger cyanurus* P  
Golden Bush Robin *Tarsiger chrysaea*

Oriental Magpie-Robin *Copsychus saularis*  
White-rumped Shama *Copsychus malabaricus* P

Black Redstart *Phoenicurus ochruros* P  
Hodgson's Redstart *Phoenicurus hodgsoni*  
White-throated Redstart *Phoenicurus schisticeps* P  
Daurian Redstart *Phoenicurus aureus*  
Blue-fronted Redstart *Phoenicurus frontalis*

White-bellied Redstart *Hodgsonius phaenicuroides* P

Plumbeous Redstart *Rhyacornis fuliginosa*

River Chat *Chaimarrornis leucocephalus*

White-tailed Robin *Myiomela leucura*

Little Forktail *Enicurus scouleri* P  
Black-backed Forktail *Enicurus immaculatus*  
Slaty-backed Forktail *Enicurus schistaceus*  
White-crowned Forktail *Enicurus leschenaulti*  
Spotted Forktail *Enicurus maculatus*

'Siberian' Common Stonechat *Saxicola torquatus*  
Pied Bushchat *Saxicola caprata*  
Grey Bushchat *Saxicola ferreus*

?Pied Wheatear *Oenanthe pleschanka* P

Eastern Blue Rock Thrush *Monticola philippensis* P  
Chestnut-bellied Rock Thrush *Monticola rufiventris*

Sooty Flycatcher *Muscicapa sibirica* P  
Asian Brown Flycatcher *Muscicapa dauurica* P  
Brown-breasted Flycatcher *Muscicapa muttui* P  
Ferruginous Flycatcher *Muscicapa ferruginea* P

Slaty-backed Flycatcher *Ficedula hodgsonii* P  
Rufous-gorgetted Flycatcher *Ficedula strophiiata*  
Red-throated Flycatcher *Ficedula albicilla*  
White-gorgetted Flycatcher *Ficedula monileger*  
Snowy-browed Flycatcher *Ficedula hyperythra*  
Little Pied Flycatcher *Ficedula westermanni*  
?Ultramarine Flycatcher *Ficedula superciliaris* P  
Slaty-blue Flycatcher *Ficedula tricolor*  
Sapphire Flycatcher *Ficedula sapphira*

Asian Verditer Flycatcher *Eumyias thalassinus*

Hainan Blue Flycatcher *Cyornis hainanus* P  
Pale Blue Flycatcher *Cyornis unicolor*  
Hill Blue Flycatcher *Cyornis banyumas*  
Blue-throated Blue Flycatcher *Cyornis rubeculoides* P

?Fujian Niltava *Niltava davidi* P  
Rufous-bellied Niltava *Niltava sundara*  
Vivid Niltava *Niltava vivida* P  
Large Niltava *Niltava grandis*  
Small Niltava *Niltava macgregoriae*

Pygmy Blue Flycatcher *Muscicapella hodgsoni*

Grey-headed Flycatcher *Culicicapa ceylonensis*

Brown Dipper *Cinclus pallasii*

Blue-winged Leafbird *Chloropsis cochinchinensis* P

Golden-fronted Leafbird *Chloropsis aurifrons* P

Orange-bellied Leafbird *Chloropsis hardwickii*

Yellow-vented Flowerpecker *Dicaeum chrysorrheum*

Yellow-bellied Flowerpecker *Dicaeum melanoxanthum* P

Plain Flowerpecker *Dicaeum concolor* P

Buff-bellied Flowerpecker *Dicaeum ignipectum*

Purple Sunbird *Cinnyris asiaticus* P

Mrs. Gould's Sunbird *Aethopyga gouldiae*

Green-tailed Sunbird *Aethopyga nipalensis*

Black-throated Sunbird *Aethopyga saturata*

Crimson Sunbird *Aethopyga siparaja* P

Fire-tailed Sunbird *Aethopyga ignicauda*

Little Spiderhunter *Arachnothera longirostra* P

Streaked Spiderhunter *Arachnothera magna*

Russet Sparrow *Passer rutilans*

Eurasian Tree Sparrow *Passer montanus*

Baya Weaver *Ploceus philippinus*

White-rumped Munia *Lonchura striata*

Scaly-breasted Munia *Lonchura punctulata*

Black-headed Munia *Lonchura malacca* P

Rufous-browed Accentor *Prunella strophciata* P

Siberian Accentor *Prunella montanella* P

Maroon-backed Accentor *Prunella immaculata* P

Eastern Yellow Wagtail *Motacilla tschutschensis*

Citrine Wagtail *Motacilla citreola*

Grey Wagtail *Motacilla cinerea*

White Wagtail *Motacilla alba*

Richard's Pipit *Anthus richardi*

Paddyfield Pipit *Anthus rufulus*

Olive-backed Pipit *Anthus hodgsoni*

Red-throated Pipit *Anthus cervinus* P

Rosy Pipit *Anthus roseus*

Buff-bellied Pipit *Anthus rubescens* P

Water Pipit *Anthus spinoletta* P  
Upland Pipit *Anthus sylvanus* P

Brambling *Fringilla montifringilla*

Tibetan Siskin *Serinus thibetanus*

Oriental Greenfinch *Carduelis sinica* P  
Black-headed Greenfinch *Carduelis ambigua*  
Eurasian Siskin *Carduelis spinus* P

?Long-tailed Rosefinch *Uragus sibiricus* P

Blanford's Rosefinch *Carpodacus rubescens* P  
Dark-breasted Rosefinch *Carpodacus nipalensis* P  
Common Rosefinch *Carpodacus erythrinus*  
Chinese Beautiful Rosefinch *Carpodacus davidianus* P  
Vinaceous Rosefinch *Carpodacus vinaceus* P  
Dark-rumped Rosefinch *Carpodacus edwardsii* P  
?Pallas's Rosefinch *Carpodacus roseus* P  
Chinese White-browed Rosefinch *Carpodacus dubius* P

Crimson-browed Finch *Pinicola subhimachala* P

Scarlet Finch *Haematospiza sipahi* P

Red Crossbill *Loxia curvirostra* P

Brown Bullfinch *Pyrrhula nipalensis*  
Grey-headed Bullfinch *Pyrrhula erythaca* P

Hawfinch *Coccothraustes coccothraustes* P

Chinese Grosbeak *Eophona migratoria* P  
Japanese Grosbeak *Eophona personata* P

Collared Grosbeak *Mycerobas affinis*  
Spot-winged Grosbeak *Mycerobas melanozanthos* P

Golden-naped Finch *Pyrrhoptes epauletta* P

Crested Bunting *Melophus lathamii* P

?Pine Bunting *Emberiza leucocephalos* P  
Eastern Rock Bunting *Emberiza godlewskii*  
Meadow Bunting *Emberiza cioides* P  
Tristram's Bunting *Emberiza tristrami* P  
Chestnut-eared Bunting *Emberiza fucata* P  
Little Bunting *Emberiza pusilla*  
Rustic Bunting *Emberiza rustica* P  
Yellow-throated Bunting *Emberiza elegans*  
Yellow-breasted Bunting *Emberiza aureola* P  
Chestnut Bunting *Emberiza rutila* P  
Black-faced Bunting *Emberiza spodocephala* P  
Pallas's Reed Bunting *Emberiza pallasi*  
Japanese Reed Bunting *Emberiza yessoensis* P  
Common Reed Bunting *Emberiza schoeniclus* P



species of mammals, very similar totals to those of a private tour in 2008.

Around Beijing the weather didn't quite fall into place for us, with heavy weather to the S blocking migration and fine weather over Beijing until 28th encouraging migrants to head off - it snowed for three hours as we watched Ibisbills etc N of town on 29th, and we arrived at Wild Duck Lake at dawn on 30th to find the ground covered by a thin layer of snow, with no sign of any cranes or of the ORIENTAL PLOVERS seen by FC & myself two days previously.

On to Yunnan where we caught up with the tail end of the rain - bagged the hoped-for RUFIOUS-TAILED MOUPINIA *Moupinia poecilotis* & YUNNAN NUTHATCH *Sitta yunnanensis* without breaking into a run, and 'did' our main target area, mostly forested habitats at c300-2,500 masl W of the Salween, under magnificently blue skies (bar that double feature thundershower brought on, we suspected, by our driver's detailed explanation of why it wouldn't rain!) until our final morning in Gaoligongshan on 18th. A bit of force majeure itinerary adjustment landed us a bonus morning at Kunming's Xishan - under the expected blue sky - adding a last few species to the already long list, and allowing us to reacquaint ourselves with some birds which had been new for us in Lijiang but absent W of the Salween.

The birds, the mammals, the plants (including some astonishing orchids), the scenery, a stimulating mix of local cultures, wonderful food & comfortable accommodations all came together to produce a trip the more memorable for the region being so desperately under-visited by birdwatchers.

Among the highlights / my personal favourites / most interesting records were:

LADY AMHERST'S PHEASANT *Chrysolophus amherstiae*

Noted on five dates - our patience (and ability to, when it mattered, keep quiet and stay still!) bore fruit on 14th when a fine male came in to investigate.

SWAN GOOSE *Anser cygnoides*

33 seen well at Wild Duck Lake on 30th.

FALCATED DUCK *Anas falcata*

40+ showing well at Wild Duck Lake on 30th.

LITTLE CORMORANT *Phalacrocorax niger*

109+ around a recently established breeding colony at Ruili on 5th.

JERDON'S BAZA *Avecida jerdoni*

A pair soaring together low over the road W of Yingjiang on 13th.

BLACK EAGLE *Ictinaetus malayensis*

17 bird-days.

BLACK-TAILED CRAKE *Porzana bicolor*

Two 'in the 2008 spot' on 2<sup>nd</sup> - lovely views: patience paid off!

SMALL PRATINCOLE *Glareola lactea*

70+ at Yingjiang on 3<sup>rd</sup>.

RIVER TERN *Sterna aurantia*

c10 at Yingjiang on 3<sup>rd</sup>. We were dismayed to find that a hitherto 'safe' sand bar was now linked to the river bank by a thrown-together bridge - a small digger was at work removing sand for construction purposes.

ASIAN EMERALD CUCKOO *Chrysococcyx maculatus*

19 bird-days. We were delighted to find this pretty bird relatively common - noted on no less than ten dates.

WHITE-VENTED NEEDLETAIL *Hirundapus cochinchinensis*

33+ bird-days. Noted on three dates, putting on a good show - WOW!

BLUE-TAILED BEE-EATER *Merops philippinus*

Noted on two dates along the Salween, with a colony of 30 or so birds much appreciated.

WREATHED HORNBILL *Rhyticeros undulatus*

Superb views on two days on the Burma border - Tingaling!

PALE-HEADED WOODPECKER *Gecinulus grantia*

One on the Burma border on 11<sup>th</sup> [DS] - a hard-to-find species with a limited distribution in China.

ASHY MINIVET *Pericrocotus divaricatus*

One seen well on the Burma border on 9<sup>th</sup> was - we believe - a local 1st.

MAROON ORIOLE *Oriolus traillii*

A fine male ssp *nigellicauda* W of Yingjiang on 11<sup>th</sup> would have been even more of a surprise if we hadn't seen one - presumably the same individual - in almost exactly the same spot in March 2008!

COLLARED TREEPIE *Dendrocitta frontalis*

Ten bird-days. Noted on three dates W of Yingjiang.

WIRE-TAILED SWALLOW *Hirundo smithii*

Two [BS et al] at their nest on 12<sup>th</sup> - apparently the 1st record of confirmed nesting in China though another suspected pair was seen nearby ten days earlier [S Bale pers com].

MONGOLIAN LARK *Melanocorypha mongolica*

Six obliging individuals at Wild Duck Lake on 30<sup>th</sup>...

CHESTNUT BULBUL *Hemixos castanotus*

Two singing & eventually showing well at Xishan on 19<sup>th</sup>.

INDIAN REED WARBLER *Acrocephalus (stentoreus) brunnescens*

Five birds - of which a couple showed uncharacteristically well! - near Lijiang on 31st.

'CHINESE' TICKELL'S WARBLER *Phylloscopus occisinensis*

Just three seen (but nicely!) - this subtly beautiful warbler is well worth another look even if you are sceptical re its elevation to full species status.

\*\*\*We recorded a further 16 *Phylloscopus* species...

BROAD-BILLED WARBLER *Tickellia hodgsoni*

14 bird-days. Noted on four dates in the Gaoligongshan - Tingaling!

LONG-TAILED WREN-BABBLER *Spelaeoris reptatus*

Nine bird-days... superb views of one on 4<sup>th</sup>.

CACHAR WEDGE-BILLED BABBLER *Sphenocichla roberti*

Noted on two dates - a long session with three birds early in the morning of 17th more than made the day...

RED-TAILED LAUGHINGTHRUSH *Garrulax milnei*

24 bird-days. Noted on five dates - several offered good views.

\*\*\*We saw a further 11 species of Laughingthrush... and the N China speciality PERE DAVID'S LAUGHINGTHRUSH *G. davidi* on the pre-tour outing on 29<sup>th</sup>.

YELLOW-THROATED FULVETTA *Alcippe cinerea*

12+ bird-days. Noted in the Gaoligongshan on three dates.

BEAUTIFUL SIBIA *Heterophasia pulchella*

27+ bird-days. Noted on three dates - repeated encounters allowed us to confirm that we were dealing with a well-named species!

BROWN PARROTBILL *Paradoxornis unicolor*

A superb encounter with two birds on 2<sup>nd</sup> - this bamboo specialist may not be colourful but it certainly has character!

\*\*\*We saw a further seven species of Parrotbill on the trip.

COLLARED MYNA *Acridotheres albocinctus*

Just one seen - but good views of this restricted-range species.

SIBERIAN THRUSH *Zoothera sibirica*

A fine male on the Burma border on 12<sup>th</sup>. At one point it shared a 'scope field-of-view with an ORANGE-HEADED GROUND THRUSH *Z. citrina*... we had to take five minutes to compose ourselves!

HIMALAYAN RED-FLANKED BLUETAIL *Tarsiger rufilatus*

A glowing male at the edge of the Gaoligongshan trail on 2<sup>nd</sup> was a hard act to follow...

BROWN-BREASTED FLYCATCHER *Muscicapa muttui*

Four bird-days. Noted on two dates, with a nest-building pair at Ruili on 7<sup>th</sup> being of particular note.

SAPPHIRE FLYCATCHER *Ficedula sapphira*

Nine bird-days. This sought-after species was noted on four dates.

FIRE-TAILED SUNBIRD *Aethopyga ignicauda*

Noted on four dates - incl 119+ migrating at Gaoligongshan on 14<sup>th</sup>!

TIBETAN SISKIN *Serinus tibetanus*

Noted on three dates in Gaoligongshan - daily maximum c300 on 17<sup>th</sup>: we were able to 'scope some as they fed high in deciduous trees.

PALLAS' REED BUNTING *Emberiza pallasi*

c25 showing well at Wild Duck Lake on 30<sup>th</sup>.

... a full trip list will be posted in due course.

Good birding!

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PS The next OBC Fundraiser to Yunnan will be 14 March - 5 April 2010... interested?  
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The birds, the mammals, the butterflies, the plants, the scenery, a stimulating mix of local cultures, wonderful food & comfortable accommodations all came together to produce a trip the more memorable for the region being so desperately under-visited by birdwatchers.

Among the highlights / my personal favourites / most interesting records were:

JERDON'S BAZA *Avecida jerdoni*  
One W of Yingjiang on 30<sup>th</sup>.

UPLAND BUZZARD *Buteo hemilasius*  
Prolonged views of a 2<sup>nd</sup> c-y bird at Wild Duck Lake on 4<sup>th</sup>.

MOUNTAIN HAWK EAGLE *Spizaetus nipalensis*  
Five bird-days. Instructive views were had on several occasions.

BLACK-TAILED CRAKE *Porzana bicolor*  
Two near Tengchong on 24<sup>th</sup> included a very cooperative individual which allowed our team digiscoper to set up at leisure and take advantage of the soft afternoon sunlight...

IBISBILL *Ibidorhyncha struthersii*  
Two individuals on the Burma border on 29<sup>th</sup>.

PINTAIL SNIPE *Gallinago stenura*  
One along the Salween on 18<sup>th</sup> gave us plenty of time to clinch the ID.

SMALL PRATINCOLE *Glareola lactea*  
210 near Yingjiang on 26<sup>th</sup>!

PIN-TAILED GREEN PIGEON *Treron apicauda*  
15+ bird-days. This graceful species was seen on three dates.

WHITE-VENTED NEEDLETAIL *Hirundapus cochinchinensis*  
12+ bird-days. Noted on three dates.

GREAT HORNBILL *Buceros bicornis*  
One in flight at close range on 30<sup>th</sup> was closely 'marked' by two GREATER RACKET-TAILED DRONGO *Dicrurus paradiseus* - a truly memorable image: vintage South Asia!

RUSTY-NAPED PITTA *Pitta oatesi*  
One singing near Ruili on 2<sup>nd</sup> - responded somewhat but glimpsed only by CD who pursued it solo when the bird had been declared a Lost Cause.

BURMESE SHRIKE *Lanius colluroides*  
Nine bird-days. Noted on four dates near Ruili.

ASIAN PARADISE FLYCATCHER *Terpsiphone paradisi*

Single males were noted on three dates - memorably, a white morph bird near the Burma border on 30<sup>th</sup>.

COLLARED TREEPIE *Dendrocitta frontalis*

Two on 30<sup>th</sup> ensured this sought-after species 'made the list' but for most of us it was BVD class.

YELLOW-BELLIED TIT *Parus venustulus*

This endemic was a marginal bird on this trip - except for those who'd allowed extra days - until the weather forced a change of plans on us: four were seen well at Beijing Botanical Gardens on 15<sup>th</sup>.

FIRE-CAPPED TIT *Cephalopyrus flammiceps*

14+ bird-days. Noted on three dates in the Gaoligongshan.

DUSKY WARBLER *Phylloscopus fuscatus*

29+ bird-days. Noted on five dates - interestingly, one on the Burma border on 29<sup>th</sup> was ssp *weigoldi*, a taxon recently suggested to be better included with Smoky Warbler *P. fulgiventis*.

\*\*\*We recorded an additional 14 *Phylloscopus* warblers on the trip, amongst them 'CHINESE' TICKELL'S LEAF WARBLER *P. 'occisinensis'*, CHINESE LEAF WARBLER *P. yunnanensis*, 'EASTERN' LEMON-RUMPED WARBLER *P. 'forresti'* & YELLOW-VENTED LEAF WARBLER *P. cantator*.

SLENDER-BILLED SCIMITAR BABBLER *Xiphirhynchus superciliaris*

Four bird-days. This highly specialised, emblematic species was noted on two dates at Gaoligongshan - less tape-responsive than we expected, but one showed well without prompting.

LONG-TAILED WREN-BABBLER *Spelaeoris reptatus*

Ten bird-days. Noted on four dates - highly satisfying views were had by all.

CHINESE BABAX *Babax lanceolatus*

30+ bird-days. A charismatic species - noted on four dates: 18+ in a morning must be a record?

RUFOUS-NECKED LAUGHINGTHRUSH *Garrulax ruficollis*

Four near Ruili on 31<sup>st</sup>.

\*\*\*We saw an additional 14 species of Laughingthrush on the trip!

BLACK-HEADED SHRIKE-BABBLER *Pteruthius rufiventis*

Four bird-days. Seen well on two dates in the Gaoligongshan.

YELLOW-THROATED FULVETTA *Alcippe cinerea*

14 bird-days. This localised species was seen extraordinarily well on two dates.

\*\*\*A total of nine *Fulvetta* species were recorded on the trip.

RUFOUS-BACKED SIBIA *Heterophasia annectans*

Five bird-days. This frequently hard-to-find species was noted on no less than three dates - seen very well indeed.

\*\*\*Also-seen Sibias were GREY *H. gracilis* (33+ bird-days), BLACK-HEADED *H. desgodinsi* (13 bird-days), BEAUTIFUL *H. pulchella* (78 bird-days) & LONG-TAILED *H. picaoides* (27 bird-days).

BROWN PARROTBILL *Paradoxornis unicolor*

One on territory in the Gaoligongshan was seen at close range.

SPOT-BREASTED PARROTBILL *Paradoxornis guttaticollis*

Six seen well near Ruili on 1<sup>st</sup> - a scarce species.

\*\*\*We recorded a total of seven Parrotbill species on the trip!

WALLCREEPER *Tichodroma muraria*

One allowed prolonged viewing at the side of the road on 17<sup>th</sup> - a bonus bird in Yunnan.

COLLARED MYNA *Acridotheres albocinctus*

Three bird-days - we even found a nest of this restricted-range species!

COMMON MYNA *Acridotheres tristis*

A stray near Yingjing on 26<sup>th</sup>.

ROSE-COLOURED STARLING *Sturnus roseus*

One in nearly full-adult plumage near Ruili on 1<sup>st</sup> may have been Yunnan's 1st.

PLAIN-BACKED THRUSH *Zoothera mollissima*

Six bird-days. Noted on three dates - one or two obliging individuals allowed us to become thoroughly familiar with this elusive species.

BLACK-BREASTED THRUSH *Turdus dissimilis*

57 bird-days. This striking species was noted on no less than 11 dates.

NORTHERN RED-FLANKED BLUETAIL *Tarsiger cyanurus*

An adult male on 25<sup>th</sup> - the vast majority of 'Bluetails' in W Yunnan are HIMALAYAN *T. rufilatus* (of which we saw at least five adult males).

GOLDEN BUSH ROBIN *Tarsiger chrysaea*

An adult male was eventually seen well by all in the Gaoligongshan - WOW!

BROWN-BREASTED FLYCATCHER *Muscicapa muttui*

One was seen very well near Ruili on 2<sup>nd</sup>.

LARGE NILTAVA *Niltava grandis*

46 bird-days. This frequently retiring species was noted on 13 dates - particularly good views were had near Ruili, with a male returning to a wire in invitation to the team photographers.

FIRE-TAILED SUNBIRD *Aethopyga ignicauda*

Noted on eight days. Migration was in progress at Gaoligongshan with 645+ (most likely >1,500) on 18<sup>th</sup> & 1,206+ on 24<sup>th</sup>.

TIBETAN SISKIN *Serinus thibetanus*

21+ bird-days. Noted on two dates - main event 6-8 'scoped and heard twittering on 25<sup>th</sup>.

CRIMSON-BROWED FINCH *Pinicola subhimachala*

Two at Gaoligongshan on 18<sup>th</sup>.

SCARLET FINCH *Haematospiza sipahi*

Five bird-days. Noted on three dates - TINGALING!

CRESTED BUNTING *Melophus lathami*

Ten in a day was pretty good, with a couple of adult males 'scoped - a top

priority bird for some of us...

Good birding indeed!

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