

Birding China with Oriental Bird Club:

A November 2013 birdwatching trip to Yunnan & Beijing.

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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.

That avian delights of November in Yunnan easily match – and in some ways surpass – those of the more 'obvious' spring months of March/April is known first-hand to no more than a dozen intrepid souls.

Anyone susceptible to the allure of Thailand (but increasingly discouraged by recent murder and mayhem there) 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long-planned tours have been cancelled a few days before scheduled kick-off as the essential permits were whimsically withdrawn, and the situation remains volatile with considerable risk of renewed civil unrest. 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 19 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 before concluding our travels with 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 – and anyone opting to arrive a day or two early would have the chance of connecting with some Palearctic ultra-heavyweights at Beijing ahead of the main trip!

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Itinerary:

Saturday 2 Nov 2013 / Day zero: arrival at hotel near Beijing airport. *The cost of this overnight (but not e.g. dinner) IS INCLUDED in tour price. Tour participants will need to inform JH of their arrival date & time, flight # and airport of origin of flight into Beijing (e.g. 'Tokyo' if you have changed plane there) well in advance.*

Depending on your arrival time it may be feasible to get in some sightseeing or birding today – please enquire.

Anyone interested in arriving a day or two early should enquire about the possibilities – Beijing's Wild Duck Lake is increasingly considered a 'Must Visit' during migration: it is usually possible to see good numbers of wildfowl, some birds of prey, up to three species of crane, and Pallas' Reed Bunting; other birdwatching options include a pretty valley N of the city where the incomparable Ibisbill still manages to hang on, and where a fine supporting cast incl N China specialities such as Chinese Hill Warbler, Pere David's Laughingthrush & Vinous-throated Parrotbill.

[We will assemble at 20:00 in the hotel lobby for a briefing.](#)

3 Nov / Day 1: The tour starts 'for real' as we fly all the way to the Burma border.

The domestic flight schedules are not available at the time of writing, but we may well be able to get our birdwatching off the ground at Ruili before dark!

4-8 Nov / Day 2-6: With over 450 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.

Mountain Bamboo Partridge, Asian House Martin, Scarlet Minivet, Bar-winged Flycatcher Shrike, Magpie Robin, 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, Siberian Rubythroat, 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...

Five whole 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, Pallas's & 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, Long-tailed Wren Babbler, 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.

A watershed slightly farther a-field than the standard 20 minutes commute from our hotel invariably impresses: the sheer quality of the birds present, the good views so many of them afford (photographers and digiscopers take note!) and the ease of the walking involved. Among the birds so far not recorded elsewhere in the Ruili area were Barred 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. Undoubtedly we will have a fair chance of adding a goodie or two...

9-13 Nov / Day 7-11: We'll thoroughly cover the very extensive forests near Yingjiang. We'll concentrate 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 Kalij & Grey Peacock Pheasants, White-cheeked Hill Partridge, Mandarin Duck, Rufous-bellied Eagle, the magnificently weird Ibisbill (now in a family of its own), the no less attractive River Lapwing, White-vented Needletail, 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, Pale-headed Woodpecker, Wire-tailed Swallow, Grey-bellied Tesia, Coral-billed & even the recently described Naung Mung Scimitar Babblers, Greater Necklaced & Black-throated Laughingthrushes, Lesser Rufous-headed & Grey-headed Parrotbills, the restricted-range Collared Myna, Vinous-breasted & Asian Pied Starlings, Black-backed & White-crowned Forktails, Baya Weaver, and the rather smart Scarlet Finch.

We might chance upon Pale-capped & Yellow-footed Green Pigeons, Spot-bellied Eagle Owl, Brown Fish Owl, 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.

The evening of **Day 11** will find us in Tengchong - 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.

14 Nov / Day 12: Tengchong is the ideal place to 'take a day' during a birdwatching visit to Yunnan: 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 Yellow-throated Bunting.

15 Nov / Day 13: Before pressing on to the pleasant little hotel built especially for visiting naturalists we'll spend our 1st morning en route, 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. We'll hope to encounter a number of novelties, perhaps including 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.

From late morning on, as thermals build up, we'll have a fair chance of seeing a scattering of soaring migrants – the ridgeline of the rugged Gaoligongshan, running roughly N to S, is a leading line for birds such as Himalayan Griffon (and the occasional Black Vulture), Hen Harrier, Northern Goshawk, Eurasian Sparrowhawk, Common (and rarely also Long-legged) Buzzard, and Steppe, Imperial & Booted Eagles.

16-20 Nov / Days 14-18: Bamboo, stunted ridgetop vegetation, mature evergreen forest, overgrown stream gullies, and cultivation-edge scrub comprise the habitats available to us in the impressive Gaoligongshan. Before heading into the forest we will at least on one morning give the birds a chance to come to us by waiting around on an east-facing vantage point. 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 many 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.

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 Himalayan form 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, Lemon-rumped, 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, Grey Treepie, White-browed Bush Robin, Little, Spotted and Slaty-backed Forktails, Blue Whistling, Long-tailed & Chestnut Thrushes, Long-tailed Wren Babbler, 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, and White-tailed Nuthatch. Sit-and-wait tactics can be employed with often considerable success as the movements of mixed feeding flocks bring birds into view. Encounters with some widespread species are likely to surpass those at Tengchong – such is birdwatching.

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 & Hume's Pheasants, Darjeeling Woodpecker, Gould's Shortwing, Blue-fronted Robin, Cachar Wedge-billed, Scaly-breasted & Spotted Wren Babblers, Scaled Laughingthrush, the superb Black-headed Shrike-babbler, Cutia, Yellow-throated Fulvetta, Brown Bullfinch, and the vocal but secretive Gold-billed Magpie.

21 Nov / Day 19: before departing for Lijiang, we'll spend the morning pursuing anything we feel we have missed so far.

22 Nov / Day 20: On the edge of Lijiang, a locally important and formerly isolated town originally inhabited almost exclusively by ethnically very distinct Naxis, is the supremely attractive Black Dragon Pool park, a wooded enclave on the edge of the now rather denuded valley. As such it is generally good for birds, being home to a number of residents and attracting migrants from near and far; it is, however, the adjacent relict pines which will be our focus of attention as this is where we will expect to see the endemic Yunnan Nuthatch – the more patchily distributed, rare Giant Nuthatch was formerly also present but now seems to have disappeared. Ensuring an enjoyable morning is a fine supporting cast: Grey-headed Woodpecker, Crag Martin, Long-tailed Minivet, Brown-breasted Bulbul, Magpie Robin, Blue-fronted & Plumbeous Redstarts, Grey Bushchat, Naumann's Thrush, Spot-breasted and Streak-breasted Scimitar-babblers, the often inquisitive endemic Rufous-tailed Moupinia, Chinese Babax, Elliot's Laughingthrush, Spectacled and Rusty-capped Fulvettas, White-collared Yuhina, Buff-throated, Yellow-streaked and 'Eastern' Lemon-rumped Leaf Warblers, White-throated Fantail, three species of Long-tailed Tit, Green-backed Tit, Black-headed Greenfinch, and Godlewski's Rock Bunting.

Several additional species of *Phylloscopus* warblers may appear, perhaps even the recently (re-)described Chinese Leaf Warbler. Scarcer species to look for at this time of the year include the superb Black-breasted Thrush, and Dark-rumped Rosefinch.

After lunch we should be able to fit in an afternoon visit to a nearby bird lake. With shotguns now banned the wildfowl at Lijiang are much more numerous as well as 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.

23 Nov / Day 21: We'll expect to have the best part of the day in Lijiang before heading back towards Beijing. We will do whatever maximizes chances of catching up with anything 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, Black-headed Sibia (whose far-carrying, melancholy song often dominates the dawn chorus), Hodgson's Treecreeper, Tibetan Siskin, *himalayana* Red Crossbill, and the distinctive local race of Nutcracker.

Sunday 24 Nov 2013 / 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.

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Tour price: [cCNY35,885.-](#) - from/to Beijing (*at the time of writing* [cUS\\$5,780.-](#))

Please note that anyone preferring to start/finish the trip in Yunnan, skipping Beijing, can do so – Kunming is connected to e g Bangkok & Hong Kong by daily international flights. Likewise, Chengdu (in neighbouring Sichuan) now has direct airlines with Europe. Please enquire – any savings will be deducted from what you pay!

The price is inclusive, covering domestic flights economy class, all ground transport, all meals w/ tea, all accommodation (two to a double room - 3-star in Ruili; comfortable, clean equivalent of c2 star at Gaoligongshan & Lijiang, 3-4 star in Beijing), reserve permits & fees, and services of drivers, guide & organizer – the quoted price is based on February 2013 levels and should *barring a major revaluation of the Yuan* be accurate to within 5%. Important variables include domestic air fares, gas price & exchange rates.

Excluded is international flight, unscheduled sightseeing (if any), travel insurance, alcoholic drinks, and anything strictly personal (e g visa fees, laundry, phone calls, excess luggage charges, snacks / meals not taken with the group).

Single room: a single room surcharge of [cCNY3,950.-](#) will apply for anyone not sharing.

Group size: 7-9 (+ JH)

Tour start: Day zero will be Saturday 2 Nov 2013 / Day 22 will be Sunday 24 Nov 2013.

Yunnan is worth a visit anytime between mid-Oct through early May, so if the timing of this trip doesn't suit... Please enquire!

[Similarly, anyone unable to do the full three weeks should enquire about the possibilities of participating in part of the trip.](#)

Transport: Within Yunnan we'll have two flights of <1 hour's duration. Shorter distances will mostly be covered by coach.

Food: We will mostly have breakfast & lunch in the field - provisions will be purchased locally - while evening meals will be taken at restaurants. We'll make a point of eating well. On some days we will need to carry lunch into the field. The trip is suitable for vegetarians.

Weather: At this season Yunnan enjoys very pleasant weather - cool in the mornings and mostly warm in the daytime, with variations in part depending on altitude. Gaoligongshan can be overcast but it is unlikely to rain much; elsewhere we'll expect little or no rain. Beijing can be cold-ish (<0°C is possible at Wild Duck Lake), and a wind-chill factor must be allowed for.

Photography: we'll spend our time trying to *see* birds! However, despite the notorious difficulties in getting photos of forest birds this trip offers better chances than most to get close to a number of otherwise *forget-it!* species – keen photographers may wish to bring equipment suitable for more than just landscape shots. A polarising filter could prove useful especially at higher altitudes.

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 more than one occasion 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).

"...I would like to thank Jesper for leading us so well and for ensuring we saw so many birds. I am sure if I was there on my own, I would have missed more than 50 per cent!" (T. Townshend, on our November 2010 trip).

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Log Checklist

P = possible, for scarcer species. We are bound to see a number of these. For *potential* species please refer to text.

BJ = Beijing, for species possible only in the Beijing area (see comments under Day Zero, above)

Chinese Francolin *Francolinus pintadeanus* *P*

BJ Daurian Partridge *Perdix dauurica* *P*

Common Hill Partridge *Arborophila torqueola*

Rufous-throated Hill Partridge *Arborophila rufogularis* *P*

White-cheeked Hill Partridge *Arborophila atrogularis* *P*

Mountain Bamboo Partridge *Bambusicola fytchii*

Temminck's Tragopan *Tragopan temminckii* *P*

Koklass Pheasant *Pucrasia macrolopha* *P*

Sclater's Monal *Lophophorus sclateri* *P*

Red Junglefowl *Gallus gallus* *P*

Silver Pheasant *Lophura nychtemera*

Mrs. Hume's Pheasant *Syrnaticus humiae* *P*

Common Pheasant *Phasianus colchicus*

Lady Amherst's Pheasant *Chrysolophus amherstiae* *P*

Grey Peacock Pheasant *Polyplectron bicalcaratum* *P*

Lesser Whistling Duck *Dendrocygna javanica* *P*

BJ Swan Goose *Anser cygnoides*

BJ Bean Goose *Anser fabalis*

Greylag Goose *Anser anser*

BJ Greater White-fronted Goose *Anser albifrons*

BJ Lesser White-fronted Goose *Anser erythropus* *P*

Bar-headed Goose *Anser indicus* *P*

BJ Tundra Swan *Cygnus columbianus* *P*

BJ Whooper Swan *Cygnus cygnus*

Common Shelduck *Tadorna tadorna* *P*

Ruddy Shelduck *Tadorna ferruginea*

Mandarin Duck *Aix galericulata* P

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*

BJ Smew *Mergellus albellus*

Goosander *Mergus merganser*

Little Grebe *Tachybaptus ruficollis*

Great Crested Grebe *Podiceps cristatus*

BJ Slavonian Grebe *Podiceps auritus* P

Black-necked Grebe *Podiceps nigricollis*

Black Stork *Ciconia nigra*

BJ Oriental White Stork *Ciconia boyciana* P

Eurasian Spoonbill *Platalea leucorodia* P

Eurasian Bittern *Botaurus stellaris* P

Cinnamon Bittern *Ixobrychus cinnamomeus* P

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
BJ 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*

BJ 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
BJ Upland Buzzard *Buteo hemilasius* P
BJ Rough-legged Buzzard *Buteo lagopus* P

Black Eagle *Ictinaetus malayensis*

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

Bonelli's Eagle *Hieraaetus fasciatus* P
Booted Eagle *Hieraaetus pennatus* P
Rufous-bellied Eagle *Hieraaetus kienerii* P

Mountain Hawk Eagle *Spizaetus nipalensis*

BJ 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*

BJ Siberian Crane *Grus leucogeranus* P
BJ White-naped Crane *Grus vipio* P
Common Crane *Grus grus* P
BJ 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 avocetta* P

Northern Lapwing *Vanellus vanellus* P

River Lapwing *Vanellus duvaucelii*

Grey-headed Lapwing *Vanellus cinereus* P

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* P

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*

BJ 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*
BJ 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
BJ Relict Gull *Larus relictus* P

River Tern *Sterna aurantia*

BJ Pallas's Sandgrouse *Syrrhaptes paradoxus* P

BJ 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 sparverioides*
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*

BJ 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 colluriooides*
Long-tailed Shrike *Lanius schach*
Grey-backed Shrike *Lanius tephronotus*
BJ Chinese Grey Shrike *Lanius sphenocercus* P

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* P

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

BJ Daurian Jackdaw *Corvus dauuricus* P

BJ Rook *Corvus frugilegus* P

BJ Carrion Crow *Corvus corone* P

Large-billed Crow *Corvus macrorhynchos*

BJ Bohemian Waxwing *Bombycilla garrulous* P

BJ Japanese Waxwing *Bombycilla japonica* P

'Great' Tit *Parus major minor*

Green-backed Tit *Parus monticolus*

BJ Yellow-bellied Tit *Parus venustulus* P

Yellow-cheeked Tit *Parus spilonotus*

Rufous-vented Tit *Parus rubidiventris*

Coal Tit *Parus ater* P

BJ Marsh Tit *Parus palustris*

Black-bibbed Tit *Parus hypermelaenus* P

BJ Songar Tit *Parus songarus* P

Sultan Tit *Melanochlora sultanea* P

Yellow-browed Tit *Sylviparus modestus*

BJ 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* P

Black-throated Tit *Aegithalos concinnus*

Pere Bonvalot's Tit *Aegithalos bonvaloti*

BJ Mongolian Lark *Melanocorypha mongolica* P

BJ Greater Short-toed Lark *Calandrella brachydactyla* P

BJ 'Asian' Lesser Short-toed Lark *Calandrella 'cheleensis'*

BJ Eurasian Skylark *Alauda arvensis*

Oriental Skylark *Alauda gulgula*

Fan-tailed Warbler *Cisticola juncidis*

BJ Chinese Hill Warbler *Rhopophilus pekinensis* P

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*

BJ 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 *Hypsietes 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* 94A)

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* P
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 *Spelaornis formosus* P
Long-tailed Wren-Babbler *Spelaornis 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*

BJ Pere David's Laughingthrush *Garrulax davidi* P

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

B/Vinous-throated Parrotbill *Paradoxornis webbianus* P

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*

BJ Northern Wren *Troglodytes troglodytes* P

Naga Nuthatch *Sitta nagaensis*

Chestnut-bellied Nuthatch *Sitta cinnamoventris* P

White-tailed Nuthatch *Sitta himalayensis*

Yunnan Nuthatch *Sitta yunnanensis*

BJChinese Nuthatch *Sitta villosa*

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* P

BJEurasian 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

BJChinese Blackbird *Turdus mandarinus* P

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* P
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

Blue Rock Thrush *Monticola solitarius* 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 strophiate*
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
BJSiberian 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* P
Buff-bellied Pipit *Anthus rubescens* P
BJWater Pipit *Anthus spinoletta* P
Upland Pipit *Anthus syloanus* P

Brambling *Fringilla montifringilla*

Tibetan Siskin *Serinus thibetanus*

BJOriental 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

BJPallas'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* P

Spot-winged Grosbeak *Mycerobas melanozanthos* P

Golden-naped Finch *Pyrrhoplectes epauletta* P

Crested Bunting *Melophus lathamii* P

?Pine Bunting *Emberiza leucocephalos* P

Eastern Rock Bunting *Emberiza godlewskii*

BJMeadow Bunting *Emberiza cioides* P

Tristram's Bunting *Emberiza tristrami* P

Chestnut-eared Bunting *Emberiza fucata* P

Little Bunting *Emberiza pusilla*

BJRustic 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

BJPallas's Reed Bunting *Emberiza pallasi*

BJJapanese Reed Bunting *Emberiza yessoensis* P

BJCommon Reed Bunting *Emberiza schoeniclus* P

MAMMALS

Northern Tree Shrew *Tupaia belangeri*

Assam Macaque *Macaca assamensis* P

Phayre's Leaf Monkey *Trachypithecus phayrei* P

Pallas' Squirrel *Callosciurus erythraeus*

Phayre's Squirrel *Callosciurus phayrei*

Anderson's Squirrel *Callosciurus quinquestriatus*

Red-throated Squirrel *Dremomys gularis* P

Asian Red-cheeked Squirrel *Dremomys rufigenis* P

Himalayan (=Western) Striped Squirrel *Tamiops maclellandii*

Black Giant Squirrel *Ratufa bicolor*

Jungle Cat *Felis chaus* P

Leopard Cat *Prionailurus bengalensis* P

Yunnan Hare *Lepus comus*