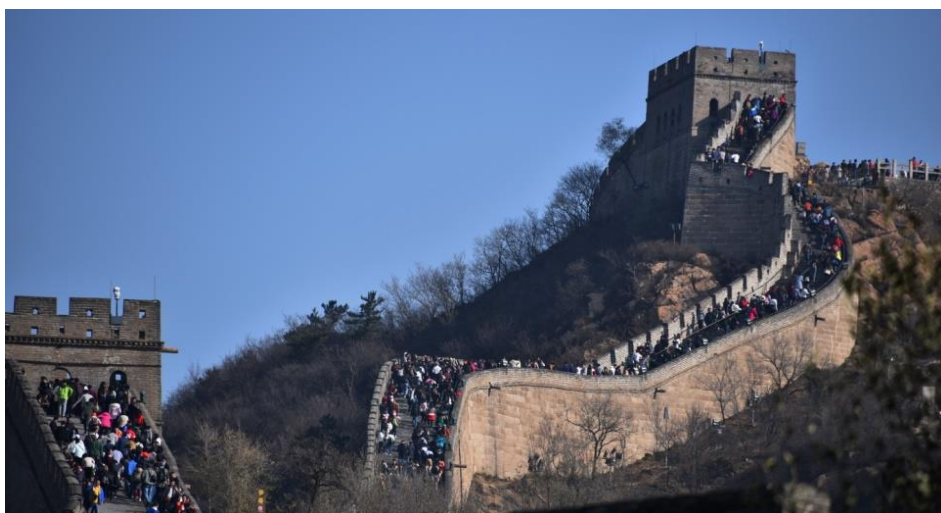


CHINA'S WETLANDS 2016

The China's Wetlands tour was organized by Birdquest (www.birdquest-tours.com) from Nov 5-18, 2016. Logistics were smooth, the only problem was fog at Poyang, which was solved by birding in the mountains at Emeifang. An outstanding replacement. Bird wise, the tour was excellent and all expected birds classified as *vulnerable*, *endangered* or *critically endangered* by CITES were seen. In fact, we had a total of 250 bird species, including 18 "write ins". Highlights were Swan Goose, Mandarin Duck, Baikal Teal, Baer's Pochard, Scaly-sided Merganser, Cinerous Vulture, Chinese Bamboo Partridge, Silver-, Elliot's- and Koklass Pheasant, Oriental Stork, Black-faced Spoonbill, Dalmatian Pelican, Siberian-, Sandhill-, White-naped-, Red-crowned (Japanese)- and Hooded Crane, Nordmann's Greenshank, Spoon-billed Sandpiper, Painted Snipe, Sauders's and Relict Gull, Pied Falconet, Amur Falcon, Azure-winged Magpie, Radde's Warbler, Collared Finchbill, Pacific (Welcome) Swallow – a second for Mainland China, Masked-, Moustache-, Greater Necklaced-, Plain (Père David's)- and White-browed Laughingthrush, ten species of Thrush, including Japanese-, White's-, Red-throated- and Naumann's Thrush, Siberian Rubythroat, Red-flanked Bluetail, Slaty-backed-, Spotted and White-crowned Forktail, Mugimaki Flycatcher, Siberian Accentor, Chinese Grosbeak, and thirteen species of Bunting, including Godlewski's-, Tristram's-, Yellow-browed-, Yellow-breasted-, Yellow-throated- and Pallas's Reed Bunting. Also ten species of mammals seen, including Père David's Rock Squirrel, Perny's Squirrel, Siberian Weasel and Chinese Water Deer.

Itinerary

- Nov 3 Flight KL 897 from Schiphol to Beijing was slightly delayed for departure due to a strike of KLM cabin personnel.
- Nov 4 Arrival at Beijing, covered by smog and fog at this time of the year. Otherwise, the weather was fine. Discovered the first birds near the hotel, Azure-winged Magpie, Chinese Bulbul and Grey-capped Pygmy Woodpecker. Found a nearby bakery with good coffee and cakes, had a nap, and then had dinner with Hannu and Bill. Bill, my roommate, originates from Shetland and now lives in Panama with his second wife.
- Nov 5 Picked up Catherine and Alec from the airport. Simons plane was delayed due to fog. Drive to Badaling, beautiful weather, blue skies and good views of the Chinese Wall.



Best birds were Chinese Nuthatch, Cinereous Vulture (write in) and Siberian Accentor. Badaling is a tourist trap visited by incredible numbers of noisy Chinese tourists each day of the year. In the late afternoon we visited the Yeyahu Wetland, an extensive wetland near Beijing. Best birds were Baer's Pochard, immature Black-legged Kittiwake, the seventh ever for the Beijing area, immature Mew (Kamchatka) Gull, and Bearded Reedling (write in, heard).



Nov 6 Slept so well that despite two alarm clocks, Bill had to wake me up. Left at 06.00 for Ming Tombs, where we arrived at a large and windy parking lot at 06.45. Walked in the orchards characterized by leafless Persimmon trees full of large orange fruits, surrounded by pastures bordering the tomb, to 11.45.



Distant mountains but otherwise flat. Lots of birds, many in mixed flocks. Birds seen included Siberian Accentor, Meadow-, Godlewski's-, and Yellow-throated Bunting, Naumann's-, Red-throated- and Dusky Thrush, Azure-winged Magpie, Brambling, and a very rare male Chaffinch. Rather cold during the day, wearing my long johns, two icebreaker (wool) pull-overs, etc. After lunch the birds were gone and in the afternoon we drove back to the hotel in Beijing to catch the 19.20 night train to Shanghai.

Nov 7 Had a good night sleep in a too small bed from about 20.00 to 05.15. Cabin was shared with Bill and two –fortunately quiet- Chinese. The train arrived at Yangcheng at 06.00. Drive to

hotel where we had noodle soup for breakfast. Left our luggage and arrived at the edges of the Yangcheng Nature Reserve at 09.30. Good birds, our first Red-crowned (Japanese) Cranes, Common-, Sandhill- and Hooded Cranes, several raptors including Goshawk and Sparrow Hawk, Hoopoe, numerous Buntings. Landscape flat, paddy fields and long straight roads bordered by trees, Poplars or look-alike, rather Dutch.



After lunch we returned and went into the centre of the reserve. Rain spoiled part of the afternoon, but still saw our first Grey-backed- and Pale Thrush, Mandarin Duck, Great Bittern, etc.

Nov 8 Breakfast included “youtiao”, also known as Chinese oil stick or Chinese doughnut, excellent food. Birding at the fish ponds at the Yangcheng Nature Reserve.



Strong wind and rather chilly, all being slightly underdressed. Birds included Siberian (Baikal) Teal, Mongolian- and Black-tailed Gull, Caspian Tern, Western Osprey, Goosander, Amur Wagtail, Richard’s Pipit, and flocks of migrating Mandarin Ducks (distant but good scope views of stunning mails while swimming at the ponds). After lunch, we were not allowed to enter our hotel rooms because an official from the Nature Reserve had not paid for the rooms yet. The problem was solved by Hannu by some cash. Afternoon walk in gardens and surrounding of a local agricultural institute, amongst others Chinese Grosbeak, Red-flanked Bluetail, a female Black-faced Bunting, and a pair of Mugimaki Flycatcher. Also several Thrushes, including a very brief view of a Chinese Thrush.

Nov 9 Cold and some sun. Noodles for breakfast at 06.00 and at 07.00 drive to the reed factory within the Yancheng Nature Reserve. Good views of 40-50 Red-crowned Cranes, two Merlin, a male Black-faced Bunting, etc. Left at 09.30 to drive to Yankou with a surprising number of windmills seen. During a roadside stop on a dike overlooking the tidal flats of Dongtae, we had Spoonbill and two Black-faced Spoonbill, a distant flock of fishing and swimming Dalmatian Pelican, Heuglin's and Mongolian Gull, Caspian Tern, Black-headed Gull, etc.



Because the water was low, waders were absent. While driving further to Yankou, we had our first and unexpected Amur Falcon. At the end of the day we walked in the Magic Wood near Yankou. Essentially this is a forested dike, and strolling along this path produced many birds, especially Thrushes.



We ended up with seeing a male Japanese Thrush (write in), had stunning views of White's Thrush, Eye-browed-, Pale-, Dusky and Nauman's Thrush, Chinese Blackbird, Rustic- and Yellow-throated Bunting, Red-flanked Bluetail, and Daurian Redstart. At the end of the day heard that Trump will become president of the United States of America...

Nov 10 Again an outside breakfast with noodle soup and youtiao at a little restaurant. Returned to the empty mudflats at Rudong, where we had to walk several kilometres to reach the water edge. We found several mixed flocks of waders, best birds being two Relict Gulls, a distant almost mature bird and an immature flying along with a wing pattern resembling an

immature Sabine's Gull, Saunders Gull –resembling a tern in flight, and 40-50 Nordmann's Greenshank (write in).



Apart from the drab grey plumage, the entire jizz of the Nordmann's Greenshank differs from Common Greenshank, looking "cleaner" and shorter legged. Rest of the day driving through hills and mountains towards Wu Cheng, where we arrived after 21.00.

Nov 11 Valuable addition to breakfast every morning are one or two cups of instant coffee enriched with sugar. Drive of half an hour to the Xin river, where we stayed to about 13.00. Initially, we spotted a distant female Scaly-sided Merganser from the bridge.



From the bridge also Long-billed Plover, Plumbeous Redstart, Red-billed Magpie, Red-billed Starling and Yellow-browed Bunting. Rest of the morning we walked several trails in the area, where we had a glimpse of a male Silver Pheasant, Collared Finchbill, Red-billed Leiothrix, and Fulvetta. Beautiful scenery with views of rural China as you might expect. At the end of the morning we walked along the river, where we had great views of 2 males and 10 females Scaly-sided Merganser. Beautiful scenery and weather. Lunch at a village where Pied Falconet can be spotted from the roof. Afternoon drive to Nancheng, overnight stay in the Galaxy Peace International Hotel.

Nov 12 The hotel was excellent and even had filter coffee available at breakfast. Left 07.30, rainy first hours. At a roadside ditch we saw Brown Crake, again an Amur Falcon, and Pallas's Leaf Warbler. While driving to Poyang we spotted a family of Siberian Crane, two adult and an immature. While watching a second family of Siberian Cranes briefly joined, both families loudly calling. Thereafter we spend several hours walking in a marshy area, which produced another four Amur Falcons, including a stunning adult bird flying so that the white "arm pitches" could be seen. Painted Snipe and Black-browed Reed Warbler were two write-ins.

Also saw a few distant Swan Goose. Drizzle from 11.30 to 14.00. Lunch at 14.00 in a rather messy restaurant, where dogs were enjoying the spills and left overs.



Nov 13 Left at 06.00 for breakfast but restaurant was closed. Drove back to hotel where we cake and Nescafé, the latter enriched with lots of sugar. Nasty and gloomy, foggy weather. Whole day bird watching near “the island” at Poyang. In the morning a walk alongside a village and in a plain of grass, where we encountered our first White-naped Crane, Chinese Water Deer, many Leaf Warblers (Pallas’s-, Dusky- and Yellow-browed-). Afternoon drive resulted in a mixed flock of 12 Siberian Crane, including 2 immature, and White-naped- and Common Crane. Our telescopes attracted loads of Chinese tourists, being weekend and all trying to spend their time useful. Because the only real bird we missed so far was Lesser White-fronted Goose and because visibility and weather were mediocre and not expected to improve next day(s), plans were changed and we decided to visit the mountains at Emeifang, halfway our final destination.

Nov 14 Fog. After some final attempts to find a Lesser White-fronted Goose, we left. A detour produced a flock of > 1,000 Rooks and 10-15 Daurian Jackdaws. Long drive to Emeifang. Last part of the journey was along a river, rather spectacular with bamboo forest, and we spotted some Forktails and a Brown Dipper.



A total of about 20 Silver Pheasants while drive, and glimpses of both Elliot's Pheasant and Koklass Pheasant. Hotel at about 1400 m, ramshackle and very damp, floor in bathroom slippery. Slept at 21.00.

Nov 15 Slow drive down the mountain produced a male Koklass Pheasant and we had good views of male and female Elliot's Pheasant. Again fog, depending on the altitude. Afternoon walk near the old Buddhist monastery produced good birds, including a female Tristram's Bunting and excellent views of Chinese Bamboo Partridge. Evening drive in dense fog to the restaurant in the valley. Returned at 20.30, list and bed.



Nov 16 Again driving slow over the mountain roads for Tragopan, but we failed. So far, for about 48 hours I had been wearing the same clothes including socks etc. due to the dampness of the hotel, despite an electrical blanket (for safety, plug pulled out when sleeping). Nevertheless, we saw again a pair of Elliot's Pheasant below us flying off, spectacular, many Silver Pheasant, Mountain Bulbul, Lesser Yellownape (write in).



While driving out of the mountains, various stops along the river were made, producing more Forktails, Plumbeous Redstart, Yellow-bellied Prinia, Black-faced Bunting, etc. While driving, the infrastructure, i.e. roads, bridges, tunnels etc., is overwhelming although there is also clearly a lack of maintenance, but traffic is rather scarce.

Nov 17 Left 06.30 for breakfast, which was excellent. A whole day near the Minjiang river. Beautiful weather, travelled by little boat to a small island, Shanyutan, rather a mess with duck farms and rubbish. On the bright side, a great sand flat full of waders, and a flock of about 50 Black-faced Spoonbill. Other birds were White-faced (Swinhoe's) Plover, a subspecies of Kentish

Plover and potential split, both Great and Red Knot, Whimbrel, Saunders's Gull, and –most importantly- a single Spoon-billed Sandpiper. Small and difficult to spot. Amazing bill.



Nov 18 A logistic problem is that even in large hotels the only language spoken is Chinese. Simon and I had breakfast together. To exclude confusion of getting to the airport from the hotel by taxi, Simon and I went with a local guide, "Little Forest", to the city park at 07.30. We dipped on Forktail Sunbird, but saw briefly a White's Thrush, numerous Yellow-browed Warblers, Chinese Bulbul, several colourful butterflies (being subtropical here), and a Common Tailorbird, new for the list.



From the park there is an excellent view over Fuzhou. Drove back to hotel, where it was still busy in the lobby due to many ongoing weddings. We changed clothes and arrived at airport around 13.00. Afternoon flight at 18.40 for the first return flight. Remarkable at the Fuzhou airport: only Chinese passengers. Apparently not a tourist trap, at least not at this time of the year.



BIRDS

ANATIDAE

1. **Greylag Goos** *Anser anser* – Eight birds seen at Yancheng Nature Reserve (Nov 7), and common at Poyang (Nov 12-14).
2. **Swan Goose** *Anser cygnoides* - Seen on 2 days, 3 birds at Yancheng Nature Reserve (Nov 7), and 3 birds at Poyang (Nov 12). Vulnerable (CITES).
3. **Taiga Bean Goose** *Anser fabalis* - Seen at both Yancheng and Poyang. Common.
4. **Tundra Bean Goose** *Anser serrirostris* - As previous species. Common.
5. **Greater White-fronted Goose** *Anser albifrons* – Common at Poyang (Nov 12-14)/
6. **Tundra (Bewick's) Swan** *Cygnus (columbianus) bewickii* – Seen at Poyang on Nov 13 and 14.
7. **Ruddy Shelduck** *Tadorna tadorna* - Six distant birds at the Yeyahu Wetland (Nov 5) and 4 birds on Nov 9.



8. **Mandarin Duck** *Aix galericulata* - Seen at the Yancheng Nature Reserve, 20 birds on Nov 7 and 50 birds on Nov 8. All distant views, seen both swimming and in flight (migration).
9. **Gadwall** *Anas strepera* - Common at Yancheng, over 1,000 birds on Nov 8.
10. **Falcated Duck** *Anas falcata* – As previous species, common at Yancheng with also over 1,000 birds on Nov 8. Also seen but lower numbers at Poyang.
11. **Eurasian Wigeon** *Anas penelope* – About 10 birds seen at both Yancheng (Nov 8) and at Poyang (Nov 13). Single bird on Nov 17.

12. **Mallard** *Anas platyrhynchos* – Common, seen daily up to 2,000 birds per day at Yancheng and Poyang.
13. **Eastern (Chinese) Spot-billed Duck** *Anas zonorhyncha* – Common, seen on most days of the tour. First seen at Yeyahu Wetland (Nov 5).
14. **Northern Shoveler** *Anas clypeata* – About 10 birds seen at Yancheng (Nov 8).
15. **Northern Pintail** *Anas acuta* – About 10 birds seen at Yancheng (Nov 8).



16. **Baikal Teal** *Anas formosa* – A total of (estimated) 50 birds seen at Yancheng (Nov 8). Distant views with poor light in large mixed flocks, one male seen well.
17. **Eurasian Teal** *Anas crecca* – Seen in numbers up to 50 birds per day at Yancheng (Nov 7-9). Also seen on 3 other days of the tour in lower numbers.
18. **Common Pochard** *Aythya ferina* – Uncommon. Four birds seen at Yancheng on both Nov 7 and 8.



19. **Baer's Pochard** *Aythya baeri* – Scope views of 9 distant birds, swimming at the ponds of the Yeyahu Wetland (Nov 5). A small and very dark duck with a very characteristic sloping forehead - bill, almost resembling (Australian) Freckled Duck. For sure one of the most threatened ducks in the world. Critically endangered (CITES), total population estimated at 150-700 birds.

20. **Tufted Duck** *Aythya fuligula* – Uncommon. Only seen at Poyang, 2 females on Nov 12 and 5 birds on Nov 13.
21. **Greater Scaup** *Aythya marila* – Two birds at Yancheng (Nov 9).
22. **Common Goldeneye** *Bucephala clangula* – Two females at Yeyahu Wetland (Nov 5).
23. **Common Merganser (Goosander)** *Mergus merganser* – A single bird at Yancheng (Nov 8).
24. **Red-breasted Merganser** *Mergus serrator* – About 30 birds at the Yeyahu Wetland (Nov 5).



25. **Scaly-sided Merganser** *Mergus squamatus* – A total of 12 birds, 3 males and 9 females, seen well at the Xin River (Nov 11). Endangered (CITES), total population estimated at 2,400-4,500.

PHASIANIDAE

26. **White-necked Partridge** *Arborophila gingica* – Heard at Emeifang on both Nov 14 and 15.



27. **Chinese Bamboo Partridge** *Bambusicola thoracicus* – Seen well on both Nov 14 and 15, including excellent views of 2 birds near the old temple at Emeifang.
28. **Koklass Pheasant** *Pucrasia macrocephala* – Heard and 2 birds seen, including a male at Emeifang on Nov 14-15. A write in.
29. **Elliot's Pheasant** *Syrnaticus ellioti* – Excellent views of a pair at Emeifang, Nov 14, and a second pair briefly seen on Nov 15. Near-threatened (CITES). A write in.



30. **Silver Pheasant** *Lophura nycthemera* – Brief views of a single male near Fuzhou (Nov 11). Common, at least 20 birds per day, at Emeifang, Nov 14-15.

31. **Common (Ring-necked) Pheasant** *Phasianus colchicus* – Heard and seen on 6 days during the first half of the tour, first birds seen at Yancheng on Nov 7.

PODICEPIDIDAE

32. **Little Grebe** *Tachybaptus ruficollis* – Common at both Yancheng and Poyang (Nov 7-14). Hear at Yeyahu Wetland (Nov 5).

33. **Great Crested Grebe** *Podiceps cristatus* – Common, distribution as previous species.

CICONIIDAE



34. **Oriental Stork** *Ciconia boyciana* – Two birds seen at Yancheng (Nov 7), 5 birds on Nov 8, and excellent views of 3 birds at Yangcheng. Endangered (CITES), total population estimated 1,000-2,500 birds.

THRESKIORNITHIDAE

35. **Eurasian Spoonbill** *Platalea leucorodia* – Common at both Yancheng and Poyang, up to 100 birds daily (Nov 7-14).



36. **Black-faced Spoonbill** *Platalea minor* – Two distant birds at the tidal flats at Dangtae (Nov 9), where present together with Eurasian Spoonbill. Clearly smaller. Excellent views of 50 birds at the island of Shanyatun, located in the estuary of the Minjiang river, Nov 17. Endangered (CITES), total population estimated at 2,000 birds.

ARDEIDAE



37. **Eurasian (Great) Bittern** *Botaurus stellaris* – Seen at both Yancheng (2 birds on Nov7), and many single birds seen well at Poyang on Nov 12. At least 5 more birds on Nov 13.
38. **Yellow Bittern** *Ixobrychus sinensis* – A single distant bird in flight at Poyang, Nov 12.
39. **Black-crowned Night Heron** *Nycticorax nycticorax* – Seen on 5 days, common, highest count over 150 birds at the Yancheng Nature Reserve, Nov 8.
40. **Chinese Pond Heron** *Ardeola bacchus* – A single bird at the Yancheng Nature Reserve (Nov 9), 3 birds at Poyang (Nov 13), and 10+ birds near the Minjiang river on Nov 17.
41. **Eastern Cattle Egret** *Bubulcus coromandus* – A group of at least 20 birds near the Minjiang river on Nov 17.

42. **Grey Heron** *Ardea cinerea* – Common throughout the tour, first seen at Yeyahu Wetland (Nov 5).
43. **Purple Heron** *Ardea purpurea* – A single bird at Yancheng on Nov 8, and at least 6 birds at Poyang (Nov 12).
44. **(Eastern) Great Egret** *Ardea (alba) modesta* – Common throughout the tour, again first seen at the Yeyahu Wetland (Nov 5).
45. **Little Egret** *Egretta garzeta* – Common throughout the tour, first seen at the Yancheng Nature Reserve (Nov 7).

PELICANIDAE

46. **Dalmatian Pelican** *Pelecanus crispus* – A feeding flock of 43 distant birds at the tidal flats at Dangtae (Nov 8). Vulnerable (CITES), total population estimated at 6,700 - 9,300 birds, decreasing.

PHALACROCORACIDAE

47. **Great Cormorant** *Phalacrocorax carbo* – Common throughout the tour, first seen at the Yancheng Nature Reserve (Nov 7).

ACCIPITRIDAE

48. **Western Osprey** *Pandion haliaetus* – A single bird at the Yancheng Nature Reserve (Nov 8), and a single bird seen well near the estuary of the Minjiang river, Nov 17.
49. **Black-winged Kite** *Elanus caeruleas* – Seen on 4 days, mostly while travelling, first seen at Yancheng (Nov 7).
50. **Black Eagle** *Ictinaetus malaiensis* – Excellent views of a single bird at the hills or mountains along the Xin River (Nov 11).
51. **Eurasian Sparrowhawk** *Accipiter nisus* – Seen daily on Nov 5-9, first seen at Badaling (Nov 5).
52. **Northern Goshawk** *Accipiter gentilis* – Single birds seen on Nov 5 and 9.
53. **Eastern Marsh Harrier** *Circus spilonotus* – Seen on 6 days, first at the Yeyahu Wetland (Nov 5).
54. **Hen Harrier** *Circus cyaneus* – Seen on 5 days, first at Yancheng (Nov 7).
55. **Eastern (Japanese) Buzzard** *Buteo japonicus* – Seen on 4 days and up to 3 birds per day – all singles. First seen near the Ming Tombs (Ding Ling) on Nov 6.
56. **Cinereous (Monk) Vulture** *Aegypius monachus* – Two distant birds near the Great Wall at Badaling (Nov 5). A write in.

RALLIDAE

57. **Brown-cheeked (Eastern Water) Rail** *Rallus indicus* – A flushed bird seen and a single bird heard at Poyang (Nov 12).
58. **Brown Crake** *Amourornis akool* – Great views of 2 birds while roadside birding while driving to Nancheng (Nov 12). A single bird on Nov 13.
59. **White-breasted Waterhen** *Amourornis phoenicurus* – Two birds near the estuary of the Minjiang river, Nov 17.
60. **Common Moorhen** *Gallinula chloropus* – Rather uncommon. Seen on 4 days, e.g. 2 birds at the Yancheng Nature Reserved (Nov 7).
61. **Eurasian Coot** *Fulica atra* – Common in the wetlands visited.

GRUIDAE



62. **Siberian Crane** *Grus leucogeranus* – Yes! A total of 6 birds seen while travelling to Poyang (Nov 12), including a family or 3 birds of which one immature. Another 12 birds seen in a mixed (feeding) flock with White-naped Crane and a few Common Crane at Poyang Status (Nov 13). Critically endangered (CITES). Total population estimated at 3,500-4,000 birds, decreasing.
63. **Sandhill Crane** *Grus canadensis* – Two distant birds seen in a flock with Common Crane at the Yancheng Nature Reserve (Nov 7).
64. **Common Crane** *Grus grus* – Common at the Yancheng Nature Reserve, up to 500 birds per day. First seen at the Yeyahu wetland (Nov 5).



65. **White-naped Crane** *Grus vipio* – A total of about 100 birds at Poyang (Nov 13). Vulnerable (CITES). Total population estimated at 3,700 -4,500 birds, decreasing.



66. **Red-crowned (Japanese) Crane** *Grus japonensis* – Seen daily at the Yancheng Nature Reserve (Nov 7-9), highest count 62 birds on Nov 9. Endangered (CITES). Total population estimated at 1,830 birds.



67. **Hooded Crane** *Grus monacha* – A single bird in a mixed flock with Common and Sandhill Crane at Yancheng (Nov 7). A total of 13 birds seen at Poyang, Nov 13-14. Vulnerable (CITES), total population 6,000-15,000 birds, increasing.

HAEMATOPODIDAE

68. **Eurasian Oystercatcher** *Haematopus ostralegus* – A total of 70 birds at Rudong (Nov 10), and 5 birds on Nov 17.

RECURVIROSTRIDAE

69. **Black-winged Stilt** *Himantopus himantopus* – Two birds at Nanjishen (Nov 12).
70. **Pied Avocet** *Recurvirostra avosetta* – Seen near Rudong at both Nov 9 (30+ birds) and 10 (20 birds).

CHARACRIIDAE

71. **Northern Lapwing** *Vanellus vanellus* – Low numbers on 4 days, first seen (2 birds) at the Yancheng Nature Reserve (Nov 9).
72. **Grey (Black-bellied) Plover** *Pluvialis squatarola* – Seen near Rudong (Nov 9-10) and the Minjiang river (Nov 17).
73. **Long-billed Plover** *Charadrius placidus* – A total of 3 birds seen on a little island of shingles in the Xin river (Nov 11).
74. **Lesser Sand (Mongolian) Plover** *Charadrius (mongolus) mongolus* – Low numbers at both Rudong (Nov 9-10) and at the Minjiang river (Nov 17).
75. **Greater Sand Plover** *Charadrius leschenaultii* – A total of 4 birds seen at the Minjiang river (Nov 17).



76. **Kentish Plover** *Charadrius alexandrinus* – At least 50 birds at the Minjiang river (Nov 17). About half of these birds were of the distinctive (sub)species “White-faced Plover” or “Swinhoe’s Plover” *Charadrius (alexandrinus) dealbatus*.

ROSTRATULIDAE

77. **Greater Painted-Snipe** *Rostratula benghalensis* – Two birds flushed while walking at Poyang (Nov 12). A write in.

SCOLOPACIDAE

78. **Common Snipe** *Gallinago gallinago* – Low numbers at both Yancheng and Poyang.

79. **(Eastern) Black-tailed Godwit** *Limosa (limosa) melanuroides* – As previous species.

80. **Bar-tailed Godwit** *Limosa lapponica* – Two birds at Rudong (Nov 10).

81. **Whimbrel** *Numenius phaeopus* – A single bird at the Minjiang river (Nov 17).

82. **Eurasian Curlew** *Numenius arquata* – Good numbers up to 500+ birds at Rudong (Nov 9-10).



83. **Spotted Redshank** *Tringa erythropus* – First single birds seen at Yancheng (Nov 7, 9) but abundant at Poyang (Nov 12-14). Also seen on Nov 17.

84. **Marsh Sandpiper** *Tringa stagnalis* – A single bird at Poyang Ho (Nov 12).

85. **Common Greenshank** *Tringa nebularia* – Common, seen daily in all wetlands, most days up to 5 birds per day.



86. **Nordmann's Greenshank** *Tringa guttifer* – A great surprise! At least 50 birds at Rudong (Nov 11). Seen well in little groups mixed with other waders. Characteristic jizz and striking grey plumage. Endangered (CITES), total population estimated at 600 – 1,300 birds. A write in.

87. **Green Sandpiper** *Tringa ochropus* – Seen at Yancheng, 2 birds on both Nov 7 and 9, and a single bird at Poyang (Nov 12).

88. **Common Sandpiper** *Acitis hypoleucos* – Common, seen in low numbers daily in all wetland areas visited.

89. **Great Knot** *Calidris tenuirostris* – A mixed flock, 12 birds, with the next species at the Minjiang river (Nov 17).

90. **Red Knot** *Calidris canutus* – About 20 birds, see previous species.

91. **Sanderling** *Calidris alba* – Seen at Rudong (Nov 11) and Minjiang river (Nov 17).

92. **Red-necked (Rufous-necked) Stint** *Calidris ruficollis* – A handful of birds, at least 5 birds at the Minjiang river (Nov 17), also a single bird at Poyang (Nov 13).

93. **Temminck's Stint** *Calidris temminckii* – Two birds at Poyang (Nov 13).

94. **Dunlin** *Calidris alpina* – Common at both Rudong (Nov 9-10) and at the Minjiang river (Nov 17).



95. **Spoon-billed Sandpiper** *Eurynorhynchus pygmeus* - For me the bird of the trip. A really small wader, difficult to find in a large mixed flock simply because all others waders are larger. Very whitish in winter plumage, spatula shape of bill not easy to see, especially not from the side. In “mixed” flock with Dunlin, Red-necked Stint, etc.– Critically endangered (CITES), total population estimated at 240 – 400 birds, decreasing.

LARIDAE

96. **Black-legged Kittiwake** *Rissa tridactyla* – A single immature bird, seen well, at the Yeyahu Wetland (Nov 5). The 7th ever for the Beijing area.
97. **Black-headed Gull** *Chrococephalus ridibundus* – Common at the wetlands visited.
98. **Saunders's Gull** *Chrococephalus saundersi* – Vulnerable (CITES), 14,400 birds, decreasing. A single distant bird at Rudong (Nov 10), better views of 2 single birds at the Minjiang river (Nov 17). Strongly resembles a small tern in flight.
99. **Relict Gull** *Ichthyaetus relictus* – A single immature flying at close range and a distant –probably 2nd year winter- bird at Rudong (Nov 10). When perched, a stocky and rather oddly shaped gull, relatively long legs. Vulnerable (CITES), 10,000 – 20,000 birds, decreasing. See pg. 5 (top) for distant picture.
100. **Black-tailed Gull** *Larus crassirostris* – Single immatures seen at Yangcheng (Nov 8) and at the Minjiang river (Nov 17).
101. **Mew (Kamchatka) Gull** *Larus (canus) kamtschatschensis* – Good scope views of a single immature bird at the Yeyahu Wetland (Nov 5).
102. **Vega (Mongolian) Gull** *Larus (vegae) mongolicus* – Common at Rudong and the Minjiang river.
103. **Lesser Black-backed (Siberian) Gull** *Larus (fuscus) heuglini* – Seen at Rudong and at the Minjiang river.
104. **Caspian Tern** *Hydroprogne caspia* – Seen on 4 days, most common at Rudong, over 30 birds on Nov 9.
105. **Whiskered Tern** *Chlidonias hybrida* – Over 100 birds at Poyang (Nov 12) and over 15 birds at the Minjiang river (Nov 17).

COLUMBIDAE

106. **Rock (Feral) Dove** *Columba livia* – Common throughout the tour.
107. **Oriental (Rufous) Turtle Dove** *Streptopelia orientalis* – As previous species.
108. **Eurasian Collared Dove** *Streptopelia decaocto* – Two birds seen at Yeyahu Wetland (Nov 5).
109. **Spotted Dove** *Spilopelia chinensis* – Low number on 5 days, first seen in the Yangcheng area (Nov 8).

STRIGIDAE

110. **Collared Owlet** *Glaucidium brodiei* – A single bird heard at Fuzhou Forest Park (Nov 11).

111. **Short-eared Owl** *Asio flammeus* – Single distant birds at Rudong on Nov 9 and 10.

APODIDAE

112. **Himalayan Swiftlet** *Aerodramus brevirostris* – Very brief views from a driving car on Nov 16.
Another write in.

113. **House (Little) Swift** *Apus nipalensis* – Two birds seen on both Nov 14 and 16, as previous species. Again, a write in.

ALCEDINIDAE

114. **White-throated (White-breasted) Kingfisher** *Halcyon smyrnensis* – Single birds at Poyang, Nov 12-13.

115. **Common Kingfisher** *Alcedo atthis* – A total of 7 birds seen at Yancheng and at Poyang.

116. **Pied Kingfisher** *Ceryle rudis* – A pair seen at Poyang (Nov13).

UPUPIDAE

117. **Eurasian Hoopoe** *Upupa epops* – Two birds at Yancheng near the Reed Factory on Nov 7.
Another 2 birds on Nov 9.

RAMPHASTIDAE

118. **Great Barbet** *Psilopogon virens* – A single bird at Emeifang (Nov 15).

PICIDAE

119. **Grey-capped Pygmy Woodpecker** *Yungipicus canicapillus* – Seen near the hotel at Beijing (Nov 4). Most common Woodpecker seen.

120. **Great-spotted Woodpecker** *Dendrocopos major* – Single birds at Badaling (Nov 5) and Yangcheng (Nov 9).

121. **Grey-headed Woodpecker** *Picus canus* – Two single birds seen well near the Ming Tombs (Nov 6). Also a single bird in the Yangcheng area (Nov 9).

122. **Bay Woodpecker** *lythipicus pyrrhotis* – Heard daily at Emeifang (Nov 14-16).

123. **Lesser Yellownape** *Chrysophlegma chlorolophus* – Excellent views of this write in at Emeifang (Nov 16).

FALCONIDAE



124. **Pied Falconet** *Microhierax melanoleucos* – Excellent views of 6 birds. My first ever “merchandised falcon(et)”! Viewing platform on one of the hotel roofs in the Wuyan area (Nov 11).

125. **Common Kestrel** *Falco tinnunculus* – Seen on 4 days, not a very common bird. First seen in the Yuancheng area (Nov 6).



126. **Amur Falcon** *Falco amurensis* – On every tour some particular birds are being hoped for, but at the same time seeing these birds is not realistic. A migratory species which should have left the areas which we visited. Nevertheless, perhaps due to the mild weather conditions, a total of at least 16 birds were seen, including beautiful adults with stunning white underwings. Great bird, most birds seen at Poyang (Nov 12-13).

127. **Merlin** *Falco columbarius* – A total of 3 birds seen at Yangcheng (Nov 6 and 9).

128. **Peregrine Falcon** *Falco peregrinus* – Single birds at Yangcheng (Nov 7-8), and a single immature on Nov 13.

CAMPEPHAGIDEA

129. **Grey-chinned Minivet** *Pericrocotus ethologus* – A distant flock of at least 10 birds at Wuyan (Nov 11). Also heard at Emeifang (Nov 15).

LANIIDAE



130. **Long-tailed Shrike** *Lanius schach* – Common throughout most of the tour. First seen at Yangcheng (Nov 7).

131. **Great Grey (Northern) Shrike** *Lanius excubitor* – A single bird at Poyang (Nov 13).



132. **Chinese Grey Shrike** *Lanius sphenocercus* – Seen at the Yeyahu Wetland (Nov 5) and at Yangcheng (Nov 7 and 9). Total of 5 birds seen.

DICRURIDAE

133. **Black Drongo** *Dicrurus macrocercus* – A single bird in the Poyang area while driving to find the Daurian Jackdaw (Nov 14).

CORVIDAE

134. **Eurasian Jay** *Garrulus glandarius* – Six birds at Wuyan on Nov 11 and a single bird at Emeifang (Nov 14).



135. **Azure-winged Magpie** *Cyanopica cyanus* – Seen at the start of the tour in good numbers. At least 20 birds around the hotel at Beijing (Nov 4), and a flock of 70+ birds at the Ming Tombs (Nov 6).
136. **Red-billed Blue Magpie** *Urocissa erythrorhyncha* – Seen on 3 days, best views of 3 birds from the bridge over the Xin river (Nov 11).
137. **Grey Treepie** *Dendrocitta formosa* – Heard at Fuzhou (Nov 11).
138. **Eurasian Magpie** *Pica pica* – Seen on most days, more common during the first half of the tour.
139. **Daurian Jackdaw** *Coloeus dauuricus* – At least 10 birds, including adults, in a huge flock of Rook near Poyang (Nov 14).
140. **(Oriental) Rook** *Corvus (corone) orientalis* – At least 1,500 birds, as previous species.
141. **Large-billed Crow** *Corvus macrorhynchos* – Seen at Badaling and Ming Tombs (Nov 5-6).

PARIDAE

142. **Yellow-bellied Tit** *Paradaliparus venustulus* – Two birds near the Ming Tombs (Nov 6).
143. **Yellow-cheeked Tit** *Periparus spilonotus* – A total of 5 birds seen well at Emeifang (Nov 16). A write in.
144. **Marsh Tit** *Poecile palustris* – Common at Badaling and at Emeifang (Nov 5-6).
145. **Japanese (Eastern Great) Tit** *Parus minor* – Common throughout the tour, by far the most common Tit. First seen at the Yeyahu Wetland (Nov 5).



146. **Chinese Penduline Tit** *Remiz consobrinus* – Common at Yangcheng, Poyang and at the Minjiang river estuary. First seen at Yangcheng (Nov 7), although much better views later, especially along the Minjiang river.

ALAUDIDAE

147. **Oriental Skylark** *Alauda gulgula* - Seen but mostly heard at Poyang (Nov 12-14).
148. **Eurasian Skylark** *Alauda arvensis* – Common near Ming Tombs and at Yangcheng (Nov 6 and 9).

PYCNONOTIDAE

149. **Collared Finchbill** *Spizixos semitorques* – Good views of 3 birds at Wuyan (Nov 11). A single bird at Emeifang (Nov 14). A striking species.
150. **Chinese (Light-vented) Bulbul** *Pycnonotus sinensis* – One of the most common passerines seen throughout the tour. First seen at Beijing near the hotel on Nov 4.
151. **Mountain Bulbul** *Ixos mccllellandii* – Excellent views of small flocks at Emeifang (Nov 15-16).
152. **Chestnut Bulbul** *Hemixos castanonotus* – Almost dipped on this species at Fuzhou, but good views of this striking bird at Emeifang (Nov 15).

HIRUNDINIDAE

153. **Sandmartin** *Riparia riparia* – A few very distant birds at the Minjiang river (Nov 17). A write in.
154. **Barn Swallow** *Hirudo rustica* - Singles on Nov 11-12, common at the Minjiang river (Nov 17).
155. **Red-rumped Swallow** *Cecropis daurica* – Two very distant birds near the Minjiang river (Nov 17).



156. **Welcome (Pacific) Swallow** *Hirundo tahitica* – Again a write in. Seen well at the fishponds near the Minjiang river. When accepted, a “first for mainland China”.

SYLVIIDAE

157. **Black-browed Reed Warbler** *Acrocephalus bistrigiceps* – A write in. Two singles birds at Poyang (Nov 12).
158. **Oriental Reed Warbler** *Acrocephalus orientalis* – Again a write in. Two birds well seen at the estuary of the Minjiang river (Nov 17).
159. **Rufous-faced Warbler** *Abroscopus albogularis* – Heard and seen -3 birds- at Emeifang (Nov 16).

AEGITHALIDAE

160. **Long-tailed (Silver-throated) (Bush) Tit** *Aegithalos caudatus* – Little feeding flocks at Badaling (Nov 5) and Ming Tombs (Nov 6).
161. **Black-throated Bushtit** *Aegithalos concinnus* – Seen at Poyang (6 birds) on Nov 13, 4 birds on at Emeifang on both Nov 15 and 16.
162. **Dusky Warbler** *Phylloscopus fuscatus* – Single birds at Poyang, in mixed flock with Black-browed Reed Warbler and Chinese Penduline Tit (Nov 12-13).
163. **Radde’s Warbler** *Phylloscopus schwarzi* – Excellent views of a single bird at Emeifang on Nov 15.
164. **Pallas’s Leaf Warbler** *Phylloscopus proregulus* – Seen on 4 days, most common at Poyang (Nov 13), where several birds feeding at or near the ground.
165. **Yellow-browed Warbler** *Phylloscopus inornatus* – Seen or heard on at least 7 days, by far the most common Warbler. First birds seen at Yangcheng, as previous species, on Nov 8.

166. **Marsh Grassbird (Japanese Swamp (Marsh) Warbler)** *Locustella pryeri* – Heard on Nov 12 and a single bird seen at Poyang (Nov 13).

CISTICOLIDAE

167. **Zitting Cisticola (Fan-tailed Warbler)** *Cisticola juncidis* – Common at Poyang (Nov 12-13).
168. **Yellow-bellied Prinia** *Prinia flaviventris* – A total of 3 birds, best seen at the Minjiang river estuary (Nov 17).
169. **Plain Prinia** *Prinia inornata* – Common at Poyang (Nov 12-13), also 2 birds at the Minjiang river.
170. **Common Tailorbird** *Orhotomus sutoriums* – A single bird at the gardens of Guangzhou (Nov 18).

TIMALIIDAE

171. **Grey-sided Scimitar Babbler** *Pomatorhinus swinhoei* – Two birds poorly seen at Fuzhou Forest Park (Nov 11). Also heard at Emeifang (Nov 15-16).
172. **Streak-breasted Scimitar Babbler** *Pomatorhinus ruficollis* – Single birds at Fuzhou Forest Park (Nov 11) and at Emeifang.
173. **Rufous-capped Babbler** *Stachyridopsis ruficeps* – Two birds but not well seen at Fuzhou Forest Park (Nov 11).
174. **Dusky (Brown-capped) Fulvetta** *Alcippe brunnea* – Two birds at Emeifang (Nov 16).
175. **Huet's Fulvetta** *Alcippe hueti* – At least 20 birds at Fuzhou Forest Park (Nov 11). Also 4 birds at Emeifang.
176. **Chinese Hwamei** *Garrulax canorus* – Excellent views of a single bird at Poyang (Nov 13) and two birds well seen at Emeifang Nov 15). Also heard.
177. **Masked Laughingthrush** *Garrulax perspicillatus* – Six birds at Fuzhou Forest Park (Nov 11). Heard at Emeifang.
178. **Greater Necklaced Laughingthrush** *Garrulax pectoralis* – Three birds in flight, well seen, at Emeifang (Nov 15).
179. **Moustached Laughingthrush** *Garrulax cineraceus* – A single bird seen well in the bamboo at Fuzhou Forest Park (Nov 11). A write in.
180. **White-browed Laughingthrush** *Garrulax sannio* – Three birds at Poyang (Nov 13).



181. **Plain (Pere David's) Laughingthrush** *Garrulax davidi* – About 10 birds at Badaling (Nov 5) and 2 birds at the Ming Tombs (Nov 6).

182. **Red-billed Leiothrix** *Leiothrix lutea* – Three single birds at Fuzhou Forest Park (Nov 11).



183. **Beijing Babbler** *Rhopophilus pekinensis* – Common at both Badaling (Nov 5) and Ming Tombs (Nov 6).



184. **Vinous-throated Parrotbill** *Sinosuthora webbiana* – Common, first seen –at least 50 birds- at Badaling (Nov 5).



185. **Reed (Chinese) Parrotbill** *Paradoxornis heudei* – Seen near the reed factory at Yangcheng, 6 birds on Nov 7 and 3 birds on Nov 9.

186. **Bearded Reedling (Bearded Tit)** *Panurus biarmicus* – Heard at Yeyahu (nov 11). A write in.

187. **Indochinese (Chestnut-collared) Yuhina** *Yuhina torqueola* – A little flock of 10 birds along the roadside at Emeifang (nov 16).

ZOSTEROPIDAE

188. **Japanese White-eye** *Zosterops japonicus* – Common at Emeifang (Nov 15-16) and also seen at the Minjiang river.

REGULIDAE

189. **Goldcrest** *Regulus regulus* – Heard at Yangcheng (Nov 8).

ELECHURIDAE

190. **Spotted Elachura** *Elachura formosa* – A single bird heard singing at Fuzhou Forest Park (Nov 11). Previously a Wren Babbler, now considered a “relict lineage of passerine birds not related to babblers at all”.

SITTIDAE



191. **Chinese Nuthach** *Sitta villosa* – A total of 5 birds seen well at Badaling and Ming Tombs (Nov 5-6).

STURNIDAE

192. **Crested Myna** *Acridotheres cristatellus* – Very common during the 2nd half of the tour, first seen on Nov 10 while driving to Fuzhou.
193. **Red-billed Starling** *Spodiopsar sericeus* – As previous species. First seen at the Xin river, common Nov 10-17.
194. **White-cheeked Starling** *Spodiopsar cineraceus* – A few birds at Yangcheng (Nov 6-7), common at Poyang (Nov 12-13).
195. **Black-collared Starling** *Gracupica nigricollis* – Seen at Poyang (Nov 12-13), best views at the Minjiang river estuary (Nov 17).

TURDIDAE



196. **White's Thrush** *Zoothera dauma* – Two single birds seen well at the Magic Wood at Yangkou (Nov 9). Also a single bird at the gardens of Guangzhou on our last morning (Nov 18).
197. **Grey-backed Thrush** *Turdus hortulorum* – Single birds at Yangcheng (Nov 7), Poyang (Nov 13) and at the Minjiang River (Nov 17).
198. **Chinese (Mandarin) Blackbird** *Turdus mandarinus* – Common, first seen at Yangcheng (Nov 7).
199. **Eyebrowed Thrush** *Turdus obscurus* – A single bird seen at the Magic Wood at Yangkou (Nov 9).
200. **Pale Thrush** *Turdus pallidus* – Seen at Yangcheng (Nov 7-9).
201. **Chinese (Song) Thrush** *Turdus mupinensis* – Glimpse of a single bird near the Agricultural Institute in the Yangcheng area (Nov 8).



202. **Red-throated Thrush** *Turdus ruficollis* – Excellent views of an adult bird at the Ming Tombs (Nov 6).



203. **Naumann's Thrush** *Turdus naumanni* – Seen on 3 days, most common at the Ming Tombs (Nov 6).



204. **Dusky Thrush** *Turdus eunomus* – As previous species.

205. **Japanese Thrush** *Turdus cardis* – Great views of a single adult bird at the Magic Wood at Yangkou (Nov 9). A write in.

MUSCICAPIDAE

206. **Oriental Magpie-Robin** *Copsychus saularis* – Seen in the Nancheng area (Nov 11-12), and 4 birds in a village near the Minjiang river (Nov 17).

207. **Bluethroat** *Luscinia svecica* – Briefly seen by only me in a mixed flock in the Poyang area (Nov 13).

208. **Siberian Rubythroat** *Calliope calliope* – A total of 3-4 birds seen in the reeds bordering the Minjiang river (Nov 17).



209. **Red-flanked Bluetail** *Tarsiger cyanurus* – Relatively common, seen on 7 days during the tour, mostly single females. First birds were a male and female at the agricultural institute in the Yangcheng area (Nov 8).

210. **Slaty-backed Forktail** *Enicurus schistaceus* – A total of 3 single birds while traveling to Emeifang (Nov 14).

211. **White-crowned Forktail** *Enicurus leschenaulti* – Four birds seen at Emeifang (Nov 14). Also a single bird on Nov 16.

212. **Spotted Forktail** *Enicurus maculatus* – A write in. Two birds at Emeifang (Nov 16).

213. **Asian Brown Flycatcher** *Muscicapa dauurica* – A single bird at Poyang (Nov 13).

214. **Mugimaki Flycatcher** *Ficedula mugimaki* – A pair seen well at the agricultural institute in the Yangcheng area (Nov 8).

215. **Plumbeous Water Redstart** *Phoenicurus fuliginosus* – Seen at the Xin river (Nov 11), and at the river(s) at Emeifang (Nov 14 and 16).



216. **Daurian Redstart** *Phoenicurus aureus* – Common, seen daily from Nov 7-17. First seen at Yangcheng (Nov 7).



217. **Stejneger's Stonechat** *Saxicola stejnegeri* – Seen on 4 days, first seen and most common at Yangcheng (Nov 7).

CINCLIDAE

218. **Brown Dipper** *Cinclus pallasii* – Distant views of a single bird at Emeifang (Nov 14).

DICAEIDAE

219. **Fire-breasted Flowerpecker** *Dicaeum ignipectus* – Two birds heard at the Minjiang river (Nov 17).

PASSERIDAE

220. **Eurasian Tree Sparrow** *Passer montanus* – Common throughout the tour.

ESTRILDIDAE

221. **White-rumped Munia** *Lonchura striata* – Two birds seen at Poyang (Nov 12).

222. **Scaly-breasted Munia** *Lonchura punctulata* – Seen at Poyang (Nov 13) and at the Minjiang river (Nov 17).

PRUNELLIDAE



223. **Siberian Accentor** *Prunella montanella* – Due to a weird coincidence, we had a first ever Siberian Accentor at Hoek van Holland just before we left for China. There was an influx in Europe, and we were quite happy that still some birds were left in the Beijing area. A total of 15 birds at Badaling and the Ming Tombs, Nov 5-6.

MOTACILLIDAE

224. **Eastern Yellow (Green-headed) Wagtail** *Motacilla (tschutschensis) taivana* – A single bird at Yangcheng (Nov 8). Good views of at least 10 birds on fields at the Minjiang river (Nov 17).
225. **White Wagtail** *Motacilla alba* – Low numbers at Poyang (Nov 10-11) and at Emeifang (Nov 16).
226. **White (East Siberian) Wagtail** *Motacilla (alba) ocularis* – Singles on 3 days throughout the tour, most common at at the Minjiang river (Nov 17).
227. **White (Amur) Wagtail** *Motacilla (alba) leucopsis* – Seen on 5 days, again most common at the Minjiang river (Nov 17).
228. **Richard's Pipit** *Anthus richardi* – Seen on 4 days, at least 5 birds seen at the Minjiang river (Nov 17).
229. **Olive-backed Pipit** *Anthus hodgsoni* – Common throughout the tour.
230. **Red-throated Pipit** *Anthus cervinus* – Heard on most days,, best views at Poyang (nov 12-13).
231. **Buff-bellied (American) Pipit** *Anthus rubescens* – Most common species of Pipit throughout the tour. First seen in the Yangcheng area (nov 7).

232. **Water Pipit** *Anthus spinoletta* – A single bird seen at Poyang (nov 13).

FRINGILLIDAE

233. **Chaffinch** *Fingilla coelebs* – A single male at the Ming Tombs (Nov 6). A write in. According to Hannu, our guide, “around 13 records in Beijing area this year”.

234. **Brambling** *Fringilla montifringilla* – Seen on 4 days, most common at the Ming Tombs (Nov 6).

235. **Hawfinch** *Coccothraustes coccothraustes* – A single female in a mixed flock with next species at the agricultural institute, Yangcheng (Nov 8).

236. **Chinese Grosbeak** *Eophona migratoria* – A common birds, seen on 6 days, seen previous species.



237. **Grey-capped (Oriental) Greenfinch** *Chloris sinica* – Seen on 3 days in good numbers, first at Badaling (Nov 5).

EMBERIZIDAE

238. **Godlewski's Bunting** *Emberiza godlewskii* – Good scope views of a male at the Ming Tombs (Nov 6).

239. **Meadow Bunting** *Emberiza ciodes* – At least 6 birds at the Ming Tombs (Nov 6).

240. **Tristram's Bunting** *Emberiza tristrami* – A single female seen well at Emeifang near the monastery (Nov 15).

241. **Chestnut-eared Bunting** *Emberiza fucata* – Seen on 4 days during the tour, first seen at Yangcheng (Nov 7).

242. **Yellow-browed Bunting** *Emberiza chrysophrys* – Seen in the Poyang area, 3 birds on Nov 12, and 3 birds at Emeifang (Nov 15).



243. **Little Bunting** *Emberiza pusilla* – Seen on at least 5 days during the tour, relatively common. First birds seen at the Yeyahu wetland (Nov 6).

244. **Rustic Bunting** *Emberiza rustica* – Seen at the Ming Tombs (Nov 6), and at Yangcheng.

245. **Yellow-throated Bunting** *Emberiza elegans* – Stunning bird, seen on 3 days. First and best seen at the Ming Tombs, at least 10 birds, on Nov 6.

246. **Yellow-breasted Bunting** *Emberiza aureola* – Two birds in the mixed bunting flocks at Yangcheng (Nov 7).

247. **Black-faced Bunting** *Emberiza spodocephala* – Seen on 7 days, first bird seen was a female at Yangcheng (Nov 8).



248. **Pallas's Reed Bunting** *Emberiza pallasi* – First seen at the Yeyahu wetland (Nov 6), common at Yangcheng.

249. **Common Reed Bunting** *Emberiza schoeniclus* – Single bird seen while trying to watch Mandarin Ducks in strong wind at Yangcheng (Nov 8).

250. **Lapland Longspur (Lapland Bunting)** *Calcarius lapponicus* – A group of 4 birds flying over at Yangcheng (Nov 7) .

MAMMALS

Père David's Rock Squirrel *Sciurotamias davidianus*

Perny's (Long-nosed) Squirrel *Dremomys pernyi*



Eurasian Red Squirrel *Sciurus vulgaris*



Maritime (Formosan) Striped Squirrel *Tamiops miritimus*

Siberian Weasel *Mustela sibirica*

Chinese Water Deer *Hydropotes inermis*

Hoary Bamboo Rat *Rhizomys pruinosus*

Miscellaneous

