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Golden Pheasant by Glen Valentine

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Tour Summary:

The provinces of Yunnan and Sichuan certainly offer some of the best birding in all of China and, quite simply, in Asia as a whole. Rockjumper's 2017 comprehensive Sichuan birding tour and pre-tour extension of Yunnan was, as 2016's trip, a mammoth success. Birding our way through the picturesque mountains and landscapes of these two very interesting provinces was an absolute pleasure. The birding



Beautiful Sibia by Rich Lindie

was generally easy, rewarding and thoroughly enjoyable, and the number of specialities seen was truly staggering. Our epic journey took us through some of Asia's most beautiful and pristine temperate forests and landscapes, and we were thrilled to encounter most of the region's major target species.

Highlights were plentiful and included a number of Asia's most desirable and otherwise elusive species, such as Black-necked Crane (*up to 45 on*

one day!), Pere David's (Sichuan Wood) and Himalayan Owls, Sichuan Jay, sky-pointing Eurasian Bittern, Brown-cheeked Rail, Upland Buzzard, Saker Falcon, the rare Long-billed Plover, Black and Darjeeling Woodpeckers, the little-known Chinese Grey Shrike, immaculate White-browed and Crested Tit-Warblers, the recently described Sichuan Bush Warbler and Sichuan Thrush, the highly sought-after and monotypic Przevalski's Finch (Pinktail), a number of laughingthrushes – which included Snowy-cheeked, Barred, Blue-winged, Red-winged and Red-tailed – Emei Shan Liocichla, Beautiful Sibia, the rare and endemic Rufous-tailed Babbler (Moupinia), a staggering ten species of parrotbill – which included Great, Three-toed, Brown-winged, Grey-hooded and Golden – Przevalski's, Giant and Yunnan Nuthatches, sensational Grandala, Chinese, Long-tailed and Black-breasted Thrushes, Fujian Niltava, White-bellied Redstart, Golden Bush Robin, the brilliant Firethroat, the rare and elusive Yellow-bellied Flowerpecker, Maroon-backed Accentor, Chinese, Collared and Spot-winged Grosbeaks, Three-banded, Pink-rumped and Red-fronted Rosefinches and Slaty Bunting, to mention just a few! We also encountered an incredible seventeen species of pheasant and grouse, which included Snow Partridge, Tibetan Snowcock, Chinese Grouse, Verreaux's Monal-Partridge, Mountain Bamboo Partridge, Temminck's Tragopan, Chinese Monal, Blue Eared and White Eared Pheasants, sensational Lady Amherst's Pheasant and the outrageous Golden Pheasant. *Phew, what a selection of absolute megas!* This was our adventure...



Mountain Bamboo Partridge by Rich Lindie



Yunnan Extension:

We began our birding escapade through China in Sichuan's capital city, Chengdu. A very clean, modern and well-situated city with superb infrastructure, this made for the perfect base from where to begin and end both the extension and main tour. After gathering for a delicious dinner, cold beer and red wine at a nearby restaurant, we met up with our excellent local guide and my good friend, Steven, to begin our pre-tour extension of Yunnan.



Black-breasted Thrush by Glen Valentine

Our flight wasn't until the late morning so we had some time to bird around the nearby city parks, which produced some good quality introductory species, such as David's Fulvetta, Chinese Grosbeak, White-browed Laughingthrush, Collared Finchbill, the cute and inquisitive Black-throated Bushtit, Vinous-throated Parrotbill, White-cheeked

Starling and Chinese Blackbird. Our flight down to Kunming went well after an initial bit of panic and sprinting through the airport. We arrived in the early afternoon and after walking through the airport for what seemed like forever, we eventually arrived at baggage claim, and from there it was straight through to our awaiting vehicle where we began the drive south towards Zixishan Nature Reserve.

We had the entire morning to enjoy the bird-rich nature reserve of Zixishan. Departing our hotel pre-dawn, we drove uphill into the coniferous and mixed broad-leaved hill forest, searching the roadsides for the rare and elusive Mrs Hume's Pheasant but, unfortunately, without any luck. We arrived at the top of the reserve just after dawn and after a field breakfast, we embarked on some excellent birding. Godlewski's Bunting and Grey-chinned Minivet were scoped atop the tall pines; while Great Spotted Woodpecker emitted a piercing call and then flew over our heads. Moments later, we were birding several mixed understorey flocks that held Yunnan, Spectacled and Rusty-capped Fulvettas, Black-browed Bushtit, Grey-crowned, Ashy-throated and Chestnut-crowned Warblers, Davison's Leaf Warbler, Rufous-capped Babbler, Blue-winged and Red-tailed Minlas, Red-billed Leiothrix, Black-headed Sibia, White-collared Yuhina, Chestnut-vented Nuthatch, Bar-tailed Treecreeper and the exquisite Mrs Gould's Sunbird.

Later on in the morning, we managed to locate and obtain excellent views of Giant and Yunnan Nuthatches, as well as a pair and two juvenile Chinese Thrushes. *Fantastic!* Other note-worthy species encountered this morning included Speckled Piculet, Grey-capped Pygmy Woodpecker, Blyth's Shrike-Babbler, Japanese and Green-backed Tits,



Red-tailed Laughingthrush by Rich Lindie

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Brown-breasted and Mountain Bulbuls, Chinese Blue Flycatcher, White-tailed Robin, Ultramarine Flycatcher and the localised Black-headed Greenfinch.



Lady Amherst's Pheasant by Rich Lindie

Absolutely fabulous! It had been a long and tiring day and after another tasty dinner and some very light but cold and refreshing beer and local plum wine, we were all ready for our beds and another bird-filled day in Yunnan.

Waking up again early the next morning, we drove straight up to the top of Cangshan, watching again for pheasants at the roadside, and were rewarded with another three Lady Amherst's Pheasants! After a field breakfast and some White-browed Fulvettas and Common Rosefinches, we then hiked up the track above the treeline, where we found Spotted Nutcracker, singing Aberrant, Russet and Brown Bush Warblers, Buff-throated Warbler, a singing female White-bellied Redstart, the scarce and endemic Rufous-tailed Babbler (Moupinia), the gorgeous Verditer Flycatcher, Spot-winged Grosbeak and our first of many Elliott's Laughingthrush of the trip. Continuing down the road a little later in the morning, we encountered several small mixed-species flocks that included Rufous-vented and Grey Crested Tits, Black-streaked and Streak-breasted Scimitar Babblers, Bar-throated Minla and Japanese White-eye as notable new trip birds.

In the late morning, we departed Cangshan and drove back into Dali, stopping at a roadside restaurant for lunch, and then began the long drive south into the Gaoligong Mountains. Our only birding stop was a short one at the edge of a coffee plantation in the foothills, but it was already late in the afternoon and almost dusk so we did not pick up much more than a few Long-tailed Shrikes and three fly-over Grey Treepies. We finally arrived at our comfortable, family-run guest house in the early evening and settled in for the next three nights.



Rufous-tailed Babbler (Moupinia) by Glen Valentine



We had two full days to enjoy the wonderful, mid-altitude broad-leaved forest at Gaoligongshan. We spent a fair amount of our time along the main track up into the beautiful, tall, dense broad-leaved forest that cloaks the mountains in this great birding area, and also spent some time at the very productive



Rufous-throated Partridge by Glen Valentine

hides around the base of the mountain, just above our accommodation. The combination of these two varied birding areas and habitats gave us most of our target species for the area.

Our time along the main track up into the bamboo zone yielded several species restricted to the fabulous primary forest that dominates the upper section of the road, with highlights including Hill Partridge, several soaring Black Eagles, Lesser Cuckoo, a pair of Red-headed Trogons, Short-billed Minivet, Black-eared Shrike-Babbler, Maroon Oriole, Chestnut-crowned Laughingthrush, Yellow-browed Tit, Spotted Forktail,

Mountain Tailorbird, Grey-bellied Tesia, the tiny and fast-moving Yellow-throated Fulvetta, the minute, active and richly-coloured Black-throated Parrotbill (*the race here sometimes split as Grey-cheeked Parrotbill*), Fujian Niltava, Snowy-browed Flycatcher, Rufous-winged Fulvetta, the dazzling Green-tailed Sunbird, and for Rich, the very rare and elusive Cachar Wedge-billed Babbler.

We also enjoyed some fantastic and easy forest edge birding and photography on two consecutive afternoons at the hides along the lower section of the road, and here we were entertained by a number of stunning and rarely seen species, such as Mountain Bamboo and Rufous-throated Partridges, the beautiful Red-tailed Laughingthrush, a female Silver Pheasant, Golden-throated, Great and Blue-throated Barbets, the spectacular Red-billed Blue Magpie, the stunning Scarlet-faced Liocichla, flocks of Rusty-fronted Barwing, Silver-eared Mesia, Black-headed and Beautiful Sibias, Chestnut-vented Nuthatch, the attractive, scarce and often difficult-to-find Black-breasted Thrush, Large and Small Niltavas and Chestnut-bellied Rock Thrush.

Finally, we also birded the secondary forest and scrub that lines the initial stretch of the track, and this turned up a vocal and responsive Blue-winged Laughingthrush, as well as Crested Finchbill, Scarlet Minivet, the delicate Grey-headed Canary-Flycatcher, Yellow-cheeked Tit, Striated, Flavescent and Black Bulbuls, Wedge-tailed Green Pigeon, Whiskered Yuhina, the lively Hill Prinia, migratory Dark-sided Flycatcher and several furtive Brown-winged Parrotbills.



Golden-throated Barbet by Rich Lindie



After our time at Gaoligongshan, we departed on the drive back to Dali, stopping briefly along the way for a few new birds like Green-billed Malkoha, Blue-tailed Bee-eater and Eurasian Hoopoe. From Dali, we drove the final leg to Lijiang, a high-altitude city situated at the base of the snow-capped Jade Dragon Snow Mountains. We spent two nights at a delightfully comfortable hotel in the city, and



Rusty-fronted Barwing by Rich Lindie

embarked on a full day's birding in the foothills of the mountains that tower above the town. The general birding was relatively slow, but we did still manage to find a number of great birds, several of which were only seen in this area. The morning kick-started with a fleeting male Grey-winged Blackbird, and a vociferous and obtrusive pair of Chinese Babaxes. Later on, we encountered more Spotted Nutcrackers and Black-browed Bushtits, a brilliant male Fire-capped Tit, several of the scarce and range-restricted Black-bibbed Tit, Spectacled and White-browed Fulvettas, a male Fujian Niltava and several attractive Yellow-throated Buntings.

In the late afternoon, we paid a short visit to a nearby lake at the edge of town and a short walk around here produced two quality species, namely Oriental Pratincole and a Blyth's Pipit on passage back north.

The final morning of our Yunnan extension saw us heading north, out of Lijiang towards the Yangtze River, where we spent a few hours searching for the little-known and scarce Brown-winged Parrotbill, as well as enjoying the other great birds on offer at this recently discovered birding site. A huge surprise here came in the form of a Long-billed Plover that resided on a small, rocky island in a small tributary of the main river. Another major bonus came when a party of no fewer than five Yellow-bellied Flowerpeckers was spotted in the open, offering superb scope views of this rare and erratic species. We also found several of the attractive white-headed form of Black Bulbul, as well as Plain Prinia, several Fire-breasted Flowerpeckers and Russet Sparrow. A small flock of Cook's Swift and Himalayan Swiftlet circled overhead and just before it was time to leave for the airport, we finally found a pair of Brown-winged Parrotbills that showed superbly well as they fed, unperturbed, at close range. *A fantastic end to the morning and our Yunnan Extension!* On that note, we began the drive back to Lijiang, stopping en route for a delicious dumpling lunch. Our flight back to Chengdu was timely and uneventful and we arrived back at our hotel in Chengdu in the late afternoon to begin the next leg of the tour – *our fabulous mountain adventure around Sichuan.*



Sichuan Mountain Scenery by Glen Valentine



Sichuan Tour:

After arriving at our hotel in Chengdu, we met up with the new guests and with an hour of light still remaining, we ventured into the adjacent park where we found David's Fulvetta, White-browed Laughingthrush, Brown-breasted Bulbul, Vinous-throated Parrotbill, Crested Myna and Chinese



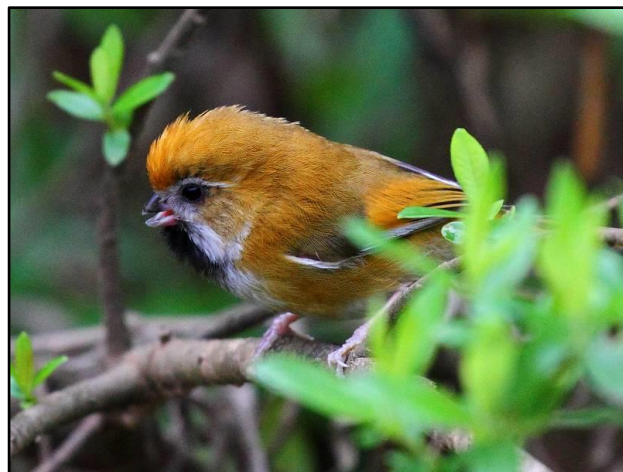
Golden-breasted Fulvetta by Glen Valentine

Blackbird. *Fairly decent birding, considering it was late in the afternoon and we were right in the middle of one of Asia's largest cities!*

Our Sichuan birding adventure began in earnest early the next morning, with a short pre-breakfast stroll through a nearby wooded park. The cultural part of the walk was perhaps even more interesting than the birding, since the locals were out in full force. They varied in age and interest but most were out enjoying some form of exercise. Some were performing some kind of yoga cum dance, others were performing Thai-chi or something similar; while some of the

older folk were stretching, rubbing their temples and hitting their limbs and joints, perhaps to increase and improve circulation. Some were simply going for a walk and letting out their anger, frustration or happiness, whatever the case may have been, with intermittent bouts of screaming and shouting, hocking and spitting. *All in a morning's walk in a Chinese city park...*

The birding was decent too, and we managed to find our main target: a wonderful pair of Chinese Grosbeak perched up in the canopy of a fairly open tree. We also encountered many of the same species seen the previous afternoon, as well as a surprise Eyebrowed Thrush that must have been moving through on migration back north. With our main quarry in the bag, we returned to the hotel for breakfast and then made our way through the city to the Chengdu Botanical Gardens, a great place to enjoy a morning's birding. A pair of Chinese Bamboo Partridge called tantalisingly close, but would unfortunately not reveal themselves. Grey-capped Greenfinches and Vinous-throated Parrotbills were commonly seen, and we also found several Collared Finchbills, the vibrant Red-billed Leiothrix, the tiny but very pretty Rufous-faced Warbler, Common Kingfisher, a single Ashy-throated Parrotbill and loads more White-browed Laughingthrushes.



Golden Parrotbill by Glen Valentine

After a great morning's birding, we departed Chengdu and continued the drive south into the Emei Mountains and the prolific birding reserve of Longcanggou. We arrived in the late afternoon and



after quickly checking in, embarked on some birding along the road in the secondary forest below the reserve entrance. A Grey-faced Buzzard greeted us and was a great bonus! We also managed to obtain excellent views of Brown-flanked Bush Warbler, Claudia's and Kloss's Leaf Warblers, singing Grey-



Three-toed Parrotbill by Glen Valentine

endless mixed Oak Rhododendron and coniferous forest that dominates the middle elevations, and the more open secondary forest between our accommodation and the reserve entrance.

crowned Warbler and Brown Dipper. Asian Koel, Grey-headed Woodpecker and Common Cuckoo hung around our accommodations, and we couldn't wait to get stuck into some exciting montane forest birding the next day.

We'd given ourselves three full days to explore this fantastic forest reserve and savour the incredible birds on offer at Longcanggou, and we were delighted with our encounters and success! We birded all the key altitude ranges in the reserve, from the extensive swathes of bamboo at the top of the reserve above the treeline, to the seemingly

Our first morning had us heading to the upper reaches of the road, where most of our key species were awaiting. Scanning the roadsides for pheasants early in the morning sadly did not produce any, and we arrived at our birding destination just after dawn. The songs of Brown and Aberrant Bush Warblers, Red-winged and Elliot's Laughingthrushes and Himalayan and Lesser Cuckoos resonated around us, and we soon managed to obtain excellent views of all of these species. A Darjeeling Woodpecker was admired at the top of a dead tree in the clearing, but a vocal Bay Woodpecker merely provided us with fly-over views. Black Eagle and Eurasian Sparrowhawk were sighted cruising low over the forest canopy, as was Speckled Wood Pigeon and flocks of White-throated Needletails. A little further down the road, we were thrilled to encounter Great, Golden and Three-toed Parrotbills, several confiding Bianchi's Warbler, Golden-breasted and Grey-hooded Fulvettas, and Ferruginous, Rufous-gorgeted and Dark-sided Flycatchers. *What a great start to our time at Longcanggou, and it would only get better from here on!*

After lunch, we decided to venture even higher, towards the highest drivable point in the reserve. Our main target species here was the localised and scarce Grey-hooded Parrotbill. The search was on and while listening and watching carefully for parrotbills in the dense and extensive bamboo, we encountered Yellow-bellied Bush Warbler, an



Grey-hooded Parrotbill by Glen Valentine



extremely vocal but rather furtive White-browed Bush Robin and a Collared Owlet that showed well. Finally, in the late afternoon, a pair of Grey-hooded Parrotbills appeared and stuck around for several minutes, affording us excellent views of these beauties. *Awesome!* It had been a terrific start, and we could hardly wait for the next day's birding!



White-backed Woodpecker by Glen Valentine

Over the course of the next two days, we concentrated on the middle and lower elevations, where the majority of our target species were lurking. Slowly but surely we plugged away, and although the birding was fairly quiet and challenging at times, the new and exciting species kept coming, and we also enjoyed repeat views of many species only seen for the first time the day before. There were many highlights that popped up over the remainder of our stay, and included a very close and relaxed White-backed Woodpecker, Grey-chinned, Long-tailed and Short-billed Minivets, Blyth's Shrike-Babbler, several Fire-capped, Yellow-browed and Yellow-bellied Tits, the tiny and boldly-patterned Pygmy Wren-Babbler, a pair of Black-browed Bushtit (*a scarce species in Sichuan*), Martens's Warbler, the localised and little-known Sichuan Bush Warbler, Streak-breasted Scimitar Babbler, the secretive Emei Shan Liocichla, nuthatch-like Red-tailed Minla, White-collared Yuhina, a female Vivid Niltava, brilliant Mrs Gould's Sunbird, several stunning male Vinaceous Rosefinches and a gorgeous pair of the rare Sapphire Flycatcher.

Lower down around our accommodation, we found Large Hawk-Cuckoo, Eurasian Jay, Red-billed Blue Magpie, Ashy-throated and Grey-headed Parrotbills, White-capped and Plumbeous Water Redstarts and a male Yellow-throated Bunting; while a night walk here on our second night revealed a superb Himalayan Owl. Our final afternoon was spent in a clearing just below the reserve entrance, and here we were delighted to finally find Chinese Blue Flycatcher, a responsive pair of Hodgson's Hawk-Cuckoo and flight views of a female Lady Amherst's Pheasant.

Alas, our time at Longcanggou was up, but we did still have the early morning to try and find one or two more rarities and enjoy the many other species that inhabit these beautiful forests. We decided to bird along a gravel track, and then a windy road through lower altitude mixed bamboo and broad-leaved forest in the hope of perhaps finding the very rarely seen Golden-fronted Fulvetta. Sadly, no



Sapphire Flycatcher by Glen Valentine



sign of the Fulvetta, but we did have a male Temminck's Tragopan jump out into the road in front of us and then scurry off into the dense forest understorey. Those who opted out of the morning walk were rewarded with views of two young male Lady Amherst's Pheasants on the road! *A stroke of luck indeed!*



Red-billed Blue Magpie by Rich Lindie

in steady drizzle, and settled in for a tasty dinner, the daily checklist and some ghastly local brew that went down like razorblades, but at least warmed us up a little.

Our two full days at Wolong saw us up very early to head up the mountain to make sure that we would be at the best area for the many mouth-watering species that we were seeking just after dawn. The weather, however, was sadly not on our side in this area, and we were forced to battle the intermittent drizzle, sleet and snow for most of the next two days; but in so doing, we still managed to pick up almost all of the area's top birds!

At the top of Balangshan Pass, we managed to find and obtain unbeatable views of Tibetan Snowcock, the almost impossibly bright and brilliant Grandala, several pairs of Red-fronted Rosefinch, small flocks of Snow Pigeons, Red-billed and Alpine Chough, Brandt's and Plain Mountain Finches, Alpine and Rufous-breasted Accentors, Rosy Pipit and a few singing male Chinese Rubythroats.

The middle elevations of Balangshan, at and around the treeline, are indeed pheasant heaven, and during our time in this area, we were fortunate to encounter Blood Pheasant, a gorgeous male Chinese Monal, a very welcome pair of White Eared Pheasants, three Temminck's Tragopans and an incredible six Koklass Pheasants. We also heard the enticing calls of a male Golden Pheasant, but this magical pheasant would have to wait for later in the trip.



Grandala by Rich Lindie



When the rainy and overcast weather did eventually clear for an hour or two, we were heralded by several raptor species that included Bearded, Himalayan and Cinereous Vultures and Upland Buzzard.



Red-fronted Rosefinch by Rich Lindie

Vinaceous Rosefinches and Collared Grosbeak. Other fantastic birds that made an appearance were Sichuan Thrush, the very attractive and pleasantly common Chestnut and Kessler's Thrushes, a brilliant male Golden Bush Robin, several extremely skulking but gorgeous male Firethroats, a brief and rather shy Chestnut-crowned Bush Warbler, amazingly confiding Grey-headed Bullfinch and a single male Little Bunting.

On the mammal front, we enjoyed sightings of Pallas's and Perny's Long-nosed Squirrels, the endearing and reasonably common Himalayan Marmot and on our final morning, a Tufted Deer feeding quietly at the forest edge.

We left the Wolong area very pleased with our sightings but longed to see the sun again and dry out a little. Our journey towards our next destination, Maerkang, took us back over the towering, snow-covered Balangshan Pass, through Rilong and across towards the high-lying Mengbishan. We made a few short stops along the way and finally managed to find several Snow Partridges that had thus far eluded us. Further along, past Rilong, we encountered some nesting Hill Pigeons and a Wallcreeper that flew off from a cliff-face at the road-edge. After a long day, we arrived at our very comfortable hotel in Maerkang in the evening and settled in for the next two nights.

Our full day in this area saw us heading up to the top of Mengbishan, at just over 4,000 metres in



Snow Partridge by Glen Valentine



elevation, and then birding downhill along the narrow road that meanders its way through the tall, pristine coniferous forest that covers the surrounding hills and mountains. We were after a number of very special species here, and although we had to work hard and deal with more rain and snow, we managed to find an incredible selection of fantastic, rare and endemic birds.



White-throated Redstarts by Glen Valentine

Verreaux's Monal-Partridge that showed unimaginably well, and we were delighted to find Black Woodpecker, several more Blood and White Eared Pheasants, Himalayan Buzzard, Snow Pigeon, Himalayan Bluetail and Blue Whistling Thrush. White-throated Redstarts were pleasantly common and these extremely attractive passerines posed well for photographs.

In the late afternoon, we stopped a little lower down at a photogenic temple and the small river here harboured a pair of White-throated Dippers.

From Maerkang, we wound our way up through the mountains further west, and arrived at a small village near the edge of the Tibetan Plateau in the early morning, where we pulled in for a scrumptious and well-received dumpling and noodle breakfast at a road-side restaurant. Well-watered and fed, we climbed the last few kilometres onto the Plateau and soon pulled over at our first scheduled birding stop of the morning. Here we quickly found the delightful and colourful White-browed Tit-Warbler, as well as the scarce and endemic White-browed Tit.



Black-necked Cranes by Glen Valentine

We continued the drive across the plateau, stopping when we encountered new birds, and also at a few planned sites for certain specialities. A flock of Azure-winged Magpie brought us to a halt, and in the



same area we added Plain (Pere David's) Laughingthrush. A little further on, we began finding our first Black-necked Cranes of the trip and by the end of the day, we'd counted at least 45 of these remarkable and stately birds! Ruddy Shelducks and Common Mergansers occupied the crystal clear and boulder-strewn rivers, along with Pacific Golden Plover and Common Redshank. Other notable species encountered along today's drive included Salim Ali's Swift, Little Owl, Daurian Jackdaw, Eurasian



Golden Eagle by Glen Valentine

Magpie, the quizzical Ground Tit, singing and displaying Oriental Skylarks, Tibetan Snowfinch, Twite, Black Redstart, Siberian Stonechat and scores of Chestnut and Kessler's Thrushes.

Raptors were also a feature of the drive, with Bearded, Himalayan and Cinereous Vultures, Crested Honey Buzzard, Golden Eagle, Upland and Himalayan Buzzards, Saker Falcon and a major surprise in an adult Chinese Sparrowhawk all appearing during the day and showing extremely well.

In the late afternoon, we arrived at the site where David and I had found a nesting pair of the highly sought-after and monotypic Pzrevalski's Finch (Pinktail) the previous year. With just over an hour of daylight left, we hiked into the valley off the road and after splitting up a little to maximise our chances of finding this species in the limited time that we had, we were soon being motioned over by Steven. He'd found the finches! *Fantastic!* This year there were an incredible five birds (*two males and three females*). They hung around a tiny area for ages and gave us point-blank, saturation views. *Awesome!* Thereafter, it was still quite a drive to Ruorgai, our destination for the next two nights. The excitement was not over just yet, though, as we encountered a Grey Wolf being chased across the Plateau and then eventually across the road right in front of us by a huge Tibetan Mastiff! *What a sighting!* Other interesting mammals seen along the drive today included Red Fox, Hog Badger, Tibetan Roe Deer and many more Himalayan Marmots. The Tibetan Plateau really is a magical place for naturalists and birders, and we rolled into our Ruorgai hotel at dusk, seriously tired but on a major high and with much excitement and anticipation for the next day on the Plateau and surrounds.

The high-altitude coniferous forests and scrub of the nearby Baxi Valley awaited us the following morning, and we woke up to a beautiful, clear and sunny day. *Finally!* Soon after arriving at the site, we found ourselves watching a handsome pair of Blue Eared Pheasants that were followed by a pair of Snowy-cheeked Laughingthrushes, a quick-moving and



Pzrevalski's Finch (Pinktail) by Rich Lindie



rather unobtrusive group of Sichuan Jay and White-backed and Black Woodpeckers. After another field breakfast, we made our way up a forest-lined gulley, where we added a calling Pzrevalski's Nuthatch to the ever-growing list of megas seen on this fabulous trip. A pair of Slaty-backed Flycatchers also showed momentarily, as did a fleeting pair of Blood Pheasants. Several stunning Common Pheasants



Grey Wolf by Glen Valentine

Reserve. This huge wetland reserve teems with waterbirds and numerous other species, and we enjoyed a most prolific afternoon's birding around the wetland edge. En route we made stops for Horned Lark and White-rumped and Rufous-necked Snowfinches; while Upland Buzzard, Himalayan and Cinereous Vultures and more Black-necked Cranes were also admired from the vehicle. The wetland and surrounds held an assortment of great birds, with highlights including Greylag Goose, Gadwall, Eurasian Wigeon, Red-crested and Common Pochards, Ferruginous Duck, four species of grebe – including a real surprise in the form of a single Horned (Slavonian) Grebe in full breeding plumage – three Brown-cheeked Rails that put on an amazing show, Chinese Pond Heron, breeding plumage Common, Whiskered and White-winged Terns, Tibetan Lark, Pale Martin, the stunning, black-backed, Tibetan race of Citrine Wagtail, Red-throated Pipit, a Hen Harrier quartering low over the flooded wetland edge, and a sky-pointing Eurasian Bittern whose deep, booming call reverberated across the entire wetland. Our return journey was pleasantly punctuated by a handsome adult Saker Falcon that fed on a pika (*probably of the Plateau or Black-lipped variety*) in a field next to the road, and posed wonderfully for photographs. *What an amazing day!*

were also watched feeding on the open, scrubby and grassy hill-slopes, along with two Tibetan Foxes; while Eurasian Sparrowhawk, Hodgson's Redstart, Northern Raven and Carrion Crow were also present. Small kettles of Crested Honey Buzzards soared overhead; while Sichuan Tit, Plain Laughingthrushes, Himalayan Beautiful and Chinese White-browed Rosefinches and Yellow-streaked Warbler lurked in the surrounding thickets.

In the late morning, we departed the Baxi Valley for a lunch break back in Ruorgai and thereafter drove north of town, towards the Flower Lake Wetland



Pzrevalski's Nuthatch by Glen Valentine

After a superb time on the Tibetan Plateau, it was time to leave the plateau behind and make our way back into lower altitudes; but we did still have a morning's birding back at the Baxi Valley before doing so. Our final morning there gave us several of the key species seen there on our first morning, like Blue



Eared Pheasant, and we also added Northern Goshawk, a superb male White-bellied Redstart, a stunning male Siberian Rubythroat and some exciting and rarely seen mammals, such as Hog Badger and Chinese Serow.



Brown-cheeked Rail by Rich Lindie

Departing the Baxi area, we continued the drive partially across the Plateau and then made our way down the impressive and scenic Gong Gang Ling Pass to our destination for the next two nights, the tourist-filled town of Jiuzhaigou.

We gave ourselves a full day to explore the nearby Jiuzhai Valley National Park and search for the several target species that we were after here. We were pleased to pick up most of them during the course of the day, despite the large crowds. Beginning at the top of the reserve in the Primeval Forest, the birding was extremely slow to begin with

but a flock of Tibetan Serins perked us up before we made our way lower down into the Arrow Bamboo Valley, where we spent the remainder of the morning. Some folks were fortunate to get onto a Pere David's Tit, and most of us enjoyed good views of a showy and cooperative Spotted Bush Warbler, as well as Chinese Leaf Warbler, several Slaty-backed Flycatchers, White-capped and Plumbeous Water Redstarts, White-throated and Brown Dippers, a lovely pair of Maroon-backed Accentor, some very confiding Elliott's Laughingthrushes and Grey-headed Bullfinch.

After lunch and a leg-rest at the centrally-located park headquarters, we continued birding down the Jiuzhai Valley and the reeds and forest around Reed Lake, where we managed to find the localised Spectacled Parrotbill, as well as Martens's and Bianchi's Warblers, White-winged Grosbeak and the scarce, unobtrusive and endemic Slaty Bunting. This evening we enjoyed some much appreciated and delicious pizza from a local pizzeria, which made a welcome change to the tasty but fairly monotonous Sichuan cuisine that we'd become well-acquainted with over the past two weeks.



Citrine (Tibetan) Wagtail by Glen Valentine

Sadly, our epic birding adventure around China was coming to an end, with our final destination of Tangjiahe National Nature Reserve beckoning. The drive from Jiuzhaigou to Tangjiahe was an extremely long but interesting one, and we did also manage to squeeze in some early morning's birding on the Gong Gang Ling Pass that towers above Jiuzhaigou. Some of us were in for a rather eventful



morning, as our very early morning departure was quickly brought to an abrupt halt when we came across a landslide that covered the road near the edge of town. We waited about an hour before the debris was finally moved and traffic could continue. Feeling rather devastated by this blow and almost certain that any chance that we now had of finding the very rare and endemic Pere David's Owl before dawn was dashed, we continued our way up the pass to the top.



Saker Falcon by Glen Valentine

a Pere David's Owl! We were overwhelmed and shaking with excitement and disbelief as the owl just sat there in the open and began calling. Quite incredibly, it stayed on the same perch and called almost continuously for about forty minutes until we finally had our fill.

After absolute saturation and eventually walkaway views, we decided to depart the area and try our luck in the eleventh hour for the elusive Chinese Nuthatch that we'd unfortunately only heard the day before in Jiuzhai Valley National Park. Unfortunately, there was no sign of the nuthatch, but a return visit to the owl area yielded superb views of Long-tailed Thrush and two magnificent Chinese Grouse that fed unperturbed in a clearing at the edge of the forest. *Absolutely brilliant!*

What an amazing morning it had been, and it was then time to begin our long drive through to Tangjiahe. Our drive took us over the lofty Big Snowy Mountain Pass but, sadly, the dense cloud and fog that enveloped the mountains totally obstructed what would have been incredible mountain scenery on a clear day. We then wound our way down through some beautiful, mid-altitude broad-leaved evergreen forest back into the lowlands, where we made a few brief stops for ice cream and Red-billed Starlings. In the late afternoon, we climbed up to the Tangjiahe Reserve entrance and drove the final stretch to our comfortable accommodation deep inside the park. Our only stop along the way was for a herd of Golden Takin that fed on a grassy slope at the edge of the road. We



Pere David's Owl by Rich Lindie



eventually arrived after a very long travel day and after enjoying a delicious dinner, we settled into our rooms for a well-deserved rest.



Tawny Fish Owl by Glen Valentine

time in the reserve. Other noteworthy encounters included Crested Goshawk, the impressive Crested Kingfisher, Crimson-breasted and Great Spotted Woodpeckers, Mountain Bulbul, the unobtrusive and minuscule Chestnut-headed Tesia, White-throated and Barred Laughingthrushes, Eurasian Nuthatch, Ferruginous Flycatcher, Indian Blue Robin, White-crowned Forktail and Brown Dipper.

We also encountered several small mixed flocks that harboured fantastic species, like Fire-capped, Yellow-browed, Yellow-bellied and Green-backed Tits, Alstrom's Warbler, Streak-breasted Scimitar Babbler, David's and Spectacled Fulvettas, Mrs Gould's Sunbird and Black-chinned Yuhina. However, the top spotting award has to go to Rich when, from the fast-moving bus, he somehow spotted a beautiful adult Tawny Fish Owl perched at the river's edge in dappled shade with a massive fish in its talons. When the owl quickly became aware of our presence, it merely hopped a few metres up the bank into the shade from where it proceeded to watch us closely until we departed the scene. *An almost surreal moment and sighting!* Other creatures we managed to find and enjoyed watching during our stay included troops of Milne-Edward's (Tibetan) Macaque, the ground-dwelling Pere David's Rock Squirrel, Reeves' Muntjac, Chinese Goral and several more Takins.

After a long, tiring, but extremely rewarding and thoroughly enjoyable and memorable trip, our time in China had drawn to a close, and we began making our way back to Chengdu to connect with our international flights home. However, our birding for the trip was not over just yet and a short roadside

Our two full days at Tangjiahe saw us birding around the hotel grounds and the adjacent river and forest, as well as along the entrance road and along a well-maintained trail that climbs up to the start of the bamboo zone.

Although the birding in Tangjiahe's beautiful and pristine forests was challenging and slow-going, we did still find a varied assortment of great birds, top of the list being the magnificent Golden Pheasant, of which we were ridiculously fortunate to encounter a total of eleven of these usually scarce and outrageously stunning pheasants during our



Yellow-throated Bunting by Glen Valentine



stop in some secondary forest and scrub in the lowlands yielded one last major target, a single Collared Crow, as well as a number of other great but now familiar birds, like Vinous-throated Parrotbill, Collared Finchbill, Yellow-bellied Tit, Brown-breasted and Black Bulbuls, Sulphur-breasted Warbler, David's Fulvetta, White-collared Yuhina, Japanese White-eye, Daurian Redstart, Black-throated Bushtit, Russet Sparrow, Grey-capped Greenfinch and Yellow-throated Bunting. We arrived back in Chengdu in the late afternoon and enjoyed a final farewell dinner to celebrate all the fantastic sightings and experiences over the past three weeks.

Thank you to everyone for making this yet another extremely successful Rockjumper birding trip of Yunnan and Sichuan, and for making it a wonderfully enjoyable and memorable trip for both Steven and I.

Annotated List of species recorded

Note:

- Number in brackets () indicate number of days on the tour the species was recorded.
- Species in italics were seen only on the Yunnan Extension
- A notes section appears where a species has recently been split or lumped or where this is likely to occur in the near future or where the taxonomy differs between the two major world lists: IOC and Clements
- Alternative names appear in brackets

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Birds (395 in total: 385 seen, 10 heard)

Nomenclature and taxonomy follows Gill, F and D Donsker (Eds). 2016. IOC World Bird List (v 6.4).

IUCN codes: **CR** = Critically endangered, **EN** = Endangered, **VU** = Vulnerable, **NT** = Near Threatened, **DD** = Data Deficient
(H) = Heard only

Ducks, Geese, and Waterfowl - Anatidae

Greylag Goose

Anser anser rubrirostris

(1) 40 Flower Lake 26.5.

Ruddy Shelduck

Tadorna ferruginea

(3) 40 Tibetan Plateau between Maerkang and Rouergai 25.5, 10+15 heard Baxi Valley 26.5 and 10 Tibetan Plateau between Rouergai and Gong Gang Ling Pass 27.5.

Gadwall

Anas strepera strepera

(2) 3 Lijiang Wetland Reserve 14.5 and 2 Flower Lake 26.5.

Eurasian Wigeon

Anas penelope

(1) 4 Flower Lake 26.5.

Mallard

Anas platyrhynchos platyrhynchos



(5) 6 Lijiang Wetland Reserve 14.5, 2 Tibetan Plateau between Maerkang and Rouergai 25.5, 6 Flower Lake 26.5, 3 Tibetan Plateau between Rouergai and Gong Gang Ling Pass 27.5 and 6 Jiuzhai Valley National Park 28.5.

Red-crested Pochard*Netta rufina*

(1) 50 Flower Lake 26.5.

Common Pochard*Aythya ferina*

(1) 15 Flower Lake 26.5.

Ferruginous Duck (Pochard) (NT)*Aythya nyroca*

(1) 12 Flower Lake 26.5.

Common Merganser (Goosander)*Mergus merganser*

(1) 3 Tibetan Plateau between Maerkang and Rouergai 25.5.

Pheasants, Grouse, and Allies - Phasianidae**Chinese Grouse***Tetrastes sewerzowi*

(1) 2 Gong Gang Ling Pass 29.5.

Snow Partridge*Lerwa lerwa*

(3) Up to 4 Balanshan 21-23.5.

Verreaux's Monal-Partridge (Chestnut-throated Partridge)*Tetraophasis obscurus*

(1) 3 Mengbisha 24.5.

Tibetan Snowcock*Tetraogallus tibetanus*

(2) 4 Balanshan 21.5 and 1 heard Balanshan 23.5.

Hill Partridge*Arborophila torqueola*

(3) Up to 6 Gaoligongshan 11-13.5.

Rufous-throated Partridge*Arborophila rufogularis*

(3) Up to 5 Gaoligongshan 11-13.5.

Mountain Bamboo Partridge*Bambusicola fytchii fytchii*

(2) 4 Gaoligongshan 11.5 and 2 Gaoligongshan 12.5.

Chinese Bamboo Partridge (H)*Bambusicola thoracicus*

(2) 1 heard Chengdu Botanical Gardens 16.5 and 1 heard between Tangjiahe and Chengdu 1.6.

Blood Pheasant*Ithaginis cruentus*

(5) 2 Tunnel area below Balangshan Pass 22.5, 11 Mengbisha 24.5, 2 Baxi Valley 26.5, 1 heard Baxi Valley 27.5 and 2 between Jiuzhaigou and Tangjiahe 29.5.

Temminck's Tragopan*Tragopan temminckii*

(4) 1 Longcanggou NNR 20.5, 1 Tunnel area below Balangshan Pass 21.5, 2 Tunnel area below Balangshan Pass 23.5 and 1 heard Tangjiahe NR 31.5.

Koklass Pheasant*Pucrasia macrolopha*

(2) 3 Tunnel area below Balangshan Pass 22.5 and 3 Tunnel area below Balangshan Pass 23.5.

Chinese Monal (VU)*Lophophorus lhuysii*

(2) 1 Tunnel area below Balangshan Pass 22.5 and 1 Tunnel area below Balangshan Pass 23.5.

Silver Pheasant*Lophura nychthemera*

(1) 1 Gaoligongshan 11.5.

White Eared Pheasant (NT)

Crossoptilon crossoptilon

(3) 2 Tunnel area below Balangshan Pass 23.5, 5 Mengbisha 24.5 and 4 Tibetan Plateau between Maerkang and Rouergai 25.5.

Blue Eared Pheasant

Crossoptilon auritum

(2) 3 Baxi Valley 26.5 and 5 Baxi Valley 27.5.

Common Pheasant

Phasianus colchicus

(5) 2 Tibetan Plateau between Maerkang and Rouergai 25.5, 3 Baxi Valley 26.5, 5 Baxi Valley 27.5, 3 Jiuzhai Valley National Park 28.5 and 1 between Jiuzhaigou and Tangjiahe 29.5.

NOTE: We saw the very striking and endemic *Suehschanensis* race during the trip.

Golden Pheasant

Chrysolophus pictus

(4) 1 heard Tunnel area below Balangshan Pass 21.5, 1 heard Tunnel area below Balangshan Pass 22.5, 2 Tangjiahe NR 30.5 and 9 Tangjiahe NR 31.5.

Lady Amherst's Pheasant

Chrysolophus amherstiae

(5) 6 Cangshan 9.5, 3 Cangshan 10.5, 1 heard Jade Dragon Snow Mountains 14.5, 1 between Longcanggou Guest House and the nature reserve 19.5 and 2 Longcanggou NNR 20.5.

Grebes - Podicipedidae

Little Grebe

Tachybaptus ruficollis poggei

(4) 2 Chengdu City Park 8.5, 1 heard Zixishan Nature Reserve 9.5, 50 Lijiang Wetland Reserve 14.5 and 1 Flower Lake 26.5.

Great Crested Grebe

Podiceps cristatus cristatus

(2) 1 Jade Dragon Snow Mountains 14.5 and 5 Flower Lake 26.5.

Black-necked (Eared) Grebe

Podiceps nigricollis nigricollis

(1) 6 Flower Lake 26.5.

Horned (Slavonian) Grebe

Podiceps auritus

1 Flower Lake 26.5.

Herons, Egrets, and Bitterns - Ardeidae

Eurasian (Great) Bittern

Botaurus stellaris stellaris

(1) 1 Flower Lake 26.5.

Black-crowned Night Heron

Nycticorax nycticorax nycticorax

(4) 12 Chengdu City Park 8.5, 4 Dali area 9.5, 6 Chengdu City Park 16.5 and 2 between Tangjiahe and Chengdu 1.6.

Striated (Green-backed) Heron

Butorides striata

(1) 1 Tangjiahe NR 31.5.

NOTE: Green-backed Heron was recently split into three species: Green, Lava and Striated Herons.

Chinese Pond Heron

Ardeola bacchus

(5) 1 Lijiang area 15.5, 1 Lijiang Wetland Reserve 20.5, 1 Tibetan Plateau between Maerkang and Rouergai 25.5, 12 Flower Lake 26.5 and 1 between Tangjiahe and Chengdu 1.6.

Eastern Cattle Egret

Bubulcus coromandus

(11) 4 Chengdu City Park 8.5, 10 between Gaoligongshan & Dali 13.5, 5 Lijiang area 15.5, 2 Chengdu City Park 16.5, 20 Lijiang Wetland Reserve 20.5, 1 Balanshan 21.5, 2 between Rilong and Maerkang



23.5, 10 Tibetan Plateau between Maerkang and Rouergai 25.5, 2 Tibetan Plateau between Rouergai and Gong Gang Ling Pass 27.5, 1 between Jiuzhaigou and Tangjiahe 29.5 and 30 between Tangjiahe and Chengdu 1.6.

NOTE: IOC recently split Cattle Egret into two species: Western Cattle Egret and Eastern Cattle Egret. Clements does not yet recognise these splits.

Grey Heron

Ardea cinerea

(3) 4 Chengdu City Park 8.5, 2 Chengdu City Park 16.5 and 5 Flower Lake 26.5.

(Eastern) Great Egret

Ardea alba

(1) 2 Flower Lake 26.5.

NOTE: Great Egret is sometimes split into two species: Eastern and Western Great Egrets respectively.

Little Egret

Egretta garzetta garzetta

(5) 10 Chengdu City Park 8.5, 20 Lijiang Wetland Reserve 14.5, 5 Chengdu City Park 16.5, 2 Tibetan Plateau between Maerkang and Rouergai 25.5 and 1 Tibetan Plateau between Maerkang and Rouergai 26.5.

Cormorants and Shags - *Phalacrocoracidae*

Great Cormorant

Phalacrocorax carbo sinensis

(1) 6 Flower Lake 26.5.

Hawks, Eagles, and Kites - *Accipitridae*

Black-winged (Black-shouldered) Kite

Elanus caeruleus vociferus

(2) 2 Lijiang area 14.5 and 1 Longcanggou NNR 16.5.

NOTE: This species was recently split from Black-shouldered (Black-winged) Kite, along with White-tailed and Australian (Black-shouldered) Kites.

Bearded Vulture (Lammergeier) (NT)

Gypaetus barbatus barbatus

(3) 2 Tunnel area below Balangshan Pass 22.5, 1 between Rilong and Maerkang 23.5 and 3 Tibetan Plateau between Maerkang and Rouergai 25.5.

Crested (Oriental) Honey Buzzard

Pernis ptilorhynchus

(5) 1 Gaoligongshan 13.5, 1 Longcanggou NNR 19.5, 1 between Longcanggou Guest House and the nature reserve 20.5, 6 Tibetan Plateau between Maerkang and Rouergai 25.5 and 15 Baxi Valley 26.5.

Himalayan (Griffon) Vulture (NT)

Gyps himalayensis

(5) 6 Tunnel area below Balangshan Pass 22.5, 1 between Rilong and Maerkang 23.5, up to 15 Tibetan Plateau between Maerkang and Rouergai 25-26.5 and 5 Baxi Valley 27.5.

Cinereous (Black/Monk) Vulture (NT)

Aegypius monachus

(4) 1 Tunnel area below Balangshan Pass 22.5, 2 Tibetan Plateau between Maerkang and Rouergai 25.5, 3 Tibetan Plateau between Maerkang and Rouergai 26.5 and 1 Tibetan Plateau between Rouergai and Gong Gang Ling Pass 27.5.

Black Eagle

Ictinaetus malaiensis malaiensis

(4) 2 Gaoligongshan 11.5, 1 Gaoligongshan 12.5, 1 Longcanggou NNR 17.5 and 1 Longcanggou NNR 19.5.

Golden Eagle

Aquila chrysaetos

(1) 1 Tibetan Plateau between Maerkang and Rouergai 25.5.

Crested Goshawk

Accipiter trivirgatus indicus

(1) 1 Tangjiahe NR 31.5.



Chinese Sparrowhawk (Goshawk) *Accipiter soloensis*

(1) 1 Tibetan Plateau between Maerkang and Rouergai 25.5.

Eurasian Sparrowhawk *Accipiter nisus*

(3) 1 Longcanggou NNR 17.5, 1 Baxi Valley 26.5 and 2 Baxi Valley 27.5.

Northern Goshawk *Accipiter gentilis*

(1) 1 Baxi Valley 27.5.

Hen Harrier *Circus cyaneus*

(1) 2 Flower Lake 26.5.

Black (Black-eared) Kite *Milvus migrans*

(3) 20 Tibetan Plateau between Maerkang and Rouergai 25.5, 10+10 heard Baxi Valley 26.5 and 12 Baxi Valley 27.5.

*NOTE: Black Kite is sometimes split into three species: Yellow-billed, Black-eared and Black Kite respectively.***Grey-faced Buzzard** *Butastur indicus*

(2) 1 Longcanggou NNR 16.5 and 1 Longcanggou NNR 18.5.

Upland Buzzard *Buteo hemilasius*

(3) 1 Tunnel area below Balangshan Pass 22.5, 5 Tibetan Plateau between Maerkang and Rouergai 25.5 and 6 Tibetan Plateau between Rouergai and Baxi 26.5.

Himalayan Buzzard *Buteo burmanicus*

(4) 1 Mengbisha 24.5, 1 Tibetan Plateau between Maerkang and Rouergai 25.5, 2 Baxi Valley 27.5 and 1 Gong Gang Ling Pass 29.5.

*NOTE: Common Buzzard is split by IOC into several different species whereas Clements only recognises one species. Various authorities differ on opinion as to which species occurs in the area we saw them. Some suggest the birds are Himalayan Buzzards while others suggest Common Buzzard.***Rails, Gallinules, and Coots - Rallidae****Brown-cheeked (Eastern Water) Rail** *Rallus indicus*

(1) 3 Flower Lake 26.5.

*NOTE: Water Rail was recently split into two species: Brown-cheeked Rail and Water Rail.***White-breasted Waterhen** *Amaurornis phoenicurus phoenicurus*

(1) 1 Tibetan Plateau between Rouergai and Gong Gang Ling Pass 27.5.

Common Moorhen *Gallinula chloropus chloropus*

(1) 6 Flower Lake 26.5.

Eurasian Coot *Fulica atra atra*

(1) 30 Flower Lake 26.5.

Cranes - Gruidae**Black-necked Crane (VU)** *Grus nigricollis*

(3) 45 Tibetan Plateau between Maerkang and Rouergai 25.5, 12 Flower Lake 26.5 and 6 Tibetan Plateau between Rouergai and Gong Gang Ling Pass 27.5.

Stilts and Avocets - Recurvirostridae**Black-winged Stilt** *Himantopus himantopus*

(1) 10 Flower Lake 26.5.



Plovers and Lapwings - Charadriidae**Pacific Golden Plover***Pluvialis fulva*

(1) 1 Tibetan Plateau between Maerkang and Rouergai 25.5.

Long-billed Plover*Charadrius placidus*

(1) 1 Lijiang area 15.5.

Sandpipers and Allies - Scolopacidae**Common Redshank***Tringa totanus*

(2) 10 Tibetan Plateau between Maerkang and Rouergai 25.5 and 15 Flower Lake 26.5.

Wood Sandpiper*Tringa glareola*

(1) 1 Flower Lake 26.5.

Common Sandpiper*Actitis hypoleucos*

(1) 1 Lijiang area 15.5.

Pratincoles and Coursers - Glareolidae**Oriental Pratincole***Glareola maldivarum*

(1) 1 Lijiang Wetland Reserve 14.5.

Gulls, Terns, and Skimmers - Laridae**Brown-headed Gull***Chroicocephalus brunnicephalus*

(2) 10 Tibetan Plateau between Maerkang and Rouergai 25.5 and 30 Flower Lake 26.5.

Common Tern*Sterna hirundo*

(3) 2 Tibetan Plateau between Maerkang and Rouergai 25.5, 30 Flower Lake 26.5 and 2 Tibetan Plateau between Rouergai and Gong Gang Ling Pass 27.5.

Whiskered Tern*Chlidonias hybrida hybrida*

(2) 6 Tibetan Plateau between Maerkang and Rouergai 25.5 and 6 Flower Lake 26.5.

White-winged Tern*Chlidonias leucopterus*

(2) 1 Tibetan Plateau between Maerkang and Rouergai 25.5 and 6 Flower Lake 26.5.

Pigeons and Doves - Columbidae**Rock Dove (Common Pigeon)***Columba livia*

(7) 100 Chengdu City Park 8.5, 20 Dali area 9.5, 12 Chengdu City Park 16.5, 12 Wolong area 21.5, 2 Jiuzhaigou town and park surrounds 27.5, 10 between Jiuzhaigou and Tangjiahe 29.5 and 40 between Tangjiahe and Chengdu 1.6.

Hill Pigeon*Columba rupestris*

(2) 8 between Rilong and Maerkang 23.5 and 2 Jiuzhai Valley National Park 28.5.

Snow Pigeon*Columba leuconota gradaria*

(3) 12 Balanshan 21.5, 50 Balanshan 23.5 and 2 Mengbisha 24.5.

Speckled Wood Pigeon*Columba hodgsonii*

(4) Up to 2 Longcanggou NNR 17-19.5 and 2 Tangjiahe NR 30.5.

Oriental Turtle Dove*Streptopelia orientalis*

(4) 1 Zixishan Nature Reserve 9.5, 5 Jade Dragon Snow Mountains 14.5, 1 Baxi Valley 26.5 and 1 Gong



Gang Ling Pass 29.5.

Spotted Dove

Spilopelia chinensis

(5) 20 Chengdu City Park 8.5, 6 between Gaoligongshan & Dali 13.5, up to 10 Chengdu City Park 15-16.5 and 2 between Tangjiahe and Chengdu 1.6.

Wedge-tailed Green Pigeon

Treron sphenurus sphenurus

(1) 1 Gaoligongshan 11.5.

Cuckoos - Cuculidae

Green-billed Malkoha

Phaenicophaeus tristis

(1) 1 between Gaoligongshan & Dali 13.5.

Asian Koel

Eudynamis scolopacea

(9) 2 heard between Dali & Gaoligongshan 10.5, 1 Longcanggou NNR 16.5, up to 1 Longcanggou NNR 18-20.5, 1 heard between Jiuzhaigou and Tangjiahe 29.5 and up to 1 Tangjiahe NR 30-1.6.

Asian Emerald Cuckoo (H)

Chrysococcyx maculatus

(1) 1 heard Gaoligongshan 12.5.

Large Hawk-Cuckoo

Hierococcyx sparveroides

(13) Up to 5 Gaoligongshan 10-13.5, 1 heard Jade Dragon Snow Mountains 14.5, up to 1 Longcanggou NNR 16-18.5, 1 between Longcanggou Guest House and the nature reserve 19.5, 1 heard Longcanggou NNR 20.5, 1 heard Jiuzhai Valley National Park 28.5, 1 heard between Jiuzhaigou and Tangjiahe 29.5 and 1 heard Tangjiahe NR 30.5.

NOTE: Large Hawk-Cuckoo was recently split into two species: Dark and Large Hawk-Cuckoos.

Hodgson's Hawk-Cuckoo

Hierococcyx nisicolor

(1) 2 between Longcanggou Guest House and the nature reserve 19.5.

NOTE: Hodgson's Hawk-Cuckoo was recently split into three species: Northern (Rufous), Malaysian and Hodgson's Hawk-Cuckoos.

Lesser Cuckoo

Cuculus poliocephalus

(11) Up to 2 Gaoligongshan 11-13.5, up to 1 Longcanggou NNR 17-19.5, 1 between Longcanggou Guest House and the nature reserve 20.5, 1 heard Jiuzhai Valley National Park 28.5 and up to 1 Tangjiahe NR 29-31.5.

Himalayan Cuckoo

Cuculus saturatus

(9) 1 heard Jade Dragon Snow Mountains 14.5, up to 2 Longcanggou NNR 16-18.5, 1 between Longcanggou Guest House and the nature reserve 19.5, 1 heard Longcanggou NNR 20.5, 1 heard between Jiuzhaigou and Tangjiahe 29.5, 1 heard Tangjiahe NR 30.5 and 1 heard Tangjiahe NR 31.5.

NOTE: Oriental Cuckoo was recently split into three species: Sunda, Himalayan and Oriental Cuckoos.

Common (Eurasian) Cuckoo

Cuculus canorus

(17) 1 heard Zixishan Nature Reserve 9.5, up to 2 Gaoligongshan 11-13.5, 1 heard Lijiang area 15.5, 1 Longcanggou NNR 16.5, 1 Longcanggou NNR 18.5, 1 heard between Longcanggou Guest House and the nature reserve 19.5, 1 heard Balanshan 21.5, 1 heard Tunnel area below Balangshan Pass 22.5, 4 between Rilong and Maerkang 23.5, 4 Tibetan Plateau between Maerkang and Rouergai 25.5, up to 2 Baxi Valley 26-27.5, 1 heard between Jiuzhaigou and Tangjiahe 29.5, 1 heard Tangjiahe NR 30.5 and 1 between Tangjiahe and Chengdu 1.6.

Owls - Strigidae

Collared Scops Owl

Otus lettia



(1) 1 Gaoligongshan 12.5.

NOTE: Collared Scops Owl was recently split into four species: Collared, Indian, Japanese and Sunda Scops Owls.

Oriental Scops Owl (H) *Otus sunia*

(1) 1 heard between Longcanggou Guest House and the nature reserve 18.5.

Tawny Fish Owl *Ketupa flavipes*

(1) 1 Tangjiahe NR 29.5.

Himalayan Owl *Strix niviculum*

(1) 1 between Longcanggou Guest House and the nature reserve 18.5.

NOTE: Tawny Owl was recently split into two species: Himalayan and Tawny Owls.

Pere David's (Sichuan Wood) Owl *Strix davidi*

(1) 3 Gong Gang Ling Pass 29.5.

NOTE: Pere David's Owl was recently split from Ural Owl.

Collared Owlet *Glaucidium brodiei brodiei*

(2) 1 heard Jade Dragon Snow Mountains 14.5 and 1 Longcanggou NNR 17.5.

Little Owl *Athene noctua*

(1) 2 Tibetan Plateau between Maerkang and Rouergai 25.5.

Swifts - Apodidae

Himalayan Swiftlet *Aerodramus brevirostris*

(4) 20 Lijiang area 15.5 and up to 4 Longcanggou NNR 18-20.5.

White-throated Needletail *Hirundapus caudacutus*

(4) 15 between Longcanggou Guest House and the nature reserve 16.5, 15 Longcanggou NNR 17.5, 6 between Longcanggou Guest House and the nature reserve 19.5 and 6+4 heard Longcanggou NNR 20.5.

Pacific Swift *Apus pacificus*

(4) 4 Longcanggou NNR 20.5, 30 between Jiuzhaigou and Tangjiahe 29.5, 20 Tangjiahe NR 30.5 and 10 Tangjiahe NR 31.5.

NOTE: Fork-tailed Swift was recently split up into four species: Pacific, Cook's, Blyth's and Salim Ali's Swifts.

Salim Ali's Swift *Apus salimalii*

(5) 4 Balanshan 21.5, 50 between Rilong and Maerkang 23.5, 20 Tibetan Plateau between Maerkang and Rouergai 25.5, 30 Tibetan Plateau between Maerkang and Rouergai 26.5 and 6 Gong Gang Ling Pass 29.5.

NOTE: See above

Cook's Swift *Apus cooki*

(2) 8 Gaoligongshan 14.5 and 10 Lijiang area 15.5.

NOTE: See Above

House Swift *Apus nipalensis nipalensis*

(2) 6 Lijiang area 15.5 and 4 between Tangjiahe and Chengdu 1.6.

Trogon - Trogonidae

Red-headed Trogon *Harpactes erythrocephalus*

(2) 1 heard Gaoligongshan 11.5 and 2 Gaoligongshan 12.5.

Kingfishers - Alcedinidae



Black-capped Kingfisher *Halcyon pileata*

(1) 1 Tibetan Plateau between Maerkang and Rouergai 25.5.

Common Kingfisher *Alcedo atthis*

(2) 1 Lijiang area 15.5 and 1 Chengdu City Park 16.5.

Crested Kingfisher *Megaceryle lugubris guttulata*

(2) 2 Tangjiahe NR 31.5 and 1 between Tangjiahe and Chengdu 1.6.

Bee-eaters - Meropidae**Blue-tailed Bee-eater** *Merops philippinus javanicus*

(1) 20 between Gaoligongshan & Dali 13.5.

Hoopoes - Upupidae**Eurasian Hoopoe** *Upupa epops*

(5) 1 between Zixishan Nature Reserve and Dali 9.5, 1 Gaoligongshan 12.5, 3 between Gaoligongshan & Dali 13.5, 2 Lijiang area 14.5 and 1 Tibetan Plateau between Maerkang and Rouergai 25.5.

NOTE: Eurasian Hoopoe is often lumped as one species with African and Madagascan Hoopoes.

Asian Barbets - Megalaimidae**Great Barbet** *Psilopogon virens*

(3) Up to 4 Gaoligongshan 11-13.5.

Golden-throated Barbet *Psilopogon franklinii franklinii*

(3) Up to 3 Gaoligongshan 11-13.5.

Blue-throated Barbet *Psilopogon asiaticus*

(3) Up to 3 Gaoligongshan 11-13.5.

Woodpeckers - Picidae**Speckled Piculet** *Picumnus innominatus*

(2) 1 Zixishan Nature Reserve 9.5 and 1 Jade Dragon Snow Mountains 14.5.

Grey-capped Pygmy Woodpecker *Yungipicus canicapillus*

(2) 3 Zixishan Nature Reserve 9.5 and 1 Gaoligongshan 12.5.

Crimson-breasted Woodpecker *Dryobates cathpharius*

(1) 1 Tangjiahe NR 30.5.

Darjeeling Woodpecker *Dendrocopos darjellensis*

(4) Up to 4 Longcanggou NNR 17-19.5 and 1 heard Tunnel area below Balangshan Pass 22.5.

Great Spotted Woodpecker *Dendrocopos major*

(4) 1 Zixishan Nature Reserve 9.5, 1 Jiuzhai Valley National Park 28.5, 1 Tangjiahe NR 31.5 and 1 Tangjiahe NR 1.6.

White-backed Woodpecker *Dendrocopos leucotos*

(2) 1 Longcanggou NNR 18.5 and 1 Baxi Valley 26.5.

NOTE: We encountered the distinctive and endemic tangi subspecies

Black Woodpecker *Dryocopus martius*

(3) 1 Mengbisha 24.5, 1 Baxi Valley 26.5 and 1 heard Baxi Valley 27.5.

Greater Yellownape

Chrysophlegma flavinucha

(1) 1 Gaoligongshan 13.5.

Lesser Yellownape (H)

Picus chlorolophus

(1) 1 heard Gaoligongshan 11.5.

Grey-headed Woodpecker

Picus canus

(5) Up to 1 Longcanggou NNR 16-18.5, 1 heard Longcanggou NNR 20.5 and 1 heard Tangjiahe NR 30.5.

Bay Woodpecker

Blythipicus pyrrhotis

(6) Up to 2 Gaoligongshan 11-13.5 and up to 1 Longcanggou NNR 17-19.5.

Falcons and Caracaras - Falconidae

Common (Eurasian) Kestrel

Falco tinnunculus

(1) 1 Balanshan 23.5.

Saker Falcon (VU)

Falco cherrug

(2) 1 Tibetan Plateau between Maerkang and Rouergai 25.5 and 1 Tibetan Plateau between Rouergai and Baxi 26.5.

Cuckoo-shrikes - Campephagidae

Grey-chinned Minivet

Pericrocotus solaris

(8) 1 Zixishan Nature Reserve 9.5, 4 Gaoligongshan 11.5, 2 Gaoligongshan 12.5, 3 Jade Dragon Snow Mountains 14.5, 1 Longcanggou NNR 17.5, 2 Longcanggou NNR 18.5, 2 Longcanggou NNR 20.5 and 2 Mengbisha 24.5.

Long-tailed Minivet

Pericrocotus ethologus

(7) 1 Lijiang area 15.5, 2 Longcanggou NNR 18.5, 2 Longcanggou NNR 19.5, 2 Mengbisha 24.5 and up to 2 Tangjiahe NR 30-1.6.

Short-billed Minivet

Pericrocotus brevirostris

(2) 2 Gaoligongshan 13.5 and 8 Longcanggou NNR 19.5.

Scarlet Minivet

Pericrocotus speciosus

(1) 1 Gaoligongshan 12.5.

NOTE: Scarlet Minivet was recently split into two species: Orange and Scarlet Minivets.

Shrikes - Laniidae

Brown Shrike

Lanius cristatus

(5) 1 Lijiang area 14.5, 2 Tibetan Plateau between Maerkang and Rouergai 25.5, 3 Baxi Valley 26.5, 1 Baxi Valley 27.5 and 2 between Jiuzhaigou and Tangjiahe 29.5.

Long-tailed Shrike

Lanius schach

(9) 1 between Zixishan Nature Reserve and Dali 9.5, 4 between Dali & Gaoligongshan 10.5, 4 between Gaoligongshan & Dali 13.5, 2+2 heard Jade Dragon Snow Mountains 14.5, 1+1 heard Chengdu City Park 16.5, 1 between Longcanggou Guest House and the nature reserve 20.5, 2 between Rilong and Maerkang 23.5, 15 between Jiuzhaigou and Tangjiahe 29.5 and 15 between Tangjiahe and Chengdu 1.6.

Grey-backed Shrike

Lanius tephronotus tephronotus

(11) 2 Lijiang Wetland Reserve 14.5, 2 Longcanggou NNR 18.5, 2 between Longcanggou Guest House



and the nature reserve 19.5, 1 Tunnel area below Balangshan Pass 22.5, 4 between Rilong and Maerkang 23.5, 2 Mengbisha 24.5, 8 Tibetan Plateau between Maerkang and Rouergai 25.5, up to 5 Baxi Valley 26-27.5, 1 Jiuzhai Valley National Park 28.5 and 2 Tangjiahe NR 29.5.

Chinese Grey Shrike*Lanius sphenocercus*

(1) 1 Tibetan Plateau between Maerkang and Rouergai 26.5.

Vireos - Vireonidae**Blyth's Shrike-babbler***Pteruthius aeralatus*

(7) 2 Zixishan Nature Reserve 9.5, up to 4 Gaoligongshan 11-13.5, 2 Jade Dragon Snow Mountains 14.5, 1 Longcanggou NNR 18.5 and 1 Longcanggou NNR 19.5.

NOTE: White-browed Shrike-Babbler was recently split into several different species, Blyth's being one of them.

Black-eared Shrike-Babbler*Pteruthius melanotis melanotis*

(1) 1 Gaoligongshan 12.5.

Old World Orioles - Oriolidae**Maroon Oriole***Oriolus traillii*

(2) 2 Gaoligongshan 11.5 and 1 Gaoligongshan 12.5.

Drongos - Dicruridae**Black Drongo***Dicrurus macrocercus cathoecus*

(4) 2 between Kunming and Zixishan Nature Reserve 8.5, 2 between Zixishan Nature Reserve and Dali 9.5, 4 Lijiang Wetland Reserve 14.5 and 1 Tibetan Plateau between Maerkang and Rouergai 25.5.

Ashy Drongo*Dicrurus leucophaeus*

(5) 1 Cangshan 10.5, up to 4 Gaoligongshan 11-13.5 and 3 Jade Dragon Snow Mountains 14.5.

Hair-crested Drongo*Dicrurus hottentottus*

(1) 2 between Longcanggou Guest House and the nature reserve 21.5.

Fantails - Rhipiduridae**White-throated Fantail***Rhipidura albicollis*

(4) Up to 2 Gaoligongshan 11-13.5 and 2 Lijiang area 15.5.

Crows, Jays, and Magpies - Corvidae**Sichuan Jay (VU)***Perisoreus internigrans*

(3) 4 Mengbisha 24.5, 4 Baxi Valley 26.5 and 1 Baxi Valley 27.5.

Eurasian Jay*Garrulus glandarius*

(2) 2 Longcanggou NNR 17.5 and 1 Jiuzhai Valley National Park 28.5.

Azure-winged Magpie*Cyanopica cyanus*

(2) 1 between Chengdu and Longcanggou 16.5 and 5 Tibetan Plateau between Maerkang and Rouergai 25.5.

Red-billed Blue Magpie*Urocissa erythroryncha*

(14) 2 Cangshan 10.5, 2 Gaoligongshan 11.5, 3 Gaoligongshan 12.5, 2 Lijiang area 15.5, 2+2 heard between Chengdu and Longcanggou 16.5, 3 between Longcanggou Guest House and the nature reserve 17.5, 6 Longcanggou NNR 18.5, 4 between Longcanggou Guest House and the nature reserve 19.5, 2



Tunnel area below Balangshan Pass 22.5, 1 heard Mengbisha 24.5, 4 between Jiuzhaigou and Tangjiahe 29.5 and up to 10 Tangjiahe NR 30-1.6.

Grey Treepie*Dendrocitta formosae*

(1) 3 Gaoligongshan 10.5.

Eurasian Magpie*Pica pica*

(4) 12 Tibetan Plateau between Maerkang and Rouergai 25.5, 1 Tibetan Plateau between Rouergai and Gong Gang Ling Pass 27.5, 6 between Jiuzhaigou and Tangjiahe 29.5 and 10 between Tangjiahe and Chengdu 1.6.

Spotted Nutcracker*Nucifraga caryocatactes*

(3) 2 Cangshan 10.5, 4 Jade Dragon Snow Mountains 14.5 and 1 Tangjiahe NR 30.5.

Red-billed Chough*Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax*

(7) Up to 20 Balanshan 21-23.5, 20 Tibetan Plateau between Maerkang and Rouergai 25.5, up to 20 Baxi Valley 26-27.5 and 20 between Jiuzhaigou and Tangjiahe 29.5.

Alpine (Yellow-billed) Chough*Pyrrhocorax graculus*

(3) Up to 6 Balanshan 21-23.5.

Daurian Jackdaw*Coloeus dauuricus*

(1) 15 Tibetan Plateau between Maerkang and Rouergai 25.5.

Carrion Crow*Corvus corone orientalis*

(2) 2 Baxi Valley 26.5 and 2 Baxi Valley 27.5.

Collared Crow (NT)*Corvus torquatus*

(1) 1 between Tangjiahe and Chengdu 1.6.

Large-billed Crow*Corvus macrorhynchos*

(15) 4 Jade Dragon Snow Mountains 14.5, 2 Lijiang area 15.5, 2 Longcanggou NNR 17.5, 2 Longcanggou NNR 18.5, 4 Tunnel area below Balangshan Pass 22.5, 4 Balanshan 23.5, 4 Mengbisha 24.5, 10 Tibetan Plateau between Maerkang and Rouergai 25.5, 5 Baxi Valley 26.5, 3 Baxi Valley 27.5, 2 Jiuzhai Valley National Park 28.5, 6 between Jiuzhaigou and Tangjiahe 29.5 and up to 15 Tangjiahe NR 30-1.6.

NOTE: IOC splits Large-billed Crow into three species: Eastern Jungle, Indian Jungle and Large-billed Crows.

Northern (Common) Raven*Corvus corax*

(2) 1 Baxi Valley 26.5 and 1 Baxi Valley 27.5.

Fairy Flycatchers - Stenostiridae**Grey-headed Canary-flycatcher***Culicicapa ceylonensis calochrysea*

(9) 1 Zixishan Nature Reserve 9.5, 1 heard Cangshan 10.5, up to 6 Gaoligongshan 11-13.5, 1 heard Longcanggou NNR 19.5, 1 heard Longcanggou NNR 20.5, 4 Tangjiahe NR 30.5 and 2 Tangjiahe NR 31.5.

Chickadees and Tits - Paridae**Fire-capped Tit***Cephalopyrus flammiceps olivaceus*

(4) 1 Jade Dragon Snow Mountains 14.5, 5 Longcanggou NNR 18.5, 1 Longcanggou NNR 19.5 and 1 Tangjiahe NR 30.5.

Yellow-browed Tit*Sylviparus modestus modestus*

(4) 1 Gaoligongshan 12.5, 1 Longcanggou NNR 18.5, 2 Tangjiahe NR 30.5 and 3 Tangjiahe NR 31.5.



Rufous-vented Tit*Periparus rubidiventris*

(5) 1 Cangshan 10.5, 10 Mengbisha 24.5, 4 Baxi Valley 27.5, 1 Jiuzhai Valley National Park 28.5 and 2 Gong Gang Ling Pass 29.5.

Yellow-bellied Tit*Pardaliparus venustulus*

(7) Up to 3 Longcanggou NNR 18-20.5, 2 Jiuzhai Valley National Park 28.5 and up to 4 Tangjiahe NR 30-1.6.

Grey Crested Tit*Lophophanes dichrous*

(3) 2 Cangshan 10.5, 2 Mengbisha 24.5 and 1 Jiuzhai Valley National Park 28.5.

White-browed Tit*Poecile superciliosus*

(1) 3 Tibetan Plateau between Maerkang and Rouergai 25.5.

Pere David's Tit*Poecile davidi*

(2) 1 Mengbisha 24.5 and 1 Jiuzhai Valley National Park 28.5.

Black-bibbed Tit*Poecile hypermelaenus*

(1) 5 Jade Dragon Snow Mountains 14.5.

NOTE: This and the next species were recently split from Marsh Tit.

Sichuan Tit*Poecile weigoldicus*

(2) 2 Baxi Valley 26.5 and 2 Baxi Valley 27.5.

Ground Tit*Pseudopodoces humilis*

(2) 10 Tibetan Plateau between Maerkang and Rouergai 25.5 and 4 Tibetan Plateau between Rouergai and Baxi 26.5.

Japanese Tit*Parus minor*

(8) 4 Zixishan Nature Reserve 9.5, 4 Jade Dragon Snow Mountains 14.5, 2 Lijiang area 15.5, 1 Longcanggou NNR 16.5, 2 Tibetan Plateau between Maerkang and Rouergai 25.5, 1 Baxi Valley 27.5, 1 Jiuzhai Valley National Park 28.5 and 2 Gong Gang Ling Pass 29.5.

NOTE: Three species are now recognised: Great Tit, Japanese Tit and Cinereous Tit.

Green-backed Tit*Parus monticolus yunnanensis*

(14) 8 Zixishan Nature Reserve 9.5, 3 Jade Dragon Snow Mountains 14.5, 1 Chengdu Botanical Gardens 16.5, up to 2 Longcanggou NNR 17-20.5, 2 Tunnel area below Balangshan Pass 22.5, 1 Mengbisha 24.5, 2 Jiuzhai Valley National Park 28.5, 2 between Jiuzhaigou and Tangjiahe 29.5 and up to 10 Tangjiahe NR 30-1.6.

Yellow-cheeked Tit*Machlolophus spilonotus*

(2) 2 Gaoligongshan 11.5 and 2 Gaoligongshan 12.5.

Larks - Alaudidae**Oriental Skylark***Alauda gulgula*

(4) 15 Lijiang area 14.5, 20 Tibetan Plateau between Maerkang and Rouergai 25.5, 15 Tibetan Plateau between Rouergai and Baxi 26.5 and 10 Tibetan Plateau between Rouergai and Gong Gang Ling Pass 27.5.

Horned Lark*Eremophila alpestris*

(1) 2 Rouergai (Zoige) 26.5.

Tibetan Lark*Melanocorypha maxima*

(1) 3 Flower Lake 26.5.



Bulbuls - Pycnonotidae**Crested Finchbill***Spizixos canifrons ingrami*

(3) 8 Gaoligongshan 11.5, 1 Gaoligongshan 12.5 and 2 Jade Dragon Snow Mountains 14.5.

Collared Finchbill*Spizixos semitorques semitorques*

(6) 2 Chengdu City Park 8.5, 2+1 heard Chengdu Botanical Gardens 16.5, 2 between Longcanggou Guest House and the nature reserve 20.5, 6 between Jiuzhaigou and Tangjiahe 29.5, 1 Tangjiahe NR 30.5 and 10 between Tangjiahe and Chengdu 1.6.

Striated Bulbul*Pycnonotus striatus*

(2) 1 Gaoligongshan 11.5 and 1 Gaoligongshan 12.5.

Red-whiskered Bulbul*Pycnonotus jocosus*

(4) 6 between Dali & Gaoligongshan 10.5, 2 Gaoligongshan 12.5, 2 between Gaoligongshan & Dali 13.5 and 2 Lijiang area 14.5.

Brown-breasted Bulbul*Pycnonotus xanthorrhous*

(7) 3+4 heard Zixishan Nature Reserve 9.5, 6 Cangshan 10.5, 20 between Gaoligongshan & Dali 13.5, up to 20 Lijiang area 14-15.5, 10 between Jiuzhaigou and Tangjiahe 29.5 and 10 between Tangjiahe and Chengdu 1.6.

Light-vented (Chinese) Bulbul*Pycnonotus sinensis*

(6) 20+10 heard Chengdu City Park 8.5, up to 15 Chengdu City Park 15-16.5, 4 Longcanggou NNR 18.5, 2 between Longcanggou Guest House and the nature reserve 20.5 and 6 between Tangjiahe and Chengdu 1.6.

Sooty-headed Bulbul*Pycnonotus aurigaster*

(4) 2+6 heard Cangshan 10.5, 2 Gaoligongshan 12.5, 20 between Gaoligongshan & Dali 13.5 and 15 Lijiang area 14.5.

Flavescent Bulbul*Pycnonotus flavesens*

(2) 15 Gaoligongshan 11.5 and 10 Gaoligongshan 12.5.

Mountain Bulbul*Ixos mcclellandii*

(3) 3 Zixishan Nature Reserve 9.5, 2 Gaoligongshan 13.5 and 2 Tangjiahe NR 31.5.

Black Bulbul*Hypsipetes leucocephalus*

(9) 2 Gaoligongshan 11.5, 1 Gaoligongshan 12.5, 2 Gaoligongshan 14.5, 5 Lijiang area 15.5, up to 5 Longcanggou NNR 17-20.5 and 2 between Tangjiahe and Chengdu 1.6.

Swallows - Hirundinidae**Pale Martin***Riparia diluta*

(3) 4 Balanshan 21.5, 2 Tibetan Plateau between Maerkang and Rouergai 25.5 and 30 Flower Lake 26.5.

Barn Swallow*Hirundo rustica*

(17) 10 Chengdu City Park 8.5, 10+10 heard Zixishan Nature Reserve 9.5, 20 Gaoligongshan 11.5, 20 Gaoligongshan 12.5, 20 between Gaoligongshan & Dali 13.5, up to 40 Lijiang area 14-15.5, 20+20 heard Chengdu City Park 16.5, 5 Longcanggou NNR 17.5, 20 Longcanggou NNR 18.5, 20 between Longcanggou Guest House and the nature reserve 19.5, 10 between Longcanggou Guest House and the nature reserve 20.5, 5 Balanshan 21.5, 20 Tibetan Plateau between Maerkang and Rouergai 25.5, 40 Flower Lake 26.5, 10 Tibetan Plateau between Rouergai and Gong Gang Ling Pass 27.5 and 100 between Tangjiahe and Chengdu 1.6.

Eurasian Crag Martin*Ptyonoprogne rupestris*

(4) 30 between Rilong and Maerkang 23.5, 10 Jiuzhaigou town and park surrounds 27.5, 10 Jiuzhai Valley National Park 28.5 and 4 between Jiuzhaigou and Tangjiahe 29.5.

Asian House Martin*Delichon dasypus*

(10) 6 Cangshan 10.5, 60 Tunnel area below Balangshan Pass 22.5, 80 between Rilong and Maerkang 23.5, 10 Mengbisha 24.5, 10 Jiuzhaigou town and park surrounds 27.5, 5 Jiuzhai Valley National Park 28.5, 10 between Jiuzhaigou and Tangjiahe 29.5, 10 Tangjiahe NR 30.5, 20 Tangjiahe NR 31.5 and 30 between Tangjiahe and Chengdu 1.6.

Red-rumped Swallow*Cecropis daurica*

(8) 4+4 heard Lijiang area 15.5, 10+10 heard Chengdu City Park 16.5, 6 Longcanggou NNR 18.5, 6 between Longcanggou Guest House and the nature reserve 19.5, 4 between Longcanggou Guest House and the nature reserve 20.5, 2 Maerkang (Barkam) area 24.5, 30 between Jiuzhaigou and Tangjiahe 29.5 and 20 between Tangjiahe and Chengdu 1.6.

NOTE: Red-rumped Swallow was recently split into three species: Sri Lankan, West African and Red-rumped Swallows.

Cupwings - Pnoepygidae**Pygmy Wren-babbler (Cupwing)***Pnoepyga pusilla pusilla*

(8) 1 heard Gaoligongshan 13.5, up to 4 Longcanggou NNR 16-20.5, 1 heard Tangjiahe NR 30.5 and 1 heard Tangjiahe NR 31.5.

Bush-Warblers and Allies - Cettiidae**Rufous-faced Warbler***Abroscopus albogularis*

(3) 3 Chengdu Botanical Gardens 16.5 and 1 Jiuzhai Valley National Park 28.5.

Mountain Tailorbird*Phyllergates cuculatus coronatus*

(2) 1 heard Gaoligongshan 11.5 and 1 Gaoligongshan 12.5.

Brown-flanked Bush Warbler*Horornis fortipes*

(9) Up to 8 Longcanggou NNR 16-20.5, 1 heard Jiuzhai Valley National Park 28.5, 1 heard Tangjiahe NR 30.5, 1 heard Tangjiahe NR 31.5 and 2 between Tangjiahe and Chengdu 1.6.

Yellow-bellied Bush Warbler*Horornis acanthizoides acanthizoides*

(9) Up to 3 Longcanggou NNR 17-19.5, 1 heard Tunnel area below Balangshan Pass 22.5, 1 heard Tunnel area below Balangshan Pass 23.5, 1 heard Baxi Valley 27.5, 1 Jiuzhai Valley National Park 28.5, 1 Tangjiahe NR 30.5 and 1 heard Tangjiahe NR 31.5.

NOTE: Yellowish-bellied Bush Warbler was recently split into two species: Hume's and Yellow-bellied Bush Warblers.

Aberrant Bush Warbler*Horornis flavolivaceus intricatus*

(6) 3 Cangshan 10.5, up to 15 Longcanggou NNR 17-19.5, 1 Tunnel area below Balangshan Pass 22.5 and 1 heard Tunnel area below Balangshan Pass 23.5.

NOTE: We saw the endemic, resident and distinctive *dulcivox* subspecies that may be split in future.

Grey-bellied Tesia*Tesia cyaniventer*

(2) 1 Gaoligongshan 11.5 and 1 heard Gaoligongshan 14.5.

Chestnut-crowned Bush Warbler*Cettia major major*

(1) 1 brief sighting. Tunnel area below Balangshan Pass 21.5.

Grey-sided Bush Warbler (H)*Cettia brunnifrons umbratica*

(1) 2 heard Longcanggou NNR 17.5.

Chestnut-headed Tesia*Cettia castaneocoronata*

(1) 1 Tangjiahe NR 31.5.



Long-tailed Tits - Aegithalidae**Black-throated Bushtit***Aegithalos concinnus*

(6) 30 Chengdu City Park 8.5, 4 Gaoligongshan 12.5, 10 Lijiang area 15.5, 20+10 heard Chengdu City Park 16.5, 20 Tangjiahe NR 31.5 and 50 between Tangjiahe and Chengdu 1.6.

Black-browed Bushtit*Aegithalos bonvaloti*

(4) 10 Zixishan Nature Reserve 9.5, 10 Cangshan 10.5, 20 Jade Dragon Snow Mountains 14.5 and 2 Longcanggou NNR 17.5.

White-browed Tit-Warbler*Leptopoecile sophiae*

(1) 3 Tibetan Plateau between Maerkang and Rouergai 25.5.

Crested Tit-Warbler*Leptopoecile elegans*

(1) 3 Mengbisha 24.5.

Leaf-Warblers - Phylloscopidae**Dusky Warbler (H)***Phylloscopus fuscatus*

(1) 1 heard Lijiang area 14.5.

Alpine Leaf Warbler*Phylloscopus occisinensis*

(5) 2 Chengdu City Park 8.5, 1 Tunnel area below Balangshan Pass 21.5, 2 Tunnel area below Balangshan Pass 22.5, 5 Balangshan 23.5 and 6 Tibetan Plateau between Maerkang and Rouergai 25.5.

NOTE: Alpine Leaf Warbler was recently split from Tickell's Leaf Warbler.

Buff-throated Warbler*Phylloscopus subaffinis*

(4) 2 Cangshan 10.5, 1 Longcanggou NNR 17.5, 3 Tunnel area below Balangshan Pass 22.5 and 2 Balangshan 23.5.

Yellow-streaked Warbler*Phylloscopus armandii*

(2) 2 Baxi Valley 26.5 and 3 Baxi Valley 27.5.

Buff-barred Warbler*Phylloscopus pulcher pulcher*

(11) 1 heard Cangshan 10.5, 1 heard Longcanggou NNR 17.5, up to 30 Tunnel area below Balangshan Pass 21-23.5, 50 Mengbisha 24.5, 1 Tibetan Plateau between Maerkang and Rouergai 25.5, 1 Baxi Valley 26.5, 2 Baxi Valley 27.5, 4 Jiuzhai Valley National Park 28.5 and 2 Gong Gang Ling Pass 29.5.

Ashy-throated Warbler*Phylloscopus maculipennis maculipennis*

(3) 2 Zixishan Nature Reserve 9.5, 1 Longcanggou NNR 18.5 and 1 Longcanggou NNR 19.5.

Chinese Leaf Warbler*Phylloscopus yunnanensis*

(3) 1 Tunnel area below Balangshan Pass 22.5, 8 Jiuzhai Valley National Park 28.5 and 1 heard Tangjiahe NR 30.5.

Hume's Leaf Warbler*Phylloscopus humei*

(1) 2 Chengdu City Park 8.5.

Greenish Warbler*Phylloscopus trochiloides*

(8) 2+1 heard Zixishan Nature Reserve 9.5, 10 Jade Dragon Snow Mountains 14.5, 2 Chengdu City Park 16.5, 2 Baxi Valley 26.5, 10 Baxi Valley 27.5, 20 Jiuzhai Valley National Park 28.5, 2 Gong Gang Ling Pass 29.5 and 4 Tangjiahe NR 30.5.

Large-billed Leaf Warbler*Phylloscopus magnirostris*

(13) 1 Chengdu City Park 8.5, 1 Chengdu City Park 16.5, up to 40 Longcanggou NNR 17-20.5, 10 Tunnel area below Balangshan Pass 21.5, 30 Tunnel area below Balangshan Pass 22.5, 1 between Maerkang and Mengbisha 24.5, 1 Tibetan Plateau between Maerkang and Rouergai 25.5, 12 Jiuzhai



Valley National Park 28.5, 2 Tangjiahe NR 30.5 and 2 Tangjiahe NR 31.5.

Blyth's Leaf Warbler*Phylloscopus reguloides*

(6) 10 Zixishan Nature Reserve 9.5, 20 Cangshan 10.5, 6 Gaoligongshan 11.5, 15 Gaoligongshan 12.5, 15 Jade Dragon Snow Mountains 14.5 and 2 Lijiang area 15.5.

Claudia's Leaf Warbler*Phylloscopus claudiae*

(13) Up to 20 Longcanggou NNR 16-20.5, up to 6 Tunnel area below Balangshan Pass 21-23.5, 10 Mengbisha 24.5, 10 Jiuzhai Valley National Park 28.5 and up to 20 Tangjiahe NR 30-1.6.

NOTE: Claudia's Leaf Warbler was recently split from Blyth's Leaf Warbler.

Emei Leaf Warbler*Phylloscopus emeiensis*

(4) 1 Longcanggou NNR 19.5, 3 heard Longcanggou NNR 20.5, 1 heard Tangjiahe NR 30.5 and 1 heard Tangjiahe NR 31.5.

Davison's Leaf Warbler*Phylloscopus davisoni*

(2) 1 Zixishan Nature Reserve 9.5 and 1 heard Jade Dragon Snow Mountains 14.5.

NOTE: This and the next species were recently split from White-tailed Leaf Warbler.

Kloss's Leaf Warbler*Phylloscopus ogilviegranti*

(6) 2 Longcanggou NNR 16.5, up to 4 Longcanggou NNR 18-20.5, 1 Tangjiahe NR 30.5 and 1 Tangjiahe NR 31.5.

Sichuan Leaf Warbler*Phylloscopus forresti*

(7) Up to 12 Longcanggou NNR 17-19.5, 15 Tunnel area below Balangshan Pass 22.5, 1 Mengbisha 24.5, 2 Baxi Valley 26.5 and 2 Baxi Valley 27.5.

NOTE: Sichuan Bush Warbler was recently split from Lemon-rumped Warbler.

Sulphur-breasted Warbler*Phylloscopus ricketti*

(1) 1 between Tangjiahe and Chengdu 1.6.

Grey-crowned Warbler*Seicercus tephrocephalus*

(7) 2 Cangshan 10.5, 2 Jade Dragon Snow Mountains 14.5, 1 Lijiang area 15.5, 2 Longcanggou NNR 16.5, 1 heard Longcanggou NNR 18.5 and 3 heard between Longcanggou Guest House and the nature reserve 19.5.

NOTE: This and the next three species were recently split from Golden-spectacled Warbler.

Bianchi's Warbler*Seicercus valentini*

(7) Up to 5 Longcanggou NNR 17-19.5, 1 Tunnel area below Balangshan Pass 21.5, 1 Tunnel area below Balangshan Pass 22.5, 1 Baxi Valley 27.5 and 2 Jiuzhai Valley National Park 28.5.

Martens's Warbler*Seicercus omeiensis*

(6) Up to 2 Longcanggou NNR 18-20.5, 4 Jiuzhai Valley National Park 28.5, 2 Tangjiahe NR 30.5 and 2 Tangjiahe NR 31.5.

Alström's Warbler*Seicercus soror*

(3) 1 between Longcanggou Guest House and the nature reserve 19.5, 1 Tangjiahe NR 31.5 and 1 Tangjiahe NR 1.6.

Chestnut-crowned Warbler*Seicercus castaniceps*

(8) 4 Zixishan Nature Reserve 9.5, 2 Gaoligongshan 11.5, 2 Gaoligongshan 12.5, 2 Longcanggou NNR 18.5, 2 Longcanggou NNR 19.5 and up to 2 Tangjiahe NR 30-1.6.

Grassbirds and Allies - Locustellidae**Russet Bush Warbler***Locustella mandelli*

(1) 1 Cangshan 10.5.

Sichuan Bush Warbler

Locustella chengi

(4) 1 heard Longcanggou NNR 17.5, 1 Longcanggou NNR 18.5, 1 heard Longcanggou NNR 20.5 and 1 heard Tangjiahe NR 30.5.

NOTE: This species was thought to be a Russet Bush Warbler with a slightly different call until very recently when it was given full species status.

Spotted Bush Warbler

Locustella thoracica

(1) 1 Jiuzhai Valley National Park 28.5.

NOTE: Spotted Bush Warbler was recently split into two species: Baikal and Spotted Bush Warblers.

Brown Bush Warbler

Locustella luteoventris

(5) 1 Cangshan 10.5 and up to 4 Longcanggou NNR 16-19.5.

Cisticolas and Allies - Cisticolidae

Hill Prinia

Prinia superciliaris superciliaris

(1) 2 Gaoligongshan 13.5.

NOTE: Hill Prinia was recently split into two species: Black-throated and Hill Prinias.

Grey-breasted Prinia

Prinia hodgsonii

(1) 10 Gaoligongshan 10.5.

Plain Prinia

Prinia inornata

(1) 1 Lijiang area 15.5.

Common Tailorbird (H)

Orthotomus sutorius

(1) 1 heard between Gaoligongshan & Dali 13.5.

Babblers - Timaliidae

Black-streaked Scimitar Babbler

Pomatorhinus gravivox

(7) 1+1 heard Zixishan Nature Reserve 9.5, 2 Cangshan 10.5, up to 2 Gaoligongshan 11-13.5, 2 Jade Dragon Snow Mountains 14.5 and 1 heard between Longcanggou Guest House and the nature reserve 19.5.

NOTE: This species was recently split from Spot-breasted Scimitar Babbler.

Streak-breasted Scimitar Babbler

Pomatorhinus ruficollis

(11) 1 heard Cangshan 9.5, 2 Cangshan 10.5, up to 3 Gaoligongshan 11-13.5, 1 heard Jade Dragon Snow Mountains 14.5, up to 2 Longcanggou NNR 17-19.5, 2 Tangjiahe NR 30.5 and 1 heard Tangjiahe NR 31.5.

NOTE: Streak-breasted Scimitar Babbler was recently split into two species: Taiwan and Streak-breasted Scimitar Babblers.

Cachar Wedge-billed Babbler (NT)

Sphenocichla roberti

(1) 2 Gaoligongshan 11.5.

NOTE: Wedge-Billed Wren-Babbler was recently split into two species: Cachar and Sikkim Wedge-billed Babblers respectively.

Rufous-capped Babbler

Stachyridopsis ruficeps

(8) 1 Zixishan Nature Reserve 9.5, up to 4 Gaoligongshan 11-13.5, up to 3 Longcanggou NNR 17-19.5 and 11 between Tangjiahe and Chengdu 1.6.

Golden Babbler

Stachyridopsis chrysaea

(2) 1 Zixishan Nature Reserve 9.5 and 1 heard Gaoligongshan 11.5.



Fulvetas and Ground Babblers - Pellorneidae**Yellow-throated Fulvetta***Alcippe cinerea*

(1) 2 Gaoligongshan 11.5.

Rufous-winged Fulvetta*Alcippe castaneiceps*

(1) 2 Gaoligongshan 11.5.

NOTE: Rufous-Winged Fulvetta was recently split into two species: Black-crowned and Rufous-winged Fulvettas.

Rusty-capped Fulvetta*Alcippe dubia*

(3) 8 Zixishan Nature Reserve 9.5, 2 Gaoligongshan 11.5 and 2 Gaoligongshan 13.5.

David's Fulvetta*Alcippe davidi*

(4) 3 Chengdu City Park 8.5, 1 Chengdu City Park 15.5, 1 Tangjiahe NR 31.5 and 1 between Tangjiahe and Chengdu 1.6.

NOTE: This and the next species were recently split from Grey-cheeked Fulvetta.

Yunnan Fulvetta*Alcippe fratercula*

(4) 15 Zixishan Nature Reserve 9.5 and up to 40 Gaoligongshan 11-13.5.

Laughingthrushes - Leiothrichidae**Chinese Babax***Babax lanceolatus*

(1) 4 Jade Dragon Snow Mountains 14.5.

NOTE: This species was recently split into two: Chinese Babax and Mount Victoria Babax.

Snowy-cheeked (Sukatchev's) Laughingthrush (VU)*Garrulax sukatschewi*

(2) 4 Baxi Valley 26.5 and 1 Baxi Valley 27.5.

Barred Laughingthrush*Garrulax lunulatus*

(1) 1 Tangjiahe NR 31.5.

Giant Laughingthrush*Garrulax maximus*

(7) Up to 10 Tunnel area below Balangshan Pass 21-23.5, 10 Mengbisha 24.5, 4 Tibetan Plateau between Maerkang and Rouergai 25.5, 4 Baxi Valley 26.5 and 8 Baxi Valley 27.5.

Spotted Laughingthrush (H)*Garrulax ocellatus*

(3) 1 heard Longcanggou NNR 17.5, 1 heard Longcanggou NNR 19.5 and 1 heard Tangjiahe NR 31.5.

White-throated Laughingthrush*Garrulax albogularis eous*

(2) 20 Tangjiahe NR 30.5 and 20 Tangjiahe NR 31.5.

Plain (Pere David's) Laughingthrush*Garrulax davidi*

(3) 2 Tibetan Plateau between Maerkang and Rouergai 25.5, 10 Baxi Valley 26.5 and 8 Baxi Valley 27.5.

White-browed Laughingthrush*Garrulax sannio*

(6) 30 Chengdu City Park 8.5, 6 between Dali & Gaoligongshan 10.5, up to 30 Chengdu City Park 15-16.5, 4 Longcanggou NNR 18.5 and 2 between Tangjiahe and Chengdu 1.6.

Blue-winged Laughingthrush*Trochalopteron squamatum*

(2) 1 Gaoligongshan 11.5 and 1 heard Gaoligongshan 12.5.

Elliot's Laughingthrush*Trochalopteron elliotii*

(16) 4 Cangshan 10.5, 1 heard Gaoligongshan 13.5, 1 Jade Dragon Snow Mountains 14.5, up to 15 Longcanggou NNR 17-19.5, up to 10 Tunnel area below Balangshan Pass 21-23.5, 12 Mengbisha 24.5, 10 Tibetan Plateau between Maerkang and Rouergai 25.5, 12 Baxi Valley 26.5, 10 Baxi Valley 27.5, 20



Jiuzhai Valley National Park 28.5, 2 between Jiuzhaigou and Tangjiahe 29.5 and 20 Tangjiahe NR 1.6.

Chestnut-crowned Laughingthrush *Trochalopteron erythrocephalum*

(1) 4 Gaoligongshan 12.5.

NOTE: This species was recently split into several different species.

Red-winged Laughingthrush *Trochalopteron formosum*

(4) Up to 3 Longcanggou NNR 17-20.5.

Red-tailed Laughingthrush *Trochalopteron milnei*

(3) Up to 8 Gaoligongshan 11-13.5.

Blue-winged Minla (Siva) *Minla cyanouroptera wingatei*

(5) 2 Zixishan Nature Reserve 9.5, up to 4 Gaoligongshan 11-13.5 and 1 Lijiang area 15.5.

Bar-throated (Chestnut-tailed) Minla *Minla strigula yunnanensis*

(4) 4 Cangshan 10.5 and up to 6 Gaoligongshan 11-13.5.

Red-tailed Minla *Minla ignotincta*

(3) 2 Zixishan Nature Reserve 9.5, 2 Longcanggou NNR 18.5 and 2 Longcanggou NNR 19.5.

Scarlet-faced Liocichla *Liocichla ripponi*

(3) Up to 3 Gaoligongshan 11-13.5.

NOTE: This species was recently split from Red-faced Liocichla.

Emei Shan Liocichla (VU) *Liocichla omeiensis*

(4) Up to 2 Longcanggou NNR 17-20.5.

Rusty-fronted Barwing *Actinodura egertoni ripponi*

(3) Up to 30 Gaoligongshan 11-13.5.

Silver-eared Mesia (Leiothrix) *Leiothrix argentauris*

(3) Up to 2 Gaoligongshan 11-13.5.

Red-billed Leiothrix *Leiothrix lutea*

(9) 1 Zixishan Nature Reserve 9.5, 1 Chengdu City Park 15.5, 2+6 heard Chengdu Botanical Gardens 16.5, up to 20 Longcanggou NNR 17-20.5, 2 Tangjiahe NR 30.5 and 2 Tangjiahe NR 31.5.

Black-headed Sibia *Heterophasia desgodinsi desgodinsi*

(5) 3 Zixishan Nature Reserve 9.5, up to 6 Gaoligongshan 11-13.5 and 3 Jade Dragon Snow Mountains 14.5.

Beautiful Sibia *Heterophasia pulchella*

(3) Up to 6 Gaoligongshan 11-13.5.

Old World Warblers - Sylviidae

Golden-breasted Fulvetta *Lioparus chrysotis*

(3) Up to 12 Longcanggou NNR 17-19.5.

Rufous-tailed Babbler (Moupinia) *Moupinia poecilotis*

(1) 1 Cangshan 10.5.

White-browed Fulvetta *Fulvetta vinipectus*

(3) 2 Cangshan 9.5, 8 Cangshan 10.5 and 2 Jade Dragon Snow Mountains 14.5.

Chinese Fulvetta *Fulvetta striaticollis*

(4) 2 Tunnel area below Balangshan Pass 21.5, 2 Tunnel area below Balangshan Pass 22.5, 2 Mengbishi 24.5 and 1 Baxi Valley 27.5.



- Spectacled Fulvetta** *Fulvetta ruficapilla*
(3) 4 Zixishan Nature Reserve 9.5, 2 Jade Dragon Snow Mountains 14.5 and 2 Tangjiahe NR 30.5.
- Grey-hooded Fulvetta** *Fulvetta cinereiceps*
(2) 3 Longcanggou NNR 17.5 and 4 Longcanggou NNR 18.5.
- Great Parrotbill** *Conostoma aemodium*
(2) 1 Longcanggou NNR 17.5 and 1 Longcanggou NNR 18.5.
- Three-toed Parrotbill** *Cholornis paradoxus*
(2) 5 Longcanggou NNR 17.5 and 6 Longcanggou NNR 18.5.
- Spectacled Parrotbill** *Sinosuthora conspicillata*
(1) 1 Jiuzhai Valley National Park 28.5.
- Vinous-throated Parrotbill** *Sinosuthora webbiana*
(5) 1 Chengdu City Park 8.5, 2 Chengdu City Park 15.5, 20 Chengdu Botanical Gardens 16.5, 4 Tangjiahe NR 31.5 and 12 between Tangjiahe and Chengdu 1.6.
- Ashy-throated Parrotbill** *Sinosuthora alphonsiana*
(4) 1+2 heard Chengdu Botanical Gardens 16.5, 2 Longcanggou NNR 18.5, 2 between Longcanggou Guest House and the nature reserve 19.5 and 1 between Tangjiahe and Chengdu 1.6.
- Brown-winged Parrotbill** *Sinosuthora brunnea*
(3) 4 Gaoligongshan 12.5, 2 Gaoligongshan 13.5 and 6 Lijiang area 15.5.
- Grey-hooded Parrotbill** *Sinosuthora zappeyi*
(1) 2 Longcanggou NNR 17.5.
- Black-throated Parrotbill** *Suthora nipalensis poliotis*
(2) 4 Gaoligongshan 11.5 and 4 Gaoligongshan 12.5.
NOTE: Black-Throated Parrotbill is sometimes split into several different species with the subspecies we saw sometimes being split as Grey-cheeked Parrotbill.
- Golden Parrotbill** *Suthora verreauxi*
(3) Up to 10 Longcanggou NNR 17-19.5.
- Grey-headed Parrotbill** *Psittiparus gularis*
(1) 1 Longcanggou NNR 18.5.
NOTE: This species was recently split into two: Grey-headed and Black-headed Parrotbills.

Yuhinas, White-eyes, and Allies - Zosteropidae

- Whiskered Yuhina** *Yuhina flavicollis rouxi*
(3) Up to 20 Gaoligongshan 11-13.5.
- Stripe-throated Yuhina** *Yuhina gularis*
(2) 2 Tunnel area below Balangshan Pass 21.5 and 2 Tunnel area below Balangshan Pass 22.5.
- White-collared Yuhina** *Yuhina diademata*
(10) 2+2 heard Zixishan Nature Reserve 9.5, 10 Gaoligongshan 13.5, 30 Jade Dragon Snow Mountains 14.5, up to 30 Longcanggou NNR 17-19.5, 6 Tunnel area below Balangshan Pass 21.5, 2 Tunnel area below Balangshan Pass 23.5, 6 Tangjiahe NR 30.5 and 2 between Tangjiahe and Chengdu 1.6.
- Black-chinned Yuhina** *Yuhina nigrimenta*
(1) 6 Tangjiahe NR 31.5.
- Japanese White-eye** *Zosterops japonicus*
(6) 10 Cangshan 10.5, 1 between Gaoligongshan & Dali 13.5, 20 Lijiang area 15.5, 6+6 heard Chengdu



Botanical Gardens 16.5, 6 Longcanggou NNR 19.5 and 12 between Tangjiahe and Chengdu 1.6.

Kinglets - Regulidae

Goldcrest

Regulus regulus

(3) 4 Mengbisha 24.5, 1 Baxi Valley 26.5 and 2 Jiuzhai Valley National Park 28.5.

Wrens - Troglodytidae

Eurasian Wren

Troglodytes troglodytes

(2) 1 heard Longcanggou NNR 17.5 and 1 Mengbisha 24.5.

NOTE: Winter Wren was recently split into three species.

Nuthatches - Sittidae

Eurasian Nuthatch

Sitta europaea

(2) 1 Tangjiahe NR 30.5 and 2 Tangjiahe NR 31.5.

NOTE: We saw the distinctive sinensis subspecies that may be split in future.

Chestnut-vented Nuthatch

Sitta nagaensis

(5) 2 Zixishan Nature Reserve 9.5, up to 2 Gaoligongshan 11-13.5 and 1 Jade Dragon Snow Mountains 14.5.

Yunnan Nuthatch (NT)

Sitta yunnanensis

(1) 2 Zixishan Nature Reserve 9.5.

Chinese Nuthatch (H)

Sitta villosa

(1) 1 heard Jiuzhai Valley National Park 28.5.

Przevalski's Nuthatch

Sitta przewalskii

(1) 1 Baxi Valley 26.5.

NOTE: This species was recently split from White-cheeked Nuthatch.

Giant Nuthatch (VU)

Sitta magna

(1) 1 Zixishan Nature Reserve 9.5.

Wallcreeper - Tichodromidae

Wallcreeper

Tichodroma muraria nepalensis

(1) 1 between Rilong and Maerkang 23.5.

Treecreepers - Certhiidae

Hodgson's Treecreeper

Certhia hodgsoni

(1) 3 Mengbisha 24.5.

NOTE: This species was recently split from Eurasian Treecreeper.

Bar-tailed Treecreeper

Certhia himalayana yunnanensis

(1) 2 Zixishan Nature Reserve 9.5.

Starlings - Sturnidae

Crested Myna

Acridotheres cristatellus

(6) 2 Chengdu City Park 8.5, 6 between Dali & Gaoligongshan 11.5, 2 between Gaoligongshan & Dali 13.5, 2 Chengdu City Park 15.5, 4 Chengdu City Park 16.5 and 20 between Tangjiahe and Chengdu 1.6.



Common Myna*Acridotheres tristis tristis*

(1) 1 between Tangjiahe and Chengdu 1.6.

Red-billed Starling*Spodiopsar sericeus*

(3) 1 Lijiang area 15.5, 1 between Jiuzhaigou and Tangjiahe 29.5 and 10 between Tangjiahe and Chengdu 1.6.

White-cheeked Starling*Spodiopsar cineraceus*

(3) 2 Chengdu City Park 8.5, 1 Tangjiahe NR 30.5 and 1 Tangjiahe NR 31.5.

Thrushes and Allies - Turdidae**Sichuan Thrush***Zoothera griseiceps*

(5) Up to 1 Longcanggou NNR 17-19.5, 1 Tunnel area below Balangshan Pass 21.5 and 1 Tunnel area below Balangshan Pass 22.5.

NOTE: Plain-backed Thrush was recently split into three species: Himalayan, Alpine and Sichuan Thrushes.

Long-tailed Thrush*Zoothera dixonii*

(1) 2 Gong Gang Ling Pass 29.5.

Grandala*Grandala coelicolor*

(3) Up to 10 Balangshan 21-23.5.

Black-breasted Thrush*Turdus dissimilis*

(3) Up to 7 Gaoligongshan 11-13.5.

Grey-winged Blackbird*Turdus boulboul*

(1) 1 brief sighting Jade Dragon Snow Mountains 14.5.

Chinese Blackbird*Turdus mandarinus*

(4) 15 Chengdu City Park 8.5, up to 20 Chengdu City Park 15-16.5 and 12 between Tangjiahe and Chengdu 1.6.

NOTE: Eurasian Blackbird was recently split into several different species with one of those splits being Chinese Blackbird.

Chestnut Thrush*Turdus rubrocanus*

(9) 2 Tunnel area below Balangshan Pass 21.5, 2 Tunnel area below Balangshan Pass 22.5, 4 between Rilong and Maerkang 23.5, 10 Mengbishi 24.5, 20 Tibetan Plateau between Maerkang and Rouergai 25.5, 20 Baxi Valley 26.5, 15 Baxi Valley 27.5, 1 Jiuzhai Valley National Park 28.5 and 1 Gong Gang Ling Pass 29.5.

Kessler's (White-backed) Thrush*Turdus kessleri*

(6) 2 Tunnel area below Balangshan Pass 21.5, 2 Tunnel area below Balangshan Pass 22.5, 30 Tibetan Plateau between Maerkang and Rouergai 25.5, 20 Baxi Valley 26.5, 15 Baxi Valley 27.5 and 1 Gong Gang Ling Pass 29.5.

Eyebrowed Thrush*Turdus obscurus*

(1) 1 Chengdu City Park 16.5.

Chinese Thrush*Turdus mupinensis*

(1) 5 Zixishan Nature Reserve 9.5.

Old World Flycatchers - Muscicapidae**Oriental Magpie-Robin***Copsychus saularis*

(9) 4 Chengdu City Park 8.5, 2 between Dali & Gaoligongshan 10.5, up to 4 Gaoligongshan 11-13.5, 2 Lijiang area 15.5, 4+2 heard Chengdu City Park 16.5, 1 between Jiuzhaigou and Tangjiahe 29.5 and 4



between Tangjiahe and Chengdu 1.6.

Dark-sided (Siberian) Flycatcher

Muscicapa sibirica

(5) Up to 4 Gaoligongshan 11-13.5, 2 Lijiang area 15.5 and 2 Longcanggou NNR 19.5.

Ferruginous Flycatcher

Muscicapa ferruginea

(6) 1 Zixishan Nature Reserve 9.5, 2 Longcanggou NNR 17.5, 2 Longcanggou NNR 19.5 and up to 4 Tangjiahe NR 30-1.6.

Chinese Blue Flycatcher

Cyornis glaucicomans

(3) 1 Zixishan Nature Reserve 9.5, 1 Longcanggou NNR 19.5 and 2 heard Longcanggou NNR 20.5.

NOTE: This species was recently split from Blue-throated Blue Flycatcher.

Fujian Niltava

Niltava davidi

(3) 3 Gaoligongshan 11.5, 1 Jade Dragon Snow Mountains 14.5 and 1 heard Longcanggou NNR 19.5.

Rufous-bellied Niltava

Niltava sundara

(2) 2 Zixishan Nature Reserve 9.5 and 1 Gaoligongshan 12.5.

Vivid Niltava

Niltava vivida oatesi

(1) 1 Longcanggou NNR 19.5.

Large Niltava

Niltava grandis

(3) Up to 4 Gaoligongshan 11-13.5.

Small Niltava

Niltava macgrigoriae

(1) 3 Gaoligongshan 11.5.

Verditer Flycatcher

Eumyias thalassinus thalassinus

(10) 4 Cangshan 10.5, up to 2 Gaoligongshan 11-13.5, up to 6 Longcanggou NNR 16-19.5, 1 between Jiuzhaigou and Tangjiahe 29.5 and 1 heard Tangjiahe NR 30.5.

Lesser Shortwing

Brachypteryx leucophris

(4) 1 heard Zixishan Nature Reserve 9.5 and up to 4 Gaoligongshan 11-13.5.

White-browed Shortwing

Brachypteryx montana

(1) 1 heard Longcanggou NNR 17.5.

NOTE: The White-browed Shortwing complex is up for splitting into various different species.

Indian Blue Robin

Larvivora brunnea brunnea

(3) 1 heard Jiuzhai Valley National Park 28.5, 1 Tangjiahe NR 30.5 and 8 heard Tangjiahe NR 31.5.

White-bellied Redstart

Luscinia phaenicuroides

(4) 2 Cangshan 10.5, 1 Longcanggou NNR 17.5, 1 heard Baxi Valley 26.5 and 2 Baxi Valley 27.5.

Chinese Rubythroat

Calliope tschebaiewi

(2) 2 Balanshan 21.5 and 1 Balanshan 23.5.

NOTE: White-tailed Rubythroat was recently split into two species: Chinese and Himalayan Rubythroats.

Siberian Rubythroat

Calliope calliope

(1) 1 Baxi Valley 27.5.

Firethroat

Calliope pectardens

(2) 2 Tunnel area below Balangshan Pass 21.5 and 2 Tunnel area below Balangshan Pass 22.5.

White-tailed Robin

Myiomela leucura leucura

(6) 2 Zixishan Nature Reserve 9.5, 1 heard Gaoligongshan 11.5, 1 Gaoligongshan 13.5, 1 heard Longcanggou NNR 18.5, 1 Tangjiahe NR 29.5 and 1 Tangjiahe NR 31.5.

White-browed Bush Robin

Tarsiger indicus yunnanensis



(3) 1 Longcanggou NNR 17.5, 1 heard Tunnel area below Balangshan Pass 22.5 and 1 heard Baxi Valley 27.5.

NOTE: This species is often split into two species: Taiwan and White-browed Bush Robins.

Himalayan Bluetail

Tarsiger rufilatus rufilatus

(4) 1 Tunnel area below Balangshan Pass 21.5, 1 Tunnel area below Balangshan Pass 22.5, 10 Mengbisha 24.5 and 3 Baxi Valley 27.5.

NOTE: Orange-flanked Bush Robin was recently split into two species: Himalayan and Red-flanked Bluetails.

Golden Bush Robin

Tarsiger chrysaeus chrysaeus

(1) 2 Tunnel area below Balangshan Pass 22.5.

White-crowned Forktail

Enicurus leschenaulti

(2) 3 Tangjiahe NR 30.5 and 2 Tangjiahe NR 1.6.

NOTE: White-crowned Forktail was recently split into two species: Bornean and White-crowned Forktails.

Spotted Forktail

Enicurus maculatus

(2) 2 Gaoligongshan 11.5 and 1 heard Gaoligongshan 12.5.

Blue Whistling Thrush

Myophonus caeruleus

(9) 1 Gaoligongshan 11.5, 3 between Longcanggou Guest House and the nature reserve 19.5, 1 Longcanggou NNR 20.5, 4 between Rilong and Maerkang 23.5, 4 between Maerkang and Mengbisha 24.5 and up to 10 Tangjiahe NR 29-1.6.

NOTE: We encountered both the resident eugenei race which is larger with a yellow bill and the migratory caeruleus race that is smaller and darker with a black bill. These races are likely to be split in future.

Slaty-backed Flycatcher

Ficedula hodgsonii

(6) 1 Gaoligongshan 13.5, Gaoligongshan 14.5, 2 Baxi Valley 26.5, 2 Baxi Valley 27.5, 4 Jiuzhai Valley National Park 28.5 and 1 heard Gong Gang Ling Pass 29.5.

Rufous-gorgeted Flycatcher

Ficedula strophiiata strophiiata

(3) Up to 1 Longcanggou NNR 17-19.5.

Snowy-browed Flycatcher

Ficedula hyperythra hyperythra

(1) 3 Gaoligongshan 12.5.

Ultramarine Flycatcher

Ficedula superciliaris aestigma

(2) 4 Zixishan Nature Reserve 9.5 and 1 Longcanggou NNR 19.5.

Sapphire Flycatcher

Ficedula sapphira

(1) 2 Longcanggou NNR 19.5.

Black Redstart

Phoenicurus ochruros rufiventris

(3) 20 Tibetan Plateau between Maerkang and Rouergai 25.5 and up to 10 Baxi Valley 26-27.5.

Hodgson's Redstart

Phoenicurus hodgsoni

(2) 4 Baxi Valley 26.5 and 4 Baxi Valley 27.5.

White-throated Redstart

Phoenicurus schisticeps

(5) 3 Tunnel area below Balangshan Pass 22.5, 15 Mengbisha 24.5, 4 Tibetan Plateau between Maerkang and Rouergai 25.5, 8 Baxi Valley 26.5 and 10 Baxi Valley 27.5.

Daurian Redstart

Phoenicurus aureus

(4) 2 between Rilong and Maerkang 23.5, 1 Jiuzhai Valley National Park 28.5, 1 between Jiuzhaigou and Tangjiahe 29.5 and 2 between Tangjiahe and Chengdu 1.6.

Blue-fronted Redstart

Phoenicurus frontalis

(7) 1 Longcanggou NNR 17.5, 4 Balangshan 21.5, 6 Tunnel area below Balangshan Pass 22.5, 8



Balanshan 23.5, 10 Mengbisha 24.5, 6 Tibetan Plateau between Maerkang and Rouergai 25.5 and 2 Baxi Valley 26.5.

Plumbeous Water Redstart*Phoenicurus fuliginosus fuliginosus*

(15) 1 Chengdu City Park 8.5, 6+1 heard Lijiang area 15.5, 2+2 heard Chengdu City Park 16.5, up to 2 Longcanggou NNR 18-20.5, 2 Tunnel area below Balangshan Pass 22.5, 20 between Rilong and Maerkang 23.5, 5 between Maerkang and Mengbisha 24.5, 2 Tibetan Plateau between Maerkang and Rouergai 25.5, 10 Jiuzhai Valley National Park 28.5, 10 between Jiuzhaigou and Tangjiahe 29.5 and up to 20 Tangjiahe NR 30-1.6.

White-capped Redstart*Phoenicurus leucocephalus*

(12) 1 between Longcanggou Guest House and the nature reserve 19.5, 1 Balanshan 21.5, 2 Tunnel area below Balangshan Pass 22.5, 15 between Rilong and Maerkang 23.5, 5 between Maerkang and Mengbisha 24.5, 2 Tibetan Plateau between Maerkang and Rouergai 25.5, 1 Tibetan Plateau between Rouergai and Gong Gang Ling Pass 27.5, 4 Jiuzhai Valley National Park 28.5, 2 between Jiuzhaigou and Tangjiahe 29.5, 2 Tangjiahe NR 30.5, 4 Tangjiahe NR 31.5 and 2 between Tangjiahe and Chengdu 1.6.

Blue Rock Thrush*Monticola solitarius*

(3) 3 between Rilong and Maerkang 23.5, 2 between Jiuzhaigou and Tangjiahe 29.5 and 4 between Tangjiahe and Chengdu 1.6.

NOTE: Blue Rock Thrush is likely to be split into two species: Rufous-bellied and Blue Rock Thrushes.

Chestnut-bellied Rock Thrush*Monticola rufiventris*

(2) 6 Gaoligongshan 11.5 and 1 Jade Dragon Snow Mountains 14.5.

Siberian Stonechat*Saxicola maurus*

(7) 1 Dali area 9.5, 1 Cangshan 10.5, 8 Lijiang area 14.5, 4 Lijiang area 15.5, 6 Tibetan Plateau between Maerkang and Rouergai 25.5 and up to 2 Baxi Valley 26-27.5.

NOTE: Siberian Stonechat was recently split along with many other species from Common Stonechat.

Grey Bush Chat*Saxicola ferreus haringtoni*

(6) 2 Zixishan Nature Reserve 9.5, up to 6 Gaoligongshan 11-13.5, 2 Longcanggou NNR 18.5 and 2 between Longcanggou Guest House and the nature reserve 19.5.

Dippers - Cinclidae**White-throated Dipper***Cinclus cinclus przewalskii*

(2) 2 between Maerkang and Mengbisha 24.5 and 1 Jiuzhai Valley National Park 28.5.

Brown Dipper*Cinclus pallasii*

(6) 1 Longcanggou NNR 16.5, 1 Wolong area 21.5, 1 Jiuzhai Valley National Park 28.5 and up to 8 Tangjiahe NR 30-1.6.

Flowerpeckers - Dicaeidae**Yellow-bellied Flowerpecker***Dicaeum melanoxanthum*

(1) 5 Lijiang area 15.5.

Fire-breasted Flowerpecker*Dicaeum ignipectus ignipectus*

(5) 1 heard Chengdu City Park 8.5, 1 Gaoligongshan 11.5, 6 Jade Dragon Snow Mountains 14.5, 2 Lijiang area 15.5 and 1 Tangjiahe NR 31.5.



Sunbirds and Spiderhunters - Nectariniidae**Mrs. Gould's Sunbird***Aethopyga gouldiae dabryi*

(9) 4 Zixishan Nature Reserve 9.5, 2 Cangshan 10.5, 1 Gaoligongshan 11.5, 2 Jade Dragon Snow Mountains 14.5, up to 4 Longcanggou NNR 17-19.5, 2 Tangjiahe NR 30.5 and 2 Tangjiahe NR 31.5.

Green-tailed Sunbird*Aethopyga nipalensis*

(2) 1 Gaoligongshan 11.5 and 1 Gaoligongshan 12.5.

Black-throated Sunbird*Aethopyga saturata*

(2) 3 Gaoligongshan 11.5 and 2 Gaoligongshan 12.5.

Old World Sparrows - Passeridae**House Sparrow***Passer domesticus*

(3) 10 Tunnel area below Balangshan Pass 22.5, 15 Tibetan Plateau between Maerkang and Rouergai 25.5 and 2 between Jiuzhaigou and Tangjiahe 29.5.

Russet Sparrow*Passer rutilans*

(8) 1 Zixishan Nature Reserve 9.5, 2+10 heard Jade Dragon Snow Mountains 14.5, 20 Lijiang area 15.5, 4 Longcanggou NNR 16.5, 2 Longcanggou NNR 18.5, 1 Balangshan 21.5, 10 between Jiuzhaigou and Tangjiahe 29.5 and 4 between Tangjiahe and Chengdu 1.6.

Eurasian Tree Sparrow*Passer montanus*

(11) 20 Chengdu City Park 8.5, 2 Cangshan 10.5, up to 30 Lijiang area 14-15.5, 20+10 heard Chengdu City Park 16.5, 5 Lijiang Wetland Reserve 20.5, 20 Tibetan Plateau between Maerkang and Rouergai 25.5, 20 Baxi Valley 26.5, 15 Baxi Valley 27.5, 20 between Jiuzhaigou and Tangjiahe 29.5 and 20 between Tangjiahe and Chengdu 1.6.

Rock Sparrow*Petronia petronia brevirostris*

(1) 10 Tibetan Plateau between Maerkang and Rouergai 25.5.

Tibetan Snowfinch*Montifringilla adamsi*

(1) 2 Tibetan Plateau between Maerkang and Rouergai 25.5.

White-rumped Snowfinch*Onychostruthus taczanowskii*

(1) 15+15 heard Rouergai (Zoige) 26.5.

Rufous-necked Snowfinch*Pyrgilauda ruficollis*

(1) 3+1 heard Rouergai (Zoige) 26.5.

Waxbills and Allies - Estrildidae**Scaly-breasted Munia (Nutmeg Mannikin)***Lonchura punctulata*

(1) 1 Chengdu City Park 16.5.

Accentors - Prunellidae**Alpine Accentor***Prunella collaris*

(3) Up to 15 Balangshan 21-23.5.

Rufous-breasted Accentor*Prunella strophias strophias*

(5) Up to 6 Balangshan 21-23.5, 6 Mengbishi 24.5 and 2 Baxi Valley 27.5.

Maroon-backed Accentor*Prunella immaculata*

(3) 1 Tunnel area below Balangshan Pass 21.5, 2 Mengbishi 24.5 and 2 Jiuzhai Valley National Park



28.5.

Wagtails and Pipits - Motacillidae

Citrine Wagtail

Motacilla citreola

(4) 1 Lijiang area 15.5, 1 Longcanggou NNR 18.5, 5 Tibetan Plateau between Maerkang and Rouergai 25.5 and 8 Flower Lake 26.5.

Grey Wagtail

Motacilla cinerea cinerea

(12) 1 Zixishan Nature Reserve 9.5, 1 Lijiang area 15.5, up to 6 Longcanggou NNR 16-20.5, 4 Tunnel area below Balangshan Pass 22.5, 2 between Jiuzhaigou and Tangjiahe 29.5 and up to 8 Tangjiahe NR 30-1.6.

White Wagtail

Motacilla alba

(14) 5 Chengdu City Park 8.5, 4 Cangshan 10.5, 2 Gaoligongshan 12.5, 10 Lijiang area 14.5, 15 Lijiang area 15.5, 10+5 heard Chengdu City Park 16.5, 2 Longcanggou NNR 18.5, 6 between Rilong and Maerkang 23.5, 4 Tibetan Plateau between Maerkang and Rouergai 25.5, 2 Jiuzhai Valley National Park 28.5, 4 between Jiuzhaigou and Tangjiahe 29.5 and up to 6 Tangjiahe NR 30-1.6.

Blyth's Pipit

Anthus godlewskii

(1) 1 Lijiang Wetland Reserve 14.5.

Olive-backed Pipit

Anthus hodgsoni

(5) 3 Zixishan Nature Reserve 9.5, up to 6 Tunnel area below Balangshan Pass 21-23.5 and 2 Baxi Valley 27.5.

Rosy Pipit

Anthus roseatus

(4) 8 Balanshan 21.5, 2 Tunnel area below Balangshan Pass 22.5, 20 Balanshan 23.5 and 5 Tibetan Plateau between Maerkang and Rouergai 25.5.

Red-throated Pipit

Anthus cervinus

(1) 1 Flower Lake 26.5.

Przevalski's Finch - Urocynchramidae

Przevalski's (Pintail) Finch (Pink-tailed Bunting) *Urocynchramus pylzowi*

(1) 5 Tibetan Plateau between Maerkang and Rouergai 25.5.

Finches, Euphonias - Fringillidae

Collared Grosbeak

Mycerobas affinis

(3) 2 Tunnel area below Balangshan Pass 21.5, 4 Tunnel area below Balangshan Pass 22.5 and 4 Mengbisha 24.5.

Spot-winged Grosbeak

Mycerobas melanozanthos

(1) 3 Cangshan 10.5.

White-winged Grosbeak

Mycerobas carnipes

(3) 12 Mengbisha 24.5, 1 Jiuzhai Valley National Park 28.5 and 2 Gong Gang Ling Pass 29.5.

Chinese (Yellow-billed) Grosbeak

Eophona migratoria

(4) 2 Chengdu City Park 8.5, 2 Chengdu City Park 15.5, 2 Chengdu City Park 16.5 and 1 between Tangjiahe and Chengdu 1.6.

Grey-headed Bullfinch

Pyrrhula erythaca erythaca

(5) 2 Cangshan 10.5, 1 Tunnel area below Balangshan Pass 21.5, 4 Tunnel area below Balangshan Pass



22.5, 3 Baxi Valley 25.5 and 2 Jiuzhai Valley National Park 28.5.

Blanford's Rosefinch *Agraphospiza rubescens*

(1) 1 female Tunnel area below Balangshan Pass 21.5.

Plain Mountain Finch *Leucosticte nemoricola*

(3) Up to 30 Balangshan 21-23.5.

Brandt's Mountain Finch *Leucosticte brandti*

(3) Up to 200 Balangshan 21-23.5.

Common Rosefinch *Carpodacus erythrinus*

(8) 15 Cangshan 10.5, 2 Jade Dragon Snow Mountains 14.5, 30 Lijiang area 15.5, 10 Tunnel area below Balangshan Pass 22.5, 1 between Maerkang and Mengbishan 24.5, 1 Baxi Valley 26.5, 1 Baxi Valley 27.5 and 1 between Tangjiahe and Chengdu 1.6.

Himalayan Beautiful Rosefinch *Carpodacus pulcherrimus*

(1) 3 Baxi Valley 26.5.

NOTE: Beautiful Rosefinch was recently split into two species: Himalayan Beautiful Rosefinch and Chinese Beautiful Rosefinch (NE China).

Pink-rumped Rosefinch *Carpodacus waltoni*

(2) 35 Mengbishan 24.5 and 1 Baxi Valley 27.5.

Vinaceous Rosefinch *Carpodacus vinaceus*

(2) 2 Longcanggou NNR 18.5 and 2 Tunnel area below Balangshan Pass 22.5.

NOTE: Vinaceous Rosefinch was recently split into two species: Taiwan and Vinaceous Rosefinches.

Three-banded Rosefinch *Carpodacus trifasciatus*

(1) 4 Mengbishan 24.5.

Chinese White-browed Rosefinch *Carpodacus dubius*

(5) 3 Tunnel area below Balangshan Pass 21.5, 5 Tunnel area below Balangshan Pass 22.5, 30 Mengbishan 24.5, 10 Baxi Valley 26.5 and 10 Baxi Valley 27.5.

NOTE: White-browed Rosefinch was recently split into two species: Chinese and Himalayan White-browed Rosefinches.

Red-fronted (Red-faced) Rosefinch *Carpodacus puniceus*

(3) Up to 12 Balangshan 21-23.5.

Grey-capped (Oriental) Greenfinch *Chloris sinica*

(6) 40+20 heard Chengdu Botanical Gardens 16.5, 20+30 heard between Longcanggou Guest House and the nature reserve 17.5, 30 Longcanggou NNR 18.5, 20 between Longcanggou Guest House and the nature reserve 19.5, 10 between Longcanggou Guest House and the nature reserve 20.5 and 10 between Tangjiahe and Chengdu 1.6.

Black-headed Greenfinch *Chloris ambigua*

(3) 4+8 heard Zixishan Nature Reserve 9.5, 15 Cangshan 10.5 and 2 Lijiang area 15.5.

Twite *Linaria flavirostris*

(2) 30 Tibetan Plateau between Maerkang and Rouergai 25.5 and 10 Rouergai (Zoige) 26.5.

Tibetan Serin *Spinus thibetanus*

(1) 6 Jiuzhai Valley National Park 28.5.

Buntings, Sparrows and Allies - Emberizidae

Slaty Bunting *Emberiza siemsseni*

(1) 3 Jiuzhai Valley National Park 28.5.



Godlewski's Bunting*Emberiza godlewskii*

(3) 4 Zixishan Nature Reserve 9.5, 2 Lijiang area 14.5 and 1 between Jiuzhaigou and Tangjiahe 29.5.

Little Bunting*Emberiza pusilla*

(2) 3 Tunnel area below Balangshan Pass 22.5 and 1 Flower Lake 26.5.

Yellow-throated (Elegant) Bunting*Emberiza elegans*

(4) 2 Cangshan 9.5, 4 Jade Dragon Snow Mountains 14.5, 1 Longcanggou NNR 18.5 and 1 between Tangjiahe and Chengdu 1.6.

Mammals (22 in total: 22 seen)**Status codes:** E = Endemic, NE = Near-endemic, I = Introduced**IUCN codes:** CR = Critically endangered, EN = Endangered, VU = Vulnerable, NT = Near Threatened, DD = Data Deficient**Old World monkeys - Cercopithecidae****Milne-edwards' (Tibetan) Macaque***Macaca thibetana*

(1) 30 Tangjiahe NR 31.5.

Rabbits, Hares - Leporidae**Woolly Hare***Lepus oiostolus*

(1) 1 Baxi Valley 27.5.

Pikas - Ochotonidae**Plateau (Black-lipped) Pika***Ochotona curzoniae*

(1) 30 Rouergai (Zoige) 26.5.

Moupin Pika*Ochotona thibetana*

(1) 3 Gong Gang Ling Pass 29.5.

Squirrels - Sciuridae**Pallas's Squirrel***Callosciurus erythraeus flavimanus*

(8) 1 Zixishan Nature Reserve 9.5, 1 Cangshan 10.5, 3 Gaoligongshan 12.5, 2 Gaoligongshan 13.5, 2 Chengdu City Park 16.5, 1 Tunnel area below Balangshan Pass 22.5, 4 Tangjiahe NR 30.5 and 2 Tangjiahe NR 31.5.

Asian Red-cheeked Squirrel*Dremomys rufigenis*

(2) 6 Gaoligongshan 11.5 and 4 Gaoligongshan 12.5.

Perny's Long-nosed Squirrel*Dremomys pernyi*

(2) 2 Tunnel area below Balangshan Pass 21.5 and 2 Tunnel area below Balangshan Pass 22.5.

Himalayan Marmot*Marmota himalayana*

(6) 5 Balanshan 21.5, 2 Tunnel area below Balangshan Pass 22.5, 4 Balanshan 23.5, 20 Tibetan Plateau between Maerkang and Rouergai 25.5 and 5+10 heard Baxi Valley 27.5.

Black Giant Squirrel*Ratufa bicolor*

(1) 2 Gaoligongshan 11.5.

Père David's Rock Squirrel*Sciurotamias davidianus*

(2) 1 Tangjiahe NR 30.5 and 2 Tangjiahe NR 1.6.

Swinhoe's Striped Squirrel

Tamias swinhoi

(3) 1 Longcanggou NNR 17.5, 1 Longcanggou NNR 18.5 and 3 Jiuzhai Valley National Park 28.5.

Wolves, Coyote, Foxes, Jackals - Canidae

Gray Wolf

Canis lupus

(1) 1 Tibetan Plateau between Maerkang and Rouergai 25.5.

Tibetan Fox

Vulpes ferrilata

(1) 2 Baxi Valley 26.5.

Red Fox

Vulpes vulpes

(1) 1 Tibetan Plateau between Maerkang and Rouergai 25.5.

Weasels, Skunks, Otters - Mustelidae

Hog Badger

Arctonyx collaris

(2) 1 Tibetan Plateau between Maerkang and Rouergai 25.5 and 1 Baxi Valley 27.5.

Pigs - Suidae

Wild Boar

Sus scrofa

(2) 1 Tangjiahe NR 30.5 and 1 Tangjiahe NR 1.6.

Deer - Cervidae

Siberian Roe Deer

Capreolus pygargus

(1) 1 Tibetan Plateau between Maerkang and Rouergai 25.5.

Tufted Deer

Elaphodus cephalophus

(2) 1 Tunnel area below Balangshan Pass 23.5 and 1 Tangjiahe NR 1.6.

Reeves' Muntjac

Muntiacus reevesi

(3) Up to 8 Tangjiahe NR 29-31.5.

Cattle, Antelopes, Sheep, Goats - Bovidae

(Golden) Takin

Budorcas taxicolor

(3) Up to 9 Tangjiahe NR 29-31.5.

Chinese Serow

Capricornis milneedwardsii

(1) 1 Baxi Valley 27.5.

Chinese Goral

Naemorhedus griseus

(2) 4 Tangjiahe NR 30.5 and 1 Tangjiahe NR 31.5.



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