

Qinghai, China



Koslov's Bunting

In the footsteps of Przevalski, Roborovski and Kozlov

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General

This was a trip organized by the Oriental Bird Club and led by Jesper Hornskov. Jesper has been taking groups to Qinghai many times before and has lived in the province many years and thus has unrivalled experience in this remote area. His extensive knowledge ensured us that the birding as well as the logistics were perfectly arranged.

Highlights

To name a few highlights from such a marvellous birding trip is not feasible. We saw a large number of rare and/or seldom-seen species in a brilliantly scenic and remote area of the world. Most of the birding was conducted between 3500 and 4500 meters (sometimes over 5000 m!) so the term Roof of the World really comes true.

Top of the list of birds must anyway go to the following species: Koslov's Bunting, eight species of redstarts topped by Przevalski's Redstart, Przevalski's Rosefinch, Przevalski's Partridge, Severtsov's Grouse, White Eared-Pheasant, Szechenyi's Monal-Partridge, Koslov's Babax, six species of Snowfinch, 10 species of Rosefinches topped by Roborovski's, Tibetan and Pallas's Sandgrouse, Black-necked Crane, Pere David's Owl, Przevalski's Nuthatch, eight species of *Phylloscopus* warblers topped by Gansu Leaf-Warbler, Crested Tit-Warbler, Henderson's Ground-Jay, etc, etc. These were just a few of the specialities of the area, but equally memorable were the numerous sightings of more widespread delicacies like Lammergeiers, Wallcreepers and plenty of central Asian species.

Itinerary

20 /7

Started early at 7.40 with a morning flight from Beijing to Xining, the capital of Qinghai. Arrived at 9.40 and we were soon on our way out of the town heading west to Koko Nor (or Qinghai Hu), which is the largest lake in China. The lake itself is at 3200 m and is easily reached by a good highway about two hours west of Xining. At about lunchtime we started the birding in a marshy area in the southeast corner of the lake and several of our first Tibetan species were soon bagged. One speciality here was Pere David's Snowfinch, which we saw nicely in the grassy area near a lagoon. On the other end of the size-scale were two pairs of majestic Black-necked Crane. Waterbirds were plentiful and the grasslands had a good selection of larks.

In the late afternoon we continued west and stopped for some roadside birding. One interesting sight was to see the pilgrims on their way to Lhasa. Every few meters they fell to the ground and prayed, so the complete trip might take a while! We finally reached the small town of Heimahe, where we spent the night in a "simple but adequate" motel.

21/7

At the crack of dawn we woke up to the songs of many Oriental Skylarks. Left the motel in Heimahe at 5.45 and drove to what is known as Rubber Mountain in the mountain range along the south end of Koko Nor. We climbed the hills and birded the scrubby hillsides until the afternoon. Most of the time was spent at altitudes of 3500-3650 m. The birding was fantastic with lots of the regions specialities like Przevalski's Redstart, rosefinches, snowfinches, White-browed Tit, Stolitska's Tit-Warbler. After a quick bite, we continued to the desert west of Koko Nor. In the late afternoon between 16-18, we visited a small settlement with a small poplar wood.

At last it was time to make the attempt for Pallas's Sandgrouse in the desert near Caka. Initiating the walk with goodies like Blanford's Snowfinch and Henderson's Ground-Jay it was not long before we found a couple of Sandgrouses and the day was complete. The night was spent at a good hotel in Caka.

22/7

In the early morning we set off to the mountain range near Caka. A walk up through a wadi produced the hoped for Mongolian Trumpeter Finches and a single Przevalski's Partridge performed very well.

On the way back to Caka we stopped to enjoy a nice pair of Isabelline Shrikes with a juvenile.

It was then a long journey back towards Koko Nor and in the afternoon we had some nice views of large flocks of Bar-headed Geese and Great Black-headed Gulls accompanied by singing Tibetan Larks.

Later we headed for Gonghe. The hills had some very nice scrub with much the same birds as Rubber Mountain and we kept birding until late afternoon. Then it was a long drive to Gonghe where we stayed at a nice hotel.

23/7

Departure from the hotel in Gonghe at 7.30 on a sunny and clear day. Near the town we stopped at a small wood in a wadi-like area. The most interesting bird to me was the Desert Lesser Whitethroat of the *margelanica* form, which bred and gave good views. We birded this productive site until 11.00 when we left for our journey south. For several hours we drove along a plateau at about 3100 m. Also went through a mountain pass at 3900 m. During the mid afternoon we stopped for 1.5 hours in a vegetated gorge at 3750 m. Here we saw Eastern Great and Caucasian Great Rosefinches side by side plus a number of other interesting birds.

In the late afternoon we continued south across fantastic steppes and mountains on the way to Maduo. The weather was brilliant and the scenery was truly majestic. Saw several Tibetan Gazelles and a Tibetan Fox. When we went over Er La Pass at c 4500 m the air was filled with snow-flakes.

Late in the evening we eventually arrived at Maduo only to find that our hotel had released our bookings. No problem really, as we quickly found another hotel where we settled.

24/7

At 6.30 we departed Maduo for a long journey south across endless undulating mountain ranges, large tracts of wetlands and high mountain passes. In the morning we spent time in the wetlands south of Maduo where there were many mammals in evidence, Tibetan Gazelles, Kiangs, Tibetan Foxes and of course the always present pikas. The avifauna was especially rich with flocks of Ruddy Shelducks and Bar-headed Geese, lots of Mongolian Plovers and some Sakers.

Later in the day we went over a pass where we climbed the slopes in search of the very localized Roborovski's Rosefinch. After some frustrating distant fleeting glimpses, we eventually located one stunning male just as we were about to return to the cars. It showed very well and it was a privileged feeling to encounter such a mythical bird in this dramatic landscape.

In the afternoon we continued south to Yushu, stopping continuously en route to admire several Ibisbills along the river we followed. It was 21.00 before we finally reach the town of Yushu, a surprisingly large and developed town (even an internet café) so far from everything.

25/7

After a slight lie-in and hotel breakfast (although the Chinese style!) we set off at 8.00 to continue further south. In the morning we passed through some open flat landscape where we saw a distant limping wolf. Then over a 4500 m pass where we climbed to a ridge and spent some time watching the stunning landscape with fabulous mountains all around us. While scanning the mountain sides we saw good numbers of Blue Sheep, but their predator, the Snow Leopard, remained unseen. Lammergeiers cruised the steep terrain and Red-breasted Rosefinch and Guldenstadt's Redstart were scoped.

A late lunch-stop at 15.00 along a river was highly productive as we had now entered a new habitat with juniper-clad valleys. White-browed and Pink-rumped Rosefinches, Tibetan Partridges, Yellow-streaked and Greenish Warblers were much in evidence and a White Eared-Pheasant called briefly. At a certain spot we looked for and found the endemic Koslow's Babax skulking among the bushes.

The road deteriorated completely in many places, making it more convenient to drive across the landscape. This was however, well compensated by the breathtaking scenery. There were plenty of reasons to make stops along the road to photograph or watch birds. It was late in the evening before we reached our final destination of Nanquan Forest Reserve. Everything was prepared for us and we soon settled in the forest station where we slept on the floor and were offered some delicious food. The station is situated by the river and in direct proximity to the birding habitat and it was with high anticipation that we all fell asleep that night.

26/7

As I was especially keen on looking for Pere David's Owl, two of us were up well before dawn and crossed the river and walked along the forest edge. Soon we could hear the Ural Owl-like call up the mountain-side and we started to climb closer to it. Eventually we were positioned right under him, but unfortunately it was not until he flew out that we could see him. We returned to the station for a well-deserved breakfast before we all headed out into the forest. The valley bottom is at 3500 m and we were to climb to well over 4000 m through the forest. Extremely hard work as the slopes were very steep. In spite of this, we were well compensated by some wonderful birding experiences in a magic mature forest. Exactly the type of forest where Bluetails are found in northeastern Scandinavia and of course they were present here as well, but now in company with an avifauna that is totally different.

At midday we had reached the tree-line and after a refreshing lunchstop and rest we were alerted by Jesper's three-note whistle indicating a real good bird had been found. Indeed, he had followed some angry Giant Laughingthrushes and found the reason for them being upset: a Pere David's Owl. We then played hide and seek with a pair of owls for some time, but always only managed to see them in flight, although sometimes very good indeed.

After the lunch-break we stayed at the tree-line looking for Szechenyi's Monal-Partridge which we flushed from the scrub only allowing flight-views. It was late afternoon when we started the descent along another trail back to the valley bottom. Back at the station at 20.30 where we were greeted with vegetable soup cooked by our drivers.

The list of birds that had to be celebrated in the evening was long and consisted of mouth-watering creatures like Crested Tit-Warbler and Maroon-backed Accentor.

27/7

Our second full day at Nanquan was spent in the forests and mountain slopes just across over the bridge. Besides the forest birding, the day was much devoted to finding White Eared-Pheasants which proved elusive. We spent a lot of time scanning the grassy hill-sides above the tree-line, but after some time two of us gave up (as I had seen the pheasants a few weeks earlier in Sichuan and was more tempted to locate Severtsov's Grouse). We returned to lower altitudes via a bushy stream where we had a Chinese Fulvetta. In the lower sections of the forest we all of a sudden heard some loud noises and SUS saw a flock of White Eared-Pheasants slowly walk up the slope. We then walked up and down another stream through the forest and eventually flushed a pair of Severtsov's Grouse that put in an excellent performance with lengthy views. Certainly a nice way to round off another successful day.

28/7

Another full day at Nanquan. SUS and I went on our own in order to find some remaining specialities like Blood Pheasant, Three-banded Rosefinch and Przevalski's Nuthatch. We took the ridge trail that we had taken two days earlier, but now with the intention to spend most of the day in the forest itself. It turned out to be a very pleasant and birdy day with all the target birds seen very well and it was not until late afternoon when we returned to the station.

29/7

The last morning at Nanquan was spent along the river where we had good views of Koslov's Babax and Spot-brested Scimitar-Babbler. At 8.30 we left the forest reserve and headed for the town of Nanquan, which we did not arrive to until late in the evening. Much of the day was spent at high altitudes at Kanda Shan. The pass is at ca 4500 m and there we could admire a beautiful pair of Koslov's Buntings, which put in a real show for us. This was celebrated with a light lunch before setting off to altitudes over 5000 m in search of Tibetan Snowcocks and the Tibetan form of Chinese Grey Shrike. The former were soon scoped up, but only one person in the group managed to find the latter. Both species of choughs and more Koslov's Buntings were seen.

30/7

Night in Nanquan with heavy rain during the night and early morning. Due to the rain we had a late departure and it was not until 10.30 when we arrived at a mountain valley where we would look for White Eared-Pheasants. We thoroughly searched the entire valley between 3700 and 4000+ meters, but it was not until late afternoon when I found a flock of Pheasants, which then provided good views for all of us. We were also treated to good, although quick, looks at a group of Blood Pheasants.

The mammal list was boosted with a lengthy view of a Mainland Serow slowly walking along a ridge.

In the evening we returned to the same hotel in Nanquan for our last night before the long journey back towards Xining.

31/7

Most of the day we spent birding along the road between Nanquan and Yushu. The landscape was dramatic with deep gorges and rocky mountains mixed with grassy slopes. Lots of fantastic views of Lammergeiers, Golden Eagles, Wallcreepers, Snow Pigeons plus a number of rosefinches and snowfinches that kept us busy. In the early evening we arrived at Yushu with a significant feel of civilization and a connection with the rest of the world again, like internet access!

1/8

Early departure to a mountain area north of Yushu, where we were looking for more Przewalski's Rosefinch on the scrubby hillsides. Despite some light rain we were treated to a splendid morning with a pair of Rosefinches at a nest as well as Himalayan Rubythroats and Beautiful Rosefinches. On the way back to Yushu we stopped at several places along the river system.

2/8

After a last night in Yushu we left at 6.00 for a long travelling day northwards to Wenquan, which we arrived at 18.30. Many stops for birds and mammals along the road.

3/8

This was the day for one of the real target birds of the trip, Tibetan Sandgrouse at Er La Pass. We left the road just after dawn and started the walk up the slopes. In the late morning we were lucky enough to have found a pair that showed extremely well, in delight to all photographers. It was hard to drag ourselves away from this truly magnificent scenery at 5500 meters altitude with 360 degrees vistas in bright sunshine. Surely a good way to end the journey across the Tibetan plateau.

In the afternoon we climbed some mountain ridges south of Wenquan and saw another Roborovski's Rosefinch. Later we returned to our hotel in Wenquan.

4/8

Another travelling day with a 6.00 departure. We were now doing the last leg back to our starting point at Xining, which we arrived in the late afternoon. Numerous short birding stops along the road, still made the journey pleasant. At one stop we found some nice Blandford's and Pere David's Snowfinches which showed off nicely.

Back at Xining we birded the hillsides just north of the town and added yet another rosefinch to the trip-list, Pale Rosefinch.

5/8

Between 6.30 and 10.30 we birded the scrubby hills at Laoyi Shan, before continuing to the nearby forested reserve at Dongxia. The target bird Gansu Leaf-Warbler was eventually seen very well and other goodies included Przewalski's and Chinese Nuthatches. It was not until late afternoon that we returned to Xining for the last night in Qinghai.

6/8

Return flight from Xining to Beijing.

Weather

The weather was generally very good and we only had a few hours of rain during the whole trip. Temperatures ranged from hot to cold, but were most of the time very pleasant. The air was mostly clear and crisp and invited to photographing stunning vistas. Due to the high altitude, the sun was very strong so sun-blocker was necessary.

As we started the trip with a few days around Koko Nor at an altitude of just over 3000 m, we got well acclimatized to high altitudes. Nevertheless there were sometimes some tough climbs, where several of us were totally out of breath. It is important to realize that most of the good birds seem to always be found well up the mountain sides compared to where you start your walking. Jesper's way of putting it was frequently: "it is just an easy stroll", so we were always well encouraged to put in the extra energy that was required.

Logistics

Qinghai is one of the poorest provinces of China and we travelled through some extremely remote areas of the world. In spite of this, we were most of the time served good and nourishing food, frequently the tasty "finger-print-noodles.

The infrastructure in Qinghai is actually rather good. GSM coverage in almost all the villages throughout the journey (although not yet along the highways). The roads have had a reputation of being extremely bad, but in fact proved rather ok, or as Jesper phrased it: "the roads are good, except for the bad bits". It was fascinating to see all the roadworks that seemingly stochastically were taking place. Hundreds (or thousands) of people digging or shovelling for several kilometers in the middle of nowhere doing a good job to improve the quality of the roads. Although they are actually very efficient, they still have a huge amount of kilometers to do! At many places we had to drive through the water in order to cross small rivers, as it seemed safer than crossing the wooden bridges. The very skilled drivers had however no problems in doing this kind of exercise.

Site descriptions

Below is a summarized description of the key sites that we visited. For a full description, do as I did, join Jesper on one of his fantastically organized trips!! Contact address:

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Koko Nor (Qinghai Hu)

This is the largest lake in China and situated at an altitude of 3200 m. We spent the time along the southern shore and bired in some wetlands and grassy areas that held lots of waterbirds, larks and other key species.

South Koko Nor Range

This is the mountain range that runs along the southern end of Koko Nor. This is the habitat for a large number of restricted range species like e.g. Przewalski's Redstart.

Caka

Desert landscape west of Koko Nor consisting of different vegetation types and some gorges. Prime habitat for species like Pallas's Sandgrouse, Henderson's Ground Jay, Przewalski's Partridge, Blanford's Snowfinch, Mongolian Trumpeter Finch and many more.

Gonghe

A town south of Koko Nor on a highland steppe. We birded in a vegetated riverbed and saw e.g. Margelanic Desert Lesser Whitethroat.

Maduo

A town even further south with some extensive wetlands that holds many Black-necked Cranes, Upland Buzzards and some key mammal species like Kiang and Tibetan Gazelle.

Nanquan

Fantastic forest reserve in the southeast corner of Qinghai. Altitudes between 3500 and 4500 meters and lots of primary mixed and coniferous forests. This habitat is connected to the forested mountains of endemic-rich Sichuan and the number of target birds is high.

Kanda Shan

Mountain with scree slopes and crags at 5000+ meters. One of the few accessible sites for Koslov's Bunting.

Er La Pass

A high mountain pass where we climbed to altitudes well above 5500 meters in search of Tibetan Sandgrouse.

Xining

The capital of Qinghai. North of town there is a mountain, which holds interesting species like e.g. Pale Rosefinch.

Laoye Shan

A mountain north of Xining with some fields and scrubs. Overlooking an extremely polluted town.

Dongxia

A forest reserve north of Xining, which is also a popular picnic area. The reserve has some really good forest and notably the key species Gansu Leaf Warbler.

Birds

The list below refers to my own personal observations. Other members of this organized trip have naturally seen a couple of more species and higher numbers. The only key species seen by other members of the group, but not by myself, were the tibetan form of Chinese Grey Shrike (Kanda Shan) and Crimson-browed Finch (Nanquan).

Little Grebe *Tachybaptus ruficollis poggei*

One heard at Koko Nor.

Great Crested Grebe *Podiceps cristatus cristatus*

100+ at Koko Nor and one south of Maduo.

Black-necked Grebe *Podiceps nigricollis nigricollis*

Four pairs including some juveniles at Koko Nor.

Great Cormorant *Phalacrocorax carbo sinensis*

Five at the south shore of Koko Nor and 100+ flying over Rubber Mountains, Koko Nor.

Great Egret *Ardea alba modesta*

One at Koko Nor.

Grey Heron *Ardea cinerea jouyi*

Three at Koko Nor.

Black Stork *Ciconia nigra*

Six together at Koko Nor.

Greylag Goose *Anser anser rubirostris*

50 at Koko Nor.

Bar-headed Goose *Anser indicus*

Five at the south shore of Koko Nor and 200 at the same place two days later. 4-500 in a lake south of Wenquan Pass (but only two a week later) and 30 in the wetlands south of Maduo.

Ruddy Shelduck *Tadorna ferruginea*

40 + 20 at Koko Nor, two south of Wenquan, 50-70 in the wetlands south of Maduo, singles between Yushu and Nanquan, 15 between Nanquan and Yushu and 30 between Yushu and Wenquan.

Gadwall *Anas strepera*

Eight at Koko Nor.

Eurasian Teal *Anas crecca crecca*

30 at Koko Nor.

Spot-billed Duck *Anas poecilorhyncha zonorhyncha*

Four at Koko Nor.

Northern Pintail *Anas acuta*

10 at Koko Nor.

Garganey *Anas querquedula*

Two at Koko Nor.

Northern Shoveler *Anas clypeata*

Two at Koko Nor.

Red-crested Pochard *Netta rufina*

200 at Koko Nor and 6 south of Wenquan.

Common Pochard *Aythya ferina*

20 at Koko Nor.

Ferruginous Duck *Aythya nyroca*

10 at Koko Nor.

Goosander *Mergus merganser orientalis*

Three at Koko Nor, one between Yushu and Nanquan, 8 north of Yushu and seven between Yushu and Wenquan.

Black Kite *Milvus migrans lineatus*

One at Caka, one south of Gonghe, two between Nanquan FR and Nanquan and one at Yushu.

Lammergeier *Gypaetus barbatus barbatus*

One at Rubber Mountain, Koko Nor, two at Bayan Har Pass, three south of Yushu, three at Nanquan FR, two at Kanda Shan, four between Nanquan and Yushu, three north of Yushu, two between Yushu and Wenquan and one at Er La Pass.



Lammergeier

Himalayan Griffon *Gyps himalayensis*

20 at Rubber Mountain, Koko Nor, two between Gonghe and Maduo, one between Yushu and Nanquan FR, about five at Nanquan FR, 30 between Nanquan FR and Nanquan, three between Nanquan and Yushu, three east of Nanquan, five north of Yushu, three at Er La Pass and two at Wenquan Pass.

Northern Goshawk *Accipiter gentilis schvedowi*

One at Nanquan FR and one east of Nanquan.

Eurasian Sparrowhawk *Accipiter nisus nisosimilis*

Two at Nanquan FR, one between Nanquan FR and Nanquan, one east of Nanquan and one at Laoyi Shan.

Common Buzzard *Buteo buteo japonicus*

Four at Nanquan FR, one between Nanquan FR and Nanquan, one at Laoyi Shan and one at Dongxia.

Upland Buzzard *Buteo hemilasius*

Two at Koko Nor, one at Rubber Mountain, Koko Nor, one at Caka, three between Gonghe and Maduo, 120 south from Maduo, five south of Yushu, two between Nanquan and Yushu, 123 between Yushu and Wenquan, 10 around Er La Pass and Wenquan and five between Wenquan and Xining.



Upland Buzzard

Steppe Eagle *Aquila nipalensis nipalensis*

One second year south of Maduo.

Golden Eagle *Aquila chrysaetos daphaena*

One between Yushu and Nanquan FR, one juvenile at Nanquan FR, two adults between Nanquan FR and Nanquan and four between Nanquan and Yushu.

Eurasian Kestrel *Falco tinnunculus interstinctus*

One at Caka, one between Nanquan and Yushu, two north of Yushu and one at Beishan north of Xining.

Eurasian Hobby *Falco subbuteo streichi*

One at Koko Nor, two at Nanquan FR and one at Dongxia.

Saker *Falco cherrug milvipes*

Three south of Maduo, one south of Yushu, two between Yushu and Wenquan, one at Er La Pass and one at Wenquan Pass.



Saker

Severtzov's Grouse *Bonasia sewerzowi*

Crippling close-up views of one pair at 3900 m at Nanquan FR.

Szechenyi's Monal Partridge *Tetraophasis szechenyii*

One at 4200 m at Nanquan FR, two plus one seen and three separate heard at Nanquan FR.

Tibetan Snowcock *Tetraogallus tibetanus henrici*

Three to five adults and three juveniles at Kanda Shan.

Przevalski's Partridge *Alectoris magna*

One at Caka performed really well when feeding on a low slope in front of us.



Przevalski's Partridge

Daurian Partridge *Perdix dauurica suschkini*

Heard briefly at Laoyi Shan.

Tibetan Partridge *Perdix hodgsoniae sifanica*

Two heard at Rubber Mountain, Koko Nor, 10+ between Yushu and Nanquan FR, three between Nanquan FR and Nanquan, five at Kanda Shan, two heard between Nanquan and Yushu and four north of Yushu.



Tibetan Partridge

Japanese Quail *Coturnix japonica*

One heard east of Nanquan.

Blood Pheasant *Ithaginis cruentus geoffroyi*

One pair with a chick at 3800 m at Nanquan FR was seen at close range. At least four males, one female and one chick together in the upper parts of the valley east of Nanquan.

White Eared-Pheasant *Crossoptilon crossoptilon crossoptilon*

One heard between Yushu and Nanquan FR, flock of 10 heard at Nanquan FR (seen by SUS), heard at Nanquan FR station and at last we had fantastic views of eight adults and one juvenile at the upper parts of the valley east of Nanquan.

Common Pheasant *Phasianus colchicus strauchi*

Five at Beishan north of Xining and 10+ at Laoyi Shan.

Coot *Fulica atra atra*

100+ at Koko Nor.

Black-necked Crane *Grus nigricollis*

Two pairs and one juvenile at Koko Nor, four pairs and one juvenile south of Maduo, two south of Yushu, two pairs and one juvenile between Nanquan and Yushu, two pairs and one juvenile between Yushu and Wenquan.

Ibisbill *Ibidorhyncha struthersii*

Three plus two between Maduo and Yushu, four between Yushu and Nanquan FR, one east of Nanquan, one between Nanquan and Yushu, three adults and one juvenile north of Yushu.



Ibisbill

Little Ringed Plover *Charadrius dubius curonicus*

One south of Gonghe.

Kentish Plover *Charadrius alexandrinus alexandrinus*

Five at Koko Nor and one south of Wenquan.

Mongolian Plover *Charadrius mongolus atrifrons*

Six at Koko Nor, 50 south of Maduo and one south of Wenquan.

Pacific Golden Plover *Pluvialis fulva*

One adult south of Maduo.

Northern Lapwing *Vanellus vanellus*

Five at Koko Nor.

Long-toed Stint *Calidris subminuta*

One at Koko Nor.

Black-tailed Godwit *Limosa limosa melanuroides*

15 at Koko Nor.

Eurasian Curlew *Numenius arquata orientalis*

Two at Koko Nor.

Common Redshank *Tringa totanus eurhinus*

100 at Koko Nor, one at Caka, five south of Wenquan, common south of Maduo, singles south of Yushu, five between Nanquan and Yushu, 10 between Yushu and Wenquan, five between Wenquan and Xining.

Wood Sandpiper *Tringa glareola*

20 at Koko Nor and 20 south of Maduo and five between Wenquan and Xining.

Common Sandpiper *Actitis hypoleucos*

Five at Koko Nor, one at Caka, one south of Maduo, one between Yushu and Nanquan FR, four at Nanquan FR, one north of Yushu and 10 between Wenquan and Xining.

Curlew Sandpiper *Calidris ferruginea*

12 adults at the south shore of Koko Nor.

Great Black-headed Gull *Larus ichthyaetus*

150 at the south shore of Koko Nor and 100 at the same site two days later, one south of Maduo, four between Maduo and Yushu and one between Yushu and Wenquan.

Brown-headed Gull *L. brunnicephalus*

Seven plus one at Koko Nor, 20 south of Wenquan, 10 south of Maduo and one between Yushu and Wenquan.

Common Tern *Sterna hirundo tibetana*

20+10 at Koko Nor, two at Caka, one south of Gonghe, 10+ between Maduo and Yushu, five between Yushu and Nanquan FR, two between Nanquan FR and Nanquan, one between Nanquan and Yushu, 10 north of Yushu and one between Wenquan and Xining.

Little Tern *Sterna albifrons sinensis*

Two at Koko Nor.

Pallas's Sandgrouse *Syrhaptes paradoxus*

Two separate birds in the evening near Caka and one pair with two juveniles at the same site the day after.



Pallas's Sandgrouse

Tibetan Sandgrouse *S. tibetanus*

One pair with a downy chick at Er La Pass.



Tibetan Sandgrouse

Blue Hill Pigeon *Columba rupestris rupestris*

20 at Caka and 10 at Koko Nor, seen daily and sometimes in good numbers all the way from Xining to Nanquan.

Snow Pigeon *Columba leuconota gradaria*

One between Nanquan FR and Nanquan, one at Kanda Shan and 20+ between Nanquan and Yushu.

Collared Dove *Streptopelia decaocto decaocto*

Two at Xining.

Oriental Turtle Dove *Streptopelia orientalis orientalis*

10 at Nanquan FR.

Large Hawk Cuckoo *Hierococcyx sparveriioides sparveriioides*

One heard at Nanquan FR.

Common Cuckoo *Cuculus canorus bakeri*

Two at Caka, one south of Gonghe, two between Yushu and Nanquan FR and one north of Yushu.

Eagle Owl *Bubo bubo tibetanus hemachalana(tibetanus)*

One adult with a chick at a gorge between Nanquan and Yushu.

Little Owl *Athene noctua impasta*

Two at Koko Nor, one at Caka, one south of Gonghe, one between Gonghe and Maduo and one between Yushu and Wenquan.

Pere David's Owl *Strix davidi*

One heard well and tape-recorded and then seen when it flew off, just opposite the station at Nanquan FR. One pair seen several times in flight during daytime when they were harassed by Giant Laughingthrushes at 4000 m at Nanquan FR.

Common Swift *Apus apus pekinensis*

100+ at Koko Nor, 30+ at Caka, 50 south of Gonghe, 10 near Yushu, 20+ at Xining and 10 at Laoyi Shan.

Fork-tailed Swift *Apus pacificus pacificus*

50+ at Koko Nor, 10 at Rubber Mountain, Koko Nor, 30 between Yushu and Nanquan, 10 at Nanquan FR, two at Kanda Shan, 10+ between Nanquan and Yushu, 20+ north of Yushu and 10 between Wenquan and Xining.

Hoopoe *Upopa epops saturata*

Three at Koko Nor, one south of Gonghe, three near Yushu, 20 between Yushu and Nanquan FR, two between Nanquan and Yushu, one north of Yushu, one between Yushu and Wenquan, one at Er La Pass and five between Wenquan and Xining.

Grey-headed Woodpecker *Picus canus kogo*

One pair at Nanquan FR.

Black Woodpecker *Dryocopus martius khamensis*

Two at Nanquan FR.

Three-toed Woodpecker *Picoides tridactylus funebris*

One at Nanquan FR.

Tibetan Lark *Melanocorypha maxima holdereri*

Three at Rubber Mountain, Koko Nor, 15 at the south shore of Koko Nor, two south of Maduo, three between Nanquan and Yushu, one between Yushu and Wenquan and five at Er La Pass.



Tibetan Lark

Mongolian Lark *Melanocorypha mongolica emancipata*

10 at Koko Nor, one at Caka, five between Gonghe and Maduo and two between Wenquan and Xining.

Hume's Short-toed Lark *Calandrella acutirostris tibetana*

30+ at Koko Nor, 10 at Caka, 10 between Maduo and Yushu, two north of Yushu, five between Yushu and Wenquan.

Asian Short-toed Lark *Calandrella cheleensis cheleensis*

One probable at the wadi just south of Gonghe and four at the same site on the return journey.

Oriental Skylark *Alauda gulgula inopinata*

More or less common in all areas visited.



Oriental Skylark

Horned Lark *Eremophila alpestris brandtii*

More or less common in all areas visited.

Pale Martin *Riparia diluta tibetana*

Very distinct taxon morphologically and vocally. Fairly common around Koko Nor and the mountains south of the lake. Singles between Gonghe and Maduo, 20 between Maduo and Yushu and 100+ between Yushu and Wenquan. This form breeds sympatrically with *R. riparia* in Kazakhstan without interbreeding.

Crag Martin *Hirundo rupestris rupestris*

One west of Xining, two at Caka, five between Yushu and Nanquan FR, five between Nanquan and Yushu and 20+ north of Yushu.

Barn Swallow *Hirundo rustica gutturalis*

Five south of Maduo and one south of Wenquan.

Red-rumped Swallow *Hirundo daurica gephrya*

One near Yushu, five between Yushu and Nanquan FR and one between Nanquan and Yushu.

Asian House Martin *Delichon dasypus cashimiriensis*

10 in the gorge south of Gonghe, 10+ at Nanquan FR, 20 between Nanquan and Yushu, 20+ north of Yushu and 5+ between Wenquan and Xining.

Richard's Pipit *Anthus richardi sinensis*

Three near Caka, common between Gonghe and Maduo, two between Maduo and Yushu and one at Laoyi Shan.

Olive-backed Pipit *Anthus hodgsoni hodgsoni*

Three at Nanquan FR, one in the valley east of Nanquan and one at Dongxia.

Rosy Pipit *Anthus roseatus*

15 at Rubber Mountain, Koko Nor and four at Koko Nor and one at Kanda Shan.

Yellow Wagtail *Motacilla flava ssp*

One heard near Caka.

Citrine Wagtail *Motacilla citreola calcarata*

One at Koko Nor, 5-10 in the wadi south of Gonghe, five south of Maduo, 30 between Yushu and Nanquan FR, three between Nanquan and Yushu, five north of Yushu and 2 between Yushu and Wenquan.

White Wagtail *Motacilla alba leucopsis* and *alboides*

Leucopsis: Five at Koko Nor, 10 at Caka, one at Gonghe and one at Dongxia.

Alboides: Three near Yushu, 20 between Yushu and Nanquan FR, five at Nanquan FR, five between Nanquan FR and Nanquan, 15 north of Yushu.

White-throated Dipper *Cinclus cinclus przewalskii*

Dark-throated: One pair in the gorge south of Gonghe, two near Yushu, two between Yushu and Nanquan FR.

White-throated: One between nanquan FR and Nanquan and two between Nanquan and Yushu.

Winter Wren *Troglodytes troglodytes szetschuanus*

Four at Nanquan FR.

Maroon-backed Accentor *Prunella immaculata*

At least five at nanquan FR.

Rufous-breasted Accentor *Prunella strophciata strophciata*

Three at Rubber Mountain, Koko Nor, five at the South Koko Nor Range, three at Nanquan FR.

Brown Accentor *Prunella fulvescens dresseri*

Five at Rubber Mountain, Koko Nor, five in the gorge west of Caka, two at the South Koko Nor Range, two in Gonghe town, five in the gorge south of Gonghe, three at Kanda Shan.



Brown Accentor

Robin Accentor *Prunella rubeculoides fusca*

Five at Rubber Mountain, Koko Nor, 15 at the South Koko Nor Range, five in the gorge south of Gonghe, three at Bayan Har Pass, two between Nanquan and Yushu, one north of Yushu and five at Er La Pass.



Robin Accentor

Alpine Accentor *Prunella collaris tibetana*

Two at Kanda Shan.

Siberian Rubythroat *Luscinia calliope*

Three at Laoyi Shan and two at Dongxia.

Himalayan Rubythroat *L. pectoralis tshebaiewi*

Two at Rubber Mountain, Koko Nor, three juveniles at the South Koko Nor Range, one at the pass south of Yushu and five north of Yushu.

Red-flanked Bluetail *Tarsiger cyanurus rufilatus*

15 at Nanquan FR.

Przevalski's Redstart *Phoenicurus alashanicus*

Two juveniles seen very well at Rubber Mountain, Koko Nor. Alas no signs of the adults of this most restricted range redstart.



Przevalski's Redstart

Black Redstart *Phoenicurus ochruros rufiventris*

30 at Koko Nor, 20+ at Rubber Mountain, Koko Nor, 15 at Caka, common between Gonghe and Maduo, common between Maduo and Yushu, one between Nanquan and Yushu, 20+ between Yushu and Wenquan, 10 around Er La Pass and common between Wenquan and Xining.

Hodgson's Redstart *Phoenicurus hodgsoni*

10 between Yushu and Nanquan FR, five at Nanquan FR, two between Nanquan FR and Nanquan, two between Nanquan and Yushu and two in the valley east of Nanquan.

Blue-fronted Redstart *Phoenicurus frontalis*

Two at the South Koko Nor Range, 10+ at Nanquan FR, five at Kanda Shan, two in the valley east of Nanquan and 10 at Dongxia.

White-throated Redstart *Phoenicurus schisticeps*

One between Yushu and Nanquan FR, 20 at Nanquan FR, five in the valley east of Nanquan and 10 at Dongxia.



White-throated Redstart

Guldenstädt's Redstart *Phoenicurus erythrogaster grandis*

Five at Bayan Har Pass, one at the pass south of Yushu, one between Yushu and Wenquan, five at Er La Pass and five at Wenquan Pass.

White-capped Water-Redstart *Chaimarrornis leucocephalus*

One between Yushu and Nanquan, two between Nanquan FR and Nanquan, two east of Nanquan and three between Nanquan and Yushu.

White-bellied Redstart *Hodgsonius phoenicuroides phoenicuroides*

Five heard and one seen at nanquan FR and one heard at Laoyi Shan.

Stonechat *Saxicola torquata przewalskii*

10 at Rubber Mountain, Koko Nor.

Isabelline Wheatear *Oenanthe isabellina*

15 at Koko Nor, 30 at Caka, five between Gonghe and Maduo, one south of Wenquan and five between Wenquan and Xining.

Pied Wheatear *Oenanthe pleschanka*

One at Beishan north of Xining.

Desert Wheatear *Oenanthe deserti oreophila*

10 around Caka.



Desert Wheatear

Rock Thrush *Monticola saxatilis*

Two at the wadi south of Gonghe.

Long-tailed Thrush *Zoothera dixonii*

1 adult with a recently fledged juvenile at 3800 m at Nanquan FR.

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

Three at Rubber Mountain, Koko Nor, two near Yushu, 50+ between Yushu and Nanquan FR, two at Nanquan FR, 10 between Nanquan FR and Nanquan, three east of nanquan, two between Nanquan and Yushu, three north of Yushu and two at Laoyi Shan.



Kessler's Thrush

Spotted Bush-Warbler *Bradypterus thoracicus przewalskii*

Five at Laoyi Shan.

Desert Lesser Whitethroat *Sylvia minula margelanica*

1 pair + 1-2 juveniles at the wadi south of Gonghe and one, presumed other, adult at our second visit. One adult and one juvenile mistnetted for DNA samples. No reaction at all on playing the song of ssp *blythii*.



Desert Lesser Whitethroat

Greenish Warbler *Phylloscopus trochiloides obscuratus*

Five between Yushu and Nanquan FR, common at Nanquan FR and east of Nanquan, two between Nanquan and Yushu and five at Dongxia.

Buff-barred Leaf Warbler *Phylloscopus pulcher*

10 at Nanquan FR.

Lemon-rumped Warbler *Phylloscopus chloronotus*

20+ at Nanquan FR.

Gansu Leaf Warbler *Phylloscopus kansuensis*
Four at Dongxia.



Gansu Leaf Warbler

Hume's Leaf Warbler *Phylloscopus humei mandelli*
10+ at Nanquan FR.

Yellow-streaked Warbler *Phylloscopus armandii perplexus*
Five between Yushu and Nanquan FR, 10 at Nanquan FR and two at Laoyi Shan.

Dusky Warbler *Phylloscopus fuscatus robustus*
One heard at Rubber Mountain, Koko Nor and one heard at the South Koko Nor Range.

Tickell's Leaf Warbler *Phylloscopus affinis*
Four at Rubber Mountain, Koko Nor, common at the South Koko Nor Range, three in the gorge south of Gonghe, three at Nanquan FR, one at Kanda Shan, two east of Nanquan, one between Nanquan and Yushu, 10 north of Yushu and three at Laoyi Shan.

Goldcrest *Regulus regulus sikkimensis*
Five to ten at Nanquan FR and three at Dongxia.

Stoliczka's Tit-Warbler *Leptopoeile sophiae obscura*
Six at Rubber Mountain, Koko Nor, 10 at the South Koko Nor Range, one at Nanquan FR, two at Kanda Shan, two in the valley east of Nanquan, five north of Yushu, one in the gorge south of Gonghe and five at Laoyi Shan.



Stoliczka's Tit-Warbler

Crested Tit-warbler *Leptopoeile elegans*
15+ at Nanquan FR and five at Dongxia.

Sooty Flycatcher *Muscicapa sibirica rothschildii*
Seven at Nanquan FR.

- Slaty-backed Flycatcher** *Ficedula hodgsonii*
Three at Nanquan FR.
- Spot-breasted Scimitar Babbler** *Pomatorhinus erythrocnemis dedeheni*
Totally three pairs near the forest station at Nanquan FR.
- Kozlov's Babax** *Babax koslowi*
One between Yushu and Nanquan FR, two at Nanquan FR and three in the valleys east of Nanquan.
- Pere David's Laughingthrush** *Garrulax davidi davidi*
Two at Laoyi Shan and two at Dongxia.
- Giant Laughingthrush** *Garrulax maximus*
15-20 at Nanquan FR and two in the valley east of Nanquan.
- Elliot's Laughingthrush** *Garrulax ellioti przewalskii*
Common between Yushu and Nanquan FR, 20+ at Nanquan FR, 10+ east of Nanquan, five at Laoyi Shan and two at Dongxia.
- Chinese Fulvetta** *Alcippe striaticollis*
One at 4000 m and five singles between 3500 and 4000 m at Nanquan FR.
- White-browed Tit** *Poecile superciliosus*
Five at Rubber Mountain, Koko Nor, two heard at the South Koko Nor Range, two at Nanquan FR, one between Nanquan and Yushu and three north of Yushu.
- Songar Tit** *Poecile songarus affinis* and *weigoldicus*
Three between Yushu and Nanquan FR, seven at Nanquan FR, three east of Nanquan (*affinis*) and three at Dongxia (*weigoldicus*).
- Grey Crested Tit** *Lophophanes dichrous dichroides*
Eight at Nanquan FR.
- Rufous-vented Tit** *Periparus rubidiventris beavani*
20+ at Nanquan FR and five at Dongxia.
- Great Tit** *Parus major minor* and *tibetanus*
One at Gonghe (*minor*) and one at Nanquan FR (*tibetanus*).
- Chinese Nuthatch** *Sitta villosa bangsi*
One pair at Dongxia.
- Przevalski's (White-cheeked) Nuthatch** *S. (leucopsis) przewalskii*
Four heard and one pair seen at 3700 m at Nanquan FR and one seen at Dongxia.
- Wallcreeper** *Tichodroma muraria nepalensis*
At least three at Kanda Shan and three between Nanquan and Yushu.
- Eurasian Treecreeper** *Certhia familiaris bianchii*
Five at Nanquan FR and one at Dongxia.

Isabelline Shrike *Lanius isabellinus arenarius*

One pair with a juvenile near Caka.



Isabelline Shrike

Grey-backed Shrike *Lanius tephronotus tephronotus*

Two near Xining, four near Caka, five south of Gonghe, common between Yushu and Nanquan FR, 10+ at Nanquan FR, 10 between Nanquan FR and Nanquan, five east of Nanquan, five between Nanquan and Yushu, five north of Yushu, two in the gorge south of Gonghe, one at Beishan north of Xining and 10 at Laoyi Shan.

Black Drongo *Dicrurus macrocercus cathoecus*

One between Maduo and Yushu.

Azure-winged Magpie *Cyanopica cyanus kansuensis*

One near Dongxia.

Eurasian Magpie *Pica pica ssp and bottanensis*

One near Xining and 10 at Gonghe (*ssp*). 20 between Yushu and Nanquan FR, two between Nanquan FR and Nanquan, two at Kanda Shan, two east of Nanquan and two between Nanquan and Yushu (*bottanensis*).

Henderson's Ground-Jay *Podoces hendersoni*

One near Caka was video-filmed at close range.



Henderson's Ground-Jay

Hume's Ground-pecker *Pseudopodoces humilis*

20 at Koko Nor, 15 at Rubber Mountain, Koko Nor, 50+ between Gonghe and Maduo, common between Yushu and Nanquan FR, 10+ between Nanquan FR and Nanquan, 20+ between Nanquan and Yushu, common between Yushu and Wenquan, 10 around Wenquan and common between Wenquan and Xining.



Hume's Groundpecker

Yellow-billed Chough *Pyrrhocorax graculus digitatus*

15+ at Kanda Shan.

Red-billed Chough *Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax brachypus*

Three near Xining, one at Rubber Mountain, Koko Nor, three at Gonghe, common between Yushu and Nanquan FR, singles at Nanquan FR, 5+ at Kanda Shan, 10+ between Nanquan FR and Nanquan, five east of Nanquan, 10 between Nanquan and Yushu, 20 north of Yushu, 70+ at the wadi south of Gonghe, 10 at Beishan north of Xining, five at Laoyi Shan and 30 at Dongxia.

Daurian Jackdaw *Corvus dauuricus*

Two near Xining, 30+ between Yushu and Nanquan FR, 20 between Nanquan FR and Nanquan and three between Nanquan and Yushu.

Rook *Corvus frugilegus pastinator*

One near Xining and six between Dongxia and Xining.

Carrion Crow *Corvus corone orientalis*

10 at Dongxia.

Large-billed Crow *Corvus macrorhynchos tibetosinensis*

Five at Nanquan FR and 10+ at Dongxia.

Raven *Corvus corax tibetanus*

Two between Maduo and Yushu, one between Yushu and Nanquan FR, one at Kanda Shan, four between Yushu and Wenquan and three at Er La Pass.

Tree Sparrow *Passer montanus tibetanus*

Common in all inhabited areas.

Rock Sparrow *Petronia petronia brevirostris*

Five at Koko Nor, five at Rubber Mountain, Koko Nor, 10 near Caka, common between Gonghe and Maduo, 10 between Yushu and Nanquan, three north of Yushu and five between Wenquan and Xining.

Blanford's Snowfinch *Montifringilla blanfordi barbata*
20 near Caka and five between Wenquan and Xining.



Blanford's Snowfinch

Rufous-necked Snowfinch *Montifringilla ruficollis ruficollis*
Six at Rubber Mountain, Koko Nor, 30-50 between Gonghe and Maduo, 20+ between Maduo and Yushu, five between Nanquan and Yushu, common between Yushu and Wenquan, common between Er La Pass and Wenquan and 10+ between Wenquan and Xining.



Rufous-necked Snowfinch

Pere David's Snowfinch *Montifringilla davidiana davidiana*
1 pair with 1 juvenile at Koko Nor and 30 at a roadside pool between Wenquan and Xining.



Pere David's Snowfinch

White-rumped Snowfinch *Montifringilla taczanowskii*
Four south of Wenquan, 20+ between Maduo and Yushu, 10+ between Yushu and Wenquan, 10+ at Er La Pass and 20 at Wenquan Pass.

Tibetan Snowfinch *Montifringilla a. adamsii*

Two at Rubber Mountain, Koko Nor, three near Caka, one at the South Koko Nor Range, 10 between Gonghe and Maduo, one between Yushu and Nanquan FR, three between Nanquan and Yushu, 10+ between Yushu and Wenquan, two at Er La Pass and five at the gorge south of Gonghe.



Tibetan Snowfinch

White-winged Snowfinch *Montifringilla nivalis henrici*

Five at Er La Pass, three at Bayan Har Pass and common between Er La Pass and Wenquan.

Oriental Greenfinch *Carduelis sinica sinica*

Two at Gonghe and two at Laoyi Shan.

Eurasian Siskin *Carduelis spinus*

Seven at Dongxia.

Twite *Carduelis flavirostris miniakensis*

Seen regularly in all mountainous areas, sometimes common.

Red Crossbill *Loxia curvirostra himalayensis*

15 at Nanquan FR and 10 at Dongxia.

Plain Mountain Finch *Leucosticte nemoricola nemoricola*

Five at Rubber Mountain, Koko Nor, one at the South Koko Nor Range, five between Gonghe and Maduo, two south of Yushu, two at Nanquan FR, three at Kanda Shan, common between Er La Pass and Wenquan and two in the gorge south of Gonghe.

Brandt's (Black-headed) Mountain Finch *Leucosticte brandti pallidior*

One at Er La Pass, one at Bayan Har Pass, five between Nanquan and Yushu and 10+ at Er La Pass.



Brandt's Mountain Finch

Desert Finch *Rhodospiza obsoleta*

Two near Caka, one at Gonghe and two in the wadi near Gonghe.

Mongolian Trumpeter Finch *Bucanetes mongolicus*

One near Caka and 30+ in the gorge near Caka.



Mongolian Trumpeter Finch

Common Rosefinch *Carpodacus erythrinus roseatus*

One in the gorge near Gonghe, 15+ between Yushu and Nanquan FR, 15+ at Nanquan FR, common between Nanquan FR and Nanquan, two at Kanda Shan, 10+ between Nanquan and Yushu, five east of Nanquan and five north of Yushu.

Beautiful Rosefinch *Carpodacus pulcherrimus argyrophrys*

Two between Nanquan and Yushu, four north of Yushu, one female near Gonghe.



Beautiful Rosefinch

Pink-rumped Rosefinch *Carpodacus eos*

Two between Yushu and Nanquan FR, 30 at Nanquan FR and 20+ east of Nanquan.



Pink-rumped Rosefinch

Pale (Sinai) Rosefinch *Carpodacus synoicus beicki*
Eight at Beishan north of Xining.



Pale Rosefinch

Three-banded Rosefinch *Carpodacus trifasciatus*

First three separate sightings at far distance and finally one female and two males at close range at Nanquan FR.

White-browed Rosefinch *Carpodacus thura dubius*

Three between Yushu and Nanquan FR, common at Nanquan FR, 20+ east of Nanquan and one heard at Dongxia.



White-browed Rosefinch

Streaked (Eastern Great) Rosefinch *Carpodacus rubicilloides rubicilloides*

One at Rubber Mountain, Koko Nor, three in the gorge near Caka, one pair breeding in the gorge south of Gonghe, two between Nanquan and Yushu and two north of Yushu.



Streaked Rosefinch

Great Rosefinch *Carpodacus rubicilla sewertzowi*

One male in the gorge south of Gonghe, one male between Nanquan and Yushu and two in the gorge south of Gonghe.



Great Rosefinch

Red-breasted Rosefinch *Carpodacus puniceus longirostris*

One male at the pass south of Yushu, one at Kanda Shan and four between Nanquan and Yushu.



Red-breasted Rosefinch

Roborovski's Rosefinch *Kozlowia roborowskii*

Two adult males and one juvenile at Bayan Har Pass and one male and one juvenile at Wenquan Pass.

Przevalski's Rosefinch *Urocynchramus pylzowi*

One male at Rubber Mountain, Koko Nor and one pair at nest with four pulli at 4100 m north of Yushu. Also known as Pink-tailed Bunting.



Przevalski's Rosefinch

Grey-headed Bullfinch *Pyrrhula erythaca erythaca*

5+ at Nanquan FR.

White-winged Grosbeak *Mycerobas carniceps carnipes*

One between Yushu and Nanquan FR, five at Nanquan FR and two east of Nanquan.

Black-faced Bunting *Emberiza spodocephala sordida*

One at the wadi near Gonghe and five along the road going from Dongxia.

Kozlov's Bunting *Emberiza koslowi*

Two pairs and one heard at Kanda Shan.

Godlewski's Bunting *Emberiza godlewskii khamensis*

Two between Yushu and Nanquan FR, five at Nanquan FR, two between Naquan FR and Nanquan, five at Kanda Shan, two east of Nanquan, one between Nanquan and Yushu, one north of Yushu and four at Beishan north of Xining.



Godlewski's Bunting

Meadow Bunting *Emberiza cioides cioides*

10+ at Beishan north of Xining.



Meadow Bunting

Mammals

Alpine Weasel

Tibetan Fox

Wolf

Tibetan Gazelle

Marmot

Pikas

Kiang

Goral

Etc.....