

# Emei-shan, Sichuan, China, 18 – 26 August 2002

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**Emei-shan is a sacred mountain** in the western, central, area of China. Nearest big city is Chengdu. There is only one road up the mountain and birders are advised to take a cab to the main parking area at Jieyin Hall, and from there cable car to the summit. Walk down along the very nice and paved(!) trail system (there are numerous trails to choose from), spend the night at any of the many monasteries. Do allow 5-7 days for this hike and make sure to bring descent foot ware, the paved path gets tremendously slippery when wet, and any deviation from the path can be detrimental (imagine a 1000m vertical displacement)! Food and drink is available along the trail, however, do not expect to find hamburgers! Emei is a very nice spot for warblers, bush-warblers, laughing-thrushes, parrotbills, pheasant and trogon birds and a few endemic species. The birding is very rewarding and the scenery is spectacular. The trail can get tremendously crowded at times and it does not help to be an early bird in China (everybody is!). In August, most Chinese people seem to be at work and we had a relatively uncrowded experience. Birding was very good at high and moderate altitudes, but not at the foot of the mountain, hence, if you do visit in August do not rush down, spend time where there are birds.



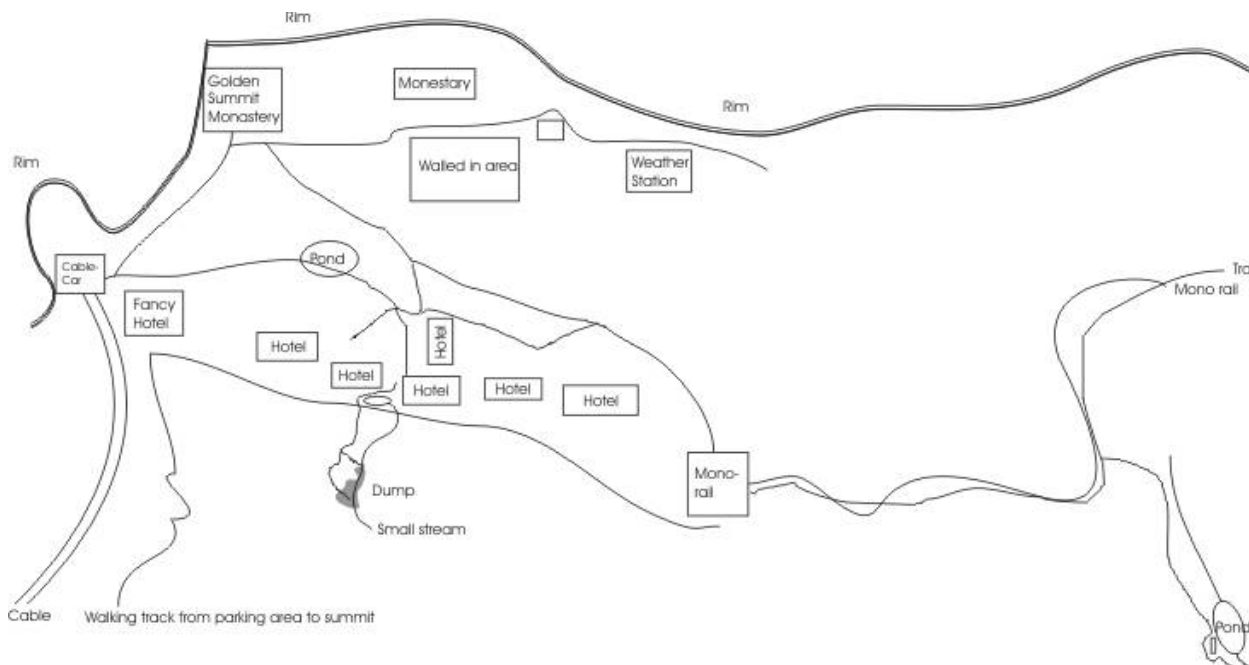
Map of Emei Shan. This map is totally useless, but it looks kind of cool. At best it gives a slight idea of the relative location of the temples, however, distance (absolute and relative) and in some cases names (English) are not to be trusted. This map was obtained at the foot of the mountain and the only source of information we had to orientate by (except for gravity that is).

## Itinerary

18 August: We went by an early morning flight from Beijing to Chengdu (equivalent to 3800 SEK). At the airport we tried to negotiate with a taxi-driver to take us to Emei Shan for 500Y. He seemed to accept this deal but we soon realised that he had no intentions to drive to Emei Shan himself. After some hassle we managed to get a local guy to drive the three hours to the parking lot at Jieyin Hall (2450 m a.s.l.). As always with cab drives, make sure to 1. Negotiate the price in advance 2. Make sure the cab is allowed to drive outside the city limit! Entrance fee to Emei Shan was 80Y /person. We spend two nights at a hotel nearby the parking lot and paid 120Y/night. As it was low season (Thanks Heaven for that) there were plenty of rooms at the hotel and prices were negotiable. In the afternoon we birded along the tarmac road above and below the parking lot and best bird was SLATY BUNTING, a splendid male with fledged young near the entrance to the Skiing Field.

19 August: We birded all day at 2000-2500 m a.s.l., along the tarmac road and along the track towards Xixiangchi. We were surprised by the amount of bird activity and had several good bird parties. In the afternoon heavy rain spoiled some hours birding. Good birds included RUFIOUS-GORGETED FLYCATCHER (3 behind our hotel), EMEI SHAN LIOCICHLA (several heard) and many good views of several PHYLLOSCOPUS SPP including many singing LARGE-BILLED LEAF WARBLERS.

20 August: We went up early in the morning to get the cable-car to the Golden Summit (see fig, 70Y/person). Not surprisingly, thousands of Chinese people were heading in the same direction. We had to queue for a while but reached the Summit area around 07.00. After a rapid check-in at one of the hotels (100Y/night) we had rather good birding along the “monorail-track”, at the “dump” and around the Golden Summit. Best birds were BROWN



Emei summit area. Map is not to scale but the area is comparatively small. Walking from the cable car to the monorail station takes about 5 minutes. The whole summit area is quite birdy but we would recommend special emphasis on the gorge across from the cable car (between station and monastery), the weather station (we had parrotbills here), the dump (this is without doubt the best summit area, however, NOT very pleasant though!!), and finally the monorail track. Alongside the rail there is a foot trail, however, visibility is hampered by trees and shrubberies and the best views are from the cable car rail itself. It is possible, but probably not advisable, to walk on the rail the whole stretch, but do keep track of where the monorail is at any given time. When we visited there was only one car, and we walked the whole stretch a few times.

PARROTBILL (8+ in the bushy slope behind the weather station), RED-WINGED LAUGHING-THRUSH (2 flew over the track to the pond), GOLDEN BUSH ROBIN (common) and STREAKED ROSEFINCH (at the pond not to far away from the mono rail).

21 August: A day with rain, mist and some more rain. This weather situation probably ruined our chances to any more PARROTBILLS and after several hours of hard work along the same area as we birded yesterday, we finally decided to return to lower elevations of the mountain. BLACK-FACED LAUGHING-THRUSH at the “dump” was the best bird in the morning. After lunch we hiked along the trail from Jieyin Hall (2450 m) to Xixiang (Elephant’s Pool; 2070 m) and further on to Jiuling Hillock and Yuxian Temple (1680 m). Along the trail we had excellent views of a family of EMEI SHAN LIOCICHLA and among a group of RED-WINGED LAUGHING-THRUSHES we found a SPOTTED LAUGHING-THRUSH.

22 August: After a splendid dawn at Yuxian Temple with fantastic views we had a short walk to Xianfeng Temple (1752 m). The area around this temple was the most productive on the mountain. By the fruit trees near the Pavilion we had gripping views of a male and a female TEMMINCK’S TRAGOPAN and a male LADY AMPHERST’S PHEASANT walked on the trail for some seconds. A lunch at the “restaurant” produced a juvenile WHITE-BELLIED REDSTART. In the afternoon two of us walked the trail along the pipe-line. A tame BAR-WINGED WREN-BABBLER was the best bird there. This trail is found half way to the bat-cave and is only meant for persons with no fear of heights (what so ever)!

23 August: We birded around the Xianfeng Temple the whole day. Apart from a few hours mist in the afternoon, it was a day with nice and clear weather. A female PURPLE COCHOA was the “clou” of the day, but we also found MOUSTACHED LAUGHING-THRUSH along the “pipe-line” trail. EMEI SHAN LIOCICHLA was quite common and several were seen well when singing.

24 August: 4 TEMMINCK’S TRAGOPAN were seen walking on the trail towards Hongchunping. Unfortunately, birding was poor when we reached Hongchunping and birds were long apart. We had a short view of a male LADY AMHERST’S PHEASANT but a group of 5 CHINESE BAMBOO PARTRIDGE was seen well from the restaurant in Hongchunping just below a restaurant called “Seven-eleven”. The owners of the restaurant were really friendly and seemed to have an idea of the more spectacular birds occurring in the neighbourhood.

25 August: Richard’s birthday! A rather boring walk, that only produced 2 new birds BROWN DIPPER and SLATY-BACKED FORKTAIL, from Hongchunping to Qingyin Pavilion and finally to Wuxian Park. From there we took a bus to Bao Guo where we birded near Gang Fuhn Temple and Leiyin. We walked on trails that took us out to a small village where we had a beer and Mikael sang Karaoke with the teenagers of the village! In the deforested area near the village we had COLLARED FINCHBILL and ASHY-THROATED PARROTBIL. In the evening we managed to find a car that drove us to Chengdu (after some obligatory hazzle of course). In Chengdu we stayed at Holly’s Hostel, nice place.

26 August: We spent the day birding at Renmin Park where the target species YELLOW-BILLED GROSBEAK was found. Then we took a taxi to Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding where we saw little under the burning sun. Two newborn Pandas were shown and WHITE-BROWED LAUGHING-THRUSH was a new species for two us. In the evening we caught our flight back to Beijing.

# List of birds

## CICONIIFORMES

1. **Chinese Pond Heron** *Ardeola bacchus* 1 seen flying over the rice fields between Chengdu and Emei 18/8.
2. **Cinnamon Bittern** *Ixobrychus cinnamomeus* 1 seen between Chengdu and Emei 18/8.
3. **Cattle Egret** *Bubulcus ibis* 2 seen between Chengdu and Emei 18/8.

## FALCONIFORMES

4. **Oriental Honey-buzzard** *Pernis ptilorhynchus* 1 along the road up to Jieyin 18/8, and 3-6 in the Leiyin area 25/8.

## GALLIFORMES

5. **Chinese Bamboo-Partridge** *Bambusicola thoracica* The backyards of the second restaurant below Hongchunping seem to be a stakeout. We saw 5 individuals 24/8, and heard a few 25/8.
6. **Temminck's Tragopan** *Tragopan temmenckii* Excellent views of 1 pair from the Pavilion at Xianfeng 22/8. The pair was observed for several minutes, when feeding on a fruit-tree, less than 10 meter in front of us! The female was also observed in the same area 23/8, and 4 juveniles past the road between Xianfeng and Hongchunping 24/8.
7. **Lady Amherst's Pheasant** *Chrysolophus amherstiae* Brilliant views of 1 male on the trail to the pavilion at Xianfeng. The male was seen at three occasions during 22-23/8, always approximately 25-75 meters in front of the Pavilion. 1 male seen briefly a few hundred meters above Hongchunping 24/8.

## CHARADRIIFORMES

8. **Wood Sandpiper** *Tringa glareola* 1 heard (lost in the fog) at the Golden Summit 21/8.

## COLUMBIFORMES

9. **Rock Dove** *Columba livia* The domestic form commonly seen in cities and larger villages.
10. **Wedge-tailed Pigeon** *Treron sphenura* Up to 15 daily at Xianfeng 24-24/8.

## STRIGIFORMES

11. **Asian Barred Owlet** *Glaucidium cuculoides* 1 seen briefly just below Xianfeng 24/8.

## APODIFORMES

12. **Himalayan Swiftlet** *Collocalia brevirostris* Seen almost daily on Mt Emei. Most numerous around Xianfeng, where more than 200 individuals were seen 23/8.
13. **White-throated Needletail** *Hirundapus caudacutus* A few individuals seen at Jieyin 18/8.
14. **Fork-tailed Swift** *Apus pacificus* 15-20 Xianfeng 22-23/8.

## CORACIIFORMES

15. **Common Kingfisher** *Alcedo atthis* 1 Yixiantian 25/8, and 1 at the Traffic centre area 25/8.

## PICIFORMES

16. **Great Barbet** *Megalaima virens* 1 seen and approximately 5 heard at Xianfeng 22-23/8.
17. **Crimson-breasted Woodpecker** *Dendrocopos cathpharius* 2 Jieyin 19/8, 2 along the trail between Yuxian and Xianfeng 22/4, and 1 Xianfeng 23/8.
18. **Darjeeling Woodpecker** *Dendrocopos darjellensis* 3 Jieyin 19/8, and 1 Xianfeng 23/8.
19. **Gray-faced Woodpecker** *Picus canus* 1 Yuxian 21-22/8, and 2-3 Xianfeng 23-24/8.

20. **Bay Woodpecker** *Blythipicus pyrrhotis* 2 seen 23/8 and 1 heard 24/8 at Xianfeng.

**PASSERIFORMES**

21. **Hair-crested Drongo** *Dicrurus hottentottus* 1-2 daily 22-25/8 at altitudes from Xianfeng to Wuxian-gang Park.
22. **Eurasian Jay** *Garrulus glandarius* 2-4 daily in the area from Yuxian to Hongchunping 21-25/8.
23. **Blue Magpie** *Urocissa erythrorhyncha* 3-10 at Xianfeng 23-24/8.
24. **Grey Treepie** *Dendrocitta formosae* 10 between Qingyin and Wuxian-gang Park 25/8.
25. **Large-billed Crow** *Corvus macrorhynchos* fairly common at altitudes above Xianfeng, up to 20 individuals observed daily 18-23/8.
26. **Long-tailed Minivet** *Pericrocotus ethologus* 1 flock with more than 20 individuals between Jieyin and Xixiangchi 21/8, 1 flock with 5-10 individuals close to Xianfeng (along the road to Yuxian) 22-23/8.
27. **Long-tailed Shrike** *Lanius schach* Common along the road between Chengdu and Mt Emei 18/8, 1 at the traffic centre area 25/8, and common in Chengdu 26/8.
28. **Brown Dipper** *Cinclus pallasii* 2 in the stream between Yixiantian and Qingyin 25/8.
29. **Blue Whistling-Thrush** *Myiophonus caeruleus* Fairly common along the trail between Yuxian and Xianfeng 22/8, and in the Xianfeng area 23-24/8.
30. **Long-tailed Thrush** *Zoothera dixonii* 2-3 at the rubbish dump at the summit area 20-21/8.
31. **Chestnut Thrush** *Turdus rubrocanus* 1-2 at the rubbish dump at the summit area 20-21/8.
32. **Gray-spotted Flycatcher** *Muscicapa griseisticta* 1 Jieyin 18/8, 2 at the rubbish dump at the summit area 20-21/8, 1 Xixiangchi 21/8, and 1 Xianfeng 22-23/8.
33. **Ferruginous Flycatcher** *Muscicapa ferruginea* 2-8 daily at Xianfeng 22-24/8, and 2 along the local trail in the Leiyin area 25/8.
34. **Slaty-backed Flycatcher** *Ficedula hodgsonii* 2 in the Jieyin area 19/8.
35. **Rufous-gorgeted Flycatcher** *Ficedula strophiiata* 2 behind the hotels at Jieyin 19/8, and 2 at the rubbish dump at the summit area 20/8.
36. **Verditer Flycatcher** *Eumyias thalassina* 2-8 daily around Xianfeng 22-24/8.
37. **Fujian Niltava** *Niltava davidi* 1 female just below Xixiangchi 21/8, 1 between Yuxian and Xianfeng 22/8, and 1 Xianfeng 24/8. Several juvenile *Niltava* sp. that could not be identified with certainty were seen around Xianfeng 23-24/8.
38. **Vivid Niltava** *Niltava vivida* 1 along the trail between Yuxian and Xianfeng, and 3 at Xianfeng 22/8.
39. **Gray-headed Canary-flycatcher** *Culicicapa ceylonensis* 1 in the Jieyin area 19/8, 2-6 at Xianfeng 22-24/8, 2 along the trail between Xianfeng and Hongchunping 24/8, and 1 along the local trail in the Leiyin area 25/8.
40. **White-browed Bush-Robin** *Tarsiger indicus* 1 Jinding Peak 20/8
41. **Golden Bush-Robin** *Tarsiger chrysaesus* Common at the summit area 20-21/8.
42. **Daurian Redstart** *Phoenicurus auroreus* 1 along the monorail at the summit area 20/8.

43. **Plumbeous Redstart** *Rhyacornis fuliginosus* Frequent along almost every stream.
44. **White-bellied Redstart** *Hodgsonius phaenicuroides* 1 female at Xixiangchi 21/8, and 1 juvenile at Xianfeng 22-23/8.
45. **Little Forktail** *Enicurus scouleri* Occasional along streams, approximately 10 individuals seen between 20-25/8.
46. **Slaty-backed Forktail** *Enicurus schistaceus* 1 between Hongchunping and Qingyin 25/8.
47. **Spotted Forktail** *Enicurus maculatus* 1 between Yuxian and Xianfeng 22/8, and 2 between Hongchunping and Qingyin 25/8.
48. **Purple Cochoa** *Cochoa purpurea* 1 female seen a few hundred meters below Xianfeng (along the main trail) 23/8.
49. **Grey Bushchat** *Saxicola ferrea* 10 along the local trail at the Leiyin area 25/8.
50. **Chestnut-vented Nuthatch** *Sitta nagaensis* 2 Xixiangchi 22/8 and 3-4 Xianfeng 23/8. Sometimes considered a ssp of *S. Europea*. Both 'forms' occur in China, where *nagaensis* is the highland species.
51. **Eurasian Treecreeper** *Certhia familiaris* Approximately 6 individuals around Jieyin 18-19/8, and 1 at the summit area 20/8.
52. **Winter Wren** *Troglodytes troglodytes* 1 Jieyin 19/2, and 1 at the summit area 20/8.
53. **Black-throated Tit** *Aegithalos concinnus* 3 Hongchunping 24/8, 5 at the traffic centre area 25/8, and 5 in the Panda park in Chengdu 26/8.
54. **Barn Swallow** *Hirundo rustica* Fairly common along the road between Chengdu and Mt. Emei 18/8, and in the Chengdu area 26/8.
55. **Red-rumped Swallow** *Hirundo daurica* Fairly common along the road between Chengdu and Mt. Emei 18/8, in the traffic centre area 25/8, and in the Chengdu area 26/8.
56. **Asian Martin** *Delichon dasypus* 10-30 at Jieyin 18-19/8 and 21/8, 10 along the road between Yuxian and Xianfeng 22/8, and 7 at Xianfeng 23/8.
57. **Goldcrest** *Regulus regulus* 1 heard between Yuxian and Xianfeng 22/8
58. **Collared Finchbill** *Spizixos semitorques* 6 seen along the local trail in the Leiyin area 25/8.
59. **Light-vented Bulbul** *Pycnonotus sinensis* Common around the traffic centre 25/8, and around Chengdu 26/8.
60. **Black Bulbul** *Hypsipetes leucocephalus* 10 Hongchunping 24/8 and 25 along the local trail in the Leiyin area 25/8
61. **Japanese White-eye** *Zosterops japonicus* 5 Jieyin 19/2 and 10 between Jieyin and Xixiangchi 21/8.
62. **Brownish-flanked Bush-Warbler** *Cettia fortipes* 4-5 seen daily around Jieyin 18-19/8.
63. **Aberrant Bush-Warbler** *Cettia flavolivacea* 2-3 daily around Xianfeng 22-23/8.
64. **Yellowish-bellied Bush-Warbler** *Cettia acanthizoides* 2-3 a few hundred meters below Xianfeng 23-24/8
65. **Gray-sided Bush-Warbler** *Cettia brunnifrons* 1-3 seen at the summit area 20- 21/8.
66. **Spotted Bush-Warbler** *Bradypterus thoracicus* 1 seen along the monorail 20/8.

67. **Buff-throated Warbler** *Phylloscopus subaffinis* 1 Jieyin 19/8, 4-8 individuals at the summit area 20-21/8.
68. **Buff-barred Warbler** *Phylloscopus pulcher* Common at Jieyin and at the summit area 18-21/8
69. **Ashy-throated Warbler** *Phylloscopus maculipennis* 2 at Jieyin 19/2.
70. **Lemon-rumped Warbler** *Phylloscopus chloronotus* Common at Jieyin 18-19/8, fairly common at the summit area 20-21/8, and 1 Xianfeng 22/8 (as this species is extremely similar to Pallas's leaf warbler it is possible that some individuals could have been early migrating Pallas's leaf warblers).
71. **Hume's Warbler** *Phylloscopus humei* 1 Jieyin 18/8, and 2 at the summit area 20/8.
72. **Greenish Warbler** *Phylloscopus trochiloides* Some individuals almost daily 18-25/8.
73. **Large-billed Leaf-Warbler** *Phylloscopus magnirostris* 20 Jieyin 19/8 and 1 Jieyin 21/8.
74. **Eastern Crowned-Warbler** *Phylloscopus coronatus* 1 Jieyin 18/8. tveksam-flyttare?
75. **Blyth's Leaf-Warbler** *Phylloscopus reguloides* Seen almost daily, but absent at the summit area. Most numerous around Jieyin where 15 individuals were seen 19/8.
76. **Sulphur-breasted Warbler** *Phylloscopus ricketti* 1 seen 25/8 along the local trail at Leiyin area. Spectacular bird!
77. **Plain-tailed Warbler** *Seicercus soror* 2 seen along the trail between Xianfeng and Hongchunping 24/8.
78. **Omei Warbler** *Seicercus omeiensis* 1 seen at lower elevations, <1300m.
79. **Bianchi's Warbler** *Seicercus valentine* >10 fairly common near Jieyin hall and parking area.
80. **Chestnut-crowned Warbler** *Seicercus castaniceps*, 5 seen near Jieyin hall 19/8, 2 seen along the trail between Xianfeng and Hongchunping 24/8.
81. **Seicercus sp.** Seen daily. The *Seicercus* complex is truly complex and most birds were left unidentified. There might be one or two hitherto not described species within this complex at Emei alone!
82. **Moustached Laughingthrush** *Garrulax cineraceus* 2 seen along the pipeline-trail at Xianfeng 23/8.
83. **Spotted Laughingthrush** *Garrulax ocellatus* 1 seen along the trail a few hundred meters above Jiuling Hillock 21/8.
84. **Hwamei** *Garrulax canorus* 2 seen along the pipeline-trail behind Hongchunping 24/8, and 2 seen close to Wuxian-gang 25/8.
85. **White-browed Laughingthrush** *Garrulax sannio* Approximately 30 seen at the Panda Park in Chengdu 26/8.
86. **Elliot's Laughingthrush** *Garrulax elliotii* Common above Yuxian.
87. **Black-faced Laughingthrush** *Garrulax affinis* 1-2 seen daily at the rubbish dump at the summit area 20-21/8.
88. **Red-winged Laughingthrush** *Garrulax formosus* 2 seen at the summit area 20/8, 6 seen along the trail a few hundred meters above Jiuling Hillock 21/8, and 2 seen below Xianfeng 24/8.

89. **Emei Shan Liocichla** *Liocichla omeiensis* Seen daily 21-24/8 (with maximum 7 individuals in one day) in the area from Xixiangchi to Xianfeng. Also commonly heard in the same area, a few individuals were also heard below Leiyin along the trail down to Xixiangchi 19/8.
90. **Streak-breasted Scimitar-Babbler** *Pomatorhinus ruficollis* A few individuals seen daily 21-25/8, at altitudes from Xixiangchi to Hongchunping.
91. **Pygmy Wren-Babbler** *Pnoepyga pusilla* Several individuals heard around Yuxian and Xianfeng 22-24/8.
92. **Bar-winged Wren-Babbler** *Spelaeornis troglodytoides* 1 seen approximately after 100 meters on the pipeline-trail at Xianfeng 22/4.
93. **Rufous-capped Babbler** *Stachyris ruficeps* Fairly common around Xianfeng 22-24/8, and 3 seen along the local-trail in the Leiyin area 25/8.
94. **Red-billed Leiothrix** *Leiothrix lutea* A few seen at Jieyin, common at lower altitudes down to Hongchunping.
95. **White-browed Shrike-Babbler** *Pteruthius flaviscapis* 5 seen at Xianfeng.23/8.
96. **Streak-throated Fulvetta** *Alcippe cinereiceps* Common from the highest altitudes down to Xianfeng.
97. **Dusky Fulvetta** *Alcippe brunnea* 3 seen in a bamboo-patch along the pipeline-trail behind the Hongchunping temple 24/8.
98. **Gray-cheeked Fulvetta** *Alcippe morissonia* 1 seen along the pipeline-trail at Xianfeng 22/8, and 3 seen on the local trail at the Leiyin area 25/8.
99. **White-collared Yuhina** *Yuhina diademata* Common above Xixiangchi.
100. **Black-chinned Yuhina** *Yuhina nigrimenta* Common around Xianfeng and at lower altitudes.
101. **Brown Parrotbill** *Paradoxornis unicolor* Approximately 10 seen behind the weather station at the Golden summit 20/8.
102. **Vinous-throated Parrotbill** *Paradoxornis webbianus* Approximately 10 seen at the Panda Park in Chengdu 26/8.
103. **Ashy-throated Parrotbill** *Paradoxornis alphonsianus* 8 seen along the local trail in the Leiyin area 25/8.
104. **Rufous-vented Tit** *Parus rubidiventris* Common at the summit area 20-21/8.
105. **Black-throated Tit** *Aegithalos concinnus* 3 seen along the trail between Xianfeng and Hongchunping 24/8.
106. **Coal Tit** *Parus ater* Fairly common around Jieyin 18-19/8, and along the trail to Xixiangchi 21/8.
107. **Yellow-bellied Tit** *Parus venustus* 1 seen at Xianfeng 23/8, 1 along the trail between Xianfeng and Hongchunping 24/8, and common at lower elevation of Mt Emei 25/8.
108. **Gray-crested Tit** *Parus dichrous* 2 seen in the Jieyin area 18/8, and 10 at the summit area 20/8.
109. **Great Tit** *Parus major* 1 seen in the Leiyin area 25/8, and 2 at the Panda Park in Chengdu 26/8.
110. **Green-backed Tit** *Parus monticolus* Seen most days, most common at the altitudes between Jieyin and Xianfeng.



111. **Yellow-browed Tit** *Sylviparus modestus* Fairly common between Jieyin and Xianfeng.
112. **Eurasian Tree Sparrow** *Passer montanus* Commonly seen in cities and larger villages.
113. **White-rumped Munia** *Lonchura striata* 2 seen at the Panda Park in Chengdu 26/8.
114. **White Wagtail** *Motacilla alba* 4 seen in the traffic centre area 25/8, and 2 seen at the Panda Park in Chengdu 26/8.
115. **Gray Wagtail** *Motacilla cinerea* Seen 5 out of 8 days (approximately 10 individuals) at several different localities on Mt Emei.
116. **Olive-backed Pipit** *Anthus hodgsoni* Up to 20 individuals seen in the grassy fields around the temples at the Golden summit 20-21/8.
117. **Rufous-breasted Accentor** *Prunella strophciata* Fairly common at the summit area 20-21/8.
118. **Dark-breasted Rosefinch** *Carpodacus nipalensis* 1 seen along the monorail, and one on Wanfo Peak 20/8.
119. **Common Rosefinch** *Carpodacus erythrinus* 3-5 seen along the monorail 20-21/8.
120. **Streaked Rosefinch** *Carpodacus rubicilloides* 1 male seen close to the dam (located below the monorail) at the summit area 20/8.
121. **Vinaceous Rosefinch** *Carpodacus vinaceus* The most common rosefinch at the summit area, with 10-15 seen daily 20-21/8. 1 individual was also seen at Xixiangchi 21/8.
122. **Dark-rumped Rosefinch** *Carpodacus edwardsii* 1 seen at Jieyin 18/8-19/8, and 2-4 at the rubbish dump at the summit 20/8.
123. **Brown Bullfinch** *Pyrrhula nipalensis* Between 5 and 10 individuals seen daily around Xianfeng 22-24/8.
124. **Grey-headed Bullfinch** *Pyrrhula erythaca* Up to 10 individuals seen daily around Jieyin and at the summit area 18-21/8.
125. **Yellow-billed Grosbeak** *Eophona migratoria* 2 individuals seen in the Renmin park at Chengdu 26/8.
126. **White-winged Grosbeak** *Mycerobas carnipes* 1 seen along the monorail 20/8.
127. **Slaty Bunting** *Latoucheornis siemsseni* 1 pair and at least 1 juvenile seen 18-19/9 along the main road, just above the trail leading down to the skiing field in the Jieyin area.
128. **Yellow-throated Bunting** *Emberiza elegans* 1 pair seen in the Leiyin area 25/8.