# **BIRD OBSERVATIONS IN NE-CHINA 30 April - 22 May 2005**Happy Island, Beidaihe and north of Huairo

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Ibisbill (Ibidorhyncha struthersii); Bai He river, north of Huairo, 1 May 2005.

#### Introduction

In May 2005 Bas van den Boogaard, Jeroen de Bruijn, Nils van Duivendijk, Ran Schols and Jan Bisschop visited NE-China to experience migration of waders and passerines. We also had the opportunity to see Ibisbill just north of Beijing. Besides observing, photography was also a key be seen at www.pbase.com/naturephotography www.pbase.com/ranschols. The trip list totals 252 bird species, of which 206 were seen on Happy Island. Rare birds seen on the island, with only a few previous records included Chinese Bush Warbler, Lesser Whitethroat, Vediter Flycatcher, Red-billed Starling and Ashy Drongo. Other surprise birds included Mongolian Lark (group of 5!), probable lugens-White Wagtail, Grev Bushchat, Asian Paradise Flycatcher, Long-tailed Minivet, Japanese Swamp Warbler and Blackwinged Cuckooshrike. At the Ibisbill site, we saw three Ibisbills, a late Siberian Accentor, Brown Dipper, Crested Kingfisher, Long-billed Plover, Vinous-throated Parrot-bill, Chinese Hill Warbler and Godlewski's Bunting. At Beidaihe and en route towards Happy Island we saw species like Chinese Egret, Grey-tailed Tattler, Manchurian Reed Warbler, Little Whimbrel, and Long-toed Stint. For more information on the Ibisbills, please refer to the article in Dutch Birding (volume 27:5).

#### **Summarised itinerary**

At the start of our trip, April 30<sup>th</sup> and May 1<sup>st</sup>, we birded the so-called Ibisbill site, which is located north of Beijing. It's situated between Huairo and Fengning, at km post 99, with a total driving time of 2.5 hours from Beijing airport. For more precise directions, please refer to Remco Hofland's trip report (published 2005), soon available on <a href="www.birdtours.co.uk">www.birdtours.co.uk</a>. Late afternoon of May 1<sup>st</sup> was spent in Beidaihe, mainly birding the mudflats and the Reservoir area. On May 2<sup>nd</sup>, we spend the day in and around Beidaihe, birding the mudflats, the Reservoir area, Lighthouse Point and areas just south of Beidaihe. On May 3<sup>rd</sup>, we went south towards Happy Island, birding en route with Jesper's guidance. Between May 3<sup>rd</sup> and May 20<sup>th</sup> we birded on Happy Island. On May 20<sup>th</sup> we went back to Beidaihe, en route checking the Yang He river estuary. On May 21<sup>st</sup>, we birded Beidaihe in the morning, mainly the Reservoir area and surroundings. We departed for Beijing in the afternoon.

#### Arrangements

Jesper Hornskov (goodbird@heinfo.net) arranged local transportation and accommodation. We thank him for his excellent services and equal field experience during both mainland trips.

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## Weather and occurrence of birds on Happy Island

Albeit beyond control, weather is a very important factor in the occurrence of birds on Happy Island. Almost all birds seen on the island are on active migration (or temporarily rest and feed in the vegetation); wind is therefore the main component that affects the number of birds. Temperatures were fairly stable; the wind however was often very changeable. We found that winds coming from the west (mainland) producing the highest number of birds. Between the start of the afternoon on May 16<sup>th</sup> and the end of the morning on May 17<sup>th</sup> a massive storm-front moved over NE-China (from south to north), producing a 24 hour long depression with continuous rain and strong winds. As soon as this front had passed, a major and classic fall occurred. As one can see in the species list, the afternoon on May 17<sup>th</sup> had incredible active migration (mainly non-passerines). The next day, May 18<sup>th</sup>, was equally good, with lots of passerines who had arrived during the night before. Below is a summary of a daily log we kept, describing both the weather and the resulting occurrence of birds.

From April 30<sup>th</sup> to May 4<sup>th</sup> we had a stable high-pressure area with mostly clear skies throughout the day. At the Ibisbill-site (inland) it was hot during mid-day, on Happy Island it was more pleasant with lower temperatures. Birding was fairly slow in Beidaihe on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. The wind direction was predominantly N to NE. The number of birds on the island was moderate on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, decreasing to low on May 5<sup>th</sup> and May 6<sup>th</sup>. On May 5<sup>th</sup> a colder period started with quite some rain. In the night and early morning of May 7<sup>th</sup> it was very windy and a rather good fall occurred with many new species recorded. Visible migration (e.g. wagtails, swallows, swifts, raptors) was especially noticed on days with western winds, e.g. May 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. The afternoon of May 10<sup>th</sup> had rain. In the night and early morning of May 13<sup>th</sup> there was again some rain and storm, resulting in many new arrivals. As described before, during May 16<sup>th</sup> and May 17<sup>th</sup> a storm passed the island. At the back of the depression, though still windy and rainy, a remarkable strong migration of mainly non-passerines occurred. In the woods and scrubs many passerines clearly just arrived. From May 18<sup>th</sup> onwards we had stable and increasingly warmer weather. Especially May 19<sup>th</sup> was a very good day, probably still a result of the enormous depression that just had passed.

## Future visits to Happy Island

Bas van den Boogaard has visited Happy Island before, in 2002. It's becoming clear that developers are trying to make a tourist resort out of this island. Although there was still plenty of vegetation left, I fear that continuous development is certainly not advantageous to the visiting birds and birdwatchers. Compared to 2002, there's now a pretty fancy and quite large restaurant/hotel operating, there's a (small) artificial lake and canals intended for "boating" trips, the eastside of the island is now bordered by a 2 meter high sand wall (probably sand from the dug-out canals), a pretty big temple complex is build (I assume the main tourist attraction) and on the north end of the island, new accommodation is now operating.

Regardless of all these changes, birding was excellent. Most of the mentioned changes were no direct annoyance. However, there are two factors to consider for birders wishing to visit this place in the future. First, if they keep developing like they have, vegetation coverage will more and more decrease. Obviously, the island becomes less attractive for birds. Second, and that's partially personal, I rather do my bird watching in quite and undisturbed areas then in noisy tourist places.

I advise people planning a future visit to Happy Island to try to get a current status of the situation. People interested in East-Asian species (clearly the ones showing up as rarities in Europe and North America) and massive migration will find this a magical place. However, we all want as much value for our money, and I do see a potential decrease in that value. Therefore, please familiarise yourself with the status of the island before you book a ticket!

## **Species list**

#### **Black-necked Grebe** (*Podiceps nigrcollis*)

- Beidaihe: 1 at shrimp ponds near Yang He River mouth (May 2<sup>nd</sup>)
- Beidaihe: recorded (May 3<sup>rd</sup>)

## Little Grebe (Tachybaptus ruficollis poggei)

- Beidaihe: common in the Reservoir area (May 1st/2<sup>nd</sup>/20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>th</sup>)

## Cormorant spec. (Phalacrocorax spec.)

- Beidaihe: 1 en route to Happy Island (May 3<sup>rd</sup>)
- Happy Island: 1 (May 6<sup>th</sup>); 1 (May 7<sup>th</sup>); 1 (May 17<sup>th</sup>)

## **Great Bittern** (Botaurus stellaris)

- Happy Island: 1 (May 17<sup>th</sup>)

#### **Yellow Bittern** (*Ixobrychus sinensis*)

- Beidaihe: 10 in the Reservoir area (May 20 st/21 st)

## **Black-crowned Night Heron** (Nycticorax nycticorax)

- Beidaihe: 30 (May 1<sup>st</sup>)
- Beidaihe: 10 en route to Happy Island (May 3<sup>rd</sup>)
- Happy Island: 35 at dusk (May 4<sup>th</sup>); 1 (May 5<sup>th</sup>); 3 (May 7<sup>th</sup>); 1 (May 10<sup>th</sup>); 1 (May 19<sup>th</sup>)

## Cattle Egret (Bubuculus ibis coromundus)

- Beijing: 1 (April 30<sup>th</sup>)
- Ibisbill-site 1 (30th April)
- Happy Island: 1 (May 17<sup>th</sup>)

#### **Striated Heron** (Butorides straita)

- Happy Island: 2 (May 17<sup>th</sup>), 1 (May 19<sup>th</sup>)
- Beidaihe: 1 in the Reservoir area (May 21st)

#### **Chinese Pond Heron** (Ardeola bacchus)

- Ibisbill-site: 1 (30th April)
- Beijing: 1 (April 30<sup>th</sup>)
- Beidaihe: 10 in the Reservoir area (May 2<sup>nd</sup>/21<sup>st</sup>); 10 en route to Happy Island (May 3<sup>rd</sup>)
- Happy Island: 3 (May 4<sup>th</sup>); 2 (May 7<sup>th</sup>); 3 (May 9<sup>th</sup>); 1 (May 13<sup>th</sup>); 2 (May 14<sup>th</sup>); 3 (May 16<sup>th</sup>)

### **Chinese Egret** (*Egretta eulophotes*)

- Beidaihe: 2 (fly-by's) at shrimp ponds near Yang He River mouth (May 2<sup>nd</sup>)
- Happy Island: 1 yellow-billed egret fly-by (May 14<sup>th</sup>)
- Beidaihe: 2 at Yang He River mouth (May 20<sup>th</sup>)

#### **Little Egret** (Egretta garzetta)

- Beidaihe: quite common (May 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>/21<sup>st</sup>)
- Happy Island: 1 (May  $6^{th}$   $14^{th}$ )

### **Great Egret** (Egretta alba modesta)

- Beidaihe: 2 in the Reservoir area (May 2<sup>nd</sup>)

## **Grey Heron** (Ardea cinerea)

- Ibisbill site: 1 (April 30<sup>th</sup>)
- Beidaihe: 2 in the Reservoir area (May 1<sup>st</sup>/May 2<sup>nd</sup>)
- Happy Island: 1 (May 6<sup>th</sup>); 2 (May 8<sup>th</sup>); 5 (May 9<sup>th</sup>)

## **Purple Heron** (Ardea purpurea)

- Happy Island: 1 (May 9<sup>th</sup>); 1 (May 10<sup>th</sup>)

#### Black Stork (Ciconia nigra)

- Ibisbill site: 1 (April 30<sup>th</sup>)
- Beijing: 1 (April 30<sup>th</sup>)

#### Common Shelduck (Tadorna tadorna)

- Happy Island: at wader roost e.g. 40 (May 6<sup>th</sup>); 70 (May 14<sup>th</sup>)

## **Spot-billed Duck** (*Anas poecilorhyncha zonorhyncha*)

- Beidaihe: 3 in Reservoir area (May 2<sup>nd</sup>)
- Happy Island: very common

#### **Mallard** (*Anas platyrhynchos*)

- Beidaihe: 10 in the Reservoir area (May 2<sup>nd</sup>)
- Happy Island: a few observations

#### **Mandarin Duck** (Aix galericulata)

- Beidaihe: at dusk 5 in the Reservoir area (May 1st)

#### **Common Teal** (Anas crecca)

- Happy Island: 7 (May 5<sup>th</sup>); 4 (May 7<sup>th</sup>)
- Beidaihe: 2 en route to Happy Island (May 3<sup>rd</sup>)

#### **Garganey** (Anas querquedula)

- Beidaihe: some in the Reservoir area (May 1st)
- Beidaihe: 5 en route to Happy Island (May 3<sup>rd</sup>)

#### White-winged/Stejnegeri's Scoter (Melanitta (deglandi) stejnegeri)

- Beidaihe: 15 (fly-by's) at Lighthouse Point (May 2<sup>nd</sup>)

## **Red-breasted Merganser** (Mergus serrator)

- Beidaihe: 1 at Lighthouse Point (May 2<sup>nd</sup>)
- Happy Island: 1 (May 11<sup>th</sup>); 3 (May 15<sup>th</sup>)

## **Osprey** (Pandion haliaetus)

- Happy Island: 1 (May 11<sup>th</sup>)

#### **Oriental Honey-buzzard** (Pernis ptilorhyncus)

- Beijing: 2 (April 30<sup>th</sup>); 3 (May 22<sup>th</sup>)
- Happy Island: 1 (May 4<sup>th</sup>); 6 (May 7<sup>th</sup>); 1 (May 11<sup>th</sup>); 1 (May 20<sup>th</sup>)

## Black-eared Kite (Milvus lineatus)

- Happy Island: 1 (May 3<sup>rd</sup>)

#### Pied Harrier (Circus melanoleucos)

- Beidaihe: 1♂ en route to Happy Island (May 3<sup>rd</sup>)
- Happy Island:  $2 \circlearrowleft (May 8^{th}); 1 \hookrightarrow (May 18^{th})$

### Eastern Marsh Harrier (Circus spilonotus)

- Beidaihe: 5 at Lighthouse Point (May 2<sup>nd</sup>); 5 en route to Happy Island (May 3<sup>rd</sup>)
- Happy Island: common; max. ~20 (May 8<sup>th</sup>) note: no grey and black males were seen (ad males older than 3 cj, according to the literature)

## Chinese Sparrowhawk (Accipiter soloensis)

- Happy Island: 1 (May 18<sup>th</sup>)

## Japanese Sparrowhawk (Accipiter gularis)

- Happy Island: recorded almost daily May 7<sup>th</sup> - May 18<sup>th</sup> e.g., 1 (May 7<sup>th</sup>); 30 (May 8<sup>th</sup>); 10 (May 10<sup>th</sup>).

## **Eurasian Sparrowhawk** (Accipiter nisus)

- Ibisbill site: 3 (April 30<sup>th</sup>/May 1<sup>st</sup>)
- Happy Island: recorded regularly, e.g 3 (May 7<sup>th</sup>); 1 (May 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup>)

## Common Buzzard (Buteo buteo japonicus)

- Ibisbill site: 2 (May 1<sup>st</sup>)

## **Grey-faced Buzzard** (Butastur indicus)

- Ibisbill site: 2 (April 30<sup>th</sup>); 6 (May 1<sup>st</sup>)
- Happy Island: 1 (May 5<sup>th</sup>); 1 (May 14<sup>th</sup>)

## **Eurasian Kestrel** (Falco tinnunculus)

- Ibisbill site: 3 (April 30<sup>th</sup>/May 1<sup>st</sup>)
- Happy Island: 1 (May 6<sup>th</sup>)

#### Amur Falcon (Falco amurensis)

- Beidaihe: 2 en route to Happy Island (May 3<sup>rd</sup>)
- Happy Island: 1 (May 7<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup>); 3 (May 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup>); 25 (Mav 8<sup>th</sup>)

#### **Eurasian Hobby** (Falco subbuteo)

- Beidaihe: 1 in the Reservoir area (May 2<sup>nd</sup>)
- Happy Island: 1 (May 4<sup>th</sup>); 2 (May 8<sup>th</sup>); 3 (May 11<sup>th</sup>); 1 (May 19<sup>th</sup>); 5 (May 20<sup>th</sup>)

### **Peregrine Falcon** (Falco peregrinus)

- Happy Island: 1 (May 4<sup>th</sup>); 2 (May 5<sup>th</sup>); 1 (May 10<sup>th</sup>)

## **Common Pheasant** (Phasianus colchicus)

- Ibisbill site: 2 (April 30<sup>th</sup>); some (May 1<sup>st</sup>)
- Beidaihe: recorded (May 2<sup>nd</sup>)

note: on Happy Island abundant but introduced

#### **Japanese Quail** (Coturnix japonica)

- Beidaihe: 3 en route to Happy Island (May 3<sup>rd</sup>)
- Happy Island: 2 (May 4<sup>th</sup>); 2 (May 5<sup>th</sup>); 3 (May 6<sup>th</sup>); 5 (May 7<sup>th</sup>); 5 (May 8<sup>th</sup>)

## Baillon's Crake (Porzana pusilla)

- Beidaihe: 1 in the Reservoir area (May 1<sup>st</sup>; 2 on May 2<sup>nd</sup>)
- Happy Island: 18 (May 4th to May 10th); second on May 10th

## Ruddy-breasted Crake (Porzana fusca)

- Beidaihe: 3 in the Reservoir area (May 21<sup>st</sup>)

## Water Rail (Rallus aquaticus indicus)

- Happy Island: 1 (May 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup>)

## Common Moorhen (Gallinula chloropus)

- Beidaihe: common in the Reservoir area (May 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>)

#### Yellow-legged Buttonquail (Turnix tanki)

- Happy Island: 1 (May 12<sup>th</sup>); 1 (May 19<sup>th</sup>)

## Swinhoe's Crake (Coturnicops exquisitus)

- Happy Island: 1 (May 13<sup>th</sup>)

## **Ibisbill** (*Ibidorhyncha struthersii*)

-Ibisbill site: 3 (April 30<sup>th</sup>/May 1<sup>st</sup>)

#### **Eurasian Oystercatcher** (Haematopus ostralegus osculans)

- Beidaihe: 2 at the sandflats (May 2<sup>nd</sup>)
- Happy Island: 3 (May 6<sup>th</sup>); 1 (May 9<sup>th</sup>); 1 (May 13<sup>th</sup>)

## **Black-winged Stilt** (Himantopus himantopus)

- Beidaihe: some in the Reservoir area (May 1<sup>st</sup>/May 2<sup>nd)</sup>
- Happy Island: common (May 3<sup>rd</sup> 20<sup>th</sup>)

### **Pied Avocet** (Recurvirostra avosetta)

- Happy Island: common (May 3<sup>rd</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup>)

## **Oriental Pratincole** (Glareola maldivarum)

- Beidaihe: 5 en route to Happy Island (May 3<sup>rd</sup>)
- Happy Island: 2 (May 4<sup>th</sup>); 1 (May 6<sup>th</sup>)

## Little Ringed Plover (Charadrius dubius curonicus)

- Beidaihe: 20 sand flats (May 1<sup>st</sup>/May 2<sup>nd</sup>)

## **Long-billed Plover** (*Charadrius placidus*)

- Ibisbill site: 6 (April 30<sup>th</sup>/May 1<sup>st</sup>)

#### **Kentish Plover** (*Charadrius alexandrinus*)

- Beidaihe: common at sand flats (May 1<sup>st</sup>/May 2<sup>nd</sup>)
- Happy Island: common (May 3<sup>rd</sup> 20<sup>th</sup>)

## **Lesser Sand Plover** (*Charadrius mongolus*)

- Happy Island: e.g., 3 (May 6<sup>th</sup>); 10 (May 14<sup>th</sup>); 10 (May 15<sup>th</sup>)

## Greater Sand Plover (Charadrius leschenaultii)

- Beidaihe: 10 at sand flats (May 1<sup>st</sup>)

#### **Pacific Golden Pover** (Pluvialus fulva)

- Beidaihe: 10 shrimp ponds near Yang He River mouth (May 2<sup>nd</sup>)
- Happy Island: 30 migrating (May 8<sup>th</sup>); 1 (May 18<sup>th</sup>); 2 (May 20<sup>th</sup>)

## **Grey Plover** (*Pluvialus squatarola*)

- Beidaihe: 1 sand flats (May 1<sup>st</sup>)
- Recorded near Yang He River mouth (May 2<sup>nd</sup>)
- Happy Island: common (May 3<sup>rd</sup> 20<sup>th</sup>)

## **Grey-headed Lapwing** (Vanellus cinereus)

- Beidaihe Reservoir area: 3 (May 1<sup>st</sup>); 1 (May 2<sup>nd</sup>)
- Happy Island: 1 (May 8<sup>th</sup>)

## **Ruddy Turnstone** (Arenaria interpres)

- Beidaihe: 1 at sand flats (May 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>)
- Happy Island: recorded on e.g., 1 (May 5<sup>th</sup>); 2 (May 16<sup>th</sup>)

## **Sanderling** (Calidris alba)

- Beidaihe: 3 at sand flats (May 1st)
- Happy Island: 1 (May 15<sup>th</sup>); 3 (May 16<sup>th</sup>)

#### **Great Knot** (Calidris tenuirostris)

- Beidaihe: 1 at sand flats (May 1<sup>st</sup>)
- Happy Island: common, ~500 maximum (May 3<sup>rd</sup>- May 20<sup>th</sup>)

#### Red Knot (Calidris canutus)

- Happy Island: recorded in small numbers: e.g., 20 (May 8<sup>th</sup>)

#### **Dunlin** (Calidris alpina)

- Beidaihe: 10 en route to Happy Island (May 3<sup>rd</sup>)
- Happy Island: common (May 3<sup>rd</sup> 20<sup>th</sup>)

## **Curlew Sandpiper** (Calidris ferruginea)

- Beidaihe: 1 en route to Happy Island (May 3<sup>rd</sup>)
- Happy Island: 1 (May 6<sup>th</sup>); 10 (May 8<sup>th</sup>)

## Broad-billed Sandpiper (Limicola falcinellus sibirica)

- Happy Island: 6 (May 12<sup>th</sup>); 1 (May 14<sup>th</sup>); 1 (May 15<sup>th</sup>); 6 (May 16<sup>th</sup>)

## $\textbf{Red-necked Stint} \ (\textit{Calidris ruficollis})$

- Beidaihe: 10 sand flats (May 1<sup>st</sup>)
- Happy Island: not uncommon, ~30 daily maximum

#### **Temminck's Stint** (Calidris temminckii)

- Beidaihe: 5 at sand flats (May 1<sup>st</sup>)

## Long-toed Stint (Calidris subminuta)

- Beidaihe: 5 en route to Happy Island (May 3<sup>rd</sup>)

### **Sharp-tailed Sandpiper** (Calidris acuminata)

- Beidaihe: 1 at sand flats (May 2<sup>nd</sup>); 10 en route to Happy Island (May 3<sup>rd</sup>)
- Happy Island: 1 (May 5<sup>th</sup>); 1 (May 15<sup>th</sup>)

#### **Little Whimbrel** (Numenius minutus)

- Beidaihe: 2 en route to Happy Island (May 3<sup>rd</sup>)
- Happy Island: 2 (May 4<sup>th</sup>); 4(May 5<sup>th</sup>);1(May 18<sup>th</sup>)

## Whimbrel (Numenius phaeopus/variegatus?)

- Beidaihe: 20 sand flats (May 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>)
- Happy Island: common (May 3<sup>rd</sup> 20<sup>th</sup>)

## Eurasian Curlew (Numenius arquata orientalis)

- Happy Island: common (May 3<sup>rd</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup>)

#### **Far-Eastern Curlew** (Numenius madagascariensis)

- Beidaihe: 1 (May 2<sup>nd</sup>)
- Happy Island: common (May 3<sup>rd</sup> 20<sup>th</sup>)

## **Black-tailed Godwit** (Limosa limosa melanuroides)

- Beidaihe: 4 en route to Happy Island (May 3<sup>rd</sup>)
- Happy Island: some (May 4<sup>th</sup> May 6<sup>th</sup>)

### Bar-tailed Godwit (Limosa lapponica baueri)

- Beidaihe: 3 sand flats (May 2<sup>nd</sup>); many en route to Happy Island (May 3<sup>rd</sup>)
- Happy Island: common (May 3<sup>rd</sup> 20<sup>th</sup>)

## **Spotted Redshank** (Tringa erythropus)

- Beidaihe: some en route to Happy Island (May 3<sup>rd</sup>)
- Happy Island: 20+ migr. (May 17<sup>th</sup>)

#### Common Redshank (Tringa totanus)

- Beidaihe: 2 sand flats (May 1<sup>st</sup>)
- Happy Island: seen daily

#### **Marsh Sandpiper** (*Tringa stagnatilis*)

- Beidaihe: 2 Reservoir area (May 2<sup>nd</sup>); seen en route to Happy Island (May 3<sup>rd</sup>)
- Happy Island: first week of May common in shrimp pond area, later on few birds present

#### Common Greenshank (Tringa nebularia)

- Ibisbill site: recorded (April 30<sup>th</sup>)
- Beidaihe: 2 sand flats (May 1<sup>st</sup>)
- Happy Island: common (May 3<sup>rd</sup> 20<sup>th</sup>)

## Green Sandpiper (Tringa ochropus)

- Ibisbill site: recorded (April 30<sup>th</sup>)
- Recorded near Yang He River mouth (May 2<sup>nd</sup>)
- Happy Island: recorded (May 4<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup>)

## **Wood Sandpiper** (Tringa glareola)

- Recorded Beidaihe (May 2<sup>nd</sup>)
- Happy Island: seen almost daily. Best days with 120 migr (May 8<sup>th</sup>) and 1100! migr. (May 17<sup>th</sup>)

## **Terek Sandpiper** (Xenus cinereus)

- Beidaihe sand flats: 1 (May 1<sup>st</sup>); 10 (May 2<sup>nd</sup>)
- Happy Island: e.g., 10 (May 6<sup>th</sup>); 1 (May 8<sup>th</sup>); 25+ (May 18<sup>th</sup>)

## **Common Sandpiper** (Actitis hypoleucos)

- Beidaihe: recorded (May 1<sup>st</sup>)
- Happy Island: 5 (May  $9^{th}$ ); 1 (May  $4^{th}/9^{th}/11^{th}/12^{th}/14^{th}/17^{th}$ )

## **Grey-tailed Tattler** (Heteroscelus brevipes)

- Beidaihe: 3 Yang He River mouth (May 20<sup>th</sup>)

#### **Asian Dowitcher** (*Limnodromus semipalmatus*)

- Happy Island: 15 (May 8<sup>th</sup>); recorded (May 12<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup>) max 156 on May14<sup>th</sup>

## **Eurasian Woodcock** (Scolopax rusticol)

- Happy Island: 1 (May 7<sup>th</sup>)

## Pintail/Swinhoe's Snipe (Gallinago stenura/megala)

- Beidaihe: 1 Reservoir area (May 1st/2<sup>nd</sup>); 1 shrimp ponds near Yang He River mouth (May 2<sup>nd</sup>)
- Happy Island: e.g., 1 (May 5<sup>th</sup>); 2 (May 7<sup>th</sup>); 3 (May 9<sup>th</sup>); 100+ (May 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup>)

## Common Snipe (Gallinago gallinago)

- Happy Island: 1 (May 7<sup>th</sup>); 500+ migr. snipes incl many Pintail/Swinhoe's (May 17<sup>th</sup>)
- Beidaihe: 5 Reservoir area (May 1st); 10 Reservoir area (May 2<sup>nd</sup>)

#### **Relict Gull** (*Larus relictus*)

- Happy Island: 4 (May 8<sup>th</sup>); 1 (May 9<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup>); 47 (May 11<sup>th</sup>); 36 (May 16<sup>th</sup>);

#### Saunder's Gull (Larus saundersi)

- Happy Island: almost daily recorded, e.g., 8 (May 4<sup>th</sup>); 5 (May 5<sup>th</sup>); 10 (May 6<sup>th</sup>); 10 (May 8<sup>th</sup>)

#### **Black-headed Gull** (*Larus ridibundus*)

- Beidaihe: common; 3000 Yang He River mouth (May 2<sup>nd</sup>)
- Happy Island: common (May 3<sup>rd</sup> 20<sup>th</sup>)

#### **Black-tailed Gull** (*Larus crassirostris*)

- Beidaihe: 3 sand flats (May 1<sup>st</sup>); 30 Yang He River mouth (May 2<sup>nd</sup>)
- Happy Island: 1 (May 4<sup>th</sup>); 1 (May 16<sup>th</sup>)

### Vega Gull (Larus vegae)

- Happy Island: e.g., 4 (May 5<sup>th</sup>); 2 (May 18<sup>th</sup>)

#### **Heuglin's Gull** (*Larus heuglini taimyrensis*)

- Beidaihe: 2 sand flats (May 21<sup>th</sup>); 30 Yang He River mouth (May 2<sup>nd</sup>)
- Happy Island: 3 (May 6<sup>th</sup>)

## Yellow-legged Gull (Larus (michahellis) mongolicus)

- Happy Island: 1 with 2 Vega Gulls (May 18<sup>th</sup>)

#### **Gull-billed Tern** (Sterna nilotica)

- Happy Island: common (May 3<sup>rd</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup>)

## Caspian Tern (Sterna caspia)

- Beidaihe: 1 (May 1<sup>st</sup>); 1 en route to Happy Island (May 3<sup>rd</sup>)
- Happy Island: 1 (May 6<sup>th</sup>)

## Common Tern (Sterna hirundo longipennis)

- Happy Island: 1 (May 13<sup>th</sup>); 1 (May 15<sup>th</sup>); 3 (May 17<sup>th</sup>)

## **Little Tern** (Sterna albifrons)

- Happy Island: common (May 3<sup>rd</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup>)

## Whiskered Tern (Chlidonias hybrida)

- Happy Island: 10 (May 8<sup>th</sup>); 6 (May 16<sup>th</sup>); 30 (May 17<sup>th</sup>)

## White-winged Black Tern (Chlidonias leucopterus)

- Happy Island: 12 (May 4<sup>th</sup>); 100s migr (May 17<sup>th</sup>); 75 migr. (May 18<sup>th</sup>); 3 (May 19<sup>th</sup>)

## **Eurasian Collared Dove** (Streptopelia decaocto)

- seen in Beijing and Beidaihe city

## **Spotted Dove** (*Streptopelia chinensis*)

- Happy Island: 1 (May 8<sup>th</sup>); 1 (May 20<sup>th</sup>)

## **Oriental Turtle Dove** (Streptopelia orientalis)

- some en route from Beijing to Ibisbill site: (April 30<sup>th</sup>)
- Beidaihe: 2 south Yang He River mouth (May 2<sup>nd</sup>)
- Happy Island: e.g., 2 (May 5<sup>th</sup>); 3 (May 7<sup>th</sup>); 1 (May 8<sup>th</sup>); 10 (May 9<sup>th</sup>)

#### Large Hawk Cuckoo (Cuculus sparverioides)

- Happy Island: 1 (May 12<sup>th</sup>); 1 (May 16<sup>th</sup>); 2 (May 19<sup>th</sup>)

## Hodgson's Hawk Cuckoo (Cuculus (fugax) hyperythrus)

- Happy Island: 1 (May 17<sup>th</sup>); 2 (May 18<sup>th</sup>); 1 (May 19<sup>th</sup>)

#### **Indian Cuckoo** (Cuculus micropterus)

- Happy Island: 1 (May 19<sup>th</sup>); 2 (May 20<sup>th</sup>)
- Beijing: 2 (May 21<sup>st</sup>)

#### Common Cuckoo (Cuculus canorus)

- Happy Island: 2 (May 10<sup>th</sup>); recorded May 14<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup>)

## **Oriental Cuckoo** (Cuculus orientalis horsfieldi)

- Happy Island: not systematically counted due to id. difficulties, first arrival May 12<sup>th</sup>; 10 (May 19<sup>th</sup>). Perhaps slightly more numerous than Common Cuckoo

### Little Cuckoo (Cuculus poliocephalus)

- Happy Island: 1 (May 19<sup>th</sup>)

### **Short-eared Owl** (Asio flammeus)

- Beidaihe: 1 (May 1<sup>st</sup>)

#### Little Owl (Athene noctua)

- Happy Island: 1 (May 4<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup>)

#### **Oriental Scops Owl** (Otus sunia)

- Beidaihe: 1 calling (May 1<sup>st</sup>)
- Happy Island: e.g. 1 (May 4<sup>th</sup>); 4 (May 7<sup>th</sup>); 2 (May 9<sup>th</sup>); 1 (May 12<sup>th</sup>)

### **Brown Hawk Owl** (Ninox scutulata)

- Happy Island: 1 (May 13<sup>th</sup>); 2 (May 14<sup>th</sup>)

## Grey Nightjar (Caprimulgus indicus)

- Happy Island: 1 (May 3<sup>rd</sup>); 1 (May 14<sup>th</sup>); 3 (May 19<sup>th</sup>); 2 (May 20<sup>th</sup>)

## White-throated Needletail (Hirundapus caudacutus)

- Happy Island: 1 (May 5<sup>th</sup>); 7 (May 8<sup>th</sup>); 1 (May 11<sup>th</sup>); 1 (May 13<sup>th</sup>); 5 (May 17<sup>th</sup>); 7 (May 20<sup>th</sup>)

## **Common Swift** (Apus apus pekinensis)

- seen Beijing and Beidaihe city
- Happy Island: 3 (May 17<sup>th</sup>)

#### Pacific Swift (Apus pacificus)

- Happy Island: 4 (May 6<sup>th</sup>); 75 (May 9<sup>th</sup>); 3 (May 17<sup>th</sup>); 15 (May 19<sup>th</sup>); 30 (May 20<sup>th</sup>)

#### **Black-capped Kingfisher** (Halcyon pileata)

- Happy Island: 1 (May 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup>); 2 (May 14<sup>th</sup>)

## **Common Kingfisher** (Alcedo atthis)

- Beidaihe: 5 Reservoir area (May 2<sup>nd</sup>)
- Ibisbill site: 5 (April 30<sup>th</sup>/May 1<sup>st</sup>)

## **Crested Kingfisher** (Megaceryle lugubris)

- Ibisbill site: 1-3 (April 30<sup>th</sup>/May 1<sup>st</sup>)

## **Dollarbird** (Eurystomus orientalis)

- Happy Island.: 2 (May 9<sup>th</sup>); 4 (May 13<sup>th</sup>); 75! migr. (May 17<sup>th</sup>); 10 (May 19<sup>th</sup>); 20 (May 20<sup>th</sup>)

#### **Eurasian Hoopoe** (*Upupa epops*)

- Ibisbill site: several ((April 30<sup>th</sup>/May 1<sup>st</sup>)
- Happy Island: few breeding pairs
- Beidaihe: 5 Reservoir area (May 2<sup>nd</sup>)

#### **Eurasian Wryneck** (*Jynx torquilla*)

- Happy Island: e.g. 1 (May 4<sup>th</sup>); 2 (May 6<sup>th</sup>); 1 (May 7<sup>th</sup>); 1(May 8<sup>th</sup>); 1 (May 11<sup>th</sup>);

## Grey-headed Woodpecker (Picus canus jessoensis)

- Ibisbill site: 2 (April 30<sup>th</sup>/May 1<sup>st</sup>)
- Beidaihe: 3 south of Yang He River (May 2<sup>nd</sup>)

### **Great Spotted Woodpecker** (*Dendrocopos major spp*)

- Beidaihe: 1 south of Yang He River (May 2<sup>nd</sup>)
- Ibisbill site: 2 (April 30<sup>th</sup>/May 1<sup>st</sup>)

## Rufous-bellied Woodpecker (Dendrocopos hyperythrus subrufinus)

- Beidaihe: 1 Reservoir area (May 2<sup>nd</sup>)
- Happy Island: 1 (May 4<sup>th</sup>); 2 (May 7<sup>th</sup>); 2 (May 8<sup>th</sup>); 5 (May 9<sup>th</sup>); 1 (May 12<sup>th</sup>); 2 (May 13<sup>th</sup>)

#### **Grey-capped Pygmy Woodpecker** (Dendrocopos canicapillus)

- Ibisbill site: 1 (May 1<sup>st</sup>)
- Beidaihe: 2 Reservoir area (May 2<sup>nd</sup>)

### Asian Short-toed Lark (Calandrella cheleensis cheleensis)

- Beidaihe: 10 en route to Happy Island (May 3<sup>rd</sup>)
- Happy Island: 1 (May 6<sup>th</sup>); 1 (May 9<sup>th</sup>); 1 (May 10<sup>th</sup>); 1 (May 11<sup>th</sup>); 1 (May 17<sup>th</sup>)

## Mongolian Lark (Melanocorypha mongolica)

- Happy Island: 5 (May 6<sup>th</sup>)

## **Sand Martin** (*Riparia riparia*)

- Beidaihe: recorded (May 1st/2<sup>nd</sup>)
- Happy Island: e.g., 10 (May 7<sup>th</sup>); 20 (May 8<sup>th</sup>)

#### Barn Swallow (Hirundo rustica)

- Ibisbill site: several (April 30<sup>th</sup>)
- Beidaihe: recorded (May 1st/2<sup>nd</sup>)
- Happy Island: common

## Red-rumped Swallow (Hirundo daurica daurica)

- Ibisbill site: 5 (April 30<sup>th</sup>)
- Beidaihe: common (May 1st/2<sup>nd</sup>)
- Happy Island: seen daily, ~30 maximum

#### Asian/Eurasian House Martin (Delichon dasypus/urbica)

- Happy Island: 1 (May 4<sup>th</sup>/May 20<sup>th</sup>)

## Richard's Pipit (Anthus richardi)

- Happy Island: almost daily recorded. Best days: 5 (May 4<sup>th</sup>); 2 (May 6<sup>th</sup>); 3 (May 7<sup>th</sup>); 20 (May 9<sup>th</sup>); 3 (May 10<sup>th</sup>)

#### Blyth's Pipit (Anthus godlewskii)

- Beidaihe: 2 Lighthouse Point (May 2<sup>nd</sup>)
- Happy Island: 1 or 2 recorded on 8 days, 3 on May 16<sup>th</sup>

## Olive-backed Pipit (Anthus hodgsoni)

- Ibisbill site: ca. 20 (April 30<sup>th</sup>/May 1<sup>st</sup>)
- Beidaihe: 10 south of Yang He River (May 2<sup>nd</sup>); 10 en route to Happy Island (May 3<sup>rd</sup>)
- Happy Island: recorded on 12 days, e.g., 2 (May 4<sup>th</sup>); 2 (May 6<sup>th</sup>); 10 (May 17<sup>th</sup>)

## Pechora Pipit (Anthus gustavi/menzbieri)

- Happy Island: 1 (May 17<sup>th</sup>); 3 (May 18<sup>th</sup>); 1 (May 20<sup>th</sup>)

#### **Red-throated Pipit** (Anthus cervinus)

- Beidaihe: 1 en route to Happy Island (May 3<sup>rd</sup>)
- Happy Island: 2 (May 4<sup>th</sup>); 3 (May 6<sup>th</sup>); 1 (May 7<sup>th</sup>); 1 (May 10<sup>th</sup>), 1 (May 11<sup>th</sup>)

### **Buff-bellied Pipit** (Anthus rubescens japonicus)

- Ibisbill site: 3 (April 30<sup>th</sup>); 1 (May 1<sup>st</sup>)
- Beidaihe: 1 en route to Happy Island (May 3<sup>rd</sup>)

#### Grey Wagtail (Motacilla cinerea robusta)

- Ibisbill site: common (April 30<sup>th</sup>/May 1<sup>st</sup>)
- Happy Island: 1 (May 7<sup>th</sup>); 1 (May 9<sup>th</sup>)

## Forest Wagtail (Dendronanthus indicus)

- Happy Island: 1 (May 9<sup>th</sup>); 1 (May 16<sup>th</sup>); 1 (May 17<sup>th</sup>); 3 (May 18<sup>th</sup>)

## White Wagtail (Motacilla alba leucopsis/ocularis)

- Ibisbill site: quite common, both *leucopsis* and *ocularis* (April 30<sup>th</sup>/May 1<sup>st</sup>)
- Happy Island: 1 *ocularis* (May 6<sup>th</sup>); 1 probable *lugens* (May 12<sup>th</sup>)

## Yellow Wagtail (Motacilla flava macronyx/plexa/simillima)

- Ibisbill site: common (April 30<sup>th</sup>/May 1<sup>st</sup>)
- Beidaihe: some various locations (May 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup>)
- Happy Island: 10 (May 8<sup>th</sup>); 100 migr. (May 17<sup>th</sup>)

## Citrine Wagtail (Motacilla citreola citreola)

- Ibisbill site: 4 (April 30<sup>th</sup>/May 1<sup>st</sup>)
- Happy Island: 1 (May  $4^{th}/5^{th}/6^{th}/11^{th}$ )

## Chinese Bulbul (Pycnonotus sinensis)

- common at visited sites (accept Ibisbill-site)

## **Brown Dipper** (Cinclus pallasii)

- Ibisbill site: 2 or 3, incl breeding-pair (April 30<sup>th</sup>/May 1<sup>st</sup>)

### Siberian Accentor (Prunella montanella)

- Ibisbill site: 1 (May 1<sup>st</sup>)

## **Red-flanked Bluetail** (Tarsiger cyanurus)

- Happy Island:  $1 \stackrel{\frown}{\hookrightarrow} (May 4^{th})$ ;  $1 \stackrel{\frown}{\hookrightarrow} (May 6^{th})$ ;  $1 \stackrel{\frown}{\hookrightarrow} (May 12^{th})$ 

#### **Rufous-tailed Robin** (Luscinia sibilans)

- Happy Island: recorded daily from May 10<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup>; best days 5 (May 17<sup>th</sup>); 25 (May 19<sup>th</sup>)

#### Siberian Rubythroat (Luscinia calliope)

- Happy Island: 1 (May  $3^{\text{rd}}/8^{\text{th}}/15^{\text{th}}$ ); 3 (May  $4^{\text{th}}/17^{\text{th}}/11^{\text{th}}$ ); 10 (May  $9^{\text{th}}/19^{\text{th}}$ ); 15 (May  $7^{\text{th}}$ ). Also days with more then 25 birds, exact dates not recorded.

#### **Siberian Blue Robin** (Luscinia cyane)

- Happy Island: daily recorded: e.g. 1 (May 3<sup>rd</sup>); 10 (May 7<sup>th</sup>); 50+ (May 9<sup>th</sup>); 50+ (May 12<sup>th</sup>); 100's (May 19<sup>th</sup>)

### **Bluethroat** (Luscinia svecica svecica)

- Happy Island: e.g., 2 (May 4<sup>th</sup>); 3 (May 7<sup>th</sup>); 20 (May 9<sup>th</sup>)

#### **Daurian Redstart** (*Phoenicurus auroreus*)

- Ibisbill site: quite common (April 30<sup>th</sup>/May 1<sup>st</sup>)
- Happy Island: 1 (May 3<sup>rd</sup>); 1 (May 6<sup>th</sup>); 2 (May 9<sup>th</sup>)

### **Eastern Black Redstart** (*Phoenicurus* (ochruros/phoenicuroides) rufiventris?)

- Happy Island: 16 (May 18<sup>th</sup>)

## Siberian Stonechat (Saxicola (maurus) stejnegeri)

- Ibisbill site: 10 (April 30<sup>th</sup>/May 1<sup>st</sup>)
- Beidaihe: recorded (May 1st/2<sup>nd</sup>)
- Happy Island: strongly fluctuating numbers; 100's (May 7<sup>th</sup>)

## **Grey Bushchat** (Saxicola ferrea)

- Happy Island: 1♀ (May 12<sup>th</sup>)

## White-throated Rock Thrush (Monticola gularis)

- Happy Island: 1 (May 9<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup>); 2 (May 14<sup>th</sup>); 10+ (May 17<sup>th</sup>); 10 (May 18<sup>th</sup>); 30 (May 19<sup>th</sup>)

## **Blue Rock Thrush** (Monticola solitarius philippensis)

- Happy Island: 5 (May 5<sup>th</sup>); 10 (May 9<sup>th</sup>); at least 1 (May 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup>)
- Beidaihe: 1 Lighthouse Point (May 2<sup>nd</sup>)

#### White's Thrush (Zoothera dauma)

- Happy Island.: 1 (May 4<sup>th</sup>); 20 (May 7<sup>th</sup>); 3 (May 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup>); 10 (May 12<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup>); 5 (May 20<sup>th</sup>)

### **Siberian Thrush** (Zoothera sibirica)

- Happy Island: 1 (May 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup>); 2 (May 9<sup>th</sup>); 1 (May 10<sup>th</sup>); 25+ (May 17<sup>th</sup>); 20 (May 19<sup>th</sup>); 10 (May 20<sup>th</sup>)

## **Grey-sided Thrush** (Turdus feae)

- Happy Island: 2-3 (May 19<sup>th</sup>)

#### **Grey-backed Thrush** (*Turdus hortulorum*)

- Happy Island: 4 (May 4<sup>th</sup>); 1 (May 5<sup>th</sup>); 1 (May 7<sup>th</sup>); 1 (May 10<sup>th</sup>)

## Pale Thrush (Turdus pallidus)

- Happy Island: 1 (May 4<sup>th</sup>); 1 (May 19<sup>th</sup>)

#### **Eyebrowed Thrush** (*Turdus obscurus*)

- Happy Island.: recorded almost daily from May 7<sup>th</sup>. 1 (May 4<sup>th</sup>); 15 (May 7<sup>th</sup>); 40 (May 9<sup>th</sup>); 50+ (May 12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup>); 10 (May 14<sup>th</sup>); 10 (May 17<sup>th</sup>); 30 (May 19<sup>th</sup>)

#### **Dusky Thrush** (Turdus naumanni eunomus)

- Happy Island: 15 (May 3<sup>rd</sup>); 17 (May 4<sup>th</sup>); 1 (May 6<sup>th</sup>); 2 (May 7<sup>th</sup>); 5 (May 9<sup>th</sup>); 3 (May 7<sup>th</sup>)
- Naumann's Thrush: 1 Happy Island (May 9<sup>th</sup>)
- note: most were intergrades

### Chinese Song Thrush (Turdus mupinensis)

- Happy Island: 1 (May 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup>)

### **Asian Stubtail** (*Urosphena squameiceps*)

- Happy Island: 1 (May 9<sup>th</sup>); 1 (May 10<sup>th</sup>); 1 (May 11<sup>th</sup>)

#### **Zitting Cisticola** (Cisticola juncidis tinnabulans)

- Happy Island: not uncommon resident

#### Manchurian Bush Warbler (Cettia canturians)

- Happy Island: 1 (May 10<sup>th</sup>); 1 (May 14<sup>th</sup>); 2 (May 18<sup>th</sup>)

#### Chinese Bush Warbler (Bradypterus tascanowskius)

- Happy Island: 1 (May 16<sup>th</sup>)

## **Spotted Bush Warbler** (Bradypterus thoracicus davidi)

- Happy Island:  $1 (May 19^{th})$ ;  $5 (May 20^{th})$ 

## Pallas's Grasshopper Warbler (Locustella certhiola)

- Happy Island: 1 (May 13<sup>th</sup>); 1 (May 14<sup>th</sup>); 3 (May 17<sup>th</sup>); 1 (May 18<sup>th</sup>)

## Lanceolated Warbler (Locustella lanceolata)

- Happy Island: 1 (May 9<sup>th</sup>); 3 (May 13<sup>th</sup>); 10 (May 17<sup>th</sup>); 25, lost count: real numbers much higher (May 19<sup>th</sup>); 2 (May 20<sup>th</sup>)

## Japanese Swamp Warbler (Megalurus pryeri)

- Happy Island: 1 (May 13<sup>th</sup>)

#### **Black-browed Reed Warbler** (Acrocephalus bistrigiceps)

- Happy Island: 1 (May 3<sup>rd</sup>); 1 (May 4<sup>th</sup>); 1 (May 9<sup>th</sup>); 20+ (May 13<sup>th</sup>); 2 (May 15<sup>th</sup>)
- Beidaihe: 10 Reservoir area (May 21st)

## Manchurian Reed Warbler (Acrocephalus tangorum)

- Beidaihe: 3 Reservoir area (May 21<sup>st</sup>)

#### Oriental Great Reed Warbler (Acrocephalus orientalis)

- Beidaihe: 10+ Reservoir area (May 21<sup>st</sup>)
- Happy Island: 2 (May 13<sup>th</sup>); 1 (May 14<sup>th</sup>); 6 (May 18<sup>th</sup>); 15 (May 19<sup>th</sup>); 30+ (May 20<sup>th</sup>)

### **Thick-billed Warbler** (Acrocephalus aedon)

- Happy Island: 4 (May 13<sup>th</sup>); 1 (May 14<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup>); 3 (May 18<sup>th</sup>); 7 (May 19<sup>th</sup>); 25+ (May 20<sup>th</sup>)

## **Grey-crowned Warbler** (Seicercus tephrocephalus)

- Happy Island: 2 (May 7<sup>th</sup>); 1 (May 8<sup>th</sup>); 1 (May 15<sup>th</sup>)

## Blyth's Leaf Warbler (Phylloscopus reguloides reguloides)

- Happy Island: 5 (May 3<sup>rd</sup>); 1 (May 5<sup>th</sup>); 1 (May 7<sup>th</sup>); 2 (May 9<sup>th</sup>); 1 (May 11<sup>th</sup>); 3 (May 12<sup>th</sup>); 1 (May 14<sup>th</sup>)

## Eastern Crowned Warbler (Phylloscopus coronatus)

- Beidaihe: 2 Reservoir area (May 2<sup>nd</sup>)
- Happy Island: 2 (May 4<sup>th</sup>); 1 (May 5<sup>th</sup>); 3 (May 7<sup>th</sup>); 15 (May 9<sup>th</sup>) also recorded on May 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup>/12 <sup>th</sup>/13 <sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup>

## Pale-legged Leaf Warbler (Phylloscopus tenellipes)

- Happy Island: 15 (May 9<sup>th</sup>); some (May 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup>); 20 (May 17<sup>th</sup>); 20+ (May 19<sup>th</sup>)

### Two-barred Greenish Warbler (Phylloscopus plumbeitarsus)

- Happy Island: rather common especially from mid-May e.g., 2 (May 4<sup>th</sup>); 4 (May 9<sup>th</sup>); 1 (May 11<sup>th</sup>); 20+ (May 13<sup>th</sup>); 3 (May 17<sup>th</sup>); 30+ (May 19<sup>th</sup>)

### **Arctic Warbler** (*Phylloscopus borealis/xanthodryas*)

- Happy Island: 1 (May 8<sup>th</sup>); 2 (May 18<sup>th</sup>); 10 (May 19<sup>th</sup>); 1 (May 20<sup>th</sup>)

#### Pallas's Leaf Warbler (Phylloscopus proregulus)

- Happy Island: very common on good days e.g. 100s on May 13<sup>th</sup>
- Beidaihe: 20 Reservoir area (May 2<sup>nd</sup>)

## Chinese Leaf Warbler (Phylloscopus sichuanensis)

- Happy Island: 1 (May 10<sup>th</sup>)

## Yellow-browed Warbler (Phylloscopus inornatus)

- Happy Island: very common on good days
- Beidaihe: many Reservoir area (May 2<sup>nd</sup>)
- Ibisbill site: 2 (April 30<sup>th</sup>)

#### Radde's Warbler (Phylloscopus schwarzi)

- Ibisbill site: 1 (May 1<sup>st</sup>)
- Happy Island: seen daily e.g. 10 (May 4<sup>th</sup>); 10 (May 7<sup>th</sup>); many (May 9<sup>th</sup>); 30+ (May 13<sup>th</sup>); 20+ (May 17<sup>th</sup>)

## Yellow-streaked Warbler (Phylloscopus armandii)

- Happy Island: 1 (May 14<sup>th</sup>)

## **Dusky Warbler** (Phylloscopus fuscatus)

- Ibisbill site: 3 (April 30<sup>th</sup>/May 1<sup>st</sup>)
- Beidaihe: recorded (May 1st/2<sup>nd</sup>)
- Happy Island: seen daily, very common on good days

## **Lesser Whitethroat** (Sylvia curruca)

- Happy Island: 1 nominate (May 11<sup>th</sup>)

## Chinese Hill Warbler (Rhopophilus pekinensis)

- Ibisbill site: 1 (April 30<sup>th</sup>); 3 (May 1<sup>st</sup>)

## **Blue-and-white Flycatcher** (Cyanoptila cyanomelana)

- Happy Island: 1 first-summer 3 (May 5<sup>th</sup>); 1 first-summer 3 & 1 (May 6<sup>th</sup>); 1 ad. 3 (May 19<sup>th</sup>)

## **Vediter Flycatcher** (Eumyias thalassima)

- Happy Island: 1 (May 4<sup>th</sup>)

#### **Siberian Flycatcher** (Muscicapa sibirica)

- Happy Island: 1 (May 15<sup>th</sup>); 2 (May 16<sup>th</sup>); more common (May 17<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>)

#### **Grey-streaked Flycatcher** (Muscicapa griseisticta)

- Happy Island: 1 (May 3<sup>rd</sup>); 1 (May 9<sup>th</sup>); 1 (May 10<sup>th</sup>); 1 (May 12<sup>th</sup>); 3 (May 15<sup>th</sup>); 2 (May 16<sup>th</sup>)

#### Asian Brown Flycatcher (Muscicapa daurica)

- Happy Island.: seen daily, strongly fluctuating numbers

#### **Yellow-rumped Flycatcher** (Ficedula zanthopygia)

- Happy Island: 1 (May  $4^{th}/7^{th}/15^{th}/17^{th}$ ); 15 (May  $9^{th}$ ); 1 - 10 (May  $11^{th}/12^{th}/13^{th}/16^{th}/19^{th}/20^{th}$ )

#### Elisae's Flycatcher (Ficedula elisae)

- Happy Island: 1 ad.  $\Im$  (May  $12^{th}$ );  $2\Im$  (May  $20^{th}$ )

## Mugimaki Flycatcher (Ficedula mugimaki)

- Happy Island: 1 (May 9<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup>): 5 (May 17<sup>th</sup>): 3 (May 18<sup>th</sup>): 4 (May 19<sup>th</sup>)

#### Taiga Flycatcher (Ficedula albicilla)

- Happy Island: seen daily e.g., 10 (May 4<sup>th</sup>); 1 (May 8<sup>th</sup>); 50+ (May 9<sup>th</sup>)
- Ibisbill site: 10 (May 1<sup>st</sup>)

## Asian Paradise Flycatcher (Terpsiphones paradisi)

- Happy Island: 1♀ (May 19<sup>th</sup>)

## **Vinous-throated Parrotbill** (Paradoxornis webbianus)

- Ibisbill site: 2 (April 30<sup>th</sup>)
- Beidaihe: 2 Reservoir area (May 2<sup>nd</sup>)

## Père David's Laughinghrush (Garrulax davidi)

- Ibisbill site: some calling birds (April 30<sup>st</sup>/May 1<sup>st</sup>), one seen on May 1<sup>st</sup>

## **Chinese Penduline Tit** (*Remiz pendulinus*)

- Beidaihe: many Reservoir area (May 1<sup>st</sup>/May 2<sup>nd</sup>)
- Happy Island: seen almost daily, usually in groups up to 30 with maxima of 100+

## Songar Tit (Parus songara)

- Ibisbill site: 5 (April 30<sup>th</sup>)

## Marsh Tit (Parus palustris breverostris/hellmayri)

- Beidaihe: 1 Reservoir area (May 2<sup>nd</sup>)
- Ibisbill site: 2 (May 1<sup>st</sup>)

#### Willow Tit (Parus montanus affinus)

- Beijing: pair with young (May 22<sup>nd</sup>)

## **Yellow-bellied Tit** (Parus venustulus)

- Happy Island: 1 (May 8<sup>th</sup>); 1 (May 9<sup>th</sup>)

#### **Great Tit** (Parus major ssp)

- Ibisbill site: 10 (April 30<sup>th</sup>/May 1st)
- Beidaihe: recorded (May 1st/2<sup>nd</sup>)

## **Long-tailed Tit** (Aegithalos caudatus glaucogularis/vinaceus)

- Ibisbill site: 6 (April 30<sup>th</sup>/May 1st)

#### **Chestnut-flanked White-eye** (*Zosterops erythropleurus*)

- Happy Island: 2 (May 3<sup>rd</sup>); 2 (May 7<sup>th</sup>); from May 12<sup>th</sup> many migr. groups

## **Japanese White-eye** (*Zosterops japonicus*)

- Happy Island: 1 (May 4<sup>th</sup>); 1 (May 13<sup>th</sup>)

#### **Ashy Minivet** (*Pericrocotus divaricatus*)

- Happy Island: 3 (May 7<sup>th</sup>); 2 (May 9<sup>th</sup>); 8 (May 13<sup>th</sup>); 1 (May 14<sup>th</sup>); 5 (May 17<sup>th</sup>); 2 (May 19<sup>th</sup>)

## **Long-tailed Minivet** (*Pericrocotus ethologus*)

- Happy Island: 1 first-summer 3 (May  $17^{th}/18^{th}$ )

#### **Black-winged Cuckooshrike** (Coracina melaschistos)

- Happy Island: 1 (May 14<sup>th</sup>)

#### **Tiger Shrike** (*Lanius tigrinus*)

- Happy Island: 2 (May 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup>); 3-4 (May 19<sup>th</sup>); 1 (May 20<sup>th</sup>)

#### **Bull-headed Shrike** (Lanius bucephalus)

- Happy Island:  $1 \stackrel{\frown}{\hookrightarrow} (May 7^{th})$ 

#### **Brown Shrike** (Lanius cristatus cristatus)

- Happy Island.: strongly fluctuating numbers; 50 (May  $7^{th}$ ); 100+ (May  $9^{th}$ ); 200 (May  $13^{th}$ ); 150 (May  $19^{th}$ )
- 3 en route to Happy Island (May 3<sup>rd</sup>)

### **Daurian Starling** (Sturnus sturninus)

- Happy Island: 6 (May 7<sup>th</sup>); 10 (May 9<sup>th</sup>); 4 (May 10<sup>th</sup>); 1 (May 11<sup>th</sup>); 3 (May 12<sup>th</sup>); 25 (May 13<sup>th</sup>); 20+ (May 17<sup>th</sup>)

### **Red-billed Starling** (Sturnus sericeus)

- Happy Island: 1 (May 14<sup>th</sup>); photographed as Daurian Starling, back home it turned out to be Redbilled Starling.

## White-cheeked Starling (Sturnus cineraceus)

- Ibisbill site: 1 (April 30<sup>th</sup>/May 1st)
- Beidaihe: 15 south of Yang He River (May 2<sup>nd</sup>)
- Happy Island: 1 (May 9<sup>th</sup>); 1 (May 13<sup>th</sup>)

#### **Crested Myna** (Acridoteres tristis)

- Happy Island: 1 (May 20<sup>th</sup>)

#### **Black-naped Oriole** (Oriolus chinensis)

- Beidaihe: 3 Reservoir area (May 2<sup>nd</sup>)
- Happy Island: 10 (May 7<sup>th</sup>); 30 (May 12<sup>th</sup>); 40 (May 13<sup>th</sup>); 10 (May 17<sup>th</sup>)

### Black Drongo (Dicrurus macrocercus cathoecus)

- Happy Island: 1-2 (May 5<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup>); 5 (May 7<sup>th</sup>)

#### **Spangled Drongo** (*Dicrurus hottentottus brevirostris*)

- Happy Island: 1 (May 8<sup>th</sup>)

#### **Ashy Drongo** (Dicrurus leucophaeus leucogensis)

- Happy Island: 1 (May 16<sup>th</sup>)

#### **Red-billed Blue Magpie** (*Urocissa erythrorhyncha*)

- Beidaihe: 1 Light House Point (May 2<sup>nd</sup>)
- Ibisbill site: 10 (April 30<sup>th</sup>/May 1<sup>st</sup>)

## Azure-winged Magpie (Cyanopica cyana)

- Beijing: 3 (April 30<sup>th</sup>)
- Recorded en route Ibisbill-site Beidaihe (May 1st)

#### **Black-billed Magpie** (*Pica pica ssp*)

- Happy Island: 2 observations
- Beidaihe/Beijing: common

#### **Red-billed Chough** (*Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax*)

- Ibisbill site: 10 (April 30<sup>th</sup>/May 1<sup>st</sup>)

## **Large-billed Crow** (Corvus macrorhynchos)

- Ibisbill site: 10 (April 30<sup>th</sup>/May 1<sup>st</sup>)

## **Eurasian Tree Sparrow** (Passer montanus)

- common at visited sites

## Brambling (Fringilla montifringilla)

- Beidaihe: 1 (May 2<sup>nd</sup>)

- Happy Island: 1 (May 6<sup>th</sup>); 2 (May 9<sup>th</sup>)

#### Eurasian Siskin (Carduelis spinus)

- Happy Island: 1 (May 6<sup>th</sup>)

## **Grey-capped Greenfinch** (Carduelis sinica)

- Ibisbill site: 5 (April 30<sup>th</sup>/May 1<sup>st</sup>)

- Beidaihe: recorded (May 2<sup>nd</sup>)

#### **Common Rosefinch** (Carpodactus erythrinus)

- Happy Island: seen almost daily; 50+ (May 9<sup>th</sup>)

### Chinese Grosbeak (Eophona personata)

- Beidaihe: 2 en route to Happy Island (May 3<sup>rd</sup>)

- Happy Island: e.g., 2 (May 7<sup>th</sup>); 10 (May 9<sup>th</sup>); 1 (May 14<sup>th</sup>)

## Godlewski's Bunting (Emberiza godlewskii)

- Ibisbill site: 5 (April 30<sup>th</sup>); 10 (May 1<sup>st</sup>)

## **Black-faced Bunting** (Emberiza spodocephala)

- Ibisbill site: 1 (April 30<sup>th</sup>)

- Beidaihe: 10 Reservoir area (May 2<sup>nd</sup>)

- Happy Island: most common bunting on the island. 1 presumed *personata* (May 7<sup>th</sup>)

#### **Meadow Bunting** (Emberiza cioides)

- Ibisbill site: quite common (April 30<sup>th</sup>/May 1<sup>st</sup>)

### **Chestnut-eared Bunting** (Emberiza fucata)

- Happy Island: e.g., 2 (May 4<sup>th</sup>); 1 (May 8<sup>th</sup>); 1 (May 9<sup>th</sup>); 4 (May 15<sup>th</sup>)

### **Yellow-throated Bunting** (Emeriza elegans)

- Ibisbill site: 6 (April 30<sup>th</sup>/May 1<sup>st</sup>)

- Happy Island: 1 (May 3<sup>rd</sup>); 1 (May 8<sup>th</sup>)

#### **Yellow-browed Bunting** (*Emberiza chrysophrys*)

- Beidaihe: 1 Reservoir area (May 2<sup>nd</sup>)

- Happy Island: 5 (May 4<sup>th</sup>); 4 (May 5<sup>th</sup>); 1 (May 6<sup>th</sup>); 2 (May 7<sup>th</sup>); 1 (May 19<sup>th</sup>)

#### Tristram's Bunting (Emberiza tristrami)

- Happy Island: 1 (May 3<sup>rd</sup>); 1 (May 4<sup>th</sup>); 2 (May 7<sup>th</sup>); 2 (May 14<sup>th</sup>)

#### **Little Bunting** (Emberiza pussila)

- Ibisbill site: ca. 30 (April 30<sup>th</sup>/May 1<sup>st</sup>)

- Beidaihe: recorded (May 2<sup>nd</sup>)

- Happy Island: seen daily, common first week May; 1 partial albinistic (May 7<sup>th</sup>)

### **Chestnut Bunting** (Emberiza rutila)

- Happy Island: 2 (May 7<sup>th</sup>); 4 (May 8<sup>th</sup>); 2 (May 14<sup>th</sup>); 1 (May 16<sup>th</sup>)

## Yellow-breasted Bunting (Emberiza aureola ornata)

- Beidaihe: 10 en route to Happy Island (May 3<sup>rd</sup>)
- Happy Island: 3 (May 7<sup>th</sup>); 50+ (May 9<sup>th</sup>); 15 (May 10<sup>th</sup>); groups on migration (May 17<sup>th</sup>); numerous in reedbeds and woods (May 18<sup>th</sup> 20<sup>th</sup>)

### **Common Reed Bunting** (Emberiza schoeniclus)

- Beidaihe: 1 Reservoir area (May 2<sup>nd</sup>)

## Pallas's Reed Bunting (Emberiza pallasi)

- Beidaihe: 5 Reservoir area (May 2<sup>nd</sup>)
- Happy Island: 1 (May 3<sup>rd</sup>); 2 (May 5<sup>th</sup>); 5 (May 6<sup>th</sup>); 5 (May 7<sup>th</sup>); 1 (May 8<sup>th</sup>)

### Japanese Reed Bunting (Emberiza yessoensis)

- Beidaihe: 1 south of Yang He River (May 2<sup>nd</sup>); 1 Reservoir area (May 21<sup>st</sup>)
  Beidaihe: 4 en route to Happy Island (May 3<sup>rd</sup>)
- Happy Island: 1 (May 14<sup>th</sup>); 3 (May 18<sup>th</sup>)