

Birds seen at Kunming, Yunnan, China. [3 Dec 2006 edition]

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The present annotated list summarizes observations of 200 species of birds made in March-April 1999, November-December 2000, February-March 2001, February-March 2002, November 2002, December 2003 – January 2004, November 2004, late October – early November 2005, and November 2006.

It is intended as a follow-up to

Stott, R. D. E. (1993) *Birds New to the Kunming Area*. Hong Kong: Hong Kong Bird Report 1992.

By posting it I hope to encourage birdwatchers to visit Yunnan, and would appreciate news of any sightings.

Stott (1993), reporting a number of additions to the Kunming area list made by members of the Hong Kong Bird Watching Society, indicated the frequency with which 177 species (of the 328 listed for the area) had been recorded as 1) rarely recorded, 2) uncommonly recorded, 3) often recorded, 4) commonly recorded, and 5) recorded on almost all visits.

While a paper such as Stott's is a handy and welcome reference for visitors to the area readers should bear in mind that these "records" are in fact no more than unassessed reports. Although individual "records" are not initialled in the paper's Annotated List of New Species section it is easy to work out from the dates who saw what, and it turns out that seven of nine problematical species (i.e. sufficiently surprising and/or difficult-to-identify to warrant scrutiny by a records panel), namely Spotted Wren Babbler *Spelaeornis formosus*, Rufous-winged Fulvetta, Striated Yuhina, Pale-footed & Manchurian Bush Warblers, Slaty-blue Flycatcher and "Chinese Greenfinch" *Carduelis sinica*, were all reported by an observer making - I happen to know - his first visit to S Asia and who by his own admission felt greatly disadvantaged by the unavailability then of "a decent field guide" to the birds of China, a situation which unfortunately has not changed. Streak-throated Fulvetta appears to have been recorded in error, and Blue-throated (=Chinese) Blue Flycatcher is also problematical.

The present list is intended to form the baseline for an article, is thus best considered preliminary, and should not be cited without the author's permission.

In the species list the concept "bird-days" is used - it is the avian equivalent of man-hours: for example, separate flocks of ten and 15 Asian Dowitchers moving through score 25 bird-days, as would the same single individual seen daily for 25 days. The sum of day totals - a handy measure of relative abundance, nothing more.

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Species list.

Little Grebe *Tachybaptus ruficollis*

Xishan area: on Dianchi 73 on 12th & 88 on 13 Nov 2006.

***The species was "rarely recorded" in the Kunming area by visiting Hong Kong birders (Stott 1993).

Great Crested Grebe *Podiceps cristatus*

Xishan area: on Dianchi ten on 12 Nov 2006.

*** The species was listed for the Kunming area by Stott (1993); none were, however, recorded there by visiting Hong Kong birdwatchers. Robson (2000) considered it a rare to scarce winter visitor to adjacent NE, C & E Burma (and a vagrant to NW Thailand).

Grey Heron *Ardea cinerea*

Xishan: two flying W from over Dianchi on 10th & 22 at Dianchi, landing in bund trees after flying around, on 11 Nov 2004.

***The species was listed for the Kunming area by Stott (1993); none were, however, recorded there by visiting Hong Kong birdwatchers.

Ruddy Shelduck *Tadorna ferruginea*

Xishan area: three low over Dianchi on 19 Dec 2003.

***Listed for the Kunming area by Stott (1993) though none recorded there by visiting Hong Kong birdwatchers.

Mallard *Anas platyrhynchos*

Xishan area: 300+ on Dianchi on 25 Nov 2002, and 125+ there on 12 Nov 2006.

***The species was "rarely recorded" in the Kunming area by visiting Hong Kong birders (Stott 1993).

Common Teal *Anas crecca*

Xishan area: on Dianchi five on 25 Nov 2002 & five on 12+13 Nov 2006.

***The species was "rarely recorded" in the Kunming by visiting Hong Kong birders (Stott 1993).

Gadwall *Anas strepera*

Xishan area: 150+ on Dianchi on 25 Nov 2002.

***Listed for Yunnan without locality by Cheng (1987). None were recorded in the Kunming area by visiting Hong Kong birders (Stott 1993).

Wigeon *Anas penelope*

Xishan area: 1,000+ on Dianchi on 25 Nov 2002.

***Only "rarely recorded" by Hong Kong birders visiting the Kunming area (Stott 1993).

Pintail *Anas acuta*

Xishan area: three on Dianchi on 13 Nov 2006.

***Listed for the Kunming area by Stott (1993) though none recorded there by visiting Hong Kong birdwatchers.

Shoveler *Anas clypeata*

Xishan area: on Dianchi 1,000+ on 25 Nov 2002 & five on 12 Nov 2006.

***The species was only "rarely recorded" in the Kunming area by visiting Hong Kong birders (Stott 1993)

Common Pochard *Aythya ferina*

Xishan area: on Dianchi 400+ on 25 Nov 2002, 1+ on 21 Dec 2003, and 12 on 12th & 20 on 13 Nov 2006.

***Kunming was the only Yunnan locality for which Cheng (1987) listed the species. None were recorded there by visiting Hong Kong birders (Stott 1993).

Ferruginous Duck *Aythya nyroca*

Xishan area: 24 on Dianchi on 12+13 Nov 2006.

***Cheng (1987) listed the species for Yunnan as a migrant only (and as a wintering species only for Shandong, Hubei, Hunan & Guizhou). The species was listed for the Kunming area by Stott (1993) though none were recorded there by visiting Hong Kong birdwatchers.

Baer's Pochard *Aythya baeri*

Xishan area: two (male & female) on Dianchi on 13 Nov 2006.

***Cheng (1987), who considered the species fairly common, gave the wintering range as being "eastern China from Shandong southward to Guangdong, and from the northwestern part of Yunnan eastward to the eastern coast of China; Taiwan Prov., rarely". The species was not included for the Kunming area by Stott (1993). Lekagul & Round (1991) considered the species an uncommon winter visitor to Thailand.

Tufted Duck *Aythya fuligula*

Xishan area: on Dianchi 18 on 12th & 12 on 13 Nov 2006.

*** Listed for the Kunming area by Stott (1993) though none recorded there by visiting Hong Kong birdwatchers.

*****Ferruginous Duck** *A. nyroca* / **Tufted Duck** *A. fuligula*

Xishan area: ten on Dianchi on 25 Nov 2002.

*****Duck spp.**

Xishan: 150 on Dianchi on 12 Nov 2004.

Black-shouldered Kite *Elanus caeruleus*

Xishan: singles on 13 Nov 2000 & 10 Jan 2004.

***Cheng (1987) considered the species rare, with the only Yunnan localities being Kunming, Puwen, and Tengchong. The species was "rarely recorded" in the Kunming area by visiting Hong Kong birders (Stott 1993).

Crested Honey Buzzard *Pernis ptilorhyncus*

Xishan: singles on 1 Apr 1999 & 23 Mar 2001; in 2002 one adult w/ one 2nd cy bird on 28 Feb & three on 24 Mar; in Nov 2004 one adult on 11th & three (apparently migr: an adult w/ one 1st cy bird at 10h22, one adult at 11h45) on 28th; a blackish morph bird present on 11+12+13 Nov 2006.

***Listed as rarely recorded in the Kunming area by Stott (1993).

Black Kite *Milvus migrans*

Xishan: two on 13 Nov 2000; one on 28 Feb 2001; one on 26 Feb, two on 1st & three on 23 Mar 2002; one 1st cy bird on 10th & 2-3 on 11 Nov 2004; one on 26th & 3-4 on 27 Oct, and one on 7 Nov 2005. Over Dianchi one on 12th & two on 13 Nov 2006.

***Cheng (1987) considered Black Kite to be the commonest *Falconiformes* in China. It was "often recorded" in the Kunming area by Hong Kong birders (Stott 1993).

Eastern Marsh Harrier *Circus (aeruginosus) spilonotus*

Xishan: one male migr on 28 Oct 2005.

***Stott (1993) listed the species for the Kunming area – none were, however, recorded there by visiting Hong Kong birders.

Hen Harrier *Circus cyaneus*

Xishan area: one ringtail over Dianchi on 25 Nov 2002.

***Stott (1993) listed the species for the Kunming area; none, however, were recorded there by visiting Hong Kong birders.

Eurasian Sparrowhawk *Accipiter nisus*

Xishan area: singles on 24 Mar 2001 & 26 Feb 2002; singles on 26+28 Oct & seven on 6 Nov 2005, with an additional bird over Haigeng Park on the last date; singles on 11+13 Nov 2006, the latter at Dianchi Lakeshore.

***The species was "rarely recorded" in the Kunming area by visiting Hong Kong birders (Stott 1993).

Crested Goshawk *Accipiter trivirgatus*

Xishan: one perched & in flight on 2 Mar 2001; 1-2 on 26 Feb, and singles on 28 Feb & 2 Mar 2002; One on 26 Oct 2005.

***Cheng (1987) considered the species locally fairly common. It was only "rarely recorded" in the Kunming area by visiting Hong Kong birders (Stott 1993).

****Accipiter sp.*

Xishan: one seen briefly on 20 Dec 2003 was probably either a **Northern** or **Crested Goshawk**, while one seen on 27 Nov 2004 may have been a 1st cy male **Northern Goshawk**.

Common Buzzard *Buteo buteo*

Xishan: in 1999 singles on 29 Mar & 1 Apr, two on 30 Mar; three on 13 Nov 2000; in 2001 two on 28 Feb, 1+ on 1st & one on 2+23 Mar; 15 bird-days in Feb/Mar 2002: two on 26+28 Feb, three on 27 Feb & two on 1+2+23+24 Mar; two on 3 Nov 2002; five bird-days over 19-21 Dec 2003; nine bird-days (1-3 daily) over 10-12+27+28 Nov 2004; four on 26+27th & heard on 28 Oct, and five on 6 Nov 2005; two on 11+12+13 Nov 2006.

In addition, another en route over the edge of the city <5 kms N of Xishan & two over Haigeng Park on 6 Nov 2005, and one over the W outskirts of Kunming on 11 Nov 2006.

***Cheng (1987) listed both ssp. *vulpinus* & *japonicus* for Yunnan. Stott (1993) listed it as recorded on almost all visits to the Kunming area.

Grey-faced Buzzard *Butastur indicus*

Xishan: good views of one migr at 11h15 on 27 Oct 2005 – at c300m the mesial stripe was easy to see...

***Xishuangbanna was the only Yunnan locality for which Cheng (1987) recorded the species, which Stott (1993) did not list for the Kunming area.

Greater Spotted Eagle *Aquila clanga*

Xishan: one flew SE at 13h45 on 10 Jan 2004.

***The species was not listed for Yunnan by Cheng (1987) or for the Kunming area by Stott (1993).

Booted Eagle *Hieraaetus pennatus*

Kunming: one going to roost on downtown office block at 19h00 on 24 Mar 2002.

***Listed for Yunnan (Xishuangbanna) only by Chu et al. (1989).

Eurasian Kestrel *Falco tinnunculus*

Xishan area: one on 13 Nov 2000; two at Dianchi lakeshore on 25 Nov 2002; two together on 11 Nov 2004; one on 26th & two migr on 27 Oct, and two on 6th & one on 7 Nov 2005; singles (quite likely the same bird) on 11+12 Nov 2006. In addition, one in town en route to airport on 28 Oct 2005.

***Stott (1993) listed the species as having been "commonly recorded" in the Kunming area.

Amur Falcon *Falco amurensis*

Xishan: two females apparently migrating (one circling over Temple at 07h25, another over Ridge at 09h16) on 11 Nov 2004; one migr on 27 Oct 2005.

***The species though listed as a migrant in Yunnan by Cheng (1987) – who considered it rare away from the "breeding regions" – was not included for the Kunming area by Stott (1993).

Peregrine *Falco peregrinus*

Xishan: one adult on 10 Nov 2004.

***A bird seen by J S R Edge on 30 Dec 1991 was treated as a 1st for the Kunming area by Stott (1993).

Mountain Bamboo Partridge *Bambusicola fytchii*

Xishan: heard on 28 Nov 2004.

***Stott (1993) listed the species for the Kunming area; it was not, however, recorded there by visiting Hong Kong birdwatchers.

Common Pheasant *Phasianus colchicus*

Xishan: one male at c2,250m on 27 Feb 2002.

***None were recorded by Hong Kong birders visiting the Kunming area (Stott 1993).

Lady Amherst's Pheasant *Chrysolophus amherstiae*

Xishan: at least one male present 12-13 Apr 1999. One male heard calling on 27 Oct 2005.

***Listed as uncommon by Cheng (1987), and as rarely recorded in the Kunming area by Stott (1993).

Moorhen *Gallinula chloropus*

Xishan area: two heard [D Weir] at Dianchi lakeshore on 25 Nov 2002.

***Not recorded at Kunming by visiting Hong Kong birders (Stott 1993).

Coot *Fulica atra*

Xishan area: on Dianchi 2+ on 21 Dec 2003 & eight on 13 Nov 2006.

***Mapped by Cheng (1987) as wintering throughout Yunnan but not listed for the Kunming area by Stott (1993).

Common Sandpiper *Actitis hypoleucos*

Xishan area: along Dianchi one on 25 Nov 2002 & two on 12+13 Nov 2006.

***Only "rarely recorded" in the Kunming area by visiting Hong Kong birders (Stott 1993).

Eurasian Woodcock *Scolopax rusticola*

Xishan: singles (involving at least two individuals) on 28 Feb & 1+2 Mar 2001; most likely the same singleton on 10+11 Nov 2004; one on 28 Oct 2005; one on 11 Nov 2006.

*** The species was "uncommonly recorded" in the Kunming area by visiting Hong Kong birders (Stott 1993).

Common Snipe *Gallinago gallinago*

Xishan area: one along Dianchi lakeshore on 25 Nov 2002.

***The species was not recorded in the Kunming area by visiting Hong Kong birders (Stott 1993).

Great Black-headed Gull *Larus ichthyaetus*

Xishan area: one adult over Dianchi lake on 2 Mar 2001 & 22 Nov 2002.

***The species was not listed for Yunnan by Cheng (1987), but "two or more adults were present at Lake Dianchi on 17 Mar 1990" (Stott 1993).

Black-headed Gull *Larus ridibundus*

Kunming area: 30+ at Xishan/Dianchi lake on 13 Nov & 15+ over airport on 8 Dec 2000; at Xishan/Dianchi lake 200+ on 28 Feb, c500 on 1st, 100+ on 2nd & 1,000+ on 24 Mar 2001, 30+ on 26th, 330+ on 27th, 100+ on 28 Feb & 1 Mar, and two on 2 Mar 2002. At Dianchi eight on 3rd & 800 on 25 Nov 2002.

Noted daily in the Dianchi area over 19-21 Dec 2003 & 10 Jan 2004, with a max of 6,500+ on 21st. 50+-675+ noted daily over 10-12th & 27-28 Nov 2004, with even the daily max on 27th very likely only a smallish percentage of those present in the general area. 700+ at Haigeng Park on 6th & one seen from Xishan on 7 Nov 2005. At Dianchi 1,500+ on 10th, 1,000+ on 12th & 3,180+ on 13 Nov 2006.

***"Uncommonly recorded" in the Kunming area by visiting Hong Kong birders (Stott 1993).

Brown-headed Gull *Larus brunnicephalus*

Xishan area: one on 29 Mar 1999, two adults on 2 Mar 2001, eight (two adults, six 1st cy) on 25 Nov 2002, and two (one adult, one 1st-cy) on 21 Dec 2003; one on 27 Oct & five on 7 Nov 2005; one adult on 12th & five on 13 Nov 2006.

In addition, c20 were at Haigeng Park on 6 Nov 2005.

***Recorded for Yunnan without locality by Cheng (1987), and listed as rarely recorded in the Kunming area by Stott (1993).

Oriental Turtle Dove *Streptopelia orientalis*

Xishan: two on 26th & one on 27 Feb 2002; in Nov 2004 two on 12th, one on 17th & four on 28th, all along Ridge. One on 28 Oct 2005. 1-2 on 11th & one on 12 Nov 2006.

***The species was "uncommonly recorded" in the Kunming area by visiting Hong Kong birders (Stott 1993).

Spotted Dove *Streptopelia chinensis*

Xishan: one heard calling at lower perimeter wall on 1 Mar 2001; one near Roundabout on 10th & two in the same spot on 12 Nov 2006.

***The species was "rarely recorded" by Hong Kong birders visiting the Kunming area (Stott 1993).

Large Hawk Cuckoo *Hierococcyx sparverioides*

Xishan: singles heard on 28 Feb & 24 Mar 2001; five bird-days (1-2 daily) over 26 Feb - 2 Mar 2002.

***The species was only "rarely recorded" in the Kunming area by visiting Hong Kong birders (Stott 1993).

Common Cuckoo *Cuculus canorus*

Xishan: one on 12 Apr 1999.

***Unrecorded by Hong Kong birders at Kunming though included for the area by Stott (1993).

Collared Scops Owl *Otus bakkamoena*

Xishan: one seen extremely well in bamboo thicket at c2,050 m on 1 Mar 2001.

***Considered fairly common and listed for Yunnan without locality by Cheng (1987), but unrecorded in the Kunming area by visiting Hong Kong birders (Stott 1993).

Brown Hawk Owl *Ninox scutulata*

Xishan: one heard on 26 Feb 2002.

***The species was included for Kunming by neither Cheng (1987) nor Stott (1993). The former listed *N. s. burmanica* W & SE Yunnan (the nearest breeding localities for *N. s. ussuriensis* being C & E Sichuan), but entirely omitted *N. s. japonica* (which visits SE Asia (Robson (2000) & is listed for E China by Clements

(2000)).

Chinese Tawny Owl *Strix nivicola*

Xishan: three heard on 21 Dec 2003; two heard (presumably a pair, one giving a lower-pitched, the other a higher-pitched call) on 28 Oct 2005; one heard on 11 Nov 2006.

***Considered uncommon by Cheng (1987). Stott (1993) listed the species as "rarely recorded" by Hong Kong birders in the Kunming area.

Himalayan Swiftlet *Collocalia brevirostris*

Xishan: ten on 1 Apr 1999, c40 on 24 Mar 2001 & four on 27 Oct 2005.

***Cheng (1987) considered the species rare but recorded three ssp. from Yunnan: *brevirostris* from Gongshan in the far NW, *rogersi* from Yongde in the SW, and *innominata* from Kunming (where none seen by Hong Kong birders (Stott 1993)).

House Swift *Apus affinis*

Xishan area: in Apr 1999 30 on 1st & 20 on 12th; 15+ on 13 Nov 2000; 100+ on 28 Feb & c50 on 1st, five on 2nd, and 25+ on 24 Mar 2001; 5+-200 daily (460+ bird-days) over 26-28 Feb & 1-2+23 Mar 2002; 180 over Dianchi on 25 Nov 2002; 15+ on 21 Dec 2003; c30 on 2 Apr 2004; in Nov 2004 120+ on 10th, 50+ on 11th, 1+ on 12th & 20 on 27th; 150+ on 26th & 100+ on 27 Oct, and 30+ (17 flew E over Ridge, then 30 flew W...) on 7 Nov 2005; 60+ on 12 Nov 2006.

In addition, heard over Camellia Hotel on 28 Oct & 1,000+ seen over Haigeng Park on 6 Nov 2005.

***Not listed for SW Yunnan by Cheng (1987), and as only rarely recorded in the Kunming area by Stott (1993).

Common Kingfisher *Alcedo atthis*

Kunming: two at Haigeng Park on 6 Nov 2005.

Hoopoe *Upupa epops*

Kunming area: one en route back from Xishan on 24 Mar & two at Dianchi on 25 Nov 2002.

***Listed by Stott (1993) as only "rarely recorded" in the Kunming area by visiting Hong Kong birders.

Speckled Piculet *Picumnus innominatus*

Xishan: at Garden Plot one on 26 Feb & two on 23 Mar 2002.

***Considered uncommon by Cheng (1987) and "rarely recorded" in the Kunming area by visiting Hong Kong birders (Stott 1993).

Grey-headed Woodpecker *Picus canus*

Xishan: singles heard on 23 Mar 2001 & 20 Dec 2003.

***Listed as a Kunming bird by Stott (1993) though unrecorded in the area by visiting Hong Kong birders.

Great Spotted Woodpecker *Dendrocopus major*

Xishan: 13 bird-days over 29-31 Mar & 1+12+13 Apr 1999; three on 13 Nov 2000; 12+ bird-days over 28 Feb & 1+2+23+24 Mar 2001; ten bird-days over 26-28 Feb & 1-2 Mar 2002; two on both 3+25 Nov 2002; seven bird-days over 19-21 Dec 2003 & 10 Jan 2004; one on 2 Apr 2004; singles on 10+11 Nov 2004; 1-2 daily (six bird-days) on 26+27+28 Oct & 7 Nov 2005; one male on 12 Nov 2006.

***Commonly recorded in the Kunming area (Stott 1993).

Grey-capped Woodpecker *Dendrocopus canicapillus*

Xishan: two on 12 Apr 1999; singles on 28 Feb & 1+23 Mar 2001; 11 bird-days over 26+28 Feb & 1+2+23+24 Mar 2002; one on 3rd & two on 25 Nov 2002; one on 20th & two on 21 Dec 2003; three on 11th & one on 27 Nov 2004; singles on 26+28 Oct & 6 Nov, and three on 7 Nov 2005; 1-3 daily (eight bird-days) over 10-13 Nov 2006.

***Considered uncommon by Cheng (1987), and listed as rarely recorded in the Kunming area by Stott (1993).

[?Oriental Skylark *Alauda gulgula*

Xishan: two unidentified Skylarks flying over on 12 Nov 2004 were most likely this species, which Stott (1993) listed as having been "rarely recorded" in the Kunming area by visiting Hong Kong birdwatchers.]

Sand Martin *Riparia riparia*

Xishan: one on 21 Dec 2003.

***Cheng (1987) did not list this species (or *R. diluta*) for Yunnan and it was not included for the Kunming area by Stott (1993).

Crag Martin *Hirundo rupestris*

Xishan: c10 on 13 Nov 2000, one on 28 Feb & 50+ on 1 Mar 2001, 15 on 26 Feb 2002, and three on 19th & Singles on 20+21 Dec 2003.

***Thought by Cheng (1987) to be uncommon, and not seen in the Kunming area by visiting Hong Kong birders (who "uncommonly recorded" Dusky Crag Martin *H. concolor*: Stott 1993).

Barn Swallow *Hirundo rustica*

Xishan: 1-10 noted on four dates in Mar/Apr 1999; 20+ on 13 Nov 2000; 40 on 28 Feb, eight on 1st, four on 2nd & three on 23 Mar 2001; 10-30+ daily (65+ bird-days) over 26 Feb - 1 Mar 2002; 130+ on 21 Dec 2003 & three on 10 Jan 2004; 50 on 10th, 270+ on 11th, 40+ on 12th, 15 on 27th & two on 28 Nov 2004. 75+ on 26th, 134+ (34 migr, 100+ not migr) on 27th & two on 28 Oct, and 15 on 6th & 36 (of which 26 migr) on 7 Nov 2005. c30 on 10th, 350+ (mostly seen from Dianchi Lakeshore, in connection with a weather front) on 12th & 35 on 13 Nov 2006.

In addition, 15 were at Haigeng Park on 6 Nov 2005.

***Listed as often recorded in the Kunming area by Stott (1993).

Red-rumped Swallow *Hirundo daurica*

Xishan: one on 12 Apr 1999, 5+ on 13 Nov 2000 & one on 23 Mar 2001. One on 26th & 61 migr on 27 Oct 2005.

***Unrecorded by Hong Kong birders for the Kunming area (Stott 1993).

Asian House Martin *Delichon dasypus*

Xishan: one on 1 Mar 2001; four on 27 Feb & two on 1 Mar 2002; one on 10th & 30 on 11 Nov 2004; two on 26th, 62 on 27th & four on 28 Oct, and 19 on 6 Nov 2005.

***Listed only for NW Yunnan by Cheng (1987), and not listed for the Kunming area by Stott (1993).

Yellow Wagtail *Motacilla flava*

Xishan area: one along Dianchi lakeshore on 25 Nov 2002.

In addition, 3+ Yellow/ Citrine Wagtails were heard over Ridge Watchpoint on 12 Nov 2006.

***The species was not listed for the Kunming area by Stott (1993), while Cheng (1987) listed sspp *angarensis*, *macronyx* & *simillima* for Yunnan, mostly without specific localities.

Citrine Wagtail *Motacilla citreola calcarata* + *M. c. citreola*

Xishan area: five (incl. a male *calcarata* & probably two male *citreola*) along Dianchi on 25 Nov 2002.

***Stott (1993) listed the species for Kunming; visiting Hong Kong birders, however, recorded none in the area. Cheng (1987) listed *citreola* for Yunnan without localities, but *calcarata* only for SE Yunnan.

Grey Wagtail *Motacilla cinerea*

Xishan area: singles on 31 Mar 1999, 13 Nov 2000 & 2 Mar 2002; two along Dianchi on 25 Nov 2002; singles daily over 19-21 Dec 2003; one on 11 Nov 2004. Seven on 26th & ten on 27 Oct, and one migr on 7 Nov 2005. 7+ along Dianchi Lakeshore on 12th & four (of which two over Ridge & two along Dianchi) on 13 Nov 2006.

In addition, two were at Haigeng Park on 6 Nov 2005.

***Listed as rarely recorded in the Kunming area by Stott (1993).

White Wagtail *Motacilla alba*

Xishan area: three on 29 Mar 1999, five on 13 Nov 2000, 1-3 daily (seven bird-days) over 28 Feb & 1+2+23 Mar 2001, and 17 bird-days (2-9 daily) over 26-28 Feb & 1-2+24 Mar 2002. Also four in town on 28 Feb 2002. 20 along Dianchi on 25 Nov 2002. Seven bird-days over 19-21 Dec 2003. One *alboides* on 2 Apr 2004. 11 bird-days over 11+12+27+28 Nov 2004, incl two *alboides* birds on 11+28th, and six migr on 12th. Two on 26th & four (incl two migr) on 27 Oct, and one on 7 Nov 2005. Two on 10th, four on 11th, 16 (of which eight at Dianchi) & c46 (of which c40 at Dianchi, incl five *alboides*, one *leucopsis* & one *ocularis*) on 13 Nov 2006.

In addition, 22 *alboides* at Haigeng Park on 6 Nov 2005.

***Listed as commonly recorded in the Kunming area by Stott (1993).

Richard's Pipit *Anthus richardi*

Xishan: one migr on 7 Nov 2005.

***The species was listed by Stott (1993) as "rarely recorded" in the Kunming area by visiting Hong Kong birders.

Olive-backed Pipit *Anthus hodgsonii*

Xishan: 34 bird-days - noted on six dates 29 Mar - 13 Apr 1999, max 20 on 12th. One on 13 Nov 2000.

Three on 28 Feb & singles on 1+2 Mar 2001. Nine on 27 Feb & 11 on 1 Mar 2002. Two on 19th & eight on 20 Dec 2003. One on 2 Apr 2004. One on 10th, seven on 11th, 19 (of which 15 migr) on 12th, six on 27th & five on 28 Nov 2004. One on 26th, 173 (of which 170 migr) on 27th & 176 (of which 175 migr) on 28 Oct, and five on 6th & 84 migr on 7 Nov 2005. Ten (of which eight migr) on 11th, 18 (of which 11 migr) on 12th & 33 (none migr) on 13 Nov 2006.

In addition, two were at Haigeng Park on 6 Nov 2005.

***Listed as commonly recorded in the Kunming area by Stott (1993).

Rosy Pipit *Anthus roseatus*

Xishan area: 15 along Dianchi on 25 Nov 2002. In 2005 the following migr past Ridge Watchpoint: four on 27th three on 28 Oct, and one on 6th & three on 7 Nov. A singleton at Dianchi Lakeshore on both 12+13th, and one over Ridge also on 13 Nov 2006.

In addition, two Pipit sp on 27 Oct & one on 7 Nov 2005, and a Rosy/ Buff-bellied over Ridge on 13 Nov 2006.

***The species was not included for the Kunming area by Stott (1993) although Cheng (1987) mapped it for the whole of Yunnan.

Water Pipit *Anthus spinoletta*

Xishan area: one at Dianchi lakeshore on 25 Nov 2002. One over Ridge Watchpoint on 12 Nov 2006.

***Stott (1993) listed as the first for the Kunming area one recorded "beside Lake Dianchi" on 1 Dec 1986.

Buff-bellied Pipit *Anthus rubescens*

Xishan: one heard over Ridge Watchpoint on 11 Nov 2006.

***Winters "to the southern part of Yunnan Prov": Cheng (1987). Robson (2000) includes the species for adjacent SE Asia only as a vagrant to N Burma, NE Thailand & W Tonkin.

Rosy Minivet *Pericrocotus roseus*

Xishan: three on 1st & ten on 12 Apr 1999; singles on 23+24 Mar 2002; 50 (incl. a flock of 40: one male, rest females) on 2 Apr 2004.

***Listed as rarely recorded for the Kunming area by Stott (1993).

Swinhoe's Minivet *Pericrocotus cantonensis*

Xishan: two birds associating with a party of *P. roseus* on 12 Apr 1999.

***This taxon was not listed for Yunnan by Cheng (1987) who considered it conspecific with *P. roseus*.

Ashy Minivet *Pericrocotus divaricatus*

Xishan: five migr at 08h06 on 28 Oct 2005.

***The species was included for the Kunming area by Stott (1993) but none were recorded there by visiting Hong Kong birders.

Long-tailed Minivet *Pericrocotus ethologus*

Xishan: in 1999 c10 on 30 Mar & 12 Apr, one on 31 Mar, and three on 1 Apr; three on 13 Nov 2000; in 2001 48+ bird-days over 28 Feb & 1+2+23+24 Mar, daily max 18 on 1st; 38 bird-days over 26-28 Feb & 1-2+23-24 Mar 2002; three on 3 Nov 2002; 12 on 20th & five on 21 Dec 2003; two on 2 Apr 2004; six on 11th, eight on 12th, 17 on 27th & four on 28 Nov 2004. Four on 26th, ten on 27th & 32 on 28 Oct, and five on 6th & 35 (of which two migr) on 7 Nov 2005. seven on 10th, 26+ on 11th, eight on 12th & six on 13 Nov 2006.

***Considered fairly common by Cheng (1987), and recorded on almost all visits to the Kunming area by Hong Kong birders (Stott 1993).

Short-billed Minivet *Pericrocotus brevirostris*

Xishan: two on 2 Apr 2004.

***Considered uncommon by Cheng (1987). Stott (1993) listed the species for the Kunming area though none were recorded there by visiting Hong Kong birders.

****Pericrocotus* sp.

Xishan: 3+ on 19 Dec 2003.

Crested Finchbill *Spizixos canifrons*

Xishan: four on 29 Mar & one on 12 Apr 1999, two on 23rd & one on 24 Mar 2001; c130 bird-days (20-33 daily) over 26 Feb - 2 Mar & two on 23+24 Mar 2002. In Dec 2003 three on 20+21st. One on 27th & four on 28 Oct, and six on 7 Nov 2005.

***"Uncommon, generally confined to forests of fairly high altitude" (Cheng 1987). Listed as "rarely recorded" in the Kunming area by Stott (1993).

Red-whiskered Bulbul *Pycnonotus jocosus*

Xishan: one on 24 Mar 2002.

***Considered "fairly common in its range" by Cheng (1987), but was not included for the Kunming area by Stott (1993).

Brown-breasted Bulbul *Pycnonotus xanthorrhous*

Xishan: 20 on 29th, four on 30th & five on 31 Mar, five on 12 Apr 1999; c10 on 13 Nov 2000; four on 28 Feb, and four on 1st, two on 2nd & eight on 23 Mar 2001; 15+ on 26th, 35 on 27th & 22+ on 28 Feb, and 20+ on 1st, three on 2nd & 32+ on 24 Mar 2002; 2+ heard on 3rd & 15 (in village gardens near Dianchi) on 25 Nov 2002; 11 on 20th & 14 on 21 Dec 2003, and 14 on 10 Jan 2004; five on 2 Apr 2004; 1+ heard on 10th, ten on 11th, 31 on 12th, 18 on 27th & 30 on 28 Nov 2004. Four on 26th, ten on 27th & six on 28 Oct, and 22 on 6th & 65 (of which 55 migr) on 7 Nov 2005. Four on 10th, c30 on 11th, 20+ on 12th & 32+ on 13 Nov 2006. In addition, five at Haigeng Park on 6 Nov 2005.

***Considered fairly common by Cheng (1987), and listed for the Kunming area as recorded by Hong Kong birders on almost all visits (Stott 1993).

Mountain Bulbul *Hypsipetes mccllellandii*

Xishan: one on 12 Apr 1999, two on 23 Mar 2001 & one on 28 Feb 2002; two on 20 Dec 2003.

***Considered uncommon by Cheng (1987), and listed by Stott (1993) as "rarely recorded" by Hong Kong birder visiting the Kunming area.

Chestnut Bulbul *Hypsipetes castanonotus*

Xishan: two on 27th & one on 28 Feb, and two on 2 Mar 2002. It seems likely that just two individuals were involved. In winter 2003/04 six on 20th & five on 21 Dec, and three on 10 Jan. Two on 2 Apr 2004.

In Nov 2004 heard on 10th, 2+ heard on 27th & six coming in to drink/bathe at Garden Plot at 11h20 on 28th. 2+ heard on 27th & four on 28 Oct, and 2+ heard on 6th & 1+ heard on 7 Nov 2005. 2+ heard on 12th & 1+

heard on 13 Nov 2006.

***1st record for Yunnan apparently six also at Xishan on 2 January 2002 (S. Bale pers. com.) - Cheng (1987) considered this form conspecific with *H. flavala* and listed ssp. *canipennis* for Guizhou, Guangxi, S Hunan, Guangdong & Fujian (nominate *castanonotus* is resident on Hainan (Cheng 1987) and has been recorded in E Tonkin (Robson 2000)). Lewthwaite (1996) confirmed its occurrence in Jiangxi & considered the species to be a partial migrant.

Black Bulbul *Hypsipetes leucocephalus*

Xishan: a flock of seven (two white- & five black-headed; the latter incl a tail-less bird) on 27th & presumably the same heard on 28 Nov 2004. One black-headed bird migr at 12h02 on 7 Nov 2005.

***"Common locally" (Cheng 1987). The species was listed for the Kunming area by Stott (1993); visiting Hong Kong birders, however, did not record the species there.

Brown Shrike *Lanius cristatus*

Xishan: one 1st c-y bird at Ridge Watchpoint on 27 Oct 2005.

***The species was listed for the Kunming area by Stott (1993); visiting Hong Kong birders did not, however, record any there.

Burmese Shrike *Lanius collurioides*

Xishan: one on 12 Apr 1999.

***Listed as uncommon by Cheng (1987). Listed for the Kunming area as "rarely recorded" by Stott (1987)

Long-tailed Shrike *Lanius schach*

Xishan area: one on 13 Nov 2000; one present on 26+27 Feb & 1 Mar 2002; two (one black- & one grey-capped morph) along Dianchi on 25 Nov 2002; a 1st-cy bird present on 20+21 Dec 2003; singles on 27+28 Nov 2004.

***"Often recorded" in the Kunming area by visiting Hong Kong birders (Stott 1993).

Grey-backed Shrike *Lanius tephronotus*

Xishan area: one at Dianchi Lakeshore on 13 Nov 2006.

***Considered uncommon (and a resident in Yunnan) by Cheng (1987). The species was "rarely recorded" in the Kunming by visiting Hong Kong birders (Stott 1993).

Northern Wren *Troglodytes troglodytes*

Xishan: one heard on 13 Nov 2000; three on 28 Feb 2001.

***"Rarely recorded" in the Kunming area by visiting Hong Kong birders (Stott 1993).

Rufous-browed Accentor *Prunella strophiatea*

Xishan: one on 13 Nov 2000.

***The species was recorded only once in the Kunming area (three birds on 19 Dec 1992) by visiting Hong Kong birders (Stott 1993).

Maroon-backed Accentor *Prunella immaculata*

Xishan: two on 31 Mar 1999, seven (one flock) on 28 Feb 2001, three on 11th & one on 28 Nov 2004, and four on 11th, 12 on 12th & seven on 13 Nov 2006.

***Considered rare by Cheng (1987). Stott (1993) listed the species as "commonly recorded" in the Kunming area.

Himalayan Red-flanked Bluetail *Tarsiger (cyanurus) rufilatus*

Xishan: two on 30+31 Mar & one on 1 Apr 1999; nine on 13 Nov 2000; eight on 28 Feb, five on 1st, three on 2nd & one on 24 Mar 2001; four on 26th, five on 27th & four on 28 Feb, and four on 1st, one on 2nd, two on 23rd & one on 24 Mar 2002 (some heard-only; six sightings (of fewer individuals) concerned ssp. *rufilatus* males: no ssp. *cyanurus* were identified); three on 25 Nov 2002; two on 19th & five (incl at least two *rufilatus* males) on 20+21 Dec 2003, and five on 10 Jan 2004; three heard on 11th, two heard on 12th, 12 on 27th & three – incl a nice adult male *rufilatus* seen well – on 28 Nov 2004. Four heard on 27 Oct & one heard on

7 Nov 2005. One on 10th, 2+ on 11th, three on 12th & six on 13 Nov 2006 – of these, only two were seen: a female-type & an adult male, both on the last date.

***Listed for the Kunming area as "commonly recorded" by Stott (1987).

Rasmussen & Anderton (2005) elevated *rufilatus* to full species status. *cyanurus* is a visitor to NW Thailand & N Indochina (Robson 2000) but it remains to be discovered if it is regular in Yunnan.

Golden Bush Robin *Tarsiger chrysaeus*

Xishan: singles on 29th [D Johnson, P Thompson] & 30+31 Mar 1999 (probably involving just two birds).
Two on 28 Feb 2001.

Different singles heard on 27+28 Nov 2004, of which at least the former in a place where the species hadn't been recorded previously. Three (two female-types seen, one heard) on 11th & a different bird on 12 Nov 2006.

***Not listed for Kunming by Cheng (1987), and not included on Kunming area list by Stott (1993).

Magpie Robin *Copsychus saularis*

Xishan: two on 29 Mar, one on 1st & three on 13 Apr 1999; one on 28 Feb, two on 1+2nd & three (at lower forest edge) on 24 Mar 2002; singles on 3+25 Nov 2002; one heard on 20th & two on 21 Dec 2003; two on 2 Apr 2004. One heard on 7 Nov 2005. Two on wires near Roundabout on 10th & one male on 11 Nov 2006.

Kunming area: a nest-building pair at downtown Yuentong Temple on 24 Mar 2001; heard in the garden of Camellia Hotel in Feb/Mar 2002 & by the Camellia parking lot on 28 Oct 2005. Two heard at Haigeng Park on 6 Nov 2005.

***Listed as "commonly recorded" in the Kunming area by Stott (1993).

Blue-fronted Redstart *Phoenicurus frontalis*

Xishan: three on 29+30th & two on 31 Mar, singles on 1+12 Apr 1999; seven on 13 Nov 2000; five on 28 Feb, one on 1st, two on 2nd & four on 23 Mar 2001; 20 bird-days (1-6 daily) over 26 Feb - 2 Mar & two on 23+24 Mar 2002; two on 19th, three on 20th & four on 21 Dec 2003, and six on 10 Jan 2004; one heard on 10th, three on 12th, nine on 27th & one on 28 Nov 2004. One on 28 Oct, and one male on 6th & three (of which two migr) on 7 Nov 2005. Two on 11+12th (1st cy male & do female on former date) & three (incl an adult male) on 13 Nov 2006.

***Recorded on almost all visits by Hong Kong birders to the Kunming area (Stott 1993).

Daurian Redstart *Phoenicurus aureoreus*

Xishan: one male on 12 Nov 2004. Two on 6th & one female on 7 Nov 2005. One heard on 13 Nov 2006.

***The species was "rarely recorded" by visiting Hong Kong birdwatchers in the Kunming area (Stott 1993).

Plumbeous Redstart *Rhyacornis fuliginosus*

Xishan: one heard singing on 28 Feb 2002.

***The species was "rarely recorded" in the Kunming area by visiting Hong Kong birders (Stott 1993).

White-tailed Robin *Cinclidium leucurum*

Xishan: two on 1st & three on 12+13 Apr 1999 were all males, with at least two of the birds recorded on 13th being the same as on 12th; one heard singing on 1st & three singing over 23-24 Mar 2001 (one seen well on 21st); eight bird-days (involving four singing males, of which two showed well) over 26-28 Feb & 1-2+24 Mar 2002; three bird-days (concerning two males) over 19-21 Dec 2003; two singing males (one heard-only) on 2 Apr 2004; probably the same single male heard singing on 10+11th, and a different male on 27+28 Nov 2004, which on 27th was accompanied by a female. One male on 7 Nov 2005. Single males on 10+12+13 Nov 2006, involving two individuals.

***Cheng (1987), clearly in error, considered the species very rare. Listed for the Kunming area as "rarely recorded" by Stott (1993).

White-crowned Forktail *Enicurus leschenaultii*

Xishan: a presumed wintering pair present on 28 Feb & 1+2+24 Mar 2001; six bird-days (1-2 noted on five dates) over 26-28 Feb & 1+24 Mar 2002; two on 3rd & one on 25 Nov 2002; singles on 19+21st & two on 20 Dec 2003; singles on 11+26 Nov 2004. Singles heard on 26+27 Oct 2005. One seen well on 11 Nov 2006.

***Unrecorded for the Kunming area by visiting Hong Kong birders (Stott 1993).

Stonechat *Saxicola torquata*

Xishan area: singles on 30 Mar & 12 Apr 1999, two on 13 Nov 2000; two (a pair, the male singing) on 28 Feb 2001; one on 26th, three (two males w/ one female, undoubtedly incl. the 26 Feb bird) on 27 Feb & 1 Mar 2002; two at Dianchi on 25 Nov 2002; singles on 12+27+28 Nov 2004; singles along Ridge on 12th & at Dianchi Lakeshore on 13 Nov 2006.

***Listed as "commonly recorded" for the Kunming area by Stott (1993).

Grey Bushchat *Saxicola ferrea*

Xishan: four on 30 Mar 1999; one male on 23rd & one female on 24 Mar 2001; single male(s) on 26+27 Feb & 1 Mar 2002; seen Ridge Watchpoint on three out of four visits in 2005: one male on 27th & a pair on 28 Oct, and a male on 7 Nov.

***Considered fairly common by Cheng (1987), and listed as "often recorded" for the Kunming area by Stott (1993).

Chestnut-bellied Rock Thrush *Monticola rufiventris*

Xishan: three on 13 Nov 2000; three (a male w/ two females) on 28 Feb, one male (perhaps a different bird) on 1st & 2nd (same individual as on 28 Feb) Mar 2001; 11 bird-days (1-3 daily) at/near Temple on 26+27 Feb & 1+2+23+24 March 2002, incl. a male singing strongly on the last date; three males on 3rd & two unsexed birds on 25 Nov 2002; 2-3 (a pair, maybe an additional male) on 20th & two (same pair) on 21 Dec 2003; one male on 2 Apr 2004; 3-4 (2-3 males w/ one unsexed bird) on 11th & one male on 12 Nov 2004; in 2005 one heard on 26th & a female on 28 Oct, and on 7 Nov a pair perched up @08h36 before migr on past Ridge Watchpoint. One heard on 10 Nov 2006.

***Listed as fairly common by Cheng (1987). The species was listed as new to the Kunming area by Stott (1993), having been commonly recorded "in small numbers in December and January" by visiting Hong Kong birders.

Blue Whistling Thrush *Myophonus caeruleus*

Xishan: three on 29 Mar, singles on 31 Mar & 1+12+13 Apr 1999; one on 13 Nov 2000; one heard on 28 Feb 2001; eight bird-days over 26-28 Feb & 1-2+23-24 Mar 2002, involving perhaps just two birds; singles on 3+25 Nov 2002; one heard on 11 Nov 2004. One heard on 26th, three (of which one was seen: a yellow-billed bird) on 27th & one heard on 28 Oct, and one yellow-billed bird on 6 Nov 2005. One black-billed bird seen well at Ridge on 13 Nov 2006.

***Considered fairly common by Cheng (1987) but was "uncommonly recorded" in the Kunming area by visiting Hong Kong birders (Stott 1993).

In 2002, all those seen well were of the yellow-billed form.

Orange-headed Ground Thrush *Zoothera citrina*

Xishan: one on 12 Nov 2006.

***Cheng (1987) considered the species 'uncommon', omitted the area W of the Salween from mapped range in contradiction to the text, which lists only ssp *innotata* [sic] (this spelling error was recycled by Carey *et al.* (2001): correct spelling is *innotata*) for Yunnan (W, S & SE, but not Kunming). Stott (1993) did not list the species for the Kunming area.

***Interestingly, plumage characters of the Kunming bird eliminate *innotata* ("crown dull, merging into olive-grey mantle; upper wing bar white, lower buff; black ear-covert blob border'd by pale; broken eye-ring front [&] back of [eye], not above [eye]; ear blob & dark "stain" below eye jet black"), suggesting a subspecies not previously recorded in Yunnan, most likely *courtoisi* (which is the ssp breeding farthest to the N in China: to Anhui according to Cheng (1987); it has also been recorded in S Henan (specimen seen by JH), and the birds occasionally recorded on the Hebei coast (e g 3-4 in mid-May 2006: JH *et al* pers obs), presumed to be the nearest ssp, showed wingbars and head pattern like the Kunming bird.

White's Thrush *Zoothera dauma*

Xishan: two on 30+31 Mar & 12+13 Apr, three on 1 Apr 1999; one on 13 Nov 2000; singles on 28 Feb, 1st (same individual) & 23rd, and two on 24 Mar 2001 (also one **White's/Long-tailed Thrush** on 1st); nine bird-days (involving 3-4 individuals) over 26-28 Feb & 1-2+23-24 Mar 2002; three on 19th, six on 20th & two on 21 Dec 2003, and one on 10 Jan 2004; one on 12 Nov 2006.

***Cheng (1987) listed both *Z. d. aurea* & *Z. d. socia* for Yunnan. Dickinson (2003) included the latter with *dauma*. Stott (1993) listed the species as "commonly recorded" in the Kunming area.

Long-tailed Ground Thrush *Zoothera dixonii*

Xishan: two on 31 Mar 1999; singles on 28 Feb & 1+2 Mar 2001 (two individuals); two on both 27 Feb & 1 Mar 2002; one on 10 Jan 2004; one on 11 Nov 2004.

*** Rarely recorded by Hong Kong birders in the Kunming area (Stott 1993).

Eyebrowed Thrush *Turdus obscurus*

Xishan: four on 28 Oct, and three on 6th & one "feeding with bulbuls & White-collared Yuhinas in valley" on 7 Nov 2005.

***Stott (1993) listed the species as "rarely recorded" in the Kunming area by visiting Hong Kong birders.

Grey-backed Thrush *Turdus hortulorum*

Xishan: a female seen well on 10 Jan 2004.

***Included for Yunnan by Cheng (1987) only as a vagrant to Simao. One was recorded in the Kunming area by R. Lewthwaite on 20 Dec 1992: Stott 1993.

Black-breasted Thrush *Turdus dissimilis*

Xishan: two on 1st, seven on 12th & three on 13 Apr 1999; one female on 28 Feb, probably just one male on both 1+2nd & three on 24 Mar 2001; 14 bird-days (involving perhaps just three individuals) over 26+28 Feb & 1-2+23-24 Mar 2002; one heard on 19th, 13 (incl. nine together) on 20th & three on 21 Dec 2003, and five on 10 Jan 2004; two on 2 Apr 2004; singles on 11+27th & two on 28 Nov 2004; three on 10th, one heard on 12th & one on 13 Nov 2006.

***Considered rare by Cheng (1987). Stott (1993) listed the species as "rarely recorded" for the Kunming area.

Grey-winged Blackbird *Turdus boulboul*

Xishan: one present on 20+21 Dec 2003.

***Listed as rare by Cheng (1987). The species was listed for Kunming by Stott (1993) though unrecorded in the area by visiting Hong Kong birders.

Naumann's Thrush *Turdus naumanni*

Xishan: 20 (18 *eunomus*, 2 *naumanni*) on 20th & 25+ (22 *eunomus*, 3 *naumanni*) on 21 Dec 2003, and c55 (20+ *eunomus*, 5+ *naumanni*, 10+ intermediates) on 10 Jan 2004. One *naumanni* on 11th & four on 12 Nov 2006.

***The species was "uncommonly recorded" in the Kunming area by visiting Hong Kong birders (Stott 1993).

Chinese Blackbird *Turdus mandarinus*

Xishan: Probably the same single near Roundabout on 11+13 Nov 2006, on both occasions flying across the road late in the afternoon.

***Stott (1993) listed "Eurasian Blackbird *Turdus merula*" as 'rarely recorded' in the Kunming area by visiting Hong Kong birders, while Cheng (1987) listed *mandarinus* only for W Yunnan.

Chestnut Thrush *Turdus rubrocanus*

Xishan: three on 29th & one on 30 Mar, two on 1 Apr 1999; singles on 27+28 Feb & two on 2 Mar 2002; one on 20 Dec 2003 & four on 10 Jan 2004. Singles on 7 Nov 2005 & 11 Nov 2006.

***Cheng (1987) did not list the species for Kunming, though Stott (1993) listed it for the latter area as "uncommonly recorded".

Chinese Song Thrush *Turdus mupinensis*

Xishan: one in bamboo gully on 30 Mar 1999; one on 23 Mar 2001; seven bird-days (involving 4-5 individuals) 26 Feb - 2 Mar 2002: singles daily except three on 1st; nine on 20th (incl. four feeding together in a fruiting tree with a fair bit of coming and going also of other thrushes) & ten on 21 Dec 2003, and one on 10 Jan 2004; two on 2 Apr 2004. Singles on 28 Oct & 6 Nov 2005, and on 11+13 Nov 2006.

***Lijiang & Jiangchuan (c100km SSW of Kunming) are the only Yunnan localities listed by Cheng (1987).

Stott (1993) listed it as commonly recorded in Kunming area by visiting Hong Kong birders.

Spot-breasted Scimitar Babbler *Pomatorhinus erythrocnemis*

Xishan: 28 bird-days 29 Mar - 13 Apr 1999, daily max ten on 31st; eight heard on 13 Nov 2000; 11+ on 28 Feb, six on 1st, four on 2+23rd & one on 24 Mar 2001; 31 bird-days over 26+27 Feb & 1+2+24 Mar 2002; singles on 3+25 Nov 2002; three on 19th, 12 on 20th & 14 on 21 Dec 2003, and nine on 10 Jan 2004; three on 2 Apr 2004; 44 bird-days over 10+11+12+27+28 Nov 2004 (daily max 14 on 27th); 45 bird-days over 26+27+28 Oct & 6+7 Nov 2005 (daily max 13 on 28th); two on 10th, 16 heard on 11th, 13 heard on 12th & 19 (of which two were seen) on 13 Nov 2006.

*** Stott (1993) listed the species as only "uncommonly recorded" for the Kunming area.

Streak-breasted Scimitar Babbler *Pomatorhinus ruficollis*

Xishan (ssp. *similis*): three on 30th & two on 31 Mar 1999; two on 13 Nov 2000; 13 bird-days over 28 Feb & 1+2+23+24 Mar 2001 (daily max 4+ on 1st); 11 bird-days (1-3 daily) over 26-28 Feb & 1-2+23-24 Mar 2002; one on 3 Nov 2002; four on 19th, seven on 20th & ten on 21 Dec 2003, and three on 10 Jan 2004; four on 2 Apr 2004; two on 11th, five on 27th & four on 28 Nov 2004. Four on 27+28 Oct & one on 6 Nov 2005. Two on 10th, five on 11th, one on 12th & six on 13 Nov 2006.

***"Uncommonly recorded" in the Kunming area by Hong Kong birders (Stott 1993).

Pygmy Wren Babbler *Pnoepyga pusilla*

Xishan: two on 1 Apr 1999; singles on 28 Feb & 1+2 Mar 2001 (two individuals); five bird-days (involving 4-5 individuals) over 26-28 Feb & 24 Mar 2002; two on 3rd & one on 25 Nov 2002 (singing birds; heard-only); different singles heard on 19th (singing at c18h20) & 20 Dec 2003; four on 10th, three on 11th & two (heard singing) on 27 Nov 2004. Two heard calling on 26th & one heard singing on 27 Oct, and two heard on 6 Nov 2005. One heard singing on 10 Nov 2006.

***Considered fairly common locally by Cheng (1987). Listed as "rarely recorded" in the Kunming area by Stott (1993).

Rufous-capped Babbler *Stachyris ruficeps*

Xishan: one on 12 Apr 1999; 11 bird-days (1-4 daily, involving at least five individuals) over 28 Feb & 1+2+23 Mar 2001; one on 26 Feb 2002; one on 2 Apr 2004. Singles on 26+28th & three on 27 Oct, and five on 7 Nov 2005. Two on 11+12 Nov 2006.

***Listed as fairly common by Cheng (1987), but as "rarely recorded" in the Kunming area by visiting Hong Kong birders by Stott (1993).

Hwamei *Garrulax canorus*

Xishan: singles on 31 Mar & 12 Apr 1999. One heard singing on 27 Oct 2005.

***"One of the commonest babblers in China, and also a very popular and favourite cagebird among the Chinese" (Cheng 1987). It was only rarely recorded in the Kunming area by Hong Kong birders (Stott 1993).

White-browed Laughingthrush *Garrulax sannio*

Xishan: 4-5 noted on 29+30+31 Mar & 12 Apr 1999; six on 13 Nov 2000; three on 28 Feb & seven on 23 Mar 2001; 2+ on 26th & three on 27 Feb, and three on 1st & one on 24 Mar 2002; six on 20th & c5 (same group) on 21 Dec 2003; in Nov 2004 1+ on 11th, 7+ on 12th, 5+ on 27th & ten on 28th. 18+ bird-days (3-7 daily) over 27+28 Oct & 6+7 Nov 2005. 4+ on 11th, 5+ on 12th & 14 on 13 Nov 2006.

***Cheng (1987) considered the species to be "very common throughout its range", while Stott (1993) listed it as "uncommonly recorded" from the Kunming area.

Chestnut-crowned Laughingthrush *Garrulax erythrocephalus*

Xishan: three seen well (no obvious feather wear suggesting captive origin) on 2 Mar 2002.

*** Neither Cheng (1987) nor Stott (1993) included the species for Kunming.

Red-billed Leiothrix *Leiothrix lutea*

Xishan: one on 30th & two on 31 Mar, one on 13 Apr 1999; five on 1st, 11 on 2nd & one on 24 Mar 2001; 31 bird-days (daily max ten on 26th; much sustained singing) over 26 Feb - 2 Mar & three on 23+24 Mar 2002; two heard on 25 Nov 2002; four on 19th, 28 on 20th & 17+ on 21 Dec 2003; one on 2 Apr 2004; singles heard on 10+12th, 18+ on 11th, 30 on 27th & 14 on 28 Nov 2004; 43 bird-days (4-12 daily) over 26+27+28 Oct & 6+7 Nov 2005; 16 on 10th, 22 on 11th, 15 on 12th & 23 on 13 Nov 2006.

***Not listed for Kunming by Stott (1993). Cheng (1987) considered the species fairly common.

White-browed Shrike-babbler *Pteruthius flaviscapis*

Xishan: 19 bird-days in 1999: up to seven birds noted on six dates 29 Mar - 13 Apr 1999; 23 bird-days (4-6 daily) over 28 Feb & 1+2+23+24 Mar 2001; 26 bird-days (4-7 daily) over 26 Feb - 2 Mar & two on 24 Mar 2002; four (three singing males, one female) on 20 Dec 2003 & one singing male on 10 Jan 2004; four on 2 Apr 2004; in Nov 2004 five on 11th, four on 27th & two on 28th. Two on 27 Oct, and a flock of seven (an eye level male in superb light at <10m was a sight to savour!) on 6th & one on 7 Nov 2005. Four (three females seen & a male heard singing) on 10th & 11 on 12 Nov 2006.

***Stott (1993) listed the species as "rarely recorded" in the Kunming area by Hong Kong birders, while Cheng (1987) considered the species uncommon.

Blue-winged Minla *Minla cyanuroptera*

Xishan: 7-20 birds daily on six dates 29 Mar - 13 Apr 1999 (65 bird-days); c25 on 13 Nov 2000; 10-22 daily (80 bird-days) over 28 Feb & 1+2+23+24 Mar 2001; 150+ bird-days over 26-28 Feb & 1+2+23+24 Mar 2002 (daily max 42 on 27th); eight on 3rd & 15+ on 25 Nov 2002; c25 on 19th, 44 on 20th & 55 on 21 Dec 2003, and 37 on 10 Jan 2004; 20 on 2 Apr 2004; ten on 10+12th, 16 on 11th, a record 88 on 27th & 22 on 28 Nov 2004. 67 bird-days (7-20 daily) over 26+27+28 Oct & 6+7 Nov 2005. Ten on 10th, 12 on 11th, 18 on 12th & 25 on 13 Nov 2005.

***Listed as uncommon by Cheng (1987) but as "recorded on almost all visits" at Kunming by Stott (1993).

Spectacled Fulvetta *Alcippe ruficapilla*

Xishan: 112 bird-days in total for 29 Mar - 1st & 12+13 Apr 1999 - daily max 39 on 12 Apr (incl. two fledglings); 36 on 13 Nov 2000; 130 bird-days (5-65 daily) over 28 Feb & 1+2+23+24 Mar 2001; 125 bird-days (5-36 daily) over 26-28 Feb & 1+2+23+24 Mar 2002; ten on 3rd & 15 on 25 Nov 2002; six on 19th, 34 on 20th & 42 on 21 Dec 2003, and 50 on 10 Jan 2004; 20+ on 2 Apr 2004; ten on 10th, 32 on 11th, 23 on 12th, a record 91 on 27th & 19 on 28 Nov 2004. 134 bird-days (8-37 daily) on 26+27+28 Oct & 6+7 Nov 2005. 13 on 10th, 34 on 11th, 48 on 12th & 31 on 13 Nov 2006.

***Cheng (1987) considered the species uncommon. Stott (1993) listed it as "commonly recorded" in the Kunming area by visiting Hong Kong birders.

Rusty-capped Fulvetta *Alcippe dubia*

Xishan: 123 bird-days in total (13-26 daily) for 29 Mar - 1st & 12+13 Apr 1999; 12+ on 13 Nov 2000; 79 bird-days (7-24 daily) over 28 Feb & 1+2+23+24 Mar 2001; 69 bird-days (2-15 daily) over 26-28 Feb & 1+2+23+24 Mar 2002; five on 3rd & six on 25 Nov 2002; nine on 19th, 34 on 20th & 22 on 21 Dec 2003, and 24 on 10 Jan 2004; c15 on 2 Apr 2004, incl. one imitating Lesser Cuckoo & one w/ nest material; 20 on 11th, nine on 12th, a record 65 on 27th & 13 on 28 Nov 2004. 81 bird-days (8-37 daily) over 26+27+28 Oct & 6+7 Nov 2005. Three on 10th, six on 11th, 16 (incl two 'migr') on 12th & 21 on 13 Nov 2006.

***Listed as uncommon by Cheng (1987). Formerly considered conspecific with *A. brunnea*, which Hong Kong birders recorded on almost all visits to the Kunming area (Stott 1993). Robson (2000) considered *dubia*, *genestieri*, *mandellii* & *intermedia* to be one species, while Clements (2000) considered *A. dubia* to be monotypic (giving the range as "pine forests of s Myanmar (Tenasserim)").

Song of ssp. *genestieri* (E of Salween) variable: at Kunming typically consisting of four notes, recalling Bianchi's Warbler (and assumed to be mimicry). One on 28 Feb 2002 several times gave a credible rendition of the song of Lesser Cuckoo, a species not included for Kunming by Stott (1993).

Grey-cheeked Fulvetta *Alcippe morrisonia*

Xishan: two on 31 Mar 1999; 15 bird-days (2-4 daily, with repeated records of same individuals) over 28 Feb & 1+2+23+24 Mar 2001; ten bird-days over 26+27 Feb & 23+24 Mar 2002; 15 on 19th & five on 20 Dec 2003; four on 2 Apr 2004; two on 10th & seven on 11 Nov 2004 (it is worth noting that none were noted on 27th despite the large numbers of other babblers). Six on 26th & four on 27 Oct & 2+ heard on 7 Nov 2005. Three on 10+11th, and six on 12+13 Nov 2006.

***"Common throughout its range" (Cheng 1987). Listed as commonly recorded by Hong Kong birders in the Kunming area by Stott (1993).

Black-headed Sibia *Heterophasia desgodinsi*

Xishan: two on 28 Feb 2001; two heard on 20 Dec 2003.

***Considered an uncommon resident by Cheng (1987), who did not list the species for Kunming, while Stott (1993) included it for the Kunming area as "uncommonly recorded" by visiting Hong Kong birders. Split from *H. melanoleuca* following Robson (2000).

Whiskered Yuhina *Yuhina flavicollis*

Xishan: six on 12th & ten (in the same area) on 13 Nov 2006.

***Considered uncommon, and not listed for Kunming, by Cheng (1987). Included for the Kunming area by Stott (1993); none were, however, recorded there by visiting Hong Kong birders.

White-collared Yuhina *Yuhina diademata*

Xishan: one on 29th, four on 30th & two on 31 Mar, and five on 12 Apr 1999; seven on 28 Feb, and two on 2nd & one on 23 Mar 2001; six on 27 Feb & four on 1 Mar 2002; five on 20th & 11 on 21 Dec 2003, and c24 on 10 Jan 2004; two on 2 Apr 2004; seven on 11th, 16 on 12th, 22 on 27th & 23 (incl a flock of 20 birds) on 28 Nov 2004. Five on 27 Oct & c10 on 7 Nov 2005. 20 on 11th, 19 on 12th & 13 on 13 Nov 2006.

***Considered fairly common, but not listed for Kunming, by Cheng (1987). Stott (1993) listed the species as commonly recorded in the Kunming area.

Ashy-throated Parrotbill *Paradoxornis alphonsianus*

Xishan: three on 29th & two on 30 Mar, one on 1st & two on 12 Apr 1999; 11 on 13 Nov 2000; seven on 28 Feb, nine on 2nd, three on 23rd & two on 24 Mar 2001; 18 bird-days (2-6 daily, with some individuals seen more than once) over 26+27 Feb & 1+2+23+24 Mar 2002; 52 (flocks of 42 + ten) on 21 Dec 2003 & c28 (flocks of eight + c20) on 10 Jan 2004; 68 (flocks of 14, 52 & two birds; "largest flock along main ridge") on 11th, 24+ on 12th, 57+ (flocks of 13+, 15+ & 29 birds) on 27th, and 21 on 28 Nov 2004. 12 on 27 Oct & ten on 6 Nov 2005. 4+ on 11th, 12+ (one flock) on 12th & five on 13 Nov 2006.

In addition, 19 were at Haigeng Park on 6 Nov 2005.

***Recorded on almost all visits to the Kunming area by Hong Kong birders (Stott 1993). The call of this taxon appears identical to that of *P. webbianus*, and the two are considered conspecific by Dickinson (2003).

Chestnut-headed Tesia *Tesia castaneocoronata*

Xishan: singles heard on 27 Oct & 7 Nov 2005, and one seen well (& heard!) on 13 Nov 2006.

***Cheng (1987) considered the species as uncommon, and did not list it for Kunming – nor did Stott (1993).

Stub-tailed Bush Warbler *Urosphena squamiceps*

Xishan: one on 1 Apr 1999 & one in the same spot on 20 Dec 2003.

***Xishuangbanna and Mengzi (in SE) were the only Yunnan localities Cheng (1987) listed the species for. Stott (1993) did not list the species for the Kunming area.

Brownish-flanked Bush Warbler *Cettia fortipes*

Xishan: one on 13 Nov 2000; four on 28 Feb, six on 1st & two on 2+ 24 Mar 2001; eight bird-days (involving 5-6 individuals, incl. two singing on 24th) over 26+27+28 Feb & 1+24 Mar 2002; two on 2 Apr 2004; one on 11th & two on 28 Nov 2004. One on 26th, 11 on 27th & one on 28 Oct, and ten on 6th & seven on 7 Nov 2005. Two on 13 Nov 2006.

***The species was not included for the Kunming area by Stott (1993).

Grey-sided Bush Warbler *Cettia brunnifrons*

Xishan: one on 29 Mar 1999.

***Neither Cheng (1987), who considered it uncommon, nor Stott (1993) listed the species for Kunming.

Tickell's Leaf Warbler *Phylloscopus affinis*

Xishan: one on 29 Mar & three on 12 Apr 1999; one on 1 Mar 2002. Two migr on 7 Nov 2005.

***Not listed for Kunming by Cheng (1987), and as rarely recorded there by Stott (1993).

Buff-throated Leaf Warbler *Phylloscopus subaffinis*

Xishan: singles on 30 Mar 1999 & 13 Nov 2000; one on 1st & two on 23 Mar 2001; five on 27 Feb & six on 1 Mar 2002; one attending flowering tree on 21 Dec 2003; three on 12th & two on 27+28 Nov 2004. Singles on 27 Oct & 6 Nov, and 11 (of which nine migr) on 7 Nov 2005. Three on 12 Nov 2006.

***Considered uncommon by Cheng (1987). Stott (1993) listed it as "commonly recorded" for the Kunming area.

Dusky Warbler *Phylloscopus fuscatus*

Xishan area: two on 24 Mar 2002; one at Dianchi lakeshore on 25 Nov 2002. One heard on 7 Nov 2005.

***The species was "rarely recorded" in the Kunming area by visiting Hong Kong birders (Stott 1993).

Yellow-streaked Warbler *Phylloscopus armandii*

Xishan: one on 12 Apr 1999.

***Cheng (1987) listed ssp. *perplexus* as a migrant and winter visitor in Yunnan. None were recorded by Hong Kong birders visiting the Kunming area (Stott 1993).

Buff-barred Leaf Warbler *Phylloscopus pulcher*

Xishan: 2-4 daily (11 bird-days) 29 Mar - 1 Apr 1999; one on 13 Nov 2000; 13 bird-days over 28 Feb & 1+2+23+24 Mar 2001, incl. a singing bird on the last date; 12 bird-days over 26+28 Feb & 1+2+23+24 Mar 2002, daily max four on the last date (when a bit of singing was going on); one on 3 Nov 2002; one heard on 19th & four (incl two attending flowering tree w/ one Buff-throated Leaf Warbler) on 21 Dec 2003; two on 2 Apr 2004; 1-2 daily (six bird-days) on 11+12+27+28 Nov 2004. One on 27 Oct, and three on 6th & one on 7 Nov 2005. One migr on 12th & two on 13 Nov 2006.

***Stott (1993) listed the species as having been "uncommonly recorded" in the Kunming area by visiting Hong Kong birders. Kunming is outside the range given for the species by Cheng (1987).

Yellow-browed Warbler *Phylloscopus inornatus*

Xishan: four on 31 Mar & 1 Apr, 60 on 12th & 40 on 13 Apr 1999; one on 13 Nov 2000; nine bird-days (1-3 daily) over 28 Feb & 1+2+23+24 Mar 2001; singles on 26+27 Feb & two on 24 Mar 2002; two on 25 Nov 2002; ten on 2 Apr 2004; one on 11th, five on 12th & two on 28 Nov 2004. Eight on 27th & five on 28 Oct, and 14 on both 6+7 Nov 2005. One on 10th, eight on 11th, two on 12th & four on 13 Nov 2006. In addition, four were at Haigeng Park on 6 Nov 2005.

***Listed as "commonly recorded" in the Kunming area by Stott (1993).

Hume's Leaf Warbler *Phylloscopus humei mandelli*

Xishan: 2-11 daily (34 bird-days, best day 12th) 29 Mar - 13 Apr 1999.

***Not listed for W of Salween or Kunming by Cheng (1987). Not included for the Kunming area by Stott (1993), who appear to have lumped the species with *P. inornatus*.

Pallas's Leaf Warbler *Phylloscopus proregulus*

Xishan: 181 bird-days (best counts 53 on 30 Mar & 49 on 12 Apr) in total for six dates 29 Mar - 13 Apr 1999; eight on 13 Nov 2000; 49 bird-days (2-15 daily, max on 1+23rd) over 28 Feb & 1+2+23+24 Mar 2001; 55 bird-days (2-20 daily, max on 27th) over 26+27+28 Feb & 1+2+23+24 Mar 2002; two on 25 Nov 2002; 4+ on 19th & ten on 20+21 Dec 2003, and 20 on 10 Jan 2004; six on 2 Apr 2004; three on 10th, 14 on 11th, 24 on 12th, 29 on 27th & 11 on 28 Nov 2004. Two on 6th & three on 7 Nov 2005. Two on 10th, 27 on 11th, 20 on 12th & 34 on 13 Nov 2006.

In addition, one was at Haigeng Park on 6 Nov 2005.

It was interesting to note that the species was still absent over 26-28 Oct 2005...

***Stott (1993) treated *chloronotus* & *proregulus* as conspecific; it is not clear from his text if any of the latter were identified in the Kunming area by visiting Hong Kong birders.

Lemon-rumped Warbler *Phylloscopus chloronotus*

Xishan: 14 on 29th & seven on 30+31 Mar, three on 1st & singles on 12+13 Apr 1999; three on 28 Feb, 17 on 1st, 15 on 2nd, eight on 23rd & two on 24 Mar 2001; 24 bird-days (3-6 daily) over 26 Feb - 2 Mar & four on 24 Mar 2002; five on 19+21st & eight on 20 Dec 2003, and five on 10 Jan 2004; two on 2 Apr 2004; six on 11th, ten on 12th, eight on 27th & three on 28 Nov 2004. Two on 27th & one on 28 Oct, and 16 on 6th & four on 7 Nov 2005. Three on 10th, eight on 11th, four on 12th & 11 on 13 Nov 2006.

***Stott (1993), who lumped this taxon with *P. proregulus*, stated that "Pallas's Warblers of the subspecies *P. proregulus chloronotus* winter in the Western Hills" and listed the combined species as recorded by Hong Kong birders on almost all visits to the Kunming area.

Chinese Leaf Warbler *Phylloscopus yunnanensis*

Xishan: two on 31 Mar, 2-3 on 1st, 13 on 12th & ten on 13 Apr 1999; singles heard calling on 3 Nov 2002, 2 Apr 2004 & 28 Nov 2005.

***Stott (1993) listed only a tentative, late December Kunming area record by an observer who understandably felt unable to clinch the identification without hearing any vocalization.

Greenish Warbler *Phylloscopus trochiloides*

Xishan: one seen well on 6 Nov 2005.

***Stott (1993) listed the species for the Kunming area; visiting Hong Kong birders, however, did not record the species there.

Blyth's Leaf Warbler *Phylloscopus reguloides*

Xishan: 11-25 daily (110 bird-days) 29-31 Mar & 1+12-13 Apr 1999; three on 23rd & eight on 24 Mar 2001; singles on 2+24th & four on 23 Mar 2002; 3+ on 2 Apr 2004; one on 27th & two on 28 Oct 2005.

***The species was only "rarely recorded" in the Kunming area by visiting Hong Kong birders (Stott 1993).

White-tailed Leaf Warbler *Phylloscopus davisoni*

Xishan: 19 bird-days (1-6 daily) over 28 Feb & 1+2+23+24 Mar 2001, and 50 bird-days (5-10 daily) over 26-28 Feb & 1+2+23+24 Mar 2002. Almost all were singing, with some heard-only. 15 on 2 Apr 2004. Singles on 26+27th & two on 28 Oct, and four on 6th & one on 7 Nov 2005.

***Cheng (1987), clearly in error, considered the species uncommon, and it was "rarely recorded" in the Kunming area by visiting Hong Kong birders (Stott 1993).

Bianchi's Warbler *Seicercus valentini*

Xishan: two on 30 Mar, three on 12th & one on 13 Apr 1999; two daily over 1st (one of which harassed the Collared Scops Owl), 2nd & 23 Mar 2001; one on 28 Nov 2004. Seven (incl five together) on 26th, 28 on 27th & three on 28 Oct, and 12 on 6th & four on 7 Nov 2005. Singles on 10+13th & two on 11 Nov 2006.

*** Hong Kong birders visiting the Kunming area only "rarely recorded" "Yellow-eyed Flycatcher Warbler *Seicercus burkii*": Stott (1993).

Grey-crowned Warbler *Seicercus tephrocephalus*

Xishan: one (calling & singing) on 31 Mar, two on 1st, seven on 12th & four on 13 Apr 1999.

Three on 28 Oct 2005.

*** Hong Kong birders visiting the Kunming area only "rarely recorded" "Yellow-eyed Flycatcher Warbler *Seicercus burkii*": Stott (1993).

Emei Flycatcher-warbler *Seicercus omeiensis*

Xishan: six on 27th & one on 28 Oct 2005.

*** Hong Kong birders visiting the Kunming area only "rarely recorded" "Yellow-eyed Flycatcher Warbler *Seicercus burkii*": Stott (1993).

Goldcrest *Regulus regulus*

Xishan: one on 30 Mar 1999; four on 13 Nov 2000; six on 28 Feb, five on 1st, three on 2nd & four on 23 Mar 2001; four on 1 Mar 2002; two on 19th, nine on 20th & 18 on 21 Dec 2003, and five on 10 Jan 2004; two on 11th, four on 12th, six on 27th & four on 28 Nov 2004. Eight on 6th & 13 (of which 11 migr) on 7 Nov 2005. One on 10th, ten on 11th, eight on 12th & seven on 13 Nov 2006.

***Listed as "often recorded" for the Kunming area by Stott (1993).

Plain Prinia *Prinia inornata*

Xishan area: along Dianchi lakeshore ten on 25 Nov 2002, and six on 13 Nov 2006.

In addition, five at Haigeng Park on 6 Nov 2005.

*** The species was "rarely recorded" in the Kunming area by visiting Hong Kong birders (Stott 1993).

Striated Prinia *Prinia criniger*

Xishan: four on 29+30+31 Mar & three on 12 Apr 1999; singles heard calling on 13 Nov 2000 & 28 Feb 2001.

***Listed as "uncommonly recorded" by visiting Hong Kong birders in the Kunming area (Stott 1993).

Mountain Tailorbird *Orthomus cucullatus*

Xishan: probably the same single on 30+31 Mar 1999; one on 13 Nov 2000 [SN]; 4-5 birds present (all singing, two seen: five bird-days) over 1+23+24 Mar 2001; seven bird-days (involving fewer individuals) over 26 Feb & 1+2+23 Mar 2002 - daily max three on 2nd; one on 3rd & two on 25 Nov 2002; two on 19th & three on 20 Dec 2003; 2+ on 2 Apr 2004; singles on 10+11 Nov 2004; 4+ present (all singing, two seen: eight bird-days) over 27+28 Oct & 6+7 Nov 2005. 1-4 daily (nine bird-days, involving 5+ individuals) over 10-13 Nov 2006.

***Considered uncommon by Cheng (1987), and listed for Kunming neither by him nor by Stott (1993).

Mugimaki Flycatcher *Ficedula mugimaki*

Xishan: one female or juvenile 6 Nov 2005.

***Not listed for the Kunming area by Stott (1993). The nearest localities listed by Cheng (1987) for migrants are SE Yunnan & W Sichuan. The species was considered a scarce to uncommon passage migrant to NW Thailand, Laos & W Tonkin by Robson (2000).

Red-throated Flycatcher *Ficedula (parva) albicilla*

Xishan: singles on 12+13 Apr 1999. In addition, one was at Haigeng Park on 6 Nov 2005.

***Listed as rarely recorded by Hong Kong birders in the Kunming area by Stott (1993).

Orange-gorgeted Flycatcher *Ficedula strophiiata*

Xishan: two on 29 Mar & one female on 1 Apr 1999. Two (one seen, another calling back in response) on 27 Oct & one male on 6 Nov 2005.

***Considered uncommon by Cheng (1987), and not recorded in the Kunming area by visiting Hong Kong birders (Stott 1993).

Little Pied Flycatcher *Ficedula westermanni*

Xishan: singles on 29+30 Mar & 1 Apr, three on 12 Apr 1999. One male on 27 Oct 2005.

***Listed for Kunming by neither Cheng (1987) nor Stott (1993). The former author considered the species uncommon.

Slaty-blue Flycatcher *Ficedula tricolor*

Xishan: one heard singing on 12 Apr 1999.

***Listed as uncommon by Cheng (1987). "Rarely recorded" in the Kunming area by visiting Hong Kong birders (Stott 1993).

Rufous-bellied Niltava *Niltava sundara*

Xishan: one male on 13 Apr 1999. One male seen well on 27 Oct 2005.

***Listed as rare by Cheng (1987), and as "rarely recorded" in the Kunming area by visiting Hong Kong birders (Stott 1993).

Hill Blue Flycatcher *Cyornis banyumas*

Xishan: one male on 1st, nine (eight males, one female) on 12th & eight males on 13 Apr 1999.

***Cheng (1987), clearly in error, considered the species uncommon. The species was only "rarely recorded" in the Kunming area by visiting Hong Kong birders (Stott 1993).

Asian Brown Flycatcher *Muscicapa dauurica*

Xishan: one on 12 Apr 1999.

***Listed by Stott (1993) as "rarely recorded" in the Kunming area by visiting Hong Kong birders.

Verditer Flycatcher *Eumyias thalassina*

Xishan: 23 bird-days (2-5 daily) 29-31 Mar & 1+12-13 Apr 1999; five on 23rd & eight on 24 Mar 2001; two on 2+23rd & six on 24 Mar 2002; two on 2 Apr 2004.

***Considered uncommon, and not listed for Kunming, by Cheng (1987). Stott (1993) listed the species as only "rarely recorded" in the Kunming area by Hong Kong birders.

Grey-headed Flycatcher *Culicicapa ceylonensis*

Xishan: 57 bird-days (5-18 daily, best day 1 Apr) 29-31 Mar & 1+12-13 Apr 1999; three on 23+24 Mar 2001; one (probably the same individual) heard on 26+28 Feb, and two on 23rd & four on 24 Mar 2002; seven on 2 Apr 2004; seven on 26+27 Oct 2005. One migr at 08h42 on 13 Nov 2006.

***Cheng (1987) considered the species uncommon. Stott (1993) listed the species as only rarely recorded in the Kunming area by visiting Hong Kong birders.

Yellow-bellied Fantail *Chelidorhynch hypoxantha*

Xishan: singles on 12 Apr 1999 & 21 Dec 2003.

***Not listed for Kunming by Cheng (1987), who considered the species uncommon and a resident. Stott (1993) listed it as rarely recorded in the Kunming area.

White-throated Fantail *Rhipidura albicollis*

Xishan: nine bird-days (1-2 daily) 29-31 Mar & 1+12-13 Apr 1999; two on 13 Nov 2000; three on 28 Feb, six on 1st, five on 2nd & two on 24 Mar 2001; 26 bird-days (2-6 daily) over 26-28 Feb & 1+2+23+24 Mar 2002, incl. three in territorial confrontation near Garden Plot on the first date; two on 25 Nov 2002; six on 19th & four on 20+21 Dec 2003, and two on 10 Jan 2004; two on 2 Apr 2004; two on 10+11+12th & six on 27 Nov 2004; three on 26th, four on 27th & two on 28 Oct, and one on 6 Nov 2005; four on 10th, two on 11+12th & one on 13 Nov 2006.

***Considered uncommon by Cheng (1987). Stott (1993) listed it as only rarely recorded in the Kunming area by visiting Hong Kong birders, and included **White-browed Fantail** *R. aureola*, also as "rarely recorded", without comment although there may only be one previous record for China (from Tengchong in March: Cheng 1987), and presumably in error (English name mix-up? White-throated Fantail also has a white eyebrow...).

Black-throated Tit *Aegithalos concinnus*

Xishan: c450 bird-days (c45-115 daily) 29-31 Mar & 1+12-13 Apr 1999; 95 on 13 Nov 2000; 270+ bird-days (25+-100 daily) for 28 Feb & 1+2+23+24 Mar 2001, with several low-elevation birds carrying nest material on 1st; 345+ bird-days (20-75 daily) over 26-28 Feb & 1+2+23+24 Mar 2002; ten on 3rd & 65+ on 25 Nov 2002; 40 on 19th, 160 on 20th & 180 on 21 Dec 2003, and 70 on 10 Jan 2004; 30+ on 2 Apr 2004; 85 on 10th, 135 on 11th, 100 on 12th, 175 (incl a flock of 51 birds heading to roost) on 27th & 100 on 28 Nov 2004. 20 on 26th & 85 on 27 Oct (somehow none were encountered on 28th!), and 70 on 6th & 90 on 7 Nov 2005. 45 on 10th, 240 (incl "migr" flocks of 35 & 45 birds) on 11th, 150 (incl 20 "migr") on 12th & 110 on 13 Nov 2006.

In addition, four were at Haigeng Park on 6 Nov 2005.

***Recorded by Hong Kong birders on almost all visits to the Kunming area (Stott 1993).

Fire-capped Tit *Cephalopyrus flammiceps*

Xishan: 12 on 23 Mar 2001 & four on 1 Mar 2002.

***Cheng (1987) considered the species uncommon, listing it for NW Yunnan without locality. Previously seen in the Kunming area perhaps only on 20+21 June 1988 by P. Leader (10+12 birds, respectively: Stott 1993).

Yellow-bellied Tit *Parus venustus*

Xishan: 1+ heard on 30th & one seen in same place on 31 Mar 1999; five on 2nd & ten on 24 Mar 2001; 49 bird-days (3-12 daily) over 26-28 Feb & 1+2+23+24 Mar 2002; 15 on 3rd & 55+ on 25 Nov 2002; five on 10th, 15 on 11th, six on 12th, five on 27th & two on 28 Nov 2004. Three migr on 27th & 1+ heard on 28 Oct, and 2+ on 6th & 27+ (incl five + two migr, and a flock of 18 (“migr”)) on 7 Nov 2005. Two on 10th, nine on 11th, 20 on 12th & four on 13 Nov 2006.

Interestingly none were recorded over 19-21 Dec 2003 & 10 Jan 2004.

***Recorded for Yunnan by Cheng (1987) only as a winter vagrant to Kunming - however, it may be regular there (N. Dymond pers. com.; Yan et al. 1995), and was indeed listed by Stott (1993) as ‘commonly recorded’ in the area by visiting Hong Kong birders.

Great Tit *Parus major*

Xishan: nine bird-days (1-3 noted on four dates) 30 Mar - 12 Apr 1999; two on 13 Nov 2000; 15 bird-days over 28 Feb & 1+2+23+24 Mar 2001; 16 bird-days (1-5 daily) over 26-28 Feb & 1+2+24 Mar 2002; two on 3rd & one (near Dianchi lakeshore) on 25 Nov 2002; four on 20th & one on 21 Dec 2003; two on 2 Apr 2004; 2+ on 10th & four on 11+12 Nov 2004. 20 bird-days (1-9 daily) over 26-28 Oct & 6-7 Nov 2005. 2-4 daily (12 bird-days) over 10-13 Nov 2006.

***Recorded on almost all visits to the Kunming area by Hong Kong birders (Stott 1993). Cheng (1987) listed only *subtibetanus* – part of the *minor* group – for Yunnan.

Green-backed Tit *Parus monticolus*

Xishan: 28 bird-days (1-7 noted on six dates, incl. adult w/ juvenile on 13th) 29 Mar - 13 Apr 1999; 14 on 13 Nov 2000; 60 bird-days (7-23 daily) over 28 Feb & 1+2+23+24 Mar 2001; 59 bird-days (5-12 daily) over 26-28 Feb & 1+2+23+24 Mar 2002, incl. a juvenile near the lower forest edge on the last date; five on 3rd & two on 25 Nov 2002; three on 19th, five on 20th & eight on 21 Dec 2003, and two on 10 Jan 2004; six on 2 Apr 2004; four on 10th, nine on 11th, 11 on 12th, 17 on 27th & 13 on 28 Nov 2004. Five on 26th, 11 on 27th & eight on 28 Oct, and six on 6th & eight on 7 Nov 2005. Three on 10th, 16 on 11th, 11 on 12th & 13 (incl four “migrating”) on 13 Nov 2006.

*** Stott (1993) listed the species as recorded in the Kunming area on almost all visits by Hong Kong birders.

Yellow-cheeked Tit *Parus spilonotus*

Xishan: one on 21 Dec 2003.

***Listed as uncommon by Cheng (1987). Stott (1993) added the species to the Kunming area list on the basis of two records by visiting Hong Kong birders on 30+31 December without, unfortunately, offering details (that the records may have been in different years cannot be ruled out from the dates-of-visits list).

Naga Nuthatch *Sitta nagaensis*

Xishan: ten bird-days (probably involving two pairs) over 26+28 Feb & 1+2+23+24 Mar 2002; two on 3rd & one heard on 25 Nov 2002; three on 19th, four on 20th & six on 21 Dec 2003; four on 2 Apr 2004; two on 10th, five on 11th, four on 27th & two on 28 Nov 2004. Five on 26th, one on 27th & three on 28 Oct, and two on both 6+7 Nov 2005. Four on 11th, two on 12th & three on 13 Nov 2006.

***Interestingly, the species was not included for Kunming by Stott (1993).

Yellow-bellied Flowerpecker *Dicaeum melanoxanthum*

Xishan: one male on 13 Nov 2000; two on 19th (“in usual tree w/ 5-6 Buff-bellieds”), four on 20th & seven on 21 Dec 2003.

***Listed as uncommon by Cheng (1987). "Males were recorded on three occasions in late December 1989, 1990 and 1992" in the Kunming area by visiting Hong Kong birders (Stott 1993).

Buff-bellied Flowerpecker *Dicaeum ignipectus*

Xishan: one on 29 Mar & two on 12 Apr 1999; 5+ on 13 Nov 2000; six bird-days (two daily) over 28 Feb & 1+2 Mar 2001; 40 bird-days (2-8 daily) over 26-28 Feb & 1+2+23+24 Mar 2002; seven on 3rd & five on 25 Nov 2002; 12 on 19+20th & nine on 21 Dec 2003, and two on 10 Jan 2003; two on 2 Apr 2004; 11 on 10th, 16 on 11th, ten on 12th, 14 on 27th & 13 on 28 Nov 2004; four on 26th, 11 on 27th & 13 (incl one migr) on 28 Oct, and 12 on 6th & 14 on 7 Nov 2005. Five on 10th, 18 on 11th, ten on 12th & a record 21 (incl two migr) on 13 Nov 2006.

***"Uncommonly recorded" in the Kunming area by visiting Hong Kong birders (Stott 1993). Cheng (1987) did not list the species for Kunming.

Gould's Sunbird *Aethopyga gouldiae*

Xishan: 23 bird-days (2-7 on six dates) 29 Mar - 13 Apr 1999; three on 1st, two on 2nd, 22 (17 migr.) on 23rd & seven on 24 Mar 2001; 26 bird-days (1-7 daily) over 26-28 Feb & 1+2+23+24 Mar 2002; 8+ on 2 Apr 2004.

***Considered fairly common, but not listed for the Kunming area (where "rarely recorded" by visiting Hong Kong birders: Stott 1993) by Cheng (1987).

Chestnut-flanked Whiteeye *Zosterops erythropleura*

Xishan: 35 on 12 Apr 1999; 65 (four migr. flocks) on 24 Mar 2001; four on 11th & 45 on 12 Nov 2004. 620 (of which 605 migr) on 27th & 125 migr on 28 Oct, and 60+ migr on 6th & c80 migr on 7 Nov 2005.

***Cheng (1987) listed the species as a winter visitor to Yunnan without locality. None were recorded in the Kunming area by visiting Hong Kong birders (Stott 1993).

Japanese Whiteeye *Zosterops japonica*

Xishan: 60 bird-days (10-20 on five dates) 29 Mar - 12 Apr 1999; c10 on 13 Nov 2000; two on 2+24th & 5+ on 23 Mar 2001; 22 bird-days (1-5 daily) over 26 Feb - 2 Mar & 35 on 24 Mar 2002; c10 on 20th & five on 21 Dec 2003; 20+ on 2 Apr 2004; 2+ heard on 11th & 45 on 27 Nov 2004. c78 (of which 70 migr) on 27th & 30 (of which five migr) on 28 Oct, and 5+ on 6th & 60+ (incl a flock of 35 migr at 09h13) on 7 Nov 2005. Singles on 10+12th & three on 11 Nov 2006.

In addition, c10 were at Haigeng Park on 6 Nov 2005.

***Only "rarely recorded" by Hong Kong birders visiting the Kunming area (Stott 1993). Cheng (1987) did not list the species for Kunming.

Oriental Whiteeye *Zosterops palpebrosa*

Xishan: ten on 29th, singles on 31 Mar & 1 Apr, 2+ on 12th & two on 13 Apr 1999; one on 28 Feb, five on 1st & one on 24 Mar 2001; 16 bird-days (1-6 daily) over 16-28 Feb & 1+23+24 Mar 2002; five on 19th & 22 on 21 Dec 2003, and two on 10 Jan 2004; 1+ on 2 Apr 2004; nine on 11th & three on 27 Nov 2004. Five on 26th, 20+ on 27th & two on 28 Oct, and 8+ on 6th & 2+ on 7 Nov 2005. One on 11th & three on 13 Nov 2006.

***Considered fairly common locally and listed for Yunnan without locality by Cheng (1987). The species was "commonly recorded" in the Kunming area by visiting Hong Kong birders (Stott 1993).

*****Whiteeye sp.** *Zosterops sp*

Xishan: 15 on 6th & 30 migr on 7 Nov 2005.

Crested Bunting *Melophus lathami*

Xishan: one - possibly migrating - on 12 Nov 2004.

***The species was "rarely" recorded at Kunming by visiting Hong Kong birdwatchers (Stott 1993).

Eastern Rock Bunting *Emberiza godlewskii*

Xishan: singles on 30+31 Mar & 12 Apr 1999; four on 13 Nov 2000; two on 28 Feb 2001; three on 26th & two on 27 Feb, and three on 1 Mar 2002; two roughly in the same spot on 12+27+28 Nov 2004. One heard on 11th & two on 13 Nov 2006.

*** The species was recorded in the Kunming area on almost all visits by Hong Kong birders (Stott 1993).

Tristram's Bunting *Emberiza tristrami*

Xishan: two on 31 Mar & one female seen 12+13 Apr 1999.

***"Rarely recorded" in the Kunming area by visiting Hong Kong birders (Stott 1993), and listed only for SE Yunnan by Cheng (1987) .

Little Bunting *Emberiza pusilla*

Xishan: eight on 29th & 20 on 30 Mar 1999; six on 13 Nov 2000; 40 on 28 Feb 2001; 15 on 26th & 22 on 27 Feb, and c25 on 1 Mar 2002; 195 (of which 190 flying over on migration) on 12th & two on 28 Nov 2004. 384 migr on 27th & 269 migr on 28 Oct, and 20 migr on 6th & 520 migr on 7 Nov 2005. 13 (of which nine migr) on 11th, 103 (of which 94 migr) on 12th & 68 (of which 65 migr) on 13 Nov 2006.

*** The species was recorded on almost all visits to the Kunming area by Hong Kong birders (Stott 1993).

Yellow-throated Bunting *Emberiza elegans*

Xishan: 2+ on 13 Nov 2000.

*** "Often recorded" in the Kunming area by visiting Hong Kong birders (Stott 1993).

Chestnut Bunting *Emberiza rutila*

Xishan: one female on 13 Apr 1999.

***Cheng (1987) did not list the species for Yunnan although SE part of province incl. in mapped winter range. None were recorded in the Kunming area by visiting Hong Kong birders (Stott 1993).

Black-faced Bunting *Emberiza spodocephala*

Xishan: three migr on 27 Oct 2005 & one male migr at 09h15 on 13 Nov 2006.

*** Stott (1993) listed the species as "often recorded" by Hong Kong birders visiting the Kunming area.

Brambling *Fringilla montifringilla*

Xishan: two on 13 Nov 2000; seven on 28 Feb 2001; ten on 27th & two on 28 Feb 2002; two on 21 Dec 2003 & one on 10 Jan 2004; six on 11th, 41 (of which 33 migr) on 12th & one on 28 Nov 2004. 35+ migr on 6th & 695+ migr on 7 Nov 2005. c230 on 11th (some migr – 80+ coming down to drink PM), 98 (of which 61 migr) on 12th & 16 (of which four migr) on 13 Nov 2006.

***Only rarely recorded in the Kunming area by Hong Kong birders (Stott 1993).

Black-headed Greenfinch *Carduelis ambigua*

Xishan area: singles on 31 Mar & 1+12 Apr 1999; 3+ on 13 Nov 2000; 7+ bird-days (1-2+ daily) over 28 Feb & 1+2+24 Mar 2001; 14 bird-days (2-4 daily) over 26 Feb - 2 Mar 2002; one along Dianchi on 25 Nov 2002; one on 19th, 56 on 20th & 43 on 21 Dec 2003, and two on 10 Jan 2004; five on 2 Apr 2004; ten on 11th, seven on 12th, 20 on 27th & seven on 28 Nov 2004. 25 on 27th & 18 on 28 Oct, and three on 6+7 Nov 2005. Two on 10th, 13 on 11th, 11 on 12th & eight on 13 Nov 2006.

***Cheng (1987) did not list the species for Kunming, where it was recorded on almost all visits by Hong Kong birders (Stott 1993).

Eurasian Siskin *Carduelis spinus*

Xishan: one adult male on 6 Nov 2005.

***Apparently the third record for Yunnan, the first concerning 2+ birds at Dali on 9 Feb 1985

(U. Olsson *vide* OBC Bulletin 2). Cheng (1987) listed the species as occurring in winter in E Sichuan & S Guizhou. Recorded for SE Asia only as a vagrant to W Tonkin (Robson 2000).

Blanford's Rosefinch *Carpodacus rubescens*

Xishan: eight on 21 Dec 2003 & 7+ (in the same spot) on 10 Jan 2004.

***Stott (1993) did not list the species for Kunming, while Cheng (1987) listed it for W & NW Yunnan.

Dark-breasted Rosefinch *Carpodacus nipalensis*

Xishan: one female migr on 27 Oct 2005. One heard on 12th & four (of which three migr at 08h24, all female-types) on 13 Nov 2006.

***Considered uncommon by Cheng (1987), who listed the species for NW Yunnan. Stott (1993) listed the species as “rarely recorded” in the Kunming area by visiting Hong Kong birders.

Common Rosefinch *Carpodacus erythrinus*

Xishan: one on 29 Mar & two on 12 Apr 1999; one on 25 Nov 2002; singles on 21 Dec 2003 & 10 Jan 2004; four on 12th & two on 27 Nov 2004. Three on 27th & four on 28 Oct, and ten (of which at least nine migr) on 6th & five on 7 Nov 2005. Seven on 11th, seven (of which one migr) on 12th & 3+ on 13 Nov 2006.

***The species was only “rarely recorded” in the Kunming area by visiting Hong Kong birders (Stott 1993).

Vinaceous Rosefinch *Carpodacus vinaceus*

Xishan: a pair at c2,050 m on 1 Mar 2001; one female on 20 Dec 2003 & two on 10 Jan 2004; one female on 27 Nov 2004.

In addition, a migrating rosefinch on 12 Nov 2004 was possibly also this species.

***Visiting Hong Kong birders have recorded ones and twos at Kunming in December and January (Stott 1993).

Chinese Grosbeak *Euphona migratoria*

Xishan: eight (probably four males & four females) on 28 Feb & two on 24 Mar 2001; eight (two males, six females) in the same spot on 28 Feb 2002.

***Cheng (1987) listed the Yangtze Basin breeding ssp. *sowerbyi* as wintering in Yunnan (Tengchong & SE part of the province) and the nominate (Manchurian) form for NW Yunnan. The species was only “rarely recorded” in the Kunming area by visiting Hong Kong birders (Stott 1993), and it was included for SE Asia by Robson (2000) only as a vagrant to N Burma, NE Thailand, N Laos & E Tonkin.

Japanese Grosbeak *Euphona personatus*

Xishan: one 7 Nov 2005- apparently migr but landed in a bare treetop at 09h28, affording superb views at <50m before moving off; then seen again fairly determinedly heading W at 10h02 (or was this a 2nd individual?).

***Cheng (1987) did not list the species for Yunnan, and it was not listed for Stott (1993) for the Kunming area. Ssp *magnirostris*, which in China breeds in E Manchuria, was listed as occurring in Sichuan on migration by Cheng (1997), who considered the taxon “rare”. Robson (2000) did not include the species for SE Asia, but there is a recent winter record from Laos (W Duckworth pers com.).

Spotted Munia *Lonchura punctulata*

Xishan: four moving uphill (= “migrating”?) on 27 Nov 2004.

***Stott (1993) listed the species for the Kunming area; visiting Hong Kong birders did not, however, record the species – or the also-listed *L. striata* – there.

Interestingly, the species reached Beidaihe in early November 2004 [JH pers. obs.], and unidentified munias were noted in Beijing around the same time [BA pers. comm..].

Russet Sparrow *Passer rutilans*

Xishan: 22 bird-days (3-8 noted on four dates) 31 Mar - 13 Apr 1999; 45+ in cultivation on 13 Nov 2000; 44 bird-days (6-16 daily) over 28 Feb & 1+2+23+24 Mar 2001; 48 bird-days (3-11 daily) over 26-28 Feb & 1+2+24 Mar 2002; seven on 20th & five on 21 Dec 2003, and one on 10 Jan 2004; five on 2 Apr 2004; five on 11th, 13 on 12th, 19+ on 27th & 27 on 28 Nov 2004. Four on 27 Oct & 4+ on 6 Nov 2005. 31+ on 11th, four on 12th & three on 13 Nov 2006.

***The species was recorded in the Kunming area on almost all visits by Hong Kong birders (Stott 1993).

Black Drongo *Dicrurus macrocercus*

Xishan: six migr on 7 Nov 2005.

***Stott (1993) listed the species for the Kunming area; visiting Hong Kong birders, however, did not record any there.

Ashy Drongo *Dicrurus leucophaeus*

Xishan: one on 29th & three on 31 Mar, one on 1 Apr 1999; two on 28 Feb & singles on 1+23 Mar 2001; eight bird-days (1-3 daily) over 26 Feb - 2 Mar 2002; three on 3rd & four on 25 Nov 2002; singles on 19+21st & three on 20 Dec 2003, and one on 10 Jan 2004; three on 11th, six on 12th, two on 27th & one on 28 Nov 2004; 1-2 daily (seven bird-days) on 26+27+28 Oct & 6+7 Nov 2005 – one of the two birds noted on the last date was migr. 2-3 daily (ten bird-days) over 10-13 Nov 2006.

***Listed by Stott (1993) as "uncommonly recorded" in the Kunming area by visiting Hong Kong birders.

Eurasian Jay *Garrulus glandarius*

Xishan: singles on 13 Nov 2000 & 3 Nov 2002, and one on 11th & two on 13 Nov 2006.

***Listed for the Kunming area by Stott (1993); none were, however, recorded there by visiting Hong Kong birders.

Red-billed Blue Magpie *Urocissa erythrorhyncha*

Xishan: one on 24 Mar 2002.

***The species was "uncommonly recorded" by Hong Kong birders visiting the Kunming area (Stott 1993).

Azure-winged Magpie *Cyanopica cyana*

Kunming area: 12 at Haigeng Park on 6 Nov 2005.

***Apparently feral birds (Han Lianxian *vide* M Kilburn). *C c swinhoei* is the subspecies occurring closest to Kunming, in Sichuan & Hunan...

Large-billed Crow *Corvus macrorhynchos*

Xishan: singles on 30+31 Mar 1999.

***Recorded by Hong Kong birders on almost all visits to the Kunming area (Stott 1993).