

**Birding  
trip to  
Southern  
SHANDONG  
&  
Northern  
JIANGSU,  
CHINA**

**Birding in the Qingdao/Rizhao/Qiansan Island  
areas.**

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## **INTRODUCTION**

Following the success of a pelagic boat trip organised by Zhang Lin (& reported on in the Chinese Journal of Zoology June 2009) from Lianyungang out to the Qiansan Islands, Jiangsu in January 2009 other attempts to do similar pelagic trips were made in the winter of 2009/2010. The January 2009 pelagic trip produced a superbly well photographed Yellow-billed Loon (White-billed Diver) – the first for the province. However the three attempts to organise similar trips the following winter had all failed due to bad weather - this winter had been the coldest in Northern China for over 30 years! Nevertheless Zhang Lin & others remained undaunted and, by watching the weather forecasts carefully, they were optimistic that the weekend of the 23/24 January would provide a window. They were also encouraged by the fact that a local bird photographer, Mr. Li Zhongfeng, had found and photographed a loon on a coastal, tidal lagoon in the centre of Rizhao city in southern Shandong in mid-January 2010. Unsure of its identity the photographer had posted some images on the internet and an astute Beijing birder had seen them and realised it was indeed another Yellow-billed Loon.

We recorded a total of 66 species during our short trip including 2 species that are currently considered to be globally threatened by BirdLife International (2004) *Threatened birds of the world* 2004 CD-Rom Cambridge, U.K. BirdLife International. These are indicated in the bird list that follows the daily diary presented below and the codes used are as follows: VU = Vulnerable; NT = Near-threatened. The threatened species were – Saunders's Gull & Relict Gull and both are considered vulnerable (VU). In addition were noted one near threatened species - Ferruginous Pochard.



### **Friday 22 January 2010. Flew Beijing to Qingdao, Shandong & then drove south to Rizhao.**

I flew with Air China from Beijing to Qingdao early on the 22 January. My discounted ticket cost 630 yuan & the one-hour four minute flight left Beijing on time at 07h50 & arrived at Qingdao International Airport just before 09h00. Here I met my friend, Shanghai-based birder Zhang Lin & the two of us headed on our way. We'd missed the 10h00 non-stop express bus from the airport south to Rizhao by only a couple of minutes but the booking staff kindly called the driver's mobile & he came straight back for us! We then headed off, leaving the airport at 10h10, & made extremely rapid progress south down to Rizhao, came off the expressway at 11h55 and were dropped off immediately across the road from our hotel, the Jinjiang Inn, just ten minutes later. Here we met Mr. Li Zhongfeng, the finder of the diver, ([xc609@21cn.com](mailto:xc609@21cn.com) mobile – 13963306099) and his local birding buddy, Mr Cheng Subo ([cheng\\_subo@163.com](mailto:cheng_subo@163.com) or [cheng@yzxh.com](mailto:cheng@yzxh.com) mobile – 18606330099). Zhang Lin & me then checked in to the Jinjiang Inn, Rizhao Haiqu Park, No. 77 Haiqu Middle Road, Rizhao, Shandong (tel. 0633-2288808 Fax: 0633-2288809). The

simple but very comfortable, adequately heated rooms (with en suite bathrooms that had a wash basin, shower and western toilet) also all had a TV, kettle & internet access & cost 144 yuan/night.

After just five minutes in our rooms we headed out again with Mr. Li & Mr. Cheng – driving, in their respective vehicles, down to the seafront in central Rizhao. We went straight for lunch in a restaurant overlooking the tidal inlet where Li Zhongfeng had found the diver the previous weekend – though Zhang Lin & me found it difficult to concentrate on lunch as we'd preferred to have been out birding. Nevertheless, after a rather elaborate lunch that Mr. Li treated us to, we headed back out birding and spotted the White-billed Diver within minutes of starting to scan. We then spent the rest of the afternoon watching it and birding the lagoon, along the adjacent coastline and in a small park a very short drive away.

We were also hoping to be able to organise a pelagic boat trip for the following day – perhaps by chartering a fishing boat from Rizhao and trying a pelagic from there. The plan was for Zhang Lin & me to be joined in Rizhao by two other Chinese birding friends - Beijing based birder, and China Daily's Chen Liang, and Wuhan based birder, co-editor of the fabulous China bird report and now WWF staffer, Lei Jinyu. In the event the ever generous, and remarkably well connected, Li Zhongfeng, arranged a boat for us. This would leave from a small fishing harbour about a 45 minutes drive south of Rizhao early the following morning & would take us out to the Qiansan Islands & back.

### **Site 1. Deng Ta Wan Ping Kou (Deng Ta Lagoon) & the adjacent Rizhao Beacon Beach. (35°24.54'N., 119°33.19'E.), 13h50-16h30.**

Birds here included -

Yellow-billed Loon	1 adult winter
Great Crested Grebe	3
Little Grebe	15
Red-breasted Merganser	6
Grey Heron	1
Long-tailed Shrike	1

### **Site 2. Small park near Deng Ta Wan Ping Kou. 16h45-17h15**

Birds here included –

Dusky Thrush	3
Naumann's Thrush	20
Dusky x Naumann's Thrush intergrade	2
Great Tit	2 were heard
Vinous-throated Parrotbill	2 were heard
Yellow-throated Bunting	8
Light-vented Bulbul	2 were heard
Brambling	1
Spotted Dove	2

### **Sun rise & sunset in Rizhao on 22 January 2010**

Sun rise	07h08
Sun set	17h18

### **Weather**

According to the cabin announcement it was a chilly -7°C when my plane landed in Qingdao around 09h00 but this had risen to a fairly pleasant (for northern China at the time of year!) plus 4°C besides the Deng Ta Lagoon on Rizhao seafront by 14h10.

Swan sp.	1 was seen from the expressway about half way between Qingdao airport & Rizhao on the 22/1/2010.
Mallard	20 in the Deng Ta Lagoon/Rizhao Beacon Beach area on the 22/1/2010.
Red-breasted Merganser	30 in the Deng Ta Lagoon/Rizhao Beacon Beach area on the 22/1/2010. Just six of these were in the lagoon & the other ca.25 were on the sea off the beach.
Eurasian Hoopoe	20 in light scrub between the Deng Ta Lagoon & Rizhao Beacon Beach on the 22/1/2010.
Spotted Dove	2 in the small park near the Deng Ta Lagoon, Rizhao on the 22/1/2010.
[Dunlin	5 birds, possibly this species, flew south offshore at Rizhao Beacon Beach on the 22/1/2010]
Grey Plover	3 off Rizhao Beacon Beach on the 22/1/2010.
Kentish Plover	12 off Rizhao Beacon Beach on the 22/1/2010.
Vega Gull	2 single adults off Rizhao Beacon Beach on the 22/1/2010.
Mongolian Gull	30 off Rizhao Beacon Beach on the 22/1/2010.
Black-headed Gull	100 in the Deng Ta Lagoon/Rizhao Beacon Beach area on the 22/1/2010.
Little Grebe	13 in the Deng Ta Lagoon/Rizhao Beacon Beach area on the 22/1/2010.
Great Crested Grebe	7 in the Deng Ta Lagoon/Rizhao Beacon Beach area on the 22/1/2010. Three of these were in the Lagoon and the other four on the sea.
Black-necked Grebe	4 off Rizhao Beacon Beach on the 22/1/2010.
Little Egret	1 was seen from the expressway near Qingdao on the 22/1/2010.
Grey Heron	1 in the Deng Ta Lagoon, Rizhao on the 22/1/2010.
Red-throated Loon	1 flew north off Rizhao Beacon Beach at 15h30 on the 22/1/2010.
Yellow-billed Loon	1 adult winter in the Deng Ta Lagoon, Rizhao on the 22/1/2010.
Long-tailed Shrike	1 on one of the fishing boat in the Deng Ta Lagoon, Rizhao on the 22/1/2010.

Black-billed Magpie	10 in the Deng Ta Lagoon/Rizhao Beacon Beach area on the 22/1/2010.
Rufous-tailed Thrush	25 in the Deng Ta Lagoon/Rizhao Beacon Beach area on the 22/1/2010.
'Naumann's Thrush'	20 in the Deng Ta Lagoon/Rizhao Beacon Beach area on the 22/1/2010.
'Dusky Thrush'	3 in the Deng Ta Lagoon/Rizhao Beacon Beach area on the 22/1/2010.
Naumann's x Dusky Thrush intergrade	2 in the Deng Ta Lagoon/Rizhao Beacon Beach area on the 22/1/2010.
Great Tit	2 were heard in the Deng Ta Lagoon/Rizhao Beacon Beach area on the 22/1/2010.
Light-vented Bulbul	2 were heard in the Deng Ta Lagoon/Rizhao Beacon Beach area on the 22/1/2010.
Vinous-throated Parrotbill	2 were heard in the Deng Ta Lagoon/Rizhao Beacon Beach area on the 22/1/2010.
Eurasian Tree Sparrow	40 in the Deng Ta Lagoon/Rizhao Beacon Beach area on the 22/1/2010.
White Wagtail	4, including one <i>ocularis</i> in the Deng Ta Lagoon/Rizhao Beacon Beach area on the 22/1/2010.
Olive-backed Pipit	1 was heard over Rizhao Bacon Beach on the 22/1/2010.
Brambling	1 was heard in the Deng Ta Lagoon/Rizhao Beacon Beach area on the 22/1/2010.
Yellow-throated Bunting	8 in the Deng Ta Lagoon/Rizhao Beacon Beach area on the 22/1/2010.

## **Saturday 23 January 2010. All day on a pelagic trip south of Rizhao, Shandong to the Qiansan Islands,**

### **Jiangsu.**

Lei Jinyu & Chen Liang arrived in Rizhao at 02h00. They'd both caught the last flights of the day from Wuhan & Beijing respectively and had then shared a taxi from Qingdao airport south to Rizhao. Their taxi cost 600 yuan. They then shared a room with Zhang Lin &, unknown to me, headed off to see the Deng Ta Lagoon Yellow-billed Loon early this morning. I expected to meet the three of them in the lobby at 07h00 and was surprised to learn, when I telephoned Zhang Lin, that they were all at the Deng Ta Lagoon! Mr. Li & Mr. Cheng, who were also unaware of their plans, picked me up at the Jinjiang Inn at 07h00 and the three of us, plus a driver, headed down the lagoon to meet the others. The loon was still present and we all watched it for a short while before heading south. We drove south for about 30-40 minutes to Lan Shan Gang (Lan Shan port) – a fairly large and very active fishing port adjacent to a major area of heavy industry and a power station.

Mr. Li had arranged a boat for us - and a very impressive fishing boat that must have been at least 25 metres long was waiting for us when we arrived at Lan Shan fishing harbour. It was perfect for what we wanted – fairly fast (about 20 kilometres/hour according to Zhang Lin's calculations) and very stable – so stable in fact that we were able to use tripod mounted telescopes from its deck! However it was low tide and we were unable to leave the harbour for an hour or so – in the meantime we spent a short while looking at the gulls in the harbour followed by breakfast of seafood noodles in a local restaurant. Mr Li's generosity knew no bounds – not only did he pay for lunch and dinner for Zhang Lin and me on the 22<sup>nd</sup>, he also paid for this breakfast and dinner for us all on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. He even paid the 5000 yuan it cost to charter the fishing boat for the entire day! Shandong people are renowned for their Confucian generosity but this was truly incredible!

The boat left at 09h26 and we headed out to the Qiansan Islands which are just over 43 kilometres away. We made good progress, the islands became visible at 11h05 (after 100 minutes on the boat & when we were 29 kilometres out from Lan Shan port). We finally arrived at Cheniushan Island, the second largest of the three larger islands at 12h10 & hence the 44.37 kilometre journey took 2 hours and 45 minutes including multiple stops to look at birds on the sea on route. We then spent 1 hour 25 minutes moored at the small quay on Cheniushan Island. This island is inhabited – there's apparently a small military base on it and there's even a mobile phone mast on its summit! The crew had taken some groceries (mostly fresh vegetables) as a gift for the soldiers on the island. Being the only foreigner onboard I was encouraged not to go ashore – other than to stand on the quay. The crew cooked lunch which we ate on the shore. We then re-boarded and took the boat on a tour around the complex of four small islands before heading to another island slightly further north. After circuiting almost completely around that one it was 14h40 & time to head back to the mainland. The trip back took very slightly longer (3 hours & 10 minutes) than the trip out despite the fact that we delayed progress less by looking at fewer birds and also by the fact that the trip back was actually shorter since we were unable to go back to Lan Shan port because the tide was already too low for us to enter the harbour. Instead we docked at an even larger fishing port about eight kilometres south of Lan Shan Gang. Here we were met by a fleet of vehicles which transferred us, and our gear, back to our original vehicle at Lan Shan Gang. From there it took us about 40 minutes to drive back to Rizhao where we had dinner together before checking back in to the Jinjiang Inn.

**Lan Shan Port south of Rizhao. (35°09.23'N., 119°22.73'E.)**

**Cheniushan Island, Qiansan Islands. (34°59.97'N., 119°49.45'E.)**

### **Weather**

A glorious day – very clear with excellent long range visibility, hardly any wind and a virtually flat, calm sea – ideal conditions for our pelagic trip. It was a chilly -4°C outside the Jinjiang Inn in Rizhao at 06h55, this had risen to +3°C on the boat at 10h15, 5°C at 11h15 & a balmy 9°C when we were moored in the Qiansan Islands at 13h35. The temperature dropped quickly once we left the islands and the wind picked up slightly so that it was 0°C at 14h40 & -2°C when we arrived back on the mainland at 17h50.

Mallard	4 in the Deng Ta Lagoon, Rizhao on the 23/1/2010.
Common Pochard	3 males in the Deng Ta Lagoon, Rizhao on the 23/1/2010.

White-winged Scoter	14 from the boat between Lan Shan port, Shandong & the Qiansan Islands, Jiangsu on the 23/1/2010. All of the day's birds were probably in Shandong and the first two individuals, a pair, were seen just 30 minutes out from Lan Shan port while the others were all in a single flock that we encountered about two-thirds of the way back from the islands.
Scoter sp.	55 very distant birds flew north close to the Qiansan Islands, Jiangsu on the 23/1/2010.
Smew	2, a male & a female, on the sea not far off Lan Shan port, Shandong on the 23/1/2010.
Red-breasted Merganser	176 from the boat between Lan Shan port, Shandong & the Qiansan Islands, Jiangsu on the 23/1/2010. The first four birds were seen just 35 minutes out of Lan Shan port but the vast majority were right around the Qiansan Islands themselves.
Eurasian Hoopoe	2 near the Deng Ta Lagoon, Rizhao on the 23/1/2010.
Rock Pigeon	1 on Cheniushan Island in the Qiansan Islands, Jiangsu on the 23/1/2010.
Spotted Dove	1 near the Deng Ta Lagoon, Rizhao on the 23/1/2010.
Eurasian Curlew	1 flew south over Lan Shan port, Shandong on the 23/1/2010.
Black-tailed Gull	15 from the boat between Lan Shan port, Shandong & the Qiansan Islands, Jiangsu on the 23/1/2010. Just three first years were seen. All were well out to sea – the closest to the mainland being over 40 minutes or 12 kilometres out. Several birds followed the boat for short periods – no other species did so this obviously.
Mew Gull	4 between Lan Shan port, Shandong & the Qiansan Islands, Jiangsu on the 23/1/2010.
'Herring Gull Assemblage'	40 between Lan Shan port, Shandong & the Qiansan Islands, Jiangsu on the 23/1/2010.
Vega Gull	5 between Lan Shan port, Shandong & the Qiansan Islands, Jiangsu on the 23/1/2010.
Mongolian Gull	15 between Lan Shan port, Shandong & the Qiansan Islands, Jiangsu on the 23/1/2010.
Black-headed Gull	150 between Lan Shan port, Shandong & the Qiansan Islands, Jiangsu on the 23/1/2010. About 60 of these were in Lan Shan port & all the others from the pelagic boat trip later in the day.
Ancient Murrelet	10 (five pairs) from the boat between Lan Shan port, Shandong & the Qiansan Islands, Jiangsu on the 23/1/2010. The first pair was seen 17.2 kilometres (55 minutes) southeast of Lan Shan port (35°04.38'N., 119°32.93'E.). The second pair was 32 kilometres out (1 hour 55 minutes) southeast of Lan Shan port & the third pair at 2 hours & 10 minutes out. Apparently breeds on the Qiansan Islands (Zhang Lin pers. comm.).
Long-billed Murrelet	5 (a pair & then a group of three) from the boat between the Qiansan Islands, Jiangsu & Lan Shan port, Shandong on the 23/1/2010. The first birds were seen at 16h25 when we were almost midway between the Qiansan Islands, Jiangsu & Lan Shan port, Shandong. (We were exactly 1 hour & 45 minutes sailing time in to our 3 hours & 10 minute trip on our way back from the Qiansan Islands & were 20.8 kms from Lan Shan Port).
Common Kestrel	2 singles on the Qiansan Islands, Jiangsu on the 23/1/2010.
Little Grebe	6 in the Deng Ta Lagoon, Rizhao on the 23/1/2010.
Great Crested Grebe	27 on the 23/1/2010 – two of these were in the Deng Ta Lagoon, Rizhao & the other 25 from the boat between Lan Shan port, Shandong & the Qiansan Islands, Jiangsu. The first birds on the pelagic were seen 50 minutes in to the trip and were 16.3 kilometres from Lan Shan port. Birds were then encountered fairly regularly right up to the Qiansan Islands.
Japanese Cormorant	1 juvenile on a small islet off Cheniushan Island in the Qiansan Islands, Jiangsu on the 23/1/2010.
Black-throated Loon	46 from the boat between Lan Shan port, Shandong & the Qiansan Islands, Jiangsu on the 23/1/2010. The first bird was seen 19.2 kilometres (64 minutes) southeast of Lan Shan port (35°04.20'N., 119°33.75'E.), the second was 80 minutes out at 35°09.23'N., 119°22.73'E. & the third 90 minutes or 24.8 kilometres out. However almost half of the birds were very close to the Qiansan Islands, Jiangsu.
Yellow-billed Loon	3 on the 23/1/2010 – the first of these was the same bird that we saw yesterday in the Deng Ta Lagoon, Rizhao while the other two were from the boat on our pelagic trip and very close to the Qiansan Islands, Jiangsu (34°59.03'N., 119°49.83'E.).
loon sp.	8 from the boat between Lan Shan port, Shandong & the Qiansan Islands, Jiangsu on the 23/1/2010.
Black-billed Magpie	6 on the 23/1/2010 – four of these were in the Lan Shan port, Shandong & the other two were on Cheniushan Island in the Qiansan Islands, Jiangsu.
Eurasian Tree Sparrow	4 in Lan Shan port, Shandong on the 23/1/2010.
White Wagtail	1 was heard over Lan Shan port, Shandong on the 23/1/2010.
Olive-backed Pipit	1 was heard over the Jinjiang Hotel, Rizhao, Shandong at about 06h55 on the 23/1/2010.
Brambling	1 was heard in the park around the Deng Ta Lagoon, Rizhao on the 23/1/2010.

### **Sunday 24 January 2010. Day driving north from Rizhao to Jiaonan, Qingdao.**

The four of us left the Jinjiang Inn at 07h00 & took a taxi to pick up breakfast items & then on to the Deng Ta Lagoon Yellow-billed Loon. We spent almost two hours there (mostly photographing the main event) before securing another taxi & heading slowly north up Bihai Lu that follows the coast. We made numerous short stops today – mostly at coastal sites where we scanned the sea. At midday we drove back in to town, dropped Chen Liang & Lei Jinyu off at 13h00 when they went on to catch the 13h30 express coach from Rizhao back to Qingdao airport. Zhang Lin & me continued birding throughout the afternoon driving north in to Qingdao county & ended up spending the night in a simple hotel in Jiaonan. Our room for that night cost just 75 yuan/room.

### **Site 1. Deng Ta Wan Ping Kou (Deng Ta Lagoon), Rizhao & adjacent shore line. 07h25-09h20**

Birds here included –

Yellow-billed Loon	1
Great Crested Grebe	3
Little Grebe	5
White Wagtail	2 including one ocularis
Red-breasted Merganser	2
Common Gull	4 adult-winters
Vega Gull	8
Mongolian Gull	6
Mallard	7
Black-headed Gull	90

**Site 2. Dong Jia Tan, Rizhao. (35°25.95'N., 119°33.19'E.). 09h55-10h10.**

This area's a moderately large complex of pools and small reed beds about 400 metres inland and just west of Bihai Lu. It was only a 10-15 minute drive north of the Deng Ta Lagoon. Only a very small part of one of the pools had any open water – everything else was completely frozen. Nevertheless this small pool held an impressive diversity of waterfowl -

Chinese Spot-billed Duck	12
Ferruginous Pochard	2 (a pair)
Falcated Duck	11
Tufted Duck	3 males
Common Pochard	12
Common Teal	2
Gadwall	2
Daurian Redstart	1
Buff-bellied Pipit	1 heard
Pallas's Reed Bunting	1 heard
Long-tailed Shrike	1

**Site 3. Tai Gong Island Beach, Rizhao. (35°26.30'N., 119°34.43'E.). 10h25-10h40.**

An attractive area with a small island (Tai Gong Island) about 400 metres offshore & an attractive looking beach.

Great Crested Grebe	4
White-winged Scoter	40 flew south in a flock that also contained a single male Common Pochard
Common Pochard	1 male flew south in a flock of 40 White-winged Scoters
Red-breasted Merganser	2
Grey Heron	1 flew north
Kentish Plover	1
Dunlin	4

**Site 4. Fuhai Fishing Village, Rizhao. (35°27.72'N., 119°35.50'E.). 10h45-11h10.**

Also known with the local name Zhang Jia Tai. There were large numbers of gulls on the beach immediately south of the small fishing harbour here.

Black-headed Gull	1250
Common Gull	5 including two first-winters one of which was probably <i>kamtschatschensis</i>
Vega Gull	6
Mongolian Gull	6
White-winged Scoter	100 flew south in a single flock at 11h05
Great Crested Grebe	3

**Site 5. Taohua Island (literally 'Peach Blossom Island'), Rizhao. 11h10 onwards.**

[Dunlin or Sanderling	200 birds probably one of these two species were seen very distantly roosting out on Taohua Island]
Grey Plover	3
Sanderling	6
Red-breasted Merganser	6
Meadow Bunting	1 singing bird was heard
Peregrine Falcon	1 adult

**Site 6. National Seashore Forest Park, Rizhao. (35°31.01'N., 119°37.22'E.). 12h00-12h30.**

We scanned the sea from a small parking lot 500 metres south of the park entrance & pay station. There were quite large numbers of ducks on the sea here. The coastal road, Bihai Lu, ends at the Forest Park and we were forced to back track and head north up route G204. The latter passed further inland and was often well removed from the sea.

Green Sandpiper	1
Sanderling	18
Red-breasted Merganser	8
Great Crested Grebe	2
Chinese Spot-billed Duck	225
Mallard	40
Mandarin Duck	18 (11 males & 7 females)
Common Pheasant	1 female
Yellow-throated Bunting	1 was heard
Olive-backed Pipit	2

**Site 7. Dongjiakou Port, Qingdao county. (35°36.61'N., 119°45.76'E.). 14h15-15h10.**

This site is well sign posted off route G204 - with the turning being just a four minute drive north of Xinyang zhen. We drove down the old road towards Dongjiakou (a newer one was in the early stages of being constructed about 800 metres further north) and soon saw an impressive looking tidal lagoon off to the right and stopped to investigate it. It was very low tide and many of the birds were too distant – nevertheless it was clearly an important site. This site is near You Tou.

Saunders's Gull	129. 108 of these were on the tidal mud flats that we viewed at low tide & the other 21, including just two first winters were on the complex of drained fishponds that we walked through between the road and the tidal inlet.
Common Greenshank	1
Common Shelduck	3
Eurasian Curlew	89
Grey Plover	45

Dunlin	420
Red-breasted Merganser	13
Common Merganser	5

Leaving Dongjiakou we headed back to the dual carriageway (route G204) & continued to north towards Qingdao. We came off at Chen Jia Gang and drove between two and three kilometres from there down to the coast at Puwan. We saw very little actually here but from this site we were able to see large numbers of gulls around the next fishing port to the north.

**Site 8. Puwan, Qingdao county. (35°37.63'N., 119°51.16'E.). 16h10-16h35**

This site is 66.5 kilometres southwest of Qingdao city.

Black-headed Gull	550
Vega Gull	7
Mongolian Gull	32

We then returned to route G204 & continued north towards Guzhenkou & Qingdao city.

**Site 9. Xiaokozi, Qingdao county. (35°46.18'N., 119°55.41'E.). 16h55-17h15**

Common Merganser	18
Red-breasted Merganser	6
Herring Gull Assemblage	165
Mallard	12

**Weather**

Another decent day – visibility wasn't quite as good as yesterday – but still wasn't at all bad. The day started windier but this mostly abated by the late morning only to pick up again by mid-afternoon. It was a cool +1°C outside the Jinjiang Inn in Rizhao at 06h55, this had risen to +2°C on the Rizhao seafront just over one hour later. It was still this temperature near Dongjiakou Port in Qingdao county at 14h30.

Common Pheasant	1 female near the National Seashore Forest Park, Rizhao on the 24/1/2010.
Common Shelduck	3 at Dongjiakou, Qingdao on the 24/1/2010.
Mandarin Duck	18 (seven females & 11 males) on the sea off the National Seashore Forest Park, Rizhao on the 24/1/2010.
Gadwall	2 females with other ducks on the unfrozen pool at Dong Jia Tan, Rizhao on the 24/1/2010.
Falcated Teal	11 with other ducks on the unfrozen pool at Dong Jia Tan, Rizhao on the 24/1/2010.
Mallard	59 in coastal southern Shandong on the 24/1/2010. In Rizhao county there were 7 on the Deng Ta Lagoon and 40 on the sea off the National Seashore Forest Park while in Qingdao county there were 12 at Xiaokozi.
Chinese Spot-billed Duck*	237 in Rizhao county on the 24/1/2010. These involved 12 with other ducks on the unfrozen pool at Dong Jia Tan and 225 on the sea off the National Seashore Forest Park while in Qingdao county there were 12 at Xiaokozi.
Common Teal	2 with other ducks on the unfrozen pool at Dong Jia Tan, Rizhao on the 24/1/2010.
Common Pochard	13 in Rizhao on the 24/1/2010. 12 of these were with other ducks on the unfrozen pool at Dong Jia Tan while the other bird flew south off Tai Gong Island Beach with a flock of 40 White-winged Scoters later in the morning.
Ferruginous Pochard	2, a pair, with other ducks on the unfrozen pool at Dong Jia Tan, Rizhao on the 24/1/2010. Probably scarce in Shandong.
Tufted Duck	3 males other ducks on the unfrozen pool at Dong Jia Tan, Rizhao on the 24/1/2010.
White-winged Scoter	140 flew south off shore in Rizhao county on the 24/1/2010. 40 birds did so off Tai Gong Island Beach and the other 100 did so at Fuhai Fishing Village.
Red-breasted Merganser	38 in coastal southern Shandong on the 24/1/2010. These involved 18 in Rizhao county with 2 on the Deng Ta Lagoon, 2 more off Tai Gong Island Beach, 6 off Taohua Island & 8 off the National Seashore Forest Park. Further north there were 20 birds in Qingdao county there were 14 at Dongjiakou & 6 at Xiaokozi.
Common Merganser	23 in southern Qingdao county on the 24/1/2010. 5 of these were at Dongjiakou & 18 at Xiaokozi.
Eurasian Hoopoe	1 in central Rizhao on the 24/1/2010.
Rock Pigeon	20 in coastal southern Shandong on the 24/1/2010.
Spotted Dove	3 singles in southern Qingdao county on the 24/1/2010.
Common Moorhen	4 besides route G204 at kilometre post 320 at Xinyang zhen, Qingdao on the 24/1/2010.
Eurasian Coot	5 with other waterfowl on the unfrozen pool at Dong Jia Tan, Rizhao on the 24/1/2010.
Eurasian Curlew	100 in coastal southern Shandong on the 24/1/2010. The vast majority of these (89 birds) were at Dongjiakou, southern Qingdao county.
Common Greenshank	1 at Dongjiakou, Qingdao county on the 24/1/2010.
Green Sandpiper	3 in coastal southern Shandong on the 24/1/2010. The first was near the National Seashore Forest Park, Rizhao while the other two were besides route G204 & were just north of the border in to Qingdao county and midway between Xinyang zhen & the turning to Dongjiakou Port.
Sanderling	24 in Rizhao county on the 24/1/2010 – these involved 6 near Taohua Island and 18 on the beach at the National Seashore Forest Park.
Dunlin	300 in coastal southern Shandong on the 24/1/2010. Birds were fairly widely encountered but the vast majority were on the mud flats at Dongjiakou, southern Qingdao county.
Grey Plover	48 in coastal southern Shandong on the 24/1/2010 – these involved 3 near Taohua Island, Rizhao and 45 on the mud flats at Dongjiakou, southern Qingdao county.
Kentish Plover	6 in coastal southern Shandong on the 24/1/2010.
Mew Gull	10 in Rizhao county on the 24/1/2010 – these included 4 on Deng Ta Lagoon & five on the beach at Fuhai Fishing Village,
'Herring Gull Assemblage'	250 in coastal southern Shandong on the 24/1/2010. Birds were fairly widespread and particularly large counts included 14 on Deng Ta Lagoon & 12 on the beach at Fuhai Fishing Village, both Rizhao. Further north in southern Qingdao county there were almost 40 at Puwan and 165 at Xiaokozi.

Vega Gull	40 in coastal southern Shandong on the 24/1/2010.
Mongolian Gull	140 in coastal southern Shandong on the 24/1/2010.
Black-headed Gull	2200 in coastal southern Shandong on the 24/1/2010. Birds were fairly widespread and particularly large counts included 90 on Deng Ta Lagoon & 1250 on the beach at Fuhai Fishing Village, both Rizhao. Further north in southern Qingdao county there were almost 550 at Puwan.
Saunders's Gull	129 at Dongjiakou, Qingdao on the 24/1/2010. 108 of these were on the tidal mud flats that we viewed at low tide & the other 21, including just two first winters were on the complex of drained fishponds that we walked through between the road and the tidal inlet. (35°36.61'N., 119°45.76'E.).
Peregrine Falcon	1 adult eating prey on the beach at Taohua Island, Rizhao on the 24/1/2010.
Little Grebe	15 in coastal southern Shandong on the 24/1/2010.
Great Crested Grebe	12 in Rizhao county on the 24/1/2010. These involved 3 on Deng Ta Lagoon, 4 off Tai Gong Island Beach, 3 of Fuhai Fishing Village & 2 off the National Seashore Forest Park.
Grey Heron	5 singles in coastal southern Shandong on the 24/1/2010.
Yellow-billed Loon	1 again on the Deng Ta Lagoon in Rizhao city on the 4/1/2010.
Long-tailed Shrike	1 at Dong Jia Tan, Rizhao on the 24/1/2010.
Black-billed Magpie	60 in Rizhao & Qingdao counties in southern Shandong on the 24/1/2010.
Daurian Redstart	3 singles in coastal southern Shandong on the 24/1/2010.
Great Tit	4 in Rizhao county on the 24/1/2010.
Light-vented Bulbul	4 in Rizhao county on the 24/1/2010.
Vinous-throated Parrotbill	6 in total at three sites in Rizhao county on the 24/1/2010.
Eurasian Tree Sparrow	100 in Rizhao & Qingdao counties in southern Shandong on the 24/1/2010.
White Wagtail	2, including one <i>ocularis</i> , on the beach immediately to the south of the Deng Ta Lagoon in Rizhao city on the 4/1/2010.
Olive-backed Pipit	2 near the National Seashore Forest Park, Rizhao on the 24/1/2010.
Buff-bellied Pipit	1 was heard in flight over Dong Jia Tan, Rizhao on the 24/1/2010.
Meadow Bunting	1 singing birds was heard near Taohua Island, Rizhao on the 24/1/2010.
Yellow-throated Bunting	1 was heard near the National Seashore Forest Park, Rizhao on the 24/1/2010.
Pallas's Bunting	1 was heard at Dong Jia Tan, Rizhao on the 24/1/2010.

### **Monday 25 January 2010. All day Qingdao area, evening flight back to Beijing.**

Zhang Lin & me left the guest house at 07h00, flagged a taxi down right outside & then headed out. Once the driver had taken his daughter to school we headed back to the coast and worked our way slowly north up to Huangdao and from there to Hongshiya – both sites that I'd visited on my two previous visits to Shandong (in late December 2002 & early January 2008). We made multiple stops on route – almost all of which were good but the last of which, at Hongshiya Guojia Shiyou Chubeiku, was by far the most productive. From there we headed back to Qingdao airport where I said goodbye to Zhang Lin and checked in for my 18h40 Air China flight back to Beijing. My discounted ticket for this flight was booked & paid for by Qingyu & cost 570 yuan.

Today's taxi from Jiaonan to Huangdao, Hongshiya & on to Qingdao airport cost 500 yuan.

### **Site 1. Feng He Kou (Feng or literally 'Windy' River Mouth) in Jiaonan. (35°51.29'N, 120°02.38'E). 07h45-10h00.**

This site is 36.5 kilometres southwest of Qingdao city.

Jumping out of the taxi on the bridge just 100 metres inland from the river mouth we spent just over two hours birding here. It was low tide & there were decent numbers of ducks and Sanderling immediately upstream from the bridge, an excellent selection of gulls on the beach at the river mouth and a decent assortment of birds on the sea immediately offshore. Once we'd scanned the river mouth we took our taxi along the unpaved coast road accessed by turning right immediately on the northern (Qingdao) side of the bridge. Stopping several times we eventually looped back to the main north-south highway (Km post 116 on route S293) between two and three kilometres further north (35°51.62'N, 120°03.11'E). This northernmost access point is immediately south a large coastal building site – the Sunlight Boao Building Project. The island of Linshan (Lingshan?) was clearly visible well off shore. This island is apparently served by between two and five ferries daily from Jimiya port close to Huangdao and not very far to the north. The first departs at 08h30 and the last boat returns at 15h30 and there are obviously more ferries during the summer tourist season.

Common Shelduck	5 – one in the Feng river mouth and four out on the sea.
Chinese Spot-billed Duck	84 in the Feng river
Mallard	316 in the Feng river
Common Teal	248 in the Feng river upstream of the S293 road bridge
Tufted Duck	1 male in the Feng river upstream of the S293 road bridge
Common Pochard	8 on the sea
Greater Scaup	39 with the larger flock of White-winged Scoters on the sea off the Feng river mouth
White-winged Scoter	49. The birds were in two discrete flocks the first of 38 was admixed with the Greater Scaup while the other was of 11.
Eurasian Wigeon	9 upstream of the S293 road bridge
Red-breasted Merganser	21 on the sea
Gadwall	15 upstream of the S293 road bridge
Eurasian Curlew	1
Green Sandpiper	1
Sanderling	207
Dunlin	5
Black-headed Gull	720



Saunders's Gull	84. Four of these were upstream from the road bridge over the Feng River and a flock of about 80 were seen out over the bay. 43 birds that were probably part of this same larger flock were subsequently seen in the river mouth further a couple of kilometres further north. This latter party were seen particularly well and it contained just one first-winter. Two banded birds adults were also noted – the first had a red band on its lower right leg (it was photographed) while the second adult had a red flag above the knee also on its right leg. This flag was extremely difficult to see being obscured by the bird's belly feathering and could easily have been overlooked in all but the very best of views. Two white characters were inscribed on this red flag the first character was either a 'S' or a '5' while the second character was definitely 'R' so it either read 'SR' or '5R' (35°51.62'N, 120°03.11'E).
Relict Gull	23 – including just 9 first-winters
Black-necked Grebe	85 on the sea between the two river mouths
Great Crested Grebe	1 on the sea between the two river mouths
Grey Heron	1
White Wagtail	5 – the only two birds that were racially assignable were both <i>ocularis</i>

**Site 2. Coastal refuse dump between Jiaonan & Huangdao. (35°54.85'N, 120°07.01'E). 10h30-11h05.**

Sanderling	1
Kentish Plover	1
Common Gull	5
Black-headed Gull	1700
Herring Gull Assemblage	105
Vega Gull	<20
Mongolian Gull	70+
Relict Gull	1 ad-w
White Wagtail	4 including two <i>ocularis</i>
Buff-bellied Pipit	2

**Site 3. Tangdaowan Park, Huangdao. (35°56.19'N, 120°10.32'E). 11h15-11h45.**

The inland portion of this tidal lagoon or bay was calm and held a decent number of waterfowl. This very attractive, recently developed coastal tourist site is adjacent to the Chinese University of Petroleum.

Common Shelduck	149
Mallard	8
Chinese Spot-billed Duck	4
Common Goldeneye	85
Red-breasted Merganser	2
Little Grebe	3
Black-necked Grebe	3

**Site 4. Tangdaowan (or Tangdao Bay) viewed from the eastern side at Yu Ming Zui cun, Huangdao.**

A massive coastal bay lying to the inland (western) side of the south pointing portion of the Xue Jia Dao headland. The seaward portions of the bay are thronged with fishing boats, floating fish tanks and thousands of buoys.

Cormorant sp. (possibly Temminck's)	18
Mallard	1
Little Grebe	3

I'd previously visited this site on the 10 January 2008 & had seen the following birds -

Saunders's Gull	4
Black-headed Gull	150
Great Crested Grebe	31
Black-necked Grebe	14
Red-breasted Merganser	32
Mallard	65
Common Teal	2
Common Shelduck	2
Cormorant sp.	15
Buff-bellied Pipit	5
White Wagtail	4 – all <i>ocularis</i>

**Site 5. Tidal mudflats near the huge oil storage tanks west of Hongshiya – Huangdao Guojia Shiyou Chubeiku (36°07.29'N, 120°06.26'E). 13:30-14h40.**

Known locally as the Hongshiya Beibu Gongyequ we spent just over one hour there. The mudflats at the mouth of the Cao Wen river were excellent and easily the most bird rich site that we visited today. This site is accessed by turning north off the main east-west road at the western end of Hongshiya. Its sign posted (in English as well as Chinese) to the oil storage depot. Drive down this well made road, pass under a large bridge after about 300 metres and straight down towards the huge oil storage tanks. Turn right immediately before them & drive right to their far end where there's a decent & driveable dirt track off to the left. This leads after about 800 metres to the embankment besides the Cao Wen river. Turn right here and the river mouth is almost one kilometre further on. We first scanned the mud flats from the river mouth but then drove on for about another kilometre until the road became too narrow & tough rough for our low clearance taxi. Being aware that I had a plane to catch we didn't spend any where near as much time at this superb site as it warranted. The tide was rising and the birding excellent with large numbers of gulls (especially Relict & Saunders's), Eurasian Curlews & Eurasian Oystercatchers.

Chinese Spot-billed Duck	15
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Mallard	40
Eurasian Curlew	1080
Dunlin	700
Eurasian Oystercatcher	847
Grey Plover	20
Relict Gull	300. Many, many more gulls thought to probably also be this species were seen way off in the bay around to the northwest. Its quite possible that 1000 Relict Gulls were present at this site today!
Saunders's Gull	575
Common Gull	40+
Peregrine	1 adult male

I'd previously visited this site on the 10 January 2008 & had seen the following birds -

'Tundra' Bean Goose	1
Common Shelduck	8
Mallard	80+
Chinese Spot-billed Duck	600
Eurasian Teal	600
Eurasian Curlew	1480
Dunlin	2850
Eurasian Oystercatcher	945
Grey Plover	560
Mew Gull	400+
Saunders's Gull	35
Relict Gull	6
Grey Heron	24

### Weather

It was very clear again today, with visibility perhaps being upwards of 10-12 kilometres. It was also colder today – being -5°C outside the guest house in Jiaonan at 06h55.

Common Shelduck	154 in coastal Qingdao on the 25/1/2010. Five were around the Feng river mouth at Jiaonan & the other 249 on the tidal lagoon at Tangdaowan Park, Huangdao.
Gadwall	15 in the Feng river mouth at Jiaonan, Qingdao on the 25/1/2010.
Eurasian Wigeon	9 in the Feng river mouth at Jiaonan, Qingdao on the 25/1/2010.
Mallard	365 in coastal Qingdao on the 25/1/2010.
Chinese Spot-billed Duck*	103 in coastal Qingdao on the 25/1/2010.
Common Teal	248 in the Feng river mouth at Jiaonan, Qingdao on the 25/1/2010.
Common Pochard	8 on the sea off the Feng river mouth at Jiaonan, Qingdao on the 25/1/2010.
Tufted Duck	1 male in the Feng river mouth at Jiaonan, Qingdao on the 25/1/2010.
Greater Scaup	39 on the sea off the Feng river mouth at Jiaonan, Qingdao on the 25/1/2010.
White-winged Scoter	49 on the sea off the Feng river mouth at Jiaonan, Qingdao on the 25/1/2010.
Common Goldeneye	85 in coastal Qingdao on the 25/1/2010.
Red-breasted Merganser	23 in coastal Qingdao on the 25/1/2010.
Rock Pigeon	20 between Jiaonan, Huangdao & Qingdao airport on the 25/1/2010.
Eurasian Curlew	1080 on the tidal mudflats near the mouth of the Cao Wen river close to the Huangdao Guojia Shiyou Chubeiku near Hongshiya on the southern side of Jiaozhou Bay, Huangdao, Qingdao on the 25/1/2010.
Green Sandpiper	1 on the Feng river mouth at Jiaonan, Qingdao on the 25/1/2010.
Sanderling	208 in coastal Qingdao on the 25/1/2010. 207 were in the Feng river at Jiaonan & the other bird was on the beach near the coastal refuse dump between there & Huangdao.
Dunlin	700 on the tidal mudflats near the mouth of the Cao Wen river close to the Huangdao Guojia Shiyou Chubeiku near Hongshiya on the southern side of Jiaozhou Bay, Huangdao, Qingdao on the 25/1/2010.
Eurasian Oystercatcher	847 on the tidal mudflats near the mouth of the Cao Wen river close to the Huangdao Guojia Shiyou Chubeiku near Hongshiya on the southern side of Jiaozhou Bay, Huangdao, Qingdao on the 25/1/2010.
Grey Plover	20 on the tidal mudflats near the mouth of the Cao Wen river close to the Huangdao Guojia Shiyou Chubeiku near Hongshiya on the southern side of Jiaozhou Bay, Huangdao on the 25/1/2010.
Kentish Plover	1 on the beach near the coastal refuse dump between Jiaonan & Huangdao, Qingdao on the 25/1/2010.
Mew Gull	45 in coastal Qingdao on the 25/1/2010. Almost all of these (40+ birds) were on the tidal mudflats near the mouth of the Cao Wen river close to the Huangdao Guojia Shiyou Chubeiku near Hongshiya on the southern side of Jiaozhou Bay, Huangdao.
'Herring Gull Assemblage'	140 in coastal Qingdao on the 25/1/2010. The vast majority of these (105 birds) were at the coastal refuse dump between Jiaonan & Huangdao.
Vega Gull	25 in coastal Qingdao on the 25/1/2010. Most of these were at the coastal refuse dump between Jiaonan & Huangdao.
Mongolian Gull	85 in coastal Qingdao on the 25/1/2010. Most of these were at the coastal refuse dump between Jiaonan & Huangdao.
Black-headed Gull	2600 in coastal Qingdao on the 25/1/2010. High counts included 720 in the Feng river mouth, Jiaonan and 1700 at the coastal refuse dump between there & Huangdao.
Saunders's Gull	659 in coastal Qingdao on the 25/1/2010. Birds were recorded at just two sites with 84 in the Feng river mouth area, Jiaonan. Four of these were upstream from the road bridge over the Feng River and a flock of about 80 were seen out over the bay. 43 birds that were probably part of this same larger flock were subsequently seen in the river mouth further a couple of kilometres further north. This latter party were seen particularly well and it contained just one first-winter. Two banded birds adults were also noted – the first had a red band on its lower right leg (it was photographed) while the second adult had a red flag above the knee also on its right leg. This flag was extremely difficult to see being obscured by the bird's belly feathering and could easily have been overlooked in all but the very best of views. Two white characters were inscribed on this red flag the first character was either a 'S' or a '5' while the second character was definitely 'R' so it either red 'SR' or '5R' (35°51.62'N, 120°03.11'E). The only other site that any Saunders's

Relict Gull	Gulls were recorded today was the tidal mudflats near the mouth of the Cao Wen river close to the Huangdao Guojia Shiyou Chubeiku near Hongshiya on the southern side of Jiaozhou Bay, Huangdao (36°07.29'N, 120°06.26'E) where 575 birds were counted on the rising tide. Hundreds if not thousands of other gulls were also present at this site but they were too distant to identify & Its likely that many, many more Saunders's were also present. 324 in coastal Qingdao on the 25/1/2010. Birds were recorded at three sites with 29 (including nine first-winters) at Feng river mouth area, Jiaonan (35°51.29'N, 120°02.38'E); one adult-winter at the coastal refuse dump between there & Huangdao (35°54.85'N, 120°07.01'E) & 300 on the tidal mudflats near the mouth of the Cao Wen river close to the Huangdao Guojia Shiyou Chubeiku near Hongshiya on the southern side of Jiaozhou Bay, Huangdao (36°07.29'N, 120°06.26'E) on the rising tide. Hundreds if not thousands of other gulls were also present at this site but they were too distant to identify & Its likely that many, many more Relict Gulls were also present.
Common Kestrel	1 near Huangdao, Qingdao on the 25/1/2010.
Peregrine Falcon	1 adult male over the tidal mudflats near the mouth of the Cao Wen river close to the Huangdao Guojia Shiyou Chubeiku near Hongshiya on the southern side of Jiaozhou Bay, Huangdao, Qingdao on the 25/1/2010.
Little Grebe	6 in Tangdaowan, Huangdao in coastal Qingdao on the 25/1/2010.
Great Crested Grebe	1 on the sea off the Feng river mouth area, Jiaonan, Qingdao on the 25/1/2010.
Black-necked Grebe	88 in coastal Qingdao on the 25/1/2010. 85 of these were on the sea in the Feng river mouth area, Jiaonan while 3 more were on the Tangdaowan Park lagoon, Huangdao.
Cormorant sp.	18 birds, probably Temminck's Cormorants, were seen very distantly on a floating fish platform in Tangdaowan (or Tangdao Bay) when viewed from the eastern side at Yu Ming Zui cun, Huangdao, Qingdao on the 25/1/2010.
Grey Heron	1 flew north over the Feng river mouth, Jiaonan, Qingdao on the 25/1/2010.
Long-tailed Shrike	1 near the coastal refuse dump between Jiaonan & Huangdao, Qingdao on the 25/1/2010.
Black-billed Magpie	40 between Jiaonan, Huangdao & Qingdao airport on the 25/1/2010.
Vinous-throated Parrotbill	1 was heard near the coastal refuse dump between Jiaonan & Huangdao, Qingdao on the 25/1/2010.
Eurasian Tree Sparrow	30 between Jiaonan, Huangdao & Qingdao airport on the 25/1/2010.
White Wagtail	9, of which just four birds were racially assigned & they were all <i>ocularis</i> , in coastal Qingdao on the 25/1/2010. Five of these, including two <i>ocularis</i> , were at the Feng river mouth, Jiaonan & the other four birds, including two more <i>ocularis</i> , were at near the coastal refuse dump between there & Huangdao.
Buff-bellied Pipit	2 near the coastal refuse dump between Jiaonan & Huangdao, Qingdao on the 25/1/2010.

## **Bird List**

Four figures are given in the first parentheses after the species' English name. The first of these figures details how many days (out of a maximum of 2) that particular species was seen on the trip. The second figure notes the highest daily count & the third the number of bird-days. Hence the first entry for Common Shelduck reads (2/2 57 67) - birds were noted on both of the 2 days that we were in Shandong, with up to 57 individuals on any one date & with a total of 67 bird-days.

Taxonomy & nomenclature mostly follows that of Inskipp, T. et al. *An Annotated Checklist of the Birds of the Oriental Region*. Oriental Bird Club. 1996.

### **COMMON PHEASANT *Phasianus colchicus* 雉雞**

(1/4 1 1)

1 female near the National Seashore Forest Park, Rizhao on the 24/1/2010.

### **SWAN SP. *Cygnus sp.***

(1/4 1 1)

1 was seen from the expressway about half way between Qingdao airport & Rizhao on the 22/1/2010.

### **COMMON SHELDUCK *Tadorna tadorna* 翹鼻麻鴨**

(2/4 154 157)

3 at Dongjiakou, Qingdao on the 24/1/2010.

154 in coastal Qingdao on the 25/1/2010. Five were around the Feng river mouth at Jiaonan & the other 249 on the tidal lagoon at Tangdaowan Park, Huangdao.

### **MANDARIN DUCK *Aix galericulata* 鴛鴦**

(1/4 18 18)

18 (seven females & 11 males) on the sea off the National Seashore Forest Park, Rizhao on the 24/1/2010.

### **GADWALL *Anas strepera* 赤膀鴨**

(2/4 15 17)

2 females with other ducks on the unfrozen pool at Dong Jia Tan, Rizhao on the 24/1/2010.

15 in the Feng river mouth at Jiaonan, Qingdao on the 25/1/2010.

### **FALCATED DUCK *Anas falcata* 羅紋鴨**

(1/4 11 11)

11 with other ducks on the unfrozen pool at Dong Jia Tan, Rizhao on the 24/1/2010.

### **EURASIAN WIGEON *Anas penelope* 赤頸鴨**

(1/4 9 9)

9 in the Feng river mouth at Jiaonan, Qingdao on the 25/1/2010.

### **MALLARD *Anas platyrhynchos* 綠頭鴨**

(4/4 365 448)

20 in the Deng Ta Lagoon/Rizhao Beacon Beach area on the 22/1/2010.

4 in the Deng Ta Lagoon, Rizhao on the 23/1/2010.

59 in coastal southern Shandong on the 24/1/2010. In Rizhao county there were 7 on the Deng Ta Lagoon and 40 on the sea off the National Seashore Forest Park while in Qingdao county there were 12 at Xiaokozhi.

365 in coastal Qingdao on the 25/1/2010.

### **CHINESE SPOT-BILLED DUCK *Anas zonorhyncha*\* 斑嘴鴨**

(2/4 237 340)

237 in Rizhao county on the 24/1/2010. These involved 12 with other ducks on the unfrozen pool at Dong Jia Tan and 225 on the sea off the National Seashore

Forest Park while in Qingdao county there were 12 at Xiaokozi.  
103 in coastal Qingdao on the 25/1/2010.

### **COMMON TEAL** *Anas crecca* 绿翅鸭

(2/4 248 250)

2 with other ducks on the unfrozen pool at Dong Jia Tan, Rizhao on the 24/1/2010.  
248 in the Feng river mouth at Jiaonan, Qingdao on the 25/1/2010.

### **COMMON POCHARD** *Aythya ferina* 红头潜鸭

(3/4 13 24)

13 in Rizhao on the 24/1/2010. 12 of these were with other ducks on the unfrozen pool at Dong Jia Tan while the other bird flew south off Tai Gong Island Beach with a flock of 40 White-winged Scoters later in the morning.  
3 males in the Deng Ta Lagoon, Rizhao on the 23/1/2010.  
8 on the sea off the Feng river mouth at Jiaonan, Qingdao on the 25/1/2010.

### **FERRUGINOUS POCHARD** *Aythya nyroca* NT 白眼潜鸭

(1/4 2 2)

2, a pair, with other ducks on the unfrozen pool at Dong Jia Tan, Rizhao on the 24/1/2010. Richard Lewthwaite, in litt. 5 February 2010 thought that this was probably the first record for Shandong.

### **TUFTED DUCK** *Aythya fuligula* 凤头潜鸭

(2/4 3 4)

3 males other ducks on the unfrozen pool at Dong Jia Tan, Rizhao on the 24/1/2010.  
1 male in the Feng river mouth at Jiaonan, Qingdao on the 25/1/2010.

### **GREATER SCAUP** *Aythya marila* 斑背潜鸭

(1/4 39 39)

39 on the sea off the Feng river mouth at Jiaonan, Qingdao on the 25/1/2010.

### **WHITE-WINGED SCOTER** *Melanitta fusca* 斑脸海番鸭

(3/4 140 203)

14 from the boat between Lan Shan port, Shandong & the Qiansan Islands, Jiangsu on the 23/1/2010. The first two birds, a pair, were seen just 30 minutes out from Lan Shan port while the others were all in a single flock that we encountered about two-thirds of the way back from the islands.  
140 flew south off shore in Rizhao county on the 24/1/2010. 40 birds did so off Tai Gong Island Beach and the other 100 did so at Fuhai Fishing Village.  
49 on the sea off the Feng river mouth at Jiaonan, Qingdao on the 25/1/2010.

### **SCOTER SP.** *Melanitta sp.*

(1/4 55 55)

55 very distant birds flew north close to the Qiansan Islands, Jiangsu on the 23/1/2010.

### **COMMON GOLDENEYE** *Bucephala clangula* 鹊鸭

(1/4 85 85)

85 in coastal Qingdao on the 25/1/2010.

### **SMEW** *Mergellus albellus* 白秋沙鸭

(1/4 2 2)

2, a male & a female, on the sea not far off Lan Shan port, Shandong on the 23/1/2010.

### **RED-BREASTED MERGANSER** *Mergus serrator* 红胸秋沙鸭

(4/4 176 267)

30 in the Deng Ta Lagoon/Rizhao Beacon Beach area on the 22/1/2010. Just six of these were in the lagoon & the other ca.25 were on the sea off the beach.  
176 from the boat between Lan Shan port, Shandong & the Qiansan Islands, Jiangsu on the 23/1/2010. The first four birds were seen just 35 minutes out of Lan

Shan port but the vast majority were right around the Qiansan Islands themselves.  
38 in coastal southern Shandong on the 24/1/2010. These involved 18 in Rizhao county with 2 on the Deng Ta Lagoon, 2 more off Tai Gong Island Beach, 6 off Taohua Island & 8 off the National Seashore Forest Park. Further north there were 20 birds in Qingdao county there were 14 at Dongjiakou & 6 at Xiaokozi.  
23 in coastal Qingdao on the 25/1/2010.

### **COMMON MERGANSER** *Mergus merganser* 普通秋沙鸭

(1/4 23 23)

23 in southern Qingdao county on the 24/1/2010. 5 of these were at Dongjiakou & 18 at Xiaokozi.

### **EURASIAN HOOPOE** *Upupa epops* 戴胜

(3/4 20 23)

20 in light scrub between the Deng Ta Lagoon & Rizhao Beacon Beach on the 22/1/2010.

2 near the Deng Ta Lagoon, Rizhao on the 23/1/2010.

1 in central Rizhao on the 24/1/2010.

### **ROCK PIGEON** *Columba livia*

(3/4 20 41)

1 on Cheniushan Island in the Qiansan Islands, Jiangsu on the 23/1/2010.

20 in coastal southern Shandong on the 24/1/2010.

20 between Jiaonan, Huangdao & Qingdao airport on the 25/1/2010.

### **SPOTTED DOVE** *Streptopelia chinensis* 珠颈斑鸠

(3/4 3 6)

2 in the small park near the Deng Ta Lagoon, Rizhao on the 22/1/2010.

1 near the Deng Ta Lagoon, Rizhao on the 23/1/2010.

3 singles in southern Qingdao county on the 24/1/2010.

### **COMMON MOORHEN** *Gallinula chloropus* 黑水鸡(红骨顶)

(1/4 4 4)

4 besides route G204 at kilometre post 320 at Xinyang zhen, Qingdao on the 24/1/2010.

### **EURASIAN COOT** *Fulica atra* 骨顶鸡(白骨顶)

(1/4 5 5)

5 with other waterfowl on the unfrozen pool at Dong Jia Tan, Rizhao on the 24/1/2010.

### **EURASIAN CURLEW** *Numenius arquata* 白腰杓鹬

(3/4 1080 1181)

1 flew south over Lan Shan port, Shandong on the 23/1/2010.

100 in coastal southern Shandong on the 24/1/2010. The vast majority of these (89 birds) were at Dongjiakou, southern Qingdao county.

1080 on the tidal mudflats near the mouth of the Cao Wen river close to the Huangdao Guojia Shiyou Chubeiku near Hongshiya on the southern side of Jiaozhou Bay, Huangdao, Qingdao on the 25/1/2010.

### **COMMON GREENSHANK** *Tringa nebularia* 青脚鹬

(1/4 1 1)

1 at Dongjiakou, Qingdao county on the 24/1/2010.

### **GREEN SANDPIPER** *Tringa ochropus* 白腰草鹬

(2/4 3 4)

3 in coastal southern Shandong on the 24/1/2010. The first was near the National Seashore Forest Park, Rizhao while the other two were besides route G204 & were just north of the border in to Qingdao county and midway between Xinyang zhen & the turning to Dongjiakou Port.

1 on the Feng river mouth at Jiaonan, Qingdao on the 25/1/2010.

**SANDERLING *Calidris alba* 三趾鹬**

(2/4 208 232)

24 in Rizhao county on the 24/1/2010 – these involved 6 near Taohua Island and 18 on the beach at the National Seashore Forest Park.  
208 in coastal Qingdao on the 25/1/2010. 207 were in the Feng river at Jiaonan & the other bird was on the beach near the coastal refuse dump between there & Huangdao.

**DUNLIN *Calidris alpina* 黑腹滨鹬**

(2/4 700 1000)

300 in coastal southern Shandong on the 24/1/2010. Birds were fairly widely encountered but the vast majority were on the mud flats at Dongjiakou, southern Qingdao county.  
700 on the tidal mudflats near the mouth of the Cao Wen river close to the Huangdao Guojia Shiyou Chubeiku near Hongshiya on the southern side of Jiaozhou Bay, Huangdao, Qingdao on the 25/1/2010.

In addition 5 birds, possibly this species, flew south offshore at Rizhao Beacon Beach on the 22/1/2010]

**EURASIAN OYSTERCATCHER *Haematopus ostralegus* 蛎鹬**

(1/4 847 847)

847 on the tidal mudflats near the mouth of the Cao Wen river close to the Huangdao Guojia Shiyou Chubeiku near Hongshiya on the southern side of Jiaozhou Bay, Huangdao, Qingdao on the 25/1/2010.

**GREY PLOVER *Pluvialis squatarola* 灰斑鹬**

(3/4 48 71)

3 off Rizhao Beacon Beach on the 22/1/2010.  
48 in coastal southern Shandong on the 24/1/2010 – these involved 3 near Taohua Island, Rizhao and 45 on the mud flats at Dongjiakou, southern Qingdao county.  
20 on the tidal mudflats near the mouth of the Cao Wen river close to the Huangdao Guojia Shiyou Chubeiku near Hongshiya on the southern side of Jiaozhou Bay, Huangdao on the 25/1/2010.

**KENTISH PLOVER *Charadrius alexandrinus* 环颈鹬**

(3/4 12 19)

12 off Rizhao Beacon Beach on the 22/1/2010.  
6 in coastal southern Shandong on the 24/1/2010.  
1 on the beach near the coastal refuse dump between Jiaonan & Huangdao, Qingdao on the 25/1/2010.

**BLACK-TAILED GULL *Larus crassirostris* 黑尾鸥**

(1/4 15 15)

15 from the boat between Lan Shan port, Shandong & the Qiansan Islands, Jiangsu on the 23/1/2010. Just three first years were seen. All were well out to sea – the closest to the mainland being over 40 minutes or 12 kilometres out. Several birds followed the boat for short periods – no other species did so this obviously.

**MEW GULL *Larus canus* 海鸥**

(3/4 45 59)

4 between Lan Shan port, Shandong & the Qiansan Islands, Jiangsu on the 23/1/2010.  
10 in Rizhao county on the 24/1/2010 – these included 4 on Deng Ta Lagoon & five on the beach at Fuhai Fishing Village,  
45 in coastal Qingdao on the 25/1/2010. Almost all of these (40+ birds) were on the tidal mudflats near the mouth of the Cao Wen river close to the Huangdao Guojia Shiyou Chubeiku near Hongshiya on the southern side of Jiaozhou Bay, Huangdao.

**HERRING GULL ASSEMBLAGE'**

(3/4 250 430)

40 between Lan Shan port, Shandong & the Qiansan Islands, Jiangsu on the 23/1/2010.  
250 in coastal southern Shandong on the 24/1/2010. Birds were fairly widespread and particularly large counts included 14 on Deng Ta Lagoon & 12 on the beach at Fuhai Fishing Village, both Rizhao. Further north in southern Qingdao county there were almost 40 at Puwan and 165 at Xiaokozi.  
140 in coastal Qingdao on the 25/1/2010. The vast majority of these (105 birds) were at the coastal refuse dump between Jiaonan & Huangdao.

**VEGA GULL *Larus vegae* 织女(银)鸥**

(4/4 40 72)

2 single adults off Rizhao Beacon Beach on the 22/1/2010.

5 between Lan Shan port, Shandong & the Qiansan Islands, Jiangsu on the 23/1/2010.

40 in coastal southern Shandong on the 24/1/2010.

25 in coastal Qingdao on the 25/1/2010. Most of these were at the coastal refuse dump between Jiaonan & Huangdao.

## **MONGOLIAN GULL** *Larus mongolicus* 黄脚(银)鸥

(4/4 140 270)

30 off Rizhao Beacon Beach on the 22/1/2010.

15 between Lan Shan port, Shandong & the Qiansan Islands, Jiangsu on the 23/1/2010.

140 in coastal southern Shandong on the 24/1/2010.

85 in coastal Qingdao on the 25/1/2010. Most of these were at the coastal refuse dump between Jiaonan & Huangdao.

## **BLACK-HEADED GULL** *Larus ridibundus* 红嘴鸥

(4/4 2600 5050)

100 in the Deng Ta Lagoon/Rizhao Beacon Beach area on the 22/1/2010.

150 between Lan Shan port, Shandong & the Qiansan Islands, Jiangsu on the 23/1/2010. About 60 of these were in Lan Shan port & all the others from the pelagic boat trip later in the day.

2200 in coastal southern Shandong on the 24/1/2010. Birds were fairly widespread and particularly large counts included 90 on Deng Ta Lagoon & 1250 on the beach at Fuhai Fishing Village, both Rizhao. Further north in southern Qingdao county there were almost 550 at Puwan.

2600 in coastal Qingdao on the 25/1/2010. High counts included 720 in the Feng river mouth, Jiaonan and 1700 at the coastal refuse dump between there & Huangdao.

## **SAUNDERS'S GULL** *Larus saundersi* VU 黑嘴鸥

(2/4 659 788)

129 at Dongjiakou, Qingdao on the 24/1/2010. 108 of these were on the tidal mud flats that we viewed at low tide & the other 21, including just two first winters were on the complex of drained fishponds that we walked through between the road and the tidal inlet. (35°36.61'N., 119°45.76'E.).

659 in coastal Qingdao on the 25/1/2010. Birds were recorded at just two sites with 84 in the Feng river mouth area, Jiaonan. Four of these were upstream from the road bridge over the Feng River and a flock of about 80 were seen out over the bay. 43 birds that were probably part of this same larger flock were subsequently seen in the river mouth further a couple of kilometres further north. This latter party were seen particularly well and it contained just one first-winter. Two banded birds adults were also noted – the first had a red band on its lower right leg (it was photographed) while the second adult had a red flag above the knee also on its right leg. This flag was extremely difficult to see being obscured by the bird's belly feathering and could easily have been overlooked in all but the very best of views. Two white characters were inscribed on this red flag the first character was either a 'S' or a '5' while the second character was definitely 'R' so it either red 'SR' or '5R' (35°51.62'N, 120°03.11'E). The only other site that any Saunders's Gulls were recorded today was the tidal mudflats near the mouth of the Cao Wen river close to the Huangdao Guojia Shiyou Chubeiku near Hongshiya on the southern side of Jiaozhou Bay, Huangdao (36°07.29'N, 120°06.26'E) where 575 birds were counted on the rising tide. Hundreds if not thousands of other gulls were also present at this site but they were too distant to identify & Its likely that many, many more Saunders's were also present.

## **RELICT GULL** *Larus relictus* VU 遗鸥

(1/4 324 324)

324 in coastal Qingdao on the 25/1/2010. Birds were recorded at three sites with 29 (including nine first-winters) at Feng river mouth area, Jiaonan (35°51.29'N, 120°02.38'E); one adult-winter at the coastal refuse dump between there & Huangdao (35°54.85'N, 120°07.01'E) & 300 on the tidal mudflats near the mouth of the Cao Wen river close to the Huangdao Guojia Shiyou Chubeiku near Hongshiya on the southern side of Jiaozhou Bay, Huangdao (36°07.29'N, 120°06.26'E) on the rising tide. Hundreds if not thousands of other gulls were also present at this site but they were too distant to identify & Its likely that many, many more Relict Gulls were also present.

## **LONG-BILLED MURRELET** *Brachyramphus perdix*

(1/4 5 5)

5 (a pair & then a group of three) from the boat between the Qiansan Islands, Jiangsu & Lan Shan port, Shandong on the 23/1/2010. The first birds were seen at 16h25 when we were almost midway between the Qiansan Islands, Jiangsu & Lan Shan port, Shandong. (We were exactly 1 hour & 45 minutes sailing time in to our 3 hours & 10 minute trip on our way back from the Qiansan Islands & were 20.8 kms from Lan Shan Port). Richard Lewthwaite, in litt. 5 February 2010, thought that these were probably the first records for Shandong since the early 1900s!

## **ANCIENT MURRELET** *Synthliboramphus antiquus* 扁嘴海雀

(1/4 10 10)

10 (five pairs) from the boat between Lan Shan port, Shandong & the Qiansan Islands, Jiangsu on the 23/1/2010. The first pair was seen 17.2 kilometres (55 minutes) southeast of Lan Shan port (35°04.38'N., 119°32.93'E.). The second pair was 32 kilometres out (1 hour 55 minutes) southeast of Lan Shan port & the third pair at 2 hours & 10 minutes out. Apparently breeds on the Qiansan Islands (Zhang Lin pers. comm.).



**COMMON KESTREL** *Falco tinnunculus* 红隼

(2/4 2 3)

2 singles on the Qiansan Islands, Jiangsu on the 23/1/2010.

1 near Huangdao, Qingdao on the 25/1/2010.

**PEREGRINE FALCON** *Falco peregrinus* 游隼

(2/4 1 2)

1 adult eating prey on the beach at Taohua Island, Rizhao on the 24/1/2010.

1 adult male over the tidal mudflats near the mouth of the Cao Wen river close to the Huangdao Guojia Shiyou Chubeiku near Hongshiya on the southern side of Jiaozhou Bay, Huangdao, Qingdao on the 25/1/2010.

**LITTLE GREBE** *Tachybaptus ruficollis* 小鸕鶿

(4/4 15 40)

13 in the Deng Ta Lagoon/Rizhao Beacon Beach area on the 22/1/2010.

6 in the Deng Ta Lagoon, Rizhao on the 23/1/2010.

15 in coastal southern Shandong on the 24/1/2010.

6 in Tangdaowan, Huangdao in coastal Qingdao on the 25/1/2010.

**GREAT CRESTED GREBE** *Podiceps cristatus* 凤头鸕鶿

(4/4 27 47)

7 in the Deng Ta Lagoon/Rizhao Beacon Beach area on the 22/1/2010. Three of these were in the Lagoon and the other four on the sea.

12 in Rizhao county on the 24/1/2010. These involved 3 on Deng Ta Lagoon, 4 off Tai Gong Island Beach, 3 of Fuhai Fishing Village & 2 off the National Seashore Forest Park.

27 on the 23/1/2010 – two of these were in the Deng Ta Lagoon, Rizhao & the other 25 from the boat between Lan Shan port, Shandong & the Qiansan Islands, Jiangsu. The first birds on the pelagic were seen 50 minutes in to the trip and were 16.3 kilometres from Lan Shan port. Birds were then encountered fairly regularly right up to the Qiansan Islands.

1 on the sea off the Feng river mouth area, Jiaonan, Qingdao on the 25/1/2010.

**BLACK-NECKED GREBE** *Podiceps nigricollis* 黑颈鸕鶿

(2/4 88 92)

4 off Rizhao Beacon Beach on the 22/1/2010.

88 in coastal Qingdao on the 25/1/2010. 85 of these were on the sea in the Feng river mouth area, Jiaonan while 3 more were on the Tangdaowan Park lagoon, Huangdao.

**JAPANESE CORMORANT** *Phalacrocorax capillatus* 暗绿背鸕鶿

(1/4 1 1)

1 juvenile on a small islet off Cheniushan Island in the Qiansan Islands, Jiangsu on the 23/1/2010.

**CORMORANT SP. - either GREAT or JAPANESE CORMORANT** *Phalacrocorax carbo* or *P. capillatus*

(1/4 18 18)

18 birds, probably Temminck's Cormorants, were seen very distantly on a floating fish platform in Tangdaowan (or Tangdao Bay) when viewed from the eastern side at Yu Ming Zui cun, Huangdao, Qingdao on the 25/1/2010.

**LITTLE EGRET** *Egretta garzetta* 白鹭

(1/4 1 1)

1 was seen from the expressway near Qingdao on the 22/1/2010.

**GREY HERON** *Ardea cinerea* 苍鹭

(3/4 5 7)

1 in the Deng Ta Lagoon, Rizhao on the 22/1/2010.

5 singles in coastal southern Shandong on the 24/1/2010.

1 flew north over the Feng river mouth, Jiaonan, Qingdao on the 25/1/2010.

**RED-THROATED LOON** *Gavia stellata* 红喉潜鸟

(1/4 1 1)

1 bird with a considerable amount of oil on its belly flew north off Rizhao Beacon Beach at 15h30 on the 22/1/2010.

**BLACK-THROATED LOON** *Gavia arctica* 黑喉潜鸟

(1/4 46 46)

46 from the boat between Lan Shan port, Shandong & the Qiansan Islands, Jiangsu on the 23/1/2010. The first bird was seen 19.2 kilometres (64 minutes) southeast of Lan Shan port (35°04.20'N., 119°33.75'E.), the second was 80 minutes out at 35°09.23'N., 119°22.73'E.. & the third 90 minutes or 24.8 kilometres out.. However almost half of the birds were very close to the Qiansan Islands, Jiangsu.

**YELLOW-BILLED LOON** *Gavia adamsii* 黄嘴潜鸟

(3/4 3 5)

1 adult winter in the Deng Ta Lagoon, Rizhao on all three days 22-25/1/2010.

3 on the 23/1/2010 – the first of these was the same bird that we saw yesterday in the Deng Ta Lagoon, Rizhao while the other two were from the boat on our pelagic trip and very close to the Qiansan Islands, Jiangsu (34°59.03'N., 119°49.83'E.).

**LOON SP.** *Gavia sp.*

(1/4 8 8)

8 from the boat between Lan Shan port, Shandong & the Qiansan Islands, Jiangsu on the 23/1/2010.

**LONG-TAILED SHRIKE** *Lanius schach* 棕背伯劳

(3/4 1 3)

1 on one of the fishing boat in the Deng Ta Lagoon, Rizhao on the 22/1/2010.

1 at Dong Jia Tan, Rizhao on the 24/1/2010.

1 near the coastal refuse dump between Jiaonan & Huangdao, Qingdao on the 25/1/2010.

**BLACK-BILLED MAGPIE** *Pica pica* 喜鹊

(4/4 60 116)

10 in the Deng Ta Lagoon/Rizhao Beacon Beach area on the 22/1/2010.

6 on the 23/1/2010 – four of these were in the Lan Shan port, Shandong & the other two were on Cheniushan Island in the Qiansan Islands, Jiangsu.

60 in Rizhao & Qingdao counties in southern Shandong on the 24/1/2010.

40 between Jiaonan, Huangdao & Qingdao airport on the 25/1/2010.

**RUFIOUS-TAILED THRUSH** *Turdus naumanni* 红尾鸫

(1/4 25 25)

25 in the Deng Ta Lagoon/Rizhao Beacon Beach area on the 22/1/2010.

**'NAUMANN'S THRUSH'** *Turdus naumanni naumanni*

(1/4 20 20)

20 in the Deng Ta Lagoon/Rizhao Beacon Beach area on the 22/1/2010.

**'DUSKY THRUSH'** *Turdus naumanni eunomus* 斑鸫

(1/4 3 3)

3 in the Deng Ta Lagoon/Rizhao Beacon Beach area on the 22/1/2010.

**NAUMANN'S x DUSKY THRUSH intergrade**

(1/4 2 2)

2 in the Deng Ta Lagoon/Rizhao Beacon Beach area on the 22/1/2010.

**DAURIAN REDSTART** *Phoenicurus auroreus* 北红尾鸫

(1/4 3 3)

3 singles in coastal southern Shandong on the 24/1/2010.

**GREAT TIT** *Parus major* 大山雀

(2/4 4 6)

2 were heard in the Deng Ta Lagoon/Rizhao Beacon Beach area on the 22/1/2010.  
4 in Rizhao county on the 24/1/2010.

**LIGHT-VENTED BULBUL** *Pycnonotus sinensis* 白头鹎

(2/4 4 6)

2 were heard in the Deng Ta Lagoon/Rizhao Beacon Beach area on the 22/1/2010.  
4 in Rizhao county on the 24/1/2010.

**VINOUS-THROATED PARROTBILL** *Paradoxornis webbianus* 棕头鸦雀

(3/4 6 9)

2 were heard in the Deng Ta Lagoon/Rizhao Beacon Beach area on the 22/1/2010.  
6 in total at three sites in Rizhao county on the 24/1/2010.  
1 was heard near the coastal refuse dump between Jiaonan & Huangdao, Qingdao on the 25/1/2010.

**EURASIAN TREE SPARROW** *Passer montanus* (树) 麻雀

(4/4 100 174)

40 in the Deng Ta Lagoon/Rizhao Beacon Beach area on the 22/1/2010.  
4 in Lan Shan port, Shandong on the 23/1/2010.  
100 in Rizhao & Qingdao counties in southern Shandong on the 24/1/2010.  
30 between Jiaonan, Huangdao & Qingdao airport on the 25/1/2010.

**WHITE WAGTAIL** *Motacilla alba* 白鹡鸰

(4/4 9 16)

4, including one *ocularis* in the Deng Ta Lagoon/Rizhao Beacon Beach area on the 22/1/2010.  
1 was heard over Lan Shan port, Shandong on the 23/1/2010.  
2, including one *ocularis*, on the beach immediately to the south of the Deng Ta Lagoon in Rizhao city on the 4/1/2010.  
9, of which just four birds were racially assigned & they were all *ocularis*, in coastal Qingdao on the 25/1/2010. Five of these, including two *ocularis*, were at the Feng river mouth, Jiaonan & the other four birds, including two more *ocularis*, were at near the coastal refuse dump between there & Huangdao.

**OLIVE-BACKED PIPIT** *Anthus hodgsoni* 树鹨

(3/4 2 4)

1 was heard over Rizhao Bacon Beach on the 22/1/2010.  
1 was heard over the Jinjiang Hotel, Rizhao, Shandong at about 06h55 on the 23/1/2010.  
2 near the National Seashore Forest Park, Rizhao on the 24/1/2010.

**BUFF-BELLIED PIPIT** *Anthus rubescens japonicus* 黄腹鹨

(2/4 2 3)

1 was heard in flight over Dong Jia Tan, Rizhao on the 24/1/2010.  
2 near the coastal refuse dump between Jiaonan & Huangdao, Qingdao on the 25/1/2010.

**BRAMBLING** *Fringilla montifringilla* 燕雀

(2/4 1 2)

1 was heard in the Deng Ta Lagoon/Rizhao Beacon Beach area on the 22/1/2010.  
1 was heard in the park around the Deng Ta Lagoon, Rizhao on the 23/1/2010.

**MEADOW BUNTING** *Emberiza cioides* 三道眉草鹀

(1/4 1 1)

1 singing birds was heard near Taohua Island, Rizhao on the 24/1/2010.

**YELLOW-THROATED BUNTING** *Emberiza elegans* 黄喉鹀

(2/4 8 9)

8 in the Deng Ta Lagoon/Rizhao Beacon Beach area on the 22/1/2010.

1 was heard near the National Seashore Forest Park, Rizhao on the 24/1/2010.

**PALLAS'S BUNTING** *Emberiza pallasi* 苇鹀

(1/4 1 1)

1 was heard at Dong Jia Tan, Rizhao on the 24/1/2010.

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