

**Birding
trip to
SHANDONG,
CHINA**

**Birding in the Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng,
Penglai, Changdao & Yantai areas
11-22/10/2010**

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INTRODUCTION

In mid-October 2010 I made a 12 day birding trip to Shandong Province, eastern China. Even though I only recorded a modest 123 species the trip proved to be very interesting, great fun and thoroughly enjoyable. Highlights included small numbers of Streaked Shearwaters from the ferry between Shandong & Liaoning; up to 17 Pelagic Cormorants on Changdao; modest numbers of migrating raptors including 16 Northern Goshawks, 796 Eastern Buzzards and 115 Amur Falcons over Changdao; an adult Long-tailed Jaeger from the Penglai to Changdao ferry; a single Bearded Reedling, four different Manchurian Bush Warblers and a Marsh Grassbird on Changdao where day counts of over 5000 Bramblings, 13 Yellow-browed, 375 Black-faced and six Ochre-rumped Buntings were also made.

The logistics for the trip were again organised by Wang Qingyu – the ground agent that I use for all of the Sunbird/Wings tours that I lead in China. Qingyu even accompanied me for a large portion of the trip & I have absolutely no hesitation in recommending her as a ground agent. She can be contacted at –

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Monday 11 October 2010. Flew Beijing to Yantai, Shandong & then drove east to Rongcheng.

Qingyu & me left Tongzhou at 05h00 & drove to Beijing Capital International Airport where our Air China flight from Beijing to Yantai (CA1585) left the gate on time at 07h50. Our discounted one-way tickets cost 740 yuan & we arrived at Yantai's Laishan International Airport at 09h04 after a one-hour four minute flight. Once we'd reclaimed our luggage we took an airport bus to the main bus station (Chiche Zhong Zhan) in central Yantai where we caught another bus to Weihai. The latter leave every 15 minutes and tickets cost 25/person. The drive took just over 1.5 hours, we stayed on until the terminus at Weihai Xin Chiche Zhan (Weihai New Bus Station) – right next to the city's main railway station. From there we chartered a taxi from Mrs. Yu (mobile 15898972671) & she charged 260 yuan to stay with us for the half-day & take us from Weihai via Tian'e Hu to Cheng Shan Tou. This seemed a reasonable price.

Unfortunately we realised too late and should have flown from Beijing to Weihai instead of Beijing to Yantai – the tickets to Weihai were cheaper at 570 yuan/person and we were then closer to our destination. Note however that while there were six flights from Beijing to Yantai everyday there are only three daily flights from Beijing to Weihai!

The drive from Yantai to Weihai & beyond was fairly interesting – but largely bird less! All of the route between the two cities was on expressway during which time we passed a couple of small areas of salt pans, large expanses of fishponds and a few tracts of fairly recently planted conifer shelter belts. We also crossed several small rivers and drainage channels but even these didn't hold many birds! Yantai is apparently a major wine producing region while between Weihai and the north-eastern point of the Shandong Peninsula there were more areas of apple orchard and more stands of maize.

Site 1. Tian'e Hu (Swan Lake), Rongcheng. (37°21.58'N., 122°34.80'E.). 13h15-13h44.

This very disappointing site was a medium sized lake (perhaps 1.5-2 kilometres in diameter) but was fringed by a wall or concrete for almost one-third of its circumference. It had several speed boats (fortunately none of which were being used today) on it & had a new housing complex nearing completion just 80 metres from the shoreline! We weren't surprised that it held rather few birds –

Swan Goose	VU	1
Mallard		35
Chinese Spot-billed Duck		2
Garganey		1
[Eurasian Teal		10 birds, possibly this species]
Red-breasted Merganser		3
Duck sp.		60
Grey Heron		2
Osprey		1

Site 2. Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng. (37°23.35'N., 122°41.79'E.). 14h10-17h10.

We spent three hours seawatching here. Undoubtedly the best site to do this is the tourist complex at the very end of Cheng Shan Tou – but access to this spot costs a ridiculous 150 yuan/person/visit! I was reluctant to pay this amount & opted instead to view from the rear of the Hai Yang Huanjing Jiance Zhan (Sea Quality Monitoring Station).

When arriving at Cheng Shan Tou from Weihai route 302 passes through the fishing harbour of Cheng Shan zhen and then starts to climb up a slight hill with the sea off to the right. Near the crest there's a large Forbidden City-like building with a triple archway that the road passes through. What's apparently the main car park serving Cheng Shan Tou is on the other side of this archway and the three storey Hai Yang Huanjing Jiance Zhan (Sea Quality Monitoring Station) building is set back about 150 metres to the right (southwest). It looks private but the staff were friendly and allowed us access. At the rear there's a series of flag poles and then some steps leading down the cliffs. We wandered about half-way down these before clambering over the small wall and sitting down at a decent vantage point. During the several visits I made to this site quite a few Chinese tourists also wandered down to where I was sea watching – so this site clearly isn't off limits.

According to Zhang Lin some Shanghai birders had done a pelagic trip out of Lianyungang during the autumn National Day holiday in the first week of October 2010. They hadn't seen very much during the pelagic – but did see two Streaked Shearwaters from a shore-based seawatch & I was hoping to encounter something similar during my time sea watching. I didn't!

Other than a constant southerly passage of members of the 'Herring Gull Assemblage' and a modest number of Black-tailed Gulls drifting around we saw rather little – an adult Eastern Buzzard came in off the sea mid-afternoon but there were no ducks, grebes or even curlews passing. Nevertheless watching the migrating gulls was interesting.

Shanghai birder Zhang Lin had birded this site for one day in April 2009 – he'd had an excellent time and had seen some decent passerine migration and a single Oriental Stork but little in the way of seabird passage.

I left the seawatch site at 17h10. There were numerous guest houses nearby & Qingyu had left earlier than me and found us a simple guest house – the family run Haowangjiao Yujiale ('Land's End Local Guest House'). Run by Mrs. Wang Luyan (mobile 13963110885) low season rooms cost 80 yuan/person. The price included a delicious seafood dinner. In the tourist season the same guest house will charge 180 yuan/person. None of the simple rooms had en suite facilities – though there was a hot water shower in the main building and a continental, hole in the floor style toilet across the small, private courtyard.

Sun rise & sunset Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on 11 October 2010

Sun rise	05h52
Sun set	17h20

Weather

After three days of extremely poor visibility in Beijing it had rained over night and we left the Capital on what was turning out to be a gorgeous autumn day with fabulous long-range visibility. Visibility wasn't quite as good as this in Shandong – but it wasn't bad. According to the airline cabin announcement it was 19°C when landed in Yantai at 09h00. this had risen to a fairly pleasant 22°C close to the sea at Tian'e Hu by 13h30 & 21°C at Cheng Shan Tou by 15h30.

Swan Goose	VU	1 on Tian'e Hu, Rongcheng on the 11/10/2010.
Mallard		35 on Tian'e Hu, Rongcheng on the 11/10/2010.
Chinese Spot-billed Duck		2 on Tian'e Hu, Rongcheng on the 11/10/2010.
Garganey		1 on Tian'e Hu, Rongcheng on the 11/10/2010.
[Eurasian Teal		10 birds, possibly this species, were seen very distantly on Tian'e Hu, Rongcheng on the 11/10/2010.
Red-breasted Merganser		3 on Tian'e Hu, Rongcheng on the 11/10/2010.
Duck sp.		60 on Tian'e Hu, Rongcheng on the 11/10/2010.
Grey Heron		4 in Rongcheng on the 11/10/2010 – two of these were at Tian'e Hu while the other two flew high over Cheng Shan Tou right at sunset 17h20.
Osprey		1 on Tian'e Hu, Rongcheng on the 11/10/2010.
Eastern Buzzard		1 adult came in off the sea at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng at 14h36 on the 11/10/2010.
Common Kestrel		1 over Weihai city centre on the 11/10/2010.
Peregrine Falcon		1 adult over the sea at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 11/10/2010.
Black-tailed Gull		76 were seen during the three hour (14h10-17h10) seawatch off Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 11/10/2010. (See the table below for timings). Unlike the 'Herring Gulls' about 25% of the birds logged were actually going north! The highest 30 minute count was of 37 birds between 15h30-16h00 & this included a party of 21 that followed a fishing trawler as it came close inshore.
'Herring Gull Assemblage'		1187 flew south during the three hour (14h10-17h10) seawatch off Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 11/10/2010. (See the table below for timings). Less than 10% of these were identified to species with the vast majority being Heuglin's Gulls.
Heuglin's Gull		78 flew south during the three hour (14h10-17h10) seawatch off Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 11/10/2010. (See the table below for timings). This was by far the commonest of the three members of the 'Herring Gull Assemblage' recorded at this site.

Vega Gull	4 adults flew south during the three hour (14h10-17h10) seawatch off Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 11/10/2010. (See the table below for timings). This was by far the scarcest of the three members of the 'Herring Gull Assemblage' recorded at this site.
Mongolian Gull	23 flew south during the three hour (14h10-17h10) seawatch off Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 11/10/2010. (See the table below for timings).
Oriental Turtle Dove	3 singles between Yantai, Weihai & Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 11/10/2010.
Common Kingfisher	1 was heard from the point at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 11/10/2010.
Common Magpie	40 between Yantai, Weihai & Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 11/10/2010.
Barn Swallow	20 between Yantai, Weihai & Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 11/10/2010.
Red-rumped Swallow	10 between Yantai, Weihai & Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 11/10/2010.
Swallow sp.	60 between Yantai, Weihai & Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 11/10/2010.
Daurian Redstart	1 male at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 11/10/2010.
Meadow Bunting	2 were heard from the point at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 11/10/2010.

Tuesday 12 October 2010. All day Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng.

I left the Haowangjiao Yujiale guest house at 05h15 & walked back to the sea quality monitoring station seawatch point. I birded there from 05h40 (official sunrise) until 08h30 when I went for a short walk looking for passerines in the neighbouring gardens and coastal scrub. Qingyu joined me at about 09h15 & the two of us then headed north to the park entrance. I duly paid my 150 yuan, we climbed aboard a park shuttle bus and headed on in. The bus stopped after about one kilometre – we both clambered off and walked from there about another 1.3 kilometres to the main headland and tourist complex surrounding the lighthouse. We did another seawatch there – but things were very quiet today. We gave that up in the early afternoon, walked north back to the main entrance & birded around that area until the late afternoon. We walked about 500 metres west of the park ticket office and had another short seawatch at a site where Hailu Dao ('Sea Donkey Island') was clearly visible about three kilometres to the north. This island has a small ferry service and simple accommodation on it – but its only open during the popular tourist season i.e. the summer months. We could see that this small, steep sided island had considerable cover on it – with short, stunted trees as well as lots of bushes and scrub. Its undoubtedly a decent migrant trap during the correct season (and possibly also has breeding seabirds and perhaps even breeding Styan's Grasshopper Warblers on it?)

I was surprised to learn subsequently that Hailu Dao is listed as an Important Bird Area (IBA CN330) by BirdLife International (2009) *Directory of Important Bird Areas in China (Mainland): Key Sites for Conservation*. Cambridge, UK: BirdLife International (English language edition). According to that publication Hailu Dao (37°27'N 122°40'E) is currently unprotected, covers just 7 hectares, ranges from sea level up to 66 metres & is an important breeding ground for gulls. The only Globally Threatened noted for the island by the same publication is Chinese Egret *Egretta eulophotes* (VU). Its clearly being developed more for tourism than a protected wildlife site!

Site 1. Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng. (37°23.35'N., 122°41.79'E.). 05h40 intermittently until 16h30

Weather

It was almost totally overcast and windy when I left the guest house at 05h15. The cloud cover broke up quite quickly once the sun had risen and there was very little cloud cover by 08h30. At the same time however the wind strengthened and by 08h30 there was a very strong north-westerly blowing. This continued to strengthen and backed around to become west-north-westerly by midday but this had veered back to become northerly by the later afternoon. By 16h30 much of the wind had abated and it was a very clear, cloudless night. The pressure rose slightly in the early morning from about 1019 hPa to 1021 but gradually dropped back down to 1018 during the late afternoon. It was again 1019 hPa by 19h30.

Highlights of the day

There were far, far fewer birds moving over the sea today and no genuine movement of gulls at all (just as many, if not more, gulls were flying north as were going south). I saw a few waterfowl – but still no cormorants and, for the second day running, not even a single Black-headed Gull!

Common Pheasant	2 in the Cheng Shan Tou tourist complex, Rongcheng on the 12/10/2010.
Eurasian Wigeon	1 flew south, with two Chinese Spot-billed Ducks, off the sea quality monitoring station at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng at 08h30 on the 12/10/2010.
Chinese Spot-billed Duck	10 flew off Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 12/10/2010. Three birds were logged flying south, with a Eurasian Teal, at 06h06; four more flew north there at 06h3; two more flew south, with a Eurasian Wigeon, at 08h30 and a single bird flew south at 14h33.
Eurasian Teal	1 flew south with three Chinese Spot-billed Ducks of the sea quality monitoring station at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng at 06h06 on the 12/10/2010.
White-winged Scoter	1 flew north off the sea quality monitoring station at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng at 07h17 on the 12/10/2010.
Red-breasted Merganser	4, two pairs, flew south off Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 12/10/2010. The first pair did so at 10h47, the second pair at 11h54.
Duck sp.	38 flew south off Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 12/10/2010. The first bird, possibly a Northern Pintail, flew south at 06h26, another flock of 12 birds did the same at 07h19 while about 25 birds also flew much further out to sea at 07h53.

Grey Heron	4 near Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 12/10/2010. Two of these were on floating pontoons in the main harbour; the third bird was heard flying high over the guest house at dusk & the fourth bird did the same about 1.5 hours later at about 19h00. The later two were probably in the process of migrating.
Little Egret	6 on floating pontoons in the main harbour north of Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 12/10/2010.
Common Kestrel	3 singles around Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 12/10/2010.
Amur Falcon	3 around Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 12/10/2010. Two were seen from the sea quality monitoring station right at sunrise (& had probably roosted on the adjacent cliffs overnight) while another flew south offshore at 11h15.
Merlin	1 flew south off Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 12/10/2010.
Peregrine Falcon	2, a pair of adults, were seen repeatedly off Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 12/10/2010.
Whimbrel	1 flew north off the sea quality monitoring station at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng at 06h12 on the 12/10/2010.
Black-tailed Gull	74 off Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 12/10/2010. There was no obvious passage all day – and incredibly 74 birds were logged flying north and 73 flying south!
'Herring Gull Assemblage'	348 off Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 12/10/2010. As with Black-tailed Gull, & in total contrast to yesterday, there was no obvious passage all day with 348 birds being logged drifting north & just 46 heading south.
Heuglin's Gull	3 were logged flying north off Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng in the later afternoon on the 12/10/2010.
Mongolian Gull	3 were logged flying north off Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng around midday on the 12/10/2010.
Oriental Turtle Dove	6 at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 12/10/2010. Three of these were singles that were seen coming in off the sea in the early morning.
Spotted Dove	1 at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 12/10/2010.
Common Kingfisher	2 singles at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 12/10/2010. The first was near the sea quality monitoring station & the second flew across the road just inside the tourist park complex.
Ashy Minivet	3 singles at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 12/10/2010. The first birds flew south over the sea quality monitoring station at 06h16 & 06h39 respectively.
Common Magpie	50 in the Cheng Shan Tou area, Rongcheng on the 12/10/2010.
Japanese Tit	4 were heard in & around Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 12/10/2010.
Eurasian Skylark	21 came in off the sea at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 12/10/2010.
Light-vented Bulbul	8 at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 12/10/2010.
Sand Martin	1 flew south at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 12/10/2010.
Barn Swallow	1250 flew south at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 12/10/2010.
Red-rumped Swallow	4 flew south at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 12/10/2010.
Dusky Warbler	2 singles at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 12/10/2010.
Pallas's Warbler	2 singles at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 12/10/2010.
Yellow-browed Warbler	15 at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 12/10/2010.
Black-browed Reed Warbler	2 singles were heard at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 12/10/2010.
Vinous-throated Parrotbill	20 at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 12/10/2010.
White-eye sp.	1 was heard flying south over Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 12/10/2010.
Grey-backed Thrush	2 in the ornamental gardens near the sea quality monitoring station at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 12/10/2010.
Orange-flanked Bluetail	1 at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 12/10/2010.
Blue Rock Thrush	3 singles at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 12/10/2010. Two birds were seen well & they were both first-winter <i>philippensis</i> .
Eurasian Tree Sparrow	220 at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 12/10/2010.
Eastern Yellow Wagtail	2 singles were heard as they flew south over the sea quality monitoring station at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 12/10/2010. They were noted at 06h00 & 06h45 respectively.
White Wagtail	8 flew south at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 12/10/2010.
Richard's Pipit	4 flew south at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 12/10/2010.
Olive-backed Pipit	8 flew south at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 12/10/2010.
Buff-bellied Pipit	8 flew south at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 12/10/2010.
Grey-capped Greenfinch	8 at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 12/10/2010.
Eurasian Siskin	3 were heard as they flew south over the sea quality monitoring station at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng at 06h24 on the 12/10/2010.
Meadow Bunting	10 at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 12/10/2010.
Black-faced Bunting	2 at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 12/10/2010.
Pallas's Bunting	1 was heard flying south at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 12/10/2010.
bunting sp.	5 were heard at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 12/10/2010.

Wednesday 13 October 2010. Morning Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng. Late pm Changdao, Penglai.

I left the Haowangjiao Yujiale guest house at 05h00 & walked back to the sea quality monitoring station seawatch point. Arriving at 05h25 I birded there from about 15 minutes before official sunrise) until 07h30 when I slowly headed back to the guest house.

Once back at the guest house I had breakfast before we left at 09h00. There's a regular half-hourly bus service from Chang Shan Tou to Weihai. The first pick up is right outside the Haowangjiao Yujiale guest house and the charge is 15 yuan/person. The bus was rather knackered, was completely full for much of the journey, made numerous stops and took almost twice as long (one hour & 40 minutes) as a taxi would have.

We arrived back at Weihai bus station at 10h40 and immediately bought tickets for the 11h30 coach to Yantai. These cost 28 yuan/person and the trip back took 1 hour 50 minutes. There's a KFC restaurant across the road from the bus station in Weihai.

There were about 300 large gulls loafing on the beach about 200 metres north of the G12 expressway about 500 metres west of the CCTV coastal film set & not far east of the Wendeng / Beihai exit off the expressway. This site was about a 50 minute coach ride west of Weihai (& about one hour east of Yantai).

We arrived back in Yantai at 13h26 & took the very next coach west to Penglai (these run every 20 minutes, also take about 1.5 hours & tickets for that coach cost 28 yuan/person). Our coach left at 13h50 & a lot of the 70 or 80 kilometre journey from Yantai to Penglai is on high speed expressway with the route going past several extensive vineyards & past a massive shipyard one hour out. We arrived at the Penglai bus terminus at 15h20 & there's also a KFC restaurant across the road from the bus station there as well!

We bought a map of the Penglai area and took a taxi from the bus station for 5 minutes down to the ferry terminal (this cost 7 yuan - the minimum fare). The ferry terminal is also right next to a large aquarium complex. Arriving at the harbour at 15h25 we'd just missed being able to purchase tickets for the 15h30 car ferry across to Changdao. In the event this large ferry didn't leave until 15h40! There's quite a variety of boats plying the nine or ten kilometre crossing from Penglai to Changdao - the large car ferry takes one hour while the small, high speed boat that Qingyu bought us tickets for probably seats no more than 60 people but takes just 30 minutes. Unfortunately most of this boat is enclosed & there's only enough room for about ten people to stand outside at the very back. It was also so quick that, had the sea been rough, it would have been impossible to use binoculars. For birders I would think that the slow but stable car ferry is the best choice. Our tickets for the fast 30 minute passenger-only ferry coast 23 yuan each.

Penglai taxi driver Mr. Zhao Xing (mobile - 13853515618). He quoted 200 yuan for a taxi ride from the ferry terminal at Penglai to Yantai airport. Mr. Fan on Changdao told us that this shouldn't cost more than 100 yuan.

Changdao taxi driver Mr. Fan (mobile - 13963821530)

There are just two directed buses from Weihai to Penglai (at 08h30 & 13h00) but its undoubtedly much faster to go via an extra change in Yantai.

Ferries from Penglai to Changdao run every 30 minutes - the fast, non-vehicle ferries take just 30 minutes, the others closer to one hour. The ferries apparently run between the hours of 06h30 & 17h30.

There's lots of accommodation on Changdao - with a huge price range from simple, cheap guest houses to an expensive (700 yuan/room/night) 4-star hotel. We spent our first night on the island in the Changdao Shiji Jiari Hotel area ('Century Holiday Hotel') close to the northernmost point on Changdao. Our room here cost 120 yuan/night but there were hardly any other guests and while the staff were friendly, and the rooms OK it initially felt a bit too far out. Lots of taxis were available around the ferry terminus and harbour in Changdao town - but none were present anywhere near the hotel - though the staff did tell us that they would be able to telephone and order one. Each room had an en suite bathroom with western toilet, wash basin and a shower. The latter had individual hot water heaters & hence 24 hours hot water! The restaurant was deserted and the range of dishes available small. After several days on the island however I realised that this hotel was undoubtedly the best one for a birder to be based at.

Site 1. Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng. (37°23.35'N., 122°41.79'E.). 05h25-07h40

Penglai ferry terminal. (37°49.71'N., 120°44.36'E.).

Changdao ferry terminal. (37°55.38'N., 120°43.44'E.).

Changdao Shiji Jiari ('Century Holiday') Hotel area. (39°59.3'N., 120°42.2'E.).

Weather

It was a glorious day today with conditions remaining anticyclonic. There was about 3/8 cloud cover at Cheng Shan Tou before dawn, though the cloud burnt off very quickly once the sun had risen. There was hardly any wind first thing in the morning and the pressure varied from 1017-1019 hPa all day. It was 14°C & 16°C at Cheng Shan Tou at 05h30 & 07h05 respectively & 20 in Penglai harbour at 16h00.

Tundra Bean Goose	3 came in off the sea at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng at 06h54 on the 13/10/2010.
Mandarin Duck	71 flew south during the two hour early morning seawatch at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 13/10/2010. 14 were seen at 06h45, 20 at 07h05, 25 at 07h15 and 12 at 07h17.
Eurasian Wigeon	1 flew south during the two hour early morning seawatch at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng at 07h21 on the 13/10/2010.
Chinese Spot-billed Duck	2 flew south during the two hour early morning seawatch at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 13/10/2010.
Eurasian Teal	1 flew south with a party of Mandarin Ducks during the two hour early morning seawatch at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng at 07h05 on the 13/10/2010.
White-winged Scoter	1 male flew north at 06h49 during the two hour early morning seawatch at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 13/10/2010.
Duck sp.	17 flew south during the two hour early morning seawatch at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 13/10/2010. Six birds were logged at 05h56, two more at 07h04 & nine more at 07h05. Its possible that all of these were Eurasian Teal.

Grey Heron	1 came in off the sea at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 13/10/2010.
Little Egret	1 between Rongcheng & Weihai on the 13/10/2010.
Peregrine Falcon	4 in northern Shandong on the 13/10/2010. Three of these a pair of adults and a juvenile female, were seen repeatedly at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng during the early morning seawatch. They were seen repeatedly chasing migrating Oriental Turtle Doves as they were coming in off the sea I saw the both adults catch a dove each.
Black-headed Gull	15 in Penglai harbour on the 13/10/2010. Incredibly none were ever seen from the seawatches at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng!
Black-tailed Gull	87 in northern Shandong on the 13/10/2010. 77 of these were seen moving north during the two hour morning seawatch at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng while another ten were in Penglai harbour in the late afternoon.
'Herring Gull Assemblage'	665 in northern Shandong on the 13/10/2010. 650 of these were seen moving north during the two hour morning seawatch at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng while another 15 were seen from the ferry between Penglai & Changdao in the late afternoon. Large numbers of gulls were already on the move as soon as their silhouettes could be discerned & I now suspect that the early morning northerly movement of gulls at Cheng Shan Tou is of birds moving after having roosted overnight on the sea to the south.
Heuglin's Gull	8 flew south during the two hour early morning seawatch at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 13/10/2010.
Vega Gull	1 adult flew north during the two hour early morning seawatch at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 13/10/2010.
Mongolian Gull	8 in northern Shandong on the 13/10/2010. Five of these were seen moving north & an equal number moving south during the two hour morning seawatch at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng while another three birds were in Penglai harbour in the late afternoon.
Long-tailed Jaeger	1 adult flew east right over the ferry almost exactly midway between Penglai & Changdao at 16h13 on the 13/10/2010. The exact site was about 4.5 kilometres out of Penglai harbour & at 37°23.4'N., 122°41.8'E.. Surprisingly this was possibly the first record of Long-tailed Jaeger, or indeed any species of jaeger, for Shandong!
Oriental Turtle Dove	12 came in off the sea at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 13/10/2010. All sightings were of singles or small parties with singles being seen at 06h03, 07h02, 07h08 & 07h19; three birds at 06h56 & five at 07h23.
Ashy Minivet	1 was heard over the sea quality monitoring station at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 13/10/2010.
Common Magpie	100 in northern Shandong on the 13/10/2010 with sightings in the Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng area as well as on Changdao & at numerous sites in between.
Japanese Tit	2 near the sea quality monitoring station at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 13/10/2010.
Eurasian Skylark	2 were heard at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 13/10/2010.
Light-vented Bulbul	26 at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 13/10/2010. A flock of seven and another of 19 birds were logged.
Barn Swallow	17 in northern Shandong on the 13/10/2010. 15 of these were seen moving south during the two hour morning seawatch at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng while the other two were on Changdao in the late afternoon.
Red-rumped Swallow	1 flew south during the two hour early morning seawatch at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 13/10/2010.
Dusky Warbler	3 in northern Shandong on the 13/10/2010. Two were at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng while the other was on Changdao.
Pallas's Warbler	2 at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 13/10/2010.
Yellow-browed Warbler	7 were heard at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 13/10/2010.
Vinous-throated Parrotbill	5 were heard at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 13/10/2010.
White-eye sp.	10 were heard at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 13/10/2010.
Grey-backed Thrush	1 at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 13/10/2010.
Blue Rock Thrush	1 male at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 13/10/2010.
Eurasian Tree Sparrow	50 in northern Shandong on the 13/10/2010. 40 of these were at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng while the other ten birds were on Changdao.
Grey Wagtail	1 at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 13/10/2010.
White Wagtail	12 including one <i>ocularis</i> , in Shandong on the 13/10/2010. 11 of these including the <i>ocularis</i> were at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng while the other was on Changdao.
Olive-backed Pipit	9 in northern Shandong on the 13/10/2010. Eight of these were at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng while the other was on Changdao.
Red-throated Pipit	2 singles in northern Shandong on the 13/10/2010. One flew over the sea quality monitoring station at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng in the morning while the other was on Changdao in the late afternoon.
Buff-bellied Pipit	3 flew south at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 13/10/2010.
Brambling	3 singles were heard flying south at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 13/10/2010.
Grey-capped Greenfinch	6 at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 13/10/2010.
Meadow Bunting	4 at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 13/10/2010.
Black-faced Bunting	3 in northern Shandong on the 13/10/2010. Two of these were at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng while the other was on Changdao.
Pallas's Bunting	1 was heard at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 13/10/2010.
bunting sp.	8 were heard at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 13/10/2010.

Thursday 14 October 2010. All day Changdao, Penglai.

I left the Changdao Shiji Jiari Hotel ('Century Holiday Hotel') at 05h10 & walked about 400 metres down to the beach at Moon Bay. I spent the early morning there – walking about another 400 metres north up the rocky beach to a coastal vantage point just north of the first series of buildings. There were decent numbers of passerines (mostly Eurasian Skylarks) coming in off the sea & I spent the first two hours of sunlight watching these. Qingyu joined me at about 08h00 and the two of us soon returned to the hotel. Mr. Fan, our taxi driver, arrived at 0840 and we spent the rest of the day exploring a handful of sites on Changdao.

There's a large military community on the islands & Changdao has only recently been opened to foreigners. Foreigners are still only allowed to visit three of the islands and absolutely cannot go to Daheishan Dao. The latter has a sizeable hill on it, probably stands higher than the other islands in the area and is presumably more visible to migrating birds. Its reportedly the best island for birds and there's an active bird observatory & bird banding station on it. A reasonable number of Chinese birders, especially bird photographers, go to Daheishan Dao every year – especially during the first week of October National Day annual holiday when

large numbers of migrant raptors are often recorded. Oriental Honey-buzzards, on route to being shot in Guangxi, are a key feature of the raptor migration at Daheishan Dao in mid-late September. The Changdao Islands, right at the junction of the Yellow Sea & Bohai Bay, are right on the flight line of birds heading south down the Liaodong peninsula, over the equally important migration watch point of Laotieshan near Dalian & Lushun (where foreigners also aren't allowed to visit!) & south in to Shandong and on through mainland China.

Changdao Nature Reserve was recognised as an Important Bird Area (IBA CN329) by BirdLife International (2009) in their *Directory of Important Bird Areas in China (Mainland): Key Sites for Conservation*. Cambridge, UK: BirdLife International (English language edition). According to that publication the reserve (37°55'N 120°44'E) covers an area of 5,300 ha, the altitude ranges from sea level up to 203 metres. It was established as a nature reserve in 1982, and upgraded to a national nature reserve in 1988.

The Changdao Islands (Changshan Liedao) lie at the junction of the Yellow Sea and Gulf of Bohai in the strait between the Shandong and Liaodong peninsulas. The IBA is a migratory bottleneck for birds, and more than one million birds apparently migrate through the islands annually. One of China's most important bird-banding stations is on Daheishan Dao ('Big Black Mountain Island') – though foreigners are not allowed to visit the latter island and are restricted to just four of the archipelago's islands – the main island Nan Changdao and the contiguous Bei Changdao as well as a couple of the other close ones.

Three globally threatened species are listed in the BirdLife IBA publication for Changdao – Red-crowned Crane *Grus japonensis* (EN), Imperial Eagle *Aquila heliaca* (VU) & Great Bustard *Otis tarda* (VU) but all three, especially the first mentioned, must be very rare here. I saw a fourth globally threatened species, Chinese Egret *Egretta eulophotes* (VU) during my current visit.

There are several inter-island ferries running from the main port in Changdao & there are also several ferries running from Yantai to Dalian & back. Qingyu & me took one of the ferries from Yantai to Dalian at the end of our stay – and it was very productive.

Site 1. Changdao Shiji Jiari ('Century Holiday') Hotel & Moon Bay area. (39°59.3'N., 120°42.2'E.). 05h30-09h00.

Two other inhabited islands were visible to the north – Tuojidao & Dazhushan Dao. There was a decent movement of passerines here in the first two hours of the day. Birds seen included –

Tundra Bean Goose	23 flew west offshore
Eurasian Sparrowhawk	5 singles came in off the sea at 06h37, 06h44, 06h49, 07h37 & 07h59 respectively
Eastern Buzzard	5 came in off the sea at 08h15 (three birds), 08h27 & 09h00.
Amur Falcon	1 came in off the sea at 06h37
Northern Lapwing	9 circled Moon Bay
Little Ringed Plover	1 was heard on Moon Bay Beach before dawn
Ashy Minivet	1 was heard
Yellow-bellied Tit	1 was heard at 06h17 while another four birds were seen at 06h47
Eurasian Skylark	1080 birds were logged coming in off the sea in the first two hours after sunrise.
Asian Short-toed Lark	1 came in off the sea at 07h32
Rufous-tailed Thrush	1 was heard

Site 2. Diao Yu Dao Gang (or Diao Yu Dao Jingqu or Diao Yu Dao Matou). (37°59.1'N., 120°41.1'E.). 09h20-11h20.

This stunningly attractive coastal site is right at the north-western corner of Bei Changdao. We'd no sooner arrived than a strong passage of Eastern Buzzards started. We spent two hours at this site – much of it watching the raptors migrating southwest or looking at the Pelagic Cormorants out on one of the rocky skerries. Birds here included –

Oriental Honey-buzzard	1 juvenile flew south at 09h41
Eastern Buzzard	120 flew southwest
Eurasian Sparrowhawk	19 flew southwest
Pelagic Cormorant	8 on an offshore skerry
Peregrine Falcon	2 (an adult and a juvenile)

Site 3. Yu Shi Jie (literally 'Jade Stone Street') also known as Da Qiao this is the narrow causeway between Bei Changdao & Nan Changdao.. (37°58.17'N., 120°43.85'E.). 11h50-12h30.

Birds here included –

Pelagic Cormorant	2 on floating platforms and/or fishing buoys
Black-tailed Gull	450
Herring Gull Assemblage	250 on distant offshore floating platforms
Chinese Egret	1 juvenile

Site 4. Wang Gou cun shuitang – small pool on the edge of Wang Gou village & on the road to the Xianjingyuan tourist site. (37°56.12'N., 120°44.58'E.). 13h15-15h40.

This small freshwater pool (perhaps 70 metres long and 30 metres wide) is the only one of its kind on the entire island and was apparently created by an exceptionally heavy rain storm two or three years ago. There's a large dam on the eastern, or coastal side, while the southern edge of the lake is given over to cultivation. We initially scanned the pool from the road, then drove up to the Xianjingyuan tourist site car park before wandering off to view the sea for a short while. After that we walked back down, out across the dam and anticlockwise back around the small pool. It held a decent array of species today including –

Chinese Spot-billed Duck	1
Eurasian Teal	1
Little Grebe	23 including a tiny juvenile that was still being fed by a parent
Japanese Sparrowhawk	1 juvenile
Common Moorhen	4
Eastern Yellow Wagtail	4
Red-throated Pipit	3
Brambling	150
Rustic Bunting	1
Pine Bunting	3
Reed Bunting	1

Site 5. Linhai Park close to the southernmost point of Nan Changdao. (37°56.12'N., 120°44.58'E.). 13h15-15h40.

We drove to the end of the permissible section of the road – to a spot where there's a barrier and a crescent beach down below. We spent ten minutes scanning the sea before walking down the road, back west and towards Changdao town. This area didn't hold very many birds -

Tundra Bean Goose	1 flew south
Ashy Minivet	1 was heard
Yellow-bellied Tit	2 were heard

Sun rise & sunset near the Changdao Shiji Jiari Hotel Changdao on 14 October 2010

Sun rise	06h03
Sun set	17h23

Weather

13°C & 1020 hPa, and rising, near the hotel at Moon Bay at 05h36. Visibility was about four or five kilometres but this gradually worsened. It was 18°C nearby at 08h00, a strong northerly wind suddenly picked up, the skies darkened and for a short while it threatened to rain. Incredibly the skies suddenly cleared at 09h00 and there was a sudden surge of raptors heading south. It remained immaculately clear all day and well in to the night but the strong northerly wind stayed with us until the late afternoon when it abated. The pressure remained stable all day – and it was 1021 hPa at 19h45.

Tundra Bean Goose [Taiga or Tundra Bean Goose]	23 flew west over the sea at Moon Bay, Changdao, Penglai on the 14/10/2010. 14 over Changdao, Penglai on the 14/10/2010. 13 of these flew high to the southwest over the eastern part of Nan Changdao close to Xianjingyuan at 14h20 while a single bird flew high to the south over Linhai Forest Park at the very south of the same island.
Mallard	14 at Moon Bay, Changdao, Penglai at 08h02 on the 14/10/2010. Five birds circled the bay before continuing east at 07h27 while another nine flew west with the party of Tundra Bean Geese at 08h02.
Chinese Spot-billed Duck	1 besides the small pool at Wang Gou cun, Changdao, Penglai on the 14/10/2010.
Eurasian Teal	1 besides the small pool at Wang Gou cun, Changdao, Penglai on the 14/10/2010.
Red-breasted Merganser	1 flew east over the sea off Linhai Park at the very southern end of Changdao, Penglai on the 14/10/2010.
Little Grebe	23, including one very recently fledged juvenile, on Wang Gou cun shuitang, Changdao, Penglai on the 14/10/2010.
Grey Heron	1 besides the small pool at Wang Gou cun, Changdao, Penglai on the 14/10/2010.
Chinese Egret	1 besides the Yu Shi Jie causeway between Nan Changdao & Bei Changdao, Penglai on the 14/10/2010.
Pelagic Cormorant	10 on Changdao, Penglai on the 14/10/2010. Eight of these were on a rock skerry off Diao Yu Dao Gang at the extreme north-western end of Bei Changdao while the other two were besides the Yu Shi Jie causeway between Nan Changdao & Bei Changdao later in the day.
Great or Japanese Cormorant	20 on a very distant floating fishing pontoon off the Yu Shi Jie causeway between Nan Changdao & Bei Changdao, Penglai on the 14/10/2010.
Oriental Honey-buzzard	1 flew southwest high over Diao Yu Dao Gang at the extreme north-western end of Bei Changdao, Penglai on the 14/10/2010.
Japanese Sparrowhawk	1 juvenile besides Wang Gou cun shuitang, Changdao, Penglai on the 14/10/2010.
Eurasian Sparrowhawk	27 flew southwest over Changdao, Penglai on the 14/10/2010.
Northern Goshawk	1 adult flew high to the southwest over Diao Yu Dao Gang at the extreme north-western end of Bei Changdao, Penglai on the 14/10/2010.
Eastern Buzzard	134 flew high to the southwest over Diao Yu Dao Gang at the extreme north-western end of Bei Changdao, Penglai on the 14/10/2010. Five birds were seen coming in off the sea at Moon Bay in the early morning (at 08h15 [3 birds], 08h27 & 09h00) but it wasn't until 09h20 that passage really commenced. (See table below). Just 26 birds were aged – and this produced eight (31%) adults & 18 (69%) juveniles.
Amur Falcon	1 over Changdao, Penglai on the 14/10/2010.
Peregrine Falcon	3 on Changdao, Penglai on the 14/10/2010.
Common Moorhen	4 besides the small pool at Wang Gou cun, Changdao, Penglai on the 14/10/2010.
Northern Lapwing	9 over Moon Bay, Changdao, Penglai on the 14/10/2010.
Little Ringed Plover	1 was heard on Moon Bay beach Changdao, Penglai before dawn on the 14/10/2010.
Black-headed Gull	30 on the sea well south of Linhai Park, Changdao, Penglai on the 14/10/2010.
Black-tailed Gull	550 at Changdao, Penglai on the 14/10/2010. The vast majority of these were seen on the floating pontoons and fishing buoys off the Yu Shi Jie causeway between Nan Changdao & Bei Changdao.
Mew Gull	2 with other gulls at Changdao, Penglai on the 14/10/2010. The were on the floating pontoons and fishing buoys off the Yu Shi Jie causeway between Nan Changdao & Bei Changdao.
'Herring Gull Assemblage'	350 distant birds at Changdao, Penglai on the 14/10/2010.
Mongolian Gull	25 at Changdao, Penglai on the 14/10/2010.
Oriental Turtle Dove	7 on Changdao, Penglai on the 14/10/2010.
Ashy Minivet	2 singles were heard over Changdao, Penglai on the 14/10/2010.

Common Magpie	40 on Changdao, Penglai on the 14/10/2010.
Coal Tit	1 near Diao Yu Dao Gang at the extreme north-western end of Bei Changdao, Penglai on the 14/10/2010.
Yellow-bellied Tit	8 on Changdao, Penglai on the 14/10/2010. I had four separate encounters, two with single birds, one with a pair and the other with a flock of four.
Japanese Tit	4 on Changdao, Penglai on the 14/10/2010.
[Chinese Penduline Tit	1 bird, possibly this species, was heard over Moon Bay, Changdao, Penglai at about 07h30 on the 14/10/2010].
Asian Short-toed Lark	1 came in off the sea and landed on the beach at Moon Bay, Changdao, Penglai at 07h32 on the 14/10/2010.
Eurasian Skylark	1200 over Changdao, Penglai on the 14/10/2010. Over 1075 were counted coming in off the sea at Moon Bay in just the first two hours after sunrise.
Light-vented Bulbul	2 in the garden of the Changdao Shiji Jiari Hotel ('Century Holiday Hotel') at Moon Bay, Changdao, Penglai on the 14/10/2010.
Barn Swallow	350 over Changdao, Penglai on the 14/10/2010.
Red-rumped Swallow	70 over Changdao, Penglai on the 14/10/2010.
Dusky Warbler	13 on Changdao, Penglai on the 14/10/2010.
Pallas's Warbler	7 on Changdao, Penglai on the 14/10/2010.
Yellow-browed Warbler	15 on Changdao, Penglai on the 14/10/2010.
White-eye sp.	30 on Changdao, Penglai on the 14/10/2010.
'Rufous-tailed Thrush'	2 singles were heard on Changdao, Penglai on the 14/10/2010.
Common Stonechat	3 near the Changdao Shiji Jiari Hotel ('Century Holiday Hotel') at Moon Bay, Changdao, Penglai on the 14/10/2010.
Blue Rock Thrush	1 on the beach near Moon Bay, Changdao, Penglai on the 14/10/2010.
Eurasian Tree Sparrow	30 on Changdao, Penglai on the 14/10/2010.
Eastern Yellow Wagtail	4, one <i>macronyx</i> & three <i>taivana</i> , besides the small pool at Wang Gou cun, Changdao, Penglai on the 14/10/2010.
Grey Wagtail	5 on Changdao, Penglai on the 14/10/2010.
White Wagtail	28, including six <i>leucopsis</i> & eight <i>ocularis</i> , on Changdao, Penglai on the 14/10/2010. More than half of these were besides the small pool at Wang Gou cun.
Richard's Pipit	3 singles on Changdao, Penglai on the 14/10/2010.
Olive-backed Pipit	25 on Changdao, Penglai on the 14/10/2010.
Red-throated Pipit	4 on Changdao, Penglai on the 14/10/2010.
Buff-bellied Pipit	40 on Changdao, Penglai on the 14/10/2010.
Brambling	710 on Changdao, Penglai on the 14/10/2010. High counts included 60 over Moon Bay, 50 over Diao Yu Dao, 180 near the small pool at Wang Gou cun & 390 at Linhai Park.
Grey-capped Greenfinch	80 on Changdao, Penglai on the 14/10/2010.
Eurasian Siskin	30 on Changdao, Penglai on the 14/10/2010.
Pine Bunting	3 besides the small pool at Wang Gou cun on Changdao, Penglai on the 14/10/2010.
Meadow Bunting	6 on Changdao, Penglai on the 14/10/2010.
Chestnut-eared Bunting	3 singles on Changdao, Penglai on the 14/10/2010.
Rustic Bunting	1 besides the small pool at Wang Gou cun, Changdao, Penglai on the 14/10/2010.
Black-faced Bunting	35 on Changdao, Penglai on the 14/10/2010.
Pallas's Bunting	7 on Changdao, Penglai on the 14/10/2010.
Reed Bunting	1 was heard near the small pool at Wang Gou cun, Changdao, Penglai on the 14/10/2010.
bunting sp.	55 on Changdao, Penglai on the 14/10/2010.

Friday 15 October 2010. All day Changdao, Penglai.

I left the Changdao Shiji Jiari Hotel area ('Century Holiday Hotel') at 05h10 & walked about 400 metres to the small ornamental pagoda overlooking Moon Bay. I spent the early morning there. There were decent numbers of passerines coming in off the sea & I spent the first hour of sunlight watching these. Qingyu had to return to Beijing today & I joined her for the ferry ride back to the mainland. Once there I took the very next ferry back to Changdao! I'd hoped to have seen something as good as the Long-tailed Jaeger we saw from the first ferry that we took – but I didn't. Nevertheless both boat trips were fun. Unfortunately however a paranoid soldier had seen me on the ferry and had noticed I had binoculars and was writing notes. He'd telephoned ahead and the Changdao police were waiting for me when the ferry docked! I then spent a full hour in the police station during which time they made numerous phone calls, perused my notebook (none of them could speak or read any English) and glimpsed my passport. Suddenly it was all over & I was released! A scary episode and one I'm not eager to repeat! They clearly thought that I was a spy!

After that I teamed up again with taxi driver Mr. Fan and the two of us headed off back to Diao Yu Gang at the north-western end of the island. It was fairly quiet here – I could see some raptors but they were all very, very distant so we set off again trying to find a higher elevation vantage point where they might be visible. We found two watch points that looked promising – but both had military hard ware on them &, having been detained once already, I was terrified (as was my driver whose telephone number the police now had). In the event we found a reasonable vantage point about 500 metres inland from the beach at Moon Bay. I dismissed Mr. Fan & spent the rest of the afternoon between there and the hotel.

Site 1. Changdao Shiji Jiari ('Century Holiday') Hotel & Moon Bay area. (39°59.3'N., 120°42.2'E.). 05h30-06h20 & again 15h30-17h30.

Ste 2. Ferries between Changdao & Penglai.

Qingyu & me caught the 06h55 vehicle ferry & this arrived in Penglai at 07h45 while my second ferry departed Penglai at 08h35.

Site 3. Diao Yu Dao Gang (or Diao Yu Dao Jingqu or Diao Yu Dao Matou). (37°59.1'N., 120°41.1'E.). 10h25-11h30.

Site 4. Eastern end of Moon Bay. 12h00-15h30.

Highlights of the day

There was another impressive influx of passerines in to the Moon Bay area in the early morning and today there was a modest movement of waterfowl and another midday/early afternoon movement of raptors including eight Northern Goshawks, 346 Eastern Buzzards & 90 Amur Falcons. The undoubted rarity of the day was a young Bearded Reedling in a tiny marsh on the edge of Moon Bay.

Weather

13°C, 1019 hPa and with a strong south-south-westerly wind in Moon Bay at 05h30. Visibility remained excellent all day.

Japanese Quail	2 singles were flushed near Moon Bay on Changdao, Penglai on the 15/10/2010.
Greater White-fronted Goose	48 in the Changdao-Penglai area on the 15/10/2010. Nine came in off the sea at Moon Bay at 06h13 while the other 39 flew south over Penglai ferry terminal at 08h10.
Grey Goose sp.	148 in the Changdao-Penglai area on the 15/10/2010. 14 flew east off Moon Bay at 06h11; 30 more came in off the sea there at 06h22; 35 flew west over Penglai ferry terminal at 07h37; 27, 15, six & six flew west from the Penglai to Changdao ferry at 08h24, 08h38, 08h40 & 09h09 respectively; 15 flew west off Moon Bay at 14h28.
Falcated Duck	1 from the Changdao to Penglai ferry on the 15/10/2010. It flew south with a party of 22 Chinese Spot-billed Ducks.
Eurasian Wigeon	1 in Moon Bay, Changdao, Penglai on the 15/10/2010.
Mallard	2 in Moon Bay, Changdao, Penglai on the 15/10/2010.
Chinese Spot-billed Duck	29 in the Changdao-Penglai area on the 15/10/2010. One circled Moon Bay just after dawn; 22 were seen from the Changdao to Penglai ferry at 07h18 with six more from the same boat at 07h24.
Northern Pintail	15 from the Changdao to Penglai ferry at 07h32 on the 15/10/2010.
Eurasian Teal	85 in the Changdao-Penglai area on the 15/10/2010. 45 flew west off Moon Bay at 06h08 while 40 were seen from the Changdao to Penglai ferry at 07h32.
Red-breasted Merganser	2 flew west off Moon Bay, Changdao, Penglai at 14h32 on the 15/10/2010.
Duck sp.	364 in the Changdao-Penglai area on the 15/10/2010. 133 of these were noted in six parties comprising one, seven, 15, 15, 45 & 50 birds over the sea off Moon Bay between 06h01 & 06h12; 191 in flocks of 80, five, six, 20, ten, 15, 40, seven & eight flew west off the Changdao to Penglai ferry at 07h23, 07h23, 07h32, 08h26, 08h28, 08h31, 08h40, 08h45 & 08h54; lastly 40 flew east off Moon Bay at 14h30.
Grey Heron	5 came in off the sea at Moon Bay, Changdao, Penglai on the 15/10/2010. The first bird arrived at 06h14 with the other four following six minutes later.
Purple Heron	1 juvenile flew high over Diao Yu Dao Gang, Changdao, Penglai at 11h05 on the 15/10/2010.
Chinese Egret	1 bird, undoubtedly the same bird as yesterday, was still besides the Yu Shi Jie causeway between Nan Changdao & Bei Changdao, Penglai on the 15/10/2010.
Pelagic Cormorant	11 at Diao Yu Dao Gang, Changdao, Penglai on the 15/10/2010.
Hen Harrier	1 ringtail came in off the sea at Moon Bay, Changdao, Penglai at 14h24 on the 15/10/2010.
Eurasian Sparrowhawk	11 over Changdao, Penglai on the 15/10/2010.
Northern Goshawk	8 over Changdao, Penglai on the 15/10/2010. These involved seven juveniles & just one adult.
accipiter sp.	5 over Changdao, Penglai on the 15/10/2010.
Eastern Buzzard	346 over Changdao, Penglai on the 15/10/2010. 275 birds were aged and of these 27 (10%) were adult & 248 (90%) juvenile.
Common Kestrel	3 in the Changdao-Penglai area on the 15/10/2010.
Amur Falcon	90 over Changdao, Penglai on the 15/10/2010.
Peregrine Falcon	1 adult near Changdao town, Penglai on the 15/10/2010.
Common Moorhen	1 on a small marsh near Moon Bay, Changdao, Penglai on the 15/10/2010.
Northern Lapwing	15 in the Changdao-Penglai area on the 15/10/2010. 14 of these came in off the sea at Moon Bay just before dawn at 05h39 while the other was seen from the Changdao ferry terminal at 09h11.
Oriental Pratincole	2 singles on Changdao, Penglai on the 15/10/2010. A moulting adult came in off the sea with a party of 14 Northern Lapwings at Moon Bay at 05h39 while the second bird flew south over Changdao town at 09h14.
Black-headed Gull	110 in & around Penglai harbour on the 15/10/2010. Almost all of these were in the area immediately around Penglai harbour & although birds were seen almost half-way between there & Changdao none were logged for the third day running 'on the island itself.'
Black-tailed Gull	200 in the Changdao-Penglai area on the 15/10/2010. About 120 of these were in Penglai harbour.
'Herring Gull Assemblage'	100 in the Changdao-Penglai area on the 15/10/2010. The largest concentration, about 50 birds, was again in the Diao Yu Dao Gang area on Changdao.
Mongolian Gull	10 in the Changdao-Penglai area on the 15/10/2010. All of the large gulls identified to species today were again Mongolian Gulls.
Oriental Turtle Dove	3 over Changdao, Penglai on the 15/10/2010.
Spotted Dove	1 first-winter near Moon Bay, Changdao, Penglai on the 15/10/2010.
Eurasian Hoopoe	1 near Moon Bay, Changdao, Penglai on the 15/10/2010.
Ashy Minivet	1 came in off the sea at Moon Bay, Changdao, Penglai at 06h18 on the 15/10/2010.
Bull-headed Shrike	1 first-winter near Moon Bay, Changdao, Penglai on the 15/10/2010.
Common Magpie	50 on Changdao, Penglai on the 15/10/2010.
Carrion Crow	1 near Moon Bay, Changdao, Penglai on the 15/10/2010.
Coal Tit	8 on Changdao, Penglai on the 15/10/2010.
Japanese Tit	2 on Changdao, Penglai on the 15/10/2010.
Chinese Penduline Tit	50 on Changdao, Penglai on the 15/10/2010.
Bearded Reedling	1 first-winter male in a tiny marsh near the Changdao Shiji Jiari ('Century Holiday) Hotel, on the edge of Moon Bay, Changdao, Penglai on the evening of 15/10/2010. First seen at 17h05 I watched it for a short while before returning to the hotel for my recorder. Unfortunately when I arrived back just 15 minutes later the bird was no where to be seen! Possibly the first record for Shandong?
Asian Short-toed Lark	2 in Moon Bay, Changdao, Penglai on the 15/10/2010.

Eurasian Skylark	250 on Changdao, Penglai on the 15/10/2010.
Light-vented Bulbul	6 on Changdao, Penglai on the 15/10/2010.
Barn Swallow	300 over Changdao, Penglai on the 15/10/2010.
Red-rumped Swallow	10 over Changdao, Penglai on the 15/10/2010.
Dusky Warbler	15 on Changdao, Penglai on the 15/10/2010.
Radde's Warbler	4 on Changdao, Penglai on the 15/10/2010.
Pallas's Warbler	2 on Changdao, Penglai on the 15/10/2010.
Yellow-browed Warbler	20 on Changdao, Penglai on the 15/10/2010.
Black-browed Reed Warbler	8 on Changdao, Penglai on the 15/10/2010.
White-eye sp.	30 over Changdao, Penglai on the 15/10/2010.
White-cheeked Starling	19 on Changdao, Penglai on the 15/10/2010. The first bird came in off the sea in Moon Bay at 06h04 while a party of 18 was at Diao Yu Dao Gang at 10h29.
Pale Thrush	3 singles on Changdao, Penglai on the 15/10/2010.
Thrush sp.	8 were heard near the Changdao Shiji Jiari ('Century Holiday') Hotel, on the edge of Moon Bay, Changdao, Penglai before dawn on the 15/10/2010.
Siberian Rubythroat	2 were heard near Moon Bay, Changdao, Penglai on the 15/10/2010.
Orange-flanked Bluetail	8 on Changdao, Penglai on the 15/10/2010.
Daurian Redstart	4 on Changdao, Penglai on the 15/10/2010.
Common Stonechat	1 on Changdao, Penglai on the 15/10/2010.
Blue Rock Thrush	2 on the 15/10/2010 – one of these was in Moon Bay, Changdao while the other was in Penglai harbour.
Asian Brown Flycatcher	2 singles near Moon Bay, Changdao, Penglai on the 15/10/2010.
Taiga Flycatcher	3 singles near Moon Bay, Changdao, Penglai on the 15/10/2010.
Eurasian Tree Sparrow	40 on Changdao, Penglai on the 15/10/2010.
Eastern Yellow Wagtail	1 was heard over Changdao, Penglai on the 15/10/2010.
Grey Wagtail	1 was heard over Changdao, Penglai on the 15/10/2010.
White Wagtail	35, including one <i>ocularis</i> , on Changdao, Penglai on the 15/10/2010.
Richard's Pipit	1 in Moon Bay, Changdao, Penglai on the 15/10/2010.
Olive-backed Pipit	20 on Changdao, Penglai on the 15/10/2010.
Red-throated Pipit	7 on Changdao, Penglai on the 15/10/2010.
Buff-bellied Pipit	75 on Changdao, Penglai on the 15/10/2010.
[Water Pipit	1 bird, possibly this species, was glimpsed in Moon Bay, Changdao, Penglai on the 15/10/2010].
Brambling	1300 on Changdao, Penglai on the 15/10/2010. A flock of about 900 birds were seen near Moon Bay in the evening.
Grey-capped Greenfinch	220 on Changdao, Penglai on the 15/10/2010.
Eurasian Siskin	35 on Changdao, Penglai on the 15/10/2010.
Meadow Bunting	4 on Changdao, Penglai on the 15/10/2010.
Chestnut-eared Bunting	3 singles on Changdao, Penglai on the 15/10/2010.
Little Bunting	1 on Changdao, Penglai on the 15/10/2010.
Yellow-browed Bunting	2 singles on Changdao, Penglai on the 15/10/2010.
Black-faced Bunting	110 on Changdao, Penglai on the 15/10/2010.
Pallas's Bunting	6 on Changdao, Penglai on the 15/10/2010.
Reed Bunting	2 singles on Changdao, Penglai on the 15/10/2010. The first bird came in off the sea at Moon Bay at 06h18.
bunting sp.	150 over Changdao, Penglai on the 15/10/2010. 85 of these were noted over Moon Bay in the first hour after sunrise!

Saturday 16 October 2010. All day Changdao, Penglai.

I left the Changdao Shiji Jiari Hotel area ('Century Holiday Hotel') too early at 05h00 & walked about 400 metres back to the small ornamental pagoda overlooking Moon Bay. I spent the early morning there – but nothing was coming in off the sea so I soon moved on and spent several hours exploring the scrub and tiny (20 x 15 metres) fragmites bed between the hotel and the bay.

Mr. Fan arrived at 09h40 & the two of us headed off. Our first stop was at Gu Shan harbour – a small fishing harbour very slightly south of the harbour at Diao Yu Dao. After about ten minutes scanning the bay here I headed back down the road walking back towards Changdao town.

After several hours here we headed back to the small pool at Wang Gou but there was now a very strong easterly wind blowing right across this small pool & consequently most of the birds on it were sheltering. In the event I only spent a short while here before noticing a small passage of raptors. They were heading south down the island & I set about trying to find a decent vantage point. We did just that – at Feng Shan ('Beacon Mountain').

Similar to yesterday I spent the last hour between the tourist complex in Moon Bay and the hotel.

Site 1. Changdao Shiji Jiari ('Century Holiday') Hotel & Moon Bay area. (39°59.3'N., 120°42.2'E.). 05h10-09h30 & again 15h45-16h40.

Site 2. Gu Shan Matou (Gu Shan Fishing Harbour). 10h00-13h20.

This site is about 1.5 kilometres south of Diao Yu Dao Gang (or Diao Yu Dao Jingqu or Diao Yu Dao Matou). After just 10 minutes scanning the rather unproductive bay from the end of the road near the fishing harbour I walked back towards Changdao town. I spent much of the time in the woodland bordering the eastern, inland side of the road with Mr. Fan catching me up at intervals. There were several wooded gullies that offered shelter from the now very strong easterly wind. They held a reasonable

number of migrants with the most notable being a single Lanceolated Warbler, Grey-backed Thrush, 16 Orange-flanked Bluetails, one Brown & four Taiga Flycatchers, four Tristram's and no less five Yellow-browed Buntings.

Site 3. Wang Gou cun shuitang – small pool on the edge of Wang Gou village & on the road to the Xianjingyuan tourist site. (37°56.12'N., 120°44.58'E.). 13h40-13h50.

It was very windy here – with a strong easterly blowing off the sea & right over the small pool. There's weren't many birds here today.

Site 4. Feng Shan ('Beacon Mountain'). (37°56.12'N., 120°44.58'E.). 14h00-15h30.

This is one of the six main tourist site on the island for which an entrance fee is charged. You can either pay 100 yuan and be allowed to visit three of these sites within three days or pay 150 yuan & visit all six within a three day period.

There's a small car park about one kilometre inside the park and a series of steep steps lead from here the 500 metres up to the view point on the 'summit'. Unfortunately while I'd seen a few buzzards moving there really wasn't very much happening by the time I reached the summit.

There's also a tiny aviary and a museum with about 100 species of rather tired looking, mounted bird specimens. I had a quick look inside & the specimens included Japanese Quail, Common Pheasant, Tundra Bean Goose, Whooper Swan, Mandarin Duck, Eurasian Wigeon, Mallard, Northern Shoveler, Northern Pintail, Garganey, Eurasian Teal, Red-throated Loon, Streaked Shearwater, Little Grebe, Great Crested Grebe, Oriental Stork, Great Bittern, Yellow Bittern, Von Schrenck's Bittern, Striated Heron, Grey Heron, Purple Heron, Great Egret, Chinese Egret, Pelagic Cormorant, Oriental Honey-buzzard, White-tailed Eagle, Eastern Marsh Harrier, Eurasian Sparrowhawk, Northern Goshawk, Eastern Buzzard, Greater Spotted Eagle, Common Kestrel, Eurasian Hobby, Saker Falcon, Peregrine Falcon, [Eastern] Water Rail, Ruddy-breasted Crake, Watercock, Common Moorhen, Yellow-legged Buttonquail, Eurasian Oystercatcher, Northern Lapwing, Pacific Golden Plover, Eurasian Woodcock, Whimbrel, Eurasian Curlew, Ancient Murrelet, Oriental Turtle Dove, Large Hawk-cuckoo, Eastern Grass Owl, Collared Scops Owl, Oriental Scops Owl, Little Owl, Brown Hawk-owl, Long-eared Owl, Short-eared Owl, Grey Nightjar, Dollarbird, Black-capped Kingfisher, Common Kingfisher, Eurasian Hoopoe, Ashy Minivet, Bull-headed Shrike, Brown Shrike, Black-naped Oriole, Hair-crested Drongo, Azure-winged Magpie, Common Magpie, Bohemian Waxwing, Japanese Waxwing, Japanese Tit, Eurasian Skylark, Light-vented Bulbul, Long-tailed Tit., White-eye sp., White-cheeked Starling, Siberian Thrush, Red-throated Thrush, Dusky Thrush, Siberian Rubythroat, White-throated Rock Thrush, Yellow-rumped Flycatcher, Pallas's Rosefinch, Red Crossbill & Hawfinch! Unfortunately it wasn't certain whether they had been collected locally or not.

Highlights of the day

With there had been a southerly wind overnight there was absolutely no influx of passerines in to the Moon Bay area in the early morning. However there were large numbers of buntings and pipits etc. in the fields immediately inland from Moon Bay. The Bearded Reedling was still present and there was a Marsh Grassbird in the only patch of fragmites that I had seen so far on the entire island! There was hardly any raptor passage today.

Qingyu told me subsequently that some Chinese birders had seen a late Streaked Shearwater somewhere in Shandong today.

Weather

14°C, 1017 hPa and with a moderate south-south-westerly wind in Moon Bay at 05h30. The sky was clear with no cloud but lower level visibility was poorer than yesterday – the islands off to the north being just about visible. The pressure had been stable and un-changed all night The pressure rose slightly in the early morning and the wind gradually shifted around to west-north-west by 09h00 & by the early afternoon it had strengthened and was easterly! This continued until after dark.

Little Grebe	37 on Wang Gou cun shuitang, Changdao, Penglai on the 16/10/2010.
Grey Heron	1 on rocks off Diao Yu Gang at the extreme northern end of Changdao, Penglai on the 16/10/2010.
Chinese Egret	1 near Gu Shan harbour at the northern end of Changdao, Penglai on the 16/10/2010.
Pelagic Cormorant	17 off Diao Yu Gang at the extreme northern end of Changdao, Penglai on the 16/10/2010.
Great or Japanese Cormorant	1 off Diao Yu Gang at the extreme northern end of Changdao, Penglai on the 16/10/2010.
Eurasian Sparrowhawk	3 over Changdao, Penglai on the 16/10/2010.
Northern Goshawk	1 adult over Changdao, Penglai on the 16/10/2010.
Eastern Buzzard	42 over Changdao, Penglai on the 16/10/2010. 11 birds were seen well enough to age & they were all juveniles.
Amur Falcon	1 over Changdao, Penglai on the 16/10/2010.
Peregrine Falcon	2 on Changdao, Penglai on the 16/10/2010.
Common Snipe	1 in the small marsh in Moon Bay, Changdao, Penglai on the 16/10/2010.
Black-tailed Gull	150 on Changdao, Penglai on the 16/10/2010.
'Herring Gull Assemblage'	100 on Changdao, Penglai on the 16/10/2010.
Mongolian Gull	5 on Changdao, Penglai on the 16/10/2010.
Oriental Turtle Dove	1 on Changdao, Penglai on the 16/10/2010.
Spotted Dove	1 was heard on Changdao, Penglai on the 16/10/2010.
Common Kingfisher	1 was heard on Changdao, Penglai on the 16/10/2010.
Ashy Minivet	2 singles on Changdao, Penglai on the 16/10/2010.
Bull-headed Shrike	3 on Changdao, Penglai on the 16/10/2010. They were all different to yesterday's bird.

Common Magpie	100 on Changdao, Penglai on the 16/10/2010.
Carrion Crow	1, the same bird as yesterday, on Changdao, Penglai on the 16/10/2010.
Coal Tit	10 on Changdao, Penglai on the 16/10/2010.
Yellow-bellied Tit	1 was heard on Feng Shan, Changdao, Penglai on the 16/10/2010.
Japanese Tit	4 on Changdao, Penglai on the 16/10/2010.
Chinese Penduline Tit	15 in Moon Bay, Changdao, Penglai on the 16/10/2010.
Bearded Reedling	1 first-winter male again in Moon Bay, Changdao, Penglai on the 16/10/2010. I managed to make a couple of fairly lengthy recordings of it calling.
Asian Short-toed Lark	8 on the edge of Moon Bay, Changdao, Penglai on the 16/10/2010.
Eurasian Skylark	20 on Changdao, Penglai on the 16/10/2010.
Light-vented Bulbul	12 on Changdao, Penglai on the 16/10/2010.
Barn Swallow	40 on Changdao, Penglai on the 16/10/2010.
Dusky Warbler	13 on Changdao, Penglai on the 16/10/2010.
Radde's Warbler	2 were heard on Changdao, Penglai on the 16/10/2010.
Pallas's Warbler	2 were heard on Changdao, Penglai on the 16/10/2010.
Yellow-browed Warbler	60 on Changdao, Penglai on the 16/10/2010.
Black-browed Reed Warbler	10 on Changdao, Penglai on the 16/10/2010.
Lanceolated Warbler	1 on Changdao, Penglai on the 16/10/2010.
Marsh Grassbird	1 in the tiny fragmites bed in Moon Bay, Changdao, Penglai on the 16/10/2010. First seen at 07h15 it was watch for almost 20 minutes during which time I made some field notes & a short recording of its calls. Possibly the first record for Shandong.
White-eye sp.	10 on Changdao, Penglai on the 16/10/2010.
Grey-backed Thrush	1 on Changdao, Penglai on the 16/10/2010.
Red-throated Thrush	2 in Moon Bay, Changdao, Penglai on the 16/10/2010.
'Rufous-tailed Thrush'	1 bird, either a Naumann's or a Dusky Thrush, was seen poorly on Changdao, Penglai on the 16/10/2010.
Dusky Thrush	3 on Changdao, Penglai on the 16/10/2010.
Thrush sp.	2 singles on Changdao, Penglai on the 16/10/2010.
Orange-flanked Bluetail	21 on Changdao, Penglai on the 16/10/2010.
Daurian Redstart	2 on Changdao, Penglai on the 16/10/2010.
Common Stonechat	2 on Changdao, Penglai on the 16/10/2010.
Blue Rock Thrush	1 on Changdao, Penglai on the 16/10/2010.
Asian Brown Flycatcher	1 on Changdao, Penglai on the 16/10/2010.
Taiga Flycatcher	4 on Changdao, Penglai on the 16/10/2010.
Eurasian Tree Sparrow	30 on Changdao, Penglai on the 16/10/2010.
Eastern Yellow Wagtail	2 <i>taivana</i> on Changdao, Penglai on the 16/10/2010.
Grey Wagtail	2 on Changdao, Penglai on the 16/10/2010.
White Wagtail	20, including four <i>leucopsis</i> & eight <i>ocularis</i> , on Changdao, Penglai on the 16/10/2010.
Richard's Pipit	4 on Changdao, Penglai on the 16/10/2010.
Olive-backed Pipit	8 on Changdao, Penglai on the 16/10/2010.
Red-throated Pipit	7 on Changdao, Penglai on the 16/10/2010.
Buff-bellied Pipit	75 on Changdao, Penglai on the 16/10/2010.
Water Pipit	1 on Changdao, Penglai on the 16/10/2010.
Brambling	1100 on Changdao, Penglai on the 16/10/2010. Almost all of these were again in one large flock near Moon Bay.
Grey-capped Greenfinch	20 on Changdao, Penglai on the 16/10/2010.
Eurasian Siskin	15 on Changdao, Penglai on the 16/10/2010.
Common Rosefinch	2 on Changdao, Penglai on the 16/10/2010.
Pine Bunting	7 on Changdao, Penglai on the 16/10/2010.
Meadow Bunting	6 on Changdao, Penglai on the 16/10/2010.
Tristram's Bunting	4 singles on Changdao, Penglai on the 16/10/2010.
Chestnut-eared Bunting	9 singles on Changdao, Penglai on the 16/10/2010.
Little Bunting	5 singles on Changdao, Penglai on the 16/10/2010.
Yellow-browed Bunting	8 singles on Changdao, Penglai on the 16/10/2010.
Rustic Bunting	8 on Changdao, Penglai on the 16/10/2010.
Black-faced Bunting	375 on Changdao, Penglai on the 16/10/2010. 285 of these were in Moon Bay!
Pallas's Bunting	65 on Changdao, Penglai on the 16/10/2010. Almost all were in Moon Bay where there had been a marked arrival since yesterday. This was the first bird heard in the early morning – and three different Pallas's Buntings were heard before anything else called!
Ochre-rumped Bunting NT	6 in Moon Bay, Changdao, Penglai on the 16/10/2010.
Reed Bunting	1 was heard in Moon Bay, Changdao, Penglai on the 16/10/2010.
bunting sp.	50 on Changdao, Penglai on the 16/10/2010.

Sunday 17 October 2010. All day Changdao, Penglai.

It was obvious that the strong easterly wind had continued all night and that there were no passerines moving this morning so I delayed my departure from the Changdao Shiji Jiari Hotel area ('Century Holiday Hotel') until 05h30 & then walked about 400 metres to the coast where spent the early morning doing a seawatch. Absolutely nothing was coming in off the sea but there was a modest movement of birds over it. My first of several seawatches of the day lasted from 06h00-09h30 after which I returned to the hotel for breakfast. Mr. Fan arrived at 09h45 & the two of us headed off.

Other than a disappointing half hour at Wangfu Reef at the north-eastern point of Nan Changdao I spent the entire day at just four sites on Bei Changdao. With no passerine arrival and no raptors moving much of today was given over to seawatching. Like yesterday I spent the last hour of daylight between the tourist complex in Moon Bay and the hotel.

Site 1. Changdao Shiji Jiari ('Century Holiday') Hotel & Moon Bay area. (39°59.3'N., 120°42.2'E.). 05h45-09h30 & again 16h15-16h50.

This area remains my favourite birding site on the entire island.

Site 2. Jiuzhangya Cliff. (37°59.37'N., 120°41.12'E.). 10h30-13h30.

This popular tourist site is the very northernmost point of Bei Changdao & is just under 500 metres almost due east of Diaoyu Dao Gang. Its one of the six sites where a hefty entrance charge is levied – but it struck me as by far the best seawatching site that I'd visited so far. The modest number of gulls and waterfowl that were passing offshore were much closer here than they were at Moon Bay in the early morning.

I spent two hours (10h30-12h30) seawatching from inside the tourist complex before another hour wandering around the scrub and fields immediately to the south of the entrance gate. The woodland wasn't particularly special but there were a couple of attractive fields on the edge of the village.

Site 3. Wangfu Reef. (37°56.22'N., 120°43.98'E.). 14h00-14h30.

This small tourist site right at the northern end of Nan Changdao was unproductive and uninspiring though it does offer the best views over the bay on the eastern side of the next site – Yu Shi Jie.

Site 4. Yu Shi Jie (literally 'Jade Stone Street') also know as Da Qiao this is the narrow causeway between Bei Changdao & Nan Changdao. (37°58.17'N., 120°43.85'E.). 14h45-15h45.

A great site today. The Chinese Egret was still present – as were three fairly close Pelagic Cormorants but the big attraction were the large number of gulls loafing on the floating platforms and/or fishing buoys. When I visited this site two days previously there weren't even half this number of gulls present – and almost all of them were so far off that it was even a challenge separating Black-tailed from Mongolian Gull! Today about 400 of the 2100 Black-tailed Gulls present were sufficiently close that I could see colour bands on five of them! Unfortunately almost all of the large gulls present were still extremely distant.

It would be interesting to see if this area holds large numbers of terns during the summer & autumn. I'd speculate that if Chinese Crested Tern is ever to be seen on Changdao this would be the best place for it! Birds here today included –

Pelagic Cormorant	3 on floating platforms and/or fishing buoys
Cormorant sp.	27. They were so far off that it was even impossible to tell if any of them were Pelagic let alone separate Temminck's from Great!
Black-tailed Gull	2100
Herring Gull Assemblage	1100 on distant offshore floating platforms
Siberian Gull	6
Common Gull	2
Chinese Egret	1 juvenile

Site 5. Gu Shan Matou (Gu Shan Fishing Harbour). 15h50-16h10.

This site is about 1.5 kilometres south of Diao Yu Dao Gang (or Diao Yu Dao Jingqu or Diao Yu Dao Matou).

Highlights of the day

For whatever reason (perhaps because of the easterly winds) there had been a marked influx of gulls today. I noted more gulls, especially Black-tailed Gulls & my first Siberian & Vega Gulls of the four days that I'd already spent on Changdao, during the morning seawatches. There were massively more gulls in the sheltered bay to the east of Yu Shi Jie (Da Qiao) in the afternoon.

Weather

Clear (with just 1/8 cloud cover, cooler (just 10°C), higher pressure (1028 hPa and rising to 1030 hPa by 09h30 and then remaining stable throughout the rest of the day – at least until 20h00) with a very strong east-north-east wind that had been blowing all night in Moon Bay at 06h00. The temperature climbed slowly to 16°C by 11h30 & peaked at not much more than that in the early afternoon. With the strong wind that blew all day it felt much colder.

Japanese Quail	1 on Changdao, Penglai on the 17/10/2010.
Taiga Bean Goose	1 immature in the fields at Moon Bay, Changdao, Penglai on the 17/10/2010. It was probably injured or sick.
[Brent Goose	6 very distant birds, possibly this species, flew south off Jiuzhangya Cliff at the extreme northern end of Bei Changdao, Penglai on the 17/10/2010].
Mandarin Duck	1 flew west off Changdao, Penglai on the 17/10/2010.
Falcated Duck	6, a pair and a party of four, flew west off Changdao, Penglai on the 17/10/2010.
Eurasian Wigeon	1 flew west off Changdao, Penglai on the 17/10/2010.
Mallard	8 flew west off Changdao, Penglai on the 17/10/2010.
Chinese Spot-billed Duck	12 flew west off Changdao, Penglai on the 17/10/2010.
White-winged Scoter	2 flew west off Changdao, Penglai on the 17/10/2010.
Common Goldeneye	1 flew east off Changdao, Penglai on the 17/10/2010.
Red-breasted Merganser	7 flew west off Changdao, Penglai on the 17/10/2010.
Duck sp.	29 off Changdao, Penglai on the 17/10/2010.
Grey Heron	9 flew south over Changdao, Penglai on the 17/10/2010.

Chinese Egret VU	1 near Gu Shan harbour at the northern end of Changdao, Penglai on the 17/10/2010. It was undoubtedly the same bird that had been present for several days now.
Pelagic Cormorant	8 off Changdao, Penglai on the 17/10/2010. Birds were seen on the rocks in the Jiuzhangya Cliff – Diao Yu Dao Gang area as well as around the fishing pontoons to the east of the Yu Shi Ji causeway between Bei and Nan Changdao. As in previous days none were seen flying offshore during any of the seawatches.
Cormorant sp.	27 around the fishing pontoons to the east of the Yu Shi Ji causeway between Bei and Nan Changdao, Penglai on the 17/10/2010.
Eurasian Sparrowhawk	2 over Changdao, Penglai on the 17/10/2010.
Eastern Buzzard	3 over Changdao, Penglai on the 17/10/2010.
Peregrine Falcon	2 over Changdao, Penglai on the 17/10/2010.
Black-headed Gull	2 adults, the first I'd seen on the island, flew east off Jiuzhangya Cliff at the extreme northern end of Bei Changdao, Penglai on the 17/10/2010.
Black-tailed Gull	2800 on Changdao, Penglai on the 17/10/2010. The vast majority of these (2100 birds) were in the bay to the east of the Yu Shi Ji causeway between Bei and Nan Changdao in the late afternoon. Elsewhere 150 were in the bay off Gu Shan Matou while almost 500 were logged heading east during the day's various seawatches. Five colour banded adults were seen among 400 of the closest birds off the Yu Shi Ji causeway between Bei and Nan Changdao (37°58.17'N., 120°43.85'E.) – one had an orange band on its lower right leg (photographed); two had blue bands on their lower left legs (one was photographed); one had an orange band on lower left leg & dark (possibly blue?) band on lower right while the fifth bird had an orange band above knee on right leg. Its likely that they were all banded locally.
Mew Gull	2 adults on Changdao, Penglai on the 17/10/2010. They were both with the other gulls in the bay to the east of the Yu Shi Ji causeway between Bei and Nan Changdao in the late afternoon.
'Herring Gull Assemblage'	1200 on Changdao, Penglai on the 17/10/2010. Just over 100 were seen during the day's various seawatches while 1100 were in the bay to the east of the Yu Shi Ji causeway between Bei and Nan Changdao in the late afternoon.
Heuglin's Gull	18 on Changdao, Penglai on the 17/10/2010.
Vega Gull	2 adults on Changdao, Penglai on the 17/10/2010.
Mongolian Gull	95 on Changdao, Penglai on the 17/10/2010.
Oriental Turtle Dove	1 on Changdao, Penglai on the 17/10/2010.
Spotted Dove	2 on Changdao, Penglai on the 17/10/2010.
Ashy Minivet	1 was heard on Changdao, Penglai on the 17/10/2010.
Bull-headed Shrike	2 on Changdao, Penglai on the 17/10/2010.
Common Magpie	50 on Changdao, Penglai on the 17/10/2010.
Coal Tit	7 on Changdao, Penglai on the 17/10/2010.
Japanese Tit	2 were heard on Changdao, Penglai on the 17/10/2010.
Chinese Penduline Tit	5 on Changdao, Penglai on the 17/10/2010.
Eurasian Skylark	40 on Changdao, Penglai on the 17/10/2010.
Light-vented Bulbul	4 on Changdao, Penglai on the 17/10/2010.
Barn Swallow	60 on Changdao, Penglai on the 17/10/2010.
Red-rumped Swallow	1 on Changdao, Penglai on the 17/10/2010.
Dusky Warbler	7 on Changdao, Penglai on the 17/10/2010.
Pallas's Warbler	2 were heard on Changdao, Penglai on the 17/10/2010.
Yellow-browed Warbler	20 on Changdao, Penglai on the 17/10/2010.
Chestnut-flanked White-eye	1 on Changdao, Penglai on the 17/10/2010.
White-eye sp.	10 on Changdao, Penglai on the 17/10/2010.
White-cheeked Starling	5 on Changdao, Penglai on the 17/10/2010.
Orange-flanked Bluetail	1 on Changdao, Penglai on the 17/10/2010.
Daurian Redstart	2 on Changdao, Penglai on the 17/10/2010.
Taiga Flycatcher	2 on Changdao, Penglai on the 17/10/2010.
Eurasian Tree Sparrow	100 on Changdao, Penglai on the 17/10/2010.
White Wagtail	20, including one <i>leucopsis</i> & seven <i>ocularis</i> , on Changdao, Penglai on the 17/10/2010.
Richard's Pipit	1 on Changdao, Penglai on the 17/10/2010.
Olive-backed Pipit	4 on Changdao, Penglai on the 17/10/2010.
Red-throated Pipit	6 on Changdao, Penglai on the 17/10/2010.
Buff-bellied Pipit	30 on Changdao, Penglai on the 17/10/2010.
Brambling	30 on Changdao, Penglai on the 17/10/2010.
Grey-capped Greenfinch	4 on Changdao, Penglai on the 17/10/2010.
Eurasian Siskin	10 on Changdao, Penglai on the 17/10/2010.
Meadow Bunting	6 on Changdao, Penglai on the 17/10/2010.
Chestnut-eared Bunting	5 on Changdao, Penglai on the 17/10/2010.
Little Bunting	1 on Changdao, Penglai on the 17/10/2010.
Black-faced Bunting	35 on Changdao, Penglai on the 17/10/2010.
Pallas's Bunting	8 on Changdao, Penglai on the 17/10/2010.
Ochre-rumped Bunting NT	1 on Changdao, Penglai on the 17/10/2010.
Reed Bunting	1 was heard on Changdao, Penglai on the 17/10/2010.
bunting sp.	30 on Changdao, Penglai on the 17/10/2010.

Monday 18 October 2010. Most of the day Changdao, Penglai.

The easterly wind had continued all night and there were again no passerines moving this morning I delayed my departure from the Changdao Shiji Jiari Hotel area ('Century Holiday Hotel') until 05h45 & then walked about 400 metres to the coast where I spent one hour doing a seawatch. My seawatch lasted from 06h00-07h00 after which I returned to the hotel, met Mr. Fan & then headed off to the ferry terminal back in Changdao town. I stopped off briefly at the Da Qiao causeway on route & caught the 09h10 ferry back to Penglai. I arrived there at 09h50 & walked slowly back to the bus station. Qingyu arrived at 11h30, the two of us had lunch and caught the 13h35 ferry back to Changdao. Mr Fan met us at the quay & took us back to the hotel. I birded there

for the last hour of daylight (mostly attempting to record the Manchurian Bush Warbler) before we returned to town for dinner & a spot of shopping.

Site 1. Changdao Shiji Jiari ('Century Holiday') Hotel & Moon Bay area. (39°59.3'N., 120°42.2'E.). 05h45-07h15 & again from 16h10-15h55.

Site 2. Yu Shi Jie (literally 'Jade Stone Street') also know as Da Qiao this is the narrow causeway between Bei Changdao & Nan Changdao. (37°58.17'N., 120°43.85'E.). 08h15-08h40 & again from 15h00-15h35.

Ste 3. Ferries between Changdao & Penglai.

I caught the 09h10-09h50 vehicle ferry from Changdao to Penglai while Qingyu & me returned on the 13h35-14h10 ferry.

Highlights of the day

The best bird of the day was a Manchurian Bush Warbler close to the hotel.

Weather

It was overcast (about 7/8 cloud cover), 11°C and very slightly higher pressure than yesterday (1029 hPa and rising to 1031 hPa by 09h30) but with a fairly strong northeast wind in Moon Bay at 06h30. The weather forecast was for middle rain overnight & small rain tomorrow – and sure enough it started to rain at about 16h45, and was raining hard just over one hour later.

Japanese Quail	1 on Changdao, Penglai on the 18/10/2010.
Taiga Bean Goose	1 on Changdao, Penglai on the 18/10/2010. It was the same bird as yesterday.
Grey Goose sp.	12 from the Penglai to Changdao ferry at about 13h50 on the 18/10/2010.
Swan sp.	2 adults flew south over the ferry near Penglai at 13h42 on the 18/10/2010.
Red-breasted Merganser	2 on Changdao, Penglai on the 18/10/2010.
Duck sp.	78 in the Changdao-Penglai area on the 18/10/2010. 27 of these were seen during the one hour morning sea watch near Moon Bay while the other 51 were seen from the two ferry trips between Changdao and Penglai and back.
Grey Heron	12 flew south over Changdao, Penglai on the 18/10/2010. 11 of these were seen from the boat while the other flew high over the hotel in the early evening.
Chinese Egret VU	1 juvenile besides the Yu Shi Jie causeway on Changdao, Penglai on the 18/10/2010.
Pelagic Cormorant	17 besides the Yu Shi Jie causeway on Changdao, Penglai on the 18/10/2010.
Great or Japanese Cormorant	14 besides the Yu Shi Jie causeway on Changdao, Penglai on the 18/10/2010.
Eurasian Sparrowhawk	3 over Changdao, Penglai on the 18/10/2010.
Eastern Buzzard	17 in the Changdao-Penglai area of the 18/10/2010. Most of these (15 birds) were over the ferry terminal at Penglai in the early afternoon.
Amur Falcon	19 in the Changdao - Penglai area on the 18/10/2010. Seven of these were seen from the ferry between the two sites while the other 12 were over the Changdao Shiji Jiari Hotel in the evening.
Peregrine Falcon	1 adult near Moon Bay on Changdao, Penglai on the 18/10/2010.
Black-headed Gull	25 on Changdao, Penglai on the 18/10/2010. One of these was seen from the morning sea watch near Moon Bay while the others were from the ferry & all closer to Penglai than Changdao.
Black-tailed Gull	1625 on Changdao, Penglai on the 18/10/2010. The vast majority of these (1490 birds) were again besides the Yu Shi Jie causeway. Four colour banded adults were seen today – one had an orange band on lower right leg, another two had a blue band on their lower left leg while the fourth bird had a blue band on its lower left leg & an aluminium band on its lower right.
Mew Gull	5 adults on Changdao, Penglai on the 18/10/2010.
'Herring Gull Assemblage'	320 on Changdao, Penglai on the 18/10/2010. The vast majority of these (300+ birds) were again besides the Yu Shi Jie causeway.
Heuglin's Gull	6 on Changdao, Penglai on the 18/10/2010.
Mongolian Gull	15 on Changdao, Penglai on the 18/10/2010.
Oriental Turtle Dove	4 on Changdao, Penglai on the 18/10/2010.
Spotted Dove	1 was heard near the Changdao Shiji Jiari Hotel on Changdao, Penglai on the 18/10/2010.
Bull-headed Shrike	1 near the Changdao Shiji Jiari Hotel on Changdao, Penglai on the 18/10/2010. It was at a different site to all the birds previously recorded on the island – and I've now logged seven bird-days & probably seven different birds.
Common Magpie	100 on Changdao, Penglai on the 18/10/2010.
Carrion Crow	1 near the Changdao Shiji Jiari Hotel on Changdao, Penglai on the 18/10/2010.
Coal Tit	2 were heard on Changdao, Penglai on the 18/10/2010.
Japanese Tit	2 were heard on Changdao, Penglai on the 18/10/2010.
Chinese Penduline Tit	1 was heard on Changdao, Penglai on the 18/10/2010.
Eurasian Skylark	50 on Changdao, Penglai on the 18/10/2010.
Light-vented Bulbul	2 on Changdao, Penglai on the 18/10/2010.
Barn Swallow	15 on Changdao, Penglai on the 18/10/2010.
Red-rumped Swallow	1 was heard on Changdao, Penglai on the 18/10/2010.
Manchurian Bush Warbler	1 near the Changdao Shiji Jiari Hotel on Changdao, Penglai on the 18/10/2010. It was calling quite a lot in the early morning (when I didn't have my recorded with me) but was much quieter in the early evening. Nevertheless I managed to get a short recording.
Dusky Warbler	4 on Changdao, Penglai on the 18/10/2010.
Radde's Warbler	2 on Changdao, Penglai on the 18/10/2010.
Pallas's Warbler	5 on Changdao, Penglai on the 18/10/2010.
Yellow-browed Warbler	4 on Changdao, Penglai on the 18/10/2010.
Black-browed Reed Warbler	1 was heard on Changdao, Penglai on the 18/10/2010.
White-eye sp.	5 were heard on Changdao, Penglai on the 18/10/2010.

Winter Wren	1 was heard near the Changdao Shiji Jiari Hotel on Changdao, Penglai on the 18/10/2010.
Thrush sp.	1 was glimpsed on Changdao, Penglai on the 18/10/2010.
Orange-flanked Bluetail	2 on Changdao, Penglai on the 18/10/2010.
Daurian Redstart	5 on Changdao, Penglai on the 18/10/2010.
Eurasian Tree Sparrow	100 on Changdao, Penglai on the 18/10/2010.
Grey Wagtail	1 on Changdao, Penglai on the 18/10/2010.
White Wagtail	8 on Changdao, Penglai on the 18/10/2010.
Richard's Pipit	1 on Changdao, Penglai on the 18/10/2010.
Olive-backed Pipit	5 on Changdao, Penglai on the 18/10/2010.
Red-throated Pipit	4 on Changdao, Penglai on the 18/10/2010.
Buff-bellied Pipit	40 on Changdao, Penglai on the 18/10/2010.
Brambling	20 on Changdao, Penglai on the 18/10/2010.
Grey-capped Greenfinch	35 on Changdao, Penglai on the 18/10/2010.
Eurasian Siskin	25 on Changdao, Penglai on the 18/10/2010.
Common Rosefinch	1 was heard on Changdao, Penglai on the 18/10/2010.
Pine Bunting	3 on Changdao, Penglai on the 18/10/2010.
Meadow Bunting	2 were heard on Changdao, Penglai on the 18/10/2010.
Chestnut-eared Bunting	3 on Changdao, Penglai on the 18/10/2010.
Little Bunting	2 on Changdao, Penglai on the 18/10/2010.
Yellow-browed Bunting	3 on Changdao, Penglai on the 18/10/2010.
Rustic Bunting	2 on Changdao, Penglai on the 18/10/2010.
Black-faced Bunting	30 on Changdao, Penglai on the 18/10/2010.
Pallas's Bunting	6 on Changdao, Penglai on the 18/10/2010.
Ochre-rumped Bunting NT	1 on Changdao, Penglai on the 18/10/2010.
Reed Bunting	1 on Changdao, Penglai on the 18/10/2010.
bunting sp.	30 on Changdao, Penglai on the 18/10/2010.

Tuesday 19 October 2010. All day Changdao, Penglai.

I left the Changdao Shiji Jiari Hotel area ('Century Holiday Hotel') 06h15 & spent the entire morning exploring areas near there. Qingyu joined me at about 10h00 but it wasn't until about 14h00 that we went elsewhere.

Site 1. Changdao Shiji Jiari ('Century Holiday') Hotel & Moon Bay area. (39°59.3'N., 120°42.2'E.). 06h15-13h45 & again from about 16h15-16h50.

Site 2. Gu Shan Matou (Gu Shan Fishing Harbour). 14h00-15h10.

Site 3. Wang Gou cun shuitang – small pool on the edge of Wang Gou village & on the road to the Xianjingyuan tourist site. (37°56.12'N., 120°44.58'E.). 15h20-15h50.

Site 4. Yu Shi Jie (literally 'Jade Stone Street') also know as Da Qiao this is the narrow causeway between Bei Changdao & Nan Changdao. (37°58.17'N., 120°43.85'E.). 15h55-16h05.

Highlights of the day

A good day with an impressive number of Bramblings and a decent flock of Rustic Buntings near the hotel. There had also been a slight influx of both forms of 'Rufous-tailed Thrush'.

Weather

There had been a very heavy thunderstorm with a considerable amount of rain overnight. The storm had stopped by 04h00 leaving only the occasional spot of rain during the early morning and none after about 08h30. There was a light north-westerly wind when I left the Changdao Shiji Jiari Hotel ('Century Holiday Hotel') at 06h15 & this became northerly by 07h45. The wind strengthened during the afternoon and became strong & north-easterly by about 16h00. It was completely overcast in the early morning with the cloud being low and even obscuring the tops of many of the nearby wind turbines. The cloud cover broke up slightly later in the day – but not until mid-afternoon. Temperatures ranged from 15°C at 06h15 when there was dense cloud cover to 14°C at 15h00 & 11°C just before sunset at 17h00. The pressure didn't vary much during the day – it was very slightly lower than yesterday - 1026 hPa at 06h15 soon rising again to 1029 hPa by 09h30 & remaining similar to this for the rest of the day.

Taiga Bean Goose	1 first-winter again on Changdao, Penglai on the 19/10/2010.
Falcated Duck	1 juvenile on the small pool near Wang Gou cun, Changdao, Penglai on the 19/10/2010.
Mallard	2 on the small pool near Wang Gou cun, Changdao, Penglai on the 19/10/2010.
Chinese Spot-billed Duck	3 on the small pool near Wang Gou cun, Changdao, Penglai on the 19/10/2010.
Eurasian Teal	4 over the sea off Moon Bay, Changdao, Penglai on the 19/10/2010.
Little Grebe	18 on Changdao, Penglai on the 19/10/2010. 16 of these were on the small pool near Wang Gou cun while the other two were on an even smaller pool near Moon Bay.
Pelagic Cormorant	3 besides the Yu Shi Jie causeway on Changdao, Penglai on the 19/10/2010.
Cormorant sp.	5 besides the Yu Shi Jie causeway on Changdao, Penglai on the 19/10/2010.
Eurasian Sparrowhawk	9 over Changdao, Penglai on the 19/10/2010.
Eastern Buzzard	45 over Changdao, Penglai on the 19/10/2010.

Common Kestrel	1 over Changdao, Penglai on the 19/10/2010.
Peregrine Falcon	1 juvenile on Changdao, Penglai on the 19/10/2010.
Common Moorhen	1 on the small pool near Wang Gou cun, Changdao, Penglai on the 19/10/2010.
Little Ringed Plover	1 over Moon Bay, Changdao, Penglai on the 19/10/2010.
Common Snipe	1 over Moon Bay, Changdao, Penglai on the 19/10/2010.
Black-tailed Gull	600 on Changdao, Penglai on the 19/10/2010. Most of these were besides the Yu Shi Jie causeway.
Mew Gull	6 with other gulls besides the Yu Shi Jie causeway on Changdao, Penglai on the 19/10/2010.
'Herring Gull Assemblage'	200 on Changdao, Penglai on the 19/10/2010. Most of these were besides the Yu Shi Jie causeway.
Heuglin's Gull	17 near Diao Yu Dao Matou, Changdao, Penglai on the 19/10/2010.
Mongolian Gull	15 on Changdao, Penglai on the 19/10/2010.
Oriental Turtle Dove	13 on Changdao, Penglai on the 19/10/2010.
Spotted Dove	2 on Changdao, Penglai on the 19/10/2010.
Ashy Minivet	1 on Changdao, Penglai on the 19/10/2010.
Bull-headed Shrike	5 on Changdao, Penglai on the 19/10/2010. At least two of these, including a first-winter near the Century Holiday Hotel, Moon Bay were new.
Common Magpie	50 on Changdao, Penglai on the 19/10/2010.
Carrion Crow	1 on Changdao, Penglai on the 19/10/2010.
Coal Tit	23 on Changdao, Penglai on the 19/10/2010. There had clearly been a marked influx.
Yellow-bellied Tit	2 singles on Changdao, Penglai on the 19/10/2010.
Japanese Tit	8 on Changdao, Penglai on the 19/10/2010.
Chinese Penduline Tit	7 on Changdao, Penglai on the 19/10/2010.
Bearded Reedling	1 was heard on Changdao, Penglai on the 19/10/2010.
Eurasian Skylark	30 on Changdao, Penglai on the 19/10/2010.
Light-vented Bulbul	17 on Changdao, Penglai on the 19/10/2010.
Barn Swallow	250 on Changdao, Penglai on the 19/10/2010.
Manchurian Bush Warbler	3 singles on Changdao, Penglai on the 19/10/2010. Yesterday's bird was not among those logged today though another bird was seen not very far from that site and two other were in scrub on the eastern side of Moon Bay.
Dusky Warbler	35 on Changdao, Penglai on the 19/10/2010.
Pallas's Warbler	9 on Changdao, Penglai on the 19/10/2010.
Yellow-browed Warbler	29 on Changdao, Penglai on the 19/10/2010.
Black-browed Reed Warbler	1 on Changdao, Penglai on the 19/10/2010.
Japanese White-eye	9 on Changdao, Penglai on the 19/10/2010.
White-eye sp.	5 on Changdao, Penglai on the 19/10/2010.
Pale Thrush	1 on Changdao, Penglai on the 19/10/2010.
'Rufous-tailed Thrush'	5 birds, not identified to species, on Changdao, Penglai on the 19/10/2010.
Naumann's Thrush	2 on Changdao, Penglai on the 19/10/2010.
Dusky Thrush	2 on Changdao, Penglai on the 19/10/2010.
Naumann's x Dusky Thrush intergrade	2 on Changdao, Penglai on the 19/10/2010.
Orange-flanked Bluetail	6 on Changdao, Penglai on the 19/10/2010.
Daurian Redstart	14 on Changdao, Penglai on the 19/10/2010.
Common Stonechat	3 on Changdao, Penglai on the 19/10/2010.
Taiga Flycatcher	1 first-winter on Changdao, Penglai on the 19/10/2010.
Eurasian Tree Sparrow	100 on Changdao, Penglai on the 19/10/2010.
Grey Wagtail	2 on Changdao, Penglai on the 19/10/2010.
White Wagtail	7 including one <i>leucopsis</i> & one <i>ocularis</i> , on Changdao, Penglai on the 19/10/2010.
Richard's Pipit	2 on Changdao, Penglai on the 19/10/2010.
Olive-backed Pipit	37 on Changdao, Penglai on the 19/10/2010.
Pechora Pipit	1 calling bird flew purposefully south over Moon Bay, Changdao, Penglai on the 19/10/2010.
Red-throated Pipit	8 on Changdao, Penglai on the 19/10/2010.
Buff-bellied Pipit	106 on Changdao, Penglai on the 19/10/2010.
Brambling	5000 on Changdao, Penglai on the 19/10/2010. These included one flock of at least 4000 birds close to the Century Holiday Hotel in Moon Bay.
Grey-capped Greenfinch	45 on Changdao, Penglai on the 19/10/2010.
Eurasian Siskin	205 over Changdao, Penglai on the 19/10/2010.
Common Rosefinch	1 on Changdao, Penglai on the 19/10/2010.
Pine Bunting	11 on Changdao, Penglai on the 19/10/2010. The largest flock was of just three birds.
Meadow Bunting	2 on Changdao, Penglai on the 19/10/2010.
Chestnut-eared Bunting	5 singles on Changdao, Penglai on the 19/10/2010.
Little Bunting	22 on Changdao, Penglai on the 19/10/2010. The only concentration was a flock of about ten birds with the Rustic Buntings in Moon Bay.
Yellow-browed Bunting	11 on Changdao, Penglai on the 19/10/2010. There were three pairs & five singles.
Rustic Bunting	215 on Changdao, Penglai on the 19/10/2010. These included a flock of almost 200 birds around the edge of the short grassy field between the large tourist car park and Moon Bay.
Chestnut Bunting	1 on Changdao, Penglai on the 19/10/2010.
Black-faced Bunting	95 on Changdao, Penglai on the 19/10/2010.
Pallas's Bunting	30 on Changdao, Penglai on the 19/10/2010.
Ochre-rumped Bunting NT	2 besides the small marsh in Moon Bay, Changdao, Penglai on the 19/10/2010.
Reed Bunting	1 near the small marsh in Moon Bay, Changdao, Penglai on the 19/10/2010.
bunting sp.	100 on Changdao, Penglai on the 19/10/2010.

Wednesday 20 October 2010. All day Changdao, Penglai.

I left the Changdao Shiji Jiari Hotel area ('Century Holiday Hotel') at 05h55 & spent the early morning exploring the marsh and fields around there. There was a sudden, and intense period of raptor passage from 09h50 after which I explored a couple of other sites.

Site 1. Changdao Shiji Jiari ('Century Holiday') Hotel & Moon Bay area. (39°59.3'N., 120°42.2'E.). 05h55-11h10 & again from 15h30-16h10.

Site 2 Diao Yu Dao Gang (or Diao Yu Dao Jingqu or Diao Yu Dao Matou). (37°59.1'N., 120°41.1'E.). 11h25-11h40.

Site 3. Coastal woodland south of Gu Shan Matou (Gu Shan Fishing Harbour). 11h45-13h15.

Highlights of the day

There was a brief, but intense, passage of raptors mid-morning.

Weather

It was fairly clear (about 2/8 cloud cover), 10°C and the same pressure (1029 hPa) as yesterday in Moon Bay at 06h00. There was a mild north-north-west wind & fairly decent long-range visibility The wind gradually shifted around to a north-north-easterly by 09h50 when the raptor passage started before backing slowly back to a north-westerly for much of the remainder of the day.

Japanese Quail	6 on Changdao, Penglai on the 20/10/2010.
Taiga Bean Goose	1 on Changdao, Penglai on the 20/10/2010.
Black Stork	1 flew south over Changdao, Penglai during the intense passage of Eastern Buzzards at 10h04 on the 20/10/2010.
Pelagic Cormorant	10 on Changdao, Penglai on the 20/10/2010.
Great or Japanese Cormorant	1 on Changdao, Penglai on the 20/10/2010.
Eurasian Sparrowhawk	11 flew south over Changdao, Penglai on the 20/10/2010.
Northern Goshawk	5 adults flew south over Changdao, Penglai on the 20/10/2010.
Eastern Buzzard	210 flew south over Changdao, Penglai on the 20/10/2010. There was a very brief period of intense passage from 09h50-10h15 when 147 birds were logged.
Amur Falcon	1 flew south over Changdao, Penglai on the 20/10/2010.
Peregrine Falcon	1 juvenile female on Changdao, Penglai on the 20/10/2010.
Black-headed Gull	5 adults flew west well off shore on Changdao, Penglai on the 20/10/2010.
Black-tailed Gull	100 on Changdao, Penglai on the 20/10/2010.
'Herring Gull Assemblage'	25 on Changdao, Penglai on the 20/10/2010.
Heuglin's Gull	1 on Changdao, Penglai on the 20/10/2010.
Mongolian Gull	5 on Changdao, Penglai on the 20/10/2010.
Oriental Turtle Dove	5 on Changdao, Penglai on the 20/10/2010.
Spotted Dove	6 on Changdao, Penglai on the 20/10/2010.
Ashy Minivet	1 was heard on Changdao, Penglai on the 20/10/2010.
Bull-headed Shrike	4 on Changdao, Penglai on the 20/10/2010.
Common Magpie	50 on Changdao, Penglai on the 20/10/2010.
Coal Tit	5 on Changdao, Penglai on the 20/10/2010.
Yellow-bellied Tit	1 was heard on Changdao, Penglai on the 20/10/2010.
Japanese Tit	3 on Changdao, Penglai on the 20/10/2010.
Chinese Penduline Tit	1 was heard on Changdao, Penglai on the 20/10/2010.
Eurasian Skylark	35 on Changdao, Penglai on the 20/10/2010.
Light-vented Bulbul	14 on Changdao, Penglai on the 20/10/2010.
Barn Swallow	40 over Changdao, Penglai on the 20/10/2010.
Manchurian Bush Warbler	2 singles on Changdao, Penglai on the 20/10/2010.
Dusky Warbler	17 on Changdao, Penglai on the 20/10/2010.
Pallas's Warbler	7 on Changdao, Penglai on the 20/10/2010.
Yellow-browed Warbler	37 on Changdao, Penglai on the 20/10/2010.
Black-browed Reed Warbler	2 singles on Changdao, Penglai on the 20/10/2010.
Japanese White-eye	5 on Changdao, Penglai on the 20/10/2010.
White-eye sp.	10 on Changdao, Penglai on the 20/10/2010.
Grey-backed Thrush	2 on Changdao, Penglai on the 20/10/2010.
'Rufous-tailed Thrush'	1 on Changdao, Penglai on the 20/10/2010.
Dusky Thrush	1 on Changdao, Penglai on the 20/10/2010.
Orange-flanked Bluetail	9 on Changdao, Penglai on the 20/10/2010.
Daurian Redstart	13 on Changdao, Penglai on the 20/10/2010.
Blue Rock Thrush	1 on Changdao, Penglai on the 20/10/2010.
Taiga Flycatcher	5 first-winters on Changdao, Penglai on the 20/10/2010.
Eurasian Tree Sparrow	100 on Changdao, Penglai on the 20/10/2010.
Eastern Yellow Wagtail	1 was heard on Changdao, Penglai on the 20/10/2010.
Grey Wagtail	2 on Changdao, Penglai on the 20/10/2010.
White Wagtail	11, including one <i>leucopsis</i> , on Changdao, Penglai on the 20/10/2010.
Richard's Pipit	3 on Changdao, Penglai on the 20/10/2010.
Olive-backed Pipit	9 on Changdao, Penglai on the 20/10/2010.
Red-throated Pipit	4 on Changdao, Penglai on the 20/10/2010.
Buff-bellied Pipit	35 on Changdao, Penglai on the 20/10/2010.
Brambling	500 on Changdao, Penglai on the 20/10/2010.
Grey-capped Greenfinch	20 on Changdao, Penglai on the 20/10/2010.
Eurasian Siskin	15 on Changdao, Penglai on the 20/10/2010.
Common Rosefinch	2 were heard on Changdao, Penglai on the 20/10/2010.
Pine Bunting	3 on Changdao, Penglai on the 20/10/2010.
Meadow Bunting	4 on Changdao, Penglai on the 20/10/2010.

Tristram's Bunting	1 on Changdao, Penglai on the 20/10/2010.
Chestnut-eared Bunting	5 on Changdao, Penglai on the 20/10/2010.
Little Bunting	6 on Changdao, Penglai on the 20/10/2010.
Yellow-browed Bunting	13 on Changdao, Penglai on the 20/10/2010.
Rustic Bunting	25 on Changdao, Penglai on the 20/10/2010.
Chestnut Bunting	1 on Changdao, Penglai on the 20/10/2010.
Black-faced Bunting	35 on Changdao, Penglai on the 20/10/2010.
Pallas's Bunting	15 on Changdao, Penglai on the 20/10/2010.
Reed Bunting	4 on Changdao, Penglai on the 20/10/2010.
bunting sp.	20 on Changdao, Penglai on the 20/10/2010.

Thursday 21 October 2010. Morning Changdao, afternoon returned to Penglai & back to Yantai.

I left the Changdao Shiji Jiari Hotel area ('Century Holiday Hotel') at 05h55 & spent the early morning exploring the marsh and fields around there. We'd planned to leave the island about midday but it was very quiet today & we left earlier – catching the 10h20 ferry back to Penglai. This took the expected 40 minutes &, once back on the mainland, we had a snack in the town centre KFC before catching a coach back to Yantai. Once there we booked our tickets for the following day's 09h00 ferry from Yantai to Dalian & took a taxi 20 minutes east to the Crowne Plaza Yantai Sea View Hotel (299 Gangcheng Dong Lu. Laishan, Yantai 264003 – tel. 0535 6899999 & fax. 6790999). Arriving at the hotel in the early afternoon we spent just over one hour on the neighbouring beach.

Site 1. Changdao Shiji Jiari ('Century Holiday') Hotel & Moon Bay area. (39°59.3'N., 120°42.2'E.). 05h55-11h10 & again from 15h30-16h10.

Beach adjacent to the Crowne Plaza Yantai Seaview Hotel. (37°28.2'N., 121°28.3'E.). 15h30-16h45

Weather

It was clear with no cloud whatsoever, 10°C and very slightly lower pressure than yesterday (1027 hPa) in Moon Bay at 06h00. There was a slight east-north-east wind much of the morning. It was slightly warmer (14°C) on Yantai Beach in the early evening.

Japanese Quail	2 on Changdao, Penglai on the 21/10/2010.
Falcated Duck	1 on Changdao, Penglai on the 21/10/2010.
Eurasian Wigeon	162 in the bay off immediately to the east of Yantai city on the 21/10/2010.
Eurasian Teal	35 in the bay off immediately to the east of Yantai city on the 21/10/2010.
Tufted Duck	8 on the 21/10/2010. – four were seen from the ferry between Changdao & Penglai & another four in the bay off immediately to the east of Yantai city.
Common Goldeneye	1 on Changdao, Penglai on the 21/10/2010.
Duck sp.	25 from the ferry between Changdao & Penglai on the 21/10/2010.
Grey Heron	1 on Changdao, Penglai on the 21/10/2010.
Pelagic Cormorant	7 on Changdao, Penglai on the 21/10/2010.
Great or Japanese Cormorant	9 on Changdao, Penglai on the 21/10/2010.
Eurasian Sparrowhawk	3 on Changdao, Penglai on the 21/10/2010.
Common Kestrel	1 in the bay off immediately to the east of Yantai city on the 21/10/2010.
Common Moorhen	2 on Changdao, Penglai on the 21/10/2010.
Pintail or Swinhoe's Snipe	1 on Changdao, Penglai on the 21/10/2010.
Black-headed Gull	300 on mainland Shandong between Penglai & Yantai on the 21/10/2010.
Black-tailed Gull	600 on Changdao, Penglai on the 21/10/2010.
Mew Gull	1 near Changdao harbour on the 21/10/2010.
'Herring Gull Assemblage'	400 on Changdao, Penglai on the 21/10/2010.
Heuglin's Gull	8 on the beach east of Yantai city on the 21/10/2010.
Vega Gull	1 on the beach east of Yantai city on the 21/10/2010.
Mongolian Gull	15 on the beach east of Yantai city on the 21/10/2010.
Oriental Turtle Dove	3 on Changdao, Penglai on the 21/10/2010.
Spotted Dove	4 on Changdao, Penglai on the 21/10/2010.
Bull-headed Shrike	1 adult male again on Changdao, Penglai on the 21/10/2010.
Common Magpie	50 on Changdao, Penglai on the 21/10/2010.
Coal Tit	3 on Changdao, Penglai on the 21/10/2010.
Japanese Tit	5 on Changdao, Penglai on the 21/10/2010.
Chinese Penduline Tit	1 was heard on Changdao, Penglai on the 21/10/2010.
Eurasian Skylark	10 on Changdao, Penglai on the 21/10/2010.
Light-vented Bulbul	8 on Changdao, Penglai on the 21/10/2010.
Barn Swallow	10 on Changdao, Penglai on the 21/10/2010.
Dusky Warbler	11 on Changdao, Penglai on the 21/10/2010.
Pallas's Warbler	3 on Changdao, Penglai on the 21/10/2010.
Yellow-browed Warbler	15 on Changdao, Penglai on the 21/10/2010.
Black-browed Reed Warbler	3 on Changdao, Penglai on the 21/10/2010.
White-eye sp.	1 was heard on Changdao, Penglai on the 21/10/2010.
'Rufous-tailed Thrush'	3 on Changdao, Penglai on the 21/10/2010.
Naumann's Thrush	1 on Changdao, Penglai on the 21/10/2010.
Naumann's x Dusky Thrush intergrade	1 on Changdao, Penglai on the 21/10/2010.
Orange-flanked Bluetail	2 on Changdao, Penglai on the 21/10/2010.

Daurian Redstart	7 on Changdao, Penglai on the 21/10/2010.
Taiga Flycatcher	1 first-winter on Changdao, Penglai on the 21/10/2010.
Eurasian Tree Sparrow	100 on Changdao, Penglai on the 21/10/2010.
Eastern Yellow Wagtail	1 on Changdao, Penglai on the 21/10/2010.
Grey Wagtail	1 on Changdao, Penglai on the 21/10/2010.
White Wagtail	6, including one <i>ocularis</i> , on Changdao, Penglai on the 21/10/2010.
Olive-backed Pipit	13 on Changdao, Penglai on the 21/10/2010.
Red-throated Pipit	1 on Changdao, Penglai on the 21/10/2010.
Buff-bellied Pipit	18 on Changdao, Penglai on the 21/10/2010.
Brambling	50 on Changdao, Penglai on the 21/10/2010.
Grey-capped Greenfinch	15 on Changdao, Penglai on the 21/10/2010.
Eurasian Siskin	4 on Changdao, Penglai on the 21/10/2010.
Meadow Bunting	5 on Changdao, Penglai on the 21/10/2010.
Chestnut-eared Bunting	2 on Changdao, Penglai on the 21/10/2010.
Little Bunting	4 on Changdao, Penglai on the 21/10/2010.
Rustic Bunting	20 on Changdao, Penglai on the 21/10/2010.
Yellow-breasted Bunting	1 on Changdao, Penglai on the 21/10/2010.
Chestnut Bunting	1 on Changdao, Penglai on the 21/10/2010.
Black-faced Bunting	15 on Changdao, Penglai on the 21/10/2010.
Pallas's Bunting	8 on Changdao, Penglai on the 21/10/2010.
Reed Bunting	2 on Changdao, Penglai on the 21/10/2010.
bunting sp.	10 on Changdao, Penglai on the 21/10/2010.

Friday 22 October 2010. Yantai, Shandong to Dalian, Liaoning ferry.

We had breakfast at 06h10 (ten minutes after the buffet opened) and left the Crowne Plaza Yantai Sea View Hotel in a taxi at 07h20. The drive to Yantai ferry terminal took almost 25 minutes & we arrived in plenty of time for our 09h00 ferry from Yantai across the Yellow Sea to Dalian near the southern tip of the Liaodong Peninsula.

There are four Air China flights from Yantai to Beijing area - at 08h50, 10h30, 14h30 & 21h45 & there are two additional flights over this same route with Shandong Airlines.

Ferry boarding started at 08h30 & the ferry pulled out ten minutes late at 09h10. The weather was glorious and the sea flat calm – so calm in fact that it must be very rare at any season for it to be so smooth! The car ferry took 6 hours and 25 minutes to reach Dalian port in Liaoning. Once there we had a quick snack in a nearby restaurant before taking a taxi to Dalian airport. The traffic was heavy at 17h00 on a Friday evening and the journey to the airport took a full hour. Arriving at 18h00 we were able to check in immediately for our 20h10 Air China flight back to Beijing.

The vehicle ferry was sufficiently large and stable and the weather so calm that I was able to use my tripod mounted telescope from the upper deck!

Note that there are several ferry services operating out of Dalian port –

Dalian to Yantai

Ferries take 6.5 hours and depart Dalian at 09h30, 11h30, 14h30, 20h30, 20h45 & 22h30. Note that the light will be much worse on the Dalian to Yantai leg as you're heading south and in to the sun much of the way.

Dalian to Weihai

Ferries probably take 7 hours & depart Dalian twice daily - at 10h30 and 21h00.

Dalian to the Changhaixian Islands (the northernmost of which is Zhangzidao)

This ferry takes just 3.5 hours to reach Zhangzidao but stops at numerous other islands up the south-eastern side of the Liaodong Peninsula. This daily service departs Dalian at 08h00.

Dalian to Incheon, South Korea

Ferries run just three times per week & leave Dalian at 16h30 on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. They arrive in Incheon at 08h30 (local time) the following day having taken about 15 hours. It would be interesting to see what the return ferry time are.

Dep. Yantai harbour. (37°28.2'N., 121°28.3'E.). 09h10

3 small phalarope type shorebirds not far out of Yantai harbour. (37°38.07'N., 121°27.49'E.). 09h49

1st Streaked Shearwater (5 birds). (37°56.7'N., 121°35.2'E.). 11h13

2nd Streaked Shearwater (1 bird). (38°04.3'N., 121°36.8'E.). 11h42

Yellow-bellied Tit. (38°11.3'N., 121°38.2'E.). 12h11

3rd Streaked Shearwater (17 birds). (38°23.5'N., 121°40.9'E.). 13h02

4th Streaked Shearwater (2 birds). (38°23.5'N., 121°40.9'E.). 13h06

Black-billed Magpie. 13h31 (38°30.7'N., 121°42.2'E.) & again 14h21 (38°43.1'N., 121°45.0'E.)

Northern Harrier. (38°33.8'N., 121°42.9'E.). 13h44

5th Streaked Shearwater (1 bird). (38°34.5'N., 121°43.1'E.). 13h47

Northern Goshawk. (38°45.5'N., 121°45.5'E.). 14h31

Arr. Dalian harbour. (38°55.9'N., 121°39.4'E.). 15h35

Mandarin Duck	5 circled over Yantai port at 09h03 on the 22/10/2010.
Streaked Shearwater	26 from the vehicle ferry between Yantai, Shandong & Dalian, Liaoning on the 22/10/2010. There were five encounters and all were in the 2.5 hour central (deep water?) section of the crossing. The first five birds were seen at 11h13 (when we were 2 hours & 3 minutes out of Yantai port & at 37°56.7'N., 121°35.2'E.). They were initially sitting on the sea. The second bird, a single, flew purposefully west at 11h42 (38°04.3'N., 121°36.8'E.). The third encounter was with 17 birds sitting on the sea at 13h02 (when we were almost four hours out of Yantai & 2.5 south of Dalian 38°23.5'N., 121°40.9'E.). There were another two birds were seen in flight four minutes later (38°23.5'N., 121°40.9'E.). The final bird was seen at 13h47 (when we were four hours 37 minutes out of Yantai & 1 hour 48 minutes south of Dalian 38°34.5'N., 121°43.1'E.).
Hen Harrier	1 ringtail flew south past the vehicle ferry between Yantai, Shandong & Dalian, Liaoning on the 22/10/2010. It was seen at 13h44 (when we were just under two hours south of Dalian) (38°33.8'N., 121°42.9'E.).
Northern Goshawk	1 adult from the vehicle ferry between Yantai, Shandong & Dalian, Liaoning on the 22/10/2010. It was seen low over the sea & quite close to the ship at 14h31 (when we were just over one hour south of Dalian) (38°45.5'N., 121°45.5'E.).
shorebird sp.	3 birds, possibly phalaropes, were seen poorly from the vehicle ferry between Yantai, Shandong & Dalian, Liaoning on the 22/10/2010. They flew west to the rear of the ferry at 09h49 – 39 minutes after we'd left Yantai port. (37°38.07'N., 121°27.49'E.).
Black-headed Gull	100 in & around Yantai on the 22/10/2010. The species was not seen offshore at all!
Black-tailed Gull	355 from the vehicle ferry between Yantai, Shandong & Dalian, Liaoning on the 22/10/2010. The species was typically encountered closer to land than Mongolian Gull, but less so than Black-headed.
Mew Gull	2 single adults were seen from the vehicle ferry between Yantai, Shandong & Dalian, Liaoning on the 22/10/2010. The first was seen at 11h15 (two hours 5 minutes out of Yantai) while the second birds was seen just 21 minutes later at 11h36.
Vega Gull	1 near Dalian port, Liaoning on the 22/1/2010.
Mongolian Gull	123 from the vehicle ferry between Yantai, Shandong & Dalian, Liaoning on the 22/10/2010.
Common Magpie	1 from the vehicle ferry between Yantai, Shandong & Dalian, Liaoning on the 22/10/2010. It was seen three times – the first sighting was at 13h31 (38°30.7'N., 121°42.2'E.) when we were two hours four minutes south of Dalian – it was flying very high, and apparently having spotted our ferry plunged purposefully towards it. Although it wasn't seen to land onboard it was presumably sitting somewhere on the ferry as, what was almost certainly the same bird, was seen again 50 minutes later & again when we were in sight of land. One that last encounter it flew high off to the northwest – towards the island that was visible.
Yellow-bellied Tit	2 two first-winters repeatedly circled and eventually landed on the vehicle ferry between Yantai, Shandong & Dalian, Liaoning on the 22/10/2010. They were first seen at 12h11 (just 3 hours 1 minute out of Yantai) (38°11.3'N., 121°38.2'E.).
Eurasian Skylark	5 from the vehicle ferry between Yantai, Shandong & Dalian, Liaoning on the 22/10/2010. They were seen at 09h58 when we were about 14 kilometres & 49 minutes out of Yantai port.
Barn Swallow	5 separate birds were seen from the vehicle ferry between Yantai, Shandong & Dalian, Liaoning on the 22/10/2010. The first three birds were at 13h11 (just over four hours out of Yantai & 2 hours 24 minutes before Dalian).
Chestnut-flanked White-eye	1 landed on the vehicle ferry between Yantai, Shandong & Dalian, Liaoning on the 22/10/2010. It was seen at 15h07 – when we were about 30 minutes south of Dalian.
Japanese White-eye	1 landed on the vehicle ferry between Yantai, Shandong & Dalian, Liaoning on the 22/10/2010.
White-eye sp.	3 circled the vehicle ferry between Yantai, Shandong & Dalian, Liaoning on the 22/10/2010.
Eurasian Tree Sparrow	1 landed on the vehicle ferry about five minutes before we docked in Dalian port on the 22/10/2010.
Buff-bellied Pipit	2 were heard over the vehicle ferry between Yantai, Shandong & Dalian, Liaoning on the 22/10/2010. They were seen at 09h56 when we were about 13.8 kilometres & 46 minutes out of Yantai port.
Brambling	3 from vehicle ferry between Yantai, Shandong & Dalian, Liaoning on the 22/10/2010. The first bird was seen at 10h07 when we were about 18 kilometres or 57 minutes out of Yantai port. While the other two birds were noted at 10h43 (just over 1.5 hours out of Yantai) & these two repeatedly circled & eventually landed on the ferry.
Grey-capped Greenfinch	15 flew over the vehicle ferry between Yantai, Shandong & Dalian, Liaoning on the 22/10/2010. They were seen at 09h52 when we were 13.5 kilometres & 43 minutes out of Yantai port.
Little Bunting	1 repeatedly circled & eventually landed on the vehicle ferry between Yantai, Shandong & Dalian, Liaoning on the 22/10/2010.
bunting sp.	3 singles were noted from the vehicle ferry between Yantai, Shandong & Dalian, Liaoning on the 22/10/2010. They were at 10h07, 10h26 & 10h32 (57, 76 & 82 minutes out of Yantai) respectively.

Yantai, Shandong to Dalian, Liaoning ferry
 22 Oct. 2010.
 (Dep. Yantai 09h10 & arr. Dalian 15h35).

	Total no.	09h00-09h30	09h30-10h00	10h00-10h30	10h30-11h00	11h00-11h30	11h30-12h00	12h00-12h30	12h30-13h00	13h00-13h30	13h30-14h00	14h00-14h30	14h30-15h00	15h00-15h30	15h30-16h00
Streaked Shearwater	26					5	1			19	1				
Common Gull	2						1	1							
Black-tailed Gull	355	20	6	7	8	15						7	29	63	200
Mongolian Gull	123	3	2	2	3	2	2	3	2	2	15	12	10	15	50

Bird List

Four figures are given in parentheses after the species' English name. The first of these figures details how many days (out of a maximum of 12) 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 Japanese Quail reads (5/12 6 12) - birds were noted on five of the 12 days that we were in Shandong, with up to six individuals on any one date & with a total of 12 bird-days.

Taxonomy & nomenclature mostly follows that of the CBR [China Bird Report] Checklist of Birds of China v1.0.2 (2010) available on-line.

JAPANESE QUAIL *Coturnix japonica* 鹌鹑

(5/12 6 12)

2 singles were flushed near Moon Bay on Changdao, Penglai on the 15/10/2010.

1 on Changdao, Penglai on the 17/10/2010.

1 on Changdao, Penglai on the 18/10/2010.

6 on Changdao, Penglai on the 20/10/2010.

2 on Changdao, Penglai on the 21/10/2010.

COMMON PHEASANT *Phasianus colchicus* 雉鸡

(1/12 2 2)

2 in the Cheng Shan Tou tourist complex, Rongcheng on the 12/10/2010.

SWAN GOOSE *Anser cygnoides* VU 鸿雁

(1/12 1 1)

1 on Tian'e Hu, Rongcheng on the 11/10/2010.

TAIGA BEAN GOOSE *Anser fabalis* 豆雁

(4/12 1 4)

1 immature in the fields at Moon Bay, Changdao, Penglai from the 17-20/10/2010. It was probably injured or sick.

TUNDRA BEAN GOOSE *Anser serrirostris* 短嘴豆雁

(2/12 23 26)

3 came in off the sea at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng at 06h54 on the 13/10/2010.

23 flew west over the sea at Moon Bay, Changdao, Penglai at 08h02 on the 14/10/2010.

[TAIGA or TUNDRA BEAN GOOSE *Anser fabalis* or *A. serrirostris*] [豆雁 or 短嘴豆雁]

(1/12 14 14)

14 over Changdao, Penglai on the 14/10/2010. 13 of these flew high to the southwest over the eastern part of Nan Changdao close to Xianjingyuan at 14h20 while a single bird flew high to the south over Linhai Forest Park at the very south of the same island.

GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE *Anser albifrons* 白额雁

(1/12 48 48)

48 in the Changdao-Penglai area on the 15/10/2010. Nine came in off the sea at Moon Bay at 06h13 while the other 39 flew south over Penglai ferry terminal at 08h10.

GREY GOOSE SP.

(2/12 147 159)

148 in the Changdao-Penglai area on the 15/10/2010. 14 flew east off Moon Bay at 06h11; 30 more came in off the sea there at 06h22; 35 flew west over Penglai ferry terminal at 07h37; 27, 15, six & six flew west from the Penglai to Changdao ferry at 08h24, 08h38, 08h40 & 09h09 respectively; 15 flew west off Moon Bay at 14h28.

12 from the Penglai to Changdao ferry at about 13h50 on the 18/10/2010.

[BRENT GOOSE *Branta bernicla* 黑雁

6 very distant birds, possibly this species, flew south off Jiuzhangya Cliff at the extreme northern end of Bei Changdao, Penglai on the 17/10/2010].

SWAN SP. *Cygnus sp.*

(1/12 2 2)

2 adults flew south over the ferry near Penglai at 13h42 on the 18/10/2010.

MANDARIN DUCK *Aix galericulata* 鸳鸯

(3/12 71 77)

71 flew south during the two hour early morning seawatch at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 13/10/2010. 14 were seen at 06h45, 20 at 07h05, 25 at 07h15 and 12 at 07h17.

1 flew west off Changdao, Penglai on the 17/10/2010.

5 circled over Yantai port at 09h03 on the 22/10/2010.

FALCATED DUCK *Anas falcata* 罗纹鸭

(4/12 6 9)

1 from the Changdao to Penglai ferry on the 15/10/2010. It flew south with a party of 22 Chinese Spot-billed Ducks.

6, a pair and a party of four, flew west off Changdao, Penglai on the 17/10/2010.

1 juvenile on the small pool near Wang Gou cun, Changdao, Penglai on the 19/10/2010.

1 on Changdao, Penglai on the 21/10/2010.

EURASIAN WIGEON *Anas penelope* 赤颈鸭

(5/12 162 166)

1 flew south, with two Chinese Spot-billed Ducks, off the sea quality monitoring station at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng at 08h30 on the 12/10/2010.

1 flew south during the two hour early morning seawatch at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng at 07h21 on the 13/10/2010.

1 in Moon Bay, Changdao, Penglai on the 15/10/2010.

1 flew west off Changdao, Penglai on the 17/10/2010.

162 in the bay off immediately to the east of Yantai city on the 21/10/2010.

MALLARD *Anas platyrhynchos* 绿头鸭

(5/12 35 61)

35 on Tian'e Hu, Rongcheng on the 11/10/2010.

14 at Moon Bay, Changdao, Penglai at 08h02 on the 14/10/2010. Five birds circled the bay before continuing east at 07h27 while another nine flew west with the party of Tundra Bean Geese at 08h02.

2 in Moon Bay, Changdao, Penglai on the 15/10/2010.

8 flew west off Changdao, Penglai on the 17/10/2010.

2 on the small pool near Wang Gou cun, Changdao, Penglai on the 19/10/2010.

CHINESE SPOT-BILLED DUCK *Anas zonorhyncha* 斑嘴鸭

(7/12 29 59)

2 on Tian'e Hu, Rongcheng on the 11/10/2010.

10 flew off Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 12/10/2010. Three birds were logged flying south, with a Eurasian Teal, at 06h06; four more flew north there at 06h33; two more flew south, with a Eurasian Wigeon, at 08h30 and a single bird flew south at 14h33.

2 flew south during the two hour early morning seawatch at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 13/10/2010.

1 besides the small pool at Wang Gou cun, Changdao, Penglai on the 14/10/2010.

29 in the Changdao-Penglai area on the 15/10/2010. One circled Moon Bay just after dawn; 22 were seen from the Changdao to Penglai ferry at 07h18 with six more from the same boat at 07h24.

12 flew west off Changdao, Penglai on the 17/10/2010.

3 on the small pool near Wang Gou cun, Changdao, Penglai on the 19/10/2010.

NORTHERN PINTAIL *Anas acuta* 针尾鸭

(1/12 15 15)

15 from the Changdao to Penglai ferry at 07h32 on the 15/10/2010.

GARGANEY *Anas querquedula* 白眉鸭

(1/12 1 1)

1 on Tian'e Hu, Rongcheng on the 11/10/2010.

EURASIAN TEAL *Anas crecca* 绿翅鸭

(6/12 51 93)

1 flew south with three Chinese Spot-billed Ducks of the sea quality monitoring station at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng at 06h06 on the 12/10/2010.

1 flew south with a party of Mandarin Ducks during the two hour early morning seawatch at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng at 07h05 on the 13/10/2010.

1 besides the small pool at Wang Gou cun, Changdao, Penglai on the 14/10/2010.

85 in the Changdao-Penglai area on the 15/10/2010. 45 flew west off Moon Bay at 06h08 while 40 were seen from the Changdao to Penglai ferry at 07h32.

4 over the sea off Moon Bay, Changdao, Penglai on the 19/10/2010.

35 in the bay off immediately to the east of Yantai city on the 21/10/2010.

[In addition 10 birds, possibly this species, were seen very distantly on Tian'e Hu, Rongcheng on the 11/10/2010.

TUFTED DUCK *Aythya fuligula* 凤头潜鸭

(1/12 8 8)

8 on the 21/10/2010. – four were seen from the ferry between Changdao & Penglai & another four in the bay off immediately to the east of Yantai city.

WHITE-WINGED SCOTER *Melanitta deglandi stejnegeri* 斑脸海番鸭

(3/12 2 4)

1 flew north off the sea quality monitoring station at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng at 07h17 on the 12/10/2010.

1 male flew north at 06h49 during the two hour early morning seawatch at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 13/10/2010.

2 flew west off Changdao, Penglai on the 17/10/2010.

COMMON GOLDENEYE *Bucephala clangula* 鹊鸭

(2/12 1 2)

1 flew east off Changdao, Penglai on the 17/10/2010.

1 on Changdao, Penglai on the 21/10/2010.

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

(6/12 7 19)

4, two pairs, flew south off Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 12/10/2010. The first pair did so at 10h47, the second pair at 11h54.

3 on Tian'e Hu, Rongcheng on the 11/10/2010.

1 flew east over the sea off Linhai Park at the very southern end of Changdao, Penglai on the 14/10/2010.

2 flew west off Moon Bay, Changdao, Penglai at 14h32 on the 15/10/2010.

7 flew west off Changdao, Penglai on the 17/10/2010.

2 on Changdao, Penglai on the 18/10/2010.

DUCK SP.

(7/12 398 645)

60 on Tian'e Hu, Rongcheng on the 11/10/2010.

38 flew south off Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 12/10/2010. The first bird, possibly a Northern Pintail, flew south at 06h26, another flock of 12 birds did the same at 07h19 while about 25 birds also flew much further out to sea at 07h53.

17 flew south during the two hour early morning seawatch at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 13/10/2010. Six birds were logged at 05h56, two more at 07h04 & nine more at 07h05. Its possible that all of these were Eurasian Teal.

364 in the Changdao-Penglai area on the 15/10/2010. 133 of these were noted in six parties comprising one, seven, 15, 15, 45 & 50 birds over the sea off Moon Bay between 06h01 & 06h12; 191 in flocks of 80, five, six, 20, ten, 15, 40, seven & eight flew west off the Changdao to Penglai ferry at 07h23, 07h23, 07h32, 08h26, 08h28, 08h31, 08h40, 08h45 & 08h54; lastly 40 flew east off Moon Bay at 14h30.

29 off Changdao, Penglai on the 17/10/2010.

78 in the Changdao-Penglai area on the 18/10/2010. 27 of these were seen during the one hour morning sea watch near Moon Bay while the other 51 were seen from the two ferry trips between Changdao and Penglai and back.

25 from the ferry between Changdao & Penglai on the 21/10/2010.

STREAKED SHEARWATER *Calonectris leucomelas* 白额鹱

(1/12 26 26)

26 from the vehicle ferry between Yantai, Shandong & Dalian, Liaoning on the 22/10/2010. There were five encounters and all were in the 2.5 hour central (deep water?) section of the crossing. The first five birds were seen at 11h13 (when we were 2 hours & 3 minutes out of Yantai port & at 37°56.7'N., 121°35.2'E.). They were initially sitting on the sea. The second bird, a single, flew purposefully west at 11h42 (38°04.3'N., 121°36.8'E.). The third encounter was with 17 birds sitting on the sea at 13h02 (when we were almost four hours out of Yantai & 2.5 south of Dalian 38°23.5'N., 121°40.9'E.). There were another two birds were seen in flight four minutes later (38°23.5'N., 121°40.9'E.). The final bird was seen at 13h47 (when we were four hours 37 minutes out of Yantai & 1 hour 48 minutes south of Dalian 38°34.5'N., 121°43.1'E.).

LITTLE GREBE *Tachybaptus ruficollis* 小鸕鶿

(3/12 37 78)

23, including one very recently fledged juvenile, on Wang Gou cun shuitang, Changdao, Penglai on the 14/10/2010.

37 on Wang Gou cun shuitang, Changdao, Penglai on the 16/10/2010.

18 on Changdao, Penglai on the 19/10/2010. 16 of these were on the small pool near Wang Gou cun while the other two were on an even smaller pool near Moon Bay.

BLACK STORK *Ciconia nigra* 黑鸕

(1/12 1 1)

1 flew south over Changdao, Penglai during the intense passage of Eastern Buzzards at 10h04 on the 20/10/2010.

GREY HERON *Ardea cinerea* 苍鹭

(9/12 12 38)

4 in Rongcheng on the 11/10/2010 – two of these were at Tian'e Hu while the other two flew high over Cheng Shan Tou right at sunset 17h20.

4 near Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 12/10/2010. Two of these were on floating pontoons in the main harbour; the third bird was heard flying high over the guest house at dusk & the fourth bird did the same about 1.5 hours later at about 19h00. The later two were probably in the process of migrating.

1 came in off the sea at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 13/10/2010.

1 besides the small pool at Wang Gou cun, Changdao, Penglai on the 14/10/2010.

5 came in off the sea at Moon Bay, Changdao, Penglai on the 15/10/2010. The first bird arrived at 06h14 with the other four following six minutes later.

1 on rocks off Diao Yu Gang at the extreme northern end of Changdao, Penglai on the 16/10/2010.

9 flew south over Changdao, Penglai on the 17/10/2010.

12 flew south over Changdao, Penglai on the 18/10/2010. 11 of these were seen from the boat while the other flew high over the hotel in the early evening.

1 on Changdao, Penglai on the 21/10/2010.

PURPLE HERON *Ardea purpurea* 草鹭

(1/12 1 1)

1 juvenile flew high over Diao Yu Dao Gang, Changdao, Penglai at 11h05 on the 15/10/2010.

LITTLE EGRET *Egretta garzetta* 白鹭

(2/12 6 7)

6 on floating pontoons in the main harbour north of Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 12/10/2010.

1 between Rongcheng & Weihai on the 13/10/2010.

CHINESE EGRET *Egretta eulophotes* VU 岩鹭

(5/12 1 5)

1 besides the Yu Shi Jie causeway between Nan Changdao & Bei Changdao, Penglai on the 14/10/2010.

1 bird, undoubtedly the same bird as yesterday, was still besides the Yu Shi Jie causeway between Nan Changdao & Bei Changdao, Penglai on the 15/10/2010.

1 near Gu Shan harbour at the northern end of Changdao, Penglai on the 16/10/2010.

1 near Gu Shan harbour at the northern end of Changdao, Penglai on the 17/10/2010. It was undoubtedly the same bird that had been present for several days now.

1 juvenile besides the Yu Shi Jie causeway on Changdao, Penglai on the 18/10/2010.

PELAGIC CORMORANT *Phalacrocorax pelagicus* 海鸕鶿

(8/12 17 83)

10 on Changdao, Penglai on the 14/10/2010. Eight of these were on a rock skerry off Diao Yu Dao Gang at the extreme north-western end of Bei Changdao while the other two were besides the Yu Shi Jie causeway between Nan Changdao & Bei Changdao later in the day.

11 at Diao Yu Dao Gang, Changdao, Penglai on the 15/10/2010.

17 off Diao Yu Dao Gang at the extreme northern end of Changdao, Penglai on the 16/10/2010.

8 off Changdao, Penglai on the 17/10/2010. Birds were seen on the rocks in the Jiuzhangya Cliff – Diao Yu Dao Gang area as well as around the fishing pontoons to the east of the Yu Shi Ji causeway between Bei and Nan Changdao. As in previous days none were seen flying offshore during any of the seawatches.

17 besides the Yu Shi Jie causeway on Changdao, Penglai on the 18/10/2010.

3 besides the Yu Shi Jie causeway on Changdao, Penglai on the 19/10/2010.

10 on Changdao, Penglai on the 20/10/2010.

7 on Changdao, Penglai on the 21/10/2010.

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

(5/12 20 45)

20 on a very distant floating fishing pontoon off the Yu Shi Jie causeway between Nan Changdao & Bei Changdao, Penglai on the 14/10/2010.

1 off Diao Yu Gang at the extreme northern end of Changdao, Penglai on the 16/10/2010.
14 besides the Yu Shi Jie causeway on Changdao, Penglai on the 18/10/2010.
1 on Changdao, Penglai on the 20/10/2010.
9 on Changdao, Penglai on the 21/10/2010.

CORMORANT SP. - either GREAT, JAPANESE or PELAGIC *P. carbo*, *P. capillatus* or *P. pelagicus*

(2/12 27 32)

27 around the fishing pontoons to the east of the Yu Shi Ji causeway between Bei and Nan Changdao, Penglai on the 17/10/2010.
5 besides the Yu Shi Jie causeway on Changdao, Penglai on the 19/10/2010.

OSPREY *Pandion haliaetus* 鸢

(1/12 1 1)

1 on Tian'e Hu, Rongcheng on the 11/10/2010.

ORIENTAL HONEY-BUZZARD *Pernis ptilorhyncus* 凤头蜂鹰

(1/12 1 1)

1 flew southwest high over Diao Yu Dao Gang at the extreme north-western end of Bei Changdao, Penglai on the 14/10/2010.

HEN HARRIER *Circus cyaneus* 白尾鹞

(2/12 1 2)

1 ringtail came in off the sea at Moon Bay, Changdao, Penglai at 14h24 on the 15/10/2010.

1 ringtail flew south past the vehicle ferry between Yantai, Shandong & Dalian, Liaoning on the 22/10/2010. It was seen at 13h44 (when we were just under two hours south of Dalian) (38°33.8'N., 121°42.9'E.).

JAPANESE SPARROWHAWK *Accipiter gularis* 日本松雀鹰

(1/12 1 1)

1 juvenile besides Wang Gou cun shuitang, Changdao, Penglai on the 14/10/2010.

EURASIAN SPARROWHAWK *Accipiter nisus* 雀鹰

(8/12 27 68)

27 flew southwest over Changdao, Penglai on the 14/10/2010.

11 over Changdao, Penglai on the 15/10/2010.

3 over Changdao, Penglai on the 16/10/2010.

2 over Changdao, Penglai on the 17/10/2010.

3 over Changdao, Penglai on the 18/10/2010.

9 over Changdao, Penglai on the 19/10/2010.

11 flew south over Changdao, Penglai on the 20/10/2010.

3 on Changdao, Penglai on the 21/10/2010.

NORTHERN GOSHAWK *Accipiter gentilis* 苍鹰

(5/12 8 16)

1 adult flew high to the southwest over Diao Yu Dao Gang at the extreme north-western end of Bei Changdao, Penglai on the 14/10/2010.

8 over Changdao, Penglai on the 15/10/2010. These involved seven juveniles & just one adult.

1 adult over Changdao, Penglai on the 16/10/2010.

5 adults flew south over Changdao, Penglai on the 20/10/2010.

1 adult from the vehicle ferry between Yantai, Shandong & Dalian, Liaoning on the 22/10/2010. It was seen low over the sea & quite close to the ship at 14h31 (when we were just over one hour south of Dalian) (38°45.5'N., 121°45.5'E.).

ACCIPITER SP.

(1/12 5 5)

5 over Changdao, Penglai on the 15/10/2010.

EASTERN BUZZARD *Buteo japonicus* 喜山鵟

(8/12 346 796)

1 adult came in off the sea at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng at 14h36 on the 11/10/2010.

134 flew high to the southwest over Diao Yu Dao Gang at the extreme north-western end of Bei Changdao, Penglai on the 14/10/2010. Five birds were seen

coming in off the sea at Moon Bay in the early morning (at 08h15 [3 birds], 08h27 & 09h00) but it wasn't until 09h20 that passage really commenced. Just 26 birds were aged – and this produced eight (31%) adults & 18 (69%) juveniles.

346 over Changdao, Penglai on the 15/10/2010. 275 birds were aged and of these 27 (10%) were adult & 248 (90%) juvenile.

42 over Changdao, Penglai on the 16/10/2010. 11 birds were seen well enough to age & they were all juveniles.

3 over Changdao, Penglai on the 17/10/2010.

17 in the Changdao-Penglai area of the 18/10/2010. Most of these (15 birds) were over the ferry terminal at Penglai in the early afternoon.

45 over Changdao, Penglai on the 19/10/2010.

210 flew south over Changdao, Penglai on the 20/10/2010. There was a very brief period of intense passage from 09h50-10h15 when 147 birds were logged.

COMMON KESTREL *Falco tinnunculus* 红隼

(5/12 3 9)

1 over Weihai city centre on the 11/10/2010.

3 singles around Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 12/10/2010.

3 in the Changdao-Penglai area on the 15/10/2010.

1 over Changdao, Penglai on the 19/10/2010.

1 in the bay off immediately to the east of Yantai city on the 21/10/2010.

AMUR FALCON *Falco amurensis* 红脚隼

(6/12 90 115)

3 around Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 12/10/2010. Two were seen from the sea quality monitoring station right at sunrise (& had probably roosted on the adjacent cliffs overnight) while another flew south offshore at 11h15.

1 over Changdao, Penglai on the 14/10/2010.

90 over Changdao, Penglai on the 15/10/2010.

1 over Changdao, Penglai on the 16/10/2010.

19 in the Changdao - Penglai area on the 18/10/2010. Seven of these were seen from the ferry between the two sites while the other 12 were over the Changdao Shiji Jiari Hotel in the evening.

1 flew south over Changdao, Penglai on the 20/10/2010.

MERLIN *Falco columbarius* 灰背隼

(1/12 1 1)

1 flew south off Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 12/10/2010.

PEREGRINE FALCON *Falco peregrinus* 游隼

(10/12 4 18)

1 adult over the sea at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 11/10/2010.

2, a pair of adults, were seen repeatedly off Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 12/10/2010.

4 in northern Shandong on the 13/10/2010. Three of these a pair of adults and a juvenile female, were seen repeatedly at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng during the early morning seawatch. They were seen repeatedly chasing migrating Oriental Turtle Doves as they were coming in off the sea I saw the both adults catch a dove each.

3 on Changdao, Penglai on the 14/10/2010.

1 adult near Changdao town, Penglai on the 15/10/2010.

2 on Changdao, Penglai on the 16/10/2010.

2 over Changdao, Penglai on the 17/10/2010.

1 adult near Moon Bay on Changdao, Penglai on the 18/10/2010.

1 juvenile on Changdao, Penglai on the 19/10/2010.

1 juvenile female on Changdao, Penglai on the 20/10/2010.

COMMON MOORHEN *Gallinula chloropus* 黑水鸡

(4/12 4 8)

4 besides the small pool at Wang Gou cun, Changdao, Penglai on the 14/10/2010.

1 on a small marsh near Moon Bay, Changdao, Penglai on the 15/10/2010.

1 on the small pool near Wang Gou cun, Changdao, Penglai on the 19/10/2010.

2 on Changdao, Penglai on the 21/10/2010.

NORTHERN LAPWING *Vanellus vanellus* 凤头麦鸡

(2/12 15 24)

9 over Moon Bay, Changdao, Penglai on the 14/10/2010.

15 in the Changdao-Penglai area on the 15/10/2010. 14 of these came in off the sea at Moon Bay just before dawn at 05h39 while the other was seen from the Changdao ferry terminal at 09h11.

LITTLE RINGED PLOVER *Charadrius dubius* 金眶鸻

(2/12 1 2)

1 was heard on Moon Bay beach Changdao, Penglai before dawn on the 14/10/2010.
1 over Moon Bay, Changdao, Penglai on the 19/10/2010.

PINTAIL or SWINHOE'S SNIPE *Gallinago stenura* or *G. megala* 针尾沙锥 or 大沙锥

(1/12 1 1)

1 on Changdao, Penglai on the 21/10/2010.

COMMON SNIPE *Gallinago gallinago* 扇尾沙锥

(2/12 1 2)

1 in the small marsh in Moon Bay, Changdao, Penglai on the 16/10/2010.
1 over Moon Bay, Changdao, Penglai on the 19/10/2010.

WHIMBREL *Numenius phaeopus* 中杓鹬

(1/12 1 1)

1 flew north off the sea quality monitoring station at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng at 06h12 on the 12/10/2010.

SHOREBIRD SP.

(1/12 3 3)

3 birds, possibly phalaropes, were seen poorly from the vehicle ferry between Yantai, Shandong & Dalian, Liaoning on the 22/10/2010. They flew west to the rear of the ferry at 09h49 – 39 minutes after we'd left Yantai port. (37°38.07'N., 121°27.49'E.).

ORIENTAL PRATINCOLE *Glareola maldivarum* 普通燕鸻

(1/12 2 2)

2 singles on Changdao, Penglai on the 15/10/2010. A moulting adult came in off the sea with a party of 14 Northern Lapwings at Moon Bay at 05h39 while the second bird flew south over Changdao town at .09h14.

BLACK-HEADED GULL *Chroicocephalus ridibundus* 红嘴鸥

(8/12 300 587)

15 in Penglai harbour on the 13/10/2010. Incredibly none were ever seen from the seawatches at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng!

30 on the sea well south of Linhai Park, Changdao, Penglai on the 14/10/2010.

110 in & around Penglai harbour on the 15/10/2010. Almost all of these were in the area immediately around Penglai harbour & although birds were seen almost half-way between there & Changdao none were logged for the third day running 'on the island itself.'

2 adults, the first I'd seen on the island, flew east off Jiuzhangya Cliff at the extreme northern end of Bei Changdao, Penglai on the 17/10/2010.

25 on Changdao, Penglai on the 18/10/2010. One of these was seen from the morning sea watch near Moon Bay while the others were from the ferry & all closer to Penglai than Changdao.

5 adults flew west well off shore on Changdao, Penglai on the 20/10/2010.

300 on mainland Shandong between Penglai & Yantai on the 21/10/2010.

100 in & around Yantai on the 22/10/2010. The species was not seen offshore at all!

BLACK-TAILED GULL *Larus crassirostris* 黑尾鸥

(12/12 2800 7218)

76 were seen during the three hour (14h10-17h10) seawatch off Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 11/10/2010. (See the table below for timings). Unlike the 'Herring Gulls' about 25% of the birds logged were actually going north! The highest 30 minute count was of 37 birds between 15h30-16h00 & this included a party of 21 that followed a fishing trawler as it came close inshore.

74 off Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 12/10/2010. There was no obvious passage all day – and incredibly 74 birds were logged flying north and 73 flying south!

87 in northern Shandong on the 13/10/2010. 77 of these were seen moving north during the two hour morning seawatch at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng while another ten were in Penglai harbour in the late afternoon.

550 at Changdao, Penglai on the 14/10/2010. The vast majority of these were seen on the floating pontoons and fishing buoys off the Yu Shi Jie causeway between Nan Changdao & Bei Changdao.

200 in the Changdao-Penglai area on the 15/10/2010. About 120 of these were in Penglai harbour.

150 on Changdao, Penglai on the 16/10/2010.

2800 on Changdao, Penglai on the 17/10/2010. The vast majority of these (2100 birds) were in the bay to the east of the Yu Shi Ji causeway between Bei and Nan Changdao in the late afternoon. Elsewhere 150 were in the bay off Gu Shan Matou while almost 500 were logged heading east during the day's various seawatches. Five colour banded adults were seen among 400 of the closest birds off the Yu Shi Ji causeway between Bei and Nan Changdao (37°58.17'N., 120°43.85'E.) – one had an orange band on its lower right leg (photographed); two had blue bands on their lower left legs (one was photographed); one had an orange band on lower left leg & dark (possibly blue?) band on lower right while the fifth bird had an orange band above knee on right leg. Its likely that they were all banded locally.

1625 on Changdao, Penglai on the 18/10/2010. The vast majority of these (1490 birds) were again besides the Yu Shi Jie causeway. Four colour banded adults

were seen today – one had an orange band on lower right leg, another two had a blue band on their lower left leg while the fourth bird had a blue band on its lower left leg & an aluminium band on its lower right.

600 on Changdao, Penglai on the 19/10/2010. Most of these were besides the Yu Shi Jie causeway.

100 on Changdao, Penglai on the 20/10/2010.

600 on Changdao, Penglai on the 21/10/2010.

355 from the vehicle ferry between Yantai, Shandong & Dalian, Liaoning on the 22/10/2010. The species was typically encountered closer to land than Mongolian Gull, but less so than Black-headed.

MEW GULL *Larus canus* 海鸥

(6/12 6 18)

2 with other gulls at Changdao, Penglai on the 14/10/2010. They were on the floating pontoons and fishing buoys off the Yu Shi Jie causeway between Nan Changdao & Bei Changdao.

2 adults on Changdao, Penglai on the 17/10/2010. They were both with the other gulls in the bay to the east of the Yu Shi Ji causeway between Bei and Nan Changdao in the late afternoon.

5 adults on Changdao, Penglai on the 18/10/2010.

6 with other gulls besides the Yu Shi Jie causeway on Changdao, Penglai on the 19/10/2010.

1 near Changdao harbour on the 21/10/2010.

2 single adults were seen from the vehicle ferry between Yantai, Shandong & Dalian, Liaoning on the 22/10/2010. The first was seen at 11h15 (two hours 5 minutes out of Yantai) while the second birds was seen just 21 minutes later at 11h36.

'HERRING GULL ASSEMBLAGE'

(11/12 1187 4795)

1187 flew south during the three hour (14h10-17h10) seawatch off Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 11/10/2010. (See the table below for timings). Less than 10% of these were identified to species with the vast majority being Heuglin's Gulls.

348 off Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 12/10/2010. As with Black-tailed Gull, & in total contrast to yesterday, there was no obvious passage all day with 348 birds being logged drifting north & just 46 heading south.

665 in northern Shandong on the 13/10/2010. 650 of these were seen moving north during the two hour morning seawatch at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng while another 15 were seen from the ferry between Penglai & Changdao in the late afternoon. Large numbers of gulls were already on the move as soon as their silhouettes could be discerned & I now suspect that the early morning northerly movement of gulls at Cheng Shan Tou is of birds moving after having roosted overnight on the sea to the south.

350 distant birds at Changdao, Penglai on the 14/10/2010.

100 in the Changdao-Penglai area on the 15/10/2010. The largest concentration, about 50 birds, was again in the Diao Yu Dao Gang area on Changdao.

100 on Changdao, Penglai on the 16/10/2010.

1200 on Changdao, Penglai on the 17/10/2010. Just over 100 were seen during the day's various seawatches while 1100 were in the bay to the east of the Yu Shi Ji causeway between Bei and Nan Changdao in the late afternoon.

320 on Changdao, Penglai on the 18/10/2010. The vast majority of these (300+ birds) were again besides the Yu Shi Jie causeway.

200 on Changdao, Penglai on the 19/10/2010. Most of these were besides the Yu Shi Jie causeway.

25 on Changdao, Penglai on the 20/10/2010.

400 on Changdao, Penglai on the 21/10/2010.

HEUGLIN'S GULL *Larus heuglini* 乌灰银鸥

(8/12 78 139)

78 flew south during the three hour (14h10-17h10) seawatch off Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 11/10/2010. (See the table below for timings). This was by far the commonest of the three members of the 'Herring Gull Assemblage' recorded at this site.

3 were logged flying north off Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng in the later afternoon on the 12/10/2010.

8 flew south during the two hour early morning seawatch at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 13/10/2010.

18 on Changdao, Penglai on the 17/10/2010.

6 on Changdao, Penglai on the 18/10/2010.

17 near Diao Yu Dao Matou, Changdao, Penglai on the 19/10/2010.

1 on Changdao, Penglai on the 20/10/2010.

8 on the beach east of Yantai city on the 21/10/2010.

VEGA GULL *Larus vegae* 西伯利亚银鸥

(5/12 4 9)

4 adults flew south during the three hour (14h10-17h10) seawatch off Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 11/10/2010. (See the table below for timings). This was by far the scarcest of the three members of the 'Herring Gull Assemblage' recorded at this site.

1 adult flew north during the two hour early morning seawatch at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 13/10/2010.

2 adults on Changdao, Penglai on the 17/10/2010.

1 on the beach east of Yantai city on the 21/10/2010.

1 near Dalian port, Liaoning on the 22/1/2010.

MONGOLIAN GULL *Larus mongolicus* 蒙古银鸥

(12/12 123 342)

23 flew south during the three hour (14h10-17h10) seawatch off Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 11/10/2010. (See the table below for timings).

3 were logged flying north off Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng around midday on the 12/10/2010.
8 in northern Shandong on the 13/10/2010. Five of these were seen moving north & an equal number moving south during the two hour morning seawatch at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng while another three birds were in Penglai harbour in the late afternoon.
25 at Changdao, Penglai on the 14/10/2010.
10 in the Changdao-Penglai area on the 15/10/2010. All of the large gulls identified to species today were again Mongolian Gulls.
5 on Changdao, Penglai on the 16/10/2010.
95 on Changdao, Penglai on the 17/10/2010.
15 on Changdao, Penglai on the 18/10/2010.
15 on Changdao, Penglai on the 19/10/2010.
5 on Changdao, Penglai on the 20/10/2010.
15 on the beach east of Yantai city on the 21/10/2010.
123 from the vehicle ferry between Yantai, Shandong & Dalian, Liaoning on the 22/10/2010.

LONG-TAILED JAEGER *Stercorarius longicaudus* 长尾贼鸥

(1/12 1 1)

1 adult flew east right over the ferry almost exactly midway between Penglai & Changdao at 16h13 on the 13/10/2010. The exact site was about 4.5 kilometres out of Penglai harbour & at 37°23.4'N., 122°41.8'E.

Apparently the first record of any jaeger for Shandong.

ORIENTAL TURTLE DOVE *Streptopelia orientalis* 山斑鸠

(11/12 13 58)

3 singles between Yantai, Weihai & Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 11/10/2010.
6 at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 12/10/2010. Three of these were singles that were seen coming in off the sea in the early morning.
12 came in off the sea at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 13/10/2010. All sightings were of singles or small parties with singles being seen at 06h03, 07h02, 07h08 & 07h19; three birds at 06h56 & five at 07h23.
7 on Changdao, Penglai on the 14/10/2010.
3 over Changdao, Penglai on the 15/10/2010.
1 on Changdao, Penglai on the 16/10/2010.
1 on Changdao, Penglai on the 17/10/2010.
4 on Changdao, Penglai on the 18/10/2010.
13 on Changdao, Penglai on the 19/10/2010.
5 on Changdao, Penglai on the 20/10/2010.
3 on Changdao, Penglai on the 21/10/2010.

SPOTTED DOVE *Spilopelia chinensis* 珠颈斑鸠

(8/12 6 18)

1 at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 12/10/2010.
1 first-winter near Moon Bay, Changdao, Penglai on the 15/10/2010.
1 was heard on Changdao, Penglai on the 16/10/2010.
2 on Changdao, Penglai on the 17/10/2010.
1 was heard near the Changdao Shiji Jiari Hotel on Changdao, Penglai on the 18/10/2010.
2 on Changdao, Penglai on the 19/10/2010.
6 on Changdao, Penglai on the 20/10/2010.
4 on Changdao, Penglai on the 21/10/2010.

COMMON KINGFISHER *Alcedo atthis* 普通翠鸟

(3/12 2 4)

1 was heard from the point at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 11/10/2010.
2 singles at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 12/10/2010. The first was near the sea quality monitoring station & the second flew across the road just inside the tourist park complex.
1 was heard on Changdao, Penglai on the 16/10/2010.

EURASIAN HOOPOE *Upupa epops* 戴胜

(1/12 1 1)

1 near Moon Bay, Changdao, Penglai on the 15/10/2010.

ASHY MINIVET *Pericrocotus divaricatus* 灰山椒鸟

(8/12 3 12)

3 singles at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 12/10/2010. The first birds flew south over the sea quality monitoring station at 06h16 & 06h39 respectively.
1 was heard over the sea quality monitoring station at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 13/10/2010.
2 singles were heard over Changdao, Penglai on the 14/10/2010.
1 came in off the sea at Moon Bay, Changdao, Penglai at 06h18 on the 15/10/2010.

2 singles on Changdao, Penglai on the 16/10/2010.
1 was heard on Changdao, Penglai on the 17/10/2010.
1 on Changdao, Penglai on the 19/10/2010.
1 was heard on Changdao, Penglai on the 20/10/2010.

BULL-HEADED SHRIKE *Lanius bucephalus* 牛头伯劳

(7/12 5 17)

1 first-winter near Moon Bay, Changdao, Penglai on the 15/10/2010.
3 on Changdao, Penglai on the 16/10/2010. They were all different to yesterday's bird.
2 on Changdao, Penglai on the 17/10/2010.
1 near the Changdao Shiji Jiari Hotel on Changdao, Penglai on the 18/10/2010. It was at a different site to all the birds previously recorded on the island – and I've now logged seven bird-days & probably seven different birds.
5 on Changdao, Penglai on the 19/10/2010. At least two of these, including a first-winter near the Century Holiday Hotel, Moon Bay were new.
4 on Changdao, Penglai on the 20/10/2010.
1 adult male again on Changdao, Penglai on the 21/10/2010.

COMMON MAGPIE *Pica pica* 喜鹊

(12/12 100 651)

40 between Yantai, Weihai & Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 11/10/2010.
50 in the Cheng Shan Tou area, Rongcheng on the 12/10/2010.
100 in northern Shandong on the 13/10/2010 with sightings in the Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng area as well as on Changdao & at numerous sites in between.
40 on Changdao, Penglai on the 14/10/2010.
50 on Changdao, Penglai on the 15/10/2010.
100 on Changdao, Penglai on the 16/10/2010.
50 on Changdao, Penglai on the 17/10/2010.
100 on Changdao, Penglai on the 18/10/2010.
50 on Changdao, Penglai on the 19/10/2010.
50 on Changdao, Penglai on the 20/10/2010.
50 on Changdao, Penglai on the 21/10/2010.
1 from the vehicle ferry between Yantai, Shandong & Dalian, Liaoning on the 22/10/2010. It was seen three times – the first sighting was at 13h31 (38°30.7'N., 121°42.2'E.) when we were two hours four minutes south of Dalian – it was flying very high, and apparently having spotted our ferry plunged purposefully towards it. Although it wasn't seen to land onboard it was presumably sitting somewhere on the ferry as, what was almost certainly the same bird, was seen again 50 minutes later & again when we were in sight of land. One that last encounter it flew high off to the northwest – towards the island that was visible.

CARRION CROW *Corvus corone* 小嘴乌鸦

(4/12 1 4)

1 near Moon Bay, Changdao, Penglai on the 15/10/2010.
1, the same bird as yesterday, on Changdao, Penglai on the 16/10/2010.
1 near the Changdao Shiji Jiari Hotel on Changdao, Penglai on the 18/10/2010.
1 on Changdao, Penglai on the 19/10/2010.

COAL TIT *Periparus ater* 煤山雀

(8/12 23 59)

1 near Diao Yu Dao Gang at the extreme north-western end of Bei Changdao, Penglai on the 14/10/2010.
8 on Changdao, Penglai on the 15/10/2010.
10 on Changdao, Penglai on the 16/10/2010.
7 on Changdao, Penglai on the 17/10/2010.
2 were heard on Changdao, Penglai on the 18/10/2010.
23 on Changdao, Penglai on the 19/10/2010. There had clearly been a marked influx.
5 on Changdao, Penglai on the 20/10/2010.
3 on Changdao, Penglai on the 21/10/2010.

YELLOW-BELLIED TIT *Periparus venustulus* 黄腹山雀

(5/12 8 14)

8 on Changdao, Penglai on the 14/10/2010. I had four separate encounters, two with single birds, one with a pair and the other with a flock of four.
1 was heard on Feng Shan, Changdao, Penglai on the 16/10/2010.
2 singles on Changdao, Penglai on the 19/10/2010.
1 was heard on Changdao, Penglai on the 20/10/2010.
2 two first-winters repeatedly circled and eventually landed on the vehicle ferry between Yantai, Shandong & Dalian, Liaoning on the 22/10/2010. They were first seen at 12h11 (just 3 hours 1 minute out of Yantai) (38°11.3'N., 121°38.2'E.).

JAPANESE TIT *Parus minor* 远东山雀

(10/12 8 36)

- 4 were heard in & around Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 12/10/2010.
- 2 near the sea quality monitoring station at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 13/10/2010.
- 4 on Changdao, Penglai on the 14/10/2010.
- 2 on Changdao, Penglai on the 15/10/2010.
- 4 on Changdao, Penglai on the 16/10/2010.
- 2 were heard on Changdao, Penglai on the 17/10/2010.
- 2 were heard on Changdao, Penglai on the 18/10/2010.
- 8 on Changdao, Penglai on the 19/10/2010.
- 3 on Changdao, Penglai on the 20/10/2010.
- 5 on Changdao, Penglai on the 21/10/2010.

CHINESE PENDULINE TIT *Remiz consobrinus* 中华攀雀

(7/12 50 80)

- 50 on Changdao, Penglai on the 15/10/2010.
- 15 in Moon Bay, Changdao, Penglai on the 16/10/2010.
- 5 on Changdao, Penglai on the 17/10/2010.
- 1 was heard on Changdao, Penglai on the 18/10/2010.
- 7 on Changdao, Penglai on the 19/10/2010.
- 1 was heard on Changdao, Penglai on the 20/10/2010.
- 1 was heard on Changdao, Penglai on the 21/10/2010.

[In addition one bird, possibly this species, was heard over Moon Bay, Changdao, Penglai at about 07h30 on the 14/10/2010].

BEARDED REEDLING *Panurus biarmicus* 文须雀

(3/12 1 3)

- 1 first-winter male in a tiny marsh near the Changdao Shiji Jiari ('Century Holiday) Hotel, on the edge of Moon Bay, Changdao, Penglai on the evening of 15/10/2010. First seen at 17h05 I watched it for a short while before returning to the hotel for my recorder. Unfortunately when I arrived back just 15 minutes later the bird was no where to be seen!
- 1 first-winter male again in Moon Bay, Changdao, Penglai on the 16/10/2010. I managed to make a couple of fairly lengthy recordings of it calling.
- 1 was heard on Changdao, Penglai on the 19/10/2010.

Both me & Richard Lewthwaite (in litt. 25 Oct. 2010) thought that this might be the first record for Shandong. However subsequent to me & Zhao Chao encountering another Bearded Reedling in the Yellow River Delta NNR, Dongying, Shandong on the 6 November 2010, reserve officer Shan Kai told me & Chao (pers. comm. the 6 November 2010) that he'd seen one in that reserve sometime during the previous winter.

ASIAN SHORT-TOED LARK *Calandrella cheleensis* 亚洲短趾百灵

(3/12 8 11)

- 1 came in off the sea and landed on the beach at Moon Bay, Changdao, Penglai at 07h32 on the 14/10/2010.
- 2 in Moon Bay, Changdao, Penglai on the 15/10/2010.
- 8 on the edge of Moon Bay, Changdao, Penglai on the 16/10/2010.

EURASIAN SKYLARK *Alauda arvensis* 云雀

(11/12 1200 1663)

- 21 came in off the sea at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 12/10/2010.
- 2 were heard at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 13/10/2010.
- 1200 over Changdao, Penglai on the 14/10/2010. Over 1075 were counted coming in off the sea at Moon Bay in just the first two hours after sunrise.
- 250 on Changdao, Penglai on the 15/10/2010.
- 20 on Changdao, Penglai on the 16/10/2010.
- 40 on Changdao, Penglai on the 17/10/2010.
- 50 on Changdao, Penglai on the 18/10/2010.
- 30 on Changdao, Penglai on the 19/10/2010.
- 35 on Changdao, Penglai on the 20/10/2010.
- 10 on Changdao, Penglai on the 21/10/2010.
- 5 from the vehicle ferry between Yantai, Shandong & Dalian, Liaoning on the 22/10/2010. They were seen at 09h58 when we were about 14 kilometres & 49 minutes out of Yantai port.

LIGHT-VENTED BULBUL *Pycnonotus sinensis* 白头鹎

(10/12 26 99)

- 8 at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 12/10/2010.
- 26 at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 13/10/2010. A flock of seven and another of 19 birds were logged.
- 2 in the garden of the Changdao Shiji Jiari Hotel ('Century Holiday Hotel') at Moon Bay, Changdao, Penglai on the 14/10/2010.

6 on Changdao, Penglai on the 15/10/2010.
12 on Changdao, Penglai on the 16/10/2010.
4 on Changdao, Penglai on the 17/10/2010.
2 on Changdao, Penglai on the 18/10/2010.
17 on Changdao, Penglai on the 19/10/2010.
14 on Changdao, Penglai on the 20/10/2010.
8 on Changdao, Penglai on the 21/10/2010.

SAND MARTIN *Riparia riparia* 崖沙燕

(1/12 1 1)

1 flew south at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 12/10/2010.

BARN SWALLOW *Hirundo rustica* 家燕

(12/12 1250 2357)

20 between Yantai, Weihai & Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 11/10/2010.

1250 flew south at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 12/10/2010.

17 in northern Shandong on the 13/10/2010. 15 of these were seen moving south during the two hour morning seawatch at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng while the other two were on Changdao in the late afternoon.

350 over Changdao, Penglai on the 14/10/2010.

300 over Changdao, Penglai on the 15/10/2010.

40 on Changdao, Penglai on the 16/10/2010.

60 on Changdao, Penglai on the 17/10/2010.

15 on Changdao, Penglai on the 18/10/2010.

250 on Changdao, Penglai on the 19/10/2010.

40 over Changdao, Penglai on the 20/10/2010.

10 on Changdao, Penglai on the 21/10/2010.

5 separate birds were seen from the vehicle ferry between Yantai, Shandong & Dalian, Liaoning on the 22/10/2010. The first three birds were at 13h11 (just over four hours out of Yantai & 2 hours 24 minutes before Dalian).

RED-RUMPED SWALLOW *Cecropis daurica* 金腰燕

(7/12 70 97)

10 between Yantai, Weihai & Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 11/10/2010.

4 flew south at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 12/10/2010.

1 flew south during the two hour early morning seawatch at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 13/10/2010.

70 over Changdao, Penglai on the 14/10/2010.

10 over Changdao, Penglai on the 15/10/2010.

1 on Changdao, Penglai on the 17/10/2010.

1 was heard on Changdao, Penglai on the 18/10/2010.

SWALLOW SP.

(1/12 60 60)

60 between Yantai, Weihai & Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 11/10/2010.

MANCHURIAN BUSH WARBLER *Cettia canturians* 远东树莺

(3/12 3 6)

1 near the Changdao Shiji Jiari Hotel on Changdao, Penglai on the 18/10/2010. It was calling quite a lot in the early morning (when I didn't have my recorder with me) but was much quieter in the early evening. Nevertheless I managed to get a short recording.

3 singles on Changdao, Penglai on the 19/10/2010. Yesterday's bird was not among those logged today though another bird was seen not very far from that site and two other were in scrub on the eastern side of Moon Bay.

2 singles on Changdao, Penglai on the 20/10/2010.

DUSKY WARBLER *Phylloscopus fuscatus* 褐柳莺

(10/12 35 120)

2 singles at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 12/10/2010.

3 in northern Shandong on the 13/10/2010. Two were at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng while the other was on Changdao.

13 on Changdao, Penglai on the 14/10/2010.

15 on Changdao, Penglai on the 15/10/2010.

13 on Changdao, Penglai on the 16/10/2010.

7 on Changdao, Penglai on the 17/10/2010.

4 on Changdao, Penglai on the 18/10/2010.

35 on Changdao, Penglai on the 19/10/2010.

17 on Changdao, Penglai on the 20/10/2010.

11 on Changdao, Penglai on the 21/10/2010.

RADDE'S WARBLER *Phylloscopus schwarzi* 巨嘴柳莺

(3/12 4 8)

4 on Changdao, Penglai on the 15/10/2010.

2 were heard on Changdao, Penglai on the 16/10/2010.

2 on Changdao, Penglai on the 18/10/2010.

PALLAS'S LEAF WARBLER *Phylloscopus proregulus* 黄腰柳莺

(10/12 9 41)

2 singles at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 12/10/2010.

2 at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 13/10/2010.

7 on Changdao, Penglai on the 14/10/2010.

2 on Changdao, Penglai on the 15/10/2010.

2 were heard on Changdao, Penglai on the 16/10/2010.

2 were heard on Changdao, Penglai on the 17/10/2010.

5 on Changdao, Penglai on the 18/10/2010.

9 on Changdao, Penglai on the 19/10/2010.

7 on Changdao, Penglai on the 20/10/2010.

3 on Changdao, Penglai on the 21/10/2010.

YELLOW-BROWED WARBLER *Phylloscopus inornatus* 黄眉柳莺

(10/12 60 222)

15 at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 12/10/2010.

7 were heard at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 13/10/2010.

15 on Changdao, Penglai on the 14/10/2010.

20 on Changdao, Penglai on the 15/10/2010.

60 on Changdao, Penglai on the 16/10/2010.

20 on Changdao, Penglai on the 17/10/2010.

4 on Changdao, Penglai on the 18/10/2010.

29 on Changdao, Penglai on the 19/10/2010.

37 on Changdao, Penglai on the 20/10/2010.

15 on Changdao, Penglai on the 21/10/2010.

BLACK-BROWED REED WARBLER *Acrocephalus bistrigiceps* 黑眉苇莺

(7/12 10 27)

2 singles were heard at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 12/10/2010.

8 on Changdao, Penglai on the 15/10/2010.

10 on Changdao, Penglai on the 16/10/2010.

1 was heard on Changdao, Penglai on the 18/10/2010.

1 on Changdao, Penglai on the 19/10/2010.

2 singles on Changdao, Penglai on the 20/10/2010.

3 on Changdao, Penglai on the 21/10/2010.

LANCEOLATED WARBLER *Locustella lanceolata* 矛斑蝗莺

(1/12 1 1)

1 on Changdao, Penglai on the 16/10/2010.

MARSH GRASSBIRD *Locustella pryeri* NT 斑背大尾莺

(1/12 1 1)

1 in the tiny fragmites bed in Moon Bay, Changdao, Penglai on the 16/10/2010. First seen at 07h15 it was watch for almost 20 minutes during which time I made some field notes & a short recording of its calls.

Apparently the first record for Shandong (Richard Lewthwaite in litt. 25 Oct. 2010).

VINOUS-THROATED PARROTBILL *Sinosuthora webbiana* 棕头鸦雀

(2/12 20 25)

20 at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 12/10/2010.

5 were heard at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 13/10/2010.

CHESTNUT-FLANKED WHITE-EYE *Zosterops erythropleurus* 红胁绣眼鸟

(2/12 1 2)

1 on Changdao, Penglai on the 17/10/2010.

1 landed on the vehicle ferry between Yantai, Shandong & Dalian, Liaoning on the 22/10/2010. It was seen at 15h07 – when we were about 30 minutes south of Dalian.

JAPANESE WHITE-EYE *Zosterops japonicus* 暗绿绣眼鸟

(3/12 9 15)

9 on Changdao, Penglai on the 19/10/2010.

5 on Changdao, Penglai on the 20/10/2010.

1 landed on the vehicle ferry between Yantai, Shandong & Dalian, Liaoning on the 22/10/2010.

WHITE-EYE SP. *Zosterops sp.*

(11/12 30 115)

1 was heard flying south over Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 12/10/2010.

10 were heard at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 13/10/2010.

30 on Changdao, Penglai on the 14/10/2010.

30 over Changdao, Penglai on the 15/10/2010.

10 on Changdao, Penglai on the 16/10/2010.

10 on Changdao, Penglai on the 17/10/2010.

5 were heard on Changdao, Penglai on the 18/10/2010.

5 on Changdao, Penglai on the 19/10/2010.

10 on Changdao, Penglai on the 20/10/2010.

1 was heard on Changdao, Penglai on the 21/10/2010.

3 circled the vehicle ferry between Yantai, Shandong & Dalian, Liaoning on the 22/10/2010.

WINTER WREN *Troglodytes troglodytes* 鹪鹩

(1/12 1 1)

1 was heard near the Changdao Shiji Jiari Hotel on Changdao, Penglai on the 18/10/2010.

WHITE-CHEEKED STARLING *Spodiopsar cineraceus* 灰椋鸟

(2/12 19 24)

19 on Changdao, Penglai on the 15/10/2010. The first bird came in off the sea in Moon Bay at 06h04 while a party of 18 was at Diaoyu Dao Gang at 10h29.

5 on Changdao, Penglai on the 17/10/2010.

GREY-BACKED THRUSH *Turdus hortulorum* 灰背鸫

(4/12 2 6)

2 in the ornamental gardens near the sea quality monitoring station at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 12/10/2010.

1 at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 13/10/2010.

1 on Changdao, Penglai on the 16/10/2010.

2 on Changdao, Penglai on the 20/10/2010.

PALE THRUSH *Turdus pallidus* 白腹鸫

(2/12 3 4)

3 singles on Changdao, Penglai on the 15/10/2010.

1 on Changdao, Penglai on the 19/10/2010.

RED-THROATED THRUSH *Turdus ruficollis* 赤颈鸫

(1/12 2 2)

2 in Moon Bay, Changdao, Penglai on the 16/10/2010.

[RUFOS-TAILED THRUSH *Turdus naumanni*]

(5/12 5 12)

2 singles were heard on Changdao, Penglai on the 14/10/2010.

1 bird, either a Naumann's or a Dusky Thrush, was seen poorly on Changdao, Penglai on the 16/10/2010.

5 birds, not identified to species, on Changdao, Penglai on the 19/10/2010.

1 on Changdao, Penglai on the 20/10/2010.

3 on Changdao, Penglai on the 21/10/2010.

NAUMANN'S THRUSH *Turdus naumanni* 红尾鸫

(2/12 2 3)

2 on Changdao, Penglai on the 19/10/2010.

1 on Changdao, Penglai on the 21/10/2010.

DUSKY THRUSH *Turdus eunomus* 斑鸫

(3/12 3 6)

3 on Changdao, Penglai on the 16/10/2010.

2 on Changdao, Penglai on the 19/10/2010.

1 on Changdao, Penglai on the 20/10/2010.

NAUMANN'S x DUSKY THRUSH intergrade

(2/12 2 3)

2 on Changdao, Penglai on the 19/10/2010.

1 on Changdao, Penglai on the 21/10/2010.

THRUSH SP. *Turdus sp.*

(3/12 8 11)

8 were heard near the Changdao Shiji Jiari ('Century Holiday) Hotel, on the edge of Moon Bay, Changdao, Penglai before dawn on the 15/10/2010.

2 singles on Changdao, Penglai on the 16/10/2010.

1 was glimpsed on Changdao, Penglai on the 18/10/2010.

SIBERIAN RUBYTHROAT *Luscinia calliope* 红喉歌鸫

(1/12 2 2)

2 were heard near Moon Bay, Changdao, Penglai on the 15/10/2010.

ORANGE-FLANKED BLUETAIL *Tarsiger cyanurus* 红胁蓝尾鸫

(8/12 21 50)

1 at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 12/10/2010.

8 on Changdao, Penglai on the 15/10/2010.

21 on Changdao, Penglai on the 16/10/2010.

1 on Changdao, Penglai on the 17/10/2010.

2 on Changdao, Penglai on the 18/10/2010.

6 on Changdao, Penglai on the 19/10/2010.

9 on Changdao, Penglai on the 20/10/2010.

2 on Changdao, Penglai on the 21/10/2010.

DAURIAN REDSTART *Phoenicurus auroreus* 北红尾鸫

(8/12 14 48)

1 male at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 11/10/2010.

4 on Changdao, Penglai on the 15/10/2010.

2 on Changdao, Penglai on the 16/10/2010.

2 on Changdao, Penglai on the 17/10/2010.

5 on Changdao, Penglai on the 18/10/2010.

14 on Changdao, Penglai on the 19/10/2010.

13 on Changdao, Penglai on the 20/10/2010.

7 on Changdao, Penglai on the 21/10/2010.

COMMON STONECHAT *Saxicola maurus* 黑喉石鸫

(4/12 3 9)

3 near the Changdao Shiji Jiari Hotel ('Century Holiday Hotel') at Moon Bay, Changdao, Penglai on the 14/10/2010.

1 on Changdao, Penglai on the 15/10/2010.

2 on Changdao, Penglai on the 16/10/2010.

3 on Changdao, Penglai on the 19/10/2010.

BLUE ROCK THRUSH *Monticola solitarius* 蓝矶鸫

(6/12 3 9)

3 singles at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 12/10/2010. Two birds were seen well & they were both first-winter *philippensis*.
1 male at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 13/10/2010.
1 on the beach near Moon Bay, Changdao, Penglai on the 14/10/2010.
2 on the 15/10/2010 – one of these was in Moon Bay, Changdao while the other was in Penglai harbour.
1 on Changdao, Penglai on the 16/10/2010.
1 on Changdao, Penglai on the 20/10/2010.

ASIAN BROWN FLYCATCHER *Muscicapa dauurica* 北灰鸫

(2/12 2 3)

2 singles near Moon Bay, Changdao, Penglai on the 15/10/2010.
1 on Changdao, Penglai on the 16/10/2010.

TAIGA FLYCATCHER *Ficedula albicilla* 红喉姬鸫

(6/12 5 16)

3 singles near Moon Bay, Changdao, Penglai on the 15/10/2010.
4 on Changdao, Penglai on the 16/10/2010.
2 on Changdao, Penglai on the 17/10/2010.
1 first-winter on Changdao, Penglai on the 19/10/2010.
5 first-winters on Changdao, Penglai on the 20/10/2010.
1 first-winter on Changdao, Penglai on the 21/10/2010.

EURASIAN TREE SPARROW *Passer montanus* 麻雀

(11/12 220 871)

220 at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 12/10/2010.
50 in northern Shandong on the 13/10/2010. 40 of these were at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng while the other ten birds were on Changdao.
30 on Changdao, Penglai on the 14/10/2010.
40 on Changdao, Penglai on the 15/10/2010.
30 on Changdao, Penglai on the 16/10/2010.
100 on Changdao, Penglai on the 17/10/2010.
100 on Changdao, Penglai on the 18/10/2010.
100 on Changdao, Penglai on the 19/10/2010.
100 on Changdao, Penglai on the 20/10/2010.
100 on Changdao, Penglai on the 21/10/2010.
1 landed on the vehicle ferry about five minutes before we docked in Dalian port on the 22/10/2010.

EASTERN YELLOW WAGTAIL *Motacilla tschutschensis* 黄鹡鸰

(6/12 4 11)

Motacilla tschutschensis macronyx (1/12 1 1)

Motacilla tschutschensis taivana (2/12 3 5)

2 *taivana* on Changdao, Penglai on the 16/10/2010.
2 singles were heard as they flew south over the sea quality monitoring station at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 12/10/2010. They were noted at 06h00 & 06h45 respectively.
4, one *macronyx* & three *taivana*, besides the small pool at Wang Gou cun, Changdao, Penglai on the 14/10/2010.
1 was heard over Changdao, Penglai on the 15/10/2010.
1 was heard on Changdao, Penglai on the 20/10/2010.
1 on Changdao, Penglai on the 21/10/2010.

GREY WAGTAIL *Motacilla cinerea* 灰鹡鸰

(8/12 5 15)

1 at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 13/10/2010.
5 on Changdao, Penglai on the 14/10/2010.
1 was heard over Changdao, Penglai on the 15/10/2010.
2 on Changdao, Penglai on the 16/10/2010.
1 on Changdao, Penglai on the 18/10/2010.
2 on Changdao, Penglai on the 19/10/2010.
2 on Changdao, Penglai on the 20/10/2010.
1 on Changdao, Penglai on the 21/10/2010.

WHITE WAGTAIL *Motacilla alba* 白鹡鸰

(10/12 35 155)

Motacilla alba leucopsis (5/12 6 13)

Motacilla alba ocularis (7/12 8 27)

8 flew south at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 12/10/2010.

12 including one *ocularis*, in Shandong on the 13/10/2010. 11 of these including the *ocularis* were at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng while the other was on Changdao.

28, including six *leucopsis* & eight *ocularis*, on Changdao, Penglai on the 14/10/2010. More than half of these were besides the small pool at Wang Gou cun.

35, including one *ocularis*, on Changdao, Penglai on the 15/10/2010.

20, including four *leucopsis* & eight *ocularis*, on Changdao, Penglai on the 16/10/2010.

20, including one *leucopsis* & seven *ocularis*, on Changdao, Penglai on the 17/10/2010.

8 on Changdao, Penglai on the 18/10/2010.

7 including one *leucopsis* & one *ocularis*, on Changdao, Penglai on the 19/10/2010.

11, including one *leucopsis*, on Changdao, Penglai on the 20/10/2010.

6, including one *ocularis*, on Changdao, Penglai on the 21/10/2010.

RICHARD'S PIPIT *Anthus richardi* 理氏鸚

(8/12 4 19)

4 flew south at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 12/10/2010.

3 singles on Changdao, Penglai on the 14/10/2010.

1 in Moon Bay, Changdao, Penglai on the 15/10/2010.

4 on Changdao, Penglai on the 16/10/2010.

1 on Changdao, Penglai on the 17/10/2010.

1 on Changdao, Penglai on the 18/10/2010.

2 on Changdao, Penglai on the 19/10/2010.

3 on Changdao, Penglai on the 20/10/2010.

OLIVE-BACKED PIPIT *Anthus hodgsoni* 树鸚

(10/12 37 138)

37 on Changdao, Penglai on the 19/10/2010.

8 flew south at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 12/10/2010.

9 in northern Shandong on the 13/10/2010. Eight of these were at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng while the other was on Changdao.

25 on Changdao, Penglai on the 14/10/2010.

20 on Changdao, Penglai on the 15/10/2010.

8 on Changdao, Penglai on the 16/10/2010.

4 on Changdao, Penglai on the 17/10/2010.

5 on Changdao, Penglai on the 18/10/2010.

9 on Changdao, Penglai on the 20/10/2010.

13 on Changdao, Penglai on the 21/10/2010.

PECHORA PIPIT *Anthus gustavi* 北鸚

(1/12 1 1)

1 calling bird flew purposefully south over Moon Bay, Changdao, Penglai on the 19/10/2010.

RED-THROATED PIPIT *Anthus cervinus* 红喉鸚

(9/12 8 43)

2 singles in northern Shandong on the 13/10/2010. One flew over the sea quality monitoring station at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng in the morning while the other was on Changdao in the late afternoon.

4 on Changdao, Penglai on the 14/10/2010.

7 on Changdao, Penglai on the 15/10/2010.

7 on Changdao, Penglai on the 16/10/2010.

6 on Changdao, Penglai on the 17/10/2010.

4 on Changdao, Penglai on the 18/10/2010.

8 on Changdao, Penglai on the 19/10/2010.

4 on Changdao, Penglai on the 20/10/2010.

1 on Changdao, Penglai on the 21/10/2010.

BUFF-BELLIED PIPIT *Anthus rubescens japonicus* 黄腹鸚

(11/12 106 432)

8 flew south at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 12/10/2010.

3 flew south at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 13/10/2010.

40 on Changdao, Penglai on the 14/10/2010.

75 on Changdao, Penglai on the 15/10/2010.

75 on Changdao, Penglai on the 16/10/2010.

30 on Changdao, Penglai on the 17/10/2010.

40 on Changdao, Penglai on the 18/10/2010.
106 on Changdao, Penglai on the 19/10/2010.
35 on Changdao, Penglai on the 20/10/2010.
18 on Changdao, Penglai on the 21/10/2010.
2 were heard over the vehicle ferry between Yantai, Shandong & Dalian, Liaoning on the 22/10/2010. They were seen at 09h56 when we were about 13.8 kilometres & 46 minutes out of Yantai port.

WATER PIPIT *Anthus spinoletta* 水鸚

(1/12 1 1)

1 on Changdao, Penglai on the 16/10/2010.

[In addition one bird, possibly this species, was glimpsed in Moon Bay, Changdao, Penglai on the 15/10/2010].

BRAMBLING *Fringilla montifringilla* 燕雀

(10/12 5000 8716)

3 singles were heard flying south at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 13/10/2010.

710 on Changdao, Penglai on the 14/10/2010. High counts included 60 over Moon Bay, 50 over Diao Yu Dao, 180 near the small pool at Wang Gou cun & 390 at Linhai Park.

1300 on Changdao, Penglai on the 15/10/2010. A flock of about 900 birds were seen near Moon Bay in the evening.

1100 on Changdao, Penglai on the 16/10/2010. Almost all of these were again in one large flock near Moon Bay.

30 on Changdao, Penglai on the 17/10/2010.

20 on Changdao, Penglai on the 18/10/2010.

5000 on Changdao, Penglai on the 19/10/2010. These included one flock of at least 4000 birds close to the Century Holiday Hotel in Moon Bay.

500 on Changdao, Penglai on the 20/10/2010.

50 on Changdao, Penglai on the 21/10/2010.

3 from vehicle ferry between Yantai, Shandong & Dalian, Liaoning on the 22/10/2010. The first bird was seen at 10h07 when we were about 18 kilometres or 57 minutes out of Yantai port. While the other two birds were noted at 10h43 (just over 1.5 hours out of Yantai) & these two repeatedly circled & eventually landed on the ferry.

GREY-CAPPED GREENFINCH *Carduelis sinica* 金翅雀

(11/12 220 468)

8 at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 12/10/2010.

6 at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 13/10/2010.

80 on Changdao, Penglai on the 14/10/2010.

220 on Changdao, Penglai on the 15/10/2010.

20 on Changdao, Penglai on the 16/10/2010.

4 on Changdao, Penglai on the 17/10/2010.

35 on Changdao, Penglai on the 18/10/2010.

45 on Changdao, Penglai on the 19/10/2010.

20 on Changdao, Penglai on the 20/10/2010.

15 on Changdao, Penglai on the 21/10/2010.

15 flew over the vehicle ferry between Yantai, Shandong & Dalian, Liaoning on the 22/10/2010. They were seen at 09h52 when we were 13.5 kilometres & 43 minutes out of Yantai port.

EURASIAN SISKIN *Carduelis spinus* 黄雀

(9/12 205 342)

3 were heard as they flew south over the sea quality monitoring station at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng at 06h24 on the 12/10/2010.

30 on Changdao, Penglai on the 14/10/2010.

35 on Changdao, Penglai on the 15/10/2010.

15 on Changdao, Penglai on the 16/10/2010.

10 on Changdao, Penglai on the 17/10/2010.

25 on Changdao, Penglai on the 18/10/2010.

205 over Changdao, Penglai on the 19/10/2010.

15 on Changdao, Penglai on the 20/10/2010.

4 on Changdao, Penglai on the 21/10/2010.

COMMON ROSEFINCH *Carpodacus erythrinus* 普通朱雀

(4/12 2 6)

2 on Changdao, Penglai on the 16/10/2010.

1 was heard on Changdao, Penglai on the 18/10/2010.

1 on Changdao, Penglai on the 19/10/2010.

2 were heard on Changdao, Penglai on the 20/10/2010.

PINE BUNTING *Emberiza leucocephalos* 白头鹀

(5/12 11 27)

3 besides the small pool at Wang Gou cun on Changdao, Penglai on the 14/10/2010.
7 on Changdao, Penglai on the 16/10/2010.
3 on Changdao, Penglai on the 18/10/2010.
11 on Changdao, Penglai on the 19/10/2010. The largest flock was of just three birds.
3 on Changdao, Penglai on the 20/10/2010.

MEADOW BUNTING *Emberiza cioides* 三道眉草鹀

(11/12 10 51)

2 were heard from the point at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 11/10/2010.
10 at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 12/10/2010.
4 at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 13/10/2010.
6 on Changdao, Penglai on the 14/10/2010.
4 on Changdao, Penglai on the 15/10/2010.
6 on Changdao, Penglai on the 16/10/2010.
6 on Changdao, Penglai on the 17/10/2010.
2 were heard on Changdao, Penglai on the 18/10/2010.
2 on Changdao, Penglai on the 19/10/2010.
4 on Changdao, Penglai on the 20/10/2010.
5 on Changdao, Penglai on the 21/10/2010.

TRISTRAM'S BUNTING *Emberiza tristrami* 白眉鹀

(2/12 4 5)

4 singles on Changdao, Penglai on the 16/10/2010.
1 on Changdao, Penglai on the 20/10/2010.

CHESTNUT-EARED BUNTING *Emberiza fucata* 栗耳鹀

(8/12 9 35)

3 singles on Changdao, Penglai on the 14/10/2010.
3 singles on Changdao, Penglai on the 15/10/2010.
9 singles on Changdao, Penglai on the 16/10/2010.
5 on Changdao, Penglai on the 17/10/2010.
3 on Changdao, Penglai on the 18/10/2010.
5 singles on Changdao, Penglai on the 19/10/2010.
5 on Changdao, Penglai on the 20/10/2010.
2 on Changdao, Penglai on the 21/10/2010.

LITTLE BUNTING *Emberiza pusilla* 小鹀

(8/12 22 42)

1 on Changdao, Penglai on the 15/10/2010.
5 singles on Changdao, Penglai on the 16/10/2010.
1 on Changdao, Penglai on the 17/10/2010.
2 on Changdao, Penglai on the 18/10/2010.
22 on Changdao, Penglai on the 19/10/2010. The only concentration was a flock of about ten birds with the Rustic Buntings in Moon Bay.
6 on Changdao, Penglai on the 20/10/2010.
4 on Changdao, Penglai on the 21/10/2010.
1 repeatedly circled & eventually landed on the vehicle ferry between Yantai, Shandong & Dalian, Liaoning on the 22/10/2010.

YELLOW-BROWED BUNTING *Emberiza chrysophrys* 黄眉鹀

(5/12 13 37)

2 singles on Changdao, Penglai on the 15/10/2010.
8 singles on Changdao, Penglai on the 16/10/2010.
3 on Changdao, Penglai on the 18/10/2010.
11 on Changdao, Penglai on the 19/10/2010. There were three pairs & five singles.
13 on Changdao, Penglai on the 20/10/2010.

RUSTIC BUNTING *Emberiza rustica* 田鹀

(6/12 215 271)

1 besides the small pool at Wang Gou cun, Changdao, Penglai on the 14/10/2010.
8 on Changdao, Penglai on the 16/10/2010.
2 on Changdao, Penglai on the 18/10/2010.

215 on Changdao, Penglai on the 19/10/2010. These included a flock of almost 200 birds around the edge of the short grassy field between the large tourist car park and Moon Bay.

25 on Changdao, Penglai on the 20/10/2010.

20 on Changdao, Penglai on the 21/10/2010.

YELLOW-BREASTED BUNTING *Emberiza aureola* 黄胸鹀

(1/12 1 1)

1 on Changdao, Penglai on the 21/10/2010.

CHESTNUT BUNTING *Emberiza rutila* 栗鹀

(3/12 1 3)

1 on Changdao, Penglai on the 19/10/2010.

1 on Changdao, Penglai on the 20/10/2010.

1 on Changdao, Penglai on the 21/10/2010.

BLACK-FACED BUNTING *Emberiza spodocephala* 灰头鹀

(10/12 375 735)

2 at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 12/10/2010.

3 in northern Shandong on the 13/10/2010. Two of these were at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng while the other was on Changdao.

35 on Changdao, Penglai on the 14/10/2010.

110 on Changdao, Penglai on the 15/10/2010.

375 on Changdao, Penglai on the 16/10/2010. 285 of these were in Moon Bay!

35 on Changdao, Penglai on the 17/10/2010.

30 on Changdao, Penglai on the 18/10/2010.

95 on Changdao, Penglai on the 19/10/2010.

35 on Changdao, Penglai on the 20/10/2010.

15 on Changdao, Penglai on the 21/10/2010.

PALLAS'S BUNTING *Emberiza pallasi* 苇鹀

(10/12 65 147)

1 was heard flying south at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 12/10/2010.

1 was heard at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 13/10/2010.

7 on Changdao, Penglai on the 14/10/2010.

6 on Changdao, Penglai on the 15/10/2010.

65 on Changdao, Penglai on the 16/10/2010. Almost all were in Moon Bay where there had been a marked arrival since yesterday. This was the first bird heard in the early morning – and three different Pallas's Buntings were heard before anything else called!

8 on Changdao, Penglai on the 17/10/2010.

6 on Changdao, Penglai on the 18/10/2010.

30 on Changdao, Penglai on the 19/10/2010.

15 on Changdao, Penglai on the 20/10/2010.

8 on Changdao, Penglai on the 21/10/2010.

OCHRE-RUMPED BUNTING *Emberiza yessoensis* NT 红颈苇鹀

(4/12 6 10)

6 in Moon Bay, Changdao, Penglai on the 16/10/2010.

1 on Changdao, Penglai on the 17/10/2010.

1 on Changdao, Penglai on the 18/10/2010.

2 besides the small marsh in Moon Bay, Changdao, Penglai on the 19/10/2010.

REED BUNTING *Emberiza schoeniclus* 芦鹀

(8/12 4 13)

1 was heard near the small pool at Wang Gou cun, Changdao, Penglai on the 14/10/2010.

2 singles on Changdao, Penglai on the 15/10/2010. The first bird came in off the sea at Moon Bay at 06h18.

1 was heard in Moon Bay, Changdao, Penglai on the 16/10/2010.

1 was heard on Changdao, Penglai on the 17/10/2010.

1 on Changdao, Penglai on the 18/10/2010.

1 near the small marsh in Moon Bay, Changdao, Penglai on the 19/10/2010.

4 on Changdao, Penglai on the 20/10/2010.

2 on Changdao, Penglai on the 21/10/2010.

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(11/12 150 461)

5 were heard at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 12/10/2010.

8 were heard at Cheng Shan Tou, Rongcheng on the 13/10/2010.

55 on Changdao, Penglai on the 14/10/2010.

150 over Changdao, Penglai on the 15/10/2010. 85 of these were noted over Moon Bay in the first hour after sunrise!

50 on Changdao, Penglai on the 16/10/2010.

30 on Changdao, Penglai on the 17/10/2010.

30 on Changdao, Penglai on the 18/10/2010.

100 on Changdao, Penglai on the 19/10/2010.

20 on Changdao, Penglai on the 20/10/2010.

10 on Changdao, Penglai on the 21/10/2010.

3 singles were noted from the vehicle ferry between Yantai, Shandong & Dalian, Liaoning on the 22/10/2010. They were at 10h07, 10h26 & 10h32 (57, 76 & 82 minutes out of Yantai) respectively.

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