



Birding in
LIAONING
Northeast CHINA

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Cover Photo: Kamchatka Warbler, Donggang, Liaoning Province, 11 May 2012

INTRODUCTION

Paul had previously birded in Liaoning in October 2001, January 2008, September – October 2011 & January 2012 (Holt 2001; Holt & Wang 2008; Holt, Townshend & Cawley 2011 & Holt, Townshend and Beeke 2012) but had never been to Liaoning in spring. Terry had visited Laotieshan in May 2011 (Townshend & Millington 2011). Paul's previous trips had been such excellent fun that he was keen to return & when he heard that Tom BEEKE, a Canadian school teacher based in Jinshitan, Liaoning was planning a day trip up the east coast of the Liaodong Peninsula in early May 2012 Paul headed over there and joined him. Tom has been based in Jinshitan for over seven years now and has actively birded much of the province – see his regular postings on the BirdForum website <http://www.birdforum.net/forumdisplay.php?f=544>)

The two of us had talked at length about a spring trip to Liaoning and it wasn't long after Paul had planned his trip that Terry was able to confirm that he'd be able to come over for four days in the second week of May. The two of us planned to meet up at Donggang, a premier shore birding site at the mouth of the Yalu Jiang in northern Liaoning. Terry posts many of his observations, including several from this current trip on his excellent blog <http://birdingbeijing.com/>
Also <http://birdingbeijing.com/2012/05/17/a-surfeit-of-sibes/>
<http://birdingbeijing.com/2012/05/21/nordmanns-greenshank/>
<http://birdingbeijing.com/2012/05/16/black-winged-cuckooshrike/>
<http://birdingbeijing.com/2012/05/14/kamchatka-leaf-warbler/>

Paul flew from Beijing to Yantai in Shandong, took a ferry across to Dalian later that same day and spent the next ten days on the Liaodong Peninsula. A summary of his itinerary is presented below –

Wednesday 2 May 2012. Beijing to Yantai, Shandong & ferry across Bohai Bay to Dalian Wan.

3 May 2012. Jinshitan north to Zhuanghe with Tom Beeke.

4 May 2012. Transferred from Jinshitan to Jinzhou & spent a short while in Jinzhou Bay.

5 May 2012. Jinzhou doing office work.

6 May 2012. Zhuanghe area before driving up to Donggang.

7 May 2012. Morning in the Donggang area Bai Qingquan in the early morning.

8 May 2012. All day in the Donggang area.

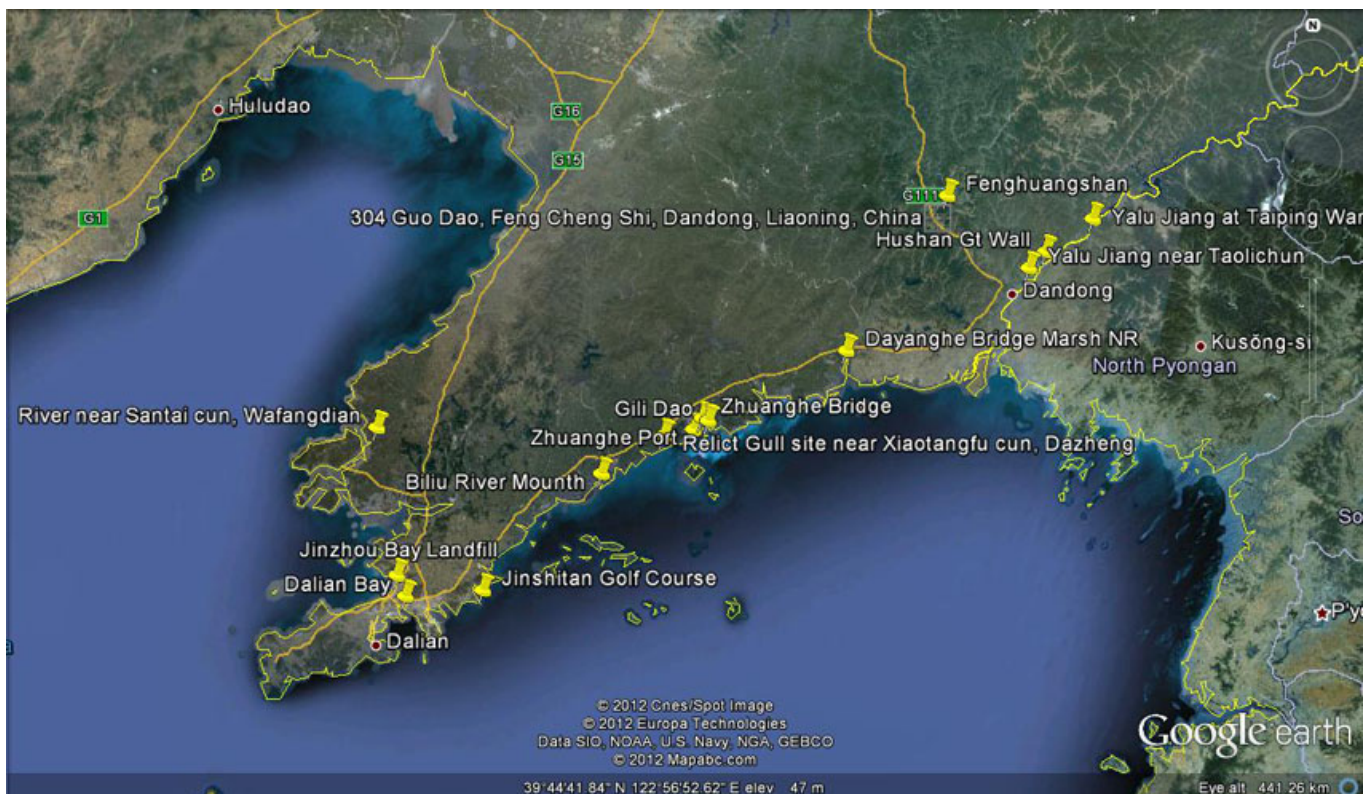
9 May 2012. All day in the Donggang area with Terry Townshend in the late afternoon.

10 May 2012. All day in the Donggang area with Terry Townshend and Bai Qingquan.

11 May 2012. All day in the Donggang area with Terry Townshend and Bai Qingquan.

12 May 2012. All day in the Donggang area with Terry Townshend.

Sunday 13 May 2012. Most of the day in the Donggang area with Terry Townshend and Bai Qingquan, Late afternoon flight back to Beijing.



Map of birding sites I visited in Liaoning in January 2012



Map of birding sites near Donggang

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ORNITHOLOGICAL HIGHLIGHTS

Paul recorded 165 species, a modest total for ten days birding, but a more than satisfactory one. We had a great time with such excellent birding that it's difficult to single out a small number of highlights. The following records surprised and delighted us

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Two first records for Liaoning - Black-winged Cuckooshrike and Kamchatka Warbler.

Species infrequently encountered in China included Black-faced Spoonbill; five sightings of Asian Dowitcher; up to 19 Nordmann's Greenshank; five, probably six, Little Stint and two Ruff at Donggang where there were huge numbers of shorebirds with the following species being particularly well represented - Bar-tailed Godwits (10,000), Eastern Curlew (4000), Great Knot (4600), Dunlin (10,400), Broad-billed Sandpiper (1117). Other high counts included up to 150 Saunders's Gulls also near Donggang where there were also 18 Rufous-tailed Robins on the 12 May, three separate Blyth's Pipits, a remarkable 72 bird-days of Pechora Pipit with a high count of 18 near Donggang on the 8 May.

We recorded seven Globally Threatened species as defined by BirdLife International and five others considered Near Threatened. VU = Vulnerable and NT = Near Threatened.

Near Threatened – Japanese Quail, Falcated Duck, Asian Dowitcher, Eurasian Curlew & Marsh Grassbird.

Vulnerable – Chinese Egret, Eastern Curlew, Great Knot, Saunders's Gull & Yellow-breasted Bunting.

Endangered – Black-faced Spoonbill & Nordmann's Greenshank.

DAILY DIARY

Wednesday 2 May 2012. Beijing to Yantai, Shandong & ferry across Bohai Bay to Dalian Wan.

Paul left Tongzhou at 05h00 and arrived at Beijing's Capital Airport just 40 minutes later – in plenty of time for his 08h05 Air China (CA1585) flight to Yantai, a rapidly developing port city in Shandong Province. My one-way ticket cost 820 yuan, the plane pulled away from its tarmac parking spot at 08h06, took off at 08h20, the flight lasted just 53 minutes and landed in Yantai at 09h13. I retrieved my luggage and then took a taxi in to the city. Leaving the airport at 09h35, we headed in Yantai, stopping at a ferry ticket office in the city less than 20 minutes later. Here I purchased a ticket for the 12h20 vehicle ferry to Dalian Wan. Note that there are numerous ferries plying across the mouth of Bohai Bay and that they apparently leave from at least three ports in Yantai and arrive in at least two at Dalian! My ferry ticket cost 160 yuan and the ferry terminal was then just a five minute drive away. Security in the ferry terminal was just the same as it had been at Beijing Airport – there was an X-ray machine where all luggage was checked and no liquids were allowed through. Once inside security I had over two hours to wait before boarding commenced.

The ferry pulled away from Yantai Port 18 minutes late at 12h38 and made steady progress across to Dalian Wan. Arriving there six hours 35 minutes later at 18h55 there was a lot of faffing around as we disembarked, then a short coach ride to the port gate where I met Mr Zhang, Tom BEEKE's regular driver. The two of us then headed north up to Jinshitan where I checked in to a simple guest house, dropped my bags and headed immediately off to see Tom and his kids.

Weather

There was hardly any wind at all today – and the sea was very, very calm. All the Streaked Shearwaters that I saw today were actually sat on the sea – and I would assume that I would have seen a few more had the sea been even slightly rougher. Visibility wasn't great today – being down to about 3 or 4 kilometres in Yantai and little better than that in the middle of the crossing. The day's temperatures ranged widely - an announcement on the plane said it was 19°C in Yantai at 09h05, this had risen to 24°C there when the ferry pulled away at 12h38. Subsequent temperatures on the ferry ranged from 19-21°C within 2.5 hours of the Shandong coast before dropping down to 17, 16, 15 and finally 13°C as we crossed deeper water mid-channel. The coldest reading (13°C) was taken at 17h30 when we were most of the way across the channel and almost in sight of land. After that it warmed up and was 18°C by 18h00.

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| Streaked Shearwater | 110 from the Yantai to Dalian ferry across the mouth of Bohai Wan on the 2/5/2012. Birds were seen just four times and all were encountered in a 50 minute period when we were between two and three hours out of Yantai. The first were three individuals at 14h41 (when we were 2 hours and 2 minutes out of Yantai)(38°00.6'N., 121°35.3'E.). The next were 40 birds at 14h58 (when we were 2 hrs. 19 minutes out of Yantai)(38°04.6'N., 121°36.7'E.). Two more were seen very shortly after that. The last 65 birds were seen at 15h31 (2 hours 52 minutes out of Yantai (38°08.8'N., 121°38.2'E.). |
| Eurasian Hobby | 1 flew west over Yantai Port, Shandong on the 2/5/2012. |
| Black-tailed Gull | 270 from the Yantai to Dalian ferry across the mouth of Bohai Wan on the 2/5/2012. |
| 'Herring Gull Assemblage' | 7 from the Yantai to Dalian ferry across the mouth of Bohai Wan on the 2/5/2012. |
| Heuglin's Gull | 1 adult from the Yantai to Dalian ferry across the mouth of Bohai Wan on the 2/5/2012. |
| Mongolian Gull | 6 from the Yantai to Dalian ferry across the mouth of Bohai Wan on the 2/5/2012. |
| Barn Swallow | 8 from the Yantai to Dalian ferry across the mouth of Bohai Wan on the 2/5/2012. |
| Red-rumped Swallow | 3 from the Yantai to Dalian ferry across the mouth of Bohai Wan on the 2/5/2012. |
| White Wagtail | 1 adult male <i>ocularis</i> landed on the Yantai to Dalian ferry across the mouth of Bohai Wan at 13h38 when we were 23.6 Kms out of Yantai on the 2/5/2012. |

Thursday 3 May 2012. Jinshitan north to Zhuanghe with Tom BEEKE.

Tom and his regular driver Mr Zhang, picked me up outside my Jinshitan hotel at 04h30 and the three of us headed north. We spent the entire day birding at a number of sites that Tom knew (and knew extremely well) between Jinshitan, Pikou and on north towards Zhuanghe. Most were shore birding sites. We returned to Jinshitan in the early evening.

Weather

There was absolutely no cloud, a very light dew and it was just 7°C outside our hotel in Jinshitan at 05h10. The day remained immaculately clear and temperatures rose to about 23°C. There was rather little wind all day.

High tide

High tide at Zhuanghe was sometime in the late afternoon.

Hotel in Jinshitan, Jinzhouqu. (39°05.4'N., 122°00.9'E.).

Site 1. Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds (coastal), Jinzhouqu. (39°07.5'N., 122°01.9'E.). (04h45-06h20).

Close to the northern edge of Jinshitan town this site is one of Tom's regular birding spots. Today we just spent time on the main north-south road where a bridge crosses a near coastal tidal river. This spot is surrounded by ponds (ponds where sea cucumbers are farmed according to Tom). Many of these ponds are being rapidly filled in and this entire section of the coast is been altered alarmingly quickly.

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| Common Pheasant | 2 |
| Mallard | 3 |
| Chinese Spot-billed Duck | 2 |
| Chinese Egret VU | 5 |
| Pacific Golden Plover | 1 |
| Little Ringed Plover | 1 |
| Whimbrel | 239 |
| Common Redshank | 3 |
| Common Greenshank | 13 |
| Wood Sandpiper | 49 |
| Common Sandpiper | 4 |
| Ruddy Turnstone | 1 |
| Sharp-tailed Sandpiper | 1 |
| Black-tailed Gull | 18 |
| Mew Gull | 1 |
| Mongolian Gull | 1 |
| Chinese Penduline Tit | 1 |
| Barn Swallow | 3 |
| Red-rumped Swallow | 2 |
| Zitting Cisticola | 1 |
| Eastern Yellow Wagtail | 7 |
| Grey Wagtail | 1 |
| White Wagtail | 8, including one <i>ocularis</i> , |
| Richard's Pipit | 5 |
| Olive-backed Pipit | 12 |
| Red-throated Pipit | 6 |
| Buff-bellied Pipit | 2 |
| Grey-capped Greenfinch | 1 |
| Common Rosefinch | 1 |
| Black-faced Bunting | 4 |

Site 2. Roadside stop two Kms south of the Dengsha river near Dalujia, Jinzhouqu. (ca.05h25-ca.05h35), (39°10.3'N., 122°05.5'E.).

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| Common Pheasant | 3 |
| Grey-faced Buzzard | 2 |
| Whimbrel | 4 |
| Black-headed Gull | 25 |
| Light-vented Bulbul | 2 |
| Chinese Hill Babbler | 1 |
| Meadow Bunting | 1 |
| Little Bunting | 4 |
| Black-faced Bunting | 2 |

Site 3. Tidal Deng Sha river (Dengshahe) downstream of steel plant, Jinzhouqu. (39°10.7'N., 122°05.3'E.). 05h50-06h05. This site is about five kilometres south of Xiaofangcun.

According to Tom this is a regular site for Chinese Egret.

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| Mallard | 3 |
| Chinese Spot-billed Duck | 7 |
| Chinese Egret VU | 3 |
| Whimbrel | 86 |
| Eastern Curlew VU | 2 |
| Common Greenshank | 10 |
| Common Sandpiper | 1 |
| Black-headed Gull | 120 |
| Black-tailed Gull | 100 |
| 'Herring Gull Assemblage' | 2 |
| Grey Wagtail | 1 |
| White Wagtail | 2 |
| Olive-backed Pipit | 2 |
| Red-throated Pipit | 2 |

Site 4. Tidal Qing Shui river nr Jinchang cun, Pulandian and about 8-10 Kms north of Dalijia town, Jinzhouqu. (39°13.2'N., 122°06.2'E.). (06h10-06h30)

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| Common Pheasant | 4 |
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| Chinese Spot-billed Duck | 3 |
| Little Egret | 1 |
| Chinese Egret VU | 1 |
| Black-winged Stilt | 2 |
| Pacific Golden Plover | 1 |
| Little Ringed Plover | 2 |
| Whimbrel | 5 |
| Common Greenshank | 1 |
| Wood Sandpiper | 11 |
| Common Sandpiper | 2 |
| Temminck's Stint | 1 |
| Sharp-tailed Sandpiper | 1 |
| Black-headed Gull | 2 |
| Oriental Turtle Dove | 3 |
| Chinese Penduline Tit | 1 |
| Chestnut-flanked White-eye | 2 |
| Eastern Yellow Wagtail | 2 |
| White Wagtail | 1 <i>leucopsis</i> |
| Richard's Pipit | 2 |
| Olive-backed Pipit | 3 |
| Black-faced Bunting | 1 |

Site 5. Near coastal fishponds between Kms 326-325 and close to Xingshu on Bin Hai Lu, Jinzhouqu. (06h30-06h45)

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| Mallard | 2 |
| Chinese Spot-billed Duck | 1 |
| Little Grebe | 1 |
| Intermediate Egret | 2 |
| Chinese Egret VU | 4 |
| Whimbrel | 1 |
| Little Ringed Plover | 2 |
| Wood Sandpiper | 65 |
| Grey Wagtail | 1 |
| White Wagtail | 1 <i>leucopsis</i> |
| 'Amur Wagtail' <i>M. a. leucopsis</i> | 1 |
| Red-throated Pipit | 2 |

Eurasian Collared Dove 2 near Km 320 & just a couple of kilometres north of Xingshu cun on Bin Hai Lu, Pulandian on the 3/5/2012.

Left Jinzhouqu district and entered Pulandian at 06h55 when we were about 16 kilometres south of Pikou.

Site 5. Tidal river inlet of the Da Sha He, Pulandian. (39°20.3'N., 122°13.9'E.). (06h55-07h10).

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| Little Egret | 4 |
| Chinese Egret VU | 4 |
| Grey Plover | 100 |
| Whimbrel | 15 |
| Curllew sp. | 8 |
| Marsh Sandpiper | 20 |
| Common Greenshank | 15 |
| Wood Sandpiper | 2 |
| Terek Sandpiper | 2 |
| Red-necked Stint | 1 |
| Black-headed Gull | 175 |
| Saunders's Gull | 1 first-summer |
| Black-tailed Gull | 80 |
| 'Herring Gull Assemblage' | 4 |
| Red-throated Pipit | 1 |
| Black-faced Bunting | 1 |

Chinese Egret 1 about three kilometres north of the Tidal river inlet of the Da Sha He, Pulandian on the 3/5/2012.

Site 6. Near Pikou, Pulandian. (39°24.3'N., 122°22.7'E.). 07h40.

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| Chinese Pond Heron | 1 |
| Great Egret | 1 |
| Asian Short-toed Lark | 2 |

Site 6. Km 275.3 on the Bin Hai Lu, Pulandian. (39°28.5'N., 122°30.3'E.).

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|--------------------------|---|
| Chinese Spot-billed Duck | 2 |
| Intermediate Egret | 3 |
| Little Egret | 3 |

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| Yellow Wagtail | 2 |
| Red-throated Pipit | 2 |

Site 7. Biliu river bridge and river mouth, Zhuanghe. (39°28.6'N., 122°34.2'E.). 08h05-10h00.

This site, about 500 metres inland from the river mouth, is close the village of Wenjia cun. A large sand bank upstream of the new road bridge remains exposed and is a high tide roost site for large numbers of shorebirds and gulls. We first viewed the roosting birds from the southbound carriageway on the bridge and subsequently accessed the southern shore at the river mouth.

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| Japanese Quail NT | 1 |
| Chinese Spot-billed Duck | 11 |
| Chinese Egret | 1 |
| Common Kestrel | 1 |
| Eurasian Oystercatcher | 1 |
| Pied Avocet | 3 |
| Pacific Golden Plover | 1 |
| Kentish Plover | 3 |
| Lesser Sand Plover | 50 |
| Black-tailed Godwit NT | 2 |
| Bar-tailed Godwit | 480 |
| Whimbrel | 20 |
| Eurasian Curlew NT | 1 |
| Eastern Curlew VU | 25 |
| Curlew sp. | 20 |
| Marsh Sandpiper | 8 |
| Terek Sandpiper | 40 |
| Ruddy Turnstone | 8 |
| Great Knot VU | 8 |
| Red Knot | 3 |
| Sanderling | 13 |
| Red-necked Stint | 9 |
| Curlew Sandpiper | 1 |
| Dunlin | 450 |
| Broad-billed Sandpiper | 4 |
| Black-headed Gull | 350 |
| Saunders's Gull VU | 2 |
| Black-tailed Gull | 4 |
| Mew Gull | 1 |
| 'Herring Gull Assemblage' | 5 |
| Mongolian Gull | 1 |
| 'Eastern' Little Tern | 3 |
| Eastern Yellow Wagtail | 1 |
| Grey Wagtail | 1 |
| Red-throated Pipit | 2 |
| Grey-capped Greenfinch | 1 |
| Meadow Bunting | 1 |
| Black-faced Bunting | 1 |

Site 8. Zouquan tun (= Huavuan Kou), Pulandian. (39°28.6'N., 122°35.3'E.).

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| Lesser Sand Plover | 30 |
| Whimbrel | 4 |
| Terek Sandpiper | 2 |
| Dunlin | 450 |
| Black-headed Gull | 10 |
| Black-tailed Gull | 20 |

Site 9. Zhangxiawang bay mudflats between Kms 242-244 on the Bin Hai Lu, Pulandian. (39°34.6'N., 122°47.2'E.). (10h30-12h15 and again 15h30-17h30),

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| Common Pheasant | 2 |
| Mallard | 2 |
| Chinese Spot-billed Duck | 5 |
| Eurasian Teal | 6 |
| Chinese Egret VU | 10 |
| Peregrine Falcon | 1 adult |
| Black-winged Stilt | 1 |
| Pacific Golden Plover | 28 |
| Grey Plover | 340 |
| Little Ringed Plover | 2 |
| Kentish Plover | 3 |
| Lesser Sand Plover | 75 |
| Asian Dowitcher NT | 2 |

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| Bar-tailed Godwit | 710 |
| Whimbrel | 48 |
| Eurasian Curlew NT | 10 |
| Eastern Curlew VU | 50 |
| Curlew sp. | 220 |
| Spotted Redshank | 4 |
| Marsh Sandpiper | 12 |
| Common Greenshank | 55 |
| Wood Sandpiper | 4 |
| Terek Sandpiper | 35 |
| Common Sandpiper | 2 |
| Ruddy Turnstone | 15 |
| Great Knot VU | 320 |
| Red Knot | 6 |
| Red-necked Stint | 4 |
| Sharp-tailed Sandpiper | 15 |
| Curlew Sandpiper | 2 |
| Dunlin | 7200 |
| Broad-billed Sandpiper | 11 |
| Black-headed Gull | 230 |
| Hill Pigeon | 10 |

Site 10. Coastal mudflats at Km post 229 on Bin Hai Lu. (39°37.4'N, 122°56.8'E.).

This site is about two kilometres south of the turning east to Zhuanghe Matou (Zhuanghe Port).

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| Chinese Egret VU | 6 |
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Site 11. Bridge over Zhuanghe river mouth (39°39.1'N, 122°59.9'E.) and road out to Gili Dao. (39°39.1'N, 123°01.7'E.). (13h00-15h00)

The 1206 metre recently constructed bridge spanning the Zhuang river close to its mouth provides an excellent vantage point and this area is one of the best sites in the whole of China to see Black-faced Spoonbill during the summer months. From here its 62 kilometres south to Pikou and 150 north to Dandong. We spent about one hour here – but it was low tide and most birds were very distant. There's a narrow, one kilometre long, causeway just to the north of the river that connects the mainland with the small island of Gili Dao and, after scanning from the bridge, we drove out along this causeway, spending about 25 minutes out on the island itself. The island provides another good vantage point of the Zhuang river mouth and there's a small tourist complex with a recently opened restaurant on it.

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| Common Pheasant | 2 |
| Common Shelduck | 9 |
| Eurasian Wigeon | 2 - a pair |
| Chinese Spot-billed Duck | 27 |
| Northern Shoveler | 1 male |
| Black-faced Spoonbill EN | 5 |
| Grey Heron | 5 |
| Chinese Egret VU | 40 |
| Bar-tailed Godwit | 30 |
| Whimbrel | 25 |
| Eastern Curlew VU | 5 |
| Curlew sp. | 55 |
| Terek Sandpiper | 5 |
| Ruddy Turnstone | 10 |
| Dunlin | 120 |
| Black-headed Gull | 2930 |
| Saunders's Gull VU | 25 |
| Black-tailed Gull | 40 |
| Mew Gull | 13 |
| 'Herring Gull Assemblage' | 6 |
| Mongolian Gull | 3 |
| 'Eastern' Little Tern | 2 |
| Barn Swallow | 2 |
| Red-rumped Swallow | 1 |
| Daurian Redstart | 1 |
| Blue Rock Thrush | 3 |
| Blyth's Pipit | 1 calling bird flew north at 13h05 |
| Red-throated Pipit | 3 |
| Grey-capped Greenfinch | 1 |
| Black-faced Bunting | 2 |

Site 12. Tidal mudflats near Dongfangshen cun (Km 252.5 on the Bin Hai Lu). (39°32.7'N., 122°42.2'E.). (ca.17h45-18h35)

It was very high tide when we reached this site and there was no mud exposed – all the shorebirds were roosting on some large rocks.

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| Bar-tailed Godwit | 350 |
| Whimbrel | 40 |
| Eastern Curlew VU | 10 |
| Common Greenshank | 4 |
| Ruddy Turnstone | 35 |
| Great Knot VU | 150 |
| Red Knot | 1 |
| Sharp-tailed Sandpiper | 1 |
| Dunlin | 55 |
| Little Tern | 2 |
| Barn Swallow | 2 |
| Grey Wagtail | 2 |
| White Wagtail | 1 <i>leucopsis</i> |
| Japanese Quail NT | 3 between Jinshitan & Zhuanghe on the 3/5/2012. These included one near the Biliu river. |
| Common Pheasant | 13 between Jinshitan & Zhuanghe on the 3/5/2012. These involved two near the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds, three about 2 Kms south of the Dengsha river, four in the tidal Qing Shui river nr Jinchang cun, two near Km 244 on the Bin Hai Lu & two more near the Zhuanghe river mouth. |
| Common Shelduck | 9 in the Zhuanghe river mouth on the 3/5/2012. |
| Eurasian Wigeon | 2 in the Zhuanghe river mouth on the 3/5/2012. |
| Mallard | 15 between Jinshitan & Zhuanghe on the 3/5/2012. These included three near the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds, three more in the Dengsha river near Dalujia, two near the coastal fishponds near Xingshu (between Kms 326-325 on Bin Hai Lu) & two more in the Biliu river mouth. |
| Chinese Spot-billed Duck | 63 between Jinshitan & Zhuanghe on the 3/5/2012. These included two near the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds, seven in the Dengsha river near Dalujia, three in the tidal Qing Shui river nr Jinchang cun, one in the coastal fishponds near Xingshu (between Kms 326-325 on Bin Hai Lu), two near Km 275.3 on the Bin Hai Lu, 11 in the Biliu river mouth, five on the tidal mudflats at Km 244 on the Bin Hai Lu & 27 in the Zhuanghe river mouth. |
| Northern Shoveler | 1 in the Zhuanghe river mouth on the 3/5/2012. |
| Eurasian Teal | 6 on the tidal mudflats at Km 244 on the Bin Hai Lu, Pulandian on the 3/5/2012. |
| Little Grebe | 3 in coastal Pulandian on the 3/5/2012 - these included one one the near coastal fishponds between Kms 326-325 & near Xingshu on Bin Hai Lu. |
| Black-faced Spoonbill EN | 5 in the Zhuanghe river mouth on the 3/5/2012. |
| Chinese Pond Heron | 1 near Pikou, Zhuanghe on the 3/5/2012. |
| Grey Heron | 5 in the Zhuanghe river mouth on the 3/5/2012. |
| Great Egret | 1 near Pikou, Zhuanghe on the 3/5/2012. |
| Intermediate Egret | 5 from the Bin Hai Lu in coastal Pulandian on the 4/5/2012. Birds were seen at just two sites and there were two in near coastal fishponds between Kms 326-325 & near Xingshu & three at Km 275.3. |
| Little Egret | 12 in Pulandian north of Jinshitan on the 3/5/2012. These included one in the tidal Qing Shui river nr Jinchang cun, four in the tidal river inlet of the Da Sha He & three near Km 275.3 on the Bin Hai Lu. |
| Chinese Egret VU | 75 in coastal Pulandian and Zhuanghe between Jinshitan & Zhuanghe on the 3/5/2012. Other than the sighting of a singleton that I didn't detail in my notes these involved 18 at five sites in coastal Pulandian and 57 at four coastal sites in Zhuanghe. Specifically birds were seen as follows - five near the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds, three in the Dengsha river near Dalujia, one in the tidal Qing Shui river nr Jinchang cun, four in the coastal fishponds near Xingshu (between Kms 326-325 on Bin Hai Lu), four more in the tidal river inlet of the Da Sha He, two near Km 275.3 on the Bin Hai Lu, one in the Biliu river mouth, ten on the tidal mudflats at Km 244 on the Bin Hai Lu, six on the mudflats immediately to the south of Zhuanghe Port & 40 in the Zhuanghe river mouth/Gili Dao area. |
| Grey-faced Buzzard | 2 flew north over a roadside ridge about two Kms south of the Dengsha river near Dalujia, Pulandian on the 3/5/2012. |
| Common Kestrel | 3 between Jinshitan & Zhuanghe on the 3/5/2012. These included one near the Biliu river . |
| Peregrine Falcon | 1 over the tidal mudflats at Km 244 on the Bin Hai Lu, Pulandian on the 3/5/2012. |
| Common Coot | 1 in coastal Pulandian on the 3/5/2012. |
| Eurasian Oystercatcher | 1 in the Biliu river on the 3/5/2012. |
| Black-winged Stilt | 5 between Jinshitan & Zhuanghe on the 3/5/2012. These included two in the tidal Qing Shui river nr Jinchang cun and one near Km 244 on the Bin Hai Lu. |
| Pied Avocet | 3 in the Biliu river on the 3/5/2012. |
| Pacific Golden Plover | 31 between Jinshitan & Zhuanghe on the 3/5/2012. These involved e over the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds, another in the tidal Qing Shui river nr Jinchang cun, one more in the Biliu river mouth and 28 on the tidal mudflats at Km 244 on the Bin Hai Lu. |
| Grey Plover | 440 between Jinshitan & Zhuanghe on the 3/5/2012. These involved 100 in the tidal river inlet of the Da Sha He, Pulandian and 340 on the tidal mudflats at Km 244 on the Bin Hai Lu. |
| Little Ringed Plover | 7 between Jinshitan & Zhuanghe on the 3/5/2012. These involved one near the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds, two in the tidal Qing Shui river nr Jinchang cun, two more in the coastal fishponds near Xingshu (between Kms 326-325 on Bin Hai Lu) & two more on the tidal mudflats at Km 244. |
| Kentish Plover | 6 in coastal Zhuanghe on the 3/5/2012 - three in the Biliu river mouth and three more on the tidal mudflats at Km 244. |
| Lesser Sand Plover | 155 in coastal Zhuanghe on the 3/5/2012. These involved 50 in the Biliu river mouth, 30 in the small bay at Zouquan tun (=Huayuan Kou) & 75 on the tidal mudflats at Km 244 on the Bin Hai Lu. |
| Asian Dowitcher NT | 2 on the tidal mudflats at Km 244 on the Bin Hai Lu, Pulandian on the 3/5/2012. (Tom BEEKE & Paul Holt) |
| Black-tailed Godwit NT | 3 between Jinshitan & Zhuanghe on the 3/5/2012. These involved two in the Biliu river mouth, Zhuanghe and one on the tidal mudflats at Km 244 on the Bin Hai Lu, Pulandian. |
| Bar-tailed Godwit | 1570 between Jinshitan & Zhuanghe on the 3/5/2012. These involved 480 in the Biliu river mouth, 710 on the tidal mudflats at Km 244 on the Bin Hai Lu, 350 on the tidal mudflats near Dongfangshen cun (Km 252.5 on the Bin Hai Lu) & 30 in the Zhuanghe river mouth. |

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| Whimbrel | 487 between Jinshitan & Zhuanghe on the 3/5/2012. These involved 450 in coastal Pulandian with specifically 249 near the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds, four two kilometres south of and 86 actually in the Dengsha river near Dalujia, five at the tidal Qing Shui river nr Jinchang cun, one in the coastal fishponds near Xingshu (between Kms 326-325 on Bin Hai Lu) and 15 in the tidal river inlet of the Da Sha He two near Km 275.3 on the Bin Hai Lu. A total of 137 more birds were counted in coastal Zhuanghe and these were 20 in the Biliu river mouth, four in the small bay at Zouquan tun (=Huayuan Kou), 40 at a high tide roost on the edge of the tidal mudflats near Dongfangshen cun (Km 252.5 on the Bin Hai Lu), 48 on the tidal mudflats at Km 244 on the Bin Hai Lu & 25 in the Zhuanghe river mouth. |
| Eurasian Curlew NT | 11 in coastal Zhuanghe on the 3/5/2012 - one in the Biliu river mouth and ten on the tidal mudflats at Km 244 on the Bin Hai Lu. |
| Eastern Curlew VU | 92 between Jinshitan & Zhuanghe on the 3/5/2012. These involved two in the Dengsha river near Dalujia were the only ones seen in Pulandian while the 90 birds in coastal Zhuanghe involved 25 in the Biliu river mouth, 50 on the tidal mudflats at Km 244 on the Bin Hai Lu, 10 at the high tide wader roost on the edge of the tidal mudflats near Dongfangshen cun (Km 252.5 on the Bin Hai Lu) & 27 in the Zhuanghe river mouth. |
| Curlew sp. | 303 between Jinshitan & Zhuanghe on the 3/5/2012. Eight in the tidal river inlet of the Da Sha He were the only ones seen in Pulandian while in coastal Zhuanghe there were 20 in the Biliu river mouth, 220 on the tidal mudflats at Km 244 on the Bin Hai Lu & 55 in the Zhuanghe river mouth. |
| Spotted Redshank | 4 on the tidal mudflats at Km 244 on the Bin Hai Lu, Zhuanghe on the 3/5/2012. |
| Common Redshank | 3 near the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds, Pulandian on the 3/5/2012. |
| Marsh Sandpiper | 40 between Jinshitan & Zhuanghe on the 3/5/2012. These involved 20 in the tidal river inlet of the Da Sha He, Pulandian, eight in the Biliu river mouth and 12 on the tidal mudflats at Km 244 on the Bin Hai Lu. |
| Common Greenshank | 98 between Jinshitan & Zhuanghe on the 3/5/2012. These involved 13 near the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds, 10 in the Dengsha river near Dalujia, one in the tidal Qing Shui river nr Jinchang cun, 15 in the tidal river inlet of the Da Sha He, 55 on the tidal mudflats at Km 244 on the Bin Hai Lu & four on the tidal mudflats near Dongfangshen cun (Km 252.5 on the Bin Hai Lu). |
| Wood Sandpiper | 139 between Jinshitan & Zhuanghe on the 3/5/2012. These involved 49 near the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds, 11 in the tidal Qing Shui river nr Jinchang cun, 65 in the coastal fishponds near Xingshu (between Kms 326-325 on Bin Hai Lu), 10 in the tidal river inlet of the Da Sha He and four on the tidal mudflats at Km 244 on the Bin Hai Lu. |
| Terek Sandpiper | 15 between Jinshitan & Zhuanghe on the 3/5/2012. These involved two in the tidal river inlet of the Da Sha He, 40 in the Biliu river mouth, two in the small bay at Zouquan tun (=Huayuan Kou), 35 on the tidal mudflats at Km 244 on the Bin Hai Lu & five in the Zhuanghe river mouth. |
| Common Sandpiper | 9 between Jinshitan & Zhuanghe on the 3/5/2012. These involved four near the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds, one in the Dengsha river near Dalujia, two in the tidal Qing Shui river nr Jinchang cun and two on the edge of the tidal mudflats at Km 244 on the Bin Hai Lu. |
| Ruddy Turnstone | 69 between Jinshitan & Zhuanghe on the 3/5/2012. One near the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds was the only bird seen in Pulandian while further north there were eight in the Biliu river mouth, 15 on the tidal mudflats at Km 244 on the Bin Hai Lu, 35 at the high tide wader roost on the edge of the tidal mudflats near Dongfangshen cun (Km 252.5 on the Bin Hai Lu) & 10 in the Zhuanghe river mouth. |
| Great Knot VU | 478 between Jinshitan & Zhuanghe on the 3/5/2012. These involved eight in the Biliu river mouth, 320 on the tidal mudflats at Km 244 on the Bin Hai Lu & 150 at the high tide wader roost on the edge of the tidal mudflats near Dongfangshen cun (Km 252.5 on the Bin Hai Lu). |
| Red Knot | 10 between Jinshitan & Zhuanghe on the 3/5/2012. These involved three in the Biliu river mouth, six on the tidal mudflats at Km 244 on the Bin Hai Lu & one at the high tide wader roost on the edge of the tidal mudflats near Dongfangshen cun (Km 252.5 on the Bin Hai Lu). |
| Sanderling | 13 in the Biliu river mouth, Zhuanghe on the 3/5/2012. |
| Red-necked Stint | 14 between Jinshitan & Zhuanghe on the 3/5/2012. One in the tidal river inlet of the Da Sha He was the only sighting in Pulandian while further north there were nine in the Biliu river mouth and four on the tidal mudflats at Km 244 on the Bin Hai Lu. |
| Temminck's Stint | 1 besides the tidal Qing Shui river nr Jinchang cun, Pulandian on the 3/5/2012. |
| Sharp-tailed Sandpiper | 18 between Jinshitan & Zhuanghe on the 3/5/2012. These involved one near the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds, one more in the tidal Qing Shui river nr Jinchang cun, 15 on the tidal mudflats at Km 244 on the Bin Hai Lu & one at the high tide wader roost on the edge of the mudflats near Dongfangshen cun (Km 252.5 on the Bin Hai Lu). |
| Curlew Sandpiper | 3 in coastal Zhuanghe on the 3/5/2012 - one at the Biliu river & two on the tidal mudflats at Km 244 on the Bin Hai Lu. |
| Dunlin | 8275 in coastal Zhuanghe on the 3/5/2012. Quite remarkably none were seen in Pulandian and the most southerly of the day's sightings involved 450 in the Biliu river mouth, another 450 were in the bay at Zouquan tun (=Huayuan Kou), a remarkable 7200 were counted on the tidal mudflats at Km 244 on the Bin Hai Lu at low tide while slightly further north there were 55 at the high tide wader roost on the edge of the tidal mudflats near Dongfangshen cun (Km 252.5 on the Bin Hai Lu). Lastly there were 120 in the Zhuanghe river mouth. |
| Broad-billed Sandpiper | 16 between Jinshitan & Zhuanghe on the 3/5/2012. These involved four in the Biliu river mouth, 11 on the tidal mudflats at Km 244 on the Bin Hai Lu & one on the mudflats immediately to south of Zhuanghe Port. |
| Black-headed Gull | 3842 between Jinshitan & Zhuanghe on the 3/5/2012. These involved 25 on roadside fishponds just two kilometres south of and 120 actually in the Dengsha river near Dalujia, two in the tidal Qing Shui river nr Jinchang cun, 175 in the tidal river inlet of the Da Sha He, 350 in the Biliu river mouth, 10 in the bay at Zouquan tun (=Huayuan Kou), 230 on the tidal mudflats at Km 244 on the Bin Hai Lu & easily the highest count of the day 2907 in the Zhuanghe river mouth. |
| Saunders's Gull VU | 28 between Jinshitan & Zhuanghe on the 3/5/2012. birds were seen at just three sites with one in the tidal river inlet of the Da Sha He, two in the Biliu river mouth & 25 in the Zhuanghe river mouth/Gili Dao area. |
| Black-tailed Gull | 398 between Jinshitan & Zhuanghe on the 3/5/2012. These included 18 near the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds, 100 in the Dengsha river near Dalujia, 80 in the tidal river inlet of the Da Sha He, 40 in the Biliu river mouth, 20 in the small bay at Zouquan tun (=Huayuan Kou), 20 five on the tidal mudflats at Km 244 on the Bin Hai Ln the mudflats immediately south of Zhuanghe Port and 40 in the Zhuanghe river mouth. |
| Mew Gull | 15 between Jinshitan & Zhuanghe on the 3/5/2012. These involved one near the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds, another in the Biliu river mouth & 13 in the Zhuanghe river mouth. |
| 'Herring Gull Assemblage' | 17 between Jinshitan & Zhuanghe on the 3/5/2012. These involved two in the Dengsha river near Dalujia, four around the tidal river inlet of the Da Sha He, five in the Biliu river mouth & six in the Zhuanghe river mouth. |

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| Mongolian Gull | 5 between Jinshitan & Zhuanghe on the 3/5/2012. These involved one near the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds, another in the Biliu river mouth & three in the Zhuanghe river mouth. |
| 'Eastern' Little Tern | 5 between Jinshitan & Zhuanghe on the 3/5/2012 - three in the Biliu river mouth & two in the Zhuanghe river mouth. |
| Hill Pigeon | 10 at Km 244 on the Bin Hai Lu, Zhuanghe on the 3/5/2012. |
| Oriental Turtle Dove | 3 near the tidal Qing Shui river nr Jinchang cun, Pulandian on the 3/5/2012. |
| Eurasian Collared Dove | 2 near Km 320 & just a couple of kilometres north of Xingshu cun on Bin Hai Lu, Pulandian on the 3/5/2012 |
| Brown Shrike | 4 between Jinshitan & Zhuanghe on the 3/5/2012. |
| Chinese Penduline Tit | 2 in coastal Pulandian on the 3/5/2012 - singles over the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds & the Qing Shui river nr Jinchang cun. |
| Asian Short-toed Lark | 2 on waste ground a couple of kilometres north of Pikou Port, Zhuanghe on the 3/5/2012. |
| Light-vented Bulbul | 2 about two Kms south of the Dengsha river near Dalujia, Pulandian on the 3/5/2012. |
| Barn Swallow | 7 between Jinshitan & Zhuanghe on the 3/5/2012. These involved three near the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds , two at Dongfangshen cun (Km 252.5 on the Bin Hai Lu) and two more over the Zhuanghe river mouth. |
| Red-rumped Swallow | 3 between Jinshitan & Zhuanghe on the 3/5/2012. These involved two near the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds & one over the Zhuanghe river mouth. |
| Yellow-browed Warbler | 10 between Jinshitan & Zhuanghe on the 3/5/2012. |
| Zitting Cisticola | 1 near the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds, Pulandian on the 3/5/2012. |
| Chinese Hill Babbler | 1 was heard in roadside scrub about two Kms south of the Dengsha river near Dalujia, Pulandian on the 3/5/2012. |
| Chestnut-flanked White-eye | 2 in trees near the Qing Shui river nr Jinchang cun (about 8-10 Kms north of Dalijia town), Pulandian on the 3/5/2012. |
| Daurian Redstart | 1 on Gili Dao in Zhuanghe river mouth on the 3/5/2012. |
| Blue Rock Thrush | 3 on Gili Dao in Zhuanghe river mouth on the 3/5/2012. |
| Eastern Yellow Wagtail | 12 between Jinshitan & Zhuanghe on the 3/5/2012. These involved seven near the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds, two near the tidal Qing Shui river nr Jinchang cun, two at Km 275.3 on the Bin Hai Lu and one over the Biliu river mouth. |
| Grey Wagtail | 6 between Jinshitan & Zhuanghe on the 3/5/2012. These involved one near the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds, another near the Dengsha river near Dalujia, another over the coastal fishponds near Xingshu (between Kms 326-325 on Bin Hai Lu), one in the Biliu river mouth and two near Dongfangshen cun (Km 252.5 on the Bin Hai Lu). |
| White Wagtail | 13 between Jinshitan & Zhuanghe on the 3/5/2012. These involved eight, including the only <i>ocularis</i> of the day, near the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds, two near the Dengsha river near Dalujia, one <i>leucopsis</i> in the tidal Qing Shui river nr Jinchang cun, one <i>leucopsis</i> near the coastal fishponds near Xingshu (between Kms 326-325 on Bin Hai Lu) and another <i>leucopsis</i> near Dongfangshen cun (Km 252.5 on the Bin Hai Lu). |
| Richard's Pipit | 7 in coastal Pulandian on the 3/5/2012 - five flew north over the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds while two more did the same at the tidal Qing Shui river nr Jinchang cun. |
| Blyth's Pipit | 1 flew north over the Zhuanghe river mouth at flew north at 13h05on the 3/5/2012. |
| Olive-backed Pipit | 17 between Jinshitan & Zhuanghe on the 3/5/2012. These involved 12 that flew north near the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds, two more near the Dengsha river near Dalujia and three close to the tidal Qing Shui river nr Jinchang cun. |
| Red-throated Pipit | 18 between Jinshitan & Zhuanghe on the 3/5/2012. Between one and six birds were noted at seven sites and most were fly-overs heading north. All records as follows - six near the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds, two near the Dengsha river near Dalujia, two over the coastal fishponds near Xingshu (between Kms 326-325 on Bin Hai Lu), one near the tidal river inlet of the Da Sha He, two near Km 275.3 on the Bin Hai Lu, two over the Biliu river mouth & five in the Zhuanghe river mouth. |
| Buff-bellied Pipit | 2 flew north near the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds, Pulandian on the 3/5/2012. |
| Grey-capped Greenfinch | 3 between Jinshitan & Zhuanghe on the 3/5/2012 - singles near the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds, the Biliu river mouth & the Zhuanghe river mouth. |
| Common Rosefinch | 1 flew north near the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds, Pulandian on the 3/5/2012. |
| Meadow Bunting | 2 single singing males between Jinshitan and Zhuanghe on the 3/5/2012 - birds heard in roadside scrub about two Kms south of the Dengsha river near Dalujia, Pulandian and seen at the Biliu river mouth, Zhuanghe. |
| Little Bunting | 4 in roadside scrub about two Kms south of the Dengsha river near Dalujia, Pulandian on the 3/5/2012. |
| Black-faced Bunting | 11 birds were noted at six sites between Jinshitan & Zhuanghe on the 3/5/2012. |

Friday 4 May 2012. Transferred from Jinshitan to Jinzhou & spent a short while in Jinzhou Bay.

I left Jinshitan with Tom, Hannah and there two kids at 09h00 and the five of us drove south to Jinzhou. They went swimming while I transferred to the 4-star Jinhua Dajjudian in Jinzhou. Arriving just before 10h00 I was immediately allowed to check in. I spent much of the rest of the day catching up on overdue paperwork.

My room in the Dalian Jinhua Hotel, 35 Heping Road, Jinzhou Kaifaqu, Dalian, China 116100. (Tel.: 0411 8781 8888, fax. 0411 8781 1888 and website [Http://www.jinhuaohotel.com.cn](http://www.jinhuaohotel.com.cn)) cost 329 yuan/night – the same that it had cost the last time I stayed here - during Chinese New Year January 2012.

Site 1. Jinzhou Wan (Jinzhou Bay). (39°06.2'N, 121°40.8'E.). 15h30-17h10.

I made a short visit to Jinzhou Bay and Dump in the late afternoon.

The main part of the dump is best accessed by driving south down Heping Lu right past the 4-star Jinhua Dajjudian in Jinzhou Kaifaqu. About 800 metres south of the hotel go straight across at the traffic lights and after another 400 metres this road passes over the Shenda expressway (the Shenyang to Dalian Expressway). The gates in to the dump are another 300-400 metres straight ahead but we turned right about 50 before them and then almost immediately left again on to a dirt track

immediately before the bridge. This narrow, but driveable, track runs down the side of a 20 metre wide, extremely shallow river that empties in to Jinzhou Wan another 150 metres ahead. The road bends left here and frozen bay sprawls out in front with the dump off to the left. Gulls that aren't feeding on the active dump often loaf on the ice out in the bay – many can be very distant but some invariably come quite close. Similarly the White-tailed Eagles loaf about on the ice occasionally taking short patrolling flights deliberately flushing the waterfowl and gulls.

This site is definitely great for the gulls but there is a second landfill site about three or four kilometres further south around the bay that, from a distance, appeared to attract even more gulls. Paul attempted to walk to this one day but found the route impossible as it was obstructed by an open water river inlet. This second landfill was also being actively dumped in and there's clearly road access to it but the one taxi driver that he attempted to find it with unfortunately failed. From the northern dump Paul was able to see that on several days there were up to five or six cars parked near the southern dump – these cars held Chinese bird photographers that were apparently internet on photographing the White-tailed Eagles that often gathered on the ice close to that spot. Surprisingly we never saw any photographers near to the northern dump.

Another area worthy of exploring near the northern dump is accessed by going back to the bridge, crossing it and either turning immediately left and walking about 150 metres out on to a levelled area of earth to view the bay or turning right, walking past the fenced sewage works compound before turning left again down the far side of that same compound. 300 metres further on there's another small river that held a modest number of ducks. It's possible to walk to the left here also – and this site gives views over a slightly different part of Jinzhou Bay.

It seems that the large gulls are only present in Jinzhou Bay from the late morning. Very few, if any, appear to roost locally and start to depart by usually flying low over the ice off to the north or northeast from about 15h00 (almost two hours before official sunset).

Sunset and sunrise on 4 May 2012.

Sunrise 07h07
Sunset 17h01

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| Mallard | 32 near Jinzhou Bay refuse dump on the 4/5/2012. |
| Chinese Spot-billed Duck | 23 near Jinzhou Bay refuse dump on the 4/5/2012. |
| Common Kestrel | 1 near Jinzhou Bay refuse dump on the 4/5/2012. |
| Little Ringed Plover | 2 near Jinzhou Bay refuse dump on the 4/5/2012. |
| Green Sandpiper | 2 near Jinzhou Bay refuse dump on the 4/5/2012. |
| Wood Sandpiper | 1 near Jinzhou Bay refuse dump on the 4/5/2012. |
| Common Sandpiper | 2 near Jinzhou Bay refuse dump on the 4/5/2012. |
| Black-headed Gull | 65 near Jinzhou Bay refuse dump on the 4/5/2012. |
| Black-tailed Gull | 485 near Jinzhou Bay refuse dump on the 4/5/2012. |
| Mongolian Gull | 3 near Jinzhou Bay refuse dump on the 4/5/2012. |
| Ashy Minivet | 1 was heard as it flew north near Jinzhou Bay refuse dump on the 4/5/2012. |
| Chinese Penduline Tit | 1 was heard as it flew north near Jinzhou Bay refuse dump on the 4/5/2012. |
| Light-vented Bulbul | 2 near Jinzhou Bay refuse dump on the 4/5/2012. |
| Barn Swallow | 10 near Jinzhou Bay refuse dump on the 4/5/2012. |
| Yellow-browed Warbler | 4 were heard near Jinzhou Bay refuse dump on the 4/5/2012. |
| Eurasian Tree Sparrow | 20 near Jinzhou Bay refuse dump on the 4/5/2012. |
| Eastern Yellow Wagtail | 2 were heard near Jinzhou Bay refuse dump on the 4/5/2012. |
| Grey Wagtail | 1 was heard as it flew north near Jinzhou Bay refuse dump on the 4/5/2012. |
| White Wagtail | 7, including six <i>ocularis</i> , near Jinzhou Bay refuse dump on the 4/5/2012. |
| Olive-backed Pipit | 1 was heard as it flew north near Jinzhou Bay refuse dump on the 4/5/2012. |
| Buff-bellied Pipit | 1 near Jinzhou Bay refuse dump on the 4/5/2012. |
| Little Bunting | 2 near Jinzhou Bay refuse dump on the 4/5/2012. |
| Yellow-browed Bunting | 4 near Jinzhou Bay refuse dump on the 4/5/2012. |
| Black-faced Bunting | 2 near Jinzhou Bay refuse dump on the 4/5/2012. |

Saturday 5 May 2012. Jinzhou doing office work.

I had too much office paper work to complete today and was unable to go birding.

Sunday 6 May 2012. Zhuanghe area before driving up to Donggang.

I left the hotel in Jinzhou at 04h45 and travelled north, with Mr Zhang driving. We entered the expressway ten minutes after leaving the hotel and took this all the way up to Zhuanghe. It took us just 70 minutes to reach the Zhuanghe exit off the expressway and another ten minutes from there to where I made my first birding stop – an unscheduled stop at some small freshwater pools roadside just to the east of Zhuanghe town. I only spent a short while here before driving on to the Zhuanghe river mouth. I spent a few hours there before heading south slowly down to the Biliu river mouth. After another couple of hours birding there we turned around and headed back north, past Zhuanghe and eventually on up to Donggang. We made

multiple stops on route. I'd also emailed and telephoned my Dandong birding friend BAI Qingquan who was out birding in the Yalu Jiang National Nature Reserve (NNR) south of Donggang today. I arranged to meet up with him at one of the shorebird study sites – and did just that. I arrived with about one hour's light left and managed to see some of the shorebird spectacle that is the Yalu Jiang NNR.

Sites on the Hai Bin Lu include the following (good birding sites are emboldened) -

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| Km 279 | Pikou |
| Km 269 | Biliu river bridge and river mouth. |
| Km 268 | Roadside bay at Zouquan tun (= Huayuan Kou). |
| Km 252 | Dongfangshen cun, high tide wader roost – a soon to be reclaimed tidal inlet |
| Km 244-242 | Zhangxiawang high tide wader roost |
| Km 238 | Xiaotangfu cun 'Relict Gull Bay' |
| Km 236 | Dongling cun |
| Km 235 | Suntan cun |
| Km 234 | Huoshi cun |
| Km 228.5 | Bay to south of Zhuanghe Port. |
| Km 223 | Zhuanghe Da Qiao |
| Km 224 | Causeway to Gili Dao |
| Km 205.7 | Roadside marsh 2kms south of Suijiaquan cun, Zhuanghe |
| Km 203 | Attractive coastal coppice just north of Suijiaquan cun (a village with some conspicuous grain silos) |
| Km 202 | Leng Jia cun – turning east to large power station |
| Km 200 | Nansunjia cun |
| Km 194 | Yingna River, near Kanniuchang, Zhuanghe |
| Km 192 | Xiaohuotun |
| | Very attractive area of roadside rice stubble and recently flooded paddies – a site that looks great for Little Curlew! |
| Km 189 | Shengjia |
| Km 167 | Sunjiatun (88 Kms south of Donggang). |
| Km 156 | Qianwangtun |
| Km 151 | Extensive mudflats near Shanyudao |
| Km 149 | Turning to Xiaodao – apparently a reserve. |
| Km 142 | Pusamiao zhen |
| Km 138 | Junction with the other Zhuanghe to Dagang road. |

Dagushan zhen – now in Donggang district

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| Km 1537 on route G201 | Attractive roadside wetland |
| Km 88. | Chao Zhan Niao – part of the Yalu Jiang NNR |
| Km 84.3 | Turning off to south on dirt road to ‘Study Site 5’ of the Yalu Jiang NNR |
| Km 81. | Bullacta Beach– part of the Yalu Jiang NNR |
| Km 70 | Yalu Jiang NNR Wader Study Site 2 - Part 2 |
| Km 60 | Ash Ponds |
| Km 57 | Ankanggang |
| Km 168 (??) Donggang | |
| Km 9 Dandong | |

Weather

24°C at the Biliu river at 10h45. There was strengthening south-south-west wind in the afternoon.

Sites visited today included -

Site 1. Freshwater pool on edge of Zhuanghe town. (39°39.5'N, 122°58.4'E.). (06h20-06h30)

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| Chinese Spot-billed Duck | 4 |
| Black-winged Stilt | 1 |
| Little Ringed Plover | 4 |
| Whimbrel | 7 |
| Common Greenshank | 7 |
| Red-necked Stint | 4 |
| Black-headed Gull | 250 |
| Black-faced Bunting | 4 |

Site 2. Bridge over Zhuanghe river mouth - Km post 223 on Bin Hai Lu. (39°39.1'N, 122°59.9'E.). (06h35-08h35)

It was already very high tide when I arrived here – and there was absolutely no mud exposed on the eastern (seaward side) of the bridge – but large numbers of birds were visible distantly in the channel to the northwest. I tried to access these – and drove to the northern side of the Zhuanghe Da Qiao, parked up and walked inland up the northern side of the river bank. After about one kilometre I came to a riverside reclamation pool that held decent numbers of smaller legged shorebirds such as Dunlin and Lesser Sand Plover. The tide was still racing in and by this time even the longer legged shorebirds had left the river channel and almost all of them had unfortunately flow across that channel to an area that I was unable to access on foot. After two hours here I returned to the taxi and we made an attempt to access the area on the other side of the inland channel – this was where I thought that the longer legged shorebirds had gone. We spent only a short while searching – and failed to find any! With high tide fast approaching I was eager to get on – and try the high tide roosts that Tom and me had visited three days earlier on the 3rd May.

It struck me that the birding is best at the Zhuanghe River Mouth on a rising tide and about 2-3 hours before it peaks.

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| Japanese Quail NT | 2 |
| Common Pheasant | 2 |
| Common Shelduck | 6 |
| Gadwall | 2, a pair, |
| Falcated Duck NT | 2, a pair, |
| Mallard | 5 |
| Chinese Spot-billed Duck | 14 |
| Northern Shoveler | 3 males |
| Garganey | 2, a pair, |
| Eurasian Teal | 17 |
| Eurasian Spoonbill | 2 |
| Black-faced Spoonbill EN | 7 |
| Grey Heron | 2 |
| Little Egret | 2 |
| Chinese Egret VU | 4 in the morning when the tide was fully in but 77 when it was out in the early afternoon |
| Eurasian Oystercatcher | 1 |
| Black-winged Stilt | 2 |
| Grey Plover | 210 |
| Little Ringed Plover | 4 |

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| Kentish Plover | 3 |
| Lesser Sand Plover | 186 |
| Common Snipe | 1 |
| Bar-tailed Godwit | 150 |
| Whimbrel | 335 |
| Eurasian Curlew NT | 50 |
| Eastern Curlew VU | 1150 |
| Spotted Redshank | 1 |
| Common Redshank | 3 |
| Marsh Sandpiper | 1 |
| Common Greenshank | 55 |
| Wood Sandpiper | 1 |
| Terek Sandpiper | 85 |
| Common Sandpiper | 1 |
| Ruddy Turnstone | 1 |
| Red Knot | 1 |
| Sanderling | 1 |
| Red-necked Stint | 11 |
| Sharp-tailed Sandpiper | 13 |
| Curlew Sandpiper | 9 |
| Dunlin | 1145 |
| Broad-billed Sandpiper | 4 |
| Black-headed Gull | 1065 |
| Saunders's Gull VU | 3 first-summer |
| Black-tailed Gull | 4 |
| Mew Gull | 1 first-summer |
| Mongolian Gull | 5 first-summer |
| 'Eastern' Little Tern | 1 |
| Chinese Penduline Tit | 3 |
| Light-vented Bulbul | 1 |
| Sand Martin | 3 |
| Barn Swallow | 6 |
| Red-rumped Swallow | 1 |
| Yellow-browed Warbler | 4 |
| Two-barred Warbler | 1 was heard on the edge of Zhuanghe town |
| Siberian Blue Robin | 1 male |
| Common Stonechat | 7 males |
| Eurasian Tree Sparrow | 10 |
| Eastern Yellow Wagtail | 3 |
| Grey Wagtail | 2 |
| White Wagtail | 5 including one <i>leucopsis</i> |
| Richard's Pipit | 2 |
| Olive-backed Pipit | 7 |
| Red-throated Pipit | 3 |
| Buff-bellied Pipit | 1 |
| Grey-capped Greenfinch | 2 |
| Little Bunting | 1 |
| Black-faced Bunting | 11 |

Site 3. Tidal mudflats near Dongfangshen cun (Km 252.5 on the Bin Hai Lu)(09h25-09h35 and again 12h15-12h30)

There were hardly any shorebirds at all at this high tide roost site when I first stopped – I presume that they had been disturbed. However there were a large number of shorebirds out on the mudflats when the tide was out in the early afternoon.

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| Grey Plover | 65 |
| Bar-tailed Godwit | 355 |
| Whimbrel | 45 |
| Curlew sp. | 15 |
| Ruddy Turnstone | 1 |
| Great Knot VU | 155 |
| Dunlin | 1020 |
| Black-headed Gull | 35 |

Site 4. Zouquan tun (= Huayuan Kou), Pulandian, Km 268 on Bin Hai Lu. (39°28.6'N., 122°35.3'E.). (11h55-12h05)

This site is about one kilometre north of the Biliu river bridge. It's a small fishing harbour with sandy beach and shingle bank that fairly often seems to hold a modest number of shorebirds and gulls.

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| Chinese Egret VU | 1 |
| Lesser Sand Plover | 13 |
| Bar-tailed Godwit | 23 |
| Whimbrel | 2 |
| Ruddy Turnstone | 1 |
| Great Knot VU | 14 |
| Red-necked Stint | 2 |
| Curlew Sandpiper | 3 |

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| Dunlin | 115 |
| Black-headed Gull | 120 |
| Black-tailed Gull | 1 |
| Mongolian Gull | 1 |

Site 5. Biliu river bridge and river mouth, Zhuanghe (?). Km 269 on Bin Hai Lu. (39°28.6'N., 122°34.2'E.). 09h50-11h55.

Some of the large sand bank upstream of the new road bridge remains exposed even at a normal high tide – but today's wasn't a normal high tide and all of this island had been flooded! Fortunately we arrived here just as the tide was starting to turn and it was only a matter of a few minutes before the shorebirds that had been on the northern shore of the river about 1.5 kilometres inland started to disperse. It took us a few minutes to work out how to access this site and we arrived none too soon since one hour later and the high tide roost had totally dissipated.

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| Chinese Spot-billed Duck | 3 |
| Grey Heron | 1 |
| Chinese Egret VU | 1 |
| Black-winged Stilt | 2 |
| Grey-headed Lapwing | 1 |
| Pacific Golden Plover | 29 |
| Grey Plover | 138 |
| Little Ringed Plover | 1 |
| Kentish Plover | 4 |
| Lesser Sand Plover | 161 |
| Black-tailed Godwit NT | 3 |
| Bar-tailed Godwit | 675 |
| Whimbrel | 60 |
| Eurasian Curlew NT | 95 |
| Eastern Curlew VU | 15 |
| Curlew sp. | 20 |
| Spotted Redshank | 27 |
| Common Redshank | 2 |
| Common Greenshank | 25 |
| Terek Sandpiper | 25 |
| Common Sandpiper | 1 |
| Ruddy Turnstone | 3 |
| Great Knot VU | 5 |
| Sanderling | 1 |
| Red-necked Stint | 14 |
| Sharp-tailed Sandpiper | 15 |
| Curlew Sandpiper | 3 |
| Dunlin | 960 |
| Broad-billed Sandpiper | 12 |
| Black-headed Gull | 350 |
| Saunders's Gull VU | 1 first-summer |
| Black-tailed Gull | 3 |
| 'Herring Gull Assemblage' | 2 |
| Mongolian Gull | 1 |
| Chinese Penduline Tit | 2 |
| Barn Swallow | 5 |
| Red-rumped Swallow | 1 |
| Yellow-browed Warbler | 2 |
| Eurasian Tree Sparrow | 5 |
| Eastern Yellow Wagtail | 1 |
| White Wagtail | 2 |
| Olive-backed Pipit | 1 |
| Grey-capped Greenfinch | 4 |
| Meadow Bunting | 2 |

Site 6. Zhangxiawang bay mudflats (between Kms 242-244 on the Bin Hai Lu), Zhuanghe. (39°34.6'N., 122°47.2'E.). (12h35-14h00)

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| Grey Heron | 1 |
| Little Egret | 5 |
| Chinese Egret VU | 2 |
| Grey Plover | 50 |
| Lesser Sand Plover | 2 |
| Bar-tailed Godwit | 355 |
| Whimbrel | 45 |
| Curlew sp. | 10 |
| Marsh Sandpiper | 8 |
| Common Greenshank | 23 |
| Terek Sandpiper | 5 |
| Great Knot VU | 270 |
| Sharp-tailed Sandpiper | 1 |

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| Dunlin | 2450 |
| Black-headed Gull | 75 |

Site 7. Xiaotangfu cun bay mudflats ('Relict Gull Bay') – Km239 on the Bin Hai Lu, Zhuanghe. (39°34.7'N, 122°50.3'E.).

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| Chinese Egret VU | 5 |
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Site 8. Bay immediately south of Zhuanghe Port (Km228.5 on the Bin Hai Lu), Zhuanghe. (39°37.2'N., 122°56.5'E.).

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| Chinese Egret VU | 7 |
| Curlew sp. | 55 |

Site 9. Small roadside marsh 2kms south of Suijiaquan cun, Zhuanghe and at Km 205.7 on Bin Hai Lu. (39°40.5'N., 123°09.4'E.). (15h00-15h35)

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| Chinese Spot-billed Duck | 1 |
| Common Moorhen | 2 |
| Common Coot | 2 |
| Whimbrel | 1 |
| Wood Sandpiper | 1 |
| Common Sandpiper | 1 |
| Bluethroat | 1 |
| Olive-backed Pipit | 1 |
| Pechora Pipit | 5 |
| Black-faced Bunting | 12 |

Km 203 An attractive coastal coppice just north of Suijiuquan cun (a village with some conspicuous grain silos)

Km 202. Leng Jia cun – turning east to large power station

Km 200. Nansunjia cun

Site 10. Yingna River, near Kanniuchang, Zhuanghe - Km 194 on Bin Hai Lu. (39°44.7'N., 123°13.2'E.). (15h50)

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| Common Greenshank | 12 |
| Wood Sandpiper | 1 |
| Oriental Greenfinch | 1 |

Km 192 Xiaohuotun

Very attractive area of roadside rice stubble and recently flooded paddies – a site that looks great for Little Curlew!

Km 189 Shengjia
Black-headed Gull 40

Km 167 Sunjiatun (88 Kms south of Donggang).
Black-headed Gull 100

Km 156 Qianwangtun
Common Kestrel 1

Km 151 Extensive mudflats near Shanyudao – but very low tide when we were there.

Km 149 Turning to Xiaodao – apparently a reserve (but we didn't have time to visit it).

Km 142 Pusamiao zhen

Km 139.6 Eastern Cattle Egret 4

Km 138. Junction with the other Zhuanghe to Dagang road.

Dagushan zhen – now in Donggang district

Km 1537 on route G201 Attractive roadside wetland

- Km 88. Chao Zhan Niao – part of the Yalu Jiang NNR
- Km 84.3 Turning off to south on dirt road to ‘Study Site 5’ of the Yalu Jiang NNR
- Km 81. Bullacta Beach– part of the Yalu Jiang NNR

Yalu Jiang NNR - Shorebird Study Site 5. KM 84.3 on Bin Hai Lu. (18h00-18h45)

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| Bar-tailed Godwit | 1000 |
| Whimbrel | 10 |
| Eurasian Curlew NT | 2 |
| Eastern Curlew VU | 50 |
| Spotted Redshank | 1 |
| Common Greenshank | 4 |
| Terek Sandpiper | 5 |
| Great Knot VU | 300 |
| Red-necked Stint | 7 |
| Sharp-tailed Sandpiper | 5 |
| Dunlin | 450 |
| 'Eastern' Little Tern | 3 |
| Common Tern | 1 <i>longipennis</i> |

We finally arrived at the supposed 5-star Shenda Seariver Hotel (Shenda Baoli Jinghai Dajjudian), 198 Donggang Nan Lu, Donggang, Dandong, Liaoning 118300 (tel.: 0415 7111111 and fax 7112110) at about 19h20. Check-in was fast and efficient and the rooms comfortable and well-appointed with free internet – but no western TV channels. My discounted rooms cost 320 yuan/night through Qingyu.

Shenda Seariver Hotel (Shenda Baoli Jinghai Dajjudian).(39°51.1’N., 124°09.0’E.)

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| Japanese Quail NT | 2 near the Zhuanghe river mouth at Km 224 on Bin Hai Lu on the 6/5/2012. |
| Common Pheasant | 2 near the Zhuanghe river mouth at Km 224 on Bin Hai Lu on the 6/5/2012. |
| Common Shelduck | 6 near the Zhuanghe river mouth at Km 224 on Bin Hai Lu on the 6/5/2012. |
| Gadwall | 2 near the Zhuanghe river mouth at Km 224 on Bin Hai Lu on the 6/5/2012. |
| Falcated Duck NT | 2 near the Zhuanghe river mouth at Km 224 on Bin Hai Lu on the 6/5/2012. |
| Mallard | 5 near the Zhuanghe river mouth at Km 224 on Bin Hai Lu on the 6/5/2012. |
| Chinese Spot-billed Duck | 22 between Zhuanghe & Donggang on the 6/5/2012. These involved four at the freshwater pool on the edge of Zhuanghe town, 14 in the Zhuanghe river mouth, three at the Biliu river mouth & one in the smaller roadside marsh at Km 205.7 on Bin Hai Lu (2 Kms south of Suijiaquan cun). |
| Northern Shoveler | 3 near the Zhuanghe river mouth at Km 224 on Bin Hai Lu on the 6/5/2012. |
| Garganey | 2 near the Zhuanghe river mouth at Km 224 on Bin Hai Lu on the 6/5/2012. |
| Eurasian Teal | 17 near the Zhuanghe river mouth at Km 224 on Bin Hai Lu on the 6/5/2012. |
| Eurasian Spoonbill | 2, with seven Black-faced Spoonbills, near the Zhuanghe river mouth at Km 224 on Bin Hai Lu on the 6/5/2012. |
| Black-faced Spoonbill EN | 7, with two Black-faced Spoonbills, near the Zhuanghe river mouth at Km 224 on Bin Hai Lu on the 6/5/2012. |
| Eastern Cattle Egret | 4 in roadside fields 3 Kms north of Pusamiao zhen (Km 139.6 on Bin Hai Lu), Zhuanghe on the 6/5/2012. |
| Grey Heron | 4 between Zhuanghe & Donggang on the 6/5/2012. These involved two in the Zhuanghe river mouth, one in the Biliu river & one on the Zhangxiawang bay mudflats (between Kms 242-244 on the Bin Hai Lu). |
| Little Egret | 7 in coastal Zhuanghe on the 6/5/2012. These involved two at the Zhuanghe river mouth & five on the Zhangxiawang bay mudflats (between Kms 242-244 on the Bin Hai Lu). |
| Chinese Egret VU | 88 between Zhuanghe & Donggang on the 6/5/2012. These involved 77 in the Zhuanghe river mouth, one in the small bay at Zouquan tun (=Huayuan Kou & Km 268 on Bin Hai Lu), one in the Biliu river, two on the Zhangxiawang bay mudflats (between Kms 242-244 on the Bin Hai Lu) & seven in the bay immediately south of Zhuanghe Port (Km 228.5 on Bin Hai Lu). |
| Common Kestrel | 1 near Zhuanghe on the 6/5/2012. |
| Common Moorhen | 2 in the small roadside marsh at Km 205.7 on Bin Hai Lu (2 Kms south of Suijiaquan cun) Zhuanghe on the 6/5/2012. |
| Common Coot | 2 in the small roadside marsh at Km 205.7 on Bin Hai Lu (2 Kms south of Suijiaquan cun) Zhuanghe on the 6/5/2012. |
| Eurasian Oystercatcher | 1 near the Zhuanghe river mouth at Km 224 on Bin Hai Lu on the 6/5/2012. |
| Black-winged Stilt | 5 between Zhuanghe & Donggang on the 6/5/2012. These involved one on the freshwater pool on the edge of Zhuanghe town, two in the Zhuanghe river mouth & two more in the Biliu river mouth. |
| Grey-headed Lapwing | 1 flew over the Biliu river mouth, Zhuanghe on the 6/5/2012. |
| Pacific Golden Plover | 29 at the Biliu river on the 6/5/2012. |
| Grey Plover | 463 between Zhuanghe & Donggang on the 6/5/2012. These involved 210 in the Zhuanghe river mouth, 65 on the tidal mudflats near Dongfangshen cun (Km 252.5 on the Bin Hai Lu), 138 in the Biliu river & 50 on the Zhangxiawang bay mudflats (between Kms 242-244 on the Bin Hai Lu). |
| Little Ringed Plover | 9 between Zhuanghe & Donggang on the 6/5/2012. These involved four on the freshwater pool on the edge of Zhuanghe town, four more in the Zhuanghe river mouth & one in the Biliu river mouth. |
| Kentish Plover | 7 near Zhuanghe on the 6/5/2012 - three in the Zhuanghe river mouth, 355 on the mudflats near Dongfangshen cun (Km 252.5 on the Bin Hai Lu), 23 in the small bay at Zouquan tun (=Huayuan Kou & Km 268 on Bin Hai Lu) & four in the Biliu river. |
| Lesser Sand Plover | 362 between Zhuanghe & Donggang on the 6/5/2012. These involved 186 in the Zhuanghe river mouth, 13 in the small bay at Zouquan tun (=Huayuan Kou & Km 268 on Bin Hai Lu), 161 in the Biliu river & just two on the Zhangxiawang bay mudflats (between Kms 242-244 on the Bin Hai Lu). |

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| Common Snipe | 1 near the Zhuanghe river mouth at Km 224 on Bin Hai Lu on the 6/5/2012. |
| Black-tailed Godwit NT | 3 in the Biliu river mouth, Zhuanghe on the 6/5/2012. |
| Bar-tailed Godwit | 2558 between Zhuanghe & Donggang on the 6/5/2012. These involved 150 in the Zhuanghe river mouth, 355 on the mudflats near Dongfangshen cun (Km 252.5 on the Bin Hai Lu), 23 in the small bay at Zouquan tun (=Huayuan Kou & Km 268 on Bin Hai Lu), 675 in the Biliu river, 355 on the Zhangxiawang bay mudflats (between Kms 242-244 on the Bin Hai Lu) & 1000+ at 'Shorebird Study Site 5' in the Yalu Jiang NNR. |
| Whimbrel | 505 between Zhuanghe & Donggang on the 6/5/2012. These involved seven on the small freshwater pool on the edge of Zhuanghe town, 335 in the Zhuanghe river mouth, 45 on the mudflats near Dongfangshen cun (Km 252.5 on the Bin Hai Lu), two in the small bay at Zouquan tun (=Huayuan Kou & Km 268 on Bin Hai Lu), 60 in the Biliu river, 45 on the Zhangxiawang bay mudflats (between Kms 242-244 on the Bin Hai Lu), one in the small roadside marsh 2 Kms south of Suijiaquan cun, Zhuanghe (Km 205.7 on Bin Hai Lu) & 10 at 'Shorebird Study Site 5' in the Yalu Jiang NNR. |
| Eurasian Curlew NT | 147 between Zhuanghe & Donggang on the 6/5/2012. These involved 50 in the Zhuanghe river mouth, 95 in the Biliu river & 2 at 'Shorebird Study Site 5' in the Yalu Jiang NNR. |
| Eastern Curlew VU | 1215 between Zhuanghe & Donggang on the 6/5/2012. These involved 1150 in the Zhuanghe river mouth, 15 in the Biliu river & 50 at 'Shorebird Study Site 5' in the Yalu Jiang NNR. |
| Curlew sp. | 100 between Zhuanghe & Donggang on the 6/5/2012. These involved 15 on the mudflats near Dongfangshen cun (Km 252.5 on the Bin Hai Lu), 20 in the Biliu river, 10 on the Zhangxiawang bay mudflats (between Kms 242-244 on the Bin Hai Lu) & 55 in the bay immediately south of Zhuanghe Port (Km 228.5 on Bin Hai Lu). |
| Spotted Redshank | 29 between Zhuanghe & Donggang on the 6/5/2012. These involved one in the Zhuanghe river mouth, 27 in the Biliu river & one at 'Shorebird Study Site 5' in the Yalu Jiang NNR. |
| Common Redshank | 5 between Zhuanghe & Donggang on the 6/5/2012. These involved three in the Zhuanghe river mouth and two in the Biliu river. |
| Marsh Sandpiper | 9 near Zhuanghe on the 6/5/2012 - one in the Zhuanghe river mouth & eight on the Zhangxiawang bay mudflats (between Kms 242-244 on the Bin Hai Lu). |
| Common Greenshank | 126 between Zhuanghe & Donggang on the 6/5/2012. These involved seven on the small freshwater pool on the edge of Zhuanghe town, 55 in the Zhuanghe river mouth, 25 in the Biliu river, 23 on the Zhangxiawang bay mudflats (between Kms 242-244 on the Bin Hai Lu), 12 in the Yingna River, close to Kanniuchang cun (Km 194 on Bin Hai Lu) & four at 'Shorebird Study Site 5' in the Yalu Jiang NNR. |
| Wood Sandpiper | 3 singles between Zhuanghe & Donggang on the 6/5/2012. These involved sightings in the Zhuanghe river mouth, at the small roadside marsh 2 Kms south of Suijiaquan cun, Zhuanghe (Km 205.7 on Bin Hai Lu) & from the bridge over the Yingna River, close to Kanniuchang cun (Km 194 on Bin Hai Lu). |
| Terek Sandpiper | 120 between Zhuanghe & Donggang on the 6/5/2012. These involved 85 in the Zhuanghe river mouth, 25 in the Biliu river, five on the Zhangxiawang bay mudflats (between Kms 242-244 on the Bin Hai Lu) & five at 'Shorebird Study Site 5' in the Yalu Jiang NNR. |
| Common Sandpiper | 3 singles near Zhuanghe on the 6/5/2012. These involved sightings in the Zhuanghe river mouth, at the Biliu river & besides the small roadside marsh 2 Kms south of Suijiaquan cun (Km 205.7 on Bin Hai Lu). |
| Ruddy Turnstone | 6 between Zhuanghe & Donggang on the 6/5/2012. These involved one in the Zhuanghe river mouth, one on the mudflats near Dongfangshen cun (Km 252.5 on the Bin Hai Lu), one in the small bay at Zouquan tun (=Huayuan Kou & Km 268 on Bin Hai Lu) & three in the Biliu river. |
| Great Knot VU | 744 between Zhuanghe & Donggang on the 6/5/2012. These involved 155 on the mudflats near Dongfangshen cun (Km 252.5 on the Bin Hai Lu), 14 in the small bay at Zouquan tun (=Huayuan Kou & Km 268 on Bin Hai Lu), five in the Biliu river, 270 on the Zhangxiawang bay mudflats (between Kms 242-244 on the Bin Hai Lu) & 300+ at 'Shorebird Study Site 5' in the Yalu Jiang NNR. |
| Red Knot | 1 near the Zhuanghe river mouth at Km 224 on Bin Hai Lu on the 6/5/2012. |
| Sanderling | 2 near Zhuanghe on the 6/5/2012 - singles in the Zhuanghe river mouth & at the Biliu river. |
| Red-necked Stint | 38 between Zhuanghe & Donggang on the 6/5/2012. These involved four on the small freshwater pool on the edge of Zhuanghe town, 11 in the Zhuanghe river mouth, two in the small bay at Zouquan tun (=Huayuan Kou & Km 268 on Bin Hai Lu), 14 in the Biliu river & seven at 'Shorebird Study Site 5' in the Yalu Jiang NNR. |
| Sharp-tailed Sandpiper | 34 between Zhuanghe & Donggang on the 6/5/2012. These involved 13 in the Zhuanghe river mouth, 15 in the Biliu river, one on the Zhangxiawang bay mudflats (between Kms 242-244 on the Bin Hai Lu) & five at 'Shorebird Study Site 5' in the Yalu Jiang NNR. |
| Curlew Sandpiper | 15 between Zhuanghe & Donggang on the 6/5/2012. These involved nine in the Zhuanghe river mouth, three in the small bay at Zouquan tun (=Huayuan Kou & Km 268 on Bin Hai Lu) & three more in the Biliu river. |
| Dunlin | 6140 between Zhuanghe & Donggang on the 6/5/2012. These involved 1145 in the Zhuanghe river mouth, 1020 on the mudflats near Dongfangshen cun (Km 252.5 on the Bin Hai Lu), 115 in the small bay at Zouquan tun (=Huayuan Kou & Km 268 on Bin Hai Lu), 960 in the Biliu river, 2450 on the Zhangxiawang bay mudflats (between Kms 242-244 on the Bin Hai Lu) & 450+ at 'Shorebird Study Site 5' in the Yalu Jiang NNR. |
| Broad-billed Sandpiper | 16 near Zhuanghe on the 6/5/2012 - four in the Zhuanghe river mouth & 12 in the Biliu river. |
| Black-headed Gull | 2035 between Zhuanghe & Donggang on the 6/5/2012. These included 250 on the freshwater pool near Zhuanghe town, 1065 in the Zhuanghe river mouth, 35 on the mudflats near Dongfangshen cun (Km 252.5 on the Bin Hai Lu), 120 in the small bay at Zouquan tun (=Huayuan Kou & Km 268 on Bin Hai Lu), 350 in the Biliu river, & 75 on the Zhangxiawang bay mudflats (between Kms 242-244 on the Bin Hai Lu). |
| Saunders's Gull VU | 4 near Zhuanghe on the 6/5/2012 - three in the Zhuanghe river mouth & one in the Biliu river. |
| Black-tailed Gull | 8 between Zhuanghe & Donggang on the 6/5/2012. These involved four in the Zhuanghe river mouth, one in the small bay at Zouquan tun (=Huayuan Kou & Km 268 on Bin Hai Lu) & three in the Biliu river. |
| Mew Gull | 1 second calendar year near the Zhuanghe river mouth at Km 224 on Bin Hai Lu on the 6/5/2012. |
| 'Herring Gull Assemblage' | 2 in the Biliu river mouth, Zhuanghe on the 6/5/2012. |
| Mongolian Gull | 7 between Zhuanghe & Donggang on the 6/5/2012. These involved five in the Zhuanghe river mouth, one in the small bay at Zouquan tun (=Huayuan Kou & Km 268 on Bin Hai Lu) & another in the Biliu river. |
| 'Eastern' Little Tern | 4 between Zhuanghe & Donggang on the 6/5/2012 - one in the Zhuanghe river mouth & three near 'Shorebird Study Site 5' in the Yalu Jiang NNR. |
| Common Tern | 1 <i>longipennis</i> at 'Shorebird Study Site 5' in the Yalu Jiang NNR, Donggang on the 6/5/2012. |
| Chinese Penduline Tit | 5 near Zhuanghe on the 6/5/2012 - three over the Zhuanghe river mouth & two others over the Biliu river. |
| Light-vented Bulbul | 1 near the Zhuanghe river mouth at Km 224 on Bin Hai Lu on the 6/5/2012. |
| Sand Martin | 1 flew north over the Zhuanghe river mouth at Km 224 on Bin Hai Lu on the 6/5/2012. |
| Barn Swallow | 11 near Zhuanghe on the 6/5/2012 - six over the Zhuanghe river mouth & five others over the Biliu river. |

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| Red-rumped Swallow | 2 near Zhuanghe on the 6/5/2012 - singles north over the Zhuanghe river mouth & the Biliu river . |
| Yellow-browed Warbler | 6 near Zhuanghe on the 6/5/2012 - four the Zhuanghe river mouth & two others over the Biliu river . |
| Two-barred Warbler | 1 near the Zhuanghe river mouth at Km 224 on Bin Hai Lu on the 6/5/2012. |
| Bluethroat | 1 male in the small roadside marsh at Km 205.7 on Bin Hai Lu (2 Kms south of Suijiaquan cun), Zhuanghe on the 6/5/2012. |
| Siberian Blue Robin | 1 near the Zhuanghe river mouth at Km 224 on Bin Hai Lu on the 6/5/2012. |
| Common Stonechat | 7 near the Zhuanghe river mouth at Km 224 on Bin Hai Lu on the 6/5/2012. |
| Eurasian Tree Sparrow | 20 near Zhuanghe on the 6/5/2012. These involved 10 near the Zhuanghe river mouth, five in the small bay at Zouquan tun (=Huayuan Kou & Km 268 on Bin Hai Lu) & five others over the Biliu river . |
| Eastern Yellow Wagtail | 4 near Zhuanghe on the 6/5/2012 - three near the Zhuanghe river mouth & one over the Biliu river . |
| Grey Wagtail | 2 near the Zhuanghe river mouth at Km 224 on Bin Hai Lu on the 6/5/2012. |
| White Wagtail | 7 near Zhuanghe on the 6/5/2012 - five, including an adult male <i>leucopsis</i> , near the Zhuanghe river mouth & two at the Biliu river . |
| Richard's Pipit | 2 near the Zhuanghe river mouth at Km 224 on Bin Hai Lu on the 6/5/2012. |
| Olive-backed Pipit | 9 near Zhuanghe on the 6/5/2012. These involved seven over the Zhuanghe river mouth, one over the Biliu river & one near the small roadside marsh 2 Kms south of Suijiaquan cun (Km 205.7 on Bin Hai Lu). |
| Pechora Pipit | 5 in the small roadside marsh at Km 205.7 on Bin Hai Lu (2 Kms south of Suijiaquan cun), Zhuanghe on the 6/5/2012. |
| Red-throated Pipit | 3 near the Zhuanghe river mouth at Km 224 on Bin Hai Lu on the 6/5/2012. |
| Buff-bellied Pipit | 1 near the Zhuanghe river mouth at Km 224 on Bin Hai Lu on the 6/5/2012. |
| Grey-capped Greenfinch | 7 between Zhuanghe & Donggang on the 6/5/2012. These involved two near the Zhuanghe river mouth, four at in the Biliu river & one near the Yingna River, close to Kanniuchang cun (Km 194 on Bin Hai Lu). |
| Meadow Bunting | 2 near the Biliu river mouth, Zhuanghe on the 6/5/2012. |
| Little Bunting | 1 near the Zhuanghe river mouth at Km 224 on Bin Hai Lu on the 6/5/2012. |
| Black-faced Bunting | 27 between Zhuanghe & Donggang on the 6/5/2012. These involved four near Zhuanghe town, 11 more near the Zhuanghe river mouth & 12 at the small roadside marsh 2 Kms south of Suijiaquan cun (Km 205.7 on Bin Hai Lu). |

Monday 7 May 2012. Morning in the Donggang area.

High tide in Donggang today was at 08h55 and, at 7.2 metres, it was again one of the highest of the entire spring.

Note that high tide in Donggang is 1 hour 36 minutes earlier than it is at Dandong and 49 minutes earlier than at Qiangang & the tide times for both Dandong and Qiangang are available on the Easy Tide website -

<http://easytide.ukho.gov.uk/EasyTide/EasyTide/index.aspx>

| | Donggang | Dandong | Qiangang |
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| Monday 7 May | 08h55 | 10h36 | 09h44 |
| Tuesday 8 May | 09h39 | 11h20 | 11h29 |
| Wednesday 9 May | 10h25 | 12h06 | 12h13 |
| Thursday 10 May | 11h16 | 12h54 | 12h59 |
| Friday 11 May | 12h10 | 13h46 | 13h48 |

Weather

12°C but with virtually no wind at the Wader Study Site 2 – Part 2 at 05h00. The wind picked up, but only very slightly, in the late morning. There was slightly poorer long range visibility than yesterday – it had probably dropped to about four or five kilometres today.

BAI Qingquan and me left the Shenda Seariver Hotel with Mr ZHANG at 04h20 and drove directly to ‘Site 2’. Arriving there less than ten minutes later we stayed until almost all of the shorebirds had been pushed off the mud flats by the tide. We then hurried over to the ‘Ash Ponds’ another site found by BAI. This is one of the main high tide roost sites. After two hours 15 minutes there were returned to ‘Site 2’.

1. Yalu Jiang NNR Wader Study Site 2 - Part 2, Donggang. (39°49.7'N., 124°06.5'E.). Near Km 70 on Bin Hai Lu. (04h28-07h20 and again 10h15-12h00).

This site is about 4.6 kilometres southwest of the Shenda Seariver Hotel (Shenda Baoli Jinghai Dajiudian).

This is one of the best shorebird sites in the Yalu Jiang National Nature Reserve (NNR). It's close to town – and is no doubt threatened by development – site one has already been lost to reclamation with the construction of Donggang's new port! There's a 50 metre long, 10-15 metre high breakwater that heads straight out (almost due south) in to the mudflats, we went right to the end of this and sat down. About 20 minutes later some extraordinarily noisy Chinese bird photographers arrived and these were soon followed by others. By the time the shorebird fest was over there were perhaps as many as eight or ten bird photographers present. They were sporting some extremely expensive equipment but didn't have a pair of binoculars between them!

Arriving here at 04h28 we were almost 3.5 hours in advance of the high tide and most of the shorebirds were way, way too far out on the mudflats to view but Bai knew this would be the situation and we waited.

Site 2 – Part 2 is the last of the 10 or 12 main wader study sites in the Yalu Jiang NNR to be flooded by the tide. Shorebirds are gradually pushed along the tidal mudflats from the west, many of them congregating here. Only very high tides (and today's at 7.2 metres was one of the highest of the spring) apparently completely cover the mudflats here and because today's was such a high tide it came racing in alarmingly quickly. Flocks of waders didn't really start to arrive until 05h45 (almost exactly three hours before the tide peaked) with a Nordmann's Greenshank being in the very first group to arrive! Bai predicted that the mud flats would be completely covered by 07h30 (1.5 hours before the peak). He was right – but the 1.5 hours between 05h45 and 07h10 were fabulous!

Note that BAI had seen Spoon-billed Sandpiper at least once before at Site 2 – Part 2 & would go on to see others there not long after Terry & me had left in mid-May 2012. In fact he saw two there on the 19 May 2012 (the same date that Jan-Erik Nilsen saw one at Nanpu, Hebei) and three on the 20 May 2012.

The site is accessed by turning right on to the highway immediately in front of the Shenda Seariver View Hotel and right again at the set of traffic lights 50 metres further on. After about 1.5 kilometres this road takes you over a 50 metre long, low bridge that has a large sluice gate set back 80 metres to its left. Take the first left after crossing this bridge and this road (now the coastal road – the Bin Hai Lu that I spent much of yesterday on) now takes you past a fishing boat repair quay, a petrol station and a small village. You turn left of the Bin Hai Lu at about kilometre post 70.2 and this cul-de-sac ends near the breakwater after less than one kilometre.

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| Japanese Quail NT | 2 |
| Mallard | 5 |
| Chinese Spot-billed Duck | 16 |
| Eurasian Teal | 3 |
| Eurasian Oystercatcher | 15 |
| Pied Avocet | 3 |
| Pacific Golden Plover | 1 |
| Grey Plover | 400 |
| Little Ringed Plover | 1 |
| Kentish Plover | 15 |
| Lesser Sand Plover | 175 |
| Black-tailed Godwit NT | 35 |
| Bar-tailed Godwit | 6000 |
| Whimbrel | 30 |
| Eurasian Curlew NT | 50 |
| Eastern Curlew VU | 1500 |
| Spotted Redshank | 35 |
| Common Redshank | 8 |
| Marsh Sandpiper | 7 |
| Common Greenshank | 20 |
| Nordmann's Greenshank EN | 9 |
| Wood Sandpiper | 6 |
| Grey-tailed Tattler | 1 |
| Terek Sandpiper | 15 |
| Common Sandpiper | 1 |
| Ruddy Turnstone | 10 |
| Great Knot VU | 4000 |
| Red Knot | 5 |
| Sanderling | 6 |
| Red-necked Stint | 250 |
| Long-toed Stint | 1 |
| Sharp-tailed Sandpiper | 30 |
| Curlew Sandpiper | 3 |
| Dunlin | 3000 |
| Broad-billed Sandpiper | 35 |
| Saunders's Gull VU | 6 |
| 'Herring Gull Assemblage' | 1 |
| Mongolian Gull | 1 |
| 'Eastern' Little Tern | 5 |
| Common Tern | 1 <i>longipennis</i> |
| Common Kingfisher | 1 |
| Ashy Minivet | 1 |
| Common Magpie | 1 |
| Chinese Penduline Tit | 3 |
| Light-vented Bulbul | 2 |
| Sand Martin | 3 |
| Barn Swallow | 10 |
| Red-rumped Swallow | 1 |

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| Dusky Warbler | 1 |
| Yellow-browed Warbler | 5 |
| Arctic Warbler | [1] |
| Oriental Reed Warbler | 2 |
| Asian Brown Flycatcher | 1 |
| Eurasian Tree Sparrow | 10 |
| Eastern Yellow Wagtail | 5 |
| Grey Wagtail | 4 |
| White Wagtail | 5 |
| Richard's Pipit | 2 |
| Olive-backed Pipit | 3 |
| Pechora Pipit | 5 |
| Red-throated Pipit | 2 |
| Little Bunting | 1 |
| Black-faced Bunting | 5 |
| Pallas's Bunting | 1 |

2. Yalu Jiang NNR Ash Pond (Ou Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang) at Km 60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang. (39°51.5'N., 124°11.8'E.)(07h40-09h55).

This site is about four kilometres east of and is just about visible from the Shenda Seariver Hotel (Shenda Baoli Jinghai Dajiudian).

Leaving the Wader Study Site 2 – Part 2 at 07h20 we headed hurriedly off to on next site and accessed it by returning to the Shenda Seariver View Hotel. From the hotel turn right on to the highway immediately in front of the Shenda Seariver View Hotel and then first left at the traffic lights. Continue on here about 1.5 kilometres to the first set of traffic lights. Bin Hai Lu is on the right here and the pools are at Kilometre 60 on Bin Hai Lu. Unfortunately however this section of the coast road is currently closed and the new route was rather complicated. Instead of turning right on to Bin Hai Lu we continued on straight coming to a T-junction with route G210. We turned right towards Dandong (posted as being 35 kilometres away). After about 100-200 metres we crossed some railway lines and turned off right just after them. We turned right again shortly after this and passed a couple of factories – the Huanxing Jixie factory and the Nano factory. Shortly after the latter the road became unavped and it ended about one kilometre further on. The Hai Bin Lu was 20 metres in front over a earth barrier.

According to BAI many of the birds that use this high tide roost are from the North Korean side of the Yalu Jiang – and are not the same as those we'd just seen at 'Site 2 – Part 2'. This large Ash Pond held large numbers of Bar-tailed Godwits and Grey Plovers while a nearby small wetland holds breeding Saunders's Gulls and a neighbouring grassland modest numbers of Marsh Grassbirds. We spent just over two hours here – and could easily have spent longer as none of the birds had left before we did one hour after the high tide at 09h55. However Bai was eager to get back to Site 2 – Part 2 as he reckoned that this site is better when the tides are very high as it was today on a falling tide.

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| Japanese Quail NT | 2 |
| Common Pheasant | 1 |
| Chinese Spot-billed Duck | 7 |
| Purple Heron | 2 |
| Little Egret | 9 |
| Common Moorhen | 3 |
| Common Coot | 2 |
| Eurasian Oystercatcher | 1 |
| Black-winged Stilt | 2 |
| Grey Plover | 500 |
| Kentish Plover | 10 |
| Lesser Sand Plover | 450 |
| Bar-tailed Godwit | 4000 |
| Whimbrel | 15 |
| Eurasian Curlew NT | 10 |
| Eastern Curlew VU | 2500 |
| Spotted Redshank | 20 |
| Common Redshank | 10 |
| Marsh Sandpiper | 3 |
| Common Greenshank | 15 |
| Nordmann's Greenshank EN | 7 |
| Wood Sandpiper | 2 |
| Terek Sandpiper | 3 |
| Ruddy Turnstone | 2 |
| Great Knot VU | 400 |
| Red Knot | 2 |
| Sanderling | 3 |
| Red-necked Stint | 15 |
| Sharp-tailed Sandpiper | 20 |
| Curlew Sandpiper | 3 |
| Dunlin | 2000 |

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| Broad-billed Sandpiper | 9 |
| Saunders's Gull VU | 6 |
| Black-tailed Gull | 1 |
| Mongolian Gull | 1 |
| 'Eastern' Little Tern | 30 |
| Common Kingfisher | 1 |
| Chinese Penduline Tit | 2 |
| Light-vented Bulbul | 3 |
| Barn Swallow | 20 |
| Yellow-browed Warbler | 3 |
| Marsh Grassbird NT | 2 |
| Thrush sp. | 1 |
| Asian Brown Flycatcher | 1 |
| Eurasian Tree Sparrow | 10 |
| Eastern Yellow Wagtail | 10 |
| Grey Wagtail | 2 |
| Olive-backed Pipit | 2 |
| Pechora Pipit | 2 |
| Black-faced Bunting | 3 |
| Japanese Quail NT | 4 were heard around Donggang on the morning of the 7/5/2012. Two of these were heard at 'Site 2' with two more being heard at the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang). |
| Common Pheasant | 1 at the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang), Donggang on the morning of the 7/5/2012. |
| Mallard | 3 on the sea at shorebird study 'Site 2', Donggang on the morning of the 7/5/2012. |
| Chinese Spot-billed Duck | 23 around Donggang on the morning of the 7/5/2012. 16 on the sea at Site seven with two more at the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang). |
| Eurasian Teal | 3 at shorebird study 'Site 2', Donggang on the morning of the 7/5/2012. |
| Purple Heron | 2 at the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang), Donggang on the morning of the 7/5/2012. |
| Little Egret | 9 at the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang), Donggang on the morning of the 7/5/2012. |
| Common Moorhen | 3 at the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang), Donggang on the morning of the 7/5/2012. |
| Common Coot | 2 at the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang), Donggang on the morning of the 7/5/2012. |
| Eurasian Oystercatcher | 16 around Donggang on the morning of the 7/5/2012. 15 at 'Site 2' with one more at the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang). |
| Black-winged Stilt | 2 at the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang), Donggang on the morning of the 7/5/2012. |
| Pied Avocet | 3 at shorebird study 'Site 2', Donggang on the morning of the 7/5/2012. |
| Pacific Golden Plover | 1 at shorebird study 'Site 2', Donggang on the morning of the 7/5/2012. |
| Grey Plover | 900 around Donggang on the morning of the 7/5/2012. 400 at 'Site 2' with 500 more at the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang). |
| Little Ringed Plover | 1 at shorebird study 'Site 2', Donggang on the morning of the 7/5/2012. |
| Kentish Plover | 25 around Donggang on the morning of the 7/5/2012. 15 at 'Site 2' with 10 more at the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang). |
| Lesser Sand Plover | 625 around Donggang on the morning of the 7/5/2012. 175 at 'Site 2' with 450 more at the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang). |
| Black-tailed Godwit NT | 35 at shorebird study 'Site 2', Donggang on the morning of the 7/5/2012. |
| Bar-tailed Godwit | 10000 around Donggang on the morning of the 7/5/2012. 6000 at 'Site 2' with 4000 more at the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang). |
| Whimbrel | 45 around Donggang on the morning of the 7/5/2012. 30 at 'Site 2' with 15 more at the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang). |
| Eurasian Curlew NT | 60 around Donggang on the morning of the 7/5/2012. 50 at 'Site 2' with 10 more at the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang). |
| Eastern Curlew VU | 4000 around Donggang on the morning of the 7/5/2012. 1500 at 'Site 2' with 2500 more at the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang). |
| Spotted Redshank | 55 around Donggang on the morning of the 7/5/2012. 35 at 'Site 2' with 20 more at the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang). |
| Common Redshank | 18 around Donggang on the morning of the 7/5/2012. Eight at 'Site 2' with 10 more at the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang). |
| Marsh Sandpiper | 10 around Donggang on the morning of the 7/5/2012 with seven at 'Site 2' & three more at the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang). |
| Common Greenshank | 35 around Donggang on the morning of the 7/5/2012 with 20 at 'Site 2' & 15 more at the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang). |
| Nordmann's Greenshank EN | 16 around Donggang on the morning of the 7/5/2012 with Bai Qingquan counting nine at 'Site 2' (I saw seven) & both of us seeing seven more at the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang). Note that Bai Qingquan believes that these often associate with flocks of Grey Plover – they certainly were doing so today. |
| Wood Sandpiper | Eight around Donggang on the morning of the 7/5/2012 with six at 'Site 2' & two more at the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang). |
| Grey-tailed Tattler | 1 at shorebird study 'Site 2', Donggang on the morning of the 7/5/2012. |
| Terek Sandpiper | 28 around Donggang on the morning of the 7/5/2012 with 25 at 'Site 2' & three more at the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang). |
| Common Sandpiper | 1 at shorebird study 'Site 2', Donggang on the morning of the 7/5/2012. |
| Ruddy Turnstone | 12 around Donggang on the morning of the 7/5/2012 with 10 at 'Site 2' & two more at the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang). |
| Great Knot VU | 4600 around Donggang on the morning of the 7/5/2012 with 4000 at 'Site 2' & 600 more at the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang). |
| Red Knot | 7 around Donggang on the morning of the 7/5/2012 with five at 'Site 2' & two more at the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang). |
| Sanderling | 9 around Donggang on the morning of the 7/5/2012 with six at 'Site 2' & three more at the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang). |

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| Red-necked Stint | 265 around Donggang on the morning of the 7/5/2012 with 250 at 'Site 2' & 15 more at the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang). |
| Long-toed Stint | 1 at shorebird study 'Site 2', Donggang on the morning of the 7/5/2012. |
| Sharp-tailed Sandpiper | 50 around Donggang on the morning of the 7/5/2012 with 30 at 'Site 2' & 20 more at the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang). |
| Curlew Sandpiper | 6 around Donggang on the morning of the 7/5/2012 with three at 'Site 2' & three more at the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang). |
| Dunlin | 5000 around Donggang on the morning of the 7/5/2012 with 3000 at 'Site 2' & 2000 more at the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang). |
| Broad-billed Sandpiper | 44 around Donggang on the morning of the 7/5/2012 with 35 at 'Site 2' & nine more at the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang). |
| Saunders's Gull VU | 12 around Donggang on the morning of the 7/5/2012 with six at both 'Site 2' & at the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang). |
| Black-tailed Gull | 1 at the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang), Donggang on the morning of the 7/5/2012. |
| 'Herring Gull Assemblage' | 1 first-summer at shorebird study 'Site 2', Donggang on the morning of the 7/5/2012. |
| Mongolian Gull | 2 around Donggang on the morning of the 7/5/2012 with singles at both 'Site 2' & at the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang). |
| 'Eastern' Little Tern | 35 around Donggang on the morning of the 7/5/2012 with five at 'Site 2' & 30 at the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang). |
| Common Tern | 1 <i>longipennis</i> at shorebird study 'Site 2', Donggang on the morning of the 7/5/2012. |
| Common Kingfisher | 2 singles around Donggang on the morning of the 7/5/2012 with one at 'Site 2' & the other at the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang). |
| Ashy Minivet | 1 was heard over 'Site 2', Donggang on the morning of the 7/5/2012. |
| Common Magpie | 1 near 'Site 2', Donggang on the morning of the 7/5/2012. |
| Chinese Penduline Tit | 5 around Donggang on the morning of the 7/5/2012 with three being heard over 'Site 2' & two others being heard over the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang). |
| Light-vented Bulbul | 35 around Donggang on the morning of the 7/5/2012 with two at 'Site 2' & five at the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang). |
| Sand Martin | 3 over 'Site 2', Donggang on the morning of the 7/5/2012. |
| Barn Swallow | 30 around Donggang on the morning of the 7/5/2012 with 10 over 'Site 2' & 20 around the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang). |
| Red-rumped Swallow | 1 over 'Site 2', Donggang on the morning of the 7/5/2012. |
| Dusky Warbler | 1 was heard at shorebird study 'Site 2', Donggang on the morning of the 7/5/2012. |
| Yellow-browed Warbler | 8 around Donggang on the morning of the 7/5/2012 with five at 'Site 2' & three at the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang). |
| Arctic Warbler | Bai Qingquan saw one at shorebird study 'Site 2', Donggang on the morning of the 7/5/2012. |
| Oriental Reed Warbler | 2 singing birds were heard between Donggang town and 'Site 2', Donggang on the morning of the 7/5/2012. |
| Marsh Grassbird NT | 2 singing birds were heard near the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang), Donggang on the morning of the 7/5/2012. |
| Thrush sp. | 1 was heard over the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang), Donggang on the morning of the 7/5/2012. |
| Asian Brown Flycatcher | 2 singles near Donggang on the morning of the 7/5/2012 with one over 'Site 2' & the other flying over the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang). |
| Eurasian Tree Sparrow | 20 around Donggang on the morning of the 7/5/2012 with 10 at both 'Site 2' & at the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang). |
| Eastern Yellow Wagtail | 15 around Donggang on the morning of the 7/5/2012 with five at 'Site 2' & 10 at the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang). None were seen on the ground. |
| Grey Wagtail | 6 around Donggang on the morning of the 7/5/2012 with four over 'Site 2' & two over the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang). None were seen on the ground. |
| White Wagtail | 5 flew north over 'Site 2', Donggang on the morning of the 7/5/2012. |
| Richard's Pipit | 2 flew north over 'Site 2', Donggang on the morning of the 7/5/2012. |
| Olive-backed Pipit | 5 around Donggang on the morning of the 7/5/2012 with three at 'Site 2' & two others over the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang). |
| Pechora Pipit | 7 singles flew north over Donggang on the morning of the 7/5/2012 with five over 'Site 2' & two others over the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang). None were seen on the ground. |
| Red-throated Pipit | 2 singles flew north over 'Site 2', Donggang on the morning of the 7/5/2012. |
| Little Bunting | 1 at shorebird study 'Site 2', Donggang on the morning of the 7/5/2012. |
| Black-faced Bunting | 8 around Donggang on the morning of the 7/5/2012 with five at 'Site 2' and three more near the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang). |
| Pallas's Bunting | 1 was heard at shorebird study 'Site 2', Donggang on the morning of the 7/5/2012. |

Tuesday 8 May 2012. All day in the Donggang area.

High tide in Donggang today was at 09h39 and and at 7.2 metres, the same height as yesterday, it was again one of the highest of the entire spring.

I left the the Shenda Seariver Hotel at 04h55 in a 'black' (unlicensed) taxi driven by Mr SUN (?)(mobile 15841501765) and did almost exactly the same as what I had done the day before. First of all we drove directly to 'Site 2' and I spent three hours there before transferring to the Ash Pond. After just over seven hours there we headed back to the hotel. Mr SUN (?) dropped me off at 16h00 and the day's agreed fare was 300 yuan.

Weather

14°C but with virtually no wind at the Wader Study Site 2 – Part 2 at 05h00. 25°C at the Ash Pond at 13h30 and the wind had started to pick up from midday. There was slightly better long range visibility than yesterday – it was probably about six or seven kilometres today.

1. Yalu Jiang NNR Wader Study Site 2 - Part 2, Donggang. (39°49.7'N., 124°06.5'E.). Near Km 70 on Bin Hai Lu. (05h00-08h05).

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| Japanese Quail NT | 2 |
| Common Shelduck | 73 |
| Mallard | 5 |
| Chinese Spot-billed Duck | 11 |
| Little Grebe | 1 |
| Grey Heron | 5 |
| Great Egret | 1 |
| Chinese Egret VU | 1 |
| Common Kestrel | 1 |
| Eurasian Oystercatcher | 2 |
| Black-winged Stilt | 2 |
| Pied Avocet | 5 |
| Pacific Golden Plover | 1 |
| Grey Plover | 300 |
| Little Ringed Plover | 2 |
| Kentish Plover | 5 |
| Lesser Sand Plover | 120 |
| Asian Dowitcher NT | 1 |
| Bar-tailed Godwit | 4000 |
| Whimbrel | 20 |
| Eurasian Curlew NT | 5 |
| Eastern Curlew VU | 30 |
| Spotted Redshank | 2 |
| Common Redshank | 2 |
| Marsh Sandpiper | 7 |
| Common Greenshank | 20 |
| Nordmann's Greenshank EN | 1 |
| Wood Sandpiper | 4 |
| Grey-tailed Tattler | 2 |
| Terek Sandpiper | 10 |
| Common Sandpiper | 1 |
| Ruddy Turnstone | 2 |
| Great Knot VU | 1700 |
| Red Knot | 2 |
| Red-necked Stint | 255 |
| Long-toed Stint | 2 |
| Sharp-tailed Sandpiper | 44 |
| Curlew Sandpiper | 7 |
| Dunlin | 3000 |
| Broad-billed Sandpiper | 137 |
| Ruff | 1 |
| Saunders's Gull VU | 3 |
| Black-tailed Gull | 3 |
| Mongolian Gull | 3 |
| Gull-billed Tern | 1 |
| 'Eastern' Little Tern | 2 |
| Common Kingfisher | 1 |
| Brown Shrike | 1 |
| Chinese Penduline Tit | 3 |
| Sand Martin | 10 |
| Barn Swallow | 20 |
| Red-rumped Swallow | 2 |
| Yellow-browed Warbler | 8 |
| Pale-legged Leaf Warbler | 2 |
| Oriental Reed Warbler | 1 |
| Bluethroat | 2 |
| Siberian Blue Robin | 3 |
| Common Stonechat | 2 |
| Asian Brown Flycatcher | 1 |
| Yellow-rumped Flycatcher | 3 |
| Eurasian Tree Sparrow | 10 |
| Eastern Yellow Wagtail | 17 |
| Grey Wagtail | 1 |
| White Wagtail | 2 |
| Richard's Pipit | 1 |
| Olive-backed Pipit | 5 |
| Pechora Pipit | 4 |
| Red-throated Pipit | 1 |

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| Buff-bellied Pipit | 1 |
| Chestnut-eared Bunting | 2 |
| Little Bunting | 3 |
| Black-faced Bunting | 6 |
| Pallas's Bunting | 1 |

2. Yalu Jiang NNR Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang) at Km 60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang. (39°51.5'N., 124°11.8'E.)(08h35-15h40).

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| Japanese Quail NT | 16 |
| Common Pheasant | 2 |
| Gadwall | 2 |
| Chinese Spot-billed Duck | 10 |
| Northern Shoveler | 6 |
| Eurasian Teal | 2 |
| Little Grebe | 4 |
| Grey Heron | 7 |
| Great Cormorant | 1 |
| Common Moorhen | 5 |
| Common Coot | 4 |
| Eurasian Oystercatcher | 3 |
| Black-winged Stilt | 4 |
| Grey-headed Lapwing | 1 |
| Pacific Golden Plover | 1 |
| Grey Plover | 500 |
| Little Ringed Plover | 2 |
| Kentish Plover | 25 |
| Lesser Sand Plover | 1040 |
| Pintail or Swinhoe's Snipe | 4 |
| Bar-tailed Godwit | 5000 |
| Whimbrel | 30 |
| Eurasian Curlew NT | 200 |
| Eastern Curlew VU | 2100 |
| Spotted Redshank | 85 |
| Common Redshank | 10 |
| Common Greenshank | 20 |
| Nordmann's Greenshank EN | 1 |
| Green Sandpiper | 1 |
| Wood Sandpiper | 20 |
| Terek Sandpiper | 275 |
| Common Sandpiper | 2 |
| Ruddy Turnstone | 6 |
| Great Knot VU | 80 |
| Red Knot | 2 |
| Sanderling | 1 |
| Red-necked Stint | 43 |
| Long-toed Stint | 1 |
| Sharp-tailed Sandpiper | 50 |
| Curlew Sandpiper | 4 |
| Dunlin | 7400 |
| Broad-billed Sandpiper | 527 |
| Ruff | 1 |
| Saunders's Gull VU | 45 |
| 'Eastern' Little Tern | 40 |
| Common Tern | 25 including 20 <i>longipennis</i> & 1 <i>minussensis</i> |
| Common Kingfisher | 2 |
| Brown Shrike | 8 |
| Common Magpie | 1 |
| Barn Swallow | 10 |
| Yellow-browed Warbler | 25 |
| Pale-legged Leaf Warbler | 3 |
| Eastern Crowned Warbler | 2 |
| Oriental Reed Warbler | 3 |
| Black-browed Reed Warbler | 3 |
| Marsh Grassbird NT | 4 |
| Zitting Cisticola | 1 |
| Naumann's Thrush | 1 |
| Thrush sp. | 1 |
| Bluethroat | 1 |
| Siberian Rubythroat | 2 |
| Siberian Blue Robin | 15 |
| Common Stonechat | 1 |
| Grey-streaked Flycatcher | 1 |
| Asian Brown Flycatcher | 15 |
| Yellow-rumped Flycatcher | 16 |
| Taiga Flycatcher | 1 |

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| Eurasian Tree Sparrow | 20 |
| Eastern Yellow Wagtail | 18 including one <i>macronyx</i> & two <i>tschutschensis</i> |
| Citrine Wagtail | |
| Grey Wagtail | 1 |
| White Wagtail | 1 <i>leucopsis</i> |
| Richard's Pipit | 2 |
| Olive-backed Pipit | 4 |
| Pechora Pipit | 14 |
| Red-throated Pipit | 3 |
| Tristram's Bunting | 4 |
| Little Bunting | 1 |
| Yellow-browed Bunting | 1 |
| Yellow-breasted Bunting VU | 1 |
| Black-faced Bunting | 20 |
| Japanese Quail NT | 18 around Donggang on the 8/5/2012 with two at 'Site 2' and 16 more near the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang). |
| Common Pheasant | 2 near the Ash Pond, Donggang on the 8/5/2012. |
| Common Shelduck | 73 at shorebird study 'Site 2', Donggang on the 8/5/2012. |
| Gadwall | 2, a pair, near the Ash Pond, Donggang on the 8/5/2012. |
| Mallard | 5 at shorebird study 'Site 2', Donggang on the 8/5/2012. |
| Chinese Spot-billed Duck | 21 around Donggang on the 8/5/2012 with 11 at 'Site 2' and 10 more near the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang). |
| Northern Shoveler | 6, five males and a female, near the Ash Pond, Donggang on the 8/5/2012. |
| Eurasian Teal | 2, a pair, near the Ash Pond, Donggang on the 8/5/2012. |
| Little Grebe | 5 around Donggang on the 8/5/2012 with one on a pool at 'Site 2' and four more near the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang). |
| Grey Heron | 12 around Donggang on the 8/5/2012. Five, a pair and then a flock of three came in off the sea at 'Site 2' while seven more were in the Yalu Jiang river channel near the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang) later in the day. |
| Great Egret | 1 at shorebird study 'Site 2', Donggang on the 8/5/2012. |
| Chinese Egret VU | 1 at shorebird study 'Site 2', Donggang on the 8/5/2012. |
| Great Cormorant | 1 immature near the Ash Pond, Donggang on the 8/5/2012. |
| Common Kestrel | 1 over the Shenda Seariver Hotel in Donggang on the 8/5/2012. |
| Common Moorhen | 5 on small marsh near the Ash Pond, Donggang on the 8/5/2012. |
| Common Coot | 4 on small marsh near the Ash Pond, Donggang on the 8/5/2012. |
| Eurasian Oystercatcher | 5 around Donggang on the 8/5/2012 with two at 'Site 2' and three more near the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang). |
| Black-winged Stilt | 6 around Donggang on the 8/5/2012 with two, a pair that appeared to be breeding, at 'Site 2' and another two pairs, that also appeared to be breeding, more near the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang). |
| Pied Avocet | 5 at shorebird study 'Site 2', Donggang on the 8/5/2012. |
| Grey-headed Lapwing | 1 flew over the Ash Pond, Donggang on the 8/5/2012. |
| Pacific Golden Plover | 2 singles around Donggang on the 8/5/2012 with a fly-over at 'Site 2' and one besides the Yalu Jiang near the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang) later in the day. |
| Grey Plover | 900 around Donggang on the 8/5/2012 with 300 at 'Site 2' and 500 more near the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang). |
| Little Ringed Plover | 4 around Donggang on the 8/5/2012 with a pair at 'Site 2' and another pair near the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang). |
| Kentish Plover | 30 around Donggang on the 8/5/2012 with five at 'Site 2' and 25 more near the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang). |
| Lesser Sand Plover | 1160 around Donggang on the 8/5/2012 with 120 at 'Site 2' and 1040 more near the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang). |
| Pintail or Swinhoe's Snipe | 4 in a small marsh near the Ash Pond, Donggang on the 8/5/2012. |
| Asian Dowitcher NT | 1 in the Bar-tailed Godwit flock at shorebird study 'Site 2', Donggang on the 8/5/2012. Like the two birds I saw with Tom BEEKE south of Zhuanghe a few days earlier this bird was feeding very actively in the middle of a sleeping flock of godwits! |
| Bar-tailed Godwit | 9000 around Donggang on the 8/5/2012 with 4000 at 'Site 2' and 5000 more on the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang). |
| Whimbrel | 50 around Donggang on the 8/5/2012 with 20 at 'Site 2' and 30 more on the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang). |
| Eurasian Curlew NT | 215 around Donggang on the 8/5/2012 with just five at 'Site 2' and 210 more on the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang). I arrived at the latter figure by counting all the curlew at the Ash Pond (2300 birds). As they were leaving I identified 326 birds to species and this yielded 30 Eurasian (9%) and 296 Eastern (91%) – extrapolating yields 9% of |
| Eastern Curlew VU | 2130 around Donggang on the 8/5/2012 with 30 at 'Site 2' and 2100 more on the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang). |
| Spotted Redshank | 31 around Donggang on the 8/5/2012 with 30 at 'Site 2' and one more on the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang). |
| Common Redshank | 12 around Donggang on the 8/5/2012 with two at 'Site 2' and 10 more on the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang). |
| Marsh Sandpiper | 7 at shorebird study 'Site 2', Donggang on the 8/5/2012. |
| Common Greenshank | 40 around Donggang on the 8/5/2012 with 20 at 'Site 2' and another 20 on the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang). |
| Nordmann's Greenshank EN | 2 singles around Donggang on the 8/5/2012 with the first at 'Site 2' and the other on the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang). |
| Green Sandpiper | 1 in a small marsh near the Ash Pond, Donggang on the 8/5/2012. |
| Wood Sandpiper | 24 around Donggang on the 8/5/2012 with four at 'Site 2' and 20 more on the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang). |

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| Grey-tailed Tattler | 2 flew east at shorebird study 'Site 2', Donggang on the 8/5/2012. |
| Terek Sandpiper | 285 around Donggang on the 8/5/2012 with 10 at 'Site 2' and 275 more on the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang). |
| Common Sandpiper | 3 around Donggang on the 8/5/2012 with one at 'Site 2' and two more on the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang). |
| Ruddy Turnstone | 8 around Donggang on the 8/5/2012 with two at 'Site 2' and six more on the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang). |
| Great Knot VU | 1780 around Donggang on the 8/5/2012 with 1700 at 'Site 2' and 80 more on the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang). |
| Red Knot | 4 around Donggang on the 8/5/2012 with two at 'Site 2' and another two on the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang). |
| Sanderling | 1 on the tidal mudflats near the Ash Pond, Donggang on the 8/5/2012. |
| Red-necked Stint | 298 around Donggang on the 8/5/2012 with 255 at 'Site 2' and 43 more on the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang). |
| Long-toed Stint | 3 around Donggang on the 8/5/2012 with two on a small stream channel at 'Site 2' and one more on the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang). |
| Sharp-tailed Sandpiper | 94 around Donggang on the 8/5/2012 with 44 at 'Site 2' and 50 more on the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang). |
| Curlew Sandpiper | 1 around Donggang on the 8/5/2012 with seven at 'Site 2' and four more on the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang). |
| Dunlin | 10400 around Donggang on the 8/5/2012 with 3000 at 'Site 2' and 7400 more on the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang). |
| Broad-billed Sandpiper | 644 around Donggang on the 8/5/2012 with 137 at 'Site 2' and 527 more on the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang). |
| Ruff | 2 around Donggang on the 8/5/2012 with a black neck-ruffed male at 'Site 2' and a female on the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang). |
| Saunders's Gull VU | 48 around Donggang on the 8/5/2012 with three at 'Site 2' and 45 more on the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang). |
| Black-tailed Gull | 3 came in off the sea at shorebird study 'Site 2', Donggang on the 8/5/2012. |
| Mongolian Gull | 3 came in off the sea at shorebird study 'Site 2', Donggang on the 8/5/2012. |
| Gull-billed Tern | 1 was heard at shorebird study 'Site 2', Donggang on the 8/5/2012. |
| 'Eastern' Little Tern | 42 around Donggang on the 8/5/2012 with just two at 'Site 2' and 40 more on the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang). |
| Common Tern | 25 near near the Ash Pond, Donggang on the 8/5/2012. 20 of these were <i>longipennis</i> while at least one other was <i>minussensis</i> . |
| Common Kingfisher | 3 around Donggang on the 8/5/2012 with one at 'Site 2' and two singles near the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang). |
| Brown Shrike | 42 around Donggang on the 8/5/2012 with one at 'Site 2' and eight more around the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang). |
| Common Magpie | 1 near the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang), Donggang on the 8/5/2012. |
| Chinese Penduline Tit | 3 separate birds were heard at shorebird study 'Site 2', Donggang on the 8/5/2012. |
| Sand Martin | 10 came in off the sea at shorebird study 'Site 2', Donggang on the 8/5/2012. |
| Barn Swallow | 30 around Donggang on the 8/5/2012 with 20 over 'Site 2' and ten more over the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang) area. |
| Red-rumped Swallow | 2 came in off the sea at shorebird study 'Site 2', Donggang on the 8/5/2012. |
| Yellow-browed Warbler | 33 around Donggang on the 8/5/2012 with eight at 'Site 2' and 25 more in the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang) area. |
| Pale-legged or Sakhalin Leaf Warbler | 5 around Donggang on the 8/5/2012 with two on the sea wall at 'Site 2' and three more in scrub near the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang). |
| Eastern Crowned Warbler | 2 near the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang), Donggang on the 8/5/2012. |
| Oriental Reed Warbler | 4 singing birds around Donggang on the 8/5/2012 with the first at 'Site 2' and the other three near the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang). |
| Black-browed Reed Warbler | 3 singing birds near the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang), Donggang on the 8/5/2012. |
| Marsh Grassbird NT | 4 singing birds the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang), Donggang on the 8/5/2012. |
| Zitting Cisticola | 1 singing bird near the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang), Donggang on the 8/5/2012. |
| Naumann's Thrush | 1 near the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang), Donggang on the 8/5/2012. |
| Thrush sp. | 1 near the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang), Donggang on the 8/5/2012. |
| Bluethroat | 3 males around Donggang on the 8/5/2012 with the first two at 'Site 2' and the other near the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang). |
| Siberian Rubythroat | 2 males near the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang), Donggang on the 8/5/2012. |
| Siberian Blue Robin | 18, 16 males and just two females, around Donggang on the 8/5/2012. These involved three at 'Site 2' and 15 in the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang) area. |
| Common Stonechat | 3 around Donggang on the 8/5/2012 with the first two at 'Site 2' and the other near the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang). |
| Grey-streaked Flycatcher | 1 near the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang), Donggang on the 8/5/2012. My earliest ever date in north China for this rather late migrating flycatcher. |
| Asian Brown Flycatcher | 16 around Donggang on the 8/5/2012 with one at 'Site 2' and the other 15 around the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang). |
| Yellow-rumped Flycatcher | 19 around Donggang on the 8/5/2012 with three at 'Site 2' and the other 16 around the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang). |
| Taiga Flycatcher | 1 near the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang), Donggang on the 8/5/2012. |
| Eurasian Tree Sparrow | 30 around Donggang on the 8/5/2012 with 10 at 'Site 2' and 20 around the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang). |
| Eastern Yellow Wagtail | 35 around Donggang on the 8/5/2012 with 17 at 'Site 2' and 18 around the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang). Just three birds were seen well enough to racially assign and these involved one <i>macronyx</i> and two <i>tschutschensis</i> . |
| Grey Wagtail | 2 singles around Donggang on the 8/5/2012 with one flying north over 'Site 2' and the other doing the same over the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang). |

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| White Wagtail | 3 around Donggang on the 8/5/2012 with two at 'Site 2' and just one, a male <i>leucopsis</i> , around the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang). |
| Richard's Pipit | 3 singles flew north in the Donggang area on the 8/5/2012 with one over 'Site 2' and two over the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang). |
| Olive-backed Pipit | 9 around Donggang on the 8/5/2012 with five at 'Site 2' and four around the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang). |
| Pechora Pipit | 18 singles around Donggang on the 8/5/2012 with four separate birds flying north at 'Site 2' in the early morning and 14 in the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang) are in the afternoon. 11 of the Ash Pond birds were also actively migrating and flying north while the other three were in a small track side marsh. A remarkable tally - and easily the largest number I've ever seen in a day in China! |
| Red-throated Pipit | 3 singles flew north in the Donggang area on the 8/5/2012 with one over 'Site 2' and three over the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang). |
| Buff-bellied Pipit | 1 flew north at 'Site 2', Donggang on the 8/5/2012. |
| Tristram's Bunting | 4 near the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang), Donggang on the 8/5/2012. |
| Chestnut-eared Bunting | 2 at 'Site 2', Donggang on the 8/5/2012. |
| Little Bunting | 4 around Donggang on the 8/5/2012 with three at 'Site 2' and one near the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang). |
| Yellow-browed Bunting | 1 near the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang), Donggang on the 8/5/2012. |
| Yellow-breasted Bunting VU | 1 near the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang), Donggang on the 8/5/2012. |
| Black-faced Bunting | 26 around Donggang on the 8/5/2012 with six at 'Site 2' and at least 20 near the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang). |
| Pallas's Bunting | 1 at 'Site 2', Donggang on the 8/5/2012. |

Wednesday 9 May 2012. All day in the Donggang area.

I birded just two sites again today – the two shore birding sites that are the closest to Donggang town.

Terry arrived at Dandong's Langtou airport at 15h05 – he'd flown in from Beijing on an Air China flight. I met him there, and the two of us spend a couple of hours looking at passerines near the Ash Pools.

High tide in Donggang today was at 10h25 and, at 7.1 metres, it was again one of the highest of the entire spring.

1, Donggang - Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang) at Km 60 on Bin Hai Lu. (39°51.5'N., 124°11.8'E.)(05h17-07h00, again 09h20-13h05 and again with Terry 16h00-18h00).

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| Japanese Quail NT | 11 |
| Common Pheasant | 2 |
| Common Shelduck | 77 |
| Gadwall | 2 |
| Chinese Spot-billed Duck | 4 |
| Northern Shoveler | 4 |
| Common Pochard | 2 |
| Tufted Duck | 1 |
| Little Grebe | 7 |
| Grey Heron | 3 |
| Purple Heron | 1 |
| Pelagic Cormorant | 1 |
| Common Kestrel | 1 |
| Common Moorhen | 2 |
| Common Coot | 3 |
| Eurasian Oystercatcher | 2 |
| Black-winged Stilt | 2 |
| Pacific Golden Plover | 2 |
| Grey Plover | 2370 |
| Little Ringed Plover | 1 |
| Kentish Plover | 5 |
| Lesser Sand Plover | 200 |
| Pintail or Swinhoe's Snipe | 1 |
| Asian Dowitcher NT | 1 |
| Black-tailed Godwit NT | 23 |
| Bar-tailed Godwit | 6000 |
| Whimbrel | 10 |
| Eurasian Curlew NT | 100 |
| Eastern Curlew VU | 2000 |
| Spotted Redshank | 72 |
| Common Redshank | 6 |
| Common Greenshank | 32 |
| Nordmann's Greenshank EN | 19 |
| Wood Sandpiper | 31 |
| Grey-tailed Tattler | 1 |
| Terek Sandpiper | 20 |
| Ruddy Turnstone | 8 |
| Great Knot VU | 15 |

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| Red Knot | 1 | |
| Red-necked Stint | 2 | |
| Long-toed Stint | 1 | |
| Sharp-tailed Sandpiper | 20 | |
| Dunlin | 3000 | |
| Broad-billed Sandpiper | 20 | |
| Black-headed Gull | 3 | |
| Saunders's Gull VU | 15 | |
| Gull-billed Tern | 1 | |
| 'Eastern' Little Tern | 15 | |
| Common Tern | 20 | |
| <i>longipennis</i> | 5 | |
| <i>minussensis</i> | 5 | |
| Whiskered Tern | 1 | |
| Ashy Minivet | 6 | |
| Brown Shrike | 3 | |
| Common Magpie | 2 | |
| Chinese Penduline Tit | 3 | |
| Sand Martin | 3 | |
| Barn Swallow | 10 | |
| Red-rumped Swallow | 1 | |
| Radde's Warbler | 2 | |
| Yellow-browed Warbler | 20 | |
| Pale-legged or Sakhalin Leaf Warbler | | 3 |
| Eastern Crowned Warbler | 2 | |
| Oriental Reed Warbler | 5 | |
| Black-browed Reed Warbler | 3 | |
| Marsh Grassbird NT | 2 | |
| Zitting Cisticola | 1 | |
| White-eye sp. | 50 | |
| Bluethroat | 1 | |
| Siberian Rubythroat | 3 | |
| Siberian Blue Robin | 7 | |
| Rufous-tailed Robin | 1 | |
| Common Stonechat | 1 | |
| White-throated Rock Thrush | 1 | |
| Asian Brown Flycatcher | 11 | |
| Yellow-rumped Flycatcher | 3 | |
| Mugimaki Flycatcher | 1 | |
| Taiga Flycatcher | 1 | |
| Blue-and-white Flycatcher | 1 | |
| Eurasian Tree Sparrow | 20 | |
| Eastern Yellow Wagtail | 20 | including one <i>macronyx</i> |
| Richard's Pipit | 6 | |
| Olive-backed Pipit | 6 | |
| Pechora Pipit | 5 | |
| Red-throated Pipit | 3 | |
| Grey-capped Greenfinch | 1 | |
| Chinese Grosbeak | 1 | |
| Tristram's Bunting | 2 | |
| Little Bunting | 1 | |
| Yellow-breasted Bunting VU | 1 | |
| Black-faced Bunting | 15 | |
| Pallas's Bunting | 1 | |

Leg-flagged shorebirds

Bar-tailed Godwit

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| yellow flag R tarsus | 2 | |
| black/white flags R tarsus inscribed but too distant | | 1 |
| green/yellow flag R tarsus | 1 | |

Great Knot

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| yellow flag R tarsus | 2 | |
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Ruddy Turnstone

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| orange flag R tarsus & blue flag R tibia | | 1 |
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2. Yalu Jiang NNR Wader Study Site 2 - Part 2, Donggang. (39°49.7'N., 124°06.5'E.). Near Km 70 on Bin Hai Lu. (07h20-08h55)

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| Japanese Quail NT | 1 | |
| Common Shelduck | 93 | |
| Mallard | 5 | |
| Chinese Spot-billed Duck | 23 | |
| Eurasian Teal | 2 | |

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| Striated Heron | 1 |
| Chinese Pond Heron | 1 |
| Grey Heron | 5 |
| Great Egret | 1 |
| Eurasian Oystercatcher | 1 |
| Pied Avocet | 4 |
| Grey Plover | 150 |
| Little Ringed Plover | 1 |
| Kentish Plover | 3 |
| Lesser Sand Plover | 35 |
| Black-tailed Godwit NT | 29 |
| Bar-tailed Godwit | 800 |
| Whimbrel | 2 |
| Eurasian Curlew NT | 2 |
| Eastern Curlew VU | 80 |
| Common Redshank | 1 |
| Common Greenshank | 3 |
| Wood Sandpiper | 21 |
| Terek Sandpiper | 5 |
| Common Sandpiper | 1 |
| Ruddy Turnstone | 6 |
| Great Knot VU | 665 |
| Red Knot | 4 |
| Red-necked Stint | 65 |
| Sharp-tailed Sandpiper | 15 |
| Curlew Sandpiper | 1 |
| Dunlin | 2500 |
| Broad-billed Sandpiper | 25 |
| Saunders's Gull VU | 5 |
| 'Herring Gull Assemblage' | 1 |
| 'Eastern' Little Tern | 2 |
| Common Kingfisher | 1 |
| Brown Shrike | 1 |
| Sand Martin | 5 |
| Barn Swallow | 10 |
| Siberian Blue Robin | 1 |
| Eurasian Tree Sparrow | 10 |
| Eastern Yellow Wagtail | 5 |
| White Wagtail | 4 including one <i>leucopsis</i> |
| Richard's Pipit | 1 |
| Olive-backed Pipit | 2 |
| Black-faced Bunting | 2 |
| Japanese Quail NT | 12 around Donggang on the 9/5/2012 with 11 near the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang) & just one at 'Site 2'. |
| Common Pheasant | 2 at the Ash Ponds, Donggang on the 9/5/2012. |
| Common Shelduck | 170 around Donggang on the 9/5/2012 with 77 in the Yalu Jiang near the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang) & 93 on the mudflats at 'Site 2'. |
| Gadwall | 2, a pair, at the Ash Ponds, Donggang on the 9/5/2012. |
| Mallard | 5 at 'Site 2', Donggang on the 9/5/2012. |
| Chinese Spot-billed Duck | 27 around Donggang on the 9/5/2012 with four near the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang) & 23 on the mudflats at 'Site 2'. |
| Northern Shoveler | 4, two pairs, at the Ash Ponds, Donggang on the 9/5/2012. |
| Eurasian Teal | 2 at 'Site 2', Donggang on the 9/5/2012. |
| Common Pochard | 2 males at the Ash Ponds, Donggang on the 9/5/2012. |
| Greater Scaup | 1 female at the Ash Ponds, Donggang on the 9/5/2012. |
| Little Grebe | 7 at the Ash Ponds, Donggang on the 9/5/2012. |
| Striated Heron | 1 out on the mudflats at 'Site 2', Donggang on the 9/5/2012. |
| Chinese Pond Heron | 1 came in off the sea at 'Site 2', Donggang on the 9/5/2012. |
| Grey Heron | 8 around Donggang on the 9/5/2012 with three near the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang) & five at 'Site 2'. |
| Purple Heron | 1 flew high to the northeast over the Ash Ponds, Donggang on the 8/5/2012. |
| Great Egret | 1 came in off the sea at 'Site 2', Donggang on the 9/5/2012. |
| Great Cormorant | 1 at the Ash Ponds, Donggang on the 9/5/2012. |
| Common Kestrel | 1 adult male at the Ash Ponds, Donggang on the 9/5/2012. |
| Common Moorhen | 2 at the Ash Ponds, Donggang on the 9/5/2012. |
| Common Coot | 3 at the Ash Ponds, Donggang on the 9/5/2012. |
| Eurasian Oystercatcher | 3 around Donggang on the 9/5/2012 with two, a pair, near the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang) & just one at 'Site 2'. |
| Black-winged Stilt | 2, a pair, at the Ash Ponds, Donggang on the 9/5/2012. |
| Pied Avocet | 4, apparently two pairs, at 'Site 2', Donggang on the 9/5/2012. |
| Pacific Golden Plover | 2 at the Ash Ponds, Donggang on the 9/5/2012. |
| Grey Plover | 2520 around Donggang on the 9/5/2012 with 2370 near the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang) & 150 at 'Site 2'. |
| Little Ringed Plover | 2 around Donggang on the 9/5/2012 with one near the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang) & another at 'Site 2'. |
| Kentish Plover | 8 around Donggang on the 9/5/2012 with 5 near the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang) & three more at 'Site 2'. |

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| Lesser Sand Plover | 235 around Donggang on the 9/5/2012 with 200 near the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang) & 35 at 'Site 2'. |
| Pintail or Swinhoe's Snipe | 1 at the Ash Ponds, Donggang on the 9/5/2012. |
| Asian Dowitcher NT | 1 at the Ash Ponds, Donggang on the 9/5/2012. |
| Black-tailed Godwit NT | 52 around Donggang on the 9/5/2012 with 23 near the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang) & 29 at 'Site 2'. |
| Bar-tailed Godwit | 6800 around Donggang on the 9/5/2012 with 6000 near the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang) & 800 at 'Site 2'. |
| Whimbrel | 12 around Donggang on the 9/5/2012 with 10 near the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang) & just two at 'Site 2'. |
| Eurasian Curlew NT | 102 around Donggang on the 9/5/2012 with 100 near the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang) & just two at 'Site 2'. |
| Eastern Curlew VU | 2080 around Donggang on the 9/5/2012 with 2000 near the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang) & 80 at 'Site 2'. |
| Spotted Redshank | 72 at the Ash Ponds, Donggang on the 9/5/2012. |
| Common Redshank | 7 around Donggang on the 9/5/2012 with 6 near the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang) & 1 at 'Site 2'. |
| Common Greenshank | 35 around Donggang on the 9/5/2012 with 32 near the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang) & just three at 'Site 2'. |
| Nordmann's Greenshank EN | 19 at the Ash Ponds, Donggang on the 9/5/2012. |
| Wood Sandpiper | 52 around Donggang on the 9/5/2012 with 31 near the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang) & 21 at 'Site 2'. |
| Grey-tailed Tattler | 1 at the Ash Ponds, Donggang on the 9/5/2012. |
| Terek Sandpiper | 25 around Donggang on the 9/5/2012 with 20 near the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang) & 5 at 'Site 2'. |
| Common Sandpiper | 1 at 'Site 2', Donggang on the 9/5/2012. |
| Ruddy Turnstone | 14 around Donggang on the 9/5/2012 with eight near the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang) & six at 'Site 2'. |
| Great Knot VU | 680 around Donggang on the 9/5/2012 with 15 near the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang) & 665 at 'Site 2'. |
| Red Knot | 5 around Donggang on the 9/5/2012 with one near the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang) & four at 'Site 2'. |
| Red-necked Stint | 67 around Donggang on the 9/5/2012 with two near the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang) & 65 at 'Site 2'. |
| Long-toed Stint | 2 at the Ash Ponds, Donggang on the 9/5/2012. |
| Sharp-tailed Sandpiper | 35 around Donggang on the 9/5/2012 with 20 near the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang) & 15 at 'Site 2'. |
| Curlew Sandpiper | 1 at 'Site 2', Donggang on the 9/5/2012. |
| Dunlin | 5500 around Donggang on the 9/5/2012 with 3000 near the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang) & 2500 at 'Site 2'. |
| Broad-billed Sandpiper | 45 around Donggang on the 9/5/2012 with 20 near the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang) & 25 at 'Site 2'. |
| Black-headed Gull | 3 at the Ash Ponds, Donggang on the 9/5/2012. |
| Saunders's Gull VU | 20 around Donggang on the 9/5/2012 with 15 near the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang) & five at 'Site 2'. |
| 'Herring Gull Assemblage' | 1 first-summer at 'Site 2', Donggang on the 9/5/2012. |
| Gull-billed Tern | 1 at the Ash Ponds, Donggang on the 9/5/2012. |
| 'Eastern' Little Tern | 17 around Donggang on the 9/5/2012 with 15 near the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang) & two at 'Site 2'. |
| Common Tern | 20, including five <i>longipennis</i> and the same number of <i>minussensis</i> , at the Ash Ponds, Donggang on the 9/5/2012. |
| Whiskered Tern | 1 at the Ash Ponds, Donggang on the 9/5/2012. |
| Common Kingfisher | 1 at 'Site 2', Donggang on the 9/5/2012. |
| Ashy Minivet | 6 flew north over the Ash Ponds, Donggang on the 9/5/2012. |
| Brown Shrike | 4 around Donggang on the 9/5/2012 with three near the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang) & one at 'Site 2'. |
| Common Magpie | 2 near the Ash Ponds, Donggang on the 9/5/2012. |
| Chinese Penduline Tit | 3 flew north over the Ash Ponds, Donggang on the 9/5/2012. |
| Sand Martin | 8 around Donggang on the 9/5/2012 with three over the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang) & five over 'Site 2'. |
| Barn Swallow | 20 around Donggang on the 9/5/2012 with 10 over both the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang) & 'Site 2'. |
| Red-rumped Swallow | 1 flew north over the Ash Ponds, Donggang on the 9/5/2012. |
| Radde's Warbler | 2 at the Ash Ponds, Donggang on the 9/5/2012. |
| Yellow-browed Warbler | 20 at the Ash Ponds, Donggang on the 9/5/2012. |
| Pale-legged or Sakhalin Leaf Warbler | 3 at the Ash Ponds, Donggang on the 9/5/2012. |
| Eastern Crowned Warbler | 2 at the Ash Ponds, Donggang on the 9/5/2012. |
| Oriental Reed Warbler | 5 singing birds near the Ash Ponds, Donggang on the 9/5/2012. |
| Black-browed Reed Warbler | 3 singing birds at the Ash Ponds, Donggang on the 9/5/2012. |
| Marsh Grassbird NT | 2 singing birds at the Ash Ponds, Donggang on the 9/5/2012. |
| Zitting Cisticola | 1 singing bird at the Ash Ponds, Donggang on the 9/5/2012. |
| White-eye sp. | 50 flew north over the Ash Ponds, Donggang on the 9/5/2012. |
| Bluethroat | 1 male at the Ash Ponds, Donggang on the 9/5/2012. |
| Siberian Rubythroat | 3 males at the Ash Ponds, Donggang on the 9/5/2012. |
| Siberian Blue Robin | 11 around Donggang on the 9/5/2012 with 10 near the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang) & one in off the sea at 'Site 2'. |
| Rufous-tailed Robin | 1 first-summer at the Ash Ponds, Donggang on the 9/5/2012. |
| Common Stonechat | 1 at the Ash Ponds, Donggang on the 9/5/2012. |
| White-throated Rock Thrush | 1 female at the Ash Ponds, Donggang on the 9/5/2012. |
| Asian Brown Flycatcher | 11 at the Ash Ponds, Donggang on the 9/5/2012. |
| Yellow-rumped Flycatcher | 3 at the Ash Ponds, Donggang on the 9/5/2012. |
| Mugimaki Flycatcher | 1, an adult male, at the Ash Ponds, Donggang on the 9/5/2012. |
| Taiga Flycatcher | 1 at the Ash Ponds, Donggang on the 9/5/2012. |
| Blue-and-white Flycatcher | 1 female at the Ash Ponds, Donggang on the 9/5/2012. |
| Eurasian Tree Sparrow | 30 around Donggang on the 9/5/2012 with 20 near the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang) & 10 at 'Site 2'. |
| Eastern Yellow Wagtail | 25 around Donggang on the 9/5/2012 with 20 near the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang) & just five at 'Site 2'. Only one bird was racially assigned & it was <i>macronyx</i> . |
| White Wagtail | 2, including one <i>leucopsis</i> , at 'Site 2', Donggang on the 9/5/2012. |
| Richard's Pipit | 7 around Donggang on the 9/5/2012 with six near the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang) & one at 'Site 2'. |
| Olive-backed Pipit | 8 around Donggang on the 9/5/2012 with six near the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang) & two at 'Site 2'. |
| Pechora Pipit | 5 at the Ash Ponds, Donggang on the 9/5/2012. |
| Red-throated Pipit | 3 flew north over the Ash Ponds, Donggang on the 9/5/2012. |
| Grey-capped Greenfinch | 1 was heard near the Ash Ponds, Donggang on the 9/5/2012. |

Chinese Grosbeak
Tristram's Bunting
Little Bunting
Yellow-breasted Bunting VU
Black-faced Bunting
Pallas's Bunting

1 adult male flew north over the Ash Ponds, Donggang on the 9/5/2012.
2 at the Ash Ponds, Donggang on the 9/5/2012.
1 at the Ash Ponds, Donggang on the 9/5/2012.
1 female at the Ash Ponds, Donggang on the 9/5/2012.
17 around Donggang on the 9/5/2012 with 15 near the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang) & two at 'Site 2'.
1 at the Ash Ponds, Donggang on the 9/5/2012.



Siberian Blue Robin (1st summer male), Donggang.

Thursday 10 May 2012. All day in the Donggang area.

Terry & me left the hotel at 05h10 & spent the morning and early afternoon around the Ash Ponds at Km 60 on Bin Hai Lu. BAI Qingquan joined us for the falling tide mid-afternoon (he'd spent the morning at a private site inside the Donggang Port complex – having been invited there by a well-connected Chinese bird photographer). The three of us then spent time walking slowly up the west bank of the Yalu Jiang checking shorebirds out on the freshly exposed river mudflats. This proved to be a good area for Red-necked Stint – just as BAI had predicted. BAI has also seen quite a few Little Stints in this same area (& found us another today). He's also seen Spoon-billed Sandpiper here once.

The raised embankments around the Ash Ponds have a few bushes and, at least during our visit, often held an impressive number and variety of passerine migrants. Similarly the small trees and very occasional tiny bush lining Bin Hai Lu between the Ash Pond and where the road swings away from the side of the Yalu Jiang just south of Ankanggang at Km 57 were also very productive (& it was here on the 12 May that we saw our very best passerine, a Kamchatka Warbler. Luckily for us this portion of Bin Hai Lu (between Km 57 and about Km 64 – though we never walked this far south) had recently been closed to traffic by the Port Authority. This made for great birding as the shorebirds were often close inshore and the passerines often equally co-operative. Both of these areas however, while well worth checking for migrant passerines, weren't quite as good as the bushes and trees immediately south of Ankanggang itself. These were more extensive.

The afternoon we spent scanning the **Yalu Jiang mudflats** between Kms 60-57 was superb. The tide was falling (we looked subsequently at low and on a rising tide and there were far fewer birds present at those times). The best time appears to be between 1.5 & two hours after high tide – though the exact timing will largely depend on how high that particular tide is. Very high tides, like the ones at the start of the second week of May this year, completely cover the mudflats for a longer period. Lower peak tides possibly don't even completely cover these same mudflats.

High tide in Donggang today was at 11h16 and, at 6.9 metres, it was still very high. The first high tide roosting shorebirds arrived at the Ash Ponds at 09h35 with the bulk arriving at 10h00 (76 minutes before high tide).

Weather

It was slightly cooler & obviously with high humidity this morning being just 14°C but with virtually no wind at the Km 60 Ash Ponds at 05h30. Misty in the early morning with visibility being as little as about two kilometres early morning. It was still with hardly any wind early morning with a very mild southerly wind picking up from 07h35. The temperature had risen slightly to 20°C by 08h30 but was still this temperature over two hours later at 10h45.

1. Yalu Jiang NNR Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang) at Km 60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang. (39°51.5'N., 124°11.8'E.) (05h20-17h45)

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| Japanese Quail NT | 10 in the area between the Ash Pond & Ankanggang (Kms 60-57) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012. |
| Common Pheasant | 5 in the area between the Ash Pond & Ankanggang (Kms 60-57) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012. |
| Gadwall | 4, two pairs, in the Ash Pond area at Km 60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012. |
| Eurasian Wigeon | 1 in the Ash Pond area at Km 60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012. |
| Mallard | 1 in the Ash Pond area at Km 60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012. |
| Chinese Spot-billed Duck | 15 in the area between the Ash Pond & Ankanggang (Kms 60-57) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012. |
| Northern Shoveler | 4, two pairs, in the Ash Pond area at Km 60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012. |
| Garganey | 7, five males & two females, in the Ash Pond area at Km 60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012. |
| Common Pochard | 2 males in the Ash Pond area at Km 60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012. |
| Greater Scaup | 1 female in the Ash Pond area at Km 60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012. |
| Little Grebe | 10 in the Ash Pond area at Km 60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012. |
| Black-faced Spoonbill EN | 1 flew southwest over the Ash Pond at Km 60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang at 11h38 on the 10/5/2012 (Paul HOLT, Terry TOWNSHEND & seen independently by BAI Qingquan) |
| Black-crowned Night Heron | 1 flew high overhead near Ankanggang on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang at 17h30 on the 10/5/2012. |
| Grey Heron | 14 in the area between the Ash Pond & Ankanggang (Kms 60-57) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012. These included singles that flew over at 05h17, ca.06h30 & at 07h41. |
| Purple Heron | 1 flew over the Ash Pond area at Km 60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang at 08h00 on the 10/5/2012. |
| Little Egret | 1 flew over the Ash Pond area at Km 60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang at 05h28 on the 10/5/2012. |
| Great Cormorant | 1 in the Ash Pond area at Km 60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012. |
| Common Kestrel | 1 adult male in the Ash Pond area at Km 60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012. |
| Amur Falcon | 1 adult male flew west over the Ash Ponds at Km 60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012. |
| [Baillon's Crake | Terry glimpsed one crake in flight that was probably this species in the Ash Pond area at Km 60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012]. |
| Common Moorhen | 3 in the Ash Pond area at Km 60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012. |
| Common Coot | 5 in the Ash Pond area at Km 60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012. |
| Eurasian Oystercatcher | 8 in the area between the Ash Pond & Ankanggang (Kms 60-57) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012. |
| Black-winged Stilt | 15 in the area between the Ash Pond & Ankanggang (Kms 60-57) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012. |
| Pacific Golden Plover | 1 in the Ash Pond area at Km 60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012. |
| Grey Plover | 800 at the Ash Pond high tide roost at Km 60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012. Others were seen on the Yalu Jiang mudflats between there and Km 57 near Ankanggang but these are likely to have been the same and are not included in the total. |
| Little Ringed Plover | 4 in the area between the Ash Pond & Ankanggang (Kms 60-57) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012. |
| Kentish Plover | 15 in the area between the Ash Pond & Ankanggang (Kms 60-57) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012. |
| Lesser Sand Plover | 1300 at the Ash Pond high tide roost at Km 60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012. Others were seen on the Yalu Jiang mudflats between there and Km 57 near Ankanggang but these are likely to have been the same and are not included in the total. |
| Pintail or Swinhoe's Snipe | 6 in the area between the Ash Pond & Ankanggang (Kms 60-57) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012. |
| Common Snipe | 2 in the area between the Ash Pond & Ankanggang (Kms 60-57) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012. |
| Asian Dowitcher NT | 2 in the Ash Pond area at Km 60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012. |
| Black-tailed Godwit NT | 20 in the Ash Pond area at Km 60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012. |
| Bar-tailed Godwit | 4000 at the Ash Pond high tide roost at Km 60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012. Others were seen on the Yalu Jiang mudflats between there and Km 57 near Ankanggang but these are likely to have been the same and are not included in the total. |
| Whimbrel | 30 in the area between the Ash Pond & Ankanggang (Kms 60-57) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012. |
| Eurasian Curlew NT | 50 at the Ash Pond high tide roost at Km 60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012. Others were seen on the Yalu Jiang mudflats between there and Km 57 near Ankanggang but these are likely to have been the same and are not included in the total. |
| Eastern Curlew VU | 1500 at the Ash Pond high tide roost at Km 60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012. Others were seen on the Yalu Jiang mudflats between there and Km 57 near Ankanggang but these are likely to have been the same and are not included in the total. |
| Spotted Redshank | 30 in the area between the Ash Pond & Ankanggang (Kms 60-57) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012. |
| Common Redshank | 15 in the area between the Ash Pond & Ankanggang (Kms 60-57) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012. |
| Marsh Sandpiper | 1 in the Ash Pond area at Km 60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012. |
| Common Greenshank | 20 in the area between the Ash Pond & Ankanggang (Kms 60-57) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012. |
| Nordmann's Greenshank EN | 17 in the Ash Pond area at Km 60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012 (Paul HOLT & Terry TOWNSHEND). BAI Qingquan (pers. comm. Later in the day) had at least another six birds at a similar high tide roost in a private area of Donggang Port making a total of at least 23 in the area. |
| Green Sandpiper | 2 in the area between the Ash Pond & Ankanggang (Kms 60-57) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012. |
| Wood Sandpiper | 40 in the area between the Ash Pond & Ankanggang (Kms 60-57) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012. |
| Terek Sandpiper | 30 in the area between the Ash Pond & Ankanggang (Kms 60-57) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012. |
| Common Sandpiper | 3 in the area between the Ash Pond & Ankanggang (Kms 60-57) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012. |
| Ruddy Turnstone | 6 in the area between the Ash Pond & Ankanggang (Kms 60-57) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012. |

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| Great Knot VU | 50 in the area between the Ash Pond & Ankanggang (Kms 60-57) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012. |
| Red Knot | 1 in the Ash Pond area at Km 60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012. |
| Red-necked Stint | 560 on the Yalu Jiang mudflats between the Ash Pond at Km60 & near Ankanggang at Km 57 on the 10/5/2012. |
| Little Stint | 1 adult summer with Red-necked Stints on the Yalu Jiang mudflats between the Ash Pond at Km60 & near Ankanggang at Km 57 on the 10/5/2012. |
| [Long-toed Stint | BAI Qingquan saw 1 on the Yalu Jiang mudflats between the Ash Pond at Km60 & near Ankanggang at Km 57 on the 10/5/2012]. |
| Sharp-tailed Sandpiper | 25 in the area between the Ash Pond & Ankanggang (Kms 60-57) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012. |
| Curlew Sandpiper | 1 in the area between the Ash Pond & Ankanggang (Kms 60-57) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012. |
| Dunlin | 8000 at the Ash Pond high tide roost at Km 60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012. Others were seen on the Yalu Jiang mudflats between there and Km 57 near Ankanggang but these are likely to have been the same and are not included in the total. |
| Broad-billed Sandpiper | 450 at the Ash Pond high tide roost at Km 60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012. Others were seen on the Yalu Jiang mudflats between there and Km 57 near Ankanggang but these are likely to have been the same and are not included in the total. |
| Black-headed Gull | 6 in the area between the Ash Pond & Ankanggang (Kms 60-57) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012. |
| Saunders's Gull VU | 150 in the area between the Ash Pond & Ankanggang (Kms 60-57) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012. A surprisingly high number, 136 birds, were counted at a high tide roost on the Ash Ponds and these involved 131 presumably non-breeding first-summer and just five adults. Quite a few other adults were seen at low tide later in the day hunting along the Yalu Jiang mudflats. BAI Qingquan (pers. comm. Later on the 10 May 2012) has seen a couple of similar flocks of non-breeding first-summer in this area in mid-May before and one of these flocks held a remarkable 450 birds! |
| Black-tailed Gull | 5 in the area between the Ash Pond & Ankanggang (Kms 60-57) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012. [BAI Qingquan saw another 50 in a private area of Donggang Port] |
| [Mew Gull | BAI Qingquan saw 1 in a private area of Donggang Port on the 10/5/2012.] |
| Gull-billed Tern | 1 on the Yalu Jiang mudflats between the Ash Ponds at Km 60 & near Ankanggang at Km 57 on the 10/5/2012. |
| 'Eastern' Little Tern | 40 in the area between the Ash Pond & Ankanggang (Kms 60-57) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012. |
| Common Tern | 45 including six <i>longipennis</i> & 10 <i>minussensis</i> in the area between the Ash Pond & Ankanggang (Kms 60-57) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012. |
| Oriental Turtle Dove | 1 near the Ash Pond at Km 60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012. |
| Cuckoo sp. | 1 male near the Ash Pond at Km 60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012. |
| Common Kingfisher | 1 near the Ash Pond at Km 60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012. |
| Ashy Minivet | 1 was heard over the Ash Pond at Km 60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012. |
| Brown Shrike | 9 in the area between the Ash Pond & Ankanggang (Kms 60-57) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012. |
| Chinese Penduline Tit | 10 in the area between the Ash Pond & Ankanggang (Kms 60-57) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012. |
| Sand Martin | 4 in the area between the Ash Pond & Ankanggang (Kms 60-57) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012. |
| Barn Swallow | 10 in the area between the Ash Pond & Ankanggang (Kms 60-57) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012. |
| Red-rumped Swallow | 1 in the area between the Ash Pond & Ankanggang (Kms 60-57) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012. |
| Dusky Warbler | 1 near the Ash Pond at Km 60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012. |
| Radde's Warbler | 7 in the area between the Ash Pond & Ankanggang (Kms 60-57) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012. |
| Yellow-browed Warbler | 25 in the area between the Ash Pond & Ankanggang (Kms 60-57) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012. |
| Pale-legged or Sakhalin Leaf Warbler | 2 in the area between the Ash Pond & Ankanggang (Kms 60-57) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012. |
| Eastern Crowned Warbler | 2 in the area between the Ash Pond & Ankanggang (Kms 60-57) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012. |
| Oriental Reed Warbler | 8 in the area between the Ash Pond & Ankanggang (Kms 60-57) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012. |
| Black-browed Reed Warbler | 5 in the area between the Ash Pond & Ankanggang (Kms 60-57) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012. |
| Marsh Grassbird NT | 3 in the area between the Ash Pond & Ankanggang (Kms 60-57) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012. |
| Zitting Cisticola | 1 was heard in the area between the Ash Pond & Ankanggang (Kms 60-57) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012. |
| Vinous-throated Parrotbill | 8 in the area between the Ash Pond & Ankanggang (Kms 60-57) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012. Birds were encountered at three different sites along Bin Hai Lu. |
| White-eye sp. | 10 in the area between the Ash Pond & Ankanggang (Kms 60-57) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012. |
| Grey-backed Thrush | 1 near the Ash Pond at Km 60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012. |
| Eyebrowed Thrush | 2, one of which was a first-summer female, near the Ash Pond at Km 60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012. |
| Siberian Rubythroat | 2, at least one of which was a male, near the Ash Pond at Km 60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012. |
| Siberian Blue Robin | 9 in the area between the Ash Pond & Ankanggang (Kms 60-57) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012. |
| Rufous-tailed Robin | 2 in the area between the Ash Pond & Ankanggang (Kms 60-57) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012. |
| Common Stonechat | 2 females in the area between the Ash Pond & Ankanggang (Kms 60-57) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012. |
| Asian Brown Flycatcher | 11 in the area between the Ash Pond & Ankanggang (Kms 60-57) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012. |
| Yellow-rumped Flycatcher | 9, three males & six females, in the area between the Ash Pond & Ankanggang (Kms 60-57) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012. |
| Mugimaki Flycatcher | 3 females in the area between the Ash Pond & Ankanggang (Kms 60-57) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012. |
| Taiga Flycatcher | 1 near the Ash Pond at Km 60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012. |
| Eurasian Tree Sparrow | 10 in the area between the Ash Pond & Ankanggang (Kms 60-57) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012. |
| Forest Wagtail | 1 flew north over the Ash Ponds at Km 60 & Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang at 07h39 on the 10/5/2012. |
| Eastern Yellow Wagtail | 45 including five <i>macronyx</i> , in the area between the Ash Pond & Ankanggang (Kms 60-57) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012. |
| Grey Wagtail | 6 in the area between the Ash Pond & Ankanggang (Kms 60-57) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012. |
| White Wagtail | 6, including two <i>leucopsis</i> , in the area between the Ash Pond & Ankanggang (Kms 60-57) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012. |
| Richard's Pipit | 5 in the area between the Ash Pond & Ankanggang (Kms 60-57) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012. |
| Blyth's Pipit | 1 flew south-south-west over the Ash Ponds at Km 60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012. (Paul HOLT & Terry TOWNSHEND). |
| Olive-backed Pipit | 4 in the area between the Ash Pond & Ankanggang (Kms 60-57) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012. |

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| Pechora Pipit | 12, including two singing and apparently territorial birds, between the Ash Ponds at Km 60 & Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012. |
| Chinese Grosbeak | 1 flew over the Ash Pond at Km 60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012. |
| Tristram's Bunting | 2 near the Ash Pond at Km 60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012. |
| Chestnut-eared Bunting | 1 near the Ash Pond at Km 60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012. |
| Little Bunting | 1 near the Ash Pond at Km 60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012. |
| Yellow-breasted Bunting VU | 1 near the Ash Pond at Km 60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012. |
| Black-faced Bunting | 25 in the area between the Ash Pond & Ankanggang (Kms 60-57) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012. |
| Pallas's Bunting | 1 male near the Ash Pond at Km 60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012. |



Lesser Sand Plover, Donggang.



Red-necked Stint, Donggang.

Friday 11 May 2012. All day in the Donggang area.

Joined by BAI Qingquan, Terry and me left the hotel at 05h00, went shopping for today's food supplies and then drove to near Ankanggang at Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu. Arriving there at 05h30, we spent the early morning there – searching the trees and gardens for passerine migrants. After a very enjoyable morning we drove around to the Ash Pond at Km 60, arriving there before the day's high tide. We birded there until 14h45 when we started looking at shorebirds on the exposed Yalu Jiang mudflats – unfortunately however we'd left it a bit too late to do this and starting 2.5 hours after high tide was just too late and we should definitely have been there earlier!

High tide in Donggang today was at 12h10 and, at 6.6 metres, it was dropping and already half a metre lower than the previous Sunday and Monday.

Weather

Terry had been checking the weather on-line at the www.myweather.com site & it was proving fairly reliable. 15°C near Ankanggang (KM 57 on Bin Hai Lu) at 05h45. A strong southerly wind picked up from 10h30 and slowly veered around to the southwest while the temperature was still only 21°C at 11h05 and peaked at 22°C at 13h30. It had dropped back slightly to 20°C by 16h30.

Highlights

New birds today included a well seen and photographed Black-winged Cuckooshrike that was the first record for Liaoning, three Crested Honey Buzzards, two Baillon's Crakes, two Asian Dowitchers, two separate Little Stints and a singing Pale-legged Leaf Warbler.

1. Yalu Jiang NNR Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang) at Km 60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang. (39°51.5'N., 124°11.8'E.) (05h20-17h45)

Japanese Quail NT
Common Pheasant
[Gadwall
Chinese Spot-billed Duck
Common Pochard

10 between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012.
6 between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012.
Bai Qingquan saw 2 at the Ash Pond on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012].
10 between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012.
1 between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012.

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| Greater Scaup | 1 female between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012. |
| Little Grebe | 7 between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012. |
| Grey Heron | 15 between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012. |
| Purple Heron | 1 adult flew high to the east over the Yalu Jiang at Kms 58 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang at 14h35 on the 11/5/2012. |
| Oriental Honey-buzzard | 3 flew high to the south-south-east over the Ash Pond at Km 60, Donggang at 13h10 on the 11/5/2012. |
| Common Kestrel | 1 adult male near the Ash Pond at Km 60, Donggang on the 11/5/2012. |
| Peregrine Falcon | 1 first-summer was causing havoc among the high-tide roosting shorebirds at the Ash Pond at Km 60, Donggang on the 11/5/2012. |
| Baillon's Crane | 2 in the small marsh at the Ash Pond at Km 60, Donggang on the 11/5/2012. |
| Common Moorhen | 3 at the Ash Pond at Km 60, Donggang on the 11/5/2012. |
| Common Coot | 2 at the Ash Pond at Km 60, Donggang on the 11/5/2012. |
| Eurasian Oystercatcher | 8 between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012. |
| Black-winged Stilt | 2, an apparent breeding pair, at the Ash Pond at Km 60, Donggang on the 11/5/2012. |
| Pacific Golden Plover | 1 with the high tide roosting Grey Plover flock at the Ash Pond at Km 60, Donggang on the 11/5/2012. |
| Grey Plover | 2000 at the Ash Point high tide roost on the 11/5/2012. |
| Little Ringed Plover | 4, two pairs, between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012. |
| Kentish Plover | 10 between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012. |
| Lesser Sand Plover | 400 between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012. |
| Pintail or Swinhoe's Snipe | 6 between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012. |
| Asian Dowitcher NT | 2 at the Ash Point high tide roost on the 11/5/2012. (BAI Qingquan, Paul HOLT & Terry TOWNSHEND) |
| Black-tailed Godwit NT | 220 between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012. 20 of these were at the early afternoon high tide roost while a flock of 200 birds flew high to the east. |
| Bar-tailed Godwit | 3000 at the Ash Pond high tide roost on the 11/5/2012. |
| Whimbrel | 20 between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012. |
| Eurasian Curlew NT | 10 between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012. |
| Eastern Curlew VU | 500 between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012. |
| Spotted Redshank | 40 between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012. |
| Common Redshank | 20 between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012. |
| Common Greenshank | 35 between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012. |
| Nordmann's Greenshank EN | 16 at the Ash Pond high tide roost on the 11/5/2012. |
| Wood Sandpiper | 5 between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012. |
| Grey-tailed Tattler | 3 at the Ash Pond high tide roost on the 11/5/2012. |
| Terek Sandpiper | 40 between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012. |
| Common Sandpiper | 3 between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012. |
| Ruddy Turnstone | 4 between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012. |
| Great Knot VU | 200 at the Ash Pond high tide roost on the 11/5/2012. |
| Red Knot | 2 at the Ash Pond high tide roost on the 11/5/2012. |
| Red-necked Stint | 598 on the Yalu Jiang mudflats between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012. |
| Little Stint | 2 separate birds between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012. The first was at the high tide wader roost right at the Ash Pond while the second was on the Yalu Jiang mudflats at about Km 58 on the Hai Bin Lu. (BAI Qingquan, Paul HOLT & Terry TOWNSHEND) |
| [Long-toed Stint | Bai Qingquan saw 1 on the Yalu Jiang mudflats between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012]. |
| Sharp-tailed Sandpiper | 20 between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012. |
| Dunlin | 2000 at the Ash Pond high tide roost on the 11/5/2012. |
| Broad-billed Sandpiper | 100 between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012. |
| Black-headed Gull | 2 at the Ash Pond high tide roost on the 11/5/2012. |
| Saunders's Gull VU | 25 between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012. |
| Gull-billed Tern | 1 on the Yalu Jiang mudflats between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012. |
| 'Eastern' Little Tern | 30 between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012. |
| Common Tern | 30, including three <i>longipennis</i> & one <i>minussensis</i> , between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012. |
| Common Kingfisher | 3, a pair and later as single bird, between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012. |
| Eurasian Hoopoe | 3, a pair at Km 57 later as single bird near the Ash Pond, between Kms 57-60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012. At least one of the pair was seen repeatedly carrying food & was probably breeding nearby. |
| Black-winged Cuckooshrike | 1 in scrub along the sea wall near Ankanggang (Km 57 on the Hai Bin Lu), Donggang on the 11/5/2012. (BAI Qingquan, Paul HOLT & Terry TOWNSHEND). This site (39°53.4'N., 124°12.6'E.) is 3.5 kilometres north of the Ash Ponds. Watched on-and-off for almost 1.5 hours from 09h20-10h40) it was photographed (by all three of us) and a description taken. The first record for Liaoning though there are several reports from Beidaihe and Happy Island in coastal Hebei as well as from Beijing. Several of Terry's images can be seen on his website at http://birdingbeijing.com/2012/05/16/black-winged-cuckooshrike/ |
| Ashy Minivet | 1 was heard over Km 57 on Hai Bin Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012. |
| Brown Shrike | 10 between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012. |
| Chinese Penduline Tit | 3 between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012. |
| Brown-eared Bulbul | Terry & BAI saw one flying south down the Yalu Jiang sea wall at Km 57 on the Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012. |
| Sand Martin | 1 flew over Km 57 north of the Ash Pond on the Hai Bin Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012. |
| Barn Swallow | 15 between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012. |
| Radde's Warbler | 4 between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012. |
| Yellow-browed Warbler | 25 between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012. |
| Arctic or Two-barred Warbler | 1 between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012. |
| Pale-legged Leaf Warbler | 1 singing in the woodland belt at Km 57 on Hai Bin Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012. |
| Pale-legged or Sakhalin Leaf Warbler | 3 between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012. |
| Eastern Crowned Warbler | 9 between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012. |

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| Oriental Reed Warbler | 8 between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012. |
| Black-browed Reed Warbler | 11 between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012. |
| Marsh Grassbird NT | 5 singing birds between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012. |
| Zitting Cisticola | 3 singing birds between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012. |
| Vinous-throated Parrotbill | 2 between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012. |
| Chestnut-flanked White-eye | 20 between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012. |
| White-eye sp. | 50 between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012. |
| [Purple-backed Starling | Bai Qingquan saw 3 in the woodland at Kms 57 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012. |
| Siberian Thrush | 3, including a well-seen first-summer male, between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012. |
| Siberian Rubythroat | 2 between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012. |
| Siberian Blue Robin | 15 between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012. |
| Rufous-tailed Robin | 5 between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012. |
| Blue Rock Thrush | 1 between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012. |
| White-throated Rock Thrush | 2 males between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012. |
| Grey-streaked Flycatcher | 2 between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012. |
| Dark-sided Flycatcher | 2 between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012. |
| Asian Brown Flycatcher | 14 between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012. |
| Yellow-rumped Flycatcher | 17 between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012. |
| Mugimaki Flycatcher | 2 between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012. |
| Taiga Flycatcher | 1 between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012. |
| Blue-and-white Flycatcher | 3 between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012. |
| Eurasian Tree Sparrow | 20 between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012. |
| Forest Wagtail | 1 flew north over the Ash Pond at Km 60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang at 12h56 on the 11/5/2012. |
| Eastern Yellow Wagtail | 25, including two <i>macronyx</i> , between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012. |
| Grey Wagtail | 4 between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012. |
| White Wagtail | 2, including one adult male <i>leucopsis</i> , between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012. |
| Richard's Pipit | 5 between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012. |
| Olive-backed Pipit | 6 between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012. |
| Pechora Pipit | 11 between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012. |
| Tristram's Bunting | 4 between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012. |
| Chestnut-eared Bunting | 1 between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012. |
| Yellow-browed Bunting | 2 between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012. |
| Yellow-breasted Bunting VU | 3 between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012. |
| Chestnut Bunting | 4 between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012. |
| Black-faced Bunting | 20 between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012. |
| Pallas's Bunting | 1 between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012. |
| <u>Mammals, reptiles & amphibians</u> | |
| Manchurian Hare | 1 between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012. |
| Siberian Weasel | 1 between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012. |

Saturday 12 May 2012. All day in the Donggang area.

High tide in Donggang today was at 13h07 and, at 6.2 metres, it had already dropped one metre from the very high spring tides of the previous weekend.

We left the Shenda Seariver Hotel at 05h05 and spent the entire day visiting a modest number of sites near Donggang. High tide was in the early afternoon and was a low one – and wasn't high enough to push many waders on to the Ash Ponds.

Highlights

Today's undoubted highlight was a calling Kamchatka Warbler near Kilometre 58 on Bin Hai Lu. Seen by Terry and me it was photographed by us both – but unfortunately wasn't sound recorded by either of us. It was the first record for Liaoning. Other highlights included another encounter with yesterday's Black-winged Cuckooshrike and a handful of additions to our modest trip list (Eurasian Sparrowhawk, Eurasian Hobby, 1117 Broad-billed Sandpipers, Common Cuckoo, Oriental Scops Owl, Black-capped Kingfisher, Tiger Shrike, Black-naped Oriole, Purple-backed Starling & 18 Rufous-tailed Robin.



Kamchatka Leaf Warbler, 12 May 2012. Note the yellowish wash to the throat and central breast and the buffy supercilium.

Weather

15°C, 8/8 cloud cover and rather poor visibility (down to about 3 kilometres range) and fine drizzle with a moderately strong southerly wind at Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu at 05h20. The drizzle only lasted about 15 minutes but it remained cool all day and was just 17°C at 10h30 and 16°C at 14h20. The wind picked up and backed around to the south-south-east mid-morning. The wind picked up, but only very slightly, in the late morning. There was slightly poorer long range visibility than yesterday – it had probably dropped to about four or five kilometres today.

1. Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang. Donggang Lingang Chan Ye Yuanqu Gang Kon Gong Ye Yuan Qu Zhan Shi Zhuang Xin (39°53.4'N., 124°12.6'E.)(05h20-09h40).

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| Japanese Quail NT | 8 |
| Common Pheasant | 2 |
| Chinese Spot-billed Duck | 1 |
| Grey Heron | 7 |
| Great Egret | 1 |
| Eurasian Sparrowhawk | 1 flew over at 09h20 |
| Common Kestrel | 1 |
| Eurasian Oystercatcher | 1 |
| Black-winged Stilt | 2 |
| Grey Plover | 20 |
| Little Ringed Plover | 2 |
| Kentish Plover | 4 |
| Pintail or Swinhoe's Snipe | 3 |
| Black-tailed Godwit NT | 19 |
| Whimbrel | 10 |
| Eastern Curlew VU | 10 |
| Spotted Redshank | 2 |
| Common Redshank | 10 |
| Common Greenshank | 6 |
| Wood Sandpiper | 1 |
| Terek Sandpiper | 6 |
| Common Sandpiper | 1 |
| Ruddy Turnstone | 1 |
| Red-necked Stint | 9 |
| Dunlin | 30 |

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| Black-headed Gull | 35 |
| Saunders's Gull VU | 6 |
| Common Tern | 4 |
| Oriental Turtle Dove | 1 |
| Oriental Scops Owl | 1 |
| Black-capped Kingfisher | 1 |
| Eurasian Hoopoe | 2 |
| Black-winged Cuckooshrike | 1 – undoubtedly the same bird as yesterday |
| Ashy Minivet | 3 |
| Brown Shrike | 9 |
| Black-naped Oriole | 8 together in a single, mobile flock |
| Common Magpie | 1 |
| Chinese Penduline Tit | 3 |
| Light-vented Bulbul | 2 |
| Sand Martin | 7 |
| Barn Swallow | 10 |
| Red-rumped Swallow | 1 |
| Radde's Warbler | 1 |
| Yellow-browed Warbler | 5 |
| Arctic Warbler | 1 calling bird |
| Arctic or Kamchatka Warbler | 1 |
| Pale-legged or Sakhalin Leaf Warbler | 2 |
| Eastern Crowned Warbler | 2 |
| Oriental Reed Warbler | 5 |
| Black-browed Reed Warbler | 6 |
| Zitting Cisticola | 1 |
| Chestnut-flanked White-eye | 6 |
| White-eye sp. | 10 |
| Purple-backed Starling | 1 male close to the Shenda Baoli Jinghai Dajiudian in Donggang |
| [Siberian Thrush | Terry saw 1 female] |
| [White's Thrush | Terry saw one thrush that was possibly this species] |
| Grey-backed Thrush | 3 |
| Eyebrowed Thrush | 50 |
| Siberian Rubythroat | 1 female |
| Siberian Blue Robin | 12 |
| Rufous-tailed Robin | 11 |
| White-throated Rock Thrush | 7 (4 male & 3 female) |
| Grey-streaked Flycatcher | 1 |
| Dark-sided Flycatcher | 2 |
| Asian Brown Flycatcher | 11 |
| Yellow-rumped Flycatcher | 5 (3 females & 2 males) |
| Mugimaki Flycatcher | 3 |
| Taiga Flycatcher | 1 |
| Eurasian Tree Sparrow | 10 |
| Forest Wagtail | 1 |
| Eastern Yellow Wagtail | 15 |
| White Wagtail | 3 <i>leucopsis</i> |
| Richard's Pipit | 1 |
| Olive-backed Pipit | 4 |
| Pechora Pipit | 7 |
| Red-throated Pipit | 1 |
| Grey-capped Greenfinch | 1 |
| Chinese Grosbeak | 1 male |
| Tristram's Bunting | 2 |
| Chestnut-eared Bunting | 1 |
| Little Bunting | 1 |
| [Yellow-breasted Bunting VU | Terry saw 3] |
| Chestnut Bunting | 4 |
| Black-faced Bunting | 30 |

Mammals, reptiles & amphibians

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| Manchurian Hare | [1] |
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3. Yalu Jiang NNR Wader Study Site 2 - Part 2, Donggang. (39°49.7'N., 124°06.5'E.). Near Km 70 on Bin Hai Lu. (10h10-10h20).

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| Little Grebe | 4 |
| Eurasian Hobby | 1 flew over at 10h20 |
| Eurasian Oystercatcher | 2 |
| Kentish Plover | 5 |
| Bar-tailed Godwit | 500 |
| Whimbrel | 5 |
| Eastern Curlew VU | 40 |
| Great Knot VU | 400 |
| Red-necked Stint | 75 |

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| Sharp-tailed Sandpiper | 5 |
| Dunlin | 500 |
| Broad-billed Sandpiper | 5 |
| Saunders's Gull VU | 4 |
| Black-tailed Gull | 8 |
| Mongolian Gull | 6 |
| Barn Swallow | 50 |
| Eastern Yellow Wagtail | 10 |

3. Tidal mudflats at Km 71.4 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang. (39°49.5'N., 124°05.7'E.)(10h25-10h45).

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| Common Shelduck | 85 |
| Grey Heron | 3 |
| Eurasian Oystercatcher | 2 |
| Pacific Golden Plover | 1 |
| Bar-tailed Godwit | 200 |
| Whimbrel | 2 |
| Eastern Curlew VU | 10 |
| Common Redshank | 2 |
| Great Knot VU | 20 |
| Red-necked Stint | 45 |
| Long-toed Stint | 1 |
| Sharp-tailed Sandpiper | 2 |
| Dunlin | 300 |
| Broad-billed Sandpiper | 2 |
| Chestnut Bunting | 3 |

4. Yalu Jiang NNR Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang) at Km 60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang (39°51.5'N., 124°11.8'E.) and then walked up the Yalu Jiang to Ankanggang at Km 57. (12h25-17h30)

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| Japanese Quail NT | 4 |
| Common Pheasant | 1 |
| Gadwall | 6 |
| Chinese Spot-billed Duck | 5 |
| Northern Shoveler | 1 |
| Common Pochard | 1 |
| Greater Scaup | 1 |
| Little Grebe | 5 |
| Grey Heron | 6 |
| Purple Heron | 1 |
| Eurasian Hobby | 1 |
| Common Moorhen | 5 |
| Common Coot | 10 |
| Eurasian Oystercatcher | 6 |
| Black-winged Stilt | 4 |
| Grey Plover | 485 |
| Little Ringed Plover | 4 |
| Kentish Plover | 5 |
| Lesser Sand Plover | 700 |
| Pintail or Swinhoe's Snipe | 3 |
| Bar-tailed Godwit | 300 |
| Whimbrel | 15 |
| Eastern Curlew VU | 300 |
| Spotted Redshank | 35 |
| Common Redshank | 15 |
| Common Greenshank | 22 |
| Nordmann's Greenshank EN | 9 |
| Wood Sandpiper | 5 |
| Grey-tailed Tattler | 1 |
| Terek Sandpiper | 40 |
| Common Sandpiper | 3 |
| Ruddy Turnstone | 1 |
| Great Knot VU | 25 |
| Red Knot | 2 |
| Red-necked Stint | 300 |
| Sharp-tailed Sandpiper | 20 |
| Curlew Sandpiper | 5 |
| Dunlin | 3000 |
| Broad-billed Sandpiper | 1110 |
| Black-headed Gull | 31 |
| Saunders's Gull VU | 10 |
| Black-tailed Gull | 1 |
| Gull-billed Tern | 1 |
| 'Eastern' Little Tern | 20 |
| Common Tern | 30, including one <i>longipennis</i> & two <i>minussensis</i> |

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| Common Cuckoo | 1 | |
| Cuckoo sp. | 1 | |
| Common Kingfisher | 2 | |
| Eurasian Hoopoe | 1 | |
| Ashy Minivet | 1 | |
| Tiger Shrike | 1 | |
| Brown Shrike | 6 | |
| Barn Swallow | 5 | |
| Radde's Warbler | 1 | |
| Yellow-browed Warbler | 5 | |
| Kamchatka Warbler | 1 | |
| Arctic or Kamchatka Warbler | 1 | |
| Two-barred Warbler | 1 | |
| Pale-legged or Sakhalin Leaf Warbler | 1 | 1 |
| Oriental Reed Warbler | | |
| Siberian Rubythroat | 7 | |
| Siberian Blue Robin | 9 | |
| Rufous-tailed Robin | 7 | |
| Asian Brown Flycatcher | 13 | |
| Yellow-rumped Flycatcher | 7 | |
| Eastern Yellow Wagtail | 5 | |
| White Wagtail | 2, including one <i>leucopsis</i> | |
| Richard's Pipit | 3 | |
| Olive-backed Pipit | 1 | |
| Pechora Pipit | 4 | |
| Tristram's Bunting | 2 | |
| Japanese Quail NT | 12 between Kms 57-60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012. | |
| Common Pheasant | 3 between Kms 57-60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012. | |
| Common Shelduck | 85 on the tidal mudflats at Km 71.4 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012. | |
| Gadwall | 6, three pairs, on the Ash Ponds at Km 60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012. | |
| Chinese Spot-billed Duck | 6 between Kms 57-60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012. | |
| Northern Shoveler | 1 male on the Ash Ponds at Km 60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012. | |
| Common Pochard | 1 male on the Ash Ponds at Km 60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012. | |
| Greater Scaup | 1 female on the Ash Ponds at Km 60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012. | |
| Little Grebe | 9 near Donggang on the 12/5/2012 - four on a fish pond near Shorebirds study site 2 at Km | |
| Grey Heron | 16 near Donggang on the 12/5/2012 - with seven around Km 57 on Hai Bin Lu in the morning, six between there & Km 61 in the afternoon & three near Km 71.4 midday. | |
| Purple Heron | 1 adult flew high to the east over Km58 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012. | |
| Great Egret | 1 over Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012. | |
| Eurasian Sparrowhawk | 1 over Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012. | |
| Common Kestrel | 1 over Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012. | |
| Eurasian Hobby | 2 singles near Donggang on the 12/5/2012 - one over the shorebirds study Site 2 and the other over the Ash Pond at Km 60 on Bin Hai Lu. | |
| Common Moorhen | 5 on the Ash Ponds at Km 60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012. | |
| Common Coot | 10 on the Ash Ponds at Km 60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012. | |
| Eurasian Oystercatcher | 11 at various sites along Bin Hai Lu near Donggang on the 12/5/2012. These involved one near Km 57 and six more between there and Km 60; two at shorebird study 'Site 2' (km 70) & two more at Km 71.4. | |
| Black-winged Stilt | 6, three pairs, between Kms 57-60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012. | |
| Pacific Golden Plover | 1 was heard at Km 71.4 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2 | |
| Grey Plover | 505 between Kms 57 & 61 on Bin Hai Lu on the 12/5/2012. The vast majority of these, 485 birds, were at the Ash Ponds - but this still represents a dramatic reduction on recent days. This was probably due to the tide being significantly lower today. | |
| Little Ringed Plover | 6, three pairs, around Donggang on the 12/5/2012. There were at Km 57 and two pairs between there & the Ash Pond at Km 60. | |
| Kentish Plover | 14 at various sites along Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012. There were four near Km 57, five between there & Km 60 and five more at shorebird study @Site 2'. | |
| Lesser Sand Plover | 700 on the Yalu Jiang mudflats between Kms 60 & 57 along Bin Hai Lu on the 12/5/2012. | |
| Pintail or Swinhoe's Snipe | 6 between Kms 57-60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012. | |
| Black-tailed Godwit NT | 19 over Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012. | |
| Bar-tailed Godwit | 1000 near Donggang on the 12/5/2012. 500 of these were at shorebird study 'Site 2' (Km 70 on Bin Hai Lu), 200 more were at Km 71.4 and just 300 besides the Ash Ponds. As with Grey Plover today's numbers are a massive reduction on those of previous days - not doubt largely due to today's tide being much smaller. | |
| Whimbrel | 57 along Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012. These involved 10 near Km 57, 40 more besides the Yalu Jiang between there and the Ash Ponds at Km 60; five at shorebird study 'Site 2' (KM 70) & just two near Km 71.4. | |
| Eastern Curlew VU | 360 along Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012. These involved 10 near Km 57, 300 more besides the Yalu Jiang between there and the Ash Ponds at Km 60; 40 at shorebird study 'Site 2' (KM 70) & just 10 two near Km 71.4. | |
| Spotted Redshank | 37 in & around the Yalu Jiang, Dandong on the 12.5.2012. Two of these were were in the river at Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu while the other 35 were between there & the Ash Ponds at Km 60. | |
| Common Redshank | 27 along Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012. These involved 10 near Km 57, 15 more besides the Yalu Jiang between there and the Ash Ponds at Km 60 & just two near Km 71.4. | |
| Common Greenshank | 28 between Kms 57-60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012. 22 birds were on the Ash Pond with the other six or so being besides the Yalu Jiang. | |
| Nordmann's Greenshank EN | 9 in the Ash Ponds at Km 60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012. Two birds, probably part of this earlier count of nine were later seen on the Yalu Jiang mudflats at Km 59. | |
| Wood Sandpiper | 6 between Kms 57-60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012. | |

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| Grey-tailed Tattler | 1 on the Ash Ponds at Km 60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012. |
| Terek Sandpiper | 28 between Kms 57-60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012. |
| Common Sandpiper | 4 between Kms 57-60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012. |
| Ruddy Turnstone | 2 between Kms 57-60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012. |
| Great Knot VU | 445 near Donggang on the 12/5/2012. 400 of these were at shorebird study 'Site 2' (Km 70 on Bin Hai Lu), 20 more were at Km 71.4 and just 25 were besides the Ash Ponds. As with Grey Plover today's numbers are a massive reduction on those of previous days - not doubt largely due to today's tide being much smaller. |
| Red Knot | 2 on the Ash Ponds at Km 60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012. |
| Red-necked Stint | 429 on the tidal mudflats along Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012. These involved nine near Km 57, 300 more besides the Yalu Jiang between there and the Ash Ponds at Km 60; 75 at shorebird study 'Site 2' (KM 70) & 45 near Km 71.4. |
| Long-toed Stint | 1 on a near coastal freshwater pool at Km 71.4 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012. |
| Sharp-tailed Sandpiper | 27 near Donggang on the 12/5/2012. Five of these were at shorebird study 'Site 2' (Km 70 on Bin Hai Lu), two more were at Km 71.4 and 20 were besides the Ash Ponds. |
| Curlew Sandpiper | 5 on the Yalu Jiang tidal mudflats at Km59 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012. |
| Dunlin | 3830 on the tidal mudflats along Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012. These involved 30 near Km 57, 3000 more besides the Yalu Jiang between there and the Ash Ponds at Km 60; 500 at shorebird study 'Site 2' (KM 70) & 300 near Km 71.4. |
| Broad-billed Sandpiper | 1117 near Donggang on the 12/5/2012. Five of these were at shorebird study 'Site 2' (Km 70 on Bin Hai Lu), two more were at Km 71.4 and a massive 1110 were counted on the Yalu Jiang tidal mudflats between the Ash Ponds at Km 60 & Km 57. The latter count, easily my highest ever China count, was made on a late afternoon receding tide. |
| Black-headed Gull | 35 around the Yalu Jiang-Ash Point area (between Kms 57-61) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012. |
| Saunders's Gull VU | 20 around Donggang on the 12/5/2012. 16 of these were in the Yalu Jiang-Ash Ponds area between Kms 57-61 on Bin Hai Lu while just four were seen elsewhere - at the shorebirds study 'Site 2' at Km 71. |
| Black-tailed Gull | 9 first-summings near Donggang on the 12/5/2012. Eight of these flew past the shorebirds study 'Site 2' at Km 71 on Bin Hai Lu while the other was over the Yalu Jiang close to the Ash Pond at Km 60. |
| Mongolian Gull | 6 first- and second-years were around the shorebirds study 'Site 2' at Km 71 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012. |
| Gull-billed Tern | 1 in the Yalu Jiang near Km 58 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012. |
| 'Eastern' Little Tern | 20 near the Km 60 Ash Pond on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012. |
| Common Tern | 34 between Kms 57-60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012. Most of these were around the Ash Pond though several others were seen up the Yalu Jiang. Only three birds were racially assigned - one <i>longipennis</i> & two <i>minusensis</i> . |
| Oriental Turtle Dove | 1 in the small wooded coastal shelter belt & gardens south of Ankanggang at Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012. |
| Common Cuckoo | 1 singing bird near the Ash Ponds at Km 60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012. |
| Cuckoo sp. | 1 hepatic female near the Km 60 Ash Pond on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012. |
| Oriental Scops Owl | 1 in the small wooded coastal shelter belt & gardens south of Ankanggang at Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012. |
| Black-capped Kingfisher | 1 near the small wooded coastal shelter belt & gardens south of Ankanggang at Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012. |
| Common Kingfisher | 2 near the Km 60 Ash Pond on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012. |
| Eurasian Hoopoe | 3 between Kms 57-60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012. |
| Black-winged Cuckooshrike | 1 male again in the small wooded coastal shelter belt & gardens south of Ankanggang at Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012. |
| Ashy Minivet | 4 between Kms 57-60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012. |
| Tiger Shrike | 1 near Km 58 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012. |
| Brown Shrike | 15 between Kms 57-60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012. |
| Black-naped Oriole | 8 south of Ankanggang at Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012. |
| Common Magpie | 1 was heard south of Ankanggang at Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012. |
| Chinese Penduline Tit | 3 flew over Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012. |
| Light-vented Bulbul | 3 south of Ankanggang at Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012. |
| Sand Martin | 7 (a party of six & then a single) flew north over Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012. |
| Barn Swallow | 65 near Donggang on the 12/5/2012. The majority of these, about 50 birds, were over a series of fishponds close to waders study 'Site 2' at Km 71 on Bin Hai Lu. |
| Red-rumped Swallow | 1 was heard over Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012. |
| Radde's Warbler | 2 singles between Kms 57-60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012. |
| Yellow-browed Warbler | 10 between Kms 57-60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012. |
| Arctic Warbler | 1 calling bird at Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012. |
| Kamchatka Warbler | 1 calling bird at Km 58 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012. Photographed this was the first record for Liaoning. (Paul HOLT & Terry TOWNSHEND). Several images of this bird can be seen on Terry's website at http://birdingbeijing.com/2012/05/14/kamchatka-leaf-warbler/ |
| Arctic or Kamchatka Warbler | 2 singles, both non-calling birds and both very likely regular Arctic Warbler, were seen at Kms 57 & 58, on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012. |
| Two-barred Warbler | 1 at Km 58 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012. |
| Pale-legged or Sakhalin Leaf Warbler | 2 birds, singles at Kms 57 & 61, on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012. |
| Eastern Crowned Warbler | 2 south of Ankanggang at Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012. |
| Oriental Reed Warbler | 8 between Kms 57-61 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012. |
| Black-browed Reed Warbler | 6 between Kms 57-61 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012. |
| Chestnut-flanked White-eye | 6 south of Ankanggang at Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012. |
| White-eye sp. | 10 south of Ankanggang at Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012. |
| Purple-backed Starling | 1 male near the Shenda Seariver Hotel in Donggang on the 12/5/2012. |
| [Siberian Thrush | Terry saw a female in the small wood at Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012]. |
| [White's Thrush | Terry glimpsed one bird, possibly this species, in the small wood at Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012]. |
| Grey-backed Thrush | 3 south of Ankanggang at Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012. |

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| Eyebrowed Thrush | 50, including one flock of perhaps 45 birds, south of Ankanggang at Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012. |
| Siberian Rubythroat | 8 between Kms 57-60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012. |
| Siberian Blue Robin | 21 between Kms 57-60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012. |
| Rufous-tailed Robin | 18 between Kms 57-60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012. |
| White-throated Rock Thrush | 7, four males & three females, south of Ankanggang at Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012. |
| Grey-streaked Flycatcher | 1 south of Ankanggang at Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012. |
| Dark-sided Flycatcher | 2 in the small wooded coastal shelter belt & gardens south of Ankanggang at Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012. |
| Asian Brown Flycatcher | 24 between Kms 57-60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012. |
| Yellow-rumped Flycatcher | 12 between Kms 57-60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012. |
| Mugimaki Flycatcher | 3 females south of Ankanggang at Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012. |
| Taiga Flycatcher | 1 south of Ankanggang at Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012. |
| Eurasian Tree Sparrow | 10 in the small wooded coastal shelter belt & gardens south of Ankanggang at Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012. |
| Forest Wagtail | 1 flew over south of Ankanggang at Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012. |
| Eastern Yellow Wagtail | 30 near Donggang on the 12/5/2012. 20 of these were near the Yalu Jiang between Kms 57-61 on Bin Hai Lu while the other 10 were at the Km 71 shorebirds study 'Site 2'. |
| White Wagtail | 5, including four <i>leucopsis</i> , between Kms 57-60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012. |
| Richard's Pipit | 4 between Kms 57-60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012. |
| Olive-backed Pipit | 5 between Kms 57-60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012. |
| Pechora Pipit | 11 between Kms 57-60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012. |
| Red-throated Pipit | 1 flew over south of Ankanggang at Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012. |
| Grey-capped Greenfinch | 1 flew over south of Ankanggang at Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012. |
| Chinese Grosbeak | 1 male south of Ankanggang at Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012. |
| Tristram's Bunting | 4 between Kms 57-60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012. |
| Chestnut-eared Bunting | 1 south of Ankanggang at Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012. |
| Little Bunting | 1 south of Ankanggang at Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012. |
| Yellow-breasted Bunting VU | Terry saw three south of Ankanggang at Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012. |
| Chestnut Bunting | 7 near Donggang on the 12/5/2012. Four of these were south of Ankanggang at Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu while the other three were at Km 71.4. |
| Black-faced Bunting | 30 south of Ankanggang at Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012. |

Mammals, reptiles and amphibians

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| Manchurian Hare | 1 south of Ankanggang at Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012. |
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‘Eastern’ Black-tailed Godwits, Donggang.

Sunday 13 May 2012. Most of the day in the Donggang area, late afternoon flight back to Beijing.

High tide in Donggang today was at 14h11 and, at less than 6 metres, it was now only a modest tide.

Terry and me checked out and left the Shenda Seariver Hotel in Donggang at 05h00. We drove straight back to what we believe is the best passerine birding site close to town – the small strip of trees and scrub on the bank of the Yalu Jiang near Ankanggang (Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu). Arriving just 20 minutes later we spent the early morning there – and were joined by BAI Qingquan after just over an hour.

After almost 4.5 hours here we drove north up the western bank of the Yalu Jiang. We spent the rest of the morning and early afternoon exploring a few sites up there that were new to Terry and me. The first few sites were shore bird sites – and almost all were ones that Bai had previously seen Little Stints at. We also had a look at a couple of areas of flooded rice paddy and a couple of wooded shelter belts before heading on to Dandong's Langtou airport.

Our Air China flight (CA1632) was scheduled to leave Dandong airport at 15h55 and arrive Beijing at 17h35 and it actually left a couple of minutes early but just over 70 minutes in to the flight the captain announced that there was bad weather in Beijing and that we were being diverted to Dalian! We landed in Dalian, de-planed, kicked our heels for a while and then re-boarded. We thought that we'd be on our way shortly – but we weren't and instead we were fed and then we waited... The plane eventually took off again at 21h35 and took just 58 minutes to reach Beijing where our trip ended. My plane ticket cost 780 yuan

Weather

It had clearly rained a bit overnight. 15°C, with virtually no wind but 7/8 cloud cover and occasional fine drizzle besides the Yalu Jiang just south of Ankanggang (Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu) at 05h20. Visibility was rather poor perhaps being about four kilometres. The temperature barely picked up all morning and it was still only 16°C when we left that site at 08h45. There was then a very light southerly wind.

1. Wooded coastal shelter belt and gardens south of Ankanggang at Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang. (39°52.5'N., 124°12.3'E.)(05h20-09h40).

We again parked up at about Km 56.9 a site that's very close to the two massive government buildings where the side road intersects Bin Hai Lu. These buildings are apparently known locally as the Donggang Lingang Chan Ye Yuanqu Gang Kon Gong Ye Yuan Qu Zhan Shi Zhuang! We then walked out on to the tree and bush-lined embankment that runs north up the western (Chinese!) bank of the Yalu Jiang river. This small of trees was the most extensive we found in the entire Donggang area – and this site was consistently good for passerines!



The hedge along the western embankment of the Yalu River (Yalu Jiang). Great for passerines.

We did just as we'd done on our two previous visits – walked up the river embankment almost to the end before swinging off inland and exploring the small patches of young trees (a small forest nursery) about 50 metres in from the river. It is then possible to re-join Bin Hai Lu at about kilometre 56.

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| Japanese Quail | NT | 3 |
| Common Pheasant | | 5 |
| Chinese Spot-billed Duck | | 3 |
| Black-crowned Night Heron | | 2 first summers flew high overhead – the first at 05h50 & the second at 07h40 |
| Eastern Cattle Egret | | 4 flew north, with other egrets, at 08h38 |
| Grey Heron | | 3 singles flew high overhead |
| Purple Heron | | 4 were seen in flight – a single bird at 06h22, then another single & later a pair |
| Intermediate Egret | | 1 flew north, with other egrets, at 08h38 |
| Little Egret | | 3 flew north, with other egrets, at 08h38 |
| Falcon sp. | | 1 |
| Grey Plover | | 5 |
| Little Ringed Plover | | 2 |
| Kentish Plover | | 2 |
| Lesser Sand Plover | | 5 |
| Pintail or Swinhoe's Snipe | | 3 |
| Common Snipe | | 1 |
| Bar-tailed Godwit | | 10 |
| Whimbrel | | 10 |
| Eastern Curlew | VU | 5 |
| Common Redshank | | 8 |
| Common Greenshank | | 2 |
| Terek Sandpiper | | 10 |
| Common Sandpiper | | 2 |
| Ruddy Turnstone | | 2 |
| Red-necked Stint | | 25 |
| Dunlin | | 50 |
| Saunders's Gull | VU | 5 |
| 'Eastern' Little Tern | | 2 |
| Common Tern | | 10 |
| Oriental Turtle Dove | | 1 |
| Cuckoo sp. | | 2 |
| Common Kingfisher | | 1 |
| Eurasian Hoopoe | | 2 |

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| Ashy Minivet | 2 |
| Brown Shrike | 4 |
| Black-naped Oriole | 1 |
| Light-vented Bulbul | 2 |
| Barn Swallow | 50 |
| Radde's Warbler | 2 |
| Yellow-browed Warbler | 10 |
| Arctic or Kamchatka Warbler | 2 |
| Two-barred Warbler | 1 |
| Pale-legged or Sakhalin Leaf Warbler | 2 |
| Eastern Crowned Warbler | 1 |
| Oriental Reed Warbler | 6 |
| Black-browed Reed Warbler | 9 |
| Marsh Grassbird NT | 1 |
| Vinous-throated Parrotbill | 2 |
| Chestnut-flanked White-eye | 10 |
| White-eye sp. | 20 |
| Siberian Thrush | [1] |
| Grey-backed Thrush | 1 |
| Eyebrowed Thrush | 10 |
| Siberian Rubythroat | 2 – one male the other a female |
| Siberian Blue Robin | 3 – 2 males & one female |
| Rufous-tailed Robin | 5 |
| Common Stonechat | 2 males |
| White-throated Rock Thrush | 4 males |
| Dark-sided Flycatcher | 2 |
| Asian Brown Flycatcher | 12 |
| Yellow-rumped Flycatcher | 3 – one male & two females |
| Mugimaki Flycatcher | 3 females |
| Taiga Flycatcher | 2 |
| Eurasian Tree Sparrow | 10 |
| Eastern Yellow Wagtail | 11 |
| White Wagtail | 1 <i>leucopsis</i> |
| Richard's Pipit | 1 |
| Blyth's Pipit | 1 flew over at 08h28 |
| Olive-backed Pipit | 3 |
| Pechora Pipit | 2 |
| Common Rosefinch | 2 |
| Chinese Grosbeak | 5 |
| Black-faced Bunting | 4 |

Mammals, reptiles & amphibians

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| Siberian Weasel | 1 |
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2. Roadside pool at Km 54 on Hai Bin Lu, Donggang. (39°54.0'N., 124°12.8'E.)(10h00-11h35)

This modest sized (150 x 100 metres), irregularly shaped, shallow, freshwater pool held a decent array of shorebirds – including (presumed breeding) Eurasian Oystercatchers and three Little Stints. The pool is probably less than one kilometre inland from the tidal Yalu Jiang river and might well act as a high tide roost site for species such as Red-necked Stint.

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| Grey Heron | 1 |
| Eurasian Oystercatcher | 2 – a pair that were probably breeding here |
| Black-winged Stilt | 6 |
| Little Ringed Plover | 6 |
| Kentish Plover | 2 |
| Spotted Redshank | 22 |
| Common Redshank | 4 |
| Marsh Sandpiper | 4 |
| Common Greenshank | 1 |
| Green Sandpiper | 1 |
| Wood Sandpiper | 14 |
| Common Sandpiper | 1 |
| Red-necked Stint | 40 |
| Little Stint | 3 |
| Long-toed Stint | 3 |
| Sharp-tailed Sandpiper | 8 |
| Curlew Sandpiper | 12 |
| Dunlin | 30 |
| Broad-billed Sandpiper | 2 |
| Common Tern | 2 |
| Arctic or Kamchatka Warbler | 1 |
| Rufous-tailed Robin | 1 |
| Eastern Yellow Wagtail | 30 including four <i>taivana</i> & 12 <i>simillima</i> |
| Pechora Pipit | 1 |
| Red-throated Pipit | 1 |

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| Little Bunting | 1 |
| Yellow-browed Bunting | 2 |
| Yellow-breasted Bunting VU | 15 |
| Chestnut Bunting | 3 |
| Black-faced Bunting | 4 |
| Pallas's Bunting | 2 |

3. Roadside pool at Dataizigang (Km 53) on Hai Bin Lu, Donggang. (39°54.6'N., 124°13.2'E.)(11h40-11h50)

This very small (40 x50 metre) roadside pool is very close to the Yalu Jiang river and is even more likely to act as a high tide roost site for small shorebirds such as Red-necked Stint. Unfortunately we only learnt about it today – and weren't able to check it out at high tide. Bai's seen Little Stints here quite regularly.

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| Japanese Quail NT | 1 |
| Red-necked Stint | 43 |
| Dunlin | 100 |
| Black-faced Bunting | 2 |

4. Roadside rice paddies at Km 50.8 on Hai Bin Lu, Donggang (39°55.6'N., 124°14.0'E.)(11h55-12h15)

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| Black-crowned Night heron | 4 adults |
| Purple Heron | 1 |
| Great Egret | 2 |
| Little Egret | 4 |
| Black-winged Stilt | 1 |
| Lesser Sand Plover | 1 |
| Whimbrel | 12 |
| Common Greenshank | 2 |
| Wood Sandpiper | 30 |
| Common Sandpiper | 1 |
| Ruddy Turnstone | 1 |
| Common Stonechat | 1 female |
| Yellow-breasted Bunting VU | 3 |

5. Roadside woodland shelter belt (Kms 47-49) on Hai Bin Lu, Donggang. (12h45-13h40)

We stopped here to view some wader pools where Bai had previously seen Little Stint – but the pools were being in filled and there were no waders present. Instead we birded a roadside shelter belt – and found a decent array of migrants. This site is about 10 Kms from the sea.

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| Japanese Quail NT | 4 |
| Chinese Spot-billed Duck | 2 |
| Little Grebe | 1 |
| Purple Heron | 1 |
| Common Kestrel | 1 |
| Common Kingfisher | 2 |
| Yellow-browed Warbler | 3 |
| Arctic Warbler | 1 |
| Arctic or Kamchatka Warbler | 1 |
| Pale-legged or Sakhalin Leaf Warbler | 2 |
| Siberian Thrush | 1 first-year female |
| Rufous-tailed Robin | 3 |
| Grey-streaked Flycatcher | 1 |
| Dark-sided Flycatcher | 1 |
| Asian Brown Flycatcher | 5 |
| Mugimaki Flycatcher | 4 |
| Richard's Pipit | 3 |
| Black-faced Bunting | 2 |



Pale-Legged or Sakhalin Leaf Warbler, Donggang, 13 May 2012.

6. Hai Long Jia - a small village just a 15 minute drive from Dandong airport.

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| Eastern Cattle Egret | 20 | |
| Grey Heron | | |
| Purple Heron | | |
| Heron sp. | | |
| Great Egret | 2 | |
| <i>modesta</i> | | |
| <i>alba</i> | | |
| Intermediate Egret | 3 | |
| Little Egret | 2 | |
| Japanese Quail NT | | 8 near Donggang on the 13/5/2012. Three of these were in the small row of trees along the embankment of the Yalu Jiang south of Ankanggang (Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu), another birds was near Dataizigang (Km 53) on Bin Hai Lu & the remaining four birds were near the roadside woodland shelter belt (Kms 47-49) on Bin Hai Lu. |
| Common Pheasant | | 5 near the Yalu Jiang south of Ankanggang (Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu), Donggang on the 13/5/2012. |
| Chinese Spot-billed Duck | | 5 near Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 13/5/2012. Three of these were near Ankanggang (Km 57) while the other two were at Km 47. |
| Little Grebe | | 1 near Km 47 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 13/5/2012. |
| Black-crowned Night Heron | | 6 near Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 13/5/2012. Two first-years flew over near Ankanggang (Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu) while four adults were seen sitting beside flooded rice paddies at Km 50.8 on the same road. |
| Eastern Cattle Egret | | 24 near Donggang on the 13/5/2012. Four of these flew north (with three Little & an Intermediate Egret) at Ankanggang (Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu) while another 20 were near Hai Long Jia & not very far from Dandong airport. |
| Grey Heron | | 4 between Kms 54-57 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 13/5/2012. |
| Purple Heron | | 6 birds were seen in flight near Donggang on the 13/5/2012. These involved 1-4 birds at three different sites. Four flew over at Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu as did singles at Km 50.8 & Km 48. |
| Great Egret | | 4 near Donggang on the 13/5/2012. Two were in fields near Km 50.8 while two more were near Hai Long Jia (a small village just a 15 minute drive from Dandong airport). |
| Intermediate Egret | | 4 near Donggang on the 13/5/2012. One of these flew north (with four Eastern Cattle & three Little Egrets) at Ankanggang (Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu) while another three were near Hai Long Jia & not very far from Dandong airport. |
| Little Egret | | 9 near Donggang on the 13/5/2012. Three of these flew north (with four Eastern Cattle & one Intermediate Egret) at Ankanggang (Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu) while another four were in roadside paddies at Km 50.8 on Bin Hai Lu while the final two were near Hai Long Jia & not very far from Dandong airport. |
| Common Kestrel | | 1 adult male flew over the roadside shelter belt (Kms 47-49) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 13/5/2012. |
| Falcon sp. | | 1 flew over the Yalu Jiang south of Ankanggang (Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu), Donggang on the 13/5/2012. |

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| Eurasian Oystercatcher | 2, a presumed breeding pair, on a roadside pool at Km 54 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 13/5/2012. |
| Black-winged Stilt | 7 near Donggang on the 13/5/2012. Six of these were on a roadside pool at Km 54 on Bin Hai Lu while the other was in paddies just three kilometres further north. |
| Grey Plover | 1 on the Yalu Jiang mudflats south of Ankanggang (Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu), Donggang on the 13/5/2012. |
| Little Ringed Plover | 8 near Donggang on the 13/5/2012 and there was a suspected breeding pair near Ankanggang (Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu) and six others on a couple of pools about three kilometres further north. |
| Kentish Plover | 4 near Donggang on the 13/5/2012 and there was a suspected breeding pair near Ankanggang (Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu) and another besides a pools about three kilometres further north. |
| Lesser Sand Plover | 4 near Donggang on the 13/5/2012. These involved five on the Yalu Jiang mudflats near Ankanggang (Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu) and another in roadside paddies about six kilometres further north. |
| Pintail or Swinhoe's Snipe | √4 near Donggang on the 13/5/2012. Three of these were in fields near Ankanggang (Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu) while the other was on the edge of woodland shelter belt (Kms 47-49). |
| Common Snipe | 1 displaying (winnowing) bird over the fields near Ankanggang (Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu), Donggang on the 13/5/2012. |
| Bar-tailed Godwit | 10 on the Yalu Jiang mudflats south of Ankanggang (Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu), Donggang on the 13/5/2012. |
| Whimbrel | 22 near Donggang on the 13/5/2012. These involved 10 on the Yalu Jiang mudflats near Ankanggang (Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu) and another 12 in roadside paddies about six kilometres further north. |
| Eastern Curlew VU | 5 on the Yalu Jiang mudflats south of Ankanggang (Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu), Donggang on the 13/5/2012. |
| Spotted Redshank | 22 on a roadside pool at Km 54 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 13/5/2012. |
| Common Redshank | 12 near Donggang on the 13/5/2012. Eight of these were on the Yalu Jiang mudflats when viewed from Ankanggang (Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu) while the other four were on a roadside pool at Km 54. |
| Marsh Sandpiper | 4 on a roadside pool at Km 54 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 13/5/2012. |
| Common Greenshank | 5 near Donggang on the 13/5/2012. These involved two on the Yalu Jiang mudflats near Ankanggang (Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu) and three others within six kilometres further north of there. |
| Green Sandpiper | 1 on a roadside pool at Km 54 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 13/5/2012. |
| Wood Sandpiper | 44 near Donggang on the 13/5/2012. These involved 14 on the roadside pool at Km 54 on Bin Hai Lu & 30 on roadside paddies at about three kilometres further north. |
| Terek Sandpiper | 10 on the Yalu Jiang mudflats when viewed from Ankanggang (Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu), Donggang on the 13/5/2012. |
| Common Sandpiper | 4 near Donggang on the 13/5/2012. These involved two on the Yalu Jiang mudflats near Ankanggang (Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu) and two others within six kilometres further north. |
| Ruddy Turnstone | 3 near Donggang on the 13/5/2012. These involved two on the Yalu Jiang mudflats when viewed from near Ankanggang (Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu) and one on roadside paddies at about six kilometres further north. |
| Red-necked Stint | 108 near Donggang on the 13/5/2012. These involved 25 on the Yalu Jiang mudflats near Ankanggang (Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu), 40 on a roadside pool at Km 54 on Bin Hai Lu & 43 on a similar pool at Dataizigang (Km 53). |
| Little Stint | 3 on a roadside pool at Km 54 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 13/5/2012. Terry managed to photograph one of them. |
| Long-toed Stint | 3 on a roadside pool at Km 54 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 13/5/2012. Terry managed to photograph one of them. |
| Sharp-tailed Sandpiper | 8 on a roadside pool at Km 54 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 13/5/2012. Terry managed to photograph one of them. |
| Curlew Sandpiper | 12 on a roadside pool at Km 54 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 13/5/2012. Terry managed to photograph one of them. |
| Dunlin | 180 near Donggang on the 13/5/2012. These involved 50 on the Yalu Jiang mudflats near Ankanggang (Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu), 30 on a roadside pool at Km 54 on Bin Hai Lu & 100 on a similar pool at Dataizigang (Km 53). |
| Broad-billed Sandpiper | 2 on a roadside pool at Km 54 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 13/5/2012. Terry managed to photograph one of them. |
| Saunders's Gull VU | 5 over the Yalu Jiang mudflats south of Ankanggang (Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu), Donggang on the 13/5/2012. |
| 'Eastern' Little Tern | 2 over the Yalu Jiang mudflats south of Ankanggang (Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu), Donggang on the 13/5/2012. |
| Common Tern | 13 near Donggang on the 13/5/2012. These involved 10 over the Yalu Jiang mudflats south of Ankanggang (Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu), two (a breeding pair) on a roadside pool at Km 54 on Bin Hai Lu & another about three kilometres further north. |
| Oriental Turtle Dove | 1 near Ankanggang (Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu), Donggang on the 13/5/2012. |
| Cuckoo sp. | 2 singles near Ankanggang (Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu), Donggang on the 13/5/2012. |
| Common Kingfisher | 3 near Donggang on the 13/5/2012. These involved one near Ankanggang (Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu) and two more near the roadside woodland shelter belt at Km 47 on Bin Hai Lu. |
| Eurasian Hoopoe | 2, a pair that were apparently carrying food to young in a nest, near Ankanggang (Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu), Donggang on the 13/5/2012. |
| Ashy Minivet | 2 were heard over Ankanggang (Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu), Donggang on the 13/5/2012. |
| Brown Shrike | 2 near the riverside shelter belt Ankanggang (Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu), Donggang on the 13/5/2012. |
| Black-naped Oriole | 1 near the riverside shelter belt Ankanggang (Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu), Donggang on the 13/5/2012. |
| Light-vented Bulbul | 2 near Ankanggang & Dataizigang (Kms 57 & 53 respectively on Bin Hai Lu), Donggang on the 13/5/2012. |
| Barn Swallow | 50 between Ankanggang (Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu), & Donggang on the 13/5/2012. |
| Radde's Warbler | 2 near Ankanggang (Kms 57 on Bin Hai Lu), Donggang on the 13/5/2012. |
| Yellow-browed Warbler | 13 near Donggang on the 13/5/2012. 10 of these were near Ankanggang (Kms 57 on Bin Hai Lu) while the other three were in the roadside woodland shelter belt between Kms 47-49. |
| Arctic Warbler | 1 calling bird in the roadside woodland shelter belt (Kms 47-49) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 13/5/2012. |
| Arctic or Kamchatka Warbler | 4 near Donggang on the 13/5/2012. Two of these were near Ankanggang (Kms 57 on Bin Hai Lu), another was near the roadside pool at Km 54 on Bin Hai Lu while the fourth bird was in the roadside woodland shelter belt between Kms 47-49. |
| Two-barred Warbler | 2 in the riverside shelter belt near Ankanggang (Kms 57 on Bin Hai Lu), Donggang on the 13/5/2012. |
| Pale-legged or Sakhalin Leaf Warbler | 4 near Donggang on the 13/5/2012. Two of these were near Ankanggang (Kms 57 on Bin Hai Lu) while the other two were in the roadside woodland shelter belt between Kms 47-49. |
| Eastern Crowned Warbler | 1 in the riverside shelter belt near Ankanggang (Kms 57 on Bin Hai Lu), Donggang on the 13/5/2012. |
| Oriental Reed Warbler | 6 in a reed bed near Ankanggang (Kms 57 on Bin Hai Lu), Donggang on the 13/5/2012. |
| Black-browed Reed Warbler | 9 in a reed bed near Ankanggang (Kms 57 on Bin Hai Lu), Donggang on the 13/5/2012. |
| Marsh Grassbird NT | 1 singing bird was heard near Ankanggang (Kms 57 on Bin Hai Lu), Donggang on the 13/5/2012. |

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| Vinous-throated Parrotbill | 2 near Ankanggang (Kms 57 on Bin Hai Lu), Donggang on the 13/5/2012. |
| Chestnut-flanked White-eye | 10 in the shelter belt besides the Yalu Jiang near Ankanggang (Kms 57 on Bin Hai Lu), Donggang on the 13/5/2012. |
| White-eye sp. | 20 near Ankanggang (Kms 57 on Bin Hai Lu), Donggang on the 13/5/2012. |
| Siberian Thrush | 2 females near Dandong on the 13/5/2012. Terry saw the first in the woodland near Ankanggang (Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu) in the early morning while the other was in a roadside shelter belt near Kms 48 in the early afternoon. |
| Grey-backed Thrush | 1 female in the woodland near Ankanggang (Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu), Donggang on the 13/5/2012. |
| Eyebrowed Thrush | 10 in the woodland near Ankanggang (Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu), Donggang on the 13/5/2012. |
| Siberian Rubythroat | 2, a male & a female, in the woodland near Ankanggang (Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu), Donggang on the 13/5/2012. |
| Siberian Blue Robin | 2, two males & a female, in the woodland near Ankanggang (Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu), Donggang on the 13/5/2012. |
| Rufous-tailed Robin | 9 near Donggang on the 13/5/2012. Five of these were in the woodland near Ankanggang (Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu), another was close to the roadside pool at Km 54 on Bin Hai Lu & the remaining three were in the roadside shelter belt near Km 48 in the early afternoon. |
| Common Stonechat | 3 near Dandong on the 13/5/2012. Two males near Ankanggang (Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu) in the early morning & a female at Km 50.8 on Bin Hai Lu in the early afternoon. |
| White-throated Rock Thrush | 4 males in the woodland near Ankanggang (Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu), Donggang on the 13/5/2012. |
| Grey-streaked Flycatcher | 1 in the roadside woodland shelter belt (Kms 47-49) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 13/5/2012. |
| Dark-sided Flycatcher | 3 near Donggang on the 13/5/2012. Two of these were near Ankanggang (Kms 57 on Bin Hai Lu) while the other was in the roadside woodland shelter belt between Kms 47-49. |
| Asian Brown Flycatcher | 17 near Donggang on the 13/5/2012. 12 of these were near Ankanggang (Kms 57 on Bin Hai Lu) while the other five were in the roadside woodland shelter belt between Kms 47-49. |
| Yellow-rumped Flycatcher | 3, one male & two females, in the woodland near Ankanggang (Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu), Donggang on the 13/5/2012. |
| Mugimaki Flycatcher | 7 females near Donggang on the 13/5/2012. Three of these were near Ankanggang (Kms 57 on Bin Hai Lu) while the other four were in the roadside woodland shelter belt between Kms 47-49. |
| Taiga Flycatcher | 2 in the woodland near Ankanggang (Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu), Donggang on the 13/5/2012. |
| Eurasian Tree Sparrow | 10 near Ankanggang (Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu), Donggang on the 13/5/2012. |
| Eastern Yellow Wagtail | 41 near Donggang on the 13/5/2012. 11 of these were near Ankanggang (Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu) while the other 30 were around the roadside pool at Km 54. Two subspecies were seen - with four <i>taivana</i> & 12 <i>simillima</i> . |
| White Wagtail | 1 adult male <i>leucopsis</i> near Ankanggang (Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu), Donggang on the 13/5/2012. |
| Richard's Pipit | 4 near Donggang on the 13/5/2012. One of these flew north at Ankanggang (Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu) while another three were in fields between Kms 47-49 on Bin Hai Lu. |
| Blyth's Pipit | 1 calling bird flew over us near Ankanggang (Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu), Donggang at 08h28 on the 13/5/2012. |
| Olive-backed Pipit | 3 near Ankanggang (Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu), Donggang on the 13/5/2012. |
| Pechora Pipit | 3 near Donggang on the 13/5/2012. Two of these were near Ankanggang (Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu) while the other was around the roadside pool at Km 54. |
| Red-throated Pipit | 1 besides the roadside pool at Km 54 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 13/5/2012. |
| Common Rosefinch | 2 flew north over the woodland near Ankanggang (Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu), Donggang on the 13/5/2012. |
| Chinese Grosbeak | 2 flew over the woodland near Ankanggang (Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu), Donggang on the 13/5/2012. |
| Little Bunting | 1 near the roadside pool at Km 54 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 13/5/2012. |
| Yellow-browed Bunting | 2 near the roadside pool at Km 54 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 13/5/2012. |
| Yellow-breasted Bunting VU | 18 in Donggang on the 13/5/2012. 15 of these were near the roadside pool at Km 54 on Bin Hai Lu while the other three were in roadside paddies about another three kilometres further north. |
| Chestnut Bunting | 3 near the roadside pool at Km 54 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 13/5/2012. |
| Black-faced Bunting | 12 around Donggang on the 13/3/2012. Four of these were near Ankanggang (Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu), four more were near the roadside pool at Km 54 on Bin Hai Lu, two more were besides the roadside pool at Dataizigang (Km 53) while the last four were in the shelter belt between Kms 47-49. |
| Pallas's Bunting | 2 males near the roadside pool at Km 54 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 13/5/2012. |

Mammals, reptiles and amphibians

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| Siberian Weasel | Terry saw 1 near Ankanggang (Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu), Donggang on the 13/5/2012. |
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BIRD LIST

Four figures are given in parentheses - the first two of these figures details how many days out of 14, that particular species was seen in Liaoning. The third figure notes the highest daily count and the fourth the number of bird-days. Hence the entry for Japanese Quail reads (9/11 18 79) - birds were noted on nine of the 10 days I was in Liaoning, with up to 18 individuals on any one date and with a total of 79 bird-days.

Names, order and taxonomy follow the CBR [China Bird Report] Checklist of Birds of China v2.0 (2011) accessed on-line 15 Sept. 2011.

JAPANESE QUAIL *Coturnix japonica* NT 鹌鹑

(9/10 18 79)

3 between Jinshitan & Zhuanghe on the 3/5/2012. These included one near the Biliu river.

2 near the Zhuanghe river mouth at Km 224 on Bin Hai Lu on the 6/5/2012.

4 were heard around Donggang on the morning of the 7/5/2012. Two of these were heard at 'Site 2' with two more being heard at the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang).

18 around Donggang on the 8/5/2012 with two at 'Site 2' and 16 more near the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang).

12 around Donggang on the 9/5/2012 with 11 near the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang) & just one at 'Site 2'.

10 in the area between the Ash Pond & Ankanggang (Kms 60-57) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012.

10 between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012.

12 between Kms 57-60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012.

8 near Donggang on the 13/5/2012. Three of these were in the small row of trees along the embankment of the Yalu Jiang south of Ankanggang (Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu), another birds was near Dataizigang (Km 53) on Bin Hai Lu & the remaining four birds were near the roadside woodland shelter belt (Kms 47-49) on Bin Hai Lu.

COMMON PHEASANT *Phasianus colchicus* 雉鸡

(9/11 13 39)

13 between Jinshitan & Zhuanghe on the 3/5/2012. These involved two near the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds, three about 2 Kms south of the Dengsha river, four in the tidal Qing Shui river nr Jinchang cun, two near Km 244 on the Bin Hai Lu & two more near the Zhuanghe river mouth.

2 near the Zhuanghe river mouth at Km 224 on Bin Hai Lu on the 6/5/2012.

1 at the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang), Donggang on the morning of the 7/5/2012.

2 near the Ash Pond, Donggang on the 8/5/2012.

2 at the Ash Ponds, Donggang on the 9/5/2012.

5 in the area between the Ash Pond & Ankanggang (Kms 60-57) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012.

6 between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012.

3 between Kms 57-60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012.

5 near the Yalu Jiang south of Ankanggang (Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu), Donggang on the 13/5/2012.

COMMON SHELDUCK *Tadorna tadorna* 翘鼻麻鸭

(5/11 170 343)

9 in the Zhuanghe river mouth on the 3/5/2012.

6 near the Zhuanghe river mouth at Km 224 on Bin Hai Lu on the 6/5/2012.

73 at shorebird study 'Site 2', Donggang on the 8/5/2012.

170 around Donggang on the 9/5/2012 with 77 in the Yalu Jiang near the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang) & 93 on the mudflats at 'Site 2'.

85 on the tidal mudflats at Km 71.4 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012.

GADWALL *Anas strepera* 赤膀鸭

(5/11 6 16)

2 near the Zhuanghe river mouth at Km 224 on Bin Hai Lu on the 6/5/2012.

2, a pair, near the Ash Pond, Donggang on the 8/5/2012.

2, a pair, at the Ash Ponds, Donggang on the 9/5/2012.

4, two pairs, in the Ash Pond area at Km 60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012.

6, three pairs, on the Ash Ponds at Km 60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012.

[In addition Bai Qingquan saw 2 at the Ash Pond on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012].

FALCATED DUCK *Anas falcata* NT 罗纹鸭

(1/11 2 2)

2 near the Zhuanghe river mouth at Km 224 on Bin Hai Lu on the 6/5/2012.

EURASIAN WIGEON *Anas penelope* 赤颈鸭

(2/11 2 3)

2 in the Zhuanghe river mouth on the 3/5/2012.

1 in the Ash Pond area at Km 60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012.

MALLARD *Anas platyrhynchos* 绿头鸭

(7/11 32 68)

15 between Jinshitan & Zhuanghe on the 3/5/2012. These included three near the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds, three more in the Dengsha river near Dalujia, two near the coastal fishponds near Xingshu (between Kms 326-325 on Bin Hai Lu) & two more in the Biliu river mouth.

32 near Jinzhou Bay refuse dump on the 4/5/2012.

5 near the Zhuanghe river mouth at Km 224 on Bin Hai Lu on the 6/5/2012.

3 on the sea at shorebird study 'Site 2', Donggang on the morning of the 7/5/2012.

5 at shorebird study 'Site 2', Donggang on the 8/5/2012.

5 at shorebird study 'Site 2', Donggang on the 9/5/2012.

1 in the Ash Pond area at Km 60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012.

CHINESE SPOT-BILLED DUCK *Anas zonorhyncha* 斑嘴鸭

(10/11 63 215)

63 between Jinshitan & Zhuanghe on the 3/5/2012. These included two near the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds, seven in the Dengsha river near Dalujia, three in the tidal Qing Shui river nr Jinchang cun, one in the coastal fishponds near Xingshu (between Kms 326-325 on Bin Hai Lu), two near Km 275.3 on the Bin Hai Lu, 11 in the Biliu river mouth, five on the tidal mudflats at Km 244 on the Bin Hai Lu & 27 in the Zhuanghe river mouth.

23 near Jinzhou Bay refuse dump on the 4/5/2012.

22 between Zhuanghe & Donggang on the 6/5/2012. These involved four at the freshwater pool on the edge of Zhuanghe town, 14 in the Zhuanghe river mouth, three at the Biliu river mouth & one in the smaller roadside marsh at Km 205.7 on Bin Hai Lu (2 Kms south of Sujiaquan cun).

23 around Donggang on the morning of the 7/5/2012. 16 on the sea at Site seven with two more at the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang).

21 around Donggang on the 8/5/2012 with 11 at 'Site 2' and 10 more near the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang).

27 around Donggang on the 9/5/2012 with four near the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang) & 23 on the mudflats at 'Site 2'.

15 in the area between the Ash Pond & Ankanggang (Kms 60-57) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012.

10 between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012.

6 between Kms 57-60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012.

5 near Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 13/5/2012. Three of these were near Ankanggang (Km 57) while the other two were at Km 47.

NORTHERN SHOVELER *Anas clypeata* 琵嘴鸭

(6/11 6 19)

1 in the Zhuanghe river mouth on the 3/5/2012.

3 near the Zhuanghe river mouth at Km 224 on Bin Hai Lu on the 6/5/2012.

6, five males and a female, near the Ash Pond, Donggang on the 8/5/2012.

4, two pairs, at the Ash Ponds, Donggang on the 9/5/2012.

4, two pairs, in the Ash Pond area at Km 60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012.

1 male on the Ash Ponds at Km 60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012.

GARGANEY *Anas querquedula* 白眉鸭

(2/11 7 9)

2 near the Zhuanghe river mouth at Km 224 on Bin Hai Lu on the 6/5/2012.

7, five males & two females, in the Ash Pond area at Km 60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012.

EURASIAN TEAL *Anas crecca* 绿翅鸭

(5/11 17 30)

6 on the tidal mudflats at Km 244 on the Bin Hai Lu, Pulandian on the 3/5/2012.

17 near the Zhuanghe river mouth at Km 224 on Bin Hai Lu on the 6/5/2012.

3 at shorebird study 'Site 2', Donggang on the morning of the 7/5/2012.

2, a pair, near the Ash Pond, Donggang on the 8/5/2012.

2 at shorebird study 'Site 2', Donggang on the 9/5/2012.

COMMON POCHARD *Aythya ferina* 红头潜鸭

(4/11 2 6)

2 males at the Ash Ponds, Donggang on the 9/5/2012.

2 males in the Ash Pond area at Km 60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012.

1 between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012.

1 male on the Ash Ponds at Km 60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012.

GREATER SCAUP *Aythya marila* 斑背潜鸭

(4/11 1 4)

- 1 female at the Ash Ponds, Donggang on the 9/5/2012.
- 1 female in the Ash Pond area at Km 60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012.
- 1 female between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012.
- 1 female on the Ash Ponds at Km 60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012.

STREAKED SHEARWATER *Calonectris leucomelas* 白额鸬

(1/11 110 110)

- 110 from the Yantai to Dalian ferry across the mouth of Bohai Wan on the 2/5/2012. Birds were seen just four times and all were encountered in a 50 minute period when we were between two and three hours out of Yantai. The first were three individuals at 14h41 (when we were 2 hours and 2 minutes out of Yantai)(38°00.6'N., 121°35.3'E.). The next were 40 birds at 14h58 (when we were 2 hrs. 19 minutes out of Yantai)(38°04.6'N., 121°36.7'E.). Two more were seen very shortly after that. The last 65 birds were seen at 15h31 (2 hours 52 minutes out of Yantai (38°08.8'N., 121°38.2'E.).

LITTLE GREBE *Tachybaptus ruficollis* 小鸊鷉

(7/11 10 42)

- 3 in coastal Pulandian on the 3/5/2012 - these included one one the near coastal fishponds between Kms 326-325 & near Xingshu on Bin Hai Lu.
- 5 around Donggang on the 8/5/2012 with one on a pool at 'Site 2' and four more near the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang).
- 7 at the Ash Ponds, Donggang on the 9/5/2012.
- 10 in the Ash Pond area at Km 60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012.
- 7 between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012.
- 9 near Donggang on the 12/5/2012 - four on a fish pond near Shorebirds study site 2 at Km
- 1 near Km 47 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 13/5/2012.

EURASIAN SPOONBILL *Platalea leucorodia* 白琵鹭

(1/11 2 2)

- 2, with seven Black-faced Spoonbills, near the Zhuanghe river mouth at Km 224 on Bin Hai Lu on the 6/5/2012.

BLACK-FACED SPOONBILL *Platalea minor* EN 黑脸琵鹭

(3/11 7 13)

- 5 in the Zhuanghe river mouth on the 3/5/2012.
- 7, with two Black-faced Spoonbills, near the Zhuanghe river mouth at Km 224 on Bin Hai Lu on the 6/5/2012.
- 1 flew southwest over the Ash Pond at Km 60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang at 11h38 on the 10/5/2012 (Paul HOLT, Terry TOWNSHEND & seen independently by BAI Qingquan)

BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERON *Nycticorax nycticorax* 夜鹭

(2/11 6 7)

- 1 flew high overhead near Ankanggang on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang at 17h30 on the 10/5/2012.
- 6 near Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 13/5/2012. Two first-years flew over near Ankanggang (Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu) while four adults were seen sitting beside flooded rice paddies at Km 50.8 on the same road.

STRIATED HERON *Butorides striata* 绿鹭

(1/11 1 1)

- 1 out on the mudflats at shorebird study 'Site 2', Donggang on the 9/5/2012.

CHINESE POND HERON *Ardeola bacchus* 池鹭

(2/11 1 2)

- 1 near Pikou, Zhuanghe on the 3/5/2012.
- 1 came in off the sea at shorebird study 'Site 2', Donggang on the 9/5/2012.

EASTERN CATTLE EGRET *Bubulcus coromandus* 牛背鹭

(2/11 24 28)

- 4 in roadside fields 3 Kms north of Pusamiao zhen (Km 139.6 on Bin Hai Lu), Zhuanghe on the 6/5/2012.
- 24 near Donggang on the 13/5/2012. Four of these flew north (with three Little & an Intermediate Egret) at Ankanggang (Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu) while another 20 were near Hai Long Jia & not very far from Dandong airport.

GREY HERON *Ardea cinerea* 苍鹭

(8/11 16 78)

- 5 in the Zhuanghe river mouth on the 3/5/2012.
4 between Zhuanghe & Donggang on the 6/5/2012. These involved two in the Zhuanghe river mouth, one in the Biliu river & one on the Zhangxiawang bay mudflats (between Kms 242-244 on the Bin Hai Lu).
12 around Donggang on the 8/5/2012. Five, a pair and then a flock of three came in off the sea at 'Site 2' while seven more were in the Yalu Jiang river channel near the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang) later in the day.
8 around Donggang on the 9/5/2012 with three near the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang) & five at 'Site 2'.
14 in the area between the Ash Pond & Ankanggang (Kms 60-57) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012. These included singles that flew over at 05h17, ca.06h30 & at 07h41.
15 between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012.
16 near Donggang on the 12/5/2012 - with seven around Km 57 on Hai Bin Lu in the morning, six between there & Km 61 in the afternoon & three near Km 71.4 midday.
4 between Kms 54-57 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 13/5/2012.

PURPLE HERON *Ardea purpurea* 草鹭

(6/11 6 12)

- 2 at the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang), Donggang on the morning of the 7/5/2012.
1 flew high to the northeast over the Ash Ponds, Donggang on the 8/5/2012.
1 flew over the Ash Pond area at Km 60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang at 08h00 on the 10/5/2012.
1 adult flew high to the east over the Yalu Jiang at Kms58 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang at 14h35 on the 11/5/2012.
1 adult flew high to the east over Km58 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012.
6 birds were seen in flight near Donggang on the 13/5/2012. These involved 1-4 birds at three different sites. Four flew over at Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu as did singles at Km 50.8 & Km 48.

GREAT EGRET *Ardea alba*

(5/11 4 8)

- 1 near Pikou, Zhuanghe on the 3/5/2012.
1 at shorebird study 'Site 2', Donggang on the 8/5/2012.
1 came in off the sea at shorebird study 'Site 2', Donggang on the 9/5/2012.
1 over Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012.
4 near Donggang on the 13/5/2012. Two were in fields near Km 50.8 while two more were near Hai Long Jia (a small village just a 15 minute drive from Dandong airport).

INTERMEDIATE EGRET *Mesophoyx intermedia* 中白鹭

(2/11 5 9)

- 5 from the Bin Hai Lu in coastal Pulandian on the 4/5/2012. Birds were seen at just two sites and there were two in near coastal fishponds between Kms 326-325 & near Xingshu & three at Km 275.3.
4 near Donggang on the 13/5/2012. One of these flew north (with four Eastern Cattle & three Little Egrets) at Ankanggang (Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu) while another three were near Hai Long Jia & not very far from Dandong airport.

LITTLE EGRET *Egretta garzetta* 白鹭

(5/11 12 38)

- 12 in Pulandian north of Jinshitan on the 3/5/2012. These included one in the tidal Qing Shui river nr Jinchang cun, four in the tidal river inlet of the Da Sha He & three near Km 275.3 on the Bin Hai Lu.
7 in coastal Zhuanghe on the 6/5/2012. These involved two at the Zhuanghe river mouth & five on the Zhangxiawang bay mudflats (between Kms 242-244 on the Bin Hai Lu).
9 at the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang), Donggang on the morning of the 7/5/2012.
1 flew over the Ash Pond area at Km 60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang at 05h28 on the 10/5/2012.
9 near Donggang on the 13/5/2012. Three of these flew north (with four Eastern Cattle & one Intermediate Egret) at Ankanggang (Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu) while another four were in roadside paddies at Km 50.8 on Bin Hai Lu while the final two were near Hai Long Jia & not very far from Dandong airport.

CHINESE EGRET *Egretta eulophotes* VU 岩鹭

(3/11 88 164)

- 75 in coastal Pulandian and Zhuanghe between Jinshitan & Zhuanghe on the 3/5/2012. Other than the sighting of a singleton that I didn't detail in my notes these involved 18 at five sites in coastal Pulandian and 57 at four coastal sites in Zhuanghe. Specifically birds were seen as follows - five near the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds, three in the Dengsha river near Dalujia, one in the tidal Qing Shui river nr Jinchang cun, four in the coastal fishponds near Xingshu (between Kms 326-325 on Bin Hai Lu), four more in the tidal river inlet of the Da Sha He, two near Km 275.3 on the Bin Hai Lu, one in the Biliu river mouth, ten on the tidal mudflats at Km 244 on the Bin Hai Lu, six on the mudflats immediately to the south of Zhuanghe Port & 40 in the Zhuanghe river mouth/Gili Dao area.

88 between Zhuanghe & Donggang on the 6/5/2012. These involved 77 in the Zhuanghe river mouth, one in the small bay at Zouquan tun (=Huayuan Kou & Km 268 on Bin Hai Lu), one in the Biliu river, two on the Zhangxiawang bay mudflats (between Kms 242-244 on the Bin Hai Lu) & seven in the bay immediately south of Zhuanghe Port (Km 228.5 on Bin Hai Lu).
1 at shorebird study 'Site 2', Donggang on the 8/5/2012.

GREAT CORMORANT *Phalacrocorax carbo* 普通鸬鹚

(3/11 1 3)

1 immature near the Ash Pond, Donggang on the 8/5/2012.
1 at the Ash Ponds, Donggang on the 9/5/2012.
1 in the Ash Pond area at Km 60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012.

ORIENTAL HONEY-BUZZARD *Pernis ptilorhyncus* 凤头蜂鹰

(1/11 3 3)

3 flew high to the south-south-east over the Ash Pond at Km 60, Donggang at 13h10 on the 11/5/2012.

EURASIAN SPARROWHAWK *Accipiter nisus* 雀鹰

(1/11 1 1)

1 over Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012.

GREY-FACED BUZZARD *Butastur indicus* 灰脸鵟鹰

(1/11 2 2)

2 flew north over a roadside ridge about two Kms south of the Dengsha river near Dalujia, Pulandian on the 3/5/2012.

COMMON KESTREL *Falco tinnunculus* 红隼

(9/11 3 11)

3 between Jinshitan & Zhuanghe on the 3/5/2012. These included one near the Biliu river.
1 near Jinzhou Bay refuse dump on the 4/5/2012.
1 near Zhuanghe on the 6/5/2012.
1 over the Shenda Seariver Hotel in Donggang on the 8/5/2012.
1 adult male at the Ash Ponds, Donggang on the 9/5/2012.
1 adult male in the Ash Pond area at Km 60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012.
1 adult male near the Ash Pond at Km 60, Donggang on the 11/5/2012.
1 over Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012.
1 adult male flew over the roadside shelter belt (Kms 47-49) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 13/5/2012.

AMUR FALCON *Falco amurensis* 红脚隼

(1/11 1 1)

1 adult male flew west over the Ash Ponds at Km 60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012.

EURASIAN HOBBY *Falco subbuteo* 燕隼

(2/11 2 3)

1 flew west over Yantai Port, Shandong on the 2/5/2012.
2 singles near Donggang on the 12/5/2012 - one over the shorebirds study Site 2 and the other over the Ash Pond at Km 60 on Bin Hai Lu.

PEREGRINE FALCON *Falco peregrinus* 游隼

(2/11 1 2)

1 over the tidal mudflats at Km 244 on the Bin Hai Lu, Pulandian on the 3/5/2012.
1 first-summer was causing havoc among the high-tide roosting shorebirds at the Ash Pond at Km 60, Donggang on the 11/5/2012.

FALCON SP.

(1/11 1 1)

1 flew over the Yalu Jiang south of Ankanggang (Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu), Donggang on the 13/5/2012.

BAILLON'S CRAKE *Porzana pusilla* 小田鸡

(1/11 2 2)

2 in the small marsh at the Ash Pond at Km 60, Donggang on the 11/5/2012.

[In addition Terry glimpsed one crane in flight that was probably this species in the Ash Pond area at Km 60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012].

COMMON MOORHEN *Gallinula chloropus* 黑水鸡

(7/11 5 23)

2 in the small roadside marsh at Km 205.7 on Bin Hai Lu (2 Kms south of Suijiaquan cun) Zhuanghe on the 6/5/2012.

3 at the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang), Donggang on the morning of the 7/5/2012.

5 on small marsh near the Ash Pond, Donggang on the 8/5/2012.

2 at the Ash Ponds, Donggang on the 9/5/2012.

3 in the Ash Pond area at Km 60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012.

3 at the Ash Pond at Km 60, Donggang on the 11/5/2012.

5 on the Ash Ponds at Km 60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012.

COMMON COOT *Fulica atra* 骨顶鸡

(8/11 10 29)

1 in coastal Pulandian on the 3/5/2012.

2 in the small roadside marsh at Km 205.7 on Bin Hai Lu (2 Kms south of Suijiaquan cun) Zhuanghe on the 6/5/2012.

2 at the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang), Donggang on the morning of the 7/5/2012.

4 on small marsh near the Ash Pond, Donggang on the 8/5/2012.

3 at the Ash Ponds, Donggang on the 9/5/2012.

5 in the Ash Pond area at Km 60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012.

2 at the Ash Pond at Km 60, Donggang on the 11/5/2012.

10 on the Ash Ponds at Km 60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012.

EURASIAN OYSTERCATCHER *Haematopus ostralegus* 蛎鹬

(9/11 16 55)

1 in the Biliu river on the 3/5/2012.

1 near the Zhuanghe river mouth at Km 224 on Bin Hai Lu on the 6/5/2012.

16 around Donggang on the morning of the 7/5/2012. 15 at 'Site 2' with one more at the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang).

5 around Donggang on the 8/5/2012 with two at 'Site 2' and three more near the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang).

3 around Donggang on the 9/5/2012 with two, a pair, near the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang) & just one at 'Site 2'.

8 in the area between the Ash Pond & Ankanggang (Kms 60-57) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012.

8 between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012.

11 at various sites along Bin Hai Lu near Donggang on the 12/5/2012. These involved one near Km 57 and six more between there and Km 60; two at shorebird study 'Site 2' (km 70) & two more at Km 71.4.

2, a presumed breeding pair, on a roadside pool at Km 54 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 13/5/2012.

BLACK-WINGED STILT *Himantopus himantopus* 黑翅长脚鹬

(9/11 15 50)

5 between Jinshitan & Zhuanghe on the 3/5/2012. These included two in the tidal Qing Shui river nr Jinchang cun and one near Km 244 on the Bin Hai Lu.

5 between Zhuanghe & Donggang on the 6/5/2012. These involved one on the freshwater pool on the edge of Zhuanghe town, two in the Zhuanghe river mouth & two more in the Biliu river mouth.

2 at the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang), Donggang on the morning of the 7/5/2012.

6 around Donggang on the 8/5/2012 with two, a pair that appeared to be breeding, at 'Site 2' and another two pairs, that also appeared to be breeding, more near the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang).

2, a pair, at the Ash Ponds, Donggang on the 9/5/2012.

15 in the area between the Ash Pond & Ankanggang (Kms 60-57) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012.

2, an apparent breeding pair, at the Ash Pond at Km 60, Donggang on the 11/5/2012.

6, three pairs, between Kms 57-60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012.

7 near Donggang on the 13/5/2012. Six of these were on a roadside pool at Km 54 on Bin Hai Lu while the other was in paddies just three kilometres further north.

PIED AVOCET *Recurvirostra avosetta* 反嘴鹬

(4/11 5 15)

3 in the Biliu river on the 3/5/2012.

3 at shorebird study 'Site 2', Donggang on the morning of the 7/5/2012.

5 at shorebird study 'Site 2', Donggang on the 8/5/2012.

4, apparently two pairs, at shorebird study 'Site 2', Donggang on the 9/5/2012.

GREY-HEADED LAPWING *Vanellus cinereus* 灰头麦鸡

(2/11 1 2)

1 flew over the Biliu river mouth, Zhuanghe on the 6/5/2012.

1 flew over the Ash Pond, Donggang on the 8/5/2012.

PACIFIC GOLDEN PLOVER *Pluvialis fulva* 金斑鸻

(8/11 31 68)

31 between Jinshitan & Zhuanghe on the 3/5/2012. These involved e over the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds, another in the tidal Qing Shui river nr Jinchang cun, one more in the Biliu river mouth and 28 on the tidal mudflats at Km 244 on the Bin Hai Lu.

29 at the Biliu river on the 6/5/2012.

1 at shorebird study 'Site 2', Donggang on the morning of the 7/5/2012.

2 singles around Donggang on the 8/5/2012 with a fly-over at 'Site 2' and one besides the Yalu Jiang near the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang) later in the day.

2 at the Ash Ponds, Donggang on the 9/5/2012.

1 in the Ash Pond area at Km 60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012.

1 with the high tide roosting Grey Plover flock at the Ash Pond at Km 60, Donggang on the 11/5/2012.

1 was heard at Km 71.4 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2

GREY PLOVER *Pluvialis squatarola* 灰斑鸻

(9/11 2520 8433)

440 between Jinshitan & Zhuanghe on the 3/5/2012. These involved 100 in the tidal river inlet of the Da Sha He, Pulandian and 340 on the tidal mudflats at Km 244 on the Bin Hai Lu.

463 between Zhuanghe & Donggang on the 6/5/2012. These involved 210 in the Zhuanghe river mouth, 65 on the tidal mudflats near Dongfangshen cun (Km 252.5 on the Bin Hai Lu), 138 in the Biliu river & 50 on the Zhangxiawang bay mudflats (between Kms 242-244 on the Bin Hai Lu).

900 around Donggang on the morning of the 7/5/2012. 400 at 'Site 2' with 500 more at the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang).

900 around Donggang on the 8/5/2012 with 300 at 'Site 2' and 500 more near the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang).

2520 around Donggang on the 9/5/2012 with 2370 near the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang) & 150 at 'Site 2'.

800 at the Ash Pond high tide roost at Km 60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012. Others were seen on the Yalu Jiang mudflats between there and Km 57 near Ankanggang but these are likely to have been the same and are not included in the total. A bird with a yellow flag on its right tarsus was seen at the

Ash Pond and this had been flagged in North-west Australia (19°0'S., 122°0'E.) sometime since August 1992. The resighting was a distance of approximately 6550 km, with a bearing of 2 degrees

2000 at the Ash Point high tide roost on the 11/5/2012.

505 between Kms 57 & 61 on Bin Hai Lu on the 12/5/2012. The vast majority of these, 485 birds, were at the Ash Ponds - but this still represents a dramatic reduction on recent days. This was probably due to the tide being significantly lower today.

1 on the Yalu Jiang mudflats south of Ankanggang (Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu), Donggang on the 13/5/2012.

LITTLE RINGED PLOVER *Charadrius dubius* 金眶鸻

(10/11 9 47)

7 between Jinshitan & Zhuanghe on the 3/5/2012. These involved one near the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds, two in the tidal Qing Shui river nr Jinchang cun, two more in the coastal fishponds near Xingshu (between Kms 326-325 on Bin Hai Lu) & two more on the tidal mudflats at Km 244.

2 near Jinzhou Bay refuse dump on the 4/5/2012.

9 between Zhuanghe & Donggang on the 6/5/2012. These involved four on the freshwater pool on the edge of Zhuanghe town, four more in the Zhuanghe river mouth & one in the Biliu river mouth.

6, three pairs, around Donggang on the 12/5/2012. There were at Km 57 and two pairs between there & the Ash Pond at Km 60.

8 near Donggang on the 13/5/2012 and there was a suspected breeding pair near Ankanggang (Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu) and six others on a couple of pools about three kilometres further north.

1 at shorebird study 'Site 2', Donggang on the morning of the 7/5/2012.

4 around Donggang on the 8/5/2012 with a pair at 'Site 2' and another pair near the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang).

2 around Donggang on the 9/5/2012 with one near the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang) & another at 'Site 2'.

4 in the area between the Ash Pond & Ankanggang (Kms 60-57) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012.

4, two pairs, between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012.

KENTISH PLOVER *Charadrius alexandrinus* 环颈鸻

(9/11 30 119)

6 in coastal Zhuanghe on the 3/5/2012 - three in the Biliu river mouth and three more on the tidal mudflats at Km 244.

7 near Zhuanghe on the 6/5/2012 - three in the Zhuanghe river mouth, 355 on the mudflats near Dongfangshen cun (Km 252.5 on the Bin Hai Lu), 23 in the small bay at Zouquan tun (=Huayuan Kou & Km 268 on Bin Hai Lu) & four in the Biliu river .

25 around Donggang on the morning of the 7/5/2012. 15 at 'Site 2' with 10 more at the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang).

30 around Donggang on the 8/5/2012 with five at 'Site 2' and 25 more near the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang).

8 around Donggang on the 9/5/2012 with 5 near the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang) & three more at 'Site 2'.

15 in the area between the Ash Pond & Ankanggang (Kms 60-57) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012.

10 between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012.

14 at various sites along Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012. There were four near Km 57, five between there & Km 60 and five more at shorebird study Site 2'.

4 near Donggang on the 13/5/2012 and there was a suspected breeding pair near Ankanggang (Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu) and another besides a pools about three kilometres further north.

LESSER SAND PLOVER *Charadrius mongolus* 蒙古沙鸻

(9/11 1300 4943)

155 in coastal Zhuanghe on the 3/5/2012. These involved 50 in the Biliu river mouth, 30 in the small bay at Zouquan tun (=Huayuan Kou) & 75 on the tidal mudflats at Km 244 on the Bin Hai Lu.
362 between Zhuanghe & Donggang on the 6/5/2012. These involved 186 in the Zhuanghe river mouth, 13 in the small bay at Zouquan tun (=Huayuan Kou & Km 268 on Bin Hai Lu), 161 in the Biliu river & just two on the Zhangxiawang bay mudflats (between Kms 242-244 on the Bin Hai Lu).
625 around Donggang on the morning of the 7/5/2012. 175 at 'Site 2' with 450 more at the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang).
1160 around Donggang on the 8/5/2012 with 120 at 'Site 2' and 1040 more near the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang).
235 around Donggang on the 9/5/2012 with 200 near the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang) & 35 at 'Site 2'.
1300 at the Ash Pond high tide roost at Km 60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012. Others were seen on the Yalu Jiang mudflats between there and Km 57 near Ankanggang but these are likely to have been the same and are not included in the total.
400 between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012.
700 on the Yalu Jiang mudflats between Kms 60 & 57 along Bin Hai Lu on the 12/5/2012.
4 near Donggang on the 13/5/2012. These involved five on the Yalu Jiang mudflats near Ankanggang (Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu) and another in roadside paddies about six kilometres further north.

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

(6/11 6 27)

4 in a small marsh near the Ash Pond, Donggang on the 8/5/2012.
1 at the Ash Ponds, Donggang on the 9/5/2012.
6 in the area between the Ash Pond & Ankanggang (Kms 60-57) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012.
6 between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012.
6 between Kms 57-60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012.
4 near Donggang on the 13/5/2012. Three of these were in fields near Ankanggang (Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu) while the other was on the edge of woodland shelter belt (Kms 47-49).

COMMON SNIPE *Gallinago gallinago* 扇尾沙锥

(3/11 2 4)

1 near the Zhuanghe river mouth at Km 224 on Bin Hai Lu on the 6/5/2012.
2 in the area between the Ash Pond & Ankanggang (Kms 60-57) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012.
1 displaying (winnowing) bird over the fields near Ankanggang (Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu), Donggang on the 13/5/2012.

ASIAN DOWITCHER *Limnodromus semipalmatus* NT 半蹼鹬

(5/11 2 8)

2 on the tidal mudflats at Km 244 on the Bin Hai Lu, Pulandian on the 3/5/2012. (Tom BEEKE & Paul HOLT)
1 in the br-tailed Godwit flock at shorebird study 'Site 2', Donggang on the 8/5/2012. Like the two birds I saw with Tom BEEKE south of Zhuanghe a few days ago this bird was feeding very actively in the middle of a sleeping flock of godwits!
1 at the Ash Ponds, Donggang on the 9/5/2012.
2 in the Ash Pond area at Km 60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012.
2 at the Ash Point high tide roost on the 11/5/2012. (BAI Qingquan, Paul HOLT & Terry TOWNSHEND)
[After Terry & me left BAI Qingquan saw another at 'Site 2 Part 2', Donggang on 19/5/2012. (BAI Qingquan in litt. 19 May 2012)].

'EASTERN' BLACK-TAILED GODWIT *Limosa [limosa] melanuroides* NT [黑尾塍鹬]

(7/11 220 352)

3 between Jinshitan & Zhuanghe on the 3/5/2012. These involved two in the Biliu river mouth, Zhuanghe and one on the tidal mudflats at Km 244 on the Bin Hai Lu, Pulandian.
3 in the Biliu river mouth, Zhuanghe on the 6/5/2012.
35 at shorebird study 'Site 2', Donggang on the morning of the 7/5/2012.
52 around Donggang on the 9/5/2012 with 23 near the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang) & 29 at 'Site 2'.
20 in the Ash Pond area at Km 60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012.
220 between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012. 20 of these were at the early afternoon high tide roost while a flock of 200 birds flew high to the west later in the day.
19 over Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012.

BAR-TAILED GODWIT *Limosa lapponica* 斑尾塍鹬

(9/11 10000 37938)

1570 between Jinshitan & Zhuanghe on the 3/5/2012. These involved 480 in the Biliu river mouth, 710 on the tidal mudflats at Km 244 on the Bin Hai Lu, 350 on the tidal mudflats near Dongfangshen cun (Km 252.5 on the Bin Hai Lu) & 30 in the Zhuanghe river mouth. Twelve flagged birds, seven with yellow flags, three with orange/white, one with black/white & another with black/green were seen at Dongfangshen cun. The yellow flagged birds had been marked in North-west Australia (approx. 19°0' S., 122°0' E.) sometime since August 1992. The resighting was a distance of approximately 12227 km, with a bearing of 325 degrees, from the marking location. The three orange/white flagged birds had been flagged in the Mankyung

Estuary, South Korea (35°52' N., 126°43' E.) on 13 May 1998. The resighting was a distance of approximately 6881 km, with a bearing of 322°. The bird with black/white flags on its right tibia (upper leg) was flagged at Chongming Dao, Shanghai, China (31°27'N., 121°55'E. sometime since April 2006. The final leg flagged bird had black/green on its left leg & had been flagged on the Thai peninsula (e.g. at Ko Libong), (approx. 7°15'N., 99°28'E.) sometime since April 2008. Four birds with engraved yellow flags were also seen at Dongfangshen cun. The first flag read ELF & this bird was banded at Eagles Roost, Roebuck Bay, Broome on 1 December 2005, had been seen a further 22 times in the Broome area over the following five years but our sighting was the first time this particular individual had been observed outside of Australia! Another bird, with engraved flag BW was seen & this individual was flagged at Beaches, Crab Ck Rd, Roebuck Bay, Broome (approx. 18°0' S, 122°22' E.) on 1/12/2005. That resighting was a distance of approximately 12113 km, with a bearing of 325°, from the marking location. A third yellow flag, this one engraved JNA, was also flagged at this same Beaches, Crab Ck Rd site – this time earlier this year on 6/03/2012 & it had been seen almost one month later on the 4 April in Roebuck Bay. The fourth bird, EAB, was also originally flagged at Beaches – this one on 21/09/2010. EPK was originally banded in Roebuck Bay on 11/3/2011 and had been sighted 14 times there since.

- 2558 between Zhuanghe & Donggang on the 6/5/2012. These involved 150 in the Zhuanghe river mouth, 355 on the mudflats near Dongfangshen cun (Km 252.5 on the Bin Hai Lu), 23 in the small bay at Zouquan tun (=Huayuan Kou & Km 268 on Bin Hai Lu), 675 in the Biliu river, 355 on the Zhangxiawang bay mudflats (between Kms 242-244 on the Bin Hai Lu) & 1000+ at 'Shorebird Study Site 5' in the Yalu Jiang NNR.
- 10,000 around Donggang on the morning of the 7/5/2012. 6000 at 'Site 2' with 4000 more at the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang).
- 9,000 around Donggang on the 8/5/2012 with 4000 at 'Site 2' and 5000 more on the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang). Several flagged birds were seen – one had an orange flag on its right tibia & had been flagged in Victoria (Australia (38°0'S., 145°0'E.) sometime since January 1990. The resighting was a distance of approximately 8915 km, with a bearing of 344 degrees, from the marking location. Another had a yellow flag on its right tibia & had been flagged in North-west Australia, (approx. 19°0'S., 122°0'E.) sometime since August 1992. The resighting was a distance of approximately 6546 km, with a bearing of 2 degrees, from the marking location. A third bird with an orange flag, this time also engraved D4, was seen at 'Site 2' – it had been originally banded at Off Mann's Beach, Corner Inlet, New Zealand (38°41'S., 146°50'E.) on 23/06/2009. The resighting was a distance of approximately 9034 km, with a bearing of 343°, from the marking location. This same individual had been seen at the Yalu Jiang on both the 5th & 10/5/2011 and on seven other occasions back in New Zealand.
- 6800 around Donggang on the 9/5/2012 with 6000 near the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang) & 800 at 'Site 2'. Three leg flagged birds were seen today – two with yellow flags on their tibia were on the Ash Pond and these had been flagged in North-west Australia (approx. 19°0' S., 122° 0' E.) sometime since August 1992. The resighting was a distance of approximately 6550 km, with a bearing of 2 degrees, from the marking location. Another bird, this one with black/white flags, at the same site had been flagged at Chongming Dao, Shanghai, China (approx. 31°27'N., 121°55'E.) sometime since April 2006. The resighting was a distance of approximately 957 km, with a bearing of 12 degrees, from the marking location.
- 4000 at the Ash Pond high tide roost at Km 60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012. Others were seen on the Yalu Jiang mudflats between there and Km 57 near Ankanggang but these are likely to have been the same and are not included in the total. One leg flagged bird was seen today – it had green/orange flags on its right tibia (upper leg) & had been flagged locally (i.e. in the Yalu Jiang Nature Reserve, Liaoning Province, China, sometime since early 2010.
- 3000 at the Ash Pond high tide roost on the 11/5/2012.
- 1000 near Donggang on the 12/5/2012. 500 of these were at shorebird study 'Site 2' (Km 70 on Bin Hai Lu), 200 more were at Km 71.4 and just 300 besides the Ash Ponds. As with Grey Plover today's numbers are a massive reduction on those of previous days - not doubt largely due to today's tide being much smaller.
- 10 on the Yalu Jiang mudflats south of Ankanggang (Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu), Donggang on the 13/5/2012.

WHIMBREL *Numenius phaeopus* 中杓鹬

(9/11 505 1228)

- 487 between Jinshitan & Zhuanghe on the 3/5/2012. These involved 450 in coastal Pulandian with specifically 249 near the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds, four two kilometres south of and 86 actually in the Dengsha river near Dalujia, five at the tidal Qing Shui river nr Jinchang cun, one in the coastal fishponds near Xingshu (between Kms 326-325 on Bin Hai Lu) and 15 in the tidal river inlet of the Da Sha He two near Km 275.3 on the Bin Hai Lu. A total of 137 more birds were counted in coastal Zhuanghe and these were 20 in the Biliu river mouth, four in the small bay at Zouquan tun (=Huayuan Kou), 40 at a high tide roost on the edge of the tidal mudflats near Dongfangshen cun (Km 252.5 on the Bin Hai Lu), 48 on the tidal mudflats at Km 244 on the Bin Hai Lu & 25 in the Zhuanghe river mouth.
- 505 between Zhuanghe & Donggang on the 6/5/2012. These involved seven on the small freshwater pool on the edge of Zhuanghe town, 335 in the Zhuanghe river mouth, 45 on the mudflats near Dongfangshen cun (Km 252.5 on the Bin Hai Lu), two in the small bay at Zouquan tun (=Huayuan Kou & Km 268 on Bin Hai Lu), 60 in the Biliu river, 45 on the Zhangxiawang bay mudflats (between Kms 242-244 on the Bin Hai Lu), one in the small roadside marsh 2 Kms south of Suijiaquan cun, Zhuanghe (Km 205.7 on Bin Hai Lu) & 10 at 'Shorebird Study Site 5' in the Yalu Jiang NNR.
- 45 around Donggang on the morning of the 7/5/2012. 30 at 'Site 2' with 15 more at the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang).
- 50 around Donggang on the 8/5/2012 with 20 at 'Site 2' and 30 more on the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang).
- 12 around Donggang on the 9/5/2012 with 10 near the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang) & just two at 'Site 2'.
- 30 in the area between the Ash Pond & Ankanggang (Kms 60-57) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012.
- 20 between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012.
- 57 along Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012. These involved 10 near Km 57, 40 more besides the Yalu Jiang between there and the Ash Ponds at Km 60; five at shorebird study 'Site 2' (KM 70) & just two near Km 71.4.
- 22 near Donggang on the 13/5/2012. These involved 10 on the Yalu Jiang mudflats near Ankanggang (Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu) and another 12 in roadside paddies about six kilometres further north.

EURASIAN CURLEW *Numenius arquata* NT 白腰杓鹬

(7/11 215 595)

- 11 in coastal Zhuanghe on the 3/5/2012 - one in the Biliu river mouth and ten on the tidal mudflats at Km 244 on the Bin Hai Lu.
- 147 between Zhuanghe & Donggang on the 6/5/2012. These involved 50 in the Zhuanghe river mouth, 95 in the Biliu river & 2 at 'Shorebird Study Site 5' in the Yalu Jiang NNR.
- 60 around Donggang on the morning of the 7/5/2012. 50 at 'Site 2' with 10 more at the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang).
- 215 around Donggang on the 8/5/2012 with just five at 'Site 2' and 210 more on the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang). I arrived at the latter figure by counting all the curlew at the Ash Pond (2300 birds). As they were leaving I identified 326 birds to species and this yielded 30 Eurasian (9%) and 296 Eastern (91%) – extrapolating yields 9% of
- 102 around Donggang on the 9/5/2012 with 100 near the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang) & just two at 'Site 2'.
- 50 at the Ash Pond high tide roost at Km 60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012. Others were seen on the Yalu Jiang mudflats between there and Km 57 near Ankanggang but these are likely to have been the same and are not included in the total.

10 between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012.

EASTERN CURLEW *Numenius madagascariensis* VU 大杓鹬

(9/11 4000 11882)

92 between Jinshitan & Zhuanghe on the 3/5/2012. These involved two in the Dengsha river near Dalujia were the only ones seen in Pulandian while the 90 birds in coastal Zhuanghe involved 25 in the Biliu river mouth, 50 on the tidal mudflats at Km 244 on the Bin Hai Lu, 10 at the high tide wader roost on the edge of the tidal mudflats near Dongfangshen cun (Km 252.5 on the Bin Hai Lu) & 27 in the Zhuanghe river mouth.
1215 between Zhuanghe & Donggang on the 6/5/2012. These involved 1150 in the Zhuanghe river mouth, 15 in the Biliu river & 50 at 'Shorebird Study Site 5' in the Yalu Jiang NNR.
4000 around Donggang on the morning of the 7/5/2012. 1500 at 'Site 2' with 2500 more at the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang).
2130 around Donggang on the 8/5/2012 with 30 at 'Site 2' and 2100 more on the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang).
2080 around Donggang on the 9/5/2012 with 2000 near the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang) & 80 at shorebirds study 'Site 2'.
1500 at the Ash Pond high tide roost at Km 60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012. Others were seen on the Yalu Jiang mudflats between there and Km 57 near Ankanggang but these are likely to have been the same and are not included in the total.
500 between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012.
360 along Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012. These involved 10 near Km 57, 300 more besides the Yalu Jiang between there and the Ash Ponds at Km 60; 40 at shorebird study 'Site 2' (Km 70) & just 10 two near Km 71.4.
5 on the Yalu Jiang mudflats south of Ankanggang (Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu), Donggang on the 13/5/2012.

CURLEW SP. *Numenius arquata* or *N. madagascariensis*

(2/11 303 403)

303 between Jinshitan & Zhuanghe on the 3/5/2012. Eight in the tidal river inlet of the Da Sha He were the only ones seen in Pulandian while in coastal Zhuanghe there were 20 in the Biliu river mouth, 220 on the tidal mudflats at Km 244 on the Bin Hai Lu & 55 in the Zhuanghe river mouth.
100 between Zhuanghe & Donggang on the 6/5/2012. These involved 15 on the mudflats near Dongfangshen cun (Km 252.5 on the Bin Hai Lu), 20 in the Biliu river, 10 on the Zhangxiawang bay mudflats (between Kms 242-244 on the Bin Hai Lu) & 55 in the bay immediately south of Zhuanghe Port (Km 228.5 on Bin Hai Lu).

SPOTTED REDSHANK *Tringa erythropus* 鹤鹬

(9/11 87 376)

4 on the tidal mudflats at Km 244 on the Bin Hai Lu, Zhuanghe on the 3/5/2012.
29 between Zhuanghe & Donggang on the 6/5/2012. These involved one in the Zhuanghe river mouth, 27 in the Biliu river & one at 'Shorebird Study Site 5' in the Yalu Jiang NNR.
55 around Donggang on the morning of the 7/5/2012. 35 at 'Site 2' with 20 more at the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang).
31 around Donggang on the 8/5/2012 with 30 at 'Site 2' and one more on the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang).
72 at the Ash Ponds, Donggang on the 9/5/2012.
30 in the area between the Ash Pond & Ankanggang (Kms 60-57) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012.
40 between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012.
37 in & around the Yalu Jiang, Dandong on the 12.5.2012. Two of these were in the river at Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu while the other 35 were between there & the Ash Ponds at Km 60.
22 on a roadside pool at Km 54 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 13/5/2012.

COMMON REDSHANK *Tringa totanus* 红脚鹬

(9/11 27 119)

3 near the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds, Pulandian on the 3/5/2012.
5 between Zhuanghe & Donggang on the 6/5/2012. These involved three in the Zhuanghe river mouth and two in the Biliu river.
18 around Donggang on the morning of the 7/5/2012. Eight at 'Site 2' with 10 more at the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang).
12 around Donggang on the 8/5/2012 with two at 'Site 2' and 10 more on the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang).
7 around Donggang on the 9/5/2012 with 6 near the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang) & 1 at 'Site 2'.
15 in the area between the Ash Pond & Ankanggang (Kms 60-57) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012.
20 between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012.
27 along Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012. These involved 10 near Km 57, 15 more besides the Yalu Jiang between there and the Ash Ponds at Km 60 & just two near Km 71.4.
12 near Donggang on the 13/5/2012. Eight of these were on the Yalu Jiang mudflats when viewed from Ankanggang (Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu) while the other four were on a roadside pool at Km 54.

MARSH SANDPIPER *Tringa stagnatilis* 泽鹬

(6/11 40 71)

40 between Jinshitan & Zhuanghe on the 3/5/2012. These involved 20 in the tidal river inlet of the Da Sha He, Pulandian, eight in the Biliu river mouth and 12 on the tidal mudflats at Km 244 on the Bin Hai Lu.
9 near Zhuanghe on the 6/5/2012 - one in the Zhuanghe river mouth & eight on the Zhangxiawang bay mudflats (between Kms 242-244 on the Bin Hai Lu).
10 around Donggang on the morning of the 7/5/2012 with seven at 'Site 2' & three more at the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang).
7 at shorebird study 'Site 2', Donggang on the 8/5/2012.
1 in the Ash Pond area at Km 60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012.
4 on a roadside pool at Km 54 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 13/5/2012.

COMMON GREENSHANK *Tringa nebularia* 青脚鹬

(9/11 126 422)

98 between Jinshitan & Zhuanghe on the 3/5/2012. These involved 13 near the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds, 10 in the Dengsha river near Dalujia, one in the tidal Qing Shui river nr Jinchang cun, 15 in the tidal river inlet of the Da Sha He, 55 on the tidal mudflats at Km 244 on the Bin Hai Lu & four on the tidal mudflats near Dongfangshen cun (Km 252.5 on the Bin Hai Lu).

126 between Zhuanghe & Donggang on the 6/5/2012. These involved seven on the small freshwater pool on the edge of Zhuanghe town, 55 in the Zhuanghe river mouth, 25 in the Biliu river, 23 on the Zhangxiawang bay mudflats (between Kms 242-244 on the Bin Hai Lu), 12 in the Yingna River, close to Kanniuchang cun (Km 194 on Bin Hai Lu) & four at 'Shorebird Study Site 5' in the Yalu Jiang NNR.

35 around Donggang on the morning of the 7/5/2012 with 20 at 'Site 2' & 15 more at the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang).

40 around Donggang on the 8/5/2012 with 20 at 'Site 2' and another 20 on the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang).

35 around Donggang on the 9/5/2012 with 32 near the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang) & just three at 'Site 2'.

20 in the area between the Ash Pond & Ankanggang (Kms 60-57) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012.

35 between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012.

28 between Kms 57-60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012. 22 birds were on the Ash Pond with the other six or so being besides the Yalu Jiang.

5 near Donggang on the 13/5/2012. These involved two on the Yalu Jiang mudflats near Ankanggang (Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu) and three others within six kilometres further north of there.

NORDMANN'S GREENSHANK *Tringa guttifer* EN 小青脚鹬

(6/11 19 79)

16 around Donggang on the morning of the 7/5/2012 with BAI Qingquan counting nine at 'Site 2' (I saw seven) & both of us seeing seven more at the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang). Note that Bai Qingquan believes that these often associate with flocks of Grey Plover – they certainly were doing so today.

2 singles around Donggang on the 8/5/2012 with the first at 'Site 2' and the other on the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang).

19 at the Ash Ponds, Donggang on the 9/5/2012.

17 in the Ash Pond area at Km 60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012 (Paul HOLT & Terry TOWNSHEND). BAI Qingquan (pers. comm. Later in the day) had at least another six birds at a similar high tide roost in a private area of Donggang Port making a total of at least 23 in the area.

16 at the Ash Pond high tide roost on the 11/5/2012.

9 in the Ash Ponds at Km 60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012. Two birds, probably part of this earlier count of nine were later seen on the Yalu Jiang mudflats at Km 59.

GREEN SANDPIPER *Tringa ochropus* 白腰草鹬

(4/11 2 6)

2 near Jinzhou Bay refuse dump on the 4/5/2012.

1 in a small marsh near the Ash Pond, Donggang on the 8/5/2012.

2 in the area between the Ash Pond & Ankanggang (Kms 60-57) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012.

1 on a roadside pool at Km 54 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 13/5/2012.

WOOD SANDPIPER *Tringa glareola* 林鹬

(10/11 139 322)

139 between Jinshitan & Zhuanghe on the 3/5/2012. These involved 49 near the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds, 11 in the tidal Qing Shui river nr Jinchang cun, 65 in the coastal fishponds near Xingshu (between Kms 326-325 on Bin Hai Lu), 10 in the tidal river inlet of the Da Sha He and four on the tidal mudflats at Km 244 on the Bin Hai Lu.

1 near Jinzhou Bay refuse dump on the 4/5/2012.

3 singles between Zhuanghe & Donggang on the 6/5/2012. These involved sightings in the Zhuanghe river mouth, at the small roadside marsh 2 Kms south of Suijiacquan cun, Zhuanghe (Km 205.7 on Bin Hai Lu) & from the bridge over the Yingna River, close to Kanniuchang cun (Km 194 on Bin Hai Lu).

8 around Donggang on the morning of the 7/5/2012 with six at 'Site 2' & two more at the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang).

24 around Donggang on the 8/5/2012 with four at 'Site 2' and 20 more on the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang).

52 around Donggang on the 9/5/2012 with 31 near the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang) & 21 at 'Site 2'.

40 in the area between the Ash Pond & Ankanggang (Kms 60-57) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012.

5 between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012.

6 between Kms 57-60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012.

44 near Donggang on the 13/5/2012. These involved 14 on the roadside pool at Km 54 on Bin Hai Lu & 30 on roadside paddies at about three kilometres further north.

GREY-TAILED TATTLER *Tringa brevipes* 灰尾漂鹬

(5/11 3 8)

1 at shorebird study 'Site 2', Donggang on the morning of the 7/5/2012.

2 flew east at shorebird study 'Site 2', Donggang on the 8/5/2012.

1 at the Ash Ponds, Donggang on the 9/5/2012.

3 at the Ash Pond high tide roost on the 11/5/2012.

1 on the Ash Ponds at Km 60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012.

TEREK SANDPIPER *Xenus cinereus* 翘嘴鹬

(9/11 285 658)

15 between Jinshitan & Zhuanghe on the 3/5/2012. These involved two in the tidal river inlet of the Da Sha He, 40 in the Biliu river mouth, two in the small bay at Zouquan tun (=Huayuan Kou), 35 on the tidal mudflats at Km 244 on the Bin Hai Lu & five in the Zhuanghe river mouth.
 120 between Zhuanghe & Donggang on the 6/5/2012. These involved 85 in the Zhuanghe river mouth, 25 in the Biliu river, five on the Zhangxiawang bay mudflats (between Kms 242-244 on the Bin Hai Lu) & five at 'Shorebird Study Site 5' in the Yalu Jiang NNR.
 28 around Donggang on the morning of the 7/5/2012 with 25 at 'Site 2' & three more at the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang).
 285 around Donggang on the 8/5/2012 with 10 at 'Site 2' and 275 more on the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang).
 25 around Donggang on the 9/5/2012 with 20 near the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang) & 5 at 'Site 2'.
 30 in the area between the Ash Pond & Ankanggang (Kms 60-57) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012.
 40 between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012.
 28 between Kms 57-60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012.
 10 on the Yalu Jiang mudflats when viewed from Ankanggang (Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu), Donggang on the 13/5/2012.

COMMON SANDPIPER *Actitis hypoleucos* 矶鹬**(10/11 9 33)**

9 between Jinshitan & Zhuanghe on the 3/5/2012. These involved four near the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds, one in the Dengsha river near Dalujia, two in the tidal Qing Shui river nr Jinchang cun and two on the edge of the tidal mudflats at Km 244 on the Bin Hai Lu.
 2 near Jinzhou Bay refuse dump on the 4/5/2012.
 3 singles near Zhuanghe on the 6/5/2012. These involved sightings in the Zhuanghe river mouth, at the Biliu river & besides the small roadside marsh 2 Kms south of Suijiaquan cun (Km 205.7 on Bin Hai Lu).
 1 at shorebird study 'Site 2', Donggang on the morning of the 7/5/2012.
 3 around Donggang on the 8/5/2012 with one at 'Site 2' and two more on the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang).
 1 at shorebird study 'Site 2', Donggang on the 9/5/2012.
 3 in the area between the Ash Pond & Ankanggang (Kms 60-57) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012.
 3 between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012.
 4 between Kms 57-60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012.
 4 near Donggang on the 13/5/2012. These involved two on the Yalu Jiang mudflats near Ankanggang (Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu) and two others within six kilometres further north.

RUDDY TURNSTONE *Arenaria interpres* 翻石鹬**(9/11 69 124)**

69 between Jinshitan & Zhuanghe on the 3/5/2012. One near the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds was the only bird seen in Pulandian while further north there were eight in the Biliu river mouth, 15 on the tidal mudflats at Km 244 on the Bin Hai Lu, 35 at the high tide wader roost on the edge of the tidal mudflats near Dongfangshen cun (Km 252.5 on the Bin Hai Lu) & 10 in the Zhuanghe river mouth.
 6 between Zhuanghe & Donggang on the 6/5/2012. These involved one in the Zhuanghe river mouth, one on the mudflats near Dongfangshen cun (Km 252.5 on the Bin Hai Lu), one in the small bay at Zouquan tun (=Huayuan Kou & Km 268 on Bin Hai Lu) & three in the Biliu river.
 12 around Donggang on the morning of the 7/5/2012 with 10 at 'Site 2' & two more at the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang).
 8 around Donggang on the 8/5/2012 with two at 'Site 2' and six more on the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang).
 14 around Donggang on the 9/5/2012 with eight near the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang) & six at 'Site 2'. One bird at Ash Pond had an orange flag on its right tibia (upper leg) above blue flag on its right tarsus & had originally been flagged on King Island or in NW Tasmania, Australia, (approx. 39°53'S., 144°3'E.) sometime since 20/03/2007. The resighting was a distance of approximately 9094 km, with a bearing of 345°, from the marking location.
 6 in the area between the Ash Pond & Ankanggang (Kms 60-57) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012.
 4 between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012.
 2 between Kms 57-60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012.
 3 near Donggang on the 13/5/2012. These involved two on the Yalu Jiang mudflats when viewed from near Ankanggang (Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu) and one on roadside paddies at about six kilometres further north.

GREAT KNOT *Calidris tenuirostris* VU 大滨鹬**(8/11 4400 8777)**

478 between Jinshitan & Zhuanghe on the 3/5/2012. These involved eight in the Biliu river mouth, 320 on the tidal mudflats at Km 244 on the Bin Hai Lu & 150 at the high tide wader roost on the edge of the tidal mudflats near Dongfangshen cun (Km 252.5 on the Bin Hai Lu). One bird with an engraved yellow flag 2D was seen at the latter site – it had been banded at Beaches, Crab Ck Rd, Roebuck Bay, Broome (approx. 18°0'S., 122°22'E.), on the 1/01/2001. The resighting was a distance of approximately 12113 km, with a bearing of 325 degrees, from the marking location.
 744 between Zhuanghe & Donggang on the 6/5/2012. These involved 155 on the mudflats near Dongfangshen cun (Km 252.5 on the Bin Hai Lu), 14 in the small bay at Zouquan tun (=Huayuan Kou & Km 268 on Bin Hai Lu), five in the Biliu river, 270 on the Zhangxiawang bay mudflats (between Kms 242-244 on the Bin Hai Lu) & 300+ at 'Shorebird Study Site 5' in the Yalu Jiang NNR.
 4600 around Donggang on the morning of the 7/5/2012 with 4000 at 'Site 2' & 600 more at the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang).
 1780 around Donggang on the 8/5/2012 with 1700 at 'Site 2' and 80 more on the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang). Two birds with white flags on their right tibia were noted at 'Site 2' & these had been flagged at Chongming Dao, Shanghai, China (approx. 31°27' N., 121°55' E.) sometime since April 2003. The resighting was a distance of approximately 952 km, with a bearing of 11 degrees, from the marking location. Another five flagged birds were also at seen 'Site 2' & these had yellow flags on their tibia (upper legs) & were flagged in North-west Australia (19°0'S., 122°0' E.) sometime since August 1992. The resighting was a distance of approximately 6546 km, with a bearing of 2 degrees, from the marking location.
 680 around Donggang on the 9/5/2012 with 15 near the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang) & 665 at 'Site 2'. Two birds with yellow flags on their right tibia (upper leg) were on the Ash Pond & these had been flagged in North-west Australia (approx. 19° 0' S., 122°0' E.) sometime since August 1992. The resighting was a distance of approximately 6550 km, with a bearing of 2 degrees, from the marking location. Another bird with an orange flag on its right tibia (upper leg) was seen at 'Site 2' & this bird had been flagged in Victoria (Australia) (approx. 38°0' S., 145° 0'E.) sometime since January 1990. The resighting was a distance of approximately 8915 km, with a bearing of 344 degrees, from the marking location.
 50 in the area between the Ash Pond & Ankanggang (Kms 60-57) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012. One of these birds had a yellow leg flag and

had been banded in North-west Australia, (approx. 19°0'S., 122°0' E.) sometime since August 1992. The resighting was a distance of approximately 6550 km, with a bearing of 2 degrees, from the marking location.
200 at the Ash Pond high tide roost on the 11/5/2012.
445 near Donggang on the 12/5/2012. 400 of these were at shorebird study 'Site 2' (Km 70 on Bin Hai Lu), 20 more were at Km 71.4 and just 25 were besides the Ash Ponds. As with Grey Plover today's numbers are a massive reduction on those of previous days - not doubt largely due to today's tide being much smaller.

RED KNOT *Calidris canutus* 红腹滨鹬

(8/11 10 32)

10 between Jinshitan & Zhuanghe on the 3/5/2012. These involved three in the Biliu river mouth, six on the tidal mudflats at Km 244 on the Bin Hai Lu & one at the high tide wader roost on the edge of the tidal mudflats near Dongfangshen cun (Km 252.5 on the Bin Hai Lu).
1 near the Zhuanghe river mouth at Km 224 on Bin Hai Lu on the 6/5/2012.
7 around Donggang on the morning of the 7/5/2012 with five at 'Site 2' & two more at the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang).
4 around Donggang on the 8/5/2012 with two at 'Site 2' and another two on the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang).
5 around Donggang on the 9/5/2012 with one near the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang) & four at 'Site 2'.
1 in the Ash Pond area at Km 60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012.
2 at the Ash Pond high tide roost on the 11/5/2012.
2 on the Ash Ponds at Km 60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012.

SANDERLING *Calidris alba* 三趾滨鹬

(4/11 13 25)

13 in the Biliu river mouth, Zhuanghe on the 3/5/2012.
2 near Zhuanghe on the 6/5/2012 - singles in the Zhuanghe river mouth & at the Biliu river .
9 around Donggang on the morning of the 7/5/2012 with six at 'Site 2' & three more at the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang).
1 on the tidal mudflats near the Ash Pond, Donggang on the 8/5/2012.

RED-NECKED STINT *Calidris ruficollis* 红颈滨鹬

(9/11 598 2377)

14 between Jinshitan & Zhuanghe on the 3/5/2012. One in the tidal river inlet of the Da Sha He was the only sighting in Pulandian while further north there were nine in the Biliu river mouth and four on the tidal mudflats at Km 244 on the Bin Hai Lu.
38 between Zhuanghe & Donggang on the 6/5/2012. These involved four on the small freshwater pool on the edge of Zhuanghe town, 11 in the Zhuanghe river mouth, two in the small bay at Zouquan tun (=Huayuan Kou & Km 268 on Bin Hai Lu), 14 in the Biliu river & seven at 'Shorebird Study Site 5' in the Yalu Jiang NNR.
265 around Donggang on the morning of the 7/5/2012 with 250 at 'Site 2' & 15 more at the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang).
298 around Donggang on the 8/5/2012 with 255 at 'Site 2' and 43 more on the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang). Two leg flagged birds were seen – the first had an orange flag on its right tibia & had been flagged in Victoria (Australia) (approx. 38°0'S., 145°0'E.) sometime since January 1990. The resighting was a distance of approximately 8915 km, with a bearing of 344 degrees, from the marking location. The second had a yellow flag on its right tibia & had been flagged in North-west Australia (19°0'S., 122°0'E.) sometime since August 1992. The resighting was a distance of approximately 6546 km, with a bearing of 2 degrees, from the marking location.
67 around Donggang on the 9/5/2012 with two near the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang) & 65 at 'Site 2'.
560 on the Yalu Jiang mudflats between the Ash Pond at Km60 & near Ankanggang at Km 57 on the 10/5/2012. One bird with an flag on its right tarsus was seen & it had been flagged in the south east of South (approx. 38°0'S, 140°0'E.) sometime between November 1993 and March 1999. The resighting was a distance of approximately 8807 km, with a bearing of 348°, from the marking location.
598 on the Yalu Jiang mudflats between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012. One leg flagged bird was seen today – it had black/white flags on its right tibia (upper leg) & had been banded at Chongming Dao, Shanghai, (approx.. 31°27'N., 121°55'E.) sometime since April 2006. The resighting was a distance of approximately 957 km, with a bearing of 12 degrees, from the marking location.
429 on the tidal mudflats along Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012. These involved nine near Km 57, 300 more besides the Yalu Jiang between there and the Ash Ponds at Km 60; 75 at shorebird study 'Site 2' (KM 70) & 45 near Km 71.4. One leg flagged bird was seen today – like yesterday's bird it had black/white flags on its right tibia (upper leg) & had been banded at Chongming Dao, Shanghai, (approx.. 31°27'N., 121°55'E.) sometime since April 2006. The resighting was a distance of approximately 957 km, with a bearing of 12 degrees, from the marking location.
108 near Donggang on the 13/5/2012. These involved 25 on the Yalu Jiang mudflats near Ankanggang (Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu), 40 on a roadside pool at Km 54 on Bin Hai Lu & 43 on a similar pool at Dataizigang (Km 53).

LITTLE STINT *Calidris minuta* 小滨鹬

(3/11 3 6)

1 adult summer with Red-necked Stints on the Yalu Jiang mudflats between the Ash Pond at Km60 & near Ankanggang at Km 57 on the 10/5/2012.
2 separate birds between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012. The first was at the high tide wader roost right at the Ash Pond while the second was on the Yalu Jiang mudflats at about Km 58 on the Hai Bin Lu. (BAI Qingquan, Paul HOLT & Terry TOWNSHEND)
3 on a roadside pool at Km 54 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 13/5/2012. Terry managed to photograph two of them.

TEMMINCK'S STINT *Calidris temminckii* 青脚滨鹬

(1/11 1 1)

1 besides the tidal Qing Shui river nr Jinchang cun, Pulandian on the 3/5/2012.

LONG-TOED STINT *Calidris subminuta* 长趾滨鹬

(5/11 3 10)

- 1 at shorebird study 'Site 2', Donggang on the morning of the 7/5/2012.
3 around Donggang on the 8/5/2012 with two on a small stream channel at 'Site 2' and one more on the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang).
2 at the Ash Ponds, Donggang on the 9/5/2012.
1 on a near coastal freshwater pool at Km 71.4 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012.
3 on a roadside pool at Km 54 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 13/5/2012. Terry managed to photograph one of them.

[In addition BAI Qingquan saw 1 on the Yalu Jiang mudflats between the Ash Pond at Km60 & near Ankanggang at Km 57 on the 10/5/2012].
[In addition BAI Qingquan saw 1 on the Yalu Jiang mudflats between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012].

SHARP-TAILED SANDPIPER *Calidris acuminata* 尖尾滨鹬

(9/11 94 311)

- 18 between Jinshitan & Zhuanghe on the 3/5/2012. These involved one near the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds, one more in the tidal Qing Shui river nr Jinchang cun, 15 on the tidal mudflats at Km 244 on the Bin Hai Lu & one at the high tide wader roost on the edge of the mudflats near Dongfangshen cun (Km 252.5 on the Bin Hai Lu).
34 between Zhuanghe & Donggang on the 6/5/2012. These involved 13 in the Zhuanghe river mouth, 15 in the Biliu river, one on the Zhangxiawang bay mudflats (between Kms 242-244 on the Bin Hai Lu) & five at 'Shorebird Study Site 5' in the Yalu Jiang NNR.
50 around Donggang on the morning of the 7/5/2012 with 30 at 'Site 2' & 20 more at the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang).
94 around Donggang on the 8/5/2012 with 44 at 'Site 2' and 50 more on the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang).
35 around Donggang on the 9/5/2012 with 20 near the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang) & 15 at 'Site 2'.
25 in the area between the Ash Pond & Ankanggang (Kms 60-57) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012.
20 between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012.
27 near Donggang on the 12/5/2012. Five of these were at shorebird study 'Site 2' (Km 70 on Bin Hai Lu), two more were at Km 71.4 and 20 were besides the Ash Ponds.
8 on a roadside pool at Km 54 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 13/5/2012. Terry managed to photograph one of them.

CURLEW SANDPIPER *Calidris ferruginea* 弯嘴滨鹬

(8/11 15 54)

- 3 in coastal Zhuanghe on the 3/5/2012 - one at the Biliu river & two on the tidal mudflats at Km 244 on the Bin Hai Lu.
15 between Zhuanghe & Donggang on the 6/5/2012. These involved nine in the Zhuanghe river mouth, three in the small bay at Zouquan tun (=Huayuan Kou & Km 268 on Bin Hai Lu) & three more in the Biliu river.
6 around Donggang on the morning of the 7/5/2012 with three at 'Site 2' & three more at the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang).
1 around Donggang on the 8/5/2012 with seven at 'Site 2' and four more on the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang).
1 at shorebird study 'Site 2', Donggang on the 9/5/2012.
1 in the area between the Ash Pond & Ankanggang (Kms 60-57) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012.
5 on the Yalu Jiang tidal mudflats at Km59 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012.
12 on a roadside pool at Km 54 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 13/5/2012. Terry managed to photograph one of them.

DUNLIN *Calidris alpina* 黑腹滨鹬

(9/11 10400 49325)

- 8275 in coastal Zhuanghe on the 3/5/2012. Quite remarkably none were seen in Pulandian and the most southerly of the day's sightings involved 450 in the Biliu river mouth, another 450 were in the bay at Zouquan tun (=Huayuan Kou), a remarkable 7200 were counted on the tidal mudflats at Km 244 on the Bin Hai Lu at low tide while slightly further north there were 55 at the high tide wader roost on the edge of the tidal mudflats near Dongfangshen cun (Km 252.5 on the Bin Hai Lu). Lastly there were 120 in the Zhuanghe river mouth.
6140 between Zhuanghe & Donggang on the 6/5/2012. These involved 1145 in the Zhuanghe river mouth, 1020 on the mudflats near Dongfangshen cun (Km 252.5 on the Bin Hai Lu), 115 in the small bay at Zouquan tun (=Huayuan Kou & Km 268 on Bin Hai Lu), 960 in the Biliu river, 2450 on the Zhangxiawang bay mudflats (between Kms 242-244 on the Bin Hai Lu) & 450+ at 'Shorebird Study Site 5' in the Yalu Jiang NNR.
5000 around Donggang on the morning of the 7/5/2012 with 3000 at 'Site 2' & 2000 more at the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang).
10400 around Donggang on the 8/5/2012 with 3000 at 'Site 2' and 7400 more on the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang).
5500 around Donggang on the 9/5/2012 with 3000 near the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang) & 2500 at 'Site 2'.
8000 at the Ash Pond high tide roost at Km 60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012. Others were seen on the Yalu Jiang mudflats between there and Km 57 near Ankanggang but these are likely to have been the same and are not included in the total.
2000 at the Ash Pond high tide roost on the 11/5/2012. Two leg flagged birds were seen - one had yellow/white flags on its right tibia (upper leg) & had been flagged on Sakhalin Island (Russia) (approx. 52°5'N., 14°8'E.). The resighting was a distance of approximately 1987 km, with a bearing of 234°, from the marking location. The other bird had black/white flags on its right tibia (upper leg) & was flagged at Chongming Dao, Shanghai, (approx. 31°27'N., 121°55'E.) sometime since April 2006. We saw it approximately 952 km, with a bearing of 11°, from Chongming Dao.
3830 on the tidal mudflats along Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012. These involved 30 near Km 57, 3000 more besides the Yalu Jiang between there and the Ash Ponds at Km 60; 500 at shorebird study 'Site 2' (Km 70) & 300 near Km 71.4.
180 near Donggang on the 13/5/2012. These involved 50 on the Yalu Jiang mudflats near Ankanggang (Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu), 30 on a roadside pool at Km 54 on Bin Hai Lu & 100 on a similar pool at Dataizigang (Km 53).

BROAD-BILLED SANDPIPER *Limicola falcinellus* 阔嘴鹬

(9/11 1117 2454)

- 16 between Jinshitan & Zhuanghe on the 3/5/2012. These involved four in the Biliu river mouth, 11 on the tidal mudflats at Km 244 on the Bin Hai Lu & one

on the mudflats immediately to south of Zhuanghe Port.

16 near Zhuanghe on the 6/5/2012 - four in the Zhuanghe river mouth & 12 in the Biliu river .

44 around Donggang on the morning of the 7/5/2012 with 35 at 'Site 2' & nine more at the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang).

644 around Donggang on the 8/5/2012 with 137 at 'Site 2' and 527 more on the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang).

45 around Donggang on the 9/5/2012 with 20 near the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang) & 25 at 'Site 2'.

450 at the Ash Pond high tide roost at Km 60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012. Others were seen on the Yalu Jiang mudflats between there and Km 57 near Ankanggang but these are likely to have been the same and are not included in the total.

100 between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012.

1117 near Donggang on the 12/5/2012. Five of these were at shorebird study 'Site 2' (Km 70 on Bin Hai Lu), two more were at Km 71.4 and a massive 1110 were counted on the Yalu Jiang tidal mudflats between the Ash Ponds at Km 60 & Km 57. The latter count, easily my highest ever China count, was made on a late afternoon receding tide.

2 on a roadside pool at Km 54 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 13/5/2012. Terry managed to photograph one of them.

RUFF *Philomachus pugnax* 流苏鹬

(1/11 2 2)

2 singles near Donggang on the 8/5/2012 with a black neck-ruffed male at 'Site 2' and a female on the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang).

BLACK-HEADED GULL *Chroicocephalus ridibundus* 红嘴鸥

(7/11 3842 5988)

3842 between Jinshitan & Zhuanghe on the 3/5/2012. These involved 25 on roadside fishponds just two kilometres south of and 120 actually in the Dengsha river near Dalujia, two in the tidal Qing Shui river nr Jinchang cun, 175 in the tidal river inlet of the Da Sha He, 350 in the Biliu river mouth, 10 in the bay at Zouquan tun (=Huayuan Kou), 230 on the tidal mudflats at Km 244 on the Bin Hai Lu & easily the highest count of the day 2907 in the Zhuanghe river mouth.

65 near Jinzhou Bay refuse dump on the 4/5/2012.

2035 between Zhuanghe & Donggang on the 6/5/2012. These included 250 on the freshwater pool near Zhuanghe town, 1065 in the Zhuanghe river mouth, 35 on the mudflats near Dongfangshen cun (Km 252.5 on the Bin Hai Lu), 120 in the small bay at Zouquan tun (=Huayuan Kou & Km 268 on Bin Hai Lu), 350 in the Biliu river , & 75 on the Zhangxiawang bay mudflats (between Kms 242-244 on the Bin Hai Lu).

3 at the Ash Ponds, Donggang on the 9/5/2012.

6 in the area between the Ash Pond & Ankanggang (Kms 60-57) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012.

2 at the Ash Pond high tide roost on the 11/5/2012.

35 around the Yalu Jiang-Ash Point area (between Kms 57-61) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012.

SAUNDERS'S GULL *Chroicocephalus saundersi* VU 黑嘴鸥

(9/11 150 312)

28 between Jinshitan & Zhuanghe on the 3/5/2012. birds were seen at just three sites with one in the tidal river inlet of the Da Sha He, two in the Biliu river mouth & 25 in the Zhuanghe river mouth/Gili Dao area.

4 near Zhuanghe on the 6/5/2012 - three in the Zhuanghe river mouth & one in the Biliu river .

12 around Donggang on the morning of the 7/5/2012 with six at both 'Site 2' & at the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang).

48 around Donggang on the 8/5/2012 with three at 'Site 2' and 45 more on the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang).

150 in the area between the Ash Pond & Ankanggang (Kms 60-57) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012. A surprisingly high number, 136 birds, were counted at a high tide roost on the Ash Ponds and these involved 131 presumably non-breeding first-summers and just five adults. Quite a few other adults were seen at low tide later in the day hunting along the Yalu Jiang mudflats. BAI Qingquan (pers. comm. Later on the 10 May 2012) has seen a couple of similar flocks of non-breeding first0-summers in this area in mid-May before and one of these flocks held a remarkable 450 birds!

25 between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012.

20 around Donggang on the 12/5/2012. 16 of these were in the Yalu Jiang-Ash Ponds area between Kms 57-61 on Bin Hai Lu while just four were seen elsewhere - at the shorebirds study 'Site 2' at Km 71.

5 over the Yalu Jiang mudflats south of Ankanggang (Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu), Donggang on the 13/5/2012.

20 around Donggang on the 9/5/2012 with 15 near the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang) & five at 'Site 2'.

BLACK-TAILED GULL *Larus crassirostris* 黑尾鸥

(8/11 485 1174)

270 from the Yantai to Dalian ferry across the mouth of Bohai Wan on the 2/5/2012.

398 between Jinshitan & Zhuanghe on the 3/5/2012. These included 18 near the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds, 100 in the Dengsha river near Dalujia, 80 in the tidal river inlet of the Da Sha He, 40 in the Biliu river mouth, 20 in the small bay at Zouquan tun (=Huayuan Kou), 20 five on the tidal mudflats at Km 244 on the Bin Hai Ln the mudflats immediately south of Zhuanghe Port and 40 in the Zhuanghe river mouth.

485 near Jinzhou Bay refuse dump on the 4/5/2012.

8 between Zhuanghe & Donggang on the 6/5/2012. These involved four in the Zhuanghe river mouth, one in the small bay at Zouquan tun (=Huayuan Kou & Km 268 on Bin Hai Lu) & three in the Biliu river .

1 at the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang), Donggang on the morning of the 7/5/2012.

3 came in off the sea at shorebird study 'Site 2', Donggang on the 8/5/2012.

5 in the area between the Ash Pond & Ankanggang (Kms 60-57) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012. [BAI Qingquan saw another 50 in a private area of Donggang Port]

9 first-summers near Donggang on the 12/5/2012. Eight of these flew past the shorebirds study 'Site 2' at Km 71 on Bin Hai Lu while the other was over the Yalu Jiang close to the Ash Pond at Km 60.

MEW GULL *Larus canus* 海鸥

(2/11 15 16)

15 between Jinshitan & Zhuanghe on the 3/5/2012. These involved one near the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds, another in the Biliu river mouth & 13 in the Zhuanghe river mouth.

1 second calendar year near the Zhuanghe river mouth at Km 224 on Bin Hai Lu on the 6/5/2012.

[In addition BAI Qingquan saw 1 in a private area of Donggang Port on the 10/5/2012.]

'HERRING GULL ASSEMBLAGE'

(5/11 17 28)

7 from the Yantai to Dalian ferry across the mouth of Bohai Wan on the 2/5/2012.

17 between Jinshitan & Zhuanghe on the 3/5/2012. These involved two in the Dengsha river near Dalujia, four around the tidal river inlet of the Da Sha He, five in the Biliu river mouth & six in the Zhuanghe river mouth.

2 in the Biliu river mouth, Zhuanghe on the 6/5/2012.

1 first-summer at shorebird study 'Site 2', Donggang on the morning of the 7/5/2012.

1 first-summer at shorebird study 'Site 2', Donggang on the 9/5/2012.

HEUGLIN'S GULL *Larus heuglini* 乌灰银鸥

(1/11 1 1)

1 adult from the Yantai to Dalian ferry across the mouth of Bohai Wan on the 2/5/2012.

MONGOLIAN GULL *Larus mongolicus* 蒙古银鸥

(7/11 7 32)

6 from the Yantai to Dalian ferry across the mouth of Bohai Wan on the 2/5/2012.

5 between Jinshitan & Zhuanghe on the 3/5/2012. These involved one near the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds, another in the Biliu river mouth & three in the Zhuanghe river mouth.

3 near Jinzhou Bay refuse dump on the 4/5/2012.

7 between Zhuanghe & Donggang on the 6/5/2012. These involved five in the Zhuanghe river mouth, one in the small bay at Zouquan tun (=Huayuan Kou & Km 268 on Bin Hai Lu) & another in the Biliu river.

2 around Donggang on the morning of the 7/5/2012 with singles at both 'Site 2' & at the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang).

3 came in off the sea at shorebird study 'Site 2', Donggang on the 8/5/2012.

6 first- and second-years were around the shorebirds study 'Site 2' at Km 71 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012.

GULL-BILLED TERN *Gelochelidon nilotica* 鸥嘴噪鸥

(5/11 1 5)

1 was heard at shorebird study 'Site 2', Donggang on the 8/5/2012.

1 at the Ash Ponds, Donggang on the 9/5/2012.

1 on the Yalu Jiang mudflats between the Ash Ponds at Km 60 & near Ankanggang at Km 57 on the 10/5/2012.

1 on the Yalu Jiang mudflats between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012.

1 in the Yalu Jiang near Km 58 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012.

LITTLE TERN *Sternula albifrons sinensis*

(9/11 42 195)

5 between Jinshitan & Zhuanghe on the 3/5/2012 - three in the Biliu river mouth & two in the Zhuanghe river mouth.

4 between Zhuanghe & Donggang on the 6/5/2012 - one in the Zhuanghe river mouth & three near 'Shorebird Study Site 5' in the Yalu Jiang NNR.

35 around Donggang on the morning of the 7/5/2012 with five at 'Site 2' & 30 at the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang).

42 around Donggang on the 8/5/2012 with just two at 'Site 2' and 40 more on the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang).

17 around Donggang on the 9/5/2012 with 15 near the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang) & two at 'Site 2'.

40 in the area between the Ash Pond & Ankanggang (Kms 60-57) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012.

30 between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012.

20 near the Km 60 Ash Pond on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012.

2 over the Yalu Jiang mudflats south of Ankanggang (Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu), Donggang on the 13/5/2012.

COMMON TERN *Sterna hirundo* 普通燕鸥

(8/11 45 169)

1 *longipennis* at 'Shorebird Study Site 5' in the Yalu Jiang NNR, Donggang on the 6/5/2012.

1 *longipennis* at shorebird study 'Site 2', Donggang on the morning of the 7/5/2012.

25 near the Ash Pond, Donggang on the 8/5/2012. 20 of these were *longipennis* while at least one other was *minussensis*.

20, including five *longipennis* and the same number of *minussensis*, at the Ash Ponds, Donggang on the 9/5/2012.

45 including six *longipennis* & 10 *minussensis* in the area between the Ash Pond & Ankanggang (Kms 60-57) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012.

30, including three *longipennis* & one *minussensis*, between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012.

34 between Kms 57-60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012. Most of these were around the Ash Pond though several others were seen up the Yalu

Jiang. Only three birds were racially assigned - one *longipennis* & two *minussensis*.
13 near Donggang on the 13/5/2012. These involved 10 over the Yalu Jiang mudflats south of Ankanggang (Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu), two (a breeding pair) on a roadside pool at Km 54 on Bin Hai Lu & another about three kilometres further north.

WHISKERED TERN *Chlidonias hybrida* 须浮鸥

(1/11 1 1)

1 at the Ash Ponds, Donggang on the 9/5/2012.

HILL PIGEON *Columba rupestris* 岩鸽

(1/11 10 10)

10 at Km 244 on the Bin Hai Lu, Zhuanghe on the 3/5/2012.

ORIENTAL TURTLE DOVE *Streptopelia orientalis* 山斑鸠

(4/11 3 6)

3 near the tidal Qing Shui river nr Jinchang cun, Pulandian on the 3/5/2012.

1 near the Ash Pond at Km 60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012.

1 in the small wooded coastal shelter belt & gardens south of Ankanggang at Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012.

1 near Ankanggang (Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu), Donggang on the 13/5/2012.

EURASIAN COLLARED DOVE *Streptopelia decaocto* 灰斑鸠

(1/11 2 2)

2 near Km 320 & just a couple of kilometres north of Xingshu cun on Bin Hai Lu, Pulandian on the 3/5/2012

COMMON CUCKOO *Cuculus canorus* 大杜鹃

(1/11 1 1)

1 singing bird near the Ash Ponds at Km 60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012.

CUCKOO SP.

(3/11 2 4)

1 male near the Ash Pond at Km 60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012.

1 hepatic female near the Km 60 Ash Pond on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012.

2 singles near Ankanggang (Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu), Donggang on the 13/5/2012.

ORIENTAL SCOPS OWL *Otus sunia* 红角鸮

(1/11 1 1)

1 in the small wooded coastal shelter belt & gardens south of Ankanggang at Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012.

BLACK-CAPPED KINGFISHER *Halcyon pileata* 蓝翡翠

(1/11 1 1)

1 near the small wooded coastal shelter belt & gardens south of Ankanggang at Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012.

COMMON KINGFISHER *Alcedo atthis* 普通翠鸟

(7/11 3 15)

2 singles around Donggang on the morning of the 7/5/2012 with one at 'Site 2' & the other at the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang).

3 around Donggang on the 8/5/2012 with one at 'Site 2' and two singles near the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang).

1 at shorebird study 'Site 2', Donggang on the 9/5/2012.

1 near the Ash Pond at Km 60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012.

3, a pair and later as single bird, between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012.

2 near the Km 60 Ash Pond on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012.

3 near Donggang on the 13/5/2012. These involved one near Ankanggang (Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu) and two more near the roadside woodland shelter belt at Km 47 on Bin Hai Lu.

EURASIAN HOPOE *Upupa epops* 戴胜

(4/11 3 9)

- 3, a pair at Km 57 later as single bird near the Ash Pond, between Kms 57-60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012. At least one of the pair was seen repeatedly carrying food & was probably breeding nearby.
3 between Kms 57-60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012.
2, a pair that were apparently carrying food to young in a nest, near Ankanggang (Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu), Donggang on the 13/5/2012.

BLACK-WINGED CUCKOOSHRIKE *Coracina melaschistos* 暗灰鹑贝鸟

(2/11 1 2)

- 1 in scrub along the sea wall near Ankanggang (Km 57 on the Hai Bin Lu), Donggang on the 11/5/2012. (BAI Qingquan, Paul HOLT & Terry TOWNSHEND). This site (39°53.4'N., 124°12.6'E.) is 3.5 kilometres north of the Ash Ponds. Watched on-and-off for almost 1.5 hours from 09h20-10h40) it was photographed (by all three of us) and a description taken. The first record for Liaoning though there are several reports from Beidaihe and Happy Island in coastal Hebei as well as from Beijing. Several of Terry's images can be seen on his website at [\(give URL here\)](#). **Include a description – & supplement my field notes with detail from Terry's photos.**
1 male again in the small wooded coastal shelter belt & gardens south of Ankanggang at Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012.

ASHY MINIVET *Pericrocotus divaricatus* 灰山椒鸟

(6/11 6 15)

- 1 was heard as it flew north near Jinzhou Bay refuse dump on the 4/5/2012.
1 was heard over 'Site 2', Donggang on the morning of the 7/5/2012.
6 flew north over the Ash Ponds, Donggang on the 9/5/2012.
1 was heard over the Ash Pond at Km 60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012.
1 was heard over Km 57 on Hai Bin Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012.
4 between Kms 57-60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012.
2 were heard over Ankanggang (Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu), Donggang on the 13/5/2012.

TIGER SHRIKE *Lanius tigrinus* 虎纹伯劳

(1/11 1 1)

- 1 near Km 58 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012.

BROWN SHRIKE *Lanius cristatus* 红尾伯劳

(7/11 15 55)

- 4 between Jinshitan & Zhuanghe on the 3/5/2012.
42 around Donggang on the 8/5/2012 with one at 'Site 2' and eight more around the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang).
4 around Donggang on the 9/5/2012 with three near the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang) & one at 'Site 2'.
9 in the area between the Ash Pond & Ankanggang (Kms 60-57) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012.
10 between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012.
15 between Kms 57-60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012.
2 near the riverside shelter belt Ankanggang (Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu), Donggang on the 13/5/2012.

BLACK-NAPED ORIOLE *Oriolus chinensis* 黑枕黄鹂

(2/11 8 9)

- 8 south of Ankanggang at Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012.
1 near the riverside shelter belt Ankanggang (Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu), Donggang on the 13/5/2012.

COMMON MAGPIE *Pica pica* 喜鹊

(4/11 2 5)

- 1 near 'Site 2', Donggang on the morning of the 7/5/2012.
1 near the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang), Donggang on the 8/5/2012.
2 near the Ash Ponds, Donggang on the 9/5/2012.
1 was heard south of Ankanggang at Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012.

CHINESE PENDULINE TIT *Remiz consobrinus* 中华攀雀

(9/11 10 35)

- 2 in coastal Pulandian on the 3/5/2012 - singles over the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds & the Qing Shui river nr Jinchang cun.
1 was heard as it flew north near Jinzhou Bay refuse dump on the 4/5/2012.
5 near Zhuanghe on the 6/5/2012 - three over the Zhuanghe river mouth & two others over the Biliu river.
5 around Donggang on the morning of the 7/5/2012 with three being heard over 'Site 2' & two others being heard over the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang).
3 separate birds were heard at shorebird study 'Site 2', Donggang on the 8/5/2012.
3 flew north over the Ash Ponds, Donggang on the 9/5/2012.

10 in the area between the Ash Pond & Ankanggang (Kms 60-57) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012.
3 between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012.
3 flew over Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012.

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

(1/11 2 2)

2 on waste ground a couple of kilometres north of Pikou Port, Zhuanghe on the 3/5/2012.

LIGHT-VENTED BULBUL *Pycnonotus sinensis* 白头鹎

(8/11 5 18)

2 about two Kms south of the Dengsha river near Dalujia, Pulandian on the 3/5/2012.
2 near Jinzhou Bay refuse dump on the 4/5/2012.
1 near the Zhuanghe river mouth at Km 224 on Bin Hai Lu on the 6/5/2012.
35 around Donggang on the morning of the 7/5/2012 with two at 'Site 2' & five at the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang).
3 south of Ankanggang at Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012.
2 near Ankanggang & Datazigang (Kms 57 & 53 respectively on Bin Hai Lu), Donggang on the 13/5/2012.

[BROWN-EARED BULBUL *Microscelis amaurotis* 栗耳短脚鹎

Terry & BAI saw one flying south down the Yalu Jiang sea wall at Km57 on the Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012.]

SAND MARTIN *Riparia riparia* 崖沙燕

(7/11 10 36)

1 flew north over the Zhuanghe river mouth at Km 224 on Bin Hai Lu on the 6/5/2012.
3 over 'Site 2', Donggang on the morning of the 7/5/2012.
10 came in off the sea at shorebird study 'Site 2', Donggang on the 8/5/2012.
8 around Donggang on the 9/5/2012 with three over the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang) & five over 'Site 2'.
4 in the area between the Ash Pond & Ankanggang (Kms 60-57) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012.
1 flew over Km 57 north of the Ash Pond on the Hai Bin Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012.
7 (a party of six & then a single) flew north over Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012.

BARN SWALLOW *Hirundo rustica* 家燕

(11/11 65 256)

8 from the Yantai to Dalian ferry across the mouth of Bohai Wan on the 2/5/2012.
7 between Jinshitan & Zhuanghe on the 3/5/2012. These involved three near the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds, two at Dongfangshen cun (Km 252.5 on the Bin Hai Lu) and two more over the Zhuanghe river mouth.
10 near Jinzhou Bay refuse dump on the 4/5/2012.
11 near Zhuanghe on the 6/5/2012 - six over the Zhuanghe river mouth & five others over the Biliu river.
30 around Donggang on the morning of the 7/5/2012 with 10 over 'Site 2' & 20 around the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang).
30 around Donggang on the 8/5/2012 with 20 over 'Site 2' and ten more over the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang) area.
20 around Donggang on the 9/5/2012 with 10 over both the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang) & 'Site 2'.
10 in the area between the Ash Pond & Ankanggang (Kms 60-57) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012.
15 between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012.
65 near Donggang on the 12/5/2012. The majority of these, about 50 birds, were over a series of fishponds close to waders study 'Site 2' at Km 71 on Bin Hai Lu.
50 between Ankanggang (Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu), & Donggang on the 13/5/2012.

RED-RUMPED SWALLOW *Cecropis daurica* 金腰燕

(8/11 3 14)

3 from the Yantai to Dalian ferry across the mouth of Bohai Wan on the 2/5/2012.
3 between Jinshitan & Zhuanghe on the 3/5/2012. These involved two near the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds & one over the Zhuanghe river mouth.
2 near Zhuanghe on the 6/5/2012 - singles north over the Zhuanghe river mouth & the Biliu river.
1 over 'Site 2', Donggang on the morning of the 7/5/2012.
2 came in off the sea at shorebird study 'Site 2', Donggang on the 8/5/2012.
1 flew north over the Ash Ponds, Donggang on the 9/5/2012.
1 in the area between the Ash Pond & Ankanggang (Kms 60-57) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012.
1 was heard over Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012.

DUSKY WARBLER *Phylloscopus fuscatus* 褐柳莺

(2/11 1 2)

1 was heard at shorebird study 'Site 2', Donggang on the morning of the 7/5/2012.

1 near the Ash Pond at Km 60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012.

RADDE'S WARBLER *Phylloscopus schwarzi* 巨嘴柳莺

(5/11 7 17)

2 at the Ash Ponds, Donggang on the 9/5/2012.

7 in the area between the Ash Pond & Ankanggang (Kms 60-57) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012.

4 between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012.

2 singles between Kms 57-60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012.

2 near Ankanggang (Kms 57 on Bin Hai Lu), Donggang on the 13/5/2012.

YELLOW-BROWED WARBLER *Phylloscopus inornatus* 黄眉柳莺

(10/11 33 154)

10 between Jinshitan & Zhuanghe on the 3/5/2012.

33 around Donggang on the 8/5/2012 with eight at 'Site 2' and 25 more in the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang) area.

4 were heard near Jinzhou Bay refuse dump on the 4/5/2012.

6 near Zhuanghe on the 6/5/2012 - four the Zhuanghe river mouth & two others over the Biliu river .

20 at the Ash Ponds, Donggang on the 9/5/2012.

25 in the area between the Ash Pond & Ankanggang (Kms 60-57) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012.

8 around Donggang on the morning of the 7/5/2012 with five at 'Site 2' & three at the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang).

25 between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012.

10 between Kms 57-60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012.

13 near Donggang on the 13/5/2012. 10 of these were near Ankanggang (Kms 57 on Bin Hai Lu) while the other three were in the roadside woodland shelter belt between Kms 47-49.

ARCTIC WARBLER *Phylloscopus borealis* 极北柳莺

(2/11 1 2)

1 calling bird at Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012.

1 calling bird in the roadside woodland shelter belt (Kms 47-49) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 13/5/2012.

KAMCHATKA LEAF WARBLER *Phylloscopus examinandus*

(1/11 1 1)

1 calling bird at Km 58 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012. Photographed this was the first record for Liaoning & possibly only the second for mainland China. (Paul HOLT & Terry TOWNSHEND). Several images of this bird can be seen on Terry's website at

<http://birdingbeijing.com/2012/05/14/kamchatka-leaf-warbler/>

ARCTIC or KAMCHATKA LEAF WARBLER *Phylloscopus borealis* or *P. examinandus*

(2/11 4 6)

2 singles, both non-calling birds and both very likely regular Arctic Warblers, were seen at Kms 57 & 58, on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012.

4 near Donggang on the 13/5/2012. Two of these were near Ankanggang (Kms 57 on Bin Hai Lu), another was near the roadside pool at Km 54 on Bin Hai Lu while the fourth bird was in the roadside woodland shelter belt between Kms 47-49.

TWO-BARRED WARBLER *Phylloscopus plumbeitarsus* 双斑绿柳莺

(3/11 1 3)

1 near the Zhuanghe river mouth at Km 224 on Bin Hai Lu on the 6/5/2012.

1 at Km 58 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012.

2 in the riverside shelter belt near Ankanggang (Kms 57 on Bin Hai Lu), Donggang on the 13/5/2012.

ARCTIC or TWO-BARRED WARBLER

(1/11 1 1)

1 between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012.

PALE-LEGGED LEAF WARBLER *Phylloscopus tenellipes* 淡脚柳莺

(1/11 1 1)

1 singing in the woodland belt at Km 57 on Hai Bin Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012.

PALE-LEGGED or SAKHALIN LEAF WARBLER *Phylloscopus tenellipes* or *P. borealoides*

(6/11 5 19)

5 around Donggang on the 8/5/2012 with two on the sea wall at 'Site 2' and three more in scrub near the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang).
3 at the Ash Ponds, Donggang on the 9/5/2012.
2 in the area between the Ash Pond & Ankanggang (Kms 60-57) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012.
3 between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012.
2 birds, singles at Kms 57 & 61, on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012.
4 near Donggang on the 13/5/2012. Two of these were near Ankanggang (Kms 57 on Bin Hai Lu) while the other two were in the roadside woodland shelter belt between Kms 47-49.

EASTERN CROWNED WARBLER *Phylloscopus coronatus* 冕柳莺

(6/11 9 18)

2 near the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang), Donggang on the 8/5/2012.
2 at the Ash Ponds, Donggang on the 9/5/2012.
2 in the area between the Ash Pond & Ankanggang (Kms 60-57) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012.
9 between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012.
2 south of Ankanggang at Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012.
1 in the riverside shelter belt near Ankanggang (Kms 57 on Bin Hai Lu), Donggang on the 13/5/2012.

ORIENTAL REED WARBLER *Acrocephalus orientalis* 东方大苇莺

(7/11 8 41)

2 singing birds were heard between Donggang town and 'Site 2', Donggang on the morning of the 7/5/2012.
4 singing birds around Donggang on the 8/5/2012 with the first at 'Site 2' and the other three near the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang).
5 singing birds near the Ash Ponds, Donggang on the 9/5/2012.
8 in the area between the Ash Pond & Ankanggang (Kms 60-57) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012.
8 between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012.
8 between Kms 57-61 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012.
6 in a reed bed near Ankanggang (Kms 57 on Bin Hai Lu), Donggang on the 13/5/2012.

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

(6/11 11 37)

3 singing birds near the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang), Donggang on the 8/5/2012.
3 singing birds at the Ash Ponds, Donggang on the 9/5/2012.
5 in the area between the Ash Pond & Ankanggang (Kms 60-57) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012.
11 between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012.
6 between Kms 57-61 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012.
9 in a reed bed near Ankanggang (Kms 57 on Bin Hai Lu), Donggang on the 13/5/2012.

MARSH GRASSBIRD *Locustella pryeri* NT 斑背大尾莺

(6/11 5 17)

2 singing birds were heard near the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang), Donggang on the morning of the 7/5/2012.
4 singing birds the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang), Donggang on the 8/5/2012.
2 singing birds at the Ash Ponds, Donggang on the 9/5/2012.
3 in the area between the Ash Pond & Ankanggang (Kms 60-57) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012.
5 singing birds between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012.
1 singing bird was heard near Ankanggang (Kms 57 on Bin Hai Lu), Donggang on the 13/5/2012.

ZITTING CISTICOLA *Cisticola juncidis* 棕扇尾莺

(6/11 3 8)

1 near the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds, Pulandian on the 3/5/2012.
1 singing bird near the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang), Donggang on the 8/5/2012.
1 singing bird at the Ash Ponds, Donggang on the 9/5/2012.
1 was heard in the area between the Ash Pond & Ankanggang (Kms 60-57) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012.
3 singing birds between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012.

VINOUS-THROATED PARROTBILL *Sinosuthora webbiana* 棕头鸦雀

(4/11 8 15)

8 in the area between the Ash Pond & Ankanggang (Kms 60-57) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012. Birds were encountered at three different sites along Bin Hai Lu.
2 between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012.
2 near Ankanggang (Kms 57 on Bin Hai Lu), Donggang on the 13/5/2012.

CHINESE HILL BABBLER *Rhopophilus pekinensis* 白喉林莺

(1/11 1 1)

1 was heard in roadside scrub about two Kms south of the Dengsha river near Dalujia, Pulandian on the 3/5/2012.

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

(5/11 50 88)

2 in trees near the Qing Shui river nr Jinchang cun (about 8-10 Kms north of Dalijia town), Pulandian on the 3/5/2012.

20 between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012.

6 south of Ankanggang at Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012.

10 in the shelter belt besides the Yalu Jiang near Ankanggang (Kms 57 on Bin Hai Lu), Donggang on the 13/5/2012.

WHITE-EYE SP. *Zosterops sp.*

(4/11 50 100)

50 flew north over the Ash Ponds, Donggang on the 9/5/2012.

10 in the area between the Ash Pond & Ankanggang (Kms 60-57) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012.

50 between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012.

10 south of Ankanggang at Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012.

20 near Ankanggang (Kms 57 on Bin Hai Lu), Donggang on the 13/5/2012.

PURPLE-BACKED STARLING *Agropsar sturninus* 北椋鸟

(1/11 1 1)

1 male near the Shenda Seariver Hotel in Donggang on the 12/5/2012.

[In addition Bai Qingquan saw 3 in the woodland at Kms 57 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012].

SIBERIAN THRUSH *Zoothera sibirica* 白眉地鸫

(2/11 3 4)

3, including a well-seen first-summer male, between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012.

[Terry saw a female in the small wood at Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012].

2 females near Dandong on the 13/5/2012. Terry saw the first in the woodland near Ankanggang (Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu) in the early morning while the other was in a roadside shelter belt near Kms 48 in the early afternoon.

[WHITE'S THRUSH *Zoothera aurea* 怀氏虎鸫

Terry glimpsed one bird, possibly this species, in the small wood at Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012].

GREY-BACKED THRUSH *Turdus hortulorum* 灰背鸫

(3/11 3 5)

1 near the Ash Pond at Km 60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012.

3 south of Ankanggang at Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012.

1 female in the woodland near Ankanggang (Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu), Donggang on the 13/5/2012.

EYEBROWED THRUSH *Turdus obscurus* 白眉鸫

(3/11 50 62)

2, one of which was a first-summer female, near the Ash Pond at Km 60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012.

50, including one flock of perhaps 45 birds, south of Ankanggang at Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012.

10 in the woodland near Ankanggang (Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu), Donggang on the 13/5/2012.

NAUMANN'S THRUSH *Turdus naumanni* 红尾鸫

(1/11 1 1)

1 near the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang), Donggang on the 8/5/2012.

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(2/11 1 2)

1 was heard over the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang), Donggang on the morning of the 7/5/2012.

1 near the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang), Donggang on the 8/5/2012.

BLUETHROAT *Luscinia svecica* 蓝喉歌鸲

(3/11 3 5)

1 male in the small roadside marsh at Km 205.7 on Bin Hai Lu (2 Kms south of Suijiaquan cun), Zhuanghe on the 6/5/2012.
3 males around Donggang on the 8/5/2012 with the first two at 'Site 2' and the other near the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang).
1 male at the Ash Ponds, Donggang on the 9/5/2012.

SIBERIAN RUBYTHROAT *Luscinia calliope* 红喉歌鸲

(6/11 8 19)

2 males near the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang), Donggang on the 8/5/2012.
3 males at the Ash Ponds, Donggang on the 9/5/2012.
2, at least one of which was a male, near the Ash Pond at Km 60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012.
2 between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012.
8 between Kms 57-60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012.
2, a male & a female, in the woodland near Ankanggang (Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu), Donggang on the 13/5/2012.

SIBERIAN BLUE ROBIN *Luscinia cyane* 蓝歌鸲

(7/11 21 78)

1 near the Zhuanghe river mouth at Km 224 on Bin Hai Lu on the 6/5/2012.
18, 16 males and just two females, around Donggang on the 8/5/2012. These involved three at 'Site 2' and 15 in the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang) area.
11 around Donggang on the 9/5/2012 with 10 near the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang) & one in off the sea at 'Site 2'.
9 in the area between the Ash Pond & Ankanggang (Kms 60-57) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012.
15 between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012.
21 between Kms 57-60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012.
2, two males & a female, in the woodland near Ankanggang (Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu), Donggang on the 13/5/2012.

RUFIOUS-TAILED ROBIN *Luscinia sibilans* 红尾歌鸲

(5/11 18 35)

1 first-summer at the Ash Ponds, Donggang on the 9/5/2012.
2 in the area between the Ash Pond & Ankanggang (Kms 60-57) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012.
5 between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012.
18 between Kms 57-60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012.
9 near Donggang on the 13/5/2012. Five of these were in the woodland near Ankanggang (Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu), another was close to the roadside pool at Km 54 on Bin Hai Lu & the remaining three were in the roadside shelter belt near Km 48 in the early afternoon.

DAURIAN REDSTART *Phoenicurus aureoreus* 红腹红尾鸲

(1/11 1 1)

1 on Gili Dao in Zhuanghe river mouth on the 3/5/2012.

COMMON STONECHAT *Saxicola maurus* 黑喉石即鸟

(5/11 7 16)

7 near the Zhuanghe river mouth at Km 224 on Bin Hai Lu on the 6/5/2012.
3 around Donggang on the 8/5/2012 with the first two at 'Site 2' and the other near the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang).
1 at the Ash Ponds, Donggang on the 9/5/2012.
2 females in the area between the Ash Pond & Ankanggang (Kms 60-57) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012.
3 near Dandong on the 13/5/2012. Two males near Ankanggang (Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu) in the early morning & a female at Km 50.8 on Bin Hai Lu in the early afternoon.

BLUE ROCK THRUSH *Monticola solitarius* 蓝矶鸫

(2/11 3 4)

3 on Gili Dao in Zhuanghe river mouth on the 3/5/2012.
1 between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012.

WHITE-THROATED ROCK THRUSH *Monticola gularis* 白喉矶鸫

(4/11 7 14)

1 female at the Ash Ponds, Donggang on the 9/5/2012.

2 males between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012.
7, four males & three females, south of Ankanggang at Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012.
4 males in the woodland near Ankanggang (Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu), Donggang on the 13/5/2012.

GREY-STREAKED FLYCATCHER *Muscicapa griseisticta* 灰纹鹩

(4/11 2 5)

1 near the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang), Donggang on the 8/5/2012. My earliest ever date in north China for this rather late migrating flycatcher.
2 between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012.
1 south of Ankanggang at Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012.
1 in the roadside woodland shelter belt (Kms 47-49) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 13/5/2012.

DARK-SIDED FLYCATCHER *Muscicapa sibirica* 乌鹩

(3/11 3 7)

2 between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012.
2 in the small wooded coastal shelter belt & gardens south of Ankanggang at Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012.
3 near Donggang on the 13/5/2012. Two of these were near Ankanggang (Kms 57 on Bin Hai Lu) while the other was in the roadside woodland shelter belt between Kms 47-49.

ASIAN BROWN FLYCATCHER *Muscicapa dauurica* 北灰鹩

(7/11 24 95)

11 in the area between the Ash Pond & Ankanggang (Kms 60-57) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012.
2 singles near Donggang on the morning of the 7/5/2012 with one over 'Site 2' & the other flying over the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang).
16 around Donggang on the 8/5/2012 with one at 'Site 2' and the other 15 around the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang).
11 at the Ash Ponds, Donggang on the 9/5/2012.
14 between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012.
24 between Kms 57-60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012.
17 near Donggang on the 13/5/2012. 12 of these were near Ankanggang (Kms 57 on Bin Hai Lu) while the other five were in the roadside woodland shelter belt between Kms 47-49.

YELLOW-RUMPED FLYCATCHER *Ficedula zanthopygia* 白眉姬鹩

(6/11 19 67)

19 around Donggang on the 8/5/2012 with three at 'Site 2' and the other 16 around the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang).
3 at the Ash Ponds, Donggang on the 9/5/2012.
9, three males & six females, in the area between the Ash Pond & Ankanggang (Kms 60-57) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012.
17 between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012.
12 between Kms 57-60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012.
3, one male & two females, in the woodland near Ankanggang (Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu), Donggang on the 13/5/2012.

MUGIMAKI FLYCATCHER *Ficedula mugimaki* 鸺姬鹩

(5/11 7 17)

1, an adult male, at the Ash Ponds, Donggang on the 9/5/2012.
3 females in the area between the Ash Pond & Ankanggang (Kms 60-57) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012.
2 between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012.
3 females south of Ankanggang at Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012.
7 females near Donggang on the 13/5/2012. Three of these were near Ankanggang (Kms 57 on Bin Hai Lu) while the other four were in the roadside woodland shelter belt between Kms 47-49.

TAIGA FLYCATCHER *Ficedula albicilla* 红喉姬鹩

(6/11 2 7)

1 near the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang), Donggang on the 8/5/2012.
1 at the Ash Ponds, Donggang on the 9/5/2012.
1 near the Ash Pond at Km 60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012.
1 between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012.
1 south of Ankanggang at Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012.
2 in the woodland near Ankanggang (Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu), Donggang on the 13/5/2012.

BLUE-AND-WHITE FLYCATCHER *Cyanoptila cyanomelana* 白腹姬鹩

(2/11 3 4)

1 female at the Ash Ponds, Donggang on the 9/5/2012.
3 between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012.

EURASIAN TREE SPARROW *Passer montanus* 麻雀

(9/11 30 170)

20 near Jinzhou Bay refuse dump on the 4/5/2012.

20 near Zhuanghe on the 6/5/2012. These involved 10 near the Zhuanghe river mouth, five in the small bay at Zouquan tun (=Huayuan Kou & Km 268 on Bin Hai Lu) & five others over the Biliu river .

20 around Donggang on the morning of the 7/5/2012 with 10 at both 'Site 2' & at the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang).

30 around Donggang on the 8/5/2012 with 10 at 'Site 2' and 20 around the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang).

30 around Donggang on the 9/5/2012 with 20 near the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang) & 10 at 'Site 2'.

10 in the area between the Ash Pond & Ankanggang (Kms 60-57) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012.

20 between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012.

10 in the small wooded coastal shelter belt & gardens south of Ankanggang at Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012.

10 near Ankanggang (Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu), Donggang on the 13/5/2012.

FOREST WAGTAIL *Dendronanthus indicus* 山鹊鸂

(3/11 1 3)

1 flew north over the Ash Ponds at Km 60 & Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang at 07h39 on the 10/5/2012.

1 flew north over the Ash Pond at Km 60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang at 12h56 on the 11/5/2012.

1 flew over south of Ankanggang at Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012.

EASTERN YELLOW WAGTAIL *Motacilla tschutschensis* 黄鹊鸂

(10/11 45 234)

12 between Jinshitan & Zhuanghe on the 3/5/2012. These involved seven near the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds, two near the tidal Qing Shui river nr Jinchang cun, two at Km 275.3 on the Bin Hai Lu and one over the Biliu river mouth.

2 were heard near Jinzhou Bay refuse dump on the 4/5/2012.

4 near Zhuanghe on the 6/5/2012 - three near the Zhuanghe river mouth & one over the Biliu river .

15 around Donggang on the morning of the 7/5/2012 with five at 'Site 2' & 10 at the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang). None were seen on the ground.

35 around Donggang on the 8/5/2012 with 17 at 'Site 2' and 18 around the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang). Just three birds were seen well enough to racially assign and these involved one *macronyx* and two *tschutschensis*.

25 around Donggang on the 9/5/2012 with 20 near the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang) & just five at 'Site 2'. Only one bird was racially assigned & it was *macronyx*.

45 including five *macronyx*, in the area between the Ash Pond & Ankanggang (Kms 60-57) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012.

25, including two *macronyx*, between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012.

30 near Donggang on the 12/5/2012. 20 of these were near the Yalu Jiang between Kms 57-61 on Bin Hai Lu while the other 10 were at the Km 71 shorebirds study 'Site 2'.

41 near Donggang on the 13/5/2012. 11 of these were near Ankanggang (Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu) while the other 30 were around the roadside pool at Km 54. Two subspecies were seen - with four *taivana* & 12 *simillima*.

GREY WAGTAIL *Motacilla cinerea* 灰鹊鸂

(7/11 6 27)

6 between Jinshitan & Zhuanghe on the 3/5/2012. These involved one near the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds, another near the Dengsha river near Dalujia, another over the coastal fishponds near Xingshu (between Kms 326-325 on Bin Hai Lu), one in the Biliu river mouth and two near Dongfangshen cun (Km 252.5 on the Bin Hai Lu).

1 was heard as it flew north near Jinzhou Bay refuse dump on the 4/5/2012.

2 near the Zhuanghe river mouth at Km 224 on Bin Hai Lu on the 6/5/2012.

6 around Donggang on the morning of the 7/5/2012 with four over 'Site 2' & two over the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang). None were seen on the ground.

2 singles around Donggang on the 8/5/2012 with one flying north over 'Site 2' and the other doing the same over the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang).

6 in the area between the Ash Pond & Ankanggang (Kms 60-57) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012.

4 between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012.

WHITE WAGTAIL *Motacilla alba* 白鹊鸂

(11/11 13 54)

1 adult *ocularis* male landed on the Yantai to Dalian ferry across the mouth of Bohai Wan at 13h38 when we were 23.6 Kms out of Yantai on the 2/5/2012.

13 between Jinshitan & Zhuanghe on the 3/5/2012. These involved eight, including the only *ocularis* of the day, near the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds, two near the Dengsha river near Dalujia, one *leucopsis* in the tidal Qing Shui river nr Jinchang cun, one *leucopsis* near the coastal fishponds near Xingshu (between Kms 326-325 on Bin Hai Lu) and another *leucopsis* near Dongfangshen cun (Km 252.5 on the Bin Hai Lu).

7, including six *ocularis*, near Jinzhou Bay refuse dump on the 4/5/2012.

7 near Zhuanghe on the 6/5/2012 - five, including an adult male *leucopsis*, near the Zhuanghe river mouth & two at the Biliu river .

5 flew north over 'Site 2', Donggang on the morning of the 7/5/2012.

3 around Donggang on the 8/5/2012 with two at 'Site 2' and just one, a male *leucopsis*, around the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang).

2, including one *leucopsis*, at shorebird study 'Site 2', Donggang on the 9/5/2012.

6, including two *leucopsis*, in the area between the Ash Pond & Ankanggang (Kms 60-57) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012.

2, including one adult male *leucopsis*, between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012.

5, including four *leucopsis*, between Kms 57-60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012.

1 adult male *leucopsis* near Ankanggang (Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu), Donggang on the 13/5/2012.

RICHARD'S PIPIT *Anthus richardi* 理氏鸚

(9/11 7 39)

7 in coastal Pulandian on the 3/5/2012 - five flew north over the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds while two more did the same at the tidal Qing Shui river nr Jinchang cun.

2 near the Zhuanghe river mouth at Km 224 on Bin Hai Lu on the 6/5/2012.

2 flew north over 'Site 2', Donggang on the morning of the 7/5/2012.

3 singles flew north in the Donggang area on the 8/5/2012 with one over 'Site 2' and two over the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang).

7 around Donggang on the 9/5/2012 with six near the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang) & one at 'Site 2'.

5 in the area between the Ash Pond & Ankanggang (Kms 60-57) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012.

5 between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012.

4 between Kms 57-60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012.

4 near Donggang on the 13/5/2012. One of these flew north at Ankanggang (Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu) while another three were in fields between Kms 47-49 on Bin Hai Lu.

BLYTH'S PIPIT *Anthus godlewskii* 布氏鸚

(3/11 1 3)

1 flew north over the Zhuanghe river mouth at flew north at 13h05on the 3/5/2012.

1 flew south-south-west over the Ash Ponds at Km 60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012. (Paul HOLT & Terry TOWNSHEND).

1 calling bird flew over us near Ankanggang (Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu), Donggang at 08h28 on the 13/5/2012.

OLIVE-BACKED PIPIT *Anthus hodgsoni* 树鸚

(10/11 17 67)

17 between Jinshitan & Zhuanghe on the 3/5/2012. These involved 12 that flew north near the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds, two more near the Dengsha river near Dalujia and three close to the tidal Qing Shui river nr Jinchang cun.

1 was heard as it flew north near Jinzhou Bay refuse dump on the 4/5/2012.

9 near Zhuanghe on the 6/5/2012. These involved seven over the Zhuanghe river mouth, one over the Biliu river & one near the small roadside marsh 2 Kms south of Suijiaquan cun (Km 205.7 on Bin Hai Lu).

5 around Donggang on the morning of the 7/5/2012 with three at 'Site 2' & two others over the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang).

9 around Donggang on the 8/5/2012 with five at 'Site 2' and four around the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang).

8 around Donggang on the 9/5/2012 with six near the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang) & two at 'Site 2'.

4 in the area between the Ash Pond & Ankanggang (Kms 60-57) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012.

6 between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012.

5 between Kms 57-60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012.

3 near Ankanggang (Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu), Donggang on the 13/5/2012.

PECHORA PIPIT *Anthus gustavi* 北鸚

(8/11 18 72)

5 in the small roadside marsh at Km 205.7 on Bin Hai Lu (2 Kms south of Suijiaquan cun), Zhuanghe on the 6/5/2012.

7 singles flew north over Donggang on the morning of the 7/5/2012 with five over 'Site 2' & two others over the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang). None were seen on the ground.

18 singles around Donggang on the 8/5/2012 with four separate birds flying north at 'Site 2' in the early morning and 14 in the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang) are in the afternoon. 11 of the Ash Pond birds were also actively migrating and flying north while the other three were in a small track side marsh. A remarkable tally - and easily the largest number I've ever seen in a day in China!

5 at the Ash Ponds, Donggang on the 9/5/2012.

12, including two singing and apparently territorial birds, between the Ash Ponds at Km 60 & Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012.

11 between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012.

11 between Kms 57-60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012.

3 near Donggang on the 13/5/2012. Two of these were near Ankanggang (Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu) while the other was around the roadside pool at Km 54.

RED-THROATED PIPIT *Anthus cervinus* 红喉鸚

(7/11 18 32)

18 between Jinshitan & Zhuanghe on the 3/5/2012. Between one and six birds were noted at seven sites and most were fly-overs heading north. All records as follows - six near the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds, two near the Dengsha river near Dalujia, two over the coastal fishponds near Xingshu (between Kms 326-325 on Bin Hai Lu), one near the tidal river inlet of the Da Sha He, two near Km 275.3 on the Bin Hai Lu, two over the Biliu river mouth & five in the Zhuanghe river mouth.

3 near the Zhuanghe river mouth at Km 224 on Bin Hai Lu on the 6/5/2012.

2 singles flew north over 'Site 2', Donggang on the morning of the 7/5/2012.

3 singles flew north in the Donggang area on the 8/5/2012 with one over 'Site 2' and three over the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang).

3 flew north over the Ash Ponds, Donggang on the 9/5/2012.

1 flew over south of Ankanggang at Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012.

1 besides the roadside pool at Km 54 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 13/5/2012.

BUFF-BELLIED PIPIT *Anthus rubescens japonicus* 黄腹鸫

(4/11 2 5)

- 2 flew north near the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds, Pulandian on the 3/5/2012.
- 1 near Jinzhou Bay refuse dump on the 4/5/2012.
- 1 near the Zhuanghe river mouth at Km 224 on Bin Hai Lu on the 6/5/2012.
- 1 flew north at shorebird study 'Site 2', Donggang on the 8/5/2012.

GREY-CAPPED GREENFINCH *Carduelis sinica* 金翅雀

(4/11 7 12)

- 3 between Jinshitan & Zhuanghe on the 3/5/2012 - singles near the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds, the Biliu river mouth & the Zhuanghe river mouth.
- 7 between Zhuanghe & Donggang on the 6/5/2012. These involved two near the Zhuanghe river mouth, four at in the Biliu river & one near the Yingna River, close to Kanniuchang cun (Km 194 on Bin Hai Lu).
- 1 was heard near the Ash Ponds, Donggang on the 9/5/2012.
- 1 flew over south of Ankanggang at Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012.

COMMON ROSEFINCH *Carpodacus erythrinus* 普通朱雀

(2/11 2 3)

- 1 flew north near the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds, Pulandian on the 3/5/2012.
- 2 flew north over the woodland near Ankanggang (Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu), Donggang on the 13/5/2012.

CHINESE GROSBEAK *Eophona migratoria* 黑尾蜡嘴雀

(4/11 5 8)

- 1 adult male flew north over the Ash Ponds, Donggang on the 9/5/2012.
- 1 flew over the Ash Pond at Km 60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012.
- 1 male south of Ankanggang at Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012.
- 2 flew over the woodland near Ankanggang (Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu), Donggang on the 13/5/2012.

MEADOW BUNTING *Emberiza cioides* 三道眉草鹀

(2/11 2 4)

- 2 single singing males between Jinshitan and Zhuanghe on the 3/5/2012 - birds heard in roadside scrub about two Kms south of the Dengsha river near Dalujia, Pulandian and seen at the Biliu river mouth, Zhuanghe.
- 2 near the Biliu river mouth, Zhuanghe on the 6/5/2012.

TRISTRAM'S BUNTING *Emberiza tristrami* 白眉鹀

(5/11 4 16)

- 4 near the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang), Donggang on the 8/5/2012.
- 2 at the Ash Ponds, Donggang on the 9/5/2012.
- 2 near the Ash Pond at Km 60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012.
- 4 between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012.
- 4 between Kms 57-60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012.

CHESTNUT-EARED BUNTING *Emberiza fucata* 栗耳鹀

(4/11 2 5)

- 2 at shorebird study 'Site 2', Donggang on the 8/5/2012.
- 1 near the Ash Pond at Km 60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012.
- 1 between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012.
- 1 south of Ankanggang at Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012.

LITTLE BUNTING *Emberiza pusilla* 小鹀

(9/11 4 16)

- 4 in roadside scrub about two Kms south of the Dengsha river near Dalujia, Pulandian on the 3/5/2012.
- 2 near Jinzhou Bay refuse dump on the 4/5/2012.
- 1 near the Zhuanghe river mouth at Km 224 on Bin Hai Lu on the 6/5/2012.
- 1 at shorebird study 'Site 2', Donggang on the morning of the 7/5/2012.
- 4 around Donggang on the 8/5/2012 with three at 'Site 2' and one near the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang).
- 1 at the Ash Ponds, Donggang on the 9/5/2012.
- 1 near the Ash Pond at Km 60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012.
- 1 south of Ankanggang at Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012.

1 near the roadside pool at Km 54 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 13/5/2012.

YELLOW-BROWED BUNTING *Emberiza chrysophrys* 黄眉鹀

(4/11 4 9)

4 near Jinzhou Bay refuse dump on the 4/5/2012.

1 near the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang), Donggang on the 8/5/2012.

2 between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012.

2 near the roadside pool at Km 54 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 13/5/2012.

YELLOW-BREASTED BUNTING *Emberiza aureola* VU 黄胸鹀

(5/11 18 24)

1 near the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang), Donggang on the 8/5/2012.

1 female at the Ash Ponds, Donggang on the 9/5/2012.

1 near the Ash Pond at Km 60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012.

3 between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012.

18 in Donggang on the 13/5/2012. 15 of these were near the roadside pool at Km 54 on Bin Hai Lu while the other three were in roadside paddies about another three kilometres further north.

[In addition Terry saw three south of Ankanggang at Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012].

CHESTNUT BUNTING *Emberiza rutila* 栗鹀

(3/11 7 14)

4 between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012.

7 near Donggang on the 12/5/2012. Four of these were south of Ankanggang at Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu while the other three were at Km 71.4.

3 near the roadside pool at Km 54 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 13/5/2012.

BLACK-FACED BUNTING *Emberiza spodocephala* 灰头鹀

(10/11 30 178)

11 birds were noted at six sites between Jinshitan & Zhuanghe on the 3/5/2012.

2 near Jinzhou Bay refuse dump on the 4/5/2012.

27 between Zhuanghe & Donggang on the 6/5/2012. These involved four near Zhuanghe town, 11 more near the Zhuanghe river mouth & 12 at the small roadside marsh 2 Kms south of Suijiaquan cun (Km 205.7 on Bin Hai Lu).

8 around Donggang on the morning of the 7/5/2012 with five at 'Site 2' and three more near the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang).

26 around Donggang on the 8/5/2012 with six at 'Site 2' and at least 20 near the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang).

17 around Donggang on the 9/5/2012 with 15 near the Ash Pond (Qu Hui Zi or Da Shi Tang) & two at 'Site 2'.

25 in the area between the Ash Pond & Ankanggang (Kms 60-57) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012.

20 between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012.

30 south of Ankanggang at Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012.

12 around Donggang on the 13/3/2012. Four of these were near Ankanggang (Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu), four more were near the roadside pool at Km 54 on Bin Hai Lu, two more were besides the roadside pool at Dataizigang (Km 53) while the last four were in the shelter belt between Kms 47-49.

PALLAS'S BUNTING *Emberiza pallasi* 苇鹀

(6/11 2 7)

1 was heard at shorebird study 'Site 2', Donggang on the morning of the 7/5/2012.

1 at shorebird study 'Site 2', Donggang on the 8/5/2012.

1 at the Ash Ponds, Donggang on the 9/5/2012.

1 male near the Ash Pond at Km 60 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 10/5/2012.

1 between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012.

2 males near the roadside pool at Km 54 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 13/5/2012.

MAMMALS

MANCHURIAN HARE *Lepus mandschuricus*

1 between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012.

1 south of Ankanggang at Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 12/5/2012.

SIBERIAN WEASEL *Mustela sibirica*

1 between Kms 57-60 (the Ash Pond area) on Bin Hai Lu, Donggang on the 11/5/2012.

Terry saw 1 near Ankanggang (Km 57 on Bin Hai Lu), Donggang on the 13/5/2012.

Black-winged Cuckooshrike *Coracina melaschistos*

A Black-winged Cuckooshrike was seen and photographed by BAI Qingquan, Paul HOLT & Terry TOWNSHEND in open woodland besides the Yalu Jiang near Ankanggang, Donggang during the 11-13 May 2012.

First seen on the 11 May by BAI who had extremely poor, brief & obscured views of a medium sized bird as it flew south through a scrub lined river embankment. TOWNSHEND saw it moments later and immediately knew it was NOT a bulbul, not least as it showed some white patches in the wing. The bird landed but was still obscured and our subsequent impressions were of a small, slim cuckoo-like bird. Fortunately it wasn't very much longer before it showed well and HOLT was able to confidently identify it. Black-winged Cuckooshrike is a species he was very familiar with having seen over one hundred mostly in Bhutan but also at several sites in southern China. HOLT has also seen the species, once at Beidaihe, Hebei where it is also a vagrant. BAI & TOWNSHEND took photographs while HOLT some field notes and a sketch. A times we were able to approach within about 15 metres of it. The bird was watched on-and-off for almost 1.5 hours (from 09h20-10h40) and was seen again in this same area less well during the following two days.

Description

Structure

Initial impressions were of a long, slim cuckoo (*Cuculus*)-like bird reminiscent in size and shape to the slightly smaller, shorter tailed Plaintive Cuckoo *Cacomantis merulinus*. The Cuckooshrike was very slender bodied and its posture varied enormously sometimes sitting up-right, at other times elongated, lengthwise along a tree limb. It had a proportionately small head and long neck, long wings with a huge primary projection (judged to be equal to the length of the longest tertial) that was easy to see. Its tail was long and appeared to be very slightly cleft at the tip when viewed from above but when viewed from below three pairs of large white tail tips revealed that the tail was actually very strongly graduated. Both its upper and undertail coverts were extremely long and extended at least half-way down the bird's long tail. Its outer pair of tail feathers were worn and heavily abraded.

Its wings were often held dropped and partially open when at rest – as if the bird was tired!

At least four of the bird's outer primaries were obviously emarginated.

In flight the bird's slim, long-tailed and long winged appearance was most obvious and the wings were also clearly broad at their base. Its flight was typically loose, low to the ground and often appeared as if it lacked a purpose – again giving the appearance of a recently arrived, tired migrant!

Bare parts

The bird's eye, bill and legs were all dark.

Plumage

Three pairs of broad white tail tips were visible on the underside of the tail only – and occasionally in flight?

Paler greyish fringes to the birds folded primaries

Blue-grey upperparts (reminiscent of those on a dull male Blue Rock Thrush *Monticola solitarius*) with conspicuously contrasting dark wings and tail. The rump and uppertail coverts were obviously paler and with a more pronounced bluish hue and the uppertail coverts possibly darkened slightly towards the tail tip.

The bird's breast was concolourous with its head and mantle while its lower belly, vent and undertail coverts shaded gradually paler. There was some faint dark barring on the breast.

The undertail coverts were marked with extremely indistinct, diffuse pale tips

The tail was very dark, almost blackish, but in some lights it appeared to have a series of narrow bars (fault bars?) running across it.

Broad, black loreal strip; narrow but conspicuous white crescents above and below the eye; white flecking on its otherwise grey ear-coverts.

There were obvious, broad bluish-grey fringes to the flight feathers and tertials (almost the entire outer web of the bird's tertials were this colour).

In flight there were small whitish wing flashes (that were reminiscent, but much less conspicuous, of those of Chinese Grey Shrike *Lanius sphenocercus* or Northern Mockingbird *Mimus polyglottos*) on the outer primaries of both wings. With the examination of photographs it could be seen that these patches were formed by sharply demarked rectangular white patches covering almost the basal half of the inner web of several outer primaries (primaries 2-5). These patches, occasionally conspicuous in flight, were never seen at rest and were largest on primaries three and four. Again from examination of flight photographs it could be seen that the inner webs of most of the bird's primaries (and even some of its secondaries) were bluish-grey.



Black-winged Cuckooshrike, Donggang, 11 May 2012 (the first Liaoning record).

Four subspecies of Black-winged Cuckooshrike are currently recognised (e.g. by Gill, F & D Donsker [Eds]. 2012). All four occur in China with *intermedia*, the form that has occurred in West & Central Hebei as well as Beijing (Zheng Guangmei ed. 2011 2nd edn. *A Checklist on the Classification and Distribution of the Birds of China*. Science Press, Beijing) being the mostly likely one (one range) to occur in Liaoning.

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| <i>Melaschistos</i> | N Pakistan (Murree Hills) through Himalayas to E. & Ne. India, W. & N. Myanmar and Sw China. Confined to Se Xizang (Tibet) & Nw Yunnan according to Guangmei ed. (2011) while HBW also list it as occurring in E. & Nw Yunnan. It winters S to N & NE India, SE Bangladesh (Chittagongs) and NW Thailand. |
| <i>Avensis</i> | Sc China through S. & E. Myanmar to n Thailand, n Laos and c Vietnam. HBW restrict its Chinese range to SW China (Sichuan, Yunnan, S Guizhou) while Guangmei ed. (2011) expand its Chinese range slightly & also included Se Xizang (Tibet), Chongqing & Sw Guangxi. |
| <i>Intermedia</i> | Central. East & Se. China, Taiwan. This is by far the most widespread race in China and is most likely the form we saw in Liaoning. There are records from West-Central Hebei, Beijing, Henan, Shanxi, south Shaanxi, Gansu, S. Yunnan, Sichuan, Chongqing, Guizhou, central Hubei, N. Anhui, Jiangxi, Jiangsu, Shanghai, S. Guangdong, Hong Kong, Macao, East Central Guangxi & Taiwan according to Guangmei ed. (2011) |
| <i>Saturata</i> | Ne. and C. Vietnam (E Tonkin, N & C Annam) & Hainan I. wintering to NW Thailand, S Laos, Cambodia and S Annam. This form is noted as also occurring in S. Yunnan by Guangmei ed. (2011) |



Black-winged Cuckooshrike showing the white panels in the wings, seen flight but not always obvious.

Cai (1987) considered Black-winged Cuckooshrike to be a vagrant to Beijing and had just one specimen - a female *intermedia* collected 'east of Beijing' on 30 October 1956. He surmised that it might also be a summer visitor to the Capital but since his publication there's apparently only been one other sighting there – a single bird at Tiantan on 1/9/2007 (王玉琦, 王世和, 卢斌, 陈曦 & 晓白 via BirdTalker)

Reports from the Happy Island/Beidaihe areas of coastal Hebei include the following -

1 on Happy Island on 14/5/2005 (Bisschop, J. et al., 2005. Bird Observations China: 30 April - 22 May 2005. Happy Island (Beidaihe), Beidaihe City area, and Huairo (Ibisbill site). Internet trip report available at <http://77.167.75.191/doc/doc00035.pdf>

1 on Happy Island 23-24/5/2006 (Petersson & Johansson 2006)

1 on Happy Island 23/5/2010 (Petersson 2010)

1 at Beidaihe on 19/5/2012 (Mark Andrews Facebook posting of 19 May 2012).

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