

**Birding trip to
Foping NNR,
Southern
Shaanxi
CHINA**

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10 & 11 June 2012**

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In mid-May 2012 I made a birding trip from Beijing down to southern Shaanxi & Sichuan provinces. During this trip I was fortunate to be able to visit Foping National Nature Reserve (NNR) twice – spending parts of five days there in mid-May and parts of another two days there in early June. I went alone in May but was accompanied by Mrs Qingyu WANG, a Beijing based travel agent who is the ground agent for several of the Chinese bird tours that I lead for Sunbird and Wings, in June. As always Qingyu did a fabulous job & I would not hesitate to recommend her. Her address is -

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Dawn & Dusk at Liangfengya on 11 June 2012.

Sunrise 05h37, sunset 19h58.

Brief Itinerary

- 16 May: Flew Beijing to Xi'an, Shaanxi Province. Transferred from there to Foping.
17 May: All day in Foping National Nature Reserve (NNR). Drove to Liangfengya (Liang Feng Ya) & spent much of the day around there.
18 May: All day in Foping NNR. Drove to Liangfengya & spent much of the day around there.
19 May: All day in Foping NNR. Drove to Liangfengya & spent much of the day around there.
20 May: Morning Foping NNR. Drove to Liangfengya & spent a few hours there before driving back to Xi'an. Late afternoon flight to Chengdu.
- 9 June: Pm flight from Chengdu to Xi'an. Late pm arrived Foping town.
10 June: All day Foping NR. Drove to Liangfengya & spent much of the day around there.
11 June: Morning Foping, afternoon drove south to Sichuan.

I'd previously visited Foping just once before for five days between 24-28 May 2004 but, with the discovery of Blackthroat by Per Alström & others there in June 2011, I was eager to return. This report describes what I did & saw on my recent visits.

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Per Alström provided me with some details on where he found Blackthroat in May 2011 – and had uploaded a recording of its song on the internet. Richard Lewthwaite provided me with a very useful and informative Shaanxi checklist.

Thanks all.

Wednesday 16 May 2004. Beijing to Xi'an & on to Foping town

I left Tongzhou at 04h45, drove to terminal 3 of Beijing's Capital Airport where my Air China (CA1203) flight to Xi'an was scheduled to depart at 07h25. The plane pulled away from the gate right on time and, unusually for busy Beijing airport, took off just eight minutes later. The flight south to Xi'an took 1.5 hours and we landed at 09h09.

I was met as I exited luggage reclaim at Xi'an airport by two of Foping NNR's staff - Mr HE and driver/photographer Mr LIANG & very shortly afterwards (at 09h40) the three of us were heading south on route S108 to the Qinling Shan (Qinling Mountains) and Foping.

We had lunch in a Muslim noodle restaurant in Mazhao & left there at 12h05

Banfanzi	13h35	1105 metres
Long road tunnel	14h00	1690 metres
Foping NNR starts immediately on the south side of this tunnel.		
Junction up to Liangfengya	14h10	
Arrived Foping town	14h45	890 metres

There was no electricity in the entire town today – though it came on at about 19h30.

We drove straight to the reserve's guest house – the Fobao Zhu hotel where I checked in & dropped my bags in the room. Mr HE then introduced me to Mr GONG Huisheng who was keen to show me a few of the specimens he had prepared – these included two Giant Pandas, a magnificent Red Flying Squirrel, a gorgeous Mountain Hawk Eagle that had been confiscated from a local farmer in November 2011 but died shortly afterwards, as well as a pair of Temminck's Tragopans, a male Koklass and a male Golden Pheasant. Mr GONG would be my guide during my time at Foping – all foreigners must have guides here. He charged 300 yuan/day – but if he worked longer than eight hours (which he certainly would) this went up to 400/day.

Weather

According to the cabin crew it was 20°C when the plane landed in Xi'an at 09h10. This had climbed to 30°C by 13h30 as we started to climb in to the mountains (990 metres).

Fobao Zhu hotel in Foping town. (33°30.8' N., 107°58.9' E.)(858 metres).

Chinese Bamboo Partridge	1 was heard near Foping town on the 16/5/2012. (850 metres)
Chinese Sparrowhawk	1 near Foping town on the 16/5/2012. (980 metres)
Asian Koel	1 on the drive through the Qinling Shan on the 16/5/2012 (1085 metres)
Pacific Swift	1 near Foping town on the 16/5/2012. (980 metres)
Long-tailed Minivet	3 on the 16/5/2012 - one on the drive through the Qinling Shan & two others near Foping town. (710 & 950 [2 birds] metres)
Red-billed Blue Magpie	3 on the drive through the Qinling Shan on the 16/5/2012 (645 & 1100 [2 birds] metres)
Eurasian Magpie	3 on the 16/5/2012 - two on the drive through the Qinling Shan & one other near Foping town. (700 [2 birds] & ca.900 metres)
Yellow-bellied Tit	8 on the 16/5/2012 - six on the drive through the Qinling Shan & two others near Foping town. (1180, 1220, 1260, 1300, 1340, 1400 & 1435 [2 birds] metres)
Japanese Tit	4 on the drive through the Qinling Shan on the 16/5/2012 (650 [2 birds], 980, 1500 metres)
Collared Finchbill	4 on the 16/5/2012 - one on the drive through the Qinling Shan & three others near Foping town. (870 [2 birds], 910 & 1200 metres)
Red-rumped Swallow	2 near Foping town on the 16/5/2012. (850 [2 birds] metres)
Manchurian Bush Warbler	2 were heard on the drive through the Qinling Shan on the 16/5/2012 (670 & 710 metres)
Brown-flanked Bush Warbler	11 on the 16/5/2012 - two on the drive through the Qinling Shan & one other near Foping town. (630, 645, 670, 870 [4 birds], 1150, 1420 [2 birds] & 1620 metres)
Rufous-faced Warbler	1 was heard on the drive through the Qinling Shan on the 16/5/2012. (860 metres)
Black-throated Bushtit	4 on the 16/5/2012 - three on the drive through the Qinling Shan & one other near Foping town. (650 [2 birds], 1140 & 1340 metres)
Yellow-streaked Warbler	1 was heard on the drive through the Qinling Shan on the 16/5/2012. (720 metres)
Eastern Crowned Warbler	5 were heard on the drive through the Qinling Shan on the 16/5/2012. (650, 1090, 1110, 1140 & 1240 metres)
Claudia's Leaf Warbler	6 near Foping town on the 16/5/2012. (1220, 1300, 1330 [2 birds], 1390, 1590 metres)
Alström's Warbler	4 on the 16/5/2012 - two on the drive through the Qinling Shan & two others near Foping town. (980, 1320, 1500 & 1685 metres)
Chinese Hwamei	2 were heard from the hotel Foping town on the 16/5/2012. It's possible that they were captive birds singing in a cage. (870 [2 birds] metres)
Red-billed Leiothrix	2 were heard on the drive through the Qinling Shan on the 16/5/2012. (1270 & 1290 metres)
Vinous-throated Parrotbill	4 on the 16/5/2012 - two on the drive through the Qinling Shan & two others near Foping town. (870 [2 birds], 940 & 1140 metres)
Common Blackbird	1 near Xi'an airport on the 16/5/2012. (490 metres)
Daurian Redstart	7 on the 16/5/2012 - three on the drive through the Qinling Shan & two others near Foping town. (710, 870 [2 birds], 940, 1000 [2 birds] & 1170 metres)
Plumbeous Redstart	7 near Foping town on the 16/5/2012. It's possible that they were captive birds singing in a cage. (850 [2 birds], 880 [2 birds], 925, 970 & 1000 metres)
Blue Rock Thrush	1 on the drive through the Qinling Shan on the 16/5/2012. (640 metres)
Mrs Gould's Sunbird	1 on the drive through the Qinling Shan on the 16/5/2012. (1290 metres)
Russet Sparrow	1 on the drive through the Qinling Shan on the 16/5/2012. (700 metres)

Grey Wagtail	17 on the 16/5/2012 - three on the drive through the Qinling Shan & 14 others near Foping town. (690, 870 [2 birds], 940 [2 birds], 950 [2 birds], 1010 [2 birds], 1060 [2 birds], 1135, 1150, 1175, 1210, 1250 & 1500 metres)
White Wagtail	6 on the 16/5/2012 - four on the drive through the Qinling Shan & two others near Foping town. (650, 860, 870, 980, 1070 & 1080 metres)
Grey-capped Greenfinch	2 near Foping town on the 16/5/2012. (870 [2 birds] metres)
Godlewski's Bunting	7 on the drive through the Qinling Shan on the 16/5/2012. (650 & 910 metres)

Thursday 17 May 2012. Most of the day in Foping NNR.

I left the Fobao Zhu hotel with driver Mr LIANG & reserve guide Mr GONG Huisheng seven minutes late at 04h07. We drove about 25 kilometres back up route S108 towards Xi'an before turning off left (west) just under 40 minutes later on to a minor road. Liangfengya Baohuzhan (= Liangfengya Monitoring Station & apparently previously known as the Cun Gou Monitoring Post 33°41.4' N., 107°53.5' E. & 1720 metres) is another eight kilometres up this cul-de-sac. There's a check post and road barrier at Liangfengya but apparently very few staff. The barrier always had a chain around it – but was never locked and there were no staff in evidence in the early mornings – though there invariably were when we returned in the afternoons.

From Liangfengya it took us less than 15 minutes to drive the remaining five kilometres up to the end of the road. Arriving there at 05h00 we spent the rest of the morning and early afternoon in that area. There were a lot of workmen at the end of the road in mid-May 2012 and they'd already finished building a large Foping NNR/UNESCO archway and were in the process of constructing a small building – possibly a ticket office.

From the end of the road at Liangfengya (33°41.1' N., 107°51.3' E.)(2130 metres) its 22.5 kilometres at 151° as the crow flies back to Foping town.

There are three paths right on this col – I intend to explore the one off to the left (south) tomorrow, the middle path heads obviously downhill and goes to the Sanguanmiao Protection Station where WANG Qingyu & me stayed in May 2004. Today we spent much of the day (from 05h30 when it was just about light enough to see until 14h00) on the third trail - a small & initially well paved trail that leads off to the right immediately above the small toilet block. According to Mr GONG this trail was paved in about 2004 - is fairly flat for the first 100 metres or so and then heads uphill more steeply. After about 800 metres you reach an elaborate, multi-storey steel watch tower (33°41.4' N., 107°51.1' E. 2283 metres). The trail continues on up from there – but is unpaved and at times rather indistinct. The trail more-or-less follows a north-south oriented bamboo covered ridge. Its occasionally fairly steep and there were the odd grassy clearings and rocky outcrops. The latter in particular afforded good views of the surrounding area – and the extent and quality of the forest at Foping was massively impressive! I understood from GONG Huisheng that it would be possible to continue right up this trail, on to the distant hill top and come down another ridge. I suspect that this trail isn't for slow moving birders carrying lots of recording equipment however!

Today I walked up to 2440 metres where I arrived at 11h15. This was 1.4 kilometres as the crow flies back to where we'd left the car at the end of the road – but it had been about a 2.5 kilometre walk. I understood from Per's notes & from what Mr GONG told me that this site is where they found Blackthroat in June 2011 – but there was absolutely not sign of even a single bird here today! Interestingly almost all of my sightings today were below all of Per's the previous summer!

After a short while here we headed slowly back down, arrived back at the vehicle at 14h00. We headed back to Foping town shortly after that. We arrived back at the main Xi'an to Foping road (route S108) 30 minutes later at 14h30 & back in Foping town after another half-an-hour. The three of us had lunch in a restaurant in town before I was dropped off back at the Fobao Zhu hotel.

On my 2004 visit we took a taxi up to the end of the road at Liangfengya & then immediately started to walk to Sanguanmiao. Our guide that year, Mr DANG, told us that the trail to Sanguanmiao was about 15 kilometres long – I later guessed that it was less than this, perhaps 12, but in any case it was a good walk and we couldn't hang about too much. It was a good trail, almost exclusively downhill & there were no major side paths – so it would be very difficult to get lost. In the event I let Mr DANG & Qingyu take the lead & I walked alone – arriving at our destination more than two hours after Mr Dang! It was a glorious morning - until about 10h15 when it started to rain. By 11h00 it was raining very hard & continued to do so for the remainder of the day. Nevertheless the birding was excellent – especially for the first few hours on the trail and I guess that I hadn't walked more than three kilometres in the first three hours! That year we started our walk at 06h30.

In 2004 I arrived at Sanguanmiao (33° 39.0'N., 107° 48.0'E.& 1528 metres) thoroughly soaked at about 14h00. Foping is 22.7 kilometres & 134° from Sanguanmiao, the road end above Liangfengya is 8.43 kilometres & 76°. Note that in 2004 the accommodation at Sanguanmiao was rather simple – there are about a dozen rooms, several were occupied by the six park staff that were based there. The one we stayed in had two beds - a double & a single. There are no facilities in the rooms & a basic, hole in the floor toilet to the rear of the accommodation block. Our food was included in the price Mr DANG had passed on to Qingyu – we paid 2800 yuan for five days, four nights inside the park. This price included all our accommodation (the hotel in Foping town had gone up 20 yuan by 2012 as it only cost 100 yuan/room/night in 2004, the guest house at Sanguanmiao 80

yuan/room/night), three meals a day inside the park, a 500 yuan/day park protection fee (note that even Chinese visitors must pay this), the services of one porter to carry our luggage & Mr DANG's guiding fees. The food at Sanguanmiao was OK – only that.

Foping National Nature Reserve.

Situated north west of Foping town, which is itself 158 kilometres north-east of Hanzhong & 208 kilometres south of Xi'an, & lying to the west of National Highway 208 which connects these two cities, the park was established in 1978 & now covers an area of 292.4 km². Contiguous with three other reserves in the Qinling Shan of southern Shaanxi – Lao Xian Cheng NR & Zhou Zhi NNR to the north and Chang Qing NNR to the west Foping NNR is probably the most frequently visited of these parks. Almost completely forested (apart from relatively small areas of cultivation around the settlement of Sanguanmiao) the park covers an altitudinal range of 1924 metres with the highest peak, Lu Ban Feng (2904 metres), forming the central point of the reserve's northern border. The park's lowest point, Daguping (Da Gu Ping) Pao Tong Gou (980 metres), is besides the Xi River in the park's south-eastern district.

Primarily a Giant Panda reserve Foping's reputedly the best place in the world to see this species in the wild, April apparently being the best month. Qingyu & me failed to see it in 2004 – but I was superbly successful in 2012. The park also boasts reasonable populations of Golden Snub-nosed Monkey *Rhinopithecus roxellana* (one of the staff at Sanguanmiao told us that October may be the best time to see these although Mr DANG believed that there was no particularly good time to see this notoriously elusive species). Takin is also locally common in the reserve – I saw lots of signs (fresh hoof prints & dung) in 2012 – but no actual animal!

In June 2011 Per Alström and others discovered a population of Blackthroat near the road end above Liangfengya and it was this species that I had primarily come to see. It proved to be extremely easy in mid-May but significantly harder in early June. Note also that I only saw it in one, tiny area.

Foping park is apparently divided into two or three zones – a more remote north-western 'core zone' & an 'experimental zone' that appears to contain a 'tourist zone' with accommodation at Sanguanmiao & Daguping.

There's a rather incomplete and now dated but still useful bird list, containing 217 species, in one of the park's publications. [Liu Shifeng & Zhang Jian. *Foping National Nature Reserve – Protect the Animals & Plants*. Part XI pp. 427-472: *Birds of Foping Sanctuary*. (2003). Shaanxi Scientific Publishing Company. (In Chinese). (ISBN 7-5369-3446-7)]. A table in the paper presents brief coded details of the date of first occurrence of each species in the park as well as coded comments on their seasonal status & their altitudinal preference. However in only 4½, somewhat rainy, days inside the reserve in 2004 I noted 83 species that included 18 species that weren't on this list! The new birds that I saw for Foping NNR in 2004 were –

HODGSON'S HAWK CUCKOO *Hierococcyx fugax*
HIMALAYAN CUCKOO *Cuculus optatus*
SNOWY-BROWED FLYCATCHER *Ficedula hyperythra*
FUJIAN NILTAVA *Niltava davidi*
INDIAN BLUE ROBIN *Luscinia brunnea*
WHITE-TAILED ROBIN *Myiomela leucura*
YELLOWISH-BELLIED BUSH WARBLER *Cettia acanthizoides*
BAIKAL BUSH WARBLER *Bradypterus davidi*
RUSSET BUSH WARBLER *Bradypterus mandelli*
CHINESE LEAF WARBLER *Phylloscopus sichuanensis*
LARGE-BILLED LEAF WARBLER *Phylloscopus magnirostris*
EMEI LEAF WARBLER *Phylloscopus emeiensis*
CLAUDIA'S LEAF WARBLER *Phylloscopus claudiae*
WHITE-TAILED LEAF WARBLER *Phylloscopus davisoni*
GREY-CROWNED WARBLER *Seicercus tephrocephalus*
ALSTRÖM'S WARBLER *Seicercus soror*
RUFIOUS-FACED WARBLER *Abrosopus albogularis*
DUSKY FULVETTA *Alcippe brunnea*

A more recent version of the park checklist can be found on the park's Chinese language website – www.fpnr.org. Mr HE kindly gave me a small document listing about 15 more recent additions to this on-line list.

Unlike several of China's National Parks rather few people, other than park staff, actually live inside Foping NNR. There's a small cluster of perhaps 6-10 dwellings & attendant small areas of cultivation (maize & potatoes were conspicuous crops in late May 2004) in the Sanguanmiao (San Guan Miao)/Hejiazhuang (He Jia Zhuang) area. In 2004 I was told that there were 79 park staff & all of these are salaried, receiving their wages (because it's a National Park) from the Department of Forestry in Beijing. Although designated as a National Park as early as 1978 it apparently wasn't until 1993 that a decree was issued preventing people from

felling trees & in the 10 years 1985-1995 only 4 people were caught, tried & found guilty of this crime while a further 10 were convicted of killing wild animals inside the park during the same period. Sanguanmiao Protection Station was built in 1982 & is, like all the other protection stations, manned all year round.

The wet season in the park corresponds with a northern winter (October-March) & Sanguanmiao apparently receives moderate amounts of snow fall each winter. The earliest recorded autumnal snow fall at Sanguanmiao is 21 September but in one year the first snow of the winter didn't fall until the 25 October.

I didn't get anywhere near Sanguanmiao on my 2012 visit – concentrating instead on a very small area near the end of the road just above Liangfengya.

Road end above Liangfengya (33°41.1' N., 107°51.3' E.)(2130 metres).

Blackthroat Site 1. (33°41.2' N., 107°51.2' E.)(2174 metres).

Blackthroat Site 2. (33°41.3' N., 107°51.2' E.)(2240 metres).

Blackthroat Site 3. (33°41.3' N., 107°51.2' E.)(2268 metres).

Watchtower. (33°41.4' N., 107°51.1' E.)(2283 metres).

Blackthroat Site 4. (33°41.5' N., 107°51.0' E.)(2300 metres).

Blackthroat Site 5. (33°41.5' N., 107°51.0' E.)(2326 metres).

Blackthroat Site 6. (33°41.6' N., 107°51.0' E.)(2354 metres).

Blackthroat Site 7. (33°41.6' N., 107°50.9' E.)(2366 metres).

Per Alström's second lowest 2011 Blackthroat Site. (33°41.6' N., 107°50.9' E.)

Blackthroat Site 8. (33°41.6' N., 107°50.9' E.)(2397 metres).

Blackthroat Site 9. (33°41.7' N., 107°50.9' E.)(2453 metres).

Temminck's Tragopan	5 at Foping NNR on the 17/5/2012. (2090, 2200 & 2350 metres)
Koklass Pheasant	3 at Foping NNR on the 17/5/2012. (2090, 2120 & 2170 metres)
Golden Pheasant	14 at Foping NNR on the 17/5/2012. (ca.2100 & 2190-2280 [10 birds] metres)
Chinese Sparrowhawk	1 at Foping NNR on the 17/5/2012. (ca.2200 metres)
Eastern Buzzard	1 bird, possibly this species, was heard at Foping NNR on the 17/5/2012. (ca.2500 metres)
Asian Koel	1 was heard at Foping NNR on the 17/5/2012. (1470 metres)
Large Hawk-cuckoo	4 were heard at Foping NNR on the 17/5/2012. (890, ca.1600, 2040 & 2140 metres)
Lesser Cuckoo	1 was heard at Foping NNR on the 17/5/2012. (ca.2000 metres)
Himalayan Cuckoo	5 were heard at Foping NNR on the 17/5/2012. (2100 [2 birds], 2200 & 2280 metres)
Black-capped Kingfisher woodpecker sp.	1 was heard near Foping town on the 17/5/2012. (930 metres)
Long-tailed Minivet	10 at Foping NNR on the 17/5/2012. (2110, 2200, 2260 & 2420 [4 birds] metres)
Eurasian Jay	1 was heard at Foping NNR on the 17/5/2012.
Red-billed Blue Magpie	4 at Foping NNR on the 17/5/2012. (1270 [2 birds] & 1560 [2 birds] metres)
Spotted Nutcracker	5 at Foping NNR on the 17/5/2012.
Large-billed Crow	3 at Foping NNR on the 17/5/2012. (2240 metres)
Yellow-bellied Tit	24 at Foping NNR on the 17/5/2012. (1130, 1580, 1640 [2 birds], 1720, 1770, 2190, 2220 [3 birds], 2280 [6 birds], 2320 [4 birds] & 2480 [4 birds] metres)
Green-backed Tit	11 at Foping NNR on the 17/5/2012. (1730, 1860 [2 birds], 1980, 2120-2280 [4 birds], 2215, 2280 & 2320 metres)
Collared Finchbill	1 near Foping town on the 17/5/2012. (970 metres)
Brown-breasted Bulbul	2 near Foping town on the 17/5/2012. (990 [2 birds] metres)
Mountain Bulbul	1 at Foping NNR on the 17/5/2012. (2220 metres)
Red-rumped Swallow	2 near Foping town on the 17/5/2012. (990 [2 birds] metres)
Brown-flanked Bush Warbler	2 near Foping town on the 17/5/2012.
Yellow-bellied Bush Warbler	8 at Foping NNR on the 17/5/2012. (2120, 2180, 2220, 2255 [2 birds], 2230 & 2490 metres)
Black-throated Bush tit	2 at Foping NNR on the 17/5/2012. (1630 [2 birds] metres)
Yellow-streaked Warbler	2 at Foping NNR on the 17/5/2012. (1390 & 2220 metres)
Chinese Leaf Warbler	45 at Foping NNR on the 17/5/2012. 32 were counted besides the road up. (All above 1890 with birds specifically noted at just 2070, 2090 [2 birds], 2110 & 2200 metres)
Hume's Leaf Warbler	15 at Foping NNR on the 17/5/2012. (2350, 2370 [4 birds], 2420 [4 birds]. All below 2500 metres)
Large-billed Leaf Warbler	32 at Foping NNR on the 17/5/2012. (All were below 2120 & most were besides the road on the way up & between 1590-2060 metres)

Claudia's Leaf Warbler	40 at Foping NNR on the 17/5/2012. (All were above 1285 metres with birds also noted at 1300, 1330, 1340 [2 birds], 1380, 1600, 2160, 2230, 2255, 2280-2360 [6 birds]. All were below 2500 metres & mostly besides the road on the way up).
Martens's Warbler	10 at Foping NNR on the 17/5/2012. (2130 metres)
Alström's Warbler	11 at Foping NNR on the 17/5/2012. (1195, 1200, 1210, 1220, 1280, 1460 [2 birds], 1530, 1540 [2 birds] & 1570 metres)
Chestnut-crowned Warbler	1 at Foping NNR on the 17/5/2012. (1910 metres)
Baikal Bush Warbler	5 at Foping NNR on the 17/5/2012. (2075, 2090 & 2200 metres)
Brown Bush Warbler	3 at Foping NNR on the 17/5/2012. (2080, 2110 & 2200 metres)
Russet Bush Warbler	1 singing pre-dawn besides the Liangfengya turning off the main Xi'an to Foping road (route S108) at Foping NNR on the 17/5/2012. (1350 metres)
Streak-breasted Scimitar Babbler	8 at Foping NNR on the 17/5/2012. (2090, 2220 [4 birds], 2280, 2360 [2 birds])
Pygmy Wren Babbler	1 at Foping NNR on the 17/5/2012. (2070 metres)
Barred Laughingthrush	3 at Foping NNR on the 17/5/2012. (2180 [2 birds] & 2200 metres)
Elliot's Laughingthrush	10 at Foping NNR on the 17/5/2012. (2220-2280 [4 metres]. All were below 2500 metres)
Red-billed Leiothrix	1 besides the approach road below Liangfengya at Foping NNR on the 17/5/2012. (1310 metres)
Grey-hooded Fulvetta	3 at Foping NNR on the 17/5/2012. (2280 [2 birds] & 2480 metres)
White-collared Yuhina	6 at Foping NNR on the 17/5/2012. (2230 & 2280 [2 birds] metres)
Great Parrotbill	10 at Foping NNR on the 17/5/2012. (2350 [2 birds])
Spectacled Parrotbill	2 at Foping NNR on the 17/5/2012. (2400 [2 birds])
Fulvous Parrotbill	2 at Foping NNR on the 17/5/2012. (2280 [2 birds] metres)
White-browed Shortwing	3 at Foping NNR on the 17/5/2012. (2120, 2210 & 2280 metres)
Blackthroat	12 at Foping NNR on the 17/5/2012. They were very vocal and since they preferred denser stands of two to three metre tall bamboo that had virtually no under-storey were very easy to see – probably easier than any other Luscinia that I've ever seen & certainly much easier than its congener, Indian Blue Robin. Mimicry in the bird's songs included Red-billed Blue Magpie, Baikal Bush Warbler, Spotted Nutcracker, Grey-headed Bullfinch and two species that I didn't encounter anywhere near this site - Collared Finchbill & Grey-headed Woodpecker. According to Mr GONG the first birds arrived on the 6 May 2012 and until today he had already encountered up to three birds. (2175, 2240, 2270, 2285, 2300, 2325, 2330, 2350, 2355, 2365, 2400 & 2455 metres)
Indian Blue Robin	4 at Foping NNR on the 17/5/2012. (2030, 2080, 2100 & 2225 metres)
White-bellied Redstart	1 at Foping NNR on the 17/5/2012. (2500 metres)
Plumbeous Redstart	3 at Foping NNR on the 17/5/2012. (1510, 1590 & 1830 metres)
Slaty-blue Flycatcher	1 at Foping NNR on the 17/5/2012. (2340 metres)
Mrs Gould's Sunbird	1 at Foping NNR on the 17/5/2012. (2340 metres)
Eurasian Tree Sparrow	5 in & around Foping town on the 17/5/2012. (870-925 metres)
Grey Wagtail	8 between Foping town & Foping NNR on the 17/5/2012. (970, 990, 1285, 1570, 2050 [2 birds] metres. All were below 2110 metres)
Vinaceous Rosefinch	1 at Foping NNR on the 17/5/2012. (2240 metres)
Grey-headed Bullfinch	6, three pairs, at Foping NNR on the 17/5/2012. (2200 [2 birds], 2320 [2 birds] & 2340 [2 birds] metres)

Friday 18 May 2012. Most of the day in Foping NNR.

I left the Fobao Zhu hotel at 04h05 & was again accompanied by driver & photographer Mr LIANG and guide, researcher GONG Huisheng. We arrived at the Liangfengya turning off route S108 37 minutes later at 04h42 & then continued on up to Liangfengya & beyond there to the road end.

We spent the rest of the day on the unpaved dirt track that heads to the south of the road end. This trail is initially gently uphill and reaches another elaborate, multi-storey steel watch tower after about one kilometre. From here it starts to descend & eventually (according to Mr GONG after 36 kilometres!) leads to Yueba. We walked perhaps three kilometres on this trail, descending to 2010 metres, before turning back. It was then 11h45. Arriving back at the vehicle at 13h15 we loaded up & headed back to Foping town where we arrived at 14h10.

Weather

It was just 14°C outside the Fobao Zhu hotel (870 metres) at 04h00.

Temminck's Tragopan	5 at Foping NNR on the 18/5/2012. (2090, 2110, 2140, 2150 & ca.2180 metres)
Koklass Pheasant	4 at Foping NNR on the 18/5/2012. (2070, ca.2170 & 2200 [2 birds] metres)
Golden Pheasant	6 at Foping NNR on the 18/5/2012. (2040, 2170-2200 [5 birds] metres)
White-bellied Green Pigeon	1 singing bird was heard besides the trail towards Yueba, Foping NNR on the 18/5/2012. (2180 metres)
Asian Koel	1 near Foping town on the 18/5/2012. (ca.900 metres)
Large Hawk-cuckoo	7 between Foping town & Foping NNR on the 18/5/2012. (ca.900, 950, ca.2000, 2100 [3 birds] & 2150 metres)
Himalayan Cuckoo	6 at Foping NNR on the 18/5/2012. (2000-2150 [2 birds], 2100, 2180 [2 birds] & 2200 metres)
Grey Nightjar	1 was heard in Foping town at about 03h45 on the 18/5/2012. (ca.1000 metres)
Black-capped Kingfisher	1 near Foping town on the 18/5/2012. (960 metres)
Grey-capped Pygmy Woodpecker	2 on the trail towards Yueba, Foping NNR on the 18/5/2012. (2110 [2 birds] metres)
Long-tailed Minivet	8 on the trail towards Yueba, Foping NNR on the 18/5/2012. (2170 [2 birds] metres)
Ashy Drongo	2, a pair, on the trail towards Yueba, Foping NNR on the 18/5/2012. (2170 [2 birds] metres)
Eurasian Jay	3 singles on the trail towards Yueba, Foping NNR on the 18/5/2012. (2110, 2160, 2170 metres)
Red-billed Blue Magpie	5 on the trail towards Yueba, Foping NNR on the 18/5/2012. (2080 [2 birds], 2115 & 2170 [2 birds] metres)
Eurasian Magpie	1 near Foping town on the 18/5/2012. (1020 metres)
Spotted Nutcracker	3 besides the trail towards Yueba, Foping NNR on the 18/5/2012. (2080 [3 birds] metres)
Large-billed Crow	5 besides the trail towards Yueba, Foping NNR on the 18/5/2012. (2070 [2 birds] & 2130 [2 birds] metres)

Yellow-bellied Tit	35 between Foping town & Foping NNR on the 18/5/2012. Two separate birds were heard quite close to Foping town, another 15 were noted on the drive from the side road down through Liangfengya to route S108 while the remaining 18 were on the Yueba trail. (990, 2100 [a single flock of 8 birds], 2140 [1, 1, 3 birds], 2170 & 2180 [2 birds] metres)
Green-backed Tit	4 besides the trail towards Yueba, Foping NNR on the 18/5/2012. (2115 metres)
Collared Finchbill	1 near Foping town on the 18/5/2012. (1075 metres)
Brown-flanked Bush Warbler	1 was heard near Foping town on the 18/5/2012. (980 metres)
Yellow-bellied Bush Warbler	15 besides the trail towards Yueba, Foping NNR on the 18/5/2012. (2040 [2 birds], 2080, 2090 [3 birds], 2140, 2150 [3 birds], 2160 [2 birds], 2170 & 2180 [2 birds] metres)
Sooty Bushtit	1 besides the trail towards Yueba, Foping NNR on the 18/5/2012. (2070 metres)
Chinese Leaf Warbler	75 in Foping NNR on the 18/5/2012. All were either besides the road above the Liangfengya barrier or on the trail towards Yueba.
Large-billed Leaf Warbler	40 in Foping NNR on the 18/5/2012. 30 of these were noted from the road on the drive out - 25 were above the Liangfengya barrier & another five below.
Claudia's Leaf Warbler	40 in Foping NNR on the 18/5/2012. 26 of these were noted from the road on the drive out of the reserve - 16 above the Liangfengya barrier & another ten below. (2110 [2 birds] metres)
Emei Leaf Warbler	4 separate singing birds in a small area about three kilometres down the trail towards Yueba, n Foping NNR on the 18/5/2012. All were at a surprisingly high elevation. (2020, 2030, 2040 & 2090 metres)
Grey-crowned Warbler	5 on the Yueba trail, Foping NNR on the 18/5/2012. (2035, 2045 & 2100-2120 [2 birds] metres)
Martens's Warbler	16 on the Yueba trail, Foping NNR on the 18/5/2012. (2065, 2165 metres)
Baikal Bush Warbler	9 singing birds in Foping NNR on the 18/5/2012. Two of these were besides the road above Liangfengya while the other seven were besides the Yueba trail. (1980, 2100, 2110, 2120, 2140, 2150 & 2160 metres)
Brown Bush Warbler	5 besides the Liangfengya road in to Foping NNR on the 18/5/2012. Several of these were heard singing before dawn. (ca.1670, 1700, 1800, 2025 & 2110 metres)
Streak-breasted Scimitar Babbler	10 in Foping NNR on the 18/5/2012. Most were besides the Yueba trail. (2070, 2080 [a pair], 2130 [a pair], 2170 [a pair] metres)
Pygmy Wren Babbler	1 singing for the second day running pre-dawn near the road end above Liangfengya, Foping NNR on the 18/5/2012. (2080 metres)
Barred Laughingthrush	8 (four pairs) on the Yueba trail, Foping NNR on the 18/5/2012. (2100 [a pair], 2140 [2 pairs] & 2160 [a pair] metres)
Elliot's Laughingthrush	15 at Foping NNR on the 18/5/2012. (2070-2150 metres)
Red-billed Leiothrix	6 on route to & at Foping NNR on the 18/5/2012. (1270, 1870, 2010, 2025, 2060 & 2080 metres)
Spectacled Fulvetta	2, a pair, on the Yueba trail, Foping NNR on the 18/5/2012. (2090 [a pair] metres)
White-collared Yuhina	5 besides the Yueba trail, Foping NNR on the 18/5/2012. (2120 & 2140 metres)
Great Parrotbill	12 besides the Yueba trail, Foping NNR on the 18/5/2012. (2100 [2 birds], 2120 [2 birds], 2140, 2170 & 2180 [2 birds] metres)
Spectacled Parrotbill	5, including two pairs, besides the Yueba trail, Foping NNR on the 18/5/2012. (2010 [a pair], 2025 & 2035 [another pair] metres)
White-browed Shortwing	2 singing birds on the Yueba trail, Foping NNR on the 18/5/2012. (2135 & 2190 metres)
Indian Blue Robin	28 singing birds at Foping NNR on the 18/5/2012. Most, but not all, of these were on the Yueba trail. (1810, 2020, ca.2060, 2070 [3 birds], 2080, 2100 [3 birds], 2110 [2 birds], 2120 [2 birds], 2125, 2140 [3 birds] & 2160 [2 birds] metres)
Daurian Redstart	2 male on the 18/5/2012 - one close to Foping town & the other on the Yueba trail in Foping NNR. (1040 & 2180 metres)
Plumbeous Redstart	6 between Foping town & Foping NNR on the 18/5/2012. (970, 990, 1020 [2 birds], 1050 & 1710 metres)
Slaty-blue Flycatcher	3 singing birds on the Yueba trail, Foping NNR on the 18/5/2012. (2055, 2170 & 2185 metres)
Blue-and-white Flycatcher	1 non-singing male <i>cumatilis</i> on the Yueba trail, Foping NNR on the 18/5/2012. (2160 metres)
Fujian Niltava	1 singing on the Yueba trail, Foping NNR on the 18/5/2012. A remarkable altitude! (2110 metres)
Eurasian Tree Sparrow	10 in & around Foping town on the 18/5/2012 (870 metres)
Grey Wagtail	5 on the Yueba trail, Foping NNR on the 18/5/2012. (2150 metres)
White Wagtail	2 <i>alboides</i> in Foping town on the 18/5/2012. (870 metres)
Slaty Bunting	8, including three pairs, on the Yueba trail, Foping NNR on the 18/5/2012 (2090 [a pair], 2120 [two widely separate pairs], 2140 [a pair], 2175 & 2180 metres)

Mammals

Reeve's Muntjak 1 near the end of the Liangfengya road, Foping NNR on the 18/5/2012. (2060 metres)

Saturday 19 May 2012. Most of the day in Foping NNR.

I left the Fobao Zhu hotel at 04h05. I was again accompanied by driver & photographer Mr LIANG and my guide as researcher GONG Huisheng. We arrived at the Liangfengya turning off route S108 35 minutes later at 04h40 & then continued on up towards Liangfengya but I heard a Tawny Fish Owl about one kilometre up this side road so we stopped. Despite considerable noise from the rushing river I managed to make a reasonable sound recording & eventually saw one of the two birds that were calling.

After a while here we headed on up to the end of the road where we arrived at 05h50. I spent a couple of hours walking about one kilometre back down the road before returning to the road end and heading back up the 'Blackthroat trail'. I spent the rest of the morning and the early afternoon on this trail (09h00-14h10) and climbed as high as about 2400 metres.

We headed back to Foping town at 14h20.

Weather

15°C outside the Fobao Zhu hotel (870 metres) at 04h00 & 10°C near the end of the road (2115 metres) above Liangfengya at 06h15. There was absolutely no cloud today – it soon became hot and today was the first day that there was a significant mid-day reduction in the amount of bird activity.

Temminck's Tragopan	5 at Foping NNR on the 19/5/2012. (2050, 2150, 2165 & 2220 (pair) metres)
Koklass Pheasant	2 at Foping NNR on the 19/5/2012. (ca.2150 [2 birds] metres)
Golden Pheasant	10 at Foping NNR on the 19/5/2012. (ca.2150, 2200 [2 birds], 2230, 2285 & 2300 metres)
White-bellied Green Pigeon	1 at Foping NNR on the 19/5/2012. (ca.2040 metres)
Asian Koel	3 between Foping town & the road end above Liangfengya, Foping NNR on the 19/5/2012. (870, 1420 & 1470 metres)
Fork-tailed Drongo-cuckoo	1 was heard, and tape recorded, at the 'Tawny Fish Owl site' about one kilometre up the Liangfengya road from route S108, Foping NNR at 04h50 on the 19/5/2012. Not included on a <i>List of the Bird of Shaanxi</i> prepared by Richard Lewthwaite on 6 August 2011 & possibly the first record for Shaanxi. (ca.1450 metres)
Large Hawk-cuckoo	7 at Foping NNR on the 19/5/2012. (ca.1000 [2 birds], ca.2050, ca.2100 & 2150 metres)
Himalayan Cuckoo	5 at Foping NNR on the 19/5/2012. (ca.1850, 2150 [2 birds] & ca.2250 metres)
Tawny Fish Owl	2 birds, a pair, were heard and subsequently seen from about 04h45 at Foping NNR on the 19/5/2012. They were about one kilometre up the Liangfengya road above route S108 (33°41.36'N., 107°56.66'E.) & this site is about 300 metres before the first road bridge. (1390 [2 birds] metres)
Grey Nightjar	1 was heard near Foping town at about 04h00 on the 19/5/2012. (ca.1000 metres)
Crimson-breasted Woodpecker woodpecker sp.	1 male at Foping NNR on the 19/5/2012. (1995 metres)
Long-tailed Minivet	2 at Foping NNR on the 19/5/2012.
Brown Shrike	10 at Foping NNR on the 19/5/2012. (ca.2000-ca.2250 metres)
Red-billed Blue Magpie	2 separate <i>cristatus</i> at Foping NNR on the 19/5/2012. (2095 & 2240 metres)
Spotted Nutcracker	6 at Foping NNR on the 19/5/2012. (1420 [2 birds], 1530, 1770 [2 birds] & 2050 metres)
Large-billed Crow	6 above Liangfengya, Foping NNR on the 19/5/2012. (1760 (just above Liangfengya) to ca.2300 metres)
Grey-headed Canary Flycatcher	7 at Foping NNR on the 19/5/2012. (ca.1900 (pair displaying) & 2050-2200 metres)
Yellow-bellied Tit	5 separate singing birds were heard besides the Liangfengya approach road at Foping NNR on the 19/5/2012. (1470, 1490, 1545, 1760 & 1850 metres)
Green-backed Tit	20 at Foping NNR on the 19/5/2012. (All were above 1840 metres & seven were on the 'Blackthroat trail')
Red-rumped Swallow	8 at Foping NNR on the 19/5/2012. (1440, 1580 [2 birds], 1735 [2 birds], 1870 & 2200 (pair) metres)
Brown-flanked Bush Warbler	2 over Foping town on the 19/5/2012. (870 [2 birds] metres)
Yellow-bellied Bush Warbler	2 at Foping NNR on the 19/5/2012. (1860 metres)
Buff-throated Warbler	9 at Foping NNR on the 19/5/2012. Seven of these were on the 'Blackthroat trail' between 2155-2300 metres while overall birds ranged between 2030-2300 metres.
Yellow-streaked Warbler	2 singles within one kilometre of the end of the road above Liangfengya, Foping NNR on the 19/5/2012. (1995 & 2100 metres)
Chinese Leaf Warbler	3 at Foping NNR on the 19/5/2012. (1455, 1460 & 1510 metres)
Hume's Leaf Warbler	50 at Foping NNR on the 19/5/2012. 20 of these were seen or heard from the road on the drive up & all 20 of these were from just (50 metres elevation) below the Liangfengya barrier. (1675-2330 metres)
Large-billed Leaf Warbler	6 at Foping NNR on the 19/5/2012. (2360 & above metres)
Eastern Crowned Warbler	73 at Foping NNR on the 19/5/2012. 46 birds were seen or heard from the road on the drive in (33 above the Liangfengya barrier with another 13 below it). (1620 metres and above)
Claudia's Leaf Warbler	1 near Foping town on the 19/5/2012. (1060 metres)
Emei Leaf Warbler	40 at Foping NNR on the 19/5/2012. (1460 metres & above)
Martens's Warbler	1 was heard at a surprising elevation on the 'Blackthroat trail' at Foping NNR on the 19/5/2012. (ca.2170 metres)
Alström's Warbler	10 at Foping NNR on the 19/5/2012. (2230 [2 birds] metres)
Chestnut-crowned Warbler	11 at Foping NNR on the 19/5/2012. (1410-1470 [6 birds] & 1530 metres)
Baikal Bush Warbler	10 at Foping NNR on the 19/5/2012. (1410-1620 [6 birds], 1710, 1780, 1860 & 2010 metres)
Brown Bush Warbler	3 at Foping NNR on the 19/5/2012. Two of these were on the 'Blackthroat trail' & the other near the top of the approach road. (2100 & 2255 metres).
Streak-breasted Scimitar Babbler	5 at Foping NNR on the 19/5/2012. (1950, 1990, 2110, 2090 & 2260 metres)
Pygmy Wren Babbler	4 at Foping NNR on the 19/5/2012. (2130 [a pair] & 2180 [a pair])
Rufous-capped Babbler	2 at Foping NNR on the 19/5/2012. (1670 & 1840 metres)
Barred Laughingthrush	1 near the start of the 'Blackthroat trail' at Foping NNR on the 19/5/2012. (2145 metres)
Elliot's Laughingthrush	2, a pair, at Foping NNR on the 19/5/2012.
Red-billed Leiothrix	10 at Foping NNR on the 19/5/2012. (2060 metres & above)
Spectacled Fulvetta	9 on the approach road around & above Liangfengya at Foping NNR on the 19/5/2012. (1650, 1690 [2 birds], 1720, 1725, 1750 [2 birds], 1780 & 1920 metres)
Grey-hooded Fulvetta	2 on the 'Blackthroat trail' at Foping NNR on the 19/5/2012. (2270 [2 birds] metres)
White-collared Yuhina	2 at Foping NNR on the 19/5/2012. (2230 & 2245 metres)
Great Parrotbill	10 at Foping NNR on the 19/5/2012. (1900 [2 birds] metres)
White-eye sp.	4 at Foping NNR on the 19/5/2012.
Blue Whistling Thrush	1 at Foping NNR on the 19/5/2012. (2025 metres)
White-browed Shortwing	2, a pair, at Foping NNR on the 19/5/2012. (1530 [2 birds] metres)
Blackthroat	2 singles on the 'Blackthroat trail' at Foping NNR on the 19/5/2012. (2150 & 2165 metres)
Indian Blue Robin	3 singing males on the 'Blackthroat trail' at Foping NNR on the 19/5/2012. The first bird was about 30 metres before the steel watchtower at the end of the paved portion of the trail. (2240, 2290 & ca.2355 metres)
Daurian Redstart	18 at Foping NNR on the 19/5/2012. (1800 [2 birds], 1810, 1850-2050 [11 birds] & four between 2050-2220 metres on the 'Blackthroat trail')
Plumbeous Redstart	3 at Foping NNR on the 19/5/2012. (2115 metres)
Grey Bushchat	6 between Foping town & Foping NNR on the 19/5/2012. (950-1580 metres)
Dark-sided Flycatcher	1 near the end of the road above Liangfengya, Foping NNR on the 19/5/2012. (2100 metres)
Slaty-blue Flycatcher	1 at Foping NNR on the 19/5/2012. (2120 metres)
Fujian Niltava	1 at Foping NNR on the 19/5/2012. (2025 metres)
Eurasian Tree Sparrow	8 Foping NNR on the 19/5/2012. (1480, 1490 [2 birds], 1550, 1610 [2 birds], 1720 & 2090 metres)
	20 in & around Foping town on the 19/5/2012. (950-ca.1050 metres)

Grey Wagtail	9 between Foping town & Foping NNR on the 19/5/2012. (1400 [2 birds], 1420, 2020 [2 birds], 2050 & 2090 [3 birds] metres)
White Wagtail	2 at Foping NNR on the 19/5/2012. (890 [2 birds] metres)
Grey-capped Greenfinch	1 in Foping town on the 19/5/2012. (870 metres)
Vinaceous Rosefinch	2, a pair, near the end of the road above Liangfengya, Foping NNR on the 19/5/2012. (1995 [a pair] metres)
Grey-headed Bullfinch	2 at Foping NNR on the 19/5/2012. (2220 [2 birds] metres)
Slaty Bunting	5 along the approach road near Liangfengya, Foping NNR on the 19/5/2012. (1420, 1510 [2 birds], 1580 & 1870 metres)
Yellow-throated Bunting	2 near the end of the road above Liangfengya, Foping NNR on the 19/5/2012. (2065 [a pair] metres)

Sunday 20 May 2012. Early morning in Foping NNR. Late morning returned to Xi'an for a flight to Chengdu.

I left the Fobao Zhu hotel at 04h05. Today I was accompanied by Mr LIANG and instead of GONG Huisheng a Mr YANG. We drove straight up to the end of the road above Liangfengya, arrived at the turning off route G108 at 04h42, drove past the Tawny Fish Owl site just two minutes later, arrived at the Liangfengya barrier eight kilometres further on at 04h57 & at the end of the road about five kilometres above there at 05h10.

I spent the next 3.5 hours on the 'Blackthroat trail' walking from the road end at 2100 metres up to 2270 metres before turning around & walking back. I re-packed my gear back at the car before heading off back to Xi'an airport.

Departed the end of the road	09h10	
Main road	09h30	
Long road tunnel	09h45	1730 metres this is the highest point on this road through the Qinling Shan.
Northern end of large reservoir	11h30	675 metres
Muslim noodle restaurant lunch	11h40-12h10	
Terminal 3 Xi'an airport	13h30	

My China Southern flight (CZ6225) was scheduled to leave Xi'an at 16h55 & arrive in Chengdu at 18h20. Check-in for it started at 14h55 (just two hours before departure) but the flight was delayed 70 minutes and left the gate at 18h05. The flight lasted 74 minutes.

Temminck's Tragopan	5 at Foping NNR on the 20/5/2012. (2120-2150 [4 birds] & ca.2200 metres)
Koklass Pheasant	4 at Foping NNR on the 20/5/2012. (2150, 2200 [2 birds] & 2250 metres)
Golden Pheasant	9 at Foping NNR on the 20/5/2012. (2140-ca.2280 metres)
Asian Koel	4 were heard on the 20/5/2012 - one near Foping town and three others besides route S108 through the Qinling Shan between Foping NNR & Xi'an on the 20/5/2012. (700, ca.900, 970 & 1440 metres)
Large Hawk-cuckoo	5 at Foping NNR on the 20/5/2012. (ca.1000, ca.1800 [2 birds], ca.2000 & ca.2150 metres)
Lesser Cuckoo	1 at Foping NNR on the 20/5/2012. (ca.2300 metres)
Himalayan Cuckoo	4 at Foping NNR on the 20/5/2012. (below 2000, 2250 [2 birds] & ca.2300 metres)
Tawny Fish Owl	1 was heard at Foping NNR on the 20/5/2012. It was one of the same birds that I saw yesterday and was at the very same site. Heard at 04h44 it was again about one kilometre up the road between route S211 & Liangfengya & ca.300 metres before the first bridge across the river. (1395 metres)
Grey Nightjar	2 were heard on the 20/5/2012. The first was over Foping town and the second between Liangfengya & the end of the road in Foping NNR. (ca.950 & 1800 metres)
Grey-headed Woodpecker	1 was heard in the Qinling Shan between Foping NNR & Xi'an on the 20/5/2012 (ca.680 metres)
Long-tailed Minivet	6 at Foping NNR on the 20/5/2012.
Red-billed Blue Magpie	12 on the 20/5/2012 - two near Liangfengya, Foping NNR and 10 others besides route S108 through the Qinling Shan between Foping NNR & Xi'an on the 20/5/2012. (810, 935, 970 [2 birds], 1270 [2 birds], 1290, 1400 [2 birds] & 1620 metres)
Spotted Nutcracker	3 at Foping NNR on the 20/5/2012.
Large-billed Crow	2 at Foping NNR on the 20/5/2012.
Grey-headed Canary Flycatcher	2 singing birds at Foping NNR on the 20/5/2012. Highest of these two was just above the Liangfengya Forest Protection Station. (1400 & 1740 metres)
Yellow-bellied Tit	33 on the 20/5/2012 - 15 in Foping NNR and 18 others besides route S108 through the Qinling Shan between Foping NNR & Xi'an on the 20/5/2012. (940, 970, 1320, 1380, 1500, 1510, 1550 [2 birds], 1570 [2 birds], 1610, 1620 [2 birds], 1640, 1650, 1675 & 1720 [2 birds] metres)
Japanese Tit	3 besides route S108 through the Qinling Shan between Foping NNR & Xi'an on the 20/5/2012. (710, 780 & 1330 metres)
Green-backed Tit	3 on the 20/5/2012 - two in Foping NNR and one other besides route S108 through the Qinling Shan between Foping NNR & Xi'an on the 20/5/2012. (1700 metres)
Collared Finchbill	3 in the Qinling Shan between Foping NNR & Xi'an on the 20/5/2012. (790, 960 & 1020 metres)
Brown-breasted Bulbul	2 in the Qinling Shan between Foping NNR & Xi'an on the 20/5/2012. (710 & 750 metres)
Barn Swallow	1 near Xi'an on the 20/5/2012. (565 metres)

Asian House Martin	6 at Foping NNR on the 20/5/2012. (1610 metres)
Red-rumped Swallow	1 near Xi'an on the 20/5/2012 (620 metres)
Manchurian Bush Warbler	2 singing besides route S108 through the Qinling Shan between Foping NNR & Xi'an on the 20/5/2012. (610 & 640 metres)
Brown-flanked Bush Warbler	6 on the 20/5/2012 - four between Foping town & Foping NNR and two others besides route S108 through the Qinling Shan between Foping NNR & Xi'an on the 20/5/2012. (760, 1370, 1400, 1440 [2 birds] & 1840 metres)
Yellow-bellied Bush Warbler	5 at Foping NNR on the 20/5/2012. (2040-2270 metres)
Black-throated Bushtit	8 besides route S108 through the Qinling Shan between Foping NNR & Xi'an on the 20/5/2012. (705 [2 birds], 710 [1, 1 & 2 birds] & 1360 [2 birds] metres)
Buff-throated Warbler	1 up the 'Blackthroat trail' at Foping NNR on the 20/5/2012. (2270 metres)
Chinese Leaf Warbler	21 on the 20/5/2012 - 20 between Foping town & Foping NNR and just one other besides route S108 through the Qinling Shan between Foping NNR & Xi'an on the 20/5/2012. (1700 metres)
Large-billed Leaf Warbler	27 on the 20/5/2012 - 25 in Foping NNR and two others besides route S108 through the Qinling Shan between Foping NNR & Xi'an on the 20/5/2012. (All 25 birds in the NNR were above 1640 metres while one of the birds besides route S108 was at 1710 metres)
Eastern Crowned Warbler	8 singing besides route S108 through the Qinling Shan between Foping NNR & Xi'an on the 20/5/2012. (700 [2 birds], 940 [2 birds], 970, 1030, 1050 & 1170 metres)
Claudia's Leaf Warbler	50 on the 20/5/2012 - 30 in Foping NNR and 20 others besides route S108 through the Qinling Shan between Foping NNR & Xi'an on the 20/5/2012. (1300-1730 metres)
Martens's Warbler	13 up the 'Blackthroat trail' at Foping NNR on the 20/5/2012.
Alström's Warbler	9 on the 20/5/2012 - two below Liangfengya in Foping NNR and seven others besides route S108 through the Qinling Shan between Foping NNR & Xi'an on the 20/5/2012. (1440 [2 birds], 1460, 1470, 1520, 1540, 1550 [2 birds] & 1560 metres)
Seicercus sp.	1 besides route S108 through the Qinling Shan between Foping NNR & Xi'an on the 20/5/2012. (1590 metres)
Chestnut-crowned Warbler	1 at Foping NNR on the 20/5/2012. (1560 metres)
Baikal Bush Warbler	2 at Foping NNR on the 20/5/2012. (2100 & 2240 metres)
Brown Bush Warbler	2 at Foping NNR on the 20/5/2012. (1740 & 2100 metres)
Black-streaked Scimitar Babbler	1 was heard besides route S108 through the Qinling Shan between Foping NNR & Xi'an on the 20/5/2012. (780 metres)
Streak-breasted Scimitar Babbler	4, two pairs, at Foping NNR on the 20/5/2012. (2170 [2 birds] & 2240 [2 birds] metres)
Rufous-capped Babbler	1 at Foping NNR on the 20/5/2012. (2140 metres)
Elliot's Laughingthrush	7 on the 20/5/2012 - six in Foping NNR and one other besides route S108 through the Qinling Shan between Foping NNR & Xi'an on the 20/5/2012. (1600 & 2100- <i>ca.</i> 2250 metres)
Spectacled Fulvetta	1 up the 'Blackthroat trail'; at Foping NNR on the 20/5/2012. (2260 metres)
White-collared Yuhina	3 up the 'Blackthroat trail' at Foping NNR on the 20/5/2012.
Great Parrotbill	3 were heard up the 'Blackthroat trail' at Foping NNR on the 20/5/2012. (2100 [2 birds] & 2150 metres)
Spectacled Parrotbill	3 at Foping NNR on the 20/5/2012. Two were up the 'Blackthroat trail' the other about one kilometre down from the end of the road above Liangfengya. (2060 & 2260 [2 birds] metres)
White-eye sp.	1 was heard near the end of the road above Liangfengya, Foping NNR on the 20/5/2012. (2100 metres)
Chestnut Thrush	1 singing bird was heard between Liangfengya and the end of the road at Foping NNR at dawn (05h05) on the 20/5/2012. (<i>ca.</i> 2000 metres)
White-browed Shortwing	2 singing birds on the 'Blackthroat trail' at Foping NNR on the 20/5/2012. (2200 & 2270 metres)
Blackthroat	1 about 50 metres after the watch tower on the 'Blackthroat trail' at Foping NNR on the 20/5/2012. Mimicry in the song today included Grey-headed Woodpecker - a species I did not see or hear at Foping! (2230 metres)
Indian Blue Robin	12 at Foping NNR on the 20/5/2012.
Daurian Redstart	4 on the 20/5/2012 - one near the end of the road above Liangfengya in Foping NNR and three others besides route S108 through the Qinling Shan between Foping NNR & Xi'an on the 20/5/2012. (710, 730 [2 birds] & 2110 metres)
White-bellied Redstart	1 was heard low down on the 'Blackthroat trail' at Foping NNR on the 20/5/2012. (2180 metres)
Plumbeous Redstart	7 on the 20/5/2012 - three below Liangfengya, Foping NNR and four others besides route S108 through the Qinling Shan between Foping NNR & Xi'an on the 20/5/2012. (1030, 1190, 1470, 1550, 1650, 1700 & 1720 metres)
Blue Rock Thrush	1 singing male besides route S108 through the Qinling Shan between Foping NNR & Xi'an on the 20/5/2012. (720 metres)
Slaty-blue Flycatcher	1 was heard on the 'Blackthroat trail' at Foping NNR on the 20/5/2012. (2270 metres)
Fujian Niltava	1 was heard besides route S108 through the Qinling Shan between Foping NNR & Xi'an on the 20/5/2012. (1470 metres)
Russet Sparrow	12 besides route S108 through the Qinling Shan between Foping NNR & Xi'an on the 20/5/2012. (700 & 760-790 [11 birds] metres)
Eurasian Tree Sparrow	20 in the lowlands near Xi'an on the 20/5/2012. (520-600 metres)
Grey Wagtail	26 on the 20/5/2012 - six in Foping NNR and 20 others besides route S108 through the Qinling Shan between Foping NNR & Xi'an on the 20/5/2012. (690, 720, 780 [2 birds], 890 [2 birds], 900 [2 birds], 910 [3 birds], 930 [2 birds], 940, 1030 [2 birds], 1310, 1370 & 1590 metres)
White Wagtail	2 <i>alboides</i> besides route S108 through the Qinling Shan between Foping NNR & Xi'an on the 20/5/2012. (950 [2 birds] metres)
Grey-capped Greenfinch	3 singles in the lowlands near Xi'an on the 20/5/2012. (560 [2 singles] & 770 metres)
Red Crossbill	4 calling birds repeatedly flew over the watch tower on the 'Blackthroat trail' at Foping NNR on the 20/5/2012. (2220-2230 [4 birds] metres)
Grey-headed Bullfinch	4, two pairs, on the 'Blackthroat trail' at Foping NNR on the 20/5/2012. (2220 [2 birds] & 2260 [2 birds] metres)
<u>Mammals</u>	
Wild Boar	1 large male in the clearing 100 metres after the watch tower on the 'Blackthroat trail' at Foping NNR on the 20/5/2012. (2210 metres)
Pere David's Rock Squirrel	2 were heard besides the Liangfengya Forest Protection Station at Foping NNR on the 20/5/2012. (1720 metres)

Saturday 9 June 2012. Chengdu to Xi'an & on to Foping town

Qingyu & me left Chengdu, Sichuan on a Sichuan Airlines flight 20 minutes late at 16h10. Our flight took just 67 minutes and we landed in Xi'an at 17h23. We retrieved our luggage, met our driver & headed off south to Foping.

Weather

According to the cabin crew it was scorching 35°C at Xi'an airport when we landed at 17h20!

Fobao Zhu hotel in Foping town. (33°30.8' N., 107°58.9' E.)(858 metres).

Road end above Liangfengya (33°41.1' N., 107°51.3' E.)(2130 metres).

Black Drongo	1 between Xi'an & Foping on the 9/6/2012. (ca.600 metres)
Barn Swallow	5 between Xi'an & Foping on the 9/6/2012. (570-650 metres)
Crested Myna	1 near Xi'an airport on the 9/6/2012. (570 metres)

Mammals

Masked Civet	1 in the Qinling Shan between Xi'an & Foping at 21h40 on the 9/6/2012. (1420 metres)
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Sunday 10 June 2012. All day Foping NNR.

We left the Fobao Zhu hotel at 03h30. Accompanied by Mr Hong we drove straight up to the end of the road above Liangfengya, arrived at the turning off route G108 at 04h12, drove past the Tawny Fish Owl site just two minutes later, arrived at the Liangfengya barrier eight kilometres further on at 04h35 & at the end of the road about five kilometres above there at 04h45.

We spent much of the rest of the day there - mostly on the 'Blackthroat trail' walking from the road end at 2100 metres up to 2270 metres before turning around & walking back. We left that site at 14h21 & drove back to Foping town where we had a meal before returning to the hotel for the evening.

Weather

It was 20°C outside the Fobao Zhu hotel in Foping town at 03h20!

Temminck's Tragopan	1 was heard at the Liangfengya road end, Foping NNR on the 10/6/2012. (2200 metres)
Koklass Pheasant	1 was heard at Foping NNR on the 10/6/2012. (2150 metres)
Golden Pheasant	1 was heard at Foping NNR on the 10/6/2012. (ca.2200 metres)
Asian Koel	2 were heard in & around Foping town on the 10/6/2012. (880 & ca.900 metres)
Large Hawk-cuckoo	3 were heard at Foping NNR on the 10/6/2012. (ca.900, 2150 & ca.2200 metres)
Lesser Cuckoo	4 were heard at Foping NNR on the 10/6/2012. (ca.1100, ca.1950 & ca.2150 [2 birds] metres)
Himalayan Cuckoo	3 were heard at Foping NNR on the 10/6/2012. (ca.2150 [2 birds] & ca.2200 metres)
Himalayan Owl	1 at the Liangfengya road end, Foping NNR before dawn on the 10/6/2012. (2150-2200 metres)
Black-capped Kingfisher	1 besides the approach road up to Liangfengya, Foping NNR on the 10/6/2012. (1530 metres)
woodpecker sp.	1 was heard at Foping NNR on the 10/6/2012. (ca.2200 metres)
Long-tailed Minivet	4 at Foping NNR on the 10/6/2012. (2200-2350 metres)
Spotted Nuthacker	5 at Foping NNR on the 10/6/2012. (2160, 2250 [2 birds], 2450 & ca.2600 metres)
Large-billed Crow	2 were heard at Foping NNR on the 10/6/2012. (2150 [2 birds] metres)
Yellow-bellied Tit	15 at Foping NNR on the 10/6/2012. (ca.1900-ca.2450 metres)
Grey-crested Tit	1 was heard at Foping NNR on the 10/6/2012. (2250 metres)
Green-backed Tit	1 at Foping NNR on the 10/6/2012. (2200 metres)
Fire-capped Tit	3 at Foping NNR on the 10/6/2012. (2450 [3 birds] metres)
Collared Finchbill	1 was heard at Foping NNR on the 10/6/2012. (ca.1100 metres)
Brown-flanked Bush Warbler	2 were heard at Foping NNR on the 10/6/2012.
Yellow-bellied Bush Warbler	10 were heard at Foping NNR on the 10/6/2012.
Rufous-faced Warbler	1 was heard besides the main highway about a 20 minute drive above Foping town on the 10/6/2012. (1040 metres)
Sooty Bushtit	20, in a single flock, at Foping NNR on the 10/6/2012. (2190 [20 birds] metres)
Chinese Leaf Warbler	15 at Foping NNR on the 10/6/2012. (2150-2350 metres)
Hume's Leaf Warbler	5 at Foping NNR on the 10/6/2012. (2350-ca.2500 metres)
Large-billed Leaf Warbler	5 at Foping NNR on the 10/6/2012. (ca.1750-2200 metres)
Claudia's Leaf Warbler	4 were heard at Foping NNR on the 10/6/2012.
Emei Leaf Warbler	1 singing bird was heard at the start of the 'Blackthroat trail' above Liangfengya, Foping NNR on the 10/6/2012. (2210 metres)
Kloss's Leaf Warbler	8 were heard at Foping NNR on the 10/6/2012.
Bianchi's Warbler	5 were heard at Foping NNR on the 10/6/2012.
Martens's Warbler	8 were heard at Foping NNR on the 10/6/2012.
Brown Bush Warbler	2 were heard at Foping NNR on the 10/6/2012. (2200 & 2250 metres)
Streak-breasted Scimitar Babbler	2 were heard at Foping NNR on the 10/6/2012. (2190 metres)
Barred Laughingthrush	2 were heard at Foping NNR on the 10/6/2012.
[Spotted Laughingthrush	1 bird, possibly this species, was heard at Foping NNR on the 10/6/2012. (ca.2300 metres)
Chinese Hwamei	2 were heard in Foping town on the 10/6/2012. (850-950 metres)
Elliot's Laughingthrush	10 were heard at Foping NNR on the 10/6/2012.

Red-billed Leiothrix	5 at Foping NNR on the 10/6/2012.
Golden-breasted Fulvetta	2, a pair, in a mixed species flock, in bamboo at Foping NNR on the 10/6/2012. (2180 metres)
Spectacled Fulvetta	2 were heard at Foping NNR on the 10/6/2012. (2200 & 2350 metres)
Grey-hooded Fulvetta	1 was heard at Foping NNR on the 10/6/2012. (2240 metres)
White-collared Yuhina	4 at Foping NNR on the 10/6/2012.
Great Parrotbill	4, one seen & three others only heard, at Foping NNR on the 10/6/2012.
Fulvous Parrotbill	1 at Foping NNR on the 10/6/2012. (2300 metres)
Sichuan Treecreeper	1 at Foping NNR on the 10/6/2012. (2350 metres)
Chestnut Thrush	1 was heard at Foping NNR on the 10/6/2012. (ca. 1800 metres)
White-browed Shortwing	2 widely separate birds were heard at Foping NNR on the 10/6/2012.
Blackthroat	8, three males seen & five others only heard, at Foping NNR on the 10/6/2012. Mimicry included Collared Finchbill, Chinese Bamboo Partridge.
Indian Blue Robin	5 were heard at Foping NNR on the 10/6/2012.
Oriental Magpie Robin	2 were heard at Foping NNR on the 10/6/2012. (850 & 900 metres)
Plumbeous Redstart	1 was heard at Foping NNR on the 10/6/2012. (1000 metres)
[Rufous-gorgeted Flycatcher	2 birds, probably this species, were heard at Foping NNR on the 10/6/2012].
Slaty-blue Flycatcher	3 were heard at Foping NNR on the 10/6/2012.
Eurasian Tree Sparrow	10 at Foping NNR on the 10/6/2012.
Grey Wagtail	4 at Foping NNR on the 10/6/2012. (2090 & 2100 metres)
White Wagtail	2 at Foping NNR on the 10/6/2012.
Red Crossbill	4 were heard at Foping NNR on the 10/6/2012. (2250 metres)
Grey-headed Bullfinch	6 at Foping NNR on the 10/6/2012.
Slaty Bunting	2 were heard at Foping NNR on the 10/6/2012.
<u>Mammals</u>	
Swinhoe's Squirrel	1 at Foping NNR on the 10/6/2012.

Monday 11 June 2012. Early morning Foping NNR.

I left the Fobao Zhu hotel in central Foping (Km 1497) at 03h30 &, again accompanied by Mr Hong, drove straight up to the end of the road above Liangfengya. We arrived at the turning off route G108 at 04h05, drove past the Tawny Fish Owl site just two minutes later, arrived at the Liangfengya barrier eight kilometres further on at 04h15 & at the end of the road about five kilometres above there at 04h33. We birded that area until 08h40 when we left, we reached the main highway (1330 metres) at 09h05 & drove back to the Fobao Zhu hotel in Foping, dropped Mr Hong off, picked up the rest of our gear & headed on south. Our next major port of call was Tangjiahe in Sichuan but it would be the early evening before we would arrive there.

Km ??? turning off west to a tourist complex that has a Golden Monkey feeding station. This site is just an eight minute drive south of the Liangfengya junction.

Fobao Zhu hotel in Foping town. (33°30.8' N., 107°58.9' E.)(858 metres).

Road end above Liangfengya (33°41.1' N., 107°51.3' E.)(2130 metres).

Hanzhong is 148 kms south of Foping town & 56 kms south of Yangxian.

Departed Fobao Zhu hotel & Foping 10h09

Access to the G5 expressway at Km 1513 (not very far south of the Fobao Zhu hotel in Foping town) – but today the short link road was closed.

Long road tunnel	Km 1521	1070 metres	10h35
Yang Tian		690 metres	10h48
Jiushui zhen	3 kms from G5 expressway	470 metres	11h17
Joined G5 expressway			11h20
Longting exit off G5	Km 1285	530 metres	11h37
Yangxian services on G5			11h45-12h15
Mianxian exit on G5	Km 1386	610 metres	13h05
Chenggu services on G5			13h15

Ningqiang services on G5 Km 1441 800 metres 13h45

Daba Shan & the Shaanxi-Sichuan border Km 1446 820 metres

Sunrise & sunset at Liangfengya

Sunrise 05h37

Sun set 19h58

Temminck's Tragopan	1 was heard at Foping NNR on the 11/6/2012. (2130 metres)
Koklass Pheasant	1 was heard at Foping NNR on the 11/6/2012. (ca.2180 metres)
Black-crowned Night Heron	3 between the Yangxian services & the Chenggu exit off expressway G5 on the 11/6/2012. (500 [3 birds] metres)
Chinese Pond Heron	5 near Yangxian on the 11/6/2012. The first of these were at Km 1291 on expressway G5 while another three were seen from Yangxian services. (490 [4 birds] & 785 metres)
Eastern Cattle Egret	11 near Yangxian on the 11/6/2012. Three of these were at Km 1290 on expressway G5 while another five were seen from Yangxian services. (490 metres)
[Great Egret	1 bird, possibly this species, was seen from the expressway near Hanzhong on the 11/6/2012. (490 metres)]
[Intermediate Egret	1 bird, possibly this species, was seen from the expressway the Yangxian services on the 11/6/2012. (490 metres)]
Little Egret	3 between Yangxian, Hanzhong & the Sichuan border on the 11/6/2012. (490 [2 birds] & 785 metres)
[Amur Falcon	1 bird, possibly this species, near Hanzhong on the 11/6/2012. (535 metres)]
Ibisbill	1 bird, possibly this species, was heard between Foping NNR & Yangxian on the 11/6/2012. (560 metres)]
Oriental Turtle Dove	3 between the Yangxian services & the Chenggu exit off expressway G5 on the 11/6/2012. (535 metres)
Spotted Dove	1 near Hanzhong on the 11/6/2012. (540 metres)
Chestnut-winged Cuckoo	1 was heard at Foping NNR on the 11/6/2012. (ca.1900 metres)
Asian Koel	4 were heard between Foping NNR & Yangxian on the 11/6/2012. Two of these were near the petrol station just above Foping town while the other two were south of there. (850 [2 birds] & 900 [2 birds] metres)
Large Hawk-cuckoo	2 were heard at Foping NNR on the 11/6/2012. (ca.2050 & 2150 metres)
Lesser Cuckoo	3 were heard at Foping NNR on the 11/6/2012. (ca.950 metres)
Indian Cuckoo	1 was heard near the Yangxian services on expressway G5 on the 11/6/2012. (490 metres)
Himalayan Cuckoo	3 were heard at Foping NNR on the 11/6/2012.
Common Cuckoo	1 was heard near Hanzhong on the 11/6/2012. (490 metres)
Himalayan Owl	1 at Foping NNR on the 11/6/2012. (2100 metres)
Grey Nightjar	3, one seen & two others only heard at Foping NNR on the 11/6/2012. (ca.950 [2 birds] & 1905 metres)
Black-capped Kingfisher	2 singles between Yangxian, Hanzhong & the Sichuan border on the 11/6/2012. The first was seen at Km 1410 on expressway G5 near Hujiaaba (610 & 750 metres)
woodpecker sp.	1 was heard at Foping NNR on the 11/6/2012.
Black-winged Cuckooshrike	1 in the foothills of the Qinling Shan between Foping town & on the 11/6/2012. It was at Km 1533.3 and below Yang Tian cun. (640 metres)
Long-tailed Minivet	3 were heard at Foping NNR on the 11/6/2012. (2150 metres)
Tiger Shrike	1 about 500 metres south of the upper petrol station between Foping NNR & Foping town on the 11/6/2012. (900 metres)
Brown Shrike	1 bird, possibly this species was seen from the expressway between Foping, Hanzhong & the Sichuan border on the 11/6/2012. (960 metres)]
Long-tailed Shrike	1 between Foping, Hanzhong & the Sichuan border on the 11/6/2012. (ca.500 metres)
Black Drongo	3 near the Yangxian services on expressway G5 on the 11/6/2012. (480 & 560 [2 birds] metres)
Hair-crested Drongo	2 singles were heard in the Daba Shan between Foping NNR & the Sichuan border on the 11/6/2012. (1040 & 1055 metres)
Eurasian Jay	1 at Foping NNR on the 11/6/2012.
Red-billed Blue Magpie	3 singles between Foping, Hanzhong & the Sichuan border on the 11/6/2012. (550, 970 & 1850 metres)
Eurasian Magpie	2 just ten minutes south of Foping town on the 11/6/2012. (760 metres)
Spotted Nutcracker	2 were heard at Foping NNR on the 11/6/2012. (2180 & 2195 metres)
Large-billed Crow	2 singles on the 11/6/2012 – one in Foping NNR & the other close to Yangxian. (750 & 2150 metres)
Yellow-bellied Tit	31 on the 11/6/2012 – 24 in Foping NNR, another six between there & Foping town and the final bird between Foping town, Yangxian, the Daba Shan & the Sichuan border. (All below 2210 metres in the reserve but 795, 870 [4 birds], 1150, 1170 metres outside)
Japanese Tit	5 on the 11/6/2012 – two near the upper petrol station in Foping town & the other three between there, Yangxian, the Daba Shan & the Sichuan border. (760, 890, 970 & 1010 metres)
Collared Finchbill	5 on the 11/6/2012 – one near Foping town & the other four in the foothills of the Qinling Shan between there & Yangxian. (560, 760, 780 & 810 metres)
Brown-breasted Bulbul	3 on the 11/6/2012 – one near Foping town & the other two between there, Yangxian, the Daba Shan & the Sichuan border. (640, 795 & 840 metres)
Barn Swallow	2 between Foping, Hanzhong & the Sichuan border on the 11/6/2012. (550 metres)
Red-rumped Swallow	2 near Foping town on the 11/6/2012. (840 [2 birds] metres)
Brown-flanked Bush Warbler	21 on the 11/6/2012 – one at Foping & the other 16 between there & Yangxian. (550, 560, 650, 740, 800 [2 birds], 810, 820, 840 [4 birds], 900, 930, 950 [2 birds], 960, 1000, 1030 [2 birds] & 1050 metres)
Yellow-bellied Bush Warbler	5 were heard at Foping NNR on the 11/6/2012. (2070-2220 metres)
Rufous-faced Warbler	4 separate singing birds were heard in the foothills of the Qinling Shan between Foping and Yangxian on the 11/6/2012. (650, 810, 840 & 970 metres)
Black-throated Bushtit	7 on the 11/6/2012 – one was heard near Foping town & the other six were in the foothills of the Qinling Shan between there & Yangxian. (700 [5 birds], 770 & 1460 metres)
Yellow-streaked Warbler	5 were heard at Foping NNR on the 11/6/2012. (1370, 1470 & 1980 metres)
Chinese Leaf Warbler	6 were heard at Foping NNR on the 11/6/2012. (2100 metres & above)
Large-billed Leaf Warbler	18 were heard at Foping NNR on the 11/6/2012. (1580-2160 metres)

Eastern Crowned Warbler	3 on the 11/6/2012 – the first was heard about one kilometre above the Fobao Zhu hotel in Foping town & the other two were between there & Yangxian. (800, 820 & 840 metres)
Claudia's Leaf Warbler	10 were heard at Foping NNR on the 11/6/2012. (1010, 1370-1980 metres)
Emei Leaf Warbler	3 singing birds were heard at Foping NNR on the 11/6/2012. (2120, 2160 & 2180 metres)
Kloss's Leaf Warbler	4 were heard at Foping NNR on the 11/6/2012. (All below 1560 metres)
Sulphur-breasted Warbler	3 were heard in the foothills of the Qinling Shan between Foping NNR & Yangxian on the 11/6/2012. The first was at Km 1524.8 with the other two being close by. (860 [2 birds] & 870 metres)
Martens's Warbler	19 were heard at Foping NNR on the 11/6/2012. (All below 2100 metres)
Alström's Warbler	5 on the 11/6/2012 – four were heard in Foping NNR heard while the other was heard in the foothills of the Qinling Shan between Foping NNR & Yangxian. (1230, 1335-1550 metres)
Chestnut-crowned Warbler	2 were heard at Foping NNR on the 11/6/2012. They were both besides the main approach road below Liangfengya. (1460 & 1470 metres)
Baikal Bush Warbler	1 was heard at Foping NNR on the 11/6/2012. (2160 metres)
Brown Bush Warbler	2 were heard at Foping NNR on the 11/6/2012. (2150 & 2210 metres)
Striated Prinia	2 were heard in the foothills of the Qinling Shan between Foping NNR & Yangxian on the 11/6/2012. (600 & 890 metres)
Black-streaked Scimitar Babbler	1 was heard in the foothills of the Qinling Shan between Foping NNR & Yangxian on the 11/6/2012.
Streak-breasted Scimitar Babbler	2 were heard at Foping NNR on the 11/6/2012. (2130 metres)
Chinese Babax	1 was heard at Foping NNR on the 11/6/2012. It was besides the main approach road below Liangfengya – but close to the main Foping highway. (ca.1400 metres)
White-browed Laughingthrush	2 were heard in the foothills of the Qinling Shan between Foping NNR & Yangxian on the 11/6/2012. (890 [2 birds] metres)
Barred Laughingthrush	2, one seen & the other only heard, at Foping NNR on the 11/6/2012. (2110-2130 metres)
Chinese Hwamei	1 was heard in the foothills of the Qinling Shan on the 11/6/2012. This site is just a 20 minute drive south of the Fobao Zhu hotel in Foping town. (ca.700 metres)
Elliot's Laughingthrush	5 were heard at Foping NNR on the 11/6/2012. (2170-2210 metres)
Red-billed Leiothrix	2 were heard at Foping NNR on the 11/6/2012. (ca.2210 metres)
White-collared Yuhina	2 were heard at Foping NNR on the 11/6/2012. (2200 metres)
Great Parrotbill	3 were heard at Foping NNR on the 11/6/2012. (2190 & 2210 metres)
Vinous-throated Parrotbill	2 were heard near Foping town on the 11/6/2012. (965 metres)
White-eye sp.	2 were heard in the foothills of the Qinling Shan between Foping NNR & Yangxian on the 11/6/2012. (610 & 1010 metres)
Red-billed Starling	4 between the Yangxian services & the Chenggu exit off expressway G5 on the 11/6/2012. (500-535 metres)
Blue Whistling Thrush	2 at Foping NNR on the 11/6/2012. (1500 & 1810 metres)
Common Blackbird	1 was heard near Yangxian on the 11/6/2012. (570 metres)
White-browed Shortwing	2 were heard at Foping NNR on the 11/6/2012. (2210 metres)
Blackthroat	1 was heard at Foping NNR on the 11/6/2012. (ca.2100 metres)
Indian Blue Robin	10 were heard at Foping NNR on the 11/6/2012.
Daurian Redstart	6 on the 11/6/2012 – one in Foping NNR, three more between there & Foping town & the final two between there, Yangxian, the Daba Shan & the Sichuan border. (640, 1000, 1010, 1230, 1330 & 2150 metres)
Plumbeous Redstart	8 on the 11/6/2012 – three in Foping NNR & five more between Foping town, Yangxian, the Daba Shan & the Sichuan border. (660 [2 birds], 1350 [2 birds] & 1550 metres)
White-crowned Forktail	1 between Foping NNR & Foping town on the 11/6/2012. It was at kilometre 1083.5. (1020 metres)
Grey Bushchat	2 were heard on the 11/6/2012 – one in Foping NNR & the other between there & Foping town. (1170 metres)
Blue Rock Thrush	1 in the foothills of the Qinling Shan between Foping NNR & Yangxian on the 11/6/2012. (650 metres)
Slaty-blue Flycatcher	4 were heard at Foping NNR on the 11/6/2012. (2150, 2170, 2190 & 2195 metres)
Mrs Gould's Sunbird	1 was heard at Foping NNR on the 11/6/2012. (1800 metres)
Russet Sparrow	1 was heard in the foothills of the Qinling Shan between Foping NNR & Yangxian on the 11/6/2012. It was at Km 1532.9 and below Yang Tian cun. (640 metres)
Eurasian Tree Sparrow	7 in & around Foping town on the 11/6/2012. (800-880 metres)
Grey Wagtail	25 on the 11/6/2012 – three in Foping NNR, six more between there & Foping town & the other 14 between there, Yangxian, the Daba Shan & the Sichuan border. (540 [2 birds], 600, 640, 920, 945, 960 [2 birds], 1040, 1120, 1230 [2 birds], 1720 & 1980 [2 birds] metres)
White Wagtail	4 singles on the 11/6/2012 – two in Foping NNR, one more between there and Foping town & the other Yangxian, the Daba Shan & the Sichuan border. (800 & 880 metres)
Grey-capped Greenfinch	2 near the Yangxian services on route G5 on the 11/6/2012. (480 metres)
Blanford's Rosefinch	2 separate singing males on the 'Blackthroat trail' at Foping NNR on the 11/6/2012. The first was seen from the tower hide while the other was about 500 metres further up the trail. (ca.2150 & 2200 metres)
Common Rosefinch	1 was heard at Foping NNR on the 11/6/2012.
Vinaceous Rosefinch	1 was heard at Foping NNR on the 11/6/2012.
Red Crossbill	1 was heard at Foping NNR on the 11/6/2012.
Grey-headed Bullfinch	4, two pairs, at Foping NNR on the 11/6/2012. (2060 [2 birds] & 2170 [2 birds] metres)
Chinese Grosbeak	1 between between Foping town, Yangxian, the Daba Shan & the Sichuan border on the 11/6/2012.
Slaty Bunting	3 were heard at Foping NNR on the 11/6/2012. All three They were close to the 'Tawny Fish Owl road bridge' on the main approach road below Liangfengya. (1350 & 1470 [2 birds] metres)
Godlewski's Bunting	3 were heard between Foping town, Yangxian, the Daba Shan & the Sichuan border on the 11/6/2012.
Black-faced Bunting	3 <i>sordida</i> besides the upper petrol station between Foping NNR & Foping town on the 11/6/2012. (890 [3 birds] metres)

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Four figures are given in the first parentheses after the species' English name. The first of these figures details how many days (out of a maximum of 9) that particular species was seen on the mountain. The second figure notes the highest daily count & the third the number of bird-days. Hence the entry for Temminck's Tragopan reads (6/7 5 22) (2050-2350 metres) - birds were noted on 6 of the 8 days I was in Foping National Nature Reserve, with up to 5 individuals on any one date & with a total of 22 bird-days. The second set of parentheses contains the altitudinal range that I recorded that particular species.

Taxonomy & nomenclature mostly follow those of Inskipp, T. et al. *An Annotated Checklist of the Birds of the Oriental Region*. Oriental Bird Club. (1996).

CHINESE BAMBOO PARTRIDGE *Bambusicola thoracicus* 灰胸竹鸡

(1/7 1 1) (850 metres)

1 was heard near Foping town on the 16/5/2012. (850 metres)

TEMMINCK'S TRAGOPAN *Tragopan temminckii* 红腹角雉

(6/7 5 22) (2050-2350 metres)

5 at Foping NNR on the 17/5/2012. (2090, 2200 & 2350 metres)

5 at Foping NNR on the 18/5/2012. (2090, 2110, 2140, 2150 & ca.2180 metres)

5 at Foping NNR on the 19/5/2012. (2050, 2150, 2165 & 2220 (pair) metres)

5 at Foping NNR on the 20/5/2012. (2120-2150 [4 birds] & ca.2200 metres)

1 was heard at the Liangfengya road end, Foping NNR on the 10/6/2012. (2200 metres)

1 was heard at Foping NNR on the 11/6/2012. (2130 metres)

KOKLASS PHEASANT *Pucrasia macrolopha* 勺鸡

(6/7 4 15) (2070-2250 metres)

3 at Foping NNR on the 17/5/2012. (2090, 2120 & 2170 metres)

4 at Foping NNR on the 18/5/2012. (2070, ca.2170 & 2200 [2 birds] metres)

2 at Foping NNR on the 19/5/2012. (ca.2150 [2 birds] metres)

4 at Foping NNR on the 20/5/2012. (2150, 2200 [2 birds] & 2250 metres)

1 was heard at Foping NNR on the 10/6/2012. (2150 metres)

1 was heard at Foping NNR on the 11/6/2012. (ca.2180 metres)

GOLDEN PHEASANT *Chrysolophus pictus* 红腹锦鸡

(5/7 14 40) (metres)

14 at Foping NNR on the 17/5/2012. (ca.2100 & 2190-2280 [10 birds] metres)

6 at Foping NNR on the 18/5/2012. (2040, 2170-2200 [5 birds] metres)

10 at Foping NNR on the 19/5/2012. (ca.2150, 2200 [2 birds], 2230, 2285 & 2300 metres)

9 at Foping NNR on the 20/5/2012. (2140-ca.2280 metres)

1 was heard at Foping NNR on the 10/6/2012. (ca.2200 metres)

BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERON *Nycticorax nycticorax* 夜鹭

(1/7 3 3) (500 metres)

3 between the Yangxian services & the Chenggu exit off expressway G5 on the 11/6/2012. (500 [3 birds] metres)

CHINESE POND HERON *Ardeola bacchus* 池鹭

(1/7 5 5) (490 & 785 metres)

5 near Yangxian on the 11/6/2012. The first of these were at Km 1291 on expressway G5 while another three were seen from Yangxian services. (490 [4 birds] & 785 metres)

EASTERN CATTLE EGRET *Bubulcus coromandus* 牛背鹭

(1/7 11 11) (490 metres)

11 near Yangxian on the 11/6/2012. Three of these were at Km 1290 on expressway G5 while another five were seen from Yangxian services. (490 metres)

[GREAT EGRET *Ardea alba*

1 bird, possibly this species, was seen from the expressway near Hanzhong on the 11/6/2012. (490 metres)]

[INTERMEDIATE EGRET *Egretta intermedia* 中白鹭

1 bird, possibly this species, was seen from the expressway the Yangxian services on the 11/6/2012. (490 metres)]

LITTLE EGRET *Egretta garzetta* 白鹭

(1/7 3 3) (490 & 785 metres)

3 between Yangxian, Hanzhong & the Sichuan border on the 11/6/2012. (490 [2 birds] & 785 metres)

CHINESE SPARROWHAWK *Accipiter soloensis* 赤腹鹰

(2/7 1 2) (980 & ca.2200 metres)

1 near Foping town on the 16/5/2012. (980 metres)

1 at Foping NNR on the 17/5/2012. (ca.2200 metres)

[EASTERN BUZZARD *Buteo japonicus* 普通鵟

1 bird, possibly this species, was heard at Foping NNR on the 17/5/2012. (ca.2500 metres)]

[AMUR FALCON *Falco amurensis* 红脚隼

1 bird, possibly this species, near Hanzhong on the 11/6/2012. (535 metres)]

[IBISBILL *Ibidorhyncha struthersii* 鸛嘴鹬

1 bird, possibly this species, was heard between Foping NNR & Yangxian on the 11/6/2012. (560 metres)]

ORIENTAL TURTLE DOVE *Streptopelia orientalis* 山斑鸠

(1/7 3 3) (535 metres)

3 between the Yangxian services & the Chenggu exit off expressway G5 on the 11/6/2012. (535 metres)

SPOTTED DOVE *Spilopelia chinensis* 珠颈斑鸠

(1/7 1 1) (540 metres)

1 near Hanzhong on the 11/6/2012. (540 metres)

WHITE-BELLIED GREEN PIGEON *Treron sieboldii* 红翅绿鸠

(2/7 1 2) (ca.2040 & 2180 metres)

1 singing bird was heard besides the trail towards Yueba, Foping NNR on the 18/5/2012. (2180 metres)

1 at Foping NNR on the 19/5/2012. (ca.2040 metres)

CHESTNUT-WINGED CUCKOO *Clamator coromandus* 红翅凤头鹃

(1/7 1 1) (ca.1900 metres)

1 was heard at Foping NNR on the 11/6/2012. (ca.1900 metres)

ASIAN KOEL *Eudynamys scolopacea* 噪鹛

(7/7 3 11) (700-1470 metres)

1 on the drive through the Qinling Shan on the 16/5/2012 (1085 metres)

1 was heard at Foping NNR on the 17/5/2012. (1470 metres)

1 near Foping town on the 18/5/2012. (ca.900 metres)

3 between Foping town & the road end above Liangfengya, Foping NNR on the 19/5/2012. (870, 1420 & 1470 metres)

- 4 were heard on the 20/5/2012 - one near Foping town and three others besides route S108 through the Qinling Shan between Foping NNR & Xi'an on the 20/5/2012. (700, ca.900, 970 & 1440 metres)
- 2 were heard in & around Foping town on the 10/6/2012. (880 & ca.900 metres)
- 4 were heard between Foping NNR & Yangxian on the 11/6/2012. Two of these were near the petrol station just above Foping town while the other two were south of there. (850 [2 birds] & 900 [2 birds] metres)

FORK-TAILED DRONGO-CUCKOO *Surniculus dicruroides* 乌鹇

(1/7 1 1) (ca.1450 metres)

- 1 was heard, and tape recorded, at the 'Tawny Fish Owl site' about one kilometre up the Liangfengya road from route S108, Foping NNR at 04h50 on the 19/5/2012. Not included on a *List of the Bird of Shaanxi* prepared by Richard Lewthwaite on 6 August 2011 & possibly the first record for Shaanxi. (ca.1450 metres)

LARGE HAWK-CUCKOO *Hierococcyx sparverioides* 鹰鹇

(6/7 7 28) (890-ca2200 metres)

- 4 were heard at Foping NNR on the 17/5/2012. (890, ca.1600, 2040 & 2140 metres)
- 7 between Foping town & Foping NNR on the 18/5/2012. (ca.900, 950, ca.2000, 2100 [3 birds] & 2150 metres)
- 7 at Foping NNR on the 19/5/2012. (ca.1000 [2 birds], ca.2050, ca.2100 & 2150 metres)
- 5 at Foping NNR on the 20/5/2012. (ca.1000, ca.1800 [2 birds], ca.2000 & ca.2150 metres)
- 3 were heard at Foping NNR on the 10/6/2012. (ca.900, 2150 & ca.2200 metres)
- 2 were heard at Foping NNR on the 11/6/2012. (ca.2050 & 2150 metres)

LESSER CUCKOO *Cuculus poliocephalus* 小杜鹃

(4/7 4 9) (ca.950, ca.1100 & ca.1950-ca.2150 metres)

- 1 was heard at Foping NNR on the 17/5/2012. (ca.2000 metres)
- 1 at Foping NNR on the 20/5/2012. (ca.2300 metres)
- 4 were heard at Foping NNR on the 10/6/2012. (ca.1100, ca.1950 & ca.2150 [2 birds] metres)
- 3 were heard at Foping NNR on the 11/6/2012. (ca.950 metres)

INDIAN CUCKOO *Cuculus micropterus* 四声杜鹃

(1/7 1 1) (490 metres)

- 1 was heard near the Yangxian services on expressway G5 on the 11/6/2012. (490 metres)

HIMALAYAN CUCKOO *Cuculus saturatus* 中杜鹃

(6/7 6 26) (ca.1850-ca.2300 metres)

- 5 were heard at Foping NNR on the 17/5/2012. (2100 [2 birds], 2200 & 2280 metres)
- 6 at Foping NNR on the 18/5/2012. (2000-2150 [2 birds], 2100, 2180 [2 birds] & 2200 metres)
- 5 at Foping NNR on the 19/5/2012. (ca.1850, 2150 [2 birds] & ca.2250 metres)
- 4 at Foping NNR on the 20/5/2012. (below 2000, 2250 [2 birds] & ca.2300 metres)
- 3 were heard at Foping NNR on the 10/6/2012. (ca.2150 [2 birds] & ca.2200 metres)
- 3 were heard at Foping NNR on the 11/6/2012.

COMMON CUCKOO *Cuculus canorus* 大杜鹃

(1/7 1 1) (490 metres)

- 1 was heard near Hanzhong on the 11/6/2012. (490 metres)

TAWNY FISH OWL *Ketupa flavipes* 黄脚渔鸮

(2/7 2 3) (1390-1395 metres)

- 2 birds, a pair, were heard and subsequently seen from about 04h45 at Foping NNR on the 19/5/2012. They were about one kilometre up the Liangfengya road above route S108 (33°41.36'N., 107°56.66'E.) & this site is about 300 metres before the first road bridge. (1390 [2 birds] metres)
- 1 was heard at Foping NNR on the 20/5/2012. It was one of the same birds that I saw yesterday and was at the very same site. Heard at 04h44 it was again about one kilometre up the road between route S211 & Liangfengya & ca.300 metres before the first bridge across the river. (1395 metres)

HIMALAYAN OWL *Strix niviculum* 灰林鸮

(2/7 1 2) (2100-2200 metres)

- 1 at the end of the Liangfengya road, Foping NNR before dawn on the 10/6/2012. (2150-2200 metres)
- 1 again at the end of the Liangfengya road, Foping NNR on the 11/6/2012. (2100 metres)

GREY NIGHTJAR *Caprimulgus jotaka* 普通夜鹰

(4/7 3 7) (ca.950-1905 metres)

1 was heard in Foping town at about 03h45 on the 18/5/2012. (ca.1000 metres)

1 was heard near Foping town at about 04h00 on the 19/5/2012. (ca.1000 metres)

2 were heard on the 20/5/2012. The first was over Foping town and the second between Liangfengya & the end of the road in Foping NNR. (ca.950 & 1800 metres)

3, one seen & two others only heard, at Foping NNR on the 11/6/2012. (ca.950 [2 birds] & 1905 metres)

PACIFIC SWIFT *Apus pacificus* 白腰雨燕

(1/7 1 1) (980 metres)

1 near Foping town on the 16/5/2012. (980 metres)

BLACK-CAPPED KINGFISHER *Halcyon pileata* 蓝翡翠

(4/7 2 5) (610-960 & 1530 metres)

1 was heard near Foping town on the 17/5/2012. (930 metres)

1 near Foping town on the 18/5/2012. (960 metres)

1 besides the approach road up to Liangfengya, Foping NNR on the 10/6/2012. (1530 metres)

2 singles between Foping, Hanzhong & the Sichuan border on the 11/6/2012. (610 & 750 metres)

GREY-CAPPED PYGMY WOODPECKER *Dendrocopos canicapillus* 星头啄木鸟

(1/7 2 2) (2110 metres)

2 on the trail towards Yueba, Foping NNR on the 18/5/2012. (2110 [2 birds] metres)

CRIMSON-BREASTED WOODPECKER *Dendrocopos cathpharius* 赤胸啄木鸟

(1/7 1 1) (1995 metres)

1 male at Foping NNR on the 19/5/2012. (1995 metres)

GREY-HEADED WOODPECKER *Picus canus* 灰头绿啄木鸟

(1/7 1 1) (ca.680 metres)

1 was heard in the Qinling Shan between Foping NNR & Xi'an on the 20/5/2012 (ca.680 metres)

WOODPECKER SP.

(4/7 2 5) (ca.2200 metres)

1 was heard at Foping NNR on the 17/5/2012.

2 at Foping NNR on the 19/5/2012.

1 was heard at Foping NNR on the 10/6/2012. (ca.2200 metres)

1 was heard at Foping NNR on the 11/6/2012.

BLACK-WINGED CUCKOOSHRIKE *Coracina melaschistos* 暗灰鹡贝鸟

(1/7 1 1) (640 metres)

1 in the foothills of the Qinling Shan between Foping town & on the 11/6/2012. It was at Km 1533.3 and below Yang Tian cun. (640 metres)

LONG-TAILED MINIVET *Pericrocotus ethologus* 长尾山椒鸟

(7/7 10 44) (710, 950 & 2110-2420 metres)

3 on the 16/5/2012 - one on the drive through the Qinling Shan & two others near Foping town. (710 & 950 [2 birds] metres)

10 at Foping NNR on the 17/5/2012. (2110, 2200, 2260 & 2420 [4 birds] metres)

8 on the trail towards Yueba, Foping NNR on the 18/5/2012. (2170 [2 birds] metres)

10 at Foping NNR on the 19/5/2012. (ca.2000-ca.2250 metres)

6 at Foping NNR on the 20/5/2012.

4 at Foping NNR on the 10/6/2012. (2200-2350 metres)

3 were heard at Foping NNR on the 11/6/2012. (2150 metres)

TIGER SHRIKE *Lanius tigrinus* 虎纹伯劳

(1/7 1 1) (800 metres)

1 about 500 metres south of the upper petrol station between Foping NNR & Foping town on the 11/6/2012. (900 metres)

BROWN SHRIKE *Lanius cristatus* 红尾伯劳

(1/7 2 2) (2095 & 2240 metres)

2 separate *cristatus* at Foping NNR on the 19/5/2012. (2095 & 2240 metres)

[In addition 1 bird, possibly this species was seen from the expressway between Foping, Hanzhong & the Sichuan border on the 11/6/2012. (960 metres)]

LONG-TAILED SHRIKE *Lanius schach* 棕背伯劳

(1/7 2 2) (ca.500 metres)

1 between Foping, Hanzhong & the Sichuan border on the 11/6/2012. (ca.500 metres)

BLACK DRONGO *Dicrurus macrocercus* 黑卷尾

(1/7 1 1) (480-ca.600 metres)

1 between Xi'an & Foping on the 9/6/2012. (ca.600 metres)

3 near the Yangxian services on expressway G5 on the 11/6/2012. (480 & 560 [2 birds] metres)

ASHY DRONGO *Dicrurus leucophaeus* 灰卷尾

(1/7 2 2) (2170 metres)

2, a pair, on the trail towards Yueba, Foping NNR on the 18/5/2012. (2170 [2 birds] metres)

HAIR-CRESTED DRONGO *Dicrurus hottentottus* 发冠卷尾

(1/7 2 2) (1040 & 1055 metres)

2 singles were heard in the Daba Shan between Foping NNR & the Sichuan border on the 11/6/2012. (1040 & 1055 metres)

EURASIAN JAY *Garrulus glandarius* 松鸦

(3/7 3 5) (metres)

1 was heard at Foping NNR on the 17/5/2012.

3 singles on the trail towards Yueba, Foping NNR on the 18/5/2012. (2110, 2160, 2170 metres)

1 at Foping NNR on the 11/6/2012.

RED-BILLED BLUE MAGPIE *Urocissa erythrorhyncha* 红嘴蓝鹊

(6/7 12 33) (550-2170 metres)

3 on the drive through the Qinling Shan on the 16/5/2012 (645 & 1100 [2 birds] metres)

4 at Foping NNR on the 17/5/2012. (1270 [2 birds] & 1560 [2 birds] metres)

5 on the trail towards Yueba, Foping NNR on the 18/5/2012. (2080 [2 birds], 2115 & 2170 [2 birds] metres)

6 at Foping NNR on the 19/5/2012. (1420 [2 birds], 1530, 1770 [2 birds] & 2050 metres)

12 on the 20/5/2012 - two near Liangfengya, Foping NNR and 10 others besides route S108 through the Qinling Shan between Foping NNR & Xi'an on the 20/5/2012. (810, 935, 970 [2 birds], 1270 [2 birds], 1290, 1400 [2 birds] & 1620 metres)

3 singles between Foping, Hanzhong & the Sichuan border on the 11/6/2012. (550, 970 & 1850 metres)

EURASIAN MAGPIE *Pica pica* 喜鹊

(3/7 3 6) (700-1020 metres)

3 on the 16/5/2012 - two on the drive through the Qinling Shan & one other near Foping town. (700 [2 birds] & ca.900 metres)

1 near Foping town on the 18/5/2012. (1020 metres)

2 just ten minutes south of Foping town on the 11/6/2012. (760 metres)

SPOTTED NUTCRAKER *Nucifraga caryocatactes* 星鸦

(6/7 8 29) (2080-ca.2600 metres)

5 at Foping NNR on the 17/5/2012.

8 besides the trail towards Yueba, Foping NNR on the 18/5/2012. (2080 [3 birds] metres)

6 above Liangfengya, Foping NNR on the 19/5/2012. (1760 (just above Liangfengya) to ca.2300 metres)
3 at Foping NNR on the 20/5/2012.
5 at Foping NNR on the 10/6/2012. (2160, 2250 [2 birds], 2450 & ca.2600 metres)
2 were heard at Foping NNR on the 11/6/2012. (2180 & 2195 metres)

LARGE-BILLED CROW *Corvus macrorhynchos* 大嘴乌鸦

(6/7 7 21) (750 & ca.1900-2200 metres)

3 at Foping NNR on the 17/5/2012. (2240 metres)
5 besides the trail towards Yueba, Foping NNR on the 18/5/2012. (2070 [2 birds] & 2130 [2 birds] metres)
7 at Foping NNR on the 19/5/2012. (ca.1900 (pair displaying) & 2050-2200 metres)
2 at Foping NNR on the 20/5/2012.
2 were heard at Foping NNR on the 10/6/2012. (2150 [2 birds] metres)
2 singles on the 11/6/2012 – one in Foping NNR & the other close to Yangxian. (750 & 2150 metres)

GREY-HEADED CANARY FLYCATCHER *Culicicapa ceylonensis* 方尾鹩

(2/7 5 7) (1400-1850 metres)

5 separate singing birds were heard besides the Liangfengya approach road at Foping NNR on the 19/5/2012. (1470, 1490, 1545, 1760 & 1850 metres)
2 singing birds at Foping NNR on the 20/5/2012. Highest of these two was just above the Liangfengya Forest Protection Station. (1400 & 1740 metres)

YELLOW-BELLIED TIT *Periparus venustulus* 黄腹山雀

(7/7 35 184) (795-2480 metres)

8 on the 16/5/2012 - six on the drive through the Qinling Shan & two others near Foping town. (1180, 1220, 1260, 1300, 1340, 1400 & 1435 [2 birds] metres)
24 at Foping NNR on the 17/5/2012. (1130, 1580, 1640 [2 birds], 1720, 1770, 2190, 2220 [3 birds], 2280 [6 birds], 2320 [4 birds] & 2480 [4 birds] metres)
35 between Foping town & Foping NNR on the 18/5/2012. Two separate birds were heard quite close to Foping town, another 15 were noted on the drive from the side road down through Liangfengya to route S108 while the remaining 18 were on the Yueba trail. (990, 2100 [a single flock of 8 birds], 2140 [1, 1, 3 birds], 2170 & 2180 [2 birds] metres)
20 at Foping NNR on the 19/5/2012. (All were above 1840 metres & seven were on the 'Blackthroat trail')
33 on the 20/5/2012 - 15 in Foping NNR and 18 others besides route S108 through the Qinling Shan between Foping NNR & Xi'an on the 20/5/2012. (940, 970, 1320, 1380, 1500, 1510, 1550 [2 birds], 1570 [2 birds], 1610, 1620 [2 birds], 1640, 1650, 1675 & 1720 [2 birds] metres)
15 at Foping NNR on the 10/6/2012. (ca.1900-ca.2450 metres)
31 on the 11/6/2012 – 24 in Foping NNR, another six between there & Foping town and the final bird between Foping town, Yangxian, the Daba Shan & the Sichuan border. (All below 2210 metres in the reserve but 795, 870 [4 birds], 1150 & 1170 metres outside)

GREY-CRESTED TIT *Lophophanes dichrous* 褐冠山雀

(1/7 1 1) (2250 metres)

1 was heard at Foping NNR on the 10/6/2012. (2250 metres)

JAPANESE TIT *Parus minor* 远东山雀

(3/7 5 12) (650-1500 metres)

4 on the drive through the Qinling Shan on the 16/5/2012 (650 [2 birds], 980, 1500 metres)
3 besides route S108 through the Qinling Shan between Foping NNR & Xi'an on the 20/5/2012. (710, 780 & 1330 metres)
5 on the 11/6/2012 – two near the upper petrol station in Foping town & the other three between there, Yangxian, the Daba Shan & the Sichuan border. (760, 890, 970 & 1010 metres)

GREEN-BACKED TIT *Parus monticolus* 绿背山雀

(5/7 11 26) (1440-2320 metres)

11 at Foping NNR on the 17/5/2012. (1730, 1860 [2 birds], 1980, 2120-2280 [4 birds], 2215, 2280 & 2320 metres)
4 besides the trail towards Yueba, Foping NNR on the 18/5/2012. (2115 metres)
8 at Foping NNR on the 19/5/2012. (1440, 1580 [2 birds], 1735 [2 birds], 1870 & 2200 (pair) metres)
3 on the 20/5/2012 - two in Foping NNR and one other besides route S108 through the Qinling Shan between Foping NNR & Xi'an on the 20/5/2012. (1700 metres)
1 at Foping NNR on the 10/6/2012. (2200 metres)

FIRE-CAPPED TIT *Cephalopyrus flammiceps* 火冠雀

(1/7 3 3) (2450 metres)

3 at Foping NNR on the 10/6/2012. (2450 [3 birds] metres)

COLLARED FINCHBILL *Spizixos semitorques* 领雀嘴鹀

(6/7 5 15) (560-1200 metres)

4 on the 16/5/2012 - one on the drive through the Qinling Shan & three others near Foping town. (870 [2 birds], 910 & 1200 metres)

1 near Foping town on the 17/5/2012. (970 metres)

1 near Foping town on the 18/5/2012. (1075 metres)

3 in the Qinling Shan between Foping NNR & Xi'an on the 20/5/2012. (790, 960 & 1020 metres)

1 was heard at Foping NNR on the 10/6/2012. (ca.1100 metres)

5 on the 11/6/2012 – one near Foping town & the other four in the foothills of the Qinling Shan between there & Yangxian. (560, 760, 780 & 810 metres)

BROWN-BREASTED BULBUL *Pycnonotus xanthorrhous* 黄臀鹀

(3/7 3 7) (640-990 metres)

2 near Foping town on the 17/5/2012. (990 [2 birds] metres)

2 in the Qinling Shan between Foping NNR & Xi'an on the 20/5/2012. (710 & 750 metres)

3 on the 11/6/2012 – one near Foping town & the other two between there, Yangxian, the Daba Shan & the Sichuan border. (640, 795 & 840 metres)

MOUNTAIN BULBUL *Iole mccllellandii* 绿翅短脚鹀

(1/7 1 1) (2220 metres)

1 at Foping NNR on the 17/5/2012. (2220 metres)

BARN SWALLOW *Hirundo rustica* 家燕

(3/7 5 8) (550-650 metres)

1 near Xi'an on the 20/5/2012. (565 metres)

5 between Xi'an & Foping on the 9/6/2012. (570-650 metres)

2 between Foping, Hanzhong & the Sichuan border on the 11/6/2012. (550 metres)

ASIAN HOUSE MARTIN *Delichon dasypus* 烟腹毛脚燕

(1/7 6 6) (1610 metres)

6 at Foping NNR on the 20/5/2012. (1610 metres)

RED-RUMPED SWALLOW *Cecropis daurica* 金腰燕

(5/7 2 9) (620-990 metres)

2 near Foping town on the 16/5/2012. (850 [2 birds] metres)

2 near Foping town on the 17/5/2012. (990 [2 birds] metres)

2 over Foping town on the 19/5/2012. (870 [2 birds] metres)

1 near Xi'an on the 20/5/2012 (620 metres)

2 near Foping town on the 11/6/2012. (840 [2 birds] metres)

PYGMY WREN BABBLER *Pnoepyga pusilla* 小鳞胸鹪鹩

(3/7 2 4) (1670, 1840 & 2070-2080 metres)

1 at Foping NNR on the 17/5/2012. (2070 metres)

1 singing for the second day running pre-dawn near the road end above Liangfengya, Foping NNR on the 18/5/2012. (2080 metres)

2 at Foping NNR on the 19/5/2012. (1670 & 1840 metres)

RUFIOUS-FACED WARBLER *Abroscopus albogularis* 棕脸鹟莺

(3/7 4 6) (650-1040 metres)

1 was heard besides the main highway about a 20 minute drive above Foping town on the 10/6/2012. (1040 metres)

1 was heard on the drive through the Qinling Shan on the 16/5/2012. (860 metres)

4 separate singing birds were heard in the foothills of the Qinling Shan between Foping and Yangxian on the 11/6/2012. (650, 810, 840 & 970 metres)

MANCHURIAN BUSH WARBLER *Horornis canturians* 远东树莺

(2/7 2 4) (610-710 metres)

2 were heard on the drive through the Qinling Shan on the 16/5/2012 (670 & 710 metres)

2 singing besides route S108 through the Qinling Shan between Foping NNR & Xi'an on the 20/5/2012. (610 & 640 metres)

BROWN-FLANKED BUSH WARBLER *Horornis fortipes* 强脚树莺

(7/7 21 45) (550-1840 metres)

11 on the 16/5/2012 - two on the drive through the Qinling Shan & one other near Foping town. (630, 645, 670, 870 [4 birds], 1150, 1420 [2 birds] & 1620 metres)
2 near Foping town on the 17/5/2012.

1 was heard near Foping town on the 18/5/2012. (980 metres)

2 at Foping NNR on the 19/5/2012. (1860 metres)

6 on the 20/5/2012 - four between Foping town & Foping NNR and two others besides route S108 through the Qinling Shan between Foping NNR & Xi'an on the 20/5/2012. (760, 1370, 1400, 1440 [2 birds] & 1840 metres)

2 were heard at Foping NNR on the 10/6/2012.

21 on the 11/6/2012 - one at Foping & the other 16 between there, Yangxian, the Daba Shan & the Sichuan border. (550, 560, 650, 740, 800 [2 birds], 810, 820, 840 [4 birds], 900, 930, 950 [2 birds], 960, 1000, 1030 [2 birds] & 1050 metres)

YELLOWISH-BELLIED BUSH WARBLER *Horornis acanthizoides* 黄腹树莺

(6/7 15 52) (2155-2490 metres)

8 at Foping NNR on the 17/5/2012. (2120, 2180, 2220, 2255 [2 birds], 2230 & 2490 metres)

15 besides the trail towards Yueba, Foping NNR on the 18/5/2012. (2040 [2 birds], 2080, 2090 [3 birds], 2140, 2150 [3 birds], 2160 [2 birds], 2170 & 2180 [2 birds] metres)

9 at Foping NNR on the 19/5/2012. Seven of these were on the 'Blackthroat trail' between 2155-2300 metres while overall birds ranged between 2030-2300 metres.

5 at Foping NNR on the 20/5/2012. (2040-2270 metres)

10 were heard at Foping NNR on the 10/6/2012.

5 were heard at Foping NNR on the 11/6/2012. (2070-2220 metres)

BLACK-THROATED BUSHTIT *Aegithalos concinnus* 红头长尾山

(4/7 8 21) (650-1460 metres)

4 on the 16/5/2012 - three on the drive through the Qinling Shan & one other near Foping town. (650 [2 birds], 1140 & 1340 metres)

2 at Foping NNR on the 17/5/2012. (1630 [2 birds] metres)

8 besides route S108 through the Qinling Shan between Foping NNR & Xi'an on the 20/5/2012. (705 [2 birds], 710 [1, 1 & 2 birds] & 1360 [2 birds] metres)

7 on the 11/6/2012 - one was heard near Foping town & the other six were in the foothills of the Qinling Shan between there & Yangxian. (700 [5 birds], 770 & 1460 metres)

SOOTY BUSHTIT *Aegithalos fuliginosus* 黑眉长尾山

(2/7 20 21) (2070 & 2190 metres)

1 besides the trail towards Yueba, Foping NNR on the 18/5/2012. (2070 metres)

20, in a single flock, at Foping NNR on the 10/6/2012. (2190 [20 birds] metres)

BUFF-THROATED WARBLER *Phylloscopus subaffinis* 棕腹柳莺

(2/7 2 3) (1995, 2100 & 2270 metres)

2 singles within one kilometre of the end of the road above Liangfengya, Foping NNR on the 19/5/2012. (1995 & 2100 metres)

1 up the 'Blackthroat trail' at Foping NNR on the 20/5/2012. (2270 metres)

YELLOW-STREAKED WARBLER *Phylloscopus armandii* 棕眉柳莺

(4/7 5 11) (720-2220 metres)

1 was heard on the drive through the Qinling Shan on the 16/5/2012. (720 metres)

2 at Foping NNR on the 17/5/2012. (1390 & 2220 metres)

3 at Foping NNR on the 19/5/2012. (1455, 1460 & 1510 metres)

5 were heard at Foping NNR on the 11/6/2012. (1370, 1470 & 1980 metres)

CHINESE LEAF WARBLER *Phylloscopus yunnanensis* 云南柳莺

(6/7 75 212) (1675- metres)

45 at Foping NNR on the 17/5/2012. 32 were counted besides the road up. (All above 1890 with birds specifically noted at just 2070, 2090 [2 birds], 2110 & 2200 metres)

75 in Foping NNR on the 18/5/2012. All were either besides the road above the Liangfengya barrier or on the trail towards Yueba.

50 at Foping NNR on the 19/5/2012. 20 of these were seen or heard from the road on the drive up & all 20 of these were from just (50 metres elevation) below the Liangfengya barrier. (1675-2330 metres)

21 on the 20/5/2012 - 20 between Foping town & Foping NNR and just one other besides route S108 through the Qinling Shan between Foping NNR & Xi'an on the 20/5/2012. (1700 metres)

15 at Foping NNR on the 10/6/2012. (2150-2350 metres)

6 were heard at Foping NNR on the 11/6/2012. (2100 metres & above)

HUME'S LEAF WARBLER *Phylloscopus humei* 淡眉柳莺

(3/7 15 26) (2350-ca.2500 metres)

15 at Foping NNR on the 17/5/2012. (2350, 2370 [4 birds], 2420 [4 birds]. All below 2500 metres)

6 at Foping NNR on the 19/5/2012. (2360 & above metres)

5 at Foping NNR on the 10/6/2012. (2350-ca.2500 metres)

LARGE-BILLED LEAF WARBLER *Phylloscopus magnirostris* 乌嘴柳莺

(6/7 73 195) (1580-2160 metres)

32 at Foping NNR on the 17/5/2012. (All were below 2120 & most were besides the road on the way up & between 1590-2060 metres)

40 in Foping NNR on the 18/5/2012. 30 of these were noted from the road on the drive out - 25 were above the Liangfengya barrier & another five below.

73 at Foping NNR on the 19/5/2012. 46 birds were seen or heard from the road on the drive in (33 above the Liangfengya barrier with another 13 below it). (1620 metres and above)

27 on the 20/5/2012 - 25 in Foping NNR and two others besides route S108 through the Qinling Shan between Foping NNR & Xi'an on the 20/5/2012. (All 25 birds in the NNR were above 1640 metres while one of the birds besides route S108 was at 1710 metres)

5 at Foping NNR on the 10/6/2012. (ca.1750-2200 metres)

18 were heard at Foping NNR on the 11/6/2012. (1580-2160 metres)

EASTERN CROWNED WARBLER *Phylloscopus coronatus* 冕柳莺

(4/7 8 17) (650-1240 metres)

5 were heard on the drive through the Qinling Shan on the 16/5/2012. (650, 1090, 1110, 1140 & 1240 metres)

1 near Foping town on the 19/5/2012. (1060 metres)

8 singing besides route S108 through the Qinling Shan between Foping NNR & Xi'an on the 20/5/2012. (700 [2 birds], 940 [2 birds], 970, 1030, 1050 & 1170 metres)

3 on the 11/6/2012 - the first was heard about one kilometre above the Fobao Zhu hotel in Foping town & the other two were between there & Yangxian. (800, 820 & 840 metres)

CLAUDIA'S LEAF WARBLER *Phylloscopus claudiae* 冠纹柳莺

(7/7 40 191) (1010-2360 metres)

6 near Foping town on the 16/5/2012. (1220, 1300, 1330 [2 birds], 1390 & 1590 metres)

40 at Foping NNR on the 17/5/2012. (All were above 1285 metres with birds also noted at 1300, 1330, 1340 [2 birds], 1380, 1600, 2160, 2230, 2255, 2280-2360 [6 birds]. All were below 2500 metres & mostly besides the road on the way up).

40 in Foping NNR on the 18/5/2012. 26 of these were noted from the road on the drive out of the reserve - 16 above the Liangfengya barrier & another ten below. (2110 [2 birds] metres)

40 at Foping NNR on the 19/5/2012. (1460 metres & above)

50 on the 20/5/2012 - 30 in Foping NNR and 20 others besides route S108 through the Qinling Shan between Foping NNR & Xi'an on the 20/5/2012. (1300-1730 metres)

4 were heard at Foping NNR on the 10/6/2012.

11 were heard at Foping NNR on the 11/6/2012. (1010, 1370-1980 metres)

EMEI LEAF WARBLER *Phylloscopus emeiensis* 峨眉柳莺

(4/7 4 9) (2020-2210 metres)

4 separate singing birds in a small area about three kilometres down the trail towards Yueba, n Foping NNR on the 18/5/2012. All were at a surprisingly high elevation. (2020, 2030, 2040 & 2090 metres)

1 was heard at a surprising elevation on the 'Blackthroat trail' at Foping NNR on the 19/5/2012. (ca.2170 metres)

1 singing bird was heard at the start of the 'Blackthroat trail' above Liangfengya, Foping NNR on the 10/6/2012. (2210 metres)

3 singing birds were heard at Foping NNR on the 11/6/2012. (2120, 2160 & 2180 metres)

KLOSS'S LEAF WARBLER *Phylloscopus ogilviegranti* 白斑尾柳莺

(2/7 8 12) (all below 1560 metres)

8 were heard at Foping NNR on the 10/6/2012.

4 were heard at Foping NNR on the 11/6/2012. (All below 1560 metres)

SULPHUR-BREASTED WARBLER *Phylloscopus ricketti* 黑眉柳莺

(1/7 3 3) (860-870 metres)

3 were heard in the foothills of the Qinling Shan between Foping NNR & Yangxian on the 11/6/2012. The first was at Km 1524.8 with the other two being close by. (860 [2 birds] & 870 metres)

GREY-CROWNED WARBLER *Seicercus tephrocephalus* 灰冠鷓鴣

(1/7 5 5) (2035-2120 metres)

5 on the Yueba trail, Foping NNR on the 18/5/2012. (2035, 2045 & 2100-2120 [2 birds] metres)

BIANCHI'S WARBLER *Seicercus valentini* 比氏鷓鴣

(1/7 5 5)

5 were heard at Foping NNR on the 10/6/2012.

MARTENS'S WARBLER *Seicercus omeiensis* 峨眉鷓鴣

(6/7 20 86) (2065-2230 metres)

10 at Foping NNR on the 17/5/2012. (2130 metres)

16 on the Yueba trail, Foping NNR on the 18/5/2012. (2065 & 2125metres)

20 at Foping NNR on the 19/5/2012. (2230 [2 birds] metres)

13 up the 'Blackthroat trail' at Foping NNR on the 20/5/2012.

8 were heard at Foping NNR on the 10/6/2012.

19 were heard at Foping NNR on the 11/6/2012. (All below 2100 metres)

ALSTRÖM'S WARBLER *Seicercus soror* 淡尾鷓鴣

(5/7 11 40) (metres)

4 on the 16/5/2012 - two on the drive through the Qinling Shan & two others near Foping town. (980, 1320, 1500 & 1685 metres)

11 at Foping NNR on the 17/5/2012. (1195, 1200, 1210, 1220, 1280, 1460 [2 birds], 1530, 1540 [2 birds] & 1570 metres)

11 at Foping NNR on the 19/5/2012. (1410-1470 [6 birds] & 1530 metres)

9 on the 20/5/2012 - two below Liangfengya in Foping NNR and seven others besides route S108 through the Qinling Shan between Foping NNR & Xi'an on the 20/5/2012. (1440 [2 birds], 1460, 1470, 1520, 1540, 1550 [2 birds] & 1560 metres)

5 on the 11/6/2012 - four were heard in Foping NNR heard while the other was heard in the foothills of the Qinling Shan between Foping NNR & Yangxian. (1230, 1335-1550 metres)

SEICERCUS SP.

(1/7 1 1) (1590 metres)

1 besides route S108 through the Qinling Shan between Foping NNR & Xi'an on the 20/5/2012. (1590 metres)

CHESTNUT-CROWNED WARBLER *Seicercus castaniceps* 栗头鷓鴣

(4/7 10 14) (1410-2010 metres)

1 at Foping NNR on the 17/5/2012. (1910 metres)

10 at Foping NNR on the 19/5/2012. (1410-1620 [6 birds], 1710, 1780, 1860 & 2010 metres)

1 at Foping NNR on the 20/5/2012. (1560 metres)

2 were heard at Foping NNR on the 11/6/2012. They were both besides the main approach road below Liangfengya. (1460 & 1470 metres)

RUSSET BUSH WARBLER *Locustella mandelli* 高山短翅鷓

(1/7 1 1) (1350 metres)

1 singing pre-dawn besides the Liangfengya turning off the main Xi'an to Foping road (route S108) at Foping NNR on the 17/5/2012. (1350 metres)

BAIKAL BUSH WARBLER *Locustella davidi* 北短翅鷓

(5/7 9 20) (1980-2255 metres)

5 at Foping NNR on the 17/5/2012. (2075, 2090 & 2200 metres)

9 singing birds in Foping NNR on the 18/5/2012. Two of these were besides the road above Liangfengya while the other seven were besides the Yueba trail. (1980, 2100, 2110, 2120, 2140, 2150 & 2160 metres)

3 at Foping NNR on the 19/5/2012. Two of these were on the 'Blackthroat trail' & the other near the top of the approach road. (2100 & 2255 metres).

2 at Foping NNR on the 20/5/2012. (2100 & 2240 metres)

1 was heard at Foping NNR on the 11/6/2012. (2160 metres)

BROWN BUSH WARBLER *Locustella luteoventris* 棕褐短翅鷓

(6/7 5 19) (ca.1670-2260 metres)

3 at Foping NNR on the 17/5/2012. (2080, 2110 & 2200 metres)

5 besides the Liangfengya road in to Foping NNR on the 18/5/2012. Several of these were heard singing before dawn. (ca.1670, 1700, 1800, 2025 & 2110 metres)

5 at Foping NNR on the 19/5/2012. (1950, 1990, 2110, 2090 & 2260 metres)

2 at Foping NNR on the 20/5/2012. (1740 & 2100 metres)
2 were heard at Foping NNR on the 10/6/2012. (2200 & 2250 metres)
2 were heard at Foping NNR on the 11/6/2012. (2150 & 2210 metres)

STRIATED PRINIA *Prinia crinigera* 山鹪莺

(1/7 2 2) (600 & 890 metres)

2 were heard in the foothills of the Qinling Shan between Foping NNR & Yangxian on the 11/6/2012. (600 & 890 metres)

BLACK-STREAKED SCIMITAR BABBLER *Pomatorhinus gravivox* 斑胸钩嘴鹛

(2/7 1 2) (780 metres)

1 was heard besides route S108 through the Qinling Shan between Foping NNR & Xi'an on the 20/5/2012. (780 metres)

1 was heard in the foothills of the Qinling Shan between Foping NNR & Yangxian on the 11/6/2012.

STREAK-BREASTED SCIMITAR BABBLER *Pomatorhinus ruficollis* 棕颈钩嘴鹛

(6/7 10 30) (2070-2360 metres)

8 at Foping NNR on the 17/5/2012. (2090, 2220 [4 birds], 2280 & 2360 [2 birds])

10 in Foping NNR on the 18/5/2012. Most were besides the Yueba trail. (2070, 2080 [a pair], 2130 [a pair], 2170 [a pair] metres)

4 at Foping NNR on the 19/5/2012. (2130 [a pair] & 2180 [a pair])

4, two pairs, at Foping NNR on the 20/5/2012. (2170 [2 birds] & 2240 [2 birds] metres)

2 were heard at Foping NNR on the 10/6/2012. (2190 metres)

2 were heard at Foping NNR on the 11/6/2012. (2130 metres)

RUFOUS-CAPPED BABBLER *Stachyridopsis ruficeps* 红头穗鹛

(2/7 1 2) (2140-2145 metres)

1 near the start of the 'Blackthroat trail' at Foping NNR on the 19/5/2012. (2145 metres)

1 near the start of the 'Blackthroat trail' at Foping NNR on the 20/5/2012. (2140 metres)

CHINESE BABAX *Babax lanceolatus* 矛纹草鹛

(1/7 1 1) (ca.1400 metres)

1 was heard at Foping NNR on the 11/6/2012. It was besides the main approach road below Liangfengya – but close to the main Foping highway. (ca.1400 metres)

1 was heard in the foothills of the Qinling Shan on the 11/6/2012. This site is just a 20 minute drive south of the Fobao Zhu hotel in Foping town. (ca.700 metres)

CHINESE HWAMEI *Garrulax canorus* 画眉

(3/7 2 5) (ca.700-950 metres)

2 were heard from the hotel Foping town on the 16/5/2012. It's possible that they were captive birds singing in a cage. (870 [2 birds] metres)

2 were heard in Foping town on the 10/6/2012. (850-950 metres)

1 was heard in the foothills of the Qinling Shan between Foping NNR & Yangxian on the 11/6/2012. (ca.700 metres)

BARRED LAUGHINGTHRUSH *Garrulax lunulatus* 斑背噪鹛

(5/7 8 17) (2110-2200 metres)

3 at Foping NNR on the 17/5/2012. (2180 [2 birds] & 2200 metres)

8 (four pairs) on the Yueba trail, Foping NNR on the 18/5/2012. (2100 [a pair], 2140 [2 pairs] & 2160 [a pair] metres)

2, a pair, at Foping NNR on the 19/5/2012.

2 were heard at Foping NNR on the 10/6/2012.

2, one seen & the other only heard, at Foping NNR on the 11/6/2012. (2110-2130 metres)

[SPOTTED LAUGHINGTHRUSH *Garrulax ocellatus* 眼纹噪鹛]

(1/7 1 1) (ca.2300 metres)

[1 bird, possibly this species, was heard at Foping NNR on the 10/6/2012. (ca.2300 metres)]

WHITE-BROWED LAUGHINGTHRUSH *Garrulax sannio* 白颊噪鹛

(2/7 2 2) (890 metres)

2 were heard in the foothills of the Qinling Shan between Foping NNR & Yangxian on the 11/6/2012. (890 [2 birds] metres)

ELLIOT'S LAUGHINGTHRUSH *Trochalopteron elliotii* 橙翅噪鹛

(6/7 15 62) (1600 & 2060-2280 metres)

10 at Foping NNR on the 17/5/2012. (2220-2280 [4 metres]. All were below 2500 metres)

15 at Foping NNR on the 18/5/2012. (2070-2150 metres)

10 at Foping NNR on the 19/5/2012. (2060 metres & above)

7 on the 20/5/2012 - six in Foping NNR and one other besides route S108 through the Qinling Shan between Foping NNR & Xi'an on the 20/5/2012. (1600 & 2100-ca.2250 metres)

10 were heard at Foping NNR on the 10/6/2012.

5 were heard at Foping NNR on the 11/6/2012. (2170-2210 metres)

RED-BILLED LEIOTHRIX *Leiothrix lutea* 红嘴相思鸟

(6/7 9 25) (1270-ca.2210 metres)

2 were heard on the drive through the Qinling Shan on the 16/5/2012. (1270 & 1290 metres)

1 besides the approach road below Liangfengya at Foping NNR on the 17/5/2012. (1310 metres)

6 on route to & at Foping NNR on the 18/5/2012. (1270, 1870, 2010, 2025, 2060 & 2080 metres)

9 on the approach road around & above Liangfengya at Foping NNR on the 19/5/2012. (1650, 1690 [2 birds], 1720, 1725, 1750 [2 birds], 1780 & 1920 metres)

5 at Foping NNR on the 10/6/2012.

2 were heard at Foping NNR on the 11/6/2012. (ca.2210 metres)

GOLDEN-BREASTED FULVETTA *Lioparus chrysotis* 金胸雀鹛

(1/7 2 2) (2180 metres)

2, a pair, in a mixed species flock, in bamboo at Foping NNR on the 10/6/2012. (2180 metres)

SPECTACLED FULVETTA *Fulvetta ruficapilla* 棕头雀鹛

(4/7 2 7) (2090-2350 metres)

2, a pair, on the Yueba trail, Foping NNR on the 18/5/2012. (2090 [a pair] metres)

2 on the 'Blackthroat trail' at Foping NNR on the 19/5/2012. (2270 [2 birds] metres)

1 up the 'Blackthroat trail'; at Foping NNR on the 20/5/2012. (2260 metres)

2 were heard at Foping NNR on the 10/6/2012. (2200 & 2350 metres)

GREY-HOODED FULVETTA *Fulvetta cinereiceps* 褐头雀鹛

(3/7 3 6) (2230-2480 metres)

3 at Foping NNR on the 17/5/2012. (2280 [2 birds] & 2480 metres)

2 at Foping NNR on the 19/5/2012. (2230 & 2245 metres)

1 was heard at Foping NNR on the 10/6/2012. (2240 metres)

GREAT PARROTBILL *Conostoma aemodium* 红嘴鸦雀

(6/7 12 38) (2100-2350 metres)

10 at Foping NNR on the 17/5/2012. (2350 [2 birds])

12 besides the Yueba trail, Foping NNR on the 18/5/2012. (2100 [2 birds], 2120 [2 birds], 2140, 2170 & 2180 [2 birds] metres)

4 at Foping NNR on the 19/5/2012.

3 were heard up the 'Blackthroat trail' at Foping NNR on the 20/5/2012. (2100 [2 birds] & 2150 metres)

4, one seen & three others only heard, at Foping NNR on the 10/6/2012.

3 were heard at Foping NNR on the 11/6/2012. (2190 & 2210 metres)

SPECTACLED PARROTBILL *Sinosuthora conspicillata* 白眶鸦雀

(3/7 5 10) (2010-2400 metres)

2 at Foping NNR on the 17/5/2012. (2400 [2 birds])

5, including two pairs, besides the Yueba trail, Foping NNR on the 18/5/2012. (2010 [a pair], 2025 & 2035 [another pair] metres)

3 at Foping NNR on the 20/5/2012. Two were up the 'Blackthroat trail' the other about one kilometre down from the end of the road above Liangfengya. (2060 & 2260 [2 birds] metres)

VINOUS-THROATED PARROTBILL *Sinosuthora webbiana* 棕头鸦雀

(2/7 4 6) (870-1140 metres)

4 on the 16/5/2012 - two on the drive through the Qinling Shan & two others near Foping town. (870 [2 birds], 940 & 1140 metres)

2 were heard near Foping town on the 11/6/2012. (965 metres)

FULVOUS PARROTBILL *Suthora fulvifrons* VU 黄额鸦雀

(2/7 2 3) (2280-2300 metres)

2 at Foping NNR on the 17/5/2012. (2280 [2 birds] metres)

1 at Foping NNR on the 10/6/2012. (2300 metres)

WHITE-COLLARED YUHINA *Yuhina diademata* 白领凤鹛

(6/7 10 30) (1900-2280 metres)

6 at Foping NNR on the 17/5/2012. (2230 & 2280 [2 birds] metres)

5 besides the Yueba trail, Foping NNR on the 18/5/2012. (2120 & 2140 metres)

10 at Foping NNR on the 19/5/2012. (1900 [2 birds] metres)

3 up the 'Blackthroat trail' at Foping NNR on the 20/5/2012.

4 at Foping NNR on the 10/6/2012.

2 were heard at Foping NNR on the 11/6/2012. (2200 metres)

WHITE-EYE SP. *Zosterops sp.*

(3/7 1 4) (610, 1010, 2025 & 2100 metres)

1 at Foping NNR on the 19/5/2012. (2025 metres)

1 was heard near the end of the road above Liangfengya, Foping NNR on the 20/5/2012. (2100 metres)

2 were heard in the foothills of the Qinling Shan between Foping NNR & Yangxian on the 11/6/2012. (610 & 1010 metres)

SICHUAN TREECREEPER *Certhia tianquanensis* NT 四川旋木雀

(1/7 1 1) (2350 metres)

1 at Foping NNR on the 10/6/2012. (2350 metres)

CRESTED MYNA *Acridotheres cristatellus* 八哥

(1/7 1 1) (570 metres)

1 near Xi'an airport on the 9/6/2012. (570 metres)

RED-BILLED STARLING *Spodiopsar sericeus* 丝光椋鸟

(1/7 4 4) (500-535 metres)

4 between the Yangxian services & the Chenggu exit off expressway G5 on the 11/6/2012. (500-535 metres)

BLUE WHISTLING THRUSH *Myophonus caeruleus* 紫啸鸫

(2/7 2 4) (1500-1810 metres)

2, a pair, at Foping NNR on the 19/5/2012. (1530 [2 birds] metres)

2 at Foping NNR on the 11/6/2012. (1500 & 1810 metres)

COMMON BLACKBIRD *Turdus merula* 乌鸫

(1/7 1 1) (490 & 570 metres)

1 near Xi'an airport on the 16/5/2012. (490 metres)

1 was heard near Yangxian on the 11/6/2012. (570 metres)

CHESTNUT THRUSH *Turdus rubrocanus* 灰头鸫

(2/7 1 2) (ca.1800 & ca.2000 metres)

1 singing bird was heard between Liangfengya and the end of the road at Foping NNR at dawn (05h05) on the 20/5/2012. (ca.2000 metres)

1 was heard at Foping NNR on the 10/6/2012. (ca.1800 metres)

WHITE-BROWED SHORTWING *Brachypteryx montana* 蓝短翅鸫

(6/7 3 13) (2120-2280 metres)

3 at Foping NNR on the 17/5/2012. (2120, 2210 & 2280 metres)

2 singing birds on the Yueba trail, Foping NNR on the 18/5/2012. (2135 & 2190 metres)

2 singles on the 'Blackthroat trail' at Foping NNR on the 19/5/2012. (2150 & 2165 metres)

2 singing birds on the 'Blackthroat trail' at Foping NNR on the 20/5/2012. (2200 & 2270 metres)
2 widely separate birds were heard at Foping NNR on the 10/6/2012.
2 were heard at Foping NNR on the 11/6/2012. (2210 metres)

BLACKTHROAT *Luscinia obscura* VU 黑喉歌鸲

(5/7 12 25) (2150-2455 metres)

12 at Foping NNR on the 17/5/2012. They were very vocal and since they preferred denser stands of two to three metre tall bamboo that had virtually no understorey were very easy to see – probably easier than any other *Luscinia* that I've ever seen & certainly much easier than its congener, Indian Blue Robin. Mimicry in the bird's songs included Red-billed Blue Magpie, Baikal Bush Warbler, Spotted Nutcracker, Grey-headed Bullfinch and two species that I didn't encounter anywhere near this site - Collared Finchbill & Grey-headed Woodpecker. According to Mr GONG the first birds arrived on the 6 May 2012 and until today he had already encountered up to three birds. (2175, 2240, 2270, 2285, 2300, 2325, 2330, 2350, 2355, 2365, 2400 & 2455 metres)
3 singing males on the 'Blackthroat trail' at Foping NNR on the 19/5/2012. The first bird was about 30 metres before the steel watchtower at the end of the paved portion of the trail. (2240, 2290 & ca.2355 metres)
1 about 50 metres after the watch tower on the 'Blackthroat trail' at Foping NNR on the 20/5/2012. Mimicry in the song today included Grey-headed Woodpecker – a species I did not see or hear at Foping! (2230 metres)
8, three males seen & five others only heard, at Foping NNR on the 10/6/2012. Mimicry included Collared Finchbill, Chinese Bamboo Partridge.
1 was heard at Foping NNR on the 11/6/2012. (ca.2150 metres)

INDIAN BLUE ROBIN *Luscinia brunnea* 栗腹歌鸲

(6/7 28 77) (1810-2160 metres)

4 at Foping NNR on the 17/5/2012. (2030, 2080, 2100 & 2225 metres)
28 singing birds at Foping NNR on the 18/5/2012. Most, but not all, of these were on the Yueba trail. (1810, 2020, ca.2060, 2070 [3 birds], 2080, 2100 [3 birds], 2110 [2 birds], 2120 [2 birds], 2125, 2140 [3 birds] & 2160 [2 birds] metres)
18 at Foping NNR on the 19/5/2012. (1800 [2 birds], 1810, 1850-2050 [11 birds] & four between 2050-2220 metres on the 'Blackthroat trail')
12 at Foping NNR on the 20/5/2012.
5 were heard at Foping NNR on the 10/6/2012.
10 were heard at Foping NNR on the 11/6/2012.

ORIENTAL MAGPIE ROBIN *Copsychus saularis* 鹊鸲

(1/7 2 2) (850 & 900 metres)

2 were heard at Foping NNR on the 10/6/2012. (850 & 900 metres)

DAURIAN REDSTART *Phoenicurus auroreus* 北红尾鸲

(5/7 7 20) (640-2180 metres)

7 on the 16/5/2012 - three on the drive through the Qinling Shan & two others near Foping town. (710, 870 [2 birds], 940, 1000 [2 birds] & 1170 metres)
2 male on the 18/5/2012 - one close to Foping town & the other on the Yueba trail in Foping NNR. (1040 & 2180 metres)
3 at Foping NNR on the 19/5/2012. (2115 metres)
4 on the 20/5/2012 - one near the end of the road above Liangfengya in Foping NNR and three others besides route S108 through the Qinling Shan between Foping NNR & Xi'an on the 20/5/2012. (710, 730 [2 birds] & 2110 metres)
6 on the 11/6/2012 – one in Foping NNR, three more between there & Foping town & the final two between there, Yangxian, the Daba Shan & the Sichuan border. (640, 1000, 1010, 1230, 1330 & 2150 metres)

WHITE-BELLIED REDSTART *Hodgsonius phaenicuroides* 白腹短翅鸲

(2/7 1 2) (2180 & 2500 metres)

1 at Foping NNR on the 17/5/2012. (2500 metres)
1 was heard low down on the 'Blackthroat trail' at Foping NNR on the 20/5/2012. (2180 metres)

PLUMBEOUS WATER REDSTART *Rhyacornis fuliginosa* 红尾水鸲

(7/7 7 38) (660-1830 metres)

7 near Foping town on the 16/5/2012. It's possible that they were captive birds singing in a cage. (850 [2 birds], 880 [2 birds], 925, 970 & 1000 metres)
3 at Foping NNR on the 17/5/2012. (1510, 1590 & 1830 metres)
6 between Foping town & Foping NNR on the 18/5/2012. (970, 990, 1020 [2 birds], 1050 & 1710 metres)
6 between Foping town & Foping NNR on the 19/5/2012. (950-1580 metres)
7 on the 20/5/2012 - three below Liangfengya, Foping NNR and four others besides route S108 through the Qinling Shan between Foping NNR & Xi'an on the 20/5/2012. (1030, 1190, 1470, 1550, 1650, 1700 & 1720 metres)
1 was heard at Foping NNR on the 10/6/2012. (1000 metres)
8 on the 11/6/2012 – three in Foping NNR & five more between Foping town, Yangxian, the Daba Shan & the Sichuan border. (660 [2 birds], 1350 [2 birds] & 1550 metres)

WHITE-CROWNED FORKTAIL *Enicurus leschenaulti* 白冠燕尾

(1/7 1 1) (1020 metres)

1 between Foping NNR & Foping town on the 11/6/2012. It was at kilometre 1083.5. (1020 metres)

GREY BUSH CHAT *Saxicola ferreus* 灰林即鸟

(2/7 2 3) (1170 & 2100 metres)

1 near the end of the road above Liangfengya, Foping NNR on the 19/5/2012. (2100 metres)

2 were heard on the 11/6/2012 – one in Foping NNR & the other between there & Foping town. (1170 metres)

BLUE ROCK THRUSH *Monticola solitarius* 蓝矶鸫

(3/7 1 3) (640-720 metres)

1 on the drive through the Qinling Shan on the 16/5/2012. (640 metres)

1 singing male besides route S108 through the Qinling Shan between Foping NNR & Xi'an on the 20/5/2012. (720 metres)

1 in the foothills of the Qinling Shan between Foping NNR & Yangxian on the 11/6/2012. (650 metres)

DARK-SIDED FLYCATCHER *Muscicapa sibirica* 乌鸫

(1/7 1 1) (2120 metres)

1 at Foping NNR on the 19/5/2012. (2120 metres)

[RUFIOUS-GORGETED FLYCATCHER *Ficedula strophiatea* 橙胸姬鸫

[2 birds, probably this species, were heard at Foping NNR on the 10/6/2012].

SLATY-BLUE FLYCATCHER *Ficedula tricolor* 灰蓝姬鸫

(6/7 4 13) (2025-2340 metres)

1 at Foping NNR on the 17/5/2012. (2340 metres)

3 singing birds on the Yueba trail, Foping NNR on the 18/5/2012. (2055, 2170 & 2185 metres)

1 at Foping NNR on the 19/5/2012. (2025 metres)

1 was heard on the 'Blackthroat trail' at Foping NNR on the 20/5/2012. (2270 metres)

3 were heard at Foping NNR on the 10/6/2012.

4 were heard at Foping NNR on the 11/6/2012. (2150, 2170, 2190 & 2195 metres)

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

(1/7 1 1) (metres)

1 non-singing male *cumatis* on the Yueba trail, Foping NNR on the 18/5/2012. (2160 metres)

FUJIAN NILTAVA *Niltava davidi* 棕腹大仙鸫

(3/7 8 10) (1470-2110 metres)

1 singing on the Yueba trail, Foping NNR on the 18/5/2012. A remarkable altitude! (2110 metres)

8 Foping NNR on the 19/5/2012. (1480, 1490 [2 birds], 1550, 1610 [2 birds], 1720 & 2090 metres)

1 was heard besides route S108 through the Qinling Shan between Foping NNR & Xi'an on the 20/5/2012. (1470 metres)

MRS GOULD'S SUNBIRD *Aethopyga gouldiae* 蓝喉太阳鸟

(3/7 1 3) (1290, 1800 & 2340 metres)

1 on the drive through the Qinling Shan on the 16/5/2012. (1290 metres)

1 at Foping NNR on the 17/5/2012. (2340 metres)

1 was heard at Foping NNR on the 11/6/2012. (1800 metres)

RUSSET SPARROW *Passer rutilans* 山麻雀

(3/7 12 14) (640-790 metres)

1 on the drive through the Qinling Shan on the 16/5/2012. (700 metres)

12 besides route S108 through the Qinling Shan between Foping NNR & Xi'an on the 20/5/2012. (700 & 760-790 [11 birds] metres)

1 was heard in the foothills of the Qinling Shan between Foping NNR & Yangxian on the 11/6/2012. It was at Km 1532.9 and below Yang Tian cun. (640 metres)

EURASIAN TREE SPARROW *Passer montanus* 麻雀

(4/7 20 72) (520-ca.1050 metres)

- 5 in & around Foping town on the 17/5/2012. (870-925 metres)
- 10 in & around Foping town on the 18/5/2012 (870 metres)
- 20 in & around Foping town on the 19/5/2012. (950-ca.1050 metres)
- 20 in the lowlands near Xi'an on the 20/5/2012. (520-600 metres)
- 10 at Foping NNR on the 10/6/2012.
- 7 in & around Foping town on the 11/6/2012. (800-880 metres)

GREY WAGTAIL *Motacilla cinerea* 灰鹡鹩

(7/7 26 94) (540-2150 metres)

- 17 on the 16/5/2012 - three on the drive through the Qinling Shan & 14 others near Foping town. (690, 870 [2 birds], 940 [2 birds], 950 [2 birds], 1010 [2 birds], 1060 [2 birds], 1135, 1150, 1175, 1210, 1250 & 1500 metres)
- 8 between Foping town & Foping NNR on the 17/5/2012. (970, 990, 1285, 1570, 2050 [2 birds] metres. All were below 2110 metres)
- 5 on the Yueba trail, Foping NNR on the 18/5/2012. (2150 metres)
- 9 between Foping town & Foping NNR on the 19/5/2012. (1400 [2 birds], 1420, 2020 [2 birds], 2050 & 2090 [3 birds] metres)
- 26 on the 20/5/2012 - six in Foping NNR and 20 others besides route S108 through the Qinling Shan between Foping NNR & Xi'an on the 20/5/2012. (690, 720, 780 [2 birds], 890 [2 birds], 900 [2 birds], 910 [3 birds], 930 [2 birds], 940, 1030 [2 birds], 1310, 1370 & 1590 metres)
- 4 at Foping NNR on the 10/6/2012. (2090 & 2100 metres)
- 25 on the 11/6/2012 - three in Foping NNR, six more between there & Foping town & the other 14 between there, Yangxian, the Daba Shan & the Sichuan border. (540 [2 birds], 600, 640, 920, 945, 960 [2 birds], 1040, 1120, 1230 [2 birds], 1720 & 1980 [2 birds] metres)

WHITE WAGTAIL *Motacilla alba* 白鹡鹩

(6/7 6 18) (650-1080 metres)

- 6 on the 16/5/2012 - four on the drive through the Qinling Shan & two others near Foping town. (650, 860, 870, 980, 1070 & 1080 metres)
- 2 *alboides* in Foping town on the 18/5/2012. (870 metres)
- 2 at Foping NNR on the 19/5/2012. (890 [2 birds] metres)
- 2 *alboides* besides route S108 through the Qinling Shan between Foping NNR & Xi'an on the 20/5/2012. (950 [2 birds] metres)
- 2 at Foping NNR on the 10/6/2012.
- 4 singles on the 11/6/2012 - two in Foping NNR, one more between there and Foping town & the other Yangxian, the Daba Shan & the Sichuan border. (800 & 880 metres)

GREY-CAPPED GREENFINCH *Chloris sinica* 金翅雀

(4/7 3 8) (480-870 metres)

- 2 near Foping town on the 16/5/2012. (870 [2 birds] metres)
- 1 in Foping town on the 19/5/2012. (870 metres)
- 3 singles in the lowlands near Xi'an on the 20/5/2012. (560 [2 singles] & 770 metres)
- 2 near the Yangxian services on route G5 on the 11/6/2012. (480 metres)

BLANFORD'S ROSEFINCH *Carpodacus rubescens* 赤朱雀

(1/7 2 2) (ca.2150 & 2200 metres)

- 2 separate singing males on the 'Blackthroat trail' at Foping NNR on the 11/6/2012. The first was seen from the tower hide while the other was about 500 metres further up the trail. (ca.2150 & 2200 metres)

COMMON ROSEFINCH *Carpodacus erythrinus* 普通朱雀

(1/7 1 1)

- 1 was heard at Foping NNR on the 11/6/2012.

VINACEOUS ROSEFINCH *Carpodacus vinaceus* 酒红朱雀

(3/7 2 4) (1995 & 2240 metres)

- 1 at Foping NNR on the 17/5/2012. (2240 metres)
- 2, a pair, near the end of the road above Liangfengya, Foping NNR on the 19/5/2012. (1995 [a pair] metres)
- 1 was heard at Foping NNR on the 11/6/2012.

RED CROSSBILL *Loxia curvirostra* 红交嘴雀

(3/7 4 9) (2220-2250 metres)

- 4 calling birds repeatedly flew over the watch tower on the 'Blackthroat trail' at Foping NNR on the 20/5/2012. (2220-2230 [4 birds] metres)

4 were heard at Foping NNR on the 10/6/2012. (2250 metres)
1 was heard at Foping NNR on the 11/6/2012.

GREY-HEADED BULLFINCH *Pyrrhula erythaca* 灰头灰雀

(5/7 6 22) (2060-2340 metres)

6, three pairs, at Foping NNR on the 17/5/2012. (2200 [2 birds], 2320 [2 birds] & 2340 [2 birds] metres)
2 at Foping NNR on the 19/5/2012. (2220 [2 birds] metres)
4, two pairs, on the 'Blackthroat trail' at Foping NNR on the 20/5/2012. (2220 [2 birds] & 2260 [2 birds] metres)
6 at Foping NNR on the 10/6/2012.
4, two pairs, at Foping NNR on the 11/6/2012. (2060 [2 birds] & 2170 [2 birds] metres)

CHINESE GROSBEAK *Eophona migratoria* 黑尾蜡嘴雀

(1/7 1 1)

1 between between Foping town, Yangxian, the Daba Shan & the Sichuan border on the 11/6/2012.

SLATY BUNTING *Emberiza siemsseni* 蓝鹀

(4/7 8 18) (1350-2180 metres)

8, including three pairs, on the Yueba trail, Foping NNR on the 18/5/2012 (2090 [a pair], 2120 [two widely separate pairs], 2140 [a pair], 2175 & 2180 metres)
5 along the approach road near Liangfengya, Foping NNR on the 19/5/2012. (1420, 1510 [2 birds], 1580 & 1870 metres)
2 were heard at Foping NNR on the 10/6/2012.
3 were heard at Foping NNR on the 11/6/2012. All three They were close to the 'Tawny Fish Owl road bridge' on the main approach road below Liangfengya.
(1350 & 1470 [2 birds] metres)

GODLEWSKI'S BUNTING *Emberiza godlewskii* 戈氏岩鹀

(2/7 7 10) (650 & 910 metres)

7 on the drive through the Qinling Shan on the 16/5/2012. (650 & 910 metres)
3 were heard between Foping town, Yangxian, the Daba Shan & the Sichuan border on the 11/6/2012.

YELLOW-THROATED BUNTING *Emberiza elegans* 黄喉鹀

(1/7 2 2) (2065 metres)

2 near the end of the road above Liangfengya, Foping NNR on the 19/5/2012. (2065 [a pair] metres)

BLACK-FACED BUNTING *Emberiza spodocephala* 灰头鹀

(1/7 3 3) (890 metres)

3 *sordida* besides the upper petrol station between Foping NNR & Foping town on the 11/6/2012. (890 [3 birds] metres)

MAMMALS

REEVE'S MUNTJAK *Muntiacus reevesi*

1 near the end of the Liangfengya road, Foping NNR on the 18/5/2012. (2060 metres)

WILD BOAR *Sus scrofa*

1 large male in the clearing 100 metres after the watch tower on the 'Blackthroat trail' at Foping NNR on the 20/5/2012. (2210 metres)

PERE DAVID'S ROCK SQUIRREL *Sciurotamias davidianus*

2 were heard besides the Liangfengya Forest Protection Station at Foping NNR on the 20/5/2012. (1720 metres)

MASKED CIVET *Paguma larvata*

1 in the Qinling Shan between Xi'an & Foping at 21h40 on the 9/6/2012. (1420 metres)

SWINHOE'S SQUIRREL *Tamiops swinhoi*
1 at Foping NNR on the 10/6/2012.

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