

Birding in
LIAONING
Northeast China
5-26 September 2012



Oriental Honey-buzzard –adult female. Laotie Shan 23 Sept. 2012

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INTRODUCTION

A quick perusal of a map of China suggests that the southern point of the Liaodong Peninsula of Liaoning *must* be an excellent site for witnessing south-bound bird migration. Numerous birds have been seen, and written about, here since the middle of the 19th century (e.g. Swinhoe 1861, Ingram 1909, Seys 1933 and 1936). The area received protection as a National Nature Reserve, the She Dao–Laotie Shan NNR that has a total area 178,073 hectares in 1980 and there have been a series of ringing stations in the reserve for at least a decade, and possibly significantly longer.

However the fact that there is a Chinese naval base in the port city of Lushun (Lüshun or Lvshun) meant that foreigners have not been allowed to visit the southernmost tip of the Liaodong Peninsula for decades (perhaps even since the Communist Party came to power in 1949). This situation changed very recently and foreigners are now allowed back to Lushun and beyond, even right to Laotie Shan, the province's southern tip.

Tom Beeke, a Canadian school teacher based at Jinshitan, was the first to advise (via his regular postings on the BirdForum website <http://www.birdforum.net/forumdisplay.php?f=544>) of the opening of the Laotie Shan area and he made several visits in autumn 2010. Beijing based British birder Terry Townshend picked up on this and visited Laotie Shan in February 2012 and again, along with Spike Millington, for over a week in mid-May 2012. Terry posted his observations on his excellent blog (<http://birdingbeijing.com/>) and produced a very useful report at the end of their trip (Townshend and Millington 2012 – see <http://birdingbeijing.com/2012/05/23/laotieshan-trip-report/>). Terry also enthused about the area and its birds and soon set about organising an autumn visit. I was fortunate enough to visit Laotie Shan together with Terry and Peter Cawley in September-October 2011. Arriving on the 24 September 2012, Terry stayed until the 5 October, Peter until the 7th while I was able to remain until the 16th. We were joined by Tom Beeke for two days (the 1st and 7 October). Our trip report can be accessed via Terry's blog at <http://birdingbeijing.com/2011/11/13/laotieshan-the-trip-report/>

We had such a superb time that I was keen to visit Laotie Shan again in autumn 2012 and this report details the birds that were seen. I arrived on the 5th September and spent three weeks in the area, Per Alström came out on the 20th and left at the same time as me – on the 25th. Terry arrived on the 22nd and was able to stay a day later than Per and me. Tom Beeke and Stephen Cairns joined me for a day on the 16th September while Leighton (Tian Yang) arrived on the 22nd and birded with us that afternoon and part of the following morning.

This was my sixth visit to Liaoning. I'd previously birded in the province in October 2001 (Holt 2001), January 2008 (Holt and Wang 2008), September-October 2012 (Holt, Townshend and Cawley 2012), January 2012 (Holt and Townshend 2012a) and May 2012 (Holt and Townshend 2012b).

Laotie Shan is 184 kilometres southeast of the well-known migration watch point of Beidaihe in Hebei Province and yet the composition of the birds that occur at these two sites is remarkably different. Observations at Beidaihe have been well documented (see Williams et al. 1992) allowing ready comparisons to be made between there and Laotie Shan. In reality however I fully expected migration through Laotie Shan to be on a larger scale than it is – basically I expected the Liaodong Peninsula to be a much more significant funnel. During the modest amount of time we've spent there in the last two autumns it's become clear that while several species do move through in impressive numbers (with Ashy Minivet being the prime example) many do not and the reason for this is still unclear. Beidaihe has a greater range of habitats than can be found at Laotie Shan (it has a small reservoir and reed bed as well as a series of tidal rivers and extensive mudflats) and it scores better than Laotie Shan for a variety of species including virtually all shorebirds, gulls and terns. Beidaihe's also the preferred route for species that dislike making water crossings and these include quite a few raptors (with the harriers perhaps being the most obvious example), cranes and storks. On the flip side Laotie Shan offers some great seawatching opportunities – though perhaps only early in the season since we saw very, very little over the sea during our 2011 visit. Other species that are well represented at Laotie Shan include Oriental Honey-buzzard, Black Kite, Amur Falcon, Red-rumped Swallow, Black-faced Bunting and house martins. Surprisingly the best conditions for a large raptor movement at Laotie Shan are different at these two sites - a strong south-westerly wind is preferred at Laotie Shan while at Beidaihe a north-westerly is best for raptors and north-easterly for other species!

A map of Laotie Shan can be found in Townshend and Millington (2011). The field watch point is about 300 metres from the Light House tourist car park and what is effectively the end of the road (for all but permitted vehicles). Its 400 metres from the turning up to the field watch point to the road junction and bus stop/bus turning point; the small shop is 200 metres back towards Lushun from the bus stop; the small reservoir is about another 500 metres above the shop while the small hotel that Chinese birders occasionally stay at is exactly 1.5 kilometres from the bus terminus. Xiao Dong Gou is another 1.7 kilometres back towards Lushun from that hotel.

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ORNITHOLOGICAL HIGHLIGHTS

We recorded a modest 153 species and had such a great time with such excellent birding that it's difficult to single out a small number of highlights. However the following surprised and delighted us –

Five new species for Liaoning with –

- 14 bird-days with up to 11 Short-tailed Shearwaters being noted on four dates between 12-19 September;
- seven bird-days for skuas/jaegers between 12-18 September - most were unidentified but a Long-tailed Jaeger was identified on the 12th as was a Pomarine Skua on the 18th;
- a Swinhoe's Minivet on the 14 September;
- a Chestnut-cheeked Starling on 6 September.

High counts included –

- 3274 bird-days for Streaked Shearwater with a count of 1605 during the 4.5 hour sea watch off the point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13 September possibly being a Chinese record;
- 4313 bird-days of Oriental Honey-buzzard with 1181 south on the 23 September;
- 938 bird-days of Japanese Sparrowhawk with 446 (possibly a Chinese record) south on the 6 September;
- 16,000 Black-tailed Gulls and 5000 Mongolian Gulls west off the point on the 18 September (possibly both Chinese records);
- 20,959 bird-days of Ashy Minivet with 10,380 on the 21 September (a Chinese record);
- 270 bird-days for Black-naped Oriole with 72 on the 6th & 62 on the 9 September;
- 20,600 bird-days for Barn Swallow with 7500 south on 14 September;
- 56 bird-days for Asian House Martin with 37 south on 6 September;
- 90 Forest Wagtails south on 11 September;
- 3160 bird-days for White Wagtail with 1134 on the 11 September;
- 196 bird-days for Pechora Pipit with exactly half this number, 98 birds, on the 12 September possibly being a Chinese record

Local rarities included:

- single adult Black-legged Kittiwakes on the 12th & 18 September (perhaps the first Chinese records from that month?);
- one juvenile Pallas's Gull during a seawatch on the 18 September – perhaps only the sixth record for Liaoning;
- 1 Spotted Nutcracker on the 24 September;

We recorded the following just two Globally Threatened species as defined by BirdLife International. EN = Endangered and VU = Vulnerable and the full details of all these are repeated here -

EASTERN CURLEW *Numenius madagascariensis* VU 大杓鹬

(1/22 3 3)

3 flew west & into Bohai Sea at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 05h47 on the 14/9/2012.

YELLOW-BREASTED BUNTING *Emberiza aureola* VU 黄胸鹀

(4/22 14 24)

14 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/9/2012.

3 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/9/2012.

4 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/9/2012.

3 singles flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2012.

We also recorded Japanese Quail a Near Threatened species.

DAILY DIARY

Wednesday 5 September 2012. Flew Beijing to Dalian & drove to Lushun. Afternoon Laotie Shan.

My slightly discounted Air China flight was scheduled to leave Beijing at 08h30 – and it pulled away from the gate right on time, but as now seems the norm at Beijing Capital Airport (the world's second busiest airport), there were delays on the tarmac and we didn't actually take off for another 35 minutes. The flight due east to Dalian towards the southern end of the Liaodong Peninsula took exactly 59 minutes and, once there I jumped straight in a taxi and headed off south to Lushun (= Lvshun = Lüshun). The latter cost 120 yuan (just slightly less than the 130 yuan the hotel staff had told me it would) and it took about 55 minutes to reach the Xin Jiyuan Dajiudian (New Era Grand Hotel) in Lushun. Arriving at 11h20 I checked in, unpacked my gear, dealt with a few emails and headed out again fairly soon afterwards...

Lushun Xin Jiyuan Dajiudian (Lushun New Era Grand Hotel), 19 Tongting Street, Lushun, Dalian 116041. Tel. 0411 86369222 and fax 86369948. 旅顺新纪元大酒店

My room in this decent three star hotel cost 200 yuan/night (20 less than in September-October 2012 but the reduction was probably due to the fact that I was planning to stay for three solid weeks). My room was OK – fairly, but not very, clean and it had an en suite bathroom with western toilet and shower with 24 hours hot water, a kettle, TV, free internet and two single beds.

I easily secured another taxi on the main highway between the hotel and the naval port and took this to the lighthouse at Laotie Shan. That ride took about 25 minutes, cost 40 yuan and I arrived at 12h57. Once there I spent almost one hour at the watch point a couple of hundred metres before the Lighthouse car park paid before wandering up to the car park itself. I was welcomed almost as an old friend by the three ladies at the ticket booth/drinks stall. As they had done most days in autumn 2012 they waved my 20 yuan entrance fee! After a drink and an ice cream I wandered slowly up the well-paved track through light woodland to the lighthouse. There weren't particularly many birds moving today – a modest trickle of hirundines and one or two raptors. Nevertheless I made fairly quick progress up to the regular lighthouse/coast guard station vantage point. Arriving at about 14h00 I spent just over one hour there before heading slowly back down. I spent about half-an-hour on the trail down towards the beach before returning to the main Lushun road. I could have caught the 16h30 bus back but opted to catch the last one of the day – that at 17h30.

Terry's May 2012 report contains a useful hand-drawn map of the Laotie Shan area, as well as photographs that show the habitat and some scenery.

The small fishing harbour at Chen Jia cun is close to the Lighthouse and the southern tip of the peninsula.

The next village in from the point, and the one close to the first reservoir, is Gang Jia cun.

Probably about the third village in from the point is Xiao Dong Gou and the ringing station that we were granted access to is near here. Note that access to this site must be arranged before visiting – do NOT expect to be welcomed if you turn up uninvited. Mr Wang of the Snake Island Laotie Shan NNR was kind enough to arrange access for us (prompted by Leighton). Mr Wang also gave each of us a copy of an interesting publication on the park - Anon. (2010). *The Avifauna of Liaoning Shedao Laotie Shan National Nature Reserve (1980-2010)*. Liaoning Shedao Laotie Shan NNR Conservation Station. This small book included an annotated checklist of the birds of the park.

About halfway between the end of the road at Laotie Shan and Tieshan zhen is the new settlement of Yang Jia cun. There's a large complex of modern, high-rise apartment buildings here.

Tieshan zhen is the small town where the bus back from Laotie Shan terminates.

Tidal mudflats viewed from the small park besides the Naval Port right on the edge of Lushun.

150 metres up the Lighthouse access road there's a small zoo (with rabbits, peacocks and Golden Pheasants but little else) off to the right. There's a path right through the fenced compound – and this leads out of the back to the lower lighthouse buildings and the sea watching site can also be accessed this way. The main archway in to the Lighthouse compound is another 100 metres further up above the zoo – the gates here aren't always locked but apparently should be from 17h00 – 08h00. Strictly speaking there's only tourist access to the area immediately around the Lighthouse and the two lower platforms where the boundary between Bohai Sea and the yellow sea is a famous tourist attraction.

Note that the Lighthouse apparently stands on the site of a French Longhouse build towards the end of the colonial era in China at the very end of the 19th century.

Lighthouse = Dengta = 灯塔

The areas that we birded were mostly in the She Dao–Laotie Shan National Nature Reserve – a reserve that has a total area 178,073 hectares and was established in 1980 and contains two separate Important Bird Areas (IBA). The relevant paragraphs from BirdLife International (2009) *Directory of Important Bird Areas in China (Mainland): Key Sites for Conservation*. Cambridge, UK: BirdLife International (English language edition) are repeated below -

The first IBA is She Dao (literally ‘Snake Island’) - IBA no. CN056.

CRITERIA: A1 A4i

AREA: 73 ha

COORDINATES: 38°58'N 120°59'E

ALTITUDE: 0-210 m

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: She Dao is a small island in the Gulf of Bohai, c.7 nautical miles from the mainland, which is located 30 km north-west of Laotie Shan. The island is rocky and hilly with c.70% vegetation cover, and it is famous for its population of vipers [these are apparently Pallas’s Pit Vipers].

THREATENED SPECIES: Chinese Egret (VU, 30 pairs were found in the 1980s), Greater Spotted Eagle (VU)

CONGREGATORY WATERBIRDS: *Larus crassirostris* (tens of thousands of birds estimated in 1999)

IMPORTANCE TO OTHER FAUNA AND FLORA: Snake Island supports an estimated population of 18,000 vipers!

The second IBA is Laotie Shan itself - IBA no. CN058.

CRITERIA: A1 A4i

AREA: About 17,000 ha

COORDINATES: 38°46'N 121°11'E

ALTITUDE: 5-456 m

CONSERVATION STATUS: The IBA is protected within She Dao–Laotie Shan National Nature Reserve (total area 178,073 ha), which was established in 1980.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Located at the southern tip of the Liaodong Peninsula, west of Port Lüshun, Dalian City. The landscape is typical of the Liaodong Peninsular, hilly with a central lowland area surrounded by higher hills. There are villages, salt pans, rivers and reservoirs, and most of the forest in the IBA is forestry plantation or secondary. This is an important stop-over area for migratory birds, which pass through the IBA in millions annually.

THREATENED SPECIES: Oriental Stork (EN), Japanese Crane (EN), Chinese Egret (VU), Baikal Teal (then VU), Baer’s Pochard (VU), Steller’s Sea Eagle (VU), Greater Spotted Eagle (VU), Eastern Imperial Eagle (VU), White-naped Crane (VU) and Great Bustard (VU).

CONGREGATORY WATERBIRDS: Chinese Egret (about 100 birds occur on spring and autumn migration)

IMPORTANCE TO OTHER FAUNA AND FLORA: No information.

Elsewhere there are reservoirs closer to Dalian – one apparently at Xi Shan and the other at Huangni Chuan, Dalian Nanlu.

Sun rise and sun set at Lushun on 5 Sept. 2012

Sun rise 05h26

Sun set 18h20

Weather

A nice day. According to the crew it was 26°C when the plane landed at Dalian airport at about 10h00, this increased slightly as the morning went on and it was 29°C when I arrived at Laotieshan at 13h00 and 28°C most of the time I was at the lighthouse/coast guard station watch point. There was hardly any cloud cover at all today and a modest WNW backing to WSW wind for much of the afternoon.

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| Common Pheasant | 3, two females one of which was accompanied by a half-grown chick, at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/9/2012. |
| Grey Heron | 21 on the tidal mudflats near Lushun Naval Base & the New Era Grand Hotel, Lushun on the 5/9/2012. |
| Great Egret | 11 on the tidal mudflats near Lushun Naval Base & the New Era Grand Hotel, Lushun on the 5/9/2012. |
| Little Egret | 56 on the tidal mudflats near Lushun Naval Base & the New Era Grand Hotel, Lushun on the 5/9/2012. |
| Oriental Honey-buzzard | 1 flew over Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/9/2012. |
| Black Kite | 1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/9/2012. |
| Pied Harrier | 1 juvenile flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/9/2012. |
| harrier sp. | 1 flew over at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/9/2012. |
| Japanese Sparrowhawk | 3 singles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/9/2012. |
| Eurasian Sparrowhawk | 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/9/2012. |
| Amur Falcon | 28 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/9/2012. Perhaps as many as half of these were actively migrating and were seen heading out to sea, the other half were simply blogging around the point. |
| Eurasian Hobby | 2 singles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/9/2012. |
| Peregrine Falcon | 2 separate juveniles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/9/2012. |
| Whimbrel | 2 on the tidal mudflats near Lushun Naval Base & the New Era Grand Hotel, Lushun on the 5/9/2012. |
| Black-headed Gull | 80 on the tidal mudflats near Lushun Naval Base & the New Era Grand Hotel, Lushun on the 5/9/2012. |

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| Black-tailed Gull | 540 near on the Lushun on the 5/9/2012. Just about 15 of these were around the fishing harbour at Laotie Shan while the other 525 were on the tidal mudflats between Lushun Naval Base & the New Era Grand Hotel at low tide near dusk. |
| Mongolian Gull | 5 on the tidal mudflats near Lushun Naval Base & the New Era Grand Hotel, Lushun on the 5/9/2012. |
| Oriental Turtle Dove | 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/9/2012. |
| Spotted Dove | 4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/9/2012. |
| Brown Shrike | 28 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/9/2012. |
| Black-naped Oriole | 1 flew around the Lighthouse at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/9/2012. |
| Common Magpie | 20 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/9/2012. |
| Japanese Tit | 4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/9/2012. |
| Light-vented Bulbul | 4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/9/2012. |
| Sand Martin | 2 singles flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/9/2012. |
| Barn Swallow | 500 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/9/2012. |
| House Martin sp. | 7 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/9/2012. |
| Red-rumped Swallow | 25 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/9/2012. |
| Dusky Warbler | 5 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/9/2012. |
| Yellow-browed Warbler | 9 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/9/2012. |
| Arctic Warbler | 3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/9/2012. |
| Two-barred Warbler | 2 were heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/9/2012. |
| Black-browed Reed Warbler | 2 were heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/9/2012. |
| Thick-billed Warbler | 3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/9/2012. |
| Lanceolated Warbler | 1 was heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/9/2012. |
| Vinous-throated Parrotbill | 10 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/9/2012. |
| Chinese Hill Babbler | 2 were heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/9/2012. |
| Red-billed Starling | 1 juvenile at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/9/2012. |
| Siberian Blue Robin | 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/9/2012. |
| Common Stonechat | 14 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/9/2012. |
| Taiga Flycatcher | 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/9/2012. |
| Eurasian Tree Sparrow | 20 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/9/2012. |
| Forest Wagtail | 2 separate fly-overs at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/9/2012. |
| Eastern Yellow Wagtail | 26 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/9/2012. |
| Grey Wagtail | 5 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/9/2012. |
| White Wagtail | 187 near on the Lushun on the 5/9/2012. About 15 of these, including 8 'Amur Wagtails' <i>M. a. leucopsis</i> , the only ones racially assigned all day, were bus stop area at Laotie Shan while the other 172 flew west over tidal mudflats between Lushun Naval Base & the New Era Grand Hotel between 18h00-18h15 (near dusk). The latter were undoubtedly heading to a nearby roost. |
| Pechora Pipit | 1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/9/2012. |
| Grey-capped Greenfinch | 19 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/9/2012. |
| Chinese Grosbeak | 18 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/9/2012. Birds were seen in groups of one, five & 12. |
| Black-faced Bunting | 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/9/2012. |
| bunting sp. | 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/9/2012. |

Thursday 6 September 2012. All day Laotie Shan, Lushun.

My Lushun-based taxi driver, Mr Xing (mobile 13084192682) who Terry, Peter and I used last September-October, arrived on time at 04h45 and the two of us headed straight out. It took us exactly 20 minutes to drive to the watch point that we had visited last autumn. This watch point can be accessed by taking a small, jeep width, but no longer driveable, track off up to the left about 200 metres before the Lighthouse Car Park (Laotie Shan Dengta Ting Che Chang). The best vantage point is about 100 metres up here. Once we arrived I dismissed Mr Xing – having arranged for a similar timed pick up the following morning.

Laotieshan Field Watch Point. (38°43.9'N., 121°08.2'E.).

Note that Laotie Shan light house park doesn't open until 08h00, there's a large fence the main part of it and unfortunately positively no access until that time.

There was lots of visible migration today and I stayed at this site until 09h00 after which I headed in to the Lighthouse complex. I spent much of the rest of the day (09h30-14h10) at the watch point in the Light House/Coast Guard Station compound before going for a short walk down the trail towards the conifers and beach. After an equally brief spell back at the 'field watch point' I caught the 16h30 bus back to the terminus in Tieshan zhen and a taxi from there for the remaining three of four kilometres back to the New Era Grand Hotel in Lushun. The bus took about 20-25 minutes and the taxi another ten or so.

Buses back to Tieshan zhen still leave the turning area on the main road at Laotie Shan at 11h00, 12h40, 14h30, 16h30 and 17h30. It still costs just one yuan/person – but note that no change is given.

Highlights

The undoubted highlight was a juvenile Chestnut-cheeked Starling – apparently the first record for Liaoning (and the northernmost ever Chinese record). Other goodies included good numbers of Japanese Sparrowhawks (446), a Yellow-legged

Buttonquail, 16 White-throated Needletails, 72 Black-naped Orioles, two Northern and 37 Asian House Martins, 56 Forest Wagtails, 73 Chinese Grosbeaks and 14 Yellow-breasted Buntings.

Weather

Another gorgeous day. 22°C outside my hotel in Lushun at 04h40 dropping slightly to 18°C at Laotie Shan half an hour later but soon warming up. It had reached 27°C by 09h45 and hovered between that and 28°C for the rest of the day. There was no cloud cover and it was very calm with little wind pre-dawn, though a light west-south-westerly picked up from about 07h00. Even this had faded by 08h45. As soon as the wind dropped virtually all the birds, even the hirundines, stopped migrating as, shortly afterwards, so did the raptors. No Oriental Honey-buzzards headed out to sea between 09h40 and 11h17. This drop in the wind speed was also linked to a build-up of cloud over the sea. Long range visibility remained at about six or seven kilometres for the rest of the day. The wind picked up again late morning and slowly backed around to the south-south-west from about 10h00. It wind continued to slowly strengthen and back around further so that by the early afternoon it was a south-south-easterly.

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| Common Pheasant | 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/9/2012. |
| Oriental Honey-buzzard | 261 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/9/2012. The first three birds were seen at 07h52. |
| Black Kite | 5, a pair and later a group of three, flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/9/2012. |
| Eastern Marsh Harrier | 1 juvenile flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/9/2012. |
| Pied Harrier | 15 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/9/2012. The first bird of the day was a juvenile at 08h29 & this age group was responsible for two-thirds of the day's encounters. Two adult males & one near adult were also logged. |
| harrier sp. | 1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/9/2012. |
| Chinese Sparrowhawk | 3 separate adults flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/9/2012. The first bird did so at 07h56. |
| Japanese Sparrowhawk | 446 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/9/2012. |
| Eurasian Sparrowhawk | 6 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/9/2012. |
| Accipiter sp. | 40 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/9/2012. |
| Common Kestrel | 11 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/9/2012. |
| Amur Falcon | 24 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/9/2012. |
| Eurasian Hobby | 4 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/9/2012. |
| Amur Falcon or Eurasian Hobby | 6 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/9/2012. |
| Peregrine Falcon | 4 juveniles (two males that were seen together & a separate female) flew at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/9/2012. |
| Yellow-legged Buttonquail | 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/9/2012. It flew in to scrub right besides the field watch point, stayed for a few seconds before flying off again. |
| Black-tailed Gull | 20 around the small fishing harbour at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/9/2012. |
| Spotted Dove | 8 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/9/2012. |
| Cuckoo sp. | 2 singles flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/9/2012. |
| White-throated Needletail | 16 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/9/2012. The first were two birds at 12h42, these were followed by 13 at 13h19 and the final bird at 13h32. |
| Fork-tailed Swift | 13 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/9/2012. |
| Rufous-bellied Woodpecker | 1 perched briefly on the Lighthouse radio tower at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/9/2012. |
| Brown Shrike | 4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/9/2012. |
| Black-naped Oriole | 72 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/9/2012. |
| Common Magpie | 100 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/9/2012. 75 of these were seen near the Lighthouse in the early morning & were presumably leaving a communal roost. |
| Japanese Tit | 3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/9/2012. |
| Light-vented Bulbul | 6 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/9/2012. |
| Sand Martin | 16 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/9/2012. All sightings were either of single birds or two together. |
| Barn Swallow | 1020 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/9/2012. |
| Northern House Martin | 2 flew south together at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/9/2012. |
| Asian House Martin | 37 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/9/2012. Several were photographed. |
| House Martin sp. | 4 separate singles flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/9/2012. |
| Red-rumped Swallow | 407 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/9/2012. |
| Manchurian Bush Warbler | 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/9/2012. |
| Dusky Warbler | 8 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/9/2012. |
| Yellow-browed Warbler | 12 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/9/2012. |
| Arctic Warbler | 1 was heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/9/2012. |
| Two-barred Warbler | 1 was heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/9/2012. |
| Pale-legged or Sakhalin Leaf Warbler | 5 calling birds were heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/9/2012. |
| Eastern Crowned Warbler | 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/9/2012. |
| Black-browed Reed Warbler | 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/9/2012. |
| Thick-billed Warbler | 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/9/2012. |
| Zitting Cisticola | 7, two pairs and a party of three, flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/9/2012. The first pair flew high at 06h44. |
| Vinous-throated Parrotbill | 20 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/9/2012. |
| Chinese Hill Babbler | 4 were heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/9/2012. |
| White-eye sp. | 2 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/9/2012. |
| Crested Myna | 6 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/9/2012. |
| Red-billed Starling | 6, a flock of five and later a singleton, flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/9/2012. |
| Chestnut-cheeked Starling | 1 juvenile flew in to a trackside tree besides the field watch point at Laotie Shan, Lushun at about 06h45 on the 6/9/2012. Apparently the first record for Liaoning & the northernmost ever Chinese record. Rare in China there are reports of Chestnut-cheeked Starling from Hubei (!), Jiangsu, Shanghai, Zhejiang, Fujian, Guangdong, Hong Kong & Macao. |
| Siberian Blue Robin | 2 males at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/9/2012. |
| Common Stonechat | 9 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/9/2012. |

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| Asian Brown Flycatcher | 6 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/9/2012. |
| Taiga Flycatcher | 3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/9/2012. |
| Eurasian Tree Sparrow | 120 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/9/2012. Several small, tight flocks, one of about 20 and the other about 50 birds, were showing some signs of eruptive behaviour and were seen flying high only to return moments later. |
| Forest Wagtail | 56 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/9/2012. Most encounters were with solitary birds. |
| Eastern Yellow Wagtail | 254 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/9/2012. |
| Grey Wagtail | 54 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/9/2012. A surprisingly high proportion of sightings were of pairs. |
| White Wagtail | 194, including 12 'Amur Wagtail' <i>M. a. leucopsis</i> & one possible 'East Siberian Wagtail' <i>M. a. ocellaris</i> , flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/9/2012. |
| Richard's Pipit | 62 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/9/2012. |
| Olive-backed Pipit | 3 singles flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/9/2012. |
| Pechora Pipit | 7 singles flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/9/2012. |
| Grey-capped Greenfinch | 67 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/9/2012. Birds were in flocks of the following sizes – 1, 3, 4, 8, 11, 12, 13 & 15 birds. |
| Common Rosefinch | 25 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/9/2012. Most encounters were with singletons but flocks of up to five birds were also seen. |
| Chinese Grosbeak | 73 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/9/2012. Birds were in flocks of the following sizes – 1, 1, 3, 3, 5, 5, 7, 13, 16 & 19 birds. |
| Yellow-breasted Bunting VU | 14 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/9/2012. |
| Black-faced Bunting | 3 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/9/2012. |
| bunting sp. | 10 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/9/2012. |
| passerine sp. | 150 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/9/2012. |

Friday 7 September 2012. All day Laotie Shan, Lushun.

I left the Xin Jiyuan Dajiudian, Lushun in Mr Xing's taxi at 04h45 and drove back to the Laotie Shan field watch point. Arriving just over 20 minutes later I spent all morning and early afternoon there. It was much quieter today and there was very little visible passage so I went to check out the ringing station at Xiao Dong Gou but discovered it wasn't operating for another three days - on the 10 September. After a bit of time with the chief bander, Mr Sun, I returned to the Lighthouse but it was now even quieter with practically nothing passing. Consequently I left early – taking the 12h40 bus back to Tieshan zhen and then a taxi to Lushun.

Highlights

A few passerines moved south in the early morning and, despite a strengthening south-easterly wind, modest numbers of Pied Harriers (27) and Oriental Honey-buzzards (109) were also moving until about mid-morning. There were also a handful of new trip birds – Chinese Grey Shrike (2), Black Drongo, Yellow-bellied Tit, Baikal Bush Warbler, Daurian Starling (2), Siberian Rubythroat and Dark-sided Flycatcher.

Weather

A decent day. Calm with no wind and 24°C but a slight haze obscuring the moon outside the hotel at 04h40. It was slightly cooler (20°C) at the watch point early morning and with more cloud cover (2/8). Visibility was also slightly poorer than yesterday with Snake Island only just being visible. There was a very light south-easterly breeze and the pressure was stable at 1018 hPa. By 07h00 the cloud cover had increased to about 3/8 and the south-easterly wind had strengthened. The pressure continued to drop slightly (and was 1013 hPa by 11h30) with the south-easterly wind continuing to stiffen throughout the morning. The temperature peaked at just 23°C by 12h00 – but it felt several degrees cooler than that in the fairly strong south-easterly that was coming in off the sea.

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| Common Pheasant | 3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/9/2012. |
| Grey Heron | 4 flew south, only to turn back north later, at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/9/2012. |
| Oriental Honey-buzzard | 109 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/9/2012. The first birds (three) were seen at 06h18 with another just ten minutes later – all four of these had probably roosted overnight nearby |
| Black Kite | 1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/9/2012. |
| Eastern Marsh Harrier | 1 juvenile flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/9/2012. |
| Pied Harrier | 27, including 12 birds that were aged/sexed (10 juveniles & just two adult males), flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/9/2012. The first bird was seen at 06h05. |
| harrier sp. | 1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/9/2012. |
| Japanese Sparrowhawk | 29 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/9/2012. |
| Common Kestrel | 7 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/9/2012. |
| Amur Falcon | 1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/9/2012. |
| Eurasian Hobby | 5 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/9/2012. |
| Peregrine Falcon | 5 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/9/2012. |
| Common Snipe | 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/9/2012. |
| Black-tailed Gull | 570 on the sea off Chen Jia cun, the small fishing harbour at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/9/2012. |
| Mongolian Gull | 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/9/2012. |
| Oriental Turtle Dove | 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/9/2012. |
| Spotted Dove | 6 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/9/2012. |
| Fork-tailed Swift | 3 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/9/2012. |
| Common Kingfisher | 1 flew south past the field watch point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/9/2012. |
| Brown Shrike | 6 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/9/2012. |
| Chinese Grey Shrike | 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/9/2012. |

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| Black-naped Oriole | 9 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/9/2012. |
| Black Drongo | 1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/9/2012. |
| Common Magpie | 100 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/9/2012. About 70 of these were seen leaving the roost close to the Lighthouse. |
| Yellow-bellied Tit | 1 calling bird flew high to the south over flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/9/2012. |
| Japanese Tit | 6 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/9/2012. |
| Light-vented Bulbul | 4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/9/2012. |
| Barn Swallow | 100 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/9/2012. A marked reduction on yesterday's tally & quite remarkably the first bird wasn't seen until 06h10 – a full one hour after I arrived on site. |
| House Martin sp. | 3 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/9/2012. |
| Red-rumped Swallow | 100 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/9/2012. |
| Dusky Warbler | 7 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/9/2012. |
| Yellow-browed Warbler | 12 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/9/2012. |
| Arctic Warbler | 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/9/2012. |
| Two-barred Warbler | 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/9/2012. |
| Pale-legged or Sakhalin Leaf Warbler | 6 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/9/2012. |
| Eastern Crowned Warbler | 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/9/2012. |
| Black-browed Reed Warbler | 3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/9/2012. |
| Thick-billed Warbler | 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/9/2012. |
| Baikal Bush Warbler | 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/9/2012. |
| Zitting Cisticola | 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/9/2012. |
| Vinous-throated Parrotbill | 25 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/9/2012. |
| Chinese Hill Babbler | 2 were heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/9/2012. |
| Crested Myna | 25 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/9/2012. |
| Daurian Starling | 2 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/9/2012. |
| Siberian Rubythroat | 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/9/2012. |
| Common Stonechat | 12 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/9/2012. |
| Dark-sided Flycatcher | 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/9/2012. |
| Asian Brown Flycatcher | 3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/9/2012. |
| Taiga Flycatcher | 5 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/9/2012. |
| Eurasian Tree Sparrow | 50 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/9/2012. |
| Forest Wagtail | 33 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/9/2012. |
| Eastern Yellow Wagtail | 133 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/9/2012. |
| Grey Wagtail | 29 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/9/2012. |
| White Wagtail | 233 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/9/2012. |
| Richard's Pipit | 10 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/9/2012. |
| Olive-backed Pipit | 3 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/9/2012. |
| Pechora Pipit | 1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/9/2012. |
| Grey-capped Greenfinch | 27 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/9/2012. |
| Common Rosefinch | 14 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/9/2012. |
| Chinese Grosbeak | 1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/9/2012. |
| bunting sp. | 35 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/9/2012. |
| passerine sp. | 60 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/9/2012. |

Saturday 8 September 2012. Most of the morning at Laotie Shan, Lushun.

I left the Xin Jiyuan Dajiudian, Lushun in Mr Xing's taxi at 04h45 and drove back to the Laotie Shan field watch point. Arriving at 05h05 I spent much of the rest of the morning there. It even quieter today and there was very little visible passage and I decided to leave early – taking the 11h00 bus back to Tieshan zhen and then a taxi to Lushun.

Highlights

A single Blyth's Pipit that flew south was the only bird of real note.

Weather

The weather was forecast to be much the same as it was yesterday – with a moderate south-easterly wind that was supposed to reduce as the day goes on. It should also have been partly sunny, with a shower, on Saturday warmer and drier on Sunday. However this forecast was pretty far from the truth as it was a decent day. It was calm with no wind and 23°C but a slight haze obscuring the moon outside the hotel at 04h40. It was slightly cooler (20°C) at the watch point in the early morning and with more cloud cover (6/8) than at any stage during the previous 2.5 days. Visibility was also poorer than yesterday with Snake Island only just being visible. There was absolutely no wind and the pressure was stable at 1016 hPa. By 07h30 the cloud cover had dissipated, clearing from the south and was down to 1/8 cover. It was already 25°C and there was still no wind. The pressure had risen fractionally to 1017 hPa. By 08h00 the sky had no cloud and it was already 27°C – most of the accipiters that I could see were extremely high and not visible to the naked eye. A very light westerly breeze started at about 09h00.

Sun rise and set on the 8/9/2012

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| Sun rise | 05h30 |
| Sun set | 18h16 |

Mallard

1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/9/2012.

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| Grey Heron | 5, a single and then a flock of four, flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/9/2012. The first bird was heard at 05h10 (20 minutes before sunrise) while the flock of four was seen at 07h17. |
| Little Egret | 2 near Lushun Naval Base on the 8/9/2012. |
| Oriental Honey-buzzard | 51 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/9/2012. The first bird was seen at 06h49. |
| Black Kite | 2 flew south together at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 07h57 on the 8/9/2012. |
| Pied Harrier | 30 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/9/2012. The first bird was seen at 05h16 – a full 14 minutes before official sunrise! Six birds were seen well enough to age & these were juveniles. |
| Japanese Sparrowhawk | 64 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/9/2012. |
| Eurasian Sparrowhawk | 2 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/9/2012. |
| Accipiter sp. | 5 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/9/2012. |
| Common Kestrel | 2 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/9/2012. |
| Amur Falcon | 1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/9/2012. |
| Eurasian Hobby | 4 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/9/2012. |
| Amur Falcon or Eurasian Hobby | 4 singles flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/9/2012. |
| Peregrine Falcon | 3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/9/2012. |
| Green Sandpiper | 1 was heard in the bay near the fishing harbour (Chen Jia cun) at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/9/2012. |
| Common Sandpiper | 1 was heard in the bay near the fishing harbour (Chen Jia cun) at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/9/2012. |
| Black-tailed Gull | 250 in the bay near the fishing harbour (Chen Jia cun) at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/9/2012. |
| 'Herring Gull Assemblage' | 2 in the bay near the fishing harbour (Chen Jia cun) at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/9/2012. |
| Oriental Turtle Dove | 3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/9/2012. |
| Spotted Dove | 4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/9/2012. |
| Brown Shrike | 12 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/9/2012. |
| Chinese Grey Shrike | 2 singles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/9/2012. One of these, a birds near the field watch point, was probably one of the two I saw yesterday but the other, near Xiao Dong Gou cun, was almost certainly a new bird. |
| Common Magpie | 30 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/9/2012. |
| Japanese Tit | 2 were heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/9/2012. |
| Light-vented Bulbul | 3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/9/2012. |
| Barn Swallow | 120 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/9/2012. There was absolutely no migration of either species of swallow until 08h10 – and even then it was extremely small scale. |
| Red-rumped Swallow | 75 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/9/2012. There was absolutely no migration of either species of swallow until 08h10 – and even then it was extremely small scale. |
| Dusky Warbler | 4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/9/2012. |
| Yellow-browed Warbler | 6 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/9/2012. |
| Arctic Warbler | 2 were heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/9/2012. |
| Pale-legged or Sakhalin Leaf Warbler | 3 were heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/9/2012. |
| Black-browed Reed Warbler | 5 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/9/2012. |
| Thick-billed Warbler | 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/9/2012. |
| Baikal Bush Warbler | 1 near the field watch point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/9/2012. |
| Lanceolated Warbler | 3 were heard near the field watch point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/9/2012. |
| Zitting Cisticola | 4 around the field watch point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/9/2012. |
| White-eye sp. | 4 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/9/2012. |
| Crested Myna | 25 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/9/2012. |
| Siberian Rubythroat | 1 was heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/9/2012. |
| Common Stonechat | 13 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/9/2012. |
| Asian Brown Flycatcher | 3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/9/2012. |
| Taiga Flycatcher | 2 were heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/9/2012. |
| Eurasian Tree Sparrow | 100 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/9/2012. |
| Forest Wagtail | 25 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/9/2012. |
| Eastern Yellow Wagtail | 68 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/9/2012. |
| Grey Wagtail | 26 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/9/2012. |
| White Wagtail | 110, including four 'Amur Wagtail' <i>M. a. leucopsis</i> , flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/9/2012. |
| Richard's Pipit | 6 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/9/2012. |
| Blyth's Pipit | 1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 06h02 on the 8/9/2012. A scarce migrant even in northern Liaoning Blyth's Pipit is probably quite rare down the Liaodong Peninsula. We didn't encounter any in late September or early October 2011 – other than one bird, that was only possibly this species, that was heard distantly & only once at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 27/9/2011. |
| Olive-backed Pipit | 1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/9/2012. |
| Pechora Pipit | 1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/9/2012. |
| Grey-capped Greenfinch | 20 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/9/2012. Flock sizes were as follows 2, 4, 6 |
| Common Rosefinch | 9 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/9/2012. |
| Chinese Grosbeak | 20 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/9/2012. Flock sizes were as follows 1, 1, 2, 2, 3 & 11. |
| bunting sp. | 17 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/9/2012. |
| passerine sp. | 40 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/9/2012. |

Sunday 9 September 2012. Most of the morning at Laotie Shan, Lushun.

I left the Xin Jiyuan Dajudian, Lushun in Mr Xing's taxi at 04h50 and drove back to the Laotie Shan field watch point. Arriving just over 20 minutes later I spent much of the rest of the morning there. It was fairly busy in the early morning with decent numbers of passerines. Unfortunately visible migration had virtually stopped by 09h00 and there were even very few birds in the woodland. I left early again – taking the 11h00 bus back to Tieshan zhen and then a taxi to Lushun.

Highlights

A few birds were already on the early morning when I arrived at the watch point. Record numbers of both Black-naped Oriole (62), Thick-billed Warbler (15), Siberian Blue Robin (22), Common Stonechat (55) and Chinese Grosbeak (131). There were

also a handful of new trip birds today – Black-crowned Night (4) and Striated Herons, Eurasian Collared Dove (2), Grey Nightjar, Dollarbird, Ashy Minivet, White-cheeked Starling (3), Red-throated Pipit, a very early Eurasian Siskin as well as both Tristram's and Yellow-browed Buntings.

Weather

A decent day. Calm with no wind and 4° cooler than yesterday, being just 14°C, at the watch point at 05h15. There was no cloud cover. Visibility was OK – clear up high but poorer at lower levels - also slightly poorer than yesterday with Snake Island not being visible. There was no wind and the pressure was stable at 1015-1016 hPa. A very light south-south-easterly breeze started at 10h30.

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| Common Pheasant | 2 were heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/9/2012. |
| Black-crowned Night Heron | 4 came in off the sea & flew north at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 05h13 (17 minutes before sun rise) on the 9/9/2012. |
| Striated Heron | 1 came in off the sea at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/9/2012. |
| Oriental Honey-buzzard | 22 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/9/2012. The first birds (nine) were seen at 06h55. |
| Pied Harrier | 3 singles flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/9/2012. The first bird was at 05h22 (eight minutes before sun rise). |
| Japanese Sparrowhawk | 6 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/9/2012. |
| Common Kestrel | 2 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/9/2012. |
| Eurasian Hobby | 5 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/9/2012. The first bird was at 05h15 (15 minutes before sun rise). |
| Amur Falcon or Eurasian Hobby | 2 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/9/2012. |
| Black-tailed Gull | 250 in the bay near the fishing harbour (Chen Jia cun) at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/9/2012. |
| 'Herring Gull Assemblage' | 4 in the bay near the fishing harbour (Chen Jia cun) at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/9/2012. |
| Oriental Turtle Dove | 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/9/2012. |
| Eurasian Collared Dove | 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/9/2012. |
| Spotted Dove | 4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/9/2012. |
| Cuckoo sp. | 2 separate juveniles flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/9/2012. |
| Grey Nightjar | 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/9/2012. |
| Dollarbird | 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/9/2012. First seen flying south at 05h40, it landed before heading back north exactly one hour later. What was probably the same bird was seen flying south again at 09h45. |
| Ashy Minivet | 6, two singles and a flock of four, flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/9/2012. |
| Brown Shrike | 4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/9/2012.0 |
| Black-naped Oriole | 62 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/9/2012. Birds were seen in flocks of 1, 1, 1, 1, 3, 4, 4, 5, 6 & 35. |
| Common Magpie | 30 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/9/2012. |
| Japanese Tit | 3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/9/2012. |
| Light-vented Bulbul | 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/9/2012. |
| Barn Swallow | 170 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/9/2012. |
| Red-rumped Swallow | 60 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/9/2012. |
| Dusky Warbler | 7 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/9/2012. |
| Yellow-browed Warbler | 20 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/9/2012. |
| Arctic Warbler | 4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/9/2012. |
| Two-barred Warbler | 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/9/2012. |
| Pale-legged or Sakhalin Leaf Warbler | 5 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/9/2012. |
| Black-browed Reed Warbler | 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/9/2012. |
| Thick-billed Warbler | 15 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/9/2012. |
| Baikal Bush Warbler | 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/9/2012. |
| Lanceolated Warbler | 3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/9/2012. |
| Zitting Cisticola | 4, possibly the same birds as yesterday, at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/9/2012. |
| Vinous-throated Parrotbill | 10 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/9/2012. |
| Chinese Hill Babbler | 2 were heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/9/2012. |
| Crested Myna | 32 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/9/2012. A flock of 31 were repeatedly seen around the point while a single was seen from the bus between there & Tieshan zhen. |
| White-cheeked Starling | 3 singles flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/9/2012. The first bird was in a flock of Chinese Grosbeaks, the second in a flock of smaller starlings (probably Daurian Starlings) while the third was on its own. |
| Starling sp. | 15 poorly seen, but apparently small starlings that were possibly Daurian Starlings, flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 07h32 on the 9/9/2012. |
| Siberian Rubythroat | 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/9/2012. |
| Siberian Blue Robin | 22 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/9/2012. |
| Common Stonechat | 55 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/9/2012. |
| Dark-sided Flycatcher | 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/9/2012. |
| Asian Brown Flycatcher | 5 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/9/2012. |
| Taiga Flycatcher | 5 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/9/2012. |
| Eurasian Tree Sparrow | 50 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/9/2012. |
| Forest Wagtail | 32 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/9/2012. |
| Eastern Yellow Wagtail | 21 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/9/2012. |
| Grey Wagtail | 18 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/9/2012. |
| White Wagtail | 18, including eight 'Amur Wagtail' <i>M. a. leucopsis</i> , flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/9/2012. |
| Richard's Pipit | 17 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/9/2012. |
| Olive-backed Pipit | 5 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/9/2012. |
| Pechora Pipit | 3 singles flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/9/2012. |
| Red-throated Pipit | 1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/9/2012. |
| Grey-capped Greenfinch | 2 flew south together at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/9/2012. |
| Eurasian Siskin | 1 first-winter at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/9/2012. Seen well – it flew south, flew around and eventually flew in and landed (& was photographed). Probably an exceptionally early date? The earliest autumn date mentioned by Williams ed. (1992) for Beidaihe, Hebei the years 1986-1990 was the 1 st October 1986. There also don't seem |

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| Common Rosefinch | to be any sightings in Beijing any earlier than mid-October. Eurasian Siskin is a common cage bird in China & it's quite possible that this bird was an escape – though the fact that it was a first-winter (and aged on a contrast in the greater coverts) and they probably don't breed very well in captivity might rule against this. |
| Chinese Grosbeak | 32 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/9/2012. |
| Tristram's Bunting | 131 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/9/2012. Birds were seen in flocks of 1, 1, 3, 3, 5, 9, 12, 17, 20 & 60. |
| Yellow-browed Bunting | 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/9/2012. |
| Yellow-breasted Bunting VU bunting sp. | 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/9/2012. |
| passerine sp. | 3 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/9/2012. |
| | 20 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/9/2012. |
| | 400 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/9/2012. |

Monday 10 September 2012. Morning Laotie Shan, Lushun.

I left the Xin Jiyuan Dajiudian, Lushun in Mr Xing's taxi at 04h45 and drove back to the Laotie Shan field watch point. Arriving just over 20 minutes later I spent a few hours there. It was another quiet day today and there was very little visible passage. After a couple of hours here I headed off to check out the ringing station at Xiao Dong Gou and was lucky in that I managed to hitch a lift of one of the very first vehicles to pass by. It was supposed to be their first day of operation of the ringing station today – and eventually (once the new nets, ropes and other equipment had arrived) I helped chief bander Mr Sun and his boss, Mr Wang Kezhang, set up a few of the nets. I was offered a ride back to Lushun by Mr Wang and several more of his staff and took it.

Highlights

Very few passerines moved south in the early morning but I managed to see a handful of new trip birds – Ruddy Shelduck, a cormorant sp., White-breasted Waterhen, a Heuglin's Gull and a male Red Turtle Dove.

Weather

Another decent day – with no wind, anticyclonic conditions and hence very few birds. At the watch point in the early morning it was calm with no wind, 0/8 cloud cover, the air pressure was 1017 hPa and falling slightly and the temperature 15°C. Visibility was much as yesterday with Snake Island only just being visible. There were patches of light mist and a heavy dew this morning.

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| Common Pheasant | 2 were heard at Laotie Shan. Lushun on the 10/9/2012. |
| Ruddy Shelduck | 1 flew north, inland & past the field watch point at Laotie Shan. Lushun on the 10/9/2012. |
| Mallard | 1 at Laotie Shan. Lushun on the 10/9/2012. |
| Black-crowned Night Heron | 1 was heard over the field watch point at Laotie Shan. Lushun at 05h36 on the 10/9/2012. |
| Great or Japanese Cormorant | 1 flew past the field watch point at Laotie Shan. Lushun at 05h32 on the 10/9/2012. |
| Pied Harrier | 2 singles flew south at Laotie Shan. Lushun on the 10/9/2012. Both were seen well before official sunrise with the first being at 05h15 & the second just five minutes later. |
| Japanese Sparrowhawk | 10 flew south at Laotie Shan. Lushun on the 10/9/2012. The first bird was seen at 05h16 – a full 15 minutes before sunrise! |
| Eurasian Sparrowhawk | 2 flew south at Laotie Shan. Lushun on the 10/9/2012. The first bird was seen at 05h20 – a full 11 minutes before sunrise! |
| Common Kestrel | 1 flew south at Laotie Shan. Lushun on the 10/9/2012. |
| Amur Falcon | 3 flew south at Laotie Shan. Lushun on the 10/9/2012. |
| Eurasian Hobby | 2 flew south at Laotie Shan. Lushun on the 10/9/2012. |
| Amur Falcon or Eurasian Hobby | 1 flew south at Laotie Shan. Lushun at 05h19 on the 10/9/2012. |
| Peregrine Falcon | 2 flew south at Laotie Shan. Lushun on the 10/9/2012. |
| White-breasted Waterhen | 1 at Laotie Shan. Lushun on the 10/9/2012. It was in the tiny marsh besides Chen Jia cun. |
| Black-tailed Gull | 150 in the bay near the fishing harbour (Chen Jia cun) at Laotie Shan. Lushun on the 10/9/2012. |
| 'Herring Gull Assemblage' | 2 in the bay near the fishing harbour (Chen Jia cun) at Laotie Shan. Lushun on the 10/9/2012. |
| Heuglin's Gull | 1 adult in the bay near the fishing harbour (Chen Jia cun) at Laotie Shan. Lushun on the 10/9/2012. |
| Oriental Turtle Dove | 6 flew south at Laotie Shan. Lushun on the 10/9/2012. |
| Eurasian Collared Dove | 1 flew south at Laotie Shan. Lushun on the 10/9/2012. |
| Red Turtle Dove | 1 male flew inland past the field watch point at Laotie Shan. Lushun on the 10/9/2012. |
| Spotted Dove | 4 at Laotie Shan. Lushun on the 10/9/2012. |
| Cuckoo sp. | 1 juvenile flew south at Laotie Shan. Lushun on the 10/9/2012. |
| Ashy Minivet | 2 singles flew south at Laotie Shan. Lushun on the 10/9/2012. |
| Brown Shrike | 8 at Laotie Shan. Lushun on the 10/9/2012. |
| Black-naped Oriole | 12 flew south at Laotie Shan. Lushun on the 10/9/2012. |
| Common Magpie | 30 at Laotie Shan. Lushun on the 10/9/2012. |
| Japanese Tit | 8 at Laotie Shan. Lushun on the 10/9/2012. |
| Light-vented Bulbul | 4 at Laotie Shan. Lushun on the 10/9/2012. |
| Barn Swallow | 50 at Laotie Shan. Lushun on the 10/9/2012. |
| Red-rumped Swallow | 30 at Laotie Shan. Lushun on the 10/9/2012. |
| Dusky Warbler | 5 at Laotie Shan. Lushun on the 10/9/2012. |
| Yellow-browed Warbler | 20 at Laotie Shan. Lushun on the 10/9/2012. |
| Arctic Warbler | 3 were heard at Laotie Shan. Lushun on the 10/9/2012. |
| Two-barred Warbler | 1 was heard at Laotie Shan. Lushun on the 10/9/2012. |
| Pale-legged or Sakhalin Leaf Warbler | 1 at Laotie Shan. Lushun on the 10/9/2012. |
| Black-browed Reed Warbler | 2 were heard at Laotie Shan. Lushun on the 10/9/2012. |

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| Thick-billed Warbler | 6 at Laotie Shan. Lushun on the 10/9/2012. |
| Lanceolated Warbler | 1 was heard at Laotie Shan. Lushun on the 10/9/2012. |
| Zitting Cisticola | 1 was heard at Laotie Shan. Lushun on the 10/9/2012. |
| Vinous-throated Parrotbill | 10 at Laotie Shan. Lushun on the 10/9/2012. |
| Crested Myna | 25 at Laotie Shan. Lushun on the 10/9/2012. 22 birds were seen particularly well – and of these only five were juvenile, the other 17 being adults. |
| Grey-backed Thrush | 1 near the Xiao Dong Gou ringing station at Laotie Shan. Lushun on the 10/9/2012. |
| Siberian Rubythroat | 1 was heard at Laotie Shan. Lushun on the 10/9/2012. |
| Siberian Blue Robin | 2 at Laotie Shan. Lushun on the 10/9/2012. |
| Common Stonechat | 15 at Laotie Shan. Lushun on the 10/9/2012. |
| Dark-sided Flycatcher | 1 at Laotie Shan. Lushun on the 10/9/2012. |
| Asian Brown Flycatcher | 5 at Laotie Shan. Lushun on the 10/9/2012. |
| Taiga Flycatcher | 5 at Laotie Shan. Lushun on the 10/9/2012. |
| Eurasian Tree Sparrow | 50 at Laotie Shan. Lushun on the 10/9/2012. |
| Forest Wagtail | 28 flew south at Laotie Shan. Lushun on the 10/9/2012. |
| Eastern Yellow Wagtail | 14 flew south at Laotie Shan. Lushun on the 10/9/2012. |
| Grey Wagtail | 23 flew south at Laotie Shan. Lushun on the 10/9/2012. |
| White Wagtail | 48, including three 'Amur Wagtail' <i>M. a. leucopsis</i> , flew south at Laotie Shan. Lushun on the 10/9/2012. |
| Richard's Pipit | 9 flew south at Laotie Shan. Lushun on the 10/9/2012. |
| Olive-backed Pipit | 7 flew south at Laotie Shan. Lushun on the 10/9/2012. |
| Pechora Pipit | 5 flew south at Laotie Shan. Lushun on the 10/9/2012. |
| Red-throated Pipit | 3 flew south at Laotie Shan. Lushun on the 10/9/2012. |
| Grey-capped Greenfinch | 4 flew south at Laotie Shan. Lushun on the 10/9/2012. Flock sizes were as follows – 1, 1 & 2. |
| Common Rosefinch | 25 flew south at Laotie Shan. Lushun on the 10/9/2012. |
| Chinese Grosbeak | 19 flew south at Laotie Shan. Lushun on the 10/9/2012. Flock sizes were as follows – 1, 1, 1, |
| bunting sp. | 70 flew south at Laotie Shan. Lushun on the 10/9/2012. |
| passerine sp. | 150 flew south at Laotie Shan. Lushun on the 10/9/2012. |

Tuesday 11 September 2012. Morning at Laotie Shan, Lushun.

I left the Xin Jiyuan Dajudian, Lushun in Mr Xing's taxi at 04h45 and drove back to the Laotie Shan field watch point. Arriving just over 20 minutes later I spent much of the rest of the morning there. It was busy today and there were lots of passerines, mostly wagtails and pipits, heading south. Passage had virtually finished by 10h00 and I left the watch point at 10h30 walking slowly back to the bus stop. Taking the 11h00 bus to Xiao Dong Gou I next wandered up to the ringing station – but nothing there – no birds and, more surprisingly, no people. After a brief wander around the woods I headed back to the bus stop and caught the 12h40 back to Tieshan zhen and then a taxi to Lushun.

Highlights

A superb morning of visible passage with large numbers of Forest (90), Eastern Yellow (290), Grey (56) and especially White (1134) Wagtails as well as a few pipits with Richard's (171) and Pechora (38) both being well represented. Other notable birds included both White-throated Needletail and Pacific Swift as well as a couple of Daurian Starling.

Weather

It was a bit milder than the previous few days (22°C) at the watch point. Significantly it was very hazy with was much poorer visibility - I couldn't see more than about four kilometres when I arrived – and even this had dropped to perhaps two kilometres by mid-morning. Low cloud hugged the coastal mountain ridge making the tops of some of the military installation peaks invisible. The pressure was 1015 hPa and initially falling slowly. There was, just as forecast, a light south-south-east wind at dawn and this slowly backed around to the east before easing off with the cloud cover increasing and visibility declining as the wind dropped. By 08h30 there was no wind and visibility was at its worst. It was 26°C and 1016 hPa by 09h00 and by that time visibility was so poor that it was difficult to distinguish the sea from the sky! The wind picked up slightly from about 09h50 and, while variable, was perhaps starting to swing around to the west?

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| Common Pheasant | 2 were heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/9/2012. |
| Grey Heron | 4 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/9/2012. The first bird was heard at 07h11 while three birds flew high to the southeast at 09h11. |
| Large Heron sp. | 7 flew south at Laotie Shan at 09h37 on the 11/9/2012. |
| Great or Japanese Cormorant | 1 flew east in to Bohai Sea at Laotie Shan at 08h40 on the 11/9/2012. |
| Oriental Honey-buzzard | 45 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/9/2012. The first bird, a single, was seen at 08h39, and all the birds I saw today just loafed about, circling around and around, drifting north before coming back and none of them appeared to be making much effort to leave. |
| Black Kite | 1 drifted slowly south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/9/2012. |
| Eastern Marsh Harrier | 1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/9/2012. |
| Pied Harrier | 24 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/9/2012. The first birds (3) were seen at 05h30 and as with all the birds seen early in the day this week they appeared over the military installation ridge. As the morning progressed new birds appeared – and all came down the low lying coastal strip to the west and not down the ridge line. This has also been a feature of the last week where the first birds of the day appear along the ridge even before sunrise (& had presumably roosted there overnight) while later in the day new birds appear that have been following the low-lying western coast. |
| Japanese Sparrowhawk | 43 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/9/2012. The first bird was seen at 05h22. |
| Eurasian Sparrowhawk | 1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/9/2012. |

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| Common Kestrel | 1 flew south at Laotie Shan at 05h15 on the 11/9/2012. |
| Amur Falcon | 5 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/9/2012. |
| Eurasian Hobby | 1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/9/2012. |
| Amur Falcon or Eurasian Hobby | 4 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/9/2012. |
| Peregrine Falcon | 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/9/2012. |
| Snipe sp. | 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/9/2012. |
| Black-tailed Gull | 200 in Chen Jia cun fishing harbour bay, Laotie Shan. Lushun on the 11/9/2012. |
| Mongolian Gull | 1 in Chen Jia cun fishing harbour bay, Laotie Shan. Lushun on the 11/9/2012. |
| Oriental Turtle Dove | 7 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/9/2012. |
| Spotted Dove | 3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/9/2012. |
| Grey Nightjar | 1 flew repeatedly around the field watch point at Laotie Shan just as I arrived at 05h10 on the 11/9/2012. |
| White-throated Needletail | 4, two pairs, flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/9/2012. The first two birds were seen at 06h36 & the second two at 07h14. |
| Fork-tailed Swift | 8 flew south at Laotie Shan at 08h43 on the 11/9/2012. |
| Dollarbird | 1 near the field watch point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/9/2012. It flew south in the early morning, soon came back and spent the rest of the morning in the area. |
| Common Kingfisher | 1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/9/2012. |
| Ashy Minivet | 266 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/9/2012. Nine encounters were with birds that were only heard while other flock sizes were as follows - 2, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 15, 15, 30, 30, 55 & 90. |
| Brown Shrike | 8 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/9/2012. |
| Chinese Grey Shrike | 1 was heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/9/2012. |
| Black-naped Oriole | 16 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/9/2012. |
| Black Drongo | 1 flew south at Laotie Shan at 08h09 on the 11/9/2012. |
| Common Magpie | 50 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/9/2012. |
| Japanese Tit | 4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/9/2012. |
| Light-vented Bulbul | 2h at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/9/2012. |
| Barn Swallow | 2000 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/9/2012. |
| Asian House Martin | 1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/9/2012. |
| House Martin sp. | 1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/9/2012. |
| Red-rumped Swallow | 100 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/9/2012. |
| Dusky Warbler | 4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/9/2012. |
| Yellow-browed Warbler | 15 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/9/2012. In addition I saw perhaps as many as ten, apparently small, phylloscopus flying slowly to the south during the morning and it's likely that most, if not all of these, were also Yellow-browed Warblers. |
| Arctic Warbler | 2 were heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/9/2012. |
| Eastern Crowned Warbler | 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/9/2012. |
| Oriental Reed Warbler | 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/9/2012. |
| Black-browed Reed Warbler | 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/9/2012. |
| Thick-billed Warbler | 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/9/2012. |
| Lanceolated Warbler | 1 was heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/9/2012. |
| Vinous-throated Parrotbill | 4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/9/2012. |
| White-eye sp. | 44 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/9/2012. |
| Crested Myna | 30 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/9/2012. |
| Daurian Starling | 2 flew south at Laotie Shan at 06h40 on the 11/9/2012. |
| Siberian Rubythroat | 1 was heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/9/2012. |
| Siberian Blue Robin | 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/9/2012. |
| Common Stonechat | 8 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/9/2012. |
| Dark-sided Flycatcher | 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/9/2012. |
| Asian Brown Flycatcher | 10 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/9/2012. |
| Taiga Flycatcher | 4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/9/2012. |
| Eurasian Tree Sparrow | 30, a flock of 20 and another of ten, |
| Forest Wagtail | 90 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/9/2012. |
| Eastern Yellow Wagtail | 290 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/9/2012. |
| Grey Wagtail | 56 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/9/2012. |
| White Wagtail | 1134 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/9/2012. Most birds were not racially assignable and even those that were I didn't log but I would estimate that perhaps as many as 200 were identified to subspecies – and all were 'Amur Wagtail' <i>M. a. leucopsis</i> . |
| Richard's Pipit | 171 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/9/2012. |
| Olive-backed Pipit | 10 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/9/2012. |
| Pechora Pipit | 38 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/9/2012. |
| Red-throated Pipit | 23 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/9/2012. |
| Grey-capped Greenfinch | 8 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/9/2012. |
| Common Rosefinch | 46 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/9/2012. |
| Chinese Grosbeak | 92 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/9/2012. Flock sizes as follows – heard, heard, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 2, 2, 4, 5, 5, 6, 6, 6, 7, 8, 11 & 21. |
| Yellow-breasted Bunting VU | 4 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/9/2012. |
| bunting sp. | 50 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/9/2012. |
| passerine sp. | 600 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/9/2012. |

Wednesday 12 September 2012. All day Laotie Shan, Lushun.

I left the Xin Jiyuan Dajiudian, Lushun in Mr Xing's taxi at 04h45 and drove back to the Laotie Shan field watch point. Arriving just over 20 minutes later I spent much of the early morning there. I'd no sooner arrived than a male Von Schrenck's Bittern flew south, coming within five metres of me! A good omen to start the day with!

Not surprisingly it was quieter today than yesterday – but the composition of today’s visible migrants more than made up for the reduction in numbers. Today’s commonest species was Yellow Wagtail followed, later in the morning by Ashy Minivet, but surprisingly Pechora Pipit was the day’s third commonest migrant. In all I logged 98 Pechoras flying purposefully south during the course of the morning.

There were many more gulls out on the sea this morning and, while scanning through them from the watch point, it was easy to see that there were a few Streaked Shearwaters feeding not very far offshore so, when the passerine movement tailed off, as it had by 08h30, I headed down to the far side of the lighthouse for a sea watch. There were still reasonable numbers of Streaked Shearwaters present when I arrived at the designated site. Within three-quarters of an hour an adult Black-legged Kittiwake appeared, an hour later a Short-tailed Shearwater and so it went on. Brilliant and I ended up spending the rest of the morning and all afternoon (09h00-15h30) sea watching!

I left the point at 15h30, spent just over an hour flogging some unproductive bushes and took the 17h30 bus back to Tieshan zhen and then a taxi to Lushun.

Highlights

The early morning passerine movement yielded large numbers of Pechora Pipits – but it was the sea watch that was the day’s big event. Short-tailed Shearwater and Long-tailed Jaeger were both new for Liaoning – and Black-legged Kittiwake simply must be rare in China in September. Biggest dip was the first jaeger of the day that I failed to identify – though it was almost certainly not a Long-tailed.

Weather

It rained hard in the middle of the night (at about 01h30) but was dry when I left the hotel – and stayed so until I started to head back at the end of the day. Long range visibility was better than yesterday (presumably due in part to the rain) but still wasn’t great being less than four kilometres much of the day. 8/8 cloud cover in the early morning and then 20°C but feeling cooler in the strong wind – and I put a jacket on over my T-shirt and shorts. Pressure remained stable at 1010 hPa all day and was the lowest it’d been in the eight days I’ve been here. Importantly there was a stiff southerly wind that kept up all day.

The cloud started to clear an hour or so after sunrise and had almost all drifted off north by 07h45. There were a few spots of rain from 16h30 – and a torrential downpour as I’m writing this at just after 21h00.

The turbulent water that is the boundary of the Bohai and Yellow Seas appears to be much rougher than it was at any time during our 2011 visit and is attracting decent numbers of gulls and, today only, shearwaters. The boundary appeared to shift about one kilometre east during the day.

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| Common Pheasant | I was heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/9/2012. |
| Streaked Shearwater | 468 during the six hour sea watch off the point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/9/2012. Almost all of these were seen flying west and in to Bohai Sea (the small number, less than ten in total, that went in the opposite direction were subtracted from the final tally). It’s perfectly plausible that these shearwaters were making a large loop out at sea and that the total number involved was much less than this – but I saw no evidence of this. The highest number of birds that were in view at any one time was about 65 in the early morning with a similar number again between 14h30 & 15h00. |
| Short-tailed Shearwater | Three sightings of a single bird or birds during the six hour sea watch off the point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/9/2012. All encounters were with birds flying west past the headland and in to Bohai Sea with the first sighting being at 10h45, the second at 12h03 & the third, and by far the best, at 14h28. It’s impossible to know if this involved one bird or as many as three different individuals. The first record for Liaoning. |
| Von Schrenck’s Bittern | 1 flew past the field migration watch point at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 05h15 on the 12/9/2012. What was almost certainly the same bird was flushed from the trail there just over three hours later. |
| Grey Heron | 3 in a small canalised river near a new housing development (‘New England’) on the Lushun side of Tieshan zhen on the 12/9/2012. |
| Little Egret | 6 in a small canalised river near a new housing development (‘New England’) on the Lushun side of Tieshan zhen on the 12/9/2012. |
| Oriental Honey-buzzard | 90 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/9/2012. Birds made repeated efforts to leave the peninsula only to slowly drift back not much later... |
| Pied Harrier | 6 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/9/2012. |
| Japanese Sparrowhawk | 19 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/9/2012. |
| Common Kestrel | 2 singles flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/9/2012. |
| Amur Falcon | 2 singles flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/9/2012. |
| Eurasian Hobby | 1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/9/2012. |
| Amur Falcon or Eurasian Hobby | 1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/9/2012. |
| Peregrine Falcon | 1 adult at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/9/2012. |
| Snipe sp. | 6 flew high to the south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/9/2012. |
| Black-legged Kittiwake | 1 adult flew west during the six hour sea watch off the point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/9/2012. First seen at 09h46, just 45 minutes after I started watching, it settled on the sea several times before eventually heading off west and in to Bohai Sea. There are undoubtedly very few previous records for Kittiwake from Liaoning (there aren’t very many from the whole of China) & it’s quite possible that today’s encounter is the first from the whole of China in the month of September. |
| Black-headed Gull | 3 over the sea during the six hour sea watch off the point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/9/2012. |

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| Black-tailed Gull | 850 over the sea during the six hour sea watch off the point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/9/2012. This count was made early in the morning in the bay off Chen Jia cun fishing harbour. |
| Heuglin's Gull | 5 in the bay off Chen Jia cun fishing harbour, Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/9/2012. |
| Mongolian Gull | 345 in the bay off Chen Jia cun fishing harbour, Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/9/2012. There had clearly been a large immigration in to the area today – and numerous small flocks were seen migrating south down the west coast of the peninsula. |
| Long-tailed Jaeger | 1 juvenile flew west close inshore during the six hour sea watch off the point at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 14h37 on the 12/9/2012. The first record for Liaoning & one of only a handful for the entire Chinese mainland. |
| Jaeger sp. | 1 juvenile, thought to be either a Parasitic or more likely a Pomarine Jaeger, flew west during the six hour sea watch off the point at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 12h27 on the 12/9/2012. This distant bird that kept settling on the sea was in view for over five minutes but remains unidentified. It was the first of two jaegers seen here today – the other was much closer, and much more distinctive. There are no previous records of any species of jaeger from Liaoning – until today. |
| Oriental Turtle Dove | 7 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/9/2012. |
| Spotted Dove | 8 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/9/2012. |
| Ashy Minivet | 134 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/9/2012. Flock sizes were as follows - |
| Brown Shrike | 7 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/9/2012. |
| Black-naped Oriole | 17 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/9/2012. |
| Common Magpie | 50 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/9/2012. |
| Japanese Tit | 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/9/2012. |
| Light-vented Bulbul | 3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/9/2012. |
| Barn Swallow | 800 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/9/2012. |
| Asian House Martin | 1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/9/2012. |
| House Martin sp. | 1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/9/2012. |
| Red-rumped Swallow | 150 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/9/2012. |
| Dusky Warbler | 5 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/9/2012. |
| Yellow-browed Warbler | 12 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/9/2012. |
| Arctic Warbler | 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/9/2012. |
| Black-browed Reed Warbler | 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/9/2012. |
| Thick-billed Warbler | 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/9/2012. |
| Lanceolated Warbler | 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/9/2012. |
| Vinous-throated Parrotbill | 1 was heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/9/2012. |
| Chinese Hill Babbler | 1 was heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/9/2012. |
| White-eye sp. | 10 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/9/2012. |
| Crested Myna | 15 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/9/2012. |
| Daurian Starling | 2 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/9/2012. |
| Siberian Blue Robin | 3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/9/2012. |
| Common Stonechat | 10 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/9/2012. |
| Asian Brown Flycatcher | 6 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/9/2012. |
| Taiga Flycatcher | 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/9/2012. |
| Eurasian Tree Sparrow | 10 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/9/2012. |
| Forest Wagtail | 10 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/9/2012. |
| Eastern Yellow Wagtail | 312 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/9/2012. |
| Grey Wagtail | 47 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/9/2012. |
| White Wagtail | 89, including about ten 'Amur Wagtail' <i>M. a. leucopsis</i> , flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/9/2012. |
| Richard's Pipit | 9 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/9/2012. |
| Olive-backed Pipit | 1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/9/2012. |
| Pechora Pipit | 98 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/9/2012. A remarkable tally! Passage was most intense in the 1.5 hours after 06h00 during which period 73 birds were logged – and Pechora Pipit was the second commonest migrating passerine (after Yellow Wagtail)! |
| Red-throated Pipit | 2 singles flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/9/2012. |
| Grey-capped Greenfinch | 3 flew south together at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/9/2012. |
| Common Rosefinch | 2 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/9/2012. |
| Chinese Grosbeak | 4, a single and a flock of three, flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/9/2012. |
| Black-faced Bunting | 3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/9/2012. |
| bunting sp. | 15 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/9/2012. |
| passerine sp. | 50 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/9/2012. |

Thursday 13 September 2012. All day Laotie Shan, Lushun.

I left the Xin Jiyuan Dajjudian, Lushun in Mr Xing's taxi at 04h45 and drove back to the Laotie Shan field watch point. Arriving just over 20 minutes later I spent a while there – but it was soon pretty obvious that there was more happening out at sea than over the fields. Unfortunately the lighthouse compound doesn't open until at least 08h00 and there was no access to the sea watching point so I had to make do. There was also a reasonable morning passerine flight – but I couldn't do both and opted to concentrate on the seabirds. At 08h30, when I was pretty sure that the lighthouse compound gates would be open, I headed off and wandered down to the best sea watching site. Sadly the bulk of the offshore movement was already well and truly over. Nevertheless I stayed there until 10h30 when I headed off to try and find an alternative vantage point to sea watch from tomorrow.

I left early – taking the 12h40 bus back to Tieshan zhen and then a taxi to the hotel in Lushun. In the late afternoon I headed out again spending a couple of hours (15h00-17h15) close to the hotel. I started by viewing the gulls on the small area tidal mudflats in the naval harbour inlet (apparently called the Nanhai Tou Gongyuan = South Sea Head Park) before walking back towards Laotie Shan and past the Snake Museum to the small fragmites bed and adjacent waste ground.

Highlights

For the second day running sea watching produced the best birds with even more impressive numbers of Streaked Shearwater (1605) than yesterday, another three sightings of Short-tailed Shearwater, another unidentified jaeger and what was most likely a phalarope.

Weather

There was a fairly stiff northerly wind today – exactly the opposite direction to yesterday and there were even more Streaked Shearwaters moving past the point! I'm starting to wonder whether I'd been missing them earlier in the week!

A decent day. After last night's heavy rain today was beautifully clear with perhaps 1/8 cloud cover distantly off to the northeast. Long-range visibility could not have been better – the horizon was sharp and crisp and the Changshan Islands, Shandong were clearly visible for the first time since I'd been at Laotie Shan. It was cool (15°C) with only a light northerly wind blowing when I arrived. The pressure was initially 1011 hPa and this rose very slightly during the day as did the temperature, climbing to 25°C by the time I'd finished sea-watching at 10h30. The northerly wind strengthened fairly quickly and was pretty stiff by 08h30 – this perhaps being the reason that the sea bird passage ended as early as it did.

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| Common Pheasant | 1 was heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/9/2012. |
| Mallard | 8 on the tidal mudflats near Lushun Naval Base & the New Era Grand Hotel, Lushun on the 13/9/2012. |
| Streaked Shearwater | 1605 during the 4.5 hour sea watch off the point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/9/2012. Just like yesterday almost all of these were seen flying west and in to Bohai Sea (the small number, less than ten in total, that went in the opposite direction were subtracted from the final tally). It's perfectly plausible that these shearwaters were making a large loop out at sea and that the total number involved was much less than this – but I saw no evidence of this. The highest number of birds that were in view at any one time was about 300 between 06h00 & 06h30. |
| Short-tailed Shearwater | Just like yesterday I had three sightings of a single bird or birds during the 4.5 hour sea watch off the point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/9/2012. All encounters were with birds flying west past the headland and in to Bohai Sea with the first sighting being at 07h19, the second at 07h59 & the third at 09h42. Also just like yesterday It's impossible to know if this involved one bird or as many as three different individuals. |
| Little Grebe | 4, an adult & three almost fully grown fledglings, on the small ornamental pond south of the Snake Museum on the edge of Lushun on the 13/9/2012. |
| Great Crested Grebe | 1 flew west & in to Bohai Sea during the sea watch off the point at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 06h52 on the 13/9/2012. |
| Grey Heron | 3 in Lushun on the 13/9/2012 – the first came in off the sea at Laotie Shan while the other two were on the tidal mudflats near Lushun Naval Base & the New Era Grand Hotel later in the day. |
| Great Egret | 8 on the tidal mudflats near Lushun Naval Base & the New Era Grand Hotel, Lushun on the 13/9/2012. |
| Little Egret | 69 in Lushun on the 13/9/2012. The first three were in a small canalised river near a new housing development ('New England') on the Lushun side of Tieshan zhen while the other 66 were on the tidal mudflats near Lushun Naval Base & the New Era Grand Hotel, Lushun later in the day. |
| Oriental Honey-buzzard | 27 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/9/2012. They circled higher and higher but probably eventually drifted off north. |
| Pied Harrier | 2 singles flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/9/2012. |
| Japanese Sparrowhawk | 15 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/9/2012. |
| Eurasian Sparrowhawk | 1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/9/2012. |
| Common Kestrel | 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/9/2012. |
| Amur Falcon | 1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/9/2012. |
| Eurasian Hobby | 1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/9/2012. |
| Amur Falcon or Eurasian Hobby | 3 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/9/2012. |
| Peregrine Falcon | 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/9/2012. |
| Common Moorhen | 7, two adults & five first years, in the small marsh near the Snake Museum on the southern edge of Lushun town on the 13/9/2012. In addition a freshly dead road casualty was seen near the bus terminus at Laotie Shan. |
| [Phalarope sp. | 1 bird, probably a phalarope sp., flew west & in to Bohai Sea during the sea watch off the point at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 06h54 on the 13/9/2012]. |
| Black-headed Gull | 247 near Lushun on the 13/9/2012. The first two of these flew west & in to Bohai Sea during the sea watch off the point at Laotie Shan while the other 245 were on the tidal mudflats near Lushun Naval Base & the New Era Grand Hotel later in the day. |
| Black-tailed Gull | 1400 in the Lushun-Laotie Shan area on the 13/9/2012. About 900 were over the sea during the 4.5 hour morning sea watch off the point at Laotie Shan while another 515 were on the tidal mudflats near the naval base on the edge of Lushun town a low tide mid-afternoon. |
| 'Herring Gull Assemblage' | 1000 in the bay off Chen Jia cun fishing harbour, Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/9/2012. |
| Heuglin's Gull | 3 near Lushun on the 13/9/2012. The first two were among other large gulls in the bay off Chen Jia cun fishing harbour, Laotie Shan while the third individual was on the tidal mudflats near Lushun Naval Base & the New Era Grand Hotel later in the day. |
| Vega Gull | 1 second calendar year on the tidal mudflats near Lushun Naval Base & the New Era Grand Hotel, Lushun on the 13/9/2012. |
| Mongolian Gull | 500 near Lushun on the 12/9/2012. Almost all of these were in the bay off Chen Jia cun fishing harbour, Laotie Shan while just 27 were on the tidal mudflats near Lushun Naval Base & the New Era Grand Hotel later in the day. |
| Common Tern | 4, two pairs, flew west & in to Bohai Sea during the sea watch off the point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/9/2012. The first pair at 06h46 & the second pair at 08h17. |
| Jaeger sp. | 1 juvenile flew west & in to Bohai Sea during the sea watch off the point at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 06h06 on the 13/9/2012. It was most likely a Pomarine Jaeger but as with yesterday's unidentified jaeger the views were inadequate. |
| Oriental Turtle Dove | 6 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/9/2012. |

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| Spotted Dove | 4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/9/2012. |
| Dollarbird | 3, a pair and later a single, flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/9/2012. |
| Common Kingfisher | 3 on the small stream at the rear of the Snake Museum on the southern edge of Lushun town on the 13/9/2012. |
| Eurasian Wryneck | 2 at Lushun on the 13/9/2012 – the first was at Laotie Shan while the other was near the Snake Museum on the southern edge of Lushun town later in the day. |
| Ashy Minivet | 584 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/9/2012. |
| Brown Shrike | 25 in Lushun on the 13/9/2012 – 10 at Laotie Shan & 15 in waste ground near Lushun Naval Base. |
| Chinese Grey Shrike | 1 in waste ground near Lushun Naval Base on the 13/9/2012. |
| Black-naped Oriole | 3 singles flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/9/2012. |
| Common Magpie | 70 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/9/2012. |
| Japanese Tit | 4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/9/2012. |
| Light-vented Bulbul | 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/9/2012. |
| Barn Swallow | 50 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/9/2012. |
| Red-rumped Swallow | 10 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/9/2012. |
| Dusky Warbler | 8 around Lushun on the 13/9/2012. Five of these were at Laotie Shan & the other three closer to the Naval Base.. |
| Yellow-browed Warbler | 20 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/9/2012. |
| Arctic Warbler | 4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/9/2012. |
| Two-barred Warbler | 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/9/2012. |
| Oriental Reed Warbler | 4 in the small fragmites bed at the rear of the Snake Museum on the southern edge of Lushun town on the 13/9/2012. |
| Black-browed Reed Warbler | 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/9/2012. |
| Thick-billed Warbler | 3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/9/2012. |
| Lanceolated Warbler | 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/9/2012. |
| Pallas's Grasshopper Warbler | 1 in scrub at the rear of the Snake Museum on the southern edge of Lushun town on the 13/9/2012. |
| Zitting Cisticola | 3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/9/2012. |
| Vinous-throated Parrotbill | 1 was heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/9/2012. |
| Chinese Hill Babbler | 1 was heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/9/2012. |
| White-eye sp. | 213 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/9/2012. |
| Crested Myna | 3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/9/2012. |
| Common Stonechat | 10 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/9/2012. |
| Asian Brown Flycatcher | 5 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/9/2012. |
| Taiga Flycatcher | 4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/9/2012. |
| Eurasian Tree Sparrow | 150 around Lushun on the 13/9/2012 - 50 of these were at Laotie Shan with the other 100 being on the edge of Lushun town itself. |
| Forest Wagtail | 8 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/9/2012. |
| Eastern Yellow Wagtail | 70 in Lushun on the 13/9/2012. 47 flew south at Laotie Shan in the early morning while at least another 20, including 15 <i>tschutschensis</i> , were seen on waste ground at near Lushun Naval Base. |
| Grey Wagtail | 14 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/9/2012. |
| White Wagtail | 187, including at least ten 'Amur Wagtail' <i>M. a. leucopsis</i> , flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/9/2012. |
| Richard's Pipit | 13 near Lushun on the 13/9/2012. Nine flew south at Laotie Shan in the early morning while another four were on waste ground near the Naval Base later in the day. |
| Olive-backed Pipit | 11 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/9/2012. |
| Pechora Pipit | 11 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/9/2012. |
| Red-throated Pipit | 6 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/9/2012. |
| Grey-capped Greenfinch | 4 near Lushun on the 13/9/2012 - one flew south at Laotie Shan while the other three were near the hotel in Lushun town. |
| Common Rosefinch | 36 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/9/2012. |
| Chinese Grosbeak | 1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/9/2012. |
| Black-faced Bunting | 10 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/9/2012. |
| bunting sp. | 60 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/9/2012. |
| passerine sp. | 500 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/9/2012. |

Friday 14 September 2012. All day Laotie Shan, Lushun.

Mr Xing's was late today and it was almost 05h00 before I left the Xin Jiyuan Dajiudian, Lushun. We drove straight back to Laotie Shan – but for want of change I went to the sea watching site that I'd explored yesterday. This site is accessed by taking the small road down to the abandoned hotel that starts right beside the Light House ticket booth. 30 metres before reaching the derelict hotel there's small shrine down to the right with a track off to the right of it. I took this down to a good vantage point over the sea and Chen Jia cun fishing harbour. Arriving at 05h30 I spent the next 3.5 hours sea watching from here.

After that I headed up to the Lighthouse/Meteorological Station raptor watch point. At one stage I was asked by two staff members to leave – I protested, pleaded and claimed not to understand and eventually they bored of me and left me alone! I stayed there until 14h00. As I was leaving I heard a putative Swinhoe's Minivet. Chasing this up I eventually found it – but the views, directly in to the sun were awful and it flew within a couple of seconds of me getting on it. I managed to relocate it and take a few, awful photos, before it flew again. I spent the next few hours searching for it but to no avail. I was frustrated not to have had my recording equipment with me. In fact I spent so long searching for it that I inadvertently missed the last bus back to Tieshan zhen and what's more my mobile phone battery had died. Eventually I managed to blag a ride back in to town from a local gent.

Highlights

The bird of the day, and probably the entire trip was a Swinhoe's Minivet that eventually performed pretty well near the Coast Guard station. Highly vocal I managed to record at least a snippet of it calling.

Weather

An unusual, changeable day. Calm with no wind and just 18°C with good visibility but 3/8 cloud cover at 05h30. The pressure was 1019 hPa and still rising and there was a thunderstorm distantly off to the southwest. This storm was clearly approaching and by 07h30 the wind was strong and the pressure dropping rapidly. At about 08h00 there were very strong gusts and many of the fishing boats headed eagerly back to port. This storm lasted for about 30 minutes but didn't yield much rain and rapidly cleared away. The rest of the day was hot, with temperatures soon climbing up to the day's maximum of 26°C, and windless.

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| Streaked Shearwater | 462 during the 3.5 hour sea watch off the point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/9/2012. |
| Short-tailed Shearwater | 1 during the 3.5 hour sea watch off the point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/9/2012. It flew west & into Bohai Sea at 06h27. |
| Chinese Pond Heron | 3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/9/2012. |
| Osprey | 2 separate juveniles flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/9/2012. |
| Oriental Honey-buzzard | 84 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/9/2012. |
| Eastern Marsh Harrier | 1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/9/2012. |
| Pied Harrier | 3 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/9/2012. |
| harrier sp. | 4 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/9/2012. |
| Japanese Sparrowhawk | 15 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/9/2012. |
| Eurasian Sparrowhawk | 20 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/9/2012. |
| Northern Goshawk | 1 juvenile was seen several times around the point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/9/2012. |
| Accipiter sp. | 11 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/9/2012. |
| Common Kestrel | 2 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/9/2012. |
| Amur Falcon | 29 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/9/2012. |
| Eurasian Hobby | 2 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/9/2012. |
| Amur Falcon or Eurasian Hobby | 3 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/9/2012. |
| Peregrine Falcon | 1 juvenile flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/9/2012. |
| Eastern Curlew VU | 3 flew west & into Bohai Sea at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 05h47 on the 14/9/2012. |
| Common Sandpiper | 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/9/2012. |
| Black-headed Gull | 7 flew west & in to Bohai Sea during the sea watch off the point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/9/2012. |
| Black-tailed Gull | 1000 over the sea during the 3.5 hour morning sea watch off the point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/9/2012. |
| 'Herring Gull Assemblage' | 600 over the sea during the 3.5 hour morning sea watch off the point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/9/2012. |
| Heuglin's Gull | 2 in the bay off Chen Jia cun fishing harbour, Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/9/2012. |
| Mongolian Gull | 200 in the bay off Chen Jia cun fishing harbour, Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/9/2012. |
| Spotted Dove | 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/9/2012. |
| Cuckoo sp. | 1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/9/2012. |
| Dollarbird | 5, a pair and later a party of three, flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/9/2012. |
| Common Kingfisher | 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/9/2012. |
| Swinhoe's Minivet | 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/9/2012. Heard while I was walking away from the raptor viewing platform near the Coast Guard Station it called incessantly for almost five minutes before I was eventually able to scramble somewhere where I could see it. It promptly then flew off. Fortunately I managed to relocate it about 15 minutes later & it showed reasonably well that time – but again briefly. It was always on its own & never associated with any of the Ashy Minivets. The first record for Liaoning. Breeds in Jiangsu but has never reliably been recorded in Shandong (a unspecified report from Shandong in the 2008 CBR [in prep.] probably relates to a report from Dahei Shan Island in the Changshan group of islands and not very far to the south of Laotie Shan – see http://birdtalker.net/reportview.asp?id=16468 This report is undoubtedly erroneous as the observer saw 30 Swinhoe's but just one Ashy Minivet during the period 30/9 – 3/10/2008) |
| Ashy Minivet | 220 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/9/2012. |
| Brown Shrike | 4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/9/2012. |
| Black-naped Oriole | 6 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/9/2012. |
| Common Magpie | 50 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/9/2012. |
| Japanese Tit | 4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/9/2012. |
| Light-vented Bulbul | 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/9/2012. |
| Sand Martin | 3 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/9/2012. |
| Barn Swallow | 7500 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/9/2012. Passage peak in the early afternoon when 17 widely spaced minute long counts were made, these were averaged and with much of the final figure being derived from these calculations. |
| Asian House Martin | 1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/9/2012. |
| Red-rumped Swallow | 40 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/9/2012. |
| Dusky Warbler | 3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/9/2012. |
| Yellow-browed Warbler | 50 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/9/2012. |
| Arctic Warbler | 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/9/2012. |
| Black-browed Reed Warbler | 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/9/2012. |
| Thick-billed Warbler | 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/9/2012. |
| Lanceolated Warbler | 1 was heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/9/2012. |
| Zitting Cisticola | 2 were heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/9/2012. |
| Vinous-throated Parrotbill | 6 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/9/2012. |
| Chinese Hill Babbler | 2 were heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/9/2012. |
| White-eye sp. | 360 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/9/2012. |
| Crested Myna | 3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/9/2012. |
| White-cheeked Starling | 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/9/2012. |
| Thrush sp. | 1 bird, possibly an Eyebrowed Thrush, was heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/9/2012. |
| Common Stonechat | 3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/9/2012. |

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| Asian Brown Flycatcher | 4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/9/2012. |
| Taiga Flycatcher | 3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/9/2012. |
| Eurasian Tree Sparrow | 50 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/9/2012. |
| Forest Wagtail | 3 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/9/2012. |
| Eastern Yellow Wagtail | 22 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/9/2012. |
| Grey Wagtail | 9 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/9/2012. |
| White Wagtail | 200, including ten 'Amur Wagtail' <i>M. a. leucopsis</i> , flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/9/2012. |
| Richard's Pipit | 20 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/9/2012. |
| Blyth's Pipit | 1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/9/2012. |
| Olive-backed Pipit | 20 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/9/2012. |
| Pechora Pipit | 5 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/9/2012. |
| Red-throated Pipit | 11 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/9/2012. |
| Grey-capped Greenfinch | 4 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/9/2012. |
| Common Rosefinch | 15 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/9/2012. |
| Chinese Grosbeak | 1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/9/2012. |
| bunting sp. | 50 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/9/2012. |
| passerine sp. | 300 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/9/2012. |

Saturday 15 September 2012. All day Laotie Shan, Lushun.

I left the Xin Jiyuan Dajiudian, Lushun in Mr Xing's taxi at 04h45 and drove back to the Laotie Shan field watch point. Arriving just over 20 minutes later I spent three hours there before wandering up to the Coast Guard Station where I spent another 1.5 hours. It was much quieter today and there was very little visible passage so I headed down, caught the 11h00 bus to Xiao Dong Gou and walked from there up to the ringing station. Disappointingly the staff still hadn't erected any more nets since I help put the first five up on the 10th. Mr Sun told me that they were waiting for some finer mesh nets – and that these were on their way! Consequently they weren't catching anything other than smaller raptors – though they did bag eight Japanese Sparrowhawks today. Leaving there at 15h30 I headed back down to the main road and had intended to catch the 16h30 bus back to Tieshan zhen – but I hailed a taxi instead and saved myself a bit of time.

Highlights

Rather little today but two new trip birds – Radde's Warbler (2) and Pallas's Reed Bunting (also 2).

Weather

A glorious day. Calm with no absolutely no wind first thing in the morning and virtually none throughout the entire day – the sea was like a mill pond – and very few of the gulls and virtually none of the Streaked Shearwaters were doing much flying – almost all of them were sitting on the water! It was a shocking 8°C cooler this morning being just 10°C at the watch point at 05h30 but this soon rose and with the sky that remained cloudless all day the temperature rapidly increased. It peaked at 26°C mid-afternoon. Long range visibility was very slightly poorer than yesterday – but the Changshan Islands still being clearly visible. The pressure was rising very slightly it was 1020 hPa at 05h30 and 1022 hPa 2.5 hours later and 1021 hPa back in Lushun at 17h30. There was a light dew and some condensation on the windscreen as we were driving to Laotie Shan.

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| Common Pheasant | 3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/9/2012. |
| Streaked Shearwater | 120 sitting on the sea off Chen Jia cun fishing harbour, Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/9/2012. 84 birds were seen in a single pan across the sea at 06h25 with 120 there exactly one hour later. |
| Oriental Honey-buzzard | 38 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/9/2012. The first was seen at 05h50. |
| Pied Harrier | 1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/9/2012. |
| Japanese Sparrowhawk | 25 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/9/2012. Most of these, including a single adult, flew south but eight were caught at the Xiao Dong Gou ringing station during the time I was there (11h45-15h30). |
| Eurasian Sparrowhawk | 5 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/9/2012. |
| Northern Goshawk | 1 juvenile flew south at Laotie Shan at 09h22 on the 15/9/2012. |
| Accipiter sp. | 10 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/9/2012. |
| Common Kestrel | 2 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/9/2012. |
| Amur Falcon | 5 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/9/2012. |
| Eurasian Hobby | 3 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/9/2012. |
| Amur Falcon or Eurasian Hobby | 5 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/9/2012. The first was seen at 05h29. |
| Peregrine Falcon | 1 juvenile at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/9/2012. |
| Black-headed Gull | 12 sitting on the sea off Chen Jia cun fishing harbour, Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/9/2012. |
| Black-tailed Gull | 400 sitting on the sea off Chen Jia cun fishing harbour, Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/9/2012. |
| 'Herring Gull Assemblage' | 400 sitting on the sea off Chen Jia cun fishing harbour, Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/9/2012. |
| Mongolian Gull | 400 sitting on the sea off Chen Jia cun fishing harbour, Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/9/2012. |
| Oriental Turtle Dove | 7 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/9/2012. |
| Spotted Dove | 3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/9/2012. |
| Cuckoo sp. | 2 singles flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/9/2012. |
| Common Kingfisher | 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/9/2012. |
| Ashy Minivet | 273 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/9/2012. Flock sizes were as follows – heard, heard, heard, heard, heard, heard, heard, heard, heard, heard, heard, heard, 2, 4, 4, 4, 5, 10, 20, 20, 20, 25, 25 & 120. |
| Brown Shrike | 10 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/9/2012. |
| Black-naped Oriole | 8 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/9/2012. |
| Common Magpie | 100 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/9/2012. |
| Japanese Tit | 10 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/9/2012. |
| Light-vented Bulbul | 4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/9/2012. |

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| Barn Swallow | 500 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/9/2012. |
| Asian House Martin | 2 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/9/2012. |
| Red-rumped Swallow | 20 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/9/2012. |
| Dusky Warbler | 7 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/9/2012. |
| Radde's Warbler | 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/9/2012. The first of the autumn for me – but Tom Beeke's been seeing them for almost two weeks at Jinshitan little over a 1.5 hour drive north of Laotie Shan! |
| Yellow-browed Warbler | 20 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/9/2012. |
| Arctic Warbler | 3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/9/2012. |
| Two-barred Warbler | 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/9/2012. |
| Black-browed Reed Warbler | 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/9/2012. |
| Thick-billed Warbler | 11 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/9/2012. |
| Lanceolated Warbler | 1 was heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/9/2012. |
| Zitting Cisticola | 3, including two singles that flew high to the south, at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/9/2012. |
| Vinous-throated Parrotbill | 20 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/9/2012. |
| Chinese Hill Babbler | 2 were heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/9/2012. |
| White-eye sp. | 70 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/9/2012. |
| Crested Myna | 51 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/9/2012. They were counted as they gradually flew past the field watch point in dribs-and-drabs during the morning. Unusually they were in small flocks – 2, 3, 5, 7, 7, 10 & 17 birds. |
| White-cheeked Starling | 1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/9/2012. |
| Thrush sp. | 2 were heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/9/2012. |
| Siberian Rubythroat | 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/9/2012. |
| Siberian Blue Robin | 3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/9/2012. |
| Common Stonechat | 25 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/9/2012. |
| Dark-sided Flycatcher | 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/9/2012. |
| Asian Brown Flycatcher | 4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/9/2012. |
| Taiga Flycatcher | 10 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/9/2012. |
| Eurasian Tree Sparrow | 40 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/9/2012. |
| Forest Wagtail | 13 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/9/2012. |
| Eastern Yellow Wagtail | 22 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/9/2012. |
| Grey Wagtail | 16 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/9/2012. |
| White Wagtail | 61 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/9/2012. |
| Richard's Pipit | 30 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/9/2012. |
| Olive-backed Pipit | 54 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/9/2012. |
| Pechora Pipit | 3 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/9/2012. |
| Red-throated Pipit | 10 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/9/2012. |
| Grey-capped Greenfinch | 13 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/9/2012. Flock sizes were as follows – 1, 2, 4 & 6. |
| Common Rosefinch | 75 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/9/2012. |
| Chinese Grosbeak | 12 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/9/2012. Flock sizes were as follows – heard, 1, 1, 3 & 6. |
| Tristram's Bunting | 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/9/2012. |
| Yellow-browed Bunting | 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/9/2012. |
| Black-faced Bunting | 3 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/9/2012. |
| Pallas's Bunting | 2 singles flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/9/2012. The first of the autumn. |
| bunting sp. | 20 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/9/2012. |
| passerine sp. | 300 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/9/2012. |

Sunday 16 September 2012. All day Laotie Shan, Lushun.

I left the Xin Jiyuan Dajudian, Lushun in Mr Xing's taxi at 04h45 and drove back to the Laotie Shan field watch point. Arriving just over 20 minutes later stayed there almost until the mid-afternoon, taking the 14h30 bus back to Tieshan zhen. Tom Beeke and Stephen Cairns arrived at about 06h00 and the three of us spent the day together – the two of them staying on for about another hour after I had left.

The was excellent visible migration in the early morning with large numbers of passerines heading south. Unfortunately most were too high or too distant to identify – but it was impressive to see never the less. The three of us birded around the field watch point until almost 08h30 when we headed up to the Coast Guard Station watch point. We stayed at this latter site until almost 14h00, Tom and Stephen then headed off to bird the coastal gully while I headed down to the bus stop.

Highlights

305 Oriental Honey-buzzards, 1950 Ashy Minivets and 80 Common Rosefinches, all three the highest day counts so far this autumn, headed south; a Yellow Bittern flew past the watch point as did my first Hoopoe of the trip (thanks Tom). Other highlights included an influx of Oriental Turtle Doves (33) and only my second Rufous-bellied Woodpecker of the autumn. Tom and Stephen also saw one of each of the following species - White's Thrush, Pallas's Grasshopper Warbler and Mugimaki Flycatcher.

Weather

There's a fairly weak high pressure system centred just to the south of Beijing and an intense low (actually typhoon Sanba that's currently over Okinawa and hence due east of Shanghai). The latter's forecast to continue to track north impacting Jeju, South Korea early on Monday morning while the Beijing high is expected to have weakened and dissipated by then. Laotie Shan's currently midway between the Beijing high and the intense low and we were treated to another glorious day. Calm with only the very lightest of a north to north-westerly winds, 0/8 cloud cover, 1021 hPa and 15°C at the watch point at 05h30.

Visibility was pretty good – though the Chang Shan Islands couldn't be seen. The wind stiffened in the early afternoon and perhaps backed around very slightly towards the west.

As typhoon Sanba tracks northeast across the Korean Peninsula it's forecast to weaken and the winds at Laotie Shan should back slowly further around to the west, they should be due west by Tuesday evening and much of Wednesday with possibly more of south-westerly element by the time Qingyu and Per arrive on Thursday. In autumn 2011 the best raptor passage occurred on south-westerly winds.

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| Japanese Quail | Tom flushed one at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 16/9/2012. |
| Common Pheasant | 4 were heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 16/9/2012. |
| Streaked Shearwater | 10 over the sea off Chen Jia cun fishing harbour, Laotie Shan, Lushun on 16/9/2012. |
| Yellow Bittern | 1 flew past the field watch point before crashing in to cover at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 16/9/2012. What was almost certainly the same bird was seen by Tom & Stephen down the 'coastal gully trail' mid-afternoon. |
| Grey Heron | 4 came in off the sea at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 16/9/2012. The first bird came in off at 05h28, two more at 07h10 & the fourth & final bird at 07h11. |
| Great Egret | 3 near Tieshan zhen, Lushun on the 16/9/2012. |
| Little Egret | 1 near Tieshan zhen, Lushun on the 16/9/2012. |
| Oriental Honey-buzzard | 305 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 16/9/2012. The first bird was seen at 05h29. |
| Black Kite | Tom & Stephen saw one flying south at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 06h17 on 16/9/2012. |
| Pied Harrier | 5, four of which flew south & an adult male that didn't, at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 16/9/2012. The first three birds were seen at 05h43, a fourth at 05h51 & the final bird, the adult male at 13h20. |
| Japanese Sparrowhawk | 27 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 16/9/2012. |
| Eurasian Sparrowhawk | 17 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 16/9/2012. |
| Northern Goshawk | 1 juvenile at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 16/9/2012. |
| Accipiter sp. | 21 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 16/9/2012. |
| Common Kestrel | 3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 16/9/2012. |
| Amur Falcon | 13 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 16/9/2012. |
| Eurasian Hobby | 10 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 16/9/2012. |
| Amur Falcon or Eurasian Hobby | 11 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 16/9/2012. |
| Peregrine Falcon | 4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 16/9/2012. |
| Green Sandpiper | 1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 05h40 on 16/9/2012. |
| Black-tailed Gull | 200 on the the sea off Chen Jia cun fishing harbour, Laotie Shan, Lushun on 16/9/2012. |
| 'Herring Gull Assemblage' | 300 on the the sea off Chen Jia cun fishing harbour, Laotie Shan, Lushun on 16/9/2012. |
| Mongolian Gull | 100 on the the sea off Chen Jia cun fishing harbour, Laotie Shan, Lushun on 16/9/2012. |
| Oriental Turtle Dove | 33 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 16/9/2012. |
| Spotted Dove | 4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 16/9/2012. |
| Cuckoo sp. | 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 16/9/2012. |
| White-throated Needletail | 1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 09h03 on 16/9/2012. |
| Dollarbird | 1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 10h37 on 16/9/2012. |
| Common Kingfisher | 2 singles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 16/9/2012 – one in the Lighthouse car park & the other past the Coast Guard watch point. |
| Eurasian Hoopoe | 1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 07h09 on 16/9/2012. |
| Rufous-bellied Woodpecker | 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 16/9/2012. |
| Ashy Minivet | 1950 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 16/9/2012. Birds were already moving when I arrived at the viewing point a full 25 minutes before sunrise! Flock sizes were as follows – 22 encounters with with a bird or birds that were only heard, 2, 3, 3, 4, 4, 4, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 7, 7, 7, 7, 7, 9, 10, 10, 11, 11, 15, 20, 20, 20, 20, 20, 20, 25, 25, 25, 25, 30, 30, 30, 30, 30, 40, 40, 40, 50, 60, 70, 90, 90, 110, 110, 150, 190 & 250. |
| Brown Shrike | 25 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 16/9/2012. |
| Black-naped Oriole | 3 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 16/9/2012. |
| Black Drongo | 2 singles flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 16/9/2012. |
| Common Magpie | 70 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 16/9/2012. |
| Japanese Tit | 4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 16/9/2012. |
| Light-vented Bulbul | 2 were heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 16/9/2012. |
| Barn Swallow | 2000 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 16/9/2012. |
| Red-rumped Swallow | 30 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 16/9/2012. |
| Black-browed Reed Warbler | Tom saw one at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 16/9/2012. |
| Dusky Warbler | 5 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 16/9/2012. (Tom & Stephen saw three additional birds). |
| Radde's Warbler | Tom & Stephen saw one at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 16/9/2012. |
| Pale-legged or Sakhalin Leaf Warbler | Tom & Stephen saw, & photographed, one at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 16/9/2012. |
| Yellow-browed Warbler | 15 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 16/9/2012. |
| Arctic Warbler | 2 were heard in Lushun on 16/9/2012 – one at Laotie Shan & the other outside the New Era Hotel. |
| Two-barred Warbler | 1 was heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 16/9/2012. |
| Black-browed Reed Warbler | 1 was heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 16/9/2012. |
| Thick-billed Warbler | 6 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 16/9/2012. |
| Lanceolated Warbler | 1 was heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 16/9/2012. |
| Pallas's Grasshopper Warbler | Tom & Stephen saw one at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 16/9/2012. |
| Zitting Cisticola | 4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 16/9/2012. |
| Vinous-throated Parrotbill | 2 were heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 16/9/2012. |
| Chinese Hill Babbler | 3 were heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 16/9/2012. |
| White-eye sp. | 150 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 16/9/2012. |
| Crested Myna | 30 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 16/9/2012. Note that this species is a scarce & local breeding summer visitor to Jinshitan and that its absent from there in winter (Tom Beeke pers. comm. 16/9/2012). |
| White-cheeked Starling | 16 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 16/9/2012. Birds were in two flocks – the first of 12 & the second of four. |
| Daurian Starling | 2 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 16/9/2012. |

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| White's Thrush | Tom & Stephen saw one at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 16/9/2012. |
| Siberian Blue Robin | 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 16/9/2012. Tom & Stephen saw an additional three birds. |
| Common Stonechat | 10 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 16/9/2012. |
| Dark-sided Flycatcher | 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 16/9/2012. |
| Asian Brown Flycatcher | 4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 16/9/2012. |
| Mugimaki Flycatcher | Tom & Stephen saw one at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 16/9/2012. |
| Taiga Flycatcher | 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 16/9/2012. Tom & Stephen saw one additional bird. |
| Eurasian Tree Sparrow | 25 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 16/9/2012. |
| Forest Wagtail | 15 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 16/9/2012. |
| Eastern Yellow Wagtail | 15 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 16/9/2012. |
| Grey Wagtail | 30 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 16/9/2012. |
| White Wagtail | 28 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 16/9/2012. |
| Richard's Pipit | 25 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 16/9/2012. |
| Olive-backed Pipit | 126 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 16/9/2012. |
| Pechora Pipit | 1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 16/9/2012. |
| Red-throated Pipit | 10 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 16/9/2012. |
| Grey-capped Greenfinch | 1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 16/9/2012. |
| Common Rosefinch | 80 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 16/9/2012. |
| Chinese Grosbeak | 57 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 16/9/2012. Flocks sizes as follows – heard, heard, 1, 1, 1, 2, 2, 3, 3, 3, 4, 5, 5, 11 & 14. |
| Tristram's Bunting | Tom & Stephen saw one at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 16/9/2012. |
| Yellow-browed Bunting | Tom & Stephen saw five at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 16/9/2012. |
| bunting sp. | 200 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 16/9/2012. |
| passerine sp. | 1000 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 16/9/2012. |

Monday 17 September 2012. All day Laotie Shan, Lushun.

I left the Xin Jiyuan Dajiudian, Lushun in a new driver's taxi (Mr Xing was apparently ill) at 04h45 and drove back to the Laotie Shan field watch point. Arriving just over 20 minutes later I spent the rest of the morning there. I stayed at this watch point until 08h30 when I headed up for a two hour sea watch (09h00-11h00). This was followed by another hour besides the Coast Guard Station. After that I headed back to Lushun, went shopping and caught up on my paperwork.

Highlights

A few passerines and Oriental Honey-buzzards moved south in the early morning but a strengthening northerly wind soon put a stop to this. I had two new trip birds – Eurasian Bittern and Common Gull and the other highlight was a leucistic Barn Swallow.

Weather

Another decent, but increasingly windy, day. Calm with just a very light north-north-east wind and 13°C at the field watch point at 05h30. No cloud cover but visibility was also slightly poorer than yesterday with Snake Island only just being visible. Pressure was 1014 hPa and falling. The wind started to stiffen and back around to the north-north-west from 07h15 and one hour later most visible passage had stopped and the first Oriental Honey-buzzards (19 birds) were seen drifting back in off the sea! A few others, perhaps even including these same birds, continued to head south and out to sea until 08h50, but then that was it the day's visible passage had ceased in the strong north-north-west wind.

Weather forecast as per -

http://www.weather-forecast.com/maps/China?hr=12andover=pressure_arrowsandsymbols=noneandtype=wind

The low that was typhoon Sanba has already crossed the Korean Peninsula and is to drift northeast up the Russian coast towards Vladivostok filling as it moves. Today's strong winds on the Liaodong Peninsula will continue to back around to the west, and eventually perhaps midday Wednesday to the southwest, before abating as the depression moves away. These south-westerly's might continue right through until Sunday and even beyond! There's a chance of rain showers on the morning of Friday 21st and again on Sunday 23rd.

Sunrise and sun set on the 17 September 2012

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| Sun rise | 05h38 |
| Sun set | 18h02 |

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| Common Pheasant | 2 were heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 17/9/2012. |
| Streaked Shearwater | 106 flew west during the two hour, mid-morning, sea watch off the point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 17/9/2012. |
| Great Bittern | 7 calling birds flew high to the south at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 05h22 (16 minutes before sunrise) on the 17/9/2012. |
| Grey Heron | 1 flew west low over the water during the two hour sea watch off the point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 17/9/2012. |
| Great Egret | 1 near Tieshan zhen, Lushun on the 17/9/2012. |
| Little Egret | 2 near Tieshan zhen, Lushun on the 17/9/2012. |
| Osprey | 1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 07h41 on the 17/9/2012. |

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| Oriental Honey-buzzard | 446 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 17/9/2012. The first birds (four) were seen at 05h32 and within the following half-hour period total of 68 birds headed south and out over the sea. 446 were counted heading south in the first 3.5 hours but passage stopped with the strengthening of the north-north-west wind. Subsequently modest numbers of birds (46) were seen heading back in off the sea in the late morning (11h00-12h00). Surprisingly the latter were actually coming in from very high up & almost from directly due east! |
| Black Kite | 1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 07h54 on the 17/9/2012. |
| Pied Harrier | 1, possibly 2, singles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 17/9/2012. A bird came in off the sea at 05h35 while it, or another, flew south at 07h42. |
| Japanese Sparrowhawk | 24 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 17/9/2012. |
| Eurasian Sparrowhawk | 39 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 17/9/2012. |
| Northern Goshawk | 1 juvenile flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 07h26 on the 17/9/2012. |
| Accipiter sp. | 38 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 17/9/2012. |
| Common Kestrel | 5 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 17/9/2012. |
| Amur Falcon | 2 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 17/9/2012. |
| Eurasian Hobby | 2 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 17/9/2012. |
| Amur Falcon or Eurasian Hobby | 2 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 17/9/2012. |
| Peregrine Falcon | 2 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 17/9/2012. |
| Green Sandpiper | 1 flew west during the two hour, mid-morning, sea watch off the point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 17/9/2012. |
| Black-headed Gull | 5 flew west during the two hour, mid-morning, sea watch off the point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 17/9/2012. |
| Black-tailed Gull | 200 on the sea off Chen Jia cun fishing harbour, Laotie Shan, Lushun on 17/9/2012. |
| Mew Gull | 4 separate adults, with other gulls, on the sea off Chen Jia cun fishing harbour, Laotie Shan, Lushun on 17/9/2012. |
| 'Herring Gull Assemblage' | 300 on the sea off Chen Jia cun fishing harbour, Laotie Shan, Lushun on 17/9/2012. |
| Heuglin's Gull | 2 with other gulls on the sea off Chen Jia cun fishing harbour, Laotie Shan, Lushun on 17/9/2012. |
| Mongolian Gull | 150 on the sea off Chen Jia cun fishing harbour, Laotie Shan, Lushun on 17/9/2012. |
| [Little Tern | 1 extremely distant tern, possibly this species, flew west over the sea off Chen Jia cun fishing harbour, Laotie Shan, Lushun on 17/9/2012]. |
| Oriental Turtle Dove | 13 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 17/9/2012. |
| Spotted Dove | 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 17/9/2012. |
| Cuckoo sp. | 1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 17/9/2012. |
| Fork-tailed Swift | 5 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 17/9/2012. |
| Dollarbird | 1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 07h26 on the 17/9/2012. |
| Ashy Minivet | 1250 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 17/9/2012. The first birds heading south were seen at 05h17 (a full 21 minutes before sunrise!). I had a massive 48 encounters with birds that were only heard & not seen – so the true number is likely to be significantly higher than the 1100 logged here. Flock sizes as follows – 48 separate birds were heard, 3, 3, 3, 4, 4, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 6, 6, 6, 7, 7, 7, 20, 20, 25, 25, 30, 30, 35, 40, 40, 40, 40, 40, 45, 50, 55, 55, 60, 90, 100, 110 & 160. |
| Brown Shrike | 3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 17/9/2012. |
| Chinese Grey Shrike | 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 17/9/2012. |
| Common Magpie | 100 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 17/9/2012. |
| Japanese Tit | 4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 17/9/2012. |
| Light-vented Bulbul | 2 were heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 17/9/2012. |
| Barn Swallow | 700 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 17/9/2012. |
| Asian House Martin | 1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 17/9/2012. |
| Red-rumped Swallow | 40 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 17/9/2012. |
| Dusky Warbler | 3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 17/9/2012. |
| Radde's Warbler | 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 17/9/2012. |
| Yellow-browed Warbler | 15 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 17/9/2012. |
| Arctic Warbler | 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 17/9/2012. |
| Two-barred Warbler | 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 17/9/2012. |
| Thick-billed Warbler | 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 17/9/2012. |
| Baikal Bush Warbler | 1 was heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 17/9/2012. |
| Zitting Cisticola | 3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 17/9/2012. |
| Vinous-throated Parrotbill | 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 17/9/2012. |
| White-eye sp. | 50 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 17/9/2012. |
| Crested Myna | 20 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 17/9/2012. |
| White-cheeked Starling | 6 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 17/9/2012. |
| Siberian Blue Robin | 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 17/9/2012. |
| Common Stonechat | 20 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 17/9/2012. |
| Asian Brown Flycatcher | 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 17/9/2012. |
| Taiga Flycatcher | 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 17/9/2012. |
| Eurasian Tree Sparrow | 20 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 17/9/2012. |
| Forest Wagtail | 1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 17/9/2012. |
| Eastern Yellow Wagtail | 18 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 17/9/2012. |
| Grey Wagtail | 12 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 17/9/2012. |
| White Wagtail | 42 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 17/9/2012. |
| Richard's Pipit | 24 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 17/9/2012. |
| Olive-backed Pipit | 83 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 17/9/2012. |
| Pechora Pipit | 7 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 17/9/2012. |
| Red-throated Pipit | 12 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 17/9/2012. |
| Grey-capped Greenfinch | 3 singles flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 17/9/2012. |
| Common Rosefinch | 49 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 17/9/2012. |
| Chinese Grosbeak | 15 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 17/9/2012. Flock sizes as follows – 1, 1, 1, 1, 5 & 6. |
| Tristram's Bunting | 1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 17/9/2012. |
| bunting sp. | 100 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 17/9/2012. |
| passerine sp. | 200 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 17/9/2012. |

Tuesday 18 September 2012. All day Laotie Shan, Lushun.

I left the Xin Jiyuan Dajiudian, Lushun, again in Mr. Xing's friend's taxi, at 04h45 and drove back to the Laotie Shan field watch point. Arriving just over 20 minutes later I spent a short while (05h10-06h30) before heading off for a sea watch. After an initial flurry the north-north-westerly wind was apparently keeping many passerines down and the ones that were flying and silent were remarkably difficult to identify in the strong wind. The sea watch was superb – and I ended up spending just over eight hours (06h50-15h00) there before heading back up for a walk around the fields. The latter proved unproductive – it was still essentially too windy and I opted to take the 16h30 bus back to Tieshan zhen.

Highlights

A few passerines moved south in the early morning and, despite the very strong wind modest numbers of Oriental Honey-buzzards (142) were also moving. But it was the sea watch that provided most of the day's entertainment. There were thousands and thousands of gulls, mostly Black-tailed but also about 25% Mongolian, tracking west across the Bay today. This passage started at about 06h00 and continued throughout the morning and well in to the afternoon – in fact it was continuing when I left at 15h00 but by then the light was too bad to make viewing worthwhile – and the reflection of the sun off the surface of the sea was extremely intense. Along with the two commonest species there was also with a smattering of less common species including another adult Black-legged Kittiwake and a gorgeous juvenile Pallas's Gull. Streaked Shearwater numbers continue to drop (I counted 420 today) while, in contrast, I had 11 different sightings of at least two (and quite possibly as many as 11) Short-tailed Shearwaters. Four skuas/jaegers were seen – though only one of them was close enough to confidently identify and it was a juvenile Pomarine Skua.

Weather

Another decent, but very windy day. There was a very strong north-north-west, backing to northwest and later possibly even further wind blowing all day. It was 16°C at the field watch point at 05h30 – but it felt considerably colder in the stiff wind! Just 1/8 cloud cover high off to the Ne but good visibility though the Chang Shan Islands were never visible today. Pressure was 1003 hPa and continuing to fall in the early morning but stable from about 08h00 and slowly rising thereafter.

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| Common Pheasant | 2 were heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 18/9/2012. |
| Streaked Shearwater | 420 flew west during the eight hour sea watch off the point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 18/9/2012. |
| Short-tailed Shearwater | 11 sightings involving anywhere between two and 11 different birds, flew west during the eight hour sea watch off the point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 18/9/2012. The first bird was seen at 08h12 and there were subsequent sightings at 11h08, 11h29, 12h15, 12h51 13h06, 13h25 & then regularly until I left at 15h00. Birds were photographed on two occasions. |
| Great Egret | 1 near Tieshan zhen, Lushun on the 18/9/2012. |
| Little Egret | 2 near Tieshan zhen, Lushun on the 18/9/2012. |
| Oriental Honey-buzzard | 142 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 18/9/2012. The first birds (six) were seen at 05h39 & passage had effectively ceased one hour later. |
| Black Kite | 2 singles flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 18/9/2012. The first was at 05h41 & the second at about 15h45. |
| harrier sp. | 1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 18/9/2012. |
| Japanese Sparrowhawk | 1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 18/9/2012. |
| Eurasian Sparrowhawk | 12 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 18/9/2012. |
| Accipiter sp. | 15 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 18/9/2012. |
| Common Kestrel | 8 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 18/9/2012. |
| Amur Falcon | 2 singles came back in off the sea at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 18/9/2012. |
| Eurasian Hobby | 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 18/9/2012. |
| Amur Falcon or Eurasian Hobby | 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 18/9/2012. |
| Peregrine Falcon | 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 18/9/2012. |
| Common Moorhen | 1 first year in the small pool right besides Chen Jia cun fishing harbour, Laotie Shan, Lushun on 18/9/2012. It was a striking looking partial albino with extensive white scapulars as well as scattered white feathers in its mantle, chest and belly. |
| Black-legged Kittiwake | 1 adult flew west before settling on the sea during the eight hour sea watch off the point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 18/9/2012. It was first seen at 10h02. |
| Black-headed Gull | 10 flew west during the eight hour sea watch off the point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 18/9/2012. |
| Pallas's Gull | 1 pristine juvenile flew west during the eight hour sea watch off the point at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 12h24 on the 18/9/2012. Photographed this is perhaps only the sixth record for Liaoning. |
| Black-tailed Gull | 16,000 flew west during the eight hour sea watch off the point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 18/9/2012. This was easily the commonest species seen during the sea watch and, like most other recent mornings, birds were already streaming west by 06h00. This procession peaked between 08h00-09h30 after which there was a modest lull before another surge in the early afternoon. I made a total of 48 one minute long timed counts throughout the day, averaged these out for each half-hourly period, & in this way calculated the number of birds passing in each half-hourly period. |
| Mew Gull | 13 flew west during the eight hour sea watch off the point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 18/9/2012. |
| 'Herring Gull Assemblage' | 5000 flew west during the eight hour sea watch off the point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 18/9/2012. |
| Heuglin's Gull | 20 flew west during the eight hour sea watch off the point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 18/9/2012. |
| Vega Gull | 3 flew west during the eight hour sea watch off the point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 18/9/2012. |
| Mongolian Gull | 5000 flew west during the eight hour sea watch off the point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 18/9/2012. I spent much less time counting these than I did Black-tailed Gulls – tending instead to estimate the proportions of one to the other. For much of the day there were about three times as many Black-tailed Gulls moving as there were Mongolians. |

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| Common Tern | 1 adult flew west during the eight hour sea watch off the point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 18/9/2012. |
| Pomarine Skua | 1 juvenile flew west during the eight hour sea watch off the point at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 12h11 on the 18/9/2012. |
| Jaeger sp. | 3 separate immatures flew west during the eight hour sea watch off the point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 18/9/2012. The first bird was seen at 09h17, the second was watched for over five minutes between 10h29-10h35, 15 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 18/9/2012. |
| Oriental Turtle Dove | 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 18/9/2012. |
| Spotted Dove | 236 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 18/9/2012. |
| Ashy Minivet | 80 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 18/9/2012. |
| Common Magpie | 3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 18/9/2012. |
| Japanese Tit | 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 18/9/2012. |
| Light-vented Bulbul | 500 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 18/9/2012. |
| Barn Swallow | 100 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 18/9/2012. |
| Red-rumped Swallow | 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 18/9/2012. |
| Dusky Warbler | 10 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 18/9/2012. |
| Yellow-browed Warbler | 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 18/9/2012. |
| Arctic Warbler | 3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 18/9/2012. |
| Zitting Cisticola | 100 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 18/9/2012. |
| White-eye sp. | 20 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 18/9/2012. |
| Crested Myna | 1 starling, probably this species, at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 18/9/2012]. |
| [White-cheeked Starling | 3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 18/9/2012. |
| Common Stonechat | 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 18/9/2012. |
| Asian Brown Flycatcher | 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 18/9/2012. |
| Taiga Flycatcher | 10 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 18/9/2012. |
| Eurasian Tree Sparrow | 1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 18/9/2012. |
| Forest Wagtail | 18 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 18/9/2012. |
| Eastern Yellow Wagtail | 17 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 18/9/2012. |
| Grey Wagtail | 235, including five 'Amur Wagtail' <i>M. a. leucopsis</i> , flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 18/9/2012. The vast majority of these were seen flying low over the sea during the early hours of the sea watch! |
| White Wagtail | 19 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 18/9/2012. |
| Richard's Pipit | 57 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 18/9/2012. |
| Olive-backed Pipit | 2 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 18/9/2012. |
| Pechora Pipit | 19 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 18/9/2012. |
| Red-throated Pipit | 2 singles were heard as they flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 18/9/2012. |
| Grey-capped Greenfinch | 18 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 18/9/2012. |
| Common Rosefinch | 1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 18/9/2012. |
| Chinese Grosbeak | 20 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 18/9/2012. |
| bunting sp. | 500 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 18/9/2012. |
| passerine sp. | |

Wednesday 19 September 2012. All day Laotie Shan, Lushun.

I left the Xin Jiyuan Dajjudian, Lushun, again in Mr Xing's friend's taxi, at 04h45 and drove back to the Laotie Shan field watch point. Arriving just over 20 minutes later I spent almost three hours (05h10-08h00) there before heading off in to the woodland to check for passerines. It was very, very quiet in there so I decided to wander up to the Lighthouse for more visible migration watching. Eventually I opted to take the 14h30 bus back to Tieshan zhen but ended up being given a lift by someone I'd met earlier inside the tourist area.

Highlights

A few passerines moved south in the early morning as did a modest number of raptors. I also handful of new trip birds with one each of the following five species– Chinese Spot-billed Duck, Upland Buzzard, Bull-headed Shrike, Siberian Thrush and Red Crossbill.

Weather

Another decent day with, unlike yesterday, hardly any wind. There was a barely discernible light northerly blowing in the early morning, this increased ever so slightly late morning but was still light. As a consequence the fishing boats, most of which stayed in the harbour yesterday, were back out in force – and it was noisy! It was 14°C at the field watch point at 05h30, there was a light dew and no cloud during the morning. Low level visibility was rather poor (perhaps less than six or seven kilometres) because of a band of smog. Air pressure was 1009 hPa and stable.

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| Common Pheasant | 3 were heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 19/9/2012. |
| Chinese Spot-billed Duck | 1 flew west off the point at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 07h50 on the 18/9/2012. |
| Grey Heron | 1 near Tieshan zhen, Lushun on the 19/9/2012. |
| Great Egret | 1 near Tieshan zhen, Lushun on the 19/9/2012. |
| Little Egret | 3 near Tieshan zhen, Lushun on the 19/9/2012. |
| Great or Japanese Cormorant | 7 flew west off the point at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 09h40 on the 18/9/2012. |
| Oriental Honey-buzzard | 199 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 19/9/2012. The first birds (five flew south at 05h51. Just 17 birds were aged – and this yielded six adults and 11 juveniles. |
| Black Kite | 9 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 19/9/2012. Two flew south at 05h58, singles at 06h03 & 06h42, two at 07h05, one at 07h08 & four at 09h23. |
| Pied Harrier | 2 singles flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 19/9/2012. |
| harrier sp. | 1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 06h06 on the 19/9/2012. |

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| Japanese Sparrowhawk | 3 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 19/9/2012. |
| Eurasian Sparrowhawk | 21 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 19/9/2012. |
| Accipiter sp. | 67 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 19/9/2012. |
| Upland Buzzard | 1 drifted slowly south before heading back north at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 12h18 on the 19/9/2012. |
| Common Kestrel | 3 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 19/9/2012. |
| Amur Falcon | 1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 19/9/2012. |
| Eurasian Hobby | 2 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 19/9/2012. |
| Peregrine Falcon | 2 juveniles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 19/9/2012. |
| Black-tailed Gull | 300 on the sea off Chen Jia cun fishing harbour, Laotie Shan, Lushun on 19/9/2012. A massive reduction from the numbers present yesterday! |
| 'Herring Gull Assemblage' | 100 on the sea off Chen Jia cun fishing harbour, Laotie Shan, Lushun on 17/9/2012. There were hardly any gulls out over the sea all day. |
| Mongolian Gull | 50 on the sea off Chen Jia cun fishing harbour, Laotie Shan, Lushun on 17/9/2012 |
| Oriental Turtle Dove | 15 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 19/9/2012. |
| Eurasian Collared Dove | 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 19/9/2012. |
| Spotted Dove | 4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 19/9/2012. |
| Fork-tailed Swift | 5 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 19/9/2012. |
| Ashy Minivet | 132 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 19/9/2012. Flock sizes as follows – 25h, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 2, 2, 2, 2, 4, 4, 4, 7, 10, 10, 20 & 35. |
| Bull-headed Shrike | 1 bird, possibly but not certainly a first-winter, at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 19/9/2012. |
| Brown Shrike | 1 was heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 19/9/2012. |
| Common Magpie | 90 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 19/9/2012. |
| Japanese Tit | 10 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 19/9/2012. Up to four birds were seen flying high & appeared to be displaying a migratory urge, on a couple of occasions. |
| Light-vented Bulbul | 2 were heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 19/9/2012. |
| Sand Martin | 1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 19/9/2012. |
| Barn Swallow | 3250 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 19/9/2012. There was absolutely no passage of swallows whatsoever until about 10h15 when the northerly wind increased in force very slightly. |
| Red-rumped Swallow | 1185 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 19/9/2012. The first day I've seen reasonable numbers of Red-rumped Swallows –and for a short period in the late afternoon they out-numbered Barn Swallow (a sign of things to come!) |
| Dusky Warbler | 10 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 19/9/2012. |
| Radde's Warbler | 3 were heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 19/9/2012. |
| Yellow-browed Warbler | 20 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 19/9/2012. |
| Arctic Warbler | 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 19/9/2012. |
| Two-barred Warbler | 1 was heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 19/9/2012. |
| Black-browed Reed Warbler | 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 19/9/2012. |
| Lanceolated Warbler | 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 19/9/2012. |
| Zitting Cisticola | 3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 19/9/2012. |
| Chinese Hill Babbler | 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 19/9/2012. |
| White-eye sp. | 40 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 19/9/2012. |
| Crested Myna | 65 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 19/9/2012. |
| White-cheeked Starling | 18, in flocks of seven & 11 birds, flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 19/9/2012. |
| Siberian Thrush | 1 first-winter male at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 19/9/2012. |
| Siberian Rubythroat | 3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 19/9/2012. |
| Siberian Blue Robin | 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 19/9/2012. |
| Common Stonechat | 8 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 19/9/2012. |
| Taiga Flycatcher | 3 were heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 19/9/2012. |
| Eurasian Tree Sparrow | 20 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 19/9/2012. |
| Forest Wagtail | 5 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 19/9/2012. |
| Eastern Yellow Wagtail | 11 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 19/9/2012. |
| Grey Wagtail | 21 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 19/9/2012. |
| White Wagtail | 43, including five 'Amur Wagtail' <i>M. a. leucopsis</i> , flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 19/9/2012. |
| Richard's Pipit | 27 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 19/9/2012. |
| Olive-backed Pipit | 157 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 19/9/2012. |
| Pechora Pipit | 2 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 19/9/2012. |
| Red-throated Pipit | 18 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 19/9/2012. |
| Grey-capped Greenfinch | 15 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 19/9/2012. Flock sizes as follows – 1, 1, 1, 5 & 6. |
| Common Rosefinch | 27 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 19/9/2012. |
| Red Crossbill | 1 first year male flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 10h15 on the 19/9/2012. It was calling frequently, landed for ten minutes or so, and was both sound recorded and photographed. |
| Chinese Grosbeak | 22 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 19/9/2012. Flock sizes were as follows – one were only heard, 1, 2, 7 & 11. |
| Black-faced Bunting | 3 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 19/9/2012. |
| bunting sp. | 50 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 19/9/2012. |
| passerine sp. | 300 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 19/9/2012. |

Thursday 20 September 2012. All day Laotie Shan, Lushun.

I left the Xin Jiyuan Dajudian, Lushun, again in Mr Xing's friend's taxi, at 04h45 and drove back to the Laotie Shan field watch point. Arriving just over 20 minutes later I spent almost four hours (05h10-09h00) there before heading off up to the Lighthouse for more visible migration watching. I spent much of the rest of the day there (09h20-13h30) before heading back down to the car park to meet WANG Qingyu and Per Alström. Per and Qingyu had flown in from Beijing earlier in the day and we were to spend the following five days birding together. The three of us then took their taxi back to Xiao Dong Gou

before walking up to the ringing station. Here we met Mr Sun and later his boss, Wang Xiaoping. After about one hour there Mr Wang gave us a ride back to our hotel in the late afternoon.

Highlights

A few passerines moved south in the early morning as did a modest number of raptors. I also had three new trip birds today with four sightings of single Eastern Buzzards at the point and a Northern Hawk-cuckoo being the first bird produced from a ringing bag at the Xiao Dong Gou ringing station and two Oriental Scops Owls being the second and third!

Weather

Another decent day with hardly any wind. There was a barely discernible light south-south-easterly first thing in the morning though this veered around to being a south-westerly within an hour-and-a-half and remained that way for most of the day. It remained light throughout. It was 15°C at the field watch point at 05h30 and with no cloud all day. Low level visibility was very poor – and worsened throughout the day so much so that it was probably down to less than three kilometres by the early afternoon. Away from the Laotie Shan point, even a little bit as at Xiao Dong Gou, visibility was markedly better. Air pressure was 1015 hPa and had been stable throughout the night but soon started to rise. It was 1017 hPa by 09h00. The temperature had risen to 25°C by 09h30 and peaked at 29°C by 12h00.

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| Common Pheasant | 5 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 20/9/2012. |
| Grey Heron | 3 on the tidal mudflats near Lushun Naval Base & the New Era Grand Hotel on the 20/9/2012. |
| Great or Japanese Cormorant | 4 birds flew high to the west at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 20/9/2012. Three went at 06h32 with the fourth at 07h44. |
| Osprey | 2 singles flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 20/9/2012. The first was at 13h20 with the second bird hot on its heels two minutes later. |
| Oriental Honey-buzzard | 259 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 20/9/2012. The first bird was seen at 05h53. |
| Black Kite | 26 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 20/9/2012. Flock sizes as follows – 1, 2, 3, 5, 5 & 10. |
| Eastern Marsh Harrier | 1 adult male flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 20/9/2012. |
| Pied Harrier | 2 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 20/9/2012. |
| Japanese Sparrowhawk | 34 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 20/9/2012. 33 of these flew south while another, a juvenile, was caught at the Xiao Dong Gou ringing station. |
| Eurasian Sparrowhawk | 77 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 20/9/2012. |
| Northern Goshawk | 8 juveniles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 20/9/2012. Several of these moved south during the morning, but several others didn't and it soon became difficult to distinguish new arrivals that were actually migrating from the two or three birds that were intermittently present at the point. Eight seems a reasonable, and conservative estimate. One was seen chasing a Common Pheasant at Xiao Dong Gou in the late afternoon. |
| Accipiter sp. | 26 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 20/9/2012. |
| Eastern Buzzard | 4 singles flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 20/9/2012. These were my first of the autumn. |
| Common Kestrel | 1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 20/9/2012. |
| Amur Falcon | 5 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 20/9/2012. |
| Eurasian Hobby | 3 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 20/9/2012. |
| Amur Falcon or Eurasian Hobby | 1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 20/9/2012. |
| Peregrine Falcon | 3, two adults that were together and a juvenile, flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 20/9/2012. |
| Black-tailed Gull | 50 on the sea off Chen Jia cun fishing harbour, Laotie Shan, Lushun on 20/9/2012. |
| 'Herring Gull Assemblage' | 50 on the sea off Chen Jia cun fishing harbour, Laotie Shan, Lushun on 20/9/2012. |
| Mongolian Gull | 20 on the sea off Chen Jia cun fishing harbour, Laotie Shan, Lushun on 20/9/2012. |
| Oriental Turtle Dove | 14 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 20/9/2012. |
| Spotted Dove | 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 20/9/2012. |
| Northern Hawk-cuckoo | 1 first-winter was caught at the Xiao Dong Gou ringing station, Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 20/9/2012. |
| Oriental Scops Owl | 2 were caught at the Xiao Dong Gou ringing station, Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 20/9/2012. |
| Dollarbird | 2 singles flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 20/9/2012. The first did so at 07h07, the second just five minutes later. |
| Common Kingfisher | 1 was heard down by the beach below the Coast Guard Station at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 20/9/2012. |
| Ashy Minivet | 1235 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 20/9/2012. A first-winter was caught at the Xiao Dong Gou ringing station, Laotie Shan, Lushun. Flock sizes as follows – 25 were only heard, 1, 1, 2, 2, 2, 2, 3, 3, 3, 4, 4, 4, 4, 5, 6, 7, 7, 8, 10, 10, 10, 10, 10, 10, 10, 10, 10, 10, 15, 15, 15, 15, 15, 15, 20, 20, 20, 20, 20, 20, 20, 20, 25, 25, 30, 30, 35, 35, 40, 40, 40, 45, 50, 60, 70, 80, 90 & 130. |
| Bull-headed Shrike | 3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 20/9/2012. Two of these, including a male, were by the field watch point with the third being on the hillside below the Coast Guard Station. |
| Common Magpie | 100 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 20/9/2012. |
| Yellow-bellied Tit | 8 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 20/9/2012. Surprisingly this was only my second encounter here this autumn – and followed a single bird seen almost two weeks ago on the 7 September. |
| Japanese Tit | 6 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 20/9/2012. |
| Light-vented Bulbul | 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 20/9/2012. |
| Barn Swallow | 300 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 20/9/2012. |
| Red-rumped Swallow | 200 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 20/9/2012. |
| Dusky Warbler | 9 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 20/9/2012. |
| Radde's Warbler | 7 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 20/9/2012. |
| Yellow-browed Warbler | 25 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 20/9/2012. |
| Arctic Warbler | 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 20/9/2012. |
| Two-barred Warbler | 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 20/9/2012. |
| Black-browed Reed Warbler | 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 20/9/2012. |
| Thick-billed Warbler | 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 20/9/2012. |
| Zitting Cisticola | 11 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 20/9/2012. Birds were seen flying high over the field watch point & doing the same high over the Coast Guard station. |

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| Chinese Hill Babbler | 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 20/9/2012. |
| White-eye sp. | 500 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 20/9/2012. |
| Crested Myna | 60 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 20/9/2012. |
| Red-billed Mynah | 2 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 20/9/2012. |
| Thrush sp. | 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 20/9/2012. |
| Siberian Rubythroat | 2 were heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 20/9/2012. |
| Common Stonechat | 20 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 20/9/2012. |
| Asian Brown Flycatcher | 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 20/9/2012. |
| Taiga Flycatcher | 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 20/9/2012. |
| Eurasian Tree Sparrow | 20 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 20/9/2012. |
| Forest Wagtail | 3 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 20/9/2012. |
| Eastern Yellow Wagtail | 17 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 20/9/2012. |
| Grey Wagtail | 16 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 20/9/2012. |
| White Wagtail | 100, including 12 'Amur Wagtail' <i>M. a. leucopsis</i> , flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 20/9/2012. |
| Richard's Pipit | 43 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 20/9/2012. |
| Olive-backed Pipit | 195 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 20/9/2012. |
| Pechora Pipit | 4 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 20/9/2012. |
| Red-throated Pipit | 4 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 20/9/2012. |
| Grey-capped Greenfinch | 1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 20/9/2012. |
| Common Rosefinch | 78 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 20/9/2012. |
| Chinese Grosbeak | 34 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 20/9/2012. Flock sizes as follows – heard, 1, 1, 1, 2, 3, 4, 4, 7 & 10. |
| Tristram's Bunting | 7 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 20/9/2012. |
| Black-faced Bunting | 5 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 20/9/2012. |
| bunting sp. | 150 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 20/9/2012. |
| passerine sp. | 300 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 20/9/2012. |

Friday 21 September 2012. All day Laotie Shan, Lushun.

Per and I left the Xin Ji Yuan Dajiudian, Lushun, again in Mr Xing's friend's taxi, at 04h45 and drove back to the Laotie Shan field watch point. Arriving just over 20 minutes later we spent four hours (05h10-09h10) there before heading off up to the Lighthouse for more visible migration watching. We spent much of the rest of the morning there (09h30-12h40) with Qingyu arriving just after 10h00. After ice creams down near the ticket booth the three of us took a taxi back to Xiao Dong Gou before walking up to the ringing station. Here we met Mr Sun and later Zhang Bin. After about 1.5 hours there Zhang Bin gave us a ride back to our hotel, where we arrived just before 16h00.

Highlights

Massive numbers of passerines, especially Ashy Minivets (10,380) moved south in the early morning and there were also modest numbers of Oriental Honey-buzzards (446) and the first decent numbers of Black Kite (34) for the autumn.

Weather

Another reasonable day – but with poor visibility until the mid-afternoon. There was a light southerly wind first thing in the morning, this increased in strength from about 07h00 and gradually backed around to the southeast as the morning progressed. It was slightly warmer than yesterday (17°C) at the field watch point at 05h30 and with rather little cloud early in the day – but an increasing amount as the morning wore on. Like yesterday low level visibility was very poor until the early afternoon when the wind picked up. Air pressure was 1015 hPa and had been stable throughout the night but it started to drop slowly in the late morning. The temperature had risen to 27°C by 11h30.

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| Common Pheasant | 2 were heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 21/9/2012. |
| Streaked Shearwater | 2 over the sea off at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 21/9/2012. |
| Grey Heron | 1 near Tieshan zhen, Lushun on the 21/9/2012. |
| Great Egret | 4 near Tieshan zhen, Lushun on the 21/9/2012. |
| Osprey | 1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 06h19 on the 21/9/2012. |
| Oriental Honey-buzzard | 446 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 21/9/2012. I noted the ages of 68 different birds and there were 16 adults (24%) & 52 (76%) juveniles. |
| Black Kite | 34 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 21/9/2012. The first bird was seen at 05h48 & flock sizes were as follows – 1, 1, 1, 1, 1 & 29. |
| Pied Harrier | 1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 21/9/2012. |
| Japanese Sparrowhawk | 15 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 21/9/2012. All of those aged (10+ birds) were juveniles. |

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| Asian Brown Flycatcher | 2 were heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 21/9/2012. |
| Mugimaki Flycatcher | 1 right besides the Xiao Dong Gou ringing station, Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 21/9/2012. |
| Eurasian Tree Sparrow | 20 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 21/9/2012. |
| Forest Wagtail | 3 singles flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 21/9/2012. |
| Eastern Yellow Wagtail | 14 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 21/9/2012. |
| Grey Wagtail | 27 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 21/9/2012. As has been the case throughout the last two weeks a large number of migrating birds are doing so in pairs. |
| White Wagtail | 107, including 10 'Amur Wagtail' <i>M. a. leucopsis</i> , flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 21/9/2012. |
| Richard's Pipit | 61 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 21/9/2012. |
| Olive-backed Pipit | 441 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 21/9/2012. |
| Red-throated Pipit | 16 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 21/9/2012. |
| Grey-capped Greenfinch | 1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 21/9/2012. |
| Common Rosefinch | 76 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 21/9/2012. |
| Chinese Grosbeak | 6 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 21/9/2012. Flock sizes as follows – 1, 1 & 4. |
| Yellow-browed Bunting | 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 21/9/2012. |
| Black-faced Bunting | 10 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 21/9/2012. |
| bunting sp. | 300 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 21/9/2012. |
| passerine sp. | 500 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 21/9/2012. |

Saturday 22 September 2012. All day Laotie Shan, Lushun.

Terry had arrived at about 01h00 and he, Per and I left the Xin Jiyuan Dajjudian, Lushun, again in Mr Xing's friend's taxi, at 04h45. We drove straight back to the Laotie Shan field watch point. Arriving just over 20 minutes later we spent just over 1.5 hours (05h10-06h45) there before heading off down to the sea watching site. This also proved to be pretty quiet and by then the weather was so awful that we called Qingyu, who was enjoying a more leisurely breakfast back in Lushun. We asked her to send a taxi to come and pick us up. This she did and, as Leighton (Tian Yang) was scheduled to arrive about 10 minutes later, we lingered there and waited for him. We chatted with Leighton for a short while before he invited us back to his hotel to meet ace Chinese bird photographer, ZHANG Ming (email lnpj3yzm@163.com & websites www.pjw.org, www.birdnet.cn) and some of Mr Zhang's friends. Zhang Ming told us, among many other things, about a small marsh in Dalian where a friend of his had seen Asian Yellow Rail and Band-bellied Crake three days earlier – and with little persuasion he offered to guide us up there. Setting off in a three car convoy shortly afterwards. Per, Terry and I travelled with Leighton and Wang Xiaoping while Qingyu rode with Zhang Ming. We stopped for lunch on route and the marsh itself proved quite difficult to find. Once there we also failed to find either of the target species and ended up leaving at 17h00 to drive back in to Dalian for another massive meal! We eventually arrived back at our hotel just after 21h00.

Some stunning images of the Band-bellied Crake can be seen here - <http://www.birdnet.cn/showtopic-392417.aspx>

Weather

Today's forecast of heavy rain was correct. It apparently started, as a thunderstorm, at about 02h30 and it rained hard until 04h15, there was then a brief respite before the heavens opened again at about 06h30. This downpour lasted the rest of the morning and forced an early departure from Laotie Shan. Fortunately it stopped raining about midday and the afternoon was much better with a modest southeast wind, fairly clear skies and what looked, to us, like great migration conditions. During our rail raid we couldn't help wondering what migration was like back at the point. There was a very light easterly wind in the early morning though this strengthened as soon as it stopped raining mid-morning. It was 17°C at the field watch point at 05h30 but was fully over cast. The pressure then was 1014 hPa and stable.

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| Japanese Quail | 2 singles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 22/9/2012. |
| Common Pheasant | 1 was heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 22/9/2012. |
| Streaked Shearwater | 15 in the bay off Chen Jia cun fishing harbour, Laotie Shan, Lushun on 22/9/2012. |
| Grey Heron | 4 near Tieshan zhen, Lushun on the 22/9/2012. |
| Great Egret | 5 near Tieshan zhen, Lushun on the 22/9/2012. |
| Little Egret | 1 near Tieshan zhen, Lushun on the 22/9/2012. |
| Oriental Honey-buzzard | 10 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 22/9/2012. |
| Japanese Sparrowhawk | 3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 22/9/2012. |
| Eurasian Sparrowhawk | 5 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 22/9/2012. |
| Accipiter sp. | 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 22/9/2012. |
| Common Kestrel | 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 22/9/2012. |
| Eurasian Hobby | 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 22/9/2012. |
| Peregrine Falcon | 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 22/9/2012. |
| Pintail or Swinhoe's Snipe | 1 was seen several times at the Quan Shui Wetland, Dalian on the 22/9/2012. |
| Common Sandpiper | 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 22/9/2012. |
| Black-headed Gull | 1 flew west over the sea off Chen Jia cun fishing harbour, Laotie Shan, Lushun on 22/9/2012. |
| Black-tailed Gull | 50 in the bay off Chen Jia cun fishing harbour, Laotie Shan, Lushun on 22/9/2012. |
| Mew Gull | 1 flew west over the sea off Chen Jia cun fishing harbour, Laotie Shan, Lushun on 22/9/2012. |
| 'Herring Gull Assemblage' | 100 in the bay off Chen Jia cun fishing harbour, Laotie Shan, Lushun on 22/9/2012. |
| Heuglin's Gull | 2 flew west over the sea in the bay off Chen Jia cun fishing harbour, Laotie Shan, Lushun on 22/9/2012. |
| Mongolian Gull | 30 in the Lushun-Dalian area on the 22/9/2012. About 30 of these were in the bay off Chen Jia cun fishing harbour, Laotie Shan while another ten, or so, were around the naval base in Lushun harbour. The remaining ten birds were near the Quan Shui Wetland, Dalian in the mid-afternoon. |
| Oriental Turtle Dove | 4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 22/9/2012. |

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| Spotted Dove | 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 22/9/2012. |
| Common Kingfisher | 3 in the Lushun-Dalian area on the 22/9/2012. The first was in the bay off Chen Jia cun fishing harbour, Laotie Shan while the other two, both juveniles, were at the Quan Shui Wetland, Dalian. |
| Ashy Minivet | 950 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 22/9/2012. Flock sizes as follows – 3 heard, 2, 3, 20, 20, 22, 25, 25, 25, 35, 40, 50, 70, 90, 100, 110 & 230. |
| Brown Shrike | 1 at the Quan Shui Wetland, Dalian on the 22/9/2012. |
| Chinese Grey Shrike | 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 22/9/2012. |
| Black-naped Oriole | 1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 22/9/2012. |
| Common Magpie | 50 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 22/9/2012. |
| Japanese Tit | 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 22/9/2012. |
| Barn Swallow | 100 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 22/9/2012. |
| Red-rumped Swallow | 40 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 22/9/2012. |
| Dusky Warbler | 5 in the Lushun-Dalian area on the 22/9/2012. The first three were at Laotie Shan while the other two were at the Quan Shui Wetland, Dalian. |
| Radde's Warbler | 2 singles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 22/9/2012. |
| Yellow-browed Warbler | 20 in the Lushun-Dalian area on the 22/9/2012. The first 15 or so were at Laotie Shan while the other five were at the Quan Shui Wetland, Dalian. |
| Arctic Warbler | 1 at the Quan Shui Wetland, Dalian on the 22/9/2012. |
| Oriental Reed Warbler | 1 at the Quan Shui Wetland, Dalian on the 22/9/2012. |
| Black-browed Reed Warbler | 2 at the Quan Shui Wetland, Dalian on the 22/9/2012. |
| Pallas's Grasshopper Warbler | 1 at the Quan Shui Wetland, Dalian on the 22/9/2012. |
| Zitting Cisticola | 1 was heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 22/9/2012. |
| Chinese Hill Babbler | 1 was heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 22/9/2012. |
| White-eye sp. | 50 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 22/9/2012. |
| Bluethroat | 1 at the Quan Shui Wetland, Dalian on the 22/9/2012. |
| Siberian Rubythroat | 2 at the Quan Shui Wetland, Dalian on the 22/9/2012. |
| Common Stonechat | 10 in the Lushun-Dalian area on the 22/9/2012. The first four were at Laotie Shan while the other six were at the Quan Shui Wetland, Dalian. |
| Eurasian Tree Sparrow | 10 at the Quan Shui Wetland, Dalian on the 22/9/2012. |
| Eastern Yellow Wagtail | 3 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 22/9/2012. |
| Grey Wagtail | 6 in the Lushun-Dalian area on the 22/9/2012. The first four flew south at Laotie Shan while the two were at the Quan Shui Wetland, Dalian. |
| White Wagtail | 24, including eight 'Amur Wagtail' <i>M. a. leucopsis</i> , |
| Richard's Pipit | 7 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 22/9/2012. |
| Olive-backed Pipit | 16 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 22/9/2012. |
| Red-throated Pipit | 6 in the Lushun-Dalian area on the 22/9/2012. The first three were at Laotie Shan while the other three were at the Quan Shui Wetland, Dalian. |
| Grey-capped Greenfinch | 4, a single and a flock of three, at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 22/9/2012. |
| Common Rosefinch | 4 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 22/9/2012. |
| bunting sp. | 22 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 22/9/2012. |
| passerine sp. | 20 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 22/9/2012. |

Sunday 23 September 2012. All day Laotie Shan, Lushun.

Terry, Per and I left the Xin Jiyuan Dajjudian, Lushun, again in Mr Xing's friend's taxi, at 04h45. We drove straight back to the Laotie Shan field watch point. Arriving just over 20 minutes later we spent just over three hours (05h10-08h30) there before heading up to the Coast Guard station/Light House area. We spent much of the rest of the day there (09h30-15h00), though Per who wasn't feeling particularly well, returned to the hotel in the late morning. Qingyu arrived shortly after Per had left. Qingyu and Paul left on the 16h30 bus back to Tieshan zhen while Terry returned to the Coast Guard station/Light House area for another hour.

Highlights

Very few passerines moved south in the early morning but good numbers of raptors were moving. High counts included those of Oriental Honey-buzzard (1181) and Eurasian Sparrowhawk (73).

Weather

Another reasonable day – but with rather poor visibility throughout the day. There was a very light mist and a light south-easterly wind and in the early morning though the wind had shifted around to the southwest by 08h15. It was slightly cooler than yesterday (14°C) at the field watch point at 05h30 and with hardly any cloud early in the day. Like yesterday and the day before low level visibility was poor. Air pressure was 1013 hPa and falling slowly. The temperature had risen to 24°C by 13h30.

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| Common Pheasant | 1 was heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 23/9/2012. |
| Streaked Shearwater | 45 over the sea off Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 23/9/2012. Just three of these were seen in the early morning while Terry counted 42 in a five minute period (16h30-16h35) in the late afternoon. |
| Osprey | 1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 09h31 on the 23/9/2012. |
| Oriental Honey-buzzard | 1181 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 23/9/2012. The first bird was seen at 05h58 & passage was fairly low key and steady from 07h30 until 15h15. Several birds were seen returning in the later afternoon. I noted the ages of just 48 birds & there were ten adults (21%) & 38 (79%) juveniles. |
| Black Kite | 14 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 23/9/2012. Flock sizes as follows – 1, 1, 1, 1, 2, 2, 2 & 4. |

Pied Harrier

12 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 23/9/2012. Two adult females were seen – the first time I'd seen that age/sex group.



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| Chinese Sparrowhawk | 1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 23/9/2012. |
| Japanese Sparrowhawk | 47 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 23/9/2012. |
| Eurasian Sparrowhawk | 73 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 23/9/2012. |
| Northern Goshawk | 7 juveniles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 23/9/2012. |
| Accipiter sp. | 85 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 23/9/2012. |
| Eastern Buzzard | 7 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 23/9/2012. |
| Common Kestrel | 5 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 23/9/2012. |
| Amur Falcon | 2 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 23/9/2012. |
| Eurasian Hobby | 14, including just one adult, flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 23/9/2012. |
| Amur Falcon or Eurasian Hobby | 4 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 23/9/2012. |
| Peregrine Falcon | 4, two adults and at least two juveniles, flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 23/9/2012. |
| Black-tailed Gull | 100 in the bay off Chen Jia cun fishing harbour, Laotie Shan, Lushun on 23/9/2012. |
| Mew Gull | 1 adult flew west off Chen Jia cun fishing harbour, Laotie Shan, Lushun on 23/9/2012. |
| 'Herring Gull Assemblage' | 20 in the bay off Chen Jia cun fishing harbour, Laotie Shan, Lushun on 23/9/2012. |
| Mongolian Gull | 5 in the bay off Chen Jia cun fishing harbour, Laotie Shan, Lushun on 23/9/2012. |
| Oriental Turtle Dove | 4 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 23/9/2012. |
| Spotted Dove | 8 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 23/9/2012. |
| [Oriental Scops Owl | 6 were caught at the Xiao Dong Gou ringing station, Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 23/9/2012.] |
| White-throated Needletail | 1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 23/9/2012. |
| Fork-tailed Swift | 3 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 23/9/2012. |
| Eurasian Hoopoe | 1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 23/9/2012. |
| Ashy Minivet | 971 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 23/9/2012. Flock sizes were as follows – 8 were heard, 2, 2, 2, 2, 3, 3, 4, 4, 4, 5, 7, 10, 10, 10, 10, 10, 12, 15, 15, 15, 15, 20, 20, 25, 35, 35, 50, 55, 55, 70, 70, 70, 70, 80, 80 & 170. |
| Brown Shrike | 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 23/9/2012. |
| Black-naped Oriole | 3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 23/9/2012. |
| Common Magpie | 80 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 23/9/2012. |
| Yellow-bellied Tit | 7, a single and later a flock of six, flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 23/9/2012. |
| Japanese Tit | 6 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 23/9/2012. |
| Light-vented Bulbul | 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 23/9/2012. |
| Barn Swallow | 550 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 23/9/2012. |
| Asian House Martin | 8 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 23/9/2012. |
| House Martin sp. | 2 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 23/9/2012. |
| Red-rumped Swallow | 1300 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 23/9/2012. |
| Dusky Warbler | 5 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 23/9/2012. |
| Radde's Warbler | 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 23/9/2012. |
| Yellow-browed Warbler | 20 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 23/9/2012. |
| Arctic Warbler | 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 23/9/2012. |
| Thick-billed Warbler | 1 was heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 23/9/2012. |
| Lanceolated Warbler | 1 was heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 23/9/2012. |
| Zitting Cisticola | 4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 23/9/2012. |
| Chinese Hill Babbler | 2 were heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 23/9/2012. |
| White-eye sp. | 150 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 23/9/2012. |
| Crested Myna | 30 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 23/9/2012. |
| White-cheeked Starling | 10 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 23/9/2012. |
| Daurian Starling | Terry saw two flying south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 23/9/2012.2 |
| [Siberian Thrush | 1 female was caught at the Xiao Dong Gou ringing station at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 23/9/2012.] |
| Common Stonechat | 5 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 23/9/2012. |
| Asian Brown Flycatcher | 2 were heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 23/9/2012. |
| Eurasian Tree Sparrow | 10 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 23/9/2012. |

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| Forest Wagtail | 10 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 23/9/2012. |
| Eastern Yellow Wagtail | 2 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 23/9/2012. |
| Grey Wagtail | 32 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 23/9/2012. |
| White Wagtail | 37 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 23/9/2012. |
| Richard's Pipit | 25 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 23/9/2012. |
| Olive-backed Pipit | 130 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 23/9/2012. |
| Pechora Pipit | 2 singles flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 23/9/2012. |
| Red-throated Pipit | 12 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 23/9/2012. |
| Grey-capped Greenfinch | 21 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 23/9/2012. Flock sizes as follows – 1, 1, 2, 4, 6 & 7 |
| Common Rosefinch | 26 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 23/9/2012. |
| Chinese Grosbeak | 4 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 23/9/2012. Flock sizes were 1 & 3. |
| Black-faced Bunting | 1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 23/9/2012. |
| bunting sp. | 35 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 23/9/2012. |
| passerine sp. | 100 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 23/9/2012. |

Monday 24 September 2012. All day Laotie Shan, Lushun.

Terry, Per and I left the Xin Jiyuan Dajudian, Lushun, again in Mr Xing's friend's taxi, at 04h45. We drove straight back to the Laotie Shan field watch point. Arriving just over 20 minutes later we spent just over three hours (05h10-08h30) there before heading up to the Coast Guard station/Light House area. We spent the rest of the morning (09h30-12h30) there and left the point in the early afternoon. Terry returned to the hotel to do some work while, Per, Qingyu and I went to the Xiao Dong Gou ringing station. We spent little over half-an-hour here before Mr Wang kindly gave us a ride back to our hotel. We arrived back at about 16h00 and the four of us went to dinner in town at about 18h30.

Highlights

Rather few passerines moved south in the early morning but there were a few surprises – six small, and unidentified, herons flew out when it was still dark in the early morning. Other surprises included an unidentified small auklet on the sea off the point and a Spotted Nutcracker (Paul's 300th Liaoning species) that flew south as far as the point before later returning north. There was also a modest movement of Oriental Honey-buzzard (253) and the first decent tally of White-cheeked Starlings (90).

Weather

Another reasonable day – but with rather poor visibility throughout the day. There was a moderate north-north-easterly wind and in the early morning. It was slightly warmer than yesterday (16°C) at the field watch point at 05h30 and with no cloud early in the day. Like the previous three days low level visibility was very poor. Air pressure was 1016 hPa. By 06h00 there were a few high clouds starting to drift in from the north. The temperature had risen to 28°C by 11h30.

Official sunrise was at 05h50 today.

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| Common Pheasant | 3 were heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2012. |
| Eurasian Wigeon | 3 flew west, with a group of eight other ducks that were probably Mallard, off the point at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 12h11 on the 24/9/2012. |
| [Mallard | 8 ducks, probably this species and not Chinese Spot-billed Duck, flew west off the point at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 12h11 on the 24/9/2012]. |
| Small bittern sp. | 6 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 05h16 (over half-an-hour before official sunrise) on the 24/9/2012. |
| Large Heron sp. | 2 birds, probably Purple Herons, flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 05h43 on the 24/9/2012. |
| Oriental Honey-buzzard | 252 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2012. The first two birds were seen at 05h37 & there were 55 in the air around the point by 05h54. I noted the ages of just 17 birds (15 juveniles & two adults). |
| Black Kite | 2 flew south together at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 05h28 (22 minutes before sunrise) on the 24/9/2012. It was still fairly dark when we saw them – and they must have roosted locally. What were probably the same two birds were still present around the point almost one hour later. |
| Japanese Sparrowhawk | 14 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2012. At least three different adults, the first for several days, were seen. |
| Eurasian Sparrowhawk | 29 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2012. 27 of these flew south near the point with the first three birds being seen at 05h34 – a full 16 minutes before sunrise. Another two birds, two remarkably differently plumaged juveniles, were seen in the hand at the Xiao Dong Gou ringing station. |
| Northern Goshawk | 5 juveniles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2012. The first bird was seen at 05h35 (15 minutes before sunrise). |
| Accipiter sp. | 6 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2012. |
| Eastern Buzzard | 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2012. |
| Amur Falcon | 2 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2012. |
| Eurasian Hobby | 7 birds, all juveniles, flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2012. The first was seen at 05h32 (18 minutes before sunrise). |
| Peregrine Falcon | 3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2012. The first bird, an adult, was seen at 05h24 (26 minutes before sunrise) |
| Common Moorhen | 1 on the sea off the point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2012. |
| Eurasian Woodcock | 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2012. |
| Snipe sp. | 1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2012. |
| Black-tailed Gull | 100 in the bay off Chen Jia cun fishing harbour, Laotie Shan, Lushun on 24/9/2012. |
| 'Herring Gull Assemblage' | 30 in the bay off Chen Jia cun fishing harbour, Laotie Shan, Lushun on 24/9/2012. |
| Mongolian Gull | 10 in the bay off Chen Jia cun fishing harbour, Laotie Shan, Lushun on 24/9/2012. |

Murrelet sp.

1 on the sea at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2012. When Per spotted it it was rather close inshore but it immediately flew well out to sea before settling again. It was then way too distant to identify.

Oriental Turtle Dove

25 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2012.

Spotted Dove

6 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2012.

[Oriental Scops Owl

3 birds were caught at the Xiao Dong Gou ringing station at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2012. They had all been processed & released before we reached the station in the late afternoon].

Fork-tailed Swift

2 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2012.

Common Kingfisher

1 was heard off the point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2012.

Eurasian Hoopoe

2 singles flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2012.

Ashy Minivet

190 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2012. Flock sizes as follows – 8 were heard, 1, 3, 3, 4, 4, 6, 6, 15, 30, 40 & 70.

[Brown Shrike

1 shrike, probably this species, was heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2012].

Black-naped Oriole

3, a single & later a pair, flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2012.

Common Magpie

70 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2012.

Spotted Nutcracker

1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2012. Initially seen by Terry at 09h44 it flew south to where we were all stood at the Coast Guard Station. It paused on each of the two steel pylons there a while before heading back around the coast to the northeast. Photographed.



Yellow-bellied Tit

56 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2012. Flock sizes were as follows – 2 were heard, 4 & 50.

Japanese Tit

10 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2012.

[Asian Short-toed Lark

1 bird, probably this species, flew over at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2012].

Light-vented Bulbul

4 were heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2012.

Barn Swallow

100 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2012.

House Martin sp.

2 singles flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2012.

Red-rumped Swallow

200 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2012.

Dusky Warbler

5 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2012.

Radde's Warbler

2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2012.

Yellow-browed Warbler

25 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2012.

Black-browed Reed Warbler

1 was heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2012.

Lanceolated Warbler

1 was heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2012.

Zitting Cisticola

3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2012.

Chinese Hill Babbler

3 were heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2012.

White-eye sp.

15 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2012. Three separate birds (or possibly even flocks) were heard over our hotel in Lushun between 04h15 & 04h45.

Crested Myna

30 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2012.

White-cheeked Starling

90 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2012. Flock sizes as follows – 1, 2, 2, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 10, 11, 15, 20, 24 & 90. Most were not actually migrating and just milling around the point while quite a few birds were even seen heading back north & it's thought that many of the smaller flocks merged so the largest flock, the one containing 90 birds, is taken as the day's total though this is almost certainly an underestimate (& possibly a significant underestimate).

Daurian Starling

1, with a small flock of White-cheeked Starlings, at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2012.

Siberian Rubythroat

1 was heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2012.

Common Stonechat

8 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2012.

Eurasian Tree Sparrow

10 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2012.

Forest Wagtail

3 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2012.

Eastern Yellow Wagtail

11 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2012.

Grey Wagtail

10 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2012.

White Wagtail

20 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2012.

Richard's Pipit

13 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2012.

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| Olive-backed Pipit | 61 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2012. |
| Pechora Pipit | 1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2012. |
| Red-throated Pipit | 21 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2012. |
| Grey-capped Greenfinch | 9 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2012. Flock sizes as follows – 2 were heard, 1, 1 & 5. |
| Common Rosefinch | 13 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2012. |
| Chinese Grosbeak | 24 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2012. Flock sizes as follows – 1, 1, 1, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6. |
| Little Bunting | 1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2012. |
| Black-faced Bunting | 3 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2012. |
| bunting sp. | 10 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2012. |
| passerine sp. | 50 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2012. |

Tuesday 25 September 2012. All day Laotie Shan, Lushun.

Terry, Per and I left the Xin Jiyuan Dajudian, Lushun, again in Mr Xing's friend's taxi, at 04h45. We drove straight back to the Laotie Shan field watch point. Arriving just over 20 minutes later we spent almost four hours (05h10-09h00) there before heading up to the Coast Guard station/Light House area. We spent the rest of the morning there (09h30-12h30), and left in the early afternoon. We all returned to the hotel. Per, Qingyu and I checked out and headed back to Dalian airport. Per and Qingyu had an on time Air China flight from there back to Beijing while my flight, with China Southern, was delayed.

Highlights

There was a very impressive movement of passerines in the early morning. The movement was on a very broad front and most birds went unidentified (I logged 3000 passerine sp. but they weren't specifically counted and this number is undoubtedly conservative). Nevertheless quite a few birds were identified and high counts included – 759 Olive-backed Pipits and 400+ bunting sp. There was also a reasonable movement of raptors with Oriental Honey-buzzard (267) and Japanese Sparrowhawk (87) both being well represented.

There were a few surprises – with several species (Bean Goose sp., Purple Heron, Pallas's Leaf Warbler, Buff-bellied Pipit and Brambling) appearing for the first time and all bar the heron were probably quite early autumn records.

Weather

Another reasonable day – visibility had improved on the previous three days but was still disappointingly poor. It was particularly bad off to the west in the early morning but worsened throughout as the morning wore on. There was just 1/8 cloud cover before dawn and a very light northeast wind. The wind slowly backed around through north - by 08h30 it was north-westerly while an hour later it had stiffened considerably and was from the south-south-east. The sky was very clear in the early morning with large numbers of stars being seen for the first time in several days. With the clearer sky it was also slightly cooler than yesterday (14°C) at the field watch point at 05h30 and this had risen to 19°C by 07h15. The air pressure was 1019 hPa and stable. As the wind shifted around to the south-south-east visibility worsened – and was soon down to perhaps as little as four or five kilometres.

Sunrise was at 05h51 today.

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| Common Pheasant | 1 was heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2012. |
| Taiga or Tundra Bean Goose | 5 'Bean Geese', almost certainly Tundra Bean Geese, flew west at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 05h44 on the 25/9/2012. An early date - none were recorded at Beidaihe, Hebei in September during comprehensive surveys there in the late 1980s (Williams ed. 2004). |
| Streaked Shearwater | 3 over the sea at Laotie Shan, Lushun at about 05h50 on the 25/9/2012. |
| Grey Heron | 2 in Lushun on the 25/9/2012. The first came in off the sea over Chen Jia cun fishing harbour, Laotie Shan at 05h55 while the other was in a small canalised river channel at Tieshan zhen. |
| Purple Heron | 2 flew south, with two Great Egrets, at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 05h31 (20 minutes before sunrise) on the 25/9/2012. |
| Great Egret | 2 flew south, with two Purple Herons, at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 05h31 (20 minutes before sunrise) on the 25/9/2012. |
| Little Egret | 2 near Lushun town on the 25/9/2012. |
| Osprey | 1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2012. |
| Oriental Honey-buzzard | 267 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2012. I noted the ages of just nine birds – seven juveniles & two adults and the first birds (two juveniles) were seen at 05h39 (12 minutes before sunrise). |
| Black Kite | 8 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2012. The first birds were seen at 05h43 & flock sizes as follows – 1, 1, 2 & 4. |
| Pied Harrier | 6 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2012. |
| harrier sp. | 3 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2012. The first two birds were seen at 05h26 (25 minutes before sunrise) with the other was almost 20 minutes later. |
| Japanese Sparrowhawk | 87 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2012. The vast majority of birds, as they have been throughout my stay since the start of September, were juveniles with just four adults being seen. |
| Eurasian Sparrowhawk | 41 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2012. |
| Northern Goshawk | 4 juveniles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2012. |
| Accipiter sp. | 9 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2012. |
| Eastern Buzzard | 3 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2012. |
| Common Kestrel | 7 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2012. |
| Amur Falcon | 34 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2012. |

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| Eurasian Hobby | 6 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2012. |
| Amur Falcon or Eurasian Hobby | 3 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2012. |
| Peregrine Falcon | 4, two adults & two juveniles, at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2012. They were quite possibly a family and the same birds that we had been seeing in the area for the last three weeks. |
| Black-tailed Gull | 50 in the bay off Chen Jia cun fishing harbour, Laotie Shan, Lushun on 25/9/2012. |
| 'Herring Gull Assemblage' | 30 in the bay off Chen Jia cun fishing harbour, Laotie Shan, Lushun on 25/9/2012. |
| Heuglin's Gull | 1 adult in the bay off Chen Jia cun fishing harbour, Laotie Shan, Lushun on 25/9/2012. |
| Mongolian Gull | 15 in the bay off Chen Jia cun fishing harbour, Laotie Shan, Lushun on 25/9/2012. |
| Oriental Turtle Dove | 35 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2012. |
| Spotted Dove | 11 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2012. |
| Cuckoo sp. | 1 juvenile flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2012. |
| Oriental Scops Owl | Per saw one at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2012. Another two birds were caught at the Xiao Dong Gou ringing station in the early morning. |
| Fork-tailed Swift | 9, a pair and later a group of seven, flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2012. |
| Ashy Minivet | 1256 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2012. Flock sizes as follows – 22 heard, 1, 2, 2, 3, 3, 3, 3, 4, 4, 5, 5, 5, 6, 6, 6, 6, 6, 7, 10, 10, 10, 10, 10, 10, 14, 15, 15, 15, 15, 18, 20, 20, 20, 20, 30, 30, 30, 35, 35, 35, 40, 40, 45, 55, 60, 100, 110 & 120. |
| Bull-headed Shrike | 1 first-winter at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2012. |
| Black-naped Oriole | 3 singles flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2012. |
| Common Magpie | 70 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2012. |
| Yellow-bellied Tit | 6, a single and a flock of five, flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2012. |
| Japanese Tit | 8 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2012. |
| Light-vented Bulbul | 6 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2012. |
| Sand Martin | 4 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2012. |
| Barn Swallow | 40 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2012. |
| House Martin sp. | 6 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2012. |
| Red-rumped Swallow | 1200 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2012. Most birds were in a series of tight flocks that ranged in size from 20-250 birds & intermittently headed south. |
| Asian Stubtail | 7 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2012. I heard a bird near the field watch point while Per saw another six in the woodland. |
| Dusky Warbler | 5 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2012. |
| Radde's Warbler | 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2012. |
| Pallas's Leaf Warbler | Per & Terry saw one at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2012. The first of the autumn. At Beidaihe, Hebei the first autumn birds in 1986, 1987, 1988 & 1989 were on the 22, 26, 27 & 25 September respectively (Williams ed. 2004). |
| Yellow-browed Warbler | 40 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2012. |
| Thick-billed Warbler | 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2012. |
| Lanceolated Warbler | 1 was heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2012. |
| Zitting Cisticola | 5 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2012. |
| Chinese Hill Babbler | 2 were heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2012. |
| White-eye sp. | 80 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2012. |
| Crested Myna | 30 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2012. |
| White-cheeked Starling | 84 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2012. Flock sizes as follows – 1, 1, 2, 7, 9, 14, 14, 16 & 20. |
| Thrush sp. | 2 separate birds were heard (& one was glimpsed) calling before dawn at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2012. |
| Common Stonechat | 8 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2012. |
| Asian Brown Flycatcher | 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2012. |
| Taiga Flycatcher | 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2012. |
| Eurasian Tree Sparrow | 10 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2012. |
| Forest Wagtail | 4 singles flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2012. |
| Eastern Yellow Wagtail | 25 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2012. |
| Grey Wagtail | 20 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2012. |
| White Wagtail | 51, including six 'Amur Wagtail' <i>M. a. leucopsis</i> , flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2012. |
| Richard's Pipit | 38 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2012. |
| Olive-backed Pipit | 759 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2012. |
| Pechora Pipit | 4 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2012. |
| Red-throated Pipit | 35 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2012. |
| Buff-bellied Pipit | 1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2012. We thought that this would have been quite an early date but, after a modicum of research, it turns out not to have been particularly remarkable. At Beidaihe, Hebei the first autumn birds in 1986, 1987 1988 were on the 26, 22 & 19 September respectively (Williams ed. 2004). |
| Brambling | 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2012. At Beidaihe, Hebei the first autumn birds in 1986, 1987, 1988 & 1989 were on the 17, 17, 20 & 28 September respectively (Williams ed. 2004). |
| Grey-capped Greenfinch | 15 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2012. Flock sizes as follows – 1, 1, 1, 2, 3, 3 & 4. |
| Common Rosefinch | 24 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2012. |
| Chinese Grosbeak | 24 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2012. Flock sizes as follows -1, 1, 2, 5, 6 & 9. |
| Yellow-breasted Bunting VU | 3 singles flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2012. |
| Black-faced Bunting | 20 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2012. |
| bunting sp. | 400 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2012. |
| passerine sp. | 3000 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2012. |

Wednesday 26 September 2012. Terry stayed on & spent all day Laotie Shan, Lushun.

The day started, as usual, at 04h45 with Terry taking a taxi from the hotel to the point. I spent most of the day at Laotieshan, catching the 16h30 bus back to the village and on to the hotel before checking out and taking a taxi to the airport for my late flight to Beijing.

The day began with a big sigh. Just as my taxi left me at the point at 05h15, I realised I had left my binoculars in my hotel room...! I had never done this before and I was fuming with myself. Without any means to return to collect them until lunchtime (there are no taxis at the point and the first bus back is at 11h00), I realised that I would need to learn to bird with just my scope and camera... Although I undoubtedly missed out on identifying a few flyover passerines, I don't think it handicapped me *too much*, although many times I instinctively reached for my absent binoculars when an interesting bird appeared...

I spent the first 3 hours at the usual watch point along the trail close to the lighthouse. There was impressive hirundine migration (mostly Red-rumped Swallows) early on but, after a heavy shower passed around 0830, visible migration almost ceased. At this point I did a brief seawatch, seeing several Streaked Shearwaters and a good number of gulls, before moving to the lighthouse compound. Here, there were many birds. There had been a fall of *phylloscopus* warblers with many Yellow-browed, Radde's and Dusky Warblers and Asian Stubtails. I spent the next 4-5 hours at the lighthouse compound and enjoyed some new birds for the trip. I tried the trails close to the lighthouse but these were strangely quiet. The density of birds was seemingly limited to the lighthouse compound. A call to the ringing station revealed that they had caught 3 Oriental Scops Owls early morning but had already released them and there were apparently no passerines in the nets.

Weather

Overcast, relatively warm (I estimated around 18°C at 05h15) and with a light wind from the south, which continued and, if anything, dropped as the day wore on. Visibility was poor and worsened, limited to 2-3 km in the afternoon. After a clear beginning to the previous night, cloud cover increased overnight and there were some showers in the early morning before dawn.

Highlights:

- new trip birds BLACK-CAPPED KINGFISHER, HAIR-CRESTED DRONGO, WHITE-THROATED ROCK THRUSH and RED-FLANKED BLUETAIL (the first three seen in a 5-minute spell while seawatching from the lighthouse compound!).
- double figures of ASIAN STUBTAIL
- More than 60 YELLOW-BROWED WARBLERS around the lighthouse compound
- BULL-HEADED SHRIKE
- good RED-RUMPED SWALLOW passage including 401 between 0530-0600, 448 between 0600-0630 and 347 between 0630-0700.

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| Common Pheasant | 7 (6 females and 1 male) at Laotie Shan on 26/9/2012. |
| Streaked Shearwater | 18 off the point early morning at Laotie Shan on 26/9/2012. |
| Black-crowned Night Heron | 1 at dawn went down into bushes at the point at Laotie Shan on 26/9/2012. |
| Chinese Pond Heron | 1 west from the lighthouse at Laotie Shan on 26/9/2012. |
| Little Egret | 1 east from the lighthouse at Laotie Shan on 26/9/2012. |
| Eurasian Kestrel | 3 flew south at Laotie Shan on 26/9/2012. |
| Amur Falcon | 15 at Laotie Shan on 26/9/2012. |
| Hobby | 2 at Laotie Shan on 26/9/2012. |
| Peregrine | 3 (2 adults and 1 juvenile) loafing in the area all day at Laotie Shan on 26/9/2012. |
| Oriental Honey Buzzard | 78 (4 @ 06h11 being the first) at Laotie Shan on 26/9/2012. |
| Black Kite | 1 at Laotie Shan on 26/9/2012. |
| Eastern Marsh Harrier | 2, a pair @ 06h23, at Laotie Shan on 26/9/2012. |
| Japanese Sparrowhawk | 8 at Laotie Shan on 26/9/2012. |
| Eurasian Sparrowhawk | 17 at Laotie Shan on 26/9/2012. |
| Northern Goshawk | 2 juveniles at Laotie Shan on 26/9/2012. |
| Snipe sp | 2 south at Laotie Shan on 26/9/2012. |
| Common Sandpiper | 1 on rocks at Laotie Shan on 26/9/2012. |
| Black-tailed Gull | 250 at Laotie Shan on 26/9/2012. |
| Common Gull | 2 adults at Laotie Shan on 26/9/2012. |
| Mongolian Gull | 12 (6 adults, 6 juveniles/first winters) at Laotie Shan on 26/9/2012. |
| Siberian (Heuglin's Gull) | 2 adults at Laotie Shan on 26/9/2012. |
| Black-headed Gull | 1 adult at Laotie Shan on 26/9/2012. |
| Oriental Turtle Dove | 6 at Laotie Shan on 26/9/2012. |
| Spotted Dove | 2 at Laotie Shan on 26/9/2012. |
| [Oriental Scops Owl | 3 were ringed at the ringing station at Laotie Shan on 26/9/2012]. |
| Black-capped Kingfisher | 1 in trees at the seawatching point at the lighthouse at Laotie Shan on 26/9/2012. The first of the autumn. (Terry Townshend) |
| Ashy Minivet | 915 at Laotie Shan on 26/9/2012. These involved 13 between 0530-0600, 143 between 0600-0630, 278 between 0630-0700, 58 between 0700-0730, 230 between 0730-0800 and 193 the rest of the day. |
| Bull-headed Shrike | 1 at the visible migration watchpoint at Laotie Shan on 26/9/2012. |
| Black-naped Oriole | 1 flew north at Laotie Shan on 26/9/2012. |
| Hair-crested Drongo | 1 at the seawatching point at Laotie Shan on 26/9/2012. The first of the autumn. (Terry Townshend) |
| Common Magpie | 46 emerged from the roost early morning at Laotie Shan on 26/9/2012. |
| Japanese Tit | 12 at Laotie Shan on 26/9/2012. |
| Yellow-bellied Tit | 2 heard at Laotie Shan on 26/9/2012. |
| Hirundine sp. | 2000 mostly Red-rumped Swallow at Laotie Shan on 26/9/2012. 401 were counted between 0530-0600, 448 between 0600-0630, 347 between 0630-0700, 481 between 0700-0730 and 239 between 0730-0800. Many more during the day but at a much slower rate. |

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| Chinese Hill Babbler | 2 at the point at Laotie Shan on 26/9/2012. |
| Asian Stubtail | 11, at least, at Laotie Shan on 26/9/2012. (Terry Townshend) |
| Bush Warbler sp (probably David's) | 1 responded to 'pishing' near the seawatching point at Laotie Shan on 26/9/2012. |
| Lanceolated Warbler | 2 at Laotie Shan on 26/9/2012. |
| Thick-billed Warbler | 2 at Laotie Shan on 26/9/2012. |
| Dusky Warbler | 13 at Laotie Shan on 26/9/2012. |
| Radde's Warbler | 23, at least, at the point at Laotie Shan on 26/9/2012. (Terry Townshend) |
| Pallas's Leaf Warbler | 1 in the lighthouse garden at Laotie Shan on 26/9/2012. |
| Yellow-browed Warbler | 63 around the lighthouse garden at Laotie Shan on 26/9/2012. |
| Pale-legged/Sakhalin Leaf Warbler | 1 seen and heard at Laotie Shan on 26/9/2012. |
| Vinous-throated Parrotbill | c18 in one flock at Laotie Shan on 26/9/2012. |
| Chestnut-flanked White-eye | 3 at the seawatching point at Laotie Shan on 26/9/2012. |
| White-eye sp | 230 flew over at Laotie Shan on 26/9/2012. |
| small thrush sp | 1 at dawn at Laotie Shan on 26/9/2012. |
| Siberian Rubythroat | 11 at Laotie Shan on 26/9/2012. (Terry Townshend) |
| Red-flanked Bluetail | 1 at Laotie Shan on 26/9/2012. The first of the autumn. (Terry Townshend) |
| Siberian Stonechat | 4 at Laotie Shan on 26/9/2012. |
| White-throated Rock Thrush | 1 male at the seawatching point at Laotie Shan on 26/9/2012. The first of the autumn. (Terry Townshend) |
| Mugimaki Flycatcher | 1 male at the seawatching point at Laotie Shan on 26/9/2012. |
| Tree Sparrow | Lots at Laotie Shan on 26/9/2012. |
| Grey Wagtail | 9 at Laotie Shan on 26/9/2012. |
| White Wagtail | 12 including one possible <i>baicalensis</i> at Laotie Shan on 26/9/2012. |
| Richard's Pipit | 4 at Laotie Shan on 26/9/2012. |
| Olive-backed Pipit | 86 at Laotie Shan on 26/9/2012. |
| Red-throated Pipit | 2 at Laotie Shan on 26/9/2012. |
| Oriental Greenfinch | 3 at Laotie Shan on 26/9/2012. |
| Common Rosefinch | 2 at Laotie Shan on 26/9/2012. |
| Black-faced Bunting | 5 at Laotie Shan on 26/9/2012. |
| Bunting sp | 65 at Laotie Shan on 26/9/2012. |

BIRD LIST

Four figures are given in parentheses - the first two of these figures details how many days out of 23, that particular species was seen in southern Liaoning. The third figure notes the highest daily count and the fourth the number of bird-days. Hence the entry for Common Pheasant reads (19/22 5 43) - birds were noted on 19 of the 21 days, with up to five individuals on any one date and with a total of 43 bird-days.

Names, order and taxonomy follow the IOC World Bird Names accessed on-line on 15 Sept. 2011.

JAPANESE QUAIL *Coturnix japonica* NT 鹌鹑

(2/22 2 3)

Tom flushed one at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 16/9/2012.

2 singles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 22/9/2012.

COMMON PHEASANT *Phasianus colchicus* 雉鸡

(20/22 7 50)

3, two females one of which was accompanied by a half-grown chick, at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/9/2012.

2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/9/2012.

3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/9/2012.

2 were heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/9/2012.

2 were heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/9/2012.

2 were heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/9/2012.

1 was heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/9/2012.

1 was heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/9/2012.

3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/9/2012.

4 were heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 16/9/2012.

2 were heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 17/9/2012.

2 were heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 18/9/2012.

3 were heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 19/9/2012.

5 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 20/9/2012.

2 were heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 21/9/2012.

1 was heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 22/9/2012.

1 was heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 23/9/2012.

3 were heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2012.

1 was heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2012.

7 (6 females and 1 male) at Laotie Shan on 26/9/2012.

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

(1/22 5 5)

5 'Bean Geese', almost certainly Tundra Bean Geese, flew west at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 05h44 on the 25/9/2012. An early date - none were recorded at Beidaihe, Hebei in September during comprehensive surveys there in the late 1980s (Williams ed. 2004).

RUDDY SHELDUCK *Tadorna ferruginea* 赤麻鸭

(1/22 1 1)

1 flew north, inland & past the field watch point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/9/2012.

EURASIAN WIGEON *Anas penelope* 赤颈鸭

(1/22 3 3)

3 flew west, with a group of eight other ducks that were probably Mallard, off the point at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 12h11 on the 24/9/2012.

MALLARD *Anas platyrhynchos* 绿头鸭

(3/22 8 10)

1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/9/2012.

1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/9/2012.

8 on the tidal mudflats near Lushun Naval Base & the New Era Grand Hotel, Lushun on the 13/9/2012.

In addition 8 ducks, probably this species and not Chinese Spot-billed Duck, flew west off the point at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 12h11 on the 24/9/2012.

CHINESE SPOT-BILLED DUCK *Anas zonorhyncha* 斑嘴鸭

(1/22 1 1)

1 flew west off the point at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 07h50 on the 18/9/2012.

STREAKED SHEARWATER *Calonectris leucomelas* 白额鹱

(11/22 1605 3274)

468 during the six hour sea watch off the point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/9/2012. Almost all of these were seen flying west and in to Bohai Sea (the small number, less than ten in total, that went in the opposite direction were subtracted from the final tally). It's perfectly plausible that these shearwaters were making a large loop out at sea and that the total number involved was much less than this – but I saw no evidence of this. The highest number of birds that were in view at any one time was about 65 in the early morning with a similar number again between 14h30 & 15h00.

1605 during the 4.5 hour sea watch off the point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/9/2012. Just like yesterday almost all of these were seen flying west and in to Bohai Sea (the small number, less than ten in total, that went in the opposite direction were subtracted from the final tally). It's perfectly plausible that these shearwaters were making a large loop out at sea and that the total number involved was much less than this – but I saw no evidence of this. The highest number of birds that were in view at any one time was about 300 between 06h00 & 06h30.

462 during the 3.5 hour sea watch off the point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/9/2012.

120 sitting on the sea off Chen Jia cun fishing harbour, Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/9/2012. 84 birds were seen in a single pan across the sea at 06h25 with 120 there exactly one hour later.

10 over the sea off Chen Jia cun fishing harbour, Laotie Shan, Lushun on 16/9/2012.

106 flew west during the two hour, mid-morning, sea watch off the point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 17/9/2012.

420 flew west during the eight hour sea watch off the point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 18/9/2012.

2 over the sea off at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 21/9/2012.

15 in the bay off Chen Jia cun fishing harbour, Laotie Shan, Lushun on 22/9/2012.

45 over the sea off Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 23/9/2012. Just three of these were seen in the early morning while Terry counted 42 in a five minute period (16h30-16h35) in the late afternoon.

3 over the sea at Laotie Shan, Lushun at about 05h50 on the 25/9/2012.

18 off the point early morning at Laotie Shan on 26/9/2012.

SHORT-TAILED SHEARWATER *Puffinus tenuirostris* 短尾鹱

(4/22 11 14)

Three sightings of a single bird or birds during the six hour sea watch off the point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/9/2012. All encounters were with birds flying west past the headland and in to Bohai Sea with the first sighting being at 10h45, the second at 12h03 & the third, and by far the best, at 14h28. It's impossible to know if this involved one bird or as many as three different individuals – but my guess would be the latter. The first record for Liaoning.

Just like yesterday I had three sightings of a single bird or birds during the 4.5 hour sea watch off the point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/9/2012. All encounters were with birds flying west past the headland and in to Bohai Sea with the first sighting being at 07h19, the second at 07h59 & the third at 09h42. Also just like yesterday It's impossible to know if this involved one bird or as many as three different individuals.

1 during the 3.5 hour sea watch off the point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/9/2012. It flew west & into Bohai Sea at 06h27.

11 sightings involving anywhere between two and 11 different birds, flying west during the eight hour sea watch off the point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 18/9/2012. The first bird was seen at 08h12 and there were subsequent sightings at 11h08, 11h29, 12h15, 12h51 13h06, 13h25 & then regularly until I left at 15h00. A surprising series of records considering that this was a new species for Liaoning less than one week previously. Birds were photographed on two occasions.



Short-tailed Shearwater – Laotie Shan 18 Sept. 2012

LITTLE GREBE *Tachybaptus ruficollis* 小鸕鶿

(1/22 4 4)

4, an adult & three almost fully grown fledglings, on the small ornamental pond south of the Snake Museum on the edge of Lushun on the 13/9/2012.

GREAT CRESTED GREBE *Podiceps cristatus* 凤头鸕鶿

(1/22 1 1)

1 flew west & in to Bohai Sea during the sea watch off the point at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 06h52 on the 13/9/2012.

GREAT BITTERN *Botaurus stellaris* 大麻鶿

(1/22 7 7)

7 calling birds flew high to the south at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 05h22 (16 minutes before sunrise) on the 17/9/2012.

YELLOW BITTERN *Ixobrychus sinensis* 黄苇鶿

(1/22 1 1)

1 flew past the field watch point before crashing in to cover at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 16/9/2012. What was almost certainly the same bird was seen by Tom & Stephen down the 'coastal gully trail' mid-afternoon.

VON SCHRENCK'S BITTERN *Ixobrychus eurhythmus* 紫背苇鶿

(1/22 1 1)

1 flew past the field migration watch point at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 05h15 on the 12/9/2012. What was almost certainly the same bird was flushed from the trail there just over three hours later.

SMALL BITTERN SP. *Ixobrychus sp.*

(1/22 6 6)

6 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 05h16 (over half-an-hour before official sunrise) on the 24/9/2012.

BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERON *Nycticorax nycticorax* 夜鹭

(3/22 4 6)

4 came in off the sea & flew north at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 05h13 (17 minutes before sun rise) on the 9/9/2012.

1 was heard over the field watch point at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 05h36 on the 10/9/2012.

1 at dawn went down into bushes at the point at Laotie Shan on 26/9/2012.

STRIATED HERON *Butorides striata* 绿鹭

(1/22 1 1)

1 came in off the sea at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/9/2012.

CHINESE POND HERON *Ardeola bacchus* 池鹭

(2/22 3 4)

3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/9/2012.

1 west from the lighthouse at Laotie Shan on 26/9/2012.

GREY HERON *Ardea cinerea* 苍鹭

(13/22 21 56)

21 on the tidal mudflats near Lushun Naval Base & the New Era Grand Hotel, Lushun on the 5/9/2012.

4 flew south, only to turn back north later, at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/9/2012.

5, a single and then a flock of four, flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/9/2012. The first bird was heard at 05h10 (20 minutes before sunrise) while the flock of four was seen at 07h17.

4 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/9/2012. The first bird was heard at 07h11 while three birds flew high to the southeast at 09h11.

3 in a small canalised river near a new housing development ('New England') on the Lushun side of Tieshan zhen on the 12/9/2012.

3 in Lushun on the 13/9/2012 – the first came in off the sea at Laotie Shan while the other two were on the tidal mudflats near Lushun Naval Base & the New Era Grand Hotel later in the day.

4 came in off the sea at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 16/9/2012. The first bird came in off at 05h28, two more at 07h10 & the fourth & final bird at 07h11.

1 flew west low over the water during the two hour sea watch off the point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 17/9/2012.

1 near Tieshan zhen, Lushun on the 19/9/2012.

3 on the tidal mudflats near Lushun Naval Base & the New Era Grand Hotel on the 20/9/2012.

1 near Tieshan zhen, Lushun on the 21/9/2012.

4 near Tieshan zhen, Lushun on the 22/9/2012.

2 in Lushun on the 25/9/2012. The first came in off the sea over Chen Jia cun fishing harbour, Laotie Shan at 05h55 while the other was in a small canalised

river channel at Tieshan zhen.

PURPLE HERON *Ardea purpurea* 草鹭

(1/22 2 2)

2 flew south, with two Great Egrets, at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 05h31 (20 minutes before sunrise) on the 25/9/2012.

LARGE HERON SP. *Ardea cinerea* or *A. purpurea*

(2/22 7 9)

7 flew south at Laotie Shan at 09h37 on the 11/9/2012.

2 birds, probably Purple Herons, flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 05h43 on the 24/9/2012.

GREAT EGRET *Ardea alba* 大白鹭

(9/22 11 36)

11 on the tidal mudflats near Lushun Naval Base & the New Era Grand Hotel, Lushun on the 5/9/2012.

8 on the tidal mudflats near Lushun Naval Base & the New Era Grand Hotel, Lushun on the 13/9/2012.

3 near Tieshan zhen, Lushun on the 16/9/2012.

1 near Tieshan zhen, Lushun on the 17/9/2012.

1 near Tieshan zhen, Lushun on the 18/9/2012.

1 near Tieshan zhen, Lushun on the 19/9/2012.

4 near Tieshan zhen, Lushun on the 21/9/2012.

5 near Tieshan zhen, Lushun on the 22/9/2012.

2 flew south, with two Purple Herons, at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 05h31 (20 minutes before sunrise) on the 25/9/2012.

LITTLE EGRET *Egretta garzetta* 白鹭

(11/22 69 146)

56 on the tidal mudflats near Lushun Naval Base & the New Era Grand Hotel, Lushun on the 5/9/2012.

2 near Lushun Naval Base on the 8/9/2012.

6 in a small canalised river near a new housing development ('New England') on the Lushun side of Tieshan zhen on the 12/9/2012.

69 in Lushun on the 13/9/2012. The first three were in a small canalised river near a new housing development ('New England') on the Lushun side of

Tieshan zhen while the other 66 were on the tidal mudflats near Lushun Naval Base & the New Era Grand Hotel, Lushun later in the day.

1 near Tieshan zhen, Lushun on the 16/9/2012.

2 near Tieshan zhen, Lushun on the 17/9/2012.

2 near Tieshan zhen, Lushun on the 18/9/2012.

3 near Tieshan zhen, Lushun on the 19/9/2012.

1 near Tieshan zhen, Lushun on the 22/9/2012.

2 near Lushun town on the 25/9/2012.

1 east from the lighthouse at Laotie Shan on 26/9/2012.

GREAT or JAPANESE CORMORANT *Phalacrocorax carbo* or *P. capillatus* 普通鸬鹚 or 暗绿背鸬鹚

(4/22 7 13)

1 flew past the field watch point at Laotie Shan. Lushun at 05h32 on the 10/9/2012.

1 flew east in to Bohai Sea at Laotie Shan at 08h40 on the 11/9/2012.

7 flew west off the point at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 09h40 on the 18/9/2012.

4 birds flew high to the west at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 20/9/2012. Three went at 06h32 with the fourth at 07h44.

WESTERN OSPREY *Pandion haliaetus* 鸢

(6/22 2 8)

2 separate juveniles flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/9/2012.

1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 07h41 on the 17/9/2012.

2 singles flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 20/9/2012. The first was at 13h20 with the second bird hot on its heels two minutes later.

1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 06h19 on the 21/9/2012.

1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 09h31 on the 23/9/2012.

1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2012.

ORIENTAL HONEY-BUZZARD *Pernis ptilorhynchus* 凤头蜂鹰

(21/22 1181 4313)

Honey-buzzard migration at Laotie Shan undoubtedly commences in late August, as it does in Beijing, but it is the last week of September before the peak occurs. Tom Beeke's 'big Oriental Honey-buzzard day' at Laotie Shan in 2010 was on the 27

September while our largest count in 2011 was of 1035 on our very first day on site, the 24 September. This year's highest count was on a very similar scale and at a very similar time – 1181 birds on the 23 September. Rather few birds are seen after the end of the first week of October – but birds probably continue to trickle through at least until the third week of that month.

Several Oriental Honey-buzzards have been fitted with satellite trackers and their migration routes monitored – see http://hachi.sfc.keio.ac.jp/home_e.html

- 1 flew over Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/9/2012.
- 261 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/9/2012. The first three birds were seen at 07h52.
- 109 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/9/2012. The first birds (three) were seen at 06h18 with another just ten minutes later – all four of these had probably roosted overnight nearby
- 51 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/9/2012. The first bird was seen at 06h49.
- 22 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/9/2012. The first birds (nine) were seen at 06h55.
- 45 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/9/2012. The first bird, a single, was seen at 08h39, and all the birds I saw today just loafed about, circling around and around, drifting north before coming back and none of them appeared to be making much effort to leave.
- 90 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/9/2012. Birds made repeated efforts to leave the peninsula only to slowly drift back not much later...
- 27 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/9/2012. They circled higher and higher but probably eventually drifted off north.
- 84 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/9/2012.
- 38 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/9/2012. The first was seen at 05h50.
- 305 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 16/9/2012. The first bird was seen at 05h29.
- 446 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 17/9/2012. The first birds (four) were seen at 05h32 and within the following half-hour period total of 68 birds headed south and out over the sea. 446 were counted heading south in the first 3.5 hours but passage stopped with the strengthening of the north-north-west wind. Subsequently modest numbers of birds (46) were seen heading back in off the sea in the late morning (11h00-12h00). Surprisingly the latter were actually coming in from very high up & almost from directly due east!
- 142 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 18/9/2012. The first birds (six) were seen at 05h39 & passage had effectively ceased one hour later.
- 199 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 19/9/2012. The first birds (five) flew south at 05h51. Just 17 birds were aged – and this yielded six adults and 11 juveniles.
- 259 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 20/9/2012. The first bird was seen at 05h53.
- 446 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 21/9/2012. I noted the ages of 68 different birds and there were 16 adults (24%) & 52 (76%) juveniles.
- 10 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 22/9/2012.
- 1181 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 23/9/2012. The first bird was seen at 05h58 & passage was fairly low key and steady from 07h30 until 15h15. Several birds were seen returning in the later afternoon. I noted the ages of just 48 birds & there were ten adults (21%) & 38 (79%) juveniles.
- 252 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2012. The first two birds were seen at 05h37 & there were 55 in the air around the point by 05h54. I noted the ages of just 17 birds (15 juveniles & two adults).
- 267 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2012. I noted the ages of just nine birds – seven juveniles & two adults and the first birds (two juveniles) were seen at 05h39 (12 minutes before sunrise).
- 78 (4 @ 06h11 being the first) at Laotie Shan on 26/9/2012.



Oriental Honey-buzzard –an adult male Laotie Shan 20 Sept. 2012



Oriental Honey-buzzard – juvenile Laotie Shan 21 Sept. 2012

BLACK KITE *Milvus migrans lineatus* 黑鸢

(15/22 34 110)

Autumn Black Kite migration through Laotie Shan starts in early September (if not before) and probably peaks in the three weeks between the last week of September – first half of October. More than ten times as many birds were noted moving south during a similar length of time (23 days) between 24 September and 16 October 2011.

1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/9/2012.

5, a pair and later a group of three, flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/9/2012.

1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/9/2012.

2 flew south together at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 07h57 on the 8/9/2012.

1 drifted slowly south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/9/2012.

Tom & Stephen saw one flying south at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 06h17 on 16/9/2012.

1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 07h54 on the 17/9/2012.

2 singles flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 18/9/2012. The first was at 05h41 & the second at about 15h45.

9 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 19/9/2012. Two flew south at 05h58, singles at 06h03 & 06h42, two at 07h05, one at 07h08 & four at 09h23.

26 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 20/9/2012. Flock sizes as follows – 1, 2, 3, 5, 5 & 10.

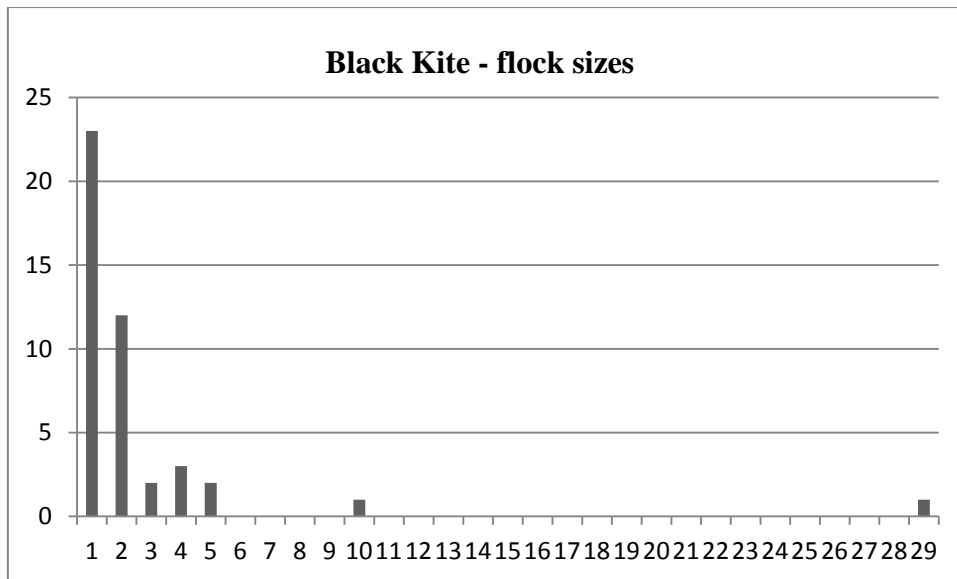
34 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 21/9/2012. The first bird was seen at 05h48 & flock sizes were as follows – 1, 1, 1, 1 & 29.

14 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 23/9/2012. Flock sizes as follows – 1, 1, 1, 1, 2, 2, 2 & 4.

2 flew south together at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 05h28 (22 minutes before sunrise) on the 24/9/2012. It was still fairly dark when we saw them – and they must have roosted locally. What were probably the same two birds were still present around the point almost one hour later.

8 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2012. The first birds were seen at 05h43 & flock sizes as follows – 1, 1, 2 & 4.

1 at Laotie Shan on 26/9/2012.



EASTERN MARSH HARRIER *Circus spilonotus* 白腹鷗

(6/22 2 7)

- 1 juvenile flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/9/2012.
- 1 juvenile flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/9/2012.
- 1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/9/2012.
- 1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/9/2012.
- 1 adult male flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 20/9/2012.
- 2, a pair @ 06h23, at Laotie Shan on 26/9/2012.

PIED HARRIER *Circus melanoleucos* 鹊鷗

(18/22 30 144)

Judging from the rather small numbers of harriers seen passing Laotie Shan in autumn it's probably safe to assume that most avoid crossing the Bohai Sea by migrating further west. Large numbers of Pied Harriers in particular have been observed passing Beidaihe, Hebei in the first week of September (see Williams 2004)

- 1 juvenile flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/9/2012.
- 15 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/9/2012. The first bird of the day was a juvenile at 08h29 & this age group was responsible for two-thirds of the day's encounters. Two adult males & one near adult were also logged.
- 27, including 12 birds that were aged/sexed (10 juveniles & just two adult males with no adult females), flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/9/2012. The first bird was seen at 06h05.
- 30 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/9/2012. The first bird was seen at 05h16 – a full 14 minutes before official sunrise! Six birds were seen well enough to age & these were juveniles.
- 3 singles flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/9/2012. The first bird was at 05h22 (eight minutes before sun rise).
- 2 singles flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/9/2012. Both were seen well before official sunrise with the first being at 05h15 & the second just five minutes later.
- 24 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/9/2012. The first birds (3) were seen at 05h30 and as with all the birds seen early in the day this week they appeared over the military installation ridge. As the morning progressed new birds appeared – and all came down the low lying coastal strip to the west and not down the ridge line. This has also been a feature of the last week where the first birds of the day appear along the ridge even before sunrise (& had presumably roosted there overnight) while later in the day new birds appear that have been following the low-lying western coast.
- 6 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/9/2012.
- 2 singles flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/9/2012.
- 3 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/9/2012.
- 1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/9/2012.
- 5, four of which flew south & an adult male that didn't, at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 16/9/2012. The first three birds were seen at 05h43, a fourth at 05h51 & the final bird, the adult male at 13h20.
- 1, possibly 2, singles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 17/9/2012. A bird came in off the sea at 05h35 while it, or another, flew south at 07h42.
- 2 singles flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 19/9/2012.
- 2 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 20/9/2012.
- 1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 21/9/2012.
- 12 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 23/9/2012. Two adult females were seen – the first time I'd seen that age/sex group.
- 6 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2012.

HARRIER SP. *Circus sp.*

(7/22 4 12)

1 flew over at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/9/2012.
1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/9/2012.
1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/9/2012.
4 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/9/2012.
1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 18/9/2012.
1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 06h06 on the 19/9/2012.
3 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2012. The first two birds were seen at 05h26 (25 minutes before sunrise) with the other was almost 20 minutes later.

CHINESE SPARROWHAWK *Accipiter soloensis* 赤腹鷹

(2/22 3 4)

Clearly a very early autumn migrant through Laotie Shan – with the bulk of what's probably probably a modest passage occurring in August.

3 separate adults flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/9/2012. The first bird did so at 07h56.
1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 23/9/2012.

JAPANESE SPARROWHAWK *Accipiter gularis* 日本松雀鷹

(22/22 446 938)

It's quite possible that there are two peaks in the passage of Japanese Sparrowhawks with adults in the first week of September and juveniles in the last week of that month.

3 singles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/9/2012.
446 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/9/2012. Six Eurasian Sparrowhawks and 40 other unidentified accipiters (that were most likely mostly also Japanese Sparrowhawks) were also logged today. A remarkable count & probably a Chinese record.
29 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/9/2012.
64 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/9/2012.
6 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/9/2012.
10 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/9/2012. The first bird was seen at 05h16 – a full 15 minutes before sunrise!
43 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/9/2012. The first bird was seen at 05h22.
19 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/9/2012.
15 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/9/2012.
15 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/9/2012.
25 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/9/2012. Most of these, including a single adult, flew south but eight were caught at the Xiao Dong Gou ringing station during the time I was there (11h45-15h30). Eight is a high number for this ringing station.
27 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 16/9/2012.
24 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 17/9/2012.
1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 18/9/2012.
3 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 19/9/2012.
34 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 20/9/2012. 33 of these flew south while another, a juvenile, was caught at the Xiao Dong Gou ringing station.
15 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 21/9/2012. All of those aged (10+ birds) were juveniles.
3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 22/9/2012.
47 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 23/9/2012.
14 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2012. At least three different adults, the first for several days, were seen.
87 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2012. The vast majority of birds, as they have been throughout my stay since the start of September, were juveniles with just four adults being seen. We were all very surprised that, this late in the season we saw more than twice as many Japanese as we saw Eurasian Sparrowhawks today.
8 at Laotie Shan on 26/9/2012.

EURASIAN SPARROWHAWK *Accipiter nisus* 雀鷹

(19/22 77 405)

1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/9/2012.
6 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/9/2012.
2 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/9/2012.
2 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/9/2012. The first bird was seen at 05h20 – a full 11 minutes before sunrise!
1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/9/2012.
1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/9/2012.
20 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/9/2012.
5 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/9/2012.
17 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 16/9/2012.
39 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 17/9/2012. Today was the first day that Eurasian outnumbered Japanese Sparrowhawk – a trend that we expected to continue for the remainder of the autumn (but see the counts made on the 25th September where the number of Japanese easily outnumbered those of Eurasian).
12 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 18/9/2012.
21 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 19/9/2012.
77 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 20/9/2012.
36 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 21/9/2012.
5 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 22/9/2012.

73 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 23/9/2012.

29 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2012. 27 of these flew south near the point with the first three birds being seen at 05h34 – a full 16 minutes before sunrise. Another two birds, two remarkably differently plumaged juveniles, were seen in the hand at the Xiao Dong Gou ringing station.

41 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2012.

17 at Laotie Shan on 26/9/2012.



Two remarkably different juvenile Eurasian Sparrowhawks – Laotie Shan 24 Sept. 2012

NORTHERN GOSHAWK *Accipiter gentilis* 苍鹰

(10/22 10 36)

Between one and eight juveniles, but no adults, were seen almost daily after the first on the 14th Sept. None were seen heading out to sea – and there's undoubtedly some duplication in these sightings.

1 juvenile was seen several times around the point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/9/2012.

1 juvenile flew south at Laotie Shan at 09h22 on the 15/9/2012. Tom Beeke saw his first Northern Goshawk at Jinshitan about an hour's drive north of Laotie Shan today.

- 1 juvenile at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 16/9/2012.
 1 juvenile flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 07h26 on the 17/9/2012.
 8 juveniles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 20/9/2012. Several of these moved south during the morning, but several others didn't and it soon became difficult to distinguish new arrivals that were actually migrating from the two or three birds that were intermittently present at the point. Eight seems a reasonable, and conservative estimate. One was seen chasing a Common Pheasant at Xiao Dong Gou in the late afternoon.
 4 juveniles flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 21/9/2012.
 7 juveniles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 23/9/2012.
 5 juveniles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2012. The first bird was seen at 05h35 (15 minutes before sunrise).
 4 juveniles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2012.
 2 juveniles at Laotie Shan on 26/9/2012.

ACCIPITER SP.

(14/22 85 339)

- 40 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/9/2012.
 5 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/9/2012.
 11 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/9/2012.
 10 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/9/2012.
 21 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 16/9/2012.
 38 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 17/9/2012.
 15 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 18/9/2012.
 67 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 19/9/2012.
 26 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 20/9/2012.
 4 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 21/9/2012.
 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 22/9/2012.
 85 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 23/9/2012.
 6 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2012.
 9 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2012.

EASTERN BUZZARD *Buteo japonicus* 喜山鵟

(4/22 7 15)

- 4 singles flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 20/9/2012. These were my first of the autumn.
 7 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 23/9/2012.
 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2012.
 3 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2012.

UPLAND BUZZARD *Buteo hemilasius* 大鵟

(1/22 1 1)

- 1 drifted slowly south before heading back north at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 12h18 on the 19/9/2012. This was my first sighting of any species of buzzard at Laotie Shan this autumn and was likely an unusually early sighting of Upland.

COMMON KESTREL *Falco tinnunculus* 红隼

(202 11 73)

- 11 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/9/2012.
 7 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/9/2012.
 2 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/9/2012.
 2 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/9/2012.
 1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/9/2012.
 1 flew south at Laotie Shan at 05h15 on the 11/9/2012.
 2 singles flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/9/2012.
 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/9/2012.
 2 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/9/2012.
 2 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/9/2012.
 3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 16/9/2012.
 5 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 17/9/2012.
 8 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 18/9/2012.
 3 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 19/9/2012.
 1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 20/9/2012.
 6 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 21/9/2012.
 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 22/9/2012.
 5 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 23/9/2012.
 7 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2012.
 3 flew south at Laotie Shan on 26/9/2012.

AMUR FALCON *Falco amurensis* 红脚隼

(20/22 34 178)

28 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/9/2012. Perhaps as many as half of these were actively migrating and were seen heading out to sea, the other half were simply blogging around the point.

24 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/9/2012.
1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/9/2012.
1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/9/2012.
3 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/9/2012.
5 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/9/2012.
2 singles flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/9/2012.
1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/9/2012.
29 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/9/2012.
5 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/9/2012.
13 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 16/9/2012.
2 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 17/9/2012.
2 singles came back in off the sea at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 18/9/2012.
1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 19/9/2012.
5 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 20/9/2012.
3 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 21/9/2012.
2 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 23/9/2012.
2 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2012.
34 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2012.
15 at Laotie Shan on 26/9/2012.

EURASIAN HOBBY *Falco subbuteo* 燕隼

(22/22 14 87)

2 singles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/9/2012.
4 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/9/2012.
5 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/9/2012.
4 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/9/2012.
5 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/9/2012. The first bird was at 05h15 (15 minutes before sun rise).
2 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/9/2012.
1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/9/2012.
1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/9/2012.
1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/9/2012.
2 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/9/2012.
3 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/9/2012.
10 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 16/9/2012.
2 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 17/9/2012.
2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 18/9/2012.
2 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 19/9/2012.
3 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 20/9/2012.
7 birds, all juveniles, flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 21/9/2012.
2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 22/9/2012.
14, including just one adult, flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 23/9/2012.
7 birds, all juveniles, flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2012. The first was seen at 05h32 (18 minutes before sunrise).
6 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2012.
2 at Laotie Shan on 26/9/2012.

AMUR FALCON *Falco amurensis* or EURASIAN HOBBY *Falco subbuteo*

(15/22 11 52)

6 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/9/2012.
4 singles flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/9/2012.
2 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/9/2012.
1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 05h19 on the 10/9/2012.
4 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/9/2012.
1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/9/2012.
3 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/9/2012.
3 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/9/2012.
5 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/9/2012. The first was seen at 05h29.
11 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 16/9/2012.
2 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 17/9/2012.
2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 18/9/2012.
1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 20/9/2012.
4 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 23/9/2012.
3 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2012.

PEREGRINE FALCON *Falco peregrinus* 游隼

(21/22 5 51)

2 separate juveniles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/9/2012.
4 juveniles (two males that were seen together & a separate female) flew at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/9/2012.
5 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/9/2012.

- 3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/9/2012.
- 2 flew south at Laotie Shan. Lushun on the 10/9/2012.
- 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/9/2012.
- 1 adult at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/9/2012.
- 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/9/2012.
- 1 juvenile flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/9/2012.
- 1 juvenile at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/9/2012.
- 4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 16/9/2012.
- 2 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 17/9/2012.
- 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 18/9/2012.
- 2 juveniles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 19/9/2012.
- 3, two adults that were together and a juvenile, flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 20/9/2012.
- 3 an adult male and at least two juveniles, at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 21/9/2012.
- 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 22/9/2012.
- 4, two adults and at least two juveniles, flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 23/9/2012.
- 3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2012. The first bird, an adult, was seen at 05h24 (26 minutes before sunrise)
- 4, two adults & two juveniles, at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2012. They were quite possibly a family and the same birds that we had been seeing in the area for the last three weeks.
- 3 (2 adults and 1 juvenile) loafing in the area all day at Laotie Shan on 26/9/2012.



Three images of a juvenile *calidus* Peregrine

WHITE-BREASTED WATERHEN *Amaurornis phoenicurus* 白胸苦恶鸟

(1/22 1 1)

1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/9/2012. It was in the tiny marsh besides Chen Jia cun.

COMMON MOORHEN *Gallinula chloropus* 黑水鸡

(3/22 7 9)

7, two adults & five first years, in the small marsh near the Snake Museum on the southern edge of Lushun town on the 13/9/2012. In addition a freshly dead road casualty was seen near the bus terminus at Laotie Shan.

1 first year in the small pool right besides Chen Jia cun fishing harbour, Laotie Shan, Lushun on 18/9/2012. It was a striking looking partial albino with extensive white scapulars as well as scattered white feathers in its mantle, chest and belly.

1 on the sea off the point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2012.

YELLOW-LEGGED BUTTONQUAIL *Turnix tanki* 黄脚三趾鹑

(1/22 1 1)

1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/9/2012. It flew in to scrub right besides the field watch point, stayed for a few seconds before flying off again.

EURASIAN WOODCOCK *Scolopax rusticola* 丘鹑

(1/22 1 1)

1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2012.

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

(1/22 1 1)

1 was seen several times at the Quan Shui Wetland, Dalian on the 22/9/2012.

COMMON SNIPE *Gallinago gallinago* 扇尾沙锥

(1/22 1 1)

1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/9/2012.

SNIPE SP. *Gallinago sp.*

(4/22 6 10)

1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/9/2012.

6 flew high to the south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/9/2012.

1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2012.

2 south at Laotie Shan on 26/9/2012.

WHIMBREL *Numenius phaeopus* 中杓鹑

(1/22 2 2)

2 on the tidal mudflats near Lushun Naval Base & the New Era Grand Hotel, Lushun on the 5/9/2012.

EASTERN CURLEW *Numenius madagascariensis* VU 大杓鹑

(1/22 3 3)

3 flew west & into Bohai Sea at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 05h47 on the 14/9/2012.

GREEN SANDPIPER *Tringa ochropus* 白腰草鹑

(3/22 1 3)

1 was heard in the bay near the fishing harbour (Chen Jia cun) at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/9/2012.

1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 05h40 on 16/9/2012.

1 flew west during the two hour, mid-morning, sea watch off the point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 17/9/2012.

COMMON SANDPIPER *Actitis hypoleucos* 矶鹑

(4/22 1 4)

1 was heard in the bay near the fishing harbour (Chen Jia cun) at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/9/2012.

1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/9/2012.
1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 22/9/2012.
1 on rocks at Laotie Shan on 26/9/2012.

PHALAROPE SP.

[1 bird, probably a phalarope, flew west & in to Bohai Sea during the sea watch off the point at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 06h54 on the 13/9/2012].

BLACK-LEGGED KITTIWAKE *Rissa tridactyla* 三趾鸥

(2/22 1 2)

1 adult flew west during the six hour sea watch off the point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/9/2012. First seen at 09h46, just 45 minutes after I started watching, it settled on the sea several times before eventually heading off west and in to Bohai Sea. There are undoubtedly very few previous records for Kittiwake from Liaoning (there aren't very many from the whole of China) & it's quite possible that today's encounter is the first from the whole of China in the month of September.

1 adult flew west before settling on the sea during the eight hour sea watch off the point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 18/9/2012. It was first seen at 10h02.

Recent, and some not so recent, reports of Black-legged Kittiwake from China include -

- 1 first-winter collected at Lilihe, Liangxiang, Beijing on 15/2/1962 (Cai 1987)
- 1 immature at Lighthouse Point, Beidaihe, Hebei on 8/11/1989 (fide Olsen 2009)
- 1 first-w at Sandflats, Beidaihe, Hebei on 25/10/1990. (Williams et al. 1990)
- 1 first-year at the Sandflats, Beidaihe, Hebei on 31/10/1990 (fide Olsen 2009)
- 1 adult at Sandflats, Beidaihe, Hebei on 8/11/1990. (Williams et al. 1990)
- 1 immature at Beidaihe, Qinhuangdao, Hebei on 26/10/1992. (Bradshaw & Rowlands 1992)
- 1 second-year bird had found shelter at the YH, Beidaihe, Hebei on the very windy 29/4/1994 (Thalund et al. 1994).
- 1 (no age given) off Lighthouse Point, Beidaihe, Hebei on 18/5/2004 (Williams 1994)
- 1 at Tangu beach, Tianjin during 8-9/1/2005. (科目, CCCP, BMLLEE, Midway & SEAWOLF via BirdTalker). This bird was noted as being a first-winter in the 2004 CBR.
- 1 photographed at Nanhu, Gansu on 5/11/2007 [LFei in 2007 CBR]. The first record for Gansu.
- 1 photographed at Jing Hu, Deyang, Sichuan on 15/12/2007 [ZM in 2007 CBR]. The first record for Sichuan.
- 1 at Binjiang, Hangzhou, Zhejiang on 26/12/2007 [SZ in 2007 CBR]. This same record was detailed in the 2007 CBR as one at Binjiangqu, Hangzhou, Zhejiang during 26-27/12/2007. (文明 & sheen via BirdTalker) with what was probably the same bird being seen there again on 1/1/2008. (QB168 文明 via BirdTalker)
- 1 badly oiled first-winter photographed at Yancheng NR, Jiangsu on 31/12/2008 [Paul Holt et al.].
- 1 at Hangzhou, Zhejiang on 1/1/2008 [ZYing in 2008 CBR].
- 1 first-winter photographed at Hou Ba Jia Zhuang, Miyun, Beijing on the 3/11/2010. (Paul Holt)
- 1 at Yilonghu, Shiping, Yunnan on 9/2/2011. (何芬奇夫妇, ailaowolf, 伦子, 吼海雕 & 当地向导 via BirdTalker)
- 1 adult at Xitou, Yangjiang, Guangdong on 10/3/2012. (Brian Ivon Jones & Jonathan Martinez)

BLACK-HEADED GULL *Chroicocephalus ridibundus* 红嘴鸥

(9/22 247 366)

80 on the tidal mudflats near Lushun Naval Base & the New Era Grand Hotel, Lushun on the 5/9/2012.

3 over the sea during the six hour sea watch off the point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/9/2012.

247 near Lushun on the 13/9/2012. The first two of these flew west & in to Bohai Sea during the sea watch off the point at Laotie Shan while the other 245 were on the tidal mudflats near Lushun Naval Base & the New Era Grand Hotel later in the day.

7 flew west & in to Bohai Sea during the sea watch off the point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/9/2012

12 sitting on the sea off Chen Jia cun fishing harbour, Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/9/2012.

5 flew west during the two hour, mid-morning, sea watch off the point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 17/9/2012.

10 flew west during the eight hour sea watch off the point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 18/9/2012.

1 flew west over the sea off Chen Jia cun fishing harbour, Laotie Shan, Lushun on 22/9/2012.

1 adult at Laotie Shan on 26/9/2012.

PALLAS'S GULL *Ichthyaetus ichthyaetus* 渔鸥

(1/22 1 1)



Juvenile Pallas's Gull Laotie Shan 18 Sept. 2012

1 pristine juvenile flew west during the eight hour sea watch off the point at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 12h24 on the 18/9/2012. Photographed this is perhaps only the fifth record for Liaoning. Previous Liaoning records are as follows –

- 1 at Jinzhou, Dalian in February 2010. (Brian Ivon Jones in litt. 6 Feb. 2012). The first record for Liaoning.
- 1 at Jinzhou, Dalian on 13 March 2010 (Bai Qingquan & Tom Beeke). Photographed.
- 1 at Jinzhou Bay, Dalian, on 7 February 2011 (Terry Townshend & Spike Millington). Photographed.
- 1 moulting juvenile at a high tide roost in the Biliu river mouth, Pulandian on the 3/10/2011. Apparently only the fourth record for Liaoning. (Tom Beeke, Peter Cawley, Paul Holt & Terry Townshend).
- 1 first-winter near Jinzhou Bay refuse dump on the 17/1/2012. (Paul Holt)

BLACK-TAILED GULL *Larus crassirostris* 黑尾鸥

(22/22 16000 22940)

- 540 near on the Lushun on the 5/9/2012. Just about 15 of these were around the fishing harbour at Laotie Shan while the other 525 were on the tidal mudflats between Lushun Naval Base & the New Era Grand Hotel at low tide near dusk.
- 20 around the small fishing harbour at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/9/2012.
- 570 on the sea off Chen Jia cun, the small fishing harbour at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/9/2012.
- 250 in the bay near the fishing harbour (Chen Jia cun) at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/9/2012.
- 250 in the bay near the fishing harbour (Chen Jia cun) at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/9/2012.
- 150 in the bay near the fishing harbour (Chen Jia cun) at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/9/2012.
- 200 in Chen Jia cun fishing harbour bay, Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/9/2012.
- 850 over the sea during the six hour sea watch off the point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/9/2012. This count was made early in the morning in the bay off Chen Jia cun fishing harbour.
- 1400 in the Lushun-Laotie Shan area on the 13/9/2012. About 900 were over the sea during the 4.5 hour morning sea watch off the point at Laotie Shan while another 515 were on the tidal mudflats near the naval base on the edge of Lushun town a low tide mid-afternoon.
- 1000 over the sea during the 3.5 hour morning sea watch off the point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/9/2012.
- 400 sitting on the sea off Chen Jia cun fishing harbour, Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/9/2012.
- 200 on the the sea off Chen Jia cun fishing harbour, Laotie Shan, Lushun on 16/9/2012.
- 200 on the sea off Chen Jia cun fishing harbour, Laotie Shan, Lushun on 17/9/2012.
- 16,000 flew west during the eight hour sea watch off the point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 18/9/2012. This was easily the commonest species seen during the sea watch and, like most other recent mornings, birds were already streaming west by 06h00. This procession peaked between 08h00-09h30 after which there was a modest lull before another surge in the early afternoon. I made a total of 48 one minute long timed counts throughout the day, averaged these out for each half-hourly period, & in this way calculated the number of birds passing in each half-hourly period.
- 300 on the sea off Chen Jia cun fishing harbour, Laotie Shan, Lushun on 19/9/2012. A massive reduction from the numbers present yesterday!
- 50 on the sea off Chen Jia cun fishing harbour, Laotie Shan, Lushun on 20/9/2012.
- 10 over the sea off Chen Jia cun fishing harbour, Laotie Shan, Lushun on 21/9/2012.
- 50 in the bay off Chen Jia cun fishing harbour, Laotie Shan, Lushun on 22/9/2012.
- 100 in the bay off Chen Jia cun fishing harbour, Laotie Shan, Lushun on 23/9/2012.
- 100 in the bay off Chen Jia cun fishing harbour, Laotie Shan, Lushun on 24/9/2012.
- 50 in the bay off Chen Jia cun fishing harbour, Laotie Shan, Lushun on 25/9/2012.
- 250 at Laotie Shan on 26/9/2012.

MEW GULL *Larus canus* 海鸥

(6/22 13 22)

- 4 separate adults, with other gulls, on the sea off Chen Jia cun fishing harbour, Laotie Shan, Lushun on 17/9/2012.
- 13 flew west during the eight hour sea watch off the point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 18/9/2012.
- Per saw one over the sea off Chen Jia cun fishing harbour, Laotie Shan, Lushun on 21/9/2012.
- 1 flew west over the sea off Chen Jia cun fishing harbour, Laotie Shan, Lushun on 22/9/2012.
- 1 adult flew west off Chen Jia cun fishing harbour, Laotie Shan, Lushun on 23/9/2012.
- 2 adults at Laotie Shan on 26/9/2012.

'HERRING GULL ASSEMBLAGE'

(16/22 5000 7958)

- 2 in the bay near the fishing harbour (Chen Jia cun) at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/9/2012.
- 4 in the bay near the fishing harbour (Chen Jia cun) at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/9/2012.
- 2 in the bay near the fishing harbour (Chen Jia cun) at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/9/2012.
- 1000 in the bay off Chen Jia cun fishing harbour, Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/9/2012.
- 600 over the sea during the 3.5 hour morning sea watch off the point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/9/2012.
- 400 sitting on the sea off Chen Jia cun fishing harbour, Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/9/2012.
- 300 on the the sea off Chen Jia cun fishing harbour, Laotie Shan, Lushun on 16/9/2012.
- 300 on the sea off Chen Jia cun fishing harbour, Laotie Shan, Lushun on 17/9/2012.
- 5000 flew west during the eight hour sea watch off the point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 18/9/2012.
- 100 on the sea off Chen Jia cun fishing harbour, Laotie Shan, Lushun on 17/9/2012. There were hardly any gulls out over the sea all day.
- 50 on the sea off Chen Jia cun fishing harbour, Laotie Shan, Lushun on 20/9/2012.
- 20 over the sea off Chen Jia cun fishing harbour, Laotie Shan, Lushun on 21/9/2012.
- 100 in the bay off Chen Jia cun fishing harbour, Laotie Shan, Lushun on 22/9/2012.
- 20 in the bay off Chen Jia cun fishing harbour, Laotie Shan, Lushun on 23/9/2012.
- 30 in the bay off Chen Jia cun fishing harbour, Laotie Shan, Lushun on 24/9/2012.
- 30 in the bay off Chen Jia cun fishing harbour, Laotie Shan, Lushun on 25/9/2012.

HEUGLIN'S GULL *Larus heuglini* 乌灰银鸥

(9/22 20 38)

- 1 adult in the bay near the fishing harbour (Chen Jia cun) at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/9/2012.
- 5 in the bay off Chen Jia cun fishing harbour, Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/9/2012.
- 3 near Lushun on the 13/9/2012. The first two were among other large gulls in the bay off Chen Jia cun fishing harbour, Laotie Shan while the third individual was on the tidal mudflats near Lushun Naval Base & the New Era Grand Hotel later in the day.
- 2 in the bay off Chen Jia cun fishing harbour, Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/9/2012.
- 2 with other gulls on the sea off Chen Jia cun fishing harbour, Laotie Shan, Lushun on 17/9/2012.
- 20 flew west during the eight hour sea watch off the point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 18/9/2012.
- 2 flew west over the sea in the bay off Chen Jia cun fishing harbour, Laotie Shan, Lushun on 22/9/2012.
- 1 adult in the bay off Chen Jia cun fishing harbour, Laotie Shan, Lushun on 25/9/2012.
- 2 adults at Laotie Shan on 26/9/2012.

VEGA GULL *Larus vegae* 西伯利亚银鸥

(2/22 3 4)

- 1 second calendar year on the tidal mudflats near Lushun Naval Base & the New Era Grand Hotel, Lushun on the 13/9/2012.
- 3 flew west during the eight hour sea watch off the point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 18/9/2012.

MONGOLIAN GULL *Larus mongolicus* 蒙古银鸥

(18/22 5000 6850)

- 5 on the tidal mudflats near Lushun Naval Base & the New Era Grand Hotel, Lushun on the 5/9/2012.
- 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/9/2012.
- 1 in Chen Jia cun fishing harbour bay, Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/9/2012.
- 345 in the bay off Chen Jia cun fishing harbour, Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/9/2012. There had clearly been a large immigration in to the area today – and numerous small flocks were seen migrating south down the west coast of the peninsula.
- 500 near Lushun on the 12/9/2012. Almost all of these were in the bay off Chen Jia cun fishing harbour, Laotie Shan while just 27 were on the tidal mudflats near Lushun Naval Base & the New Era Grand Hotel later in the day.
- 200 in the bay off Chen Jia cun fishing harbour, Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/9/2012.
- 400 sitting on the sea off Chen Jia cun fishing harbour, Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/9/2012.
- 100 on the the sea off Chen Jia cun fishing harbour, Laotie Shan, Lushun on 16/9/2012.
- 150 on the sea off Chen Jia cun fishing harbour, Laotie Shan, Lushun on 17/9/2012.
- 5000 flew west during the eight hour sea watch off the point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 18/9/2012. I spent much less time counting these than I did Black-tailed Gulls – tending instead to estimate the proportions of one to the other. For much of the day there were about three times as many Black-tailed Gulls moving as there were Mongolians.
- 50 on the sea off Chen Jia cun fishing harbour, Laotie Shan, Lushun on 17/9/2012
- 20 on the sea off Chen Jia cun fishing harbour, Laotie Shan, Lushun on 20/9/2012.
- 5 over the sea off Chen Jia cun fishing harbour, Laotie Shan, Lushun on 21/9/2012.

30 in the Lushun-Dalian area on the 22/9/2012. About 30 of these were in the bay off Chen Jia cun fishing harbour, Laotie Shan while another ten, or so, were around the naval base in Lushun harbour. The remaining ten birds were near the Quan Shui Wetland, Dalian in the mid-afternoon.
5 in the bay off Chen Jia cun fishing harbour, Laotie Shan, Lushun on 23/9/2012.
10 in the bay off Chen Jia cun fishing harbour, Laotie Shan, Lushun on 24/9/2012.
15 in the bay off Chen Jia cun fishing harbour, Laotie Shan, Lushun on 25/9/2012.
12 (6 adults, 6 juveniles/first winters) at Laotie Shan on 26/9/2012.

COMMON TERN *Sterna hirundo* 普通燕鸥

(2/22 4 5)

4, two pairs, flew west & in to Bohai Sea during the sea watch off the point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/9/2012. The first pair at 06h46 & the second pair at 08h17.
1 adult flew west during the eight hour sea watch off the point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 18/9/2012.

LITTLE TERN *Sternula albifrons* 白额燕鸥

[1 extremely distant tern, possibly this species, flew west over the sea off Chen Jia cun fishing harbour, Laotie Shan, Lushun on 17/9/2012].

POMARINE SKUA *Stercorarius pomarinus* 中贼鸥

(1/22 1 1)

1 juvenile flew west during the eight hour sea watch off the point at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 12h11 on the 18/9/2012. The first record for Liaoning.

LONG-TAILED JAEGER *Stercorarius longicaudus* 长尾贼鸥

(1/22 1 1)

1 juvenile flew west close inshore during the six hour sea watch off the point at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 14h37 on the 12/9/2012. The first record for Liaoning & one of only a handful for the entire Chinese mainland.

JAEGER SP. *Stercorarius sp.* 贼鸥 sp.

(3/22 3 5)

1 juvenile, thought to be either a Parasitic or more likely a Pomarine Jaeger, flew west during the six hour sea watch off the point at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 12h27 on the 12/9/2012. This distant bird that kept settling on the sea was in view for over five minutes but remains unidentified. It was the first of two jaegers seen here today – the other was much closer, and much more distinctive (see Long-tailed Jaeger above). There were no records of any species of jaeger from Liaoning until today.
1 juvenile flew west & in to Bohai Sea during the sea watch off the point at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 06h06 on the 13/9/2012. It was most likely a Pomarine Jaeger but as with yesterday's unidentified jaeger the views were inadequate.
3 separate immatures flew west during the eight hour sea watch off the point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 18/9/2012. The first bird was seen at 09h17, the second was watched for over five minutes between 10h29-10h35 & the third flew west at 13h32.

MURRELET SP.

(1/22 1 1)

1 on the sea at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2012. When Per spotted it it was rather close inshore but it immediately flew well out to sea before settling again. It was impossible to identify.

ORIENTAL TURTLE DOVE *Streptopelia orientalis* 山斑鸠

(20/22 35 213)

1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/9/2012.
2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/9/2012.
3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/9/2012.
2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/9/2012.
6 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/9/2012.
7 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/9/2012.
7 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/9/2012.
6 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/9/2012.
7 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/9/2012.
33 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 16/9/2012.
13 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 17/9/2012.
15 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 18/9/2012.
15 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 19/9/2012.
14 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 20/9/2012.
8 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 21/9/2012.
4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 22/9/2012.
4 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 23/9/2012.

25 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2012.
35 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2012.
6 at Laotie Shan on 26/9/2012.

EURASIAN COLLARED DOVE *Streptopelia decaocto* 灰斑鸠

(3/22 2 5)

2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/9/2012.
1 flew south at Laotie Shan. Lushun on the 10/9/2012.
2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 19/9/2012.

RED TURTLE DOVE *Streptopelia tranquebarica* 火斑鸠

(1/22 1 1)

1 male flew inland past the field watch point at Laotie Shan. Lushun on the 10/9/2012.

SPOTTED DOVE *Spilopelia chinensis* 珠颈斑鸠

(22/22 11 97)

4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/9/2012.
8 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/9/2012.
6 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/9/2012.
4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/9/2012.
4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/9/2012.
4 at Laotie Shan. Lushun on the 10/9/2012.
3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/9/2012.
8 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/9/2012.
4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/9/2012.
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2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 22/9/2012.
8 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 23/9/2012.
6 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2012.
11 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2012.
2 at Laotie Shan on 26/9/2012.

NORTHERN HAWK-CUCKOO *Hierococcyx hyperythrus* 北鹰鹑

(1/22 1 1)

1 first-winter was caught at the Xiao Dong Gou ringing station, Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 20/9/2012.



CUCKOO SP. *Cuculus sp.*

(8/22 2 11)

- 2 singles flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/9/2012.
- 2 separate juveniles flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/9/2012.
- 1 juvenile flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/9/2012.
- 1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/9/2012.
- 2 singles flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/9/2012.
- 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 16/9/2012.
- 1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 17/9/2012.
- 1 juvenile flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2012.

ORIENTAL SCOPS OWL *Otus sunia* 红角鸮

(5/22 6 13)

- 2 were caught at the Xiao Dong Gou ringing station, Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 20/9/2012.
- 1 was caught at the Xiao Dong Gou ringing station, Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 21/9/2012.
- 6 were caught at the Xiao Dong Gou ringing station, Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 23/9/2012.]
- 3 birds were caught at the Xiao Dong Gou ringing station at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2012. They had all been processed & released before we reached the station in the late afternoon.
- Per saw one at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2012. Another two birds were caught at the Xiao Dong Gou ringing station in the early morning.
- 3 were ringed at the ringing station at Laotie Shan on 26/9/2012.



Oriental Scops Owl juv. – Laotie Shan 21 Sept. 2012



Oriental Scops Owl adult – Laotie Shan 20 Sept. 2012

GREY NIGHTJAR *Caprimulgus jotaka* 普通夜鷹

(2/22 1 2)

1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/9/2012.

1 flew repeatedly around the field watch point at Laotie Shan just as I arrived at 05h10 on the 11/9/2012.

WHITE-THROATED NEEDLETAIL *Hirundapus caudacutus* 白喉针尾雨燕

(4/22 16 22)

16 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/9/2012. The first were two birds at 12h42, these were followed by 13 at 13h19 and the final bird at 13h32.

4, two pairs, flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/9/2012. The first two birds were seen at 06h36 & the second two at 07h14.

1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 09h03 on 16/9/2012.

1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 23/9/2012.

FORK-TAILED SWIFT *Apus pacificus* 白腰雨燕

(9/22 13 50)

13 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/9/2012.

3 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/9/2012.

8 flew south at Laotie Shan at 08h43 on the 11/9/2012.

5 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 17/9/2012.

5 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 19/9/2012.

2 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 21/9/2012.

3 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 23/9/2012.

2 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2012.

9, a pair and later a group of seven, flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2012.

DOLLARBIRD *Eurystomus orientalis* 三宝鸟

(7/22 5 14)

1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/9/2012. First seen flying south at 05h40, it landed before heading back north exactly one hour later. What was probably the same bird was seen flying south again at 09h45.

1 near the field watch point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/9/2012. It flew south in the early morning, soon came back and spent the rest of the morning in the area.

3, a pair and later a single, flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/9/2012.

5, a pair and later a party of three, flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/9/2012.

1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 10h37 on 16/9/2012.

1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 07h26 on the 17/9/2012.

2 singles flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 20/9/2012. The first did so at 07h07, the second just five minutes later.

BLACK-CAPPED KINGFISHER *Halcyon pileata* 蓝翡翠

(1/22 1 1)

1 in trees at the seawatching point at the lighthouse at Laotie Shan on 26/9/2012. The first of the autumn. (Terry Townshend)

COMMON KINGFISHER *Alcedo atthis* 普通翠鸟

(9/22 3 14)

1 flew south past the field watch point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/9/2012.

1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/9/2012.

3 on the small stream at the rear of the Snake Museum on the southern edge of Lushun town on the 13/9/2012.

1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/9/2012.

1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/9/2012.

2 singles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 16/9/2012 – one in the Lighthouse car park & the other past the Coast Guard watch point.

1 was heard down by the beach below the Coast Guard Station at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 20/9/2012.

3 in the Lushun-Dalian area on the 22/9/2012. The first was in the bay off Chen Jia cun fishing harbour, Laotie Shan while the other two, both juveniles, were at the Quan Shui Wetland, Dalian.

1 was heard off the point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2012.

EURASIAN HOOPOE *Upupa epops* 戴胜

(3/22 2 4)

1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 07h09 on 16/9/2012.

1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 23/9/2012.

2 singles flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2012.

EURASIAN WRYNECK *Jynx torquilla* 蚁鴷

(1/22 2 2)

2 at Lushun on the 13/9/2012 – the first was at Laotie Shan while the other was near the Snake Museum on the southern edge of Lushun town later in the day.

RUFIOUS-BELLIED WOODPECKER *Dendrocopos hyperythrus* 棕腹啄木鸟

(2/22 1 2)

1 perched briefly on the Lighthouse radio tower at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/9/2012.

1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 16/9/2012.

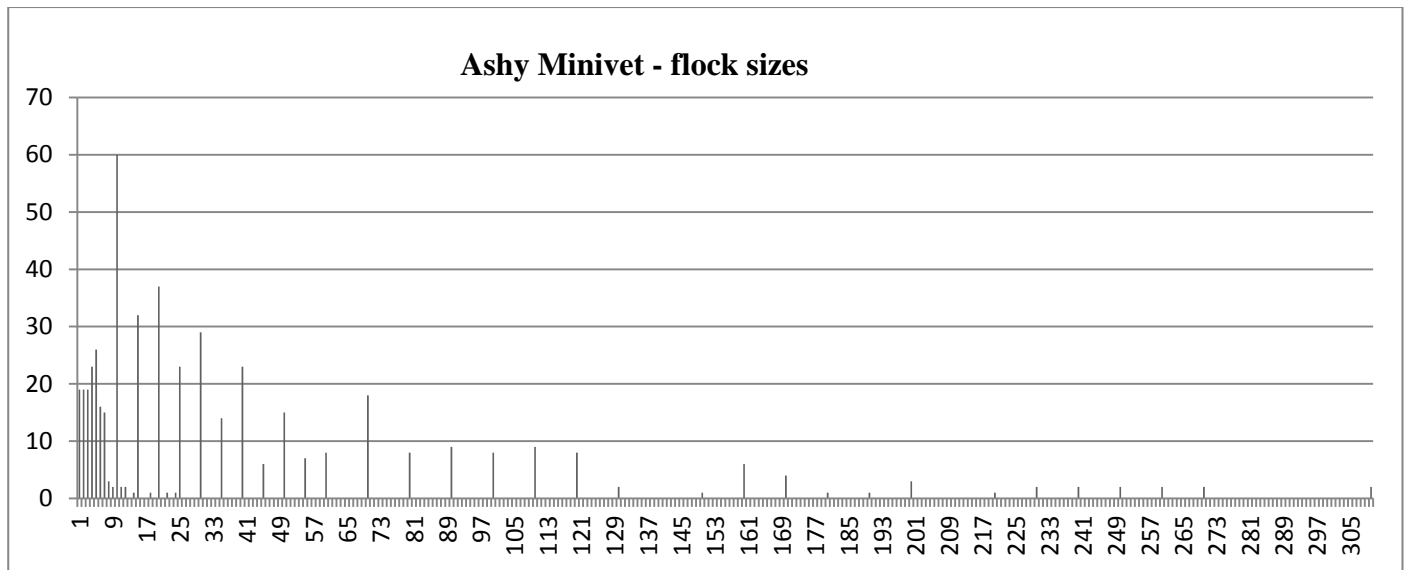
SWINHOLE'S MINIVET *Pericrocotus cantonensis* 小灰山椒鸟

(1/22 1 1)

1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/9/2012. Heard while I was walking away from the raptor viewing platform near the Coast Guard Station it called incessantly for almost five minutes before I was eventually able to scramble somewhere where I could see it. It promptly then flew off. Fortunately I managed to relocate it about 15 minutes later & it showed reasonably well that time – but again briefly. It was always on its own & never associated with any of the Ashy Minivets. The first record for Liaoning. Breeds in Jiangsu but has probably never recorded in Shandong [a unspecified report in the 2008 CBR [in prep.] probably relates to a report from Dahei Shan Island in the Changshan group of islands and not very far to the south of Laotie Shan – see <http://birdtalker.net/reportview.asp?id=16468> This report is undoubtedly erroneous as the observer saw 30 Swinhoe's but just one Ashy Minivet during the period 30/9 – 3/10/2008)

ASHY MINIVET *Pericrocotus divaricatus* 灰山椒鸟

(18/22 10380 20959)



BROWN SHRIKE *Lanius cristatus* 红尾伯劳

(16/22 40 183)

28 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/9/2012.
 4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/9/2012.
 6 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/9/2012.
 12 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/9/2012.
 4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/9/2012.0
 8 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/9/2012.
 8 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/9/2012.
 7 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/9/2012.
 25 in Lushun on the 13/9/2012 - 10 at Laotie Shan & 15 in waste ground near Lushun Naval Base.
 4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/9/2012.
 10 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/9/2012.
 25 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 16/9/2012.
 3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 17/9/2012.
 1 was heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 19/9/2012.
 1 at the Quan Shui Wetland, Dalian on the 22/9/2012.
 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 23/9/2012.

SHRIKE SP. *Lanius sp.*

(1/22 1 1)

1 shrike, probably either a Bull-headed or Brown, was heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2012].

CHINESE GREY SHRIKE *Lanius s. sphenocercus* 楔尾伯劳

(6/22 2 8)

2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/9/2012.
 2 singles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/9/2012. One of these, a birds near the field watch point, was probably one of the two I saw yesterday but the other, near Xiao Dong Gou cun, was almost certainly a new bird.
 1 was heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/9/2012.
 1 in waste ground near Lushun Naval Base on the 13/9/2012.
 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 17/9/2012.
 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 22/9/2012.

BLACK-NAPED ORIOLE *Oriolus chinensis* 黑枕黄鹂

(18/22 72 270)

1 flew around the Lighthouse at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/9/2012.
 72 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/9/2012.
 9 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/9/2012.
 62 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/9/2012. Birds were seen in flocks of 1, 1, 1, 1, 3, 4, 4, 5, 6 & 35.
 12 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/9/2012.
 16 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/9/2012.
 17 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/9/2012.
 3 singles flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/9/2012.

6 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/9/2012.
8 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/9/2012.
3 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 16/9/2012.
3 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 21/9/2012.
1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 22/9/2012.
3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 23/9/2012.
3, a single & later a pair, flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2012.
3 singles flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2012.
1 flew north at Laotie Shan on 26/9/2012.

HAIR-CRESTED DRONGO *Dicrurus hottentottus* 发冠卷尾

(1/22 1 1)

1 at the seawatching point at Laotie Shan on 26/9/2012. The first of the autumn. (Terry Townshend)

BLACK DRONGO *Dicrurus macrocercus* 黑卷尾

(3/22 2 4)

1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/9/2012.
1 flew south at Laotie Shan at 08h09 on the 11/9/2012.
2 singles flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 16/9/2012.

COMMON MAGPIE *Pica pica* 喜鹊

(22/22 100 1456)

20 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/9/2012.
100 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/9/2012. 75 of these were seen near the Lighthouse in the early morning & were presumably leaving a communal roost.
100 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/9/2012. About 70 of these were seen leaving the roost close to the Lighthouse.
30 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/9/2012.
30 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/9/2012.
30 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/9/2012.
50 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/9/2012.
50 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/9/2012.
70 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/9/2012.
50 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/9/2012.
100 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/9/2012.
70 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 16/9/2012.
100 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 17/9/2012.
80 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 18/9/2012.
90 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 19/9/2012.
100 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 20/9/2012.
70 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 21/9/2012.
50 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 22/9/2012.
80 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 23/9/2012.
70 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2012.
70 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2012.
46 emerged from the roost early morning at Laotie Shan on 26/9/2012.

SPOTTED NUTCRACKER *Nucifraga caryocatactes* 星鸦

(1/22 1 1)

1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2012. Initially seen by Terry at 09h44 it flew south to where we were all stood at the Coast Guard Station. It paused on each of the two steel pylons there a while before heading back around the coast to the northeast. Photographed it was *N. c. macrorhynchos*.

YELLOW-BELLIED TIT *Periparus venustulus* 黄腹山雀

(6/22 56 80)

1 calling bird flew high to the south over flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/9/2012.
8 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 20/9/2012. Surprisingly this was only my second encounter here this autumn – and followed a single bird seen almost two weeks ago on the 7 September.
7, a single and later a flock of six, flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 23/9/2012.
56 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2012. Flock sizes were as follows – 2 were heard, 4 & 50.
6, a single and a flock of five, flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2012.
2 heard at Laotie Shan on 26/9/2012.

JAPANESE TIT *Parus minor* 远东山雀

(22/22 12 120)

4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/9/2012.
 3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/9/2012.
 6 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/9/2012.
 2 were heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/9/2012.
 3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/9/2012.
 8 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/9/2012.
 4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/9/2012.
 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/9/2012.
 4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/9/2012.
 4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/9/2012.
 10 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/9/2012.
 4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 16/9/2012.
 4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 17/9/2012.
 3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 18/9/2012.
 10 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 19/9/2012. Up to four birds were seen flying high on a couple of occasions. They appeared to be displaying a migratory urge.
 6 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 20/9/2012.
 5 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 21/9/2012.
 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 22/9/2012.
 6 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 23/9/2012.
 10 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2012.
 8 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2012.
 12 at Laotie Shan on 26/9/2012.

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

[1 bird, possibly this species, flew over at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2012].

LIGHT-VENTED BULBUL *Pycnonotus sinensis* 白头鹎

(20/22 6 57)

4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/9/2012.
 6 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/9/2012.
 4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/9/2012.
 3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/9/2012.
 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/9/2012.
 4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/9/2012.
 2h at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/9/2012.
 3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/9/2012.
 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/9/2012.
 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/9/2012.
 4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/9/2012.
 2 were heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 16/9/2012.
 2 were heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 17/9/2012.
 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 18/9/2012.
 2 were heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 19/9/2012.
 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 20/9/2012.
 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 21/9/2012.
 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 23/9/2012.
 4 were heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2012.
 6 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2012.

SAND MARTIN *Riparia riparia* 崖沙燕

(5/22 16 26)

2 singles flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/9/2012.
 16 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/9/2012. All sightings were either of single birds or two together.
 3 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/9/2012.
 1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 19/9/2012.
 4 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2012.

BARN SWALLOW *Hirundo rustica* 家燕

(21/22 7500 20600)

500 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/9/2012.
 1020 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/9/2012.
 100 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/9/2012. A marked reduction on yesterday's tally & quite remarkably the first bird wasn't seen until 06h10 – a full one hour after I arrived on site.
 120 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/9/2012. There was absolutely no migration of either species of swallow until 08h10 – and even then it was extremely small scale.
 170 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/9/2012.

50 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/9/2012.
 2000 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/9/2012.
 800 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/9/2012.
 50 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/9/2012.
 7500 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/9/2012. Passage peak in the early afternoon when 17 widely spaced minute long counts were made, these were averaged and with much of the final figure being derived from these calculations.
 500 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/9/2012.
 2000 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 16/9/2012.
 700 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 17/9/2012.
 500 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 18/9/2012.
 3250 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 19/9/2012. There was absolutely no passage of swallows whatsoever until about 10h15 when the northerly wind increased in force very slightly.
 300 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 20/9/2012.
 250 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 21/9/2012.
 100 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 22/9/2012.
 550 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 23/9/2012.
 100 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2012.
 40 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2012.

NORTHERN HOUSE MARTIN *Delichon urbicum* 白腹毛脚燕

(1/22 2 2)

2 flew south together at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/9/2012.

ASIAN HOUSE MARTIN *Delichon dasypus* 烟腹毛脚燕

(8/22 37 56)

37 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/9/2012. Several were photographed.
 1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/9/2012.
 1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/9/2012.
 1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/9/2012.
 2 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/9/2012.
 1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 17/9/2012.
 5, a single and shortly afterwards a group of four, flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 21/9/2012.
 8 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 23/9/2012.

HOUSE MARTIN SP. *Delichon urbicum* or *D. dasypus*

(8/22 7 26)

Tom Beeke sees rather few house martins at Jinshitan (an hour's drive north of Laotie Shan). He saw his first house martin sp. there this year a on 15/9/2012.
 7 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/9/2012.
 4 separate singles flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/9/2012.
 3 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/9/2012.
 1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/9/2012.
 1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/9/2012.
 2 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 23/9/2012.
 2 singles flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2012.
 6 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2012.

RED-RUMPED SWALLOW *Cecropis daurica* 金腰燕

(22/22 1300 6212)

25 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/9/2012.
 407 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/9/2012.
 100 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/9/2012.
 60 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/9/2012.
 30 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/9/2012.
 100 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/9/2012.
 75 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/9/2012. There was absolutely no migration of either species of swallow until 08h10 – and even then it was extremely small scale.
 150 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/9/2012.
 10 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/9/2012.
 40 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/9/2012.
 20 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/9/2012.
 30 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 16/9/2012.
 40 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 17/9/2012.
 100 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 18/9/2012.
 1185 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 19/9/2012. The first day I've seen reasonable numbers of Red-rumped Swallows –and for a short period in the late afternoon they out-numbered Barn Swallow (a sign of things to come!)
 200 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 20/9/2012.
 900 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 21/9/2012. The vast majority of birds are still adults.

40 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 22/9/2012.

1300 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 23/9/2012.

200 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2012.

1200 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2012. Most birds were in a series of tight flocks that ranged in size from 20-250 birds & intermittently headed south.

HIRUNDINE SP.

2000 mostly Red-rumped Swallow at Laotie Shan on 26/9/2012. 401 were counted between 0530-0600, 448 between 0600-0630, 347 between 0630-0700, 481 between 0700-0730 and 239 between 0730-0800. Many more during the day but at a much slower rate.

MANCHURIAN BUSH WARBLER *Cettia canturians* 远东树莺

(1/22 1 1)

1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/9/2012.

ASIAN STUBTAIL *Urosphena squameiceps* 鳞头树莺

(2/22 11 11)

7 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2012. I heard a bird near the field watch point while Per & Terry saw another six in the surrounding woodland.

11, at least, at Laotie Shan on 26/9/2012. (Terry Townshend)

DUSKY WARBLER *Phylloscopus fuscatus* 褐柳莺

(22/22 13 135)

5 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/9/2012.

8 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/9/2012.

7 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/9/2012.

4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/9/2012.

7 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/9/2012.

5 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/9/2012.

4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/9/2012.

5 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/9/2012.

8 around Lushun on the 13/9/2012. Five of these were at Laotie Shan & the other three closer to the Naval Base..

3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/9/2012.

7 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/9/2012.

5 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 16/9/2012. (Tom & Stephen saw three additional birds).

3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 17/9/2012.

2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 18/9/2012.

10 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 19/9/2012.

9 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 20/9/2012.

10 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 21/9/2012.

5 in the Lushun-Dalian area on the 22/9/2012. The first three were at Laotie Shan while the other two were at the Quan Shui Wetland, Dalian.

5 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 23/9/2012.

5 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2012.

5 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2012.

13 at Laotie Shan on 26/9/2012.

RADDE'S WARBLER *Phylloscopus schwarzi* 巨嘴柳莺

(10/22 23 50)

2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/9/2012. The first of the autumn for me – but Tom Beeke's been seeing them for almost two weeks at Jinshitan little over a 1.5 hour drive north of Laotie Shan!

Tom & Stephen saw one at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 16/9/2012.

1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 17/9/2012.

3 were heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 19/9/2012.

7 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 20/9/2012.

6 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 21/9/2012.

2 singles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 22/9/2012.

2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 23/9/2012.

2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2012.

2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2012.

23, at least, at the point at Laotie Shan on 26/9/2012. (Terry Townshend)

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

(2/22 1 2)

Per & Terry saw one at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2012. The first of the autumn. At Beidaihe, Hebei the first autumn birds in 1986, 1987, 1988 & 1989

were on the 22, 26, 27 & 25 September respectively (Williams ed. 2004) so today's sighting would appear to be a fairly typical first autumn date perhaps.
1 in the lighthouse garden at Laotie Shan on 26/9/2012.

YELLOW-BROWED WARBLER *Phylloscopus inornatus* 黄眉柳莺

(22/22 50 469)

9 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/9/2012.
12 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/9/2012.
12 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/9/2012.
6 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/9/2012.
20 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/9/2012.
20 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/9/2012.
15 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/9/2012. In addition I saw perhaps as many as ten, apparently small, phylloscopus flying slowly to the south during the morning and it's likely that most, if not all of these, were also Yellow-browed Warblers.
12 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/9/2012.
20 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/9/2012.
50 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/9/2012.
20 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/9/2012.
15 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 16/9/2012.
15 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 17/9/2012.
10 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 18/9/2012.
20 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 19/9/2012.
25 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 20/9/2012.
20 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 21/9/2012.
20 in the Lushun-Dalian area on the 22/9/2012. The first 15 or so were at Laotie Shan while the other five were at the Quan Shui Wetland, Dalian.
20 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 23/9/2012.
25 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2012.
40 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2012.
63 around the lighthouse garden at Laotie Shan on 26/9/2012. (Terry Townshend)

ARCTIC WARBLER *Phylloscopus borealis* 极北柳莺

(18/22 4 40)

3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/9/2012.
1 was heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/9/2012.
2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/9/2012.
2 were heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/9/2012.
4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/9/2012.
3 were heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/9/2012.
2 were heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/9/2012.
2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/9/2012.
4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/9/2012.
2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/9/2012.
3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/9/2012.
2 were heard in Lushun on 16/9/2012 – one at Laotie Shan & the other outside the New Era Hotel.
2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 17/9/2012.
2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 18/9/2012.
2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 19/9/2012.
2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 20/9/2012.
1 at the Quan Shui Wetland, Dalian on the 22/9/2012.
1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 23/9/2012.

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

(11/22 2 14)

2 were heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/9/2012.
1 was heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/9/2012.
1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/9/2012.
2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/9/2012.
1 was heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/9/2012.
1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/9/2012.
1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/9/2012.
1 was heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 16/9/2012.
1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 17/9/2012.
1 was heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 19/9/2012.
2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 20/9/2012.

PALE-LEGGED or SAKHALIN LEAF WARBLER *Phylloscopus tenellipes* or *P. borealoides* 淡脚柳莺 or 库页岛柳莺

(8/22 6 27)

5 calling birds were heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/9/2012.
6 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/9/2012.
3 were heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/9/2012.
5 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/9/2012.
1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/9/2012.
Tom & Stephen saw, & photographed, one at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 16/9/2012.
1 was heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 21/9/2012.
1 seen and heard at Laotie Shan on 26/9/2012.

EASTERN CROWNED WARBLER *Phylloscopus coronatus* 冕柳莺

(3/22 1 3)

1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/9/2012.
1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/9/2012.
1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/9/2012.

ORIENTAL REED WARBLER *Acrocephalus orientalis* 东方大苇莺

(3/22 4 6)

1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/9/2012.
4 in the small fragmites bed at the rear of the Snake Museum on the southern edge of Lushun town on the 13/9/2012.
1 at the Quan Shui Wetland, Dalian on the 22/9/2012.

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

(16/22 5 32)

2 were heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/9/2012.
1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/9/2012.
3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/9/2012.
5 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/9/2012.
2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/9/2012.
2 were heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/9/2012.
2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/9/2012.
2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/9/2012.
2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/9/2012.
1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/9/2012.
2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/9/2012.
Tom saw one while I heard another at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 16/9/2012.
2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 19/9/2012.
2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 20/9/2012.
2 at the Quan Shui Wetland, Dalian on the 22/9/2012.
1 was heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2012.

THICK-BILLED WARBLER *Iduna aedon* 厚嘴苇莺

(17/22 15 59)

3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/9/2012.
1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/9/2012.
1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/9/2012.
2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/9/2012.
15 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/9/2012.
6 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/9/2012.
2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/9/2012.
1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/9/2012.
3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/9/2012.
1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/9/2012.
11 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/9/2012.
6 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 16/9/2012.
2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 17/9/2012.
1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 20/9/2012.
1 was heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 23/9/2012.
1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2012.
2 at Laotie Shan on 26/9/2012.

BAIKAL BUSH WARBLER *Bradypterus davidi* 北短翅莺

(4/22 2 5)

1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/9/2012.

1 near the field watch point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/9/2012.
2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/9/2012.
1 was heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 17/9/2012.

(In addition one bird, probably this species, responded to 'pishing' near the seawatching point at Laotie Shan on 26/9/2012).

LANCEOLATED WARBLER *Locustella lanceolata* 矛斑蝗莺

(15/22 3 21)

1 was heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/9/2012.
3 were heard near the field watch point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/9/2012.
3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/9/2012.
1 was heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/9/2012.
1 was heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/9/2012.
1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/9/2012.
2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/9/2012.
1 was heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/9/2012.
1 was heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/9/2012.
1 was heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 16/9/2012.
1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 19/9/2012.
1 was heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 23/9/2012.
1 was heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2012.
1 was heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2012.
2 at Laotie Shan on 26/9/2012.

PALLAS'S GRASSHOPPER WARBLER *Locustella certhiola* 小蝗莺

(3/22 1 3)

1 in scrub at the rear of the Snake Museum on the southern edge of Lushun town on the 13/9/2012.
1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 16/9/2012. (Tom Beeke & Stephen Cairns)
1 at the Quan Shui Wetland, Dalian on the 22/9/2012.

ZITTING CISTICOLA *Cisticola juncidis* 棕扇尾莺

(18/22 11 64)

7, two pairs and a party of three, flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/9/2012. The first pair flew high at 06h44.
1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/9/2012.
4 around the field watch point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/9/2012.
4, possibly the same birds as yesterday, at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/9/2012.
1 was heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/9/2012.
3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/9/2012.
2 were heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/9/2012.
3, including two singles that flew high to the south, at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/9/2012.
4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 16/9/2012.
3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 17/9/2012.
3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 18/9/2012.
3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 19/9/2012.
11 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 20/9/2012. Birds were seen flying high over the field watch point & doing the same high over the Coast Guard station.
2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 21/9/2012.
1 was heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 22/9/2012.
4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 23/9/2012.
3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2012.
5 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2012.

VINOUS-THROATED PARROTBILL *Sinosuthora webbiana* 棕头鸦雀

(13/22 25 129)

10 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/9/2012.
20 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/9/2012.
25 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/9/2012.
10 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/9/2012.
10 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/9/2012.
4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/9/2012.
1 was heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/9/2012.
1 was heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/9/2012.
6 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/9/2012.
20 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/9/2012.
2 were heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 16/9/2012.
2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 17/9/2012.
18 in one flock at Laotie Shan on 26/9/2012.

CHINESE HILL BABBLER *Rhopophilus pekinensis* 白喉林莺

(17/22 4 36)

2 were heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/9/2012.
4 were heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/9/2012.
2 were heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/9/2012.
2 were heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/9/2012.
1 was heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/9/2012.
1 was heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/9/2012.
2 were heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/9/2012.
2 were heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/9/2012.
3 were heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 16/9/2012.
2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 19/9/2012.
2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 20/9/2012.
3 were heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 21/9/2012.
1 was heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 22/9/2012.
2 were heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 23/9/2012.
3 were heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2012.
2 were heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2012.
2 at the point at Laotie Shan on 26/9/2012.

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

(2/22 10 13)

10 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 21/9/2012.
3 at the seawatching point at Laotie Shan on 26/9/2012.

WHITE-EYE SP. *Zosterops sp.*

(18/22 520 2588)

Tom Beeke saw his first white-eyes at Jinshitan, a one hour's drive north of Laotie Shan, on the 19/9/2012.

2 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/9/2012.
4 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/9/2012.
44 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/9/2012.
10 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/9/2012.
213 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/9/2012.
360 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/9/2012.
70 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/9/2012.
150 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 16/9/2012.
50 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 17/9/2012.
100 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 18/9/2012.
40 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 19/9/2012.
500 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 20/9/2012.
520 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 21/9/2012.
50 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 22/9/2012.
150 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 23/9/2012.
15 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2012. Three separate birds (or possibly even flocks) were heard over our hotel in Lushun between 04h15 & 04h45.
80 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2012.
230 flew over at Laotie Shan on 26/9/2012.

CRESTED MYNA *Acridotheres cristatellus* 八哥

(19/22 65 560)

6 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/9/2012.
25 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/9/2012.
25 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/9/2012.
32 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/9/2012. A flock of 31 were repeatedly seen around the point while a single was seen from the bus between there & Tieshan zhen.
25 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/9/2012. 22 birds were seen particularly well – and of these only five were juvenile, the other 17 being adults.
30 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/9/2012.
15 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/9/2012.
3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/9/2012.
3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/9/2012.
51 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/9/2012. They were counted as they gradually flew past the field watch point in dribs-and-drabs during the morning.
Unusually they were in small flocks – 2, 3, 5, 7, 7, 10 & 17 birds.
30 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 16/9/2012. Note that this species is a scarce & local breeding summer visitor to Jinshitan and that it's absent from there in winter (Tom Beeke pers. comm. 16/9/2012).
20 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 17/9/2012.
20 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 18/9/2012.
65 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 19/9/2012.

60 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 20/9/2012.
 60 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 21/9/2012.
 30 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 23/9/2012.
 30 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2012.
 30 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2012.

RED-BILLED STARLING *Spodiopsar sericeus* 丝光椋鸟

(3/22 6 9)

1 juvenile at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/9/2012.
 6, a flock of five and later a singleton, flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/9/2012.
 2 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 20/9/2012.

WHITE-CHEEKED STARLING *Spodiopsar cineraceus* 灰椋鸟

(10/22 90 230)

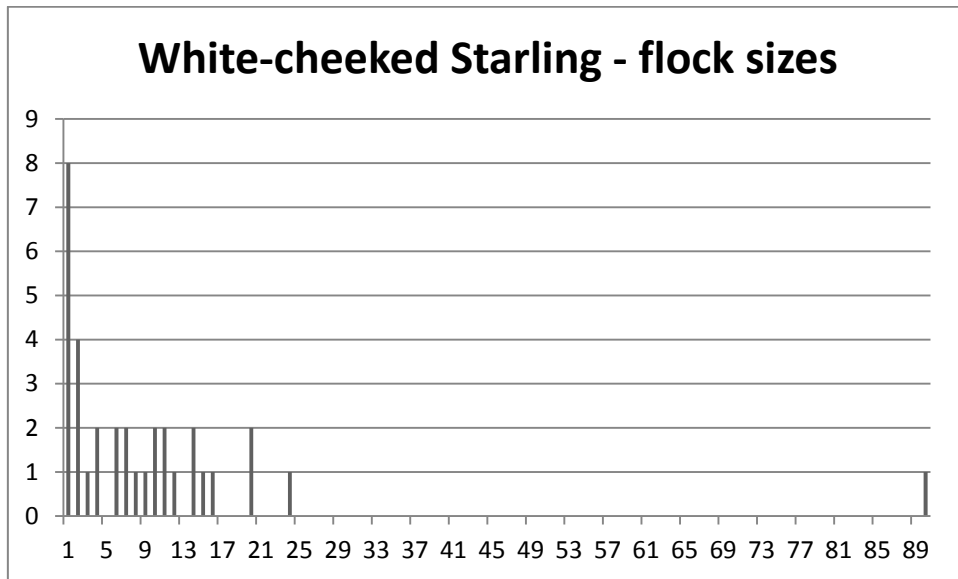
3 singles flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/9/2012. The first bird was in a flock of Chinese Grosbeaks, the second in a flock of smaller starlings (probably Daurian Starlings) while the third was on its own.

1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/9/2012.
 1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/9/2012.
 16 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 16/9/2012. Birds were in two flocks – the first of 12 & the second of four.
 6 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 17/9/2012.
 18, in flocks of seven & 11 birds, flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 19/9/2012.
 1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 21/9/2012.
 10 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 23/9/2012.

90 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2012. Flock sizes as follows – 1, 2, 2, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 10, 11, 15, 20, 24 & 90. Most were not actually migrating and just milling around the point while quite a few birds were even seen heading back north & it's thought that many of the smaller flocks merged so the largest flock, the one containing 90 birds, is taken as the day's total though this is almost certainly an underestimate (& possibly a significant underestimate).

84 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2012. Flock sizes as follows – 1, 1, 2, 7, 9, 14, 14, 16 & 20.

(In addition 1 starling, probably this species, was seen at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 18/9/2012).



DAURIAN STARLING *Agropsar sturninus* 北椋鸟

(6/22 2 11)

2 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/9/2012.
 2 flew south at Laotie Shan at 06h40 on the 11/9/2012.
 2 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/9/2012.
 2 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 16/9/2012.
 Terry saw two flying south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 23/9/2012.2
 1, with a small flock of White-cheeked Starlings, at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2012.

CHESTNUT-CHEEKED STARLING *Agropsar philippensis* 紫背椋鸟

(1/22 1 1)

1 juvenile flew in to a trackside tree besides the field watch point at Laotie Shan, Lushun at about 06h45 on the 6/9/2012. Apparently the first record for Liaoning & the northernmost ever Chinese record. Rare in China there are reports of Chestnut-cheeked Starling from Hubei (!), Jiangsu, Shanghai, Zhejiang, Fujian, Guangdong, Hong Kong & Macao.

STARLING SP.

(1/22 15 15)

15 poorly seen, but apparently small starlings that were possibly Daurian Starlings, flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 07h32 on the 9/9/2012.

SIBERIAN THRUSH *Zoothera sibirica* 白眉地鸫

(1/22 1 1)

1 first-winter male at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 19/9/2012.

In addition a female was caught at the Xiao Dong Gou ringing station at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 23/9/2012.

WHITE'S THRUSH *Zoothera aurea* 怀氏虎鸫

(1/22 1 1)

Tom & Stephen saw one at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 16/9/2012.

GREY-BACKED THRUSH *Turdus hortulorum* 灰背鸫

(1/22 1 1)

1 near the Xiao Dong Gou ringing station at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/9/2012.

THRUSH SP. *Turdus sp*

(5/22 2 7)

1 bird, possibly an Eyebrowed Thrush, was heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/9/2012.

2 were heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/9/2012.

1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 20/9/2012.

2 separate birds were heard (& one was glimpsed) calling before dawn at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2012.

1 small thrush was seen at dawn on 26/9/2012.

BLUETHROAT *Luscinia svecica* 蓝喉歌鸫

(1/22 1 1)

1 at the Quan Shui Wetland, Dalian on the 22/9/2012.

SIBERIAN RUBYTHROAT *Luscinia calliope* 红喉歌鸫

(12/22 11 27)

1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/9/2012.

1 was heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/9/2012.

2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/9/2012.

1 was heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/9/2012.

1 was heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/9/2012.

1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/9/2012.

3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 19/9/2012.

2 were heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 20/9/2012.

1 was heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 21/9/2012.

2 at the Quan Shui Wetland, Dalian on the 22/9/2012.

1 was heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2012.

11 at Laotie Shan on 26/9/2012. (Terry Townshend)

SIBERIAN BLUE ROBIN *Luscinia cyane* 蓝歌鸫

(10/22 22 38)

1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/9/2012.

2 males at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/9/2012.

22 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/9/2012.

2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/9/2012.

1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/9/2012.

3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/9/2012.

3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/9/2012.

2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 16/9/2012. Tom & Stephen saw an additional three birds.
1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 17/9/2012.
1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 19/9/2012.

ORANGE-FLANKED BLUETAIL *Tarsiger cyanurus* 红肋蓝尾鹟

(1/22 1 1)

1 at Laotie Shan on 26/9/2012. The first of the autumn. (Terry Townshend)

COMMON STONECHAT *Saxicola maurus* 黑喉石即鸟

(22/22 55 280)

14 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/9/2012.
9 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/9/2012.
12 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/9/2012.
13 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/9/2012.
55 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/9/2012.
15 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/9/2012.
8 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/9/2012.
10 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/9/2012.
10 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/9/2012.
3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/9/2012.
25 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/9/2012.
10 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 16/9/2012.
20 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 17/9/2012.
3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 18/9/2012.
8 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 19/9/2012.
20 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 20/9/2012.
10 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 21/9/2012.
10 in the Lushun-Dalian area on the 22/9/2012. The first four were at Laotie Shan while the other six were at the Quan Shui Wetland, Dalian.
5 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 23/9/2012.
8 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2012.
8 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2012.
4 at Laotie Shan on 26/9/2012.

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

(1/22 1 1)

1 male at the seawatching point at Laotie Shan on 26/9/2012. The first of the autumn. (Terry Townshend)

DARK-SIDED FLYCATCHER *Muscicapa sibirica* 乌鹟

(7/22 2 8)

1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/9/2012.
1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/9/2012.
1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/9/2012.
1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/9/2012.
1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/9/2012.
1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 16/9/2012.
2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 21/9/2012.

ASIAN BROWN FLYCATCHER *Muscicapa dauurica* 北灰鹟

(17/22 10 65)

6 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/9/2012.
3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/9/2012.
3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/9/2012.
5 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/9/2012.
5 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/9/2012.
10 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/9/2012.
6 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/9/2012.
5 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/9/2012.
4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/9/2012.
4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/9/2012.
4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 16/9/2012.
1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 17/9/2012.
1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 18/9/2012.
2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 20/9/2012.
2 were heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 21/9/2012.
2 were heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 23/9/2012.

2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2012.

MUGIMAKI FLYCATCHER *Ficedula mugimaki* 鸺姬鹎

(3/22 1 3)

Tom & Stephen saw one

1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 16/9/2012. (Tom Beeke & Stephen Cairns)

1 right besides the Xiao Dong Gou ringing station, Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 21/9/2012.

1 male at the seawatching point at Laotie Shan on 26/9/2012.

TAIGA FLYCATCHER *Ficedula albicilla* 红喉姬鹎

(17/22 10 57)

2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/9/2012.

3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/9/2012.

5 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/9/2012.

2 were heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/9/2012.

5 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/9/2012.

5 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/9/2012.

4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/9/2012.

2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/9/2012.

4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/9/2012.

3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/9/2012.

10 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/9/2012.

2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 16/9/2012. Tom & Stephen saw one additional bird.

2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 17/9/2012.

1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 18/9/2012.

3 were heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 19/9/2012.

2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 20/9/2012.

2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2012.

EURASIAN TREE SPARROW *Passer montanus* 麻雀

(22/22 150 825)

20 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/9/2012.

120 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/9/2012. Several small, tight flocks, one of about 20 and the other about 50 birds, were showing some signs of eruptive behaviour and were seen flying high only to return moments later.

50 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/9/2012.

100 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/9/2012.

50 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/9/2012.

50 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/9/2012.

30, a flock of 20 and another of ten,

10 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/9/2012.

150 around Lushun on the 13/9/2012 - 50 of these were at Laotie Shan with the other 100 being on the edge of Lushun town itself.

50 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/9/2012.

40 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/9/2012.

25 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 16/9/2012.

20 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 17/9/2012.

10 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 18/9/2012.

20 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 19/9/2012.

20 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 20/9/2012.

20 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 21/9/2012.

10 at the Quan Shui Wetland, Dalian on the 22/9/2012.

10 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 23/9/2012.

10 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2012.

10 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2012.

Lots at Laotie Shan on 26/9/2012.

FOREST WAGTAIL *Dendronanthus indicus* 山鹡鸰

(20/22 90 345)

2 separate fly-overs at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/9/2012.

56 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/9/2012. Most encounters were with solitary birds.

33 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/9/2012.

25 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/9/2012.

32 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/9/2012.

28 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/9/2012.

90 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/9/2012.

10 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/9/2012.

8 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/9/2012.

3 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/9/2012.

13 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/9/2012.
15 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 16/9/2012.
1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 17/9/2012.
1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 18/9/2012.
5 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 19/9/2012.
3 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 20/9/2012.
3 singles flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 21/9/2012.
10 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 23/9/2012.
3 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2012.
4 singles flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2012.

EASTERN YELLOW WAGTAIL *Motacilla tschutschensis* 黄鹡鸰

(21/22 312 1366)

26 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/9/2012.
254 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/9/2012.
133 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/9/2012.
68 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/9/2012.
21 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/9/2012.
14 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/9/2012.
290 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/9/2012.
312 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/9/2012.
70 in Lushun on the 13/9/2012. 47 flew south at Laotie Shan in the early morning while at least another 20, including 15 *tschutschensis*, were seen on waste ground at near Lushun Naval Base.
22 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/9/2012.
22 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/9/2012.
15 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 16/9/2012.
18 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 17/9/2012.
18 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 18/9/2012.
11 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 19/9/2012.
17 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 20/9/2012.
14 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 21/9/2012.
3 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 22/9/2012.
2 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 23/9/2012.
11 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2012.
25 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2012.

GREY WAGTAIL *Motacilla cinerea* 灰鹡鸰

(22/22 56 497)

5 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/9/2012.
54 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/9/2012. A surprisingly high proportion of sightings were of pairs.
29 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/9/2012.
26 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/9/2012.
18 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/9/2012.
23 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/9/2012.
56 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/9/2012.
47 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/9/2012.
14 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/9/2012.
9 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/9/2012.
16 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/9/2012.
30 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 16/9/2012.
12 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 17/9/2012.
17 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 18/9/2012.
21 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 19/9/2012.
16 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 20/9/2012.
27 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 21/9/2012. As has been the case throughout the last two weeks a large number of migrating birds are doing so in pairs.
6 in the Lushun-Dalian area on the 22/9/2012. The first four flew south at Laotie Shan while the two were at the Quan Shui Wetland, Dalian.
32 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 23/9/2012.
10 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2012.
20 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2012.
9 at Laotie Shan on 26/9/2012.

WHITE WAGTAIL *Motacilla alba* 白鹡鸰

(22/22 1134 3160)

Just under 10% of the total number of birds seen were racially assigned and all of those were M. a. leucopsis (15/22 200 311)

187 near on the Lushun on the 5/9/2012. About 15 of these, including 8 'Amur Wagtails' *M. a. leucopsis*, the only ones racially assigned all day, were bus stop area at Laotie Shan while the other 172 flew west over tidal mudflats between Lushun Naval Base & the New Era Grand Hotel between 18h00-18h15 (near dusk). The latter were undoubtedly heading to a nearby roost.

194, including 12 'Amur Wagtail' *M. a. leucopsis* & one possible 'East Siberian Wagtail' *M. a. ocularis*, flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/9/2012.
 233 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/9/2012.
 110, including four 'Amur Wagtail' *M. a. leucopsis*, flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/9/2012.
 18, including eight 'Amur Wagtail' *M. a. leucopsis*, flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/9/2012.
 48, including three 'Amur Wagtail' *M. a. leucopsis*, flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/9/2012.
 1134 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/9/2012. Most birds were not racially assignable and even those that were I didn't log but I would estimate that perhaps as many as 200 were identified to subspecies – and all were 'Amur Wagtail' *M. a. leucopsis*.
 89, including about ten 'Amur Wagtail' *M. a. leucopsis*, flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/9/2012.
 187, including at least ten 'Amur Wagtail' *M. a. leucopsis*, flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/9/2012.
 200, including ten 'Amur Wagtail' *M. a. leucopsis*, flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/9/2012.
 61 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/9/2012.
 28 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 16/9/2012.
 42 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 17/9/2012.
 235, including five 'Amur Wagtail' *M. a. leucopsis*, flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 18/9/2012. The vast majority of these were seen flying low over the sea during the early hours of the sea watch!
 43, including five 'Amur Wagtail' *M. a. leucopsis*, flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 19/9/2012.
 100, including 12 'Amur Wagtail' *M. a. leucopsis*, flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 20/9/2012.
 107, including 10 'Amur Wagtail' *M. a. leucopsis*, flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 21/9/2012.
 24, including eight 'Amur Wagtail' *M. a. leucopsis*,
 37 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 23/9/2012.
 20 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2012.
 51, including six 'Amur Wagtail' *M. a. leucopsis*, flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2012.
 12, including one possible *baicalensis*, at Laotie Shan on 26/9/2012. (Terry Townshend)

RICHARD'S PIPIT *Anthus richardi* 理氏鸚

(21/22 171 633)

62 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/9/2012.
 10 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/9/2012.
 6 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/9/2012.
 17 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/9/2012.
 9 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/9/2012.
 171 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/9/2012.
 9 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/9/2012.
 13 near Lushun on the 13/9/2012. Nine flew south at Laotie Shan in the early morning while another four were on waste ground near the Naval Base later in the day.
 20 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/9/2012.
 30 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/9/2012.
 25 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 16/9/2012.
 24 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 17/9/2012.
 19 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 18/9/2012.
 27 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 19/9/2012.
 43 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 20/9/2012.
 61 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 21/9/2012.
 7 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 22/9/2012.
 25 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 23/9/2012.
 13 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2012.
 38 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2012.
 4 at Laotie Shan on 26/9/2012.

BLYTH'S PIPIT *Anthus godlewskii* 布氏鸚

(2/22 1 2)

1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 06h02 on the 8/9/2012. A scarce migrant even in northern Liaoning Blyth's Pipit is probably quite rare down the Liaodong Peninsula. We didn't encounter any in late September or early October 2011 – other than one bird, that was only possibly this species, that was heard distantly & only once at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 27/9/2011.
 1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/9/2012.

OLIVE-BACKED PIPIT *Anthus hodgsoni* 樹鸚

(21/22 759 2226)

3 singles flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/9/2012.
 3 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/9/2012.
 1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/9/2012.
 5 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/9/2012.
 7 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/9/2012.
 10 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/9/2012.
 1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/9/2012.
 11 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/9/2012.
 20 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/9/2012.
 54 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/9/2012.
 126 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 16/9/2012.
 83 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 17/9/2012.

57 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 18/9/2012.
157 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 19/9/2012.
195 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 20/9/2012.
441 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 21/9/2012.
16 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 22/9/2012.
130 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 23/9/2012.
61 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2012.
759 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2012.
86 at Laotie Shan on 26/9/2012.

PECHORA PIPIT *Anthus gustavi* 北鸚

(19/22 98 196)

1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/9/2012.
7 singles flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/9/2012.
1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/9/2012.
1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/9/2012.
3 singles flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/9/2012.
5 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/9/2012.
38 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/9/2012.
98 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/9/2012. A remarkable tally! Passage was most intense in the 1.5 hours after 06h00 during which period 73 birds were logged – and Pechora Pipit was the second commonest migrating passerine (after Yellow Wagtail)!
11 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/9/2012.
5 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/9/2012.
3 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/9/2012.
1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 16/9/2012.
7 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 17/9/2012.
2 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 18/9/2012.
2 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 19/9/2012.
4 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 20/9/2012.
2 singles flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 23/9/2012.
1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2012.
4 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2012.

RED-THROATED PIPIT *Anthus cervinus* 红喉鸚

(18/22 35 211)

1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/9/2012.
3 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/9/2012.
23 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/9/2012.
2 singles flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/9/2012.
6 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/9/2012.
11 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/9/2012.
10 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/9/2012.
10 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 16/9/2012.
12 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 17/9/2012.
19 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 18/9/2012.
18 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 19/9/2012.
4 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 20/9/2012.
16 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 21/9/2012.
6 in the Lushun-Dalian area on the 22/9/2012. The first three were at Laotie Shan while the other three were at the Quan Shui Wetland, Dalian.
12 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 23/9/2012.
21 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2012.
35 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2012.
2 at Laotie Shan on 26/9/2012.

BUFF-BELLIED PIPIT *Anthus rubescens japonicus* 黄腹鸚

(1/22 1 1)

1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2012. We thought that this would have been quite an early date but, after a modicum of research, it turns out not to have been an especially remarkable first date. At Beidaihe, Hebei the first autumn birds in 1986, 1987 & 1988 were on the 26, 22 & 19 September respectively (Williams ed. 2004).

BRAMBLING *Fringilla montifringilla* 燕雀

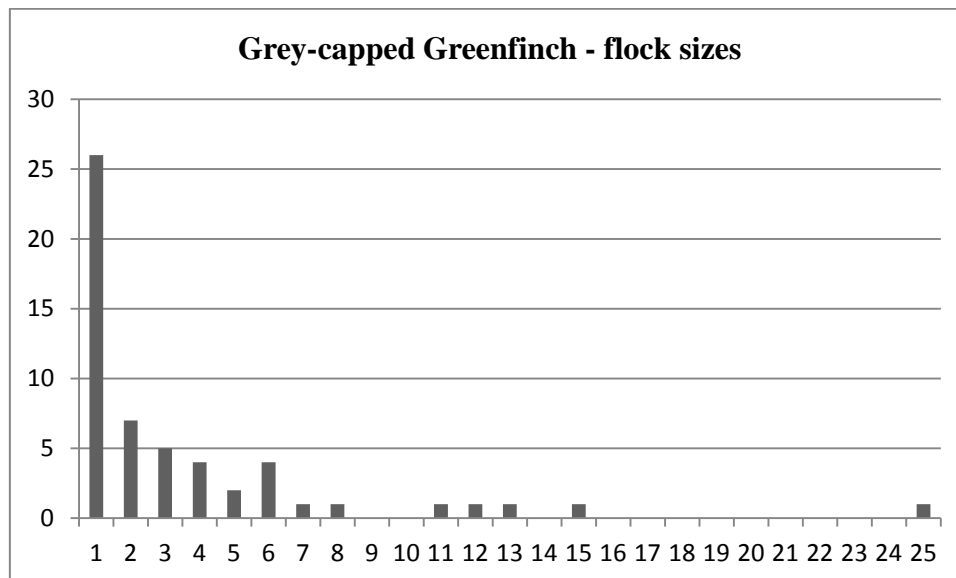
(1/22 1 1)

1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2012. At Beidaihe, Hebei the first autumn birds in 1986, 1987, 1988 & 1989 were on the 17, 17, 20 & 28 September respectively (Williams ed. 2004).

GREY-CAPPED GREENFINCH *Carduelis sinica* 金翅雀

(22/22 67 246)

19 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/9/2012. Flock sizes –were not noted.
67 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/9/2012. Birds were in flocks of the following sizes – 1, 3, 4, 8, 11, 12, 13 & 15 birds.
27 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/9/2012. Flock sizes as follows – 1, 1 & 25.
20 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/9/2012. Flock sizes were as follows 2, 2, 4, 6 & 6.
2 flew south together at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/9/2012.
4 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/9/2012. Flock sizes were as follows – 1, 1 & 2.
8 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/9/2012. Flock sizes were not noted.
3 flew south together at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/9/2012.
4 near Lushun on the 13/9/2012 - one flew south at Laotie Shan while the other three were near the hotel in Lushun town.
4 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/9/2012.
13 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/9/2012. Flock sizes were as follows – 1, 2, 4 & 6.
1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 16/9/2012.
3 singles flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 17/9/2012.
2 singles were heard as they flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 18/9/2012.
15 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 19/9/2012. Flock sizes as follows – 1, 1, 1, 5 & 6.
1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 20/9/2012.
1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 21/9/2012.
4, a single and a flock of three, at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 22/9/2012.
21 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 23/9/2012. Flock sizes as follows – 1, 1, 2, 4, 6 & 7
9 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2012. Flock sizes as follows – 2 were heard, 1, 1 & 5.
15 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2012. Flock sizes as follows – 1, 1, 1, 2, 3, 3 & 4.
3 at Laotie Shan on 26/9/2012.



EURASIAN SISKIN *Carduelis spinus* 黄雀

(1/22 1 1)

1 first-winter at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/9/2012. Seen well – it flew south, flew around and eventually flew in and landed (& was photographed).
Probably an exceptionally early date? The earliest autumn date mentioned by Williams ed. (1992) for Beidaihe, Hebei the years 1986-1990 was the 1st October 1986. There also don't seem to be any sightings in Beijing any earlier than mid-October. Eurasian Siskin is a common cage bird in China & it's quite possible that today's bird was an escape – though the fact that it was a first-winter (and aged on a contrast in the greater coverts) and they probably don't breed very well in captivity might rule against this.

COMMON ROSEFINCH *Carpodacus erythrinus* 普通朱雀

(21/22 80 676)

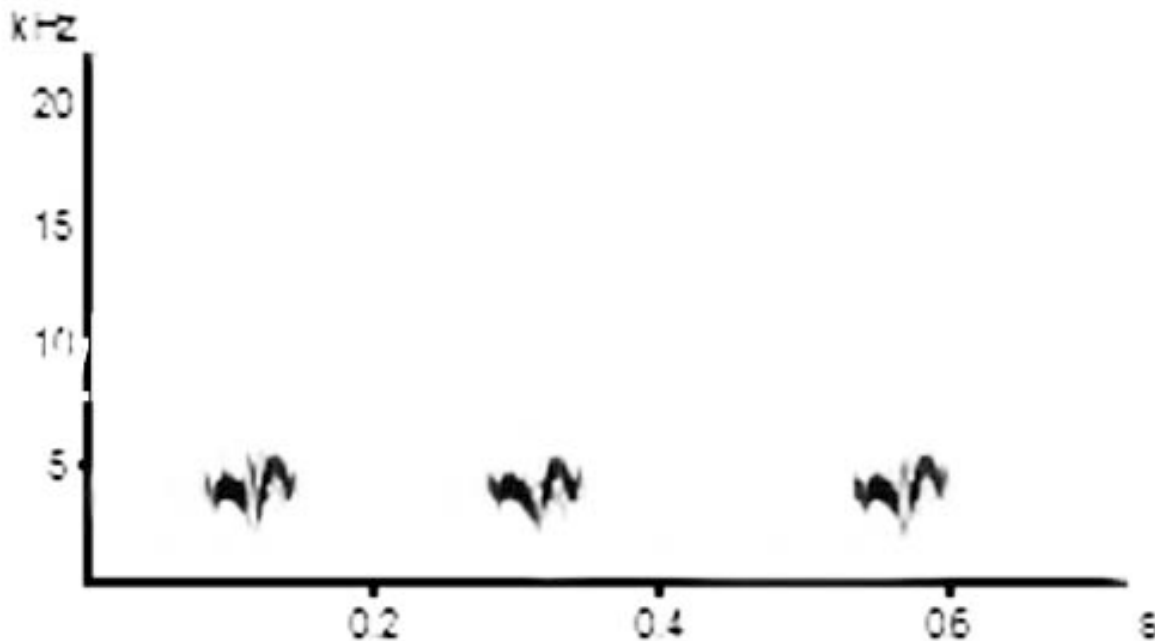
25 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/9/2012. Most encounters were with singletons but flocks of up to five birds were also seen.
14 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/9/2012.
9 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/9/2012.
32 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/9/2012.
25 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/9/2012.
46 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/9/2012.
2 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/9/2012.
36 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/9/2012.
15 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/9/2012.
75 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/9/2012.
80 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 16/9/2012.

49 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 17/9/2012.
 18 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 18/9/2012.
 27 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 19/9/2012.
 78 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 20/9/2012.
 76 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 21/9/2012.
 4 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 22/9/2012.
 26 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 23/9/2012.
 13 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2012.
 24 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2012.
 2 at Laotie Shan on 26/9/2012.

RED CROSSBILL *Loxia curvirostra* 红交嘴雀

(1/22 1 1)

1 first year male flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 10h15 on the 19/9/2012. It was calling frequently, landed for ten minutes or so, and was both sound recorded and photographed.

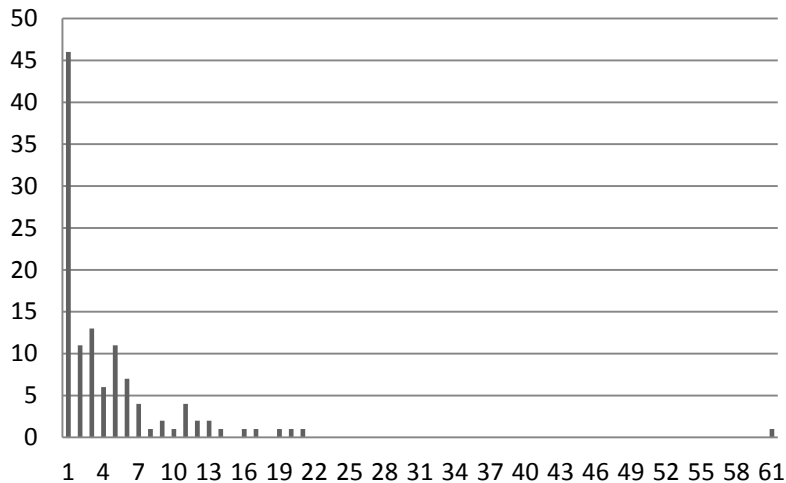


CHINESE GROSBEAK *Eophona migratoria* 黑尾蜡嘴雀

(20/22 131 559)

18 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/9/2012. Birds were seen in groups of 1, 5 & 12.
 73 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/9/2012. Birds were in flocks of the following sizes – 1, 1, 3, 3, 5, 5, 7, 13, 16 & 19 birds.
 1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/9/2012.
 20 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/9/2012. Flock sizes were as follows 1, 1, 2, 2, 3 & 11.
 131 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/9/2012. Birds were seen in flocks of 1, 1, 3, 3, 5, 9, 12, 17, 20 & 60.
 19 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/9/2012. Flock sizes were as follows – 1, 1, 1, 1, 2 & 13.
 92 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/9/2012. Flock sizes as follows – 2 were only heard, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 2, 2, 4, 5, 5, 6, 6, 6, 7, 8, 11 & 21.
 4, a single and a flock of three, flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/9/2012.
 1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/9/2012.
 1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/9/2012.
 12 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/9/2012. Flock sizes were as follows – heard, 1, 1, 3 & 6.
 57 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 16/9/2012. Flocks sizes as follows – heard, heard, 1, 1, 1, 2, 2, 3, 3, 3, 4, 5, 5, 11 & 14.
 15 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 17/9/2012. Flock sizes as follows – 1, 1, 1, 1, 5 & 6.
 1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 18/9/2012.
 22 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 19/9/2012. Flock sizes were as follows – 1 heard, 1, 2, 7 & 11.
 34 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 20/9/2012. Flock sizes as follows – heard, 1, 1, 1, 2, 3, 4, 4, 7 & 10.
 6 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 21/9/2012. Flock sizes as follows – 1, 1 & 4.
 4 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 23/9/2012. Flock sizes were 1 & 3.
 24 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2012. Flock sizes as follows – 1, 1, 1, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6.
 24 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2012. Flock sizes as follows -1, 1, 2, 5, 6 & 9.

Chinese Grosbeak - flock sizes



TRISTRAM'S BUNTING *Emberiza tristrami* 白眉鹀

(5/22 7 11)

- 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/9/2012.
- 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/9/2012.
- Tom & Stephen saw one at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 16/9/2012.
- 1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 17/9/2012.
- 7 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 20/9/2012.

LITTLE BUNTING *Emberiza pusilla* 小鹀

(1/22 1 1)

- 1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2012.

YELLOW-BROWED BUNTING *Emberiza chrysophrys* 黄眉鹀

(4/22 5 8)

- 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/9/2012.
- 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/9/2012.
- Tom & Stephen saw five at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 16/9/2012.
- 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 21/9/2012.

YELLOW-BREASTED BUNTING *Emberiza aureola* VU 黄胸鹀

(4/22 14 24)

- 14 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/9/2012.
- 3 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/9/2012.
- 4 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/9/2012.
- 3 singles flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2012.

BLACK-FACED BUNTING *Emberiza spodocephala* 灰头鹀

(12/22 20 67)

- 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/9/2012.
- 3 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/9/2012.
- 3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/9/2012.
- 10 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/9/2012.
- 3 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/9/2012.
- 3 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 19/9/2012.
- 5 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 20/9/2012.
- 10 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 21/9/2012.
- 1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 23/9/2012.
- 3 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2012.
- 20 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2012.
- 5 at Laotie Shan on 26/9/2012.

PALLAS'S BUNTING *Emberiza pallasii* 苇鹀

(1/22 2 2)

2 singles flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/9/2012. The first of the autumn.

BUNTING SP. *Emberiza sp.*

(22/22 400 1700)

1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/9/2012.

10 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/9/2012.

35 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/9/2012.

17 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/9/2012.

20 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/9/2012.

70 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/9/2012.

50 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/9/2012.

15 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/9/2012.

60 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/9/2012.

50 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/9/2012.

20 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/9/2012.

200 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 16/9/2012.

100 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 17/9/2012.

20 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 18/9/2012.

50 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 19/9/2012.

150 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 20/9/2012.

300 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 21/9/2012.

22 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 22/9/2012.

35 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 23/9/2012.

10 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2012.

400 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2012.

65 at Laotie Shan on 26/9/2012.

PASSERINE SP.

(20/22 3000 8520)

150 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/9/2012.

60 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/9/2012.

40 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/9/2012.

400 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/9/2012.

150 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/9/2012.

600 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/9/2012.

50 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/9/2012.

500 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/9/2012.

300 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/9/2012.

300 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/9/2012.

1000 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 16/9/2012.

200 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 17/9/2012.

500 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 18/9/2012.

300 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 19/9/2012.

300 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 20/9/2012.

500 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 21/9/2012.

20 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 22/9/2012.

100 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 23/9/2012.

50 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2012.

3000 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2012.