



**Grey Heron** *Ardea cinerea*

Six migr (incl a very high-up group of five) at Badaxia Park on 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Amur Falcon** *Falco amurensis*

One adult male migr at Badaxia Park at 08h09 on 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Peregrine** *Falco peregrinus*

At Badaxia Park one adult in off the sea at 06h50 on 2<sup>nd</sup>, landing on a tall building, and one adult possibly the same @ that building again the next day.

**Oriental Honey Buzzard** *Pernis ptilorhynchus*

One 1<sup>st</sup> c-y migr at Badaxia Park at 06h23 on 30<sup>th</sup>, and four (one unaged bird at 06h25, one 1<sup>st</sup> c-y ->NE at 06h35 & two 1<sup>st</sup> c-y at 06h43) there on 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Japanese Sparrowhawk** *Accipiter gularis*

One migr at Badaxia Park at 06h24 on 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Eurasian Sparrowhawk** *Accipiter nisus*

One at Badaxia Park on 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Eurasian Woodcock** *Scolopax rusticola*

One ('at 07h31: flew around & probably landed in outermost section') at Badaxia Park on 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Black-tailed Gull** *Larus crassirostris*

Three at Badaxia Park on 30<sup>th</sup>.

**'Herring'-type Gull** *Larus vegae* / *Larus (cachinnans) mongolicus* / *Larus (fuscus) taimyrensis*

At Badaxia Park four on 1<sup>st</sup> & three on 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Common Black-headed Gull** *Larus ridibundus*

At Badaxia Park 85 on 30<sup>th</sup>, 12 on 1<sup>st</sup> & five on 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Relict Gull** *Larus relictus*

A flock of 16 1<sup>st</sup> c-y birds migr at Badaxia Park at 08h09 on 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Oriental Turtle Dove** *Streptopelia orientalis*

One at Badaxia Park on 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Spotted Dove** *Streptopelia chinensis*

Singles at Badaxia Park on 1+2<sup>nd</sup> & at Zhongshan Park on 3 Oct

**Grey Nightjar** *Caprimulgus yokata*

One in flight at Zhongshan Park on 30<sup>th</sup> – 'brief but sweet': TINGALING!

**Common Kingfisher** *Alcedo atthis*

One at Zhongshan Park on 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Hoopoe** *Upupa epops*

Two (incl one migr) at Badaxia Park on 30<sup>th</sup> & two at Zhongshan Park on 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Ashy Minivet** *Pericrocotus divaricatus*

At Badaxia Park heard-onlies: singles on both 30<sup>th</sup> & 1<sup>st</sup>, and 7+ on 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Brown Shrike** *Lanius cristatus*

One at Badaxia Park on 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Black-naped Oriole** *Oriolus chinensis*

At Badaxia Park one on 30<sup>th</sup> & a 1<sup>st</sup> c-y on 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Azure-winged Magpie** *Cyanopica cyanus*

At Badaxia Park two on 30<sup>th</sup>, 15+ (incl several short-tailed juveniles) on 1<sup>st</sup>, 23 on 2<sup>nd</sup> & 22 on 3<sup>rd</sup>, and at Zhongshan Park 13 on 30<sup>th</sup> & 33 on 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Common Magpie** *Pica pica*

At Badaxia Park eight on both 1+2<sup>nd</sup> & three on 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Varied Tit** *Parus varius*

At Badaxia Park one heard on 29<sup>th</sup>, singles on both 1<sup>st</sup>+2<sup>nd</sup> & 2-3 (one in strip of trees nearby en route, and two not necessarily incl the same one at main park) on 3<sup>rd</sup>.

My visit to Zhongshan Park on 3<sup>rd</sup> was mainly to check if there might be some there as well – odd calls that initially sounded promising turned out to be from a cage containing a Yellow-bellied Tit.

A handful of bird photographers to whom I showed an image downloaded from [www.orientalbirdimages.org](http://www.orientalbirdimages.org) were unfamiliar with the species and were not aware that it was one to look out for.

\*\*\*Zheng *et al.* (2005) listed the species only for E Liaoning & SW Jilin.

\*\*\*Several years ago a single bird turned up at Happy Island, Hebei, around 17th/18th Oct as part of a large-scale irruption of Coal, Eastern Great & white-headed Long-tailed Tits, and Common Treecreeper.

\*\*\*Interestingly, N Moores had suggested to me c20 Sep that it might be worth looking out for the species as some had been turning up outside its normal range in S Korea, and unbeknownst to me prior to my sightings there had already been records near Shanghai & in Hong Kong (T Townshend pers com), suggesting a rare influx. Two at Beijing's Botanical Gardens on 4 Oct 2012 (JH pers obs) was apparently the 1<sup>st</sup> record for the municipality.

\*\*\*^vocalizations noted incl a nasal 'daah' suggesting Yellow-bellied Tit *Parus venustus* - also not listed for Shandong by Zheng *et al.* (2005) – and an insistent 'tseet' unlike anything heard from Yellow-bellied Tit. The bird did not give anything like Yellow-bellied's familiar twittery series.

\*\*\*^Showing well and vocalizing strongly before 06h15. Vocalizations noted were

1) 'tseee-tseee-tseee'

2) 'tseee-tseee'

3) 'tsee-tsuuh'

...the 'tseee' variably more or less buzzy; sometimes inquisitive, sometimes almost Goldcrest *Regulus regulus* pitch.

4) 'tsee-tsee, daah-daah' recalling Songar Tit *Parus songarus* (and quite likely mimicry)

5) 'pfuid-pfuid'

...the variation in calls alone invites confusion with Yellow-bellied Tit!

\*\*\*^^Seen feeding in firs: both bark-tapping near trunk and occasionally working a cone briefly. Today an abrupter version of the 'tseet' call was heard, recalling Grey-backed Thrush. The birds again today ceased to be vocal after c06h10.

**Sand Martin** *Riparia riparia*

Three on 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Barn Swallow** *Hirundo rustica*

At Badaxia Park 115 on 30<sup>th</sup>, 20 on 1<sup>st</sup>, 25 on 2<sup>nd</sup> & ten on 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Red-rumped Swallow** *Cecropis daurica*

At Badaxia Park four on 30<sup>th</sup>, ten on 1<sup>st</sup> & eight on 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Chinese Bulbul** *Pycnonotus sinensis*

At Badaxia Park two on 30<sup>th</sup>, four on 1<sup>st</sup>, two on 2<sup>nd</sup> & seven on 3<sup>rd</sup>, and at Zhongshan Park 40 on 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Black-browed Reed Warbler** *Acrocephalus bistrigiceps*

One at Badaxia Park on 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Dusky Warbler** *Phylloscopus fuscatus*

One at Badaxia Park on 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Pallas's Leaf Warbler** *Phylloscopus proregulus*

One at Badaxia Park on 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Yellow-browed Warbler** *Phylloscopus inornatus*

At Badaxia Park five on 30<sup>th</sup>, ten on 1<sup>st</sup>, eight on 2<sup>nd</sup> & five on 3<sup>rd</sup>, and at Zhongshan Park four on 30<sup>th</sup> & five on 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**\*\*\*Hwamei** *Garrulax canorus* feral / escape

Two tail-less individuals 'in from the outermost section' at Badaxia Park on 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Vinous-throated Parrotbill** *Paradoxornis webbianus*

At Badaxia Park heard on 30<sup>th</sup> & 11 on both 1<sup>st</sup>+2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Chestnut-flanked White-eye** *Zosterops erythropleurus*

At Badaxia Park six on 30<sup>th</sup>, four on 1<sup>st</sup>, 23 on 2<sup>nd</sup> & 11 on 3<sup>rd</sup>, and at Zhongshan Park c35 on 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**\*\*\*Crested Myna** *Acridotheres cristellatus* presumed feral

One at Zhongshan Park on 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Red-billed Starling** *Sturnus sericeus*

Two headed E at Badaxia Park at 08h06 after a bit of flying around on 3<sup>rd</sup>.

\*\*\*The species was not listed for Shandong by Zheng *et al.* (2005). An ongoing range expansion has seen the species reach Beijing (JH *et al.* pers obs) & S Korea (N Moores pers com).

**White-cheeked Starling** *Sturnus cineraceus*

At Badaxia Park 45 ->WSW at 06h59 on 2<sup>nd</sup> & three ->S at 08h06 on 3<sup>rd</sup>, and at Zhongshan Park two on 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Grey-backed Thrush** *Turdus hortulorum*

One at Badaxia Park on 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Chinese Blackbird** *Turdus mandarinus*

1+ at Zhongshan Park on 30<sup>th</sup>.

**\*\*\* Thrush sp** *Turdus sp*

One at Badaxia Park on 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Siberian Rubythroat** *Luscinia calliope*

Four at Badaxia Park on 2<sup>nd</sup> briefly showing well, sitting up on tree supports.

**Daurian Redstart** *Phoenicurus aureoreus*

At Badaxia Park one male on 1<sup>st</sup>, two males on 2<sup>nd</sup> & one heard on 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Common Stonechat** *Saxicola torquatus*

One male on 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Eurasian Tree Sparrow** *Passer montanus*

Fairly common – not systematically recorded.

**Eastern Yellow Wagtail** *Motacilla tschutschensis*

At Badaxia Park five on 30<sup>th</sup>, 12 on 1<sup>st</sup>, six on 2<sup>nd</sup> & four on 3<sup>rd</sup>, and at Zhongshan Park one on 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Grey Wagtail** *Motacilla cinerea*

At Badaxia Park five on 30<sup>th</sup>, two on 1<sup>st</sup>, one on 2<sup>nd</sup> & 12 on 3<sup>rd</sup>, and at Zhongshan Park one on 30<sup>th</sup>.

**White Wagtail** *Motacilla alba*

At Badaxia Park 16 on 30<sup>th</sup>, 18 on 1<sup>st</sup> & 14 on 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Richard's Pipit** *Anthus richardi*

At Badaxia Park 48 on 30<sup>th</sup>, three on 1<sup>st</sup>, 35 on 2<sup>nd</sup> & 20 on 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Olive-backed Pipit** *Anthus hodgsoni*

At Badaxia Park ten on 30<sup>th</sup>, 11 on 1<sup>st</sup>, 30 on 2<sup>nd</sup> & 11 on 3<sup>rd</sup>, and at Zhongshan Park one on 30<sup>th</sup> & nine on 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Red-throated Pipit** *Anthus cervinus*

At Badaxia Park three on 30<sup>th</sup>, 11 on 1<sup>st</sup>, five on 2<sup>nd</sup> & two on 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Brambling** *Fringilla montifringilla*

Two at Badaxia Park on 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Oriental Greenfinch** *Carduelis sinica*

Three at Badaxia Park on 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Chinese Grosbeak** *Eophona migratoria*

At Badaxia Park 2+ on 30<sup>th</sup> & eight on 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Little Bunting** *Emberiza pusilla*

At Badaxia Park three on 1<sup>st</sup> & four on 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Yellow-browed Bunting** *Emberiza chrysophrys*

One at Badaxia Park on 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Black-faced Bunting** *Emberiza spodocephala*

At Badaxia Park four on 30<sup>th</sup>, and 13 on both 1<sup>st</sup>+2<sup>nd</sup>.