

SUNBIRD TOUR TO SOUTH CHINA



**Birding in Shanghai, Changle (Fujian),
Wuyuan & Poyang Hu NNR (Jiangxi), Yancheng
NNR & Dafeng areas (Jiangsu).**

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TRIP SUMMARY

In December 2012 I led another Sunbird tour to 'South China'. [Note that the term 'South China' is used loosely in the context of this tour since it normally only refers to the geographical region south of the Yangtze & therefore does not include any of the areas in Jiangsu Province that we visited on our current itinerary.]

This was the fifth such tour that I had led & my sixth or seventh visit to most of the places on the itinerary. The trip logistics were again organised by Wang Qingyu & I have absolutely no hesitation in recommending her as a ground agent. She can be contacted at –

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We recorded a total of 231 species including 14 species that are currently considered to be globally threatened by BirdLife International (2004) *Threatened birds of the world* 2004 CD-Rom Cambridge, U.K. BirdLife International. These are indicated in the bird list that follows the daily diary presented below and the codes used are as follows: CR = Critically Endangered; EN = Endangered; VU = Vulnerable; NT = Near-threatened.

The threatened species were – Swan Goose (EN), Lesser White-fronted Goose (VU), Baikal Teal (VU), Baer's Pochard (CR), Scaly-sided Merganser (EN), Siberian Crane (CR), White-naped Crane (VU), Hooded Crane (VU), Red-crowned Crane (EN), Spoon-billed Sandpiper (CR), Saunders's Gull (VU), Black-faced Spoonbill (EN), Dalmatian Pelican (CR) and Oriental Stork (EN). In addition White-necklaced Partridge, Ferruginous Duck, Eurasian Curlew, Marsh Grassbird and Reed Parrotbill, five Near Threatened species, were recorded at Yancheng NNR, Jiangsu.

Highlights

We also recorded a surprising number of rarities and/or surprises on this year's tour. Outstanding rarities included two first records for Mainland China – an American Wigeon and a Redhead at Yancheng NNR, Jiangsu on the 12th & 13 December respectively. Other goodies included a male Red-crested Pochard at Yancheng on the 12 December; 12 different Ferruginous Ducks in the Yancheng–Dafeng area – a remarkable tally given that Ferruginous Duck was first recorded in Jiangsu as recently as 26 December 2006 (Paul Holt et al. pers. obs.); sightings of Greater Scaup in both Fujian and Jiangsu; a single Red-breasted Merganser in Jiangsu; a single Striated Heron near Pudong International Airport, Shanghai on the 1 December was probably late; over 10 Long-eared Owls and two Water Rails at Yancheng; four adult Pallas's Gulls at Yancheng NNR on the 11 December - another remarkable tally given that the species was first recorded in Jiangsu as recently as 26 December 2006 (Paul Holt et al. pers. obs.); two Spotted Wren Babblers in Fuzhou FP on the 4 December; a single Short-tailed Parrotbill near Wuyuan on the 6 December; a singing male Japanese Robin in Fuzhou FP on the 4 December; two *lugens* White Wagtails in the Minjiang Estuary on the 3rd and one at Wenwu Beach, also Changle, Fujian on the 5 December; 9 Eurasian Bullfinch at Yancheng NNR on the 12th with another in Binjiang Forest Park, Shanghai on the 14 December.

High counts included 5000 Swan Geese at Poyang Hu NNR on the 8 December; 8150 Tundra Bean Geese at Nanjishan, Poyang Hu on the 10 December; 1000 Tundra Swans at Poyang Hu NNR on the 8 December; 1756 Gadwall and 2200 Falcated Duck at Yancheng NNR on the 12 December; probably in excess of 5300 Common Pochard at Yancheng NNR during 12-13 December; 250 Little Egrets at Yancheng NNR on the 12 December; 1770 Great Cormorants at Yancheng NNR on the 11 December; probably over 13,000 Eurasian Coot in Yancheng NNR during 12-13 December; 140 Grey-chinned Minivets in Fuzhou FP on the 4 December; 345 Common Starlings at Yancheng NNR on the 11 December and 400 'Rufous-tailed Thrushes' in Binjiang Forest Park, Shanghai on the 14 December.

Unseasonal sightings included - 36 Black-winged Stilt at Yancheng NNR on the 11 December; five Whiskered Terns at Yancheng NNR on the 12 December; a Eurasian Wryneck in the Minjiang Estuary area, Changle on the 3 December and one Sand Martin with up to 300 Barn Swallows at Yancheng NNR on the 11 & 12 December.

ITINERARY

Saturday 1 December 2012. Birding near the Ramada hotel, Pudong, Shanghai.

Site 1. Near the Ramada Airport Hotel, Pudong, Shanghai. (08h00-13h00)

About five hours (08h00-13h00) birding on my own near the Ramada Airport hotel, Pudong, Shanghai.

During this period I found an illegal mist net with nine birds in it (six Spotted Dove and three Dusky Thrushes). I released the birds before trashing the net and poles. I saw no body in the area although all the birds were in good condition and could not have been in the net very long.

Japanese Quail	1 near the Ramada Airport Hotel, Pudong, Shanghai on the 1/12/2012. (10 metres)
Common Kingfisher	1 was heard near the Ramada Airport Hotel, Pudong, Shanghai on the 1/12/2012. (10 metres)
Spotted Dove	30 near the Ramada Airport Hotel, Pudong, Shanghai on the 1/12/2012. (10 metres)
White-breasted Waterhen	1 near the Ramada Airport Hotel, Pudong, Shanghai on the 1/12/2012. (10 metres)
Common Moorhen	4 were heard near the Ramada Airport Hotel, Pudong, Shanghai on the 1/12/2012. (10 metres)
Green Sandpiper	1 near the Ramada Airport Hotel, Pudong, Shanghai on the 1/12/2012. (10 metres)
Common Sandpiper	1 near the Ramada Airport Hotel, Pudong, Shanghai on the 1/12/2012. (10 metres)
Eastern Buzzard	1 juvenile near the Ramada Airport Hotel, Pudong, Shanghai on the 1/12/2012. (10 metres)



Common Kestrel	1 near the Ramada Airport Hotel, Pudong, Shanghai on the 1/12/2012. (10 metres)
Little Grebe	8 near the Ramada Airport Hotel, Pudong, Shanghai on the 1/12/2012. (10 metres)
Little Egret	2 singles near the Ramada Airport Hotel, Pudong, Shanghai on the 1/12/2012. (10 metres)
Striated Heron	1 near the Ramada Airport Hotel, Pudong, Shanghai on the 1/12/2012. (10 metres)
Long-tailed Shrike	7 near the Ramada Airport Hotel, Pudong, Shanghai on the 1/12/2012. (10 metres)
Grey-backed Thrush	1 was heard near the Ramada Airport Hotel, Pudong, Shanghai on the 1/12/2012. (10 metres)
Pale Thrush	14 near the Ramada Airport Hotel, Pudong, Shanghai on the 1/12/2012. (10 metres)
Dusky Thrush	35 near the Ramada Airport Hotel, Pudong, Shanghai on the 1/12/2012. (10 metres)
Daurian Redstart	8 near the Ramada Airport Hotel, Pudong, Shanghai on the 1/12/2012. (10 metres)
White-cheeked Starling	15 near the Ramada Airport Hotel, Pudong, Shanghai on the 1/12/2012. (10 metres)
Black-collared Starling	2, a pair, near the Ramada Airport Hotel, Pudong, Shanghai on the 1/12/2012. (10 metres)
Crested Myna	25 near the Ramada Airport Hotel, Pudong, Shanghai on the 1/12/2012. (10 metres)

Chinese Penduline Tit	4 were heard near the Ramada Airport Hotel, Pudong, Shanghai on the 1/12/2012. (10 metres)
Light-vented Bulbul	8 near the Ramada Airport Hotel, Pudong, Shanghai on the 1/12/2012. (10 metres)
Vinous-throated Parrotbill	15 near the Ramada Airport Hotel, Pudong, Shanghai on the 1/12/2012. (10 metres)
Eurasian Skylark	2 singles near the Ramada Airport Hotel, Pudong, Shanghai on the 1/12/2012. (10 metres)
Eurasian Tree Sparrow	100 near the Ramada Airport Hotel, Pudong, Shanghai on the 1/12/2012. (10 metres)
White Wagtail	4, including three <i>leucopsis</i> , near the Ramada Airport Hotel, Pudong, Shanghai on the 1/12/2012. (10 metres)
Grey Wagtail	1 near the Ramada Airport Hotel, Pudong, Shanghai on the 1/12/2012. (10 metres)
Olive-backed Pipit	5 near the Ramada Airport Hotel, Pudong, Shanghai on the 1/12/2012. (10 metres)
Red-throated Pipit	1 near the Ramada Airport Hotel, Pudong, Shanghai on the 1/12/2012. (10 metres)
Water Pipit	1 near the Ramada Airport Hotel, Pudong, Shanghai on the 1/12/2012. (10 metres)
Hawfinch	1 near the Ramada Airport Hotel, Pudong, Shanghai on the 1/12/2012. (10 metres)
Little Bunting	2 singles near the Ramada Airport Hotel, Pudong, Shanghai on the 1/12/2012. (10 metres)
Black-faced Bunting	3 near the Ramada Airport Hotel, Pudong, Shanghai on the 1/12/2012. (10 metres)

Sunday 2 December 2012. Early morning near the Ramada Airport hotel, Pudong, group arrived in Shanghai late morning. Early afternoon birding Shanghai zoo.

The group's British Airways flight arrived at Pudong airport on time at 09h30. They were met by Qingyu and transferred to the nearby Ramada Hotel. Arriving on time at 09h25 they had a half hour spell to freshen up and meet the American participants who had arrived earlier. Note that the Ramada hotel's decent complementary western buffet breakfast lasts from 06h00-10h00 & that rooms here cost about 1000 yuan (about £100/night).

After that they took the tour coach into Shanghai city and to the zoo. The latter is just a 15-20 minute drive from Shanghai's domestic airport – Hong Qiao. They met Shanghai birder, Zhang Lin, outside the zoo and went on to spend about 4.5 hours birding inside before heading to the airport, having dinner and then taking a one hour flight south to Fuzhou. The flight was delayed 65 minutes and finally arrived in Fujian Province at 20h50.

Site 1. Shanghai Zoo. (10h40-15h15). (31°11.2'N., 121°22.0'E.).

We were all met at Fuzhou airport by local birder 'Lao Deng' (an internet name that is a colloquial name of Grey Heron & translates as 'Always Waiting') and were transferred the 25 minutes to the 3-star Rong Cheng Hotel, Lufong Road, Jinfeng town, Changle, Fujian. (Tel.: 0591 28568588 Fax.: 0591 28568333). The better rooms at the Rong Cheng Hotel used to cost 380/night and were clean & fairly well equipped with an en suite bathroom, a TV that supported the English language channel CCTV 9 and complementary internet access. Cheaper, but noisier rooms in the same hotel can be obtained for 198 yuan/night. Note that further away in Fuzhou city there are at least two five star hotels – one being a Shangri La. The latter was offering weekend rooms for 830 yuan/night including two complementary breakfasts when Qingyu & me were in Changle in late October/early November 2008.

With a population of 6.5 million Fuzhou holds considerable political, economic and cultural sway as the region's largest city. Fuzhou is apparently known for its many hot springs and banyan trees that dot the landscape.

Fuzhou city is very easy to reach – there are perhaps eight flights every day to/from Shanghai, at least one a day to/from Guangzhou & others to Shenzhen, Hong Kong & Beijing. There are also summer flights to/from Wuyishan.

I'd been to Changle just three times before – in late October/early November 2008 when Qingyu & me attended a local bird race – the first Chinese bird race that either of us had visited. Organised by the local chapter of the Fujian Bird Watching Society, and in particular by Yang Jing with the help of Chen Lin & others, and jointly sponsored by the Changle Forestry Department & Swarovski (Hong Kong) Ltd. it was attended by over 100 people including three guys from Taiwan. It proved to be an enormous success. My second visit was on the 26 & 27 August 2009 when we searched for, and saw, Chinese Crested Tern and my third visit was in late December 2009.

Weather

It rained hard in the early morning but this had stopped by 09h00. It then remained fine for the rest of the day and temperatures ranged from a 11-15°C in Shanghai to 14°C at Fuzhou airport at 20h45.

Garganey	1 in Shanghai Zoo on the 2/12/2012. Despite being with the feral Mandarin Ducks it was possibly wild.
Common Teal	10 in Shanghai Zoo on the 2/12/2012.
Tufted Duck	1 female in Shanghai Zoo on the 2/12/2012. Despite being with the feral Mandarin Ducks it was possibly wild.
Great Spotted Woodpecker	1 was heard in Shanghai Zoo on the 2/12/2012.
Common Kingfisher	1 in Shanghai Zoo on the 2/12/2012.
Oriental Turtle Dove	3 in Shanghai Zoo on the 2/12/2012.
Spotted Dove	30 in Shanghai Zoo on the 2/12/2012.
Mongolian Gull	2 adults in Shanghai Zoo on the 2/12/2012.
Little Grebe	5 in Shanghai Zoo on the 2/12/2012.
Little Egret	15 in & around Shanghai Zoo on the 2/12/2012.

Grey Heron	1 juvenile in Shanghai Zoo on the 2/12/2012.
Black-crowned Night Heron	30 in Shanghai Zoo on the 2/12/2012.
Long-tailed Shrike	6 in Shanghai Zoo on the 2/12/2012.
Azure-winged Magpie	30 in Shanghai Zoo on the 2/12/2012.
Grey-backed Thrush	1 in Shanghai Zoo on the 2/12/2012.
Common Blackbird	50 in Shanghai Zoo on the 2/12/2012.
Pale Thrush	5 in Shanghai Zoo on the 2/12/2012.
White's Thrush	1 in Shanghai Zoo on the 2/12/2012.
Naumann's Thrush	1 in Shanghai Zoo on the 2/12/2012.
Dusky Thrush	5 in Shanghai Zoo on the 2/12/2012.
Intermediate Naumann's/Dusky Thrush	1 in Shanghai Zoo on the 2/12/2012.
Red-flanked Bluetail	5 in Shanghai Zoo on the 2/12/2012.
Oriental Magpie Robin	2 in Shanghai Zoo on the 2/12/2012.
Japanese Tit	5 in Shanghai Zoo on the 2/12/2012.
Silver-throated Bushtit	10 in Shanghai Zoo on the 2/12/2012.
Light-vented Bulbul	20 in Shanghai Zoo on the 2/12/2012.
Goldcrest	1 in Shanghai Zoo on the 2/12/2012.
Yellow-browed Warbler	2 in Shanghai Zoo on the 2/12/2012.
Vinous-throated Parrotbill	15 in Shanghai Zoo on the 2/12/2012.
Eurasian Tree Sparrow	150 in Shanghai Zoo on the 2/12/2012.
White Wagtail	1 male <i>leucopsis</i> in Shanghai Zoo on the 2/12/2012.
Grey Wagtail	1 in Shanghai Zoo on the 2/12/2012.
Eurasian Siskin	25 in Shanghai Zoo on the 2/12/2012.
Yellow-billed Grosbeak	4 in Shanghai Zoo on the 2/12/2012.

Mammals, reptiles & amphibians

Red-bellied Squirrel	15 in Shanghai Zoo on the 2/12/2012.
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I last visited Shanghai Zoo on the 20 December 2009 & saw the following –

White-throated Kingfisher	1
Common Buzzard	1
Peregrine Falcon	1
White's Thrush	2
Yellow-bellied Tit	12
Pallas's Warbler	6
Masked Laughingthrush	4
Tristram's Bunting	4
Yellow-browed Bunting	6

Monday 3 December 2012. All day in the Minjiang Estuary, Changle, Fujian.

Breakfast in Paul & Qingyu's room at 05h15 and we left at 06h30 for a short drive to the Minjiang Estuary where we birded for several hours before taking an 09h30 boat over to Shanyutan (literally 'Eel Bay'). Picnic lunch there and we departed at 16h25. Dinner at 18h30.

Weather: Gorgeous weather all day with clear skies, excellent long-range visibility, no rain and virtually no wind all day. The temperature rose from 13°C outside the Changle hotel at 06h10 to 17C on Shanyutan by 15h15.

Fushan Matou – the quay where we took a small fishing boat across to Shanyutan. (26°01.29'N., 119°39.02'E.). 06h45

Shanyutan, Minjiang Kou, Changle. (26°01.65'N., 119°38.67'E.). 07h00-14h30

Sun rise & sun set in the Minjiang Estuary on 3 December 2012

Sun rise	06h33
Sun set	17h10

High tide

High tide was at about 13h20 & we arrived on a receding tide. I'd managed to get the tide times from the UK Admiralty Easytide web site -

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

For my previous visits the only sites where this website gave the high tide times were Mazu Dao, Dongluo Liedao, Chuanshi Dao & Mawei Gang.. The first three experienced high tide earlier than Shanyutan – by 1 hour & 43 minutes; 1 hour 12 minutes and 59 minutes respectively while Mawei Gang's tide peaked just 14 minutes later than that at Shanyutan. Sometime during the late autumn of 2009 they also added a feature that gave the tide time for Minjiang Kou!

Weather

Dry and with decent visibility (4+ kilometres). The temperature rose from just 7°C outside the Changle hotel at 06h30 rising to 13°C at Shanyutan by 13h30. However it felt colder because of a fairly strong wind.

Spoon-billed Sandpiper at Shanyutan, Changle, Fujian.

Spoon-billed Sandpiper's are regular regular winter visitors to Shanyutan in the Minjiang Estuary, Changle and this site is undoubtedly the most reliable wintering site in the whole of China, and probably one of the best anywhere, for this increasingly threatened species.

The global population of this Critically Endangered species has crashed recently & is now estimated at between 150-300 pairs (Christoph Zockler [head of the Spoon-billed Sandpiper Recovery Program] quoted in Moores N., Rogers D., Kim R-H., Hassell C., Gosbell K., Kim S-A & Park M-N. 2008. The 2006-2008 Saemangeum Shorebird Monitoring Program Report. Birds Korea publication, Busan. 2008).

I thought that the coastal habitat at Shanyutan was unusual – there were extensive areas of mudflat exposed at low tide, but the mud was very sandy and its irregular surface heavily corrugated. As the tide declined the Spoon-billed Sandpipers were among the first shorebirds to start feeding around the edges of the (numerous) small, shallow pools that were left. The sandy substrate was undoubtedly also the reason why this area is also the best in China for Sanderling.

As is often the case in China it was difficult to get specific information from the local birders but, according to Yang Jing & Chen Lin, Spoon-billed Sandpiper, is dependably present throughout the winter. They said that the first birds return in early September and remaining until early May. In 2009 a single Spooner was seen at Shanyutan as late as 21 May. December and January are apparently the best and most dependable months. However they later told me on my first visit to the area that the five birds I saw on the 31 October 2008 were the first ones of that winter period!

According to the various China Bird Reports there have been the following sightings of Spoon-billed Sandpipers at Shanyutan –

China Bird Report 2004:

Fujian: Two at Min Jiang river mouth wetland of Fuzhou on 28 October [FJBWS].

China Bird Report 2006:

Fujian: One at Jujiang, Nan'an on 8-9 Apr. [HZY] and one at Shanyutan, Changle on 5 Nov. [HZY].

China Bird Report 2007:

There were just two sightings at Shanyutan that year - one on 31 March [ZYU] and an impressive eight on 13 November [NGH & CLin]. This must have been a mistake however as Chen Lin told us himself that he saw 13 birds there on 21 November 2007.

Chinese Crested Tern at Shanyutan, Changle, Fujian

A note posted on the Oriental Birding egroup 'Chinese Crested Terns this summer in Fujian Province, China' posted by John & Jemi Holmes (johnjemi@netvigator.com) on 4 July 2008 after a successful twitch gave a brief account of the recent history of Chinese Crested Tern. They noted that OBC Bulletin 32 described the rediscovery of this species in the summer of 2000, by researchers on the Taiwan-controlled Matsu Islands only about 30 kilometres east of the Minjiang Estuary. They went on to mention that there is also a note in Birding Asia 2 about a Chinese Crested Tern being seen at Chongming Island, near Shanghai in September 2004 and that more details about the species breeding on the Matsu Islands are in Birding Asia 6.

Shanyutan is currently the only site in mainland China (& possibly the most easily accessible site anywhere including Taiwan) where this extreme rarity is regularly seen. According to Yang Jing & Chen Lin Chinese Crested Terns are typically present from late April until early September with mid-summer (mid-June to early July), when they're displaying, being the most reliable time of year. Birds are normally absent for between several days and two weeks after a typhoon – and this makes them much less reliable later in the season. Chinese Crested Terns don't breed here, nor have they been seen feeding in the bay, but pairs have been observed displaying and copulating on several occasions. One bird, with some refuse (a plastic ring) attached to its bill, was seen on the Matsu Islands and also in the Minjiang Estuary several times during summer 2008. Chen Lin, who spent a considerable amount of time in summer 2008 photographing the Minjiang Estuary terns (and won fourth prize in the BirdLife "2008 Rare Birds Yearbook" competition with a shot of mating Chinese Crested Terns taken here) speculates that that birds breed on the Matsu Islands but don't really spend much time there other than when incubating. Surprisingly they haven't been seen feeding in either area.

The relevant records of Chinese Crested Tern from the various China Bird Reports are as follows -

China Bird Report 2004:

Fujian: Two at Min Jiang river mouth of Changle on 7 and 8 August [XMBWS].

China Bird Report 2006:

Fujian: At the Minjiang Estuary, Changle there were three on 17 Jun. and singles on both 1 Jul. [both JHD] and 8 Jul. [YangJ].

China Bird Report 2007:

Fujian: All reports were from Shanyutan, Changle where there were four on 11-12 May [HZY]; eight on 14 June [LJY], three on 2 August [LM], and singles on both 16 [WRQ] and 17 August [DWX].

‘White-faced Plover’ at Shanyutan, Changle, Fujian

I didn’t see any at Shanyutan on my first visit but it has been noted breeding at this site in summer (Geoff Carey in litt – early autumn 2008) and it’s possible that it is present in the summer months only.

Tundra Swan	100 in the Minjiang Estuary from Shanyutan, Changle on the 3/12/2012.
Eurasian Wigeon	70 in the Minjiang Estuary from Shanyutan, Changle on the 3/12/2012.
Mallard	20 in the Minjiang Estuary from Shanyutan, Changle on the 3/12/2012.
Eastern Spot-billed Duck	450 in the Minjiang Estuary from Shanyutan, Changle on the 3/12/2012.
Northern Shoveler	1 in the Minjiang Estuary from Shanyutan, Changle on the 3/12/2012.
Northern Pintail	20 in the Minjiang Estuary from Shanyutan, Changle on the 3/12/2012.
Common Teal	200 in the Minjiang Estuary from Shanyutan, Changle on the 3/12/2012.
Eurasian Hoopoe	1 in the Minjiang Estuary, Changle on the 3/12/2012.
Common Kingfisher	1 in the Minjiang Estuary, Changle on the 3/12/2012.
White-throated Kingfisher	1 in the Minjiang Estuary, Changle on the 3/12/2012.
Spotted Dove	5 in the Minjiang Estuary, Changle on the 3/12/2012.
White-breasted Waterhen	3 in the Minjiang Estuary, Changle on the 3/12/2012.
Common Moorhen	3 in the Minjiang Estuary, Changle on the 3/12/2012.
Pintailed or Swinhoe's Snipe	1 at Shanyutan, in the Minjiang Estuary, Changle on the 3/12/2012.
Eurasian Curlew	300 in the Minjiang Estuary from Shanyutan, Changle on the 3/12/2012.
Spotted Redshank	3 in the Minjiang Estuary from Shanyutan, Changle on the 3/12/2012.
Common Greenshank	6 in the Minjiang Estuary from Shanyutan, Changle on the 3/12/2012.
Green Sandpiper	1 in the Minjiang Estuary from Shanyutan, Changle on the 3/12/2012.
Common Sandpiper	3 in the Minjiang Estuary around Shanyutan, Changle on the 3/12/2012.
Sanderling	150 in the Minjiang Estuary around Shanyutan, Changle on the 3/12/2012.
Spoon-billed Sandpiper CR	4, including one first-winter, at Shanyutan, in the Minjiang Estuary, Changle on the 3/12/2012. Three birds had been seen several times earlier in the winter but today’s was the first sighting of four together (‘Lao Deng pers. comm. 3 Dec. 2012).



Red-necked Stint	1 at Shanyutan, in the Minjiang Estuary, Changle on the 3/12/2012.
Dunlin	850 at Shanyutan, in the Minjiang Estuary, Changle on the 3/12/2012.
Eurasian Oystercatcher	2 at Shanyutan, in the Minjiang Estuary, Changle on the 3/12/2012.
Pied Avocet	17 at Shanyutan, in the Minjiang Estuary, Changle on the 3/12/2012.
Grey Plover	50 at Shanyutan, in the Minjiang Estuary, Changle on the 3/12/2012.
Kentish Plover	400 at Shanyutan, in the Minjiang Estuary, Changle on the 3/12/2012.
Lesser Sand Plover	5 at Shanyutan, in the Minjiang Estuary, Changle on the 3/12/2012.
Black-tailed Gull	6, including four first-winters, in the Minjiang Estuary around Shanyutan, Changle on the 3/12/2012.
Heuglin's Gull	42 in the Minjiang Estuary around Shanyutan, Changle on the 3/12/2012.
Vega Gull	1 adult-winter in the Minjiang Estuary around Shanyutan, Changle on the 3/12/2012.
Mongolian Gull	70 in the Minjiang Estuary around Shanyutan, Changle on the 3/12/2012.
Black-headed Gull	10 in the Minjiang Estuary around Shanyutan, Changle on the 3/12/2012.
Saunders's Gull VU	13, two adult-winters and 11 first-winters, in the Minjiang Estuary around Shanyutan, Changle on the 3/12/2012.
Caspian Tern	32 in the Minjiang Estuary around Shanyutan, Changle on the 3/12/2012.
Black-winged Kite	2 in the Minjiang Estuary, Changle on the 3/12/2012.
Eastern Marsh Harrier	2 in the Minjiang Estuary, Changle on the 3/12/2012.
Eastern Buzzard	2 in the Minjiang Estuary, Changle on the 3/12/2012.

Common Kestrel	2 in the Minjiang Estuary around Shanyutan, Changle on the 3/12/2012.
Peregrine Falcon	1 juvenile in the Minjiang Estuary around Shanyutan, Changle on the 3/12/2012.
Little Grebe	2 in the Minjiang Estuary, Changle on the 3/12/2012.
Great Cormorant	30 in the Minjiang Estuary around Shanyutan, Changle on the 3/12/2012.
Little Egret	60 in the Minjiang Estuary around Shanyutan, Changle on the 3/12/2012.
Grey Heron	30 in the Minjiang Estuary around Shanyutan, Changle on the 3/12/2012.
Great Egret	15 in the Minjiang Estuary around Shanyutan, Changle on the 3/12/2012.
Eastern Cattle Egret	5 in the Minjiang Estuary around Shanyutan, Changle on the 3/12/2012.
Chinese Pond Heron	3 first-winters in the Minjiang Estuary around Shanyutan, Changle on the 3/12/2012.
Eurasian Spoonbill	2 in the Minjiang Estuary around Shanyutan, Changle on the 3/12/2012.
Black-faced Spoonbill EN	17 in the Minjiang Estuary around Shanyutan, Changle on the 3/12/2012. All eight seen well were first-winters.
Eurasian Wryneck	1 in the Minjiang Estuary area, Changle on the 3/12/2012.
Greater Coucal	1 in the Minjiang Estuary area, Changle on the 3/12/2012.
Long-tailed Shrike	6 in the Minjiang Estuary area, Changle on the 3/12/2012.
Brown-headed Thrush	2 in the Minjiang Estuary area, Changle on the 3/12/2012.
Pale Thrush	1 in the Minjiang Estuary area, Changle on the 3/12/2012.
Dusky Thrush	5 in the Minjiang Estuary area, Changle on the 3/12/2012.
Oriental Magpie Robin	4 in the Minjiang Estuary area, Changle on the 3/12/2012.
Daurian Redstart	5 in the Minjiang Estuary area, Changle on the 3/12/2012.
Siberian or Stejneger's Stonechat	1 male in the Minjiang Estuary area, Changle on the 3/12/2012.
Red-billed Starling	50 in the Minjiang Estuary area, Changle on the 3/12/2012.
White-cheeked Starling	3 in the Minjiang Estuary area, Changle on the 3/12/2012.
Black-collared Starling	4, two pairs, in the Minjiang Estuary area, Changle on the 3/12/2012.
Crested Myna	20 in the Minjiang Estuary area, Changle on the 3/12/2012.
Chinese Penduline Tit	15 in the Minjiang Estuary area, Changle on the 3/12/2012.
Yellow-bellied Tit	1 was heard over Shanyutan in the Minjiang Estuary, Changle on the 3/12/2012.
Japanese Tit	2 in the Minjiang Estuary area, Changle on the 3/12/2012.
Light-vented Bulbul	30 in the Minjiang Estuary area, Changle on the 3/12/2012.
Chestnut Bulbul	1 on Shanyutan in the Minjiang Estuary, Changle on the 3/12/2012.
Yellow-bellied Prinia	6 in the Minjiang Estuary area, Changle on the 3/12/2012.
Plain Prinia	2 were heard in the Minjiang Estuary area, Changle on the 3/12/2012.
Japanese White-eye	4 in the Minjiang Estuary area, Changle on the 3/12/2012.
Dusky Warbler	7 in the Minjiang Estuary area, Changle on the 3/12/2012.
Yellow-browed Warbler	3 in the Minjiang Estuary area, Changle on the 3/12/2012.
Eurasian Skylark	1 in the Minjiang Estuary area, Changle on the 3/12/2012.
Oriental Skylark	6 in the Minjiang Estuary area, Changle on the 3/12/2012.
Eurasian Tree Sparrow	50 in the Minjiang Estuary area, Changle on the 3/12/2012.
White Wagtail	8, including two leucopsis, one <i>ocularis</i> & two <i>lugens</i> , in the Minjiang Estuary area, Changle on the 3/12/2012.
Eastern Yellow Wagtail	10 in the Minjiang Estuary area, Changle on the 3/12/2012. All four birds that were seen well enough to racially assign were <i>taivana</i> .
Richard's Pipit	8 in the Minjiang Estuary area, Changle on the 3/12/2012.
Olive-backed Pipit	4 in the Minjiang Estuary area, Changle on the 3/12/2012.
Red-throated Pipit	5 singles in the Minjiang Estuary area, Changle on the 3/12/2012.
Water Pipit	1 was heard over Shanyutan in the Minjiang Estuary, Changle on the 3/12/2012.
Grey-capped Greenfinch	15 in the Minjiang Estuary area, Changle on the 3/12/2012.
Yellow-billed Grosbeak	2, a pair, in the Minjiang Estuary area, Changle on the 3/12/2012.
Meadow Bunting	2 singles on Shanyutan in the Minjiang Estuary, Changle on the 3/12/2012.
Little Bunting	1 was heard in the Minjiang Estuary area, Changle on the 3/12/2012.
Black-faced Bunting	10 in the Minjiang Estuary area, Changle on the 3/12/2012.
Common Reed Bunting	2 singles on Shanyutan in the Minjiang Estuary, Changle on the 3/12/2012.

My most recent visit to the Minjiang Estuary was on the 21 December 2009 when we saw the following -

Sanderling	500
Spoon-billed Sandpiper CR	8
Dunlin	1500 including one leg-flagged bird was seen - it had a pale blue flag above another flag
Greater Sand Plover	1
Lesser Sand Plover	4
Northern Lapwing	10
Mew Gull	4 first-winters
Saunders's Gull VU	25
Relict Gull VU	2, a first-winter and an adult-winter,
Osprey	2

Tuesday 4 December 2012. All day Fuzhou Forest Park.

We left the Changle hotel at 05h00 & drove to Fuzhou Forest Park. Arriving at 06h15 we spent the rest of the day there, had a picnic breakfast at 07h00 & picnic lunch at 13h30, and departed at 16h00. We arrived back at our hotel in Changle at 17h15 & had dinner at 18h30. We explored areas between about 140-340 metres.

Weather: Cooler & more overcast than yesterday but dry. Temperatures ranged from 12°C outside the Changle hotel at 04h50, to 11°C at Fuzhou FP by 06h30, 13°C there by 13h30 & 12°C by 15h45.

Fuzhou Forest Park. (26°05.2'N., 119°18.0'E.). 06h15-16h00

White-necklaced Partridge	4 were heard in Fuzhou FP on the 4/12/2012.
Chinese Bamboo Partridge	2 were heard in Fuzhou FP on the 4/12/2012.
Speckled Piculet	3, one seen & two others only heard, in Fuzhou FP on the 4/12/2012.
Grey-capped Pygmy Woodpecker	1 was heard in Fuzhou FP on the 4/12/2012.
Rufous Woodpecker	1 was heard in Fuzhou FP on the 4/12/2012.
Great Barbet	8, three seen & five others only heard, was heard in Fuzhou FP on the 4/12/2012.
Common Kingfisher	1 was heard in Fuzhou FP on the 4/12/2012.
Collared Owllet	1 was heard in Fuzhou FP on the 4/12/2012.
Spotted Dove	4 in Fuzhou FP on the 4/12/2012.
Common Moorhen	1 in Fuzhou FP on the 4/12/2012.
Little Grebe	3 in Fuzhou FP on the 4/12/2012.
Little Egret	1 in Fuzhou FP on the 4/12/2012.
Eastern Cattle Egret	5 in Fuzhou FP on the 4/12/2012.
Orange-bellied Leafbird	3 in Fuzhou FP on the 4/12/2012.
Long-tailed Shrike	1 was heard in Fuzhou FP on the 4/12/2012.
Eurasian Jay	2 in Fuzhou FP on the 4/12/2012.
Red-billed Blue Magpie	4 in Fuzhou FP on the 4/12/2012.
Grey Treepie	40 in Fuzhou FP on the 4/12/2012.
Large Woodshrike	8, including several first-years, in Fuzhou FP on the 4/12/2012.
Grey-chinned Minivet	140, including one flock of 85 birds, in Fuzhou FP on the 4/12/2012.
Scarlet Minivet	5 in Fuzhou FP on the 4/12/2012.
Chestnut-bellied Rock Thrush	1 male in Fuzhou FP on the 4/12/2012.
Blue Whistling Thrush	2 were heard in Fuzhou FP on the 4/12/2012.
Grey-backed Thrush	1 in Fuzhou FP on the 4/12/2012.
Eyebrowed Thrush	2 in Fuzhou FP on the 4/12/2012.
Pale Thrush	2 in Fuzhou FP on the 4/12/2012.
Japanese Robin	1 singing male in Fuzhou FP on the 4/12/2012. It was seen very well & sound recorded.
Red-flanked Bluetail	5, including three males, in Fuzhou FP on the 4/12/2012.
Oriental Magpie Robin	6 in Fuzhou FP on the 4/12/2012.
Daurian Redstart	8 in Fuzhou FP on the 4/12/2012.
Plumbeous Water Redstart	6 females in Fuzhou FP on the 4/12/2012.
Slaty-backed Forktail	12, five pairs and two singles, in Fuzhou FP on the 4/12/2012.
White-crowned Forktail	1 was heard in Fuzhou FP on the 4/12/2012.
Red-billed Starling	700 at a pre-roost gathering in Changle urban area on the 4/12/2012.
Crested Myna	2 in Changle urban area on the 4/12/2012.
Japanese Tit	6 in Fuzhou FP on the 4/12/2012.
Black-throated Bushtit	1 in Fuzhou FP on the 4/12/2012.
Collared Finchbill	25 in Fuzhou FP on the 4/12/2012.
Red-whiskered Bulbul	2 in Fuzhou FP on the 4/12/2012.
Light-vented Bulbul	100 in Fuzhou FP on the 4/12/2012.
Chestnut Bulbul	20 in Fuzhou FP on the 4/12/2012.
Mountain Bulbul	3 in Fuzhou FP on the 4/12/2012.
Black Bulbul	3 in Fuzhou FP on the 4/12/2012.
Common Tailorbird	1 in Fuzhou FP on the 4/12/2012.
Japanese White-eye	40 in Fuzhou FP on the 4/12/2012.
Brownish-flanked Bush Warbler	1 in Fuzhou FP on the 4/12/2012.
Asian Stubtail	1 was heard in Fuzhou FP on the 4/12/2012.
Pallas's Warbler	2 singles in Fuzhou FP on the 4/12/2012.
Yellow-browed Warbler	2 singles in Fuzhou FP on the 4/12/2012.
Rufous-faced Warbler	1 in Fuzhou FP on the 4/12/2012.
Greater Necklaced Laughingthrush	10 in Fuzhou FP on the 4/12/2012.
Masked Laughingthrush	6 in a single flock in Fuzhou FP on the 4/12/2012.
Grey-sided Scimitar Babbler	4, two pairs, in Fuzhou FP on the 4/12/2012.
Streak-breasted Scimitar Babbler	1 in Fuzhou FP on the 4/12/2012.
Spotted Wren Babbler	2 widely separate singing birds were heard in Fuzhou FP on the 4/12/2012.
Rufous-capped Babbler	1 in Fuzhou FP on the 4/12/2012.
White-bellied Erpornis	1 in Fuzhou FP on the 4/12/2012.
Huet's Fulvetta	15 in Fuzhou FP on the 4/12/2012.
Grey-headed Parrotbill	10 in a single flock in Fuzhou FP on the 4/12/2012.
Fire-breasted Flowerpecker	3 in Fuzhou FP on the 4/12/2012.
Fork-tailed Sunbird	6 in Fuzhou FP on the 4/12/2012.
White Wagtail	6, including four <i>leucopsis</i> , in Fuzhou FP on the 4/12/2012.
Grey Wagtail	1 in Fuzhou FP on the 4/12/2012.
Tristram's Bunting	1 in Fuzhou FP on the 4/12/2012.

Mammals, reptiles & amphibians

Red-bellied Squirrel 5 in Fuzhou FP on the 4/12/2012.

Wednesday 5 December 2012. Morning around Changle, mid-afternoon flight from Fuzhou to Nanchang, pm drove to Wuyuan.

We had planned to leave our Changle hotel at 06h00 but it was raining outside so we stayed and had breakfast in the lobby. Leaving at 06h35 we drove to Wenwu Beach (Wenwusha) where we spent much of the morning (07h00-10h30). In the early

afternoon we had a 14h35 Sichuan Airlines flight from Fuzhou to Nanchang, Jiangxi Province. This left the gate very slightly earlier than scheduled & took just 66 minutes to reach Nanchang where we arrived at 16h00. Leaving there at 16h22 we headed off to Wuyuan where we arrived at 19h55. Dinner was in our hotel, the Jiangwan Hotel, at 20h20.

Site 1. Wenwu Beach (Wenwusha), Changle. (25°50.97'N., 119°36.80'E.). 4 metres asl. 07h00-10h30

A large area of salt marsh, tidal river channels, grassy meadows with a few larger pools, some scattered bushes and areas of scrub. Most of the ducks (and all the interesting ones) were concentrated on a single pool slightly further south (25°50.33'N., 119°34.92'E.).

We explored three spots in this small area. The first, see the GPS coordinates above, held large numbers of cormorants; the second a variety of diving ducks, a male Blue Rock Thrush and an adult Peregrine & the third, the refuse dump area lots of starlings, White Wagtails and a few thrushes.

Falcated Duck	2, a pair,
Eastern Spot-billed Duck	80
Tufted Duck	45
Greater Scaup	6, five females & a male
Greater Coucal	1
Eurasian Hoopoe	1
Common Kingfisher	2
White-throated Kingfisher	1
Oriental Turtle Dove	1
Spotted Dove	3
Eurasian Coot	65
Eurasian Curlew	1h
Common Greenshank	2h
Common Sandpiper	1
Dunlin	40
Kentish Plover	30
Black-headed Gull	40
Western Osprey	3
Peregrine Falcon	1 adult
Little Grebe	2
Great Crested Grebe	2
Black-necked Grebe	3
Great Cormorant	320
Little Egret	20
Grey Heron	15
Great Egret	40
Eastern Cattle Egret	5
Chinese Pond Heron	1
Long-tailed Shrike	1
Black Drongo	1 near the refuse dump
Blue Rock Thrush	1 male <i>philippensis</i>
Pale Thrush	1 near the refuse dump
Brown-headed Thrush	1 near the refuse dump
Oriental Magpie Robin	4
Daurian Redstart	2
Siberian or Stejneger's Stonechat	1
Red-billed Starling	60
White-cheeked Starling	4
Crested Myna	20
Japanese Tit	2
Light-vented Bulbul	20
Plain Prinia	[1h]
Dusky Warbler	1h
Yellow-browed Warbler	1h
Oriental Skylark	1h
Eurasian Tree Sparrow	30
White Wagtail	25
<i>leucopsis</i>	15
<i>ocularis</i>	1
<i>lugens</i>	1
Grey Wagtail	2
Richard's Pipit	1
Meadow Bunting	1
Black-faced Bunting	2

On the 22 December 2009 we saw the following additional species on this day around Changle –

Japanese Quail	1 was repeatedly flushed at Wenwu Beach, Changle on the 22/12/2009.
Common Pheasant	4 singles between Donghai cun and Wenwu Beach, Changle on the 22/12/2009.

Gadwall	2, a pair, at Wenwu Beach, Changle on the 22/12/2009.
Northern Shoveler	30 at Wenwu Beach, Changle on the 22/12/2009.
Common Pochard	1 male at Wenwu Beach, Changle on the 22/12/2009.
Pied Kingfisher	3 at Wenwu Beach, Changle on the 22/12/2009.
Marsh Sandpiper	2 on a roadside fishpond between Changle & Wenwu Beach on the 22/12/2009.
Northern Lapwing	6 at Wenwu Beach, Changle on the 22/12/2009.
Eurasian Magpie	8 between Donghai cun & Wenwu Beach, Changle on the 22/12/2009.
Pacific Reef Heron	1 sickly looking individual with other egrets on a roadside fishpond between Changle & Wenwu Beach on the 22/12/2009.
Bluethroat	1 at Wenwu Beach, Changle on the 22/12/2009.
	Red-rumped Swallow 1 near Wenwu Beach, Changle on the 22/12/2009.
Sooty-headed Bulbul	2 at Donghai cun near Wenwu Beach, Changle on the 22/12/2009.
Buff-bellied Pipit	3 at Wenwu Beach, Changle on the 22/12/2009.

Nanchang airport to Wuyuan, Jiangxi.

Tundra Swan	90 – two flocks of about 45 birds
Bean Goose sp.	40
Eastern Buzzard	1
Little Grebe	10
Grey Heron	10
Black-crowned Night Heron	35
Red-billed Starling	30
Crested Myna	4

Weather:

Raining in Changle in the morning – initially light drizzle but this soon becoming harder but clear and dry in Jiangxi. Temperatures ranged from 12°C outside the hotel in Changle at 05h50 to 15°C near there by 10h00 while, according to an in-flight announcement, it was 16°C when we landed in Nanchang at 16h00.

Tundra Swan	90 between Nanchang airport and the Ganjiang river, Jiangxi on the 5/12/2012. (60 metres)
Bean Goose sp.	40 between Nanchang airport and the Ganjiang river, Jiangxi on the 5/12/2012. (60 metres)
Falcated Duck	2, a pair, with other ducks at Wenwu Beach, Changle, Fujian on the 5/12/2012. (5 metres)
Eastern Spot-billed Duck	80 at Wenwu Beach, Changle, Fujian on the 5/12/2012. (5 metres)
Tufted Duck	45 at Wenwu Beach, Changle, Fujian on the 5/12/2012. (5 metres)
Greater Scaup	6, five females & a male, at Wenwu Beach, Changle, Fujian on the 5/12/2012. (5 metres)
White-winged Scoter	1 with other diving ducks on a pool at Wenwu Beach, Changle, Fujian on the 5/12/2012. (5 metres)
Greater Coucal	1 at Wenwu Beach, Changle, Fujian on the 5/12/2012. (5 metres)
Eurasian Hoopoe	1 at Wenwu Beach, Changle, Fujian on the 5/12/2012. (5 metres)
Common Kingfisher	2 singles at Wenwu Beach, Changle, Fujian on the 5/12/2012. (5 metres)
White-throated Kingfisher	1 at Wenwu Beach, Changle, Fujian on the 5/12/2012. (5 metres)
Oriental Turtle Dove	1 at Wenwu Beach, Changle, Fujian on the 5/12/2012. (5 metres)
Spotted Dove	3 at Wenwu Beach, Changle, Fujian on the 5/12/2012. (5 metres)
Eurasian Coot	65 at Wenwu Beach, Changle, Fujian on the 5/12/2012. (5 metres)
Eurasian Curlew	1 was heard at Wenwu Beach, Changle, Fujian on the 5/12/2012. (5 metres)
Common Greenshank	2 were heard at Wenwu Beach, Changle, Fujian on the 5/12/2012. (5 metres)
Common Sandpiper	1 at Wenwu Beach, Changle, Fujian on the 5/12/2012. (5 metres)
Dunlin	40 at Wenwu Beach, Changle, Fujian on the 5/12/2012. (5 metres)
Kentish Plover	30 at Wenwu Beach, Changle, Fujian on the 5/12/2012. (5 metres)
Black-headed Gull	40 at Wenwu Beach, Changle, Fujian on the 5/12/2012. (5 metres)
Western Osprey	3 at Wenwu Beach, Changle, Fujian on the 5/12/2012. (5 metres)
Eastern Buzzard	1 between Nanchang airport and the Ganjiang river, Jiangxi on the 5/12/2012. (60 metres)
Peregrine Falcon	1 adult at Wenwu Beach, Changle, Fujian on the 5/12/2012. (5 metres)
Little Grebe	12 on the 5/12/2012 with two near Wenwu Beach, Changle, Fujian in the morning and 10 more between Nanchang airport and the Ganjiang river, Jiangxi in the afternoon. (5-60 metres)
Great Crested Grebe	2 at Wenwu Beach, Changle, Fujian on the 5/12/2012. (5 metres)
Black-necked Grebe	3 at Wenwu Beach, Changle, Fujian on the 5/12/2012. (5 metres)
Great Cormorant	320 at Wenwu Beach, Changle, Fujian on the 5/12/2012. (5 metres)
Little Egret	20 at & around Wenwu Beach, Changle, Fujian on the 5/12/2012. (5 metres)
Grey Heron	25 on the 5/12/2012 with 15 near Wenwu Beach, Changle, Fujian in the morning and 10 between Nanchang airport and the Ganjiang river, Jiangxi in the afternoon. (5-60 metres)
Great Egret	40 at Wenwu Beach, Changle, Fujian on the 5/12/2012. (5 metres)
Eastern Cattle Egret	5 at & around Wenwu Beach, Changle, Fujian on the 5/12/2012. (5 metres)
Chinese Pond Heron	1 at Wenwu Beach, Changle, Fujian on the 5/12/2012. (5 metres)
Black-crowned Night Heron	35 between Nanchang airport and the Ganjiang river, Jiangxi on the 5/12/2012. (60 metres)
Long-tailed Shrike	1 at Wenwu Beach, Changle, Fujian on the 5/12/2012. (5 metres)
Black Drongo	1 at Wenwu Beach, Changle, Fujian on the 5/12/2012. (5 metres)
Common Blackbird	1 between Nanchang airport and the Ganjiang river, Jiangxi on the 5/12/2012. (60 metres)
Blue Rock Thrush	1 male <i>philippensis</i> at Wenwu Beach, Changle, Fujian on the 5/12/2012. (5 metres)
Pale Thrush	1 at Wenwu Beach, Changle, Fujian on the 5/12/2012. (5 metres)
Brown-headed Thrush	1 at Wenwu Beach, Changle, Fujian on the 5/12/2012. (5 metres)
Oriental Magpie Robin	4 at Wenwu Beach, Changle, Fujian on the 5/12/2012. (5 metres)
Daurian Redstart	2 at Wenwu Beach, Changle, Fujian on the 5/12/2012. (5 metres)
Siberian or Stejneger's Stonechat	1 male at Wenwu Beach, Changle, Fujian on the 5/12/2012. (5 metres)

Red-billed Starling	90 on the 5/12/2012 with 60 near Wenwu Beach, Changle, Fujian (most of these were in & around the refuse dump) in the morning and 30 more between Nanchang airport and the Ganjiang river, Jiangxi in the afternoon. (5-60 metres)
White-cheeked Starling	4, two pairs, at Wenwu Beach, Changle, Fujian on the 5/12/2012. (5 metres)
Crested Myna	24 on the 5/12/2012 with 20 near Wenwu Beach, Changle, Fujian (most of these were in & around the refuse dump) in the morning and four more between Nanchang airport and the Ganjiang river, Jiangxi in the afternoon. (5-60 metres)
Japanese Tit	2 at Wenwu Beach, Changle, Fujian on the 5/12/2012. (5 metres)
Light-vented Bulbul	20 at Wenwu Beach, Changle, Fujian on the 5/12/2012. (5 metres)
Plain Prinia	1 was heard at Wenwu Beach, Changle, Fujian on the 5/12/2012. (5 metres)
Dusky Warbler	1 was heard at Wenwu Beach, Changle, Fujian on the 5/12/2012. (5 metres)
Yellow-browed Warbler	1 was heard at Wenwu Beach, Changle, Fujian on the 5/12/2012. (5 metres)
Oriental Skylark	1 was heard at Wenwu Beach, Changle, Fujian on the 5/12/2012. (5 metres)
Eurasian Tree Sparrow	30 at Wenwu Beach, Changle, Fujian on the 5/12/2012. (5 metres)
White Wagtail	25, including 15 <i>leucopsis</i> , one <i>ocularis</i> & one <i>lugens</i> , at Wenwu Beach, Changle, Fujian on the 5/12/2012. (5 metres)
Grey Wagtail	2 at Wenwu Beach, Changle, Fujian on the 5/12/2012. (5 metres)
Richard's Pipit	1 at Wenwu Beach, Changle, Fujian on the 5/12/2012. (5 metres)
Meadow Bunting	1 at Wenwu Beach, Changle, Fujian on the 5/12/2012. (5 metres)
Black-faced Bunting	2 at Wenwu Beach, Changle, Fujian on the 5/12/2012. (5 metres)

Thursday 6 December 2012. All day around Wuyuan, Jiangxi.

All day around Wuyuan. We left the hotel at 06h20 and drove to a 'Scaly-sided Merganser site' on the Le An River at Shijian cun near Kengkou. Picnic breakfast & birded there from 06h45-11h20. We spent the afternoon (12h35-17h10) at Xiaoqi. Arrived back at the hotel at 17h55 we had dinner at 18h15.

Weather

Clear & dry all day. Cold in the early morning (2°C outside the hotel in Wuyuan at 06h15), the same near Kengkou at 07h00 rising to a pleasant 16°C at Xiaoqi by 14h00..

Site 1 New 'Scaly-sided Merganser site' on the Le An River at Shijian cun near Kengkou cun, 10.4 kms south-south-west of Wuyuan. (29°09.65'N., 117°50.69'E.) 55 metres

Arriving here at 06h45 we immediately had a picnic breakfast and then went on to bird the area until 11h20 when we headed back toward town. In all we walked about 1.5 kilometres down the driveable track that parallels the river here. It eventually swung away from the river entering an extensive and very attractive area of bamboo. I had previously seen Short-tailed Parrotbill in this area – trawled a bit with my tape and we soon encountered one.



Site 2. Xiaoqi, Wuyuan County, Jiangxi. (29°23.6'N., 118°01.55'E.) 148 metres. 06h50-09h15.

This site is just a 30 minute drive from Yueliangwan & about 45 minutes from Wuyuan town. Birds seen at Xiaoqi included –

Common Pheasant	2 were heard near the Le An River at Shijian cun near Kengkou cun, Wuyuan on the 6/12/2012.
Mandarin Duck	2, a pair, at Xiaoqi, Wuyuan on the 6/12/2012.
Eastern Spot-billed Duck	10 near the Le An River at Shijian cun near Kengkou cun, Wuyuan on the 6/12/2012.
Scaly-sided Merganser EN	10, one male and nine redheads, on the Le An River at Shijian cun near Kengkou cun, Wuyuan on the 6/12/2012.
Grey-capped Pygmy Woodpecker	2 at Xiaoqi, Wuyuan on the 6/12/2012.
Great Barbet	1 was heard at Xiaoqi, Wuyuan on the 6/12/2012.
Common Kingfisher	2 singles near Wuyuan on the 6/12/2012.
Crested Kingfisher	1 at Xiaoqi, Wuyuan on the 6/12/2012.
Pied Kingfisher	3 over the Le An River at Shijian cun near Kengkou cun, Wuyuan on the 6/12/2012.
Collared Owllet	2 singles near Wuyuan on the 6/12/2012.
Asian Barred Owllet	1 besides the Le An River at Shijian cun near Kengkou cun, Wuyuan on the 6/12/2012.
Oriental Turtle Dove	8 near Wuyuan on the 6/12/2012.
Spotted Dove	10 near Wuyuan on the 6/12/2012.
Siberian Crane CR	1 flew high over Xiaoqi village, Wuyuan on the 6/12/2012.
Common Moorhen	1 besides the Le An River at Shijian cun near Kengkou cun, Wuyuan on the 6/12/2012.
Common Greenshank	1 besides the Le An River at Shijian cun near Kengkou cun, Wuyuan on the 6/12/2012.
Green Sandpiper	3 besides the Le An River at Shijian cun near Kengkou cun, Wuyuan on the 6/12/2012.
Eurasian Sparrowhawk	1 at Xiaoqi, Wuyuan on the 6/12/2012.
Eastern Buzzard	1 at Xiaoqi, Wuyuan on the 6/12/2012.
Black Eagle	1 at Xiaoqi, Wuyuan on the 6/12/2012.
Mountain Hawk Eagle	4 at Xiaoqi, Wuyuan on the 6/12/2012.
Pied Falconet	1 at Xiaoqi, Wuyuan on the 6/12/2012.
Little Grebe	15 near Wuyuan on the 6/12/2012.
Little Egret	30 near Wuyuan on the 6/12/2012.
Orange-bellied Leafbird	5 near Wuyuan on the 6/12/2012. The first was near the Le An River at Shijian cun near Kengkou cun while the other four, two pairs, were at Xiaoqi.
Long-tailed Shrike	10 near Wuyuan on the 6/12/2012.
Red-billed Blue Magpie	2 besides the Le An River at Shijian cun near Kengkou cun, Wuyuan on the 6/12/2012.
Grey-chinned Minivet	1 was heard besides the Le An River at Shijian cun near Kengkou cun, Wuyuan on the 6/12/2012.
Brown Dipper	1 was heard at Xiaoqi, Wuyuan on the 6/12/2012.
Grey-backed Thrush	2 were near the Le An River at Shijian cun near Kengkou cun, Wuyuan on the 6/12/2012.
Common Blackbird	1 at Xiaoqi, Wuyuan on the 6/12/2012.
Siberian Rubythroat	1 male near the Le An River at Shijian cun near Kengkou cun, Wuyuan on the 6/12/2012.
Red-flanked Bluetail	1 near the Le An River at Shijian cun near Kengkou cun, Wuyuan on the 6/12/2012.
Daurian Redstart	6 near the Le An River at Shijian cun near Kengkou cun, Wuyuan on the 6/12/2012.
Plumbeous Water Redstart	8 near the Le An River at Shijian cun near Kengkou cun, Wuyuan on the 6/12/2012.
White-crowned Forktail	2 singles were heard near the Le An River at Shijian cun near Kengkou cun, Wuyuan on the 6/12/2012.
Red-billed Starling	30 at Xiaoqi, Wuyuan on the 6/12/2012.
Crested Myna	30 near the Le An River at Shijian cun near Kengkou cun, Wuyuan on the 6/12/2012.
Yellow-bellied Tit	1 was heard at Xiaoqi, Wuyuan on the 6/12/2012.
Japanese Tit	4 around Wuyuan on the 6/12/2012.
Black-throated Bushtit	4 at Xiaoqi, Wuyuan on the 6/12/2012.
Collared Finchbill	15 near the Le An River at Shijian cun near Kengkou cun, Wuyuan on the 6/12/2012.
Brown-breasted Bulbul	1 near the Le An River at Shijian cun near Kengkou cun, Wuyuan on the 6/12/2012.
Light-vented Bulbul	20 near Wuyuan on the 6/12/2012.
Chestnut Bulbul	4 at Xiaoqi, Wuyuan on the 6/12/2012.
Brownish-flanked Bush Warbler	2, one seen & the other only heard, near the Le An River at Shijian cun near Kengkou cun, Wuyuan on the 6/12/2012.
Dusky Warbler	1 was heard near the Le An River at Shijian cun near Kengkou cun, Wuyuan on the 6/12/2012. It called a lot and even gave several bouts of song!
Yellow-browed Warbler	2 singles were heard near Wuyuan on the 6/12/2012.
Masked Laughingthrush	3 near the Le An River at Shijian cun near Kengkou cun, Wuyuan on the 6/12/2012.
Chinese Hwamei	1 singing bird was heard near the Le An River at Shijian cun near Kengkou cun, Wuyuan on the 6/12/2012.
Grey-sided Scimitar Babbler	2, a pair, were heard near the Le An River at Shijian cun near Kengkou cun, Wuyuan on the 6/12/2012.
Streak-breasted Scimitar Babbler	1 near the Le An River at Shijian cun near Kengkou cun, Wuyuan on the 6/12/2012.
Rufous-capped Babbler	2, a pair, near the Le An River at Shijian cun near Kengkou cun, Wuyuan on the 6/12/2012.
Huet's Fulvetta	2 near the Le An River at Shijian cun near Kengkou cun, Wuyuan on the 6/12/2012.
Short-tailed Parrotbill	1 near the Le An River at Shijian cun near Kengkou cun, Wuyuan on the 6/12/2012.
Vinous-throated Parrotbill	1 near the Le An River at Shijian cun near Kengkou cun, Wuyuan on the 6/12/2012.
Fork-tailed Sunbird	1 was heard near the Le An River at Shijian cun near Kengkou cun, Wuyuan on the 6/12/2012.
Eurasian Tree Sparrow	10 near the Le An River at Shijian cun near Kengkou cun, Wuyuan on the 6/12/2012.
White Wagtail	10, including six <i>leucopsis</i> , near the Le An River at Shijian cun near Kengkou cun, Wuyuan on the 6/12/2012.
Grey Wagtail	1 at Xiaoqi, Wuyuan on the 6/12/2012.
Olive-backed Pipit	2 near the Le An River at Shijian cun near Kengkou cun, Wuyuan on the 6/12/2012.
Buff-bellied Pipit	2 near the Le An River at Shijian cun near Kengkou cun, Wuyuan on the 6/12/2012.
White-rumped Munia	5 at Xiaoqi, Wuyuan on the 6/12/2012.
Grey-capped Greenfinch	5 near the Le An River at Shijian cun near Kengkou cun, Wuyuan on the 6/12/2012.
Yellow-billed Grosbeak	15 near the Le An River at Shijian cun near Kengkou cun, Wuyuan on the 6/12/2012.
Yellow-browed Bunting	2 near the Le An River at Shijian cun near Kengkou cun, Wuyuan on the 6/12/2012.
Black-faced Bunting	10 near the Le An River at Shijian cun near Kengkou cun, Wuyuan on the 6/12/2012.

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Red-bellied Squirrel	1 at Xiaoqi, Wuyuan on the 6/12/2012.
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When we visited Wuyuan on the 24 December 2009 we saw the following additional species -

Chinese Bamboo Partridge	1 was heard at Yueliangwan near Wuyuan on the 24/12/2009.
Great Spotted Woodpecker	2 at Yueliangwan near Wuyuan on the 24/12/2009.
Grey-headed Woodpecker	3 at Yueliangwan near Wuyuan on the 24/12/2009.
Brown Crane	4, two seen and two others only heard, besides the Le An river at Shijian cun near Kengkou cun, Wuyuan on the 24/12/2009.
Long-billed Plover	3 besides the Le An river at Shijian cun near Kengkou cun, Wuyuan on the 24/12/2009.
Bull-headed Shrike	1 female at Yueliangwan near Wuyuan on the 24/12/2009.
Black-collared Starling	5 at Shijian cun near Kengkou cun, Wuyuan on the 24/12/2009.
Black Bulbul	1 was heard at Shijian cun near Kengkou cun, Wuyuan on the 24/12/2009.
Yellow-bellied Prinia	2 at Shijian cun near Kengkou cun, Wuyuan on the 24/12/2009.
Spotted Wren Babbler	2 at Shijian cun near Kengkou cun, Wuyuan on the 24/12/2009.
Scaly-breasted Munia	10 at Shijian cun near Kengkou cun, Wuyuan on the 24/12/2009.
Brambling	27 near Wuyuan on the 24/12/2009. Five of these were at Shijian cun near Kengkou cun & the other 22 at Yueliangwan.
Little Bunting	2 at Rencuanpu near Wuyuan on the 24/12/2009.
Rustic Bunting	1 near Yueliangwan near Wuyuan on the 24/12/2009.
Yellow-throated Bunting	6 near Wuyuan on the 24/12/2009. Five of these were at Shijian cun near Kengkou cun while the other was at Yueliangwan.

Friday 7 December 2012. All day Jiangxi. Morning around Wuyuan, afternoon drive to Yongxiu.

We left the Jiangwan Grand Hotel at 06h20 and drove to the river through the centre of Wuyuan. Birded there from 06h35-07h35 before heading on to Yueliangwan (literally 'Moon Bay') where we spent much of the rest of the morning (07h35-10h40). In the late morning we drove to Huangsha where we spent the early afternoon (12h30-15h00) before heading west to Yongxiu. We finally arrived at the Yongxiu Donghu Da Jiudian Hotel. We arrived there at 19h45 & had dinner at 20h15.

Site 1. River through the centre of Wuyuan. (29°15.4'N., 117°50.7'E.) 06h35-07h35.

Chinese Bamboo Partridge	1h
Common Kingfisher	1
Oriental Turtle Dove	4
Spotted Dove	2
Common Moorhen	2
Common Snipe	1
Common Greenshank	6
Green Sandpiper	1
Long-billed Plover	6
Little Grebe	5
Little Egret	2
Long-tailed Shrike	1
Grey-chinned Minivet	1h
Grey-backed Thrush	2
Common Blackbird	35
Rufous-tailed Thrush	1h
Oriental Magpie Robin	1
Daurian Redstart	2
Plumbeous Water Redstart	2
Red-billed Starling	15
Black-collared Starling	1
Crested Myna	10
Yellow-bellied Tit	[1h]
Japanese Tit	4
Light-vented Bulbul	20
Dusky Warbler	1h
Pallas's Warbler	2
Yellow-browed Warbler	1h
White Wagtail	10
<i>leucopsis</i>	6
<i>ocularis</i>	1
Olive-backed Pipit	4
Buff-bellied Pipit	1
Grey-capped Greenfinch	1h
Black-faced Bunting	2

Site 2. Yueliangwan (literally 'Moon Bay') another site close to Wuyuan town. (29°18.34'N., 117°52.83'E.) 07h35-10h40

Mandarin Duck	15
Eastern Spot-billed Duck	15

Grey-capped Pygmy W'pecker	6
Great Spotted Woodpecker	2
Grey-headed Woodpecker	2
Common Kingfisher	1
Oriental Turtle Dove	5
Common Moorhen	1
Little Grebe	3
Little Egret	4
Orange-bellied Leafbird	3
Long-tailed Shrike	2
Grey-chinned Minivet	3
Common Blackbird	5
Siberian Rubythroat	1h
Red-flanked Bluetail	2
Oriental Magpie Robin	3
Daurian Redstart	6
Plumbeous Water Redstart	2
Red-billed Starling	5
Crested Myna	10
Yellow-bellied Tit	4
Japanese Tit	8
Black-throated Bushtit	6
Light-vented Bulbul	30
Japanese White-eye	4
Brownish-flanked Bush Warbler	1h
Yellow-browed Warbler	1h
Masked Laughingthrush	1h
Vinous-throated Parrotbill	10
Eurasian Tree Sparrow	10
White Wagtail	2 <i>leucopsis</i>
Olive-backed Pipit	6
White-rumped Munia	10
Brambling	2
Grey-capped Greenfinch	1h
Yellow-billed Grosbeak	2
Yellow-browed Bunting	8
Black-faced Bunting	4

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Maritime Striped Squirrel	1
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On the 24 December 2007 we saw the following additional species at Xiaoqi -

Asian Barred Owllet	1 near Wuyuan.
Bull-headed Shrike	1 female at Xiaoqi.
Blue Whistling Thrush	1 was heard at Xiaoqi.
Goldcrest	1 at Xiaoqi.

While on the 25 December 2009 we saw the following additional species at Xiaoqi -

Yellow-browed Bunting	3
Masked Laughingthrush	4
Great Spotted Woodpecker	2
Grey-headed Woodpecker	3
Grey-capped Pygmy W'pecker	2
Orange-bellied Leafbird	3
Bull-headed Shrike	1 female
Pale Thrush	5

Site 3. Elliot's Pheasant site at Huangsha. 12h30-15h00.

Common Kingfisher	1
Collared Owllet	[1h]
Orange-bellied Leafbird	1h
Long-tailed Shrike	2
Red-billed Blue Magpie	4
Red-flanked Bluetail	3
Oriental Magpie Robin	1
Daurian Redstart	4
Plumbeous Water Redstart	1
Crested Myna	10
Japanese Tit	4
Light-vented Bulbul	10
Chestnut Bulbul	10
Mountain Bulbul	1
Black Bulbul	[2h]
Yellow-browed Warbler	1h

Grey-sided Scimitar Babbler	1
Huet's Fulvetta	2
Vinous-throated Parrotbill	2h
Fork-tailed Sunbird	1
Eurasian Tree Sparrow	10
White Wagtail	2
<i>leucopsis</i>	2
Tristram's Bunting	3
Black-faced Bunting	1

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Drive from Huangsha to Jingdezhen & then Jiangyou.

Little Grebe	6
Little Egret	40
Black-crowned Night Heron	55
Long-tailed Shrike	5
Black-collared Starling	4
Crested Myna	20

Sun rise & sun set Xiaoqi 7 Dec. 2012

Sun rise	06h50
Sun set	17h11

Jingdezhen services	One hour after leaving Luotian cun	
Jingdezhen North		10 minutes later
2 nd Jingdezhen exit	(Km 120 on the Hangrui Expressway)	10 minutes later
Jingdezhen Interchange (can exit the Hangrui Expressway for Yingtan, Anqing & Hefei here)		Km 124
Exit 7 on Hangrui Expressway (Poyang & Tianfanjie)	Km 142?	15h30
Exit 6 on Hangrui Expressway (Youduanjie)	Km 164	15h40
Exit 5 on Hangrui Expressway (Zhongguan)	ca.Km 180	15h50
Exit 4 on Hangrui Expressway (Daching)	Km 196	16h00
Exit 3 on Hangrui Expressway (Wenqiao & Liufang)	Km 217	16h05
Shizhongshan Services on Hangrui Expressway	Km 223	16h10
Exit 2 on Hangrui Expressway (Hukou & Pengze)	Km 225	16h25
Bridge over Yangtze	Km 231	
Exit 1 on Hangrui Expressway (Jiujiang & Shihua)	Km 243	
Jiujiang xian (Jiujiang county) & less than two kms north of Exit 1 on the Fuyin Expressway & 75 kms north of Yongxiu		
Jiujiang services		10 minutes from 16h45
Lushan Exit & services on the Fuyin Expressway		

Weather:

Another glorious day - clear & dry all day. 0°C outside the hotel in Wuyuan at 06h10, 13°C at Yueliangwan at 10h30 & this same temperature at Huangsha at 12h45.

Chinese Bamboo Partridge	1 was heard besides the river in Wuyuan city on the 7/12/2012.
Mandarin Duck	15, eight males & seven females, at Yueliangwan, Wuyuan on the 7/12/2012.
Eastern Spot-billed Duck	15 at Yueliangwan, Wuyuan on the 7/12/2012.

Grey-capped Pygmy Woodpecker	7 at Yueliangwan, Wuyuan on the 7/12/2012.
Great Spotted Woodpecker	2, a pair, at Yueliangwan, Wuyuan on the 7/12/2012.
Grey-headed Woodpecker	2, a pair, at Yueliangwan, Wuyuan on the 7/12/2012.
Common Kingfisher	3 singles near Wuyuan on the 7/12/2012 with one
Collared Owllet	1 was heard at Huangsha, Wuyuan on the 7/12/2012.
Oriental Turtle Dove	10 in & around Wuyuan on the 7/12/2012 with four in Wuyuan town & five others at Yueliangwan.
Spotted Dove	2 besides the river in Wuyuan city on the 7/12/2012
Common Moorhen	3 in & around Wuyuan on the 7/12/2012 with two besides the river through Wuyuan town & another at Yueliangwan.
Common Snipe	1 besides the river in Wuyuan city on the 7/12/2012
Common Greenshank	6 besides the river in Wuyuan city on the 7/12/2012.
Green Sandpiper	1 besides the river in Wuyuan city on the 7/12/2012,
Long-billed Plover	6 besides the river in Wuyuan city on the 7/12/2012
Little Grebe	15 on the 7/12/2012 with five in the river through Wuyuan town, three Yueliangwan & six between there, Jingdezhen & Jiangyou.
Little Egret	50 on the 7/12/2012 with six near Wuyuan (two besides the river through town and four at Yueliangwan). 40 others were seen between Wuyuan, Jingdezhen & Jiangyou in the afternoon.
Black-crowned Night Heron	55 flew over Jingdezhen services at dusk on the 7/12/2012.
Orange-bellied Leafbird	4 near Wuyuan on the 7/12/2012 with three being seen at Yueliangwan and one being heard at Huangsha.
Long-tailed Shrike	10 on the 7/12/2012 with five in the Wuyuan area (one near the river through the centre of town, two at Yueliangwan and another to at Huangsha). Elsewhere there were also five between Wuyuan, Jingdezhen and Jiangyou later in the day.
Red-billed Blue Magpie	4 at Huangsha, Wuyuan on the 7/12/2012.
Grey-chinned Minivet	4 near Wuyuan on the 7/12/2012 with one being heard near the river through the centre of town and another three at Yueliangwan.
Grey-backed Thrush	2 loosely associating with other thrushes besides the river in Wuyuan city on the 7/12/2012
Common Blackbird	40 near Wuyuan on the 7/12/2012 with 35 (most apparently leaving a roost) near the river through the centre of town in the early morning and another five at Yueliangwan.
Rufous-tailed Thrush	1 was heard loosely associating with other thrushes besides the river in Wuyuan city on the 7/12/2012
Siberian Rubythroat	1 calling bird was heard at Yueliangwan, Wuyuan on the 7/12/2012.
Red-flanked Bluetail	5 near Wuyuan on the 7/12/2012 with two at Yueliangwan and three more at Huangsha.
Oriental Magpie Robin	5 around Wuyuan on the 7/12/2012 with one besides the river in Wuyuan city, three at Yueliangwan and one at Huangsha.
Daurian Redstart	12 around Wuyuan on the 7/12/2012 with two besides the river in Wuyuan city, six at Yueliangwan and four at Huangsha.
Plumbeous Water Redstart	5 around Wuyuan on the 7/12/2012 with two besides the river in Wuyuan city, two more at Yueliangwan and one at Huangsha.
Red-billed Starling	20 near Wuyuan on the 7/12/2012 with 15 besides the river through the centre of town and five more at Yueliangwan.
Black-collared Starling	5 on the 7/12/2012 with one near the river through the centre of Wuyuan in the early morning and four others, two pairs, near Jingdezhen in the late afternoon.
Crested Myna	50 between Wuyuan, Jingdezhen & Jiangyou on the 7/12/2012.
Yellow-bellied Tit	5 near Wuyuan on the 7/12/2012 with one being heard besides the river through the centre of town and four more at Yueliangwan.
Japanese Tit	16 around Wuyuan on the 7/12/2012 with four besides the river in Wuyuan city, eight at Yueliangwan and four at Huangsha.
Black-throated Bushtit	6 at Yueliangwan, Wuyuan on the 7/12/2012.
Light-vented Bulbul	60 around Wuyuan on the 7/12/2012 with 20 besides the river in Wuyuan city, 30 at Yueliangwan and 10 at Huangsha.
Chestnut Bulbul	10 at Huangsha, Wuyuan on the 7/12/2012.
Mountain Bulbul	1 at Huangsha, Wuyuan on the 7/12/2012.
Black Bulbul	2 were heard at Huangsha, Wuyuan on the 7/12/2012.
Japanese White-eye	4 at Yueliangwan, Wuyuan on the 7/12/2012.
Brownish-flanked Bush Warbler	1 was heard at Yueliangwan, Wuyuan on the 7/12/2012.
Dusky Warbler	1 was heard besides the river in Wuyuan city on the 7/12/2012
Pallas's Warbler	2 in the small park besides the river in Wuyuan city on the 7/12/2012
Yellow-browed Warbler	3 separate birds were heard around Wuyuan on the 7/12/2012 with singles besides the river in Wuyuan city, at Yueliangwan and at Huangsha.
Masked Laughingthrush	1 was heard at Yueliangwan, Wuyuan on the 7/12/2012.
Grey-sided Scimitar Babbler	1 at Huangsha, Wuyuan on the 7/12/2012.
Huet's Fulvetta	2 at Huangsha, Wuyuan on the 7/12/2012.
Vinous-throated Parrotbill	12 near Wuyuan on the 7/12/2012 with 10 at Yueliangwan and two others heard at Huangsha.
Fork-tailed Sunbird	1 at Huangsha, Wuyuan on the 7/12/2012.
Eurasian Tree Sparrow	20 near Wuyuan on the 7/12/2012.
White Wagtail	15 around Wuyuan on the 7/12/2012 with 10, including eight <i>leucopsis</i> & one <i>ocularis</i> besides the river in Wuyuan city. Elsewhere there were two more <i>leucopsis</i> at Yueliangwan and another two <i>leucopsis</i> at Huangsha.
Olive-backed Pipit	10 near Wuyuan on the 7/12/2012 with four near the river through the centre of town and another six at Yueliangwan.
Buff-bellied Pipit	1 besides the river in Wuyuan city on the 7/12/2012
White-rumped Munia	10 at Yueliangwan, Wuyuan on the 7/12/2012.
Brambling	2 at Yueliangwan, Wuyuan on the 7/12/2012.
Grey-capped Greenfinch	2 singles were heard near Wuyuan on the 7/12/2012 with the first being over the river through the centre of town and the other being at Yueliangwan.
Yellow-billed Grosbeak	2 at Yueliangwan, Wuyuan on the 7/12/2012.
Tristram's Bunting	3 at Huangsha, Wuyuan on the 7/12/2012.
Yellow-browed Bunting	8 at Yueliangwan, Wuyuan on the 7/12/2012.
Black-faced Bunting	7 around Wuyuan on the 7/12/2012 with two besides the river in Wuyuan city, four at Yueliangwan and one at Huangsha.

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Saturday 8 December 2012. All day Poyang Hu NNR, Jiangxi.

All day Poyang Hu NNR. Left the hotel at 06h00 and drove to Wucheng. Arriving at 07h15 we had a picnic breakfast and loaded in to our boat. This took us to several sites – Canghu (08h25-09h20) & Bianhu (09h45-11h40) before we turned back to Wucheng and headed up the Xiuhe. We viewed Banghu & Shahu (briefly from 12h25) before spending the late afternoon (12h50-16h35) in the Dahuchi area. We had a picnic breakfast at Wucheng & a picnic lunch near Dahuchi & finally arrived back at Wucheng at 17h10. Departing there 15 minutes later there was a road blockage which significantly delayed our departure & we eventually arrived back in Yongxiu at 19h30.

Site 1. Canghu. (ca.29°12.5'N., 116°01.9'E.). 08h25-09h20**Site 2. Bianhu. (29°14.4'N., 116°00.8'E.). 09h45-11h40****Site 3. Banghu, Poyang HU NNR. (29°11.71'N., 115°58.06'E.). 12h25**

It usually takes the boat about 30-35 minutes to travel from Wucheng to the small quay adjacent to Banghu village. These two sites are just 2.3 kilometres apart as the crow flies.

Site 4. Shahu, Poyang Hu NNR. (29°09.93'N., 115°55.98'E.). 12h40

The small docking site is close to the fishing station on the side of the Xiuhe. From here it is 7.2 kilometres directly back to Wucheng and the boat trip usually takes about 1.5 hours when heading upstream but little over that when heading downstream.

Site 5. Dahuchi, Poyang Hu NNR. (29°10.20'N., 115°57.22'E.). 12h50-16h35**Weather**

A glorious day - cool but with excellent (for eastern China!) long range visibility of perhaps eight kilometres range. It was just 5°C outside the hotel in Yongxiu at 05h50, 15°C near Wucheng at 10h30 & 12°C there at 16h50.

Chinese Bamboo Partridge	1 was heard near Dahuchi, Poyang Hu NNR on the 8/12/2012.
Japanese Quail	3 at Poyang Hu NNR on the 8/12/2012 - one at Canghu and two at Bianhu.
Common Pheasant	2 singles at Poyang Hu NNR on the 8/12/2012 - one near Canghu & the other at Banghu.
Tundra Swan	1000 at Poyang Hu NNR on the 8/12/2012. The vast majority of these were at Bianhu.
Swan Goose VU	5000 at Poyang Hu NNR on the 8/12/2012. The vast majority of these were at Dahuchi.
Tundra Bean Goose	500 at Poyang Hu NNR on the 8/12/2012. The vast majority of these were at Canghu
Greylag Goose	1 at Dahuchi, Poyang Hu NNR on the 8/12/2012.
Greater White-fronted Goose	60 at Poyang Hu NNR on the 8/12/2012. 40 of these were at Canghu.
Lesser White-fronted Goose VU	1 at Canghu, Poyang Hu NNR on the 8/12/2012.
Ruddy Shelduck	30 at Poyang Hu NNR on the 8/12/2012.
Falcated Duck	6 at Dahuchi, Poyang Hu NNR on the 8/12/2012.
Mallard	10 at Poyang Hu NNR on the 8/12/2012.
Eastern Spot-billed Duck	20 at Canghu, Poyang Hu NNR on the 8/12/2012.
Northern Pintail	15 at Poyang Hu NNR on the 8/12/2012.
Common Teal	2 at Canghu, Poyang Hu NNR on the 8/12/2012.
Common Pochard	80 at Poyang Hu NNR on the 8/12/2012.
Common Merganser	8 in the Xiuhe at Poyang Hu NNR on the 8/12/2012.
White-throated Kingfisher	2 at Poyang Hu NNR on the 8/12/2012.
Pied Kingfisher	1 near Canghu, Poyang Hu NNR on the 8/12/2012.
Spotted Dove	6 at Poyang Hu NNR on the 8/12/2012.
Siberian Crane CR	300 at Poyang Hu NNR on the 8/12/2012. Just two of these were at Canghu in the morning with ca.300 at Dahuchi in the afternoon.
White-naped Crane VU	100 at Poyang Hu NNR on the 8/12/2012. 20 of these were visible from Wucheng when looking northwest towards Banghu, several others were at Canghu, Shahu and Dahuchi.
Common Crane	20 flew over Dahuchi, Poyang Hu NNR in the late afternoon of the 8/12/2012.
Hooded Crane VU	100 at Poyang Hu NNR on the 8/12/2012. Three of these (a family party with two adults and an attendant juvenile) were visible from Wucheng when looking northwest towards Banghu, five others were at Canghu, several over Shahu but Dahuchi held the majority of birds.
Common Moorhen	1 near Wucheng, Poyang Hu on the 8/12/2012.
Common Snipe	2 at Poyang Hu NNR on the 8/12/2012.
Spotted Redshank	500 at Poyang Hu NNR on the 8/12/2012. The vast majority of these, 450 birds, were at Canghu.
Common Greenshank	8 at Poyang Hu NNR on the 8/12/2012. These included two between Yongxiu & Wucheng and four more near Canghu.
Green Sandpiper	1 near Wucheng, Poyang Hu on the 8/12/2012.
Dunlin	10 at Dahuchi, Poyang Hu NNR on the 8/12/2012.
Pied Avocet	500 at Poyang Hu NNR on the 8/12/2012. 30 of these were at Canghu and an impressive 400+ at Dahuchi.
Grey Plover	4 at Dahuchi, Poyang Hu NNR on the 8/12/2012.
Northern Lapwing	15 at Poyang Hu NNR on the 8/12/2012 with 10 near Canghu & five others around Dahuchi.
Mongolian Gull	3 at Dahuchi, Poyang Hu NNR on the 8/12/2012.
Black-headed Gull	100 at Dahuchi, Poyang Hu NNR on the 8/12/2012.

Common Kestrel	2 singles at Poyang Hu NNR on the 8/12/2012 - one near Wucheng & the other at Dahuchi.
Merlin	1 at Bianhu, Poyang Hu NNR on the 8/12/2012.
Peregrine Falcon	1 juvenile at Dahuchi, Poyang Hu NNR on the 8/12/2012.
Little Grebe	30 at various sites at Poyang Hu NNR on the 8/12/2012.
Great Crested Grebe	2 singles at Poyang Hu NNR on the 8/12/2012. The first was at Bianhu and the second in the Xiuhe near Shahu.
Great Cormorant	40 roosting on a roadside pylon near Wucheng at Poyang Hu NNR on the 8/12/2012.
Little Egret	20 at Poyang Hu NNR on the 8/12/2012.
Grey Heron	50 at Poyang Hu NNR on the 8/12/2012. These included 20 at Canghu, five at both Bianhu and Shahu and 20 more around Dahuchi.
Eurasian Spoonbill	500 at Poyang Hu on the 8/12/2012 with 80 at Canghu and 400+ at Dahuchi.
Oriental Stork EN	100 at Poyang Hu on the 8/12/2012. These involved 35 at Canghu & 60+ at Dahuchi.
Long-tailed Shrike	8 in & around Poyang Hu NNR on the 8/12/2012.
Red-billed Starling	10 near Wucheng, Poyang Hu NNR on the 8/12/2012.
White-cheeked Starling	15 near Wucheng, Poyang Hu NNR on the 8/12/2012.
Crested Myna	50 at Poyang Hu NNR on the 8/12/2012. Most of these were either in or near Wucheng.
Light-vented Bulbul	20 at Poyang Hu NNR on the 8/12/2012. Most of these were on the wooded ridge between Wucheng and the southern side of Dahuchi.
Zitting Cisticola	8 at Poyang Hu NNR on the 8/12/2012. Birds were widely encountered.
Marsh Grassbird NT	1 bird, possibly this species, was glimpsed at Canghu, Poyang Hu on the 8/12/2012.
Chinese Hwamei	1 was heard on the wooded ridge between Wucheng and the southern shore of Dahuchi, Poyang Hu NNR on the 8/12/2012.
Eurasian Skylark	5 at Poyang Hu NNR on the 8/12/2012. This species was outnumbered 3:1 by Oriental Skylark.
Oriental Skylark	15 at Poyang Hu NNR on the 8/12/2012. This species outnumbered Eurasian Skylark 3:1.
Eurasian Tree Sparrow	30 at Poyang Hu NNR on the 8/12/2012.
White Wagtail	8, including three <i>leucopsis</i> , at Poyang Hu NNR on the 8/12/2012.
Richard's Pipit	3 at Poyang Hu NNR on the 8/12/2012 with two at Canghu and one at Dahuchi.
Olive-backed Pipit	4 at Wucheng, Poyang Hu NNR on the 8/12/2012.
Water Pipit	5 with numerous Buff-bellied Pipits at Bianhu, Poyang Hu NNR on the 8/12/2012. This species was outnumbered 20:1 by Buff-bellied Pipit.
Buff-bellied Pipit	5 at Poyang Hu NNR on the 8/12/2012. High counts included 90 at Bianhu. This species outnumbered Water Pipit 20:1.
Water or Buff-bellied Pipit	50 distant and unidentifiable pipits were at Bianhu, Poyang Hu on the 8/12/2012.
Grey-capped Greenfinch	2 were heard near Wucheng, Poyang Hu on the 8/12/2012.
Rustic Bunting	1 was heard near Wucheng, Poyang Hu NNR on the 8/12/2012.
Black-faced Bunting	1 was heard near Wucheng, Poyang Hu NNR on the 8/12/2012.
Lapland Bunting	1 at Dahuchi, Poyang Hu NNR on the 8/12/2012.

Mammals, Reptiles & amphibians

Yangtze Finless Porpoise 7 between Wucheng, Canghu & Bianhu at Poyang Hu NNR on the 8/12/2012.

Duck numbers were significantly down on those of late December 2008. On the previous visit we made the following counts -

Tundra Swan	6150 on Shahu, Poyang Hu NNR on the 27/12/2009.
Ruddy Shelduck	70 in the Xiuhe between Wucheng & Shahu, Poyang Hu NNR on the 27/12/2009.
Falcated Teal	2000 on Shahu, Poyang Hu NNR on the 27/12/2009. The third commonest duck here today.
Eurasian Wigeon	8000 on Shahu, Poyang Hu NNR on the 27/12/2009. This was easily the commonest duck here today.
Northern Pintail	1500 on Shahu, Poyang Hu NNR on the 27/12/2009. The fourth commonest duck here today.
Baikal Teal VU	10 on Shahu, Poyang Hu NNR on the 27/12/2009. We estimated 100 at this site on this same date last year!
Common Teal	4000 on Shahu, Poyang Hu NNR on the 27/12/2009. The second commonest duck here today.
Siberian Crane CR	540 in the area between Banghu, Shahu & Dahuchi, Poyang Hu NNR on the 27/12/2009.
White-naped Crane VU	60 flew over Banghu, Poyang Hu NNR on the 27/12/2009.
Eurasian Spoonbill	4500 at Dahuchi, Poyang Hu NNR on the 27/12/2009.
Oriental Stork EN	905 at Dahuchi, Poyang Hu NNR on the 27/12/2009. We counted exactly 1245 at Poyang Hu NNR on the this day in 2007 & 1235 of the latter were on Shahu & only 10 on Dahuchi.

Sunday 9 December 2012. Morning Poyang Hu NNR, Jiangxi.

All day Poyang Hu NNR. We again left the hotel in Yongxiu at 06h00 & drive back to Wucheng where we had a picnic breakfast before transferring to our boat. This took us up the Xiuhe to Shahu (08h40-09h40) before ferrying us back across to Dahuchi (10h00-13h45). We had a picnic breakfast at Wucheng & a picnic lunch at Dahuchi & finally arrived back at Wucheng at 14h40. Departing there 15 minutes later we headed slowly back in Yongxiu, arrived at the hotel at 18h05 & had dinner at 19h15.

Site 1. Shahu, Poyang Hu NNR. (29°09.93'N., 115°55.98'E.). 08h40-09h40

Site 2. Dahuchi, Poyang Hu NNR. (29°10.20'N., 115°57.22'E.). 10h00-13h45

Road that skirts the southern side of Dahuchi between Wucheng & Yongxiu. (29°10.20'N., 115°57.22'E.). 15h00-17h45.

Weather:

Another gorgeous, clear day. 6°C in Yongxiu at 05h50 & this same temperature at Wucheng 1.5 hours later rising to 12°C at Dahuchi by 13h00. 2/8 cloud cover most of the day this dispersing late afternoon. Long-range visibility was initially slightly poorer than yesterday but gradually improved during the day & it was much windier than yesterday making much of the day feel cooler than it really was.

Japanese Quail	3 near Dahuchi, Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012.
Common Pheasant	6 at Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012 with two near Dahuchi & four between Wucheng & Yongxiu.
Tundra Swan	70 at Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012. These involved
Swan Goose VU	720 at Poyang Hu on the 9/12/2012. 20 of these were at Shahu with 700 at Dahuchi. The latter is a massive reduction on the number of birds present since yesterday.
Tundra Bean Goose	500 at Poyang Hu on the 9/12/2012. These included 200 that flew south between Yongxiu & Wucheng in the early morning and 300 at Dahuchi in the afternoon.
Greater White-fronted Goose	1240 at Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012. These involved 40 at Shahu and 1200 at Dahuchi with 1000 along the southern shore of that lake in the late afternoon.
Greylag Goose	185 at the southern side of Dahuchi, Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012.
Ruddy Shelduck	4 in the Xiuhe between Wucheng and Shahu, Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012.
Gadwall	2 at Shahu, Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012.
Mallard	6 on Dahuchi, Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012.
Eastern Spot-billed Duck	410 at Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012. 10 of these were at Shahu and the other 400 at Dahuchi.
Northern Pintail	10 on Dahuchi, Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012.
Common Teal	60 on Dahuchi, Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012.
Tufted Duck	2 at Shahu, Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012.
Smew	4 at Poyang Hu on the 9/12/2012 with three on a roadside pool between Wucheng Yongxiu and another in the Xiuhe between Wucheng and Shahu.
Common Merganser	13 in the Xiuhe between Wucheng and Shahu, Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012.
Eurasian Hoopoe	3 at Dahuchi, Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012.
White-throated Kingfisher	1 besides the Xiuhe between Wucheng and Shahu, Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012.
Pied Kingfisher	2 singles at Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012.
Oriental Turtle Dove	15 between Wucheng & Yongxiu, Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012.
Spotted Dove	4 between Wucheng & Yongxiu, Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012.
Siberian Crane CR	250 at Dahuchi, Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012.
White-naped Crane VU	100 at Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012. Eight of these were seen between Yongxiu & Wucheng, three more at Shahu and <i>ca.</i> 90 at Dahuchi.
Common Crane	8 at Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012.



Common Cranes at Poyang Hu NNR



Brown Crake	2 between Wucheng & Yongxiu, Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012.
Common Moorhen	2 between Wucheng & Yongxiu, Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012.
Common Snipe	5 at Dahuchi, Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012.
Spotted Redshank	2050 at Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012. Although there were <i>ca.</i> 50 at Shahu almost all of the day's birds (<i>ca.</i> 2000) were at Dahuchi.
Common Greenshank	19 at Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012. These involved five between Yongxiu & Wucheng; four at Shahu and 10 around Dahuchi.
Green Sandpiper	2 singles between Wucheng & Yongxiu, Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012.
Dunlin	15 at Dahuchi, Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012.
Pied Avocet	1400 at Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012. These involved <i>ca.</i> 400 at Shahu and <i>ca.</i> 1000 at Dahuchi.
Grey Plover	1 at Shahu, Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012.
Northern Lapwing	35 at Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012. These involved five between Yongxiu & Wucheng, 10 at Shahu and 20 around Dahuchi.
Heuglin's Gull	1 adult with other gulls at Dahuchi, Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012.
Mongolian Gull	4 at Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012.
Black-headed Gull	1000 at Dahuchi, Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012.
Eurasian Sparrowhawk	1 between Wucheng & Yongxiu, Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012.
Eastern Buzzard	1 over the Xiuhe between Wucheng and Banghu at Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012.
Little Grebe	20 in the Xiuhe between Wucheng and Shahu at Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012.
Great Crested Grebe	12 at Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012. These involved two in the Xiuhe between Wucheng and Shahu and there were another 10 on Shahu itself.
Great Cormorant	22 at Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012. These involved two over the Xiuhe between Wucheng and Shahu and there were another 20 on Shahu itself.
Little Egret	10 at Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012.
Grey Heron	80 at Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012.
Black-crowned Night Heron	2 between Wucheng & Yongxiu, Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012.
Eurasian Spoonbill	950 at Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012. These involved 250 at Shahu and 700 at Dahuchi.
Dalmatian Pelican CR	3 at Dahuchi, Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012.
Black Stork	1 first year flew over Dahuchi, Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012.
Oriental Stork EN	251 at Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012. Four of these flew over the Xiuhe between Wucheng and Banghu, another two were at Shahu while the vast majority of birds (245) were around Dahuchi.
Long-tailed Shrike	5 at Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012.
Red-billed Blue Magpie	1 was heard between Wucheng & Yongxiu, Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012.
Grey-backed Thrush	1 was heard in roadside scrub near Wucheng at Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012.
Common Blackbird	2 between Wucheng & Yongxiu, Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012.
Rufous-tailed Thrush	6 between Wucheng & Yongxiu, Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012.
Naumann's Thrush	1 between Wucheng & Yongxiu, Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012.
Intermediate Naumann's/Dusky Thrush	1 between Wucheng & Yongxiu, Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012.
Oriental Magpie Robin	1 near the fishing station at Dahuchi, Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012.

Daurian Redstart	2 singles
Red-billed Starling	30 between Wucheng & Yongxiu, Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012.
White-cheeked Starling	130 at Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012. Five of these were between Yongxiu & Wucheng, another 120 were between Wucheng & Banghu and the final five near Dahuchi.
Black-collared Starling	1 between Wucheng & Yongxiu, Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012.
Crested Myna	60 at Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012 with 40 between Yongxiu & Wucheng and another 20 between Wucheng & Banghu.
Chinese Penduline Tit	1 at Dahuchi, Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012.
Yellow-bellied Tit	9 between Wucheng & Yongxiu, Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012.
Japanese Tit	1 between Wucheng & Yongxiu, Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012.
Light-vented Bulbul	30 between Wucheng & Yongxiu, Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012.
Zitting Cisticola	2 at Dahuchi, Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012.
Plain Prinia	2 at Dahuchi, Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012.
Chinese Hwamei	1 singing bird was heard on the scrub covered ridge near Wucheng, Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012.
Vinous-throated Parrotbill	20 in & around Wucheng at Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012.
Eurasian Skylark	3 near Shahu at Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012.
Oriental Skylark	10 around Shahu, Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012.
White Wagtail	6, including two <i>leucopsis</i> & one <i>ocularis</i> , at Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012.
Richard's Pipit	3 at Shahu, Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012.
Water Pipit	6 at Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012. These involved four at Shahu and two at Dahuchi.
Buff-bellied Pipit	25 at Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012. These involved 15 at Shahu and 10 at Dahuchi.
Water or Buff-bellied Pipit	40 between Wucheng, Banghu & Shahu at Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012.
Scaly-breasted Munia	10 between Wucheng & Yongxiu, Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012.
Brambling	2 between Wucheng & Yongxiu, Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012.
Grey-capped Greenfinch	15 between Wucheng & Yongxiu, Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012.

Monday 10 December 2012. Morning back at Wucheng, afternoon flight Nanchang to Shanghai & drove north to Nantong.

We left Yongxiu at 05h36 and drove south to Nanjishan NNR, Xinjian. Arriving there almost 1.5 hours later we stayed until 09h30 when we headed to Nanchang's Changbei Airport. We were in plenty of time to catch our 13h10 China Eastern Airlines flight back to Shanghai. This took off 10 minutes early & arrived in Shanghai one hour & four minutes later. We were immediately met by Mr Chan, our driver, and drove north, by-passing much of Shanghai city, and on in to Jiangsu province. We crossed the Yangtze river via the 8.2 kilometre long Sutong bridge, arrived at the Nantong at 16h50 & had dinner at 18h30.

Jinling Huaqiao hotel, Nantong. (32°01.7'N., 120°51.1'E.). 19 metres above sea level.

Weather

It had rained overnight but this held off while until we had finished birding and were driving to Nanchang airport! It was 6°C outside the hotel in Yongxiu at 05h20 & just one degree cooler, but feeling significantly colder at Nanjishan at 08h15. According to information we were given on the plane it was 7°C when we landed at Hong Qiao airport, Shanghai.

Site 1. Nanjishan NNR, Xinjian. (28°54.4'N., 116°16.5'E.). (07h00-09h30)

Common Pheasant	1
Tundra Swan	1535
Swan Goose VU	220
Tundra Bean Goose	8150
Taiga Bean Goose	10
Greater White-fronted Goose	520
Greylag Goose	180
Gadwall	5
Falcated Duck	10
Eurasian Wigeon	200
Mallard	20
Eastern Spot-billed Duck	100
Northern Shoveler	20
Northern Pintail	20
Common Teal	40
Common Pochard	200
Tufted Duck	40
White-naped Crane VU	6
Common Crane	20
Brown Crane	2
Common Moorhen	2
Eurasian Coot	600
Eurasian Curlew	2
Spotted Redshank	350
Common Greenshank	2
Green Sandpiper	1
Dunlin	20

Pied Avocet	250
Grey Plover	1
Northern Lapwing	15
Mongolian Gull	3
Black-headed Gull	30
Little Grebe	10
Great Crested Grebe	180
Black-necked Grebe	1
Great Cormorant	25
Little Egret	2
Grey Heron	15
Eurasian Spoonbill	350
Oriental Stork EN	45
Long-tailed Shrike	17
Eurasian Magpie	1
Common Blackbird	1
Daurian Redstart	4
Red-billed Starling	1
White-cheeked Starling	15
Black-collared Starling	3
Crested Myna	20
Light-vented Bulbul	20
Plain Prinia	4
Marsh Grassbird NT	1h
Eurasian Skylark	10
White Wagtail	2
Richard's Pipit	3
Red-throated Pipit	3
Water Pipit	5
Buff-bellied Pipit	10
Water or Buff-bellied Pipit	20

Nanjishan NNR to Nanchang's Changbei airport

Common Kestrel	1
White Wagtail	2 <i>leucopsis</i>

Hong Qiao airport, Shanghai north to Nantong, Jiangsu

Eurasian Hoopoe	1
Spotted Dove	2
Common Moorhen	6
Little Grebe	4
Little Egret	45
Eurasian Bittern	1
Long-tailed Shrike	2
Eurasian Magpie	3
Common Blackbird	10
Crested Myna	4
Light-vented Bulbul	5

Clever International Hotel, Nantong (33°23.4'N., 120°094'E.).

Common Pheasant	1 at Nanjishan NNR, Xinjian on the 10/12/2012.
Tundra Swan	1535 at Nanjishan NNR, Xinjian on the 10/12/2012.
Swan Goose VU	20 at Nanjishan NNR, Xinjian on the 10/12/2012.
Tundra Bean Goose	8150 at Nanjishan NNR, Xinjian on the 10/12/2012.
Taiga Bean Goose	10 at Nanjishan NNR, Xinjian on the 10/12/2012.
Greater White-fronted Goose	520 at Nanjishan NNR, Xinjian on the 10/12/2012.
Greylag Goose	180 at Nanjishan NNR, Xinjian on the 10/12/2012.
Gadwall	5 at Nanjishan NNR, Xinjian on the 10/12/2012.
Falcated Duck	10 at Nanjishan NNR, Xinjian on the 10/12/2012.
Eurasian Wigeon	200 at Nanjishan NNR, Xinjian on the 10/12/2012.
Mallard	20 at Nanjishan NNR, Xinjian on the 10/12/2012.
Eastern Spot-billed Duck	100 at Nanjishan NNR, Xinjian on the 10/12/2012.
Northern Shoveler	20 at Nanjishan NNR, Xinjian on the 10/12/2012.
Northern Pintail	20 at Nanjishan NNR, Xinjian on the 10/12/2012.
Common Teal	40 at Nanjishan NNR, Xinjian on the 10/12/2012.
Common Pochard	200 at Nanjishan NNR, Xinjian on the 10/12/2012.
Tufted Duck	40 at Nanjishan NNR, Xinjian on the 10/12/2012.
Eurasian Hoopoe	1 near Nantong, Jiangsu on the 10/12/2012.
Spotted Dove	2 near Nantong, Jiangsu on the 10/12/2012.
White-naped Crane VU	6 at Nanjishan NNR, Xinjian on the 10/12/2012.
Common Crane	20 at Nanjishan NNR, Xinjian on the 10/12/2012.

Brown Crane	2 at Nanjishan NNR, Xinjian on the 10/12/2012.
Common Moorhen	8 on the 10/12/2012 with two at Nanjishan NNR, Xinjian, Jiangsu in the morning & another six between Shanghai & Nantong, Jiangsu in the late afternoon.
Eurasian Coot	600 at Nanjishan NNR, Xinjian on the 10/12/2012.
Eurasian Curlew	2 singles at Nanjishan NNR, Xinjian on the 10/12/2012.
Spotted Redshank	350 at Nanjishan NNR, Xinjian on the 10/12/2012.
Common Greenshank	2 at Nanjishan NNR, Xinjian on the 10/12/2012.
Green Sandpiper	1 at Nanjishan NNR, Xinjian on the 10/12/2012.
Dunlin	20 at Nanjishan NNR, Xinjian on the 10/12/2012.
Pied Avocet	250 at Nanjishan NNR, Xinjian on the 10/12/2012.
Grey Plover	1 at Nanjishan NNR, Xinjian on the 10/12/2012.
Northern Lapwing	15 at Nanjishan NNR, Xinjian on the 10/12/2012.
Mongolian Gull	3 at Nanjishan NNR, Xinjian on the 10/12/2012.
Black-headed Gull	30 at Nanjishan NNR, Xinjian on the 10/12/2012.
Common Kestrel	1 between Nanjishan NNR, Xinjian & Nanchang's Changbei airport, Jiangsu on the 10/12/2012.
Little Grebe	14 on the 10/12/2012 with ten at Nanjishan NNR, Xinjian, Jiangsu in the morning & another four between Shanghai & Nantong, Jiangsu in the late afternoon.
Great Crested Grebe	180 at Nanjishan NNR, Xinjian on the 10/12/2012.
Black-necked Grebe	1 at Nanjishan NNR, Xinjian on the 10/12/2012.
Great Cormorant	25 at Nanjishan NNR, Xinjian on the 10/12/2012.
Little Egret	47 on the 10/12/2012 with two at Nanjishan NNR, Xinjian, Jiangsu in the morning & another 45 on roadside fishponds near Nantong, Jiangsu in the late afternoon.
Grey Heron	15 at Nanjishan NNR, Xinjian on the 10/12/2012.
Eurasian Bittern	1 was seen on the northern shore of the Yangtze river from the Sutong bridge, Jiangsu on the 10/12/2012.
Eurasian Spoonbill	350 at Nanjishan NNR, Xinjian on the 10/12/2012.
Oriental Stork EN	45 at Nanjishan NNR, Xinjian on the 10/12/2012.
Long-tailed Shrike	19 on the 10/12/2012 with 17 at Nanjishan NNR, Xinjian, Jiangsu in the morning & another two between Shanghai & Nantong, Jiangsu in the late afternoon.
Eurasian Magpie	4 on the 10/12/2012 with one near Nanjishan NNR, Xinjian, Jiangsu in the morning & another three between Shanghai & Nantong, Jiangsu in the late afternoon.
Common Blackbird	11 on the 10/12/2012 with one at Nanjishan NNR, Xinjian, Jiangsu in the morning & another ten between Shanghai & Nantong, Jiangsu in the late afternoon.
Daurian Redstart	4 at Nanjishan NNR, Xinjian on the 10/12/2012.
Red-billed Starling	1 at Nanjishan NNR, Xinjian on the 10/12/2012.
White-cheeked Starling	15 at Nanjishan NNR, Xinjian on the 10/12/2012.
Black-collared Starling	3 at Nanjishan NNR, Xinjian on the 10/12/2012.
Crested Myna	24 on the 10/12/2012 with 20 at Nanjishan NNR, Xinjian, Jiangsu in the morning & another four between Shanghai & Nantong, Jiangsu in the late afternoon.
Light-vented Bulbul	25 on the 10/12/2012 with 20 at Nanjishan NNR, Xinjian, Jiangsu in the morning & another five between Shanghai & Nantong, Jiangsu in the late afternoon.
Plain Prinia	4 were heard at Nanjishan NNR, Xinjian on the 10/12/2012.
Marsh Grassbird NT	1 was heard at Nanjishan NNR, Xinjian on the 10/12/2012.
Eurasian Skylark	10 at Nanjishan NNR, Xinjian on the 10/12/2012.
White Wagtail	4 in Jiangsu on the 10/12/2012 with two that weren't seen well enough to racially assign at Nanjishan NNR, Xinjian & two <i>leucopsis</i> between there and Nanchang's Changbei airport.
Richard's Pipit	3 at Nanjishan NNR, Xinjian on the 10/12/2012.
Red-throated Pipit	3 at Nanjishan NNR, Xinjian on the 10/12/2012.
Water Pipit	5 at Nanjishan NNR, Xinjian on the 10/12/2012.
Buff-bellied Pipit	10 at Nanjishan NNR, Xinjian on the 10/12/2012.
Water or Buff-bellied Pipit	20 at Nanjishan NNR, Xinjian on the 10/12/2012.

Tuesday 11 December 2012. Morning drove from Nantong to Yancheng NNR. Rest of day there.

We left Nantong twenty minutes late at 05h50 & drove north to Yancheng NNR. We changed coaches on the edge of Yancheng town before continuing east to the NNR. Arriving on the 'coast' just south of the 'Crane Farm' at 08h50 we spent an hour or so birding before having a picnic breakfast. We spent much of the rest of day birding in & around the reserve, exploring areas around the visitors centre & 'Crane Farm', followed by an afternoon visit to the 'Xinyanggang Reed Farm'. We eventually left there (at 16h35) & headed back to our hotel in Yancheng town (the Clever International Hotel!) where we arrived at 17h50. We had dinner at 19h00.

Between Nantong & Yancheng NNR

Eurasian Hoopoe	1
Spotted Dove	2

Site 1. Fish ponds 3.7 kms south of the Crane Farm at Yancheng NNR. (33°34.6'N., 120°31.6'E.).

Smew	70
Common Merganser	10
Eurasian Hoopoe	1
Common Kingfisher	1
Oriental Turtle Dove	4

Red-crowned Crane	EN	7
Eurasian Coot		10
Spotted Redshank		120
Common Sandpiper		1
Dunlin		280
Kentish Plover		10
Heuglin's Gull		1
Vega Gull		[1?]
Mongolian Gull		90
Pallas's Gull		4
Black-headed Gull		10
Peregrine Falcon		1
Little Grebe		5
Great Cormorant		120
Little Egret		80
Grey Heron		20
Oriental Stork	EN	15
Long-tailed Shrike		2
Common Blackbird		2
Pale Thrush		1
Naumann's Thrush		1
Daurian Redstart		2
Japanese Tit		2
Plain Prinia		2
Dusky Warbler		2
Vinous-throated Parrotbill		10
Reed Parrotbill	NT	4
Eurasian Skylark		2
Eurasian Tree Sparrow		20
Little Bunting		1
Black-faced Bunting		2

Site 2. Xinyanggang Crane Farm area at Yancheng NNR. (33°36.2'N., 120°30.1'E.). (10h00-14h40)

Common Pheasant		2
Tundra Bean Goose		150
Greater White-fronted Goose		2
Ruddy Shelduck		2
Mandarin Duck		25
Gadwall		1350
Falcated Duck		7
Eurasian Wigeon		1
Mallard		450
Eastern Spot-billed Duck		600
Northern Shoveler		40
Northern Pintail		2
Baikal Teal	VU	180
Common Teal		20
Smew		40
Common Merganser		15
Eurasian Hoopoe		2
Common Kingfisher		1
Pied Kingfisher		3
Oriental Turtle Dove		6
Spotted Dove		2
Common Crane		50
Red-crowned Crane	EN	13
Water Rail		1h
Common Moorhen		4
Eurasian Coot		340
Common Snipe		4
Spotted Redshank		20
Green Sandpiper		1
Black-winged Stilt		36
Northern Lapwing		3
Mongolian Gull		30
Black-headed Gull		240
Saunders's Gull	VU	10
Eastern Marsh Harrier		4
Eastern Buzzard		1
Little Grebe		5
Great Cormorant		300
Little Egret		35
Grey Heron		20
Great Egret		2

Chinese Pond Heron	1
Eurasian Bittern	5
Eurasian Spoonbill	210
Long-tailed Shrike	4
Azure-winged Magpie	4
Eurasian Magpie	30
Common Blackbird	5
Rufous-tailed Thrush	5
Daurian Redstart	2
White-cheeked Starling	20
Chinese Penduline Tit	1h
Japanese Tit	2
Light-vented Bulbul	10
Goldcrest	2
Vinous-throated Parrotbill	15
Eurasian Skylark	3
Eurasian Tree Sparrow	150
White Wagtail	1
Water Pipit	2
Buff-bellied Pipit	1
Yellow-billed Grosbeak	2
Little Bunting	1
Black-faced Bunting	2
Pallas's Reed Bunting	5h

Site 3. Roadside reservoir at Km 72 and just one kilometres north of Xinyanggang village, Yancheng NNR. (33°37.8'N., 120°28.3'E.). (14h45-14h55)

Ferruginous Duck	3
Barn Swallow	300
Sand Martin	1

Site 4. Xinyanggang Reed Farm, Yancheng NNR, (33°36.09'N., 120°30.31'E.). (15h00-16h35)

Common Pheasant	1
Tundra Bean Goose	925
Taiga Bean Goose	2
Common Shelduck	5
Eastern Spot-billed Duck	100
Ferruginous Duck NT	3
Eurasian Hoopoe	2
Oriental Turtle Dove	30
Spotted Dove	1
Common Crane	40
Red-crowned Crane EN	3
Common Moorhen	2
Eurasian Coot	10
Spotted Redshank	5
Green Sandpiper	1
Hen Harrier	2
Common Kestrel	1
Merlin	1
Great Cormorant	1350
Little Egret	5
Grey Heron	20
Great Egret	10
Long-tailed Shrike	8
Chinese Grey Shrike	1
Eurasian Magpie	330
Common Blackbird	5
Rufous-tailed Thrush	10
Dusky Thrush	1
Daurian Redstart	2
European Starling	345
Japanese Tit	2
Barn Swallow	300
Sand Martin	1
Light-vented Bulbul	10
Eurasian Skylark	3
Eurasian Tree Sparrow	400
Eastern Yellow Wagtail	1
Red-throated Pipit	3
Water Pipit	2
Buff-bellied Pipit	1

Chestnut-eared Bunting	2
Black-faced Bunting	3
Pallas's Reed Bunting	1h
Common Reed Bunting	1h
Lapland Bunting	1h

Sun rise & sun set at Yancheng NNR on 11 December 2012

Sun rise	06h51
Sun set	16h49

Weather

Mostly bright & clear but with a very few spots of rain in the early & mid-morning. 3°C outside the Nantong hotel at 05h25, 6°C at Yancheng 'Crane Farm' at 10h30 & 4°C near there at about 16h00.

Common Pheasant	3 at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012 with two near the 'Crane Farm' and on in the Xinyanggang Reed Farm.
Tundra Bean Goose	1075 at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012 with 150 near the 'Crane Farm' and 925 in the Xinyanggang Reed Farm.
Taiga Bean Goose	2 in the Xinyanggang Reed Farm, Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012.
Greater White-fronted Goose	2 flew over the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012.
Ruddy Shelduck	2 near the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012.
Common Shelduck	5 flew north over the Xinyanggang Reed Farm, Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012.
Mandarin Duck	25 free-flying birds around the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012.
Gadwall	1350 on a pool at the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012.
Falcated Duck	7 on a pool at the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012.
Eurasian Wigeon	1 with other ducks on a pool at the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012.
Mallard	450 with other ducks on a pool at the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012.
Eastern Spot-billed Duck	700 at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012 with 600 with other ducks on a pool near the 'Crane Farm' and 100 in the Xinyanggang Reed Farm.
Northern Shoveler	40 with other ducks on a pool at the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012.
Northern Pintail	2 with other ducks on a pool at the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012.
Baikal Teal VU	180 with other ducks on a pool at the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012.
Common Teal	20 with other ducks on a pool at the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012.
Ferruginous Pochard NT	3 on the Km 72 pool between Xinyanggang village and the Xinyanggang Reed Farm, Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012.
Smew	110 on the fishponds within about 3.7 kilometres south of the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012.
Common Merganser	25 on the fishponds within about 3.7 kilometres south of the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012.
Eurasian Hoopoe	6 in the Yancheng NNR area on the 11/12/2012. The first was close to Yancheng town while the other five were in Yancheng NNR.
Common Kingfisher	2 singles on the fishponds within about 3.7 kilometres south of the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012.
Pied Kingfisher	3 at the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012.
Oriental Turtle Dove	40 between the 'Crane Farm' and the Xinyanggang Reed Farm at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012.
Spotted Dove	5 between the 'Crane Farm' and the Xinyanggang Reed Farm at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012.
Common Crane	90 at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012 with 50 near the 'Crane Farm' and 40 in the Xinyanggang Reed Farm.
Red-crowned Crane EN	23 free-flying and apparently wild birds between the 'Crane Farm' and the Xinyanggang Reed Farm at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012.



Water Rail	1 was heard squealing in the reed bed besides the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012.
Common Moorhen	6 at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012 with four near the 'Crane Farm' and two others in the Xinyanggang Reed Farm.
Eurasian Coot	360 between the 'Crane Farm' and the Xinyanggang Reed Farm at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012. The vast majority of these, 340 birds, were with other waterfowl on a pool close to the 'Crane Farm'.
Common Snipe	4 at the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012.
Spotted Redshank	145 between the 'Crane Farm' and the Xinyanggang Reed Farm at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012.
Green Sandpiper	2 singles at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012 with the first near the 'Crane Farm' and the other in the Xinyanggang Reed Farm.
Common Sandpiper	1 at the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012.
Dunlin	280 on a drained fishpond about 3.7 kilometres south of the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012.
Black-winged Stilt	36 at the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012.
Kentish Plover	10 on a drained fishpond about 3.7 kilometres south of the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012.
Northern Lapwing	3 at the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012.
Heuglin's Gull	1 adult with other gulls on a drained fishpond about 3.7 kilometres south of the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012.
Vega Gull	[1 bird, possibly this species, with other gulls on a drained fishpond about 3.7 kilometres south of the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012].
Mongolian Gull	120 on the fishponds within about 3.7 kilometres south of the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012.

Pallas's Gull	4 adults with other gulls on a drained fishpond about 3.7 kilometres south of the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012.
Black-headed Gull	250 flew south over the fishponds within about 3.7 kilometres south of the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012.
Saunders's Gull VU	10 flew south over the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012.
Eastern Marsh Harrier	4 at the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012.
Hen Harrier	2, an adult male and a ringtail, the Xinyanggang Reed Farm, Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012.
Eastern Buzzard	1 flew south over the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012.
Common Kestrel	1 the Xinyanggang Reed Farm, Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012.
Merlin	1 the Xinyanggang Reed Farm, Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012.
Peregrine Falcon	1 adult over the drained fishpond about 3.7 kilometres south of the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012.
Little Grebe	10 on the fishponds within about 3.7 kilometres south of the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012.
Great Cormorant	1770 between the 'Crane Farm' and the Xinyanggang Reed Farm at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012. The vast majority of these, 1350 birds, were flying south over the reed farm in the evening and were presumably heading to roost.
Little Egret	120 between the 'Crane Farm' and the Xinyanggang Reed Farm at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012. The vast majority of these, 115 birds, were around roadside fishponds close to the 'Crane Farm'
Grey Heron	60 between the 'Crane Farm' and the Xinyanggang Reed Farm at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012.
Great Egret	12 at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012 with two near the 'Crane Farm' and ten others in the Xinyanggang Reed Farm.
Chinese Pond Heron	1 first-winter at the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012.
Eurasian Bittern	5 singles around the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012.
Eurasian Spoonbill	210 near the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012.
Oriental Stork EN	15 on a drained fishpond about 3.7 kilometres south of the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012.
Long-tailed Shrike	15 between the Yancheng town and 'Crane Farm' and the Xinyanggang Reed Farm at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012.
Chinese Grey Shrike	1 in the Xinyanggang Reed Farm, Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012.
Azure-winged Magpie	4 at the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012.
Eurasian Magpie	410 between the Yancheng town and 'Crane Farm' and the Xinyanggang Reed Farm at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012. The vast majority of these, 330 birds, were flying north over the reed farm and were apparently heading to roost.
Common Blackbird	15 between Yancheng town, the 'Crane Farm' and the Xinyanggang Reed Farm at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012.
Pale Thrush	1 in a shelter belt near the drained fishpond about 3.7 kilometres south of the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012.
Rufous-tailed Thrush	15 at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012 with five near the 'Crane Farm' and ten others in the Xinyanggang Reed Farm.
Naumann's Thrush	1 in a shelter belt near the drained fishpond about 3.7 kilometres south of the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012.
Dusky Thrush	1 the Xinyanggang Reed Farm, Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012.
Daurian Redstart	6 between the 'Crane Farm' and the Xinyanggang Reed Farm at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012.
White-cheeked Starling	30 on the 11/12/2012 with ten near Yancheng town and another 20 over the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR.
Common Starling	345 were counted in a woodland shelter belt close to the entrance to the Xinyanggang Reed Farm, Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012.
Chinese Penduline Tit	1 was heard near the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012.
Japanese Tit	6 between the 'Crane Farm' and the Xinyanggang Reed Farm at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012.
Sand Martin	1, with about 300 Barn Swallows, low over the reservoir at Km 72 between Xinyanggang village and the Xinyanggang Reed Farm, Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012.
Barn Swallow	300, with a solitary Sand Martin, low over the reservoir at Km 72 between Xinyanggang village and the Xinyanggang Reed Farm, Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012.
Light-vented Bulbul	20 at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012 with 10 near the 'Crane Farm' and a similar number in the Xinyanggang Reed Farm.
Goldcrest	2 near the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012.
Plain Prinia	2 near the drained fishpond about 3.7 kilometres south of the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012.
Dusky Warbler	2 singles near the drained fishpond about 3.7 kilometres south of the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012.
Vinous-throated Parrotbill	25 in reed beds around the fishponds within about 3.7 kilometres south of the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012.
Reed Parrotbill NT	4 in a reed bed about 3.7 kilometres south of the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012.
Eurasian Skylark	8 in the area between the 'Crane Farm' and the Xinyanggang Reed Farm at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012.
Eurasian Tree Sparrow	570 in the area between the 'Crane Farm' and the Xinyanggang Reed Farm at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012. These included 150 immediately around the 'Crane Farm' itself and another 400, in three flocks of 50, 100 and 250 birds, in the Reed Farm area.
White Wagtail	2 singles on the 11/12/2012. The first was seen near Yancheng town while the second flew over the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR.
Eastern Yellow Wagtail	1 was heard in flight over the Xinyanggang Reed Farm, Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012.
Red-throated Pipit	3 in the Xinyanggang Reed Farm, Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012.
Water Pipit	4 at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012 with two near the 'Crane Farm' and two others in the Xinyanggang Reed Farm.
Buff-bellied Pipit	2 singles at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012 with one near the 'Crane Farm' and the other in the Xinyanggang Reed Farm.
Yellow-billed Grosbeak	2 near the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012.
Chestnut-eared Bunting	2 singles in the Xinyanggang Reed Farm, Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012.
Little Bunting	2 singles near 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012.
Black-faced Bunting	7 in the area between the 'Crane Farm' and the Xinyanggang Reed Farm at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012.
Pallas's Reed Bunting	6 were heard at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012 with five near the 'Crane Farm' and the other in the Xinyanggang Reed Farm.
Common Reed Bunting	1 was heard in the Xinyanggang Reed Farm, Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012.
Lapland Bunting	1 was heard over the Xinyanggang Reed Farm, Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012.

On the 29 December 2009 I noted the following additional species at Yancheng -

Spotted Dove	50 at Yancheng NNR on the 29/12/2009. Most of these were near the Xinyanggang Crane Farm.
Sandhill Crane	2 with a flock of about 70 Common & 17 Hooded Cranes in fields of winter wheat in the Xinyanggang Reed Farm at Yancheng NNR on the 29/12/2009. (33°38.26'N., 120°28.59'E). I later learnt that Zhang Lin and the two British birders he was guiding had seen what were undoubtedly these same two birds here about two weeks previously.
Common Crane	70 in fields of winter wheat in the Xinyanggang Reed Farm at Yancheng NNR on the 29/12/2009.
Hooded Crane VU	17 with the Common Crane flock in fields of winter wheat in the Xinyanggang Reed Farm at Yancheng NNR on the 29/12/2009.
Black-tailed Godwit	3 at Yancheng NNR on the 29/12/2009.
Upland Buzzard	1 juvenile was seen very well near the Xinyanggang Reed Farm at Yancheng NNR on the 29/12/2009. I later learnt that Zhang Lin and the two British birders he was guiding had seen what was almost certainly the same bird here about two weeks previously. It was also his first sighting of this species at Yancheng NNR.

Wednesday 12 December 2012. All day Yancheng NNR, Jiangsu.

All day Yancheng NNR. We left Yancheng town at 06h00 & drove back to Yancheng Crane Farm making a couple of stops on route. Later in the morning we continued north to the Sheyang Salt Works Pools and fish ponds. While in the late afternoon we headed back to the Crane Farm area via Yancheng Ling Chang (Xinyanggang FP) & another reed bed site near the Crane Farm. We arrived back at our hotel in Yancheng town at 17h55 & had dinner at 19h00.

Weather:

Very clear, hardly any wind but quite cold today – the coldest day of the tour so far being just 1°C outside the hotel in Yancheng town at 05h50, a chilly minus 4 near the Crane Farm at 07h00 but rising to 7°C when we had our picnic lunch near the salt works at 13h30. Temperatures had dropped back to 3°C close to the Crane Farm by 16h30.

On the 30th December 2009 we also saw the following species at Yancheng NNR -

Common Shelduck	50 at Yancheng NNR on the 30/12/2009. All of them were on the Sheyang Salt Works Reservoir.
Tufted Duck	25 at Yancheng NNR on the 30/12/2009. All of them were on the Sheyang Salt Works Reservoir.
Common Goldeneye	13 at Yancheng NNR on the 30/12/2009. All of them were on the Sheyang Salt Works Reservoir.
Hooded Crane VU	5 at Yancheng NNR on the 30/12/2009.
Black-crowned Night Heron	1 flew over the Xinyanggang guest house at Yancheng NNR on the 30/12/2009.

On this day in January 2009 we also saw the following species there or at Yancheng NNR -

Taiga Bean Goose'	31 near the Xinyanggang Crane Farm at Yancheng NNR on the 1/1/2009.
Ruddy Shelduck	1 near the Xinyanggang Crane Farm at Yancheng NNR on the 1/1/2009.
Yellow Bittern	1 near the Xinyanggang Crane Farm at Yancheng NNR on the 1/1/2009.
Eurasian Spoonbill	40 near the Xinyanggang Crane Farm at Yancheng NNR on the 1/1/2009.
Oriental Stork EN	2 near the Xinyanggang Crane Farm at Yancheng NNR on the 1/1/2009.
Dusky Warbler	3 singles at Yancheng NNR on the 1/1/2009. Birds were noted at all three sites we birded today – the NNR guest house gardens, the Xinyanggang Crane Farm & the 'crane fields' at the No. 2 small river in the Xinyanggang Reed Farm.
Yellow-browed Warbler	1 at Yancheng NNR on the 1/1/2009. It was in the NNR guest house gardens.
Meadow Bunting	1 at Yancheng NNR on the 1/1/2009. It was in the NNR guest house gardens.

While on this same day in January 2008 we went about 1.5 hours north up to the small harbour at Sheyanggang & also saw the following species there or at Yancheng NNR -

Greater White-fronted Goose	2 immatures with Tundra Bean Geese, in the 'northern reed farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 1/1/2008.
Apparent hybrid Hooded x Common Crane	2 with a flock of Common Cranes in the 'northern reed farm area' at Yancheng NNR on the 1/1/2008.
Sanderling	4 with Dunlin & Kentish Plovers at Sheyanggang, Yancheng on the 1/1/2008.
Black-tailed Gull	2 first-winters at Sheyanggang, Yancheng on the 1/1/2008.
Mew Gull	15 at Sheyanggang, Yancheng on the 1/1/2008.
Black Kite	1 over the 'northern reed farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 1/1/2008.
Merlin	1 in the 'northern reed farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 1/1/2008.
Chinese Pond Heron	2 in Yancheng County on the 1/1/2008 –one near the 'Xinyanggang Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR & the other close to Sheyanggang.
Water Pipit	2 at Sheyanggang, Yancheng on the 1/1/2008.

Site 1. Fish ponds 3.7 kms south of the Crane Farm at Yancheng NNR. (33°34.6'N., 120°31.6'E.).

Gadwall	6
Eastern Spot-billed Duck	10
Common Pochard	15
Smew	105
Common Merganser	10
Eurasian Hoopoe	1
Common Kingfisher	1
Oriental Turtle Dove	2
Spotted Dove	5
Common Crane	28

Red-crowned Crane EN	8
Eurasian Coot	5
Spotted Redshank	30
Green Sandpiper	1
Dunlin	1h
Northern Lapwing	1h
Mongolian Gull	70
Pallas's Gull	2
Black-headed Gull	80
Great Crested Grebe	6
Little Egret	230
Grey Heron	33
Great Egret	1
Oriental Stork EN	44
Long-tailed Shrike	2
Pale Thrush	1
Naumann's Thrush	1
White-cheeked Starling	20
Chinese Penduline Tit	1h
Japanese Tit	2
Light-vented Bulbul	5
Dusky Warbler	2
Reed Parrotbill NT	1h
White Wagtail	4 <i>leucopsis</i>
Olive-backed Pipit	1
Grey-capped Greenfinch	4
Meadow Bunting	1
Little Bunting	5
Rustic Bunting	1
Yellow-throated Bunting	1
Black-faced Bunting	3

Site 2. Fish ponds about 2 kms south of the Crane Farm at Yancheng NNR.

Mandarin Duck	3
Gadwall	1100
Falcated Duck	265
Mallard	20
Eastern Spot-billed Duck	200
Northern Shoveler	45
Northern Pintail	2
Baikal Teal VU	115
Ferruginous Duck NT	2
Smew	70
Common Merganser	30
Eurasian Coot	100
Great Cormorant	250
Grey Heron	10
Long-tailed Shrike	2
Chinese Penduline Tit	1h
Dusky Warbler	1
Vinous-throated Parrotbill	2h
Reed Parrotbill NT	1h
Little Bunting	1
Black-faced Bunting	1
Pallas's Reed Bunting	6

Site 3. Fish ponds about 1 km south of the Crane Farm at Yancheng NNR.

Tundra Bean Goose	450
Greater White-fronted Goose	1
Greylag Goose	1
Gadwall	200
Mallard	800
Eastern Spot-billed Duck	400
Common Teal	1
Common Pochard	10
Smew	30
Common Merganser	485
Eurasian Hoopoe	1
Common Kingfisher	1
Water Rail	1h
Eurasian Coot	150
Eurasian Woodcock	1
Eastern Marsh Harrier	1

Common Kestrel	1
Grey Heron	10
Chinese Pond Heron	1
Eurasian Spoonbill	60
Azure-winged Magpie	10
White-cheeked Starling	10
Dusky Warbler	2
Eurasian Skylark	1
White Wagtail	1 <i>leucopsis</i>
Rustic Bunting	4
Yellow-throated Bunting	2

Site 4. Xinyanggang Crane Farm car park, Yancheng NNR, (33°36.2'N., 120°30.1'E.).

Pied Kingfisher	1h
Oriental Turtle Dove	5
Spotted Dove	5
Little Egret	5
Eurasian Bittern	1
Long-tailed Shrike	1
Azure-winged Magpie	5
Light-vented Bulbul	10
Goldcrest	2
Dusky Warbler	1
Pallas's Warbler	[2]
Common Reed Bunting	1

Site 5. Roadside reservoir at Km 72 and just one kilometres north of Xinyanggang village, Yancheng NNR. (33°37.8'N., 120°28.3'E.).

Ferruginous Duck NT	3
Spotted Dove	2
Eurasian Coot	5
Mongolian Gull	50
Little Grebe	5
Long-tailed Shrike	1
Barn Swallow	50
Sand Martin	1
Light-vented Bulbul	2
White Wagtail	1 <i>leucopsis</i>

Site 6. Sheyang Salt Works Reservoir No. 1. (33°42.7'N., 120°28.0'E.).

Gadwall	450
Falcated Duck	1935
Eurasian Wigeon	565
American Wigeon	1
Mallard	40
Northern Shoveler	35
Northern Pintail	15
Common Teal	1
Red-crested Pochard	1
Common Pochard	2410
Greater Scaup	2
Common Goldeneye	[1]
Smew	50
Red-breasted Merganser	1
Common Merganser	2545
Eurasian Hoopoe	1
Common Kingfisher	1
Oriental Turtle Dove	30
Spotted Dove	10
Red-crowned Crane EN	6
Common Moorhen	1h
Eurasian Coot	8000
Eurasian Curlew	2
Green Sandpiper	1
Pied Avocet	200
Whiskered Tern	5
Eastern Buzzard	1
Little Grebe	10
Great Crested Grebe	2
Black-necked Grebe	1
Great Cormorant	700

Little Egret	15
Grey Heron	10
Chinese Pond Heron	1
Long-tailed Shrike	3
Chinese Penduline Tit	1h
Light-vented Bulbul	5
Zitting Cisticola	2h
Plain Prinia	2h
Vinous-throated Parrotbill	5
Reed Parrotbill NT	1h
White Wagtail	2 <i>leucopsis</i>
Eastern Yellow Wagtail	1
Common Reed Bunting	1

Site 7. Yancheng Ling Chang (Xinyanggang FP). (33°36.4'N., 120°28.3'E.)

Zhang Lin told us about this site – he'd seen five Bullfinch there on the 31 Oct. 2012 and it was these that we went to see. The small (500 metres by perhaps 700 metres) ornamental gardens contained several rows of larger trees (and a modest roost of Long-eared Owls). No doubt it'll be an impressive site for migrants during the right season.

Common Pheasant	1
Great Spotted Woodpecker	2
Eurasian Hoopoe	1
Long-eared Owl	10
Oriental Turtle Dove	2
Spotted Dove	2
Northern Goshawk	1
Long-tailed Shrike	1
Azure-winged Magpie	10
Pale Thrush	2
Red-flanked Bluetail	2
Light-vented Bulbul	15
Goldcrest	2
Vinous-throated Parrotbill	1h
Eurasian Tree Sparrow	20
White Wagtail	1 <i>leucopsis</i>
Olive-backed Pipit	1
Brambling	3
Eurasian Siskin	2
Eurasian Bullfinch	9
Hawfinch	1
Yellow-billed Grosbeak	93

Common Pheasant	1 male in Yancheng Ling Chang (Xinyanggang FP) on the 12/12/2012.
Tundra Bean Goose	450 on a pool about one kilometre south of the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012.
Greater White-fronted Goose	1 with large numbers of Tundra Bean Geese on a pool about one kilometre south of the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012.
Greylag Goose	1 with large numbers of Tundra Bean Geese on a pool about one kilometre south of the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012.
Mandarin Duck	3 over the pool about two kilometres south of the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012.
Gadwall	1756 at Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012. These involved about 1300 immediately around the 'Crane Farm' with six on a pool 3.7 kilometres south of the 'Crane Farm', 200 on an different pool about one kilometre south of the 'Crane Farm', 1100 on a pool right at the 'Crane Farm' itself. Elsewhere there were 450 on the Sheyang Salt Works reservoir number 1.
Falcated Duck	2200 at Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012 with 265 on a pool about two kilometres south of the 'Crane Farm' and 1935 on the Sheyang Salt Works reservoir number 1.
Eurasian Wigeon	565 on Sheyang Saltworks Reservoir No. 1, Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012.
American Wigeon	1 male on Sheyang Saltworks Reservoir No. 1, Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012. Found by PH at 11h20 it was well seen and watched for over 40 minutes. I had seen an apparent hybrid at this same site several years earlier (and others elsewhere in eastern China) and had a brief encounter with a probable American Wigeon at Poyang Hu, Jiangsu in December 2009 so it was satisfying to see this one today. At the time I thought that there was a previous record from Hong Kong but I was mistaken and that bird was eventually believed have been a hybrid (Mike Leven via a reply to my Oriental Birding eGroup posting). Today's sighting was therefore the first record for mainland China!
Mallard	900 at Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012. These included 800 on a pool about one kilometre south of the 'Crane Farm' and just 40 on the Sheyang Saltworks Reservoir No. 1.
Eastern Spot-billed Duck	700 at Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012. These included 400 on a pool about one kilometre south of the 'Crane Farm' and another 200 on a similar pool closer to the 'Crane Farm'.
Northern Shoveler	80 at Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012 with 45 on a pool about two kilometres south of the 'Crane Farm' and 35 on the Sheyang Salt Works reservoir number 1.
Northern Pintail	17 at Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012 with two on a pool about two kilometres south of the 'Crane Farm' and 15 on the Sheyang Salt Works reservoir number 1.
Baikal Teal	115 on the pool about two kilometres south of the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012.
Common Teal	2 singles at Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012 with the first about three kilometres south of the 'Crane Farm' and the other on the Sheyang Salt Works reservoir number 1.
Red-crested Pochard	1 adult male on Sheyang Saltworks Reservoir No. 1, Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012.

Common Pochard	2435 at Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012. These included a modest number (25 birds) on two separate pools near the 'Crane Farm' and 2410 on the Sheyang Salt Works reservoir number 1.
Ferruginous Pochard NT	5 at Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012 with two on a pool about two kilometres south of the 'Crane Farm' and three others again on the Km 72 pool between Xinyanggang village and the Xinyanggang Reed Farm.
Greater Scaup	2 females on Sheyang Saltworks Reservoir No. 1, Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012.
Common Goldeneye	1 on Sheyang Saltworks Reservoir No. 1, Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012.
Smew	255 at Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012. These involved 205 on a series of pools immediately south of the 'Crane Farm' and 50 on the Sheyang Salt Works reservoir number 1.
Red-breasted Merganser	1 redhead on Sheyang Saltworks Reservoir No. 1, Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012.
Common Merganser	3070 at Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012. These involved 525 on a series of pools immediately south of the 'Crane Farm' and 2545 on the Sheyang Salt Works reservoir number 1.
Great Spotted Woodpecker	2 in Yancheng Ling Chang (Xinyanggang FP) on the 12/12/2012.
Eurasian Hoopoe	4 singles at Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012.
Common Kingfisher	3 singles at Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012.
Pied Kingfisher	1 was heard near the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012.
Long-eared Owl	10 roosting in Yancheng Ling Chang (Xinyanggang FP) on the 12/12/2012.
Oriental Turtle Dove	39 at Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012. The only significant count was of 30 at and on route to the Sheyang Saltworks Reservoir No. 1.
Spotted Dove	24 at Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012. The only significant count was of 10 at and on route to the Sheyang Saltworks Reservoir No. 1.
Common Crane	28 flew north about 3.7 kilometres south of the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012.
Red-crowned Crane EN	14 at Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012. These involved eight on a drained fishpond about 3.7 kilometres south of the 'Crane Farm' and six (two pairs each with an attendant juvenile) besides Sheyang Salt Works reservoir number 1.
Water Rail	1 was heard in the reed bed near the pool about one kilometre south of the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012.
Common Moorhen	1 was heard near Sheyang Saltworks Reservoir No. 1, Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012.
Eurasian Coot	8260 at Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012. There were only modest numbers (250 birds) around the 'Crane Farm' and just five on the Kilometre 72 reservoir between Xinyanggang village and the Xinyanggang Reed Farm. Elsewhere there were a massive 8000 on Sheyang Salt Works reservoir number 1.
Eurasian Woodcock	1 was flushed from besides the main coast road (the Hai Bin Lu) about one kilometre south of the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012.
Eurasian Curlew	2 flew over Sheyang Saltworks Reservoir No. 1, Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012.
Spotted Redshank	40 at Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012.
Green Sandpiper	2 singles at Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012 with one on the pool about 3.7 kilometres south of the 'Crane Farm' and another at the Sheyang Salt Works reservoir number 1.
Dunlin	1 was heard over a drained fishpond about 3.7 kilometres south of the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012.
Pied Avocet	200 around Sheyang Saltworks Reservoir No. 1, Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012.
Northern Lapwing	1 was heard near the drained fishpond about 3.7 kilometres south of the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012.
Mongolian Gull	120 at Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012 with 70 besides the drained fishpond about 3.7 kilometres south of the 'Crane Farm' & another 50 on the Kilometre 72 reservoir between Xinyanggang village and the Xinyanggang Reed Farm.
Pallas's Gull	2 adult-winters on the drained fishpond about 3.7 kilometres south of the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012.
Black-headed Gull	80 flew south over the drained fishpond about 3.7 kilometres south of the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012.
Whiskered Tern	5 unseasonally late birds near Sheyang Saltworks Reservoir No. 1, Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012.
Eastern Marsh Harrier	1 over the pool about one kilometre south of the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012.
Northern Goshawk	1 juvenile in Yancheng Ling Chang (Xinyanggang FP) on the 12/12/2012.
Eastern Buzzard	1 near Sheyang Saltworks Reservoir No. 1, Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012.
Common Kestrel	1 about one kilometre south of the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012.
Little Grebe	15 at Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012 with five on the Kilometre 72 reservoir just north of Xinyanggang village and 10 on the Sheyang Saltworks Reservoir No. 1.
Great Crested Grebe	8 at Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012 with six on fishponds about 3.7 kilometres south of the 'Crane Farm' and two on the Sheyang Saltworks Reservoir No. 1.
Black-necked Grebe	1 on Sheyang Saltworks Reservoir No. 1, Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012.
Great Cormorant	950 at Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012 with 250 flying north near the 'Crane Farm' in the early morning and 700 flying in the opposite direction in the early afternoon.
Little Egret	250 at Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012. These involved 235 besides the series of fishponds immediately south of the 'Crane Farm' and 15 more around the Sheyang Saltworks Reservoir No. 1.
Grey Heron	63 at Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012. These involved 53 besides the series of fishponds immediately south of the 'Crane Farm' and 10 more around the Sheyang Saltworks Reservoir No. 1.
Great Egret	10 at Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012. These involved seven besides the series of fishponds immediately south of the 'Crane Farm' and three more around the Sheyang Saltworks Reservoir No. 1.
Chinese Pond Heron	2 singles at Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012. The first was just about one kilometre south of the 'Crane Farm' while the second was near Sheyang Saltworks Reservoir No. 1.
Eurasian Bittern	1 flew over the reed bed between the 'Crane Farm' and Xinyanggang at Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012.
Eurasian Spoonbill	60 in the reed bed about one kilometre south of the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012.
Oriental Stork EN	44 on the drained fishpond about 3.7 kilometres south of the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012.
Long-tailed Shrike	10 at Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012. Birds were widely encountered.
Azure-winged Magpie	25 at Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012 with 15 around the 'Crane Farm' & another 10 at Yancheng Ling Chang (Xinyanggang FP).
Eurasian Magpie	100 at various sites in Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012.
Common Blackbird	20 at various sites in Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012.
Pale Thrush	3 singles at Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012.

Naumann's Thrush	1 near the drained fishpond about 3.7 kilometres south of the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012.
Red-flanked Bluetail	2 in Yancheng Ling Chang (Xinyanggang FP) on the 12/12/2012.
Daurian Redstart	5 at Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012.
White-cheeked Starling	30, in flocks of 10 & 20 birds, around the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012 .
Chinese Penduline Tit	3 singles were heard at Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012.
Japanese Tit	6 at various sites in Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012.
Sand Martin	1 with Barn Swallows again over the 'Km 72 reservoir' at Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012.
Barn Swallow	50 again over the 'Km 72 reservoir' at Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012.
Light-vented Bulbul	40 at various sites around Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012.
Goldcrest	4 were heard at Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012 with two in the 'Crane Farm' car park and two more in Yancheng Ling Chang (Xinyanggang FP).
Zitting Cisticola	2 were heard near on Sheyang Saltworks Reservoir No. 1, Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012.
Plain Prinia	2 were heard near Sheyang Saltworks Reservoir No. 1, Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012.
Dusky Warbler	6 singles at Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012 - they were all between the 'Crane Farm' and the reed bed 3.7 kilometres south of there.
Pallas's Warbler	2 small phylloscopus warblers, either this species or Yellow-browed Warbler, were seen from the coach between Xinyanggang village and the 'Km 72 reservoir' at Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012.
Vinous-throated Parrotbill	10 at various sites around Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012.
Reed Parrotbill NT	3 singles were heard at Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012. The first was in a reed bed about 3.7 kilometres south of the 'Crane Farm', the second was heard midway between there and the 'Crane Farm' while the third was heard in a reed bed near Sheyang Saltworks Reservoir No. 1.
Eurasian Skylark	1 flew east over the pool about one kilometre south of the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012.
Eurasian Tree Sparrow	300 at Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012.
White Wagtail	9, all <i>leucopsis</i> , at Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012.
Eastern Yellow Wagtail	1 flew over Sheyang Saltworks Reservoir No. 1, Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012.
Olive-backed Pipit	2 singles in Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012. The first flew over fishponds about 3.7 kilometres south of the 'Crane Farm' while the second was in Yancheng Ling Chang (Xinyanggang FP).
Water Pipit	4 at Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012.
Buff-bellied Pipit	4 at Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012.
Brambling	3 in Yancheng Ling Chang (Xinyanggang FP) on the 12/12/2012.
Grey-capped Greenfinch	4, two pairs, flew south over the near coastal fish ponds about 3.7 kilometres south of the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012.
Eurasian Siskin	2 in Yancheng Ling Chang (Xinyanggang FP) on the 12/12/2012.
Eurasian Bullfinch	9, two males & seven females, in Yancheng Ling Chang (Xinyanggang FP) on the 12/12/2012. Photographed both males showed characters of <i>rosacea</i> .



Hawfinch	1 in Yancheng Ling Chang (Xinyanggang FP) on the 12/12/2012.
Yellow-billed Grosbeak	100 at Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012. Small numbers of birds were seen at several sites including over the reed bed about 3.7 kilometres south of the 'Crane Farm', over the 'Crane Farm' car park and near Sheyang Saltworks

	Reservoir but there was also one much larger count - 93 in Yancheng Ling Chang (Xinyanggang FP) in the late afternoon.
Meadow Bunting	1 male about 3.7 kilometres south of the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012.
Little Bunting	6 in roadside scrub and trees between 2-3.7 kilometres south of the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012.
Rustic Bunting	6 in roadside scrub and trees between 1-2 kilometres south of the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012.
Yellow-throated Bunting	3, two females and a male in roadside scrub and trees between 2-3.7 kilometres south of the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012.
Black-faced Bunting	5 in roadside scrub and trees between 1-3.7 kilometres south of the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012.
Pallas's Reed Bunting	6 in the reed bed about two kilometres south of the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012.
Common Reed Bunting	2 singles in Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012. The first flew over the 'Crane Farm' car park while the second did the same at Sheyang Saltworks Reservoir No. 1.

Thursday 13 December 2012. Yancheng NNR south to Dafeng & then back to Nantong.

We left Yancheng town at 06h05 & drove back to Yancheng Crane Farm. We had a picnic breakfast as soon as we arrived (06h55) and then headed off birding. We finally left the 'Crane Farm' area at 09h30 and drove south towards Dafeng town. What was planned to be the first of many stops that day, at a site where Shanghai birder Zhang Lin had seen two Baer's Pochards a couple of weeks earlier, turned out to take us longer and to be more productive than any of us had dared imagine. Arriving at this site at about 09h45 we ended up staying for four hours instead of the planned one! Leaving at 14h40 it was already too late to do much more and we decided to simply head back to Nantong. The driver took an unusual route and we travelled via Dafeng town (16h15) before taking an expressway from there. We didn't arrive back at our Nantong hotel, the four-star Overseas Chinese Hotel, until 18h25. We had dinner at 19h30.

Site 1. Xinyanggang Crane Farm, Yancheng NNR, (33°36.09' N., 120°30.31' E.). (06h50-09h30)

We had a picnic breakfast in the car park & entered the 'Crane Farm' by the ticket office gate. This is scheduled to officially open at 08h00 but we were allowed in by the friendly receptionist at 07h40. We then spent almost two hours along the recently concreted road that heads almost due east and out through the massive reed bed.

Tundra Bean Goose	710
Greater White-fronted Goose	1
Ruddy Shelduck	3
Mandarin Duck	4
Gadwall	400
Mallard	300
Eastern Spot-billed Duck	450
Northern Shoveler	20
Northern Pintail	5
Common Teal	10
Common Pochard	10
Ferruginous Duck NT	8
Smew	40
Common Merganser	1100
Common Kingfisher	1
Pied Kingfisher	1
Oriental Turtle Dove	50
Spotted Dove	10
Common Crane	100
Red-crowned Crane EN	1
Common Moorhen	2h
Eurasian Coot	450
Spotted Redshank	5
Green Sandpiper	1
Black-winged Stilt	1
Mongolian Gull	60
Black-headed Gull	120
Eastern Marsh Harrier	1
Great Cormorant	1000
Little Egret	30
Grey Heron	20
Great Egret	2
Chinese Pond Heron	1
Eurasian Bittern	2
Eurasian Spoonbill	30
Long-tailed Shrike	3
Azure-winged Magpie	10
Common Blackbird	5
Pale Thrush	1
Rufous-tailed Thrush	2
Daurian Redstart	2
White-cheeked Starling	40
Common Starling	3
Japanese Tit	4

Barn Swallow	1
Light-vented Bulbul	10
Dusky Warbler	2
Vinous-throated Parrotbill	4h
Reed Parrotbill NT	2h
Eurasian Skylark	1
White Wagtail	1
Eastern Yellow Wagtail	1
Water Pipit	2
Buff-bellied Pipit	2
Black-faced Bunting	4
Pallas's Reed Bunting	5
Common Reed Bunting	2
Lapland Bunting	1

Site 2. Huge complex of fishponds at Sanlizha, Dafeng, Yancheng NNR. (33°31.2'N., 120°33.5'E.). (09h40-14h40)

Zhang Lin had seen two Baer's Pochard at this site about three weeks earlier & had generously given us detailed directions as to how to find the exact spot. Not surprisingly the ducks had shifted pool – and the one where he had found the Baer's was virtually bird-free. Nevertheless three of the other pools held very impressive numbers of birds with Mallard (1210), Common Pochard (2950) and Eurasian Coot (4300) being particularly well represented. It didn't take us very long to find the first of the four Ferruginous Ducks we saw at this site and not very long after this we also found a cracking male Redhead – the first for China!

The site, known locally as Sanlizha (perhaps meaning 'three kilometre sluice gate'?), is at 33°31.2'N. 120°33.5'E. and is just ten kilometres in a straight line southeast of the 'Crane Farm' tourist site at the centre of Yancheng NNR. It is easily accessed/easily found by driving south from the 'Crane Farm' down the main coast road (the Hai Di Lu) towards the well sign posted Dafeng Milu (=Pere David's Deer) Park and turning left off this highway on to the first dirt track that you pass after having entered Dafeng county. The Yancheng/Dafeng county border is a small river at this spot and is well marked by a large sign right over the road bridge. We then drove slowly straight down this unpaved dirt track through a large complex of fishponds. We stopped to check several duck flocks on route and finally turned our large coach around 2.2 kilometres down here. This spot is besides (the first?) fishermen's houses down the track and we then wandered a short distance south along one of the smaller embankments to view another flock of ducks. It was windy and the ducks were sheltering close inshore - and provided superb viewing!

Redhead was another addition to the burgeoning Chinese list and was the sixth new bird for China this year following the sighting of 5-10 Alpine Swifts near Yili, Xinjiang by Geoff Carey, Paul Leader & David Stanton on 30 May, a Brown-backed Needletail in Hong Kong in May (Jonathan Martinez in litt. on 14 Dec. 2012), a White-tailed Plover at Dongfanghu reservoir, Shache, Xinjiang by Shache based bird photographer Mr Ding in August, a White-crowned Sparrow photographed at Yakeshi Wuerqihan forest, NE Nei Mongol by Wang Qinin 28 Oct 2012 (see China Bird Watch Nov. 2012) and the aforementioned American Wigeon (which was only the first for the so-called 'Chinese Mainland' and not strictly China proper). A seventh new bird for China, a male Blackcap, was photographed in Xinjiang in late December (Gou Jun in litt.)

Tundra Bean Goose	2
Mallard	1210
Eastern Spot-billed Duck	150
Common Teal	5
Redhead	1
Common Pochard	2950
Ferruginous Duck NT	4
Baer's Pochard CR	1
Tufted Duck	35
Greater Scaup	4
Smew	25
Common Merganser	10
Eurasian Hoopoe	2
Common Kingfisher	1
Oriental Turtle Dove	20
Spotted Dove	5
Eurasian Coot	4300
Common Sandpiper	1
Mongolian Gull	20
Black-headed Gull	10
Little Grebe	16
Great Crested Grebe	25
Black-necked Grebe	4
Great Cormorant	20
Little Egret	5
Grey Heron	2
Long-tailed Shrike	2
Common Blackbird	2
White-cheeked Starling	5
Japanese Tit	2

Light-vented Bulbul	2
Eurasian Skylark	1
White Wagtail	2 including one adult male <i>leucopsis</i>
Water Pipit	1
Buff-bellied Pipit	2

Drive between Sanlizha-Dafeng-Nantong

Common Pheasant	1
Great Spotted Woodpecker	3
Oriental Turtle Dove	10
Spotted Dove	10
Red-crowned Crane EN	3
Long-tailed Shrike	2
Common Blackbird	5
Rufous-tailed Thrush	2
Light-vented Bulbul	15

Weather

A poorer day – overcast and windy and there was even some light rain mid-afternoon. Temperatures readings were 4°C outside the hotel in Yancheng town at 05h50, to the same at Yancheng Crane Farm just over one hour later to 7°C at lunch. However it was much windier today and felt much colder because of this.

Common Pheasant	1 male near Dafeng town on the 13/12/2012.
Tundra Bean Goose	712 in Yancheng NNR on the 13/12/2012 with 710 near the 'Crane Farm' in the early morning and two on the pools at Sanlizha, Dafeng later in the day.
Greater White-fronted Goose	1 with Tundra Bean Geese near the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 13/12/2012.
Ruddy Shelduck	3 near the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 13/12/2012.
Mandarin Duck	4 near the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 13/12/2012.
Gadwall	400 near the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 13/12/2012.
Mallard	1510 in Yancheng NNR on the 13/12/2012 with 300 near the 'Crane Farm' in the early morning and 1210 on the pools at Sanlizha, Dafeng later in the day.
Eastern Spot-billed Duck	600 in Yancheng NNR on the 13/12/2012 with 450 near the 'Crane Farm' in the early morning and 150 on the pools at Sanlizha, Dafeng later in the day.
Northern Shoveler	20 near the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 13/12/2012.
Northern Pintail	5 near the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 13/12/2012.
Common Teal	15 in Yancheng NNR on the 13/12/2012 with 10 near the 'Crane Farm' in the early morning and five on the pools at Sanlizha, Dafeng later in the day.
Redhead	1 male in one of the Common Pochard flocks on the pools at Sanlizha, Dafeng, Yancheng NNR on the 13/12/2012. Found & identified by PH at 11h50 it stayed in view for about five minutes before disappearing into a very dense flock of Common Pochard. Shortly after that we spotted the Baer's Pochard and became distracted but fortunately the Redhead was seen again, and this time very well and by all the group who had stayed on to watch the Baer's, for another five minutes from 13h30. Field notes and a sketch were made for this the first record for China.
Common Pochard	2960 in Yancheng NNR on the 13/12/2012 with 10 near the 'Crane Farm' in the early morning and 2950 on the pools at Sanlizha, Dafeng later in the day.
Ferruginous Duck NT	12 in Yancheng NNR on the 13/12/2012 with eight near the 'Crane Farm' in the early morning and four (one male and three females) on three separate pools at Sanlizha, Dafeng later in the day.
Baer's Pochard CR	1 female on the pools at Sanlizha, Dafeng, Yancheng NNR on the 13/12/2012.
Tufted Duck	35 on the pools at Sanlizha, Dafeng, Yancheng NNR on the 13/12/2012.
Greater Scaup	4, three males and one female, on the pools at Sanlizha, Dafeng, Yancheng NNR on the 13/12/2012.
Smew	65 in Yancheng NNR on the 13/12/2012 with 40 near the 'Crane Farm' in the early morning and 25 on the pools at Sanlizha, Dafeng later in the day.
Common Merganser	1110 in Yancheng NNR on the 13/12/2012 with 1100 near the 'Crane Farm' in the early morning and 10 on the pools at Sanlizha, Dafeng later in the day.
Great Spotted Woodpecker	3 between the Sanlizha pools & Dafeng town on the 13/12/2012.
Eurasian Hoopoe	2 near the pools at Sanlizha, Dafeng, Yancheng NNR on the 13/12/2012.
Common Kingfisher	2 singles in Yancheng NNR on the 13/12/2012 with one near the 'Crane Farm' in the early morning and the other near the pools at Sanlizha, Dafeng later in the day.
Pied Kingfisher	1 near the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 13/12/2012.
Oriental Turtle Dove	80 between the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR, the pools at Sanlizha & Dafeng town on the 13/12/2012.
Spotted Dove	25 between the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR, the pools at Sanlizha & Dafeng town on the 13/12/2012.
Common Crane	100 near the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 13/12/2012. Birds were seen in flocks of three, 35 & 60.
Red-crowned Crane EN	3 at Yancheng NNR on the 13/12/2012. These involved one over the 'Crane Farm' car park in the early morning and two others in fields near Sanlizha, Dafeng in the afternoon.
Common Moorhen	2 were heard near the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 13/12/2012.
Eurasian Coot	4750 in Yancheng NNR on the 13/12/2012 with 450 near the 'Crane Farm' in the early morning and 4300 on the pools at Sanlizha, Dafeng later in the day. There would be hardly any overlap with those counted in the reserve yesterday.
Spotted Redshank	5 near the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 13/12/2012.
Green Sandpiper	1 near the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 13/12/2012.
Common Sandpiper	1 on the pools at, Yancheng NNR on the 13/12/2012.
Black-winged Stilt	1 near the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 13/12/2012.
Mongolian Gull	80 in Yancheng NNR on the 13/12/2012 with 60 near the 'Crane Farm' in the early morning and 20 on the pools at Sanlizha, Dafeng later in the day.

Black-headed Gull	130 in Yancheng NNR on the 13/12/2012 with 120 near the 'Crane Farm' in the early morning and 10 on the pools at Sanlizha, Dafeng later in the day.
Eastern Marsh Harrier	1 near the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 13/12/2012.
Little Grebe	16 on the pools at Sanlizha, Dafeng, Yancheng NNR on the 13/12/2012.
Great Crested Grebe	25 on the pools at Sanlizha, Dafeng, Yancheng NNR on the 13/12/2012.
Black-necked Grebe	4 on the pools at Sanlizha, Dafeng, Yancheng NNR on the 13/12/2012.
Great Cormorant	1020 in Yancheng NNR on the 13/12/2012 with 1000 near the 'Crane Farm' in the early morning and 20 on the pools at Sanlizha, Dafeng later in the day.
Little Egret	35 in Yancheng NNR on the 13/12/2012 with 30 near the 'Crane Farm' in the early morning and five on the pools at Sanlizha, Dafeng later in the day.
Grey Heron	22 in Yancheng NNR on the 13/12/2012 with 20 near the 'Crane Farm' in the early morning and two on the pools at Sanlizha, Dafeng later in the day.
Great Egret	2 near the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 13/12/2012.
Chinese Pond Heron	2 near the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 13/12/2012.
Eurasian Bittern	2 singles near the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 13/12/2012.
Eurasian Spoonbill	30 near the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 13/12/2012.
Long-tailed Shrike	7 between the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR, the pools at Sanlizha & Dafeng town on the 13/12/2012.
Azure-winged Magpie	10 near the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 13/12/2012.
Eurasian Magpie	150 between the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR, the pools at Sanlizha, Dafeng & Nantong towns on the 13/12/2012.
Common Blackbird	12 between the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR, the pools at Sanlizha & Dafeng town on the 13/12/2012.
Pale Thrush	1 near the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 13/12/2012.
Rufous-tailed Thrush	4 between the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR, the pools at Sanlizha & Dafeng town on the 13/12/2012.
Daurian Redstart	2 near the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 13/12/2012.
White-cheeked Starling	45 in Yancheng NNR on the 13/12/2012 with 40 (involving flocks of 10 & 30 that flew north and were presumably leaving a nearby roost) near the 'Crane Farm' in the early morning and five on the pools at Sanlizha, Dafeng later in the day.
Common Starling	3 near the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 13/12/2012.
Japanese Tit	6 in Yancheng NNR on the 13/12/2012 with four near the 'Crane Farm' in the early morning and two on the pools at Sanlizha, Dafeng later in the day.
Barn Swallow	1 over a small canal near the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 13/12/2012.
Light-vented Bulbul	30 between the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR, the pools at Sanlizha & Dafeng town on the 13/12/2012.
Dusky Warbler	2 near the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 13/12/2012.
Vinous-throated Parrotbill	4 were heard near the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 13/12/2012.
Reed Parrotbill NT	2 were heard near the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 13/12/2012.
Eurasian Skylark	2 singles were heard in Yancheng NNR on the 13/12/2012 with the first near the 'Crane Farm' in the early morning and the other over the pools at Sanlizha, Dafeng later in the day.
Eurasian Tree Sparrow	3000 between the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR, the pools at Sanlizha, Dafeng & Nantong towns on the 13/12/2012.
White Wagtail	3 in Yancheng NNR on the 13/12/2012 with one near the 'Crane Farm' in the early morning and the other two, once of which was <i>leucopsis</i> , on the pools at Sanlizha, Dafeng later in the day.
Eastern Yellow Wagtail	1 heard as it flew south near the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 13/12/2012.
Water Pipit	3 in Yancheng NNR on the 13/12/2012 with two near the 'Crane Farm' in the early morning and the other near the pools at Sanlizha, Dafeng later in the day.
Buff-bellied Pipit	4 in Yancheng NNR on the 13/12/2012 with two near the 'Crane Farm' in the early morning and two more around the pools at Sanlizha, Dafeng later in the day.
Black-faced Bunting	4 near the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 13/12/2012.
Pallas's Reed Bunting	5 near the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 13/12/2012.
Common Reed Bunting	2 were heard near the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 13/12/2012.
Lapland Bunting	1 was heard near the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 13/12/2012.

Friday 14 December 2012. Nantong to Shanghai.

We had breakfast in the hotel at 06h30 & left Nantong at 07h20 to drive south to Shanghai. We arrived in the city just over a couple of hours later & headed straight to the Binjiang Senlin Gongyuan (Binjiang Forest Park) in search of the Japanese Waxwings that had been seen there for the last few days. Arriving at 09h40 we spent just over two hours searching for the waxwings before there was an option to leave or stay in the hope that the waxwings reappeared. Those that stayed eventually left (without ever seeing the waxwings) at 16h25 while those that left headed to the hotel, checked in, dropped the luggage & then had the option of taking the high speed Maglev train (431 kph, 267 mph) in to the city. Travelling with Qingyu they spent the afternoon exploring areas along The Bund in down town Shanghai. They arrived back at the hotel around 16h45, those opting for the birding option returned just 25 minutes later & we all had dinner together at 18h30.

Weather:

It had rained overnight in Nantong and was still doing so while we had breakfast. However this soon stopped and the rest of the morning and early afternoon was gorgeous. Temperatures ranged from an unseasonably comfortable 19°C when we arrived at the park to 7°C there by the time we left. There was a strengthening wind in the late afternoon.

Great Spotted Woodpecker	2 in Binjiang Forest Park, Shanghai on the 14/12/2012.
Common Kingfisher	2 in Binjiang Forest Park, Shanghai on the 14/12/2012.
Oriental Turtle Dove	50 in Binjiang Forest Park, Shanghai on the 14/12/2012.
Spotted Dove	20 in Binjiang Forest Park, Shanghai on the 14/12/2012.
Common Moorhen	1 was heard in Binjiang Forest Park, Shanghai on the 14/12/2012.
Vega Gull	1 was heard in Binjiang Forest Park, Shanghai on the 14/12/2012.
Mongolian Gull	15 in Binjiang Forest Park, Shanghai on the 14/12/2012.

accipiter sp.	1 in Binjiang Forest Park, Shanghai on the 14/12/2012.
Eastern Buzzard	2, one of which was an adult, drifted south over Binjiang Forest Park, Shanghai on the 14/12/2012.
Little Grebe	6 in Binjiang Forest Park, Shanghai on the 14/12/2012.
Little Egret	1 flew over Binjiang Forest Park, Shanghai on the 14/12/2012.
Long-tailed Shrike	8 in Binjiang Forest Park, Shanghai on the 14/12/2012.
Azure-winged Magpie	10 in Binjiang Forest Park, Shanghai on the 14/12/2012.
Eurasian Magpie	20 in Binjiang Forest Park, Shanghai on the 14/12/2012.
Waxwing sp.	1 was heard in Binjiang Forest Park, Shanghai on the 14/12/2012.
Common Blackbird	30 in Binjiang Forest Park, Shanghai on the 14/12/2012.
Pale Thrush	15 in Binjiang Forest Park, Shanghai on the 14/12/2012.
Rufous-tailed Thrush	400 in Binjiang Forest Park, Shanghai on the 14/12/2012.
Naumann's Thrush	20 in Binjiang Forest Park, Shanghai on the 14/12/2012.
Dusky Thrush	60 in Binjiang Forest Park, Shanghai on the 14/12/2012.
Intermediate Naumann's/Dusky Thrush	2 in Binjiang Forest Park, Shanghai on the 14/12/2012.
Red-flanked Bluetail	5 in Binjiang Forest Park, Shanghai on the 14/12/2012.
Daurian Redstart	4 in Binjiang Forest Park, Shanghai on the 14/12/2012.
White-cheeked Starling	2 in Binjiang Forest Park, Shanghai on the 14/12/2012.
Crested Myna	2 in Binjiang Forest Park, Shanghai on the 14/12/2012.
Japanese Tit	10 in Binjiang Forest Park, Shanghai on the 14/12/2012.
Collared Finchbill	6 in Binjiang Forest Park, Shanghai on the 14/12/2012.
Red-whiskered Bulbul	3 in Binjiang Forest Park, Shanghai on the 14/12/2012.
Light-vented Bulbul	50 in Binjiang Forest Park, Shanghai on the 14/12/2012.
Goldcrest	4 were heard in Binjiang Forest Park, Shanghai on the 14/12/2012.
Brownish-flanked Bush Warbler	1 in Binjiang Forest Park, Shanghai on the 14/12/2012.
Pallas's Warbler	1 was heard in Binjiang Forest Park, Shanghai on the 14/12/2012.
Vinous-throated Parrotbill	1 was heard in Binjiang Forest Park, Shanghai on the 14/12/2012.
Eurasian Tree Sparrow	10 in Binjiang Forest Park, Shanghai on the 14/12/2012.
White Wagtail	8 <i>leucopsis</i> in Binjiang Forest Park, Shanghai on the 14/12/2012.
Olive-backed Pipit	10 in Binjiang Forest Park, Shanghai on the 14/12/2012.
Brambling	5 in Binjiang Forest Park, Shanghai on the 14/12/2012.
Grey-capped Greenfinch	1 was heard over Binjiang Forest Park, Shanghai on the 14/12/2012.
Eurasian Siskin	4 in Binjiang Forest Park, Shanghai on the 14/12/2012.
Eurasian Bullfinch	1 in Binjiang Forest Park, Shanghai on the 14/12/2012. Calling frequently it was only seen poorly, so poorly in fact that we were even unable to tell if it was a male or a female.
Hawfinch	5 in Binjiang Forest Park, Shanghai on the 14/12/2012.
Yellow-billed Grosbeak	10 in Binjiang Forest Park, Shanghai on the 14/12/2012.
Rustic Bunting	2 in Binjiang Forest Park, Shanghai on the 14/12/2012.
Black-faced Bunting	2 in Binjiang Forest Park, Shanghai on the 14/12/2012.

On the 1 January 2010 we visited a different park in Shanghai, Gongqing Park and saw the following species -

Crested Goshawk	1 in Gongqing Forest Park, Shanghai on the 1/1/2010.
Grey-backed Thrush	1 first-winter female in Gongqing Forest Park, Shanghai on the 1/1/2010.
White's Thrush	1 in Gongqing Forest Park, Shanghai on the 1/1/2010.
Yellow-bellied Tit	10 in Gongqing Forest Park, Shanghai on the 1/1/2010.

On this day in January 2008 we also spent about 2.5 hours in Gongqing Forest Park, Shanghai & saw the following species –

Grey-backed Thrush	20 in Gongqing Forest Park, Shanghai on the 3/1/2010.
Japanese Thrush	1 male in Gongqing Forest Park, Shanghai on the 3/1/2010.
Common Blackbird	80 between Jiangyin & Shanghai on the 3/1/2010. Large numbers were seen within about 20 kms south of Jiangyin & at least 40 were in Gongqing Forest Park.
Pale Thrush	12 in Gongqing Forest Park, Shanghai on the 3/1/2010.
Rufous-tailed Thrush	8 in Gongqing Forest Park, Shanghai on the 3/1/2010. These included two <i>naumanni</i> & two <i>eunomus</i> as well as at least two intermediates.
White's Thrush	4 in Gongqing Forest Park, Shanghai on the 3/1/2010.
Red-flanked Bluetail	6 in Gongqing Forest Park, Shanghai on the 3/1/2010.
Red-billed Starling	1 in Gongqing Forest Park, Shanghai on the 3/1/2010.
Goldcrest	3 in Gongqing Forest Park, Shanghai on the 3/1/2010.
Pallas's Warbler	1 in Gongqing Forest Park, Shanghai on the 3/1/2010.
Yellow-browed Warbler	2 in Gongqing Forest Park, Shanghai on the 3/1/2010.

BIRD LIST

Four figures are given in parentheses after any pseudonyms. The first two of these figures details how many days and out of how many, that particular species was seen in South China. The third figure notes the highest daily count and the fourth the number of bird-days. Hence the entry for Common Pheasant reads (7/14 6 16) - birds were noted on 7 of the 14 days, with up to six individuals on any one date and with a total of 16 bird-days.

Taxonomy and nomenclature follow those of the IOC World Bird Names accessed on-line 15 Sept. 2011.

JAPANESE QUAIL *Coturnix japonica* NT 鹌鹑

(3/14 3 7)

1 near the Ramada Airport Hotel, Pudong, Shanghai on the 1/12/2012. (10 metres)
3 at Poyang Hu NNR on the 8/12/2012 - one at Canghu and two at Bianhu.
3 near Dahuchi, Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012.

WHITE-NECKLACED PARTRIDGE *Arborophila gingica* NT 白眉山鹧鸪

(1/14 4 4)

4 were heard in Fuzhou FP on the 4/12/2012.

CHINESE BAMBOO PARTRIDGE *Bambusicola thoracicus* 灰胸竹鸡

(3/14 2 4)

2 were heard in Fuzhou FP on the 4/12/2012.
1 was heard besides the river in Wuyuan city on the 7/12/2012.
1 was heard near Dahuchi, Poyang Hu NNR on the 8/12/2012.

COMMON PHEASANT *Phasianus colchicus* 雉鸡

(7/14 6 16)

2 were heard near the Le An River at Shijian cun near Kengkou cun, Wuyuan on the 6/12/2012.
2 singles at Poyang Hu NNR on the 8/12/2012 - one near Canghu & the other at Banghu.
6 at Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012 with two near Dahuchi & four between Wucheng & Yongxiu.
1 at Nanjishan NNR, Xinjian on the 10/12/2012.
3 at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012 with two near the 'Crane Farm' and on in the Xinyanggang Reed Farm.
1 male in Yancheng Ling Chang (Xinyanggang FP), Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012.
1 male near Dafeng town on the 13/12/2012.

SWAN GOOSE *Anser cygnoides* VU 鸿雁

(3/14 5000 5720)

5000 at Poyang Hu NNR on the 8/12/2012. The vast majority of these were at Dahuchi.
720 at Poyang Hu on the 9/12/2012. 20 of these were at Shahu with 700 at Dahuchi. The latter is a massive reduction on the number of birds present since yesterday.
20 at Nanjishan NNR, Xinjian on the 10/12/2012.

TAIGA BEAN GOOSE *Anser fabalis* 豆雁

(2/14 10 12)

10 at Nanjishan NNR, Xinjian on the 10/12/2012.
2 in the Xinyanggang Reed Farm, Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012.

TUNDRA BEAN GOOSE *Anser serrirostris* 短嘴豆雁

(6/14 8150 11385)



500 at Poyang Hu NNR on the 8/12/2012. The vast majority of these were at Canghu
 500 at Poyang Hu on the 9/12/2012. These included 200 that flew south between Yongxiu & Wucheng in the early morning and 300 at Dahuchi in the afternoon.
 8150 at Nanjishan NNR, Xinjian on the 10/12/2012.
 1075 at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012 with 150 near the 'Crane Farm' and 925 in the Xinyanggang Reed Farm.
 450 on a pool about one kilometre south of the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012.
 712 in Yancheng NNR on the 13/12/2012 with 710 near the 'Crane Farm' in the early morning and two on the pools at Sanlizha, Dafeng later in the day.

[TAIGA or TUNDRA BEAN GOOSE *Anser fabalis* or *A. serrirostris*] 豆雁 or 短嘴豆雁
(1/14 40 40)

40 between Nanchang airport and the Ganjiang river, Jiangxi on the 5/12/2012. (60 metres)

GREYLAG GOOSE *Anser anser* 灰雁
(4/14 185 367)

1 at Dahuchi, Poyang Hu NNR on the 8/12/2012.
 185 at the southern side of Dahuchi, Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012.
 180 at Nanjishan NNR, Xinjian on the 10/12/2012.
 1 with large numbers of Tundra Bean Geese on a pool about one kilometre south of the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012.

GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE *Anser albifrons* 白额雁
(6/14 1200 1784)

60 at Poyang Hu NNR on the 8/12/2012. 40 of these were at Canghu.
 1240 at Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012. These involved 40 at Shahu and 1200 at Dahuchi with 1000 along the southern shore of that lake in the late afternoon.
 520 at Nanjishan NNR, Xinjian on the 10/12/2012.
 2 flew over the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012.
 1 with large numbers of Tundra Bean Geese on a pool about one kilometre south of the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012.

1 with Tundra Bean Geese near the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 13/12/2012.

LESSER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE *Anser erythropus* VU 小白额雁

(1/14 1 1)

1 at Canghu, Poyang Hu NNR on the 8/12/2012.

TUNDRA SWAN *Cygnus columbianus* 小天鹅

(5/14 1535 2795)

100 in the Minjiang Estuary from Shanyutan, Changle on the 3/12/2012. Probably a record count for Fujian province (Richard Lewthwaite in litt. 1/1/2012)

90 between Nanchang airport and the Ganjiang river, Jiangxi on the 5/12/2012. (60 metres)

1000 at Poyang Hu NNR on the 8/12/2012. The vast majority of these were at Bianhu.

70 at Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012. These involved

1535 at Nanjishan NNR, Xinjian on the 10/12/2012.

COMMON SHELDUCK *Tadorna tadorna* 翘鼻麻鸭

(1/14 5 5)

5 flew north over the Xinyanggang Reed Farm, Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012.

RUDDY SHELDUCK *Tadorna ferruginea* 赤麻鸭

(4/14 30 39)

30 at Poyang Hu NNR on the 8/12/2012.

4 in the Xiuhe between Wucheng and Shahu, Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012.

2 near the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012.

3 near the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 13/12/2012.

MANDARIN DUCK *Aix galericulata* 鸳鸯

(5/14 25 49)



2, a pair, at Xiaoqi, Wuyuan on the 6/12/2012.

15, eight males & seven females, at Yueliangwan, Wuyuan on the 7/12/2012.

25 free-flying birds around the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012.

3 over the pool about two kilometres south of the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012.

4 near the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 13/12/2012.

GADWALL *Anas strepera* 赤膀鸭

(5/14 1750 3507)

2 at Shahu, Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012.

5 at Nanjishan NNR, Xinjian on the 10/12/2012.

1350 on a pool at the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012.

1756 at Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012. These involved about 1300 immediately around the 'Crane Farm' with six on a pool 3.7 kilometres south of the 'Crane Farm', 200 on an different pool about one kilometre south of the 'Crane Farm', 1100 on a pool right at the 'Crane Farm' itself. Elsewhere there were 450 on the Sheyang Salt Works reservoir number 1.

400 near the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 13/12/2012.

FALCATED DUCK *Anas falcata* NT 罗纹鸭

(5/14 2200 2225)

2, a pair, with other ducks at Wenwu Beach, Changle, Fujian on the 5/12/2012. (5 metres)

6 at Dahuchi, Poyang Hu NNR on the 8/12/2012.

10 at Nanjishan NNR, Xinjian on the 10/12/2012.

7 on a pool at the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012.

2200 at Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012 with 265 on a pool about two kilometres south of the 'Crane Farm' and 1935 on the Sheyang Salt Works reservoir number 1.

EURASIAN WIGEON *Anas penelope* 赤颈鸭

(4/14 565 836)

70 in the Minjiang Estuary from Shanyutan, Changle on the 3/12/2012.

200 at Nanjishan NNR, Xinjian on the 10/12/2012.

1 with other ducks on a pool at the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012.

565 on Sheyang Saltworks Reservoir No. 1, Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012.

AMERICAN WIGEON *Anas americana* 葡萄胸鸭

(1/14 1 1)

1 male on Sheyang Saltworks Reservoir No. 1, Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012. The first record for mainland China. Found by PH at 11h20 it was seen well and watched for over 40 minutes. Remarkably I had seen an apparent hybrid at this same site several years earlier (and others elsewhere in eastern China) and had an all too brief encounter with a probable thoroughbred American Wigeon at Poyang Hu, Jiangxi in December 2009 so it was satisfying to see this genuine individual today. I thought that there was a previous record of American Wigeon from Hong Kong but I was mistaken and that bird was eventually believed have been a hybrid (Mike Leven via a reply to my Oriental Birding eGroup posting). Zhang Lin twitched the bird on the 16 December and remarkably saw two males at this same site (ZL in litt. 16/12/2012)!

Remarkably American Wigeon is fairly regular in Taiwan and was regarded as an occasional winter visitor there by Tzung-Su DING, Ching-Sung JUAN, Ruey-Shing LIN, Chih-Yuan, PAN, Yi-Jung TSAI, John WU, and Yu-Hsiang YANG 2012. *The 2012 CWBF Checklist of the Birds of Taiwan* downloaded from http://www.birdingattaiwan.com/The_2012_CWBF_Checklist_of_the_Birds_of_Taiwan.pdf on 7 Jan. 2012. Liu Xiaoru et al. 2010. *The Avifauna of Taiwan* detailed 25 reports of between one and three American Wigeon in between 13 Dec. 1987 and 5 March 2006. The first record, on 13 Dec. 1987 wasn't followed until another on 8 Dec. 1996. Birds have been reported annually since then with two reports in 1997, single reports in 1998 and 1999, three reports in both 2000 and 2001, one in 2002, two in 2003, one in 2004, five in 2005 and four in 2006.

In South Korea American Wigeon is 'scarcely recorded, i.e. more than 10 records in total but less than 10 records/year' (N. Moores, Park J-G & A. Kim. 2009. *The Birds Korea Checklist: 2009* available for download at <http://www.birdskorea.org/Birds/Checklist/Downloads/Birds-Korea-Checklist-Aug-2009-engl.pdf>)

In Japan American Wigeon is a very uncommon winter visitor with 46-65 noted during the annual national waterfowl censuses during 1982-1988 (Brazil, M. 1991. *The Birds of Japan*)

MALLARD *Anas platyrhynchos* 绿头鸭

(7/14 1510 2916)

20 in the Minjiang Estuary from Shanyutan, Changle on the 3/12/2012.

10 at Poyang Hu NNR on the 8/12/2012.

6 at Dahuchi, Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012.

20 at Nanjishan NNR, Xinjian on the 10/12/2012.

450 with other ducks on a pool at the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012.

900 at Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012. These included 800 on a pool about one kilometre south of the 'Crane Farm' and just 40 on the Sheyang Saltworks Reservoir No. 1.

1510 in Yancheng NNR on the 13/12/2012 with 300 near the 'Crane Farm' in the early morning and 1210 on the pools at Sanlizha, Dafeng later in the day.

EASTERN SPOT-BILLED DUCK *Anas zonorhyncha* 斑嘴鸭

(10/14 700 3075)

450 in the Minjiang Estuary from Shanyutan, Changle on the 3/12/2012.

80 at Wenwu Beach, Changle, Fujian on the 5/12/2012. (5 metres)

10 near the Le An River at Shijian cun near Kengkou cun, Wuyuan on the 6/12/2012.

15 at Yueliangwan, Wuyuan on the 7/12/2012.
20 at Canghu, Poyang Hu NNR on the 8/12/2012.
410 at Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012. 10 of these were at Shahu and the other 400 at Dahuchi.
100 at Nanjishan NNR, Xinjian on the 10/12/2012.
700 at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012 with 600 with other ducks on a pool near the 'Crane Farm' and 100 in the Xinyanggang Reed Farm.
700 at Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012. These included 400 on a pool about one kilometre south of the 'Crane Farm' and another 200 on a similar pool closer to the 'Crane Farm'.
600 in Yancheng NNR on the 13/12/2012 with 450 near the 'Crane Farm' in the early morning and 150 on the pools at Sanlizha, Dafeng later in the day.

NORTHERN SHOVELER *Anas clypeata* 琵嘴鸭

(5/14 80 161)

1 in the Minjiang Estuary from Shanyutan, Changle on the 3/12/2012.
20 at Nanjishan NNR, Xinjian on the 10/12/2012.
40 with other ducks on a pool at the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012.
80 at Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012 with 45 on a pool about two kilometres south of the 'Crane Farm' and 35 on the Sheyang Salt Works reservoir number 1.
20 near the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 13/12/2012.

NORTHERN PINTAIL *Anas acuta* 针尾鸭

(7/14 20 92)

20 in the Minjiang Estuary from Shanyutan, Changle on the 3/12/2012.
15 at Poyang Hu NNR on the 8/12/2012.
10 on Dahuchi, Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012.
20 at Nanjishan NNR, Xinjian on the 10/12/2012.
2 with other ducks on a pool at the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012.
17 at Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012 with two on a pool about two kilometres south of the 'Crane Farm' and 15 on the Sheyang Salt Works reservoir number 1.
5 near the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 13/12/2012.

GARGANEY *Anas querquedula* 白眉鸭

(1/14 1 1)

1 in Shanghai Zoo on the 2/12/2012. Despite being with the feral Mandarin Ducks it was possibly wild.

BAIKAL TEAL *Anas formosa* 花脸鸭

(2/14 180 295)

180 with other ducks on a pool at the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012.
115 on the pool about two kilometres south of the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012.

EURASIAN TEAL *Anas crecca* 绿翅鸭

(8/14 200 349)

10 in Shanghai Zoo on the 2/12/2012.
200 in the Minjiang Estuary from Shanyutan, Changle on the 3/12/2012.
2 at Canghu, Poyang Hu NNR on the 8/12/2012.
60 on Dahuchi, Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012.
40 at Nanjishan NNR, Xinjian on the 10/12/2012.
20 with other ducks on a pool at the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012.
2 singles at Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012 with the first about three kilometres south of the 'Crane Farm' and the other on the Sheyang Salt Works reservoir number 1.
15 in Yancheng NNR on the 13/12/2012 with 10 near the 'Crane Farm' in the early morning and five on the pools at Sanlizha, Dafeng later in the day.

RED-CRESTED POCHARD *Netta rufina* 赤嘴潜鸭

(1/14 1 1)

1 adult male on Sheyang Saltworks Reservoir No. 1, Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012.

REDHEAD *Aythya americana*

(1/14 1 1)

1 male in one of the Common Pochard flocks on the pools at Sanlizha, Dafeng, Yancheng NNR on the 13/12/2012. Found & identified by PH at 11h50 it stayed in view for about five minutes before disappearing into a very dense flock of Common Pochard. Shortly after that we spotted the Baer's Pochard and became distracted but fortunately the Redhead was seen again, and this time very well and by all the group who had stayed on to watch the Baer's, for another five minutes from 13h30. Field notes and a sketch were made for this the first record for China. There are no records for Taiwan or South Korea and only one had been seen in Japan by 1991 ((Brazil, M. 1991. *The Birds of Japan*)

COMMON POCHARD *Aythya ferina* 红头潜鸭

(4/14 2960 5675)

80 at Poyang Hu NNR on the 8/12/2012.

200 at Nanjishan NNR, Xinjian on the 10/12/2012.

2435 at Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012. These included a modest number (25 birds) on two separate pools near the 'Crane Farm' and 2410 on the Sheyang Salt Works reservoir number 1.

2960 in Yancheng NNR on the 13/12/2012 with 10 near the 'Crane Farm' in the early morning and 2950 on the pools at Sanlizha, Dafeng later in the day.

BAER'S POCHARD *Aythya baeri* CR 青头潜鸭

(1/14 1 1)

1 female on the pools at Sanlizha, Dafeng, Yancheng NNR on the 13/12/2012.

FERRUGINOUS DUCK *Aythya nyroca* NT 白眼潜鸭

(3/14 12 20)

It's likely that a minimum of 12 birds were seen in the Yancheng – Dafeng area – a remarkable tally given that Ferruginous Duck was first recorded in Jiangsu as recently as 26 December 2006 (Paul Holt et al. pers. obs.). This year's sightings involved at least eight around Xinyanggang (where three birds were seen on both the 11th & 12 December on the Kilometre 72 reservoir about one kilometre north of the village and up to eight near the 'Crane Farm') and four on the fishponds at Sanlizha, Dafeng.

3 on the Km 72 pool between Xinyanggang village and the Xinyanggang Reed Farm, Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012.

5 at Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012 with two on a pool about two kilometres south of the 'Crane Farm' and three others again on the Km 72 pool between Xinyanggang village and the Xinyanggang Reed Farm.

12 in Yancheng NNR on the 13/12/2012 with eight near the 'Crane Farm' in the early morning and four (one male and three females) on three separate pools at Sanlizha, Dafeng later in the day.

TUFTED DUCK *Aythya fuligula* 凤头潜鸭

(5/14 45 123)

1 female in Shanghai Zoo on the 2/12/2012. Despite being with the feral Mandarin Ducks it was possibly wild.

45 at Wenwu Beach, Changle, Fujian on the 5/12/2012. (5 metres)

2 at Shahu, Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012.

40 at Nanjishan NNR, Xinjian on the 10/12/2012.

35 on the pools at Sanlizha, Dafeng, Yancheng NNR on the 13/12/2012.

GREATER SCAUP *Aythya marila* 斑背潜鸭

(3/14 6 12)

6, five females & a male, at Wenwu Beach, Changle, Fujian on the 5/12/2012. (5 metres)

2 females on Sheyang Saltworks Reservoir No. 1, Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012.

4, three males and one female, on the pools at Sanlizha, Dafeng, Yancheng NNR on the 13/12/2012.

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

(1/14 1 1)

1 with other diving ducks on a pool at Wenwu Beach, Changle, Fujian on the 5/12/2012. (5 metres). Probably the first record for Fujian since 1912 (Richard Lewthwaite in litt. 1/1/2012).

COMMON GOLDENEYE *Bucephala clangula* 鹊鸭

(1/14 1 1)

1 on Sheyang Saltworks Reservoir No. 1, Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012.

SMEW *Mergellus albellus* 白秋沙鸭

(4/14 255 434)

4 at Poyang Hu on the 9/12/2012 with three on a roadside pool between Wucheng Yongxiu and another in the Xiuhe between Wucheng and Shahu.

110 on the fishponds within about 3.7 kilometres south of the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012.

255 at Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012. These involved 205 on a series of pools immediately south of the 'Crane Farm' and 50 on the Sheyang Salt Works reservoir number 1.

65 in Yancheng NNR on the 13/12/2012 with 40 near the 'Crane Farm' in the early morning and 25 on the pools at Sanlizha, Dafeng later in the day.

COMMON MERGANSER *Mergus merganser* 普通秋沙鸭

(5/14 3070 4226)

8 in the Xiuhe at Poyang Hu NNR on the 8/12/2012.

13 in the Xiuhe between Wucheng and Shahu, Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012.

25 on the fishponds within about 3.7 kilometres south of the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012.

3070 at Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012. These involved 525 on a series of pools immediately south of the 'Crane Farm' and 2545 on the Sheyang Salt Works reservoir number 1.

1110 in Yancheng NNR on the 13/12/2012 with 1100 near the 'Crane Farm' in the early morning and 10 on the pools at Sanlizha, Dafeng later in the day.

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

(1/14 1 1)

1 redhead on Sheyang Saltworks Reservoir No. 1, Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012.

SCALY-SIDED MERGANSER *Mergus squamatus* EN 中华秋沙鸭

(1/14 10 10)

10, one male and nine redheads, on the Le An River at Shijian cun near Kengkou cun, Wuyuan on the 6/12/2012.

LITTLE GREBE *Tachybaptus ruficollis* 小鸊鷉

(14/14 110 271)

8 near the Ramada Airport Hotel, Pudong, Shanghai on the 1/12/2012. (10 metres)

5 in Shanghai Zoo on the 2/12/2012.

2 in the Minjiang Estuary, Changle on the 3/12/2012.

3 in Fuzhou FP on the 4/12/2012.

12 on the 5/12/2012 with two near Wenwu Beach, Changle, Fujian in the morning and 10 more between Nanchang airport and the Ganjiang river, Jiangxi in the afternoon. (5-60 metres)

15 near Wuyuan on the 6/12/2012.

15 on the 7/12/2012 with five in the river through Wuyuan town, three Yueliangwan & six between there, Jingdezhen & Jiangyou.

30 at various sites at Poyang Hu NNR on the 8/12/2012.

20 in the Xiuhe between Wucheng and Shahu at Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012.

14 on the 10/12/2012 with ten at Nanjishan NNR, Xinjian, Jiangsu in the morning & another four between Shanghai & Nantong, Jiangsu in the late afternoon.

10 on the fishponds within about 3.7 kilometres south of the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012.

15 at Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012 with five on the Kilometre 72 reservoir just north of Xinyanggang village and 10 on the Sheyang Saltworks Reservoir No. 1.

16 on the pools at Sanlizha, Dafeng, Yancheng NNR on the 13/12/2012.

6 in Binjiang Forest Park, Shanghai on the 14/12/2012.

GREAT CRESTED GREBE *Podiceps cristatus* 凤头鸊鷉

(6/14 180 229)

2 at Wenwu Beach, Changle, Fujian on the 5/12/2012. (5 metres)

2 singles at Poyang Hu NNR on the 8/12/2012. The first was at Bianhu and the second in the Xiuhe near Shahu.

12 at Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012. These involved two in the Xiuhe between Wucheng and Shahu and there were another 10 on Shahu itself.

180 at Nanjishan NNR, Xinjian on the 10/12/2012.

8 at Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012 with six on fishponds about 3.7 kilometres south of the 'Crane Farm' and two on the Sheyang Saltworks Reservoir No. 1.

25 on the pools at Sanlizha, Dafeng, Yancheng NNR on the 13/12/2012.

BLACK-NECKED GREBE *Podiceps nigricollis* 黑颈鸊鷉

(4/14 4 9)

3 at Wenwu Beach, Changle, Fujian on the 5/12/2012. (5 metres)

1 at Nanjishan NNR, Xinjian on the 10/12/2012.

1 on Sheyang Saltworks Reservoir No. 1, Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012.

4 on the pools at Sanlizha, Dafeng, Yancheng NNR on the 13/12/2012.

BLACK STORK *Ciconia nigra* 黑鹳

(1/14 1 1)

1 first year flew over Dahuchi, Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012.

ORIENTAL STORK *Ciconia boyciana* EN 东方白鹳

(5/14 251 455)

100 at Poyang Hu on the 8/12/2012. These involved 35 at Canghu & 60+ at Dahuchi.
251 at Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012. Four of these flew over the Xiuhe between Wucheng and Banghu, another two were at Shahu while the vast majority of birds (245) were around Dahuchi.
45 at Nanjishan NNR, Xinjian on the 10/12/2012.
15 on a drained fishpond about 3.7 kilometres south of the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012.
44 on the drained fishpond about 3.7 kilometres south of the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012.

EURASIAN SPOONBILL *Platalea leucorodia* 白琵鹭
(7/14 950 2102)

2 in the Minjiang Estuary around Shanyutan, Changle on the 3/12/2012.
500 at Poyang Hu on the 8/12/2012 with 80 at Canghu and 400+ at Dahuchi.
950 at Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012. These involved 250 at Shahu and 700 at Dahuchi.
350 at Nanjishan NNR, Xinjian on the 10/12/2012.
210 near the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012.
60 in the reed bed about one kilometre south of the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012.
30 near the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 13/12/2012.

BLACK-FACED SPOONBILL *Platalea minor* EN 黑脸琵鹭
(1/14 17 17)

17 in the Minjiang Estuary around Shanyutan, Changle on the 3/12/2012. All eight seen well were first-winters.

EURASIAN BITTERN *Botaurus stellaris* 大麻千干鸟
(4/14 5 9)



Eurasian Bittern at Yancheng NNR, Jiangsu

1 was seen on the northern shore of the Yangtze river from the Sutong bridge, Jiangsu on the 10/12/2012.
5 singles around the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012.
1 flew over the reed bed between the 'Crane Farm' and Xinyanggang at Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012.
2 singles near the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 13/12/2012.

BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERON *Nycticorax nycticorax* 夜鹭
(4/14 55 122)

30 in Shanghai Zoo on the 2/12/2012.
35 between Nanchang airport and the Ganjiang river, Jiangxi on the 5/12/2012. (60 metres)
55 flew over Jingdezhen services at dusk on the 7/12/2012.
2 between Wucheng & Yongxiu, Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012.

STRIATED HERON *Butorides striata* 绿鹭
(1/14 1 1)

1 near the Ramada Airport Hotel, Pudong, Shanghai on the 1/12/2012. (10 metres)

CHINESE POND HERON *Ardeola bacchus* 池鹭

(5/14 3 9)

- 3 first-winters in the Minjiang Estuary around Shanyutan, Changle on the 3/12/2012.
- 1 at Wenwu Beach, Changle, Fujian on the 5/12/2012. (5 metres)
- 1 first-winter at the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012.
- 2 singles at Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012. The first was just about one kilometre south of the 'Crane Farm' while the second was near Sheyang Saltworks Reservoir No. 1
- 2 near the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 13/12/2012.

EASTERN CATTLE EGRET *Bubulcus coromandus* 牛背鹭

(3/14 5 15)

- 5 in the Minjiang Estuary around Shanyutan, Changle on the 3/12/2012.
- 5 in Fuzhou FP on the 4/12/2012.
- 5 at & around Wenwu Beach, Changle, Fujian on the 5/12/2012. (5 metres)

GREY HERON *Ardea cinerea* 苍鹭

(9/14 80 328)

- 1 juvenile in Shanghai Zoo on the 2/12/2012.
- 30 in the Minjiang Estuary around Shanyutan, Changle on the 3/12/2012.
- 25 on the 5/12/2012 with 15 near Wenwu Beach, Changle, Fujian in the morning and 10 between Nanchang airport and the Ganjiang river, Jiangxi in the afternoon. (5-60 metres)
- 50 at Poyang Hu NNR on the 8/12/2012. These included 20 at Canghu, five at both Bianhu and Shahu and 20 more around Dahuchi.
- 80 at Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012.
- 15 at Nanjishan NNR, Xinjian on the 10/12/2012.
- 60 between the 'Crane Farm' and the Xinyanggang Reed Farm at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012.
- 63 at Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012. These involved 53 besides the series of fishponds immediately south of the 'Crane Farm' and 10 more around the Sheyang Saltworks Reservoir No. 1.
- 22 in Yancheng NNR on the 13/12/2012 with 20 near the 'Crane Farm' in the early morning and two on the pools at Sanlizha, Dafeng later in the day.

GREAT EGRET *Ardea alba* 大白鹭

(5/14 40 79)

- 15 in the Minjiang Estuary around Shanyutan, Changle on the 3/12/2012.
- 40 at Wenwu Beach, Changle, Fujian on the 5/12/2012. (5 metres)
- 12 at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012 with two near the 'Crane Farm' and ten others in the Xinyanggang Reed Farm.
- 10 at Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012. These involved seven besides the series of fishponds immediately south of the 'Crane Farm' and three more around the Sheyang Saltworks Reservoir No. 1.
- 2 near the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 13/12/2012.

LITTLE EGRET *Egretta garzetta* 白鹭

(14/14 250 661)

- 2 singles near the Ramada Airport Hotel, Pudong, Shanghai on the 1/12/2012. (10 metres)
- 15 in & around Shanghai Zoo on the 2/12/2012.
- 60 in the Minjiang Estuary around Shanyutan, Changle on the 3/12/2012.
- 1 in Fuzhou FP on the 4/12/2012.
- 20 at & around Wenwu Beach, Changle, Fujian on the 5/12/2012. (5 metres)
- 30 near Wuyuan on the 6/12/2012.
- 50 on the 7/12/2012 with six near Wuyuan (two besides the river through town and four at Yueliangwan). 40 others were seen between Wuyuan, Jingdezhen & Jiangyou in the afternoon.
- 20 at Poyang Hu NNR on the 8/12/2012.
- 10 at Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012.
- 47 on the 10/12/2012 with two at Nanjishan NNR, Xinjian, Jiangsu in the morning & another 45 on roadside fishponds near Nantong, Jiangsu in the late afternoon.
- 120 between the 'Crane Farm' and the Xinyanggang Reed Farm at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012. The vast majority of these, 115 birds, were around roadside fishponds close to the 'Crane Farm'
- 250 at Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012. These involved 235 besides the series of fishponds immediately south of the 'Crane Farm' and 15 more around the Sheyang Saltworks Reservoir No. 1.
- 35 in Yancheng NNR on the 13/12/2012 with 30 near the 'Crane Farm' in the early morning and five on the pools at Sanlizha, Dafeng later in the day.
- 1 flew over Binjiang Forest Park, Shanghai on the 14/12/2012.

DALMATIAN PELICAN *Pelecanus crispus* VU 卷羽鹈鹕

(1/14 3 3)

- 3 at Dahuchi, Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012.

GREAT CORMORANT *Phalacrocorax carbo* 普通鸬鹚

(8/14 1350 3755)

30 in the Minjiang Estuary around Shanyutan, Changle on the 3/12/2012.

320 at Wenwu Beach, Changle, Fujian on the 5/12/2012. (5 metres)

40 roosting on a roadside pylon near Wucheng at Poyang Hu NNR on the 8/12/2012.

22 at Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012. These involved two over the Xiuhe between Wucheng and Shahu and there were another 20 on Shahu itself.

25 at Nanjishan NNR, Xinjian on the 10/12/2012.

1770 between the 'Crane Farm' and the Xinyanggang Reed Farm at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012. The vast majority of these, 1350 birds, were flying south over the reed farm in the evening and were presumably heading to roost.

950 at Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012 with 250 flying north near the 'Crane Farm' in the early morning and 700 flying in the opposite direction in the early afternoon.

1020 in Yancheng NNR on the 13/12/2012 with 1000 near the 'Crane Farm' in the early morning and 20 on the pools at Sanlizha, Dafeng later in the day.

WESTERN OSPREY *Pandion haliaetus* 鸢

(1/14 3 3)

3 at Wenwu Beach, Changle, Fujian on the 5/12/2012. (5 metres)

BLACK-WINGED KITE *Elanus caeruleus* 黑翅鸢

(1/14 2 2)

2 in the Minjiang Estuary, Changle on the 3/12/2012.

EASTERN MARSH HARRIER *Circus spilonotus* 白腹鸢

(4/14 4 8)

2 in the Minjiang Estuary, Changle on the 3/12/2012.

4 at the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012.

1 over the pool about one kilometre south of the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012.

1 near the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 13/12/2012.

HEN HARRIER *Circus cyaneus* 白尾鸢

(1/14 2 2)

2, an adult male and a ringtail, the Xinyanggang Reed Farm, Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012.

EURASIAN SPARROWHAWK *Accipiter nisus* 雀鹰

(2/14 1 2)

1 at Xiaoqi, Wuyuan on the 6/12/2012.

1 between Wucheng & Yongxiu, Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012.

NORTHERN GOSHAWK *Accipiter gentilis* 苍鹰

(1/14 1 1)

1 juvenile in Yancheng Ling Chang (Xinyanggang FP) on the 12/12/2012.

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(1/14 1 1)

1 in Binjiang Forest Park, Shanghai on the 14/12/2012.

EASTERN BUZZARD *Buteo japonicus* 普通鵟

(8/14 2 10)

1 juvenile near the Ramada Airport Hotel, Pudong, Shanghai on the 1/12/2012. (10 metres)

2 in the Minjiang Estuary, Changle on the 3/12/2012.

1 between Nanchang airport and the Ganjiang river, Jiangxi on the 5/12/2012. (60 metres)

1 at Xiaoqi, Wuyuan on the 6/12/2012.

1 over the Xiuhe between Wucheng and Banghu at Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012.

1 flew south over the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012.

1 near Sheyang Saltworks Reservoir No. 1, Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012.

2, one of which was an adult, drifted south over Binjiang Forest Park, Shanghai on the 14/12/2012.

BLACK EAGLE *Ictinaetus malayensis* 林雕

(1/14 1 1)

1 at Xiaoqi, Wuyuan on the 6/12/2012.

MOUNTAIN HAWK-EAGLE *Nisaetus nipalensis* 鹰雕

(1/14 4 4)

4 at Xiaoqi, Wuyuan on the 6/12/2012.

PIED FALCONET *Microhierax melanoleucos* 白腿小隼

(1/14 1 1)

1 at Xiaoqi, Wuyuan on the 6/12/2012.

COMMON KESTREL *Falco tinnunculus* 红隼

(6/14 2 8)

1 near the Ramada Airport Hotel, Pudong, Shanghai on the 1/12/2012. (10 metres)
2 in the Minjiang Estuary around Shanyutan, Changle on the 3/12/2012.
2 singles at Poyang Hu NNR on the 8/12/2012 - one near Wucheng & the other at Dahuchi.
1 between Nanjishan NNR, Xinjian & Nanchang's Changbei airport, Jiangsu on the 10/12/2012.
1 the Xinyanggang Reed Farm, Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012.
1 about one kilometre south of the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012.

MERLIN *Falco columbarius* 灰背隼

(2/14 1 2)

1 at Bianhu, Poyang Hu NNR on the 8/12/2012.
1 the Xinyanggang Reed Farm, Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012.

PEREGRINE FALCON *Falco peregrinus* 游隼

(4/14 1 4)

1 juvenile in the Minjiang Estuary around Shanyutan, Changle on the 3/12/2012.
1 adult at Wenwu Beach, Changle, Fujian on the 5/12/2012. (5 metres)
1 juvenile at Dahuchi, Poyang Hu NNR on the 8/12/2012.
1 adult over the drained fishpond about 3.7 kilometres south of the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012.

WATER RAIL *Rallus aquaticus* 西方秧鸡

(2/14 1 2)

1 was heard squealing in the reed bed besides the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012.
1 was heard in the reed bed near the pool about one kilometre south of the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012.

BROWN CRAKE *Amaurornis akool* 红脚苦恶鸟

(2/14 2 4)

2 between Wucheng & Yongxiu, Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012.
2 at Nanjishan NNR, Xinjian on the 10/12/2012.

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

(2/14 3 4)

1 near the Ramada Airport Hotel, Pudong, Shanghai on the 1/12/2012. (10 metres)
3 in the Minjiang Estuary, Changle on the 3/12/2012.

COMMON MOORHEN *Gallinula chloropus* 黑水鸡

(12/14 8 33)

4 were heard near the Ramada Airport Hotel, Pudong, Shanghai on the 1/12/2012. (10 metres)
3 in the Minjiang Estuary, Changle on the 3/12/2012.
1 in Fuzhou FP on the 4/12/2012.
1 besides the Le An River at Shijian cun near Kengkou cun, Wuyuan on the 6/12/2012.

3 in & around Wuyuan on the 7/12/2012 with two besides the river through Wuyuan town & another at Yueliangwan.
1 near Wucheng, Poyang Hu on the 8/12/2012.
2 between Wucheng & Yongxiu, Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012.
8 on the 10/12/2012 with two at Nanjishan NNR, Xinjian, Jiangsu in the morning & another six between Shanghai & Nantong, Jiangsu in the late afternoon.
6 at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012 with four near the 'Crane Farm' and two others in the Xinyanggang Reed Farm.
1 was heard near Sheyang Saltworks Reservoir No. 1, Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012.
2 were heard near the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 13/12/2012.
1 was heard in Binjiang Forest Park, Shanghai on the 14/12/2012.

EURASIAN COOT *Fulica atra* 骨顶鸡

(5/14 8250 14025)

It's likely that we saw over 13,000 birds in Yancheng NNR in mid-December with specific counts of 8000 on Sheyang Salt Works reservoir number 1 on the 12th and 4300 on the pools at Sanlizha, Dafeng the very next day.

65 at Wenwu Beach, Changle, Fujian on the 5/12/2012. (5 metres)

600 at Nanjishan NNR, Xinjian on the 10/12/2012.

360 between the 'Crane Farm' and the Xinyanggang Reed Farm at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012. The vast majority of these, 340 birds, were with other waterfowl on a pool close to the 'Crane Farm'.

8260 at Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012. There were only modest numbers (250 birds) around the 'Crane Farm' and just five on the Kilometre 72 reservoir between Xinyanggang village and the Xinyanggang Reed Farm. Elsewhere there were a massive 8000 on Sheyang Salt Works reservoir number 1.

4750 in Yancheng NNR on the 13/12/2012 with 450 near the 'Crane Farm' in the early morning and 4300 on the pools at Sanlizha, Dafeng later in the day. There would be hardly any overlap with those counted in the reserve yesterday.

SIBERIAN CRANE *Grus leucogeranus* CR 白鹤

(3/14 300 551)

1 flew high over Xiaoqi village, Wuyuan on the 6/12/2012. Three or four birds, the first ever recorded in the Wuyuan area, had been photographed elsewhere around Wuyuan in the previous month ('Lao Deng' pers. comm. & Richard Lewthwaite in litt. 3 Jan. 2013)

300 at Poyang Hu NNR on the 8/12/2012. Just two of these were at Canghu in the morning with ca.300 at Dahuchi in the afternoon.

250 at Dahuchi, Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012.

WHITE-NAPED CRANE *Grus vipio* VU 白枕鹤

(3/14 100 206)

100 at Poyang Hu NNR on the 8/12/2012. 20 of these were visible from Wucheng when looking northwest towards Banghu, several others were at Canghu, Shahu and Dahuchi.

100 at Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012. Eight of these were seen between Yongxiu & Wucheng, three more at Shahu and ca.90 at Dahuchi.

6 at Nanjishan NNR, Xinjian on the 10/12/2012.

RED-CROWNED CRANE *Grus japonensis* EN 丹顶鹤

(3/14 23 40)



23 free-flying and apparently wild birds between the 'Crane Farm' and the Xinyanggang Reed Farm at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012.
14 at Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012. These involved eight on a drained fishpond about 3.7 kilometres south of the 'Crane Farm' and six (two pairs each with an attendant juvenile) besides Sheyang Salt Works reservoir number 1.
3 at Yancheng NNR on the 13/12/2012. These involved one over the 'Crane Farm' car park in the early morning and two others in fields near Sanlizha, Dafeng in the afternoon.

COMMON CRANE *Grus grus* 灰鹤

(6/14 100 266)

20 flew over Dahuchi, Poyang Hu NNR in the late afternoon of the 8/12/2012.
8 at Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012.
20 at Nanjishan NNR, Xinjian on the 10/12/2012.
90 at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012 with 50 near the 'Crane Farm' and 40 in the Xinyanggang Reed Farm.
28 flew north about 3.7 kilometres south of the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012.
100 near the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 13/12/2012. Birds were seen in flocks of three, 35 & 60.

HOODED CRANE *Grus monacha* VU 白头鹤

(2/14 100 200)



100 at Poyang Hu NNR on the 8/12/2012. Three of these (a family party with two adults and an attendant juvenile) were visible from Wucheng when looking northwest towards Banghu, five others were at Canghu, several over Shahu but Dahuchi held the majority of birds.

104 at Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012. These involved 35 over the Xiuhe between Wucheng and Shahu; four at Shahu itself and 65 around Dahuchi.

EURASIAN OYSTERCATCHER *Haematopus ostralegus* 蛎鹬

(1/14 2 2)

2 at Shanyutan, in the Minjiang Estuary, Changle on the 3/12/2012.

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

(2/14 36 37)

36 at the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012.

1 near the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 13/12/2012.

PIED AVOCET *Recurvirostra avosetta* 反嘴鹬

(5/14 1400 2367)

17 at Shanyutan, in the Minjiang Estuary, Changle on the 3/12/2012.

500 at Poyang Hu NNR on the 8/12/2012. 30 of these were at Canghu and an impressive 400+ at Dahuchi.

1400 at Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012. These involved ca.400 at Shahu and ca.1000 at Dahuchi.

250 at Nanjishan NNR, Xinjian on the 10/12/2012.

200 around Sheyang Saltworks Reservoir No. 1, Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012.

NORTHERN LAPWING *Vanellus vanellus* 凤头麦鸡

(5/14 35 69)

15 at Poyang Hu NNR on the 8/12/2012 with 10 near Canghu & five others around Dahuchi.

35 at Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012. These involved five between Yongxiu & Wucheng, 10 at Shahu and 20 around Dahuchi.

15 at Nanjishan NNR, Xinjian on the 10/12/2012.

3 at the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012.

1 was heard near the drained fishpond about 3.7 kilometres south of the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012.

GREY PLOVER *Pluvialis squatarola* 灰斑鹬

(4/14 50 56)

50 at Shanyutan, in the Minjiang Estuary, Changle on the 3/12/2012.

4 at Dahuchi, Poyang Hu NNR on the 8/12/2012.

1 at Shahu, Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012.

1 at Nanjishan NNR, Xinjian on the 10/12/2012.

LONG-BILLED PLOVER *Charadrius placidus* 长嘴剑鹬

(1/14 6 6)

6 besides the river through Wuyuan city on the 7/12/2012

KENTISH PLOVER *Charadrius alexandrinus* 环颈鸻

(3/14 400 440)

400 at Shanyutan, in the Minjiang Estuary, Changle on the 3/12/2012.

30 at Wenwu Beach, Changle, Fujian on the 5/12/2012. (5 metres)

10 on a drained fishpond about 3.7 kilometres south of the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012.

LESSER SAND PLOVER *Charadrius mongolus* 蒙古沙鸻

(1/14 5 5)

5 at Shanyutan, in the Minjiang Estuary, Changle on the 3/12/2012.

EURASIAN WOODCOCK *Scolopax rusticola* 丘鹑

(1/14 1 1)

1 was flushed from besides the main coast road (the Hai Bin Lu) about one kilometre south of the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012.

PIN-TAILED or SWINHOLE'S SNIPE *Gallinago stenura* or *G. megala* 针尾沙锥 or 大沙锥

(1/14 1 1)

1 at Shanyutan, in the Minjiang Estuary, Changle on the 3/12/2012.

COMMON SNIPE *Gallinago gallinago* 扇尾沙锥

(4/14 5 12)

1 besides the river in Wuyuan city on the 7/12/2012

2 at Poyang Hu NNR on the 8/12/2012.

5 at Dahuchi, Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012.

4 at the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012.

EURASIAN CURLEW *Numenius arquata* NT 白腰杓鹬

(4/14 300 305)

300 in the Minjiang Estuary from Shanyutan, Changle on the 3/12/2012.

1 was heard at Wenwu Beach, Changle, Fujian on the 5/12/2012. (5 metres)

2 singles at Nanjishan NNR, Xinjian on the 10/12/2012.

2 flew over Sheyang Saltworks Reservoir No. 1, Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012.

SPOTTED REDSHANK *Tringa erythropus* 鹤鹑

(7/14 2000 3043)

3 in the Minjiang Estuary from Shanyutan, Changle on the 3/12/2012.

500 at Poyang Hu NNR on the 8/12/2012. The vast majority of these, 450 birds, were at Canghu.

2000 at Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012. Although there were ca.50 at Shahu almost all of the day's birds (ca.2000) were at Dahuchi.

350 at Nanjishan NNR, Xinjian on the 10/12/2012.

145 between the 'Crane Farm' and the Xinyanggang Reed Farm at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012.

40 at Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012.

5 near the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 13/12/2012.

COMMON GREENSHANK *Tringa nebularia* 青脚鹑

(7/14 19 44)

6 in the Minjiang Estuary from Shanyutan, Changle on the 3/12/2012.

2 were heard at Wenwu Beach, Changle, Fujian on the 5/12/2012. (5 metres)

1 besides the Le An River at Shijian cun near Kengkou cun, Wuyuan on the 6/12/2012.

6 besides the river in Wuyuan city on the 7/12/2012.

8 at Poyang Hu NNR on the 8/12/2012. These included two between Yongxiu & Wucheng and four more near Canghu.

19 at Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012. These involved five between Yongxiu & Wucheng; four at Shahu and 10 around Dahuchi.

2 at Nanjishan NNR, Xinjian on the 10/12/2012.

GREEN SANDPIPER *Tringa ochropus* 白腰草鹑

(10/14 3 16)

1 near the Ramada Airport Hotel, Pudong, Shanghai on the 1/12/2012. (10 metres)

1 in the Minjiang Estuary from Shanyutan, Changle on the 3/12/2012.

3 besides the Le An River at Shijian cun near Kengkou cun, Wuyuan on the 6/12/2012.
 1 besides the river in Wuyuan city on the 7/12/2012,
 1 near Wucheng, Poyang Hu on the 8/12/2012.
 2 singles between Wucheng & Yongxiu, Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012.
 1 at Nanjishan NNR, Xinjian on the 10/12/2012.
 2 singles at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012 with the first near the 'Crane Farm' and the other in the Xinyanggang Reed Farm.
 2 singles at Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012 with one on the pool about 3.7 kilometres south of the 'Crane Farm' and another at the Sheyang Salt Works reservoir number 1.
 1 near the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 13/12/2012.

COMMON SANDPIPER *Actitis hypoleucos* 矶鹬

(5/14 3 7)

1 near the Ramada Airport Hotel, Pudong, Shanghai on the 1/12/2012. (10 metres)
 3 in the Minjiang Estuary around Shanyutan, Changle on the 3/12/2012.
 1 at Wenwu Beach, Changle, Fujian on the 5/12/2012. (5 metres)
 1 at the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012.
 1 on the pools at Sanlizha, Dafeng, Yancheng NNR on the 13/12/2012.

SANDERLING *Calidris alba* 三趾滨鹬

(1/14 150 150)

150 in the Minjiang Estuary around Shanyutan, Changle on the 3/12/2012.

RED-NECKED STINT *Calidris ruficollis* 红颈滨鹬

(1/14 1 1)

1 at Shanyutan, in the Minjiang Estuary, Changle on the 3/12/2012.

DUNLIN *Calidris alpina* 黑腹滨鹬

(7/14 850 1216)

850 at Shanyutan, in the Minjiang Estuary, Changle on the 3/12/2012.
 40 at Wenwu Beach, Changle, Fujian on the 5/12/2012. (5 metres)
 10 at Dahuchi, Poyang Hu NNR on the 8/12/2012.
 15 at Dahuchi, Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012.
 20 at Nanjishan NNR, Xinjian on the 10/12/2012.
 280 on a drained fishpond about 3.7 kilometres south of the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012.
 1 was heard over a drained fishpond about 3.7 kilometres south of the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012.

SPOON-BILLED SANDPIPER *Eurynorhynchus pygmaeus* CR 勺嘴鹬

(1/14 4 4)



4, including one first-winter, at Shanyutan, in the Minjiang Estuary, Changle on the 3/12/2012. Three birds had been seen several times earlier in the winter but today's was the first sighting of four together ('Lao Deng pers. comm. 3 Dec. 2012).

BLACK-HEADED GULL *Chroicocephalus ridibundus* 红嘴鸥

(8/14 1000 1640)

10 in the Minjiang Estuary around Shanyutan, Changle on the 3/12/2012.

40 at Wenwu Beach, Changle, Fujian on the 5/12/2012. (5 metres)

100 at Dahuchi, Poyang Hu NNR on the 8/12/2012.

1000 at Dahuchi, Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012.

30 at Nanjishan NNR, Xinjian on the 10/12/2012.

250 flew south over the fishponds within about 3.7 kilometres south of the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012.

80 flew south over the drained fishpond about 3.7 kilometres south of the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012.

130 in Yancheng NNR on the 13/12/2012 with 120 near the 'Crane Farm' in the early morning and 10 on the pools at Sanlizha, Dafeng later in the day.

SAUNDERS'S GULL *Chroicocephalus saundersi* VU 黑嘴鸥

(2/14 13 23)

13, two adult-winters and 11 first-winters, in the Minjiang Estuary around Shanyutan, Changle on the 3/12/2012.

10 flew south over the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012.

PALLAS'S GULL *Ichthyaetus ichthyaetus* 渔鸥

(2/14 4 6)

A remarkable four winter plumaged adults were seen near the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 11 December (with two remaining the following day). Pallas's Gull was first seen in Jiangsu as recently 26 December 2006 (Paul Holt et al. pers. obs.)



2 of the four adult-winter Pallas's Gulls at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012.

4 adults with other gulls on a drained fishpond about 3.7 kilometres south of the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012.

2 adult-winters on the drained fishpond about 3.7 kilometres south of the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012.

BLACK-TAILED GULL *Larus crassirostris* 黑尾鸥

(1/14 6 6)

6, including four first-winters, in the Minjiang Estuary around Shanyutan, Changle on the 3/12/2012.

HEUGLIN'S GULL *Larus heuglini* 乌灰银鸥

(3/14 42 44)

42 in the Minjiang Estuary around Shanyutan, Changle on the 3/12/2012.

1 adult with other gulls at Dahuchi, Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012.

1 adult with other gulls on a drained fishpond about 3.7 kilometres south of the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012.

VEGA GULL *Larus vegae* 西伯利亚银鸥

(2/14 1 2)

1 adult-winter in the Minjiang Estuary around Shanyutan, Changle on the 3/12/2012.

1 was heard in Binjiang Forest Park, Shanghai on the 14/12/2012.

[In addition 1 bird, possibly this species, with other gulls on a drained fishpond about 3.7 kilometres south of the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012].

MONGOLIAN GULL *Larus mongolicus* 蒙古银鸥

(9/14 120 417)

2 adults in Shanghai Zoo on the 2/12/2012.

70 in the Minjiang Estuary around Shanyutan, Changle on the 3/12/2012.
 3 at Dahuchi, Poyang Hu NNR on the 8/12/2012.
 4 at Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012.
 3 at Nanjishan NNR, Xinjian on the 10/12/2012.
 120 on the fishponds within about 3.7 kilometres south of the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012.
 120 at Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012 with 70 besides the drained fishpond about 3.7 kilometres south of the 'Crane Farm' & another 50 on the Kilometre 72 reservoir between Xinyanggang village and the Xinyanggang Reed Farm.
 80 in Yancheng NNR on the 13/12/2012 with 60 near the 'Crane Farm' in the early morning and 20 on the pools at Sanlizha, Dafeng later in the day.
 15 in Binjiang Forest Park, Shanghai on the 14/12/2012.

CASPIAN TERN *Hydroprogne caspia* 红嘴巨鸥

(1/14 32 32)

32 in the Minjiang Estuary around Shanyutan, Changle on the 3/12/2012.

WHISKERED TERN *Chlidonias hybrida* 须浮鸥

(1/14 5 5)



5 unseasonally late birds near Sheyang Saltworks Reservoir No. 1, Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012.

ORIENTAL TURTLE DOVE *Streptopelia orientalis* 山斑鸠

(9/14 80 247)

3 in Shanghai Zoo on the 2/12/2012.
 1 at Wenwu Beach, Changle, Fujian on the 5/12/2012. (5 metres)
 8 near Wuyuan on the 6/12/2012.
 10 in & around Wuyuan on the 7/12/2012 with four in Wuyuan town & five others at Yueliangwan.
 15 between Wucheng & Yongxiu, Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012.
 40 between the 'Crane Farm' and the Xinyanggang Reed Farm at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012.
 39 at Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012. The only significant count was of 30 at and on route to the Sheyang Saltworks Reservoir No. 1.
 80 between the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR, the pools at Sanlizha & Dafeng town on the 13/12/2012.
 50 in Binjiang Forest Park, Shanghai on the 14/12/2012.

SPOTTED DOVE *Spilopelia chinensis* 珠颈斑鸠

(14/14 30 171)

30 near the Ramada Airport Hotel, Pudong, Shanghai on the 1/12/2012. (10 metres)
 30 in Shanghai Zoo on the 2/12/2012.
 5 in the Minjiang Estuary, Changle on the 3/12/2012.
 4 in Fuzhou FP on the 4/12/2012.
 3 at Wenwu Beach, Changle, Fujian on the 5/12/2012. (5 metres)
 10 near Wuyuan on the 6/12/2012.
 2 besides the river in Wuyuan city on the 7/12/2012
 6 at Poyang Hu NNR on the 8/12/2012.
 4 between Wucheng & Yongxiu, Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012.
 2 near Nantong, Jiangsu on the 10/12/2012.
 5 between the 'Crane Farm' and the Xinyanggang Reed Farm at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012.
 24 at Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012. The only significant count was of 10 at and on route to the Sheyang Saltworks Reservoir No. 1.
 25 between the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR, the pools at Sanlizha & Dafeng town on the 13/12/2012.
 20 in Binjiang Forest Park, Shanghai on the 14/12/2012.

GREATER COUCAL *Centropus sinensis* 褐翅鸚鵡

(2/14 1 2)

1 in the Minjiang Estuary area, Changle on the 3/12/2012.
1 at Wenwu Beach, Changle, Fujian on the 5/12/2012. (5 metres)

COLLARED OWLET *Glaucidium brodiei* 领鸚鵡

(3/14 2 4)

1 was heard in Fuzhou FP on the 4/12/2012.
2 singles near Wuyuan on the 6/12/2012.
1 was heard at Huangsha, Wuyuan on the 7/12/2012.

ASIAN BARRED OWLET *Glaucidium cuculoides* 斑头鸚鵡

(1/14 1 1)

1 besides the Le An River at Shijian cun near Kengkou cun, Wuyuan on the 6/12/2012.

LONG-EARED OWL *Asio otus* 长耳鸮

(1/14 10 10)

10 roosting in Yancheng Ling Chang (Xinyanggang FP), Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012.

WHITE-THROATED KINGFISHER *Halcyon smyrnensis* 白胸翡翠

(4/14 2 5)

1 in the Minjiang Estuary, Changle on the 3/12/2012.
1 at Wenwu Beach, Changle, Fujian on the 5/12/2012. (5 metres)
2 at Poyang Hu NNR on the 8/12/2012.
1 besides the Xiuhe between Wucheng and Shahu, Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012.

COMMON KINGFISHER *Alcedo atthis* 普通翠鸟

(11/14 3 20)

1 was heard near the Ramada Airport Hotel, Pudong, Shanghai on the 1/12/2012. (10 metres)
1 in Shanghai Zoo on the 2/12/2012.
1 in the Minjiang Estuary, Changle on the 3/12/2012.
1 was heard in Fuzhou FP on the 4/12/2012.
2 singles at Wenwu Beach, Changle, Fujian on the 5/12/2012. (5 metres)
2 singles near Wuyuan on the 6/12/2012.
3 singles near Wuyuan on the 7/12/2012 with one
2 singles on the fishponds within about 3.7 kilometres south of the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012.
3 singles at Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012.
2 singles in Yancheng NNR on the 13/12/2012 with one near the 'Crane Farm' in the early morning and the other near the pools at Sanlizha, Dafeng later in the day.
2 in Binjiang Forest Park, Shanghai on the 14/12/2012.

CRESTED KINGFISHER *Megaceryle lugubris* 冠鱼狗

(1/14 1 1)

1 at Xiaoqi, Wuyuan on the 6/12/2012.

PIED KINGFISHER *Ceryle rudis* 斑鱼狗

(6/14 3 13)

3 over the Le An River at Shijian cun near Kengkou cun, Wuyuan on the 6/12/2012.
1 near Canghu, Poyang Hu NNR on the 8/12/2012.
2 singles at Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012.
3 at the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012.
1 was heard near the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012.
1 near the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 13/12/2012.

EURASIAN HOOPOE *Upupa epops* 戴胜

(7/14 6 21)

1 in the Minjiang Estuary, Changle on the 3/12/2012.
1 at Wenwu Beach, Changle, Fujian on the 5/12/2012. (5 metres)
3 at Dahuchi, Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012.
1 near Nantong, Jiangsu on the 10/12/2012.
6 in the Yancheng NNR area on the 11/12/2012. The first was close to Yancheng town while the other five were in Yancheng NNR.
4 singles at Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012.
2 near the pools at Sanlizha, Dafeng, Yancheng NNR on the 13/12/2012.

GREAT BARBET *Megalaima virens* 大拟啄木鸟

(2/14 8 9)

8, three seen & five others only heard, was heard in Fuzhou FP on the 4/12/2012.
1 was heard at Xiaoqi, Wuyuan on the 6/12/2012.

EURASIAN WRYNECK *Jynx torquilla* 蚁鴲

(1/14 1 1)

1 in the Minjiang Estuary area, Changle on the 3/12/2012.

SPECKLED PICULET *Picumnus innominatus* 斑姬啄木鸟

(1/14 3 3)

3, one seen & two others only heard, in Fuzhou FP on the 4/12/2012.

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

(3/14 6 9)

1 was heard in Fuzhou FP on the 4/12/2012.
2 at Xiaoqi, Wuyuan on the 6/12/2012.
7 at Yueliangwan, Wuyuan on the 7/12/2012.

GREAT SPOTTED WOODPECKER *Dendrocopos major* 大斑啄木鸟

(5/14 3 10)

1 was heard in Shanghai Zoo on the 2/12/2012.
2, a pair, at Yueliangwan, Wuyuan on the 7/12/2012.
2 in Yancheng Ling Chang (Xinyanggang FP), Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012.
3 between the Sanlizha pools & Dafeng town on the 13/12/2012.
2 in Binjiang Forest Park, Shanghai on the 14/12/2012.

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

(1/14 2 2)

2, a pair, at Yueliangwan, Wuyuan on the 7/12/2012.

RUFIOUS WOODPECKER *Micropternus brachyurus* 栗啄木鸟

(1/14 1 1)

1 was heard in Fuzhou FP on the 4/12/2012.

LARGE WOODSHRIKE *Tephrodornis virgatus* 钩嘴林贝鸟

(1/14 8 8)

8, including several first-years, in Fuzhou FP on the 4/12/2012.

GREY-CHINNED MINIVET *Pericrocotus solaris* 灰喉山椒鸟

(3/14 140 145)

140, including one flock of 85 birds, in Fuzhou FP on the 4/12/2012.
1 was heard besides the Le An River at Shijian cun near Kengkou cun, Wuyuan on the 6/12/2012.
4 near Wuyuan on the 7/12/2012 with one being heard near the river through the centre of town and another three at Yueliangwan.

SCARLET MINIVET *Pericrocotus flammeus* 赤红山椒鸟

(1/14 5 5)

5 in Fuzhou FP on the 4/12/2012.

LONG-TAILED SHRIKE *Lanius schach* 棕背伯劳

(14/14 19 112)

7 near the Ramada Airport Hotel, Pudong, Shanghai on the 1/12/2012. (10 metres)
6 in Shanghai Zoo on the 2/12/2012.

6 in the Minjiang Estuary area, Changle on the 3/12/2012.

1 was heard in Fuzhou FP on the 4/12/2012.

1 at Wenwu Beach, Changle, Fujian on the 5/12/2012. (5 metres)

10 near Wuyuan on the 6/12/2012.

10 on the 7/12/2012 with five in the Wuyuan area (one near the river through the centre of town, two at Yueliangwan and another to at Huangsha). Elsewhere there were also five between Wuyuan, Jingdezhen and Jiangyou later in the day.

8 in & around Poyang Hu NNR on the 8/12/2012.

5 at Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012.

19 on the 10/12/2012 with 17 at Nanjishan NNR, Xinjian, Jiangsu in the morning & another two between Shanghai & Nantong, Jiangsu in the late afternoon.

15 between the Yancheng town and 'Crane Farm' and the Xinyanggang Reed Farm at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012.

10 at Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012. Birds were widely encountered.

7 between the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR, the pools at Sanlizha & Dafeng town on the 13/12/2012.

8 in Binjiang Forest Park, Shanghai on the 14/12/2012.

CHINESE GREY SHRIKE *Lanius sphenocercus* 楔尾伯劳

(1/14 1 1)

1 in the Xinyanggang Reed Farm, Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012.

WHITE-BELLIED ERPORNIS *Erpornis zantholeuca* 白腹凤鹛

(1/14 1 1)

1 in Fuzhou FP on the 4/12/2012.

BLACK DRONGO *Dicrurus macrocercus* 黑卷尾

(1/14 1 1)

1 at Wenwu Beach, Changle, Fujian on the 5/12/2012. (5 metres)

EURASIAN JAY *Garrulus glandarius* 松鸦

(1/14 2 2)

2 in Fuzhou FP on the 4/12/2012.

AZURE-WINGED MAGPIE *Cyanopica cyanus* 灰喜鹊

(5/14 30 79)

30 in Shanghai Zoo on the 2/12/2012.

4 at the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012.

25 at Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012 with 15 around the 'Crane Farm' & another 10 at Yancheng Ling Chang (Xinyanggang FP).

10 near the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 13/12/2012.

10 in Binjiang Forest Park, Shanghai on the 14/12/2012.

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

(4/14 4 11)

4 in Fuzhou FP on the 4/12/2012.

2 besides the Le An River at Shijian cun near Kengkou cun, Wuyuan on the 6/12/2012.

4 at Huangsha, Wuyuan on the 7/12/2012.

1 was heard between Wucheng & Yongxiu, Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012.

GREY TREEPIE *Dendrocitta formosae* 灰树鹊

(1/14 40 40)

40 in Fuzhou FP on the 4/12/2012.

EURASIAN MAGPIE *Pica pica* 喜鹊

(5/14 410 684)

4 on the 10/12/2012 with one near Nanjishan NNR, Xinjian, Jiangsu in the morning & another three between Shanghai & Nantong, Jiangsu in the late afternoon.
410 between the Yancheng town and 'Crane Farm' and the Xinyanggang Reed Farm at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012. The vast majority of these, 330 birds,
flew north over the reed farm and were apparently heading to roost.

100 at various sites in Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012.

150 between the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR, the pools at Sanlizha, Dafeng & Nantong towns on the 13/12/2012.

20 in Binjiang Forest Park, Shanghai on the 14/12/2012.

WAXWING SP. *Bombycilla sp.*

(1/14 1 1)

1 was heard in Binjiang Forest Park, Shanghai on the 14/12/2012. There had been several Bohemian and two Japanese Waxwings there during the last few days.

YELLOW-BELLIED TIT *Periparus venustulus* 黄腹山雀

(4/14 9 16)

1 was heard over Shanyutan in the Minjiang Estuary, Changle on the 3/12/2012.

1 was heard at Xiaoqi, Wuyuan on the 6/12/2012.

5 near Wuyuan on the 7/12/2012 with one being heard besides the river through the centre of town and four more at Yueliangwan.

9 between Wucheng & Yongxiu, Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012.

JAPANESE TIT *Parus minor* 远东山雀

(11/14 16 64)

5 in Shanghai Zoo on the 2/12/2012.

2 in the Minjiang Estuary area, Changle on the 3/12/2012.

6 in Fuzhou FP on the 4/12/2012.

2 at Wenwu Beach, Changle, Fujian on the 5/12/2012. (5 metres)

4 around Wuyuan on the 6/12/2012.

16 around Wuyuan on the 7/12/2012 with four besides the river in Wuyuan city, eight at Yueliangwan and four at Huangsha.

1 between Wucheng & Yongxiu, Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012.

6 between the 'Crane Farm' and the Xinyanggang Reed Farm at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012.

6 at various sites in Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012.

6 in Yancheng NNR on the 13/12/2012 with four near the 'Crane Farm' in the early morning and two on the pools at Sanlizha, Dafeng later in the day.

10 in Binjiang Forest Park, Shanghai on the 14/12/2012.

CHINESE PENDULINE TIT *Remiz consobrinus* 中华攀雀

(5/14 15 24)

4 were heard near the Ramada Airport Hotel, Pudong, Shanghai on the 1/12/2012. (10 metres)

15 in the Minjiang Estuary area, Changle on the 3/12/2012.

1 at Dahuchi, Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012.

1 was heard near the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012.

3 singles were heard at Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012.

EURASIAN SKYLARK *Alauda arvensis* 云雀

(8/14 10 32)

2 singles near the Ramada Airport Hotel, Pudong, Shanghai on the 1/12/2012. (10 metres)

1 in the Minjiang Estuary area, Changle on the 3/12/2012.

5 at Poyang Hu NNR on the 8/12/2012. This species was outnumbered 3:1 by Oriental Skylark.

3 near Shahu at Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012.

10 at Nanjishan NNR, Xinjian on the 10/12/2012.

8 in the area between the 'Crane Farm' and the Xinyanggang Reed Farm at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012.

1 flew east over the pool about one kilometre south of the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012.

2 singles were heard in Yancheng NNR on the 13/12/2012 with the first near the 'Crane Farm' in the early morning and the other over the pools at Sanlizha, Dafeng later in the day.

ORIENTAL SKYLARK *Alauda gulgula* 小云雀

(4/14 15 32)

6 in the Minjiang Estuary area, Changle on the 3/12/2012.

1 was heard at Wenwu Beach, Changle, Fujian on the 5/12/2012. (5 metres)

15 at Poyang Hu NNR on the 8/12/2012. This species outnumbered Eurasian Skylark 3:1.

10 around Shahu, Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012.

COLLARED FINCHBILL *Spizixos semitorques* 领雀嘴鹀
(3/14 25 46)



25 in Fuzhou FP on the 4/12/2012.
15 near the Le An River at Shijian cun near Kengkou cun, Wuyuan on the 6/12/2012.
6 in Binjiang Forest Park, Shanghai on the 14/12/2012.

RED-WHISKERED BULBUL *Pycnonotus jocosus* 红耳鹎
(2/14 3 5)

2 in Fuzhou FP on the 4/12/2012.
3 in Binjiang Forest Park, Shanghai on the 14/12/2012. The birds here in Shanghai are likely of feral origin.

BROWN-BREASTED BULBUL *Pycnonotus xanthorrhous* 黄臀鹎
(1/14 1 1)

1 near the Le An River at Shijian cun near Kengkou cun, Wuyuan on the 6/12/2012.

LIGHT-VENTED BULBUL *Pycnonotus sinensis* 白头鹎
(14/14 100 473)

8 near the Ramada Airport Hotel, Pudong, Shanghai on the 1/12/2012. (10 metres)
20 in Shanghai Zoo on the 2/12/2012.
30 in the Minjiang Estuary area, Changle on the 3/12/2012.
100 in Fuzhou FP on the 4/12/2012.
20 at Wenwu Beach, Changle, Fujian on the 5/12/2012. (5 metres)
20 near Wuyuan on the 6/12/2012.
60 around Wuyuan on the 7/12/2012 with 20 besides the river in Wuyuan city, 30 at Yueliangwan and 10 at Huangsha.
20 at Poyang Hu NNR on the 8/12/2012. Most of these were on the wooded ridge between Wucheng and the southern side of Dahuchi.
30 between Wucheng & Yongxiu, Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012.
25 on the 10/12/2012 with 20 at Nanjishan NNR, Xinjian, Jiangsu in the morning & another five between Shanghai & Nantong, Jiangsu in the late afternoon.
20 at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012 with 10 near the 'Crane Farm' and a similar number in the Xinyanggang Reed Farm.
40 at various sites around Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012.
30 between the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR, the pools at Sanlizha & Dafeng town on the 13/12/2012.
50 in Binjiang Forest Park, Shanghai on the 14/12/2012.

MOUNTAIN BULBUL *Iole mccllellandii*

(2/14 3 4)

3 in Fuzhou FP on the 4/12/2012.
1 at Huangsha, Wuyuan on the 7/12/2012.

CHESTNUT BULBUL *Hemixos castanonotus* 栗背短脚鹎

(4/14 20 35)

1 on Shanyutan in the Minjiang Estuary, Changle on the 3/12/2012.
20 in Fuzhou FP on the 4/12/2012.
4 at Xiaqi, Wuyuan on the 6/12/2012.
10 at Huangsha, Wuyuan on the 7/12/2012.

BLACK BULBUL *Hypsipetes leucocephalus* 黑短脚鹎

(2/14 3 5)

3 in Fuzhou FP on the 4/12/2012.
2 were heard at Huangsha, Wuyuan on the 7/12/2012.

SAND MARTIN *Riparia riparia* 崖沙燕

(2/14 1 2)

1, with about 300 Barn Swallows, low over the reservoir at Km 72 between Xinyanggang village and the Xinyanggang Reed Farm, Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012.
1 with Barn Swallows again over the 'Km 72 reservoir' at Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012.

BARN SWALLOW *Hirundo rustica* 家燕

(3/14 300 351)

300, with a solitary Bank Martin, low over the reservoir at Km 72 between Xinyanggang village and the Xinyanggang Reed Farm, Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012.
50 again over the 'Km 72 reservoir' at Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012.
1 over a small canal near the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 13/12/2012.

RUFIOUS-FACED WARBLER *Abroscopus albogularis* 棕脸鹟莺

(1/14 1 1)

1 in Fuzhou FP on the 4/12/2012.

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

(4/14 2 5)

1 in Fuzhou FP on the 4/12/2012.
2, one seen & the other only heard, near the Le An River at Shijian cun near Kengkou cun, Wuyuan on the 6/12/2012.
1 was heard at Yueliangwan, Wuyuan on the 7/12/2012.
1 in Binjiang Forest Park, Shanghai on the 14/12/2012.

ASIAN STUBTAIL *Urosphena squameiceps* 鳞头树莺

(1/14 1 1)

1 was heard in Fuzhou FP on the 4/12/2012.

SILVER-THROATED BUSHTIT *Aegithalos glaucogularis* 银喉长尾山

(1/14 10 10)

10 in Shanghai Zoo on the 2/12/2012.

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

(3/14 6 11)

1 in Fuzhou FP on the 4/12/2012.
4 at Xiaqi, Wuyuan on the 6/12/2012.
6 at Yueliangwan, Wuyuan on the 7/12/2012.

DUSKY WARBLER *Phylloscopus fuscatus* 褐柳莺

(7/14 7 20)

7 in the Minjiang Estuary area, Changle on the 3/12/2012.

1 was heard at Wenwu Beach, Changle, Fujian on the 5/12/2012. (5 metres)

1 was heard near the Le An River at Shijian cun near Kengkou cun, Wuyuan on the 6/12/2012. It called a lot and even gave several bouts of song!

1 was heard besides the river in Wuyuan city on the 7/12/2012

2 singles near the drained fishpond about 3.7 kilometres south of the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012.

6 singles at Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012 - they were all between the 'Crane Farm' and the reed bed 3.7 kilometres south of there.

2 near the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 13/12/2012.

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

(3/14 2 5)

2 singles in Fuzhou FP on the 4/12/2012.

2 in the small park besides the river in Wuyuan city on the 7/12/2012

1 was heard in Binjiang Forest Park, Shanghai on the 14/12/2012.

[In addition two phylloscopus warblers, either this species or Yellow-browed Warbler, were seen from the coach between Xinyanggang village and the 'Km 72 reservoir' at Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012].

YELLOW-BROWED WARBLER *Phylloscopus inornatus* 黄眉柳莺

(6/14 3 13)

2 in Shanghai Zoo on the 2/12/2012.

3 in the Minjiang Estuary area, Changle on the 3/12/2012.

2 singles in Fuzhou FP on the 4/12/2012.

1 was heard at Wenwu Beach, Changle, Fujian on the 5/12/2012. (5 metres)

2 singles were heard near Wuyuan on the 6/12/2012.

3 separate birds were heard around Wuyuan on the 7/12/2012 with singles besides the river in Wuyuan city, at Yueliangwan and at Huangsha.

MARSH GRASSBIRD *Locustella pryeri* NT 斑背大尾莺

(1/14 1 1)

1 was heard at Nanjishan NNR, Xinjian on the 10/12/2012.

[In addition 1 bird, possibly this species, was glimpsed at Canghu, Poyang Hu on the 8/12/2012].

ZITTING CISTICOLA *Cisticola juncidis* 棕扇尾莺

(3/14 8 12)

8 at Poyang Hu NNR on the 8/12/2012. Birds were widely encountered.

2 at Dahuchi, Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012.

2 were heard near on Sheyang Saltworks Reservoir No. 1, Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012.

YELLOW-BELLIED PRINIA *Prinia flaviventris* 黄腹鹪莺

(1/14 6 6)

6 in the Minjiang Estuary area, Changle on the 3/12/2012.

PLAIN PRINIA *Prinia inornata* 纯色鹪莺

(6/14 4 13)

2 were heard in the Minjiang Estuary area, Changle on the 3/12/2012.

1 was heard at Wenwu Beach, Changle, Fujian on the 5/12/2012. (5 metres)

2 at Dahuchi, Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012.

4 were heard at Nanjishan NNR, Xinjian on the 10/12/2012.

2 near the drained fishpond about 3.7 kilometres south of the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012.

2 were heard near Sheyang Saltworks Reservoir No. 1, Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012.

COMMON TAILORBIRD *Orthotomus sutorius* 长尾缝叶莺

(1/14 1 1)

1 in Fuzhou FP on the 4/12/2012.

GREY-SIDED SCIMITAR BABBLER *Pomatorhinus swinhoi* 华南斑胸钩嘴

(3/14 4 7)

4, two pairs, in Fuzhou FP on the 4/12/2012.

2, a pair, were heard near the Le An River at Shijian cun near Kengkou cun, Wuyuan on the 6/12/2012.

1 at Huangsha, Wuyuan on the 7/12/2012.

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

(2/14 1 2)

1 in Fuzhou FP on the 4/12/2012.

1 near the Le An River at Shijian cun near Kengkou cun, Wuyuan on the 6/12/2012.

SPOTTED WREN-BABBLER *Spelaeornis formosus* 丽星鹪鹩

(1/14 2 2)

2 widely separate singing birds were heard in Fuzhou FP on the 4/12/2012. This species has only recently been discovered in this part of Fujian and was previously thought to be restricted to Wuyi Shan and the northwest.

RUFOUS-CAPPED BABBLER *Stachyridopsis ruficeps* 红头穗鹀

(2/14 2 3)

1 in Fuzhou FP on the 4/12/2012.

2, a pair, near the Le An River at Shijian cun near Kengkou cun, Wuyuan on the 6/12/2012.

HUET'S FULVETTA *Fulvetta hueti* 黑眉雀鹀

(3/14 15 19)

15 in Fuzhou FP on the 4/12/2012.

2 near the Le An River at Shijian cun near Kengkou cun, Wuyuan on the 6/12/2012.

2 at Huangsha, Wuyuan on the 7/12/2012.

CHINESE HWAMEI *Garrulax canorus* 画眉

(3/14 1 3)

1 singing bird was heard near the Le An River at Shijian cun near Kengkou cun, Wuyuan on the 6/12/2012.

1 was heard on the wooded ridge between Wucheng and the southern shore of Dahuchi, Poyang Hu NNR on the 8/12/2012.

1 singing bird was heard on the scrub covered ridge near Wucheng, Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012.

MASKED LAUGHINGTHRUSH *Garrulax perspicillatus* 黑脸噪鹀

(3/14 6 10)

6 in a single flock in Fuzhou FP on the 4/12/2012.

3 near the Le An River at Shijian cun near Kengkou cun, Wuyuan on the 6/12/2012.

1 was heard at Yueliangwan, Wuyuan on the 7/12/2012.

GREATER NECKLACED LAUGHINGTHRUSH *Garrulax pectoralis* 黑领噪鹀

(1/14 10 10)

10 in Fuzhou FP on the 4/12/2012.

VINOUS-THROATED PARROTBILL *Sinosuthora webbiana* 棕头鸦雀

(9/14 25 103)

15 near the Ramada Airport Hotel, Pudong, Shanghai on the 1/12/2012. (10 metres)

15 in Shanghai Zoo on the 2/12/2012.

1 near the Le An River at Shijian cun near Kengkou cun, Wuyuan on the 6/12/2012.

12 near Wuyuan on the 7/12/2012 with 10 at Yueliangwan and two others heard at Huangsha.

20 in & around Wucheng at Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012.

25 in reed beds around the fishponds within about 3.7 kilometres south of the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012.

10 at various sites around Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012.

4 were heard near the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 13/12/2012.

1 was heard in Binjiang Forest Park, Shanghai on the 14/12/2012.

SHORT-TAILED PARROTBILL *Neosuthora davidiana* 短尾鸦雀

(1/14 1 1)

1 near the Le An River at Shijian cun near Kengkou cun, Wuyuan on the 6/12/2012.

GREY-HEADED PARROTBILL *Psittiparus gularis* 灰头鸦雀

(1/14 10 10)

10 in a single flock in Fuzhou FP on the 4/12/2012.

REED PARROTBILL *Paradoxornis heudei* NT 震旦鸦雀

(3/14 4 9)

4 in a reed bed about 3.7 kilometres south of the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012.

3 singles were heard at Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012. The first was in a reed bed about 3.7 kilometres south of the 'Crane Farm', the second was heard midway between there and the 'Crane Farm' while the third was heard in a reed bed near Sheyang Saltworks Reservoir No. 1.

2 were heard near the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 13/12/2012.

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

(3/14 40 48)

4 in the Minjiang Estuary area, Changle on the 3/12/2012.

40 in Fuzhou FP on the 4/12/2012.

4 at Yueliangwan, Wuyuan on the 7/12/2012.

GOLDCREST *Regulus regulus* 戴菊

(4/14 4 11)

1 in Shanghai Zoo on the 2/12/2012.

2 near the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012.

2 were heard at Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012 with two in the 'Crane Farm' car park and two more in Yancheng Ling Chang (Xinyanggang FP).

4 were heard in Binjiang Forest Park, Shanghai on the 14/12/2012.

CRESTED MYNA *Acridotheres cristatellus* 八哥

(10/14 60 287)

25 near the Ramada Airport Hotel, Pudong, Shanghai on the 1/12/2012. (10 metres)

20 in the Minjiang Estuary area, Changle on the 3/12/2012.

2 in Changle urban area on the 4/12/2012.

24 on the 5/12/2012 with 20 near Wenwu Beach, Changle, Fujian (most of these were in & around the refuse dump) in the morning and four more between Nanchang airport and the Ganjiang river, Jiangxi in the afternoon. (5-60 metres)

30 near the Le An River at Shijian cun near Kengkou cun, Wuyuan on the 6/12/2012.

50 between Wuyuan, Jingdezhen & Jiangyou on the 7/12/2012.

50 at Poyang Hu NNR on the 8/12/2012. Most of these were either in or near Wucheng.

60 at Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012 with 40 between Yongxiu & Wucheng and another 20 between Wucheng & Banghu.

24 on the 10/12/2012 with 20 at Nanjishan NNR, Xinjian, Jiangsu in the morning & another four between Shanghai & Nantong, Jiangsu in the late afternoon.

2 in Binjiang Forest Park, Shanghai on the 14/12/2012.

RED-BILLED STARLING *Spodiopsar sericeus* 丝光椋鸟

(8/14 700 931)

50 in the Minjiang Estuary area, Changle on the 3/12/2012.

700 at a pre-roost gathering in Changle urban area on the 4/12/2012.

90 on the 5/12/2012 with 60 near Wenwu Beach, Changle, Fujian (most of these were in & around the refuse dump) in the morning and 30 more between Nanchang airport and the Ganjiang river, Jiangxi in the afternoon. (5-60 metres)

30 at Xiaopi, Wuyuan on the 6/12/2012.

20 near Wuyuan on the 7/12/2012 with 15 besides the river through the centre of town and five more at Yueliangwan.

10 near Wucheng, Poyang Hu NNR on the 8/12/2012.

30 between Wucheng & Yongxiu, Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012.

1 at Nanjishan NNR, Xinjian on the 10/12/2012.

WHITE-CHEEKED STARLING *Spodiopsar cineraceus* 灰椋鸟

(10/14 130 289)

15 near the Ramada Airport Hotel, Pudong, Shanghai on the 1/12/2012. (10 metres)

3 in the Minjiang Estuary area, Changle on the 3/12/2012.

4, two pairs, at Wenwu Beach, Changle, Fujian on the 5/12/2012. (5 metres)
15 near Wucheng, Poyang Hu NNR on the 8/12/2012.
130 at Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012. Five of these were between Yongxiu & Wucheng, another 120 were between Wucheng & Banghu and the final five near Dahuchi.
15 at Nanjishan NNR, Xinjian on the 10/12/2012.
30 on the 11/12/2012 with ten near Yancheng town and another 20 over the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR.
30, in flocks of 10 & 20 birds, around the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012 .
45 in Yancheng NNR on the 13/12/2012 with 40 (involving flocks of 10 & 30 that flew north and were presumably leaving a nearby roost) near the 'Crane Farm' in the early morning and five on the pools at Sanlizha, Dafeng later in the day.
2 in Binjiang Forest Park, Shanghai on the 14/12/2012.

BLACK-COLLARED STARLING *Gracupica nigricollis* 黑领椋鸟

(5/14 5 15)

2, a pair, near the Ramada Airport Hotel, Pudong, Shanghai on the 1/12/2012. (10 metres)
4, two pairs, in the Minjiang Estuary area, Changle on the 3/12/2012.
5 on the 7/12/2012 with one near the river through the centre of Wuyuan in the early morning and four others, two pairs, near Jingdezhen in the late afternoon.
1 between Wucheng & Yongxiu, Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012.
3 at Nanjishan NNR, Xinjian on the 10/12/2012.

COMMON STARLING *Sturnus vulgaris* 紫翅椋鸟

(2/14 345 348)

345 were counted in a woodland shelter belt close to the entrance to the Xinyanggang Reed Farm, Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012. Quite probably a record count for the whole of eastern China.
3 near the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 13/12/2012.

BLUE WHISTLING THRUSH *Myophonus caeruleus* 紫啸鸫

(1/14 2 2)

2 were heard in Fuzhou FP on the 4/12/2012.

WHITE'S THRUSH *Zoothera aurea* 怀氏虎鸫

(1/14 1 1)

1 in Shanghai Zoo on the 2/12/2012.

GREY-BACKED THRUSH *Turdus hortulorum* 灰背鸫

(6/14 2 8)

1 was heard near the Ramada Airport Hotel, Pudong, Shanghai on the 1/12/2012. (10 metres)
1 in Shanghai Zoo on the 2/12/2012.
1 in Fuzhou FP on the 4/12/2012.
2 were near the Le An River at Shijian cun near Kengkou cun, Wuyuan on the 6/12/2012.
2 loosely associating with other thrushes besides the river in Wuyuan city on the 7/12/2012
1 was heard in roadside scrub near Wucheng at Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012.

COMMON BLACKBIRD *Turdus merula mandarinus* 乌鸫

(10/14 50 182)

50 in Shanghai Zoo on the 2/12/2012.
1 between Nanchang airport and the Ganjiang river, Jiangxi on the 5/12/2012. (60 metres)
1 at Xiaoqi, Wuyuan on the 6/12/2012.
40 near Wuyuan on the 7/12/2012 with 35 (most apparently leaving a roost) near the river through the centre of town in the early morning and another five at Yueliangwan.
2 between Wucheng & Yongxiu, Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012.
11 on the 10/12/2012 with one at Nanjishan NNR, Xinjian, Jiangsu in the morning & another ten between Shanghai & Nantong, Jiangsu in the late afternoon.
15 between Yancheng town, the 'Crane Farm' and the Xinyanggang Reed Farm at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012.
20 at various sites in Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012.
12 between the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR, the pools at Sanlizha & Dafeng town on the 13/12/2012.
30 in Binjiang Forest Park, Shanghai on the 14/12/2012.

EYEBROWED THRUSH *Turdus obscurus* 白眉鸫

(1/14 2 2)

2 in Fuzhou FP on the 4/12/2012.

PALE THRUSH *Turdus pallidus* 白腹鸫

(9/14 15 43)

- 14 near the Ramada Airport Hotel, Pudong, Shanghai on the 1/12/2012. (10 metres)
- 5 in Shanghai Zoo on the 2/12/2012.
- 1 in the Minjiang Estuary area, Changle on the 3/12/2012.
- 2 in Fuzhou FP on the 4/12/2012.
- 1 at Wenwu Beach, Changle, Fujian on the 5/12/2012. (5 metres)
- 1 in a shelter belt near the drained fishpond about 3.7 kilometres south of the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012.
- 3 singles at Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012.
- 1 near the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 13/12/2012.
- 15 in Binjiang Forest Park, Shanghai on the 14/12/2012.

BROWN-HEADED THRUSH *Turdus chrysolaus* 赤胸鸫

(2/14 2 3)

- 2 in the Minjiang Estuary area, Changle on the 3/12/2012.
- 1 at Wenwu Beach, Changle, Fujian on the 5/12/2012. (5 metres)

[RUFIOUS-TAILED THRUSH *Turdus naumanni*]

(5/14 400 426)

- 1 was heard loosely associating with other thrushes besides the river in Wuyuan city on the 7/12/2012
- 6 between Wucheng & Yongxiu, Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012.
- 15 at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012 with five near the 'Crane Farm' and ten others in the Xinyanggang Reed Farm.
- 4 between the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR, the pools at Sanlizha & Dafeng town on the 13/12/2012.
- 400 in Binjiang Forest Park, Shanghai on the 14/12/2012.

NAUMANN'S THRUSH *Turdus naumanni* 红尾鸫

(5/14 20 24)

- 1 in Shanghai Zoo on the 2/12/2012.
- 1 between Wucheng & Yongxiu, Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012.
- 1 in a shelter belt near the drained fishpond about 3.7 kilometres south of the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012.
- 1 near the drained fishpond about 3.7 kilometres south of the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012.
- 20 in Binjiang Forest Park, Shanghai on the 14/12/2012.

DUSKY THRUSH *Turdus eunomus* 斑鸫

(5/14 60 106)



35 near the Ramada Airport Hotel, Pudong, Shanghai on the 1/12/2012. (10 metres)
 5 in Shanghai Zoo on the 2/12/2012.
 5 in the Minjiang Estuary area, Changle on the 3/12/2012.
 1 the Xinyanggang Reed Farm, Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012.
 60 in Binjiang Forest Park, Shanghai on the 14/12/2012.

INTERMEDIATE NAUMANN'S/DUSKY THRUSH *T. naumanni/T. eunomus*
 (3/14 2 4)

1 in Shanghai Zoo on the 2/12/2012.
 1 between Wucheng & Yongxiu, Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012.
 2 in Binjiang Forest Park, Shanghai on the 14/12/2012.

JAPANESE ROBIN *Erithacus akahige* 日本歌鸲
 (1/14 1 1)

1 singing male in Fuzhou FP on the 4/12/2012. It was seen very well & sound recorded.

SIBERIAN RUBYTHROAT *Luscinia calliope* 红喉歌鸲
 (2/14 1 2)

1 male near the Le An River at Shijian cun near Kengkou cun, Wuyuan on the 6/12/2012.
 1 calling bird was heard at Yueliangwan, Wuyuan on the 7/12/2012.

RED-FLANKED BLUETAIL *Tarsiger cyanurus* 红胁蓝尾鸲
 (6/14 5 23)

5 in Shanghai Zoo on the 2/12/2012.
 5, including three males, in Fuzhou FP on the 4/12/2012.
 1 near the Le An River at Shijian cun near Kengkou cun, Wuyuan on the 6/12/2012.
 5 near Wuyuan on the 7/12/2012 with two at Yueliangwan and three more at Huangsha.
 2 in Yancheng Ling Chang (Xinyanggang FP) on the 12/12/2012.
 5 in Binjiang Forest Park, Shanghai on the 14/12/2012.

ORIENTAL MAGPIE ROBIN *Copsychus saularis* 鹊鸂

(6/14 6 22)

2 in Shanghai Zoo on the 2/12/2012.

4 in the Minjiang Estuary area, Changle on the 3/12/2012.

6 in Fuzhou FP on the 4/12/2012.

4 at Wenwu Beach, Changle, Fujian on the 5/12/2012. (5 metres)

5 around Wuyuan on the 7/12/2012 with one besides the river in Wuyuan city, three at Yueliangwan and one at Huangsha.

1 near the fishing station at Dahuchi, Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012.

DAURIAN REDSTART *Phoenicurus auroreus* 北红尾鸂

(12/14 12 64)

8 near the Ramada Airport Hotel, Pudong, Shanghai on the 1/12/2012. (10 metres)

5 in the Minjiang Estuary area, Changle on the 3/12/2012.

8 in Fuzhou FP on the 4/12/2012.

2 at Wenwu Beach, Changle, Fujian on the 5/12/2012. (5 metres)

6 near the Le An River at Shijian cun near Kengkou cun, Wuyuan on the 6/12/2012.

12 around Wuyuan on the 7/12/2012 with two besides the river in Wuyuan city, six at Yueliangwan and four at Huangsha.

2 singles at Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012.

4 at Nanjishan NNR, Xinjian on the 10/12/2012.

6 between the 'Crane Farm' and the Xinyanggang Reed Farm at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012.

5 at Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012.

2 near the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 13/12/2012.

4 in Binjiang Forest Park, Shanghai on the 14/12/2012.

PLUMBEOUS WATER REDSTART *Rhyacornis fuliginosa* 红尾水鸂

(3/14 8 19)

6 females in Fuzhou FP on the 4/12/2012.

8 near the Le An River at Shijian cun near Kengkou cun, Wuyuan on the 6/12/2012.

5 around Wuyuan on the 7/12/2012 with two besides the river in Wuyuan city, two more at Yueliangwan and one at Huangsha.

SLATY-BACKED FORKTAIL *Enicurus schistaceus* 灰背燕尾

(1/14 12 12)

12, five pairs and two singles, in Fuzhou FP on the 4/12/2012.

WHITE-CROWNED FORKTAIL *Enicurus leschenaulti* 白冠燕尾

(2/14 2 3)

1 was heard in Fuzhou FP on the 4/12/2012.

2 singles were heard near the Le An River at Shijian cun near Kengkou cun, Wuyuan on the 6/12/2012.

SIBERIAN or STEJNEGER'S STONECHAT *Saxicola maurus* or *S. stejnegeri* 黑喉石即鸟

(2/14 1 2)

1 male in the Minjiang Estuary area, Changle on the 3/12/2012.

1 male at Wenwu Beach, Changle, Fujian on the 5/12/2012. (5 metres)

BLUE ROCK THRUSH *Monticola solitarius* 蓝矶鸂

(1/14 1 1)

1 male *philippensis* at Wenwu Beach, Changle, Fujian on the 5/12/2012. (5 metres)

CHESTNUT-BELLIED ROCK THRUSH *Monticola rufiventris* 栗腹矶鸂

(1/14 1 1)

1 male in Fuzhou FP on the 4/12/2012.

BROWN DIPPER *Cinclus pallasii* 褐河乌

(1/14 1 1)

1 was heard at Xiaoqi, Wuyuan on the 6/12/2012.

ORANGE-BELLIED LEAFBIRD *Chloropsis hardwickii* 橙腹叶鹎

(3/14 5 12)

3 in Fuzhou FP on the 4/12/2012.

5 near Wuyuan on the 6/12/2012. The first was near the Le An River at Shijian cun near Kengkou cun while the other four, two pairs, were at Xiaoqi.

4 near Wuyuan on the 7/12/2012 with three being seen at Yueliangwan and one being heard at Huangsha.

FIRE-BREASTED FLOWERPECKER *Dicaeum ignipectus* 红胸啄花鸟

(1/14 3 3)

3 in Fuzhou FP on the 4/12/2012.

FORK-TAILED SUNBIRD *Aethopyga christinae* 叉尾太阳鸟

(3/14 6 8)

6 in Fuzhou FP on the 4/12/2012.

1 was heard near the Le An River at Shijian cun near Kengkou cun, Wuyuan on the 6/12/2012.

1 at Huangsha, Wuyuan on the 7/12/2012.

EURASIAN TREE SPARROW *Passer montanus* 麻雀

(12/14 600 1650)

100 near the Ramada Airport Hotel, Pudong, Shanghai on the 1/12/2012. (10 metres)

150 in Shanghai Zoo on the 2/12/2012.

50 in the Minjiang Estuary area, Changle on the 3/12/2012.

30 at Wenwu Beach, Changle, Fujian on the 5/12/2012. (5 metres)

10 near the Le An River at Shijian cun near Kengkou cun, Wuyuan on the 6/12/2012.

20 near Wuyuan on the 7/12/2012.

30 at Poyang Hu NNR on the 8/12/2012.

570 in the area between the 'Crane Farm' and the Xinyanggang Reed Farm at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012. These included 150 immediately around the 'Crane Farm' itself and another 400, in three flocks of 50, 100 and 250 birds, in the Reed Farm area.

300 at Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012.

3000 between the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR, the pools at Sanlizha, Dafeng & Nantong towns on the 13/12/2012.

10 in Binjiang Forest Park, Shanghai on the 14/12/2012.

WHITE-RUMPED MUNIA *Lonchura striata* 白腰文鸟

(2/14 10 15)

5 at Xiaoqi, Wuyuan on the 6/12/2012.

10 at Yueliangwan, Wuyuan on the 7/12/2012.

SCALY-BREASTED MUNIA *Lonchura punctulata* 斑文鸟

(1/14 10 10)

10 between Wucheng & Yongxiu, Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012.

EASTERN YELLOW WAGTAIL *Motacilla tschutschensis taivana* 黄鹡鸰

(4/14 10 13)

10 in the Minjiang Estuary area, Changle on the 3/12/2012. All four birds that were seen well enough to racially assign were *taivana*.

1 was heard in flight over the Xinyanggang Reed Farm, Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012.

1 flew over Sheyang Saltworks Reservoir No. 1, Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012.

1 heard as it flew south near the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 13/12/2012.

GREY WAGTAIL *Motacilla cinerea* 灰鹡鸰

(5/14 2 6)

1 near the Ramada Airport Hotel, Pudong, Shanghai on the 1/12/2012. (10 metres)

1 in Shanghai Zoo on the 2/12/2012.

1 in Fuzhou FP on the 4/12/2012.

2 at Wenwu Beach, Changle, Fujian on the 5/12/2012. (5 metres)

1 at Xiaoqi, Wuyuan on the 6/12/2012.

WHITE WAGTAIL *Motacilla alba* 白鹡鸰

(14/14 25 108)



Male *lugens* White Wagtail in the Minjiang Estuary area, Changle on the 3 December 2012

- 4, including three *leucopsis*, near the Ramada Airport Hotel, Pudong, Shanghai on the 1/12/2012. (10 metres)
1 male *leucopsis* in Shanghai Zoo on the 2/12/2012.
8, including two *leucopsis*, one *ocularis* & two *lugens*, in the Minjiang Estuary area, Changle on the 3/12/2012.
6, including four *leucopsis*, in Fuzhou FP on the 4/12/2012.
25, including 15 *leucopsis*, one *ocularis* & one *lugens*, at Wenwu Beach, Changle, Fujian on the 5/12/2012. (5 metres)
10, including six *leucopsis*, near the Le An River at Shijian cun near Kengkou cun, Wuyuan on the 6/12/2012.
15 around Wuyuan on the 7/12/2012 with 10, including eight *leucopsis* & one *ocularis* besides the river in Wuyuan city. Elsewhere there were two more *leucopsis* at Yueliangwan and another two *leucopsis* at Huangsha.
8, including three *leucopsis*, at Poyang Hu NNR on the 8/12/2012.
6, including two *leucopsis* & one *ocularis*, at Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012.
4 in Jiangsu on the 10/12/2012 with two that weren't seen well enough to racially assign at Nanjishan NNR, Xinjian & two *leucopsis* between there and Nanchang's Changbei airport.
2 singles on the 11/12/2012. The first was seen near Yancheng town while the second flew over the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR.
9, all *leucopsis*, at Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012.
3 in Yancheng NNR on the 13/12/2012 with one near the 'Crane Farm' in the early morning and the other two, once of which was *leucopsis*, on the pools at Sanlizha, Dafeng later in the day.
8 *leucopsis* in Binjiang Forest Park, Shanghai on the 14/12/2012.

RICHARD'S PIPIT *Anthus richardi* 理氏鹀

(5/14 8 18)

- 8 in the Minjiang Estuary area, Changle on the 3/12/2012.
1 at Wenwu Beach, Changle, Fujian on the 5/12/2012. (5 metres)
3 at Poyang Hu NNR on the 8/12/2012 with two at Canghu and one at Dahuchi.
3 at Shahu, Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012.
3 at Nanjishan NNR, Xinjian on the 10/12/2012.

OLIVE-BACKED PIPIT *Anthus hodgsoni* 树鹀

(7/14 10 37)

- 5 near the Ramada Airport Hotel, Pudong, Shanghai on the 1/12/2012. (10 metres)
4 in the Minjiang Estuary area, Changle on the 3/12/2012.
2 near the Le An River at Shijian cun near Kengkou cun, Wuyuan on the 6/12/2012.
10 near Wuyuan on the 7/12/2012 with four near the river through the centre of town and another six at Yueliangwan.
4 at Wucheng, Poyang Hu NNR on the 8/12/2012.
2 singles in Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012. The first flew over fishponds about 3.7 kilometres south of the 'Crane Farm' while the second was in Yancheng Ling Chang (Xinyanggang FP).
10 in Binjiang Forest Park, Shanghai on the 14/12/2012.

RED-THROATED PIPIT *Anthus cervinus* 红喉鹀

(4/14 5 12)

- 1 near the Ramada Airport Hotel, Pudong, Shanghai on the 1/12/2012. (10 metres)

5 singles in the Minjiang Estuary area, Changle on the 3/12/2012.
3 at Nanjishan NNR, Xinjian on the 10/12/2012.
3 in the Xinyanggang Reed Farm, Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012.

BUFF-BELLIED PIPIT *Anthus rubescens japonicus* 黄腹鸫

(8/14 100 148)

2 near the Le An River at Shijian cun near Kengkou cun, Wuyuan on the 6/12/2012.
1 besides the river in Wuyuan city on the 7/12/2012
5 at Poyang Hu NNR on the 8/12/2012. High counts included 90 at Bianhu. This species outnumbered Water Pipit 20:1.
25 at Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012. These involved 15 at Shahu and 10 at Dahuchi.
10 at Nanjishan NNR, Xinjian on the 10/12/2012.
2 singles at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012 with one near the 'Crane Farm' and the other in the Xinyanggang Reed Farm.
4 at Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012.
4 in Yancheng NNR on the 13/12/2012 with two near the 'Crane Farm' in the early morning and two more around the pools at Sanlizha, Dafeng later in the day.

WATER PIPIT *Anthus spinoletta* 水鸫

(8/14 6 29)

1 near the Ramada Airport Hotel, Pudong, Shanghai on the 1/12/2012. (10 metres)
1 was heard over Shanyutan in the Minjiang Estuary, Changle on the 3/12/2012.
5 with numerous Buff-bellied Pipits at Bianhu, Poyang Hu NNR on the 8/12/2012. This species was outnumbered 20:1 by Buff-bellied Pipit.
6 at Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012. These involved four at Shahu and two at Dahuchi.
5 at Nanjishan NNR, Xinjian on the 10/12/2012.
4 at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012 with two near the 'Crane Farm' and two others in the Xinyanggang Reed Farm.
4 at Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012.
3 in Yancheng NNR on the 13/12/2012 with two near the 'Crane Farm' in the early morning and the other near the pools at Sanlizha, Dafeng later in the day.

BUFF-BELLIED or WATER PIPIT *Anthus rubescens* or *A. spinoletta* 黄腹鸫 or 水鸫

(3/14 50 110)

50 distant and unidentifiable pipits were at Bianhu, Poyang Hu on the 8/12/2012.
40 between Wucheng, Banghu & Shahu at Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012.
20 at Nanjishan NNR, Xinjian on the 10/12/2012.

BRAMBLING *Fringilla montifringilla* 燕雀

(4/14 5 12)

2 at Yueliangwan, Wuyuan on the 7/12/2012.
2 between Wucheng & Yongxiu, Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012.
3 in Yancheng Ling Chang (Xinyanggang FP), Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012.
5 in Binjiang Forest Park, Shanghai on the 14/12/2012.

GREY-CAPPED GREENFINCH *Chloris sinica* 金翅雀

(7/14 15 44)

15 in the Minjiang Estuary area, Changle on the 3/12/2012.
5 near the Le An River at Shijian cun near Kengkou cun, Wuyuan on the 6/12/2012.
2 singles were heard near Wuyuan on the 7/12/2012 with the first being over the river through the centre of town and the other being at Yueliangwan.
2 were heard near Wucheng, Poyang Hu on the 8/12/2012.
15 between Wucheng & Yongxiu, Poyang Hu NNR on the 9/12/2012.
4, two pairs, flew south over the near coastal fish ponds about 3.7 kilometres south of the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012.
1 was heard over Binjiang Forest Park, Shanghai on the 14/12/2012.

EURASIAN SISKIN *Carduelis spinus* 黄雀

(3/14 25 31)

25 in Shanghai Zoo on the 2/12/2012.
2 in Yancheng Ling Chang (Xinyanggang FP), Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012.
4 in Binjiang Forest Park, Shanghai on the 14/12/2012.

EURASIAN BULLFINCH *Pyrrhula pyrrhula* 红腹灰雀

(2/14 9 10)



9, two males & seven females, in Yancheng Ling Chang (Xinyanggang FP), Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012. Photographed both males showed characters of *rosacea*. Not that Shanghai birder Zhang Lin had seen 5 Bullfinch at this site on the 31 Oct. 2012.
 1 in Binjiang Forest Park, Shanghai on the 14/12/2012. Calling frequently it was only seen poorly, so poorly in fact that we were even unable to tell if it was a male or a female. There's been at least one other sighting in Shanghai this autumn –with these two recent records perhaps being the first in the municipality since 1912 (Richard Lewthwaite in litt. 1/1/2012).

HAWFINCH *Coccothraustes coccothraustes* 锡嘴雀
(3/14 5 7)

1 near the Ramada Airport Hotel, Pudong, Shanghai on the 1/12/2012. (10 metres)
 1 in Yancheng Ling Chang (Xinyanggang FP), Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012.
 5 in Binjiang Forest Park, Shanghai on the 14/12/2012.

CHINESE GROSBEAK *Eophona migratoria* 黑尾蜡嘴雀
(7/14 100 135)

4 in Shanghai Zoo on the 2/12/2012.
 2, a pair, in the Minjiang Estuary area, Changle on the 3/12/2012.
 15 near the Le An River at Shijian cun near Kengkou cun, Wuyuan on the 6/12/2012.
 2 at Yueliangwan, Wuyuan on the 7/12/2012.
 2 near the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012.
 100 at Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012. Small numbers of birds were seen at several sites including over the reed bed about 3.7 kilometres south of the 'Crane Farm', over the 'Crane Farm' car park and near Sheyang Saltworks Reservoir but there was also one much larger count - 93 in Yancheng Ling Chang (Xinyanggang FP) in the late afternoon.
 10 in Binjiang Forest Park, Shanghai on the 14/12/2012.

MEADOW BUNTING *Emberiza cioides* 三道眉草鹀
(3/14 2 4)

2 singles on Shanyutan in the Minjiang Estuary, Changle on the 3/12/2012.
 1 at Wenwu Beach, Changle, Fujian on the 5/12/2012. (5 metres)
 1 male about 3.7 kilometres south of the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012.

TRISTRAM'S BUNTING *Emberiza tristrami* 白眉鹀
(2/14 3 4)

1 in Fuzhou FP on the 4/12/2012.

3 at Huangsha, Wuyuan on the 7/12/2012.

CHESTNUT-EARED BUNTING *Emberiza fucata* 栗耳鹀

(1/14 2 2)

2 singles in the Xinyanggang Reed Farm, Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012.

LITTLE BUNTING *Emberiza pusilla* 小鹀

(4/14 6 11)

2 singles near the Ramada Airport Hotel, Pudong, Shanghai on the 1/12/2012. (10 metres)

1 was heard in the Minjiang Estuary area, Changle on the 3/12/2012.

2 singles near 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012.

6 in roadside scrub and trees between 2-3.7 kilometres south of the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012.

YELLOW-BROWED BUNTING *Emberiza chrysophrys* 黄眉鹀

(2/14 8 10)

2 near the Le An River at Shijian cun near Kengkou cun, Wuyuan on the 6/12/2012.

8 at Yueliangwan, Wuyuan on the 7/12/2012.

RUSTIC BUNTING *Emberiza rustica* 田鹀

(2/14 6 9)

1 was heard near Wucheng, Poyang Hu NNR on the 8/12/2012.

6 in roadside scrub and trees between 1-2 kilometres south of the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012.

2 in Binjiang Forest Park, Shanghai on the 14/12/2012.

YELLOW-THROATED BUNTING *Emberiza elegans* 黄喉鹀

(1/14 3 3)

3, two females and a male in roadside scrub and trees between 2-3.7 kilometres south of the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012.

BLACK-FACED BUNTING *Emberiza spodocephala* 灰头鹀

(10/14 10 51)

3 near the Ramada Airport Hotel, Pudong, Shanghai on the 1/12/2012. (10 metres)

10 in the Minjiang Estuary area, Changle on the 3/12/2012.

2 at Wenwu Beach, Changle, Fujian on the 5/12/2012. (5 metres)

10 near the Le An River at Shijian cun near Kengkou cun, Wuyuan on the 6/12/2012.

7 around Wuyuan on the 7/12/2012 with two besides the river in Wuyuan city, four at Yueliangwan and one at Huangsha.

1 was heard near Wucheng, Poyang Hu NNR on the 8/12/2012.

7 in the area between the 'Crane Farm' and the Xinyanggang Reed Farm at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012.

5 in roadside scrub and trees between 1-3.7 kilometres south of the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012.

4 near the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 13/12/2012.

2 in Binjiang Forest Park, Shanghai on the 14/12/2012.

PALLAS'S REED BUNTING *Emberiza pallasi* 苇鹀

(3/14 6 17)

6 were heard at Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012 with five near the 'Crane Farm' and the other in the Xinyanggang Reed Farm.

6 in the reed bed about two kilometres south of the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012.

5 near the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 13/12/2012.

COMMON REED BUNTING *Emberiza schoeniclus* 芦鹀

(4/14 2 7)

2 singles on Shanyutan in the Minjiang Estuary, Changle on the 3/12/2012.

1 was heard in the Xinyanggang Reed Farm, Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012.

2 singles in Yancheng NNR on the 12/12/2012. The first flew over the 'Crane Farm' car park while the second did the same at Sheyang Saltworks Reservoir No. 1.

2 were heard near the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 13/12/2012.

LAPLAND LONGSPUR *Calcarius lapponicus* 铁爪鹀

(3/14 1 3)

1 at Dahuchi, Poyang Hu NNR on the 8/12/2012.
1 was heard over the Xinyanggang Reed Farm, Yancheng NNR on the 11/12/2012.
1 was heard near the 'Crane Farm' at Yancheng NNR on the 13/12/2012.

MAMMALS, REPTILES & AMPHIBIANS

RED-BELLIED SQUIRREL (Pallas's Squirrel) *Callosciurus erythraeus*

(3/14 5 11)

15 in Shanghai Zoo on the 2/12/2012.
5 in Fuzhou FP on the 4/12/2012.
1 at Xiaoqi, Wuyuan on the 6/12/2012.

MARITIME STRIPED SQUIRREL *Tamiops maritimus*

(1/14 2 2)

2 singles near Wuyuan on the 7/12/2012 with the first at Yueliangwan and the second at Huangsha.

YANGTZE FINLESS PORPOISE *Neophocaena phocaenoides*

(1/14 7 7)

7 between Wucheng, Canghu & Bianhu at Poyang Hu NNR on the 8/12/2012.



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