



SICHUAN & TIBETAN PLATEAU TOUR REPORT

8th May to 28th May 2014

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

Either for rarity value, excellent views or simply a group favourite.

- **Crested Ibis**
- **Black Baza**
- **Severtzov's Grouse**
- **Tibetan Snowcock**
- **Blood Pheasant**
- **Temminck's Tragopan**
- **Koklass Pheasant**
- **Blue Eared Pheasant**
- **Chinese Monal**
- **White Eared Pheasant**
- **Lady Amherst's Pheasant**
- **Black-necked Crane**
- **Himalayan Rubythroat**
- **Firethroat**
- **Indian Blue Robin**
- **Emei Shan Liocichla**
- **Crested Tit-warbler**
- **White-browed Tit-warbler**
- **Sukatschev's Laughingthrush**
- **Barred Laughingthrush**
- **Red-winged Laughingthrush**
- **Spotted Laughingthrush**
- **Chinese Cupwing**
- **Brown Parrotbill**
- **Great Parrotbill**
- **Przewalski's Nuthatch**
- **Sichuan Treecreeper**
- **Sooty Tit**
- **Pere David's Tit**
- **Tibetan Grey Shrike**
- **Sichuan Jay**
- **Collared Crow**
- **Hume's Ground-tit**
- **Streaked Rosefinch**
- **Slaty Bunting**
- **Pallas's Reed Bunting**

SUMMARY:

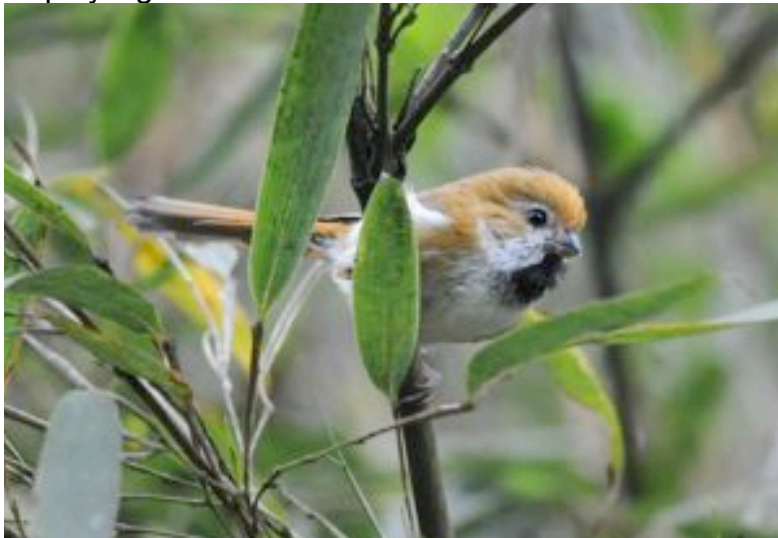
Our exploration of amazing Sichuan started in the huge city of Chengdu, before we ventured into the mountainous wilderness that is a constant backdrop to our birding. Past experience really helped us in securing several new species for this tour and we also had the added excitement of some brilliant passage migrants as well. Longcanggou gave us Sichuan Treecreeper and Pere David's Tit, plus many other crackers! Fantastic views of Firethroats followed, as well as a couple of migrating Pallas's Reed Buntings found at over 3400m, before we reached Balangshan. A veritable feast of rare and stunning birds were seen here, such as Chinese Monal and Tibetan Snowcock. Moving on to Mengbishan and its Sichuan Jays preceded another exciting visit to the stunning Tibetan Plateau. There's just too many good birds but, as always Black-necked Cranes, cute Ground-Tits and elegant Blue Eared-Pheasants stole the show. This year we had an extension to remote Foping Nature reserve and other areas which bumped up the trip list and enabled us to see the incredibly rare Crested Ibis at a nest and many other scarce birds. We ended up with 309 species, including many endemic and rare birds on this brilliant tour. With some of the best scenery imaginable, good food and a very keen group all contributing in finding some great birds this truly was a wonderful tour!

Days 1 – 2 8th May – 9th May

The 9th May was our arrival day in Chengdu and our multi-national group had flown in from the USA, South Africa and the UK, with Martin, Lia & Peter B arriving a couple of days ago – and getting lucky with **Chinese Bamboo-partridge** already! Once everyone had assembled we visited one of the city parks for a couple of hours, and over the noise of music and people dancing we found a few birds that are unlikely during the rest of the tour. Pride of place went to a pair of **Yellow-billed (Chinese) Grosbeaks** giving good views in the canopy above us. It seemed to me that **Chinese Blackbirds** were more numerous than ever, whilst we found several flocks of **Black-throated Tits**, **Vinous-throated Parrotbills** and **White-browed Laughingthrushes**. A **Taiga Flycatcher** is rather unusual here and a few members of the group managed to get onto it before it disappeared, and there was also **Black-crowned Night-heron** and **Little Egret** here as well. An **Eurasian Spoonbill** flying over the hotel was particularly bizarre as well, but it is migration time and just a shame we couldn't nail a canopy dwelling phylloscopus warbler in the park – bet it was something good! We ended the day with a fine evening meal in a nearby restaurant and then early to bed for the big kick-off tomorrow.

Day 3 Saturday 10th May

Left Chengdu at 6am and drove towards the town of Ya'an and headed to a nice little area beside a river for our first birding stop. We'd already had lots of rain overnight and during our 2 hour journey, so I was pleased to see the weather clearing when we arrived. A quick scan of the river revealed **Himalayan White Wagtail** (*alboides* race), **Plumbeous Water-redstart** and a pair of **Collared Finchbills** perched on some telegraph wires. Walking down to the bridge and a group of **Japanese White-eyes** were found and there was a **Forest Wagtail** singing from some overhead power cables. We then spent a pleasant couple of hours birding along a trail at the edge of a small village and quickly found a very active couple of **Brown-rumped (Swinhoe's) Minivets** in the tall trees. In fact we enjoyed repeated views of them during our time here, eventually seeing them perched rather than just flying around in a display flight. There were several **Oriental Greenfinches** here, although they were somewhat



Golden Parrotbill - Longcanggou

overshadowed by 3 male **Yellow-rumped Flycatchers** present. There was also several **Asian Brown Flycatchers**, which are transient migrants here and on their way to breeding grounds further north. A **Rufous-faced Warbler** was also much appreciated, as were some good views of **Ashy-throated Parrotbills**, whilst our first **Brownish-flanked Bush-warbler** put on a fine show. There was also **Pacific** and **House Swifts**, **Sand Martin**, and the white-headed form of **Himalayan Black Bulbul** as well.

Leaving here we had lunch across the river, and also had some very close views of a pair of **Rufous-faced Warblers** feeding some almost fully grown juveniles. Then we called into Ya'an to buy some fruit and bread for the next couple of days before driving another couple of hours to Longcanggou, seeing a group of **Red-billed Blue Magpies** along the way. We were staying in a brand new hotel, which was

actually adjacent to where we stayed last year. However, this one has en-suite rooms – heaven!!

After some initial problems getting access into Longcanggou Forest Park which enabled us to get great looks at **Kloss's Leaf-warbler**, we drove to the mid-elevation level and began walking. Well we got all of 30 yards before a random piece of tape playing resulted in a pair of **Golden Parrotbills** coming straight in and giving mind-blowing views. Considering I missed them last year – not a bad start! We also had a pair of **Ultramarine Flycatchers**, **Pygmy Wren-babbler**, **Claudia's Leaf-warbler**, **Buff-throated Warbler**, **Blue-winged Minla**, **Yellow-browed**, **Green-backed** and **Fire-capped Tits**, and a splendid male **Gould's Sunbird**. Back at the lodge and just before dusk 3 groups of **Chinese Bamboo-partridges** began calling and we scoped a **Large Hawk-Cuckoo** perched on a metal tower.

Day 4 Sunday 11th May

We drove up to the highest point possible on the mountain (in our coach anyway), seeing a female **Lady Amherst's Pheasant** along the way. We had breakfast 'al fresco' during which we saw **Ashy-throated Warbler**, **Aberrant Bush-warbler**, **Buff-barred**, **Ashy-throated** and **Sichuan Leaf-warblers**, another **Golden Parrotbill**, and **Golden-breasted Fulvetta** amongst others.

Then we walked up to the marsh at the top, seeing a cracking **Spotted Laughingthrush**, **Sichuan Leaf-warblers**, **Grey-hooded Fulvetta**, **Chestnut-headed Tesia**, **Elliot's Laughingthrush**, 20+ migrating **Oriental Honey Buzzards**, **Crested Goshawk**, a **Black Baza** was new for this tour, **White-throated Needletail**, **Darjeeling Woodpecker**, **Olive-backed Pipits**, **Short-billed Minivet**, **Brown Bush-warbler**, **Russet Bush-warbler**, several **Bianchi's Warblers**, and many **Large-billed Leaf-warblers**.



Spotted Laughingthrush

At the marsh there was a **Spotted Bush-warbler**, **White-bellied Redstart**, and **Yellowish-bellied Bush-warbler** – but no parrotbills..! We got back to the coach for a late lunch and then drove a little lower. An easy walk along the track produced **Eurasian Nuthatch**, a pair of **Red-tailed Minlas**, and both **Fire-capped** and **Yellow-browed Tits** coming in for a look at us. We ended the day with yet more **Golden Parrotbills** and a much closer **Golden-breasted Fulvetta**. Ended the day with a flyby **Asian Koel** in the hotel garden.

Day 5 Monday 12th May

Must admit I woke up this morning feeling despondent at our lack of success with parrotbills and tragopan and wondered what we could see today. Funny how things turn out as this was a cracking day with a steady stream of new birds - but the day didn't get off to a great start as our coach was blocked from driving up the mountain by a stupidly parked car. This delayed us by half an hour and didn't help improve my feeling of gloom! But as we drove up I heard an **Emei Leaf-warbler** singing and we hopped out for a look, and followed this with a flyover

Speckled Woodpigeon, a distant perched **Oriental Cuckoo**, **Long-tailed Minivet**, the often tricky **Emei Shan Liocichla**, **Ferruginous Flycatcher** and a superbly confiding **White-tailed Robin**, plus **Blue-winged Minla**. Not a bad pre-breakfast haul at all....

Continuing up the mountain we saw a **Verditer Flycatcher** and had another better view of the liocichla. We had breakfast at the usual place before walking up the track for a few hours and I remember this walk for some really unexpected sightings. I mean we had a **Pere David's Tit** coming in quite close and a **Sichuan Treecreeper** creeping up a pine tree above the track – amazing! There was also a pair of **Red-winged Laughingthrushes** feeding in a Rhododendron tree with some **Elliot's Laughingthrushes**, several **Rufous-gorgetted Flycatchers**, more **Red-tailed Minlas**, closer **Grey-hooded Fulvettas**, and a fine male **Vinaceous Rosefinch**.



Great Parrotbills at last!



Pere David's Tit at Longcanggou

Walking back down we had a mega close up view of a **Crimson-breasted Woodpecker**. Driving lower we took a side track and I was thinking we were done for the day but was proved wrong again and you just can't second guess things in Sichuan. We had two amazingly busy periods. First up though a **Pygmy Wren-babbler** posed nicely below us beside a small stream. Then we hit the jackpot with a mass of birds coming in to the owl-tape with **Black-chinned Yuhina** and **Chestnut-flanked White-eye** being new. The next blizzard of birds held **Chestnut-crowned Warbler**, **Marten's Warbler**, **Emei Leaf-warbler**, and lots of **Yellow-bellied Warblers**. It was unfortunate that the light was fading fast as we were really enjoying ourselves here!

Day 6 Tuesday 13th May

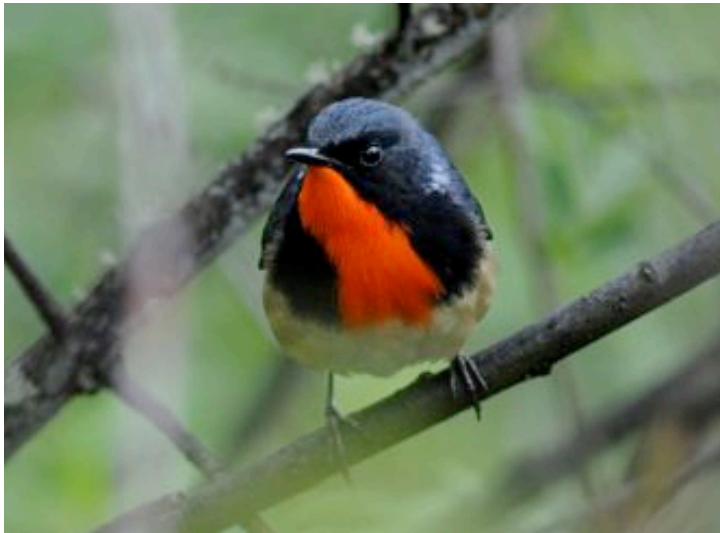
Had to leave at 5am in order to reach the top of the mountain and another crack at parrotbills, which had so far proved relatively elusive. We made good time up the bumpy forest road and after a quick picnic breakfast started walking towards the pass. We hadn't gone far when a **Great Parrotbill** started calling but didn't respond to the tape, but then another one started calling behind us and this time we had views, albeit rather poor, as it scaled a tall tree. Moving on we managed to reach the pass just after 9am and then staked out the marshy area where the **Spotted Bush-warbler** again showed very well and the Chinese Cupwing (**Scaly-breasted Wren-babbler**) still refused to show. We heard the **Plain-backed Thrush** singing in the distance but it was too far away to see – this bird may be split in the future.

Eventually after all our hard work we got our just rewards when a **Brown Parrotbill** came in for close views, followed amazingly by a pair of **Great Parrotbills** shortly after. However **Grey-hooded Parrotbill** remained elusive and we had to give up and walk back to the coach. On the way down we had our first **Chestnut Thrush**, another **Chestnut-headed Tesia** and Alan saw a **White-bellied Redstart**. Other birds seen this morning included **Stripe-throated Yuhina** and another **Red-winged Laughingthrush**.

But now it was time to head to pastures new and our journey to the next hotel was punctuated by..... a puncture! During this frustrating period we occupied our time with some birding and had **Ashy-throated Parrotbill**, **White-browed Laughingthrush**, **Brown-breasted Flycatcher**, **Russet Sparrow** and a **Blue Whistling-thrush**. Once the tyre had been changed we drove to a nearby town and saw **Asian House Martin** and a pair of close **Plumbeous Water-redstarts**.

Day 7 Wednesday 14th May

A 5.30am departure saw us arriving at one of my favourite sites, Erlang Shan, shortly after sunrise and we began driving up in search of **Lady Amherst's Pheasant**. Well we found two females and a couple of immature males, plus Peter B saw a male briefly as well. Success! Then we drove back down and spent some time in the dry scrubby slopes which were home



Firethroat – Erlang Shan

to **Brown-breasted Bulbuls** and **Collared Finchbills**. A singing male **Indian Blue Robin** here was something of a surprise, as was a couple of **Grey-crowned Warblers** on territory here and a **Grey Bushchat** was another surprise. Even better was a **Chinese Song Thrush** singing right out in the open from the top of a bush near the road. A few **Chestnut Thrushes**, **Daurian Redstarts** and **Yellow-streaked Warblers** were more expected but still very nice, whilst our main targets of **Chinese Babax** and **Black-streaked Scimitar-babbler** took more work to find. A flock of **Tibetan Siskin** flew by as well and turned out to be the only sighting of the tour!

Highlight of the morning was undoubtedly the cracking **Firethroat** that showed superbly well in some low bushes beside the road and we spent a memorable quarter of an hour watching it. A drive further up resulted in a pair of **Grey-headed Bullfinches** and a couple of **Spotted Nutcrackers** before we decided to drive around to the other side of the mountain.

The drive up the other side of the mountain lived up to its reputation as the wet side as we had low cloud and miserable drizzle for the first hour or so. We had lunch high up the mountain and saw our first **White-capped river-chat** here before driving on a little further, but the road was deteriorating quickly with lots of boulders strewn across it. Anyway, all we saw was a **Rosy Pipit** here so turned around and headed back down. I didn't really know if we would see anything at all in these conditions but as luck would have it the rain stopped and so we began walking and saw a number of new trip birds. A male **Slaty-blue Flycatcher** was a good find, but when a burst of owl call resulted in a **Sooty Tit** joining a mega-number of

warblers, well it certainly got our pulses racing. In fact there was an incredible number of warblers all around us: **Sichuan Leaf**, **Buff-barred**, **Claudia's** and **Ashy-throated**. Then a **Chinese Cupwing** (a recent split from Scaly-breasted Wren-babbler) sang and we walked back up the hill and had mind-blowing views of a pair just a few metres away. Another couple of owl sessions resulted in many previously seen species, including a very confiding male **Gould's Sunbird**. A male **Slaty Bunting** also put in a very welcome and unexpected appearance as well to continue our excellent run of great sightings today.

Ended the day with a perched **Collared Owlet** and a **Little Forktail** posing nicely beside a waterfall. We even reached the hotel at a reasonable time, just a shame there wasn't any electricity for a few hours..!

Day 8 Thursday 15th May

A long drive today, but the scenery was outstanding as we passed through huge steep-sided river valleys and up to Jiabin Shan at 4155m at the pass. We saw a few birds such as **Brown Dipper**, **Crested Myna** and a migrating **Arctic Warbler** that shouldn't have been here, before reaching the mountain. Once the road began to rise and lunch beckoned we hit paydirt with a small group of totally unexpected **Spectacled Parrotbills**. I was amazed that they were here but there was a reasonable stand of bamboo and the birds responded quickly to the ipod and came to check us out. An **Alpine Leaf-warbler** showed here as well before we drove on up into the pine forest.



Chinese Cupwing

We had several **Himalayan Griffons**, as well as more migrating **Oriental Honey-buzzards**, **Eurasian Kestrel**, **Himalayan Buzzard** and a **Lammergeier** as well to boost our raptor list. A huge flock of **White-collared Yuhinas** and **Buff-barred Warblers** came down to check us out and a **Rufous-vented Tit** was also with them. But then Peter C spotted a pair of **Przewalski's Nuthatch** on the other side of the road and we could watch these delightful birds for several minutes below us.

Further up above the tree line a couple odd-looking birds crossed the road in front of the coach and we pulled over to check them out. Unbelievably they were **Pallas's Reed Buntings**, on their way north to Siberia or further east no doubt, and I was blown away as we were at around 3400m....!!!! There was also a few **Rosy Pipits** and our first **Blue-fronted Redstarts**. Frustratingly the pass at 4155m was shrouded in low cloud and when a **Tibetan Snowcock** began calling things got even more frustrating as we just could not see it in the poor visibility. Oh well, will have to leave that one for tomorrow.... Continuing on we had a few **Eurasian Crag-martins** as well.

We eventually arrived at our comfortable hotel in Rilong at 6.45pm and that left just enough daylight for a few of the group to see **Hill Pigeon** and **White-throated Redstart** behind the hotel.

Day 9 Friday 16th May

The first day on Balang Shan is always memorable and today was no exception as we found many of the must-see birds of this incredible mountain. As always, the 4am departure hurt and arriving before daybreak resulted in what seems the usual heard-only **Wood Snipe** in the inevitable mist. Must admit I hate this bird! Anyway, we drove just a few kilometres lower and began scanning for monals and pheasants. Well, we had numerous **White Eared-Pheasants** feeding on the hillside above, quickly followed by a superb **Koklass Pheasant** found by Hadyn, calling from a ridge and we had very nice scope views as it called away for a minute or two before disappearing. There was also **Kessler's Thrush** and **Northern Goshawk** as well. Simon spotted our first **Dark-breasted Rosefinch** perched on top of a nearby pine tree and then, thanks to a tip off from my friend Sid Francis, we jumped on the coach and drove up the road. Setting scopes up on a pair of **Chinese Monals** feeding in the top of a pine tree below us has to be one of the major trip highlights. Thanks Sid. A male **Golden Bush Robin** was also spotted below us and was a real bonus.

We then drove lower in search of tragopans without any luck and it was quite gloomy in the mist which was rising from the valley below. So up the mountain we drove and back to the tunnel area where a **Chestnut-crowned Bush-warbler** was singing and showed very nicely. Then a **Wallcreeper** appeared and we followed it for a while, getting such great views. As if that wasn't enough, a **Snow Pigeon** flew in and landed above us – way below where it should have been.

Driving up to the higher elevations in search of more 'chickens' and we stopped in an area where I've seen **Tibetan Snowcocks** before. Sure enough one was calling and after a lengthy search it was Zu who picked it up feeding on the hillside above us. What a bird this is and another top trip tick – and when you consider the outstanding scenery we were surrounded by then this was a very memorable encounter. We also saw our first **Grandalas** and **Alpine Choughs** as well here. After watching the snowcock for maybe half an hour we continued up to the pass at 4347m and searched for **Snow Partridges** which, judging by other birders comments were just not around. We walked a fair way but didn't see any, however did get nice looks at **Brandt's** and **Plain Mountain-finches**, as well as several **Alpine Accentors**.



Black-browed Tit

Driving lower, birds were thin on the ground but one particular hillside was alive with singing **White-tailed Rubythroats**, recently arrived from wintering grounds. At a random stop for coffee we picked up a pair of **Pink-rumped Rosefinches** feeding quietly in some flowering bushes, and another surprising find was a calling **Two-barred Warbler**! This latter species is way off course I think and is on its way to breeding grounds in Siberia.

Our last birding session of the day was just above Rilong where a nice walk along the road resulted in close views of **Black-browed Tit**, and there was also **Grey-headed Bullfinch**, **Rufous-vented Tit**, **Hume's Warbler**, and another pair of **Przewalski's Nuthatch**. What a day!

Day 10 Saturday 17th May

Started the day with a 'chicken run' on Balang Shan which resulted in a male **Temminck's Tragopan** perched up in a pine tree, followed by a couple **Koklass Pheasants** and an obliging pair of **Blood Pheasants**. We then had breakfast close to some mature conifers and found a pair of awesome **Collared Grosbeaks**, as well as **Chinese White-browed Rosefinch**, male **Himalayan Bluetail**, **Giant Laughingthrush** and a **Chinese Fulvetta**.



The magnificent Balangshan - home to an enviable selection of superb birds.

Moving further up the mountain we had another **Snow Pigeon**, along with **Grey-sided Bush-warbler**, **Sichuan Tit**, **Rufous-breasted Accentor**, **Alpine Leaf-warbler** and eventually managed to get a look at a pair of **Verreaux's Monal Partridges**.

Dropping downhill again a **Barred Laughingthrush** was a nice find but the area was getting quiet so decided to head to higher levels in search of **Snow Partridge**. Over the next 4 hours we had further views of yesterday's goodies such as both mountain-finches, **Grandala**, **Tibetan Snowcock**, **Alpine Accentor** and others during our search. It was pretty frustrating as we heard 4 different partridges at different areas but none were responding to the ipod, and just when we had run out of new areas to check and were thinking about calling it quits - we found one perched high on a ridge calling back at us. In fact there were at least 3 birds and through the scope we could get all the plumage details. Excellent!

So driving down we had a singing **Yellow-streaked Warbler** and a **Rufous-bellied Woodpecker**, and a quick check behind the hotel resulted in **Daurian Redstart**, several **Common Rosefinches** and a **Godlewski's Bunting**.

Day 11 Sunday 18th May

A spot of pre-breakfast birding above Rilong began at 6.30am but it was quite strange how quiet the hillsides and small forest patches were. With our first **Grey-crested Tit** and **Grey-**

with a **Black-faced Woodpecker** being seen we returned to the hotel for breakfast (luxury!) before setting out on the 5 hour drive to Mengbi Shan, passing through scenically spectacular river valleys and quaint Tibetan-style villages along the way and at one of which we enjoyed a delicious lunch.

It was mid afternoon by the time we made it to the mountain and in bright sunshine there wasn't much singing at all, but around the pass we had **Chinese Beautiful** and **Pink-rumped Rosefinches**, **Kessler's Thrush**, and Peter B spotted a **Hog Badger** feeding on the hillside above us. Down in the forest we walked along the road, seeing **Northern Goshawk**, male **Himalayan Bluetail**, **Chinese White-browed Rosefinch**, **Goldcrest**, **Grey-crested** and **Rufous-vented Tits**, and a **White-winged Grosbeak**. Rather worryingly, there were no jays....



Sichuan Jay

Day 12 Monday 19th May

Spent the day amidst the fine pine-clad mountain slopes of Mengbishan. Having already nailed **Koklass Pheasant** we didn't need an early start and instead enjoyed the luxury of a 6am departure from the hotel. Upon arrival the sun was just creeping over the horizon but it took quite a while for the birds to get active. In fact for the next couple of hours we didn't really see much at all, so when a couple of birders said they had seen 'the jay' higher up the road we drove straight there. Well, there was nothing at all here and no sign of any jays, which are usually tape responsive.

So we decided to drive above the treeline and see if any rosefinches were around. A good move as it turned out as we had **Chinese Beautiful**, **Chinese White-browed**, **Pink-rumped** and 3 female and a cracking male **Streaked Rosefinch**.



Crested Tit-Warbler

Back down in the forest we began walking along the road from a point about a kilometre below the treeline and it was still quiet. However, Peter B then found us a pair of **Crested Tit-warblers** feeding quietly in some roadside trees and we were able to watch them for a good quarter of an hour. What a bird! Continuing on for another 2 kilometres we managed decent views of a **Hodgson's Treecreeper** and all of a sudden Peter B again picked up a large bird flying through the trees and a quick burst from the ipod resulted in 3 **Sichuan Jays** flying right towards us and perching right in front of us. A huge relief for all of us as things weren't looking too promising for this species.

Our picnic lunch was taken higher up the mountain and this was a great move as it turned out, because after a short walk we had 3 **Severtzov's (Chinese) Grouse** flying past us and into the forest below – a great result! We also managed to call in a pair of **Verreaux's Monal-partridges** for some closer views than we had experienced on Balangshan.

We spent the rest of the afternoon following a trail which was very quiet before driving back to the hotel for an early finish.

Day 13 Tuesday 20th May

This is the day everyone truly looks forward to as we travel up onto the Tibetan Plateau, not only for the fantastic scenery but some great birds of course! We left Maerkang at 5.30am and drove for around an hour and a half through wooded river valleys until we reached a small 'restaurant' for some omelette and noodle breakfast. Some of the guys birded outside and found a pair of **Hodgson's Redstart** feeding around a log pile.

Continuing on we checked out a nice looking river where Alan had a pair of **Mandarin Ducks** fly past. As the road wound ever upwards we saw our first **Common Pheasants**, plenty of **Kessler's Thrushes** and some **Eurasian Cuckoos** on the telegraph wires. A nice scrub covered hillside above the treeline gave us **Godlewski's Bunting**, **Pere David's (Plain) Laughingthrush**, a pair of cracking **White-browed Tits**, whilst nearby a pair of **Severtzov's (White-browed) Tit-warblers** showed very close to us. A **Lammergeier**, **Golden Eagle**, and several **Himalayan Griffons** flew over. A **Dusky Warbler** showed well, but a **Greenish**



White-browed Tit



Severtzov's (White-browed) Tit-Warbler

Warbler was something of a surprise in the low scrub.

And then we were on the plateau and a wide open vista of broad grassland and rolling hills where we saw many new birds. There were **Black-necked Cranes**, **Upland Buzzards**, 3 **Sakers**, 2 **Black Storks**, **Ruddy Shelduck**, **Little Owl**, **Eurasian Cuckoo**, **Eurasian Hoopoe**, **Azure-winged Magpie**, **Horned Lark**, **Oriental Skylark**, **Tibetan Wagtail**, **Brown Shrike**, **White-rumped** and **Rufous-necked Snowfinches** and some distant **Ground-tits**.

With storm clouds getting closer a flock of **Asian House** and **Pale Martins** flew low over the road and we ended the journey in driving rain. Lovely!

Day 14 Wednesday 21st May

Just as the sun began to peek over the distant hills we were in place for our **Blue Eared-Pheasant** vigil at Baxi Forest. It really was rather cool and as we sipped coffee, watched numerous **Black-eared Kites** flying around. There was also a **Twite** perched on telegraph

wires behind us, our first **Slaty-backed Flycatcher**, **Sichuan Tit**, a few **Daurian Jackdaws** flying over, both **Chestnut & Kessler's Thrushes**, and a very obliging male **Severtzov's Tit-warbler** continuously bringing food to its nest nearby. However, no pheasants were forthcoming so we drove down the valley and walked into the forest at a particular spot I like. We hadn't walked very far when I heard the distinctive call of **Sukatschev's** (Snowy-cheeked) **Laughingthrush** and in no time at all it appeared on the slope in front of us and showed quite well. There was also quite a few **Grey-headed Bullfinches** posing nicely as well. Driving back to Ruoergai we saw a pair of **Tibetan (Chinese) Grey Shrikes** along the road and were treated to superb views. Wow!

Leaving here we drove back up the hill, this time hearing a **Blue Eared-Pheasant** – so we will be back tomorrow! Then we set off towards Flower Lake. We drove across the plateau, and made our first stop when several displaying **Oriental Skylarks** were seen and as we searched the area saw a pair of close **Ground-tits**. The next stop was when several **Himalayan Griffons** were seen beside a carcass, and amazingly there were 4 **Cinereous (Black) Vultures** present. As we scanned the area, we came across both **White-rumped** and **Rufous-necked Snowfinches** as well amongst a colony of **Black-lipped Pika**.

We eventually reached Flower Lake and hopped aboard the bus that takes you down to the boardwalk and lake – and I was hoping for a few more unusual birds here as it is migration time. Well, we were not to be disappointed as we made several great finds, scarce Sichuan birds and new birds for the Zoothera tour list. A **Eurasian Teal** was a new list addition but not that spectacular, an **Eastern Marsh Harrier** was spotted by Alan, then Simon spotted the first of two **Whooper Swans** present, a **Temminck's Stint** was also a first for this tour, followed by a **Grey-headed Lapwing** and a couple of **Northern Lapwings**. Wow again!



Chinese Nuthatch

Plenty of more expected birds were around such as **Ferruginous Duck** and **Red-crested Pochards** amongst commoner wildfowl, **White-winged Tern**, **Brown-headed Gull**, but at least five different **Eurasian Bitterns** were seen, and some **Black-necked Cranes** are always noteworthy. But we had to wait for quite a while before securing decent views of **Tibetan Lark**, a pair of which were present from the boardwalk.

Day 15 Thursday 22nd May

We returned to Baxi forest early this morning, but hopes weren't high as there was a steady drizzle with some mist that kept on rising from the valley below. So upon arrival we had a coffee and the rain eased so we staked out the usual spot for about 20 minutes before Simon spotted a **Blue Eared-Pheasant** feeding further down the valley and upon further investigation there was a pair present. They were feeding totally unconcerned in an open area and everyone had great views of this beautiful bird. Can't tell you what a relief this was!

So after breakfast we drove lower and walked along the road and into the forest, seeing a pair of **Great Spotted Woodpeckers** before a **Chinese Nuthatch** was found. This little beauty came quite low to check us out and we were able to watch it for a good 20 minutes. We meandered around the forest for a while, seeing several **White-browed Rosefinches**, **Slaty-backed Flycatcher**, **Yellow-streaked Warbler**, **Godlewski's Bunting** and other previously seen species. So we drove back up the road and some of us walked around the hillside and scrub covered valleys for any sign of a partridge, but without much luck. But there was a pair of **Eurasian Wrynecks**, **Streaked** and **Pink-rumped Rosefinches** and **White-browed Tit** present. So leaving here we drove towards our next hotel, stopping for a picnic lunch on the plateau. Here we had a small flock of **Twite**, **Ground-Tit** and **White-rumped Snowfinch** before heading off. Our last stop before reaching Chuanzhusi was to locate **Siberian Rubythroat**, which we did in spectacular fashion and had much closer views than usual.

Day 16 Friday 23rd May

Our last spot of birding all together was at Gongangling Forest and it began in a thick mist which prompted coffees all round and some breakfast. Thankfully the weather cleared pretty



Siberian Rubythroat

quickly and we were able to enjoy a pair of much-wanted **Maroon-backed Accentors** cavorting in the bushes below us. Then we walked the trail a couple of times but couldn't turn up anything else new for our lists apart from a **Chinese Leaf-warbler**, but still enjoyed further views of **White-bellied Redstart**, **Hodgson's Treecreeper**, **Rufous-vented Tit**, **Himalayan Bluetail** and others.

Then it was time to say goodbye to Alan, Nicola, Mike and Hadyn who headed back to Chengdu, whilst the rest of us set off through yet more stunning scenery to Baolun – a drive of some 8 hours. We did see a **Black-faced Bunting** that was singing whilst we had lunch in a restaurant though!

Day 17 Saturday 24th May

We left Baolun early doors and headed towards our next base at Foping, a distance of some 320Kms. But first of all we paid a visit to Yangxian, home to the fabled **Crested Ibis** and we found a few birds feeding in rice fields surrounded by tall forested hills. We were also privileged to see a nest with an adult and 2 large juveniles in residence.

Then we continued through the beautiful forested Qinling mountain range, stopping along the way for a pair of **Mandarin Ducks**, **Crested Kingfisher**, **Rufous-capped Babbler**, **Vinous-**



Crested Ibis

throated Parrotbill, and lots of **Collared Finchbills**. We eventually pulled into a surprisingly good hotel in the town of Foping at 5.30pm and enjoyed some time to relax before dinner.

Days 18 - 19 Sunday 25th May & Monday 26th May

I found these a rather frustrating couple of days, as we'd all been looking forward to searching for **Blackthroat** – one of THE birds of China. But the weather had other ideas and after a 4am departure from the hotel we found ourselves at the parking area in low cloud, drizzle and high winds. Not exactly perfect weather for searching for a skulking species in dense bamboo really! So obviously, despite trying, nothing was singing or responding to the ipod so we phuffed around a bit with a very inquisitive **Chinese Leaf-warbler** that flew in to 3 metres away. A **Gould's Sunbird** and a **Brown Bush-warbler** were the only other species around the parking area, so we walked down another path but it was really quiet, so we headed out and drove to another valley where we eventually found a troop of stunning **Golden Snub-nosed Monkeys**. Probably Asia's finest primate..!!! We particularly enjoyed a pair of **Sooty**



Chinese Leaf-warbler



Golden Snub-nosed Monkey

Tits and a **Ferruginous Flycatcher** and some **Yellow-bellied Tits** were also good. After a hot cooked lunch the weather had improved sufficiently for a **Martens's Warbler** to sing in the garden so we headed back up for another crack at **Blackthroat**. Well, over the next 3 hours we heard it and it came in close on a couple of occasions but never showed well enough.

The following day continued in much the same vain with a very brief view of a **Blackthroat**, as well **Great Parrotbill**, **Spectacled Fulvetta** and other goodies.

Day 20 Tuesday 27th May

Yes a long drive to Chengdu indeed, almost ten hours in all but we eventually arrived around 6pm and enjoyed our final meal together before flying back home the following day.

Nick Bray.

BIRDLIST FOR SICHUAN & TIBETAN PLATEAU

May 2014

	SPECIES	SCIENTIFIC NAME
	E – Endemic BE - Breeding Endemic NE - Near Endemic	
1.	Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>
2.	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>
3.	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>
4.	Great Egret	<i>Casmerodius albus</i>
5.	Eastern Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus coromandus</i>
6.	Chinese Pond-heron	<i>Ardeola bacchus</i>
7.	Black-crowned Night-heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>
8.	Eurasian Spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>
9.	Black Stork	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>
10.	Crested Ibis E	<i>Nipponia nippon</i>
11.	Whooper Swan	<i>Cygnus cygnus</i>
12.	Greylag Goose	<i>Anser anser</i>
13.	Ruddy Shelduck	<i>Tadorna ferruginea</i>
14.	Gadwall	<i>Anas strepera</i>
15.	Mandarin	<i>Aix galericulata</i>
16.	Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>
17.	Common Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>
18.	Red-crested Pochard	<i>Rhodonessa rufina</i>
19.	Common Pochard	<i>Aythya ferina</i>
20.	Ferruginous Duck	<i>Aythya nyroca</i>
21.	Common Merganser	<i>Mergus merganser</i>
22.	Black-eared Kite	<i>Milvus migrans lineatus</i>
23.	Black Baza	<i>Aviceda leuphotes</i>
24.	Lammergeier	<i>Gypaetus barbatus</i>
25.	Black (Monk) Vulture	<i>Aegypius monachus</i>
26.	Himalayan Griffon	<i>Gyps himalayensis</i>
27.	Oriental Honey Buzzard	<i>Pernis ptilorhynchus orientalis</i>
28.	Crested Goshawk	<i>Accipiter trivirgatus</i>
29.	Chinese Goshawk	<i>Accipiter soloensis</i>
30.	Eurasian Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>
31.	Northern Goshawk	<i>Accipiter gentilis</i>
32.	Himalayan Buzzard	<i>Buteo burmanicus</i>
33.	Upland Buzzard	<i>Buteo hemilasius</i>
34.	Golden Eagle	<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>
35.	Mountain Hawk-eagle	<i>Spizaetus nipalensis</i>
36.	Eurasian Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>
37.	Saker Falcon	<i>Falco cherrug</i>
38.	Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>

39.	Severtzov's (Chinese) Grouse	E	<i>Tetrastes sewerzowi</i>
40.	Snow Partridge		<i>Lerwa lerwa</i>
41.	Tibetan Snowcock		<i>Tetraogallus tibetanus</i>
42.	Verreaux's Monal Partridge	E	<i>Tetraophasis obscurus</i>
43.	Chinese Bamboo-partridge	E	<i>Bambusicola thoracicus</i>
44.	Blood Pheasant		<i>Ithaginis cruentus</i>
45.	Temminck's Tragopan	NE	<i>Tragopan temminckii</i>
46.	Koklass Pheasant		<i>Pucrasia macrolopha ruficollis</i>
47.	Chinese Monal	E	<i>Lophophorus lhuysii</i>
48.	White Eared-Pheasant	E	<i>Crossoptilon crossoptilon</i>
49.	Blue Eared-Pheasant	E	<i>Crossoptilon auritum</i>
50.	Common Pheasant		<i>Phasianus colchicus</i>
51.	Golden Pheasant (H)	E	<i>Chrysolophus pictus</i>
52.	Lady Amherst's Pheasant	NE	<i>Chrysolophus amherstiae</i>
53.	Common Moorhen		<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>
54.	Eurasian Coot		<i>Fulica atra</i>
55.	Black-necked Crane	NE	<i>Grus nigricollis</i>
56.	Black-winged Stilt		<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>
57.	Wood Snipe (H)		<i>Gallinago nemoricola</i>
58.	Northern Lapwing		<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>
59.	Grey-headed Lapwing		<i>Vanellus cinereus</i>
60.	Common Redshank		<i>Tringa totanus</i>
61.	Temminck's Stint		<i>Calidris temminckii</i>
62.	Common Sandpiper		<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>
63.	Brown-headed Gull		<i>Larus brunnicephalus</i>
64.	Common Tern		<i>Sterna hirundo tibetana</i>
65.	White-winged Tern		<i>Chlidonias leucopterus</i>
66.	Rock Pigeon		<i>Columbia livia</i>
67.	Hill Pigeon		<i>Columba rupestris</i>
68.	Snow Pigeon		<i>Columba leuconota</i>
69.	Speckled Woodpigeon		<i>Columba hodgsonii</i>
70.	Oriental Turtle-dove		<i>Streptopelia orientalis orientalis</i>
71.	Spotted Dove		<i>Streptopelia chinensis</i>
72.	Red Collared Dove		<i>Streptopelia tranquebarica</i>
73.	Large Hawk-cuckoo		<i>Hierococcyx sparveroides</i>
74.	Indian Cuckoo (H)		<i>Cuculus micropterus</i>
75.	Eurasian Cuckoo		<i>Cuculus canorus</i>
76.	Oriental Cuckoo		<i>Cuculus saturatus</i>
77.	Lesser Cuckoo		<i>Cuculus poliocephalus</i>
78.	Asian Koel		<i>Eudynamys scolopacea</i>
79.	Collared Owlet		<i>Glaucidium brodiei</i>
80.	Little Owl		<i>Athene noctua</i>
81.	White-throated Needletail		<i>Hirundapus caudacutus</i>
82.	Pacific Swift		<i>Apus pacificus</i>
83.	Salim Ali's Swift		<i>Apus salimalii</i>
84.	House Swift		<i>Apus nipalensis</i>
85.	Common Kingfisher		<i>Alcedo atthis</i>
86.	Black-capped Kingfisher		<i>Halcyon pileata</i>
87.	Crested Kingfisher		<i>Megeceryle lugubris</i>

88.	Eurasian Hoopoe		<i>Upupa epops</i>
89.	Eurasian Wryneck		<i>Jynx torquilla</i>
90.	Rufous-bellied Woodpecker		<i>Dendrocopos hyperythrus</i>
91.	Crimson-breasted Woodpecker		<i>Dendrocopos cathpharius</i>
92.	Darjeeling Woodpecker		<i>Dendrocopos darjellensis</i>
93.	Great Spotted Woodpecker		<i>Dendrocopos major</i>
94.	Black Woodpecker		<i>Dryocopus martius</i>
95.	Grey-headed Woodpecker		<i>Picus canus</i>
96.	Tibetan Lark	E	<i>Melanocorypha maxima</i>
97.	Oriental Skylark		<i>Alauda gulgula</i>
98.	Horned Lark		<i>Eremophila alpestris khamensis</i>
99.	Sand Martin		<i>Riparia riparia</i>
100.	Pale Martin		<i>Riparia diluta tibetana</i>
101.	Eurasian Crag-martin		<i>Hirundo rupestris</i>
102.	Barn Swallow		<i>Hirundo rustica</i>
103.	Red-rumped Swallow		<i>Hirundo daurica</i>
104.	Asian House Martin		<i>Delichon dasypus</i>
105.	Olive-backed Pipit		<i>Anthus hodgsoni hodgsoni</i>
106.	Rosy Pipit		<i>Anthus roseatus</i>
107.	Forest Wagtail		<i>Dendronanthus indicus</i>
108.	Himalayan White Wagtail		<i>Motacilla alba alboides</i>
	<i>Amur Wagtail</i>		<i>Motacilla alba leucopsis</i>
109.	Tibetan Citrine Wagtail		<i>Motacilla citreola calcarata</i>
110.	Grey Wagtail		<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>
111.	Long-tailed Minivet		<i>Pericrocotus ethologus</i>
112.	Grey-chinned Minivet		<i>Pericrocotus solaris</i>
113.	Swinhoe's Minivet	BE	<i>Pericrocotus cantonensis</i>
114.	Short-billed Minivet		<i>Pericrocotus brevirostris</i>
115.	Collared Finchbill	NE	<i>Spizixos semitorques</i>
116.	Light-vented (Chinese) Bulbul		<i>Pycnonotus sinensis</i>
117.	Brown-breasted Bulbul		<i>Pycnonotus xanthorrhous</i>
118.	Himalayan Black Bulbul		<i>Hypsipetes leucocephalus</i>
119.	Brown Dipper		<i>Cinclus pallasii</i>
120.	Eurasian Wren		<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>
121.	Maroon-backed Accentor		<i>Prunella immaculata</i>
122.	Rufous-breasted Accentor		<i>Prunella strophiatea</i>
123.	Alpine Accentor		<i>Prunella collaris</i>
124.	White-browed Shortwing		<i>Brachypteryx montana</i>
125.	Siberian Rubythroat		<i>Calliope calliope</i>
126.	White-tailed Rubythroat		<i>Calliope pectoralis tschebaiewi</i>
127.	Firethroat	E	<i>Calliope pectardens</i>
128.	Blackthroat	E	<i>Calliope obscura</i>
129.	White-tailed Robin		<i>Myiomela leucura leucura</i>
130.	Indian Blue Robin		<i>Larvivora brunnea</i>
131.	Himalayan Bluetail		<i>Tarsiger rufilatus</i>
132.	Golden Bush-robin		<i>Tarsiger chrysaeus</i>
133.	White-browed Bush-robin (H)		<i>Tarsiger indicus yunnanensis</i>
134.	Oriental Magpie-robin		<i>Copsychus saularis</i>
135.	Black Redstart		<i>Phoenicurus ochruros rufiventris</i>

136.	Hodgson's Redstart		<i>Phoenicurus hodgsoni</i>
137.	Blue-fronted Redstart		<i>Phoenicurus frontalis</i>
138.	White-throated Redstart		<i>Phoenicurus schisticeps</i>
139.	Daurian Redstart		<i>Phoenicurus aureus</i>
140.	Plumbeous Water-redstart		<i>Rhyacornis fuliginosus</i>
141.	White-capped Water-redstart		<i>Chaimarrornis leucocephalus</i>
142.	White-bellied Redstart		<i>Hodgsonius phoenicuroides</i>
143.	Grandala		<i>Grandala coelicolor</i>
144.	Eastern Stonechat		<i>Saxicola maura przewalskii</i>
145.	Grey Bushchat		<i>Saxicola fereus</i>
146.	Blue Rock-thrush		<i>Monticola solitaries pandoo</i>
147.	Blue Whistling-thrush		<i>Myophonus caeruleus</i>
148.	Long-tailed Thrush (H)		<i>Zoothera dixonii</i>
149.	Plain-backed Thrush (H)		<i>Zoothera mollissima</i>
150.	Chinese Blackbird		<i>Turdus mandarinus</i>
151.	Chestnut Thrush		<i>Turdus rubrocanus</i>
152.	Kessler's Thrush	BE	<i>Turdus kessleri</i>
153.	Chinese Song Thrush	BE	<i>Turdus mupinensis</i>
154.	Little Forktail		<i>Enicurus velatus</i>
155.	White-crowned Forktail (H)		<i>Enicurus leschenaulti</i>
156.	Brownish-flanked Bush-warbler		<i>Horornis fortipes davidiana</i>
157.	Chestnut-crowned Bush-warbler		<i>Cettia major major</i>
158.	Aberrant Bush-warbler		<i>Horornis flavolivaceus intricata</i>
159.	Yellowish-bellied Bush-warbler		<i>Horornis a. acanthizoides</i>
160.	Spotted Bush-warbler		<i>Locustella t. thoracicus</i>
161.	Brown Bush-warbler		<i>Locustella luteoventris</i>
162.	Russet Bush-warbler		<i>Locustella mandelli</i>
163.	Grey-sided Bush-warbler		<i>Cettia brunnifrons</i>
164.	Grey-crowned Warbler		<i>Seicercus tephrocephalus</i>
165.	Marten's (Emei Spectacled)	BE	<i>Seicercus omeiensis</i>
166.	Bianchi's Warbler		<i>Seicercus valentini valentini</i>
167.	Chestnut-crowned Warbler		<i>Seicercus castaniceps sinensis</i>
168.	Rufous-faced Warbler		<i>Abroscopus albogularis fulvifacies</i>
169.	Klossi's Leaf-warbler		<i>Phylloscopus ogilviegranti</i>
170.	Claudia's Leaf-warbler	BE	<i>Phylloscopus claudiae</i>
171.	Emei Leaf-warbler	BE	<i>Phylloscopus emeiensis</i>
172.	Gansu Leaf-warbler	E	<i>Phylloscopus kansuensis</i>
173.	Greenish Warbler		<i>Phylloscopus trochiloides</i>
174.	Two-barred Warbler		<i>Phylloscopus plumbeitarsus</i>
175.	Large-billed Leaf-warbler		<i>Phylloscopus magnirostris</i>
176.	Arctic Warbler		<i>Phylloscopus borealis</i>
177.	Buff-barred Warbler		<i>Phylloscopus pulcher pulcher</i>
178.	Ashy-throated Warbler		<i>Phylloscopus maculipennis</i>
179.	Sichuan Leaf-warbler	BE	<i>Phylloscopus sichuanensis</i>
180.	Chinese Leaf-warbler	BE	<i>Phylloscopus yunnanensis</i>
181.	Hume's Leaf-warbler		<i>Phylloscopus humei</i>
182.	Yellow-streaked Warbler		<i>Phylloscopus armandii</i>
183.	Dusky Warbler		<i>Phylloscopus fuscatus weigoldi</i>
184.	Alpine Leaf-warbler	BE	<i>Phylloscopus occisinensis</i>

185.	Buff-throated Warbler		<i>Phylloscopus subaffinis</i>
186.	Chestnut-headed Tesia		<i>Cettia castaneocoronata</i>
187.	Goldcrest		<i>Regulus regulus yunnanensis</i>
188.	White-browed Tit-Warbler		<i>Leptopoecile sophiae obscura</i>
189.	Crested Tit-Warbler	E	<i>Leptopoecile elegans</i>
190.	Verditer Flycatcher		<i>Eumyias thalassina</i>
191.	Ferruginous Flycatcher		<i>Muscicapa ferruginea</i>
192.	Asian Brown Flycatcher		<i>Muscicapa latirostris</i>
193.	Brown-breasted Flycatcher		<i>Muscicapa muttui</i>
194.	Yellow-rumped Flycatcher		<i>Ficedula zanthopygia</i>
195.	Taiga Flycatcher		<i>Ficedula albicilla</i>
196.	Slaty-blue Flycatcher		<i>Ficedula tricolor diversa</i>
197.	Ultramarine Flycatcher		<i>Ficedula superciliaris</i>
198.	Slaty-backed Flycatcher		<i>Ficedula hodgsonii</i>
199.	Rufous-gorgeted Flycatcher		<i>Ficedula strophinata</i>
200.	Grey-headed Canary-Flycatcher		<i>Culicicapa ceylonensis</i>
201.	Pere David's Laughingthrush	E	<i>Garrulax davidi</i>
202.	Sukatschev's Laughingthrush	E	<i>Garrulax sukatschewi</i>
203.	Barred Laughingthrush	E	<i>Garrulax lunulatus</i>
204.	Giant Laughingthrush	E	<i>Garrulax maximus</i>
205.	Spotted Laughingthrush		<i>Garrulax ocellatus</i>
206.	White-browed Laughingthrush		<i>Garrulax sannio</i>
207.	Elliot's Laughingthrush	E	<i>Trochalopteron elliotii</i>
208.	Black-faced Laughingthrush (H)		<i>Trochalopteron affine</i>
209.	Red-winged Laughingthrush	NE	<i>Trochalopteron formosum</i>
210.	Emei Shan Liocichla	E	<i>Liocichla omeiensis</i>
211.	Chinese Hwamei (H)	NE	<i>Garrulax canorus</i>
212.	Black-streaked Scimitar-babbler		<i>Pomatorhinus erythrocnemis</i>
213.	Streak-breasted Scimitar-babbler		<i>Pomatorhinus ruficollis</i>
214.	Chinese Cupwing		<i>Pnoepyga mutica</i>
215.	Pygmy Wren-Babbler		<i>Pnoepyga pusilla</i>
216.	Rufous-capped Babbler		<i>Stachyris ruficeps</i>
217.	Red-billed Leiothrix		<i>Leiothrix lutea</i>
218.	Blue-winged Minla		<i>Minla cyanouroptera</i>
219.	Red-tailed Minla		<i>Minla ignotincta</i>
220.	Chinese Babax	NE	<i>Babax lanceolatus</i>
221.	Golden-breasted Fulvetta		<i>Alcippe chrysotis</i>
222.	Chinese Fulvetta	E	<i>Alcippe striaticollis</i>
223.	Grey-hooded Fulvetta	E	<i>Alcippe cinereiceps</i>
224.	Spectacled Fulvetta	E	<i>Alcippe ruficapilla</i>
225.	Stripe-throated Yuhina		<i>Yuhina gularis</i>
226.	White-collared Yuhina	NE	<i>Yuhina diademata</i>
227.	Black-chinned Yuhina		<i>Yuhina nigrimenta</i>
228.	Great Parrotbill		<i>Conostoma aemodium</i>
229.	Vinous-throated Parrotbill		<i>Sinosuthora webbiana</i>
230.	Ashy-throated Parrotbill		<i>Sinosuthora alphonsiana</i>
231.	Golden Parrotbill		<i>Suthora verreauxi verreauxi</i>
232.	Brown Parrotbill		<i>Cholornis paradoxa</i>
233.	Spectacled Parrotbill	E	<i>Sinosuthora conspicillata</i>

234.	Sooty Tit	E	<i>Aegithalos fuliginosus</i>
235.	Red-crowned (Black-throated) Tit		<i>Aegithalos concinnus concinnus</i>
236.	Black-browed Tit	NE	<i>Aegithalos bonvaloti obscurati</i>
237.	Yellow-browed Tit		<i>Sylviparus modestus</i>
238.	White-browed Tit	E	<i>Poecile superciliosus</i>
239.	Sichuan Tit	E	<i>Poecile weigoldi</i>
240.	Grey-crested Tit		<i>Lophophanes dichrous</i>
241.	Pere David's Tit	E	<i>Poecile davidi</i>
242.	Yellow-bellied Tit	E	<i>Pardaliparus venustulus</i>
243.	Coal Tit		<i>Periparus ater aemodius</i>
244.	Japanese Tit		<i>Parus major minor</i>
245.	Rufous-vented Tit		<i>periparus rubidiventris</i>
246.	Green-backed Tit		<i>Parus monticolus</i>
247.	Fire-capped Tit		<i>Cephalopyrus flammiceps</i>
248.	Przewalski's Nuthatch	E	<i>Sitta przewalskii</i>
249.	Eurasian Nuthatch		<i>Sitta europaea</i>
250.	Chinese Nuthatch	NE	<i>Sitta villosa bangsi</i>
251.	Wallcreeper		<i>Tichodroma muraria</i>
252.	Sichuan Treecreeper	E	<i>Certhia tianquanensis</i>
253.	Hodgson's Treecreeper		<i>Certhia hodgsoni</i>
254.	Gould's Sunbird		<i>Aethopyga gouldiae dabryii</i>
255.	Chestnut-flanked White-eye		<i>Zosterops erythropleurus</i>
256.	Japanese White-eye		<i>Zosterops japonicas simplex</i>
257.	Tiger Shrike		<i>Lanius tigrinus</i>
258.	Brown Shrike		<i>Lanius cristatus lucionensis</i>
259.	Long-tailed Shrike		<i>Lanius schach schach</i>
260.	Grey-backed Shrike		<i>Lanius tephronotus</i>
261.	Chinese (Tibetan) Grey Shrike	NE	<i>Lanius sphenocercus giganteus</i>
262.	Black-naped Oriole		<i>Oriolus chinensis</i>
263.	Black Drongo		<i>Dicrurus macrocercus</i>
264.	Ashy Drongo		<i>Dicrurus leucophaeus salangensis</i>
265.	Spangled Drongo		<i>Dicrurus hottentottus brevirostris</i>
266.	Sichuan Jay	E	<i>Perisoreus internigrans</i>
267.	Eurasian Jay		<i>Garrulus glandarius sinensis</i>
268.	Azure-winged Magpie		<i>Cyanopica cyana kansuensis</i>
269.	Red-billed Blue Magpie		<i>Urocissa erythrorhyncha</i>
270.	Black-billed Magpie		<i>Pica pica</i>
271.	Spotted Nutcracker		<i>Nucifraga caryocatactes macella</i>
272.	Red-billed Chough		<i>Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax</i>
273.	Yellow-billed Chough		<i>Pyrrhocorax graculus digitatus</i>
274.	Daurian Jackdaw		<i>Corvus dauurica insolens</i>
275.	Oriental (Carrion) Crow		<i>Corvus corone orientalis</i>
276.	Large-billed Crow		<i>Corvus macrorhynchos</i>
277.	Collared Crow	NE	<i>Corvus torquatus</i>
278.	Common Raven		<i>Corvus corax tibetanus</i>
279.	Hume's Ground-tit	E	<i>Pseudopodoces humilis</i>
280.	Crested Myna		<i>Acridotheres cristatellus</i>
281.	Red-billed Starling	BE	<i>Sturnus sericeus</i>
282.	White-rumped Munia		<i>Lonchura striata</i>

283.	Eurasian Tree Sparrow	<i>Passer montanus</i>
284.	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>
285.	Russet Sparrow	<i>Passer rutilans</i>
286.	White-rumped Snowfinch	<i>Pyrgilauda taczanowskii</i>
287.	Rufous-necked Snowfinch	<i>Montifringilla ruficollis</i>
288.	Plain Mountain-Finch	<i>Leucosticte nemoricola</i>
289.	Brandt's Mountain-Finch	<i>Leucosticte brandti</i>
290.	Dark-breasted Rosefinch	<i>Carpodacus nipalensis</i>
291.	Common Rosefinch	<i>Carpodacus erythrinus</i>
292.	Chinese Beautiful Rosefinch E	<i>Carpodacus davidianus</i>
293.	Pink-rumped Rosefinch NE	<i>Carpodacus eos</i>
294.	Vinaceous Rosefinch	<i>Carpodacus vinaceus</i>
295.	Chinese White-browed Rosefinch E	<i>Carpodacus dubius</i>
296.	Streaked Rosefinch	<i>Carpodacus rubicilloides</i>
297.	Red-fronted Rosefinch	<i>Carpodacus puniceus</i>
298.	Oriental (Grey-capped) Greenfinch	<i>Carduelis sinica</i>
299.	Twite	<i>Carduelis flavirostris miniakensis</i>
300.	Tibetan Siskin	<i>Carduelis thibetana</i>
301.	Grey-headed Bullfinch	<i>Pyrrhula erythaca</i>
302.	Yellow-billed (Chinese) Grosbeak	<i>Eophona migratoria sowerbyi</i>
303.	Collared Grosbeak	<i>Mycerobas affinis</i>
304.	White-winged Grosbeak	<i>Mycerobas carnipes</i>
305.	Slaty Bunting E	<i>Latoucheornis siemsseni</i>
306.	Godlewski's Bunting	<i>Emberiza godlewskii</i>
307.	Yellow-throated Bunting	<i>Emberiza elegans</i>
308.	Black-faced Bunting	<i>Emberiza spodocephala</i>
309.	Pallas's Reed Bunting	<i>Emberiza pallasii</i>

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