

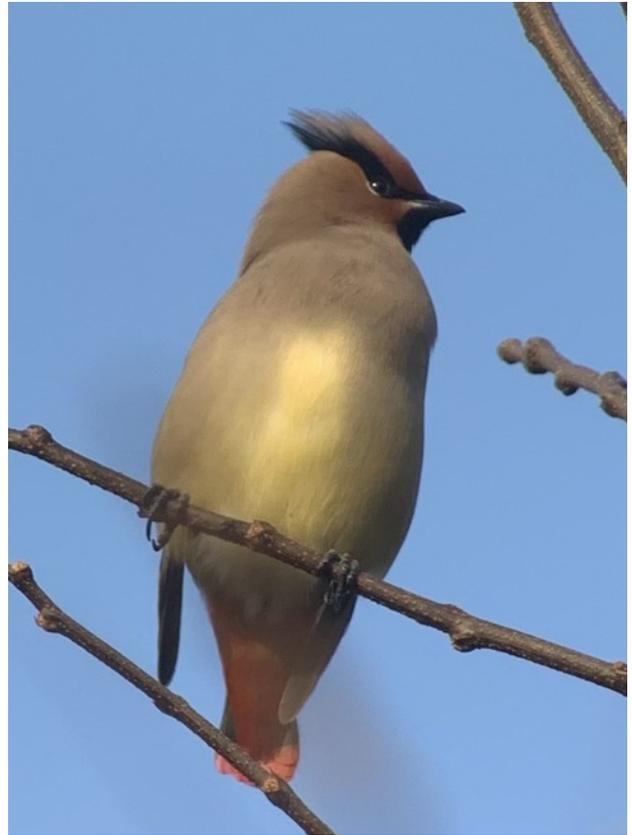
Wild China – Sichuan’s Birds & Mammals

Naturetrek Tour Report

4th – 19th December 2025



Red Panda



Japanese Waxwing



Labathe



Ibisbill

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Day 1

Thursday 4th December

The group arrived at Heathrow in the early evening ahead of our overnight flight to Chengdu.

Day 2

Friday 5th December

We arrived on schedule at Chengdu in the mid-afternoon and after clearing immigration and other formalities we met up with Sid and began the three-hour drive to Labahe. A few birds over the motorway in the last hour of daylight included several Little Egrets, a few Oriental Turtle Doves, a couple of Chinese Blackbirds and a surprise Peregrine. We stopped for a bite to eat at a motorway service station and duly arrived at our hotel at Labahe a little later.

Day 3

Saturday 6th December

Up at first light we made our way to Labahe Forest Park's shuttle bus terminal and kicked off our birding with Green-backed Tit, Sichuan Treecreeper, Chestnut-vented Nuthatch and Grey-capped Pygmy Woodpecker in the car park trees. A little later we were aboard the first shuttle bus of the morning heading up through steep forested valleys to the upper reaches of the park. Disembarking at the final stop, surrounded by high altitude forest and spectacular mountain peaks, we spent the morning walking slowly down the road. Our special target was of course Red Panda and after a while we found one asleep in a small tree just 25 metres or so from the road. We enjoyed great views of this lovely animal as it woke up, stretched, clambered slowly through the tree's branches and descended to the ground, disappearing into the dense bamboo understory. Other notables during the course of the morning included a number of Tibetan Macaques and a small but exciting suite of birds, including Elliot's and Black-faced Laughing Thrushes, Grey-hooded Fulvettas, a brief but sensational Lady Amherst's Pheasant and a wonderfully frenetic flock of Fulvous Parrotbills,

In the afternoon we walked a lower stretch of the road adding Swinhoe's Striped Squirrel, White-backed and Necklaced Woodpeckers and Chestnut Thrush to the list and then caught a shuttle bus back to the valley bottom. A quick look along the river just outside the hotel which produced a Little Forktail, a Rosy Pipit, a White-capped Redstart and a pair of Plumbeous Water Redstarts concluded the afternoon nicely. After dinner we went out for a night drive and found a Goral, a couple of Serows, four Red-and-white Giant Flying Squirrels and lots of Sambar.

Day 4

Sunday 7th December

Catching the first shuttle bus up into the park again this morning, we disembarked about halfway up in an area of mixed forest with the now familiar bamboo under-storey. Our route took us first along a track and then down an impressive steel boardwalk with many steps that led circuitously down towards the valley bottom. The weather was lovely, the scenery spectacular and we enjoyed a grand time. Wildlife highlights included another Red Panda actively feeding on berries in the outer branches of tall forest trees, a pair of Great Parrotbills, a flock of Brown Parrotbills and a couple of very smart Spotted Nutcrackers. We enjoyed our first good views of Red-billed Blue Magpies too plus some more Swinhoe's Striped Squirrels and Tibetan Macaques and a couple of flocks of small

birds that included Pere David's, Grey Crested and Yellow-browed Tits, Sichuan Treecreeper and Green Shrike-Babbler - not bad!

Back down at the bus terminal in the mid-afternoon we took a short spin up the road in the bus to another hotel area and found a couple of Scaly-sided Mergansers on the river (quite a surprise!), two female Sharpe's Rosefinches, a lovely White-capped Redstart and an ultimately skulking Perney's Long-nosed Squirrel. Post dinner we went for another night drive. It was quiet overall with the best being another Red-and-white Giant Flying Squirrel and the inevitable Sambars.

Day 5

Monday 8th December

Up and away from Labahe a little before dawn, we made a speculative stop by the river just after first light and found a flock of 20 Common Mergansers on the water, two juvenile White-tailed Eagles roosting on a gravel bank and a couple of Gorals on the forested slope across the river. There were some small birds in the scrub close-by too, including a couple of Green-backed Tits, a trio of Sharpe's Rosefinches and a few handsome little Ashy-throated Parrotbills. Not a bad haul for an ad-hoc stop!

An hour or two later by the river in Ya'an city (quite a contrast to the forested mountains of Labahe!) we found Mandarin Ducks and an engaging troop of White-browed Laughing Thrushes, and at a nearby noodle bar with an outdoor terrace overlooking a small stream we ate a tasty lunch interrupted by Plumbeous Water Redstarts, a White-capped Redstart, a Grey Wagtail and a fast moving flock of Black-throated Bushtits and Red-billed Leiothrix.

We drove on through the afternoon, in part along a very quiet new motorway where we made a couple of river bridge stops and added sightings of Long-billed Plover, Green Sandpiper, Little Egret, Hodgson's Redstart and Long-tailed Shrike. We reached Dujiangyan in the late afternoon and after a quick look at the river there (more Long-billed Plovers and a surprise Northern Goshawk), we finished the afternoon on the forested Ling Yan mountain. A welcome stroll here produced a satisfying range of birds including a pair of Chestnut-bellied Rock Thrushes, a Great Barbet, some Red-billed Blue Magpies, a lovely flock of Black-chinned Yuhinas and a couple of brief White-crowned Forktails. We stayed until dusk in the hope of seeing some Pallas's Squirrels and whilst we heard several, we had to be content with brief glimpses as they flicked through the dense foliage high above us.

Day 6

Tuesday 9th December

Away from our hotel on Ling Yan mountain shortly after breakfast we dropped back down to the river in Dujiangyan and started the day in fine style with excellent views of a flock of 14 Ibisbills. Handsome and charismatic as ever, we first picked them up as they flew up river towards us and watched as they cruised past and pitched into the boulders along the river's edge a little up stream. Here we were able to observe them at leisure, noting all the details of their elegant plumage and marveling at their near perfect camouflage. A nice range of ducks here included both Eastern Spot-billed, Falcated and a handsome drake Scaly-sided Merganser, and the whole picture was completed by a smart male Hodgson's Redstart. It was an enjoyable little session but all too soon it was time for us to "hit the road"; we had a long journey ahead of us.

Our route took us up through steep forested valleys and a series of tunnels into more arid country. We passed Wenchuan and stopped for lunch in Maoxian. Continuing on, through the afternoon, we paused for a break late-on in a high, dry, scrubby mountain valley and found a nice little range of birds including a Rufous-breasted Accentor, some Pink-rumped Rosefinches, a couple of Oriental Greenfinches, a few Brown-breasted Bulbuls, a pair of Collared Finchbills and several of the now familiar Elliot's Laughing Thrushes. A little later we arrived in Chuanzhusi and checked into our comfortable hotel.

Day 7

Wednesday 10th December

Out at first light again we headed up towards the Huanglong Pass and made a series of stops at different points between 3,000 and 4,000 metres altitude, in scrubland at first and then, as we climbed, in more barren rocky country with snow patches. The scenery was spectacular and it was a lovely sunny morning, although fiercely cold (-10 degrees celsius initially). In this rarified and beautiful place we saw some great birds: early on the scrublands were very productive and we enjoyed sightings of Crested and White-browed Tit-warblers, White-throated and Guldenstadt's Redstarts, Streaked and Pink-rumped Rosefinches, Rufous-breasted and Robin Accentors and Chinese Fulvettas. There were Himalayan Griffons and Bearded Vultures too, plus Yellow-billed Choughs, a couple of flocks of stunning Snow Pigeons and, on one high ridge, a herd of Blue Sheep. It was all rather excellent and it was a happy crew that returned to Chuanzhusi for some lunch.

Post-lunch we drove in a different direction out of town and had a good walk up to a hilltop monastery. The whole place had a lovely atmosphere and was serenely beautiful and with a bit of persistence we chalked up some great bird sightings too. Top of the bill were a trio of superb Blue Eared Pheasants and a flock of around 15 amazing Giant Laughing Thrushes. Both species are quite accustomed to people at this site and so we were able to enjoy some wonderful views of them. The supporting cast included some White-browed Rosefinches, several Plain Laughing Thrushes, a White-winged Grosbeak, at least three White-backed Thrushes and some stunning views of another pair of White-browed Tit-Warblers.

Day 8

Thursday 11th December

Up and out early again into a brisk -13 degrees we found that the bus wouldn't start. It transpired that the diesel that we'd filled up with the previous afternoon was without the "anti-freezing" additive that it needed. There was nothing to do but wait for the bus to warm up. Frustrating though this was, it gave us a chance to walk around town a bit and then along the river where we found Plain Laughing Thrushes, Japanese Tits, Black-throated Bushtits and a surprise Ibisbill.

Finally away from Chuanzhusi at lunchtime we drove up through some attractive hill country and emerged at over 3,000 metres on the Tibetan Plateau, a vastness of low, rolling, grass and scrub covered hills interspersed with wide boggy valleys. The sky was a dazzling blue but there was a cold wind. Roadside birds along the way included Northern Ravens, a Himalayan Griffon, a pair of White-tailed Eagles, some large flocks of Red-billed Choughs, and at one brief stop overlooking an extensive area of damp scrubland, a loose flock of Guldenstadt's Redstarts, several Azure-winged Magpies and some White-checked Starlings.

We reached Ruogeri just after 4pm and headed straight out to a quiet and rather beautiful scrubby, boulder-strewn valley where, in the last of the afternoon sunshine, we enjoyed some nice views of a few Robin Accentors, an Upland Buzzard, several Plateau Pikas and an engaging gang of Ground Tits. Back in town we checked into our hotel, ate some dinner and then drove out to a remote valley where we finished the day with a spotlighting session which produced several Tibetan Foxes and lots of Tibetan Gazelles.

Day 9

Friday 12th December

Up and out before dawn we returned to the same area as yesterday evening and spent the morning, either side of a delicious noodle breakfast at a truckstop restaurant, driving slowly and scanning carefully. The landscapes were bleakly beautiful and despite the cold wind and overcast conditions we encountered a good range of exciting wildlife. Highlights included three Tibetan Foxes, dozens of Tibetan Gazelles, numerous Plateau Pikas, several Himalayan Griffons, a few Steppe Eagles, 15 or more Upland Buzzards, a male Hen Harrier and at least six impressive Saker Falcons. Among the smaller birds we enjoyed nice views of both White-rumped and Rufous-necked Snowfinches, Oriental Skylarks, Horned Larks, Ground Tits and a flock of Hill Pigeons. It felt like a successful morning but the search was still on for Chinese Mountain Cat.

With this in mind, after a mid-pm break back in town we headed out again for a late afternoon session in the same valley. It was sunny now but with a bitterly cold wind. We scanned carefully but without success. There were lots more Tibetan Gazelles however and many of the morning's birds including some fabulous views of a Saker Falcon, and a finishing touch came with spectacular views of a pair of Bearded Vultures at the top of the valley. They were so close you could almost tweak their moustaches! Such mighty birds!

Day 10

Saturday 13th December

We were away just before first light again and spent the morning exploring the spruce forests and grassy slopes of the nearby Baxi Valley. It was a lovely sunny morning and a beautiful place to be, but very cold at first and slow going initially as a result. As the morning warmed up so the activity improved and we saw some good stuff including two coveys of Blue Eared Pheasants, a Golden Eagle, three Przewalski's Nuthatches, a few Rufous-vented Tits, both Pink-rumped and White-browed Rosefinches and several White-throated Redstarts.

After lunch and a break back at Ruogeri we headed back up to the "Cat Valley" to continue our developing quest. The conditions were good (sunny and relatively mild with a gentle breeze) and our hopes were high. We enjoyed some very nice views of a predictable range of now familiar species including Upland Buzzard, Steppe Eagle, Saker Falcon, both species of Snowfinch, Oriental Skylark, Horned Lark, Ground Tit and Guldenstadt's Redstart. There were Tibetan Foxes and Gazelles too and lots of Plateau Pikas and then, finally, at dusk we hit the jackpot: a slightly different looking eye shine in the torch beam proved to be a Chinese Mountain Cat hunkered down on the grassy slope. It was a great looking animal and thankfully it remained where it was allowing us all good prolonged views of it. Hoorah!

Day 11

Sunday 14th December

Today, in still, sunny conditions, we explored along the road south out of Ruogeri and found ourselves in wonderful great landscapes of rolling grassy hills, wide flat valleys, frozen bogs and rivers, with scattered Tibetan

farmsteads. Our first major stop was in the little valley that we'd visited on our first afternoon in the area. Plateau Pikas were everywhere as usual and a satisfying range of birds included several Godlewski's Buntings, a trio of handsome White-browed Tits, a pair of White-browed Tit-warblers, some Ground Tits, a few Robin Accentors and a couple of distant Cinereous Vultures. Ad-hoc stops along the road added sightings of several Siberian Roe Deer, a Red Fox, a Hen Harrier, some Rock Sparrows, a flock of White-cheeked Starling and a couple of Giant Shrikes. A last and furthest stop in a remote scrub-flanked valley turned up a male Przewalski's Pinktail: a very beautiful and very special species and a great way to finish an excellent morning.

In the late afternoon we returned to "Cat Valley" to search especially for Pallas's Cat. We drew a blank with the cat but enjoyed some lovely views of Tibetan Foxes and Gazelles and many of the expected range of birds including a Saker eating a Pika, a super Little Owl and a Bearded Vulture walking around on the ground.

Day 12

Monday 15th December

Away from Ruoergi just before dawn, our intended route down through the Baxi Valley and then over a 4,000m pass to the Juizhai valley was closed for unknown reasons so we had to backtrack to Chuanzhusi. In the event it was a nice drive back across the plateau and down through the forested hills, punctuated by sightings of Daurian Jackdaws, Black-rumped Magpies and Guldenstadt's Redstarts. A little way beyond Chuanzhusi we hit a bit of a purple patch with first a roadside Peregrine, then a close Himalayan Buzzard and then, fantastically, a flock of around 300 Grandalas. Perching on the roadside wires and flying back and forth to a large patch of berry-rich Buckthorn up on a nearby slope they presented a wonderful sight, especially as almost all were dazzling blue males. We could hardly believe our luck and spent a happy few minutes watching them.

After this we made a series of short stops as we descended through the Juizhai Valley forest and saw some great birds including a pair of Crested Tit-warblers (amazing!), a few Grey-crested and Rufous-vented Tits and a couple of Snowy-browed Nuthatches. We ate a simple picnic lunch then pushed on through the afternoon, through lots of spectacular mountain scenery and many tunnels, some quite lengthy. At around 6pm we arrived at Qinxi town and ate a spot of dinner, then drove on into Tangjiahe reserve, spotlighting our way along the 15km or so of entrance track. This brought sightings of a couple of Takin, several Reeve's Muntjacs and a quartet of Wild Boar - a taste of things to come...

Day 13

Tuesday 16th December

A pre-dawn spotlighting drive brought further sightings of Takins and Reeve's Muntjacs and a couple of Northern Hog Badgers and then, after breakfast back at the hotel, we took a walk around the grounds of the hotel and along the river. Here we enjoyed great views of Pere David's Rock Squirrels running around amongst the river boulders, a Brown Dipper, a Little Forktail, a gang of Red-billed Blue Magpies and at least three Qilian Bluetails (recently described and very similar to Red-flanked Bluetail).

After this we took a drive down the entrance track towards Qinxi making a series of short stops. The road follows the river as it winds down through the forested mountains and the whole area is very beautiful indeed. Along the way we saw a Maroon-backed Accentor, a White-crowned Forktail, some more Brown Dippers, the regular Plumbeous and White-capped Redstarts and, from one river viewing deck, a number of Snow Trout in the pools

below us. These handsome fish, although very trout-like in form and habit, are in fact an aberrant species of carp; another curiosity of this extremely biodiverse region.

We ate a noodle lunch in the atmospheric old centre of Qinxi then took a walk along the nearby river. This proved pretty productive and in an enjoyable hour or two we encountered a fine range of birds which included Hodgson's and Daurian Redstarts, Yellow-bellied Tit, Vinous-throated Parrotbill, Grey-capped Pygmy Woodpecker and Naumann's Thrush. Back at the hotel by mid-afternoon, we had a good break and then after an early dinner we headed out for another night drive during which we saw several Takins, a number of Reeve's Muntjacs, three Chinese Goral and rather wonderfully, a close, perched Tawny Fish Owl.

Day 14

Wednesday 17th December

A pre-breakfast drive along the entrance track brought our first daylight Takins (very impressive) and a mighty Crested Kingfisher perched on a riverside boulder. Later, with breakfast taken, we went for a walk upstream from the hotel. The scenery was magnificent, the weather sunny and calm and during an pleasant couple of hours we enjoyed some good views of a handful of exciting birds including a trio of Streak-breasted Scimitar Babblers, several David's and a couple of Golden-breasted Fulvettas, a pair of Brown Dippers, three Green Shrike-babblers and a Mountain Hawk Eagle. Best of all though (and not birds) were a pair of Yellow-throated Martens that appeared out of nowhere on the river bank just below us. Beautifully marked and surprisingly large, they stayed in view for a couple of minutes and we all saw them really well - what fantastic creatures!

Post-lunch back at the hotel we returned to Qinxi. The road out of town that we had intended to explore was inexplicably closed so we reverted to Plan B and walked along the river again. As previously this proved very productive and we saw a rich and varied range of birds. Among the highlights this time were a Barred Owlet, a couple of Little Buntings, two Olive-backed Pipits, a pair of Long-billed Plovers, a surprise Ibisbill and a sensational flock of 35 gorgeous Japanese Waxwings!

We ate dinner in town again and then, after dark, lamped our way back up to the hotel. Takins, Gorals and Muntjacs were our rewards; the scarcer mammals eluded us.

Day 15

Thursday 18th December

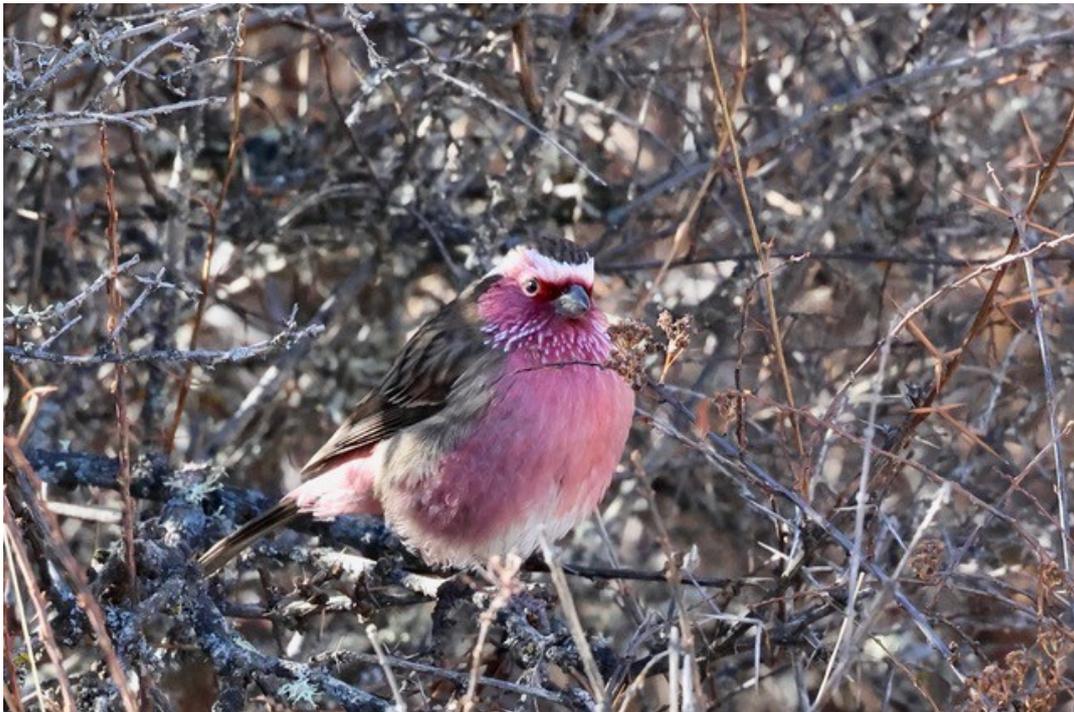
A pre-breakfast drive was quiet and predictable with just the regular Takins, Muntjacs and Wild Boar evident so, all packed and with breakfast eaten, we took our leave of Tangjiahe. Driving slowly down the entrance track we had great views of a male Chestnut-bellied Rock Thrush and a White-crowned Forktail and at the entrance gate we saw Collared Finchbills, White-browed Laughing Thrushes and a flock of over 30 frenetic Vinous-throated Parrotbills. After this we had a couple of hours of motorways, mountains and tunnels and then we turned off for lunch in an old village, curiously surrounded by an apparently untenanted new town. The lunch was rustic and excellent and, replete, we set off to explore a little of the surrounding farmland. This presented a quite different and new set of habitats for us and in a short space of time we saw an exciting range of species. These included lots of Oriental Turtle Doves, a flock of Chinese Grosbeaks, a surprise Hawfinch, a couple of Long-tailed Shrikes, some Oriental Greenfinches and a Chinese Pond Heron. In some scrub we added Brown-flanked Bush Warbler, Plain Prinia and a Black-faced Bunting, and in a patch of trees we found a small mixed flock that comprised Pallas's and Rufous-faced Warblers, Green-backed Tits and Black-throated Bushtits. It was all very nice!

Happy with our success we continued our journey towards Chengdu. At one major river bridge we stopped briefly to check the ducks and other waterfowl but mainly we kept our heads down and drove. We reached our hotel somewhere in Chengdu in the early evening, said goodbye and thanks to Sid and then ate a spot of dinner before turning in.

Day 16

Friday 19th December

We were up early and away to Chengdu airport in good time for our breakfast time flight to Beijing and after a smooth transfer we all arrived safely back at Heathrow some hours later. It had been a great trip and something of an adventure!



Chinese White-browed Rosefinch by Christian Seigneur

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Species lists

Birds (h = Heard only)

E=Endemic, N=Near-endemic I=Introduced		December 2025													
Common name	Scientific name	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
Mandarin Duck	<i>Aix galericulata</i>			20											
Ruddy Shelduck	<i>Tadorna ferruginea</i>				10					4				2	
Scaly-sided Merganser	<i>Mergus squamatus</i>		2		1										
Goosander	<i>Mergus merganser</i>			20	4		6			30				6	
Ferruginous Duck	<i>Aythya nyroca</i>			1											
Common Pochard	<i>Aythya ferina</i>			50										✓	
Tufted Duck	<i>Aythya fuligula</i>			20											
Falcatad Duck	<i>Mareca falcata</i>				2									1	
Gadwall	<i>Mareca strepera</i>				50									✓	
Indian Spot-billed Duck	<i>Anas poecilorhyncha</i>				15									✓	
Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>			20	10									✓	
Northern Pintail	<i>Anas acuta</i>				1							2	2		
Common Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>			12	10										
Blood Pheasant	<i>Ithaginis cruentus</i>								h						
Lady Amherst’s Pheasant	<i>Chrysolophus amherstiae</i>	1													
Common Pheasant	<i>Phasianus colchicus</i>				2h				1						
Blue Eared Pheasant - E	<i>Crossoptilon auritum</i>					3			30						
Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>				1										
Spotted Dove	<i>Spilopelia chinensis</i>											3	2	10	
Oriental Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia orientalis</i>												3	60	
Snow Pigeon	<i>Columba leuconota</i>					40									
Hill Pigeon	<i>Columba rupestris</i>							10							
Feral Rock Dove	<i>Columba livia</i>						15			1	1				
Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>			1											
Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>			100											
Ibisbill	<i>Ibidorhyncha struthersii</i>				14		1						1		
Long-billed Plover	<i>Thinornis placidus</i>			4								2	2		

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Common Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>			2											
Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>			2											
Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>			4											
Brown-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus brunnicephalus</i>			2											
Black-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>			100										10	
Black Stork	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>								1						
Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>			50	30									100	
Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>			6	2							2		3	
Black-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>												1		
Chinese Pond Heron	<i>Ardeola bacchus</i>													2	
Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>													1	
Great Bittern	<i>Botaurus stellaris</i>													1	
Little Owl	<i>Athene noctua</i>								1	1					
Asian Barred Owllet	<i>Glaucidium cuculoides</i>												1		
Tawny Fish Owl	<i>Ketupa flavipes</i>											1	1		
Bearded Vulture	<i>Gypaetus barbatus</i>					1		2	2	1					
Cinereous Vulture	<i>Aegypius monachus</i>								1	3					
Himalayan Vulture	<i>Gyps himalayensis</i>					5	3	7	4		6				
Mountain Hawk-Eagle	<i>Nisaetus nipalensis</i>												1		
Steppe Eagle	<i>Aquila nipalensis</i>							8	8	3					
Golden Eagle	<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>								1						
Eurasian Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>					1						1		1	
Eurasian Goshawk	<i>Astur gentilis</i>			1											
Hen Harrier	<i>Circus cyaneus</i>							1		2			1		
Western Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>							1							
White-tailed Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus albicilla</i>			2			2		1						
Upland Buzzard	<i>Buteo hemilasius</i>						1	15	10	15					
Himalayan Buzzard	<i>Buteo refectus</i>	1									1	1			
Eastern Buzzard	<i>Buteo japonicus</i>														
Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>			3									1		
Crested Kingfisher	<i>Megaceryle lugubris</i>												1		

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Great Barbet	<i>Psilopogon virens</i>			3+2h	1h										
Grey-capped Pygmy Woodpecker	<i>Yungipicus canicapillus</i>	2										1	1		
White-backed Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos leucotos</i>	1													
Great Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos major</i>										1h	2	3	1h	
Necklaced Woodpecker	<i>Dryobates pernyi</i>	1													
Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>						2		1	2					
Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>										1				
Saker Falcon	<i>Falco cherrug</i>							7	1	4					
Green Shrike-babbler	<i>Pteruthius xanthochlorus</i>		2										3		
Giant Grey Shrike - E	<i>Lanius giganteus</i>									2					
Long-tailed Shrike	<i>Lanius schach</i>			1										2	
Alpine Chough	<i>Pyrrhonorax graculus</i>					50									
Red-billed Chough	<i>Pyrrhonorax pyrrhonorax</i>					300	100	100	25	5	15				
Red-billed Blue Magpie	<i>Urocissa erythroryncha</i>	1	20	15								15	12	12	
Azure-winged Magpie	<i>Cyanopica cyanus</i>						10			10					
Eurasian Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>			2									3	3	
Oriental Magpie	<i>Pica serica</i>			1								8	5	10	
Black-rumped Magpie - N	<i>Pica bottanensis</i>					1	3	1			8				
Northern Nutcracker	<i>Nucifraga caryocatactes</i>	h	2												
Daurian Jackdaw	<i>Coloeus dauuricus</i>										85				
Northern Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>						1	5	2						
Large-billed Crow	<i>Corvus macrorhynchos</i>	12	6		5	1	2		1		2	3	4	3	
Japanese Waxwing	<i>Bombycilla japonica</i>												35	40	
Yellow-browed Tit	<i>Sylviparus modestus</i>		2												
Ground Tit	<i>Pseudopodoces humilis</i>						20	10	8	20					
Green-backed Tit	<i>Parus monticolus</i>	2	3	1								1		10	
Japanese Tit	<i>Parus minor</i>				2		2		3			2	1		
Yellow-bellied Tit - E	<i>Periparus venustulus</i>											1	4		
Coal Tit	<i>Periparus ater</i>		20			1					1				
Rufous-vented Tit	<i>Periparus rubidiventris</i>								5		3				
Grey-crested Tit	<i>Lophophanes dichrous</i>		4						1		5				

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White-browed Tit - E	<i>Poecile superciliosus</i>									3					
Pere David's Tit - E	<i>Poecile davidi</i>		3												
Sichuan Tit - E	<i>Poecile weigoldicus</i>					4									
Willow Tit	<i>Poecile montanus</i>								3						
Oriental Skylark	<i>Alauda gulgula</i>							15	12	20					
Horned Lark	<i>Eremophila alpestris</i>							20	1	20					
Plain Prinia	<i>Prinia inornata</i>											1		1	
Scaly-breasted Cupwing	<i>Pnoepyga albiventer</i>														
Plain Martin	<i>Riparia diluta</i>			3										50	
Crested Tit-warbler - E	<i>Leptopoecile elegans</i>					3					2				
White-browed Tit-warbler	<i>Leptopoecile sophiae</i>					7	2			1					
Black-throated Bushtit	<i>Aegithalos concinnus</i>			10			6					4	10	12	
Black-browed Bushtit	<i>Aegithalos iouschistos</i>	8													
Rufous-faced Warbler	<i>Abroscopus albogularis</i>													4	
Brown-flanked Bush Warbler	<i>Horornis fortipes</i>			1										1	
Pallas's Leaf Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus proregulus</i>			1										10	
Dusky Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus fuscatus</i>			1h											
Collared Finchbill	<i>Spizixos semitorques</i>		2		5							1		3	
Brown-breasted Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus xanthorrhous</i>				3							7	10		
Light-vented Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus sinensis</i>				5							10	10		
Mountain Bulbul	<i>Ixos mccllellandii</i>													1	
Golden-breasted Fulvetta	<i>Lioparus chrysotis</i>												3		
Chinese Fulvetta - E	<i>Fulvetta striaticollis</i>					8									
Grey-hooded Fulvetta - E	<i>Fulvetta cinereiceps</i>	25													
Great Parrotbill	<i>Paradoxornis aemodius</i>		2												
Brown Parrotbill	<i>Paradoxornis unicolor</i>		12												
Fulvous Parrotbill	<i>Suthora fulvifrons</i>	30													
Ashy-throated Parrotbill - N	<i>Suthora alphonsiana</i>			2											
Vinous-throated Parrotbill	<i>Suthora webbiana</i>											12		25	
Black-chinned Yuhina	<i>Yuhina nigrimenta</i>			25	12										
Streak-breasted Scimitar Babbler	<i>Pomatorhinus ruficollis</i>												3		

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David's Fulvetta	<i>Alcippe davidi</i>												8	7	
Black-faced Laughingthrush	<i>Trochalopteron affine</i>	10													
Elliot's Laughingthrush - E	<i>Trochalopteron elliotii</i>	10	5		5	12	8		12			5	5		
Black-headed Sibia	<i>Heterophasia desgodinsi</i>				2										
Red-billed Leiothrix	<i>Leiothrix lutea</i>			2								8	12	5	
Giant Laughingthrush - E	<i>Ianthocincla maxima</i>					15									
White-browed Laughingthrush	<i>Pterorhinus sannio</i>			10									h	3	
Plain Laughingthrush - E	<i>Pterorhinus davidi</i>					10	4		5						
Przevalski's Nuthatch - E	<i>Sitta przewalskii</i>								5						
Eurasian Nuthatch	<i>Sitta europaea</i>											1			
Chestnut-vented Nuthatch	<i>Sitta nagaensis</i>	5	2												
Snowy-browed Nuthatch	<i>Sitta villosa</i>										3				
Hodgson's Treecreeper	<i>Certhia hodgsoni</i>								1h						
Sichuan Treecreeper - E	<i>Certhia tianquanensis</i>	3	2												
Eurasian Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>	1h	3h									1	2	1	
White-cheeked Starling	<i>Spodiopsar cineraceus</i>			20			1			35					
Crested Myna	<i>Acridotheres cristatellus</i>													35	
White-throated Dipper	<i>Cinclus cinclus</i>		1												
Brown Dipper	<i>Cinclus pallasii</i>											7	6	6	
Grandala	<i>Grandala coelicolor</i>										250+				
Chinese Blackbird	<i>Turdus mandarinus</i>												2		
White-backed Thrush	<i>Turdus kessleri</i>					3									
Chestnut Thrush	<i>Turdus rubrocanus</i>	2													
Naumann's Thrush	<i>Turdus naumanni</i>											1			
Qilian Bluetail	<i>Tarsiger albocoeruleus</i>											3	4	2	
Little Forktail	<i>Enicurus scouleri</i>	1	1									1		1	
White-crowned Forktail	<i>Enicurus leschenaulti</i>			2								1	1	1	
White-throated Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus schisticeps</i>					10			4						
White-capped Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus leucocephalus</i>	1	3	6	4							15	10	4	
Plumbeous Water Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus fuliginosus</i>	1	3	7	3						3	15	15	6	
Daurian Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus aureus</i>											3	4	1	

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Hodgson's Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus hodgsoni</i>			2	1							1	3		
Güldenstädt's Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus erythrogastrus</i>					1	15		1	4	2				
Chestnut-bellied Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola rufiventris</i>			2										1	
Fire-breasted Flowerpecker	<i>Dicaeum ignipectus</i>				2										
Przevalski's Pinktail E	<i>Urocynchramus pylzowi</i>									1					
Maroon-backed Accentor	<i>Prunella immaculata</i>											1			
Robin Accentor	<i>Prunella rubeculoides</i>					5	5			6					
Rufous-breasted Accentor	<i>Prunella strophciata</i>				1	4			1						
Rock Sparrow	<i>Petronia petronia</i>							1		20					
White-rumped Snowfinch	<i>Onychostruthus taczanowskii</i>								50	30	35				
Rufous-necked Snowfinch	<i>Pyrgilauda ruficollis</i>								10	50	5				
Eurasian Tree Sparrow	<i>Passer montanus</i>				20		50	10	15	30		10	15	15	
Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>			1	2									1	
White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>	2	4	10	4		1				2	10	4	8	
Olive-backed Pipit	<i>Anthus hodgsoni</i>											1	2		
Rosy Pipit	<i>Anthus roseatus</i>	1													
Water Pipit	<i>Anthus spinoletta</i>	1										1	1		
Brambling	<i>Fringilla montifringilla</i>													20	
White-winged Grosbeak	<i>Mycerobas carnipes</i>					1									
Chinese Grosbeak	<i>Eophona migratoria</i>													18	
Hawfinch	<i>Coccothraustes coccothraustes</i>													1	
Pink-rumped Rosefinch	<i>Carpodacus waltoni</i>				2	20			8						
Sharpe's Rosefinch	<i>Carpodacus verreauxii</i>		2	3											
Streaked Rosefinch	<i>Carpodacus rubicilloides</i>					8									
Chinese White-browed Rosefinch - E	<i>Carpodacus dubius</i>				3	6			5		1				
Grey-headed Bullfinch	<i>Pyrrhula erythaca</i>	2		1h											
Plain Mountain Finch	<i>Leucosticte nemoricola</i>		50												
Oriental Greenfinch	<i>Chloris sinica</i>				2									10	
Common Crossbill	<i>Loxia curvirostra</i>								h						
Little Bunting	<i>Emberiza pusilla</i>												2		
Black-faced Bunting	<i>Emberiza spodocephala</i>													1	

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Godlewski's Bunting	<i>Emberiza godlewskii</i>									6					

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Chinese Mountain Cat - E	<i>Felis bieti</i>								1						
Tibetan Fox	<i>Vulpes ferrilata</i>						10	6	10	7					
Red Fox	<i>Vulpes vulpes</i>							1		3					
Chinese Red Panda - E	<i>Ailurus styan</i>	1	1												
Northern Hog Badger	<i>Arctonyx albogularis</i>											2			
Yellow-throated Marten	<i>Martes flavigula</i>												2		
Wild Boar	<i>Sus scrofa</i>										6	5	3	1	
Eastern Roe Deer	<i>Capreolus pygargus</i>								1	15					
Western Red Deer	<i>Cervus elaphus</i>			1											
Sika Deer	<i>Cervus nippon</i>								1h						
Tufted Deer	<i>Elaphodus cephalophus</i>											1			
Reeves's Muntjac - N	<i>Muntiacus reevesi</i>										5	20	25	20	
Sambar	<i>Rusa unicolor</i>	25	5												
Takin	<i>Budorcas taxicolor</i>										2	15	6	8	
Maned Serow	<i>Capricornis sumatraensis</i>	2													
Chinese Goral	<i>Naemorhedus griseus</i>	1		2								4	1	2	
Tibetan Gazelle	<i>Procapra picticaudata</i>						30	50	60	40					
Blue Sheep	<i>Pseudois nayaur</i>					12									
Tibetan Macaque	<i>Macaca thibetana</i>	30	15	8								20	5		
Woolly Hare	<i>Lepus oiostolus</i>							1		2					
Plateau Pika	<i>Ochotona curzoniae</i>						30	50	100	100's					
Pallas's Squirrel	<i>Callosciurus erythraeus</i>			2+											
Perny's Long-nosed Squirrel	<i>Dremomys pernyi</i>		1												
Red-and-white Giant Flying Squirrel	<i>Petaurista alborufus</i>	4	1												
Pere David's Rock Squirrel - E	<i>Sciurotamias davidianus</i>											6	4	2	

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Swinhoe's Striped Squirrel	<i>Tamias swinhoi</i>	2	1								1				

Fish

Pere David's Snow Trout – 10 on 15th December