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Naturetrek Tour Report

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White-winged Woodpecker



Black-headed Penduline Tit



Paddyfield Warbler



Azure Tit



Shikra

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Day 1

Thursday 6th May

A beautiful sunny day with a few clouds during the morning and a light breeze throughout

After a late departure from Heathrow, which resulted in the Frankfurt flight to Almaty having to be held back for us, we finally arrived at the Otrar Hotel around 1am, unfortunately our luggage didn't.

Day 2

Friday 7th May

Those members of the group who coped with changing their clocks and setting alarms at the correct time were out-and-about in Paniflov Park soon after dawn broke.....one other followed slightly later! The Park, a mixture of woodland and scrub situated woodland opposite the hotel entrance, held few migrants, but we had a first encounters with Hume's Yellow-browed Warblers, although they were difficult to see, and several more obliging Common Mynas.

Immediately after breakfast, our ground agents arrived and the plan to deal with our lack of luggage was agreed. We left the luggage problem in their very capable hands, teamed up with our local guide Victoria Kovshar and were soon on board our bus travelling east out of the city. Our first stop on the outskirts of Almaty was to purchase sun cream and sunhats, those not shopping were entertained by a flock of overhead Bee-eaters. We travelled on and other roadsides stops produced Long-tailed Shrikes, a Long-eared Owl on a nest, several Goldfinches of one of the distinctive Grey-capped races, White-crowned Penduline Tits as well as a more unexpected singing Booted Warbler.

We made good progress and reached our guest house accommodation at Basseit for a late lunch. The first of the trips excellent picnic lunches gave us time to relax, but binoculars were never far away with the distinctive golzii race of Nightingale (formerly known as halfezi) showing well.

After lunch, we moved on for a brief stop in the Kokpek Pass where we heard White-capped Bunting and several Chukars, but as we were intending to stop here for longer on the following day, we dropped down from the pass and headed to Bartogay Lake. We quickly set off alongside the lake in search of some of the local specialties – at least 3 Turkestan Shrikes sat atop bushes, Masked Wagtails ran along the shore edge, but the star birds were a singing Grey-necked Bunting (although without scopes it was rather distant) and a group of Mongolian Finches that came to drink. After the lake we visited a previously reliable stakeout for a Pale Sand Martin colony at Malybai, but none were present. The day had already been productive and we all enjoyed the Rollers, Tawny Pipits, Black Kites and some very confiding Masked Wagtails on our way back towards Basseit.

Day 3

Saturday 8th May

A bright sunny start. A light breeze increasing around midday bringing a few spots of rain mid afternoon

The pre-breakfast birding was around the fields, scrub and woodlands adjacent to the guesthouse. The trees held singing tristis Chiffchaffs, Greenish and Hume's Yellow-browed Warblers, but they did not wish to show themselves well, but two Lesser Grey Shrikes put on a fine performance. However, the most welcome sight was that of our luggage waiting for us as we returned for breakfast!

After breakfast we returned to the Kokpek Pass and walked up a couple of side valleys where White Capped Bunting eventually gave good views as did Hume's Lesser Whitethroat, Rock Bunting and both Blue Rock and Rock Thrush although distant. The next stop a rocky ridge on the edge of the Sugarty Plain where several obliging Rock Sparrows, a closer Grey-necked Bunting and both Isabelline Wheatear and Pied Wheatear showed as well as a Griffon Vulture soared overhead. Moving on our next location was the spectacular Charyn Gorge and after several stops we reached a suitable picnic stop. During preparation and consumption of the picnic we enjoyed a variety of raptors overhead – Black, Himalayan Griffon, Lammergeir, Lesser Kestrels, Short-toed Eagle (with snake), Booted Eagle and Black Kite.

The late afternoon was spent exploring the Sugarty Plain. A walk over the plain revealed a noisy flock of Mongolian Finches many Short-toed Larks the distinctive local race of Shore Larks. The star birds here were a fine Asian Desert Warbler that enjoyed perching in full view and some excellent flight views of 4 Pallas's Sandgrouse – a species high on the wanted list of most of the tour participants.

Day 4

Sunday 9th May

A dull start to the day, but soon becoming bright and sunny and then hot by middle of day. On reaching the mountains it became overcast with a little rain, but this clearing towards dusk

A quick pre-breakfast walk produced new birds in the shape of *halimodendri* Lesser Whitethroat and Golden Oriole plus better views of the Grey-capped Goldfinches and the distinctive un-spotted local Starlings.

As this was a day where we a fairly tight schedule we were soon on the road bound for the delights of a well near Nurly – a well-known sandgrouse drinking spot. On the way a close male Montagu's Harrier was much admired and soon after arrival at the well the first Sandgrouse appeared. We were surprised that these turned out to be Pallas's and even more surprised when we eventually clocked-up a total of 44 individuals in this area, many giving close views. As well as the sandgrouse this interesting semi-desert area held 3-4 Rufous Bushchat, 2 Desert Finches, a single Steppe Grey Shrike, 3 Desert Wheatear and several singing but non-showing Sykes's Warblers.

We reluctantly headed away and though already behind schedule, we couldn't resist a quick stop at a reed bed at Nurly itself. Savi's and Great Reed Warblers were watched singing from the reed tops and 3-4 of the large-billed Reed Buntings showed well and a single male Black-headed Wagtails perched in a tree top. Leaving the reed bed, again reluctantly, we started on the long drive back to Almaty. We stopped to admire Demoiselle Cranes flying past and another look (as some of the group had missed them on our first visit) at the White-crowned Penduline Tits. Our lunch was still a couple of hours away, but our hunger was sated with some excellent fresh local bread, the always to hand "choco-pies" washed down with fruit juice.

In Almaty, local knowledge of the back roads was essential as the traffic was very heavy due to it being a national celebration day. We swapped transport to a sturdier mountain model for the bumpy trip into the Tien Shan Mountains. Progress was fairly slow, due to traffic and the nature of the track, but we eventually reached the Astronomical Observatory, at 2,700m, and almost immediately sat down for our late lunch. After this we explored the area around the Observatory although deep snow made this tricky. Some of the expected local species showed themselves during this brief excursion including Himalayan Rubythroat, a flock of Red-fronted Serins, Red-mantled Rosefinches and a pair of Eversmann's Redstarts.

Day 5

Monday 10th May

A clear, bright and sunny and still start to the day, but clouding over with rain and thunder by lunchtime. The weather improved by mid afternoon returning to clear and bright conditions

Anticipation levels were high as we left the observatory to look for more of the Tien Shan specialties, and Himalayan Snowcocks in particular. It wasn't long before we heard the distinctive curlew-like calls of the Snowcocks, but it took quite some time before we located two gliding down of a high hillside and landing in view. We continued exploring the grounds of the observatory locating new species including Brown and Black-throated Accentor and White-winged Grosbeak.

Following breakfast we boarded the bus and the uphill climb up to 3,300m and the Kosmostation with just a couple of quick stops produced several distinctive 'blakistoni' Water Pipits and Plain Mountain Finches. At the Kosmostation we soon found a pair of the much-anticipated Guldenstadts Redstarts and then had several close encounters with more Snowcocks – some absolutely stunning views of both these species. Further searches around the scattered building revealed both Brown and Altai Accentors and a supporting cast of chough, Alpine Chough and Lammergeier and Black Kite overhead. With the feeling of having well and truly "cleaned-up" we headed back down to the Observatory for lunch. Lunch became a slightly prolonged affair due to low cloud and rain, but fortunately this cleared by mid afternoon.

The next location was the Bolshoi Almaty Lake and it wasn't long before we were watching two feeding Ibisbills and with the overcast conditions reducing any heat haze the views were excellent. We spent a short time on the edge on the Spruce forest enjoying a smart pair of Eversmann's Redstarts and the Red Picas before deciding to head back to the Observatory due to the number of people out and about in the forest making birding difficult. At the Observatory and spent the remaining light searching the grounds with some good views of Red-fronted Serins, White-winged Grosbeak, Black-throated Accentor and Red-mantled Rosefinch and a rather distant view of one of the Ibisbills.

Day 6

Tuesday 11th May

A cool breeze at times, but otherwise a bright and sunny day with only occasional cloudy spells

An early start and a planned late breakfast meant that we had time to reach the Marmot Valley west of the Observatory. Along one side of this valley a fine bank of juniper and scrub which was catching the early morning sun and this was alive with singing Himalayan Rubythroats and Black-throated Accentors. A pair of nest building Sulphur-bellied Warblers showed well and a very fast moving Severtovz Tit-Warbler showed very briefly to a few of the group.

After breakfast we walked around the Observatory grounds before heading a short distance up towards the Kosmostations, where a good flock of 150 Plain Mountain Finches were harried by a Hobby, but we still couldn't find another Severtovz's Tit-Warbler. Next was a walk along the shore of the Bolshoi Almaty Lake where we had excellent views of an acrobatic White-throated Dipper feeding in a stream and then in the lake.

After a late lunch we visited the Spruce forests around the dam. Here we had great views of Songar Tits and a singing Blue-capped Redstart as well as views of the local races of Coal Tit and Goldcrest.

Day 7

Wednesday 12th May

Bright and sunny all day with a light breeze

We enjoyed another super morning at the Observatory before heading down the mountains toward Almaty. Several stops and short walks added Brown Dipper, Blue Whistling Thrush and Nutcrackers to our trip list – all three showing well.

Changing transport again in Almaty we then headed off on the long drive to the Taukum Desert. After turning off the main road our progress slowed due to the condition of the road, but also due to some fine roadside raptors; nesting Long-legged Buzzards, Hobbies and a really obliging male Shikra.

Lunch was taken at the highly attractive Kopa Lakes, where eating lunch was interrupted by White-winged Black Tern, Bee-eaters and 5 Black Storks passing over. A great lunch stop! Moving on, our next stop was among the low hills of Tamgaly, home to numerous ancient petroglyphs on the exposed rock faces as well as a pair of easily observed breeding Eastern Rock Nuthatch visiting a nest. A little further along the road we saw our first large flock of Rose-coloured Starling and by the end of the day we estimated that we had seen over 50,000!!

Moving on, Calandra and Bimaculated Larks were flushed from the road at regular intervals with a couple of groups of Black-bellied Sandgrouse. Time was running away from us and reluctantly we had to keep moving as we needed to reach Kanshengal Camp before darkness fell. Our last birding was around the tents where a Sykes's Warbler sang in full view from the top of some small bushes. It had been a long day having seen the sunrise over the Tien Shan Mountains and a super sunset over the Taukum Desert.

Day 8

Thursday 13th May

A hot and sunny morning with the wind picking up through the day. By early evening it had clouded over with light rain and distant thunder/lightening

We were awoken pre-dawn with the sound of singing Short-toed and Bimaculated Larks. As soon as there was sufficient light we were out and about searching the scrubby dunes. Scanning into the distance we soon located the amazing sight of a displaying Macqueen's Bustard – running about and turning itself inside out with ease. As we left the camp after breakfast a brief look at the nearby Artesian Well revealed more Pallas's Sandgrouse, our best views of Black-bellied Sandgrouse and a group of Temminck's Stints. As we headed north towards Zhealturanga a movement of 80 Crested Honey Buzzards and a few Black Kites low overhead was a surprise. A planned stop by a bridge near Kopa provided close views of two Azure Tits, several singing Paddyfield Warblers and a stunning Bluethroat, and at our next stop it didn't take long for us to find Saxaul Sparrows – these fantastic sparrows showed very well at their chosen bus shelter nest site.

We moved on to the attractive area of Turanga Forest near to Zhelturanga itself and even before we managed to get out of the bus we had seen our three target species - White Winged Woodpecker, Eversmann's Stock Dove and Turkestan Tit. Once out of the bus we managed further good views of these species as well as an excellent Saker overhead. After lunch we searched for Pale Scop's Owl, although one was found it was unfortunately long dead....The top priority after leaving the forest was to find some fuel. We weren't sure how little we had, but our driver was obviously desperate as with no local garage he had to resort to getting a local to siphon out some diesel from his tractor! On the return journey we had more time to explore the highly attractive Topar Lakes complex at our leisure. Although windy we found a very feisty Black-headed Penduline Tit, groups of Red-crested Pochards, odd Ferruginous Ducks and a couple of Dalmation Pelicans flew over. A stop on the way back through the Taukum Desert to photo some desert plants allowed us to locate 2 Steppe Grey Shrikes.

Our final destination of the day was Artesian Wells near Kanshengal village – seeing more Temminck's Stint, a Grey-headed Wagtail and 25 Oriental Turtle Doves. As we headed back to the camp the wind was increasing and there was thunder and lightening in the distance...

Day 9

Friday 14th May

Overnight rain had cleared leaving a clear, but slightly windy early morning. It remained sunny and breezy for the remainder of the day

Our final day began and although dull the overnight weather had calmed down. The Macqueen's Bustard performed once more and whilst watching the Bustard, three Goitered Gazelles were located. A brief look at the Artesian Well produced 3 Desert Finches and more Grey-headed Wagtails.

After bidding our farewells to the camp crew, we headed west away from Almaty to an area that can hold breeding Caspian Plover. Unfortunately we couldn't find these, but 5 Greater Sandplover, another Macqueen's Bustard and a Little Bustard were ample compensation.

We headed a few kms further west to a regular White-winged Lark location, but again our luck was out, but here the scattered scrub in the dry river bed was alive with migrants – many Lesser Whitethroats and several Rufous Bushchats, Bluethroats, tristis Chiffchaffs and Spotted Flycatchers. The journey back to Almaty is a long one and a lunch stop was by a well near Alderly. The small patch of reeds held another showy Bluethroat, many Red-headed Buntings and a pair of striking Siberian Stonechats.

After lunch we stopped nearby at the famous Alderly “magic” tree. This one tree held loads of Lesser Whitethroats, a Whitethroat, a Redstart and 2 Nightingales. Moving on to our final birding stop at Sorbulak Lake, Dalmatian Pelicans offered good views and several last minute additions to the list were made including Caspian Gull, Spotted Redshank and Wigeon.

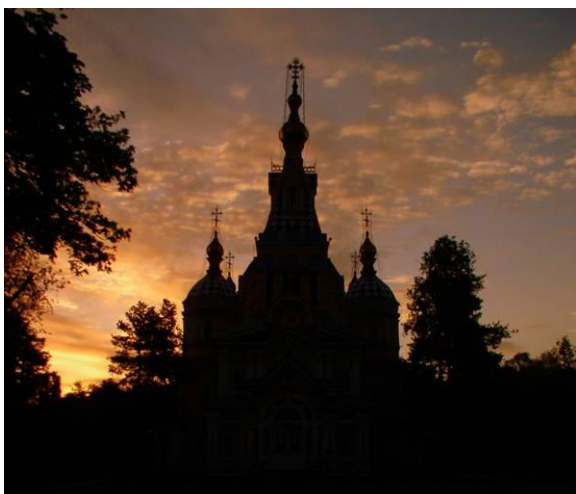
Arriving back at the Otrar Hotel in Almaty by late afternoon we freshened-up, relaxed, and enjoyed a good meal before heading to the airport for the flights home to the UK.

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Zenkov Cathedral



Big Almaty Lake

Species Lists

Birds

	Common name	Scientific name	May								
			7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	
1	Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis capensis</i>								4	
2	Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus cristatus</i>	4							1	20
3	Great White Pelican	<i>Pelecanus onocrotalus</i>								1	
4	Dalmatian Pelican	<i>Pelecanus crispus</i>								2	12
5	Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo sinensis</i>								6	50
6	Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>									1
7	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea cinerea</i>						2	6	8	
8	Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba alba</i>			3			1	4	3	
9	Black Stork	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>						5			
10	Ruddy Shelduck	<i>Tadorna ferruginea</i>	6			7	7	10	10	12	
11	Shelduck	<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>									1
12	Wigeon	<i>Anas Penelope</i>									4
13	Gadwall	<i>Anas strepera</i>							4	4	
14	Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos platyrhynchos</i>							4	4	
15	Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>	2								2
16	Garganey	<i>Anas querquedula</i>						3	3	16	
17	Shoveler	<i>Anas clypeata</i>									8
18	Red-crested Pochard	<i>Netta rufina</i>							30	20	
19	Pochard	<i>Aythya ferina</i>									1
20	Ferruginous Duck	<i>Aythya nyroca</i>							12	4	
21	Goosander	<i>Mergus merganser</i>	2								
22	Crested Honey Buzzard	<i>Pernis orientalis orientalis</i>								100	
23	Black-eared Kite	<i>Milvus migrans lineatus</i>	12	10	3	2	1	75	150	35	
24	Lammergeier	<i>Gypaetus barbatus barbatus</i>		1		1					
25	Himalayan Griffon	<i>Gyps himalayensis</i>		4							
26	Eurasian Griffon	<i>Gyps fulvus fulvus</i>		1				1			
27	Eurasian Black Vulture	<i>Aegypius monachus</i>		5				2			
28	Short-toed Eagle	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>		2							
29	Booted Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus pennatus harterti</i>		1	1						

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			7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
30	Eurasian Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus aeruginosus</i>								2
31	Montagu's Harrier	<i>Circus pygargus</i>			2					2
32	Shikra	<i>Accipiter badius cenchroides</i>						1		
33	Eurasian Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus melaschistos</i>	2	1			1	1	3	1
34	Long-legged Buzzard	<i>Buteo rufinus rufinus</i>	3	1				20	15	6
35	Upland Buzzard	<i>Buteo hemilasius</i>		1	4					
36	Steppe Eagle	<i>Aquila nipalensis nipalensis/orientalis</i>							1	1
37	Golden Eagle	<i>Aquila chrysaetos chrysaetos</i>	1		1					
38	Lesser Kestrel	<i>Falco naumanni</i>	20	40	5					
39	Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus tinnunculus</i>	6	2	4	3	4	20	20	25
40	Merlin	<i>Falco columbarius pallidus/lymani</i>			1	1				
41	Eurasian Hobby	<i>Falco subbuteo subbuteo</i>	4	5	2		1	10	6	8
42	Saker Falcon	<i>Falco cherrug cherrug/milvipes</i>							1	
43	Barbary Falcon	<i>Falco pelegrinoides</i>		1	1					
44	Himalayan Snowcock	<i>Tetraogallus himalayensis</i>			6	8	2			
45	Chukar	<i>Alectoris chukar chukar</i>	2	25			5			
46	Common Quail	<i>Coturnix coturnix coturnix</i>	1		1					1
47	Common Pheasant	<i>Phasianus colchicus</i>	1						2	
48	Demoiselle Crane	<i>Anthropoides virgo</i>			7					
49	Water Rail	<i>Rallus aquaticus</i>							1	
50	Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus chloropus</i>						3	4	
51	Common Coot	<i>Fulica atra atra</i>							6	
52	Macqueen's Bustard	<i>Chlamydotis macqueenii</i>							1	2
53	Little Bustard	<i>Tetrax tetrax</i>								1
54	Ibisbill	<i>Ibidorhyncha struthersii</i>				2		1		
55	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus himantopus</i>						2	6	
56	Collared Pratincole	<i>Glareola pratincola pratincola</i>							3	
57	Northern Lapwing	<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>			10					6
58	Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius curonicus</i>	6		1				4	9
59	Greater Sand Plover	<i>Charadrius leschenaultii crassirostris</i>								5
60	Curlew	<i>Numenius arquata</i>								
61	Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus totanus</i>						2		10

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			7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
62	Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>						2		9
63	Spotted Redshank	<i>Tringa erythropus</i>								3
64	Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>	1						2	2
65	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	10	4	4	2		3	2	4
66	Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>							1	1
67	Temminck's Stint	<i>Calidris temminckii</i>							14	13
68	Caspian Gull	<i>Larus cachinnans cachinnans</i>								8
69	Black-headed Gull	<i>Larus ridibundus</i>						5	8	150
70	Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo hirundo/tibetana</i>							12	10
71	Little Tern	<i>Sterna albifrons</i>								2
72	White-winged Black Tern	<i>Chlidonias leucopterus</i>						7	1	1
73	Black Tern	<i>Chlidonias niger niger</i>							12	1
74	Pallas's Sandgrouse	<i>Syrhaptes paradoxus</i>		6	44				6	14
75	Black-bellied Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles orientalis arenarius</i>			2			10	20	6
76	Rock /Feral Dove	<i>Columba livia</i>	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓
77	Eversmann's (Yellow-eyed) Stock Dove	<i>Columba eversmanni</i>							6	
78	Stock Dove	<i>Columba oenas</i>	8	1						
79	Common Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus casiotis</i>	10	8	6			1		
80	Oriental Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia orientalis meena</i>	1					7	25	6
81	Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto stoliczkae</i>	6	2						
82	Laughing Dove	<i>Streptopelia senegalensis cambayensis</i>	1		2					
83	Common Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus canorus</i>	25	6	10	1	2	6	10	8
84	Eurasian Scops Owl	<i>Otus scops pulchellus</i>	3	1	1					
85	Long-eared Owl	<i>Asio otus otus</i>	2							
86	Common Swift	<i>Apus apus apus/pekinensis</i>		2						40
87	Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis atthis</i>						1		2
88	European Bee-eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>	7					1		20
89	European Roller	<i>Coracias garrulus semenowi</i>	25	10	30			70	30	60
90	Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops epops</i>	4	3	8			2	10	5
91	White-winged Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos leucopterus</i>		1	1				2	
92	Calandra Lark	<i>Melanocorypha calandra psammochroa</i>						40	20	120
93	Bimaculated Lark	<i>Melanocorypha bimaculata torquata</i>						20	15	30

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			7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	
94	Greater Short-toed Lark	<i>Calandrella brachydactyla longipennis</i>		10					12	12	60
95	Shore Lark	<i>Eremophila alpestris brandti/albigula</i>		6							
96	Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata magna</i>			12					6	10
97	Eurasian Skylark	<i>Alauda arvensis dulcivox</i>			25						
98	Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia riparia</i>	2	6						50	6
99	Pale Martin	<i>Riparia diluta</i>								4	12
100	European Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica rustica</i>	100	30	80	2			80	100	60
101	Eurasian Crag Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne rupestris</i>		5							
102	House Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum urbicum</i>	50		30				75	6	6
103	Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Cecropis daurica rufula</i>							5		
104	Tawny Pipit	<i>Anthus campestris campestris</i>	4	12	1				4	5	5
105	Tree Pipit	<i>Anthus trivialis schlueteri/haringtoni</i>			1				1		1
106	Water Pipit	<i>Anthus spinoletta blakistoni</i>			25	20	6		2		
107	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba alba</i>							12	5	6
108	Masked Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba personata</i>	15	10	2				1	2	7
109	Grey-headed Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava thunbergi</i>								1	4
110	Black-headed Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava feldegg</i>			1						
111	Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea melanope</i>		1	2		2		6	6	10
112	Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes tienschanicus</i>				1	2		4		
113	White-throated Dipper	<i>Cinclus cinclus leucogaster</i>					2				
114	Brown Dipper	<i>Cinclus pallasii</i>							2		
115	Altai Accentor	<i>Prunella himalayana</i>				1					
116	Brown Accentor	<i>Prunella fulvescens dresseri</i>				3			1		
117	Black-throated Accentor	<i>Prunella atrogularis huttoni</i>				10	15		8		
118	Mistle Thrush	<i>Turdus viscivorus bonapartei</i>				1	2		5		
119	Common Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula intermedius</i>	30	8	10	2			2		20
120	Blue Whistling Thrush	<i>Myophonus caeruleus turcestanicus</i>					1		1		
121	Common Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola saxatilis</i>		4							
122	Blue Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola solitarius pandoo</i>		2							
123	Common Nightingale	<i>Luscinia megarhynchos golzii</i>	20	10	6				2	6	3
124	Bluethroat	<i>Luscinia svecica pallidigularis/tianschanica</i>								1	3
125	Himalayan Rubythroat	<i>Luscinia pectoralis pectoralis/ballioni</i>			1	3	14		4		

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126	Rufous Bush Chat	<i>Erythropygia galactotes familiaris</i>			3					10
127	Eversmann's Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus erythronotus</i>			2	4	8	4		
128	Blue-capped Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus caeruleocephala</i>					1	4		
129	Common Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus phoenicurus</i>		1				1		2
130	Güldenstadt's Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus erythrogastus grandis</i>				4				
131	Stonechat	<i>Saxicola torquata maura</i>								2
132	Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe libanotica</i>				4		1		1
133	Pied Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe pleschanka</i>		6					1	1
134	Desert Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe deserti deserti</i>			2					
135	Isabelline Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe isabellina</i>	50	30	16			6	12	20
136	Cetti's Warbler	<i>Cettia cetti albiventris</i>			2				2	
137	Savi's Warbler	<i>Locustella luscinioides fusca</i>			10					
138	Paddyfield Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus agricola agricola</i>							4	
139	Blyth's Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus dumetorum</i>	2						1	1
140	Great Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus arundinaceus zarudnyi</i>			5					
141	Booted Warbler	<i>Hippolais caligata</i>	1							
142	Sykes' Warbler	<i>Hippolais rama</i>			5			1	4	10
143	Severtzov's Tit-warbler	<i>Leptopoecile sophiae sophiae</i>					1			
144	Siberian Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita tristis</i>		1	2			1	2	8
145	Sulphur-bellied Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus griseolus</i>					3			
146	Hume's Yellow-browed Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus humei humei</i>	12	7	10	8	20	15	6	5
147	Greenish Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochiloides viridanus</i>		1	1	2	5	3		2
148	Common Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia communis rubicola</i>								1
149	Lesser Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia curruca halimodendri</i>	1		6			3	10	80
150	Hume's Lesser Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia curruca althaea</i>		1						
151	Asian Desert Warbler	<i>Sylvia nana</i>		1						
152	Barred Warbler	<i>Sylvia nisoria merzbacheri</i>							1	
153	Goldcrest	<i>Regulus regulus tristis</i>					2	6		
154	Tree Creeper	<i>Certhia familiaris</i>						1		
155	Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata sarudnyi</i>						12	30	35
156	Songar Tit	<i>Poecile songara songara</i>					2			
157	Coal Tit	<i>Periparus ater rufipectus</i>				1	6	10		

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158	Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>	60	6	10		1	6		12
159	Turkestan Tit	<i>Parus bokharensis turkestanicus</i>							10	
160	Azure Tit	<i>Cyanistes cyanus tianshanicus</i>							2	
161	White-crowned Penduline Tit	<i>Remiz coronatus coronatus</i>	4		2					
162	Black-crowned Penduline Tit	<i>Remiz macronyx ssaphoshnikowi</i>							1	
163	Turkestan Shrike	<i>Lanius isabellinus phoenicuroides</i>	6		15			1	20	1
164	Red-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius collurio</i>						1	2	2
165	Long-tailed Shrike	<i>Lanius schach erythronotus</i>	4		2					
166	Steppe Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius pallidirostris</i>			1			1	4	
167	Magpie	<i>Pica pica bactriana</i>	15	4	12	6	8	20	12	30
168	Nutcracker	<i>Nucifraga caryocatactes rothschildi</i>			1			6		
169	Red-billed Chough	<i>Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax centralis</i>				4	8			
170	Alpine Chough	<i>Pyrrhocorax graculus forsythi</i>				12	2			
171	Eurasian Jackdaw	<i>Corvus monedula soemmerringii</i>	60	30	50			40	15	40
172	Rook	<i>Corvus frugilegus frugilegus</i>	300	80	120			500	80	250
173	Carrion Crow	<i>Corvus corone orientalis</i>	2		25	10	20	10	40	15
174	Brown-necked Raven	<i>Corvus ruficollis ruficollis</i>						1	6	4
175	Common Raven	<i>Corvus corax tibetanus/laurencei</i>	1	1	5	12	2	1		
176	Common Myna	<i>Acridotheres tristis tristis</i>	50	20	50	2	2	40	50	75
177	Rosy Starling	<i>Pastor roseus</i>	1	250	1000			50000	1500	5000
178	Common Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris porphyronotus</i>	6	3	15			1	1	12
179	Eurasian Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus oriolus kundoo</i>		1	2					
180	Saxaul Sparrow	<i>Passer ammodendri ammodendri</i>							4	
181	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	80	20				20	20	30
182	"Bactrian" Sparrow	<i>Passer bactrianus</i>			25				50	4
183	Spanish Sparrow	<i>Passer hispaniolensis transcaspicus</i>						200		
184	Eurasian Tree Sparrow	<i>Passer montanus dilutus</i>	40	15	20					
185	Rock Sparrow	<i>Petronia petronia exigua</i>		2						
186	Hodgson's (Plain) Mountain-finch	<i>Leucosticte nemoricola altaica</i>			8	40	150	6		
187	Common Rosefinch	<i>Carpodacus erythrinus ferghanensis</i>	2	1	1		1	10	12	25
188	Red-mantled Rosefinch	<i>Carpodacus rhodochlamys rhodochlamys</i>			1	10	10	3		
189	European Greenfinch	<i>Carduelis chloris turkestanicus</i>	20	10	4			2		2

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190	Grey-headed Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis parapanisi</i>	12	5	4			2		
191	Common Linnet	<i>Acanthis cannabina bella</i>	30	25						
192	Red-fronted Serin	<i>Serinus pusillus</i>			8	28	42	12		
193	White-winged Grosbeak	<i>Mycerobas carnipes carnipes</i>				7	16	4		
194	Mongolian Finch	<i>Rhodopechys mongolica</i>		12	40					2
195	Desert Finch	<i>Rhodospiza obsoleta</i>			10					3
196	Rock Bunting	<i>Emberiza cia par</i>		3						
197	Grey-necked Bunting	<i>Emberiza buchanani neobscura</i>	1	5						
198	Ortolan Bunting	<i>Emberiza hortulana</i>					2	2	2	
199	White-capped Bunting	<i>Emberiza stewarti</i>	1	4						
200	Red-headed Bunting	<i>Emberiza bruniceps</i>	1		3		40	30	90	
201	Reed Bunting	<i>Emberiza schoeniclus pyrrhuloides</i>	1		5					
202	Corn Bunting	<i>Emberiza calandra buturlini</i>	2					10	1	

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Great Gerbil *Rhombomys opimus*Red Pika *Ochotona rutila*Red-cheeked Sousel *Spermophilus fulvus*Desert Hare *Lepus tolai*Red Squirrel *Sciurus vulgaris*Corsac Fox *Vulpus corsac*Goitered Gazelle *Gazella subgutturosa*Stoat *Mustella erminea*Grey marmot *Marmota baibacina*

Reptiles and Amphibians

Horsefield Tortoise *Testudo horsfieldi*Agama Lizard *Agama agama*Marsh Frog *Rana ridibunda*Toad-headed Lizard *Phrynocephalus przewalskii*