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Naturetrek Tour Report

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Summary

Another fabulous trip to Kazakhstan! We enjoyed some excellent birding with good numbers of Pallas's Sandgrouse, excellent views of Ibisbill and Caspian Plover, a good selection of raptors ranging from White-tailed and Imperial Eagle to Shikra, the majority of the mountains specialist passerines, and we saw all of the desert and steppe species we were expecting. The weather was interesting with snow in the mountains, very hot weather in the desert and surprisingly reasonably calm conditions on the Sugaty Plain as there had been very strong winds on the days leading up to our visit, plus some poor weather for part our stay in the Tien Shan.

Day 1

Monday 19th May

Flights from London and Edinburgh to Almaty via Istanbul

Day 2

Tuesday 20th May

We arrived in Almaty on time in the early morning after an uneventful flight. We were met at the airport and after changing money and loading the bus we were soon heading around Almaty and up into the Tien Shan Mountains. Our first stop was for a picnic breakfast, but while waiting for this to be prepared a quick stroll to the nearby river produced a fly-by Brown Dipper (down and then back upstream) and a singing Blue Whistling Thrush.

After this we headed further up into the mountains to the Observatory at 2700m – arriving with snow falling. We were allocated our rooms and by that time the sun was out and we ventured out around the observatory. The first birds of note was a flock of Plain Mountain Finches, quickly followed by Eversmann's Redstart, Himalayan Rubythroat and White-winged Grosbeak – all within 200m of the accommodation. We moved further away and enjoyed 2 Oriental Turtle Doves, a group of Water Pipits and then a fine Golden Eagle overhead, before searching a juniper covered slope for the next hour or so. Here we found a nest-building White-browed Tit-warbler, several Black-throated Accentors, a pair of Siberian Stonechats and a brief Lammergeier. It was nearing lunch time but we stopped on our way back to the Observatory when a Himalayan Snowcock was located calling from the top of a ridge.

After lunch we first headed towards the Big Almaty Lake, and then drove up to the Kosmo Station. Although the weather was poor we still managed to find a pair of Guldenstadt's Redstarts and a small flock of Alpine Choughs. We returned to the Observatory, did the days checklist, ate our evening meal and then to bed.

Day 3

Wednesday 21st May

Up for a 0600 breakfast and then we left to go down to the Big Almaty Lake at 0700. Our attempt to walk along the lake shore failed due to two security officials saying we couldn't. However, negotiations and phone calls later finally resulted in permission being given. During the time our local leader was dealing with this we continued birding from the roadside. We had our first Tree Pipits, super views of Eversmann's Redstarts and Black-throated Accentor, a low flying Black-eared Kite a few Red-fronted Serins amongst a large flock of Plain Mountain Finches. We kept scanning the edge of the lake in case an Ibisbill appeared (it didn't!) as well as locating Snowcocks calling from the surrounding ridges.

We then headed off along the lake shore path stopping to admire male Blue-capped Redstarts, an obliging Grasshopper Warbler and some very confiding Eversmann's Redstarts. On reaching a suitable vantage point we began scanning for Ibisbill and after about 20 minutes one was located feeding in classic fashion amongst the rocks adjacent to fast flowing water. It was quite distant so we moved closer and had lovely views. After this we walked further along the lake edge and eventually found a Sulphur-bellied Warbler. We then headed back seeing another closer Sulphur-bellied Warbler and hearing a Nutcracker. On reaching the van and the road we walked down the hill to the "leaking-pipe" stopping on the way for Booted Eagle, an odd Buzzard (a hybrid), a bland-faced tristis race Goldcrest – all new species for us. At the leaking pipe two Blue Whistling Thrushes showed very well.

After lunch we headed up to the kosmostation again, but our luck ran out with few birds (except a pair of chough) as the low cloud descended followed later by snow. Despite valiant efforts in the mist we failed to find any of our target species. The light snow had set in by the time we returned to the Observatory so a cup of tea and a little relaxation was in order. Examination of a photograph a couple of days later revealed that one lucky member of the group had found a Brown Accentor – a species that, surprisingly, eluded the rest of us.

Day 4

Thursday 22nd May

The day started with 6 inches of snow on the ground and an interesting drive down the mountain expertly undertaken by our driver. Conditions around the Observatory were not suitable for birding and it wasn't until we were below the Big Almaty Lake that we began to find birds. A few Coal Tits and a single Red-mantled Rosefinch was the start, but as we walked lower and the weather improved we found Blue Whistling Thrushes, Black-throated Accentor and, after a lot of effort, a single Songar Tit. We drove down further and at the Big Almaty Wall. Excitement started with a Brown Dipper, then a single Plain Mountain Finch but peaked with a very obliging Wallcreeper that fed and sunbathed on the wall (a second Wallcreeper was seen further down as well). We continued down the mountain road and during several stops to try and locate White-breasted Dipper we found a Lammergeier, a single Azure Tit and Greenish Warbler with several very low altitude flocks of Plain Mountain Finches presumably driven down by the snow.

We finally left the mountains later than planned and headed east out of Almaty. Our first stop was for lunch and here we enjoyed close views of Lesser Grey Shrikes, a single Long-tailed Shrike, Oriental Turtle Dove and several Golden Orioles, Rollers and Red-headed Buntings, Moving on we stopped at a regular White-crowned Penduline Tit site and soon located a nest with two adults close by. Our last stop was at a small quarry where after a bit of effort we found eight Pale Martins along with two Sand Martins and a very showy low-flying dark morph Booted Eagle. We arrived at our camp around 7 pm and after our evening meal and a short spell of relaxation around a camp fire we headed to bed.

Day 5

Friday 23rd May

For some a pre-breakfast walk to the lake shore produced a few displaying Common Sandpipers and Little Ringed Plovers. After breakfast the first highlight was a singing Grey-necked Bunting by the camp and there was also a Little Owl. We left the camp and headed towards Kokpek village, but we were delayed by some fine Lesser Kestrels alongside the road. Once through Kokpek we headed out onto the Sugaty Plain and to a small artesian well, but as usual we had to stop to look at a couple of Black Vultures and a Steppe Eagle plus a local race Horned Lark. At the well we didn't have to wait long for a few Mongolian Finches to drop in and eventually a male Crimson-winged Finch appeared. Back in the bus we were heading back towards the road when four Pallas's Sandgrouse flew past giving nice flight views. This prompted a walk which produced a pair of Pied Wheatear and two Asian Desert Warblers. Once at the road we walked to the south and found two and then a single Pallas's Sandgrouse which gave good views and called when they flew.

We then headed further east, stopping to admire a fine male Desert Wheatear and then continued around to a small area of Turanga woodland alongside a river where we had lunch. Over lunch we had a smart Barred Warbler, more White-crowned Penduline Tits and two Azure Tits. Moving back onto the Sugaty Plain a Macqueen's Bustard flew a short distance from the roadside and then began injury-feigning – we watched for a short period and then moved onto a small cemetery which held breeding Lesser Kestrel and Rock Sparrow. Our final stops were on a trackside high above the snow covered Charyn Gorge and surrounding plains. Here we enjoyed Imperial, Short-toed and Golden Eagles, hybrid Buzzards, Himalayan Griffon Vulture and for some a Saker. However, one of the star birds of the day was a male Pied Wheatear of the *vittata* form- a truly superb bird. One member of the group ventured down to the lakeshore on our return to camp and was rewarded with 4 Terek Sandpipers.

Day 6

Saturday 24th May

The day started with a pre-breakfast walk up the river valley by our camp in search of buntings – we found one White-capped and several Grey-necked. Star bird here was a Chaffinch (usually all the wintering birds have long gone north by May). After breakfast we left the camp and Bartogai Lake and headed to the Kokpek Pass. Here good views of White-capped Bunting were had and after some effort two Hume's Whitethroats. Overhead a couple of Golden Eagles and a Black Vulture passed over. On leaving the pass we started the long trek back to Almaty and then north to Kolshengol. We stopped for some fine Long-tailed Shrikes by the roadside and lunch (in the same place as two days previously) and then two stops at Sorbulak Lake. At the lake we had large a large flock of 200 White Pelican with about 40 Dalmatians. Along the shore were up to 70 Terek Sandpipers and 30 Temminck's Stints, and on the water were a few Red-crested Pochard and a single Garganey.

A second stop on a small reed fringed pool resulted in finding a single male White-headed Duck, 30 Black-necked Grebes, two Collared Pratincoles and eight Ferruginous Ducks along with more Red-crested Pochard and Garganey.

Day 7

Sunday 25th May

We woke up in the desert to the sound of larks singing and the group were soon gathered just to the west of our camp to look for displaying bustards. We didn't see one, but had a group of Brown-necked Ravens, some singing Lesser Whitethroats (sounding very different to UK individuals), a group of Pallas's Sandgrouse and our first encounter with Bimaculated Lark.

After breakfast we headed west into the desert. Our first stop was for 20 Greater Sandpipers and then a pair of Caspian Plovers. After this excitement and some heat haze Demoiselle Cranes we studied both Short-toed and Lesser Short Larks before we headed to a small group of trees which held many small migrant – Hume's Warblers, Lesser Whitethroat, Blyth's Reeds and Nightingales. Nearby in the desert was a pair of Steppe Grey Shrikes that showed very well. We headed out of the desert to the main road for our return to Kolshengol and found some better (but still too distant) Demoiselle Cranes. After cold drinks and ice creams in the village we looked at an Artesian well where we found a few Desert Finches and displaying Crested Larks. Then it was back to camp for lunch – but stopping at the Artesian well for a Steppe Gull.

After lunch we travelled south along a poor road to Tamgaly where the highlight was two Eastern Rock Nuthatches. On the way there and back we had ten Pallas's Sandgrouse, A young male Montagu's Harrier and a fine low-flying Short-toed Eagle and two Red-rumped Swallow. On our return to Kolshengol a quick look in the village trees produced many small migrants and a fine female Black-throated Thrush. An early return to camp for early meal and a relaxed evening...

Day 8

Monday 26th May

We tried again for a displaying bustard, but yet again one didn't show. After a quick cup of coffee we headed out to the Artesian Well - highlights here were good views of Short-toed and Bimaculated Larks. After breakfast we stopped again at the well and enjoyed fine views of eight Pallas's and a few Black-bellied Sandgrouse. Then it was off into the Taukum Desert. We made several stops to try and find Desert Warbler and Rufous Bushchat, but we only managed a quick glimpse of a Desert Warbler. We did have up to ten Steppe Grey Shrikes and 15 Turkestan Shrikes of the *karelini* form. We finally reached the Topa Lakes and looked at Black Terns and Ferruginous Duck on roadside lakes before stopping at the Topa Bridge. Here a short walk along the road produced singing Paddyfield Warbler, a tree-sitting Shikra, Bearded Tit, Azure Tit and a Turkestan Tit. There was also a fine male Large-billed Reed Bunting that showed well and a singing Savi's Warbler that remained hidden.

It was then off to the Turanga Forest near Zelturanga with a quick stop at a Saxaul Sparrow breeding site where a female showed well, but briefly. On arrival at the forest both White-winged Woodpecker and Yellow-eyed Stock Dove showed well. A walk after lunch produced quite a few Turkestan Tits and several White-winged Woodpeckers and a fine male Saxaul Sparrow that did show very well....eventually! Heading back towards Topa we stopped and watched a pair of Black-headed Penduline Tits that showed extremely well. It was then another short stop on the Topa Bridge with a Little Bittern the highlight.

We then had the long drive back to Kolshengol and while cold beer was purchased in the village most of the group spent 15 minutes looking at migrants with good views of the usual species.

Day 9

Tuesday 27th May

We had a quick look (again) for a bustard and then it was breakfast, packing and on the road before 0700. Our first stop was in Kolshengol and there were more migrants present than yesterday providing lovely views, but nothing new for the trip list. On leaving the trees we visited a nearby artesian well and on the way we had Hooded Crow (a late winter visitor) and two distant and very brief Citrine Wagtails. At the well both species of sandgrouse showed as well as a single Desert Finch.

After this we travelled towards Almaty and our next stop was Aldarly. Here we walked the small wetland with the highlight being wonderful close views of Demoiselle Crane, including two very close overhead and calling loudly. At the “magic” tree there were good numbers of Blyth’s Reed, but variety was lacking – the tree itself seems to be struggling with only a small part of it now with new growth. The next stop was a small lake near to Sorbulak Lake (where we had stopped on Day 6). Here we added a few duck species (Tufted, Pochard, Shoveler and Wigeon) to the trip list plus a male Kentish Plover. We also had better views of a male Citrine Wagtail.

After lunch we moved to Sorbulak itself and the highlight here was good views of an adult White-tailed Eagle feeding on the shoreline and then in flight. The disturbance caused by the eagle resulted good numbers of ducks showing themselves and there were a few Terek Sandpipers along the shoreline. Best wader however, was a very smart breeding plumaged Grey Plover. There was also a background of White and Dalmatian Pelicans. Our last birding stop of the tour was at a Caspian Gull breeding site on another lake near Sorbulak. It was then time to head into Almaty, our hotel a hot shower, food and an early night.

Day 10

Wednesday 28th May

An early start to catch the plane back to UK via Istanbul – only birds recorded in Almaty were a few singing Nightingales, but some fine Alpine Swifts were seen in Istanbul.

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Species List

Birds (✓ = recorded but not counted; h = heard only)

	Common name	Scientific name	May							
			20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
1	Himalayan Snowcock	<i>Tetraogallus himalayensis</i>	1	8						
2	Chukar Partridge	<i>Alectoris chukar</i>				2				
3	Common Pheasant	<i>Phasianus colchicus</i>			2		1			
4	Common Quail	<i>Coturnix coturnix</i>			1h					
5	Mute Swan	<i>Cygnus Olor</i>					4			4
6	Whooper Swan	<i>Cygnus cygnus</i>					15			11
7	Ruddy Shelduck	<i>Tadorna ferruginea</i>		2	2	4	60	4	6	200
8	Common Shelduck	<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>								2
9	Gadwall	<i>Anas strepera</i>					5			200
10	Eurasian Wigeon	<i>Anas penelope</i>								10
11	Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>				2	20		10	30
12	Northern Shoveler	<i>Anas clypeata</i>								6
13	Northern Pintail	<i>Anas acuta</i>					1			1
14	Garganey	<i>Anas querquedula</i>					8			30
15	Eurasian Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>					6			5
16	Red-crested Pochard	<i>Netta rufina</i>					12		10	20
17	Common Pochard	<i>Aythya ferina</i>								6
18	Ferruginous Duck	<i>Aythya nyroca</i>					8		15	25
19	Tufted Duck	<i>Aythya fuligula</i>								8
20	Goosander	<i>Mergus merganser</i>					4			
21	White-headed Duck	<i>Oxyura leucocephala</i>					1			4
22	Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>					1			
23	Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>			2	4	100			200
24	Black-necked Grebe	<i>Podiceps nigricollis</i>					33		2	50
25	Little Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus minutus minutus</i>							4	1
26	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>					12		10	12
27	Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>			1		9		10	3
28	Great White Pelican	<i>Pelecanus onocrotalus</i>					200			50
29	Dalmatian Pelican	<i>Pelecanus crispus</i>					40			6
30	Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>					✓			✓

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			20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
31	Black-eared Kite	<i>Milvus migrans lineatus</i>	2	1	4	12	4	5	20	10
32	White-tailed Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus albicilla</i>								1
33	Bearded Vulture	<i>Gypaetus barbatus</i>	1	1	1					
34	Himalayan Vulture	<i>Gyps himalayensis</i>				8				
35	Griffon Vulture	<i>Gyps fulvus</i>						5		
36	Cinereous Vulture	<i>Aegypius monachus</i>				2	1	2		
37	Short-toed Snake Eagle	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>				1	1	1	2	
38	Western Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>					2		1	
39	Montagu's Harrier	<i>Circus pygargus</i>						1		
40	Shikra	<i>Accipiter badius</i>							3	2
41	Eurasian Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>			2				1	
42	Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>		2	1					
43	Hybrid buzzards	<i>Buteo buteo vulpinus</i>				5	3			
44	Long-legged Buzzard	<i>Buteo rufinus</i>			1	10	5	12	10	6
45	Steppe Eagle	<i>Aquila nipalensis</i>				3				
46	Eastern Imperial Eagle	<i>Aquila heliaca</i>				3				
47	Golden Eagle	<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>	1			4	4	1		
48	Booted Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus pennatus</i>		2	3	1				
49	Lesser Kestrel	<i>Falco naumanni</i>				30	12	2		
50	Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	6	6	5	6	2	6	6	8
51	Eurasian Hobby	<i>Falco subbuteo</i>		1	4		1			3
52	Saker Falcon	<i>Falco cherrug</i>				1				
53	Macqueen's Bustard	<i>Chlamydotis macqueenii</i>				1				
54	Water Rail	<i>Rallus aquaticus</i>							1h	
55	Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>					2		4	5
56	Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>					✓		25	✓
57	Demoiselle Crane	<i>Grus virgo</i>				1		11		10
58	Ibisbill	<i>Ibidorhyncha struthersii</i>		1						
59	Eurasian Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus ostralegus</i>					1			1
60	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>					60	2	50	70
61	Northern Lapwing	<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>			2	10	10			6
62	Kentish Plover									1

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			20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
63	Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius curonicus</i>				10	8	6		15
64	Greater Sand Plover	<i>Charadrius leschenaultii crassirostris</i>				2		20		6
65	Caspian Plover	<i>Charadrius asiaticus</i>						2		
66	Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>					4		1	3
67	Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>					1			1
68	Marsh Sandpiper	<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>					1			
69	Terek Sandpiper	<i>Xenus cinereus</i>			2h	4	70			30
70	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>		3	1	10	6			
71	Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>						1		
72	Temminck's Stint	<i>Calidris temminckii</i>					35	15	5	6
73	Collared Pratincole	<i>Glareola pratincola</i>					2			
74	Black-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>				3	✓		40	✓
75	Caspian Gull	<i>Larus cachinnans</i>					25		1	✓
76	Steppe Gull	<i>Larus barabensis</i>						1		
77	Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>					1		10	1
78	Eurasian Black Tern	<i>Chlidonias niger niger</i>							5	
79	Pallas's Sandgrouse	<i>Syrhaptes paradoxus</i>				11		10	8	6
80	Black-bellied Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles orientalis</i>				20		200	35	15
81	Rock Dove /Feral Pigeon	<i>Columba livia 'feral'</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
82	Yellow-eyed Pigeon	<i>Columba eversmanni</i>							3	
83	Cinnamon-necked Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus casiotis</i>			6		12			3
84	Oriental Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia orientalis meena</i>	2		5	2	12	10	5	10
85	Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>			4		2			7
86	Laughing Dove	<i>Spilopelia senegalensis</i>							1	
87	Common Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>	3	4	12	12	5		6	3
88	Little Owl	<i>Athene noctua</i>				2				
89	European Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus europaeus</i>					1	1		
90	Common Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>			50	2	2	12	10	
91	European Roller	<i>Coracias garrulus</i>			60	40	30	25	15	40
92	European Bee-Eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>			15		20	4	8	20
93	Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>			10	8	6	6	10	6
94	White-winged Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos leucopterus</i>							6	

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			20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
95	Red-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius collurio</i>						2		
96	Red-tailed Shrike	<i>Lanius phoenicuroides</i>				10		2	28	1
97	Long-tailed Shrike	<i>Lanius schach erythronotus</i>			1		4			
98	Lesser Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius minor</i>			25	4	6	2	5	3
99	Steppe Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius pallidirostris</i>						2	10	
100	Eurasian Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>			4	2		1	1	1
101	Eurasian Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	6	✓
102	Northern Nutcracker	<i>Nucifraga caryocatactes rothschildi</i>		1h	1h					
103	Red-billed Chough	<i>Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax centralis</i>		2		3				
104	Alpine Chough	<i>Pyrrhocorax graculus</i>	7	4						
105	Russian Jackdaw	<i>Coloeus monedula soemmerringii</i>			✓	✓	✓	2	✓	✓
106	Rook	<i>Corvus frugilegus</i>			✓		✓		✓	✓
107	Oriental Crow	<i>Corvus corone orientalis</i>	15	12	30	1				
108	Hooded Crow	<i>Corvus cornix sharpii</i>								1
109	Brown-necked Raven	<i>Corvus ruficollis</i>					1	15	1	
110	Eurasian Raven	<i>Corvus corax tibetanus</i>		2	5	4				
111	Songar Tit	<i>Poecile montanus songarus</i>			1					
112	Coal Tit	<i>Periparus ater rufipectus</i>		4	8					
113	Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>	4	1	5	3	1			2
114	Turkestan Tit	<i>Parus major turkestanicus</i>							8	
115	Azure Tit	<i>Cyanistes cyanus tianschanicus</i>			1	2	1		4	
116	Black-headed Penduline Tit	<i>Remiz macronyx ssaposhnikowi</i>							3	
117	White-crowned Penduline Tit	<i>Remiz coronatus coronatus</i>			2	2	1			
118	Calandra Lark	<i>Melanocorypha calandra psammochroa</i>				1		✓	10	25
119	Bimaculated Lark	<i>Melanocorypha bimaculata torquata</i>						✓	40	2
120	Greater Short-toed Lark	<i>Calandrella brachydactyla longipennis</i>						✓	✓	30
121	Lesser Short-toed Lark	<i>Calandrella rufescens heinei</i>						10		2
122	Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata magna</i>						6	20	6
123	Horned Lark	<i>Eremophila alpestris brandti</i>				8	3			
124	Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>			3			2	6	
125	Pale Martin	<i>Riparia diluta</i>			8		3			
126	European Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica rustica</i>	6		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

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			20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
127	Eurasian Crag Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne rupestris</i>				2	1			
128	Common House Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>	20		12	100	100	✓		4
129	Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Cecropis daurica rufula</i>			2			2		
130	Cetti's Warbler	<i>Cettia cetti albiventris</i>							3h	
131	White-browed Tit-warbler	<i>Leptopoeile sophiae sophiae</i>	1							
132	Siberian Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita tristis</i>						4	1	4
133	Sulphur-bellied Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus griseolus</i>		2						
134	Hume's Leaf Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus humei humei</i>	10	20	15	6	3	30	12	35
135	Greenish Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochiloides viridanus</i>			1h			4		5
136	Great Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus arundinaceus zarudnyi</i>					2h			3h
137	Paddyfield Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus agricola agricola</i>							8	
138	Blyth's Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus dumetorum</i>			1h		1	40	35	60
139	Caspian Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus fuscus</i>						1		
140	Sykes's Warbler	<i>Iduna rama</i>							5	
141	Eastern Grasshopper Warbler	<i>Locustella naevia straminea</i>		3						
142	Savi's Warbler	<i>Locustella luscinioides</i>							1h	
143	Barred Warbler	<i>Sylvia nisoria merzbacheri</i>				1				
144	Lesser Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia curruca halimodendri</i>						10	30	4
145	Hume's Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia althaea</i>					2			
146	Asian Desert Warbler	<i>Sylvia nana</i>				2			1	
147	Common Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia communis rubicola</i>	1h			2		5		2
148	Goldcrest	<i>Regulus regulus tristis</i>		1	2h					
149	Eurasian Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes tianschanicus</i>		3h	10h					
150	Eastern Rock Nuthatch	<i>Sitta tephronota</i>						2		
151	Wallcreeper	<i>Tichodroma muraria</i>			2					
152	Common Myna	<i>Acridotheres tristis tristis</i>	40	6	✓	✓	✓	10	2	✓
153	Rosy Starling	<i>Pastor roseus</i>			2	400	250	25		150
154	Common Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris porphyronotus</i>			20	20	15	4	30	20
155	Blue Whistling Thrush	<i>Myophonus caeruleus</i>	1	2	3					
156	Chinese Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula intermedius</i>	2	4	12					
157	Mistle Thrush	<i>Turdus viscivorus bonapartei</i>	2	6	5	2	1			
158	Black-throated Thrush	<i>Turdus atrogularis</i>						1		

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159	White-tailed Rubythroat	<i>Luscinia pectoralis ballioni</i>	6	4						
160	Eastern Nightingale	<i>Luscinia megarhynchos hafizi</i>			2	1	1	6	10	3
161	Eversmann's Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus erythronotus</i>	2	6						
162	Blue-capped Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus coeruleocephala</i>		5						
163	Common Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus phoenicurus</i>	1	2				1		1
164	Güldenstädt's Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus erythrogastrus grandis</i>	2							
165	Siberian Stonechat	<i>Saxicola maurus</i>	2	1		6				
166	Isabelline Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe isabellina</i>			16	✓	25	✓	✓	✓
167	Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe libanotica</i>				2				
168	Pied Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe pleschanka</i>				10	5	6		1
169	Eastern Desert Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe deserti deserti</i>				1				
170	Common Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola saxatilis</i>				6		1		
171	Blue Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola solitarius</i>					3			
172	Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>					2	✓	30	20
173	Brown Dipper	<i>Cinclus pallasii</i>	1		2					
174	Saxaul Sparrow	<i>Passer ammodendri ammodendri</i>							2	
175	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>			3		1	1		✓
176	Indian Sparrow [bactrianus]	<i>Passer domesticus bactrianus</i>			5			12	6	6
177	Spanish Sparrow	<i>Passer hispaniolensis transcaspicus</i>						40		2
178	Eurasian Tree Sparrow	<i>Passer montanus dilutus</i>			1	1	6			
179	Rock Sparrow	<i>Petronia petronia</i>				5				
180	Brown Accentor	<i>Prunella fulvescens</i>		1						
181	Black-throated Accentor	<i>Prunella atrogularis huttoni</i>	5	6	2					
182	Citrine Wagtail	<i>Motacilla citreola</i>								4
183	Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea melanope</i>	4		2			1		2
184	Masked Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba personata</i>	1		4	6	2	1	3	2
185	Tawny Pipit	<i>Anthus campestris</i>			1	30	6	20	12	6
186	Tree Pipit	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>		8	6	1				1
187	Water Pipit	<i>Anthus spinoletta blakistoni</i>	40			40				
188	Red-fronted Serin	<i>Serinus pusillus</i>		10						
189	Chaffinch						1		1	
190	European Greenfinch	<i>Chloris chloris turkestanica</i>					1			

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			20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
191	Grey-crowned Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis paropanisi</i>	4		4	40				
192	Common Linnet	<i>Carduelis cannabina bella</i>				80	5			
193	Crimson-winged Finch	<i>Rhodopechys alienus</i>				3				
194	Plain Mountain Finch	<i>Leucosticte nemoricola altaica</i>	60	200	60	30				
195	Mongolian Finch	<i>Eremopsaltria mongolica</i>				5			2	
196	Desert Finch	<i>Rhodospiza obsoleta</i>						9	3	1
197	Common Rosefinch	<i>Carpodacus erythrinus ferghanensis</i>		4		1				5
198	Red-mantled Rosefinch	<i>Carpodacus rhodochlamys</i>	4	2	1					
199	Red Crossbill	<i>Loxia curvirostra tianschanica</i>			1h					
200	White-winged Grosbeak	<i>Mycerobas carnipes</i>	10	8	1					
201	Corn Bunting	<i>Emberiza calandra buturlini</i>					2	1		
202	Rock Bunting	<i>Emberiza cia par</i>				2				
203	White-capped Bunting	<i>Emberiza stewarti</i>					3			
204	Grey-necked Bunting	<i>Emberiza buchanani neobscura</i>				12	6	2		
205	Red-headed Bunting	<i>Emberiza bruniceps</i>			10	6	12	30	✓	✓
206	Common Reed Bunting	<i>Emberiza schoeniclus pyrrhuloides</i>							1	

Mammals

1	Goitered Gazelle	<i>Gazella subgutterosa</i>						4	1	
2	Turkestan Red Pika	<i>Ochotona rutila</i>	1	1						
3	Red-cheeked Souslik	<i>Spermophilus fulvus</i>				10				
4	Grey Marmot	<i>Marmotta baibacina</i>	6	12						
5	Desert Hare	<i>Lepus Tolai</i>				6		2	1	
6	Giant Gerbil	<i>Rhombomys opimus</i>				50				
7	Eurasian Red Squirrel	<i>Sciurus vulgaris</i>			1					
8	Stoat	<i>Mustella erminea</i>		1						
9	Grass Snake	<i>Natrix natrix</i>					1			
10	Tortoise sp						1	2	10	
11	Yellow Souslik	<i>Citellus fulvus</i>						1	1	2

Other Taxa

1	Toad-headed Lizard	<i>Phrynocephalus przewalskii</i>								6
2	Leech sp.									2