

Kazakhstan

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Summary

We had a real mix of weather on this tour with poor weather in the mountains resulting in us being unable to get to the highest altitudes, but apart from this the tour went very much to plan. We saw over 200 species of birds and a good selection of mammals. Highlights must include the roosting Pallid Scops Owl in the Turanga Forest, the fly past Macqueen's Bustard and the White-winged Larks at Kolshengol, our incredible luck when a Golden Eagle flushed a Himalayan Snowcock, despite the mist we all saw Ibisbill, the fantastic views of Meadow and Pine Buntings above the Charyn Gorge, the spectacular storm as we headed back to Shunja, the close Desert Warblers and smart male Desert Wheatears on the Sugaty Plain, the flocks of Terek Sandpipers and other waders on Sorbulak lake, and at our final lunch stop watching a Barbary Falcon toying with Rooks and Rose-coloured Starling.

Day 1

Saturday 14th May

Flights via Istanbul to Almaty

The tour started with flights from the UK to Kazakhstan via Istanbul.

Day 2

Sunday 15th May

Almaty to Charyn (Charyn Guesthouse)

The group arrived a little late, but as they did the heavy overnight rain cleared and it quickly improved to a hot sunny day. After meeting Reg (who was already in Kazakhstan after leading another tour) and local staff, and changing money, we went outside to the waiting coach. The first birds were in the airport car park: singing Blyth's Reed Warbler, Eurasian Hobby and Common Myna.

On clearing Almaty we stopped for breakfast in an area of willow scrub where two adult White-crowned Penduline Tits were attending a nest, an Eastern Nightingale sang and showed itself well and a single Black-crowned Night Heron flew over. After breakfast we headed further east, stopping a few times, with the 'best' stop providing four circling Oriental Honey Buzzards. Our next location was Malabai where we watched Pale Martins visiting their nest holes, two Himalayan Vultures flew overhead, a Shikra was displaying and we had our first good views of rollers and bee-eaters.

We moved on into the Kokpek Pass where we had lunch before walking up the side valley and finding White-capped and Rock Buntings and a female Hume's Whitethroat on a nest. After the pass we drove across the Sugaty Plain, stopping for an adult Steppe Eagle standing on a nest.

We then visited an artesian well where Crimson-winged and Mongolian Finches and Grey-necked Buntings came to drink. Our other good birds on the plain were Desert Wheatear and Horned Lark (Shorelark) of the *brandti* subspecies. After this we headed to Shunja and our Guest House. After a meal and the log it was time for an early night.

Day 3

Monday 16th May

Charyn

After another night of heavy rain, it dawned clear and dry. The pre-breakfast group walked around the village seeing a fine Long-tailed Shrike, several Turkestan Shrikes, at least four territory-holding Barred Warblers and Grey-crowned Goldfinch.

After breakfast we left the guest house and drove across the Sugaty Plain on a different road to yesterday. We stopped and scanned – no bustards but we all had further fine views of Shorelark and more distant views of Goitered Gazelles. After a while we dropped down into a river valley and at Temerlik Bridge we had good views of Azure Tit, Hume's Whitethroat and Booted Warbler, with two Cinereous Vultures overhead. The next stop was Aksay Cemetery where Lesser Kestrels and Rock Sparrows put on a good show before we headed to the Charyn Gorge where we had lunch with fine close views of Long-legged Buzzard and Black Kite low overhead as we ate.

After lunch we moved to the hills above the gorge and found a singing male Pine Bunting and two pairs of Shorelarks, this time of the *albignola* subspecies. There were also carpets of flowers. We then headed towards home, but a final stop produced a stunning Meadow Bunting. As we got into the coach an approaching thunder storm hit and heavy rain and strong winds accompanied us all the way back to Shunja.

Day 4

Tuesday 17th May

Charyn to Tien Shan (Alpine Rose Guesthouse)

The early morning walk produced similar species to yesterday, but a pair of Pied Wheatears were new, as were a couple of parties of Rose-coloured Starlings overhead.

After breakfast we headed westwards across the Sugaty Plain, stopping a couple of times. At the first stop we saw two low Short-toed Snake Eagles, three higher Oriental Honey Buzzards and a couple of Desert Wheatears. At the second stop we saw our target species – four Desert Warblers that showed extremely well.

Having enjoyed these stops we headed back to Almaty, only stopping for lunch, and we reached the mountains mid-afternoon; unfortunately in light rain. Despite the weather we stopped and watched adult and juvenile Brown Dippers and a smart, but wet, Blue Whistling Thrush.

On reaching our guest house we settled in to our rooms, and then the rain stopped. We were quickly outside and watching Black-throated Accentor, Red-fronted Serin, White-tailed Rubythroat, Songar Tit, White-winged Grosbeak and Northern Nutcrackers amongst other things – an extremely good end to the day.

Day 5

Wednesday 18th May

Tien Shan

The day started dull and overcast with very light rain. A few of the group ventured out pre-breakfast before the rain became heavy. We saw more Black-throated Accentors and Red-fronted Serins, but nothing new which probably wasn't surprising after our success the previous evening.

After breakfast, and despite the rain, we ventured out. First we had to drive down the road to meet our 4x4 vehicles which couldn't get through to us due to a landslide blocking the road. After transferring lunch and supplies, we headed up to the Big Almaty Lake and walked along the west side. Along the track a large party of Plain Mountain Finches were present along with up to 10 Water Pipits and four Eversmann's Redstarts. We continued along the track, scanning the mountains as Himalayan Snowcock was calling, but we couldn't find it although we did find seven Russian Goats that showed well through the telescopes.

On reaching a good vantage point overlooking the lake we began scanning for Ibisbill and although one was found very quickly, it was lost in the mist that was coming and going. In one of the mist-free spells on the hills a Golden Eagle was found flying low over a ridge and just afterwards a snowcock flew from that vicinity and glided down the mountain, being seen by almost all the group. We turned our attention back to the Ibisbill and most saw it before the mist came down and the rain set in. We waited some time but it did not lift so we headed back to the bus.

Despite the weather a small group of hardy souls headed out to look for White-browed Tit-warbler and one of them was successful, but it was only a brief sighting. The others refound the Ibisbill which, although very distant, was seen well through the telescopes.

With no improvement in the weather we headed back to the hotel for lunch and afterwards two 4x4 vehicles set off to try and get to the Kosmostation – they failed as snow was blocking the road. They returned and as it was still raining, further birding was restricted to looking out of windows.

Day 6

Thursday 19th May

Tien Shan to Kolshengol

A pre-breakfast walk above the hotel in clear bright conditions enabled the group to enjoy the mountain scenery after yesterday's poor weather. A male White-tailed Rubythroat, a couple of Black-throated Accentors and a Grasshopper Warbler all showed well.

After breakfast we headed down the mountain. We stopped a few times including once for a Bearded Vulture. We continued through Almaty and headed north to Sorbulak Lakes. Here were a good selection of waders including both Greater and Lesser Sand Plovers side by side which enabled good direct comparison. We also saw up to 70 Terek Sandpipers and 20 Spotted Redshanks, mostly in summer plumage. There were plenty of ducks including Garganey and Red-crested Pochard. Also of note were two adult White-tailed Eagles, one soaring with a mixed group of Great White and Dalmatian Pelicans, a small group of Demoiselle Cranes overhead and a Black Stork.

After visiting the large lake, we had lunch at a smaller one where we saw 11 White-headed Ducks, a couple of Ferruginous Ducks and singing Great Reed Warblers. We then continued north to Aldarly and the 'magic' tree which held only a few migrants, but provided good views of Blyth's Reed Warbler. It was then on to the camp at Kolshengol where we arrived in good time.

Day 7

Friday 20th May

Kolshengol

It was a cold start to the day and the pre-breakfast highlight were two Mongolian Finches at the Artesian Well. We also had good views of Bimaculated Lark and Greater Short-toed Lark.

After breakfast we set off but almost immediately stopped to look at a male Common Rock Thrush, quickly followed by Sykes's Warbler, a Long-legged Buzzard nest with two chicks, and several Spanish Sparrows. We then drove through the Taukum desert where we had nice views of a Rufous Scrub Robin and on to Topar lakes.

At the lakes we enjoyed watching Bearded Reedlings (Tits), Paddyfield Warbler, Black-headed and Citrine Wagtails, a superb male Bluethroat and many other species; a typically productive stop in this lovely area. After this, our next stop was for Saxaul Sparrow and after looking at a female carrying nest material, a male flew in and showed well. We then continued, with a few stops, to the Turanga Forest at Zhelturanga and quickly found Turkestan Tit and White-winged Woodpecker.

After lunch we found several Yellow-eyed Pigeons, but pride of place went to a Pallid Scops Owl that allowed all of us to see it extremely well. Then it was the drive back, stopping again at the lakes and then in the desert for a group of circling Oriental Honey Buzzards and then a Steppe Grey Shrike. After that it was a quick stop in the village for drinks and back to the camp for food, the log and bed.

Day 8

Saturday 21st May

Kolshengol

Today we had an early start and headed westwards across the desert/steppe. We stopped several times to scan and located a few Greater Sand Plovers and the now usual selection of larks. The first highlight was spotting a White-winged Lark from the coach and on stopping we found a further six which provided us with excellent views. We then visited a small isolated clump of bushes and found a Steppe Grey Shrike, breeding Spanish Sparrows and a Sykes's Warbler, along with a few Hume's Leaf Warblers and Common Rosefinch. Back on the coach and we had another unplanned stop when a Macqueen's Bustard flew quite slowly past us giving a really good view.

After lunch at the camp we headed south to Tamgaly. On the way we found a few Red-rumped Swallows in a roadside culvert, and at Tamgaly a pair of Eastern Rock Nuthatch showed well at their nest. After appreciating the lovely valley and the Pteroglyphs, we headed back to Kolshengol.

Day 9

Sunday 22nd May

Kolshengol to Almaty (Kazzhol Hotel, Almaty)

A later breakfast gave us time to spend an hour or so at the Artesian Well. Due to the rain in the previous week only a few birds came to drink and bathe, but again we had good views of larks and a single Mongolian Finch. The most interesting bird was a distant harrier. It was either a Pallid or Montagu's Harrier but would not come close enough to be identified with certainty.

On leaving the camp we stopped near another wet pool and watched small groups of Black-bellied Sandgrouse arrive to drink. It was then on to another well in Kolshengol, but we were soon diverted as nearby trees and garden were full of migrant Greenish, Blyth's Reed and Hume's Leaf Warblers. We enjoyed excellent views of these as they were very approachable. It was then on to the garage to fill up with fuel, but again the bushes and trees were alive with birds.

After this we started our journey back towards Almaty, but almost immediately stopping as a circling Eastern Imperial Eagle was spotted. We then managed to put a few miles behind us before stopping in Aldarly where, again, the trees held migrants including a fine Barred Warbler and male Red-backed/Turkestan Shrike hybrid.

After this we stopped at a river valley for lunch and the highlight here was a Barbary Falcon that was originally perched on a rock face, but then spent quite a long time flying and swooping on Rooks and Rose-coloured Starlings. There were also a few migrants here including a Red-backed Shrike, and a single Dalmatian Pelican flew overhead. Our last stop of the trip was at the large Sorbulak Lake where we walked across the dam enjoying the views, the groups of ducks, several groups of Terek Sandpipers and several Caspian Gulls. It was then on to Almaty and we arrived at our hotel at about 4.30pm.

Day 10

Monday 23rd May

Return to the UK

Today we had an early start to get to the airport in time for our flight to Istanbul and onwards, back to the UK where another Naturetrek adventure came to an end.

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Species Lists

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

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

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29	Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>					✓	2	4	15
30	Oriental Honey Buzzard	<i>Pernis ptilorhyncus</i>	4		3		1	12		4
31	Black-eared Kite	<i>Milvus migrans lineatus</i>	5	10	12		50	100	25	30
32	White-tailed Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus albicilla</i>					2			1
33	Bearded Vulture	<i>Gypaetus barbatus</i>					1			
34	Himalayan Vulture	<i>Gyps himalayensis</i>	3	8						
35	Cinereous Vulture	<i>Aegypius monachus</i>		2						
36	Short-toed Snake Eagle	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>	2	1	2					
37	Western Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>	1				2	3	1	2
38	Montagu's Harrier	<i>Circus pygargus</i>						1		1
39	Shikra	<i>Accipiter badius</i>	1	1			2	1		
40	Eurasian Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>	1	1					1	1
41	Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>			1		1			
42	Long-legged Buzzard	<i>Buteo rufinus</i>	4	5	5		6	15	15	20
43	Steppe Eagle	<i>Aquila nipalensis</i>	2							
44	Eastern Imperial Eagle	<i>Aquila heliaca</i>								1
45	Golden Eagle	<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>	2			1				
46	Booted Eagle	<i>Hieraetus pennatus</i>		1	2		2			
47	Lesser Kestrel	<i>Falco naumanni</i>	2	6	4		4	1		
48	Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	1	2	2	1	8	10	6	6
49	Eurasian Hobby	<i>Falco subbuteo</i>	5	2	1		5	4	4	2
50	Barbary Falcon	<i>Falco pelegrinoides</i>								1
51	Macqueen's Bustard	<i>Chlamydotis macqueenii</i>							1	
52	Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>					1	3		
53	Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>					20	6		
54	Demoiselle Crane	<i>Grus virgo</i>		2			8		84	1
55	Ibisbill	<i>Ibidorhyncha struthersii</i>				1				
56	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>	1		2		20	25	1	5
57	Pied Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>					4			
58	Eurasian Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus ostralegus</i>					8			
59	Northern Lapwing	<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>	2		1		1	5		1
60	Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius curonicus</i>					8			3

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61	Greater Sand Plover	<i>Charadrius leschenaultii crassirostris</i>		3				1		15	
62	Lesser Sand Plover	<i>Charadrius mongolus</i>						2			
63	Spotted Redshank	<i>Tringa erythropus</i>						15			
64	Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>						5	3		
65	Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>						2			
66	Terek Sandpiper	<i>Xenus cinereus</i>						70			15
67	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>		2						2	
68	Curlew Sandpiper	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>						3			
69	Temminck's Stint	<i>Calidris temminckii</i>						5	22	8	1
70	Black-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>	5					✓	6		✓
71	Caspian Gull	<i>Larus cachinnans</i>						25	1		12
72	Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>	1					10	20		4
73	White-winged Tern	<i>Chlidonias leucopterus</i>							2		
74	Eurasian Black Tern	<i>Chlidonias niger niger</i>							18		
75	Black-bellied Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles orientalis</i>	1	8				1	10	65	30
76	Feral Pigeon	<i>Columba livia 'feral'</i>	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓
77	Yellow-eyed Pigeon	<i>Columba eversmanni</i>							3		
78	Cinnamon-necked Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus casiotis</i>	12	2	12			6			2
79	European Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia turtur</i>							1		
80	Oriental Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia orientalis meena</i>	1	15	5			1	10	8	3
81	Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	12	1	4			2			
82	Laughing Dove	<i>Spilopelia senegalensis</i>	1								
83	Common Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>	5	6	6	2		6	10		2
84	Pallid Scops Owl	<i>Otus brucei</i>							1		
85	Little Owl	<i>Athene noctua</i>	1							1	
86	European Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus europaeus</i>						1			
87	Common Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>	10	6	40					4	40
88	European Roller	<i>Coracias garrulus</i>	40	12	25			50	25	12	30
89	European Bee-eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>	15	3	10			20	12	6	12
90	Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>	2	5	6			2	6	6	5
91	White-winged Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos leucopterus</i>							5		
92	Eurasian Three-toed Woodpecker	<i>Picoides tridactylus</i>						1h			

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			15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
93	Red-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius collurio</i>					1	2		3
94	Tukestan Shrike	<i>Lanius phoenicuroides</i>	6	10	10			10		1
95	Long-tailed Shrike	<i>Lanius schach erythronotus</i>	2	1	2					
96	Lesser Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius minor</i>	2	3	1		6	4		5
97	Steppe Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius pallidirostris</i>						1	1	
98	Eurasian Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>	3	3	2		1	5	1	
99	Eurasian Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>	✓	4	✓	3	✓	6	10	✓
100	Northern Nutcracker	<i>Nucifraga caryocatactes rothschildi</i>			6	2	2			
101	Red-billed Chough	<i>Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax centralis</i>		2						
102	Alpine Chough	<i>Pyrrhocorax graculus</i>				100				
103	Russian Jackdaw	<i>Coloeus monedula soemmerringii</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	1	✓
104	Rook	<i>Corvus frugilegus</i>	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
105	Oriental Crow	<i>Corvus corone orientalis</i>	1	4	3	6	6	6		5
106	Brown-necked Raven	<i>Corvus ruficollis</i>					1			4
107	Eurasian Raven	<i>Corvus corax tibetanus</i>		3						
108	Songar Tit	<i>Poecile montanus songarus</i>			1					
109	Coal Tit	<i>Periparus ater rufipectus</i>			5	4	1			
110	Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>	12	6	10	4	6			6
111	Turkestan Tit	<i>Parus major turkestanicus</i>						5		
112	Azure Tit	<i>Cyanistes cyanus tianschanicus</i>		3		2	2	1		
113	White-crowned Penduline Tit	<i>Remiz coronatus coronatus</i>	2	4						
114	Calandra Lark	<i>Melanocorypha calandra psammochroa</i>					20	12	✓	✓
115	Bimaculated Lark	<i>Melanocorypha bimaculata torquata</i>					1	10	✓	4
116	White-winged Lark	<i>Melanocorypha leucoptera</i>							7	
117	Greater Short-toed Lark	<i>Calandrella brachydactyla longipennis</i>	8	40	6		20	20	6	10
118	Lesser Short-toed Lark	<i>Calandrella rufescens heinei</i>							10	2
	Greater/Lesser Short-toed Lark	<i>Calandrella brachydactyla/rufescens</i>							150	25
119	Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata magna</i>		1	2		10	6	3	6
120	Asian Skylark	<i>Alauda arvensis dulcivox</i>		10						
121	Horned Lark	<i>Eremophila alpestris brandti</i>	4	1						
122	Horned Lark	<i>Eremophila alpestris albigula</i>		4						
123	Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>					3	6	1	3

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			15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
124	Pale Martin	<i>Riparia diluta</i>	75							
125	European Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica rustica</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
126	Eurasian Crag Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne rupestris</i>		2						
127	Common House Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>	12	120	✓	2	10	2		30
128	Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Cecropis daurica rufula</i>							5	
129	Cetti's Warbler	<i>Cettia cetti albiventris</i>	2h	1h			1h	5		
130	White-browed Tit-warbler	<i>Leptopoecile sophiae sophiae</i>				1				
131	Siberian Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita tristis</i>					1		1	3
132	Hume's Leaf Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus humei humei</i>		20	12	15	12		3	40
133	Greenish Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochiloides viridanus</i>		1	1		10			15
134	Great Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus arundinaceus zarudnyi</i>					4	3		
135	Paddyfield Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus agricola agricola</i>						1		
136	Blyth's Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus dumetorum</i>	5	6	3		6	6	4	20
137	Booted Warbler	<i>Iduna caligata</i>	1	1	1					
138	Sykes's Warbler	<i>Iduna rama</i>						5	1	
139	Eastern Grasshopper Warbler	<i>Locustella naevia straminea</i>		1h	1	2	1			
140	Savi's Warbler	<i>Locustella luscinioides</i>						1h		
141	Barred Warbler	<i>Sylvia nisoria merzbacheri</i>		10	4					1
142	Lesser Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia curruca halimodendri</i>		2	1	1	2	4h	1	6
143	Hume's Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia althaea</i>	1	1						
144	Asian Desert Warbler	<i>Sylvia nana</i>			4					
145	Common Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia communis rubicola</i>	4	2		1	2	1		1
146	Goldcrest	<i>Regulus regulus tristis</i>			2	2				
147	Eurasian Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes tianschanicus</i>				1				
148	Eastern Rock Nuthatch	<i>Sitta tephronota</i>							2	
149	Eurasian Treecreeper	<i>Certhia familiaris</i>			1					
150	Common Myna	<i>Acridotheres tristis tristis</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓		4	12
151	Rosy Starling	<i>Pastor roseus</i>		7	50		300		2000	400
152	Common Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris porphyronotus</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓	6	4	12
153	Blue Whistling Thrush	<i>Myophonus caeruleus</i>			3		1			
154	Chinese Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula intermedius</i>	3	4	8	2	3			1
155	Mistle Thrush	<i>Turdus viscivorus bonapartei</i>		2	4	6	2			

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156	Red-spotted Bluethroat	<i>Luscinia svecica pallidogularis</i>							3		
157	Rufous-tailed Scrub Robin	<i>Erythropygia galactotes familiaris</i>							2		
158	White-tailed Rubythroat	<i>Luscinia pectoralis ballioni</i>			1	3	1				
159	Eastern Nightingale	<i>Luscinia megarhynchos hafizi</i>	5	6h	8		3	2h	1h	1h	
160	Eversmann's Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus erythronotus</i>				4					
161	Blue-capped Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus coeruleocephala</i>			2						
162	Common Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus phoenicurus</i>		1				1			
163	Siberian Stonechat	<i>Saxicola maurus</i>		6	4	1					1
164	Isabelline Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe isabellina</i>	40	50	45	6	6	50	✓	✓	
165	Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe libanotica</i>		1			1				1
166	Pied Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe pleschanka</i>	6	6	2		6		2		
167	Eastern Desert Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe deserti deserti</i>	2		3						
168	Common Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola saxatilis</i>						1			
169	Blue Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola solitarius</i>	1								
170	Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>		2				5	20	10	60
171	White-throated Dipper	<i>Cinclus cinclus leucogaster</i>				1					
172	Brown Dipper	<i>Cinclus pallasii</i>			4			2			
173	Saxaul Sparrow	<i>Passer ammodendri ammodendri</i>						2			
174	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	2	2	6		12			5	6
	House Sparrow [bactrianus]	<i>Passer domesticus bactrianus</i>	6						4		2
175	Spanish Sparrow	<i>Passer hispaniolensis transcaspicus</i>							10	25	
176	Eurasian Tree Sparrow	<i>Passer montanus dilutus</i>	4	2	10			1			1
177	Rock Sparrow	<i>Petronia petronia</i>	4	8							
178	Black-throated Accentor	<i>Prunella atrogularis huttoni</i>			2	8	3				
179	Black-headed Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava feldegg</i>							4		
180	Citrine Wagtail	<i>Motacilla citreola</i>							4		
181	Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea melanope</i>			1	5	2			3	5
182	Masked Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba personata</i>	12	2	5		2	1			2
183	Tawny Pipit	<i>Anthus campestris</i>	6	10	4				1	1	
184	Tree Pipit	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>			2	10	2				
185	Water Pipit	<i>Anthus spinoletta blakistoni</i>				25					
186	Red-fronted Serin	<i>Serinus pusillus</i>			4	30	4				

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187	European Greenfinch	<i>Chloris chloris turkestanica</i>	6	4	4					
188	Grey-crowned Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis parapanisi</i>		2	2	3	2			
189	Common Chaffinch	<i>Fringella coelebs</i>								1
190	Common Linnet	<i>Linaria cannabina bella</i>	5	12						
191	Crimson-winged Finch	<i>Rhodopechys sanguinea</i>	4							
192	Plain Mountain Finch	<i>Leucosticte nemoricola altaica</i>				100				
193	Mongolian Finch	<i>Eremopsaltria mongolica</i>	25					2	6	1
194	Common Rosefinch	<i>Carpodacus erythrurus ferghanensis</i>		6	5	3	3	6	30	20
195	Red-mantled Rosefinch	<i>Carpodacus rhodochlamys</i>				2				
196	Red Crossbill	<i>Loxia curvirostra tianschanica</i>				40				
197	White-winged Grosbeak	<i>Mycerobas carnipes</i>			1	3	2			
198	Corn Bunting	<i>Emberiza calandra buturlini</i>		4					1	
199	Rock Bunting	<i>Emberiza cia par</i>	2	4						
200	White-capped Bunting	<i>Emberiza stewarti</i>	3							
201	Grey-necked Bunting	<i>Emberiza buchanani neobscura</i>	6							
202	Ortolan Bunting	<i>Emberiza hortulana</i>		1						
203	Red-headed Bunting	<i>Emberiza bruniceps</i>		1			5	30	25	10
204	Pine Bunting	<i>Emberiza leucocephala</i>		1						
205	Siberian Meadow Bunting	<i>Emberiza cioides</i>		1						
206	Common Reed Bunting	<i>Emberiza schoeniclus pyrrhuloides</i>						2		

Mammals

1	Goitered Gazelle	<i>Gazella subgutterosa</i>		6	3				1	
2	Turkestan Red Pika	<i>Ochotona rutila</i>				2				
3	Red-cheeked Souslik	<i>Spermophilus fulvus</i>							2	1
4	Grey Marmot	<i>Marmotta baibacina</i>		5		1				
5	Muskkrat	<i>Ondatra zibethicus</i>					1			
6	Desert Hare	<i>Lepus Tolai</i>			1		1	1		2
7	Red Fox	<i>Vulpes vulpes</i>			2			2		
8	Giant Gerbil	<i>Rhombomys opimus</i>	✓	✓	✓					
9	Eurasian Red Squirrel	<i>Sciurus vulgaris</i>			2	2	1			
10	Siberian Goat	<i>Capra sp.</i>				7				

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11	Wild Boar	<i>Sus scrofa</i>					3			

Reptiles & Amphibians

1	Horsefield Tortoise	<i>Testudo horsfieldi</i>						1	3	
2	Agama Lizard	<i>Agama agama</i>			1					
3	Marsh Frog	<i>Rana ridibunda</i>					✓	✓		✓
4	Toad-headed Lizard	<i>Phrynocephalus przewalskii</i>		2						
5	Steppe Iguana	<i>Eremias arguta</i>	1							

Butterflies

1	Painted Lady	<i>Vanessa cardui</i>					✓	✓		
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