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Naturetrek Tour Report

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Summary

It is always difficult to summarise the Kazakhstan tour as we usually pack such a lot into the days we are in the country, and this tour was no exception. Highlights are always a very personal thing, but the spectacular scenery and glorious weather in the Tien Shan Mountains was memorable. As we were safe and dry in our tents, the impressive lightning storm in the Taukum desert must also feature as a highlight as it was very impressive but, it is hoped, one which doesn't occur too often on future trips. As this was principally a birding holiday, it is the birds that provided many of the special memories. Some that come instantly to mind were looking down on an unconcerned Himalayan Snowcock feeding below us, as well as the Rubythroats and Accentors in the mountain juniper scrub, the vulture colony in the Charyn Gorge, the close White-tailed Lapwing at the Kolshengol well, the bush full of Common Rosefinches at the Charyn Gorge, the smart male Saxaul Sparrows sitting on their Saxaul bushes, the sleepy Pale Scops Owl at Zelturanga and the numbers and movement of the migrants in the Aldarly wishing-tree. There was also the fine array of flowers on the hills above the Charyn Gorge, and many enjoyable picnics in scenic locations – as said, we do pack a lot into this tour!

Day 1

Friday 5th May

This was a day of travel. The majority of the group flew from Gatwick to Almaty via Istanbul whilst two flew from Manchester and two were already waiting for us in Almaty. Apart from a couple of slight delays, we had a relatively trouble free trip and arrived plus or minus on time.

Day 2

Saturday 6th May

We landed in Almaty soon after 6am and were soon in the bus heading eastwards out of the city, but not before we enjoyed our first Common Myna and three super Masked Wagtails in the airport car park.

Our first stop was for breakfast in an area of scrub just off the main road east. Whilst it was being prepared we found White-crowned Penduline Tit, Hume's Leaf Warbler, a single Night Heron and several Black Kites, and breakfast was eaten to the accompaniment of several singing Eastern Nightingales. After breakfast we found a fresh Penduline Tit nest and got good views of one of the adults.

Back on the road we headed to the village of Bayseit for vital supplies, and then on to Malabay were the roadside colony of Pale Martins held at least 70 birds, with a group of passing Lesser Kestrels, a couple of Indian Sparrows and our first Isabelline Wheatear and Tawny Pipit. After a further short drive our next stop was for a walk up a side valley in the Kokpek pass where, after a bit of effort, we found White-capped Bunting, several Rock Buntings, Sulphur-bellied Warbler and Hume's Whitethroat as well as having close encounters with two Golden Eagles.

We had lunch here and then drove through the remainder of the pass and out onto the Sugaty Plain, where we stopped to see a nesting Steppe Eagle with the adult and chick on the nest and later the adult flying and perched close to the nest.

Next on the agenda was an artesian well and on the way found a few *brandti* Horned Larks, Little Owl, two Desert Wheatears and our first Turkestan Shrike. At the well were a group of Grey-necked Buntings and a couple of Tawny Pipits, and a single Rock Sparrow dropped in to drink and bathe.

Time had run away with us and it had been a long couple of days, so we headed to our guest house in Shunja for food, showers and an early night.

Day 3

Sunday 7th May

The pre-breakfast walk was slightly delayed due to rain, but those that did venture out around the village enjoyed views of Greenish and Barred Warblers and a fly-over Black Stork, as well as species seen and heard the previous day.

After breakfast we headed off across the Sugaty Plain in heavy rain, but we were able to scan from the vehicle, and when there was a break in the rain we got out and scanned for MacQueen's Bustard. We eventually found two and everyone was able to see them, but they were unfortunately very distant. After this we drove off the main road on a track and had views of Montagu's Harrier, Black-bellied Sandgrouse, two Desert Wheatears and several more Horned Larks.

We moved on to our next stop at Temerlik Bridge and here a very dark Buzzard provided interest, closely followed by another Black Stork, Booted Eagle and two White-crowned Penduline Tits that again gave good views. We continued across the plain and stopped at Aksay Cemetery where both male and female Lesser Kestrel gave really excellent views.

Our next stop was for lunch overlooking the Charyn Gorge with the best sighting here going to a tree full of Common Rosefinch at close range. The afternoon was spent on the hillside above the gorge with the diversity of flowers providing plenty of interest, as did a walk to overlook the vulture breeding site. A good selection of birds were found, with the majority of them showing very well and the highlights being a small group of Black-throated Thrushes, Siberian Stonechat, Rock Thrush and a really showy Meadow Bunting.

After this it was a rapid drive back to Shunja for a late meal, the checklist and sleep.

Day 4

Monday 8th May

An early morning walk around the village produced better views of singing Barred Warbler, three Lesser Whitethroats and a couple of Turkestan Shrikes.

We left Shunja around 8am and headed west, back over the Sugaty Plain and stopped to walk through suitable habitat for Asian Desert Warbler. Eventually, after quite a bit of effort, found a pair which all the group saw, along with excellent views of Desert Wheatear.

After this we re-visited the Artesian well drinking pool and although very few birds came to drink or bathe, we did see four Mongolian Finches and more Grey-necked Buntings. As this was a travel day back to the mountains

we had to keep moving, although we did have a quick walk in the Kokpek pass and the usual picnic stop, which produced Sykes's Warbler, a group of Bee-eaters overhead and a male Shikra.

As we approached Almaty a stop was made when we spotted our first Long-tailed Shrike, but this stop also provided a female Black-throated Thrush. It was then the traffic of Almaty, the climb up to the mountains (stopping for a Blue Whistling Thrush) and arrived at the Alpine Rose Guesthouse about 7pm.

Day 5

Tuesday 9th May

Today was a glorious day in the mountains, with almost continuous sunshine and only a slight cool breeze at the highest altitudes. The day started well with good, but distant, views of Ibisbill, followed by Himalayan Rubythroat and Black-throated Accentor from the road just above the Big Almaty Lake.

There was quite an extensive cover of snow and we were unable to drive all the way up to the Kosmostation, although half the group were fortunate in that a passing Russian skier picked up half of us in his 4x4 and we reached the top singing along to old Rolling Stones classics. The remainder of the group had a more leisurely walk.

At the Kosmostation we all had great views of Guldenstadt's Redstart and excellent views of Himalayan Snowcock feeding on a grassy knoll below us. On leaving the high ground and after our picnic, part of the group took an intrepid route cross country, but others took the easier route by road.

Below the Big Almaty Lake we found Songar Tit and Brown Dipper, and then back at the guest house we had close views of the local races of Coal Tit and Goldcrest.

Day 6

Wednesday 10th May

Early morning in the mountains was spent revisiting an area of juniper scrub above the Big Almaty Lake. After sterling efforts by our local guide, most of the group managed to see a White-browed Tit-warbler. We also found a single White-winged Grosbeak (which was surprisingly elusive this year) and enjoyed more Black-throated Accentors and Himalayan Rubythroat. As we moved down the road we found two Blue-capped Redstarts in the pines.

We then left the mountains, navigated Almaty and then on to Sorbulak Lakes, where we stopped and walked across the dam before heading to another small lake complex for lunch. At the lakes we found Great White Pelicans, a good selection of wildfowl and a few waders. Highlights were White-headed and Ferruginous Ducks, Red Crested Pochard, Marsh Sandpiper and Spotted Redshank. We also saw a rather distant Collared Pratincole and overhead a couple of White-tailed Eagles (a fine adult and an immature).

Moving on northward, we stopped at the 'wishing-tree' at Aldarly which was full of migrant warblers, and then on to Kolshengol where a quick stop at the garage produced more migrants including a fine Cuckoo and a Paddyfield Warbler. Whilst buying beer in the village an Osprey was found on a post.

Finally, as we reached the camp, two Demoiselle Cranes flew past and we had a quick look at the artesian well where we saw a group of Yellow Wagtails and a couple of Temminck's Stints.

Day 7

Thursday 11th May

After a severe overnight storm, consisting of a fantastic lightening display and heavy rain, the day started overcast, but then cleared to hot and sunny. After a brief look at the camp well we headed north, through the Taukum desert. We stopped when two Rufous-tailed Scrub Robins flew over the road and then showed in bushes close by.

After this we kept moving and our first major stop was at Topar Lakes; a strange wetland complex of lakes and reedbeds seemingly in the middle of the desert. Here we had a short walk in distance, but it took us quite some time as there was plenty to see including confiding Bearded Reedling (Tit), obliging Azure Tit, singing Paddyfield Warbler, the large-billed pale race of Reed Bunting and a couple of Citrine Wagtails.

Next stop was in Saxaul scrub just beyond Topar village, where we soon found several very smart male Saxaul Sparrows, very vocal singing Sykes's Warbler, territory-holding Lesser Whitethroat (of the race *halimodenri*) and many Turkestan Shrikes.

Having seen one of the main target species for this day, we travelled on to the remnant of the Turanga forest near the village of Zelturanga. Here we had our picnic, the start of which was interrupted as a roosting Pale Scops Owl was found that was deemed (quite rightly) more important than food. After lunch we successfully went in search of perched views of Yellow-eyed Pigeon, having so far only seen them in flight.

Then it was back through desert and a quick visit to the artesian well in Kolshengol, which produced a few Yellow Wagtails and a Siberian White Wagtail (*ocularis*), before returning to the camp and a relaxed evening.

Day 8

Friday 12th May

After an early start and breakfast, we were soon out of the camp and heading westwards across the steppe. We soon found four super male Caspian Plovers and several Greater Sand Plovers which showed really well. Then it was on, further west, stopping to scan at times until reaching a small group of trees around a stock compound. Here an Eastern Nightingale showed well feeding in the shade of the pens, Blyth's Reed Warblers crept through bushes and a fine Ortolan Bunting perched at the top of a tree.

Then moving on, we located a pair of White-winged Larks in the same general area that we had seen them in 2016. This has become a difficult species, so it was really pleasing to get super perched and flight views. Further on we made an emergency stop for a flying MacQueen's Bustard which fortunately landed in view and then quickly walked into denser cover, providing us with far better views than the two distant individuals on the Sugaty Plain.

Having covered an extensive area, we made our way onto the main road towards Kolshengol, stopping at an isolated tree. Here we saw Booted Warbler, a Turtle Dove with four Oriental Turtle Doves: it was a nice chance

to compare the latter two species. Nearer the camp five Demoiselle Cranes and a pair of Sykes's Wagtail showed well near another well.

After lunch at the camp we headed down the pot-holed road to Tamgaly where we enjoyed Eastern Rock Nuthatch feeding young at their nest and the well preserved Pteroglyphs. On the way back a fine male Red-backed Shrike was by the roadside, but the highlight was at the Kolshengol garage where a stop for fuel gave us excellent views of an Eastern Imperial Eagle standing on a mound and then in flight.

Day 9

Saturday 13th May

We spent the first hour or so of light around the camp and visited the artesian well. After breakfast we went to Kolshengol village and looked at the well and trees around the farm settlement. Star bird at the well was an absolutely stunning White-tailed Lapwing that flew in, landed and then began feeding. Also of interest was a Grey-headed Wagtail which gave us the best views of this subspecies, and at the farmstead a skulking Dusky Warbler which eventually showed well to all: both the lapwing and warbler are rare birds in this part of Kazakhstan.

After this we began our journey back towards Almaty, looking again at the 'wishing-tree' in Aldarly which held fewer migrants than on our first visit, and the river at Kurty, before reaching some of the smaller Sorbulak lakes for lunch. Two summer-plumaged Slavonian Grebes and several Gull-billed Terns were the main species of interest here.

Then we meandered, in a slightly un-planned way, through other lakes in the wetland complex before eventually reaching a main road and driving rapidly into Almaty and our hotel, for a welcome shower and meal.

Day 10

Sunday 14th May

Today we had an early start to catch our flight back to the UK. During a stop in Istanbul, a few species of interest were seen including many Alpine Swifts, a few Pallid Swifts and a couple of Red-backed Shrikes.

Once back in the UK, 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							
			6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
1	Himalayan Snowcock	<i>Tetraogallus himalayensis</i>				1				
2	Chukar Partridge	<i>Alectoris chukar</i>	4h		4				4	
3	Common Pheasant	<i>Phasianus colchicus</i>	2	3				2		1
4	Common Quail	<i>Coturnix coturnix</i>							2	1
5	Ruddy Shelduck	<i>Tadorna ferruginea</i>					60	6	4	25
6	Common Shelduck	<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>					15			
7	Gadwall	<i>Anas strepera</i>					20	1		
8	Eurasian Wigeon	<i>Anas penelope</i>					2			
9	Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	4				30	2		1
10	Northern Pintail	<i>Anas acuta</i>					10			
11	Garganey	<i>Anas querquedula</i>					80	8		30
12	Eurasian Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>					8			
13	Red-crested Pochard	<i>Netta rufina</i>					20	20		1
14	Common Pochard	<i>Aythya ferina</i>					1	1		4
15	Ferruginous Duck	<i>Aythya nyroca</i>					10	12		
16	Northern Shoveler	<i>Anas clypeata</i>					60	2		2
17	White-headed Duck	<i>Oxyura leucocephala</i>					5	4		
18	Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>					25	4		20
19	Slavonian (Horned) Grebe	<i>Podiceps auritus</i>								2
20	Black-necked Grebe	<i>Podiceps nigricollis</i>					10			
21	Black Stork	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>		3						
22	Black-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	1					3		2
23	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>					6	25		20
24	Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>	1				1	30		5
25	Great White Pelican	<i>Pelecanus onocrotalus</i>					15			35
26	Dalmatian Pelican	<i>Pelecanus crispus</i>								3
27	Pygmy Cormorant	<i>Microcarbo pygmeus</i>					1			
28	Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>					25	4		30
29	Western Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>					1			

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			6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
30	Black-eared Kite	<i>Milvus migrans lineatus</i>	5	12	8		6	50	20	25
31	White-tailed Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus albicilla</i>					2			
32	Himalayan Vulture	<i>Gyps himalayensis</i>		10						
33	Griffon Vulture	<i>Gyps fulvus</i>		3			2			
34	Cinereous Vulture	<i>Aegypius monachus</i>		8						
35	Short-toed Snake Eagle	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>						1		
36	Western Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>					2	2		1
37	Montagu's Harrier	<i>Circus pygargus</i>		1					1	
38	Shikra	<i>Accipiter badius</i>			2		2	2		
39	Eurasian Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>	1	1	3	2	2		1	1
40	Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>	2	1						
41	Long-legged Buzzard	<i>Buteo rufinus</i>	4	6	5		10	8	16	10
42	Steppe Eagle	<i>Aquila nipalensis</i>	1					1		
43	Eastern Imperial Eagle	<i>Aquila heliaca</i>							1	
44	Golden Eagle	<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>	2							
45	Booted Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus pennatus</i>		2		2	1			
46	Lesser Kestrel	<i>Falco naumanni</i>	10	8						
47	Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>			2	2	6	8	4	1
48	Eurasian Hobby	<i>Falco subbuteo</i>	3		7		5	6		5
49	MacQueen's Bustard	<i>Chlamydotis macqueenii</i>		2					1	
50	Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>					5	5		2
51	Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>					25	1		
52	Demoiselle Crane	<i>Grus virgo</i>					2		5	
53	Ibisbill	<i>Ibidorhyncha struthersii</i>				1				
54	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>					20	25	1	10
55	Northern Lapwing	<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>					10	1	1	1
56	Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius curonicus</i>					2	6	1	8
57	Greater Sand Plover	<i>Charadrius leschenaultii crassirostris</i>						1	20	
58	Caspian Plover	<i>Charadrius asiaticus</i>							4	
59	White-tailed Lapwing	<i>Vanellus leucurus</i>								1
60	Eurasian Curlew	<i>Numenius arquata</i>					2			
61	Common Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>					1			

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			6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
62	Spotted Redshank	<i>Tringa erythropus</i>					6			2
63	Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>					1	3		
64	Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>						1		
65	Marsh Sandpiper	<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>					1			
66	Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>					2	2	1	1
67	Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>								2
68	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>		3			3	1		1
69	Temminck's Stint	<i>Calidris temminckii</i>					8	15	10	40
70	Collared Pratincole	<i>Glareola pratincola</i>					2			
71	Black-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>					✓	20		50
72	Caspian Gull	<i>Larus cachinnans</i>					25			12
73	Steppe Gull	<i>Larus barabensis</i>								1
74	Gull-billed Tern	<i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i>								20
75	Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>	3				6	50		50
76	White-winged Tern	<i>Chlidonias leucopterus</i>						6		
77	Eurasian Black Tern	<i>Chlidonias niger niger</i>					2	6		5
78	Black-bellied Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles orientalis</i>		6				12	150	60
79	Rock Dove /Feral Pigeon	<i>Columba livia 'feral'</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
80	Yellow-eyed Pigeon	<i>Columba eversmanni</i>						6		
81	Cinnamon-necked Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus casiotis</i>	4	2	6		1			
82	European Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia turtur</i>							1	
83	Oriental Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia orientalis meena</i>					5	10	6	20
84	Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	✓	✓	✓					
85	Common Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>	5	2	3	1	1	15	5	2
86	Tengmalm's Owl	<i>Aegolius funereus</i>			1h					
87	Pallid Scops Owl	<i>Otus brucei</i>						1		
88	Eurasian Scops Owl	<i>Otus scops</i>		3h						
89	Little Owl	<i>Athene noctua</i>	1		1					
90	Common Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>			2					
91	European Roller	<i>Coracias garrulus</i>		6			10	6	3	6
92	European Bee-eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>			20		10	1	2	8
93	Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>	10	8	10		3	8	6	6

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			6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
94	White-winged Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos leucopterus</i>							4		
95	Red-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius collurio</i>								1	h
96	Red-tailed Shrike	<i>Lanius phoenicuroides</i>	3	6	6				16	6	5
97	Long-tailed Shrike	<i>Lanius schach erythronotus</i>			3						
98	Lesser Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius minor</i>		1						2	1
99	Steppe Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius pallidirostris</i>	1						2		
100	Eurasian Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>		1				4			1
101	Eurasian Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>	✓	✓	✓	1	10	15		1	12
102	Northern Nutcracker	<i>Nucifraga caryocatactes rothschildi</i>			1h	1					
103	Red-billed Chough	<i>Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax centralis</i>				6					
104	Alpine Chough	<i>Pyrrhocorax graculus</i>				4					
105	Russian Jackdaw	<i>Coloeus monedula soemmerringii</i>	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	6	✓
106	Rook	<i>Corvus frugilegus</i>	✓		✓			✓	✓	✓	✓
107	Oriental Crow	<i>Corvus corone orientalis</i>	6	6	6	15	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
108	Brown-necked Raven	<i>Corvus ruficollis</i>							1	3	
109	Eurasian Raven	<i>Corvus corax tibetanus</i>		4		1					
110	Songar Tit	<i>Poecile montanus songarus</i>				2					
111	Coal Tit	<i>Pariparus ater rufipectus</i>				8	6				
112	Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>	10	5	6		5				
112b	Turkestan Tit	<i>Parus major turkestanicus</i>						10			
113	Azure Tit	<i>Cyanistes cyanus tianschanicus</i>		2			3	5			
114	White-crowned Penduline Tit	<i>Remiz coronatus coronatus</i>	4	2			2				
115	Bearded Reedling (Tit)	<i>Panurus biarmicus</i>						12			
116	Calandra Lark	<i>Melanocorypha calandra psammochroa</i>					4	1	200		✓
117	Bimaculated Lark	<i>Melanocorypha bimaculata torquata</i>						6	20		10
118	White-winged Lark	<i>Melanocorypha leucoptera</i>							2		
119	Greater Short-toed Lark	<i>Calandrella brachydactyla longipennis</i>	4	4			2	6	20		6
120	Lesser Short-toed Lark	<i>Calandrella rufescens heinei</i>						4	10		4
121	Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata magna</i>	2		3		10	20	12		6
122	Asian Skylark	<i>Alauda arvensis dulcivox</i>	1	20							
123	Pamir Horned Lark	<i>Eremophila alpestris albigula</i>		2							
123b	Horned Lark	<i>Eremophila alpestris brandti</i>	3	6	4						

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			6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
124	Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>								2	120
125	Pale Martin	<i>Riparia diluta</i>	70								
126	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica rustica</i>	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓
127	Eurasian Crag Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne rupestris</i>	12	20							
128	Common House Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>	✓	✓	✓			✓		✓	✓
129	Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Cecropis daurica rufula</i>						8		3	
130	Cetti's Warbler	<i>Cettia cetti albiventris</i>	6	1					10		1
131	White-browed Tit-warbler	<i>Leptopoecile sophiae sophiae</i>						1			
132	Siberian Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita tristis</i>		2				6	15	6	3
133	Sulphur-bellied Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus griseolus</i>	1					3			
134	Hume's Leaf Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus humei humei</i>	4	10	12	25	80	6	40	60	
135	Greenish Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochiloides viridanus</i>		2				8		1	4
136	Dusky Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus fuscatus</i>									1
137	Great Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus arundinaceus zarudnyi</i>						2	3		1
138	Paddyfield Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus agricola agricola</i>						1	10		
139	Blyth's Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus dumetorum</i>								8	12
140	Caspian Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus fuscus</i>							2		
141	Booted Warbler	<i>Iduna caligata</i>								1	
142	Sykes's Warbler	<i>Iduna rama</i>			3				10	1	
143	Barred Warbler	<i>Sylvia nisoria merzbacheri</i>		2						1	2
144	Lesser Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia curruca halimodendri</i>			5			16	20	12	10
145	Hume's Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia althaea</i>	1								
146	Asian Desert Warbler	<i>Sylvia nana</i>			3						
147	Common Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia communis rubicola</i>						1		1	
148	Goldcrest	<i>Regulus regulus tristis</i>				2	1				
149	Eurasian Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes tianschanicus</i>				8	2				
150	Eastern Rock Nuthatch	<i>Sitta tephronota</i>								2	
151	Common Myna	<i>Acridotheres tristis tristis</i>	✓		✓			✓	4	6	6
152	Rosy Starling	<i>Pastor roseus</i>						600	1000	2000	✓
153	Common Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris porphyronotus</i>	5	40	12			2	20		
154	Blue Whistling Thrush	<i>Myophonus caeruleus</i>			1	1					
155	Chinese Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula intermedius</i>	1	3	4	1	1				

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156	Black-throated Thrush	<i>Turdus atrogularis</i>		7	1					
157	Red-throated Thrush	<i>prob hybrids</i>		3						
158	Mistle Thrush	<i>Turdus viscivorus bonapartei</i>	2	4	2	4	5			
159	White's Thrush	<i>Zoothera aurea</i>				1				
160	Red-spotted Bluethroat	<i>Luscinia svecica pallidogularis</i>					1	4		1
161	Rufous-tailed Scrub Robin	<i>Erythropygia galactotes familiaris</i>						2		
162	White-tailed Rubythroat	<i>Luscinia pectoralis ballioni</i>				3	2			
163	Eastern Nightingale	<i>Luscinia megarhynchos hafizi</i>	6h	4h	6		1	3	4	12
164	Eversmann's Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus erythronotus</i>				1	1			
165	Blue-capped Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus coeruleocephala</i>					2			
166	Common Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus phoenicurus</i>					2	1	4	
167	Güldenstädt's Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus erythrogastrus grandis</i>				8				
168	Siberian Stonechat	<i>Saxicola maurus</i>		12				4	6	
169	Isabelline Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe isabellina</i>	12	40	25		5	30	20	15
170	Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe libanotica</i>		1		2				
171	Pied Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe pleschanka</i>	6	8	2		2		4	4
172	Eastern Desert Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe deserti deserti</i>	2	2	5					
173	Common Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola saxatilis</i>	2	4	2			1	1	1
174	Blue Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola solitarius</i>	2							
175	Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>					15	10	50	40
176	Brown Dipper	<i>Cinclus pallasii</i>				1	1			
177	Saxaul Sparrow	<i>Passer ammodendri ammodendri</i>						6		
178	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>		2	6		6		6	6
179a	House Sparrow [bactrianus]	<i>Passer domesticus bactrianus</i>	2				2	8	10	8
180	Spanish Sparrow	<i>Passer hispaniolensis transcaspicus</i>						12	15	
181	Eurasian Tree Sparrow	<i>Passer montanus dilutus</i>	4	2	15					
182	Rock Sparrow	<i>Petronia petronia</i>	1							
183	Altai Accentor	<i>Prunella himalayana</i>				2				
184	Brown Accentor	<i>Prunella fulvescens</i>				3				
185	Black-throated Accentor	<i>Prunella atrogularis huttoni</i>				6	5			
186	Western Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>					6		1	
186a	Black-headed Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava feldegg</i>						5		

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186b	Grey-headed Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava thunbergi</i>							1		1
186c	Sykes's Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava beema</i>							2	2	
187	Citrine Wagtail	<i>Motacilla citreola</i>							4		
188	Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea melanope</i>		1		2	6	6	10	10	
189	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>					1	5	15	6	
189a	Siberian Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba ocularis</i>						1	1		
189b	Masked Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba personata</i>	6	4	2		1		2	2	
190	Tawny Pipit	<i>Anthus campestris</i>	8	10	6		1	1	1	1	
191	Tree Pipit	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>		4		10	10	1			
192	Water Pipit	<i>Anthus spinoletta blakistoni</i>				20					
193	Red-fronted Serin	<i>Serinus pusillus</i>				25	6				
194	European Greenfinch	<i>Chloris chloris turkestanica</i>	4	6	4						
195	Common Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>									1
196	Grey-crowned Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis paropanisi</i>	2	5	1	2	2				
197	Common Linnet	<i>Linaria cannabina bella</i>	3	4	2						
198	Plain Mountain Finch	<i>Leucosticte nemoricola altaica</i>				50	2				
199	Mongolian Finch	<i>Eremopsaltria mongolica</i>		4	4						
200	Desert Finch	<i>Rhodospiza obsoleta</i>			2						
201	Common Rosefinch	<i>Carpodacus erythrinus ferghanensis</i>		60	5		6	70	40	60	
202	Red-mantled Rosefinch	<i>Carpodacus rhodochlamys</i>				2	1				
203	White-winged Grosbeak	<i>Mycerobas carnipes</i>				1h	1				
204	Rock Bunting	<i>Emberiza cia par</i>	4	15							
205	White-capped Bunting	<i>Emberiza stewarti</i>	2								
206	Grey-necked Bunting	<i>Emberiza buchanani neobscura</i>	6	2	3				1		
207	Ortolan Bunting	<i>Emberiza hortulana</i>							1	6	
208	Red-headed Bunting	<i>Emberiza bruniceps</i>					2	30	100	20	
209	Common Reed Bunting	<i>Emberiza schoeniclus pyrrhuloides</i>						2			
210	Meadow Bunting	<i>Emberiza cioides</i>		1							

Mammals

1	Goitered Gazelle	<i>Gazella subgutterosa</i>		15					✓	
2	Red-cheeked Souslik	<i>Spermophilus fulvus</i>					2h		✓	

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3	Grey Marmot	<i>Marmotta baibacina</i>		12		✓	✓			
4	Desert Hare	<i>Lepus Tolai</i>	✓		✓			✓	✓	
5	Red Fox	<i>Vulpes vulpes</i>			1			✓	✓	
6	Giant Gerbil	<i>Rhombomys opimus</i>	✓	✓	✓					
7	Hedgehog sp								✓	

Reptiles & Amphibians

1	Horsfield's Tortoise	<i>Testudo horsfieldi</i>						✓		
2	Marsh Frog	<i>Rana ridibunda</i>						✓		
3	Toad-headed Lizard	<i>Phrynocephalus przewalskii</i>	✓	✓						
4	Sand Lizard	<i>Lacerta agilis</i>		✓						
5	a Lizard	<i>Erimus acuta</i>							✓	