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Naturetrek Tour Report

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Black-eared Kite by Connell



Edelweiss by Connell



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Summary

Another enjoyable tour to the steppes, desert and mountains of SE Kazakhstan which was packed with good birds, spectacular scenery and great experiences. Highlights were many, but included the calling male Little Bustard, very close views of Demoiselle Cranes, the “bus shelter” Saxaul Sparrows, eventually locating the distant displaying Macqueen’s Bustards, the confiding Little Bittern in the open and superb ‘black-mantled Citrine Wagtails at Kolshengol village, the numerous migrants in isolated trees on the steppe, Pine and Meadow Buntings in the hills above the Charyn Gorge and the exceptional views of Lesser Kestrel, Rock Sparrow and Isabelline Wheatear at the Aksay Cemetery. Last but not least were the Tien Shan Mountains where the glorious weather and fantastic views of White-tailed Rubythroat, Guldenstadt’s Redstarts and good views of Himalayan Snowcock, Ibisbill and three species of Accentor made for an outstanding day

Day 1

Saturday 12th May

A travel day for most of the group, although some had arrived earlier.

Day 2

Sunday 13th May

The group assembled at Almaty airport at around 0630 and after loading the bus, having breakfast in the airport café and doing some shopping we headed out of Almaty. Unfortunately it was raining heavily and we could see very little. On nearing Sorbulak lakes we stopped and walked across the steppe and found a displaying Little Bustard. After this we toured the lakes seeing a selection of ducks, grebes and waders, but the highlights were two adult White-tailed Eagles near their nest and a fly-by group of Collared Pratincoles. The heavy rain and flooded tracks made progress slow, but our driver negotiated the tracks exceptionally well. We stopped for lunch alongside the largest lake and watched a small group of Black, White-winged and Whiskered Terns as well as a group of White Pelicans and Garganey and summer-plumaged Spotted Redshanks as we waited for lunch to be prepared. We then moved on, again through rain showers, and our next stop was the trees at Aldarly where an Eastern Nightingale, Ortolan Bunting, and Blyth’s Reed Warblers were in the trees, along with a large flock of Rosy Starlings. Our last stop was unscheduled for two close Demoiselle Cranes. As we approached Kolshengol, in heavy rain, it suddenly stopped and the sun came out for a lovely end to the day as we settled into the camp.

Day 3

Monday 14th May

After a brief look around the camp and the Artesian Well, where a female Citrine Wagtail was present, we headed north through the Taukum desert, stopping to see a Steppe Grey Shrike and a couple of Rufous Scrub Robin. We then travelled on to the Topar lakes and spent a few hours looking at the lakes. Here we found Azure Tit, Turkestan Shrike, Sykes’s Warbler and White-headed Ducks as well as groups of Black and White-winged Terns, Red Crested Pochard and Ferruginous Ducks. After this we moved on to the Turanga Forest at Zhelturanga. Here, before and after our picnic lunch, we saw more Turkestan Tits, White-winged Woodpecker and Yellow-eyed Stock Doves. Then it was back to Kolshengol and a quick look at the well in the village, where an Eastern Imperial Eagle showed distantly, but Lesser Grey Shrikes, Bee-eaters and a Little Owl showed well.

Our trip back to the camp was delayed by a perched Short-toed Eagle, but then it was our meal, the checklist and appreciating the location and the sunset before bed.

Day 4

Tuesday 15th May

A day spent around Kolshengol. After breakfast we headed north across the steppe stopping to watch Greater Sandplovers and a super White-winged Lark. We then headed to an isolated group of trees where we found a good mix of migrants with two Booted Warblers being the most unusual. It was then back to scanning the steppe, but when we were moving we located a flying MacQueens Bustard that eventually showed well in flight for most of the group. We found a pair of Steppe Grey Shrike, but unfortunately no Caspian Plover. On our way back towards the camp we stopped at an isolated tree that held good numbers of warblers, plus a male Red-backed Shrike.

After lunch at the camp we went towards Kolshengol village looking at some more isolated trees, which again held quite a few birds, and then onto the Artesian Well. Here a female Little Bittern that showed exceptionally well was the highlight. Our last visit of the day was walking around the compound in the village, which again held many birds and provided good views of many species including our first Greenish Warbler. On the way back to the camp some of the group stopped at the well near the camp, but most went back to relax before dinner.

Day 5

Wednesday 16th May

We left the camp at just after 0700 and drove the short distance to the well in Kolshengol. Here two superb Black-mantled Citrine Wagtails entertained us, along with the usual Temminck's Stints and Grey-headed Wagtails. After this we drove towards Almaty stopping at the trees at Aldarly, where we saw Barred and Greenish Warblers as well as nest building Pied Wheatears, and then at the Sorbulak dam, where 6 Terek Sandpipers and a large close flock of Rosy Starlings were the highlights.

It was then a long drive to Shonzhy stopping for lunch (and a pair of White-crowned Penduline Tits at their nest) east of Almaty, a brief stop in the Kokpek Pass and arriving in Shonzhy at 1800.

Day 6

Thursday 17th May

After a brief pre-breakfast walk for some, that produced a Brambling, two Shikra and nest building Grey-capped Goldfinch, the group headed off over the Sugaty Plain to play "spot-the-bustard". We eventually found two displaying males at long range, but despite the distance they were nice to see. While waiting for the bustards we saw a couple of Horned Larks and a male Desert Wheatear. We next went off the road on a track running parallel to part of the gorge and here a low flying Booted Eagle and Black Stork were appreciated as was the stunning scenery. Next was a stop at Temerlik Bridge where some close White-crowned Penduline Tits and a Golden Oriole were seen and then it was off to the hills above Charyn Gorge where we saw a male Pine Bunting, but only in flight, plus 21 Himalayan Vultures and two Horned Larks of the *albigula* race as well as close views of a singing Grasshopper Warbler. On our way back to the road we found three Meadow Buntings in some roadside scrub and a Black Vulture overhead. After a quick look at the Gorge from the roadside viewpoint our

final stop was at the Aksay Cemetery where several Lesser Kestrels and Rock Sparrows showed well, as did a pair of Isabelline Wheatears which posed for the cameras.

Day 7

Friday 18th May

After a quick look around Shonzhy village we headed back west across the Sugaty plain and stopped in suitable habitat for Asian Desert Warbler. It didn't take long to find two or three birds which showed well as did a roosting Nightjar, which was much admired. Then it was on to an Artesian Well where an hour of watching produced several Grey-necked Buntings, Mongolian Finches and three Crimson-winged Finches. After a visit to another well we continued our journey back towards Almaty stopping for a walk and lunch in the Kokpek Pass. Here Rock and White-capped Buntings showed well and, even though we found a nest, a pair of Hume's Whitethroats proved difficult to get good views of, unlike the pair of Golden Eagles that soared overhead.

The picnic was exciting as a strong wind made it difficult to keep things on the table. It was then on to Malabai where we saw c40 Pale Martins at their nest sites, followed by a slight detour at Bayseit to find Long-tailed Shrikes, which showed well as did four Golden Orioles. After this it was a drive to Almaty, hitting the rush hour and arriving at the hotel at about 2000.

Day 8

Saturday 19th May

A whole day spent in the Tien Shan Mountains above Almaty. The day started clear and bright, but unfortunately the cloud rolled over the mountain tops by late morning. We stopped on the way up the mountain in the conifers and had a brief view of a drumming Three-toed Woodpecker and better views of Eversmann's and Blue-capped Redstarts and Songar Tit. Our next stop, after the army checkpoint, was the Kosmostation. We found Guldenstadt's Redstarts and Plain Mountain Finch quickly, but it then took quite some time to find our next good bird which was Himalayan Snowcock that kept getting lost in the mist. We all got excellent views of four birds, before they again disappeared into the mist. We searched the hillsides for Accentors, finding none initially, but after our picnic we found both Brown and Altai Accentor on a rocky slope.

We then moved down into the juniper zone and walking through the bushes we found White-winged Grosbeak and Red-mantled Rosefinch. After this we headed down the mountain road stopping to see Brown Dipper and Blue Whistling Thrush, before going for a meal in a local restaurant and then returning to the hotel where a wedding party was in full swing.

Day 9

Sunday 20th May

Another superb day in the mountains. We concentrated on the juniper scrub above the Big Almaty Lake in the morning and then walked along the track parallel to the lake itself. After lunch we walked down the road, which unfortunately was busy, through the conifer woodland. The walk through the juniper was excellent with very close prolonged views of White-tailed Rubythroat, good views of Sulphur-bellied Warbler and brief views of male and female White-browed Tit-Warbler, but these were not seen by all. The star birds on the lake were the Ibisbill with two birds seen, one sitting on a nest, which was viewed distantly. Also a Grasshopper Warbler showed amazingly well as did Grey Marmot. The conifer woods were quite quiet with a European Treecreeper being the only new bird, but fine views of a male Eversmann's Redstart were had. Our last bit of birding

produced a Brown Dipper, after which it was then back to the hotel to pack followed by our meal, the checklist and an early night.

Day 10

Monday 21st May

Today we had an early start to catch our flights back to the UK, bringing another exciting and fascinating Naturetrek tour to an end.

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Red-headed Buntings by Clive Picton



Montagu's Harrier by Connell



Yurt camping by Clive Picton

Species Lists

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

	Common name	Scientific name	May								
			13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
1	Himalayan Snowcock	<i>Tetraogallus himalayensis</i>								4	1
2	Chukar Partridge	<i>Alectoris chukar</i>				3	2	3			
3	Common Pheasant	<i>Phasianus colchicus</i>	2	2		2		1			
4	Common Quail	<i>Coturnix coturnix</i>	1		1		2				
5	Ruddy Shelduck	<i>Tadorna ferruginea</i>	50	10	6	40				1	2
6	Common Shelduck	<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>	8	2							
7	Gadwall	<i>Mareca strepera</i>	20	6		1					
8	Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	10	2		2		2			
9	Northern Pintail	<i>Anas acuta</i>	2								
10	Garganey	<i>Spatula querquedula</i>	100	12		12					
11	Red-crested Pochard	<i>Netta rufina</i>	50	30		6					
12	Common Pochard	<i>Aythya ferina</i>	2	2							
13	Ferruginous Duck	<i>Aythya nyroca</i>	4	4		3					
14	Tufted Duck	<i>Aythya fuligula</i>	7	1							
15	Shoveler	<i>Spatula clypeata</i>	2	4							
16	White Headed Duck	<i>Oxyura leucocephala</i>		10							
17	Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>		1							
18	Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>	50	5		10					
19	Black-necked Grebe	<i>Podiceps nigricollis</i>	5								
20	Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>		4							
21	Black Stork	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>						1			
22	Black-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	1	6							
23	Bittern	<i>Botaurus stellaris</i>		1							
24	Little Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus minutus minutus</i>			1						
25	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	12	12		1		2			
26	Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>	4	6							
27	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>		1							
28	Great White Pelican	<i>Pelecanus onocrotalus</i>	50								
29	Dalmatian Pelican	<i>Pelecanus crispus</i>	8	3							

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			13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
30	Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>	750	10		12				
31	Black-eared Kite	<i>Milvus migrans lineatus</i>	50	40	20	15	15	10	1	1
32	Oriental Honey Buzzard	<i>Pernis ptilorhyncus</i>			68					
33	White-tailed Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus albicilla</i>	3	1						
34	Egyptian Vulture	<i>Neophron percnopterus</i>	1							
35	Himalayan Vulture	<i>Gyps himalayensis</i>					21			
36	Cinereous Vulture	<i>Aegyptius monachus</i>					1			
37	Short-toed Snake Eagle	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>		1						
38	Western Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>	4	4						
39	Pallid Harrier	<i>Circus macrourus</i>				1				
40	Montagu's Harrier	<i>Circus pygargus</i>			2					
41	Shikra	<i>Accipiter badius</i>		1			2			
42	Eurasian Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	
43	Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>							1	
44	Long-legged Buzzard	<i>Buteo rufinus</i>	5	4	10	6	4	2		
45	Steppe Eagle	<i>Aquila nipalensis</i>			3					
46	Eastern Imperial Eagle	<i>Aquila heliaca</i>		1						
47	Golden Eagle	<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>				2		2		
48	Booted Eagle	<i>Hieraetus pennatus</i>		1			2			
49	Lesser Kestrel	<i>Falco naumanni</i>					15			
50	Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	6	6	4	4	4	1		1
51	Eurasian Hobby	<i>Falco subbuteo</i>	2	1	1		1			1
52	Macqueen's Bustard	<i>Chlamydotis macqueenii</i>			1		2			
53	Little Bustard	<i>Tetrax tetrax</i>	5							
54	Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	4	3						
55	Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>	30	6		4				
56	Demoiselle Crane	<i>Grus virgo</i>	2	2			1			
57	Ibisbill	<i>Ibidorhyncha struthersii</i>								2
58	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>	10	6		2				
59	Northern Lapwing	<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>	3	5		2		4		
60	Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus ostralegus</i>	3							
61	Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius curonicus</i>	2	3	6	6				

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62	Greater Sand Plover	<i>Charadrius leschenaultii crassirostris</i>			3		4			
63	Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>	11							
64	Eurasian Curlew	<i>Numenius arquata</i>				1				
65	Black-tailed Godwit	<i>Limos limosa</i>	3							
66	Spotted Redshank	<i>Tringa erythropus</i>	10							
67	Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>	6	2						
68	Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>	14							
69	Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>			1					
70	Terek Sandpiper	<i>Xenus cinereus</i>				6				
71	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	2			1	4		1	
72	Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>		1	3	1				
73	Temminck's Stint	<i>Calidris temminckii</i>	20	50	40	25				
74	Collared Pratincole	<i>Glareola pratincola</i>	5							
75	Black-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>	✓	✓		✓		✓		
76	Caspian Gull	<i>Larus cachinnans</i>	✓	2		✓				
77	Caspian Tern	<i>Hydroprogne caspia</i>						✓		
78	Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>	20	25		4				
79	Whiskered Tern	<i>Chlidonias hybrida</i>	3							
80	White-winged Tern	<i>Chlidonias leucopterus</i>	6	6						
81	Eurasian Black Tern	<i>Chlidonias niger niger</i>	8	15						
82	Black-bellied Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles orientalis</i>	2	20	70		8	6		
83	Rock Dove /Feral Pigeon	<i>Columba livia 'feral'</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
84	Yellow-eyed Pigeon	<i>Columba eversmanni</i>		6						
85	Cinnamon-necked Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus casiotis</i>						2		
86	Oriental Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia orientalis meena</i>	2	6	12		2			
87	Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>				1	4	✓		
88	Laughing Dove	<i>Spilopelia senegalensis</i>				2	2	1		
89	Common Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>		10	6	1	6	6	2	1
90	Eurasian Scops Owl	<i>Otus scops</i>						2h	1	1
91	Little Owl	<i>Athene noctua</i>		1		1	1			
92	European Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus europaeus</i>						1		
93	Alpine Swift	<i>Tachymarpis melba</i>					4			

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			13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
94	Common Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>			2	4					
95	European Roller	<i>Coracias garrulus</i>	60	✓	12	✓	✓	✓			
96	Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>			1						
97	European Bee-Eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>	6	20	30	20	2	✓			
98	Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>	6	10	30	20	6	6			
99	White-winged Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos leucopterus</i>		1			2	2			
100	Eurasian Three-toed Woodpecker	<i>Picoides tridactylus</i>								1	
101	Red-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius collurio</i>			1				1		
102	Red-tailed Shrike	<i>Lanius phoenicuroides</i>	1	5	4	1	10	5			
103	Long-tailed Shrike	<i>Lanius schach erythronotus</i>						3			
104	Lesser Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius minor</i>	1	6	4	3	4	4			
105	Steppe Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius pallidirostris</i>		1	2						
106	Eurasian Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>		1	2		5	6			
107	Eurasian Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>	✓	✓	2	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
108	Red-billed Chough	<i>Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax centralis</i>					3			4	
109	Alpine Chough	<i>Pyrrhocorax graculus</i>								8	
110	Russian Jackdaw	<i>Coloeus monedula soemmerringii</i>	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓			
111	Rook	<i>Corvus frugilegus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
112	Oriental Crow	<i>Corvus corone orientalis</i>	✓	✓		10	2	1	10	12	
113	Brown-necked Raven	<i>Corvus ruficollis</i>		10	20	2					
114	Eurasian Raven	<i>Corvus corax tibetanus</i>								2	
115	Songar Tit	<i>Poecile montanus songarus</i>								2	
116	Coal Tit	<i>Periparus ater rufipectus</i>								2	4
117	Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>	1			4	2	1	6	5	
	Turkestan Tit	<i>Parus major turkestanicus</i>		12							
118	Azure Tit	<i>Cyanistes cyanus tianschanicus</i>		3			1		1		
119	White-crowned Penduline Tit	<i>Remiz coronatus coronatus</i>				3	4				
120	Calandra Lark	<i>Melanocorypha calandra psammochroa</i>	40	30	✓	✓					
121	Bimaculated Lark	<i>Melanocorypha bimaculata torquata</i>			4	5					
122	White-winged Lark	<i>Melanocorypha leucoptera</i>			3						
123	Greater Short-toed Lark	<i>Calandrella brachydactyla longipennis</i>		12	✓	✓					
124	Lesser Short-toed Lark	<i>Calandrella rufescens heinei</i>		2	3						

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			13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
125	Pamir horned lark	<i>Eremophila alpestris albigula</i>					2			
126	Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata magna</i>	12	10	6	12	6	5		
127	Asian Skylark	<i>Alauda arvensis dulcivox</i>					12			
	Horned Lark	<i>Eremophila alpestris brandti</i>					8	3		
128	Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>	4	20	4	6		1		
129	Pale Martin	<i>Riparia diluta</i>						40		
130	European Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica rustica</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	6	
131	Eurasian Crag Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne rupestris</i>				10	1			
132	Common House Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>			1	25	✓	✓		1
133	Cetti's Warbler	<i>Cettia cetti albiventris</i>	1h	4	1	1	1			
134	White-browed Tit-warbler	<i>Leptopoecile sophiae sophiae</i>								2
135	Siberian Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita tristis</i>		2	3	1				
136	Sulphur-bellied Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus griseolus</i>								4
137	Hume's Leaf Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus humei humei</i>	2	4	45	6	6	2	15	20
138	Greenish Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochiloides viridanus</i>			1	2	2			
139	Great Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus arundinaceus zarudnyi</i>	1	1						
140	Paddyfield Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus agricola agricola</i>		2h						
141	Blyth's Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus dumetorum</i>	2	4	15	4	3			1
142	Booted Warbler	<i>Iduna caligata</i>			2					
143	Sykes's Warbler	<i>Iduna rama</i>		1						
144	Eastern Grasshopper Warbler	<i>Locustella naevia straminea</i>					4	1		2
145	Barred Warbler	<i>Sylvia nisoria merzbacheri</i>		1	6	2				
146	Lesser Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia curruca halimodendri</i>	2	12	✓	12	2			
147	Hume's Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia althaea</i>						2		
148	Asian Desert Warbler	<i>Sylvia nana</i>						3		
149	Common Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia communis rubicola</i>	1	1	2		4			
150	Eurasian Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes tianschanicus</i>							1h	1h
151	Eurasian Treecreeper	<i>Certhia familiaris</i>								1
152	Common Myna	<i>Acridotheres tristis tristis</i>	10	12		12	✓	✓	✓	✓
153	Rosy Starling	<i>Pastor roseus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	30		
154	Common Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris porphyronotus</i>		2	1		30	15		
155	Blue Whistling Thrush	<i>Myophonus caeruleus</i>							2	2

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			13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
156	Chinese Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula intermedius</i>				2	2	2	4	2
157	Mistle Thrush	<i>Turdus viscivorus bonapartei</i>					2		6	6
158	Rufous-tailed Scrub Robin	<i>Erythropygia galactotes familiaris</i>		3	1					
159	White-tailed Rubythroat	<i>Luscinia pectoralis ballioni</i>								4
160	Eastern Nightingale	<i>Luscinia megarhynchos hafizi</i>	1	2	4	1	5	6		
161	Eversmann's Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus erythronotus</i>							3	2
162	Blue-capped Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus coeruleocephala</i>							1	
163	Common Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus phoenicurus</i>	1		4					
164	Güldenstädt's Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus erythrogastrus grandis</i>							3	
165	Siberian Stonechat	<i>Saxicola maurus</i>	2	1			6			
166	Isabelline Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe isabellina</i>	2	20	25	20	30	✓		
167	Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe libanotica</i>		2					1	
168	Pied Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe pleschanka</i>	2			5	8	2		
169	Eastern Desert Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe deserti deserti</i>					2	3		
170	Blue Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola solitarius</i>				1		2		
171	Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>	12	25	✓	6				
172	Brown Dipper	<i>Cinclus pallasii</i>							4	2
173	Saxaul Sparrow	<i>Passer ammodendri ammodendri</i>		6						
174	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>			20	✓	✓	✓	✓	
	House Sparrow [bactrianus]	<i>Passer domesticus bactrianus</i>	50	10	12	4		5		
175	Spanish Sparrow	<i>Passer hispaniolensis transcaspicus</i>		1	6	1				
176	Eurasian Tree Sparrow	<i>Passer montanus dilutus</i>	12	6			2	10		
177	Rock Sparrow	<i>Petronia petronia</i>					4	3		
178	Altai Accentor	<i>Prunella himalayana</i>							1	
179	Brown Accentor	<i>Prunella fulvescens</i>							2	
180	Black-throated Accentor	<i>Prunella atrogularis huttoni</i>							3	10
181	Western Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>	1h		1					
	Grey-headed Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava thunbergi</i>			5	2				
182	Citrine Wagtail	<i>Motacilla citreola</i>		1		2				
183	Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea melanope</i>		2	2	4	2		3	4
184	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>	1	1	3	1	25			
	Masked Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba personata</i>	2	2	2	4	3	2		1

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185	Tawny Pipit	<i>Anthus campestris</i>			1	1	6	3		
186	Tree Pipit	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>					2		1	2
187	Water Pipit	<i>Anthus spinoletta blakistoni</i>							10	2
188	Red-fronted Serin	<i>Serinus pusillus</i>							4	6
189	European Greenfinch	<i>Chloris chloris turkestanica</i>	1			1		4		
190	Brambling	<i>Fringella montifringilla</i>			1		1			
191	Grey-crowned Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis paropanisi</i>				2	2	4	5	2
192	Common Linnet	<i>Carduelis cannabina bella</i>					4	6		
193	Plain Mountain Finch	<i>Leucosticte nemoricola altaica</i>							500	
194	Mongolian Finch	<i>Eremopsaltria mongolica</i>						20		
195	Crimson-winged Finch	<i>Rhodopechys sanguineus</i>						3		
196	Common Rosefinch	<i>Carpodacus erythrinus ferghanensis</i>		12	55	4	6		4	2
197	Red-mantled Rosefinch	<i>Carpodacus rhodochlamys</i>							2	
198	White-winged Grosbeak	<i>Mycerobas carnipes</i>							2	6
199	Corn Bunting	<i>Emberiza calandra buturlini</i>	1				2			
200	Rock Bunting	<i>Emberiza cia par</i>				3	2	4		
201	White-capped Bunting	<i>Emberiza stewarti</i>				1h		1		
202	Grey-necked Bunting	<i>Emberiza buchanani neobscura</i>					4h	6		
203	Ortolan Bunting	<i>Emberiza hortulana</i>	1		2	1				
204	Red-headed Bunting	<i>Emberiza bruniceps</i>	10	20	20	15				
205	Pine Bunting	<i>Emberiza leucocephalos</i>					2			
206	Meadow Bunting	<i>Emberiza cioides</i>					3			

Mammals

1	Goitered Gazelle	<i>Gazella subgutterosa</i>			✓	✓				
2	Red-cheeked Souslik	<i>Spermophilus fulvus</i>		✓						
3	Grey Marmot	<i>Marmotta baibacina</i>				✓	✓			
4	Desert Hare	<i>Lepus Tolai</i>			✓					
5	Corsac Fox	<i>Vulpus corsac</i>			2					
6	Giant Gerbil	<i>Rhombomys opimus</i>				✓				
7	Eurasian Red Squirrel	<i>Sciurus vulgaris</i>				✓	✓			
8	Golden Jackal	<i>Canis aureus</i>				✓				

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9	Yellow-cheeked Souselik	<i>Spermophilus erythrogenys</i>				✓				

Reptiles & Amphibians

1	Horsfield's Tortoise	<i>Testudo horsfieldi</i>	✓							
2	Agama Lizard	<i>Agama agama</i>		✓		✓				
3	Marsh Frog	<i>Rana ridibunda</i>		✓						
4	Toad-headed Lizard	<i>Phrynocephalus przewalskii</i>				✓				
5	Grass Snake	<i>Natrix natrix</i>	✓							
6	Green Frog	<i>Rana asiatica</i>		✓						

Butterflies

Brimstone, *Gonepteryx rhamni*

Orange-tip, *Anthocharis cardamines*

Small Tortoiseshell, *Aglais urticae*

Black-veined White, *Aporia crataegi*



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