



WildWings

Beidaihe

5th - 21st May 2011 Species List.

BIRDS (Compiled by tour leader Mark Andrews)

Little Grebe *Tachybaptus ruficollis* - Recorded in good numbers throughout the period with a maximum count of 54 birds on Beidaihe Reservoir 16/05/11

Great Crested Grebe *Podiceps cristatus* – 7 at the Summer Palace 5/05/11 and 4 in Beidaihe toward the end of the trip 21/05/11.

Temminck's Cormorant *Phalacrocorax capillatus* – 2 down in the harbour area, near Happy Island, Laoting 12/05/11

Yellow (Chinese Little) Bittern *Ixobrychus sinensis* – 4+ birds at the Reservoir area, Beidaihe on 21/05/11

Schrenck's Bittern *Ixobrychus eurhythmus* – 2 at the reservoir area Beidaihe on 16/05/11 and again on the 21/05/11

Great Bittern *Botaurus stellaris* – 1 elusive individual observed several times in Reservoir area, Beidaihe between 07/05/11 and 16/05/11

Black-crowned Night Heron *Nycticorax nycticorax* – Observed throughout but with maximum counts at 300+ in the Magic Wood area, Laoting and 30 pairs nesting in the Reservoir area Beidaihe on 21/05/10

Striated (Green-backed / Little) Heron *Butorides striatus* – A steady flow this year with birds from the 08/05/11 and 21/05/11 with 12 birds on 09/05/11 through Beidaihe.

Eastern Cattle Egret *Bubulcus coromandus* – A few along the roadside whilst journeying south and around at least eight pairs nesting in Magic Wood, Laoting.

Chinese Pond Heron *Ardeola bacchus* – Observed regularly in suitable habitat throughout the period.

Chinese Egret *Egretta eulophotes* –, 1 at Liaojian Harbour on 13/05/11 and 1 at Sandflats, Beidaihe on 16/05/11

Little Egret *Egretta garzetta* – Commonly seen with a maximum counts involving nesting birds with a 100 pairs at Magic Wood, Laoting from 11/05/11

Intermediate Egret *Egretta intermedia* – 19 on 21/05/11

Eastern Great Egret *Egretta (alba) modestus* – 84 bird-days between 05/05/11 and 21/05/11 with a peak of 11 on 17/05/11

Grey Heron *Ardea cinerea* - 22 bird -days between 05//05/11 and 21/05/11

Purple Heron *Ardea purpurea* – 30 around Beidaihe from 07/05/11 was the highest count with at least five at the reservoir area from the 09/05/11.

Eurasian Spoonbill *Platalea leucorodia* – 1 at the Sandflats, Beidaihe on the 07/05/11

Black-faced Spoonbill *Platalea minor* - 2 over the Magic Wood area on the late afternoon of the 12/05/11 was a good record.

Common Shelduck *Tadorna tadorna* – Small numbers recorded throughout period with a maximum count of 14 birds on the Sandflats on 09/05/11

Mandarin Duck *Aix galericulata* – 2+ at Summer Palace, Beijing 05/05/11 and 2 at Bai He River on 06/05/11

Falcated Duck *Anas falcata* – 3 at the Summer Palace on 05/05/11 and 2 on the Reservoir, Beidaihe from the 15/05/11

Mallard *Anas platyrhynchos* – Commonly recorded

Spot-billed Duck *Anas poecilorhyncha* – Regularly recorded with a maximum count 40+ around the Magic Wood area on 12/05/11

Garganey *Anas querquedula* – 15 at the Reservoir area Beidaihe on the 17/05/11, 4 on the 09/05/11. 11 on the 10/05/11 with pairs remaining until 21/05/11

Common Goldeneye *Bucephala clangula* – 1 at the Summer Palace on 05/05/11

Red-breasted Merganser *Mergus serrator* –A pair were seen at the Lighthouse Point, Beidaihe area on 21/05/11.

Smew *Mergallus albellus* – A female in the Bai He river on the 06/05/11

Crested (Oriental) Honey-buzzard *Pernis ptilorhyncus* – 2 Beijing 05/05/11, 21 through the Magic Wood area on 14/05/11 1 over Beidaihe on 17/05/11

Black (-eared) Kite *Milvus (migrans) lineatus* – 2 at the Summer Palace on the 05/05/11, 2 Magic Wood area on 11/05/11 and 1 Magic Wood on 14/05/11

Eastern Marsh Harrier *Circus (aeruginosus) spilonotus* – 1 on 06/05/11, 2 on 10/05/11 Beidaihe, 3+ on 14/05/11 Magic Wood area and 3+ on 20/05/11 Beidaihe area

Pied Harrier *Circus melanoleucos* – 2 Summer Palace 05/05/11, 13 Magic Wood area 12/05/11, 4 Magic Wood, Laoting area 14/05/11

Northern Goshawk *Accipiter gentilis* – 1 in the Magic Wood area on 13/05/11

Japanese Sparrowhawk *Accipiter gularis* – Only 4 birds this year in the Magic Wood area, 3 on 12/05 and 1 on 13/05/11

Eurasian Sparrowhawk *Accipiter nisus* – 9 bird-days between 05/05/11 and 20/05/11

Chinese Goshawk (Sparrowhawk) *Accipiter soloensis* – 1 in Beijing on 05/05/11, a male at the Reservoir, Beidaihe from 09/05/11 until 18/05/11 at least and males at Magic Wood on 12/05 and 14/05/11

Grey-faced Buzzard *Butastur indicus* – 11 birds recorded with a peak of 6 in the Magic Wood area on the 13/05/11

Eastern Buzzard *Buteo japonicus* – 4 on 06/05/11 at the Bai He river

Upland Buzzard *Buteo hemilasius* – 2 on the 12/05/11 and 1 on 13/05/11 in the Magic Wood area.

Common Kestrel *Falco tinnunculus* – 15 bird-days between 07/05/11 and 21/05/11

Amur Falcon *Falco amurensis* – 193 bird-days between 06/05/11 and 21/05/11 with a fantastic passage of 113 birds through the Magic Wood area on the 12/05/11 and a repeat of last year with two pairs taking up residence at the Reservoir, Beidaihe.

Eurasian Hobby *Falco subbuteo* – 61 bird-days between 05/05/11 and 21/05/11 with a peak of 24 through Magic Wood area on 12/05/11

Peregrine Falcon *Falco peregrinus* – 1 on 12/05/11 and another on 13/05/11 Magic Wood area.

Japanese Quail *Coturnix japonica* – 24 bird-days between 07/05/11 and 16/05/11 with a maximum count of 7 on 09/05/11

Common Pheasant *Phasianus colchicus* – recorded daily

Koklass Pheasant *Pucrasia macrolopha* – A superb male performed exceptionally well, coming up onto the road to challenge the 'rival' and 2 further birds were heard at Old Peak on the 19/05/11

Yellow-legged Buttonquail *Turnix tanki* – 1 Magic Wood on 11/05/11 and 1 Lighthouse Point on 12/05/11

Baillon's Crake *Porzana pusilla* – 1 at the Lighthouse Point, and 1 at Sandflats 09/05/11 1 at the Reservoir, Beidaihe on 16/05/11 with 5 observed at various localities on 21/05/11

Common Moorhen *Gallinula chloropus* – Recorded throughout period at Beidaihe with a highest count of 116 birds at the Reservoir on 21/05/11

Watercock *Gallicrex cinerea* – 1 on 07/05/11, 2 on 16/05/11 and 2 on 21/05/11 all Beidaihe

Eurasian Coot *Fulica atra* – 2 at the Reservoir Beidaihe throughout.

Eurasian Oystercatcher *Haematopus ostralegus* 12 on the 13/05/11 and 6 on 15/05/10 Liaojian harbour area.

Ibisbill *Ibidorhyncha struthersii* – 2 adults Bai He River, Huiro 06/05/11

Black-winged Stilt *Himantopus himantopus* – Small numbers recorded throughout period.

Pied Avocet *Recurvirostra avosetta* – 4 on 17/05/11 and 2 on 20/05/11

Little Ringed Plover *Charadrius dubius* – Small numbers throughout with a maximum count of 13 on 09/05/11

Long-billed Plover *Charadrius placidus* – Pair on territory, Bai He River, Huiro (Ibisbill site) 06/05/11

Kentish Plover *Charadrius alexandrinus* – 115 bird-days between 08/05/11 and 21/05/11 with highest count 60+ Liaojian harbour 13/05/11

Lesser Sandplover *Charadrius mongolus* – 81 bird-days between 08/05/11 and 17/05/11 with 60+ Liaojian Harbour 13/05/09 Highest count

Greater Sandplover *Charadrius leschenaultii* – 3 Liaojian Harbour area 13/05/11 and 2 Stone River, Quinhuangdao 21/05/11

Pacific Golden Plover *Pluvialis fulva* – 192 bird-days between 08/05/11 and 21/05/11 with 89 Magic Wood area on 12/05/11 the high count.

Grey Plover *Pluvialis squatarola* – 423 bird-days between 08/05/11 and 21/05/11 with 200+ Liaojian Harbour on 13/05/11 the highest count.

Grey-headed Lapwing *Vanellus cinereus* – 3 over the Reservoir Beidaihe on 07/05/11 and 6 Beidaihe on the 16/05/11.

Great Knot *Calidris tenuirostris* – 2 on the Sandflats, Beidaihe on 10/05/11 and an impressive 1050+ Liaojian Harbour on 13-14/05/11

Red Knot *Calidris canutus* – 2 on Sandflats, Beidaihe on 08/05/11 and 8 at Liaojian harbour on 14/05/11

Sanderling *Calidris alba* – 15 bird-days between 08/05/11 and 20/05/11 with 12 on the Sandflats on 15/05/11 the highest count

Red-necked Stint *Calidris ruficollis* – 252 bird-days between 09/05/11 and 21/05/11 with 150 at Liaojian Harbour on 13/05/11 the highest count.

Temminck's Stint *Calidris temminckii* – 40 birds recorded 14 birds on the 08/05/11 at Yange He, Nandaihe the largest group.

Long-toed Stint *Calidris subminuta* – 29 birds recorded between the 09/05/11 and 14/05/11 with 11 at Yange He, Nandaihe on 11/05/11

Sharp-tailed Sandpiper *Calidris acuminata* – 211 bird-days between 08/05/11 and 21/05/11 with 75 at Yange He, Nandaihe on 11/05/11

Curlew Sandpiper *Calidris ferruginea* – 142 birds recorded with a peak of 47 at at Yange He, Nandaihe on 09/05/11.

Dunlin *Calidris alpina* – Only a 184 birds recorded with 120 at Liaojian Harbour on the 13/05/11 the highest count.

Broad-billed Sandpiper *Limicola falcinellus* – 4+ at Liaojian Harbour on the 14/05/11

Common Snipe *Gallinago gallinago* – 37 birds positively identified with a peak of 20 at Beidaihe on 09/05/11

Pintail Snipe *Gallinago stenura* – Small numbers throughout period were probably this species though difficulty in separation with Swinhoe's problematic but 2 on 07/05/11 Beidaihe and 2 on 12/05/11 Magic Wood where conclusive

Swinhoe's Snipe *Gallinago megala* – A single bird was observed at the reservoir, Beidaihe on 07/05/11 nicely spreading its tail.

Asian Dowitcher *Limnodromus semipalmatus* –1 Liaojian Harbour on 13/05/11.

Black-tailed Godwit *Limosa limosa* –Low numbers between 09/05/11 and 13/05/11 with a maximum count of 10+ Beidaihe area 09/05/11.

Bar-tailed Godwit *Limosa lapponica* – 355 birds recorded with 300 at Liaojian Harbour on 14/05/11 the bulk of these records

Little Whimbrel *Numenius minutes* – 1 on the Sandflats on 08/05/11 and 09/05/11 with a further bird over on 09/05/11, 2 Magic Wood on 12/05/11 and 1 over Beidaihe on 17/05/11

Common Whimbrel *Numenius phaeopus* –537 bird-days between 08/05/11 and 21/05/11 with highest count of 171 over Beidaihe on 21/05/11

Eurasian Curlew *Numenius arquata* – Small numbers throughout period with a maximum count of 10+ at Liaojian Harbour on 13/05/11.

Far-eastern Curlew *Numenius madagascariensis* – At least 30+ birds around Liaojian Harbour 13/05/11, otherwise small numbers elsewhere.

Spotted Redshank *Tringa erythropus* – Only 27 birds between 09/05/11 and 21/05/11, a poor year.

Common Redshank *Tringa tetanus* – Small numbers throughout period with a maximum count of 30+ on 09/05/10 at Beidaihe.

Marsh Sandpiper *Tringa stagnatilis* – 94 Yange He, Nandaihe on 08 and 09/05/11 100+ in the Magic Wood area 11-14/05/11, 150+ Yange He, Nandaihe on 15/05/11 with smaller numbers elsewhere.

Common Greenshank *Tringa nebularia* –657 birds recorded between 09/05/11 and 21/05/11 with 204 at Liaojian Hrbour on the 13/05/11 the highest count.

Green Sandpiper *Tringa ochropus* – 18 bird-days between 07/05/10 and 18/05/10

Wood Sandpiper *Tringa glareola* – 48 birds recorded between 06/05/11 and 20/05/11 with 21 in Beidaihe on 07/05/11

Terek Sandpiper *Xenus cinereus* - 69 birds recorded with 25 at Lioahjian harbour the peak count.

Common Sandpiper *Actitis hypoleucos* – 82 birds recorded between 06/05/11 and 20/05/11 with 14 Lighthouse Point on 15/05/11

Grey-tailed Tattler *Heteroscelus brevipes* – 1 Stone River, Shanhaiguan on 20/05/11 the only record.

Ruddy Turnstone *Arenaria interpres* – 15 birds recorded with 11 on the 09/05/11 at Beidaihe

Relict Gull *Larus relictus* –2 First-summer birds at Liaojian Harbour on 13/05/11

Saunders' Gull *Larus saundersi* – 1 1st summer at Liaojian Harbour on 13/05/11

Black-headed Gull *Larus ridibundus* – Commonly recorded but in much smaller numbers than usual with a maximum count of 150+ Liaojian Harbour on 13/05/11.

Black-tailed Gull *Larus crassirostris* –164 birds recorded between 08/05/11 and 21/05/10 with 69 birds Beidaihe area on 17/05/11 the biggest count.

Common Gull *Larus canus heinei* – Single recorded on the Sandflats on 20/05/11

Heuglin's Gull *Larus heuglini taimyrensis* – 1 on 15/05/11, 5 on 16/05/11 and 1 on 20/05/11 all Beidaihe.

Vega Gull *Larus (argentatus/heuglini) vegae* –1 on 15/05/11 Beidaihe

Mongolian Gull *Larus mongolicus* – 12 birds recorded between the 12/05/11 and 21/05/11

Gull-billed Tern *Gelochelidon nilotica* – Regularly recorded around Liaojian Harbour with 20+ birds on 12/05/11 highest count, smaller numbers elsewhere.

Caspian Tern *Sterna caspia* –Two birds recorded during the period..

Common Tern *Sterna hirundo longipennis* – Primarily recorded between 11/05/11 and 16/05/10 Liaojian harbour and Beidaihe with 30+ at Liaojian on the 12 – 14/05/11 the highest counts, a poor year.

Little Tern *Sterna albifrons* - Around 57 birds recorded with the peak count of 32+ around Liaojian Harbour 13/05/11

Whiskered Tern *Chlidonias hybridus* – 54 birds recorded between 07/05/11 and 21/05/11 with a peak of 32 at Beidaihe on 07/05/11

White-winged Black Tern *Chlidonias leucopterus* – 83 birds between 12/05/11 and 17/05/11 with 40+ near magic Wood, Laoting on the 12/05/11 the biggest count.

Rock Dove/Feral Pigeon *Columba livia* – Commonly recorded throughout

Hill Pigeon *Columba rupestris* – 4 at the Bai He River on 06/05/10 and 2 at Old Peak 18/05/11

Eurasian Collared Dove *Streptopelia decaocto* – At least 4 birds recorded in Beidaihe area from 07.05.11

Red Turtle Dove *Streptopelia tranquebarica* – 1 at Beidaihe on 09/05/11

Oriental (Rufous) Turtle Dove *Streptopelia orientalis* – Commonly recorded with 12+ in Beidaihe on the 16/05/11 the high count.

Spotted Dove *Streptopelia chinensis* – Commonly recorded.

Large Hawk Cuckoo *Hierococcyx sparverioides* – 1 Lighthouse Point on 16/05/11 and at least 6 birds Old Peak on the 18/05/11

Indian Cuckoo *Cuculus micropterus* – 1 at the Reservoir Beidaihe on 09/05/11

Common Cuckoo *Cuculus canorus* – Only 7 birds recorded between 13/05/11 and 21/05/11

Oriental Cuckoo *Cuculus saturatus* - Only 14 birds recorded between 12/05/11 and 21/05/11

Oriental Scops Owl *Otus sunia* – 11 birds recorded between 08/05/11 and 20/05/11

Northern Brown Hawk Owl *Ninox japonica* – 5 different birds this year with 1 Beidaihe 10/05/11, 1 Magic Wood 11/05/11, 2 Magic Wood 13/05/11 and 1 Lighthouse Point on 15/05/11

Grey Nightjar *Caprimulgus jotaka* – 5 birds, all between the 10/05/11 and 15/05/11.

Common Swift *Apus apus* – Recorded daily with around 10+ birds present over Beidaihe most days and a high count of 200+ at the Stone River, Shanhaiguan on 20/05/11

Fork-tailed (Pacific) Swift *Apus pacificus* – 807 birds recorded between 12/05/11 and 21/05/11 with 550+ over Beidaihe on the 21/05/11 the biggest count

Black-capped Kingfisher *Halcyon pileata* – 10 birds between the 07/05/11 and 20/05/11

Common Kingfisher *Alcedo atthis* – Small numbers throughout the period.

Crested Kingfisher *Ceryle lugubris* – 1 Summer Palace, Beijing 05/05/11 and 1 Bai He River 06/05/11.

Pied Kingfisher *Ceryle rudis* – 1 at Magic Wood on 12/05/11 was a bizarre record.

Dollarbird (Broad-billed Roller) *Eurystomus orientalis* – One, Beidaihe on 18/05/11.

Eurasian Hoopoe *Upupa epops* - Breeding bird Beidaihe with 4 nests found with young from 08/05/11

Eurasian Wryneck *Jynx torquilla* – 13 birds between 07/05/11 and 21/05/11.

Grey-headed Woodpecker *Picus canus* – Common resident

Great Spotted Woodpecker *Dendrocopos major* – Common resident

Rufous-bellied Woodpecker *Dendrocopos hyperythrus* – 26 birds between 07/05/11 and 20/05/11

Grey-capped (Pygmy) Woodpecker *Dendrocopos canicapillus* – Common resident Beidaihe

Asian Short-toed Lark *Calandrella cheleensis* – 2+ Magic Wood area, Laoting 11/05/11 and 1 Shanhaiguan on 21/05/11.

Sand Martin *Riparia riparia* – 20 birds between 12/05/11 and 14/05/11

Barn Swallow *Hirundo rustica* - Common

Red-rumped Swallow *Hirundo daurica* - Common

Asian House Martin *Delichon dasypus*. –2 Magic Wood on 12/05/11

Richard's Pipit *Anthus richardi* – 16 birds between 11/05/11 and 20/05/10 with 12 birds at the Stone River, Shanhaiguan on 21/05/11

Blyth's Pipit *Anthus godlewskii* – 2 Yange He on 11/05/11 and 1 Stone River, Shanhaiguan on 21/05/11

Pechora Pipit *Anthus gustavi* – 2 birds showed rather well for this species on the Sandflats, Beidaihe on 11/05/10.

Buff-bellied Pipit *Anthus rubescens japonicus* – 1 at the reservoir area Beidaihe on the 08/05/10. a late record for this species

Olive-backed Pipit *Anthus hodgsoni* – 152 birds recorded between 06/05/11 and 20/05/11 with a peak of 40 birds in the Magic/Big Wood area on 12/05/11

Pechora Pipit *Anthus gustavi* – 1 near Magic Wood on 12/05/11

Red-throated Pipit *Anthus cervinus* – 2 Beidaihe 09/05/11 , 4 Magic Wood 12/05/11 and 1 Stone River, Shanhaiguan on 20/05/11

Forest Wagtail *Dendronanthus indicus* – 8 birds recorded between the 07/05/11 and 21/05/11.

Eastern Yellow Wagtail *Motacilla tschutschensis* –67 birds between 07/05/11 and 21/05/11 and were predominantly ssp *macronyx*, 3 *taivana*

Citrine Wagtail *Motacilla citreola* – 2 at the Bai He River on 06/05/11

Grey Wagtail *Motacilla cinerea* – 9 birds recorded during period.

Swinhoe's Wagtail *Motacilla alba ocularis* – 13 birds between 06/05/11 and 17/05/11.

Amur Wagtail *Motacilla alba leucopsis* – Common around Beidaihe with up to 6 birds daily.

Ashy Minivet *Pericrocotus divaricatus* –6 Beijing on 06/05/11, 3 Beidaihe 09/05/11, 7 Magic Wood 12/05/11 and 7 Beidaihe 16/05/11.

Chinese Bulbul *Pycnonotus sinensis* – Common Beidaihe with 35+ birds on 10/05/11

Brown Dipper *Cinclus pallasii* – 1 close to Old peak on 18/05/11

Rufous-tailed Robin *Luscinia sibilans* – Only 12 birds between 13/05/11 and 20/05/11 with 5 Beidaihe on 16/05/11

Siberian Rubythroat *Luscinia calliope* –Only 41 birds recorded between 06/05/11 and 21/05/11 with 17+ Beidaihe 15/05/11 the highest day count.

Bluethroat *Luscinia svecica* – 42 birds between 06/05/11 and 20/05/11 with 12+ Beidaihe 15/05/11 the highest day count.

Siberian Blue Robin *Luscinia cyane* – 63 birds between 07/05/11 and 21/05/11 and again, 12+ in Beidaihe 15/05/11 Highest day count.

Red-flanked Bluetail *Tarsiger cyanurus* – 1 Beijing on 06/05/11, 3 on 07/05/11. 1 on 08/05/11 and 1 on 10/05/11 all Beidaihe

Daurian Redstart *Phoenicurus aureus* – Singles and pairs throughout period with a peak count of 7 on 19/05/11 at Old Peak.

Plumbeous Redstart *Phycornis fuliginosus* – 1 close to Old Peak on 18/05/11

White-bellied Redstart *Hodgsonius phoenicuroides* – 2 Males 19/05/11 Zushan FP, Qinhuangdao (Old Peak)

Siberian Stonechat *Saxicola torquata/maura stejnegeri* – 496 birds between 05/05/11 and 20/05/11 with 100+ Beidaihe 09/05/11 and 100+ Magic Wood on 11/05/11

Grey Bushchat *Saxicola ferrea* – a female at the Yange He for one lucky observer on 17/05/11

Rufous-tailed Rockthrush *Monticola saxatilis* – A male in Beidaihe possibly 2 on 19/05/11

White-throated Rock Thrush *Monticola gularis* – 7 individuals recorded between 10/05/11 and 17/05/11

Red-bellied (Blue) Rock Thrush *Monticola solitarius philippensis* – 5 birds recorded between 11/05/11 and 21/05/11

White's Thrush *Zoothera dauma aurea* – 20 birds between 07/05/11 and 16/05/11 with 4 Beidaihe on 10/05/11 the highest day count.

Siberian Thrush *Zoothera sibirica* – 17 birds between 07/05/11 and 17/05/11 with 5 Magic Wood area on 14/05/11

Eurasian Blackbird *Turdus merula mandarinus* – 16 birds between 05/05/11 and 21/05/11

Grey-sided Thrush *Turdus feae* – 11 birds recorded with 8+ Old Peak FP 19/05/11.

Grey-backed Thrush *Turdus hortulorum* – 4 birds recorded, 1 Beidaihe on 07/05/11, 2 on 10/05/11, 1 on 16/05/11

Pale Thrush *Turdus pallidus* – Female, Lighthouse Point, Beidaihe 15/05/11

Eye-browed Thrush *Turdus obscurus* – 111 birds between 06/05/11 and 21/05/11 with 35+ in Beidaihe on 09/05/11 the highest day count

Dusky Thrush *Turdus (naumanni) eunomus* – 16 individuals recorded between 05/05/11 and 15/05/11 mostly adult male..

Naumann's Thrush *Turdus (naumanni) naumanni* – 1 Magic Wood on 13/05/11

Red-throated Thrush *Turdus ruficollis* - 1 photographed on 07.05/11 appears to be this species and 1 on 15/05/11 at Lighthouse Point

Chinese Song Thrush *Turdus mupinensis* – At least nine individuals recorded this year 06/05/11 to 21/05/11

Asian Stub-tailed Warbler *Urosphena squameiceps* – At least 3 singing at Old Peak 18-19/05/11

Manchurian Bush Warbler *Cettia canturians* – 1 Old Peak 19/05/11 performed superbly.

Siberian Bush Warbler *Bradypterus davidi* – 1 Beidaihe 15/05/11

Zitting Cisticola (Fan-tailed Warbler) *Cisticola juncidis* – 12 noted from suitable habitat Beidaihe throughout. The period

Chinese Hill Warbler *Rhopophilus pekinensis* – 6+ at Bai He River on 06/05/11 and 2 Old Peak 19/05/11

Pallas's Grasshopper Warbler *Locustella certhiola* – 1 Lighthouse Point Beidaihe on 17/05/11

Lanceolated Warbler *Locustella lanceolata* – 13 on 15/05/11, 3 on 16/05/11, 1 on 18/05/11 and 1 20/05/11 all Beidaihe

Streaked Reed Warbler *Acrocephalus sorgophilus* – 1 at Lighthouse Point 20-21/05/11 An enigmatic species and perhaps an early date but this bird took some work Originally found pre-breakfast, it took until early evening, a team of nearly thirty and numerous, one-second views to convince and confirm that it was indeed a Streaked Reed Warbler and that we were not overlooking something else. The bird had to be gently flushed from a small wetland patch, when it would often briefly perch before flying over the track and into some dense vegetation through a fence. The best views were extremely brief as it generally perched in low branches before diving back into cover. In flight the light streaking on the mantle was observed but on the

few occasions it perched, the combination of pale straw fringes to the rather dark centered tertials and coverts, warm rusty secondary panel, dark alula with a clean pale edge, the streaking to the crown and border to the supercillium, the warm buff underparts (overall impression of a warm Sedge/Aquatic Warbler) basically a fresh spring adult that pretty much everything else out. The mantle streaking, observed from above in flight is conclusive. A soft 'chrrrr' was heard on a couple of occasions, quite unlike the Black-browed Reed Warbler it occasionally associated with. Full details will be submitted to the CBR.

Black-browed Reed Warbler *Acrocephalus bistrigiceps* – 222 birds between 09/05/11 and 21/05/11 with 100+ at Beidaihe on 15/05/11.

Blunt-winged Warbler *Acrocephalus concinens* – 1 was seen well at Old Peak and 2 heard on 19/05/11.

Oriental Great Reed Warbler *Acrocephalus orientalis* – Only 10 birds recorded between 11/05/11 and 21/05/11 a poor year.

Thick-billed Warbler *Acrocephalus aedon* – 37 birds between 15/05/11 and 21/05/11 with 15+ in Beidaihe on 15/05/11 and 11 on 17/05/11

Claudia's Leaf Warbler *Phylloscopus claudiae* – 10 birds observed on migration between 10/05/11 and 20/05/11 and at least 30+ on the breeding grounds at Old Peak on 18/05/11

Eastern Crowned Warbler *Phylloscopus coronatus* – 12 birds between 06/05/11 and 21/05/11 with 5 in the Magic Wood on 13/05/11

Pale-legged Leaf Warbler *Phylloscopus tenellipes* – 19 birds between 10/05/11 and 20/05/11

Two-barred Greenish Warbler *Phylloscopus trochiloides plumbeitarsus* - 1 on the 09/05/11 in Beidaihe was early, 20 birds between 13 – 16/05/11 and then 1 on the 21/05/11. A peak of 12 at Lighthouse Point Beidaihe on 15/05/11

Arctic Warbler *Phylloscopus borealis* – 7 birds between 11/05/11 and 21/05/11.

Pallas's Leaf Warbler *Phylloscopus proregulus* – 419 birds recorded between 05/05/11 and 21/05/11 with a peak of 150+ MagicWood area on 14/05/11

Chinese Leaf Warbler *Phylloscopus sichuanensis* – 13+ singing birds Old Peak FP, 18-19/05/11.

Yellow-browed Warbler *Phylloscopus inornatus* – 837 birds noted between 05/05/11 and 21/05/11 with peaks of 100+ Beidaihe 07/05/11, 200+ Magic Wood 13/05/11

Hume's Leaf Warbler *Phylloscopus humei* – 2 Beidaihe 07/05/11 another Beidaihe on 08/05/11, 1 Beidaihe 16/05/11 and 18+ singing Old Peak FP, Qinhuangdao 18-19/05/11

Radde's Warbler *Phylloscopus schwarzi* – 653 birds noted between 05/05/11 and 21/05/11 with a peak of 200+ Magic Wood on 13/05/11 and 200+ Beidaihe on 15/05/11

Yellow-streaked Warbler *Phylloscopus armandii* – 1 Beidaihe on 15/05/11 and 4 Old Peak 18-19/05/11

Dusky Warbler *Phylloscopus fuscatus* – 389 birds noted between 05/05/11 and 21/05/11 with a peak of 100+ Beidaihe on 17/05/11

Blue and White Flycatcher *Cyanoptila cyanomelana* – 2 Magic Wood area, Laoting 13/05/11.

Dark-sided (Siberian) Flycatcher *Muscicapa sibirica* – 2 on 16/05/11, 3 on 20/05/11, 2 on 21/05/11

Grey-streaked Flycatcher *Muscicapa griseisticta* – 9 birds between 07/05/11 and 21/05/10

Asian Brown Flycatcher *Muscicapa dauurica* (= *latirostris*) – 96 birds between 08/05/11 and 21/05/11 with 30+ Magic Wood, Laoting 13/05/11

Taiga Flycatcher *Ficedula albicilla* – 331 birds between 05/05/11 and 21/05/11 with a peak of with 100+ Magic Wood, Laoting 13/05/11

Mugimaki Flycatcher *Ficedula mugimaki* – 10 birds between 10/05/11 and 13/05/11 with a peak count of 4 Beidiahe on 10/05/11

Yellow-rumped Flycatcher *Ficedula zanthopygia* – 51 birds between 07/05/11 and 21/05/11 with a peak of 12 Magic Wood, Laoting 13/05/11

Elisae's (Chinese) Flycatcher *Ficedula (narcissina) elisae* – 1 Beidaihe 16/05/11, Another at the Reservoir, Beidiahe 17/05/11 and a Male Old Peak on 19/05/11,

Vinous-throated Parrotbill *Paradoxornis webbianus* – 20+ at the Bai He River, Huiaro 06/05/11 (*fulvicauda?*) and what appears to be a regular count of around 30+ birds seemingly resident in the Beidaihe/Reservoir area (*mantchuricus?*)

Père David's Laughing Thrush *Garrulax davidi* – 8+ at the Bai He River, Huiaro 06/05/11, 5 at Old Peak FP 18-19/05/10 and 3 at Great Wall, Shanhaiguan 19//05/11

Silver-throated Tit *Aegithalos glaucogularis* – 5 at the Bai He River on 06/05/11 and 8 and then 10 at Old Peak on the 18-19/05/11

Marsh Tit *Parus palustris* – 1 Beijing 06/05/11 and 10+ at Old Peak FP 19-20/05/10

Songar Tit *Parus songarus* – 2 ? Old Peak 19/05/11

Yellow-bellied Tit *Parus venustulus* – 20 Summer Palace, Beijing 05/05/11, 15 Yuan Yuantan Park 06/05/11 and 10+ each day at Old Peak 18-19/05/11

Eastern Great Tit *Parus major* – small numbers observed throughout period

Chinese Nuthatch *Sitta villosa* – 3+ on both days 18-19/05/11 at Old Peak FP, Qinhuangdao

Chinese Penduline Tit *Remiz consobrinus* – 401 birds between 07/05/11 and 17/05/11 with a peak of 256 birds at Magic Wood on 14/05/11

Chestnut-flanked White-eye *Zosterops erythropleurus* – 94 birds positively identified between 07/05/11 and 16/05/11 with a peak at Magic Wood of 52 birds on 14/05/11

Japanese White-eye *Zosterops japonica* – 5 in Beidiahe on 15/05/11 and a further 9 in Beidiahe on 17/05/11

Black-naped Oriole *Oriolis chinensis* – 75 birds between 11/05/11 and 21/05/11 with a peak of 20 on 17/05/11 in Beidaihe.

Brown Shrike *Lanius cristatus* – 361+ birds between 07/05/11 and 21/05/11 with a peak of 100+ at Beidaihe on 15/05/11.

Black Drongo *Dicrurus macrocercus* – 97 birds between 05/05/11 and 21/05/11 with a peak of 20+ at Beidaihe on 18/05/11

Hair-crested (Spangled) Drongo *Dicrurus hottentottus* – 1 Beidiahe 10/05/11, 1 Magic Wood 12/05/11 and 4 at Old Peak FP, Qinhuangdao 18-19/05/11

Eurasian Jay *Garrulus glandarius* – 5+ at Old Peak FP, Qinhuangdao 18-19/05/11

Red-billed Blue Magpie *Urocissa erythrorhyncha* – at least 20 birds Beidaihe area throughout period

Azure-winged Magpie *Cyanopica cyana* – Common around Beijing,

Black-billed Magpie *Pica pica* – Common throughout

Large-billed Crow *Corvus macrorhynchos* – Small numbers throughout period in suitable habitat.

Red-billed Starling *Sturnus sericeus* – 1 1st summer at the reservoir, Beidaihe on 07/05/11 was followed by 2 Yange He? on 11/05/11

Daurian (Purple-backed) Starling *Sturnus sturninus* – 1 Yang He area on 11/05/11 and 15 Beidaihe on 17/05/11

White-cheeked Starling *Sturnus cineraceus* – Small numbers throughout trip.

Crested Myna *Acridotheres cristatellus* – Regularly recorded with up to 26 birds in the Beidaihe area.

Russet Sparrow *Passer rufilans* – 6 at the Bai He River on 06/05/11 and 2 Magic Wood area on 12/05/11

Eurasian Tree Sparrow *Passer montanus* – Common

Oriental (Grey-capped) Greenfinch *Carduelis sinica* - Commonly recorded

Common Rosefinch *Carpodacus erythrinus* – 188 birds between 10/05/11 and 21/05/11 with a peak of 100 at Magic Wood area on 12/05/11

Yellow-billed (Chinese) Grosbeak *Eophona migratoria* – A male proved elusive in Beidaihe between 08/05/11 and 20/05/11 with a female in Beidaihe on 20/05/11

Japanese Grosbeak *Eophona personata* – Male, Beidaihe on 07/05/11

Hawfinch *Coccothraustes coccothraustes* – 1 Magic Wood on 14/05/11

Black-faced Bunting *Emberiza spodocephala* – 239 birds between 05/05/11 and 21/05/11 with a peak of 60+ Beidaihe 09/05/11

Godlewski's (Eastern Rock) Bunting *Emberiza godlewskii* – 10+ at Bai He River, Huiaro, 06/05/11, 7+ at Old Peak, Qinhuangdao 19/05/11.

(Siberian) Meadow Bunting *Emberiza cioides* – 20+ at Bai He River, Huiaro, 06/05/11, 14 Old Peak 20/05/11

Chestnut-eared (Grey-headed) Bunting *Emberiza fucata* – 3 on 09/05/11 and 1 on 16/05/11 Beidaihe, a poor showing this year.

Yellow-throated Bunting *Emberiza elegans* – 8 birds 'on migration' between 06/05/11 and 15/05/11 and at least 7 birds observed with nesting noted at Old Peak FP, Qinhuangdao on 18-19/05/10

Yellow-browed Bunting *Emberiza chrysophrys* – 9 birds recorded between the 05/05/11 and 13/05/11

Tristram's Bunting *Emberiza tristrami* – 26 birds between 06/05/11 and 19/05/11 with a peak of 7+ birds at Yange He 09/05/11.

Little Bunting *Emberiza pusilla* – 407+ birds observed between 05/05/11 and 21/05/11 with a peak of 100+ at Bai He River on 06/05/11 and 82 at Magic Wood area on the 14/05/11

Chestnut Bunting *Emberiza rutila* 31 birds recorded, again peaking at 10+ on the 09/05/11 at Yange He and 11 on the 10/05/11 at Yange He and Beidaihe.

Yellow-breasted Bunting *Emberiza aureola* – A Male, Beidaihe 08/05/11 was followed by 27+ at Yange He on the 09/05/11. There were 12 birds following this between the 10/05/11 and 21/05/11, mostly involving males. A good year for this species.

Pallas's Reed Bunting *Emberiza pallasi* – 110+ at the Yange He and nearby areas on the 09/05/11 was part of an exceptional fall of bunting sp. 5 at Yange He on 11/05/11, 4 Magic Wood on 12/05/11, 1 Beidaihe on 16/05/11 and 1 on 21/05/11 were the remaining records.

Japanese Reed Bunting *Emberiza yessoensis* – 34 on 09/05/11 mostly at the Yange He Lagoons was an exceptional fall! 1 at Yange He and 1 at Da Pu He on 11/05/11 were the only other records

In addition to the above, there were a few escapes recorded during the period including a **Masked Laughingthrush**, **Red-billed Leothrix** and evidently a **Collared Finchbill**

Mammals

Tolai Hare *Lepus tolai* – Occasionally noted around Beidaihe including Lighthouse Point!

Muskrat *Ondatra zibethicus* – One observed at the Reservoir, Beidaihe, a Feral population.

Pere David's Rock Squirrel *Sciurotamias davidianus* – Observed at the Bai He River 06/05/11, Great Wall, Shanhaiguan 19/05/11 and Zushan FP, (Old Peak) 18-19/05/11

Siberian Chipmunk *Tamias sibiricus* – Observed in Beijing, Beidaihe and, Old Peak.

Daurian Ground Squirrel *Spermophilus dauricus* – 3 Observations at Old Peak 18-19/05/11

Birdlike Noctule *Nyctalus aviator* – Large 'Noctule's" were seen most evenings at the Jinshan are apparently this species ?

Amur Hedgehog *Erinaceus amurensis* – One in the Magic Wood area on the 11/05/11

Snakes

Oriental Tiger Snake *Rhabdophis tigrinus formosanus* – A couple of observations of this rather dramatic looking "grass snake" in Beidaihe

Red-backed Rat Snake *Elaphe rufidorsata* – 1 Magic Wood 11/05/11

Beidaihe Birding TopTen

Every year we ask everyone to write down their top ten birds of the trip. Each bird is then given points, ten for top down to one point for number ten bird. This year 59 species were voted for, not surprising considering the quality of birds on this years trip.

The results are as follows:

- 1 **Ibisbill** - takes the crown for the third year running!
- 2 **Koklass Pheasant**- After that pumped up horns raised performance, no surprise
- 3 **Yellow-rumped Flycatcher** - always seems to hover around the top five
- 4 **Manchurian Bush Warbler** - great bird, outstanding views
- 5 **Brown Hawk Owl** – spoilt this year with some exceptional birds
- 6 **Siberian Blue Robin**- Great birds
- 7 **Pied Harrier** - always a thrill, the males are outstanding
- 8 **Chinese Leaf Warbler** – Great views and as Chris put it, for its attitude!
- 9 **Streaked Reed Warbler** – Surprised it made it considering the views but a worthy inclusion

10 **Siberian Thrush** – Never very far from this list, those males!

and this years outsider, at number 11, who'd have thought it – **Siberian Rubythroat**

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