

# HAPPY ISLAND, Hebei, China, in autumn: 19-22 Sep & 12-17 Oct 2007

An at-a-glance list of 197 species of birds recorded.

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Please note that the following list is best considered a work in progress. It should not be quoted without consulting the author.

Based mostly on my own field notes, this brief write-up covers the birds noted by myself with Limosa/Field Guides & Rockjumper groups during visits to Happy Island in autumn 2007.

My reason for producing this compilation is that so few autumn trip reports are available on the internet, a state of affairs which is causing potential visitors to ask themselves – ‘is Happy Island any good in autumn?’. And ‘if it is, why don’t birders go there??’.

In short, Happy Island **IS** a very good place to go in autumn – the answer to the second question is more complex: partly it is that Happy Island’s spring migration is so well publicized that many birdwatchers just assume that it is not also ‘an autumn place’, partly that many Western Palearctic birders enjoy autumn in their own countries too much to go away (after all, this is when anything could turn up, even on your local patch, and so it is ‘risky’ to travel abroad...). And of course some birders DO visit in autumn!

The question ‘is Happy Island better in spring or in autumn?’ is quite unanswerable – what anyone asking it really means is ‘for the best birdwatching experience, should I go in spring or in autumn?’... Who can predict the future? And one would have to, to answer that question: any given two or three week period between early March and early June, and between mid-August and early November has excellent potential, depending on what exactly you are looking for, but some years are better than others: as with any undertaking involving highly variable factors such as weather going birdwatching anywhere one needs at least a little luck to make it all happen.

In autumn the island serves as an extension to the mainland, situated right on the NNE/SSW migration axis – thus on many mornings you get strong visible migration, comparable to what you see at e g Falsterbo, on average much stronger than what you get in spring. If the winds are right, you may even get quite impressive numbers of birds of prey, far more than in spring. At the same time you get the ‘island effect’ producing frequently impressive falls of passerines.

Probably the main difference between spring and autumn is that in autumn migration is less concentrated... For many birders, the fact that one gets to see juvenile plumages (so much more relevant to your local Western Palearctic rarity hunting) completely compensates for this. From the *birdwatching* point of view an important difference – and that goes for nearby Beidaihe as well – is that the vegetation is much denser in autumn: consequently up until mid-October it can take quite a bit longer to actually see the birds.

20 on 19<sup>th</sup>, c100 on 20<sup>th</sup>, 450+ on 21<sup>st</sup> & 100 on 22 Sep, 30 on 12<sup>th</sup>, 300+ on 13<sup>th</sup>, 760 on 14<sup>th</sup>, 300+ on 15<sup>th</sup>, 100+ on 16<sup>th</sup> & 200+ on 17 Oct.

**Northern Shoveler** *Anas clypeata*

One on 20<sup>th</sup> & three on 22 Sep, and 15 on 13<sup>th</sup>, five on 14<sup>th</sup>, 50 on 15<sup>th</sup>, 70 on 16<sup>th</sup> & one on 17 Oct.

**Northern Pintail** *Anas acuta*

Singles on 20+21<sup>st</sup> & three on 22 Sep, and 35 on 13<sup>th</sup>, 40 on 14<sup>th</sup> & three on 17 Oct.

**Garganey** *Anas querquedula*

Singles on 22 Sep & 13 Oct.

**Baikal Teal** *Anas formosa*

Five on 20<sup>th</sup>, eight on 21<sup>st</sup> & 15 on 22 Sep, and 185 (incl a flock of 170 migr) on 13<sup>th</sup>, eight on 14<sup>th</sup>, four on 15<sup>th</sup>, three on 16<sup>th</sup> & eight on 17 Oct.

**Common Teal** *Anas crecca*

15 on 19<sup>th</sup>, 240 on 20<sup>th</sup>, 750 on 21<sup>st</sup> & 135 on 22 Sep, and two on 12<sup>th</sup>, 500+ on 13<sup>th</sup>, 600 on 14<sup>th</sup>, 50+ on 15<sup>th</sup>, 300+ on 16<sup>th</sup> & 100+ on 17 Oct.

**Common Pochard** *Aythya ferina*

Two on 13<sup>th</sup> & ten on 14 Oct.

**Tufted Duck** *Aythya fuligula*

Ten on 13<sup>th</sup> & one on 15 Oct.

**Common Goldeneye** *Bucephala clangula*

Four on 13 Oct.

**Little Grebe** *Tachybaptus ruficollis*

Three on 20<sup>th</sup> & two on 21 Sep, and one on 12<sup>th</sup>, ten on 13<sup>th</sup>, c15 on 14<sup>th</sup>, 28 on 15<sup>th</sup>, eight on 16<sup>th</sup> & five on 17 Oct.

**Great Crested Grebe** *Podiceps cristatus*

Two on 21 Sep,

**Black Stork** *Ciconia nigra*

Nine migr at 10h44 on 14 Oct.

**Oriental White Stork** *Ciconia boyciana*

17 arrived at 17h20 on 13<sup>th</sup> & 23 (same 17 roosting & six migr at 10h41) on 14 Oct.

**Eurasian Spoonbill** *Platalea leucorodia*

Three adults on 21 Sep & ten on 13 Oct.

**Eurasian Bittern** *Botaurus stellaris*

9+ on 21 Sep, and two on 12<sup>th</sup>, five on 14<sup>th</sup>, eight on 15<sup>th</sup> & 23 on 16 Oct.

**Yellow Bittern** *Ixobrychus sinensis*

10+ heard heading off / going over after dark on 20 Sep, and 6+ heard on 16 Oct.

**Black-crowned Night Heron** *Nycticorax nycticorax*

40+ on 19<sup>th</sup>, c15 on 20<sup>th</sup>, 95 on 21<sup>st</sup> & 60 on 22 Sep, and 22+ on 12<sup>th</sup>, 3+ heard on 13<sup>th</sup>, 20+ on 14<sup>th</sup>, 55 on 15<sup>th</sup>, 23 on 16<sup>th</sup> & heard on 17 Oct.

**Chinese Pond Heron** *Ardeola bacchus*

Three on 20 Sep.

**Eastern Cattle Egret** *Bubulcus coromandus*

42 on 19 Sep.

**Grey Heron** *Ardea cinerea*

13 on 19<sup>th</sup>, c20 on 20<sup>th</sup> & c76 on 21 Sep, and three on 12<sup>th</sup>, 40 on 13<sup>th</sup>, 45 on 14<sup>th</sup>, 5+ on 15<sup>th</sup>, ten on 16<sup>th</sup> & 20 on 17 Oct.

**Purple Heron** *Ardea purpurea*

Six on 19<sup>th</sup> & 35 (flocks of 19+16) on 20 Sep, and one 1<sup>st</sup> c-y on 14 Oct.

**Great Egret** *Ardea alba*

One flew ESE on 17 Oct.

**Little Egret** *Egretta garzetta*

One on 19<sup>th</sup>, six on 20<sup>th</sup>, 17 on 21<sup>st</sup> & five on 22 Sep, and four on 12+13<sup>th</sup>, three on 14<sup>th</sup> & one on 17 Oct.

**Great Cormorant** *Phalacrocorax carbo*

One on 19<sup>th</sup>, c1,500 (a 'quite accurate count / estimate') on 20<sup>th</sup>, 800 on 21<sup>st</sup> & 10+ on 22 Sep, and 50+ on 12<sup>th</sup>, 1,000 on 13<sup>th</sup>, 500 on 14<sup>th</sup>, 160+ on 15<sup>th</sup>, 300 on 16<sup>th</sup> & 870 on 17 Oct.

**Lesser Kestrel** *Falco naumanni*

One male hovering, then ->SW at 13h30 on 13 Oct.

**Common Kestrel** *Falco tinnunculus*

Two on 19+20<sup>th</sup> & one on 21 Sep, and singles on 13+15<sup>th</sup>, two on 14<sup>th</sup> & three on 17 Oct.

**Amur Falcon** *Falco amurensis*

One female on 19 Sep, and 282 on 13<sup>th</sup>, 22 on 14<sup>th</sup>, seven on 15<sup>th</sup>, two on 16<sup>th</sup> & 91 on 17 Oct.

**Merlin** *Falco columbarius*

Singles on 13+14+15 Oct.

**Eurasian Hobby** *Falco subbuteo*

Two on 20<sup>th</sup> & singles on 21+22 Sep, and singles on 12+14<sup>th</sup> & five on 13 Oct.

**Peregrine** *Falco peregrinus*

Two daily over 12-16 Oct... undoubtedly at least three different individuals.

**Osprey** *Pandion haliaetus*

Singles on 19+20 Sep.

**Black Kite** *Milvus migrans*

One on 20 Sep.

**Eastern Marsh Harrier** *Circus spilonotus*

Six on 19<sup>th</sup>, five on 20+21<sup>st</sup> & four on 22 Sep, and four on 13<sup>th</sup>, singles on 14+15<sup>th</sup> & two on 16 Oct.

**Hen Harrier** *Circus cyaneus*

Four on 12<sup>th</sup>, eight (all ringtails flying to roost PM) on 13<sup>th</sup>, six on 14<sup>th</sup>, five on 15<sup>th</sup>, eight on 16<sup>th</sup> & five on 17 Oct.

**Pied Harrier** *Circus melanoleucos*

Singles on 19+22<sup>nd</sup>, 17 on 20<sup>th</sup> & three on 21 Sep.

**Japanese Sparrowhawk** *Accipiter gularis*

Three on 19<sup>th</sup>, 8+ on 20<sup>th</sup>, three on 21<sup>st</sup> & seven on 22 Sep, and four on 13<sup>th</sup> & two on 14+15+16 Oct.

**Eurasian Sparrowhawk** *Accipiter nisus*

Two on 19<sup>th</sup>, nine on 20<sup>th</sup> & four on 21 Sep, and two on 12<sup>th</sup>, eight on 13<sup>th</sup>, ten on 14<sup>th</sup>, four on 15<sup>th</sup>, five on 15<sup>th</sup> & one on 17 Oct.

**Northern Goshawk** *Accipiter gentiles*

Three on 13<sup>th</sup> & one adult male on 17 Oct.

**Grey-faced Buzzard** *Butastur indicus*

One 2+ c-y ('tail worn, moulting') on 13 Oct.

**Common Buzzard** *Buteo buteo japonicus*

Eight on 13<sup>th</sup>, 46 on 14<sup>th</sup>, four on 15<sup>th</sup>, two on 16<sup>th</sup> & five on 17 Oct.

**Greater Spotted Eagle** *Aquila clanga*

One 1<sup>st</sup> c-y seen well repeatedly from 10h38.

**White-breasted Waterhen** *Amaurornis phoenicurus*

One on 15 Oct.

**Baillon's Crake** *Porzana pusilla*

One on 16 Oct.

**Common Moorhen** *Gallinula chloropus*

Singles on 21 Sep & 16+17 Oct.

**Sandhill Crane** *Grus canadensis*

One on the ground with White-naped Cranes on 13 Oct.

\*\*\*Perhaps only the 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> record for China.

**White-naped Crane** *Grus vipio*

38 on 13 Oct.

**Common Crane** *Grus grus*

Undoubtedly the same singleton with Red-crowned Cranes on 13+14 Oct.

**Red-crowned Crane** *Grus japonensis*  
c30 on 13<sup>th</sup>, 18 on 14<sup>th</sup> & nine on 15 Oct.

**Eurasian Oystercatcher** *Haematopus ostralegus*  
23 on 13<sup>th</sup>, 3+ on 14<sup>th</sup>, heard on 15<sup>th</sup> & 29 on 16 Oct.

**Black-winged Stilt** *Himantopus himantopus*  
One on 20<sup>th</sup>, two on 21<sup>st</sup> & 15 on 22 Sep, and singles on 13+15+16 Oct.

**Pied Avocet** *Recurvirostra avosetta*  
130 on 20<sup>th</sup>, 100+ on 21<sup>st</sup> & 30 on 22 Sep, and c625 on 13<sup>th</sup>, 420 on 14<sup>th</sup> & 270 on 16 Oct.

**Northern Lapwing** *Vanellus vanellus*  
85 on 14<sup>th</sup>, seven on 15<sup>th</sup> & nine on 16 Oct.

**Grey-headed Lapwing** *Vanellus cinereus*  
340 on 20<sup>th</sup> & 19 on 22 Sep.

**Pacific Golden Plover** *Pluvialis fulva*  
Four on 20<sup>th</sup> & eight on 21 Sep.

**Grey Plover** *Vanellus squatarola*  
1+ on 20<sup>th</sup>, 20+ on 21<sup>st</sup> & three on 22 Sep, and heard on 12<sup>th</sup>, 170 on 13<sup>th</sup>, 50+ on 14<sup>th</sup>, 300+ on 16<sup>th</sup> & 14 on 17 Oct.

**Kentish Plover** *Charadrius alexandrinus*  
One on 20<sup>th</sup>, 100+ on 21<sup>st</sup> & four on 22 Sep, and 75+ on 13<sup>th</sup>, 200+ on 14<sup>th</sup> & 650 on 16 Oct.

**Eurasian Woodcock** *Scolopax rusticola*  
Singles on 20+21 Sep.

**Pintail Snipe** *Gallinago stenura*  
Three on 20<sup>th</sup> & two on 21 Sep.

**Common Snipe** *Gallinago gallinago*  
13 on 20<sup>th</sup>, one on 21<sup>st</sup> & two on 22 Sep, and two on 14+15<sup>th</sup> & singles on 16+17 Oct.

**Eastern Black-tailed Godwit** *Limosa melanuroides*  
Three on 22 Sep & two on 13 Oct.

**Bar-tailed Godwit** *Limosa lapponica*  
'Present' on 20<sup>th</sup> & three on 21 Sep, and three on 13 Oct.

**Whimbrel** *Numenius phaeopus*  
One on 19<sup>th</sup>, two on 20<sup>th</sup> & c10 on 21 Sep.

**Eurasian Curlew** *Numenius arquata*  
300+ on 20<sup>th</sup>, 220+ on 21<sup>st</sup> & three on 22 Sep, and 600 on 13<sup>th</sup>, 200+ on 14<sup>th</sup>, heard on 15<sup>th</sup>, 400 on 16<sup>th</sup> & 65->E past the boat on the crossing on 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Far Eastern Curlew** *Numenius madagascariensis*

8+ on 21 Sep, and three on 12<sup>th</sup>, singles on 13+17<sup>th</sup> & three on 16 Oct.

**Spotted Redshank** *Tringa erythropus*

15 on 20<sup>th</sup>, and 30 on both 21+22 Sep, 25 on 13<sup>th</sup>, 60 on 14<sup>th</sup>, 1+ on 15<sup>th</sup>, 5+ on 16<sup>th</sup> & heard on 17 Oct.

**Marsh Sandpiper** *Tringa stagnatilis*

41 on 20<sup>th</sup>, 31 on 21<sup>st</sup> & one on 22 Sep, and one on 13<sup>th</sup> & ten on 14+16 Oct.

**Common Greenshank** *Tringa nebularia*

Five on 20<sup>th</sup>, eight on 21<sup>st</sup> & three on 22 Sep, and heard on 12<sup>th</sup>, 21 on 13<sup>th</sup>, ten on 14<sup>th</sup>, two on 15<sup>th</sup>, 4+ on 16<sup>th</sup> & three on 17 Oct.

**Green Sandpiper** *Tringa ochropus*

One on 19<sup>th</sup> & two on 21 Sep, and singles on 12+13+14+15 Oct.

**Wood Sandpiper** *Tringa glareola*

Seven on 20<sup>th</sup> & one on 21 Sep.

**Terek Sandpiper** *Xenus cinereus*

Three on 21 Sep & heard on 13 Oct.

**Great Knot** *Calidris tenuirostris*

Ten on 13 Oct.

**Red Knot** *Calidris canutus*

Three on 13 Oct.

**Red-necked Stint** *Calidris ruficollis*

3+ on 16 Oct.

**Dunlin** *Calidris alpina*

Heard on 20+21 Sep, and 100+ on 13<sup>th</sup> & 75+ on 16 Oct.

**Oriental Pratincole** *Glareola maldivarum*

Heard on 20 Sep & one on 13 Oct.

**Black-tailed Gull** *Larus crassirostris*

Two on 20<sup>th</sup> & 270 on 21 Sep, and five on 12<sup>th</sup>, 40+ on 13<sup>th</sup>, 20 on 14<sup>th</sup> & 70 on 16 Oct.

**Common Gull** *Larus canus*

One adult on 13 Oct.

**Vega Gull** *Larus vegae*

One 1<sup>st</sup> c-y on 20 Sep & 25 on 13 Oct.

**Lesser Black-backed Gull** *Larus fuscus taimyrensis*

One adult on 14 Oct.

**Common Black-headed Gull** *Larus ridibundus*

20 on 20<sup>th</sup>, 200 on 21<sup>st</sup> & three on 22 Sep, and ten on 12<sup>th</sup>, 200+ on 13<sup>th</sup>, 100+ on 14<sup>th</sup>, three on 15<sup>th</sup>, 100+ on 16<sup>th</sup> & one on 17 Oct.

**Saunders' Gull** *Larus saundersi*

Two on 21 Sep, and ten on 13<sup>th</sup>, eight on 14<sup>th</sup>, one on 15<sup>th</sup>, six on 16<sup>th</sup> & one on 17 Oct.

**Relict Gull** *Larus relictus*

32 on 21 Sep, and 93 on 13<sup>th</sup>, 56 on 14<sup>th</sup> & 31 on 16 Oct.

**Gull-billed Tern** *Sterna nilotica*

Four on 20<sup>th</sup>, three on 21<sup>st</sup> & two on 22 Sep, and one on 12<sup>th</sup>, five on 13<sup>th</sup> & one on 15 Oct.

**Caspian Tern** *Sterna caspia*

Four on 20<sup>th</sup>, 19 on 21<sup>st</sup> & one on 22 Sep, and 24 on 13<sup>th</sup>, 35 on 14<sup>th</sup>, heard on 15<sup>th</sup>, 36 on 16<sup>th</sup> & 3+ on 17 Oct.

**White-winged Black Tern** *Chlidonias leucopterus*

25 migr on 20<sup>th</sup> & ten 1<sup>st</sup> c-y feeding over the shrimp ponds on 21 Sep.

**Oriental Turtle Dove** *Streptopelia orientalis*

Six on 19<sup>th</sup>, 44 on 20<sup>th</sup>, 33 on 21<sup>st</sup> & 53 on 22 Sep, and three on 12<sup>th</sup>, ten on 13<sup>th</sup>, three on 14+26<sup>th</sup>, eight on 15<sup>th</sup> & four on 17 Oct

**Spotted Dove** *Streptopelia chinensis*

Probably the same singleton on 20+21 Sep.

**Chestnut-winged Cuckoo** *Clamator coromandus*

A elusive long-stayer was seen by members of our group on 14 Oct.

**Northern Hawk-Cuckoo** *Cuculus hyperythrus*

Two on 20 Sep.

**Common Cuckoo** *Cuculus canorus*

Six on 20 Sep.

**Oriental Cuckoo** *Cuculus saturatus* 25)

Eight on 20 Sep.

\*\*\* **Common Cuckoo** *Cuculus canorus* / **Oriental Cuckoo** *Cuculus saturatus*

Six on 20<sup>th</sup> & one on 21 Sep.

**Long-eared Owl** *Asio otus*

Two on 15 Oct.

**Short-eared Owl** *Asio flammeus*

One on 14 Oct.

**Dollarbird** *Eurystomus orientalis*

Two on 20 Sep.



**Black-capped Kingfisher** *Halcyon pileata*

Singles on 20+21 Sep.

**Common Kingfisher** *Alcedo atthis*

One heard on 20<sup>th</sup> & two on 21 Sep, and singles on 13+15 Oct.

**Hoopoe** *Upupa epops*

Three on 20<sup>th</sup>, eight on 21<sup>st</sup> & 12 on 22 Sep, and two on 13<sup>th</sup>, three on 14+16<sup>th</sup> & four on 15+17 Oct.

**Northern Wryneck** *Jynx torquilla*

Singles on 20+21 Sep.

**Rufous-bellied Woodpecker** *Hypopicus hyperythrus*

Singles on 20+22 Sep.

**Ashy Minivet** *Pericrocotus divaricatus*

Nine on 20<sup>th</sup>, ten on 21<sup>st</sup> & three on 22 Sep, and 2+ on 13<sup>th</sup>, heard on 14<sup>th</sup>, ten on 15<sup>th</sup> & two on 17 Oct.

**Brown Shrike** *Lanius cristatus*

One on 19<sup>th</sup> & two on 20+21+22 Sep,

**Chinese Grey Shrike** *Lanius sphenocercus*

Two on 19<sup>th</sup>, one on 20<sup>th</sup>, 1-2 on 21<sup>st</sup> & two on 22 Sep, and one daily over 13-17 Oct.

**Black-naped Oriole** *Oriolus chinensis*

Six on 20<sup>th</sup> & singles on 21+22 Sep.

**Black Drongo** *Dicrurus macrocercus*

Four on 19<sup>th</sup>, 13 together on 20<sup>th</sup>, 20 on 21<sup>st</sup> & one on 22 Sep.

**Common Magpie** *Pica pica*

Two on 20+21+22 Sep, and 20 on 13<sup>th</sup>, three on 14<sup>th</sup>, six on 15<sup>th</sup>, three on 16<sup>th</sup> & 24 on 17 Oct.

**Rook** *Corvus frugilegus*

One flew N on 15 Oct.

**Carrion Crow** *Corvus corone*

Singles on 13+16+17<sup>th</sup>, five on 14<sup>th</sup> & 41 on 15 Oct.

**Great Tit** *Parus major minor* 54)

Eight on 13<sup>th</sup>, five on 14<sup>th</sup>, 5+ on 15<sup>th</sup>, 34 on 16<sup>th</sup> & 75 on 17 Oct.

\*\*\*Apparently not recorded on the island prior to autumn 2007...

**Yellow-bellied Tit** *Parus venustulus*

Eight on 13<sup>th</sup>, six on 14<sup>th</sup>, 4+ on 15<sup>th</sup>, 3+ on 16<sup>th</sup> & eight on 17 Oct.

**Coal Tit** *Parus ater*

Two on 13<sup>th</sup>, heard on 14<sup>th</sup>, 20 on 16<sup>th</sup> & 34 on 17 Oct.

**Varied Tit** *Parus varius*

An individual present on 16+17 Oct was apparently a provincial 1<sup>st</sup>...

**Penduline Tit** *Remiz pendulinus*

Heard on 12<sup>th</sup>, 165 on 13<sup>th</sup>, 155 on 14<sup>th</sup>, 185 on 15<sup>th</sup>, 55 on 16<sup>th</sup> & 340 on 17 Oct.

**Sand Martin** *Riparia riparia*

Singles on 20 Sep & 14 Oct.

**Barn Swallow** *Hirundo rustica*

50+ on 20<sup>th</sup> & 100+ on 21 Sep, and 200+ on 13<sup>th</sup>, 100+ on 14<sup>th</sup>, 200+ on 15<sup>th</sup>, 20 on 16<sup>th</sup> & 'far fewer' on 17 Oct.

**Red-rumped Swallow** *Cecropis daurica*

Four on 20 Sep, and ten on 13<sup>th</sup>, 5+ on 14<sup>th</sup> & six on 17 Oct.

**Long-tailed Tit** *Aegithalos caudatus caudatus*

11 on 16<sup>th</sup> & 12+ on 17 Oct.

**Asian Short-toed Lark** *Calandrella cheleensis*

Two on 13<sup>th</sup> & one on 17 Oct.

**Eurasian Skylark** *Alauda arvensis*

One on 20<sup>th</sup> & two on 21 Sep, and 200+ on 13<sup>th</sup>, 100+ on 14<sup>th</sup>, 75+ on 15+16<sup>th</sup> & 35+ on 17 Oct.

**Fan-tailed Warbler** *Cisticola juncidis*

One on 20<sup>th</sup> & five on 22 Sep, and two on 13<sup>th</sup> & one on 17 Oct.

**Chinese Bulbul** *Pycnonotus sinensis*

Eight on 20<sup>th</sup>, 20+ on 21<sup>st</sup> & 13 on 22 Sep, and 10+ on 12+13+15<sup>th</sup>, 32 on 14<sup>th</sup>, five on 16<sup>th</sup> & 21 on 17 Oct.

**Japanese Marsh Warbler** *Megalurus pryori*

One heard on 13<sup>th</sup>, two (of which one seen well) on 15<sup>th</sup>, one heard on 16<sup>th</sup> & two on 17 Oct.

**Short-tailed Bush Warbler** *Urosphena squamiceps*

One seen briefly on 17 Oct.

**Lanceolated Warbler** *Locustella lanceolata*

Four on 20+22 Sep & one on 14 Oct.

**Thick-billed Warbler** *Phragmaticola aedon*

One on 20 Sep.

**Oriental Great Reed Warbler** *Acrocephalus orientalis*

Two on 20<sup>th</sup> & one 'sitting up, 'scoped' on 21 Sep.

**Black-browed Reed Warbler** *Acrocephalus bistrigiceps*

Two on 20<sup>th</sup>, three on 21<sup>st</sup> & four on 22 Sep, and five on 13+15+16<sup>th</sup>, four on 14<sup>th</sup> & three on 17 Oct.

**Dusky Warbler** *Phylloscopus fuscatus*

Three on 19<sup>th</sup>, ten on 20<sup>th</sup>, 23 on 21<sup>st</sup> & 13 on 22 Sep, and one on 12<sup>th</sup>, 20 on 13<sup>th</sup>, five on 14+15<sup>th</sup>, six on 16<sup>th</sup> & three on 17 Oct.

**Radde's Warbler** *Phylloscopus schwarzi*

Six on 20<sup>th</sup>, seven on 21<sup>st</sup> & 24 on 22 Sep, and singles on 12+15 Oct.

**Pallas's Leaf Warbler** *Phylloscopus proregulus*

4+ on 21<sup>st</sup> & two on 22 Sep, and two on 12<sup>th</sup>, 100+ on 13<sup>th</sup>, 50+ on 14<sup>th</sup>, 30 on 15<sup>th</sup>, 75+ on 16<sup>th</sup> & 20 on 17 Oct.

**Yellow-browed Warbler** *Phylloscopus inornatus*

Two on 19<sup>th</sup>, six on 20<sup>th</sup>, 34 on 21<sup>st</sup> & 18 on 22 Sep, and ten on 13<sup>th</sup>, four on 14+15+16<sup>th</sup> & one on 17 Oct.

**Hume's Yellow-browed Warbler** *Phylloscopus humei humei*

Undoubtedly the same bird present over 15-17 Oct.

**Arctic Warbler** *Phylloscopus borealis*

Two on 20+22<sup>nd</sup> & one on 21 Sep.

**Greenish Warbler** *Phylloscopus trochiloides*

Two on 21 Sep.

**Pale-legged Leaf Warbler** *Phylloscopus tenellipes*

Four on 19<sup>th</sup>, seven on 20<sup>th</sup> & one on 21 Sep.

**Claudia's Leaf Warbler** *Phylloscopus claudiae*

One heard on 13 Oct.

**Bearded Tit** *Panurus biarmicus*

Two (a male with a female-type bird) on 16 Oct.

**Chestnut-flanked White-eye** *Zosterops erythropleurus*

850+ on 20<sup>th</sup>, 230+ on 21<sup>st</sup> & 25 on 22 Sep, and heard on 12<sup>th</sup>, c25 on 13<sup>th</sup>, 30 on 14<sup>th</sup>, 25 on 15+16<sup>th</sup> & 13 on 17 Oct.

**Japanese White-eye** *Zosterops japonicus*

Heard on 16<sup>th</sup> & 12 on 17 Oct.

**Goldcrest** *Regulus regulus*

Singles on 14+15+16<sup>th</sup> & two on 17 Oct.

**Northern Wren** *Troglodytes troglodytes*

1-2 on 15 Oct.

**Eurasian Treecreeper** *Certhia familiaris*

One on 14+16 Oct... the bird, probably the 1<sup>st</sup> recorded on the island, had been there for a few days before we arrived.

**Daurian Starling** *Sturnus sturninus*

Three on 20<sup>th</sup> & one on 22 Sep.

**Red-billed Starling** *Sturnus sericeus*

One on 20 Sep.

**White-cheeked Starling** *Sturnus cineraceus*

Four on 19<sup>th</sup>, 100+ on 20<sup>th</sup>, 16 on 21<sup>st</sup> & nine on 22 Sep, and two on 12<sup>th</sup>, 70 on 13<sup>th</sup>, 20 on 14<sup>th</sup>, 40 on 15<sup>th</sup>, five on 16<sup>th</sup> & three on 17 Oct.

**White's Thrush** *Zoothera aurea*

Two on 20<sup>th</sup> & singles on 21+22 Sep, and one on 15 Oct.

**Grey-backed Thrush** *Turdus hortulorum*

Singles on 12+13+17<sup>th</sup> & two on 14+15+16 Oct.

**Eyebrowed Thrush** *Turdus obscurus*

Six on 20 Sep, and 2+ on 12<sup>th</sup> & singles on 14+15 Oct.

**Red-throated Thrush** *Turdus ruficollis*

One on 15<sup>th</sup> & two on 17 Oct.

**Naumann's Thrush** *Turdus naumanni*

One on 21 Sep, and ten on 13<sup>th</sup>, two on 14<sup>th</sup>, four (showing especially well: three *eunomus* & one *naumanni*) on 15<sup>th</sup>, five on 16<sup>th</sup> & seven on 17 Oct.

**Bluethroat** *Luscinia svecica*

One on 21 Sep, and one on 16<sup>th</sup> & two on 17 Oct.

**Siberian Rubythroat** *Luscinia calliope*

Three on 20<sup>th</sup>, seven on 21<sup>st</sup> & one on 22 Sep, and one heard on 14 Oct.

**Rufous-tailed Robin** *Luscinia sibilans*

Singles on 15+16 Oct.

**Northern Red-flanked Bluetail** *Tarsiger cyanurus*

Two on 20<sup>th</sup> & four on 21 Sep, and 5+ on 12<sup>th</sup>, c25 on 13<sup>th</sup>, c65 on 14<sup>th</sup>, 20 on 15+17<sup>th</sup> & 50 on 16 Oct.

**Daurian Redstart** *Phoenicurus aureus*

Three on 13<sup>th</sup>, one on 14<sup>th</sup>, four on 16<sup>th</sup> & six on 17 Oct.

**Common Stonechat** *Saxicola torquatus*

c30 on 20<sup>th</sup>, 10+ on 21<sup>st</sup> & ten on 22 Sep, and four on 13<sup>th</sup>, two on 14<sup>th</sup>, one on 15<sup>th</sup> & three on 16 Oct.

**Sooty Flycatcher** *Muscicapa sibirica*

One on 22 Sep.

**Asian Brown Flycatcher** *Muscicapa dauurica*

One on 21 Sep.

**Red-throated Flycatcher** *Ficedula albicilla*

Four on 20<sup>th</sup>, five on 21<sup>st</sup> & six on 22 Sep, and singles on 13+16 Oct.

**Blue-and-White Flycatcher** *Cyanoptila cyanomelaena*

One male on 22 Sep.

**Eurasian Tree Sparrow** *Passer montanus*

Present – not systematically recorded.

**Siberian Accentor** *Prunella montanella*

Singles on 16+17 Oct.

**Eastern Yellow Wagtail** *Motacilla tschutschensis*

Six on 19<sup>th</sup>, 160 on 20<sup>th</sup>, 13 on 21<sup>st</sup> & eight on 22 Sep, and seven on 13<sup>th</sup>, two on 14<sup>th</sup>, three on 15+17<sup>th</sup> & five on 16 Oct.

**Grey Wagtail** *Motacilla cinerea*

Singles on 20 Sep & 13+15 Oct.

**White Wagtail** *Motacilla alba*

45 on 20<sup>th</sup>, six on 21<sup>st</sup> & five on 22 Sep, and 40+ on 12<sup>th</sup>, 48 on 13<sup>th</sup>, 137 on 14<sup>th</sup>, 34 on 15<sup>th</sup>, 31 on 16<sup>th</sup> & one on 17 Oct.

**Richard's Pipit** *Anthus richardi*

12 on 19<sup>th</sup>, 21 on 20<sup>th</sup>, nine on 21<sup>st</sup> & four on 22 Sep, and two on 13<sup>th</sup>, one on 14<sup>th</sup> & four on 15 Oct.

**Olive-backed Pipit** *Anthus hodgsoni*

Two on 19<sup>th</sup>, six on 20<sup>th</sup>, 18 on 21<sup>st</sup> & six on 22 Sep, and 2+ on 12<sup>th</sup>, 12 on 13<sup>th</sup>, eight on 14+15<sup>th</sup>, nine on 16<sup>th</sup> & ten on 17 Oct.

**Pechora Pipit** *Anthus gustavi*

Nine on 20<sup>th</sup> & one on 21 Sep.

**Red-throated Pipit** *Anthus cervinus*

Two on 19<sup>th</sup>, 18+ on 20<sup>th</sup>, 12 on 21<sup>st</sup> & 19 on 22 Sep, and singles on 13+14+15+17<sup>th</sup> & two on 16 Oct.

**Buff-bellied Pipit** *Anthus rubescens*

56 on 13<sup>th</sup>, 151 on 14<sup>th</sup>, 190 on 15<sup>th</sup>, 50 on 16<sup>th</sup> & 45 on 17 Oct.

**Water Pipit** *Anthus spinoletta*

Singles on 13+15+17 Oct.

**Brambling** *Fringilla montifringilla*

Two heard on 22 Sep, and 240 on 13<sup>th</sup>, 65 on 14<sup>th</sup>, 530 on 15<sup>th</sup>, 130 on 16<sup>th</sup> & 330 on 17 Oct.

**Eurasian Siskin** *Carduelis spinus*

Two on 16<sup>th</sup> & one on 17 Oct.

**Common Rosefinch** *Carpodacus erythrinus*

55+ on 20<sup>th</sup> & three on 22 Sep, and five on 13+14<sup>th</sup>, three on 16<sup>th</sup> & one on 17 Oct.

**Chinese Grosbeak** *Eophona migratoria*

Ten on 20<sup>th</sup> & one on 21 Sep, and one on 14 Oct.

**Pine Bunting** *Emberiza leucocephalos*

Singles on 13+17<sup>th</sup> & four on 15 Oct.

**Meadow Bunting** *Emberiza cioides*

Two on 17 Oct.

**Tristram's Bunting** *Emberiza tristrami*

Two on 14<sup>th</sup> & singles on 15+16+17 Oct.

**Chestnut-eared Bunting** *Emberiza fucata*

Singles on 20+21<sup>st</sup> & three on 22 Sep, and singles on 13+16<sup>th</sup>, 2+ on 15<sup>th</sup> & two on 17 Oct.

**Little Bunting** *Emberiza pusilla*

Four on 20<sup>th</sup>, two on 21<sup>st</sup> & three on 22 Sep, and three on 13<sup>th</sup>, 55 on 14<sup>th</sup>, 12 on 15<sup>th</sup>, eight on 16<sup>th</sup> & three on 17 Oct.

**Yellow-browed Bunting** *Emberiza chrysophrys*

17 on 20<sup>th</sup> & five on 21 Sep, and two on 13+16<sup>th</sup>, three on 14<sup>th</sup> & 4+ on 17 Oct.

**Rustic Bunting** *Emberiza rustica*

2+ on 12<sup>th</sup>, two on 13<sup>th</sup>, three on 14+15<sup>th</sup>, six on 16<sup>th</sup> & seven on 17 Oct.

**Yellow-throated Bunting** *Emberiza elegans*

Two on 13<sup>th</sup>, nine on 14<sup>th</sup>, 12 on 15<sup>th</sup>, 13 on 16<sup>th</sup> & 19+ on 17 Oct.

**Yellow-breasted Bunting** *Emberiza aureola*

Three on 20<sup>th</sup> & four on 22 Sep.

**Chestnut Bunting** *Emberiza rutila*

One on 16 Oct.

**Black-faced Bunting** *Emberiza spodocephala*

Two on 19<sup>th</sup>, six on 20<sup>th</sup>, 40+ on 21<sup>st</sup> & 30 on 22 Sep, and 5+ on 12<sup>th</sup>, 20 on 13<sup>th</sup>, 35 on 14<sup>th</sup>, 40 on 15<sup>th</sup> & 20 on 16+17 Oct.

**Pallas's Reed Bunting** *Emberiza pallasi*

Two on 20<sup>th</sup> & singles on 21+22 Sep, and c20 on 13<sup>th</sup>, 40 on 14<sup>th</sup>, 43 on 15<sup>th</sup>, 30 on 16<sup>th</sup> & 35 (incl a 'bright' one seen well) on 17 Oct.

**Japanese Reed Bunting** *Emberiza yessoensis*

Seven on 13+14+15+17<sup>th</sup> & three on 16 Oct.

**Common Reed Bunting** *Emberiza schoeniclus*

Three on 13<sup>th</sup>, nine on 14<sup>th</sup>, singles on 15+17<sup>th</sup> & three on 16 Oct.

**Lapland Bunting** *Calcarius lapponicus*

One heard on 14 Oct.