

# Beidaihe, Happy Island & Wulingshan, May 2007.

An at-a-glance list of 232 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 on my personal field notes from 'local birding', this brief write-up covers the birds noted by myself in the Beidaihe / Happy Island area & at Wulingshan over 5-24 May 2007 – a few records from Beidaihe over 15+16+23 June are included for want of what else to do with them, and in the hope of encouraging birdwatchers to consider at least a brief visit at a non-classic time of the year.

A wish to document that there are still plenty of birds to be seen in this area in spring prompted me to produce this list.

I am sometimes asked 'is Happy Island better in spring or in autumn?' but this is really quite unanswerable – even the question 'for the best birdwatching experience, should I go in spring or in autumn?' is tricky: who can predict the future? And one would have to, to answer that: 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 inevitably 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.

In spring you get e g buntings in their best plumage, and many birds are singing. On the other hand, in autumn one gets to see juvenile plumages (so much more relevant to your Western Palearctic rarity hunting) and for many this will completely compensate for the less concentrated nature of autumn migration. From the bird*watching* point of view an important difference – and that of course 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.

While Happy Island has not remained immune to change since discovered by birders in 1990, developments can scarcely be said to have significantly diminished the island's attractiveness to birds. Situated right on the flyway, its patches of woodland, areas of scrub, 'grassy-reedy flats', shrimp ponds & extensive mudflats (with an easily accessible high tide roost for waders, gulls & even cranes) continue to attract large numbers of migrants. If anything, most birdwatchers will now find the island a more agreeable holiday destination: accommodation and toilet/shower facilities are much better nowadays, and the infrastructure (access roads & mainland-to-island boat service) is much improved.

I arranged the Wulingshan excursion for H Huhtinen, P O Laaksonen, R Maki & W Velmala and ended up 'coming along for the ride' - mostly we were not birdwatching together, but it was good fun anyhow, so THANKS! I also spent a fair bit of time in the very pleasant company of A Buhring, P Lafrenz & A F Sand – it was a pleasure and a privilege to watch that Spooner with you: thanks!

80 bird-days. Noted mostly in the Reservoir area. Also up to seven sheltering E of Lighthouse Pt on 8<sup>th</sup>, with one calling bird remaining on the sea there the next morning, and singles on Happy Island on 18+19<sup>th</sup>.

**Great Crested Grebe** *Podiceps cristatus*

Two S of Beidaihe on 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Yellow Bittern** *Ixobrychus sinensis*

I did not get down to the Reservoir to look for them in May, but there were five there on 15<sup>th</sup>, six on 16<sup>th</sup> & 14 (of which two headed off on migration) on 23 June.

**Schrenk's Bittern** *Ixobrychus eurhythmus*

On 20<sup>th</sup> on flushed N of West Wood & one at Small Wood.

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

c430 bird-days. Most were at Big Wood (180 on 6<sup>th</sup>, 150+ on 14<sup>th</sup> & 30+ on 20<sup>th</sup>); on Happy Island just three on 16<sup>th</sup> & singles on 18+19<sup>th</sup>.

At Reservoir a few into June – three on 15<sup>th</sup>, six on 16<sup>th</sup> & two on 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Striated Heron** *Butorides striata*

One arriving in off the sea at Lighthouse Pt on 9<sup>th</sup>, and one over Big Wood on 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Chinese Pond Heron** *Ardeola bacchus*

106 bird-days. A good scattering incl 1-5 daily on Happy Island over 15-19<sup>th</sup>, and 14 in the Reservoir area on 23 June.

**Eastern Cattle Egret** *Bubulcus coromandus*

15 bird-days. Noted on four dates – main event five near Dapuhe on 6<sup>th</sup> & four at Big Wood on 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Grey Heron** *Ardea cinerea*

Eight bird-days. Noted on three dates, incl one bird on Happy Island on 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Purple Heron** *Ardea purpurea*

13 bird-days. Noted on eight dates, incl one in off the sea at Lighthouse Pt at 06h31 on 9<sup>th</sup>, two migr past Lotus Hills at 18h00 on 12<sup>th</sup>, two on Happy island on 16<sup>th</sup> & one there on 18<sup>th</sup>, and two in Reservoir area on 16 June.

**Great Egret** *Ardea alba*

17 bird-days. Noted on seven dates, incl one in the Reservoir area on 16<sup>th</sup> & two on 23 June. None were noted on Happy island.

**Little Egret** *Egretta garzetta*

c242 bird-days. A good scattering but just singles on Happy Island (on 17+19<sup>th</sup>) – main event 105 at Sandflats on 23 June.

**Common Kestrel** *Falco tinnunculus*

Surprisingly, one near the summit of Wulingshan on 23<sup>rd</sup> was the only record.

**Amur Falcon** *Falco amurensis*

40 bird-days. Noted on 12 dates. Of note was a pair seen copulating at Reservoir on 16 June.

**Eurasian Hobby** *Falco subbuteo*

40 bird-days. Noted on 15 dates, incl at Wulingshan (one on 24<sup>th</sup>).

**Peregrine** *Falco peregrinus*

One flying over near Saltworks on 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Osprey** *Pandion haliaetus*

One over Happy Island at 10h50 on 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Oriental Honey Buzzard** *Pernis ptilorhynchus*

15 bird-days. One in off the sea at Sandflats on 13<sup>th</sup> & at Happy island 11 on 16<sup>th</sup>, two ('took off N at 08h30) on 17<sup>th</sup> & one on 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Eastern Marsh Harrier** *Circus spilonotus*

20 bird-days. Noted on nine dates, mostly on Happy Island (where, unusually, a male was display-flying daily).

**Pied Harrier** *Circus melanoleucos*

21 bird-days. Noted on seven dates. One flew W past Lighthouse Pt at 06h58 on 9<sup>th</sup>, otherwise none away from Happy Island where main event ten 2<sup>nd</sup> c-y birds on 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Chinese Goshawk** *Accipiter soloensis*

Two singles, migr at 11h55 & 12h21, respectively, at Happy Island on 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Japanese Sparrowhawk** *Accipiter gularis*

20 bird-days. Recorded on ten dates. Of note were three migr over Bunting Field ('all three had most likely roosted on Lighthouse Pt') on 14<sup>th</sup>, 1-5 almost daily on Happy Island & one at Wulingshan on 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Eurasian Sparrowhawk** *Accipiter nisus*

Four bird-days. Noted on four dates... one adult on Wulingshan on 23<sup>rd</sup>.

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

Two bird-days. One over N Lotus Hills at 17h35 on 12<sup>th</sup> & one on Happy Island on 18<sup>th</sup>.

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

One seen at Reservoir on 16 June ('thought I heard one there the day before').

**Ruddy-breasted Crake** *Porzana fusca*

In Reservoir area two heard on 21 May, and one heard on 16<sup>th</sup> & three calling briefly at 20h00 on 23 June.

**Common Moorhen** *Gallinula chloropus*

54 bird-days. Recorded in the Reservoir area on seven dates (incl five on 15<sup>th</sup>, four on 16<sup>th</sup> & seven on 23 June).

**Eurasian Oystercatcher** *Haematopus ostralegus*

Ten bird-days. Noted on six dates, incl on Happy Island with singles 14+15+19<sup>th</sup> & two on 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Black-winged Stilt** *Himantopus himantopus*

121 bird-days. Noted on 12 dates. Main events 25 in the Reservoir area on 5<sup>th</sup>, 21 sheltering on the beach at Lighthouse Pt on 8<sup>th</sup> & 32 at Dapuhe on 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Pied Avocet** *Recurvirostra avosetta*

16 bird-days. Noted on seven dates.

**Grey-headed Lapwing** *Vanellus cinereus*

15 bird-days. Noted on three dates – most appreciated were seven which flew past the Happy Island restaurant on 16<sup>th</sup>...

**Pacific Golden Plover** *Pluvialis fulva*

c339 bird-days. Noted on eight dates. Main events c100 migr at Lighthouse Pt at 06h35 on 9<sup>th</sup> & 105 migr (five flocks of 10-35 birds) at Happy Island on 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Grey Plover** *Vanellus squatarola*

415+ bird-days. Noted on nine dates. Main event 150+ on Happy Island on 18<sup>th</sup> – regular visits to the shore would undoubtedly have yielded greater numbers...

**Little Ringed Plover** *Charadrius dubius*

12 bird-days. Noted on seven dates, incl at Sandflats on 16+23 June.

**Kentish Plover** *Charadrius alexandrinus*

54 bird-days. Noted on 12 dates, incl 2-10 daily on Happy Island, and one at Sandflats on 23 June.

**Lesser Sand Plover** *Charadrius mongolus*

23 bird-days. Noted on seven dates. Main event nine on Happy Island on 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Greater Sand Plover** *Charadrius leschenaultii*

One 'by bridge among rocks' at Little Whimbrel Fields on 6<sup>th</sup> & three at Sandflats on 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Pintail Snipe** *Gallinago stenura*

20 bird-days. Noted on eight dates. Main event six near Dapuhe on 6<sup>th</sup> – on Happy Island a couple of birds were seen display-flying on several occasions.

**Common Snipe** *Gallinago gallinago*

Seven bird-days. Noted on five dates – only one on Happy Island, on 20<sup>th</sup>.

**\*\*\*Snipe sp** *Gallinago sp*

Three in total, of which one at Small Wood on 20<sup>th</sup> was a Swinhoe's / Pintailed.

**Asian Dowitcher** *Limnodromus semipalmatus*

172+ bird-days. Noted on four dates on Happy Island – main event 89 on 18<sup>th</sup>, of which 24 were seen to head off on migration.

**Eastern Black-tailed Godwit** *Limosa melanuroides*

17 bird-days. Two on 6+7<sup>th</sup> near Saltworks & 13 on Happy Island on 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Bar-tailed Godwit** *Limosa lapponica*

1,340+ bird-days. Noted on seven dates. On Happy Island main events c500 on 18<sup>th</sup> & 605 (incl a flock of 55 migr seen by AB) on 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Little Whimbrel** *Numenius minutus*

59 bird-days. Noted only when searched for specially on 6+7<sup>th</sup>. Seen in three different spots – main event 34 on 7<sup>th</sup>: superb views of birds on the ground and flying around giving their whistled display call.

**Whimbrel** *Numenius phaeopus*

c300 bird-days. Noted on 16 dates. Main event 101+ (incl a flock of 95 migr: AB) on 19<sup>th</sup> – evidently around then, given the right weather conditions, a major passage takes place: we saw flocks of 19 & eight head N over Big/Small Woods area the next day, presumably only a fraction of the numbers involved...

**Eurasian Curlew** *Numenius arquata*

c270 bird-days. Noted on eight dates in May, and with singles over Reservoir area (one heard at 20h10) on 16<sup>th</sup> & at Sandflats on 23 June.

\*\*\*In addition, 330 Curlew sp on Happy Island on 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Far Eastern Curlew** *Numenius madagascariensis*

46 bird-days. Noted near Saltworks with 30 on 6<sup>th</sup> & two on 7<sup>th</sup>, and on Happy Island on 18<sup>th</sup> (a flock of 14 flew E across the island... regular visits to the roost would undoubtedly have revealed higher numbers!).

**Spotted Redshank** *Tringa erythropus*

Three bird-days. Noted near Saltworks on 7<sup>th</sup> & at Dapuhe on 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Common Redshank** *Tringa totanus*

42 bird-days. Noted on 11 dates.

**Marsh Sandpiper** *Tringa stagnatilis*

62 bird-days. Noted on six dates.

**Common Greenshank** *Tringa nebularia*

278 bird-days. Noted on 13 dates. Notable counts include 53 at Yang He on 11<sup>th</sup> & 66 there on 13<sup>th</sup>, 39 at Sandflats also on 13<sup>th</sup>, 30 at Dapuhe on 14<sup>th</sup> & 27 (of which 25 migr) at Happy Island on 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Green Sandpiper** *Tringa ochropus*

Nine bird-days. Noted on six dates.

**Wood Sandpiper** *Tringa glareola*

94 bird-days. Noted on nine dates.

**Terek Sandpiper** *Xenus cinereus*

76 bird-days. Noted on eight dates. Main event 38 (incl one with a yellow leg flag) near Saltworks on 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Common Sandpiper** *Actitis hypoleucos*

16 bird-days. Noted nine dates... there were 75 on Happy Island on 19<sup>th</sup> (AB *et al.*)

**Grey-tailed Tattler** *Heteroscelus brevipes*

One at Sandflats on 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Ruddy Turnstone** *Arenaria interpres*

11 on Happy Island on 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Great Knot** *Calidris tenuirostris*

Three on Happy Island on 15<sup>th</sup> & one there on 16<sup>th</sup>. Regular visits to the roost would undoubtedly have yielded higher numbers!

**Red Knot** *Calidris canutus*

c275 bird-days. On Happy Island 21 on 16<sup>th</sup>, 11 on 18<sup>th</sup> & 120 migr at 18h45 on 19<sup>th</sup>, and at Big Wood c125 flying NE on 20<sup>th</sup>.

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

218 bird-days. 120 near Saltworks on 6<sup>th</sup> made it a little easier for our Spooner to hide...

**Little Stint** *Calidris minuta*

Three near Saltworks on 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Temminck's Stint** *Calidris temminckii*

Two near Saltworks on 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Long-toed Stint** *Calidris subminuta*

Near Saltworks two (one a fly-by; the other in a ditch) on 6<sup>th</sup> & one (in same 'scope field-of-view as a Sharp-tailed Sandpiper) on 7<sup>th</sup>.

**\*\*\*Temminck's/Long-toed Stint**

Four headed off on migr near Reservoir at 18h28 on 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Sharp-tailed Sandpiper** *Calidris acuminata*

160 bird-days. Noted on five dates. Main events 72 near Saltworks on 6<sup>th</sup> & 64 there the next day.

**Curlew Sandpiper** *Calidris ferruginea*

109 bird-days. Noted on eight dates. Main events 47 near Saltworks on 6<sup>th</sup> & 25 there the next day.

**Dunlin** *Calidris alpina*

450+ bird-days. Main event 225+ on Happy Island on 16<sup>th</sup>. Remarkably, perhaps, just one amongst all those waders near Saltworks over 6-7<sup>th</sup>.

**Spoon-billed Sandpiper** *Eurynorhynchus pygmeus*

One near Saltworks on 6<sup>th</sup> – good spotting work, AFS! Unfortunately the bird could not be relocated the following day...

**Broad-billed Sandpiper** *Limicola falcinellus*

17 bird-days. Noted on four dates – singles except for 14 at Sandflats on 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Oriental Pratincole** *Glareola maldivarum*

c39 bird-days. Noted on four dates – a distant flock of c25 migr over Lotus Hills on 12<sup>th</sup> was nice, but none at all on Happy Island.

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

53 bird-days. Noted on seven dates in May – also seven at Sandflats on 23 June.

**'Barabensis' Gull** *Larus # barabensis*

A near-adult flew E past Lighthouse Pt at 06h35 on 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Heuglin's Gull** *Larus (fuscus) heuglini* ssp *taimyrensis*

37 bird-days. Noted at Lighthouse Pt with 14 migr on 8<sup>th</sup>, 22 (incl a flock of 12 adults) migr on 9<sup>th</sup> & one adult migr on 12<sup>th</sup>.

**'Herring' Gull**

Noted at Lighthouse Pt with six migr (incl three *birulae* / *mongolicus*) on 8<sup>th</sup> & 12 migr on 9<sup>th</sup>.

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

c361 bird-days. Noted on ten dates. Main event 120 on Sandflats on 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Saunders's Gull** *Larus saundersi*

14 bird-days. 1-4 noted on five dates on Happy Island.

\*\*\*Surprisingly, very few Relict Gull were seen during the days I was on Happy Island – it is not too unusual to see up to 30 birds there...

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

149 bird-days. Noted on nine dates. Main events 52 on Happy Island on 15<sup>th</sup> & 40 there on 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Caspian Tern** *Sterna caspia*

Three bird-days. One flew W past Lighthouse Pt on 9<sup>th</sup> & singles were on Happy Island on 15+17<sup>th</sup>.

**Common Tern** *Sterna hirundo*

112 bird-days. Noted on five dates – main event 65 (of which 40 at 16h32) on Happy Island on 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Little Tern** *Sterna albifrons*

c364 bird-days. Noted on 11 dates. Main event 160 on Happy Island on 14<sup>th</sup>... on 18<sup>th</sup> 29 were seen flying across the island.

**Whiskered Tern** *Chlidonias hybrida*

97 bird-days. Noted on five dates in May (of note were 12 high, arriving in off the sea at Sandflats, with one Little Tern, at 11h07 on 13<sup>th</sup>) & 28 at Sandflats on 23 June.

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

74 bird-days. Noted on six dates. On 13<sup>th</sup> two came in high over Sandflats at 11h08...

**Blue Hill Pigeon** *Columba rupestris*

One en route back to Beijing from Wulingshan on 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Oriental Turtle Dove** *Streptopelia orientalis*

100 bird-days. Noted on 20 dates, incl 1-3 daily on Happy Island over 14-20<sup>th</sup> & two in the Reservoir area on 15+16+23 June.

**Eurasian Collared Dove** *Streptopelia decaocto*

Nine bird-days. Noted on 8 dates, incl en route back to Beijing on 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Spotted Dove** *Streptopelia chinensis*

23 bird-days. Noted on nine dates – of note was a single on Happy Island on 16+18<sup>th</sup>.

**Large Hawk-Cuckoo** *Cuculus sparveroides*

17 bird-days. A good scattering: singles at Lotus Hills on 10<sup>th</sup> (heard only), at Yang He on 13<sup>th</sup> & at Big Wood on 14<sup>th</sup>, two on Happy Island on both 15+16<sup>th</sup> (on both dates, one was seen arriving) & one there on 18<sup>th</sup> (chased off the island by a Japanese Sparrowhawk at 14h30 – the pair disappeared towards N, with the quite a bit smaller raptor harassing the cuckoo with relentless attacks), and at Wulingshan five on 23<sup>rd</sup> & four on 24<sup>th</sup>.

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

An immature on Happy Island on 17<sup>th</sup> & one (heard and glimpsed early in the morning, and at 11h20 seen flying across the valley, singing) at Wulingshan on 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Indian Cuckoo** *Cuculus micropterus*

One heard & seen on Happy Island on 19<sup>th</sup>, and singles heard at Reservoir on 21<sup>st</sup> & W of Jin Shan hotel on 22 May, and at Reservoir two on 15+23<sup>rd</sup> & one on 16 June.



**Common Cuckoo** *Cuculus canorus*

20 bird-days. Noted on nine dates from 6<sup>th</sup> – a modest showing, with just 1-2 on 14+17+18+19+20<sup>th</sup> on Happy Island.

**Oriental Cuckoo** *Cuculus saturatus*

27 bird-days. Noted on nine dates from 14<sup>th</sup> (when one migr across Bunting Field at 05h39 was followed by singles W of Jin Shan hotel, at Big Wood & on Happy Island). Main events seven on Happy Island on 19<sup>th</sup>, and four at Wulingshan on both 23+24<sup>th</sup>.

**Lesser Cuckoo** *Cuculus poliocephalus*

One heard at Wulingshan on 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Lesser Coucal** *Centropus bengalensis*

One adult seen & heard near Reservoir on 23 June... the bird flew into a bush at the edge of the reeds and sat quite exposed for a while, then called before flying off low and disappearing.

\*\*\*The call, in quality and pitch reminiscent of Ruddy-breasted Crake's, was a series of *kuew* notes, accelerating, then rising, then descending and trailing off...

\*\*\*One at Radar Marsh on 23 May 2003 (S Bale, JH) appear to have been the only previous record for Beidaihe.

**Oriental Scops Owl** *Otus sunia*

25 bird-days. Noted on seven dates in the Beidaihe area – best counts five at Lotus Hills on 11+12<sup>th</sup>, with two of the latter spotted by SA and seen at point blank range. Also recorded W of Jin Shan hotel (one heard on 13<sup>th</sup>) and regularly around the Reservoir, incl in June with one on 15<sup>th</sup> & two on 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**'Brown' Hawk-Owl** *Ninox scutulata florensis*

One on Happy Island on 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Grey Nightjar** *Caprimulgus yokata*

Five bird-days. Noted on three dates – one hawking near Reservoir on 10<sup>th</sup>, one hawking near the restaurant on Happy Island on 16<sup>th</sup> & three in Big Wood on 20<sup>th</sup>.

**White-throated Needletail** *Hirundapus caudacutus*

Eight bird-days. One migr over Little Whimbrel Fields on 6<sup>th</sup>, and on Happy Island three on 16<sup>th</sup> & four (at 17h53) on 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Common Swift** *Apus apus*

Ten bird-days. Noted on five dates, incl near Reservoir on 16+23 June.

**Fork-tailed Swift** *Apus pacificus*

c208 bird-days. Noted on six dates from 9<sup>th</sup> (when one arrived in off the sea at Lighthouse Pt) – on Happy Island main events 49 on 16<sup>th</sup> & 157 on 18<sup>th</sup> (probably there were many more...). One near Reservoir on 23 June as well!

**Dollarbird** *Eurystomus orientalis*

Nine bird-days. Two on Happy Island & one at Big Wood on 20<sup>th</sup>, and one at Lotus Hills on 21 May, and near Reservoir three on 15<sup>th</sup> & two 'on a wire' on 16 June.

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

Six bird-days. Noted only on Happy Island with singles on 15+16+17+20<sup>th</sup> & two on 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Common Kingfisher** *Alcedo atthis*

13 bird-days. Noted on ten dates. Of note was one W of Jin Shan hotel ('@ pool over the wall') on 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Hoopoe** *Upupa epops*

43 bird-days. Noted on 14 dates. There were three pairs on Happy Island.

**Northern Wryneck** *Jynx torquilla*

Three bird-days – one at Small Wood on 6<sup>th</sup> & singles on Happy Island on 14+15<sup>th</sup>.

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

12 bird-days from 6<sup>th</sup>. Noted on nine dates. One arrived in off the sea at Lighthouse Pt on 12<sup>th</sup>, and at Bunting Field one migr on 14<sup>th</sup> & three (two migr, one heard only) on 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Grey-capped Pygmy Woodpecker** *Dendrocopos canicapillus*

Six bird-days. Noted at Lotus Hills on three dates & at Bunting Field (one flew S carrying food on 14<sup>th</sup>).

**White-backed Woodpecker** *Dendrocopos leucotos*

One at Wulingshan on 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Great Spotted Woodpecker** *Dendrocopos major*

47 bird-days. Noted on 12 dates, incl en route S of Wulingshan entrance gate on 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Grey-headed Woodpecker** *Picus canus*

30 bird-days. Noted on 14 dates, incl two at Wulingshan on 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Black-winged Cuckoo-shrike** *Coracina melaschistos*

Two on Happy Island on 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Ashy Minivet** *Pericrocotus divaricatus*

Seven bird-days. Noted on six dates.

**Long-tailed Minivet** *Pericrocotus ethologus*

At Wulingshan eight on 23<sup>rd</sup> & nine on 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Tiger Shrike** *Lanius tigrinus*

Singles on Happy Island on 20 May & near Reservoir on 16 June.

**Bull-headed Shrike** *Lanius bucephalus*

A female or 2<sup>nd</sup> c-y showed well above HQ at Wulingshan on 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Brown Shrike** *Lanius cristatus*

311 bird-days. Noted on 17 dates. 58 migr over Bunting Field on 14<sup>th</sup>, and 11 down towards the beach & W of Jin Shan hotel - later the same day 39 en route to the Happy Island ferry, and 40 on the island in the afternoon (an estimated 500 had passed through during the day: S Robson *et al.*). On 20<sup>th</sup> 47 on the island, ten at Small Wood & 34 en route back to Beidaihe.

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

130 bird-days. One migr near Saltworks on 7<sup>th</sup> was not followed by another until 12... Main event 35 on Happy Island on 17<sup>th</sup>. In June around Reservoir two on 15<sup>th</sup>, three on 16<sup>th</sup> & one on 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Black Drongo** *Dicrurus macrocerus*

30 bird-days. Noted on 13 dates from 6<sup>th</sup>. On Happy Island two on 16<sup>th</sup>, singles on both 17+20<sup>th</sup> & four on 19<sup>th</sup>; on 24<sup>th</sup> four en route back to Beijing from Wulingshan, and on 16 June four 'on a wire' with Dollarbirds near Reservoir.

**Hair-crested Drongo** *Dicrurus hottentottus*

Five bird-days. Noted on Happy Island on four dates – singles on 15+17+19<sup>th</sup> & two ('one each for Temple Wood & West Wood') on 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Eurasian Jay** *Garrulus glandarius*

Six bird-days. Presumably the same lingering singleton at Lotus Hills on 10+11+12<sup>th</sup>, and at Wulingshan two on 23<sup>rd</sup> & one on 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Red-billed Blue Magpie** *Urocissa erythrorhyncha*

21 bird-days. Noted around Beidaihe on six dates.

**Common Magpie** *Pica pica*

Common around Beidaihe – nonetheless 50 over the South Lotus Hills ridge on 12<sup>th</sup> seemed a lot. Unusually, the species was noted daily on Happy Island over 15-20<sup>th</sup> (16 bird-days – max count six on 20<sup>th</sup>).

**Eurasian Nutcracker** *Nucifraga caryocatactes*

Five bird-days at Wulingshan: four (of which two above HQ) on 23<sup>rd</sup> & one on 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Large-billed Crow** *Corvus macrorhynchos*

Singles at Wulingshan on 23+24<sup>th</sup>.

**Japanese Waxwing** *Bombycilla japonica*

On Happy Island six distant birds on 16<sup>th</sup> & one on 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Great Tit** *Parus major minor*

39 bird-days. Noted on eight dates, incl at Wulingshan with four on 23<sup>rd</sup> & five 24<sup>th</sup>.

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

50 bird-days. Noted on eight dates. Along the coast two at Small Wood on 7<sup>th</sup>, two (singles probably arriving in off the sea) at Lighthouse Pt on 9<sup>th</sup>, two heard at Bunting Field on 14<sup>th</sup>, and at Happy Island 1+ heard on 19<sup>th</sup> & one on 20<sup>th</sup>. Wulingshan yielded one on 22<sup>nd</sup>, 28 on 23<sup>rd</sup> & 13 on 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Marsh Tit** *Parus palustris*

At Lotus Hills two on 11<sup>th</sup> & one on 21<sup>st</sup>; at Wulingshan one on 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Songar Tit** *Parus songarus*

At Wulingshan 18 (of which just one above HQ) on 23<sup>rd</sup> & eight on 24<sup>th</sup>.

**'Chinese' Penduline Tit** *Remiz pendulinus consobrinus*

215 bird-days. Noted on 14 dates – main event 155 near Dapuhe on 5<sup>th</sup>. Singles heard in different places in Reservoir area on 16+23 June.

**Sand Martin** *Riparia riparia*

33 bird-days. Noted on eight dates. Main event ten ->SW at Happy Island on 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Barn Swallow** *Hirundo rustica*

565+ bird-days. Noted on 13 dates. Main event 350+ migr over Lotus Hills on 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Northern House Martin** *Delichon urbicum*

One flying around over Happy Island Temple on 17<sup>th</sup>.

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

145+ bird-days. Noted on 13 dates, incl c10 over Reservoir/Sandflats on 15+16+23 June.

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

Wulingshan yielded 21 (incl at least two juveniles) on 23<sup>rd</sup> & two on 24<sup>th</sup>.

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

17 bird-days. Noted on six dates – near Saltworks five on 6<sup>th</sup> & eight on 7<sup>th</sup>, one singing at Sandflats on 13<sup>th</sup> & singles on Happy Island on 16+17+18<sup>th</sup>.

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

16 bird-days. Noted on five dates – main event eight on 6<sup>th</sup>: five near Dapuhe, one at Little Whimbrel Fields & two near Saltworks. One at Sandflats on 23 June was less of a surprise than the fact that none were found on Happy Island over 14-20 May...

**Chinese Bulbul** *Pycnonotus sinensis*

144+ bird-days. Noted on 17 dates. Main event c42 (of which a flock of c40 arrived in off the sea) at Lighthouse Pt & 17+ (maybe some overlap) W of Jin Shan hotel on 9<sup>th</sup>. On Happy Island 1-11 daily over 15-20<sup>th</sup>.

**Japanese Marsh Warbler** *Megalurus pryori*

Singles on Happy Island on 20 May & near Reservoir on 16 June.

**Short-tailed Bush Warbler (= Asian Stubtail)** *Urosphena squamiceps*

Two on Happy Island on 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Pere David's Bush Warbler** *Bradypterus davidi*

Two bird-days. One was seen very well on Happy Island on 15<sup>th</sup> & another heard singing W of Jin Shan hotel on 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Lanceolated Warbler** *Locustella lanceolata*

31 bird-days. Noted on eight dates from 13<sup>th</sup> – best day 20<sup>th</sup> with 12 on Happy Island & four at Small Wood. One at Wulingshan on 23<sup>rd</sup>...

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

33 bird-days. Noted on seven dates from 13<sup>th</sup>. Best day 20<sup>th</sup> with 18 on Happy Island & two at Small Wood; the following day there were six W of Jin Shan hotel...

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

31 bird-days. Noted on seven dates from 11<sup>th</sup> (when one was singing at Yang He)... next one not until 19<sup>th</sup>. In June in the Reservoir area three on 15<sup>th</sup>, 11 on 16<sup>th</sup> & seven on 23<sup>rd</sup>.

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

93 bird-days. Noted on 14 dates from 10<sup>th</sup> – a notable influx on 20<sup>th</sup> with 23 on Happy Island, three at Small Wood & two at Big Wood. Three in the Reservoir area on 16 June were late migrants...

**Manchurian Reed Warbler** *Acrocephalus tangorum*

One on Happy Island on 20<sup>th</sup> was a bonus bird for AB, PL & AFS

**Dusky Warbler** *Phylloscopus fuscatus*

275 bird-days. Noted on 20 dates – on Happy Island ten on 14<sup>th</sup>, 32 on 15<sup>th</sup>, 17 on 16<sup>th</sup>, eight on both 17+18<sup>th</sup>, 31 on 19<sup>th</sup> & 34 on 20<sup>th</sup>. Wulingshan yielded singletons on 23+24<sup>th</sup>.

**Tickell's Leaf Warbler** *Phylloscopus affinis*

One at c2,050m on Wulingshan on 23<sup>rd</sup> was a good find – the following day there were 2-3 birds in the same spot [W Velmala *et al.*]... potentially an irregular breeder in N Hebei?

**Yellow-streaked Warbler** *Phylloscopus armandii*

A singing bird was seen W of Jin Shan hotel on 12<sup>th</sup> & one was heard on Happy Island on 17<sup>th</sup> – on Wulingshan 11 (of which nine were above HQ) on 23<sup>rd</sup> & one on 24<sup>th</sup>.

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

104 bird-days. Noted on 15 dates from 7<sup>th</sup> – on Happy Island two on 14<sup>th</sup>, 13 on 15<sup>th</sup>, six on 16<sup>th</sup>, four on both 17+18<sup>th</sup>, six on 19<sup>th</sup> & 24 on 20<sup>th</sup>... the last influx occurred a day after a major influx of other *Phylloscopus* warblers & flycatchers.

**Chinese Leaf Warbler** *Phylloscopus yunnanensis*

One heard W of Jin Shan hotel on 21<sup>st</sup> was the only one along the coast; on Wulingshan c31 (incl just one above HQ) on 23<sup>rd</sup> & 28 on 24<sup>th</sup>.

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

218 bird-days. Noted on 19 dates – on Happy Island 18 on 15<sup>th</sup>, 27 on 16<sup>th</sup>, 21 on 17<sup>th</sup>, 16 on 18<sup>th</sup>, 32 on 19<sup>th</sup> & 13 on 20<sup>th</sup>. Wulingshan yielded three on both 23+24<sup>th</sup>.

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

247 bird-days. Noted on 18 dates – on Happy Island two on 14<sup>th</sup>, five on 15<sup>th</sup>, 15 on 16<sup>th</sup>, nine on 17<sup>th</sup>, six on 18<sup>th</sup>, 22 on 19<sup>th</sup> & four on 20<sup>th</sup>. A stop at Big Wood on 14<sup>th</sup> yielded 24...

**Hume's Leaf Warbler** *Phylloscopus humei*

At Wulingshan five heard on 22<sup>nd</sup>, c155 (of which c115 were above HQ) on 23<sup>rd</sup> & 40 on 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Arctic Warbler** *Phylloscopus borealis*

56 bird-days. Noted on nine dates from 16<sup>th</sup> – main event (as with Greenish Warbler) on 19<sup>th</sup>, with 26 on Happy Island. On Wulingshan two on 23<sup>rd</sup> & three on 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Greenish Warbler** *Phylloscopus trochiloides plumbeitarsus*

108 bird-days. Noted on 12 dates from 7<sup>th</sup> – main event 40 on Happy Island on 19<sup>th</sup>.

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

37 bird-days. Noted on 12 dates from 7<sup>th</sup> – main event 11 on Happy Island on 19<sup>th</sup>. One was found on Wulingshan on 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Eastern Crowned Warbler** *Phylloscopus coronatus*

Nine bird-days. Noted on six dates from 5<sup>th</sup>, incl on Happy Island with singles on 15+19<sup>th</sup> & three on 20<sup>th</sup>.

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

132 bird-days. Noted on eight dates along the coast from 7<sup>th</sup> – one at Lighthouse Pt on 9<sup>th</sup> showed particularly well, actively feeding in a manner recalling a nuthatch. On Wulingshan 46 on 23<sup>rd</sup> & 75 on 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Vinous-throated Parrotbill** *Paradoxornis webbianus*

Noted near the Reservoir on six dates (incl on 15 June) – mostly heard-only but on 13 May eight 'flew across the path etc'...

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

c315 bird-days. Noted on 14 dates. Main event 150 at Happy Island on 17<sup>th</sup>.

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

Four bird-days. One seen & heard singing at Big Wood on 6<sup>th</sup>, and on Happy Island one heard on 15<sup>th</sup> & two on 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Northern Wren** *Troglodytes troglodytes*

At Wulingshan ten (of which one was seen nest-building) on 23<sup>rd</sup> & seven on 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Eurasian Nuthatch** *Sitta europaea*

At Wulingshan three on 23<sup>rd</sup> & six on 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Chinese Nuthatch** *Sitta villosa*

Five at Wulingshan on 24<sup>th</sup>.

**\*\*\*Crested Myna** *Acridotheres cristellatus* Feral

17 bird-days. Noted at Beidaihe on seven dates – one flying N over Bei Ling at 04h40 on 14<sup>th</sup> was a 'garden' 1<sup>st</sup>...

**Daurian Starling** *Sturnus sturninus*

Eight bird-days. On Happy Island singles on 15+17+20<sup>th</sup> & four on 18<sup>th</sup> – in addition, one at Small Wood on 20<sup>th</sup>.

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

At Happy Island one flew W with a Daurian Starling at 05h31 on 20<sup>th</sup>.

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

28 bird-days. Noted on six dates – surprisingly, just one on Happy Island (on 20<sup>th</sup>). Four were seen en route N of Beijing on 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Siberian Thrush** *Zoothera sibirica*

Four bird-days. Noted on three dates – singles on Happy Island on 16+19+20<sup>th</sup> & a male in Small Wood also on 20<sup>th</sup>.

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

Nine bird-days. Noted on five dates – on Happy Island seen only on 19<sup>th</sup>, when two were in The Ditch with a male Siberian Blue Robin.

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

Four bird-days. Possibly the same 2<sup>nd</sup> c-y male W of Jin Shan hotel on 13+14+21<sup>st</sup> & one heard at Big Wood also on 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Chinese Blackbird** *Turdus mandarinus*

One W of Jin Shan hotel on 11<sup>th</sup> was 'maybe a 2<sup>nd</sup> c-y male: rather brown... bill bright yellow'.

**Grey-sided Thrush** *Turdus feae*

29 bird-days. One W of Jin Shan hotel on 9<sup>th</sup>, and at Wulingshan 19 on 23<sup>rd</sup> & nine on 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Eyebrowed Thrush** *Turdus obscurus*

42 bird-days. Noted on 14 dates.

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

12 bird-days. Noted on seven dates – mostly *eunomus*, but also a couple of hybrids, and a full-blown *naumanni* W of Jin Shan hotel on 11<sup>th</sup>. Last record of the season concerned a single *eunomus* on Happy Island on 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Chinese Song Thrush** *Turdus mupinensis*

16 bird-days. Two singing (incorporating mimicry of Large Hawk Cuckoo: single three-note calls) at Lotus Hills on 10<sup>th</sup>, singles W of Jin Shan hotel on 13+21<sup>st</sup>, one on Happy Island on 19<sup>th</sup>, and at Wulingshan eight on 23<sup>rd</sup> & three on 24<sup>th</sup>.

\*\*\*The song of this species is somewhat whimsical, nearly as melodious as White-throated Rock Thrush's but incorporating grating notes – e.g. Large Hawk Cuckoo mimicry; meowing – and is at times repetitive; also more fluid runs recalling Garden Warbler *Sylvia borin*.

\*\*\*On the whole probably prefers a less exposed song post than e.g. White-throated Rock Thrush – one of the Wulingshan birds perched near the top of one of two side-by-side spruces.

**Bluethroat** *Luscinia svecica*

17 bird-days. Noted on eight dates – main event five on Happy Island on 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Siberian Rubythroat** *Luscinia calliope*

19 bird-days. Noted on six dates. One sitting out near Saltworks on 7<sup>th</sup> got the Spooner Twitching Team into gear – best day 20<sup>th</sup>, with five on Happy Island & six at Small Wood.

**Siberian Blue Robin** *Luscinia cyane*

180 bird-days. Noted on 17 dates from 7<sup>th</sup> – best day along the coast 20<sup>th</sup>, with 22 on Happy Island, 19 in Small Wood & nine in Big Wood... at Wulingshan 26 males on 23<sup>rd</sup> & 34 (mostly singing males) on 24<sup>th</sup>.

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

20 bird-days. Noted on four dates from 15<sup>th</sup> – best day 20<sup>th</sup> with five on Happy Island, three in Small Wood & five in Big Wood... the next day one was heard singing at Lighthouse Pt & two were in scrub W of Jin Shan hotel.

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

Three bird-days. Singles at Lighthouse Pt on 8<sup>th</sup> (heard only), on Happy Island on 15<sup>th</sup> & in Big Wood on 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Daurian Redstart** *Phoenicurus aureus*

At Wulingshan 20 on 23<sup>rd</sup> & 17 on 24<sup>th</sup>.

**White-bellied Redstart** *Hodgsonius phaenicuroides*

At Wulingshan 13 (outrageous views of a male above HQ: out in the open at <5m!) on 23<sup>rd</sup> & 15 on 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Common Stonechat** *Saxicola torquatus*

124 bird-days. Noted on 12 dates. 28 migr at Bunting Field on 14<sup>th</sup>...just three there on 21<sup>st</sup>, the last of the spring.

**Blue Rock Thrush** *Monticola solitarius*

Three bird-days. Singletons noted on 13<sup>th</sup> at Sandflats & on Happy island on 19+20<sup>th</sup>.

**White-throated Rock Thrush** *Monticola gularis*

13 bird-days. On Happy Island two females on 19<sup>th</sup> & one male on 20<sup>th</sup> – on Wulingshan one male on 23<sup>rd</sup> & nine singing males on 24<sup>th</sup>.

\*\*\*In addition, a bird seen fleetingly W of Jin Shan hotel on 11<sup>th</sup> was probably a male of this species.

\*\*\*The song of this species is more fluid, more melodious, more Eurasian Blackbird *Turdus merula*-like than Chinese Song Thrush's. Showed a preference for exposed perches when singing, i.e. the top of a major spruce...

**Grey-streaked Flycatcher** *Muscicapa griseisticta*

Six bird-days. One in Small Wood on 7<sup>th</sup>, and on Happy Island two on both 15+19<sup>th</sup> & one on 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Sooty Flycatcher** *Muscicapa sibirica*

32 bird-days. Noted on seven dates from 14<sup>th</sup> – main event 19 on Happy Island on 19<sup>th</sup>. Wulingshan yielded one on 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Asian Brown Flycatcher** *Muscicapa dauurica*

87 bird-days. Noted on 15 dates from 7<sup>th</sup> – main event 36 on Happy Island on 19<sup>th</sup>. Wulingshan yielded just one, on 24<sup>th</sup>: a singing bird which hung out in the same spot for at least two hours...

**Yellow-rumped Flycatcher** *Ficedula zanthopygia*

51 bird-days. Noted on 15 dates from 6<sup>th</sup> – main event on Happy Island nine on 19<sup>th</sup>, with five there the next day plus seven in Small Wood & four in Big Wood. Four at Lotus Hills on 21<sup>st</sup> included a tireless songster. A singing male was seen well at Wulingshan on 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Elisa's Flycatcher** *Ficedula elisae*

13 bird-days. On Happy Island an immature male on 17<sup>th</sup> & a '2<sup>nd</sup> c-y type' bird on 19<sup>th</sup>; Wulingshan yielded six (incl a breeding pair: the female was seen carrying food) on 23<sup>rd</sup> & five on 24<sup>th</sup>.

\*\*\*A male on 23<sup>rd</sup> uttered an inquisitive, abrupt, throaty 'crrr'.

**Mugimaki Flycatcher** *Ficedula mugimaki*

Nine bird-days. A male on Lighthouse Pt on 8<sup>th</sup>, a female-type at Lotus Hill on 10<sup>th</sup>, and on Happy Island one on 14<sup>th</sup> & six on 19<sup>th</sup>.

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

101 bird-days. Noted on 17 dates from 5<sup>th</sup>. Main event 21 on Happy Island on 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Eurasian Tree Sparrow** *Passer montanus*

Common – not systematically recorded.

**Forest Wagtail** *Dendronanthus indicus*

24 bird-days. Noted on ten dates from 7<sup>th</sup> (when two were in Big Wood)... two were singing in Reservoir area on 15 June.

**Eastern Yellow Wagtail** *Motacilla tschutschensis*

295 bird-days. Noted on 17 dates.

**Citrine Wagtail** *Motacilla citreola*

A fly-by near Saltworks on 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Grey Wagtail** *Motacilla cinerea*

12 bird-days. Noted on nine dates, incl en route S of Wulingshan entrance gate on 24<sup>th</sup> (a singing bird up on a wire).

**White Wagtail** *Motacilla alba*

31 bird-days. Noted on 13 dates, incl in June in Reservoir area (three, of which one was a juvenile, on 16<sup>th</sup>) & at Sandflats (one on 23<sup>rd</sup>).

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

103 bird-days. Noted on 13 days, incl one migr over Wulingshan on 24<sup>th</sup>.



**Blyth's Pipit** *Anthus godlewskii*

Six bird-days. Noted on five dates: singles at Bunting Field on 14+21<sup>st</sup>, and on Happy Island singles on 17+20<sup>th</sup> & two on 19<sup>th</sup>.

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

117 bird-days. Noted on 14 dates.

**Pechora Pipit** *Anthus gustavi*

Four bird-days. Noted at Lighthouse Pt (one flying around at 05h51), singles over Happy Island at 05h10 on 16<sup>th</sup> & at 05h35 on 19<sup>th</sup>, and over Bunting Field at 05h20 on 21<sup>st</sup>.

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

18 bird-days. Noted on four dates – main event ten near Saltworks on 7<sup>th</sup>. Just one on Happy Island, on 17<sup>th</sup>.

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

Two near Saltworks on 6<sup>th</sup> & one there the next day.

**Brambling** *Fringilla montifringilla*

12 bird-days. Noted on seven dates – the last were three at Big Wood on 20<sup>th</sup>...

**Oriental Greenfinch** *Carduelis sinica*

13 bird-days. Noted around Beidaihe on six dates.

**Eurasian Siskin** *Carduelis spinus*

Five bird-days. One near Saltworks on 7<sup>th</sup>, one in Lotus Hills on 10<sup>th</sup>, singles on Happy Island on 15+19<sup>th</sup> & one at Wulingshan on 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Common Rosefinch** *Carpodacus erythrurus*

105 bird-days. Noted on 12 dates. Main events c20 on Happy Island on 16<sup>th</sup> & 25 there on 18<sup>th</sup> – in addition AB *et al.* counted 69 migr on 19<sup>th</sup>... Wulingshan yielded just one, on 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Red Crossbill** *Loxia curvirostra*

One at Lotus Hills on 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Chinese Grosbeak** *Eophona migratoria*

37 bird-days. Noted on 13 dates – main event in terms of views obtained was 4-5 at Jin Shan Beach over 8-9<sup>th</sup>, feeding on elm seeds along the road. Happy Island yielded four on both 15+17<sup>th</sup>, seven on 16<sup>th</sup>, three on 18<sup>th</sup>, two on 19<sup>th</sup> & one on 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Japanese Grosbeak** *Eophona personata*

An unobtrusive singleton hung out near the Happy Island accommodation over 19-20<sup>th</sup>.

**Eastern Rock Bunting** *Emberiza godlewskii*

At Wulingshan ten (of which seven above HQ) on 23<sup>rd</sup> & five on 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Meadow Bunting** *Emberiza cioides*

One at Lighthouse Pt on 8<sup>th</sup> was now rather a good find (20 years ago the species was a fairly common breeder...). A male singing above the Wulingshan HQ on 23<sup>rd</sup> was much appreciated...

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

20 bird-days. Noted on nine dates.

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

11 bird-days. Noted on eight dates. Last record concerned one in Bunting Field on 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Little Bunting** *Emberiza pusilla*

114 bird-days. Noted on 13 dates. Main event 75 migr near Saltworks on 7<sup>th</sup>.

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

One migr near Saltworks on 7<sup>th</sup> was, surprisingly, the only record.

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

Six bird-days. One at Reservoir on 5<sup>th</sup>, two at Big Wood on 7<sup>th</sup>, and singles on Happy Island on 15+16+19<sup>th</sup>.

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

29 bird-days. Noted on five dates. Main event 21 near Saltworks on 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Chestnut Bunting** *Emberiza rutila*

17 bird-days. Noted on five dates. Main event ten on Happy Island on 17<sup>th</sup>. Wulingshan yielded three on 23<sup>rd</sup>.

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

106 bird-days. Noted on 14 dates. Main event 50 migr near Saltworks on 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Pallas's Reed Bunting** *Emberiza pallasii*

Ten bird-days. Noted on just four dates – surprisingly, last record concerned four at Sandflats on 13<sup>th</sup>.