

CENTRAL ASIA – Birding the Silk Road

“It took a while for us to locate our main target species in the Chimgan Hills but eventually we had good and prolonged views of Rufous-naped Tit. We had seen lots of other nice species whilst looking for this one however, including some big flocks of Oriental Honey Buzzards, Eurasian Griffon, lots of Yellow-breasted and Turkestan Tits, and some very obliging White-capped and Rock Buntings. House Martins and Red-rumped Swallows buzzed around the hotel building and the songs of countless Nightingales and Hume’s Lesser Whitethroats provided the sound track to our sunny day in the mountains.

Setting off for Samarkand we stopped to look at the ever-expanding White Stork colony and found that our Variable Wheatear quarry now had a road through the middle and what was left was inhabited by Pied Wheatears only. Reaching Samarkand we had our first taste of the wonders of this amazing city with a visit to the Registan. An early start took us into the hills close to Samarkand where we enjoyed a delightful walk in glorious sunshine along a valley dotted with flowering Hawthorn bushes and awash with wildflowers with the snow-capped Pamir Mountains in the distance.

Red-headed Buntings seemed to be singing from every bush and by the time we returned to the vehicles for a glass of beer cooled in the stream, we had seen singing White-throated Robins, lots of Lesser Grey Shrikes, Eastern Orphean Warblers, and Upcher’s and Barred Warblers among many other species. Hume’s Short-toed Larks posed for photos and our picnic lunch was prepared as we searched for typically elusive Asian Paradise Flycatchers and, although the Finch’s Wheatears required a walk in the midday sun, they eventually showed well. Back in Samarkand we switched our attention back to ancient history with visits to Gur Emir, Bibi Khanum, and Shah-e-Zindeh although the birds were not ignored with hordes of Alpine and Common Swifts screaming around the blue domes and Shikra flying over.

We had time for an early visit to see some Eastern Olivaceous Warblers and White-crowned Penduline Tits and visit Uleg Beg’s observatory before Bukhara beckoned. Arriving in time for lunch we had a leisurely stroll around the old town, visiting the Ark, Kalen Minaret and mosque and the famous trading bazaars. Moving out to the desert we had the strong wind to contend with making birding far from easy but we had the best-ever views of Ménétries Warbler despite this, sharing the bushes with Rufous Bush Robins and noisy Sykes’s Warblers while the roadside wires held rows of Blue-cheeked Bee-eaters, Rollers, Eurasian and Oriental Turtle Doves, and displaying Pied Bush Chats. A nearby wetland had several showy White-tailed Plovers and Red-necked Phalaropes. The wind stayed with us for our visit to Tady Kol, where an Arctic Skua was unexpected and new to the Sunbird Central Asia list. More usual birds there included Pygmy Cormorants, Purple Herons, Spoonbill, Clamorous Reed Warblers, and smart Citrine Wagtails. The Pander’s Ground Jays gave great views in the desert, where a small overgrown garden held a staggering array of migrants including Blyth’s Reed and Booted Warblers, Thrush Nightingales, Ortolan Buntings, and hordes of Common Rosefinches.

Leaving Tashkent and Uzbekistan behind, we flew to Kazakhstan and set off straight away to the east and our first camp, picking up Long-tailed Shrike on the way. From our camp we explored the plains, valleys and canyons of the arid region and highlights included Himalayan Griffon, Lesser Kestrels, Long-legged Buzzards, Steppe Eagle, some frustratingly brief fly-by Pallas’s Sandgrouse, Shore Larks, Asian Desert Warbler, Steppe Grey Shrike, Desert Wheatear, Desert Finches, Mongolian Finches, Grey-necked Buntings, and Rock Sparrow among many others. Stopping to ‘regroup’ with a night at a hotel in Almaty, we reached our second camp in the Taukum Desert, after a stop at Tamgaly to look at ancient rock carvings and Eastern Rock Nuthatch. In the desert around the camp we found displaying Macqueen’s Bustards, lots of Black-bellied Sandgrouse, Greater Sand plovers, Calandra, Bimaculated and Greater and Lesser Short-toed Larks, and Steve bravely, even heroically, fought off an attack from a giant sun spider.

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The nearby village held lots of migrants ranging from an obliging European Nightjar to Black-throated Thrush and Hume's Leaf and Blyth's Reed Warblers, Thrush and Common Nightingales, Greenish Warblers, Siberian Chiffchaffs, and yet more Common Rosefinches. While up towards the Illi River delta we found an adult White-tailed Sea Eagle, Saxual Sparrows 'waiting for a bus' and Yellow-eyed Stock Doves, White-winged Woodpeckers and Azure Tits in the turanga woodland, although the biggest surprise here was the Striated Scops Owl that we finally managed to add to the Sunbird list. The northern steppe came next with its Sociable Plovers, White-headed Ducks, Pallid Harriers, Red-footed Falcons, Black-winged Pratincoles and of course, the wonderful White-winged and Black Larks. Although there was very little snow in the mountains this year, we had to dodge some heavy rain in order to eventually see all the specialities including Ibisbill, Himalayan Snowcock, White-tailed Rubythroat, Severtzov's Tit Warbler, Gldenstadt's, Eversmann's and Blue-capped Redstarts, Sulphur-bellied Warbler, White-winged Grosbeak and some surprisingly scarce Red-mantled Rosefinches. Lower down we had seen Songar Tits in the dense spruce forest and Blue Whistling-Thrush and Brown and White-bellied Dippers on the streams, although it took a while before we finally all had good views of Red-fronted Serins. Then it was back to Almaty where there was just time for the Kazakhstan national dish before the flight back to London." Steve Rooke

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- Column A = Number of tours species has been recorded.
 Column B = Number of days this species was seen on the last tour.
 Column C = Maximum daily count for this species on the last tour.
 H = Heard only.
 (H) = Mostly heard but some seen.
 * = Taxonomic note in Checklist

A		B	C	
11	Little Grebe	3	6	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>
11	Great Crested Grebe	7	10	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>
11	Red-necked Grebe	1	2	<i>Podiceps grisegena</i>
10	Slavonian Grebe	1	2	<i>Podiceps auritus</i>
10	Black-necked Grebe	1	8	<i>Podiceps nigricollis</i>
11	Great Cormorant	5	400	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>
11	Pygmy Cormorant	1	3	<i>Phalacrocorax pygmeus</i>
11	Dalmatian Pelican	3	12	<i>Pelecanus crispus</i>
1	Great White Pelican			<i>Pelecanus onocrotalus</i>
11	Eurasian Bittern	2	1	<i>Botaurus stellaris</i>
6	Little Bittern			<i>Ixobrychus minus</i>
9	Black-crowned Night Heron	1	2	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>
11	Little Egret	2	14	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>
11	Great Egret	1	12	<i>Casmerodius albus</i>
11	Grey Heron	6	6	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>
11	Purple Heron	3	8	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>
6	Black Stork	1	1	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>
11	White Stork	1	20	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>
10	Glossy Ibis	1	1	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>
9	Spoonbill	1	1	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>
6	Greater Flamingo	1	2	<i>Phoenicopterus ruber</i>
10	Mute Swan	2	4	<i>Cygnus olor</i>
9	Whooper Swan	2	6	<i>Cygnus cygnus</i>
11	Greylag Goose	3	12	<i>Anser anser</i>

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11	Ruddy Shelduck	10	15	<i>Tadorna ferruginea</i>
11	Shelduck	1	100	<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>
11	Gadwall	4	40	<i>Anas strepera</i>
7	Common Teal	1	8	<i>Anas crecca</i>
11	Mallard	3	6	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>
9	Northern Pintail	2	2	<i>Anas acuta</i>
3	Wigeon	1	5	<i>Anas penelope</i>
11	Garganey	3	15	<i>Anas querquedula</i>
11	Northern Shoveler	3	30	<i>Anas clypeata</i>
5	Marbled Duck			<i>Marmaronetta angustirostris</i>
11	Red-crested Pochard	6	30	<i>Netta rufina</i>
11	Pochard	3	'00s	<i>Aythya ferina</i>
11	Ferruginous Duck	2	8	<i>Aythya nyroca</i>
11	Tufted Duck	2	12	<i>Aythya fuligula</i>
9	Common Goldeneye	1	8	<i>Bucephala clangula</i>
11	White-headed Duck	3	12	<i>Oxyura leucocephala</i>
4	Goosander	1	2	<i>Mergus merganser</i>
1	Osprey	1	1	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>
5	European Honey-buzzard	1	1	<i>Pernis apivorus</i>
3	Oriental Honey Buzzard	2	200	<i>Pernis ptilorynchus</i>
11	*Black-eared Kite	8	12	<i>Milvus migrans lineatus</i>
11	Lammergeier	2	1	<i>Gypaetus barbatus</i>
9	Egyptian Vulture			<i>Neophron percnopterus</i>
9	Himalayan Griffon	1	4	<i>Gyps himalayensis</i>
11	Eurasian Griffon	1	20	<i>Gyps fulvus</i>
11	Black Vulture	2	1	<i>Aegypius monachus</i>
9	Short-toed Eagle	2	2	<i>Circus gallicus</i>
11	Western Marsh Harrier	7	20	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>
11	Pallid Harrier	2	4	<i>Circus macrourus</i>
11	Montagu's Harrier	2	1	<i>Circus pygargus</i>
1	Hen Harrier			<i>Circus cyaneus</i>
11	Northern Sparrowhawk	3	1	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>
11	Shikra	7	3	<i>Accipiter badius</i>
1	Goshawk			<i>Accipiter gentilis</i>
10	Common (Steppe) Buzzard	2	2	<i>Buteo buteo vulpinus</i>
11	Long-legged Buzzard	6	6	<i>Buteo rufinus</i>
10	Golden Eagle	1	1	<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>
11	Steppe Eagle	2	1	<i>Aquila nipalensis</i>
3	White-tailed Eagle	1	1	<i>Haliaeetus albicilla</i>
4	Imperial Eagle			<i>Aquila heliaca</i>
3	Great Spotted Eagle			<i>Aquila clanga</i>
10	Booted Eagle	4	2	<i>Hieraaetus pennatus</i>
10	Lesser Kestrel	2	12	<i>Falco naumanni</i>
11	Common Kestrel	14	17	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>
11	Red-footed Falcon	2	30	<i>Falco vespertinus</i>
7	Merlin			<i>Falco columbarius</i>
11	Eurasian Hobby	8	3	<i>Falco subbuteo</i>
1	Peregrine Falcon			<i>Falco peregrinus</i>

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2	Saker			<i>Falco cherrug</i>
11	Himalayan Snowcock	3	4	<i>Tetraogallus himalayensis</i>
5	Grey Partridge			<i>Perdix perdix</i>
11	Chukar	3	2	<i>Alectoris chukar</i>
10	Common Quail	1	2	H <i>Coturnix coturnix</i>
10	Common Pheasant	3	2	(H) <i>Phasianus colchicus</i>
8	Water Rail			<i>Rallus aquaticus</i>
1	Little Crake			<i>Porzana parva</i>
1	Baillon's Crake			<i>Porzana pusilla</i>
11	Common Moorhen	1	2	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>
11	Coot	5	50	<i>Fulica atra</i>
11	Demoiselle Crane	7	35	<i>Anthropoides virgo</i>
11	Macqueen's (Houbara) Bustard	3	2	<i>Chlamydotis (undulata) macqueenii</i>
11	Ibisbill	1	2	<i>Ibidorhyncha struthersii</i>
11	Black-winged Stilt	6	30	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>
10	Pied Avocet	2	20	<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>
10	Collared Pratincole	1	1	<i>Glareola pratincola</i>
11	Black-winged Pratincole	2	25	<i>Glareola nordmanni</i>
11	Little Ringed Plover	8	12	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>
5	Ringed Plover	1	2	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>
11	Kentish Plover	1	12	<i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>
10	Greater Sand Plover	4	20	<i>Charadrius leschenaultii</i>
7	Caspian Plover			<i>Charadrius asiaticus</i>
3	Grey Plover	1	3	<i>Pluvialis sqatarola</i>
1	Pacific Golden Plover	1	1	<i>Pluvialis fulva</i>
9	Sociable Plover	1	15	<i>Vanellus gregarius</i>
10	White-tailed Plover	1	10	<i>Vanellus leucurus</i>
11	Lapwing	7	20	<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>
1	Stone Curlew			<i>Burhinus oediconemus</i>
4	Sanderling			<i>Calidris alba</i>
11	Little Stint	4	'000s	<i>Calidris minuta</i>
9	Temminck's Stint	5	6	<i>Calidris temminckii</i>
11	Curlew Sandpiper	2	20	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>
9	Dunlin	2	50	<i>Calidris alpina</i>
11	Ruff	3	'000s	<i>Philomachus pugnax</i>
3	Common Snipe			<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>
11	Black-tailed Godwit	2	12	<i>Limosa limosa</i>
4	Whimbrel			<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>
6	Curlew			<i>Numenius arquata</i>
5	Spotted Redshank	1	1	<i>Tringa erythropus</i>
11	Common Redshank	5	6	<i>Tringa totanus</i>
11	Marsh Sandpiper	2	3	<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>
6	Greenshank	2	1	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>
5	Green Sandpiper			<i>Tringa ochropus</i>
9	Wood Sandpiper	3	4	<i>Tringa glareola</i>
11	Terek Sandpiper	2	30	<i>Xenus cinereus</i>
11	Common Sandpiper	6	4	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>
8	Oystercatcher	1	1	<i>Haematopus ostralegus</i>

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5	Turnstone	1	5	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>
11	Red-necked Phalarope	3	3500	<i>Phalaropus lobatus</i>
11	*Caspian Gull	3	20	<i>Larus cachinnans</i>
1	*Heuglin's Gull			<i>Larus (cachinnans) heuglini</i>
11	*Baraba (Caspian) Gull	2	200	<i>Larus (cachinnans) barabensis</i>
11	Great Black-headed Gull	1	450	<i>Larus ichthyaetus</i>
11	Black-headed Gull	7	40	<i>Larus ridibundus</i>
11	Slender-billed Gull	2	40	<i>Larus genei</i>
8	*Common Gull	1	6	<i>Larus canus</i>
8	Little Gull			<i>Larus minutus</i>
10	Gull-billed Tern	2	3	<i>Sterna nilotica</i>
11	Caspian Tern	2	20	<i>Sterna caspia</i>
11	*Common Tern	8	30	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>
11	Little Tern	2	30	<i>Sterna albifrons</i>
4	Whiskered Tern	1	1	<i>Chlidonias hybridus</i>
11	Black Tern	5	30	<i>Chlidonias niger</i>
11	White-winged Black Tern	2	'00s	<i>Chlidonias leucopterus</i>
1	Arctic Skua	1	1	<i>Stercorarius parasiticus</i>
11	Black-bellied Sandgrouse	4	30	<i>Pterocles orientalis</i>
6	Pin-tailed Sandgrouse			<i>Pterocles alchata</i>
10	Pallas's Sandgrouse	1	5	<i>Syrrhaptes paradoxus</i>
11	Rock Dove	11	30	<i>Columba livia</i>
7	Stock Dove			<i>Columba oenas</i>
11	Yellow-eyed Stock Dove	1	6	<i>Columba eversmanni</i>
11	Wood Pigeon	7	4	<i>Columba palumbus</i>
11	Collared Dove	7	12	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>
11	Turtle Dove	4	30	<i>Streptopelia turtur</i>
11	Oriental Turtle Dove	11	60	<i>Streptopelia orientalis</i>
11	Laughing Dove	6	12	<i>Streptopelia senegalensis</i>
11	Eurasian Cuckoo	17	10	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>
2	Tawny Owl			<i>Strix aluco harmsii</i>
3	Scops Owl			<i>Otus scops</i>
1	Striated Scops Owl	1	1	<i>Otus brucei</i>
1	Eagle Owl			<i>Bubo bubo</i>
10	Little Owl			<i>Athene noctua</i>
7	Short-eared Owl	1	3	<i>Asio flammeus</i>
8	Long-eared Owl	1	1	<i>Asio otus</i>
7	European Nightjar	1	1	<i>Caprimulgus europaeus sarudnyi</i>
11	Alpine Swift	4	100	<i>Apus melba</i>
11	Common Swift	8	200	<i>Apus apus</i>
11	Common Kingfisher	3	1	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>
11	Blue-cheeked Bee-eater	3	50	<i>Merops persicus</i>
11	European Bee-eater	10	20	<i>Merops apiaster</i>
11	Eurasian Roller	12	35	<i>Coracias garrulus</i>
11	Hoopoe	11	10	<i>Upupa epops</i>
2	Eurasian Wryneck			<i>Jynx torquilla</i>
11	White-winged Woodpecker	1	6	<i>Dendrocopos leucopterus</i>
3	Great Spotted Woodpecker			<i>Dendrocopos major</i>

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7	Three-toed Woodpecker	1	1	<i>Picoides tridactylus</i>
11	Calandra Lark	3	30	<i>Melanocorypha calandra</i>
11	Bimaculated Lark	3	50	<i>Melanocorypha bimaculata</i>
11	White-winged Lark	2	20	<i>Melanocorypha leucoptera</i>
11	Black Lark	1	200	<i>Melanocorypha yeltoniensis</i>
10	Short-toed Lark	4	40	<i>Calandrella brachydactyla</i>
11	Hume's Short-toed Lark	1	4	<i>Calandrella acutirostris</i>
11	*Lesser Short-toed Lark	6	20	<i>Calandrella rufescens</i>
6	*Asian Short-toed Lark			<i>Calandrella cheelensis</i>
11	Crested Lark	8	20	<i>Galerida cristata</i>
11	Skylark	3	20	<i>Alauda arvensis</i>
7	Oriental Skylark			<i>Alauda gulgula</i>
9	Shore Lark	1	20	<i>Eremophila alpestris</i>
11	Sand Martin	10	'00s	<i>Riparia riparia</i>
6	*Pale Martin			<i>Riparia diluta</i>
5	Crag Martin			<i>Hirundo rupestris</i>
11	Barn Swallow	13	100	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>
11	Red-rumped Swallow	5	4	<i>Hirundo daurica</i>
11	Common House Martin	5	100	<i>Delichon urbica</i>
11	Tawny Pipit	9	15	<i>Anthus campestris</i>
2	Richard's Pipit			<i>Anthus richardi</i>
11	Tree Pipit	3	2	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>
11	Water Pipit	1	6	<i>Anthus spinoletta</i>
1	Meadow Pipit			<i>Anthus pratensis</i>
6	Yellow Wagtail			<i>Motacilla flava thunbergii</i>
11	Yellow Wagtail	3	3	<i>Motacilla flava feldegg</i>
11	Yellow Wagtail	2	150	<i>Motacilla flava beema</i>
10	Yellow Wagtail			<i>Motacilla flava superciliaris</i>
8	Citrine Wagtail	1	4	<i>Motacilla citreola calcarata</i>
10	Citrine Wagtail	1	1	<i>Motacilla citreola citreola</i>
11	Grey Wagtail	3	4	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>
11	*Masked Wagtail	13	6	<i>Motacilla personata</i>
7	White Wagtail	3	2	<i>Motacilla alba</i>
11	Brown Dipper	1	4	<i>Cinclus pallasii</i>
10	*(White-Bellied) Dipper	2	1	<i>Cinclus cinclus</i>
2	Waxwing			<i>Bombycilla garrulus</i>
11	Wren	2	1	H <i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>
10	Altai Accentor	1	3	<i>Prunella himalayana</i>
11	Brown Accentor	1	2	<i>Prunella fulvescens</i>
11	Black-throated Accentor	3	4	<i>Prunella atrogularis</i>
11	Nightingale	9	10	<i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>
2	Thrush Nightingale	3	2	<i>Luscinia luscinia</i>
11	White-tailed Rubythroat	2	12	<i>Luscinia pectoralis</i>
11	Bluethroat	4	3	<i>Luscinia svecica</i>
10	White-throated Robin	1	2	<i>Irania gutturalis</i>
11	*Rufous Bush Robin	5	10	<i>Cercotrichas galactotes</i>
8	Common Redstart	3	2	<i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus</i>
8	Eversmann's Redstart	2	1	<i>Phoenicurus erythronota</i>

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11	Blue-capped Redstart	2	2	<i>Phoenicurus caeruleocephalus</i>
10	Güldenstädt's Redstart	1	2	<i>Phoenicurus erythrogaster</i>
11	Pied Bushchat	3	6	<i>Saxicola caprata</i>
11	*Siberian Stonechat	3	5	<i>Saxicola maura</i>
11	Isabelline Wheatear	7	100	<i>Oenanthe isabellina</i>
11	Northern Wheatear	3	12	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>
11	Pied Wheatear	6	6	<i>Oenanthe pleschanka</i>
6	*Pied Wheatear			<i>Oenanthe pleschanka vittata</i>
10	Variable Wheatear			<i>Oenanthe picata capistrata</i>
3	Finsch's Wheatear	1	2	<i>Oenanthe finschii</i>
11	Desert Wheatear	1	2	<i>Oenanthe deserti</i>
11	Blue Whistling-thrush	2	2	<i>Myiophonus caeruleus</i>
4	Blue Rock Thrush			<i>Monticola solitarius</i>
6	(Rufous-tailed) Rock Thrush	2	1	<i>Monticola saxatilis</i>
11	Blackbird	6	6	<i>Turdus merula</i>
6	Black-throated Thrush	1	1	<i>Turdus atrogularis</i>
7	Fieldfare	1	10	<i>Turdus pilaris</i>
11	Mistle Thrush	6	6	<i>Turdus viscivorus</i>
10	Streaked Scrub Warbler			<i>Scotocerca inquieta</i>
11	Cetti's Warbler	4	2	<i>Cettia cetti</i>
11	Grasshopper Warbler	3	1	<i>Locustella naevia</i>
10	Savi's Warbler	4	3 (H)	<i>Locustella luscinioides</i>
6	Moustached Warbler	1	1	<i>Acrocephalus melanopogon</i>
3	Sedge Warbler			<i>Acrocephalus schoenobaenus</i>
11	Paddyfield Warbler	2	20	<i>Acrocephalus agricola</i>
10	(Caspian) Reed Warbler	3	2	<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus fuscus</i>
11	Blyth's Reed Warbler	9	50	<i>Acrocephalus dumetorum</i>
11	Great Reed Warbler	2	6	<i>Acrocephalus arundinaceus</i>
11	*Clamorous Reed Warbler	2	40	<i>Acrocephalus stentoreus</i>
11	*Booted Warbler	5	4	<i>Hippolais caligata</i>
11	*Sykes's (Booted) Warbler	3	8	<i>Hippolais (caligata) rama</i>
11	*Eastern Olivaceous Warbler	1	2	<i>Hippolais pallida elaeica</i>
11	Upcher's Warbler	2	2	<i>Hippolais languida</i>
8	Ménétries Warbler	1	1	<i>Sylvia mystacea</i>
9	* Asian Desert Warbler	1	2	<i>Sylvia nana</i>
6	*Eastern Orphean Warbler	1	6	<i>Sylvia hortensis</i>
9	Barred Warbler	4	1	<i>Sylvia nisoria</i>
3	Garden Warbler			<i>Sylvia borin</i>
4	Lesser Whitethroat	10	15	<i>Sylvia curruca curruca</i>
10	*Lesser Whitethroat	1	2	<i>Sylvia curruca halimodendri</i>
11	*Hume's Lesser Whitethroat	3	10	<i>Sylvia (curruca) althaea</i>
4	*Small (Desert) Lesser Whitethroat	1	1	<i>Sylvia (curruca) minula</i>
11	*Common Whitethroat	5	3	<i>Sylvia communis rubicola</i>
9	Sulphur-bellied Warbler	2	2	<i>Phylloscopus griseolus</i>
11	Greenish Warbler	12	100	<i>Phylloscopus trochiloides</i>
5	Yellow-browed Warbler			<i>Phylloscopus inornatus</i>
11	Hume's Leaf Warbler	6	50	<i>Phylloscopus (inornatus) humei</i>
9	*Siberian Chiffchaff	10	12	<i>Phylloscopus collybita tristis</i>

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2	Willow Warbler	1	1	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>
11	Severtov's Tit Warbler	2	2	<i>Leptopoecile sophiae</i>
10	Goldcrest			<i>Regulus regulus</i>
11	Spotted Flycatcher	7	20	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>
10	Asian Paradise Flycatcher	1	2	<i>Terpsiphone paradisi</i>
1	Long-tailed Tit			<i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>
11	Bearded Tit	2	2	<i>Panurus biarmicus</i>
10	*Songar Tit	2	2	<i>Parus (montanus) songarus</i>
11	Coal Tit	3	1	H <i>Parus ater</i>
7	Rufous-naped Tit	1	1	<i>Parus rufonuchalis</i>
11	Great Tit	4	6	<i>Parus major</i>
11	*Turkestan Tit	5	8	<i>Parus bokharensis</i>
11	*Yellow-breasted Tit	2	30	<i>Parus flavipectus</i>
11	Azure Tit	2	2	<i>Parus cyanus</i>
10	Eastern Rock Nuthatch	2	2	<i>Sitta tephronota</i>
2	Treecreeper			<i>Certhia familiaris</i>
1	Wallcreeper			<i>Tichodroma muraria</i>
6	*European Penduline-Tit	1	1	<i>Remiz pendulinus</i>
11	*White-crowned Penduline-Tit	2	3	<i>Remiz coronatus</i>
11	Golden Oriole	10	8	<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>
7	Red-backed Shrike	3	4	<i>Lanius collurio</i>
11	Isabelline Shrike	8	15	<i>Lanius phoenicuroides</i>
11	Long-tailed Shrike	1	2	<i>Lanius schach</i>
11	Lesser Grey Shrike	10	20	<i>Lanius minor</i>
11	*Southern (Steppe) Grey Shrike	2	2	<i>Lanius meridionalis</i>
11	Pander's Ground-Jay	1	6	<i>Podoces panderi</i>
11	Magpie	17	30	<i>Pica pica</i>
8	Eurasian Nutcracker			<i>Nucifraga caryocatactes</i>
11	Alpine Chough	1	2	<i>Pyrrhocorax graculus</i>
11	Red-billed Chough	2	12	<i>Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax</i>
11	Jackdaw	13	50	<i>Corvus monedula</i>
11	Rook	11	'00s	<i>Corvus frugilegus</i>
11	*Asian (Carrion) Crow	12	20	<i>Corvus (corone) orientalis</i>
11	'Hooded' Crow	3	20	<i>Corvus cornix</i>
11	Raven	1	6	<i>Corvus corax</i>
4	Brown-necked Raven			<i>Corvus ruficollis</i>
11	Common Starling	11	20	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>
11	Rose-coloured Starling	9	'000s	<i>Sturnus roseus</i>
11	Common Myna	15	20	<i>Acridotheres tristis</i>
11	Saxaul Sparrow	1	6	<i>Passer ammodendri</i>
11	*House Sparrow	10	6	<i>Passer domesticus</i>
11	*Indian House Sparrow	11	200	<i>Passer domesticus indicus</i>
11	Spanish Sparrow	1	1	<i>Passer hispaniolensis</i>
11	Tree Sparrow	10	6	<i>Passer montanus</i>
8	Rock Sparrow	1	1	<i>Petronia petronia</i>
11	Red-fronted Serin	2	6	<i>Serinus pusillus</i>
10	Greenfinch	4	12	<i>Carduelis chloris</i>
11	*Goldfinch	4	30	<i>Carduelis carduelis caniceps</i>

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6	Twite			<i>Carduelis flavirostris</i>
8	Linnet	1	15	<i>Carduelis cannabina</i>
10	Plain Mountain-Finch	2	8	<i>Leucosticte nemoricola</i>
1	Brandt's Mountain-Finch			<i>Leucosticte brandti</i>
10	Desert Finch	5	10	<i>Rhodospiza obsoleta</i>
4	*Asian Crimson-winged Finch			<i>Rhodopechys sanguinea</i>
9	Mongolian Trumpeter Finch	1	7	<i>Bucanetes mongolica</i>
1	Trumpeter Finch			<i>Bucanetes githagineus</i>
2	Common Crossbill			<i>Loxia curvirostra</i>
11	Red-mantled Rosefinch	3	3	<i>Carpodacus rhodochlamys</i>
11	Common Rosefinch	11	25	<i>Carpodacus erythrinus</i>
1	Hawfinch			<i>Coccothraustes coccothraustes</i>
11	White-winged Grosbeak	3	9	<i>Mycerobas carnipes</i>
2	Yellowhammer			<i>Emberiza citrinella</i>
6	Pine bunting			<i>Emberiza leucocephalos</i>
10	*Rock Bunting	1	1	<i>Emberiza cia</i>
11	Grey-necked Bunting	3	6	<i>Emberiza buchanani</i>
6	Ortolan Bunting	1	2	<i>Emberiza hortulana</i>
11	White-capped Bunting	3	3	<i>Emberiza stewarti</i>
11	Red-headed Bunting	8	50	<i>Emberiza bruniceps</i>
8	*Reed Bunting	1	1	<i>Emberiza schoeniclus</i>
6	*Thick-billed (Reed) Bunting	1	4	<i>Emberiza schoeniclus pyrrhuloides</i>
8	Corn Bunting	2	2	<i>Miliaria calandra</i>