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## **Qinghai and Tibet**

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***Przevalski's Finch, Qinghai***

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For those who like truly wild places, very localised speciality birds and a smattering of rare mammals, our tour southwards across the Tibetan plateau and culminating in the fabled Tibet where the fabulous Potala Palace rivalled any of the natural wonders seen during the tour. Many of the birds encountered have exotic names which pay homage to the early explorers of these remote lands; Roborovski's Rosefinch, Kozlov's Bunting and Babax, Szechney's Monal Partridge, Gldenstdt's Redstart and Przevalski with a partridge, redstart and most significantly for many, a finch which is now in its own bird family. In addition there were close encounters with Tibetan Sandgrouse, Gansu Leaf Warbler, Crested Tit Warbler, Henderson's Ground Jay, Pallas's Sandgrouse and the regal Black-necked Crane. Finishing in Tibet we had perfect encounters with Tibetan Eared Pheasant, Giant Babax, Prince Henri's Laughingthrush and Lord Derby's Parakeets. Mention should also be made of the mammals which this year included four species of endearing pika, Tibetan and Red Fox, Blue Sheep, Goitered and Tibetan Gazelle, Wolf, the rare Tibetan Antelope, Kiang and some impressive Wild Yak.

Our tour began with a drive north of Xining on the first morning, to a peaceful area of coniferous forest covered hills which got us off to a great start. Displaying **Olive-backed Pipit** and **Grey-faced Woodpecker** entertained us during breakfast, quickly followed by a nicely perched Eurasian Hobby.

As we entered the forest proper the action really started with most of our targets appearing in quick succession. Firstly a singing male **Siberian Bluetail**, here with a rather distinct voice and thus a potential future split. Soon after our first of many **Gansu leaf Warblers** appeared giving fantastic close views of this highly range-restricted *Phylloscopus*. **Claudia's**, **Hume's** and **Chinese Leaf Warblers** joined the action, before it was the turn of the nuthatches; first up a smart **Przevalski's Nuthatch** came in closely to investigate us, then a short while later a rather dour **Chinese Nuthatch** struggled to compete despite giving even closer views. This brilliant spell of birding action was sealed by a gorgeous **Crested Tit Warbler** which offered several close views. Making our way into more open habitat we found both **Pere David's** and **Elliott's Laughingthrush**, **Yellow-streaked Warbler** and a fine male **Siberian Rubythroat** which eventually sang from an open perch, more than can be said for the singing **White-bellied Redstarts** which stayed steadfastly hidden in the thickets with only a dull female seen for our efforts. Last but not least as we made our way back a **Chinese Thrush** appeared right on cue and sang superbly from the treetops.



***Chinese and Przevalski's Nuthatch, Dong Xia***

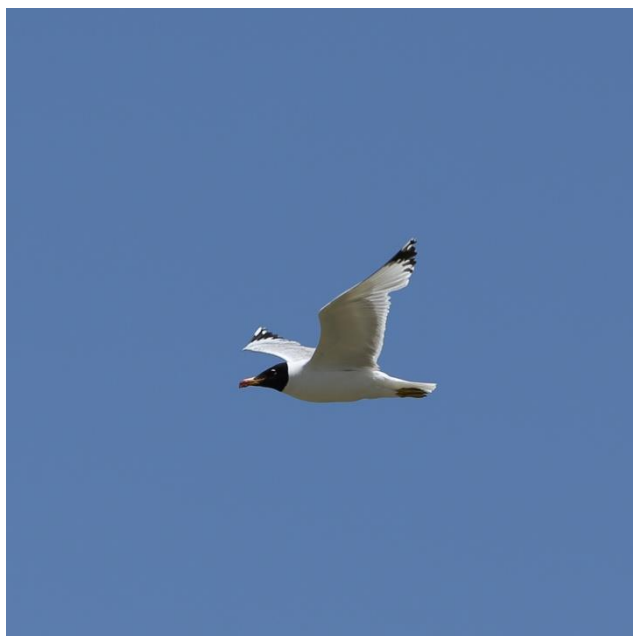


***Gansu Leaf Warbler and Siberian Bluetail, Dong Xia***

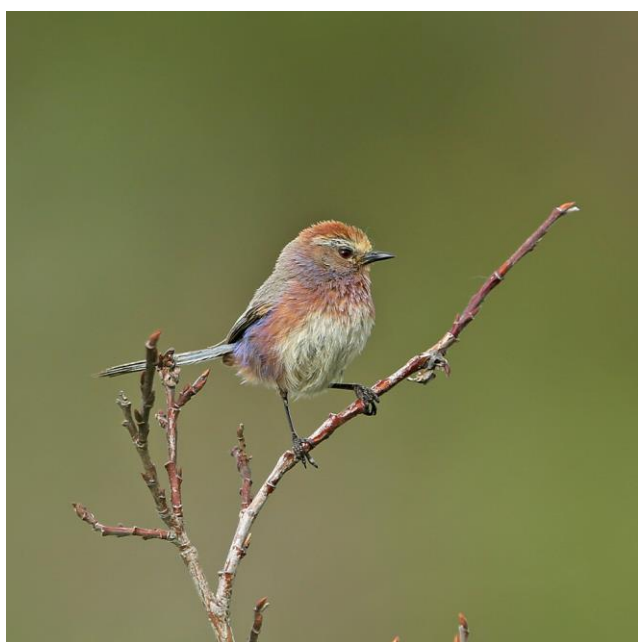
Our first **Black-faced Buntings** showed up outside the restaurant at lunch, and then we made our way into that rather less scenic rocky slopes about Xining city for our afternoon birding. Our main target – **Pale Rosefinch** – soon appeared and gave fine views feeding on seed heads at close range, and we saw several over the next couple of hours. **Brown Accentors**, **Godlewski's Bunting** and an entertaining family of **Little Owls** kept things ticking over but it took more effort than usual to find **Meadow Buntings** in the windy conditions and a single, very dapper, **Pied Wheatear** was found. Highlight here though was the surprise



sighting of a pair of **Przevalski's Partridge** which gave great views as they made their way slowly up a rocky slope in full view.



***Black-necked Crane and Pallas's Gull, Koko Nor***



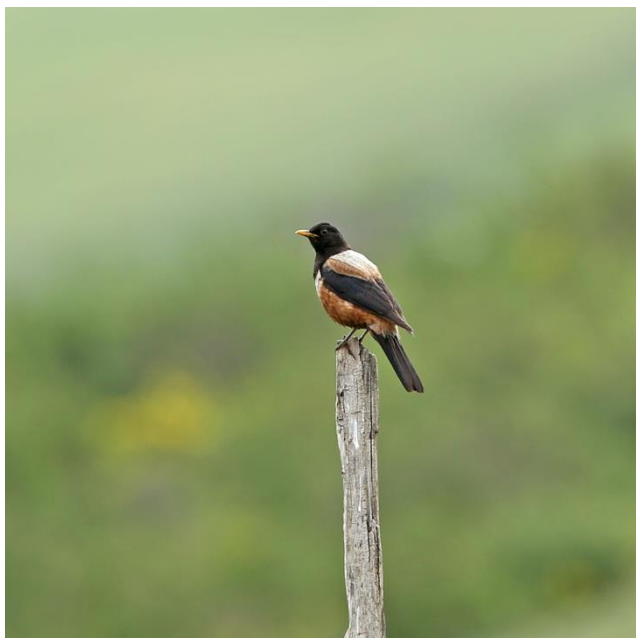
***Severtov's Tit Warbler and White-browed Tit, Chaka***

The next morning it was time to head up onto the Tibetan Plateau proper and almost immediately we started to see the likes of **Hume's Ground-Tit**, whose entertaining antics were to become a common feature of the next few weeks. First stop of the day was the immense inland salt lake of Koko Nor and it couldn't have started better when a pair of **Black-necked Cranes** gave close views by the roadside on the lake shore. We spent some time scanning the bird-rich marshes where among the commoner water-birds were treats like **Ferruginous Duck**, numerous **Black-necked Grebes** and handsome **Bar-headed Geese**. Surrounding grasslands were not neglected as we found our first Hume's Short-toed Larks and Isabelline Wheatear. As we made our way around the south side of the lake, a timely roadside stop produced our first **Mongolian Larks** and the localised **Pere David's Snowfinch**. Another lakeside stop after lunch gave us some excellent views of breeding plumaged **Pallas's Gulls** and bulky **Tibetan Larks** and our first **Rufous-necked Snowfinch**. Final birding stop for the day was for one of the key birds of the tour. On the scrub covered hillsides we found no less than 3 **Przevalski's Finches**, including two males which simply glowed pink in the late afternoon sunshine, and one even treated us to a close display flight as he flew high in the air before parachuting back down again with his luminous pink tail raised as he returned to terre ferma, a thrill for all of us but particularly for Dick who completed all the world's bird families with this excellent sighting. Also present here were many **Alpine Leaf Warblers**, a few **Smoky Warblers** (the *weigoldi* form which used to be a Dusky Warbler is now allied with Smoky), a distant

Streaked Rosefinch, Black-winged as the latest addition to the snowfinch list, Kessler's Thrush, both Robin and Rufous-breasted Accentor, some smart Rosy Pipits and an obliging White-browed Tit. On the way to our overnight stop a pair of Henderson's Ground Jays appeared on the roadside to top a fantastic day.



***Przewalski's Redstart and Pine Bunting, Chaka***



***Przewalski's Finch and Kessler's Thrush, Chaka***

After a comfortable night in Chaka, the next morning was dedicated to another special bird of this area, for this is the core breeding range of Przewalski's Redstart, yet another Chinese breeding endemic. The day started well with an Asian Badger skipping past in front of the bus, then a small group of frolicking Goitered Gazelle 'scoped as we enjoyed a picnic breakfast among impressive scenery. The walk out to our chosen valley produced our first Mongolian Lark, several Pine Buntings and a flushed pair of Daurian Partridges which landed on a slope offering good views to those in the right spot. A Tibetan Grey Shrike perched obligingly atop a crag and almost as soon as we reached the designated spot, a female Przewalski's Redstart appeared briefly, then a male performed superbly as he sang from various nearby treetops, often at close range. A very close flyover Lammergeier completed an excellent morning. The afternoon was spent scouring the semi-desert east of Chaka where in addition to more sightings of Pere David's Snowfinch, we found our first Blanford's Snowfinch, Lesser Sandplover, and after more effort than usual to find a Henderson's Ground Jay, it was more than worthwhile, putting on a superb performance for us.

The next morning was spent in another valley near Chaka where we had much improved views of Daurian Partridge in the grasslands, while nearby rocky slopes had excellent numbers of Przewalski's Partridge including a group of eight feeding together. Our first White-throated Redstart of the trip was found and a



Wallcreeper foraging among the boulders was excellent. Good mammal sightings including very close views of Blue Sheep and a Mountain Weasel on a distant slope.

The afternoon was spent back in the barren semi-desert near Chaka, where after some time our first Pallas's Sandgrouse were found, soon to be followed by an excellent, even closer flyby, and eventually sightings totalled at least seven. More Blanford's Snowfinch and Mongolian Lark showed up, Isabelline Shrike in nearby scrub and excellent close flight views of pekanensis Common Swifts, surely a good split from the European birds.



***Henderson's Ground Jay at Chaka, and Mongolian Finch at Gonghe***



***Henri's Snowfinch and Roborovski's Rosefinch, Er La***

Having completed the special birds of the area we returned again the next morning to indulge in more views of Przevalski's Finch, and were treated to even better views and it was little surprise that this brilliant bird went on to top our bird-of-the-trip vote! Also present was an obliging Severtov's Tit Warbler, Smoky Warbler and Rosy Pipit. Arriving for an overnight stay in Gonghe, we headed out birding after lunch in the dry, rocky gorges outside town, where Mongolian Finch gave superb close views just in time, before we were engulfed in high winds and torrential rain, which brought a premature end to any productive birding for the day.

An early start the next day bought us to Er La on a glorious sunny morning. A fine Güldenstädt's Redstart started things off brilliantly and Henri's Snowfinch was soon added. The key species here is Roborovski's Rosefinch which fortunately didn't require much of a climb and we all enjoyed excellent views of a couple of males with their harem of females in attendance. Some of us then continued onto the high scree slopes for a long and thorough search which failed to yield any Tibetan Sandgrouse but we knew there would be

more chances and were happy with Plain and Brandt's Mountain Finches, Saker, Lammergeier, close views of Blue Sheep and our first Tibetan Gazelle. As we drove to our overnight stop more Tibetan Gazelle were added together with our first Kiang, or Tibetan Wild Ass, some of which were close by the road.



***Ibisbill and Kiang, Nangqian***

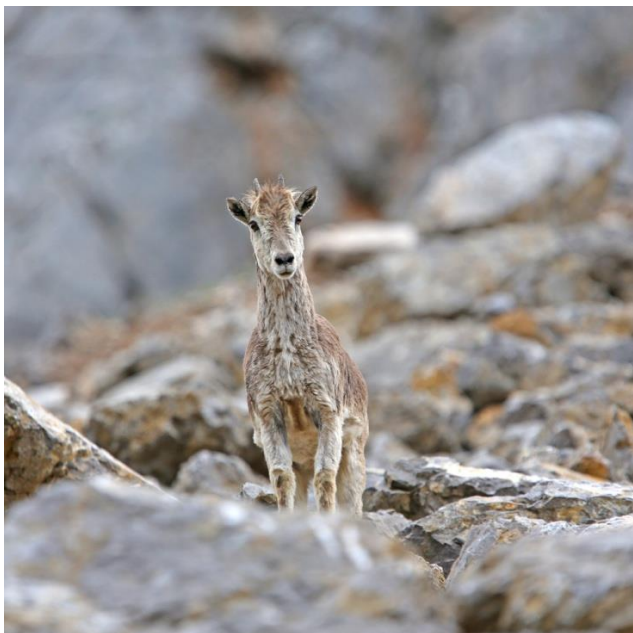


***Kozlov's Bunting and Tibetan Partridge, Nangqian***

The drive south the next day to Nangqian included several roadside birding stops, the highlights of which included Red Fox, our first long studies of White-rumped Snowfinch, Streaked Rosefinch, many White-capped Redstarts, a switch from Amur to Himalayan Wagtails and our first proper looks at Salim Ali's Swifts. Almost as soon as we reached suitable rivers, some fine spotting found an Ibisbill and we all piled out for great views of this amazing wader, the second new bird family of the tour for some of the group. Our first day in the area was dedicated to yet another very localised mega but the first new bird of the day turned out to be a Tibetan Partridge perched on the roadside as we made our way through dramatic craggy scenery to a high road pass where the stunning Kozlov's Bunting could be watch even as we ate breakfast! We went on to get quite amazing close views of the bunting and for those that made their way onto the higher slopes there were also Red-fronted Rosefinch, Alpine Accentor, Snow Pigeon and a pair of Grandala including a wonderful shimmering-blue male. The calling Tibetan Snowcocks took some spotting but once found, prolonged 'scope views were the order of the day. As we headed lower into the valleys, a suitable area of scrub added Himalayan Rubythroat but even better was a perfectly chosen lunch location where the adjacent valley allowed us prolonged views of a pair of Szechney's Monal Partridge calling manically from the rocky slopes, a group of Kozlov's Babax hopping around in an open meadow, a Golden Eagle eerie on a nearby crag, White-winged Grosbeak and our first Sichuan Tit in adjacent scrub.



In the afternoon a pleasant walk along a side valley found **White Eared-Pheasants** dotting the surrounding hills, with at least 13 tallied. Our final birding stop of the day produced amazing views of two different **Tibetan Partridge**, which simply posed fearlessly for us to admire. Having already seen the major targets of the area, the next day's visit to **Baizha Forest** allowed us some relaxed birding amid wonderful pine forests and as always there were excellent birds to be found. Over breakfast we began with our first **Slaty-backed Flycatcher**, **Hodgson's Redstarts** and the dark local *funnebr* form of **Three-toed Woodpecker**.



***Blue Sheep and Alpine Accentor, Nangqian***

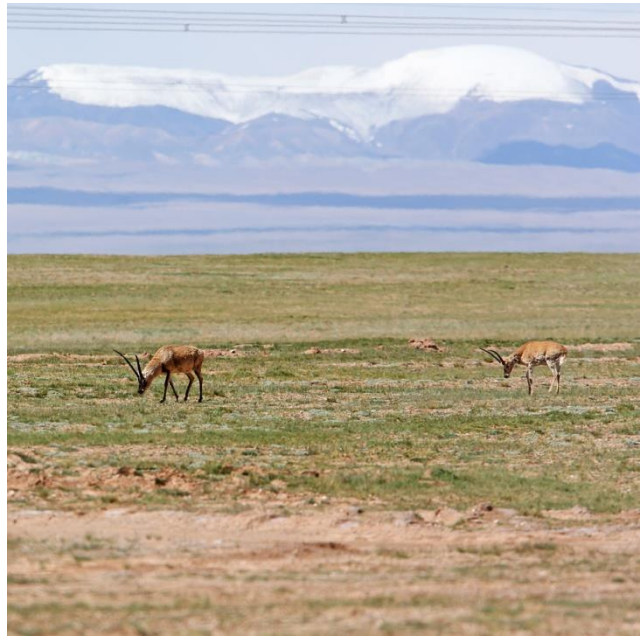


***Saker and Upland Buzzard, both with Plateau Pika!***

Moving into the forest things were a little slow to get going but as soon as the sun started to warm up the numerous **Sichuan Leaf Warblers** became active as well as **Elliot's Laughingthrush**, Common Rosefinch and after some persuasion a pair of **Giant Laughingthrush** gave fine viewing. Smaller birds feeding nearby quickly included a pair of **Crested Tit Warblers**, **Grey-crested Tits**, a singing **Himalayan Bluetail**, **Rufous-vented Tits**, **Rufous-breasted Accentor**, **Blue-fronted Redstart** and close views of a single **Chinese Fulvetta**. Nearby scrub produced our first of several **Sichuan Tits** for the day and back at a picturesque clearing at least six **White Eared Pheasants** dotted the surrounding hillsides, a pair of **Black Woodpeckers** sat out and an **Olive-backed Pipit** displayed nearby.

Our afternoon walk added **White-throated Redstart** and **Hodgson's Treecreeper** to the tally before heavy rain stopped play and we began a slow drive back. The rain had stopped outside the forest and here we found of first **Tibetan Wagtails**, **White-rumped Snowfinch**, and both **Upland Buzzard** and **Saker** perched on nearby posts.





***Tibetan Gazelle and Tibetan Antelope***



***Tibetan Fox and Wolf***

As we headed back north the next morning a perfect location for a picnic breakfast had several endearing Glover's Pika's on view, as well as many active Kessler's Thrushes. The next stop in a picturesque gorge had a pair of nesting Wallcreeper, more Salim Ali's Swifts, close views of Snow Pigeon and entertaining Blue Sheep. At the final stop of the morning it was at the very last minute that our target – Great Rosefinch – appeared, along with a perched Saker, an Upland Buzzard predating a pika and another Little Owl. After another excellent lunch we started our journey across some of the wilder areas of the plateau where Upland Buzzard already became much more abundant, several Black-necked Cranes inhabited the marshes and we were thrilled with our first encounters with both Tibetan Fox and Wolf. The next day took us across the remotest parts of the high plateau yet visited, and far from being just a travel day, we were treated to spectacular views of the diverse landscape and a thrilling series of wildlife encounters. Our mammal encounters began with Tibetan Gazelle which would number more than 70 during the day, another Tibetan Fox, 170 Kiang, a thrilling close sighting of a Wolf and in the afternoon about 39 rare Tibetan Antelope were a real treat. The birds were not to be outdone though and among the usual high altitude regulars like White-rumped and Black-winged Snowfinch, Raven and innumerable Upland Buzzard we found several pairs of majestic Black-necked Cranes in the marshes, a very close roadside Golden Eagle, several close Saker sightings and we finished the day with a thorough search of an area of flat, stony desert that eventually gave us a close Tibetan Sangrouse.

The next morning was something of an adventure as we birded amongst yet more spectacular surroundings in the shadow of the snow-capped 6224m Yuzhu Feng. We secretly hoped that the area might turn up the mega-rare Sillem's Mountain Finch which had been rediscovered just the previous year in the same mountain range but instead had to content ourselves with four more Tibetan Sandgrouse



(particularly appreciated by those who hadn't trekked around the previous afternoon!), a frisky Saker family group, **Güldenstädt's Redstart**, **Blanford's Snowfinch** and a couple of pairs of **Roborovski's Rosefinch**. Arguably though it was the mammals that took centre stage with yet more **Tibetan Gazelle**, **Tibetan Antelope** and finally, after seeing many of the domesticated form, these remote valleys yielded a group of **Wild Yak**, including a huge male which dwarfed the accompanying Kiang's with his impressive bulk. In the late afternoon we began our drive south and additional roadside sighting included **Desert Wheatear** and many more mammal sightings bringing us day counts of 114 Kiang, 143 Tibetan Gazelle and 34 Tibetan Antelope.



***Tibetan Sandgrouse***



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The next day we travelled south across the snowy wonderland of Tanggu Pass which marked our arrival into true Tibet, a real treat and quite a relief considering the recent problems accessing the area and we arrived into the fabled city of Lhasa in the evening.

The next morning the scrubby slopes of a monastery outside Lhasa were full of birds, making our long journey here more than worthwhile. Even as we enjoyed our picnic breakfast, an Eurasian Eagle Owl flew out across the valley to seek a day roost as all around us our targets performed. Prince Henri's Laughingthrush were particularly common and sang from exposed perches all around, the supposedly skulking Giant Babax hopped on the open ground nearby, bulky Tibetan Blackbird were busily feeding as were a gorgeous part of Hoopoe nesting in a nearby wall. As we enjoyed the likes of Streaked Rosefinch and Tibetan Partridge, loud calls from the an adjacent slope announced the presence of a Tibetan Eared Pheasant and before long he was located and as we watched he swooped down across the valley towards us for even closer views! Those with the energy climbed higher towards the monastery where the scrub was alive with yet more babax and laughingthrush, Alpine Leaf Warbler, brief Crimson-browed Finch, Hodgson's and White-throated Redstarts, and even better, a loose group of 8 adult and 5 juvenile Tibetan Eared Pheasants which gave us quite outstanding close views that it was little wonder they ranked so highly in the bird-of-the-trip voting! Amazingly when we returned down the original pheasant had been joined by 6 friends, and more great views completed a fine mornings birding. The afternoon drive took us east of Lhasa with Ibisbill probably the pick of the birds during several roadside stops.

Early the next morning we were surrounded by pine cloaked hillsides, prime habitat for our last major target of the tour. Indeed after a few brief and unsatisfactory looks, we were soon enjoying 'scope views of perched and feeding Lord Derby's Parakeet, Asia's largest and most range-restricted parakeet, which has uniquely evolved to live at these inhospitable high altitudes. In an area with tight regulations and travel for foreigners, the next day and a half were mostly spent in this habitat and allowed us more views of the parakeets as well as additions like Himalayan Swiftlet, White-throated Needletail, Tibetan Siskin, Blyth's Leaf Warbler, Lemon-rumped Warbler, Green-backed Tit, Long-tailed Minivet, Indian Blue Robin, Chestnut-vented Nuthatch, Black-faced Laughingthrush, and another group of Tibetan Eared Pheasants venturing out onto the road. There were also many Greenish Warblers, Blue-fronted Redstarts, Pink-rumped and Chinese White-browed Rosefinch. A pair of Giant Laughingthrush gave a good performance, while an adult Tiger Shrike was somewhat out of its expected range, a prolonged stop for gasoline had the bonus of a pair of Black-headed Greenfinch, and the cute Large-eared Pika excited the mammal enthusiasts. Our journey back to Lhasa was enlivened by a pair of Crimson-browed Finch happily munching on buds by the roadside, superb views of Lammergeier, more Snow Pigeon and Russet Sparrow finally made it onto our lists.

No visit to Lhasa would be complete without a visit to the magnificent Potala Palace, and so on the last morning we immersed ourselves in a guided tour to see for ourselves the colourful history and magnificent

architecture, a truly wonderful climax to a tour which produced a final count of 208 species, a low total compared to our other tours but including some of the most range-restricted specialities in Asia, among the most stunning scenery, and with the added bonus of some very special mammals.



***Tibetan Eared Pheasant and Lord Derby's Parakeet, Tibet***



***Giant Babax and Prince Henri's Laughingthrush, Tibet***

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### **Bird-of-the-tour**

- 1 Przevalski's Finch
- 2 Tibetan Eared Pheasant
- 3 Henderson's Ground Jay
- 4 Tibetan Sandgrouse
- 5 Szechenyi's Monal Partridge



## More tour photos;



*Hume's Ground Tit and Hume's Short-toed Lark*



*Smoky Warbler and Alpine Leaf Warbler*



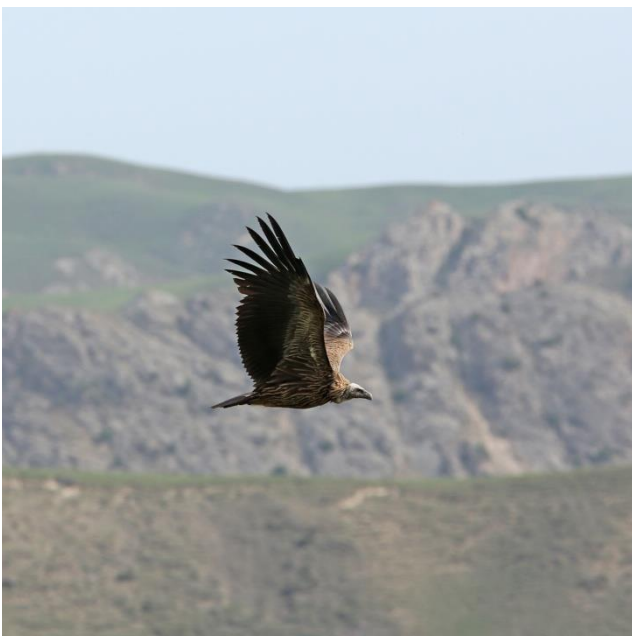
*Godlewski's Bunting and Przevalski's Partridge*



***Pink-rumped Rosefinch and Przevalski's Finch***



***Common Swift, ssp. pekinensis***



***Himalayan Griffon and Lammergeier***





***Roborovski's Rosefinch, female and male***



***Blanford's Snowfinch and Rufous-necked Snowfinch***



***White-rumped Snowfinch and Brandt's Mountain Finch***

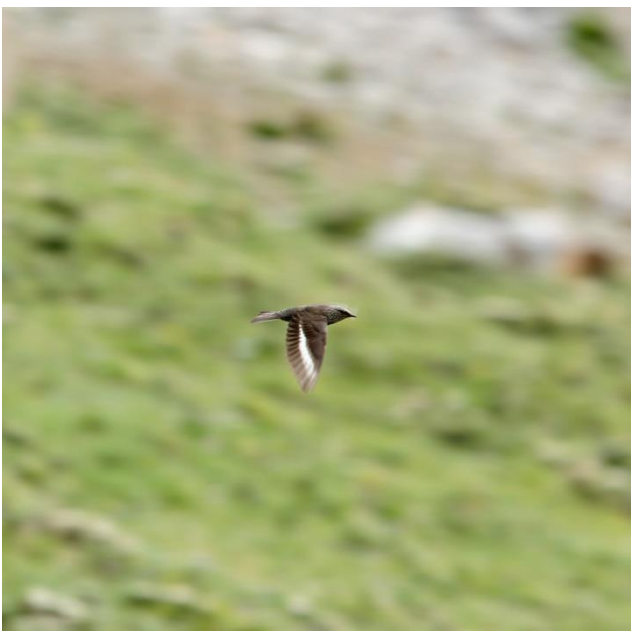




*Chinese Fulvetta and Sichuan Tit*



*Hill Pigeon and Daurian Jackdaw*



*Grandala (female) and Red-billed Chough*





***Snow Pigeon and Elliot's Laughingthrush***



***Golden Eagle and Upland Buzzard***



***Streaked Rosefinch and Chinese White-browed Rosefinch***





***Salim Ali's Swift and Himalayan Swiftlet***



***Tibetan Sandgrouse, with admirers!***



***Gansu Pika and Plateau Pika***





***Glover's Pika and Long-eared Pika***

## Systematic List

### **PODICIPEDIFORMES: Podicipedidae**

Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>
Black-necked Grebe	<i>Podiceps nigricollis</i>

### **PELECANIFORMES: Phalacrocoracidae**

Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>
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### **CICONIIFORMES: Ardeidae**

Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>
Eastern Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus coromandus</i>
Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>

### **ANSERIFORMES: Anatidae**

Greylag Goose	<i>Anser anser</i>
Bar-headed Goose	<i>Anser indicus</i>
Ruddy Shelduck	<i>Tadorna ferruginea</i>
Common Shelduck	<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>
Eurasian Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>
Eurasian Wigeon	<i>Anas penelope</i>
Northern Shoveler	<i>Anas clypeata</i>
Red-crested Pochard	<i>Netta rufina</i>
Common Pochard	<i>Aythya ferina</i>
Ferruginous Pochard	<i>Aythya nyroca</i>
Tufted Duck	<i>Aythya fuligula</i>
Goosander	<i>Mergus merganser</i>

### **ACCIPITRIFORMES: Accipitridae**

Black Kite	<i>Milvus milgrans lineatus</i>
Lammergeier	<i>Gypaetus barbatus</i>
Himalayan Griffon	<i>Gyps himalayensis</i>
Eurasian Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>
Himalayan Buzzard	<i>Buteo [buteo] burmanicus</i>
Upland Buzzard	<i>Buteo hemilasius</i>
Golden Eagle	<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>

### **FALCONIFORMES: Falconidae**

Eurasian Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>
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Eurasian Hobby  
Saker Falcon  
Peregrine Falcon

*Falco subbuteo*  
*Falco cherrug*  
*Falco peregrinus*

**GALLIFORMES: Phasianidae**

Szechenyi's Monal Partridge  
Tibetan Snowcock  
Przevalski's Partridge  
Daurian Partridge  
Tibetan Partridge  
White Eared Pheasant  
Tibetan Eared Pheasant  
Common Pheasant

*Tetraophasis szechenyii*  
*Tetraogallus tibetanus*  
*Alectoris magna*  
*Perdix dauurica*  
*Perdix hodgsoniae*  
*Crossoptilon crossoptilon*  
*Crossoptilon harmani*  
*Phasianus colchicus suehschanensis*

**GRUIFORMES: Gruidae**

Black-necked Crane

*Grus nigricollis*

**GRUIFORMES: Rallidae**

Eurasian Coot

*Fulica atra*

**CHARADRIIFORMES: Ibidorhynchidae**

Ibisbill

*Ibidorhyncha struthersii*

**CHARADRIIFORMES: Recurvirostridae**

Black-winged Stilt

*Himantopus himantopus*

**CHARADRIIFORMES: Charadriidae**

Little Ringed Plover  
Kentish Plover  
Lesser Sandplover

*Charadrius dubius*  
*Charadrius alexandrinus*  
*Charadrius [mongolus] atrifrons*

**CHARADRIIFORMES: Scolopacidae**

Eurasian Curlew  
Common Redshank  
Green Sandpiper  
Common Sandpiper

*Numenius arquata*  
*Tringa totanus*  
*Tringa ochropus*  
*Actitis hypoleucos*

**CHARADRIIFORMES: Laridae**

Pallas's Gull  
Brown-headed Gull

*Ichthyaelus ichthyaelus*  
*Larus brunnicephalus*

**CHARADRIIFORMES: Sternidae**

Common Tern

*Sterna hirundo tibetana*

**PTEROCLIDIFORMES: Pteroclididae**

Tibetan Sandgrouse  
Pallas's Sandgrouse

*Syrrhaptes tibetanus*  
*Syrrhaptes paradoxus*

**COLUMBIFORMES: Columbidae**

Rock Dove  
Hill Pigeon  
Snow Pigeon  
Eurasian Collared Dove  
Speckled Wood Pigeon  
Oriental Turtle Dove

*Columba livia*  
*Columba rupestris*  
*Columba leuconota*  
*Streptopelia decaocto*  
*Columba hodgsonii*  
*Streptopelia orientalis orientalis*

**PSITTACIFORMES: Psittacidae**

Lord Derby's Parakeet

*Psittacula derbiana*

**CUCULIFORMES: Cuculidae**



Common Cuckoo

*Cuculus canorus*

**STRIGIFORMES: Strigidae**

Little Owl

Eurasian Eagle Owl

*Athene noctua inpasta*

*Bubo bubo*

**APODIFORMES: Apodidae**

Himalayan Swiftlet

White-throated Needletail

Common Swift

Salim Ali's Swift

*Aerodramus brevirostris*

*Hirundapus caudacutus*

*Apus apus pekinensis*

*Apus salimali*

**CORACIIFORMES: Upupidae**

Hoopoe

*Upupa epops*

**PICIFORMES: Picidae**

Three-toed Woodpecker

Black Woodpecker

Grey-faced Woodpecker

*Picoides tridactylus funebris*

*Dryocopus martius*

*Picus canus sordidor*

**PASSERIFORMES: Alaudidae**

Tibetan Lark

Mongolian Lark

Hume's Short-toed Lark

Oriental Skylark

Horned Lark

*Melanocorypha maxima*

*Melanocorypha mongolica*

*Calandrella acutirostris tibetana*

*Alauda gulgula*

*Eremophila alpestris khamensis*

**PASSERIFORMES: Hirundinidae**

Pale Martin

Eurasian Crag Martin

Red-rumped Swallow

Asian House Martin

*Riparia diluta*

*Ptyonoprogne rupestris*

*Cecropis daurica*

*Delichon dasypus*

**PASSERIFORMES: Motacillidae**

Himalayan Wagtail

Amur Wagtail

Tibetan Wagtail

Richard's Pipit

Olive-backed Pipit

Rosy Pipit

*Motacilla alba alboides*

*Motacilla alba leucopsis*

*Motacilla [citreola] calcarata*

*Anthus richardi*

*Anthus hodgsoni hodgsoni*

*Anthus roseatus*

**PASSERIFORMES: Campephagidae**

Long-tailed Minivet

*Pericrocotus ethologus*

**PASSERIFORMES: Regulidae**

Goldcrest

*Regulus regulus yunnanensis*

**PASSERIFORMES: Cinclidae**

White-throated Dipper

*Cinclus cinclus przewalskii*

**PASSERIFORMES: Troglodytidae**

Winter Wren

*Troglodytes troglodytes szetschuanus*

**PASSERIFORMES: Prunellidae**

Alpine Accentor

Robin Accentor

Rufous-breasted Accentor

Brown Accentor

*Prunella collaris*

*Prunella rubeculoides*

*Prunella strophciata*

*Prunella fulvescens*

**PASSERIFORMES: Turdidae**

White-collared Blackbird

*Turdus albocinctus*

Tibetan Blackbird  
Chestnut Thrush  
Kessler's Thrush  
Chinese Thrush

*Turdus mandarinus maximus*  
*Turdus rubrocanus gouldi*  
*Turdus kessleri*  
*Turdus mupinensis*

**PASSERIFORMES: Sylviidae**

Severtzov's Tit Warbler  
Crested Tit Warbler  
Smoky Warbler  
Alpine Leaf Warbler  
Yellow-streaked Warbler  
Buff-barred Warbler  
Gansu Leaf Warbler  
Lemon-rumped Warbler  
Sichuan Leaf Warbler  
Chinese Leaf Warbler  
Hume's Leaf Warbler  
Greenish Warbler  
Large-billed Leaf Warbler  
Claudia's (Blyth's) Leaf Warbler  
Blyth's Leaf Warbler  
Whistler's Warbler

*Leptopoeile sophiae obscura*  
*Leptopoeile elegans*  
*Phylloscopus fulgiventis weigoldi*  
*Phylloscopus occisinensis*  
*Phylloscopus armandii armandii*  
*Phylloscopus pulcher pulcher*  
*Phylloscopus kansuensis*  
*Phylloscopus chloronotus chloronotus*  
*Phylloscopus [chloronotus] forresti*  
*Phylloscopus yunnanensis*  
*Phylloscopus humei mandellii*  
*Phylloscopus trochiloides*  
*Phylloscopus magnirostris*  
*Phylloscopus [reguloides] claudiae*  
*Phylloscopus reguloides*  
*Seicercus whistleri*

Heard only

**PASSERIFORMES: Muscicapidae**

Slaty-backed Flycatcher  
Siberian Rubythroat  
Himalayan Rubythroat  
Indian Blue Robin  
Siberian Bluetail  
Himalayan Bluetail  
Przevalski's Redstart  
Black Redstart  
Hodgson's Redstart  
White-throated Redstart  
Daurian Redstart  
Güldenstädt's Redstart  
Blue-fronted Redstart  
White-capped Redstart  
Plumbeous Redstart  
White-bellied Redstart  
Siberian Stonechat  
Grandala  
Isabelline Wheatear  
Pied Wheatear  
Desert Wheatear

*Ficedula hodgsonii*  
*Luscinia calliope*  
*Luscinia pectoralis tschebaiewi*  
*Luscinia brunnea*  
*Tarsiger cyanurus albocoeruleus*  
*Tarsiger rufilatus rufilatus*  
*Phoenicurus alaschanicus*  
*Phoenicurus ochruros rufiventris*  
*Phoenicurus hodgsoni*  
*Phoenicurus schisticeps*  
*Phoenicurus aureus*  
*Phoenicurus erythrogastrus*  
*Phoenicurus frontalis*  
*Chaimarrornis leucocephalus*  
*Rhyacornis fuliginosus*  
*Hodgsonius phaenicuroides*  
*Saxicola maurus przewalskii*  
*Grandala coelicolor*  
*Oenanthe isabellina*  
*Oenanthe pleschanka*  
*Oenanthe deserti*

**PASSERIFORMES: Timaliidae**

Giant Babax  
Kozlov's Babax  
Pere David's Laughingthrush  
Giant Laughingthrush  
Elliot's Laughingthrush  
Prince Henri's Laughingthrush  
Black-faced Laughingthrush  
Red-billed Leiothrix  
Chinese Fulvetta

*Babax waddelli*  
*Babax koslowi*  
*Pterorhinus davidi*  
*Ianthocincla maximus*  
*Garrulax elliotii*  
*Garrulax henrici*  
*Garrulax affinis*  
*Leiothrix lutea*  
*Alcippe striaticollis*

Heard only

**PASSERIFORMES: Paridae**

Willow Tit  
Sichuan Tit  
White-browed Tit  
Rufous-vented Tit  
Grey-crested Tit  
Japanese Tit  
  
Green-backed Tit  
Hume's Ground Tit

*Poecile montanus affinis*  
*Poecile [songarus] weigoldi*  
*Poecile superciliosa*  
*Periparus rubidiventris*  
*Lophophanes dichrous*  
*Parus minor minor*  
*Parus minor tibetanus*  
*Parus monticolus*  
*Pseudopodoces humilis*



**PASSERIFORMES: Sittidae**

Chestnut-vented Nuthatch  
Chinese Nuthatch  
Przevalski's Nuthatch

*Sitta nagaensis montium*  
*Sitta villosa bangsi*  
*Sitta przewalskii*

**PASSERIFORMES: Tichodromidae**

Wallcreeper

*Tichodroma muraria*

**PASSERIFORMES: Certhiidae**

Hodgson's Treecreeper

*Certhia hodgsoni*

**PASSERIFORMES: Laniidae**

Tiger Shrike  
Isabelline Shrike  
Grey-backed Shrike  
Tibetan Grey Shrike

*Lanius tigrinus*  
*Lanius isabellinus tsaidamenis*  
*Lanius tephronotus*  
*Lanius [sphenocercus] giganteus*

**PASSERIFORMES: Dicruridae**

Black Drongo

*Dicrurus macrocercus*

**PASSERIFORMES: Corvidae**

Azure-winged Magpie  
Eurasian Magpie

Henderson's Ground Jay  
Spotted Nutcracker  
Red-billed Chough  
Daurian Jackdaw  
Rook  
Oriental (Carrion) Crow  
Large-billed Crow  
Common Raven

*Cyanopica cyanus kansuensis*  
*Pica pica bottanensis*  
*Pica pica sericea*  
*Podoces hendersoni*  
*Nucifraga caryocatactes macella*  
*Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax himalayanus*  
*Corvus dauuricus insolens*  
*Corvus frugilegus pastinator*  
*Corvus [corone] orientalis*  
*Corvus japonensis tibetosinensis*  
*Corvus corax tibetanus*

**PASSERIFORMES: Emberizidae**

Black-faced Bunting  
Kozlov's Bunting  
Pine Bunting  
Godlewski's Bunting  
Meadow Bunting

*Emberiza spodocephala*  
*Emberiza koslowi*  
*Emberiza leucocephalos*  
*Emberiza godlewskii*  
*Emberiza cioides*

**PASSERIFORMES: Urocynchramidae**

Przevalski's Finch

*Urocynchramus pylzowi*

**PASSERIFORMES: Fringillidae**

Plain Mountain Finch  
Brandt's Mountain Finch  
Mongolian Finch  
Crimson-browed Finch  
Common Rosefinch  
Chinese Beautiful Rosefinch  
Pink-rumped Rosefinch  
Pale Rosefinch  
Chinese White-browed Rosefinch  
Streaked Rosefinch  
Spotted Great Rosefinch  
Red-fronted Rosefinch  
Roborovski's Rosefinch  
Red Crossbill  
Oriental Greenfinch  
Black-headed Greenfinch  
Twite  
Tibetan Siskin  
Grey-headed Bullfinch  
White-winged Grosbeak

*Leucosticte nemoricola*  
*Leucosticte brandti*  
*Bucanetes mongolicus*  
*Pinicola subhimachalus*  
*Carpodacus erythrinus roseatus*  
*Carpodacus davidianus*  
*Carpodacus eos*  
*Carpodacus synoicus beicki*  
*Carpodacus dubius*  
*Carpodacus rubicilloides*  
*Carpodacus severtzovi*  
*Carpodacus puniceus*  
*Carpodacus roborowskii*  
*Loxia curvirostra*  
*Carduelis sinica*  
*Carduelis ambigua*  
*Carduelis flavirostris miniakensis*  
*Serinus thibetanus*  
*Pyrrhula erythaca*  
*Mycerobas carnipes*

### **PASSERIFORMES: Passeridae**

Russet Sparrow  
Eurasian Tree Sparrow  
Rock Sparrow  
Henri's Snowfinch  
Black-winged Snowfinch  
White-rumped Snowfinch  
Père David's Snowfinch  
Rufous-necked Snowfinch  
Blanford's Snowfinch

*Passer rutilans*  
*Passer montanus*  
*Petronia petronia brevirostris*  
*Montifringilla henrici*  
*Montifringilla adamsi*  
*Onychostruthus taczanowskii*  
*Pyrgilauda davidiana*  
*Pyrgilauda ruficollis*  
*Montifringilla blanfordi*

### **MAMMALS**

Himalayan Marmot  
Desert Hamster  
Gansu Pika  
Plateau Pika  
Glover's Pika  
Long-eared Pika  
Woolly Hare  
Tibetan Fox  
Red Fox  
Wolf  
Mountain Weasel  
Asian Badger  
Kiang  
Tibetan Gazelle  
Goitered Gazelle  
Domestic Yak  
Wild Yak  
Tibetan Antelope  
Blue Sheep

*Marmota himalayana*  
*Phodopus roborovskii*  
*Ochotona cansus*  
*Ochotona curzoniae*  
*Ochotona gloveri*  
*Ochotona macrotis*  
*Lepus oiostolus*  
*Vulpes ferrilata*  
*Vulpes vulpes*  
*Canis lupes*  
*Mustela altaica*  
*Meles leucurus*  
*Equus hemionus*  
*Procapra picticaudata*  
*Gazella subgutturosa*  
*Bos grunniens*  
*Bos mutus*  
*Pantholops hadgsonii*  
*Pseudois nayaur*



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