

## Tour Report Sichuan's Sensational Mammals & Birds 25 Oct – 10 Nov 2025

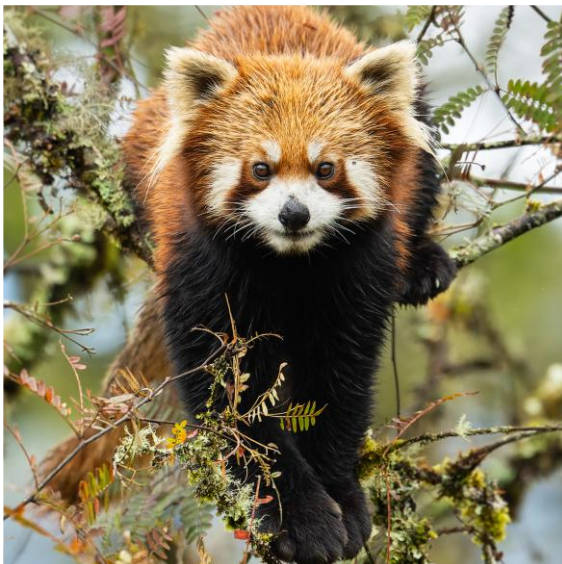
Golden snub-nosed monkey



Tibetan fox



Red panda



Golden pheasant



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This was our first trip to China in six years, as COVID and travel restrictions had closed off travel to China for several years. It was exciting to be able to organise tours again, and we started with a flourish with sightings of eleven red pandas and three hog badgers in the first two days...it was good to be back!

Over the course of the next two weeks, we were to enjoy several highlights: Watching two Tibetan wolves strolling down a grassy valley, a Chinese mountain cat a few metres away, eagles soaring overhead, a morning with golden snub-nosed monkeys watching them play, fight and groom. Besides the wildlife, there were magnificent snow-peaked mountain passes, steep valleys ablaze with autumnal red, golds and greens and stunning mountain river valleys. However, what ultimately makes a tour enjoyable is the group. The group were kind, considerate, appreciative and above all else, a lot of fun, making our return to China a very successful one.

**Saturday 25 October 2025**

**Day 1:**

London Heathrow

Some of the group left Heathrow on time at 12:20 pm. The flight was smooth, and despite being a long flight, it passed quickly. It was an overnight flight due to the time differences, and we arrived in Hong Kong on time the next day.

**Sunday 26 October 2025**

**Day 2:**

Arrival in Chengdu

Once at Hong Kong International Airport, we met up with the other half of the group and had only one more to collect at Chengdu arrivals. The flight was slightly bumpy, but the views over the cities and countryside were spectacular. We arrived at Chengdu and had to navigate the tedious administration to enter the country before we finally collected our bags and met with David (our local guide and our last member of the trip), who had flown from Adelaide.

After introductions, we set off to board our minibus for the trip, which was spacious and comfortable. We then drove northwest towards our hotel just outside the entrance to Labahe National Park. After a brief comfort stop, we headed on to the hotel and arrived just before dark. We had a few minutes to unpack and get ready for dinner at 7:30 pm. The meal was an array of meat and vegetarian dishes, and the tofu was marinated in the spicy Sichuan sauce, a delicious meal to start the tour. There was the bonus of a large herd of sambar deer coming down to the hotel grounds as it became dark, lit by the hotel lights.

After dinner, we then gathered our gear for the night walk around 8:30 pm. Despite the long journey for some, the group were remarkably up for the walk, and it proved a very decent walk. Our first sighting was of an attractive masked palm civet, which we watched for a little while as it made its way down the far bank,

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until it was lost from view. Following this, we walked upstream for a while a spotted more sambar deer and two or three attractive red and white flying squirrels. We also found a Chinese goral in a forest clearing. It was a little hard to find as it tended to disappear into the vegetation, but eventually, we all got a reasonable view of it. On the return walk, we found a forest musk deer, which was a great sighting as these are often elusive and are now becoming scarce. We then arrived back at the hotel and were all ready to catch up on some sleep. After bidding each other 'goodnight', we arranged to meet for breakfast at 7:30 am with an optional walk at 7 am.



**Monday 27 October 2025**

**Day 3:**

Labahe National Park

After a good night's sleep, everyone turned up for the morning walk along the stream. There was a good mix of birds on the stream and surrounding vegetation. On the stream, there were the expected redstarts and white wagtail with the bonus of a little fork-tail. This was a great sighting, as these can be tricky. Then woodland birds included green-backed tit, Daurian redstart and Japanese tit. Perhaps the pick of the sightings was the party of red-billed blue magpies as they flew through the undergrowth above us. Not a bad start to the day as we headed in for our buffet breakfast. The breakfast was a selection of traditional Chinese dishes, with coffee sachets as a nod to the Western palate. It was tasty and filling, and there was also a handful of fresh bananas, which we decided to take with us as a snack whilst hiking in the park, a decision that some would later regret!

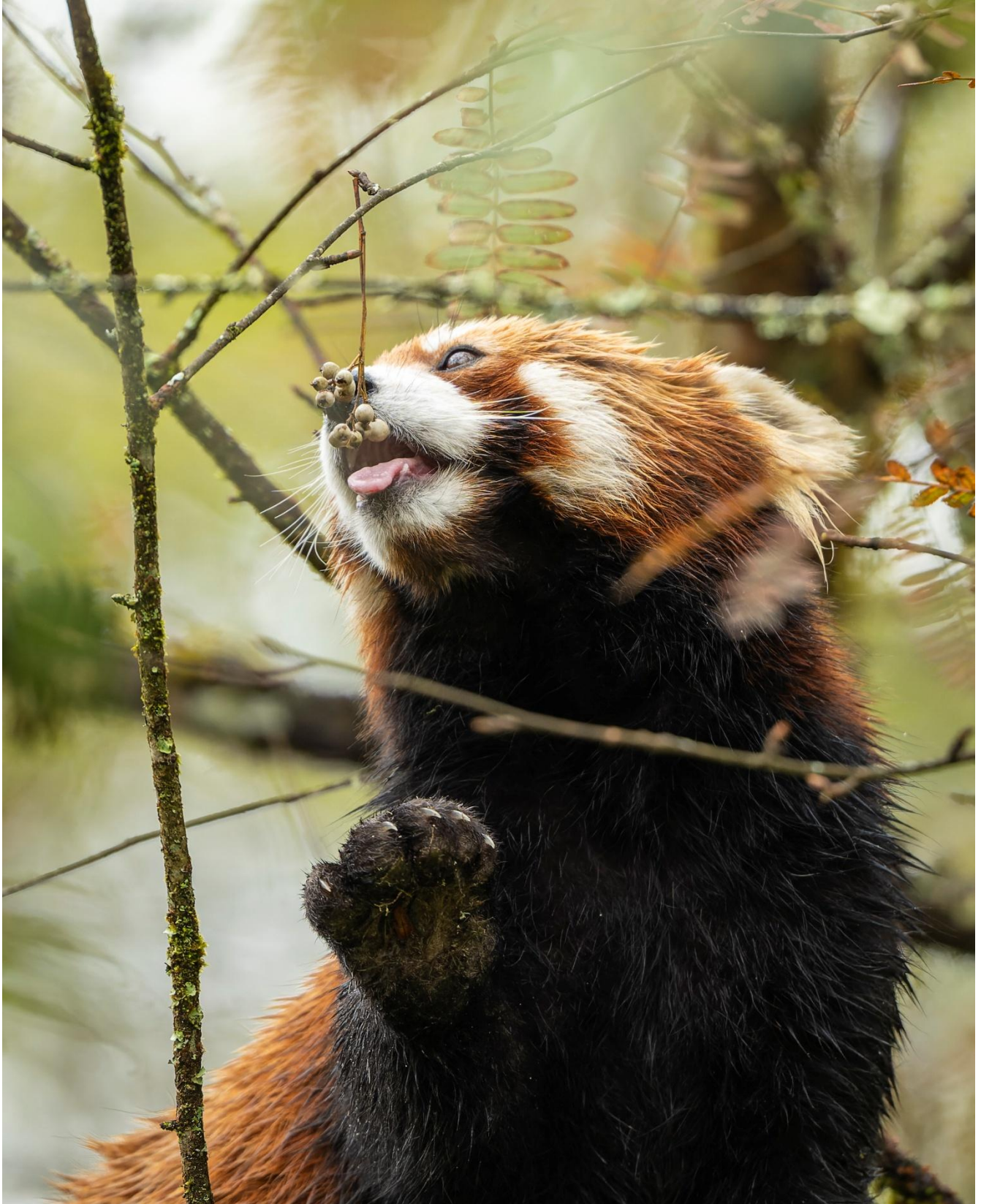
We drove to the park entrance after breakfast and boarded the park bus to the top of the road. At the top were a variety of restaurants and a visitors' centre, which we would later return to for lunch. Meanwhile, we had wildlife to find, with our main targets being the red panda and Lady Amerhurst's pheasant. After alighting from the bus, we searched around the surrounding forest for signs of red panda. It was a glorious morning with bright blue skies and warming sunshine, and despite the altitude and time of year, it was surprisingly mild and gradually getting warmer.

After scouring the trees, we decided to walk down the trail to see if we could find a panda; however, we didn't get far as a young Chinese man ran past us, alerting us to a red panda sighting. We followed him back up and were quickly on to our first red panda of the day. This adorable creature performed well as it hunted around the trees picking berries, giving exceptional close and clear views. We watched this rather dark-looking red panda for about 30 minutes before it curled up into a rusty coloured fur ball and went to sleep.

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We set off again down the hill and very quickly came across our second panada viewing, this one was very actively feeding and giving even closer views. The morning was soon full of panada sightings ranging from mid-distance down to a few feet. It was extraordinary to have so many sightings and at such proximity. We had at least seven individuals and a couple of multiple sightings of the same panada. We were replete with our panda sightings, and as we made our way down the road, our focus switched to the active birdlife. Some of the highlights were Elliot's and black-faced laughingthrushes, Himalayan blue-tail and a variety of tits,



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redstarts and flycatchers. We also picked up a couple of accentor species, including the delightful maroon-backed accentor.

A little further down the road, we scanned for pheasants in the gullies. Richard was convinced he had seen a Lady Amherst's pheasant, and we all stared intently down the valley to try and get a sighting of this beautiful bird. A little further down from where it was originally seen, it finally broke cover and darted quickly along the gully and back into cover. Sadly, most people missed it as they were focused on the original spot where it was sighted. We continued picking up a variety of bird species before wandering to the macaque territory, where the banana-sporting error was quickly realised. Michael had decided to keep his banana on the outside of his rucksack, which was quickly spotted by the group's alpha male. A tense confrontation developed as the macaques and in particular the alpha male, attempted to intimidate us into giving up our food. Michael was particularly targeted and eventually bravely threw the banana away into the shrubs. This did afford us some respite, but there were renewed hostilities, which weren't helped by Andrew openly noshing on a banana when we thought we had reached comparative safety. This encouraged another bout of intimidation, but thankfully, it died down when they were distracted by another group of Chinese tourists and headed off to see if they could elicit some more food from them, which, of course, they did. Finally free of the macaque attack, we jumped on board a bus and went back to the top for lunch. We ordered our meals, which again were very tasty and for some a little spicy. After lunch, we decided to head back down to the bus stop area and have another attempt at the Lady Amherst's pheasant.



We headed back down the valley, and it was very quiet. The panadas had retreated to roost and the birds were generally quiet. We picked up a few birds on route and added large-billed crow and spotted nutcracker to our species list, among a few others that gave more of the group to get better views. These included the Himalayan blue-tail and rufous-chested accentor. Richard probably also spotted another pheasant as it darted through the bamboo thickets; however, it was yet again only a glimpse and most of the guests missed it.

At this point, we decided that we would jump on the bus and head back to the entrance. There was a general desire for coffee, but unfortunately, that was not forthcoming. We decided then to walk the stream trail back to the hotel. It was a lovely walk alongside the glacial meltwater cascading down the valley. We picked up a few of the usual birds on the stream, including white-capped and plumbeous redstarts. We then came across a small party of mixed bird species. They were very active and flitting, often silhouetted, making identification tricky. We did make out our white-collared yuhina and red-billed leiothrix, but others eluded us, including some warbler species. We eventually arrived back at the hotel, where most opted for some downtime, but a few went back to the mixed flock to see if they could get better views from higher up on the road. This worked out quite well as we added collard finch bill and chestnut-vented nuthatch to our sightings.

Everyone then had a couple of hours of downtime before dinner at 7:30 pm. The meal was like the previous evening's and was enjoyed by all. We then spent a little time on bird identification and compiling the species list for today and yesterday. It was gratifying to have already seen eight mammal species and some great birds. The meal was enjoyed in a fun atmosphere as we recounted the day's events. We then got ready for a night walk back down the river to the park entrance.

We met again at 9 pm and walked over the bridge to the river path. There was a light drizzle, but not as heavy as the previous evening. As usual, there were sambar deer about in good numbers. However, the walk seemed quiet as the other mammals detected were sleeping. We left the Tibetan macaques undisturbed! The evening was somewhat rescued by the sightings of masked palm civets. We spotted at least four of these

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handsome mustelids in two separate sightings. One sighting was along the riverbank at very close quarters, giving brief but excellent views. The walk back was equally quiet, but it was an enjoyable walk. Simon found some moths to play with at the hotel entrance, including one or two lovely marked specimens. The rest of us went back to our rooms to get some rest.

**Tuesday 26 October 2025**

**Day 4:**

Labahe National Park

We again met at 7 am, just before daylight, and this time walked downstream to an area of shrubs and berries. From the roadside, once it became light, we had excellent views of the mixed flock of birds attracted to the berries and shrubs. There were stripe-throated and white collared yuhina, collard finch-bill, red-billed leiothrix, green-backed tit and red-billed blue magpie and other common species. We then made our way back to the hotel for our buffet breakfast, which was almost the same as yesterday, but enough variety for all.



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After breakfast, we got ourselves ready for a walk to the national park rather than take the bus. We set off around 8:15 am to walk along the river; however, an encounter with an aggressive pair of Tibetan macaques made us review our decision. We decided discretion was the better part of valour and walked back up the river and took the road. We still had to walk past the macaques, but these seemed much more docile, thankfully. We paused on route at our birding 'hotspot' and had our first woodpecker of the trip in the form of a necklaced woodpecker (formerly known as a crimson-breasted woodpecker). A high-flying raptor overhead was tentatively identified as a crested goshawk due to the shape and rounded wings. We then reached the entrance and decided to take the shuttle bus to the top.



We all alighted at the top, and as we got out, we noticed a group admiring a red panda, where we had seen one the day before. We walked over and looked at the panda, but it was partially obscured and having had such great views previously, we decided to check out a flock of birds to our left. Another group were already watching the bird flock, and we joined them for a brief period, enjoying the mixed flock which included Sichuan treecreeper, grey-hooded fulvetta, grey-crested tit, black-browed bushtit, Darjeeling woodpecker and many others. We also added a new mammal for the trip, but unfortunately, only a couple of people saw the Swinhoe's striped squirrel as it was distant and obscured in the woodland.

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The birds eventually flew through and we left the area and started our descent down the hill. The cooler, cloudy conditions meant that the bird activity was a little quieter than the sunny morning of yesterday, but we picked up birds steadily. There were also a few red panda sightings, and our tally of five pandas probably reflects the naturally low effort we put into finding them, as there were more around.

We carried on down the hill, looking out for wildlife as we went but also admiring the beautiful scenery in the park, and particularly the autumnal colours of the mixed primary woodland on the steep valley sides. The sun did threaten to burst through, but it remained cloudy throughout the day, but reasonably mild temperatures. We searched for our primary target of the Lady Amherst's pheasant, after having tantalising glimpses, we picked up a few other birds. In the end, we didn't manage to find another pheasant but consoled ourselves with some nice woodland birds. The male Himalayan bluetail was much admired and other new birds included Siberian stonechat and chestnut bunting (female). After walking a side trail, we decided it was time to head back for lunch and caught the bus back up. Lunch consisted of rice, noodles and dumplings as we relaxed at the restaurant. After a satisfying lunch, we caught the bus down to the next station and decided to walk down to the entrance. We took a detour along the Red Rock Trail, which was initially a little crowded until the paths diverged. Virtually everyone went up to the right, but we stayed left. We picked up a few birds along the way but it was again a little quiet. As we made our way back to the main road, some caught the bus back to the entrance and others walked the six miles or so back to the entrance. It was a tiring but enjoyable walk and we picked up a few new birds on the way.

At the entrance, we were met by our friendly bus driver, Mr Khao. We were very pleased to see him, as we were all quite tired by now. We drove back to the hotel to have a little downtime before meeting for dinner at 7:30 pm.

We met in the restaurant for dinner at the allocated time and enjoyed a familiar array of traditional dishes and chatted in a relaxed, light-hearted atmosphere. After dinner we got ready for a night drive and then set off down the access road to the national park, which was very quiet for traffic. It was yet another drizzly night but thankfully no heavy rain. Sightings were initially a little slow, then we managed to spot a series of goral, including a mother and kid on one occasion. After the goral procession we spotted the odd sambar deer, but little else. Suddenly, a cry of hog badger from David got everyone's attention as two of these lovely creatures were feeding by the side of the road, giving fantastic views. As people got out of the minibus to photograph and/or get a closer look, the badgers moved off but hung around for a brief period before disappearing. Incredibly, a little further on, we had another single hog badger, which was again at the roadside. This one was a little more skittish and moved off as soon as the door opened. Besides a few more sambar, that was the end of the sightings and we arrived at the hotel soon after. A few tired but happy guests trudged off to bed, having enjoyed some excellent wildlife.

Simon had set up a moth trap before we set out and we looked at what he had attracted. There were some gorgeous moths but the pick of the bunch was probably one large silk moth type with a red and blue underwing... almost as good as seeing the badgers! Now it was time to get some sleep after a full but very enjoyable day.

**Wednesday 29 October 2025**

#### **Day 5:**

Drive to Wolong National Park

We woke to a steady drizzle and only Michael was around for the early morning walk at 7 am. We walked down to the entrance along the road, noting a Chinese pond heron as we went. We stopped at the berry bush having scanned the river, seeing the familiar redstarts. We had some lovely views of leiothrix and finchbills, but nothing new. We got back for breakfast just after 7:30 am and enjoyed the familiar buffet lunch.

After lunch, we were alerted to a white-breasted waterhen out by where the sambar come to eat. We went to the window and quickly found the bird; in the distance was a small flock of red-billed blue magpies. After

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breakfast, we loaded the minibus and set off for Wolong. This is about a four-hour journey, but we scheduled in a stop at Cilanghu Wetland Park in Xinchengcun. After a couple of hours of a largely uneventful drive, we arrived at the park. Out on the lake were many beautiful mandarin ducks and some grebes. The grounds of the park were also very productive with Eurasian kingfisher, speckled piculet among the favourite birds seen. After an enjoyable hour and a half, we then set off for lunch at Mingshan. We had a delicious lunch with a variety of traditional dishes and after we took advantage of being in a town to visit a supermarket and an ATM. More than one fluffy toy panda was purchased!

We then drove on to Wolong through a large area of tea plantations. We had a brief toilet stop, whilst the driver took on board some more fuel. We then headed to a site known for golden pheasant, but despite our efforts, we failed to find this elusive bird and had to be content with a smattering of woodland birds and an Eastern buzzard. We also picked up a new bird for the trip in the form of a buffy-throated warbler. As the evening darkened, it was time to push on towards the hotel and after around an hour's drive, we arrived at the hotel.

It was a newly built hotel in the village of Zumushan. It was clean, bright and modern with large twin beds. We all met for dinner at 7:45 pm and chatted amiably whilst enjoying some of the best food we had sampled so far on the trip, with plenty of vegetarian options.

With no night drive available, we completed the checklist and decided on an early bed as tomorrow we had to be up by 5:00 am. We bade each other 'goodnight' and went to our rooms to get some rest.

**Thursday 30 October 2025**

**Day 6:**

**Wolong National Park**

Today we had a full day in Wolong National Park and made the most of it by meeting for breakfast at 5:30 am and setting off up the valley by 6 am. The drive took about an hour and as the light began to seep into the morning, a rosy hue appeared back down in the valley, creating a stunning scene with the snow-covered mountains as the backdrop. We were then high up near a pass in the Balang Shan mountains.

Our first stop was by the old road just before the long tunnel to the pass. We alighted from the bus and quickly crossed the road to the gap in the barriers. Once safely on the old road, we explored the area looking for pheasants and scanning the mountain sides for Chinese monal. Despite all the scanning, we could not find any of our target species. We did have a few new species, such as collared grosbeak and spot-throated redstart. We decided to drive through the tunnel and over the pass to the next valley.

We parked up a side road and walked along a quiet road leading up the hill. The birds were quite active with lots of tits, warblers and a variety of others. However, our main target was proving elusive as the ants could be heard but only tantalising glimpses could be had. Eventually, our patience paid off and we were rewarded with fantastic views of these beautiful birds as they emerged out of the thickets into the open. After this excitement, we began to see some exceptional birds with lammergeier, golden eagle and Himalayan vulture. Of the smaller birds, the white browed and Chinese fulvetta were the highlights in scarcity, but everyone enjoyed the beauty of the white-browed and pink-rumped rosefinches.



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We now had to return to the minibus for lunch, which was mainly 'pot noodles'. David had also done a bit of shopping and we enjoyed bananas, cookies, mini-marathons and coffee, which enhanced the lunch no end.

The afternoon walk after lunch was quiet, but the call of a Chinese monal raised hopes of a sighting, which alas was not to be. More rosefinches were seen and some more common birds, but Dave and Nicky were lucky enough to spot a flock of snow pigeons, delightful and much sought-after birds. With no luck in finding the blue sheep or any other mammals we decided to head back to the hotel.

Swapping vehicles, as the minibus was unable to make the narrow road up to the temple, we had another attempt at the golden pheasant at the nearby Lama Temple. We had a nice late afternoon stroll, but the pheasant remained elusive. We did hear and see in the gathering gloom a barred laughingthrush. It was difficult to make out the key features of the bird and better views would be desired, but the call was key to identifying the bird and hopefully, we will see it again in better light. That concluded the wildlife watching for the day and we returned to the hotel to get prepared for dinner and packing to leave in the morning.

## **Friday 31 October 2025**

### **Day 7:**

Drive to Ruoergai

We had a simple early breakfast at 6 am consisting of eggs, bread, spreads and fruit. We were able to get through breakfast and loaded into the minibus in good time as we had a long journey ahead of us. We set off whilst it was still dark, hoping to get through as much the motorway section of the journey as possible.

We stopped for a convenience break and then for a delicious lunch. We had planned then to stop at a site to look for cranes, but all our plans unravelled when we found ourselves in a gridlock on the highway. Three lorries had somehow squeezed together, blocking both lanes of traffic. This caused a long tailback, which rapidly turned into chaos as cars, buses and lorries went down the oncoming lane to try and find a way through. Our only option was to wait until the blockage was resolved and we could continue our journey.

Several hours passed before emergency services were able to clear a track so some of the stuck traffic could clear the crash site. It was another hour or so before we could continue on our way as they finally removed the trucks, opening only our lane. This meant we could get through but progress was slow as other cars were on our side of the road going the opposite way! Finally, we were free of the carnage but still had a four-hour journey ahead of us. Despite the tedious frustration, everyone remained in great spirits and was good-humoured throughout the ordeal. We even managed a little birdwatching whilst we had waited.

We arrived at our hotel around 11:30 pm. Everyone was exhausted and eating our dinner was not an option. David distributed some snacks to all and we retired to our rooms after completing all the formalities, looking forward to a better day tomorrow.

## **Saturday 1 November 2025**

### **Day 8:**

Ruoergai

We met in the hotel lobby at 6:30 am to get an early start to the wildlife watching in the steppe grasslands. We had a packed breakfast on the bus as we made our way to an unfinished side road that gave access to a valley of steppe grassland and undulating hills. In the distance, taller jagged peaks gave a more dramatic backdrop.

The day started well and just seemed to get better all day, which was the perfect antidote for the frustrations of yesterday. We enjoyed the small birds and pikas, which were in abundance. Snow finches, ground tits,

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horn larks and twites were seemingly everywhere, along with the handsome white-winged redstart. Tibetan gazelles were seen in the distance and were viewed through the scopes to appreciate them. We were to have several sightings of the gazelles and some much closer throughout the day. We also saw three very handsome red foxes and had a tantalising glimpse of a Tibeurasian pgyetan fox before it disappeared over a ridge.

An upland buzzard was a fascinating encounter as it managed to land and snatch a pika. As it was demolishing the unfortunate victim, a second buzzard swooped in to try and share the spoils. We enjoyed a few minutes watching this encounter unfold and getting some great photographs. Then a wave of excitement buzzed through the group when Dave spotted a mammal that turned out to be a Chinese mountain cat, rarely seen in broad daylight. We had great views of this charming cat as it was eating some small prey. We waited until it had finished its meal and tried to approach a little closer. Whilst still getting great views, it then disappeared into a gully and was lost from view. It was a special sighting as these cats, like so many others, are difficult to observe.



The action didn't stop there as the grey clouds started to lighten and the sun threatened to burst through, we began to see a variety of raptors and vultures appearing over the hilltops and soaring low over the hills. We had amazing views of lammergeier, steppe eagle, saker and buzzards. We watched in awe as this raptor fest unfolded, getting some great photos and generally admiring the birds as they soared over the hills and occasionally over our heads.

After a fantastic morning, we decided to take a break and go for lunch. David found a local restaurant that was still open (a lot of places were closing for the coming winter months). We had a large and delicious meal and relaxed and chatted happily in a friendly atmosphere. Our hosts were charming and had a lovely sense of fun despite the language barrier.

It was now time to get back into the fray, and we drove back along the unfinished road to walk and drive some more. Not long after we returned and were still enjoying the raptors, Dave suddenly shouted 'Wolf' (The man was on fire!). Sure enough, two grey wolves trotted into view across the open grasslands. We were able



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to follow and enjoy this spectacle for about 15 minutes before they were finally lost from view. What an amazing experience! The group was ecstatic over this sighting, for many, their first sighting of this magnificent creature. The sightings still didn't let up and over the next few hours we had great views of Tibetan partridge, Himalayan vulture, more gazelles, blue sheep and a little later, hen harrier and finally of three beautiful Tibetan foxes..... what an incredible day!

It was hard to leave, but we finally clawed ourselves away and headed back to the hotel to get ready for our evening meal. Everyone was shattered but elated from the day, and the group made the unanimous decision to cancel the night drive and get an early night.



We drove to an unusual, back street restaurant where we had a private room. The food was plentiful and delicious. The service was friendly and prompt. The weary group had just enough energy to do a little shopping before driving back to the hotel and getting some much-needed rest to go again tomorrow.

**Sunday 2 November 2025**

**Day 9:**  
Ruoergai

We all (mostly!) met at 6:30 am to drive to the unfinished road. Overnight, there had been quite heavy snowfall so it would be interesting to see what difference that made to our sightings. Just before we reached the turn off, we came across a family of black-necked cranes and were able to photograph and admire these beautiful birds.

We continued, reaching the road through the valley around 8:15 am. The valley was covered in snow and the backdrop of jagged mountains, now cloaked in snow, added to the dramatic and beautiful scenery of the

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valley. We had a sighting of a Tibetan fox and gazelles; there were also large mixed flocks of larks and snow buntings swirling around. We decided to start at the other end of the valley and walk back down, bumping into another wildlife group cemented that decision.



We drove to the other end of the road and alighted from the bus. A thick cold mist clung to the valley floor, making viewing difficult and the wildlife seem a little quiet. Unsurprisingly, the morning was a little slow. We walked along, admiring the winter wonderland the snow had created. We focused on the small birds whilst scanning for any larger moving wildlife. We found more gazelles as a herd of about five scampered up the hillside. The other group had left to visit a wetland, so we had the valley to ourselves.

As the morning wore on, we began to see the odd bird of prey and large vultures soaring across the cold, grey skies. We eventually met up with the bus and stopped for a coffee and chocolate break. We decided on a slow drive up and down the valley to cover more ground as the sightings were at a premium.

We drove slowly back up the road and back down with limited sightings. On the return leg, things became a little more interesting. Whilst watching some birds of prey, Nicky noticed the earth mound to the side of the bus move. We realised that a zokor was excavating its burrow and waited to see if this fascinating creature would appear. Sadly, it didn't, but it was unusual behaviour to witness. Soon, the birds of prey were showing in earnest. Dave (who else?) noticed a hen harrier dive and catch a pika. As we watched him devour his victim (The harrier not Dave), a juvenile golden eagle soared in and robbed the harrier of its catch. The harrier moved off by passing us at almost eye level. A little while later, we were watching a steppe eagle when two young golden eagles appeared, one being mobbed by a kestrel. After some great experiences with eagles, falcons, harriers and vultures, we decided to return for lunch.

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Along the road back to the hotel we had at least three sightings of Tibetan fox and several more sightings of birds of prey. We also saw a couple of family groups of the black-necked crane. We arrived back in the city and had lunch at the same venue as last night, before returning to the hotel.

We rested and met again at 3:15 pm to return to the valley and enjoy a dusk/night drive. This time it was glorious afternoon sunshine and we arrived at the valley in glorious late afternoon golden light. The snow had melted away even from some of the higher peaks and we were excited to see what we could find. Sightings came thick and fast as we found both red and Tibetan foxes and astonishingly three separate Chinese mountain cats, including two at the same time. We then focused as much as we could on seeing Palla's cat; this elusive cat remained just that and we unfortunately weren't able to find one and had to make do with gazelles and eagles.

The sun set, turning the sky magenta and we stopped to eat our packed meal as the sun slipped below the horizon and it was now a night drive. It was a slow start as the first drive down to the junction revealed very little of the night creatures. The return leg was much more productive as we had a further four sightings of Chinese mountain cat and numerous foxes. The only new mammal was a woolly hare, which hung around for a little while until we attempted to photograph it. That was the last of our sightings as we made our way back to the junction and the drive back to the hotel.

We arrived back all a little weary, but happy to have had an enjoyable day. We arranged to meet at 6:45 am the next morning for our trip to Baxi forest, looking for birds and deer. We bade each other 'goodnight' and went to our rooms as another day ended.

## Monday 3 November 2025

### Day 10:

#### Ruoergai

We all met in the lobby at 6:45 am and boarded the bus for the trip to Baxi. We set off on the 45-minute journey to the forest. The morning soon lightened to reveal a steady fall of snow. We arrived at a pull-in and had coffee and breakfast whilst we scanned for deer species. We drew a blank and decided to walk through the woodland to look for forest species. The cold, snowy morning seemed to have slowed bird activity, too. The forests that are usually brimming with bird life were remarkably quiet with a few laughing-thrushes and rosefinches calling.

We decided to drive back up the valley and try another spot. On route, David called out 'pheasant' and sure enough up on a hillside was a flock of around 30 blue-eared pheasants. We decided to walk up the hillside to get a closer look. As we walked, the snow eased and the morning warmed a little. Suddenly, the birds were much more active and we started to see a few species of birds, as well as enjoying the gorgeous blue-eared pheasants.

When we were sated with the pheasants, we moved to another lay-by and scanned for deer species, but again none were visible. We made the decision then to return to the town and have lunch in our now familiar room in the back of the high street. The food was delicious and overly plentiful as always. We arranged to visit the Ruoergai Wetland Centre, about a 50-minute drive away.

This turned out to be an excellent decision as we caught the shuttle bus to the boardwalk and then set off on foot around this enormous reserve. There were four and a half kilometres of boardwalk to access the large lake, but this was only a fraction of the vast one million-hectare reserve. The bird life was phenomenal, quartering the peat bogs were hen harriers and overhead vultures and buzzards soared. Out over the lake, several white-tailed eagles were resting on the reedy islands and occasionally taking off, showing their very impressive wingspan. On the water were a wide selection of ducks, waders, grebes and geese. In the reeds pond, herons and egrets lurked. All this bird activity was set against a stunning backdrop of snow-capped mountains in every direction and capped off by now glorious sunshine.

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We wanted to have one more visit to the valley of the unfinished road and hoped we could get lucky and find the elusive Pallas' cat. We drove slowly through the valley and had some great sightings of now familiar creatures; however, one sighting of a Chinese mountain cat was very special as it stopped only a few metres from our bus and allowed us to take some great photos before it bounded off and back to its lair.

We were also lucky to witness the bone-smashing behaviour of lammergeiers. Known for feeding on bones, their technique involves flying, gaining altitude before dropping the bones onto the rocks below and eating the fragments. Watching them do it was a special treat as we were given a ringside seat to this fascinating behaviour.

As the evening gradually darkened, the weather deteriorated and a low-lying cloud made spotting difficult and obscured distant hills. We carried on and the cloud cover drifted off and more would blow in. We still manage excellent views of foxes and mountain cats and after dark, added another woolly hare. We made the difficult decisions with sightings slowing up to head back to the hotel for an early night and to give everyone the chance to pack for the drive in the morning to our next locations.

We arrived back at the hotel around 8:15 pm and dispersed to our rooms after an excellent day of wildlife watching in a diverse variety of habitats. We arranged to meet for a 7:30 am breakfast.

## **Tuesday 4 November 2025**

### **Day 11:**

Drive to Baihe

We all met at 7:30 am and breakfast at the hotel was a buffet affair, which was fine, but little for the vegetarians. However, the food is so plentiful that having a light breakfast was welcome for all of us.

We set off at 8:15 am, having loaded the bus with all our luggage. We then set off for Baxi forest. We arrived around 9 am and scanned the hillsides for deer and pheasants. There seemed to be little on the move, but eventually David found some Siberian roe deer feeding on a far hillside.

Having at least found one species of deer, we were happy to move on and explore the forest for our target birds and anything we may find. The forest again was very quiet and not even the common species were calling or visible. After a while, our patience paid off and we were able to find at least two of our target species and first Przewalski's nuthatch and then the exquisite crested tit warbler came into view. After this, we had a handful of more common birds but little else and so we headed back to the minibus. We picked up a few more species in the shrubs around the pull-in in but nothing new. We decided to drive on to get lunch at a nearby village en route.

The lunch was filling and plentiful (huge!) with a slightly different variation on the traditional Sichuan dishes. After lunch, we drove on through spectacular scenic valleys and snow-capped mountains. The azure sky was cloudless and sunny, casting a beautiful light over the mountain range. We stopped for a photoshoot and watched vultures and golden eagles soar over the snowy peaks....magical! We continued down into the pine-clad valleys and had one last comfort stop before our destination. It was a quaint village that looked like a throwback to a hundred years ago with some modern touches. The river that ran through the village was quite productive, allowing most to catch up with the brown dipper, reacquaint with the aquatic redstarts and added a red collared dove, which was new for the trip.

We were soon on our way for the last leg of the trip and arrived just after 6:30 pm. We got settled in our rooms and later enjoyed a relaxed and enjoyable meal and even managed to catch up with the checklist. After dinner, we all drifted back to our rooms to get ready for our hopeful encounter with some monkeys!

## **Wednesday 5 November 2025**

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## Day 12:

### Baihe & drive to Tangjiahe

This morning, we had the comparative luxury of a late start as we met for breakfast at 7:30 am. David had prepared a fruit, bread and spreads breakfast, which made a change. We ate our fill and met back at the minibus for 8:15 am with all our luggage and drove to the Baihe Nature Reserve.

We boarded the shuttle bus that took us to the bottom of a six-kilometre boardwalk around the reserve. It was a steep climb, but with some huffing and puffing, we all made it to the first viewing platform. We then had a magical couple of hours in the company of a troop of golden snub-nosed monkeys. We watched as the teenagers play-fought to exert dominance, the males and females grooming each other, but most of all, a lot of hugging. Cameras whirled away as these adorable creatures sat only a few metres away and sometimes closer! Eventually, we had to drag ourselves away and descend the steep stairs back to the bus.



We first went for a delicious lunch at a nearby town, before setting off again to the historic town of Songpan (an ancient military outpost of the Tang dynasty). The architecture was fabulous as the old wooden bridges, houses and temples stood out against the more modern buildings. We walked down one of the ornate bridges and watched the birdlife racking up bulbuls, redstarts, dippers and a distant crested kingfisher. It was then time to travel on, as we next wanted to attempt to find the tawny fish owl.

The day had been mostly grey and overcast but now the rain was starting to fall. When we got to our penultimate destination, the rain had become a little heavier. We waited at a riverside pull-in for the tawny fish owl to hunt in a pool opposite. We waited for around an hour, then shortly after 6 pm, it was heard further up the river. We walked up to get better views as it landed in a dead tree on the opposite bank. We all got decent telescope views before it flew on up the river in the gathering gloom.

We continued to Tangjiahe for about another 30 minutes before we reached the hotel and resort around 7 pm. We settled in our rooms and met for dinner at 7:30 am. We enjoyed a less spicy but not as flavoursome

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meal, but enjoyable. A few went out for a night drive whilst the others went for an early night.

The night drive was productive, adding takin and Reeve's muntjac in good numbers and finally a masked civet running along the riverbank. After a long but enjoyable day, we all finally got back to our super comfortable rooms to get some sleep.

**Thursday 6 November 2025**

### **Day 13:**

Tangjiahe Nature Reserve

We met at 7 am for a brief pre-breakfast walk around the resort. The birds we saw were much the usual water redstarts and wagtails. A takin that had been munching on the lawn came out of hiding and swam across the river to the far bank before disappearing. A Pierre David rock squirrel was the only other mammal we saw before heading to the restaurant for breakfast.

Breakfast was a slightly strange mix of buffet food and bread and spreads supplied by David. After we quickly got ready for the day and set off for the mountain road to the Gansu border pass. We drove to the road terminal and transferred to a shuttle bus to the historic trail over the mountain pass. Today our focus was on two beautiful but often tricky birds, namely Temmink's tragopan and sant. We set off in the grey cool morning and climbed the steep stairs winding up the mountainside.

The birds were quiet on the way up and we saw Elliot's laughingthrush and a few other common species but little else. The climb took over three hours and we finally reached the summit to find it was partially cloaked in cloud cover. Although the wildlife had been thin, the scenery was gorgeous with burnished autumnal colours covering the steep hillsides in rich oranges, yellows, reds and greens. The rushing mountain streams added to the ambience and beauty of the trail. On the return down, our luck changed and firstly we found a female golden pheasant and a little later a stunning male tragopan! We watched the male and the females for around 15 minutes making sure everyone had a view of this exquisite bird. After tearing ourselves away some had another stroke of luck when the male golden pheasant flew over the trail, giving stunning views.



A steady stream of birds followed as the forest seemed to finally wake up, but apart from brambling not much was new. After we finished our descent, we drove back to the boardwalk and finished the afternoon

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with a walk along the river. Mammals were plentiful, but more common species. Seeing the takin in the daytime was much appreciated and we added serow to our list of sightings. We continued the walk until around 5:30 pm and then we returned to our rooms to get ready for dinner at 7 pm.

After our meal of traditional Chinese dishes, we set off on our night drive. This was slightly delayed but the appearance of a masked civet in the grounds outside our rooms. We watched this lovely creature for a while but as it began to hide, we decided to leave it in peace. The night drive did yield another civet, otherwise much the same as we had seen earlier in the day. We decided to have another go in the morning when hopefully the roads will be less busy, as we were keen to find different species. On that note we went to get some sleep for our early drive and retired to our rooms.

## Friday 7 November 2025

### Day 14:

Tangjiahe Nature Reserve

We met at 6 am for a morning drive before light and it turned out to be quite productive, adding wild boar and, frustratingly, a glimpse of what was likely to be a ferret badger. We had the usual mix of common species too. After the drive, we walked up the boardwalk searching for more wildlife, but sightings were a little thin. We then drove back to the hotel for breakfast and then had some downtime until lunch.

Most of the group explored the grounds and nearby trails or roads and managed to have quite a wide variety of wildlife experiences between them. Dave and Nicky managed to see a hog badger in the daytime and a grey-capped pygmy woodpecker. Michael and Simon saw a collared owl, Eurasian jay and grey-headed woodpecker amongst others.

We all ate well at lunch with the usual dishes with some slight variations. After lunch we went for a walk upstream along the road. Despite the frequent shuttle buses, it was an enjoyable walk with lovely autumnal scenery and a waterfall-laden mountain river. Wildlife was scarce and we saw mostly common birds and a couple of brown dippers. After we walked back to meet up with David and drive down to the boardwalk to try for late afternoon mammals and birds. We saw few mammals of only serow and squirrels, we did however, have some cracking birds with crested kingfisher and white-crowned fork-tail, both showing well. Pleased with our sightings, we returned to get ready for lunch when we heard the news that an Asiatic black bear had been seen a while ago at a place we passed on the way back! It gave a little more focus to this evening's night drive.

First, we had dinner, which was a curious fusion of eastern and western cuisine. Mainly badly cooked chips with tomato puree, with thankfully more tasty Chinese dishes. After dinner, we gathered again for a last night drive of the trip. We hoped for a bear sighting down the way but it was not to be and we contented ourselves with a good selection of mammals, including at least three masked palm civets, a hog badger and the usual suspects.

We returned to the hotel happy with our sightings and drifted off to our rooms to get some rest before another early start and our last wildlife activity at Tangjiahe.

## Saturday 8 November 2025

### Day 15:

Tangjiahe & return to Chengdu

We all met at 6 am for our final wildlife drive down the approach road. It was a chilly morning, but hopes were high and there was always a chance we could run into the bear. Unfortunately, it didn't pan out that way, and sightings were quite slow. We had plenty of takin and muntjac and the odd goral. The highlight was a juvenile wild boar, which was seen briefly but well as we turned to drive back to the hotel.

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We met again for breakfast at 8 am and we quickly got underway for the drive to Chengdu. The day was warming up and became bright and sunny. On our first comfort stop, we had several lovely butterflies on the wing.

As we approached Chengdu, the clouds gathered and it became quite humid, though still warm. We arrived at the Panda Centre around 1:30 pm and enjoyed our walk round with David leading us through this enormous park. We watched giant pandas in their enclosures, but it was the baby pandas that drew the oohs and aahs from the crowd. These adorable cubs were comically climbing around, encouraged by their handler. They tumbled and fell as they negotiated their enclosures, watched by an enormous crowd.

We went on to see the red pandas, eliciting memories of Labahe. There was also a little more 'natural' wildlife as we spotted Pallas's squirrel, white browed laughing thrush and oriental turtle dove.

We eventually left just before 5 pm and made our way to our hotel for the night. We settled in and arranged to meet for dinner at 7:15 pm. Dinner was delicious and for the first time we ate nearly all the dishes on offer. We toasted the end of what had been a fun two weeks with some excellent sightings. The group had really gelled and the humour and sense of fun had helped in some tricky times and made the whole two weeks a joy to be part of. We ended the night arranging to meet in the morning for one last bird walk. Some had opted for a lie-in after a full-on two weeks, whilst the rest were determined to squeeze a little more wildlife out of the tour.

**Sunday 9 November 2025**

#### **Day 16:**

##### Departure

A few of the group met at 7 am for breakfast before walking to a park along the river and opposite the hotel. The park had a few birds and new for the trip were black-throated bushtit and oriental magpie robin. A Pallas' squirrel was the only mammal we saw. The park was quite active as there seemed to be several people practising Tai Chi in the park.

It was soon time to get ready for the drive to Chengdu airport. David and Mr Khao came and met us at 10 am and we loaded the bus and said goodbye to Simon as we headed off. At the airport, we said goodbye to Steve and wished him well on his flight to Australia. We thanked David and Mr Khao for the help and hard work in making the tour a success. The remaining members of the group headed off to catch their flights back to London as the tour came to a close.

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# Checklist for Sichuan's Sensational Mammals & Birds



	Common Name	Scientific Name	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7	Day 8	Day 9	Day 10	Day 11	Day 12	Day 13	Day 14	Day 15	Day 16
	<b>BIRDS</b>																
1	Tibetan partridge	<i>Perdix hodgsoniae</i>							✓								
2	Blood pheasant	<i>Ithaginis cruentus</i>					✓										
3	Temminck's tragopan	<i>Tragopan temminckii</i>												✓			
4	Chinese monal	<i>Lophophorus lhuysii</i>					H										
5	Blue eared pheasant	<i>Crossoptilon auritum</i>									✓						
6	Golden pheasant	<i>Chrysolophus pictus</i>												✓			
7	Lady Amherst's pheasant	<i>Chrysolophus amherstiae</i>		✓													
8	Greylag goose	<i>Anser anser</i>									✓						
9	Ruddy shelduck	<i>Tadorna ferruginea</i>				✓				✓	✓						
10	Gadwall	<i>Mareca strepera</i>									✓						
11	Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>				✓					✓						
12	Common pochard	<i>Aythya ferina</i>									✓						
13	Red-crested pochard	<i>Netta rufina</i>									✓						
14	Eurasian widgeon	<i>Mareca penelope</i>									✓						
15	Eurasian teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>									✓						
16	Mandarin duck	<i>Aix galericulata</i>				✓											
17	Snow pigeon	<i>Columba leuconota</i>					✓										
18	Oriental turtle dove	<i>Streptopelia orientalis</i>														✓	✓
19	Red turtle dove	<i>Streptopelia tranquebarica</i>										✓					
20	Spotted dove	<i>Spilopelia chinensis</i>														✓	✓
21	White-breasted waterhen	<i>Amaurornis phoenicurus</i>				✓											
22	Eurasian coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>									✓						
23	Black-necked crane	<i>Grus nigricollis</i>							✓	✓	✓						
24	Black-necked grebe	<i>Podiceps nigricollis</i>				✓					✓						
25	Little grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>				✓											
26	Great crested grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>									✓						

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61	Saker falcon	<i>Falco cherrug</i>						✓	✓	✓	✓						
62	Long-tailed shrike	<i>Lanius schach</i>				✓											✓
63	Chinese grey shrike	<i>Lanius sphenocercus</i>									✓						
64	Eurasian jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>														✓	
65	Red-billed blue magpie	<i>Urocissa erythroryncha</i>		✓	✓	✓							✓	✓	✓		✓
66	Blacked-rumped magpie	<i>Pica bottanensis</i>						✓	✓								
67	Spotted nutcracker	<i>Nucifraga caryocatactes</i>		✓	✓								✓	✓			
68	Red-billed chough	<i>Pyrrhonorax pyrrhonorax</i>							✓	✓	✓	✓					
69	Large-billed crow	<i>Corvus macrorhynchos</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
70	Rufous-vented tit	<i>Periparus rubidiventris</i>		✓	✓		✓					✓					
71	Coal tit	<i>Periparus ater</i>			✓		✓					✓					
72	Grey crested tit	<i>Lophophanes dichrous</i>			✓							✓					
73	Sichuan tit	<i>Poecile weigoldicus</i>					✓					✓					
74	Ground tit	<i>Pseudopodoces humilis</i>							✓	✓	✓						
75	Japanese tit	<i>Parus minor</i>		✓	✓												
76	Green-backed tit	<i>Parus monticolus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓										
77	Eurasian skylark	<i>Alauda arvensis</i>									✓						
78	Horned lark	<i>Eremophila alpestris</i>							✓	✓	✓						
79	Collared finchbill	<i>Spizixos semitorques</i>		✓	✓	✓											
80	Brown-breasted bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus xanthorrhous</i>											✓	✓			
81	Light-vented bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus sinensis</i>	✓			✓				✓	✓		✓			✓	✓
82	Mountain bulbul	<i>Ixos mccllellandii</i>														✓	
83	Pale martin	<i>Riparia diluta</i>				✓											✓
84	Barn swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>				✓											✓
85	Eurasian crag martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne rupestris</i>										✓					
86	Asian house martin	<i>Delichon dasypus</i>					✓										✓
87	Black-throated bushtit	<i>Aegithalos concinnus</i>															✓
88	Black-browed bushtit	<i>Aegithalos bonvaloti</i>			✓												
	Chestnut-crowned Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus omeiensis</i>															✓
89	Crested tit-warbler	<i>Leptopoeile elegans</i>											✓				
90	Buff-barred warbler	<i>Phylloscopus pulcher</i>			✓												
91	Ashy-throated warbler	<i>Phylloscopus maculipennis</i>											✓				
92	Sichuan leaf warbler	<i>Phylloscopus forresti</i>		✓	✓												
93	Tickell's leaf warbler	<i>Phylloscopus affinis</i>					✓										

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94	Pallas's warbler	<i>Phylloscopus proregulus</i>													✓		✓
95	Buff-throated warbler	<i>Phylloscopus subaffinis</i>				✓											
96	Oriental reed warbler	<i>Acrocephalus orientalis</i>				✓											
	Rufous-faced warbler	<i>Abroscopus albogularid</i>															✓
97	Streak-breasted scimitar babbler	<i>Pomatorhinus ruficollis</i>										✓					
98	Black-faced laughingthrush	<i>Trochalopteron affine</i>		✓	✓										✓		
99	Elliot's laughingthrush	<i>Trochalopteron elliotii</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓			✓		
100	Red-billed leiothrix	<i>Leiothrix lutea</i>		✓	✓	✓									✓		
101	Giant laughingthrush	<i>Ianthocincla maxima</i>						✓			✓	✓			✓		
102	Barred laughingthrush	<i>Ianthocincla lunulata</i>						✓									
103	Plain laughingthrush	<i>Pterorhinus davidi</i>									✓	✓					
104	White-browed laughingthrush	<i>Pterorhinus sannio</i>				✓										✓	✓
105	White-browed fulvetta	<i>Fulvetta vinipectus</i>						✓									
106	Chinese fulvetta	<i>Fulvetta striaticollis</i>						✓									
107	Grey-hooded fulvetta	<i>Fulvetta cinereiceps</i>		✓	✓							✓					
108	Brown parrotbill	<i>Cholornis unicolor</i>		✓													
109	Spectacled parrotbill	<i>Sinosuthora conspicillata</i>										✓					
110	Fulvous parrotbill	<i>Suthora fulvifrons</i>			✓												
111	Stripe-throated yuhina	<i>Yuhina gularis</i>		✓	✓	✓							✓				
112	White-collared yuhina	<i>Yuhina diademata</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓										
113	Goldcrest	<i>Regulus regulus</i>										✓					
114	Eurasian wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>			✓										✓		
115	Chestnut-vented nuthatch	<i>Sitta nagaensis</i>		✓	✓							✓	✓	✓			
116	Przevalski's nuthatch	<i>Sitta przewalskii</i>										✓					
117	Hodgson's treecreeper	<i>Certhia hodgsoni</i>										✓		✓	✓		
118	Bar-tailed treecreeper	<i>Certhia himalayana</i>													✓		
119	Sichuan treecreeper	<i>Certhia tianquanensis</i>			✓												
120	Crested myna	<i>Acridotheres cristatellus</i>														✓	✓
121	Red-billed starling	<i>Spodiopsar sericeus</i>															✓
122	White-cheeked starling	<i>Spodiopsar cineraceus</i>			✓				✓	✓					✓		
123	Grandala	<i>Grandala coelicolor</i>						L/O									
124	Chinese blackbird	<i>Turdus mandarinus</i>															✓
125	Chestnut thrush	<i>Turdus rubrocanus</i>									✓						
126	Oriental magpie-robin	<i>Copsychus saularis</i>															✓

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127	Himalayan bluetail	<i>Tarsiger rufilatus</i>		✓	✓									✓	✓	✓	
128	Little forktail	<i>Enicurus scouleri</i>		✓	✓									✓	✓		
129	White-crowned forktail	<i>Enicurus leschenaulti</i>												✓	✓		
130	Rufous-gorgeted flycatcher	<i>Ficedula strophiate</i>		✓	✓												
131	White-throated redstart	<i>Phoenicurus schisticeps</i>					✓				✓	✓					
132	Daurian redstart	<i>Phoenicurus aureoreus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓										
133	Blue-fronted redstart	<i>Phoenicurus frontalis</i>		✓	✓		✓							✓	✓		
134	Plumbeous water redstart	<i>Phoenicurus fuliginosus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓					✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
135	White-capped redstart	<i>Phoenicurus leucocephalus</i>		✓	✓	✓						✓	✓	✓	✓		
136	White-winged redstart	<i>Phoenicurus erythrogastrus</i>							✓	✓							
137	Siberian stonechat	<i>Saxicola maurus</i>			✓												
138	Brown dipper	<i>Cinclus pallasii</i>			✓							✓	✓	✓	✓		
139	Fire-breasted flowerpecker	<i>Dicaeum ignipectus</i>															✓
140	Eurasian tree sparrow	<i>Passer montanus</i>	✓							✓		✓					✓
141	White-winged snowfinch	<i>Montifringilla nivalis</i>								✓	✓	✓					
142	White-rumped snowfinch	<i>Onychostruthus taczanowskii</i>								✓	✓	✓					
143	Rufous-necked snowfinch	<i>Pyrgilauda ruficollis</i>								✓	✓	✓					
144	Robin accentor	<i>Prunella rubeculoides</i>						✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					
145	Rufous-breasted accentor	<i>Prunella strophiate</i>		✓	✓		✓						✓				
146	Maroon-backed accentor	<i>Prunella immaculata</i>		✓													
147	Grey wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>			✓												
148	White wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓						✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
149	Olive-backed pipit	<i>Anthus hodgsoni</i>		✓	✓		✓					✓					
150	Collared grosbeak	<i>Mycerobas affinis</i>					✓										
151	Spot-winged grosbeak	<i>Mycerobas melanozanthos</i>										✓					
152	Grey-headed bullfinch	<i>Pyrrhula erythaca</i>		✓			✓	✓						✓			
153	Pink-rumped rosefinch	<i>Carpodacus waltoni</i>					✓						L/O				
154	Chinese white-browed rosefinch	<i>Carpodacus dubius</i>					✓				✓	✓	✓				
155	Twite	<i>Linaria flavirostris</i>								✓	✓						
156	Red crossbill	<i>Loxia curvirostra</i>										✓					
157	Tibetan serin	<i>Spinus thibetanus</i>									✓						
158	Brambling	<i>Fringilla montifringilla</i>										✓					
159	Slaty bunting	<i>Emberiza siemsseni</i>		✓													
160	Godlewski's bunting	<i>Emberiza godlewskii</i>										✓	✓				

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27	Mountain weasel	<i>Mustela altaica</i>										✓					
	<b>AMPHIBIANS</b>																
1	Asiatic toad	<i>Bufo gargarizans</i>														✓	

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