# <u>Birding in</u> LIAONING



# **Northeast China**

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## **INTRODUCTION**

A quick perusal of a map of China suggests that the southern point of the Liaodong Peninsula *must* be an excellent site for witnessing south-bound bird migration. Numerous birds have been seen, and written about, here since the middle of the 18<sup>th</sup> century (e.g. Swinhoe 1861, Ingram 1909, Seys 1933 and 1936), and the area received protection as a National Nature Reserve, the She Dao–Laotie Shan NNR that has a total area 178,073 hectares in 1980. There have been a series of ringing stations in the reserve for at least a decade, and possibly significantly longer.

However the fact that there is a naval base in the port city of Lushun (Lüshun or Lvshun) meant that foreigners have not been allowed to visit the southernmost tip of the Liaodong Peninsula for a long time (perhaps even since the Communist Party came to power in 1949). This situation changed very recently and foreigners are now allowed back to Lushun and beyond, even right to Laotie Shan, the province's southern tip.

Tom Beeke, a Canadian school teacher based at Jinshitan, was the first to advise (via his regular postings on the BirdForum website http://www.birdforum.net/forumdisplay.php?f=544) of the opening of the Laotie Shan area and he made several visits in autumn 2010. Beijing based British birder Terry Townshend picked up on this and visited Laotie Shan in February 2011 and again, along with Spike Millington for over a week in mid-May 2011. Terry posted his observations on his excellent blog (http://birdingbeijing.com/) and produced a very useful report at the end of their trip (Townshend and Millington 2011 – see http://birdingbeijing.com/2011/05/23/laotieshan-trip-report/). He also enthused about the area and its birds and soon set about organising an autumn visit. Together with Peter Cawley the three of us headed off from Beijing to Laotie Shan on the 24 September 2011. Terry stayed until the 5 October, Peter until the 7th while I was able to remain until the 16th. We were joined by Tom Beeke for two days (the 1<sup>st</sup> and 7 October).

This was Peter's first, Paul's third & Terry's fourth visit to Liaoning – but our first together. I'd previously birded in the province in October 2001 and January 2008 (Holt 2001 and Holt 2008)

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Tom's already talking about a winter trip (at least his second) to Feng Huang Shan nr Dandong...

# **ORNITHOLOGICAL HIGHLIGHTS**

We recorded 202 species and had such a great time with such excellent birding that it's difficult to single out a small number of highlights however the following surprised and delighted us -

- High counts included 2155 bird-days of **Oriental Honey-buzzard** with 1035 on our very first day on site, the 24 September;
- 1150 bird-days of **Black Kite** with birds being seen almost every day with a peak count of 209 on the 7 October;
- 1255 Eurasian Sparrowhawks and a peak count of 283 on the 10 October;
- 248 bird-days of Northern Goshawk with a peak of 64 also on the 10 October;
- 6944 bird-days of Eastern Buzzard with a peak of 3490 on the 12 October;
- 7971 bird-days of Amur Falcon with a peak of 1830 on the 10 October;
- Over 20,000 bird-days of Ashy Minivet with a peak of 7549 on the 28 September;
- 456 bird-days of **Yellow-bellied Tit** with birds being noted on 20 of the 23 days we were in Liaoning and a peak of 160 on the 5 October;
- Nearly 60,000 bird-days of **Red-rumped Swallow** with 10,000 being estimated on the 27 September;
- Over 14,000 white-eyes with up to 4500 birds being noted daily while we were in the province;
- Over 1600 bird-days of **Black-faced Bunting** with a peak of 700 on the 8 October.

Local rarities included:

- 14-bird-days of **Black Stork** with between 1 and 4 birds on five dates;
- A juvenile **Steppe Eagle** on the 2 October;
- 2 juvenile Golden Eagles on the 11 October;
- An adult male Lesser Kestrel on the 6 October;
- 70 *osculans* **Eurasian Oystercatchers**, a moulting juvenile **Pallas's Gull** (only the third for Liaoning) and a first year **Glaucous Gull** at the Biliu river, Pulandian and a single **Little Curlew** near Pikou, Pulandian all on the 3 October;
- Surprising numbers of both Northern and Asian House Martins;
- Two and one **Red-billed Starlings** on the 7<sup>th</sup> & 14 October respectively
- Several early Alpine Accentors with sightings on three dates after the 11 October.

### Note that at Laotie Shan a southwest wind is by far the best for raptor migration.

We recorded the following six Globally Threatened species as defined by BirdLife International. EN = Endangered and VU = Vulnerable and the full details of all these are repeated here -

# **ORIENTAL STORK** Ciconia boyciana EN 东方白鹳

(1/23 1 1)

1 juvenile flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/10/2011. First seen at 07h12 it circled the point for almost 30 minutes before disappearing. (Photographed). (Tom Beeke, Peter Cawley & Paul Holt).

# CHINESE EGRET Egretta eulophotes VU 岩鹭

#### (1/23 3 3)

3 between Jinshitan and Pikou on the 3/10/2011. The first was in the tidal river at the coastal portion of the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds, Jinzhouqu in the early morning while the other two were in the tidal Qing Shui river downstream of the steel plant between Daliujia and Jinchang cun, Pulandian, later in the day.

# GREATER SPOTTED EAGLE Aquila clanga VU 乌雕

#### (15/23 7 45)

Given its reluctance to cross large bodies of water this species, possibly more than any other, was difficult to accurately count. Between 45 and 71 bird-days were recorded with between one and seven, but possibly as many as 17, birds being logged on 15 of the 22 days we were at Laotie Shan (26/9 – 16/10/2011).

- 1 juvenile at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 26/9/2011. First seen at 11h45 it slowly drifted south before turning around & heading back north. What was almost certainly the same bird was seen again just over 1.5 hours later at 13h22.
- 1 juvenile at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 29/9/2011. Like the bird of a few days ago it flew south, reached the headland and then promptly turned back north. 2 juveniles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 30/9/2011. First seen at 13h54 one of them promptly turned back north while the other attempted to fly south and across

Bohai Bay. Both birds were photographed.

4 juveniles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 1/10/2011. The first bird appeared at 10h17 and headed almost straight out over the bay, the second appeared just 11 minutes later & soon turned back north while the third and fourth were together, appeared at 13h01, and only circled for a very short time before returning back north. The first two birds were photographed.

1 juvenile circled the point at Laotie Shan, Lushun 11h18 on 2/10/2011. It soon turned back north.

- 2 separate juveniles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 4/10/2011. The first bird was seen at 06h29 & the second bird had a damaged leg and was first seen at 10h16. Neither off them flew out to sea.
- 2-6 juveniles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/10/2011. It was difficult to decide whether I was seeing the same two birds repeatedly or whether six different individuals were involved. Nevertheless two birds were logged at 08h25, one at 11h11, another at 11h44 & two juveniles again at 14h20.
- 5-11 birds flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/10/2011. The first sighting was of five birds (four juveniles and one slightly older bird) that flew south at 11h38, the second sighting was of four juveniles that did the same at 12h27, another juvenile flew south at 13h10 while the final bird flew south at 15h24. It was again difficult to determine whether we were seeing the same birds or not and although we didn't see a single one of them return north it seems unlikely that we saw 11 different individuals.

1 immature flew north near the Xiao Dong Gou ringing station at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 10h18 on the 9/10/2011.

- 7-17 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/10/2011. All sightings as follows a juvenile flew south at 06h03 (just five minutes after official sunrise) & was later seen to turn back north; an immature at 07h01; a juvenile at 07h05; three birds (two immatures and a juvenile) at 07h20; a juvenile at 07h51 & a different juvenile at 07h58; three juveniles at 09h38; five juveniles at 10h10. The only bird of the afternoon was a single juvenile at 13h49. None were actually seen to head purposefully out to sea and quite a few were watched turning back north. As a minimum there were seven birds (five juveniles that were seen together & two immatures) while as a maximum there were 17 different sightings (but no doubt some duplication)
- 7-12 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/10/2011. Birds were seen as follows an adult at 07h54 with an additional adult at 08h15; 5 (four juveniles and an immature) at 09h24; a juvenile at 10h56; a juvenile at 11h13 finally 2 birds (a juvenile & an immature) came in off the sea at 13h39.
  2 juveniles at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 07h57 on the 12/10/2011.

3 juveniles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/10/2011. One, two or three juveniles were seen on three occasions -3 at 09h25, 1 at 12h20 & 2 at 14h13. 1 juvenile at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 07h25 on the 15/10/2011.

2 or 3 juveniles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 16/10/2011. The first was seen at 06h45, the second at 07h02 and that bird was joined by another at 07h10.

# EASTERN CURLEW Numenius madagascariensis VU 大杓鹬 (1/23 72 72)

72 between Jinshitan, Pikou and north towards Zhuanghe on the 3/10/2011. The first two were in the tidal Qing Shui riverdownstream of the steel plant between Daliujia and Jinchang cun, Pulandian; 30 near the Biliu river mouth, Pulandian; 38 at a high tide roost between Zhang Zui Yu Ye & Zhang Xia Wang, Pulandian and two more at a similar high tide roost north of Zhang Xia Wang, Pulandian.

# GREAT KNOT Calidris tenuirostris VU 大滨鹬

 $(1/23 \ 40 \ 40)$ 

40 at a high tide roost between Zhang Zui Yu Ye & Zhang Xia Wang, Pulandian on the 3/10/2011.

#### YELLOW-BREASTED BUNTING Emberiza aureola VU 黄胸鹀

 $(2/23 \ 2 \ 3)$ 

2 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2011. 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/10/2011.

We also recorded the following six Near Threatened species – Japanese Quail, Falcated Duck, Blacktailed Godwit, Eurasian Curlew, Marsh Grassbird and Ochre-rumped Bunting.

# **DAILY DIARY**

Saturday 24 September 2011. Flew Beijing to Dalian & drove to Lushun. Afternoon Laotie Shan. My heavily discounted (400 yuan) China Southern flight was scheduled to leave Beijing at 07h30 – and it pulled away from the gate just five minutes later than that, but as now seems the norm at Beijing Capital Airport (the world's second busiest airport) there were delays on the tarmac and we didn't actually take off for almost another hour. The flight due east to Dalian at the southern end of the Liaodong Peninsula took exactly 58 minutes and, once there I had breakfast at the KFC inside the terminal, before taking a taxi south to Lushun. The latter cost 130 yuan (just as the hotel staff had told me it would) and it took about 50 minutes to reach the Xin Jiyuan Dajiudian (New Era Grand Hotel) in Lushun. I checked in, unpacked my birding gear and soon headed out again...

Xin Jiyuan Dajiudian (New Era Grand Hotel), 19 Tongting Street, Lushun, Dalian 116041. Tel. 0411 86369222 and fax 86369948. My room in this decent three star hotel cost 220 yuan/night and had an en suite bathroom with western toilet and shower with 24 hours hot water, a kettle, TV, free internet and two single beds.

I easily secured another taxi on the main highway between the hotel and the naval port and took this to the lighthouse at Laotie Shan. Just as Terry Townshend had told me that trip took about 25 minutes and cost 40 yuan. Once there I paid my 20 yuan entrance fee and wandered slowly up the well-paved track through light woodland to the lighthouse. It was obvious, even from the car park, that there were large numbers of raptors moving and I made rapid progress up to the lighthouse where I found a superb vantage point. Arriving at about 12h10 I spent much of the rest of the afternoon there – raptor watching from the viewing area to the rear of the coast guard station.

Terry Townshend and Peter Cawley arrived at the Xin Jiyuan Dajiudian (New Era Grand Hotel) at about 19h30, Peter having flown in to Beijing from the UK earlier that same day.

Terry's May 2011 report contains a useful hand-drawn map of the Laotie Shan area, as well as photographs that show the habitat and some scenery.

The small fishing harbour at Chen Jia cun is close to the Lighthouse and the southern tip of the peninsula.

The next village in from the point, and the one close to the first reservoir, is Gang Jia cun.

Probably about the third village in from the point is Xiao Dong Gou and the ringing station that we were granted access to is near here. Note that access to this site must be arranged before visiting – do NOT expected to be welcomed if you turn up uninvited. Mr Wang of the Snake Island Laotie Shan NNR was kind enough to arrange access for us (prompted by Leighton and Zhang Jia). Mr Wang also gave each of us a copy of an interesting publication on the park - Anon. (2010). *The Avifauna of Liaoning Shedao Laotie Shan Nature Reserve (1980-2010)*. Liaoning Shedao Laotie Shan NNR Conservation Station. This small book included an annotated checklist of the birds of the park.

About halfway between the end of the road at Laotie Shan and Tieshan zhen is the new settlement of Yang Jia cun. There's a large complex of modern, high-rise apartment buildings here.

Tieshan zhen is the small town where the bus back from Laotie Shan terminates.

Tidal mudflats viewed from the small park besides the Naval Port right on the edge of Lushun.

150 metres up the Lighthouse access road there's a small zoo (with rabbits, peacocks and Golden Pheasants but little else) off to the right. There's a path right through the fenced compound – and this leads out of the back to the lower lighthouse buildings and the sea watching site can also be accessed this way. The main archway in to the Lighthouse compound is another 100 metres further up above the zoo – the gates here aren't always locked but apparently should be from 17h00 - 08h00. Strictly speaking there's only tourist access to the area immediately around the Lighthouse and the two lower platforms where the boundary between Bohai Bay and the yellow sea is a famous tourist attraction.

Note that the Lighthouse apparently stands on the site of a French Longhouse build towards the end of the colonial era in China at the very end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

The areas that we birded were mostly in the She Dao–Laotie Shan National Nature Reserve – a reserve that has a total area 178,073 hectares and was established in 1980 and contains two separate Important Bird Areas (IBA). The relevant paragraphs from BirdLife International (2009) *Directory of Important Bird Areas in China (Mainland): Key Sites for Conservation.* Cambridge, UK: BirdLife International (English language edition) are repeated below -

The first IBA is She Dao (literally 'Snake Island') - IBA no. CN056. CRITERIA: A1 A4i AREA: 73 ha COORDINATES: 38°58'N 120°59'E ALTITUDE: 0-210 m GENERAL DESCRIPTION: She Dao is a small island in the Gulf of Bohai, c.7 nautical miles from the

mainland, which is located 30 km north-west of Laotie Shan. The island is rocky and hilly with c.70% vegetation cover, and it is famous for its population of vipers [these are apparently Pallas's Pit Vipers]. THREATENED SPECIES: Chinese Egret (VU, 30 pairs were found in the 1980s), Greater Spotted Eagle (VU)

CONGREGATORY WATERBIRDS: *Larus crassirostris* (tens of thousands of birds estimated in 1999) IMPORTANCE TO OTHER FAUNA AND FLORA: Snake Island supports an estimated population of 18,000 vipers!

The second IBA is Laotie Shan itself - IBA no. CN058. CRITERIA: A1 A4i AREA: About 17,000 ha COORDINATES: 38°46'N 121°11'E ALTITUDE: 5-456 m

CONSERVATION STATUS: The IBA is protected within She Dao–Laotie Shan National Nature

Reserve (total area 178,073 ha), which was established in 1980.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Located at the southern tip of the Liaodong Peninsula, west of Port Lüshun, Dalian City. The landscape is typical of the Liaodong Peninsular, hilly with a central lowland area surrounded by higher hills. There are villages, salt pans, rivers and reservoirs, and most of the forest in the IBA is forestry plantation or secondary. This is an important stop-over area for migratory birds, which pass through the IBA in millions annually.

THREATENED SPECIES: Oriental Stork (EN), Japanese Crane (EN), Chinese Egret (VU), Baikal Teal (then VU), Baer's Pochard (VU), Steller's Sea Eagle (VU), Greater Spotted Eagle (VU), Eastern Imperial Eagle (VU), White-naped Crane (VU) and Great Bustard (VU).

CONGREGATORY WATERBIRDS: Chinese Egret (about 100 birds occur on spring and autumn migration)

IMPORTANCE TO OTHER FAUNA AND FLORA: No information.

Elsewhere there are reservoirs closer to Dalian – one apparently at Xi Shan and the other at Huangni Chuan, Dalian Nanlu.

#### Weather

A nice day. 28°C at Laotie Shan at 14h45.

Common Pheasant 3singles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2011. Osprey 2, an adult & a separate juvenile, flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2011. Oriental Honey-buzzard 1035 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2011. 47 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2011. Birds were seen in flocks of five, five, 14 and 23. Black Kite Japanese Sparrowhawk 4 singles flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2011. Eurasian Sparrowhawk 41 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2011. Northern Goshawk 4 widely separate juveniles flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2011. Common Kestrel 6 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2011. Amur Falcon 25, including at least five adult males, flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2011. Eurasian Hobby 17 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2011. Just nine birds were seen well enough to age and this produced 4 juveniles and 5 adults. Peregrine Falcon 2, possibly 4, adults at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2011. Black-headed Gull 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2011. Black-tailed Gull 20 at Laotie Shan. Lushun on the 24/9/2011. 'Herring Gull Assemblage' 6 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2011. 1 near the Lighthouse at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2011. Spotted Dove 1 juvenile flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2011. cuckoo sp. 7 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2011. Three birds flew south at 14h39 while the other four did White-throated Needletail the same at 15h04. Ashy Minivet 589 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2011. Flocks of between seven & 90 birds were a major feature of the day. Probably a record count for China - but today afternoon's figures were soon surpassed. Common Magpie 150 between Dalian, Lushun & Laotie Shan on the 24/9/2011. Japanese Tit 4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2011. Light-vented Bulbul 4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2011. Sand Martin 1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2011. Barn Swallow 250 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2011. 11, seven singles and two pairs, flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2011. Northern House Martin Red-rumped Swallow 1340 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2011. Dusky Warbler 2 were heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2011. Yellow-browed Warbler 4 were heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2011. Lanceolated Warbler 1 was heard near the Lighthouse at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2011. 10 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2011. White-eye sp. Common [Chinese] Blackbird 1 male on a roadside wire midway between Laotie Shan and Lushun on the 24/9/2011. Siberian Rubythroat 1 was heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2011. 1 near the Lighthouse at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2011. Asian Brown Flycatcher Eurasian Tree Sparrow 5 between Dalian, Lushun & Laotie Shan on the 24/9/2011. Eastern Yellow Wagtail 5 over the Lighthouse at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2011. Grey Wagtail 2 singles over the Lighthouse at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2011. White Wagtail 26, including four leucopsis or Amur Wagtails, flew south over the Lighthouse at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2011. Richard's Pipit 3 singles flew south at the Lighthouse at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2011. Olive-backed Pipit 7 flew south at the Lighthouse at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2011. Red-throated Pipit 2 singles flew south at the Lighthouse at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2011. Common Rosefinch 4 singles flew south at the Lighthouse at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2011.

#### Sunday 25 September 2011. All day Laotie Shan, Lushun.

Our taxi driver, Mr Xing (mobile 13084192682), arrived at 05h10 and the three of us (Terry, Peter and me) headed out at 05h15. It took us just over 20 minutes to drive to the entrance gate to the lighthouse complex at Laotie Shan where we dismissed the vehicle. The park doesn't open until 08h00, there's a large fence around it and unfortunately positively no access until that time. Consequently we spent much of the early morning watching the impressive visible migration from the clearing immediately in front to the large ornamental gates about 300 metres above the car park.

After almost two hours here we headed off and into the woodland. We walked about 1.3 kilometres up to another viewpoint, one that Terry had spent time at during the visit he and Spike Millington made in May 2011. There were about a dozen Chinese bird photographers present at this second site – most were from Dalian with at least one from Shenyang.

We spent several hours here before returning to the main car park, where we had some drinks from the stall and bought our entrance tickets. We then wandered up to the viewing area to the rear of the Lighthouse – the same site that I'd spent much of the previous afternoon at. Leaving here at 16h20 we headed back down to the gate only to discover that the buses back to Lushun left the turning area on the main road at 11h00, 12h40, 14h30, 16h30 and 17h30. It was already too late to catch the 16h30 bus so we had some more drinks and pottered slowly down to the main road. The bus back towards Lushun costs just one yuan/person – but note that no change is given. We rode it all the way to the terminus in Tieshan zhen, a modest sized settlement about three or four kilometres before Lushun town centre. The bus took about 20 minutes. We had dinner here before taking a taxi, for about 15 yuan, back to the hotel.

#### Weather

Another nice day. 20°C outside our hotel in Lushun at 04h55 rising to 27°C at Laotie Shan in the midafternoon. While there was little wind in the early morning this strengthened during the morning to a modest southerly onshore breeze midday but faded again late afternoon.

<ul> <li>3, two juveniles &amp; an adult, over Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2011. First seen at 06h15, just 30 minutes after official sunrise, they were seen several times in among various parties of Oriental Honey-buzzards and Black Kites around the tip of the peninsula for the following two hours.</li> <li>1 adult over Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2011.</li> <li>335 over Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2011.</li> <li>115 over Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2011. The first birds, a flock of 36, were seen at about 05h45 - very soon after we arrived on site &amp; they'd presumably roosted nearby overnight. The other parties involved three, seven, 11, 19 &amp; 39 birds</li> <li>37 over Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2011.</li> </ul>
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9 juveniles over Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2011.
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6 over Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2011.
9 over Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2011.
29 over Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2011. The largest flock was of 17 birds.
14 over Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2011.
6, including at least two adults and two juveniles, over Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2011.
12 near Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2011.
5 near Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2011.
5 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2011.
2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2011.
750 over Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2011. There's probably some duplication in the number of birds that
were actually counted (820) hence the slightly lesser estimate might be more reliable. The largest flock was a
party of about 160 birds!
100 around Lushun on the 25/9/2011.
1 was heard over Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2011. Previously thought to be scarce in Liaoning.
3 near Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2011.
13 flew south near Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2011. Birds were seen singly or in parties of two together
with other hirundines.
40 flew south over Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2011.
1 flew south over Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2011.
700 over Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2011.
8 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2011.
5 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2011.
4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2011.
8 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2011.
1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2011.
2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2011.
1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2011.
3 separate birds were heard, at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2011.
15 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2011.
360 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2011.
2, one male seen & another bird only heard, at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2011.
1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2011.
Terry glimpsed one bird that might have been this species on the drive from Laotie Shan back to Lushun on the 25/9/2011]
1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2011.
1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2011.
5 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2011.
9 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2011.
8 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2011.
45, including at least seven Amur Wagtails <i>M. a. leucopsis</i> , at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2011.
15 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2011.

Olive-backed Pipit 345 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2011. 4 singles flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2011. Pechora Pipit Red-throated Pipit 11 singles flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2011. Common Rosefinch 105 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2011. Little Bunting 7 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2011. [Tristram's or Yellow-browed Bunting 1 bird, probably one of these species was heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2011]. Yellow-breasted Bunting VU 2 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2011. Chestnut Bunting 1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2011. Black-faced Bunting 11 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2011.

# Monday 26 September 2011. All day Laotie Shan, Lushun.

We left the Xin Jiyuan Dajiudian, Lushun in Mr Xing's taxi 15 minutes earlier than yesterday at 05h00 and drove back to the Lighthouse car park at Laotie Shan (Laotie Shan Dengta Ting Che Chang). We spent the rest of the day there – Terry returned to the hotel mid-afternoon (catching the 14h30 bus back) while Peter and me stayed for another three hours catching the 17h30 bus back. The three of us had dinner together in a restaurant in Lushun town centre.

We again spent the early morning (05h30-10h15) on the road above the main car park - standing immediately in front of the locked gates in to the Lighthouse compound. This site is fairly open and affords reasonable views of the early morning visible migration. It would of course be better to head straight up to the Lighthouse – but the gate's locked until 08h00.

Highlights today included – our first harriers with one Eastern Marsh and nine Pied, a juvenile Greater Spotted Eagle and over 1870 Red-rumped Swallows.

#### Weather

Another glorious day. It was slightly cooler in the early morning – being  $18^{\circ}$ C outside our hotel in Lushun at 04h55, this dropped to  $16^{\circ}$ C at the watch point at sunrise almost one hour later (05h40). It was also slightly more humid in the early morning – but was again very clear with the early morning light dew soon burning off. The temperature then climbed rapidly to  $29^{\circ}$ C mid-afternoon. There was little wind in the early morning – and indeed throughout much of the day.

Japanese Quail	1 was accidentally flushed at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 26/9/2011.
Common Pheasant	2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 26/9/2011.
Osprey	3 single adults flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 26/9/2011.
Oriental Honey-buzzard	213 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 26/9/2011. The first, a lone bird, was seen at 05h36 with two more appearing nine minutes later.
Black Kite	67 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the $26/9/2011$ . The first birds, a flock of 25, were seen at 05h42. Groups of the following sizes were seen today $-1$ , 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 2, 3, 4, 4, 7, 13 & 25.
Eastern Marsh Harrier	1 cream-crown flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the $26/9/2011$ .
Pied Harrier	9, including two adult males, flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 26/9/2011. The first birds, an adult male & a ringtail, were seen at 08h29.
Japanese Sparrowhawk	36 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 26/9/2011.
Eurasian Sparrowhawk	76 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 26/9/2011. The first was seen at 05h35.
Northern Goshawk	3 juveniles flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 26/9/2011.
accipiter sp.	20 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 26/9/2011.
Eastern Buzzard	3 singles flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 26/9/2011.
Greater Spotted Eagle VU	1 juvenile was seen at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 26/9/2011. First seen at 11h45 it slowly drifted south before
1 0	turning around & heading back north. What was almost certainly the same bird was seen again just over 1.5 hours
	later at 13h22.
Common Kestrel	4 singles flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 26/9/2011.
Amur Falcon	23 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 26/9/2011.
Eurasian Hobby	12 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 26/9/2011. The first was seen at 05h42.
Peregrine Falcon	4, two adults & two juveniles, flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 26/9/2011.
Pacific Golden Ployer	17 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 08h19 on the 26/9/2011.
Black-tailed Gull	55 around the tip of Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 26/9/2011.
'Herring Gull Assemblage'	4 over the sea & around the tip of Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 26/9/2011.
Mongolian Gull	2 on the sea immediately off Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 26/9/2011.
Oriental Turtle Dove	2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 26/9/2011.
Spotted Dove	2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 26/9/2011.
Fork-tailed Swift	2 singles flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 26/9/2011.
[Rufous-bellied Woodpecker	Terry glimpsed one bird that was possibly this species at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 26/9/2011].
Ashy Minivet	1530 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 26/9/2011.
Black-naped Oriole	2 flew south together at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 26/9/2011.
Diack-naped Onoic	2 new south together at Lable Shall, Lushun on the 20/7/2011.

Common Magpie 100 between Lushun & Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 26/9/2011. Japanese Tit 10 at Laotie Shan. Lushun on the 26/9/2011. Light-vented Bulbul 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 26/9/2011. Sand Martin 8 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 26/9/2011. 50 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 26/9/2011. Barn Swallow Northern House Martin 9, seven singles and a pair of birds, flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 26/9/2011. Asian House Martin 1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 26/9/2011. Red-rumped Swallow 1872 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 26/9/2011. [Manchurian Bush Warbler 1 bird, probably this species, was heard calling & seen poorly at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 26/9/2011]. Dusky Warbler 4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 26/9/2011. Radde's Warbler 6 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 26/9/2011. Pallas's Leaf Warbler 3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 26/9/2011. Yellow-browed Warbler 15 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 26/9/2011. Arctic Warbler 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 26/9/2011. Black-browed Reed Warbler 3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 26/9/2011. 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 26/9/2011. Baikal Bush Warbler Lanceolated Warbler 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 26/9/2011. Vinous-throated Parrotbill 10 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 26/9/2011. Chinese Hill Babbler 4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 26/9/2011. Chestnut-flanked White-eve 30 at Laotie Shan. Lushun on the 26/9/2011 1069 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 26/9/2011. White-eve sp. White-cheeked Starling 1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 26/9/2011. 1 flew south & later back north at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 26/9/2011. Purple-backed Starling Dusky or Naumann's Thrush 1 was seen in flight near the Lighthouse at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 26/9/2011. Grey-streaked Flycatcher 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 26/9/2011. Asian Brown Flycatcher 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 26/9/2011. Eurasian Tree Sparrow 5 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 26/9/2011. Eastern Yellow Wagtail 5 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 26/9/2011. Grey Wagtail 10 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 26/9/2011. White Wagtail 50 including seven 'Amur Wagtails' leucopsis at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 26/9/2011. Richard's Pipit 40 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 26/9/2011. Olive-backed Pipit 157 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 26/9/2011. Pechora Pipit 3 singles flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 26/9/2011. Red-throated Pipit 10 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 26/9/2011. Brambling 1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 26/9/2011. Hawfinch 3 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 26/9/2011. Grey-capped Greenfinch 14 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 26/9/2011. Common Rosefinch 57 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 26/9/2011. Chinese Grosbeak 2 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 26/9/2011. Little Bunting 9 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 26/9/2011. Black-faced Bunting 19 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 26/9/2011. Pallas's Bunting 1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 26/9/2011.

### Tuesday 27 September 2011. All day Laotie Shan, Lushun.

We left the Xin Jiyuan Dajiudian, Lushun in Mr Xing's taxi at 05h00 and drove back to the Lighthouse car park at Laotie Shan. Arriving 20 minutes later we immediately walked up to the watch point in front of the main park gates. Arriving there at 05h25 we spent the rest of the day at the southern tip of Laotie Shan, birded until 17h00 and caught the 17h30 bus back towards Lushun.

Highlights today included – a modest movement of Pied Harriers and accipiters, our first Eurasian Collared Dove, seven White-throated Needletails and a similar number of Fork-tailed Swifts, a Hair-crested Drongo, our first Chinese Penduline Tit and Eurasian Sklyarks, 15 Northern and two Asian House Martins, 10,000 Red-rumped Swallows, one Manchurian Bush and one Two-barred Warbler.

#### Weather

Another glorious day. It was slightly cooler in the early morning – being  $17^{\circ}C$  at the Laotie Shan watch point at 05h25 (not long before sunrise). Like yesterday it was slightly humid in the early morning – but was again clear with the early morning light dew soon burning off. Temperatures climbed fairly rapidly to  $25^{\circ}C$  at the Lighthouse watch point by 12h30 but had dropped back to  $19^{\circ}C$  there as we left at 17h00. With the increasingly strong south-south-easterly wind it felt much cooler in the later afternoon than this  $19^{\circ}C$ .

Black Kite Eastern Marsh Harrier Pied Harrier

Japanese Sparrowhawk Eurasian Sparrowhawk Northern Goshawk accipiter sp. Eastern Buzzard

Common Kestrel Amur Falcon Eurasian Hobby Peregrine Falcon Black-headed Gull Black-tailed Gull 'Herring Gull Assemblage' Oriental Turtle Dove Eurasian Collared Dove Spotted Dove White-throated Needletail

[Common Swift Fork-tailed Swift Oriental Scops Owl Ashy Minivet Brown Shrike Black-naped Oriole Hair-crested Drongo Common Magpie Yellow-bellied Tit Japanese Tit Chinese Penduline Tit Eurasian Skylark [Lark sp.

Light-vented Bulbul Sand Martin Barn Swallow Northern House Martin

Asian House Martin House Martin sp. Red-rumped Swallow

Taiga Flycatcher Manchurian Bush Warbler Dusky Warbler Radde's Warbler Pallas's Leaf Warbler Yellow-browed Warbler Two-barred Warbler Black-browed Reed Warbler Lanceolated Warbler Vinous-throated Parrotbill Chestnut-flanked White-eye White-eve sp. White-cheeked Starling Common Stonechat Asian Brown Flycatcher Eurasian Tree Sparrow

Eastern Yellow Wagtail Grey Wagtail White Wagtail Richard's Pipit [Blyth's Pipit Olive-backed Pipit Pechora Pipit Red-throated Pipit Brambling Grey-capped Greenfinch Common Rosefinch Chinese Grosbeak Black-faced Bunting 23 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 27/9/2011. Birds were seen in groups of 1, 1, 1, 1, 2, 8 1 male flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 27/9/2011. 19, nine adult males & ten ringtails, flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 27/9/2011. The first two birds did so at 05h42. 69 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 27/9/2011. The first two birds flew south at 05h40. 67 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 27/9/2011. The first two birds flew south at 05h42. 8 juveniles flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 27/9/2011. 78 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 27/9/2011. 10 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 27/9/2011. Six birds were seen well enough to age & all six of these were adults. One of the adults, a bird seen at about 11h40, had a strong Steppe Buzzard-like rufous hue to its tail. Otherwise it was very like a standard Eastern Buzzard. 8 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 27/9/2011. 47 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 27/9/2011. The first flew south at 05h43. 22 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 27/9/2011. 5, including at least two adults and at least two juveniles, at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 27/9/2011. 1 over the sea at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 27/9/2011. 30 over the sea at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 27/9/2011. 4 over the sea at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 27/9/2011. 24 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 27/9/2011. 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 27/9/2011. 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 27/9/2011. 7, five singles and a pair, flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 27/9/2011. The first flew south at 05h37 followed by singles at 10h00 and 15h05, two at 15h35, another at 15h50 and the final single at 15h55. Terry saw one distant swift that was probably this species at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 27/9/2011]. 7 singles flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 27/9/2011. 1 heard calling from the lighthouse car park at Laotie Shan at 05h25 on the 27/9/2011. 833 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 27/9/2011. These included one flock of about 180 birds! 1 was heard near the lockable entrance gate at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 27/9/2011. 1, apparently an adult male, flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 27/9/2011. 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 27/9/2011. 140 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 27/9/2011. 1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 27/9/2011. 10 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 27/9/2011. 1 was heard as it flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 27/9/2011. 1 was heard as it flew south over the car park at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 27/9/2011. 1 distant lark, probably a Eurasian Skylark, flying south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 27/9/2011 (Peter Cawley & Terry Townshend). 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 27/9/2011. 18 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 27/9/2011. 130 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 27/9/2011. 15 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 27/9/2011. Most sightings were of singles, less often of a pair, once of three birds and one party of four was also logged. 2 flew south together at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 27/9/2011. Terry managed to photograph one of them! 3 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 27/9/2011. 10,000 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 27/9/2011. The passage was remarkably intense during the last two hours of our observations i.e. between 15h00-17h00 and Terry counted 220 between 16h22 and 16h25 (a rate of 4200 per hour). 1 at Laotie Shan on the 27/9/2011. 1 near the Lighthouse at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 27/9/2011. 6 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 27/9/2011. 8 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 27/9/2011. 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 27/9/2011. 10 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 27/9/2011. 1 was heard near the Lighthouse at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 27/9/2011. 4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 27/9/2011. 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 27/9/2011. 5 near the Lighthouse at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 27/9/2011. 20 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 27/9/2011. 937 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 27/9/2011. 38 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 27/9/2011. 5 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 27/9/2011. 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 27/9/2011. 20 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 27/9/2011. This count included a flock of nine birds that flew quite high to the north at about 07h15! 20 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 27/9/2011. 20 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 27/9/2011. 80, including 15 'Amur Wagtails' leucopsis 95 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 27/9/2011. 1 bird, possibly this species, was heard distantly & only once at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 27/9/2011]. 412 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 27/9/2011. 1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 27/9/2011. 18 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 27/9/2011. 1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 27/9/2011. 8 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 27/9/2011. 88 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 27/9/2011. 19 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 27/9/2011. 140 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 27/9/2011.

#### Wednesday 28 September 2011. All day Laotie Shan, Lushun.

We left the Xin Jiyuan Dajiudian, Lushun in Mr Xing's taxi at 05h00 and drove back to the Lighthouse car park at Laotie Shan. We spent the rest of the day there staying on until the 17h30 bus back towards Lushun.

#### **Weather**

A slightly poorer day weather-wise today. It felt cool in the early morning – being 18°C at the watch point at 05h45. It was heavily overcast and did not feel particularly humid this morning. The wind was initially south-easterly. The temperature was still only 21°C at the watch point at 11h30, the wind was then almost due south and had picked up very slightly. The atmospheric pressure continued to drop throughout the morning from 1011 hPa at 08h00 to 1007 hPa at 11h30 and 1005 hPa at 16h30. The wind dropped off late afternoon, the temperature stayed constant at 20°C and there were a very few spots of rain from about 18h00 to at least 21h00. From 05h30 to 07h15 there was a strong passage of passerines but migration dropped off significantly thereafter.

Common Pheasant 3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 28/9/2011. Tundra Bean Goose 1 flew west around the point at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 09h25 on the 28/9/2011. Streaked Shearwater 1 flew west over the sea at the point at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 09h28 on the 28/9/2011. Grev Heron 1 flew south, with four Purple Herons, at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 06h11 on the 28/9/2011. 4 juveniles flew south, with one Grey Heron, at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 06h11 on the 28/9/2011. Purple Heron Oriental Honey-buzzard 55 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 28/9/2011. The first bird was seen at 05h52. Black Kite 52 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 28/9/2011. The first birds (5) were seen at 06h20. Flock sizes were 1, 1, 5, 10, 10 & 25. 3 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 28/9/2011. Eastern Marsh Harrier Japanese Sparrowhawk 7 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 28/9/2011. 13 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 28/9/2011. Eurasian Sparrowhawk Northern Goshawk 4, three juveniles & one adult (our first of this trip) flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 28/9/2011. 6 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 28/9/2011. accipiter sp. Eastern Buzzard 2 adults flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 28/9/2011. Common Kestrel 6 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 28/9/2011. Amur Falcon 60 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 28/9/2011. Eurasian Hobby 3 flew south at Laotie Shan. Lushun on the 28/9/2011. Peregrine Falcon 4, two adults and two first-winters, flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 28/9/2011. Black-headed Gull 3 on the sea off Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 28/9/2011. Black-tailed Gull 60 on the sea off Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 28/9/2011. 'Herring Gull Assemblage' 8 on the sea off Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 28/9/2011. 1 on the sea off Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 28/9/2011. Mongolian Gull Oriental Turtle Dove 18 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 28/9/2011. Spotted Dove 3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 28/9/2011. Grey Nightjar 1 flew over the car park at the foot of Laotie Shan, Lushun at about 05h25 on the 28/9/2011. White-throated Needletail 6, a pair & then a party of four, flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 28/9/2011. [Common Swift Terry had poor looks at 1 bird, possibly this species, as it flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 28/9/2011]. Fork-tailed Swift 1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 28/9/2011. Common Kingfisher 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 28/9/2011. Ashy Minivet 7549 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 28/9/2011! Massively higher than any previous counts of this species in China and easily a national record! Bull-headed Shrike 2 singles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 28/9/2011. Black-naped Oriole 1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 28/9/2011. Common Magpie 80 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 28/9/2011. Yellow-bellied Tit 1 flew south at Laotie Shan. Lushun on the 28/9/2011. Japanese Tit 5 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 28/9/2011. Sand Martin 4 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 28/9/2011. Barn Swallow 69 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 28/9/2011. Asian House Martin 8, two pairs and a party of four birds, flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 28/9/2011. Red-rumped Swallow 6130 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 28/9/2011. We estimated 3,000 between 05h30 and 06h00 alone. Dusky Warbler 7 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 28/9/2011. Radde's Warbler 11 at Laotie Shan. Lushun on the 28/9/2011. Pallas's Leaf Warbler 3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 28/9/2011. Yellow-browed Warbler 15 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 28/9/2011. 2 singles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 28/9/2011. Arctic Warbler Black-browed Reed Warbler 5 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 28/9/2011. Baikal Bush Warbler 3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 28/9/2011. Lanceolated Warbler 3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 28/9/2011. Vinous-throated Parrotbill 4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 28/9/2011. Chinese Hill Babbler 4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 28/9/2011.

Chestnut-flanked White-eye	250 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 28/9/2011.
White-eye sp.	2900 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 28/9/2011. At least one was heard over the New Era Hotel in
	Lushun at 05h00 & about 45 minutes before sunrise.
White-cheeked Starling	15 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 28/9/2011.
Purple-backed Starling	1 flew south with a flock of 7 White-cheeked Starlings at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 28/9/2011.
Grey-backed Thrush	1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 28/9/2011.
[Common [Chinese] Blackbird	1 bird, possibly this species, was heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 28/9/2011].
Dusky or Naumann's Thrush	1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 28/9/2011.
Siberian Blue Robin	2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 28/9/2011.
Daurian Redstart	Terry saw 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 28/9/2011.
Common Stonechat	3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 28/9/2011.
White-throated Rock Thrush	1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 28/9/2011 (Peter Cawley).
Asian Brown Flycatcher	3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 28/9/2011.
Taiga Flycatcher	3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 28/9/2011.
Eurasian Tree Sparrow	20 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 28/9/2011.
Eastern Yellow Wagtail	13 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 28/9/2011.
Grey Wagtail	20 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 28/9/2011.
White Wagtail	200, including 61 'Amur Wagtail' <i>M. a. leucopsis</i> , at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 28/9/2011. 81 of these flew south during the day while the other 120 birds were in a pre-roost gathering near the bus turn-around spot on the main highway back to Tieshan zhen in the evening. About ten of the fly-overs were racially assigned as were 51 birds gathering to roost – and all were 'Amur Wagtail' <i>M. leucopsis</i> .
Richard's Pipit	37 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 28/9/2011.
Olive-backed Pipit	487 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 28/9/2011. Three were heard over the New Era Hotel in Lushun at 05h00 & about 45 minutes before sunrise.
Red-throated Pipit	17 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 28/9/2011.
Common Rosefinch	66 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 28/9/2011.
Chinese Grosbeak	15 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 28/9/2011.
Black-faced Bunting	136 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 28/9/2011.
bunting sp.	200 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 28/9/2011.
Mammals, reptiles & amphibians	
Pallas's Pit Viper	1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 28/9/2011.

# Thursday 29 September 2011. All day Laotie Shan, Lushun.

We left the Xin Jiyuan Dajiudian, Lushun in Mr Xing's taxi at 05h00 and drove back to the Lighthouse car park at Laotie Shan. We all left on the 16h30 bus back towards Lushun.

According to someone we met today there's apparently a reservoir between Lushun and Laotie Shan – it's called the Dui Zhuang Gou Shuiku.

#### Weather

It had rained hard overnight – and was still raining when we left the hotel in Lushun. There was no wind at 05h00 but 8/8 cloud cover. It stopped raining about 05h30, the wind picked up from about 09h00 with some patches of blue sky then starting to appear, there was a short, torrential downpour at about 09h15 but no rain whatsoever after that. The wind remained moderately strong (perhaps force 5 or 6) throughout the afternoon and it was  $16^{\circ}$ C at the Lighthouse watch point at 15h30.

Common Pheasant 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 29/9/2011.	
Bean Goose sp. 21 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 12h17 on 29/9/2011.	
Baikal Teal 2 flew east over the point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 29/9/2011.	
Black Stork 3 juveniles repeatedly circled the point at at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 29/9/2011. First seen at 14h35 they seen heading north almost one hour later at 15h30.	/ were last
Grey Heron 1 on the tidal mudflats near the Naval Port near Lushun on the 29/9/2011.	
Little Egret 42 on the tidal mudflats near the Naval Port near Lushun on the 29/9/2011.	
Oriental Honey-buzzard 89 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 29/9/2011.	
Black Kite 36 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 29/9/2011. Birds were seen in parties of the following sizes – 1, 2, 2, 2, 2,	, 2, 3, 4 &
18.	
Eastern Marsh Harrier 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 29/9/2011.	
Pied Harrier 4, including one adult male, at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 29/9/2011.	
Japanese Sparrowhawk 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 29/9/2011.	
Eurasian Sparrowhawk 38, including one chasing a White's Thrush, at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 29/9/2011.	
Northern Goshawk 14, 13 juveniles & one adult, at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 29/9/2011.	
accipiter sp. 13 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 29/9/2011.	
Grey-faced Buzzard 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 29/9/2011.	
Eastern Buzzard 7 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 29/9/2011.	
Greater Spotted Eagle 1 juvenile at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 29/9/2011. Like the bird of a few days ago it flew south, reached the	he
headland and then promptly turned back north!	

Common Kestrel 4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 29/9/2011. Amur Falcon 3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 29/9/2011. 5 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 29/9/2011. Eurasian Hobby Peregrine Falcon 5 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 29/9/2011. Eurasian Woodcock 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 29/9/2011. Black-headed Gull 80 on the tidal mudflats near the Naval Port in Lushun on the 29/9/2011. 980 in the Lushun-Laotie Shan area on the 29/9/2011. 955 of these were on the tidal mudflats near the Naval Port Black-tailed Gull in Lushun while about 25 others were seen on the sea off Laotie Shan. 2 adults on the tidal mudflats near the Naval Port near Lushun on the 29/9/2011. Mew Gull 'Herring Gull Assemblage' 20 on the tidal mudflats near the Naval Port near Lushun on the 29/9/2011. Vega Gull 1 on the tidal mudflats near the Naval Port near Lushun on the 29/9/2011. Mongolian Gull 8 on the tidal mudflats near the Naval Port near Lushun on the 29/9/2011. Oriental Turtle Dove 8 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 29/9/2011. Spotted Dove 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 29/9/2011. Ashy Minivet 654 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 29/9/2011. Tiger Shrike 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 29/9/2011 (Peter Cawley & Terry Townshend). Bull-headed Shrike 1 was heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 29/9/2011. Black-naped Oriole 2 singles, one an adult male & the other not, at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 29/9/2011. Common Magpie 50 between Laotie Shan & Lushun on 29/9/2011. Japanese Tit 5 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 29/9/2011. Light-vented Bulbul 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 29/9/2011. Sand Martin 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 29/9/2011. Barn Swallow 20 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 29/9/2011. Asian House Martin 3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 29/9/2011. 5 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 29/9/2011. House Martin sp. Red-rumped Swallow 380 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 29/9/2011. Dusky Warbler 12 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 29/9/2011. Radde's Warbler 10 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 29/9/2011. Pallas's Leaf Warbler 4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 29/9/2011. Yellow-browed Warbler 28 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 29/9/2011. Arctic Warbler 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 29/9/2011. [Pale-legged Leaf Warbler 3 separate birds, possibly this species, were heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 29/9/2011]. Eastern Crowned Warbler 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 29/9/2011. Black-browed Reed Warbler 5 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 29/9/2011. Thick-billed Warbler 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 29/9/2011. Lanceolated Warbler 2 singles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 29/9/2011. Vinous-throated Parrotbill 10 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 29/9/2011. Chinese Hill Babbler 2, a pair, at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 29/9/2011. Chestnut-flanked White-eye 5 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 29/9/2011. White-eye sp. 275 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 29/9/2011. White-cheeked Starling 24, in two flocks of about a dozen birds each, at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 29/9/2011. White's Thrush 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 29/9/2011. 2 singles were heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 29/9/2011. Siberian Rubythroat Common Stonechat 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 29/9/2011. 3 singles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 29/9/2011. Asian Brown Flycatcher Taiga Flycatcher 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 29/9/2011. Eurasian Tree Sparrow 40 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 29/9/2011. Eastern Yellow Wagtail 6 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 29/9/2011. Grey Wagtail 5 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 29/9/2011. White Wagtail 20, including two 'Amur Wagtail' leucopsis, at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 29/9/2011. Richard's Pipit 12 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 29/9/2011. Olive-backed Pipit 25 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 29/9/2011. Red-throated Pipit 4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 29/9/2011. Grey-capped Greenfinch 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 29/9/2011. Common Rosefinch 6 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 29/9/2011. Meadow Bunting 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 29/9/2011. Yellow-browed Bunting 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 29/9/2011. Black-faced Bunting 5 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 29/9/2011. 10 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 29/9/2011. bunting sp.

#### Friday 30 September 2011. All day Laotie Shan, Lushun.

We left the Xin Jiyuan Dajiudian, Lushun in Mr Xing's taxi at 05h00 and drove back to the Lighthouse car park at Laotie Shan. Terry returned on the 14h30 bus while Peter and me caught the 17h30 bus back.

#### **Weather**

Another nice day. It was cooler in the early morning – being just 10°C at the early morning Laotie Shan watch point at sunrise (05h40). It remained clear and virtually cloudless (with excellent long-range visibility) all day here was also a mild north-north-east wind blowing. The temperature then climbed rapidly to 29°C mid-afternoon. There was little wind in the early morning – and indeed throughout much of the day.

#### Note that at Laotie Shan a southwest wind is by far the best for raptor migration.

Common Pheasant Grey goose sp. Red-breasted Merganser Black Stork Purple Heron Oriental Honey-buzzard Black Kite Pied Harrier Japanese Sparrowhawk Eurasian Sparrowhawk Northern Goshawk accipiter sp. Grey-faced Buzzard Eastern Buzzard Greater Spotted Eagle VU Common Kestrel Amur Falcon Eurasian Hobby Peregrine Falcon Black-tailed Gull 'Herring Gull Assemblage' Oriental Turtle Dove Spotted Dove Grey Nightjar Fork-tailed Swift Wryneck Ashy Minivet Tiger Shrike Bull-headed Shrike Common Magpie Yellow-bellied Tit Japanese Tit Eurasian Skylark Light-vented Bulbul Sand Martin Barn Swallow Asian House Martin House Martin sp. Red-rumped Swallow Dusky Warbler Radde's Warbler Pallas's Leaf Warbler Yellow-browed Warbler Black-browed Reed Warbler Baikal or Chinese Bush Warbler Lanceolated Warbler Vinous-throated Parrotbill Chinese Hill Babbler Chestnut-flanked White-eve Japanese White-eye White-eye sp. White-cheeked Starling [Daurian Redstart Common Stonechat Asian Brown Flycatcher Eurasian Tree Sparrow Eastern Yellow Wagtail Grey Wagtail White Wagtail Richard's Pipit Olive-backed Pipit Red-throated Pipit Buff-bellied Pipit Brambling Grey-capped Greenfinch Common Rosefinch Chinese Grosbeak [Tristram's Bunting Black-faced Bunting

1 was heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 30/9/2011. 7 birds, either Bean or Swan Geese flew high to the south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 30/9/2011. 1 flew east out of Bohai Bay & past Laotie Shan, Lushun at 09h05 on 30/9/2011. 4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 30/9/2011. Three first winters, probably the same birds as yesterday, flew over at 06h20 while a separate first winter flew west at 14h40. 1 juvenile flew over at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 30/9/2011. 107 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 30/9/2011. The first three birds were seen at 05h44. 30 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 30/9/2011. The first bird was seen at 05h33 & birds were subsequently in parties of the following sizes - 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 2, 2, 4, 7 & 9. 1 ringtail flew west at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 30/9/2011. 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 30/9/2011. 56 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 30/9/2011. 9, eight juveniles & just one adult, at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 30/9/2011. The first bird was seen at 05h50. 5 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 30/9/2011. 21 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 30/9/2011. 24 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 30/9/2011. 2 juveniles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 30/9/2011. First seen at 13h54 one of them promptly turned back north while the other appeared to migrate south across the sea to Shandong Province. Both birds were photographed. 5 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 30/9/2011. 5 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 30/9/2011. 3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 30/9/2011. 4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 30/9/2011. 10 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 30/9/2011. 20 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 30/9/2011 9 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 30/9/2011. 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 30/9/2011. 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 30/9/2011. 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 30/9/2011. 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 30/9/2011. 970 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 30/9/2011. 1 first-winter, the same bird as yesterday, at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 30/9/2011. 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 30/9/2011. 50 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 30/9/2011. 3 singles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 30/9/2011. 10 at Laotie Shan. Lushun on 30/9/2011. 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 30/9/2011. 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 30/9/2011. 6 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 30/9/2011. 65 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 30/9/2011. 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 30/9/2011. 4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 30/9/2011. 4000 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 30/9/2011. 12 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 30/9/2011. 26 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 30/9/2011. 4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 30/9/2011. 5 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 30/9/2011. 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 30/9/2011. Terry saw & photographed one bradypterus warbler at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 30/9/2011. 3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 30/9/2011. 8 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 30/9/2011. 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 30/9/2011. 10 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 30/9/2011. 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 30/9/2011. 245 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 30/9/2011. 8 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 30/9/2011. 1 bird, possibly this species, was heard & glimpsed at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 30/9/2011]. 4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 30/9/2011. 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 30/9/2011. 10 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 30/9/2011. 6 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 30/9/2011. 3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 30/9/2011. 20 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 30/9/2011. 14 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 30/9/2011. 48 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 30/9/2011. 10 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 30/9/2011. 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 30/9/2011. 4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 30/9/2011. 3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 30/9/2011. 22 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 30/9/2011. 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 30/9/2011. Terry saw one bird, possibly this species, at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 30/9/2011]. 8 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 30/9/2011.

#### Saturday 1 October 2011. All day Laotie Shan, Lushun.

We left the Xin Jiyuan Dajiudian, Lushun in Mr Xing's taxi at 05h00 and drove back to the Lighthouse car park at Laotie Shan. We spent the rest of the day there and were joined by Tom Beeke and three of his colleagues for much of the day. Most of us spent the morning at the 'helipad watch point', Tom and me remained until 16h00 while everyone else spent the afternoon scouring the woods and gullies. Terry, Peter and me caught the 17h30 bus back towards Lushun while Tom and his team drove back up to Jinshitan.

#### <u>Weather</u>

Another decent day. It was just 10°C near the Laotie Shan watch point at sunrise almost one hour later (05h40). The temperature slowly rose to a maximum of only about 21°C mid-afternoon. There was little wind and it was fairly clear in the early morning but the cloud cover had increased to about 7/8 by 12h30 and the wind had started to pick up.

Common Pheasant 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 1/10/2011. 1 flew east over the peninsula at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 06h40 on 1/10/2011. Taiga or Tundra Bean Goose Purple Heron 1 juvenile at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 1/10/2011. 2 singles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 1/10/2011. Osprey 143 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 1/10/2011. The first bird flew over at 06h12. Oriental Honey-buzzard Black Kite 53 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 1/10/2011. The first bird flew over at 06h53 & flock sizes were 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 2, 2, 3, 3, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8 & 10. Eastern Marsh Harrier 11, including at least four adult males, at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 1/10/2011. The first bird, a juvenile, flew over at 06h13. Pied Harrier 6 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 1/10/2011. Japanese Sparrowhawk 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 1/10/2011. Eurasian Sparrowhawk 61 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 1/10/2011. 22, 21 juveniles & just one adult, at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 1/10/2011. Northern Goshawk 189 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 1/10/2011. The first bird flew over at 06h54 & flock sizes were 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 2, 2, 3, Grey-faced Buzzard 4, 4, 4, 4, 4, 6, 6, 6, 6, 7, 8, 9, 9, 10, 14, 15, 18, 18 & 25. Although over 10,000 have been seen in a day in Taiwan today's count is probably a record for mainland China! (Richard Lewthwaite in litt. 9 October 2011). Eastern Buzzard 42 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 1/10/2011. Greater Spotted Eagle VU 4 juveniles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 1/10/2011. The first bird appeared at 10h17 and headed almost straight out over the bay, the second appeared just 11 minutes later & soon turned back north while the third and fourth were together, appeared at 13h01, and only circled for a very short time before returning back north. The first two birds were photographed. Common Kestrel 13 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 1/10/2011. Amur Falcon 84 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 1/10/2011. Eurasian Hobby 5 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 1/10/2011. Peregrine Falcon 3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 1/10/2011. 1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 08h10 on 1/10/2011. Grey-headed Lapwing Eurasian Woodcock 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 1/10/2011 (Peter Cawley & Terry Townshend). Black-tailed Gull 5 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 1/10/2011. 'Herring Gull Assemblage' 4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 1/10/2011. Oriental Turtle Dove 40 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 1/10/2011. Grey Nightjar 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 1/10/2011. Ashy Minivet 2041 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 1/10/2011. Bull-headed Shrike 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 1/10/2011. Common Magpie 100 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 1/10/2011 Yellow-bellied Tit 6 singles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 1/10/2011. 10 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 1/10/2011. Japanese Tit Eurasian Skylark 3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 1/10/2011. Light-vented Bulbul 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 1/10/2011. Sand Martin 2 singles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 1/10/2011. Barn Swallow 15 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 1/10/2011. Red-rumped Swallow 2000 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 1/10/2011. Dusky Warbler 3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 1/10/2011. Radde's Warbler 5 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 1/10/2011. Pallas's Leaf Warbler 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 1/10/2011. Yellow-browed Warbler 6 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 1/10/2011. Black-browed Reed Warbler 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 1/10/2011. 1 was heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 1/10/2011. Baikal Bush Warbler Lanceolated Warbler 1 at Laotie Shan on 1/10/2011, Vinous-throated Parrotbill 5 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 1/10/2011. Chinese Hill Babbler 2, a pair, at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 1/10/2011. Chestnut-flanked White-eye 20 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 1/10/2011. 4500 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 1/10/2011. White-eye sp.

White-cheeked Starling 96 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 1/10/2011. Flocks consisted of 1, 3, 5, 8, 8, 9, 13, 17 & 18 birds. 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 1/10/2011. White's Thrush Grey-backed Thrush 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 1/10/2011. Dusky or Naumann's Thrush 1 at Laotie Shan on 1/10/2011. 1 adult male at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 1/10/2011. Red-throated Thrush Siberian Rubythroat 2, one of which was first-winter female, at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 1/10/2011. Daurian Redstart 1 male at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 1/10/2011. Common Stonechat 4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 1/10/2011. 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 1/10/2011 (Peter Cawley & Terry Townshend). Taiga Flycatcher Eurasian Tree Sparrow 5 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 1/10/2011. Eastern Yellow Wagtail 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 1/10/2011. Grey Wagtail 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 1/10/2011. White Wagtail 50, including 20 'Amur Wagtails' M. a. leucopsis & & 1 'East Siberian Wagtail' M. a. ocularis, at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 1/10/2011. **Richard's** Pipit 12 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 1/10/2011. Olive-backed Pipit 27 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 1/10/2011. Red-throated Pipit 9 singles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 1/10/2011. **Buff-bellied Pipit** 2 singles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 1/10/2011. Brambling 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 1/10/2011. Grey-capped Greenfinch 4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 1/10/2011. Common Rosefinch 9 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 1/10/2011. Chinese Grosbeak 16 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 1/10/2011. Flock sizes were 1.6 & 8. Pine Bunting 1 was heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 1/10/2011. Meadow Bunting 1 was heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 1/10/2011. 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 1/10/2011. Chestnut-eared Bunting Black-faced Bunting 10 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 1/10/2011. 10 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 1/10/2011. bunting sp.

#### Sunday 2 October 2011. Most of the day Laotie Shan, Lushun.

We left the Xin Jiyuan Dajiudian, Lushun in Mr Xing's taxi at 05h00 and drove back to the Lighthouse car park at Laotie Shan. Tom Beeke's regular driver met us near the car park at Laotie Shan at about 15h45 and the four of us returned to the hotel where we picked up some extra gear before heading up to Tom's house at Jinshitan. The drive via the expressway took about 1.5 hours and cost 330 yuan (110 yuan each) including the tolls.

#### Weather

A gorgeous day – cool but with excellent long-range visibility. It was again 10°C near the Laotie Shan watch point at sunrise (about 05h40). The temperature slowly rose to a maximum of only about 17°C early afternoon but it felt significantly colder in the strong wind. There was little wind in the early morning but it soon picked up and a strong north-westerly was blowing by 09h15. This wind continued until we left Laotie Shan in the late afternoon and consequently what few raptors there were were moving very high.

Common Pheasant	1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 2/10/2011.
Taiga or Tundra Bean Goose	45 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 2/10/2011., 36 at 10h25, 8 at 11h45 & 1 at 15h08.
Greater White-fronted Goose	7 flew south, with 8 Bean Geese sp., at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 11h45 on 2/10/2011.
Grey goose sp.	18 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 2/10/2011. 1 flew south at 06h38 while 17 more did the same at 12h28.
Grey Heron	17 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 13h42 on 2/10/2011.
Purple Heron	8 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 06h22 on 2/10/2011.
Heron sp.	40 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 2/10/2011. 21 flew south at 05h39 and 19 at 05h55.
Oriental Honey-buzzard	53 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 2/10/2011. The first birds (2) were seen at 05h57.
Black Kite	18 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 2/10/2011. The first birds (6) were seen at 05h57. Flock sizes were 1, 1, 1, 6 & 9
	birds.
Pied Harrier	1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 2/10/2011. It flew south at 05h41.
Japanese Sparrowhawk	3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 2/10/2011.
Eurasian Sparrowhawk	47 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 2/10/2011.
Northern Goshawk	3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 2/10/2011.
accipiter sp.	5 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 2/10/2011.
Grey-faced Buzzard	30 in southern Liaoning on 2/10/2011. The first bird was seen at 06h02. Flock sizes were 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 2, 3, 5
	& 13 birds. 17 were seen at Laotie Shan in the morning while 13 more were seen from the expressway just to the
	northwest of Dalian city in the early evening.
Eastern Buzzard	30 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 2/10/2011.
Greater Spotted Eagle VU	1 juvenile circled the point at Laotie Shan, Lushun 11h18 on 2/10/2011. It soon turned back north.
Steppe Eagle	1 juvenile circled the point at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 10h16 on 2/10/2011. It soon turned back north.
Common Kestrel	3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 2/10/2011.
Amur Falcon	2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 2/10/2011.
Eurasian Hobby	3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 2/10/2011.

Peregrine Falcon 3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 2/10/2011. Common Snipe 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 2/10/2011. 5 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 2/10/2011. Black-tailed Gull 'Herring Gull Assemblage' 5 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 2/10/2011. Oriental Turtle Dove 45 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 2/10/2011. Oriental Scops Owl 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 2/10/2011. Ashy Minivet 700 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 2/10/2011. Bull-headed Shrike 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 2/10/2011. It was a different bird to yesterday's. Chinese Grey Shrike 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 2/10/2011. Common Magpie 150 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 2/10/2011. Carrion Crow 1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 13h06 on 2/10/2011. Yellow-bellied Tit 28 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 2/10/2011. Japanese Tit 10 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 2/10/2011. Eurasian Skylark 4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 2/10/2011. Light-vented Bulbul 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 2/10/2011. Barn Swallow 50 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 2/10/2011. Terry saw a leucistic bird late morning. House Martin sp. 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 2/10/2011. Red-rumped Swallow 3000 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 2/10/2011. Asian Stubtail 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 2/10/2011. Dusky Warbler 5 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 2/10/2011. Radde's Warbler 10 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 2/10/2011. Pallas's Leaf Warbler 10 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 2/10/2011. Yellow-browed Warbler 10 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 2/10/2011. Black-browed Reed Warbler 8 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 2/10/2011. Lanceolated Warbler 3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 2/10/2011. Chestnut-flanked White-eve 5 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 2/10/2011. White-eye sp. 600 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 2/10/2011. White-cheeked Starling 103 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 2/10/2011. Flock sizes were 2, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 17 & 36. Grey-backed Thrush 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 2/10/2011. Red-throated Thrush 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 2/10/2011. Terry saw 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 2/10/2011]. [Dusky Thrush 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 2/10/2011. Bluethroat Rufous-tailed Robin 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 2/10/2011. Orange-flanked Bluetail 7 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 2/10/2011. Daurian Redstart 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 2/10/2011. Common Stonechat 5 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 2/10/2011. 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 2/10/2011 (Peter Cawley & Terry Townshend). Mugimaki Flycatcher Taiga Flycatcher 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 2/10/2011 (Peter Cawley & Terry Townshend). Eurasian Tree Sparrow 5 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 2/10/2011. Eastern Yellow Wagtail 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 2/10/2011. 3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 2/10/2011. Grey Wagtail White Wagtail 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 2/10/2011. **Richard's Pipit** 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 2/10/2011. 32 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 2/10/2011. Olive-backed Pipit Red-throated Pipit 3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 2/10/2011. **Buff-bellied** Pipit 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 2/10/2011. Brambling 4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 2/10/2011. Grey-capped Greenfinch 7 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 2/10/2011. Common Rosefinch 17 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 2/10/2011. Chinese Grosbeak 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 2/10/2011. Black-faced Bunting 10 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 2/10/2011. bunting sp. 10 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 2/10/2011.

#### Monday 3 October 2011. Most of the day in the Jinshitan - Pikou area.

We left our hotel in central Jinshitan at 05h15 with Tom driving and Terry, Peter and me riding as passengers, We spent the entire day birding at a number of sites that Tom knew (& knew extremely well) between Jinshitan, Pikou and on north towards Zhuanghe. We returned to Jinshitan in the early evening, said goodbye to Tom and headed back to Lushun in another vehicle.

During the day we met Professor Zhou (from Shenyang) and his family. Prof. Zhou had been instrumental in helping reduce bird catching at Laotie Shan. He was based there for the three years 2007-2009 and told us that large raptors (presumably Oriental Honey-buzzards) were then priced at 100 yuan each and small raptors over 20 yuan each and that over 4000 raptors used to be caught each year.

The first Oriental Honey-buzzard of 2011 apparently occurred on the 2 September & they peak in middle of that month.

#### **Weather**

There was absolutely no cloud, a very light dew and it was just 7°C outside our hotel in Jinshitan at 05h10. The day remained immaculately clear and temperatures rose to about 23°C. There was rather little wind all day.

#### Hotel in Jinshitan, Jinzhouqu. (39°05.4'N., 122°00.9'E.). 05h05-05h15.

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I spent about ten minutes outside the hotel before dawn & heard a small number of birds including -

Little Owl	
Olive-backed Pipit	
Black-faced Bunting	

#### Site 2. Jinshitan Coastal Geopark, Jinzhouqu. (39'04.1'N., 122'02.8'E.). 05h25-06h05.

One of Tom's favourite birding sites – and one that is a regular wintering site for both Pallas's & Longtailed Rosefinches. Daurian Jackdaw is fairly regular here and it has produced up to four Varied Tits in winter. Beijing right on the coast today it yielded quite a few visible migrants as well as Peter's target species of Blue Rock-thrush & Chinese Hill Babbler. It's a gorgeous, very attractively laid out park with boardwalks, bi-lingual signs and a myriad of other items. Today we drove to the car park at the very end of the coastal road and spent 40 minutes birding from the boardwalk – looking out over the sea as well as in the coastal gardens and scrub and it wasn't long before we found our primary target – a Blue Rock Thrush.

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#### Site 3. Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds (coastal), Jinzhouqu. (39°07.5'N., 122°01.9'E.). 06h20-06h40.

Another of Tom's regular sites and today we explored two parts of this, soon to be reclaimed sprawling, area. The first, a near coastal tidal river surrounded by fishponds (or ponds where sea cucumbers are farmed according to Tom), produced our first Chinese Egret as well as a fly-over Osprey.

Mallard	98
Little Grebe	2
Grey Heron	2
Chinese Egret VU	1
Osprey	1
Common Kestrel	1
Black-headed Gull	80
Black-tailed Gull	3
'Herring Gull Assemblage'	7
Mongolian Gull	7
Eurasian Skylark	15
Light-vented Bulbul	2
Barn Swallow	30
Red-throated Pipit	2

#### Site 4. Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds (inland), Jinzhouqu. (39°04.1'N., 122°02.8'E.). 06h45-08h05.

The second portion of the same, extensive sea farming pond complex was a five minute drive inland from the previous site. The attractions here were the numerous reed-fringed ponds. Tom had seen, and photographed, a female Watercock with tiny, flightless chicks here only a month earlier, and we were hoping to be able to see at least one of these today. We didn't but the pools and reed beds held an impressive variety of other birds. Unfortunately a new road right through the marsh was nearing completion with a dozen or so workmen and heavy machinery hard at work. Highlights here included a modest number of ducks including a fly-by Baikal Teal, our only Intermediate Egret of our entire time in Liaoning, a fine Baillon's Crake, a juvenile Whiskered Tern, a distant Chinese Grey Shrike, ten Chinese Penduline Tits (they breed here according to Tom), two lingering Oriental and ten Black-browed Reed Warblers (both also breed here), a Bluethroat and the only Common Reed Bunting of our time in Liaoning.

Common Pheasant	3
Gadwall	4
Mallard	20
Chinese Spot-billed Duck	30
Baikal Teal	1
Eurasian Teal	4
Little Grebe	6
Grey Heron	6
Intermediate Egret	1
Little Egret	2
Amur Falcon	3
	1
Eurasian Hobby	-
Baillon's Crake	1
Common Moorhen	15
Common Coot	2
Pintail or Swinhoe's Snipe	1
Common Snipe	4
Black-headed Gull	8
Whiskered Tern	1
Oriental Turtle Dove	10
Common Kingfisher	1
Chinese Grey Shrike	1
Yellow-bellied Tit	1
Chinese Penduline Tit	10
Barn Swallow	20
Red-rumped Swallow	20
Dusky Warbler	3
Oriental Reed Warbler	2 2
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Black-browed Reed Warbler	10
Zitting Cisticola	3
Dusky Thrush	2
Thrush sp.	4
Bluethroat	1
Common Stonechat	4
Eastern Yellow Wagtail	1
Grey Wagtail	1
White Wagtail	2
Richard's Pipit	6
Olive-backed Pipit	6
Red-throated Pipit	4
Buff-bellied Pipit	2
Common Rosefinch	1
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Chestnut-eared Bunting	2 15
Black-faced Bunting	
Pallas's Bunting	2
Reed Bunting	1

#### Site 5. Near Daliujia zhen, Pulandian.

Osprey Amur Falcon

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# Site 6. Tidal Zanzi river downstream of steel plant, Pulandian. (39°27.8'N., 122°25.7'E.). 08h30-08h40.

Great Egret	1
Chinese Egret VU	2
Eurasian Curlew NT	8
Eastern Curlew VU	2
Oriental Turtle Dove	15
Eurasian Skylark	4
Red-throated Pipit	1
Red-throated Pipit	1
Buff-bellied Pipit	2

#### Site 7. Tidal Qing Shui river nr Jinchang cun, Pulandian. (39°13.2'N., 122°06.2'E.). 08h45-08h55.

Mallard
Chinese Spot-billed Duck
Grey Heron
Amur Falcon
Northern Lapwing
Spotted Redshank
Green Sandpiper
Common Sandpiper
Common Kingfisher
Ashy Minivet
Chinese Penduline Tit
Black-browed Reed Warbler
Eastern Yellow Wagtail
White Wagtail
Buff-bellied Pipit

21, including 18 *taivana*, 42 including 2 'Baikal Wagtail' *baicalensis*, 26 'Amur Wagtail' *leucopsis* & 14 'East Siberian Wagtail' *ocularis* 

#### Site 8. Near Pikou, Pulandian. (39°24.3'N., 122°22.7'E.). 09h25-10h30.

Gadwall
Little Grebe
Grey Heron
Eurasian Sparrowhawk
Northern Goshawk
Little Curlew
Common Greenshank
Little Owl
Common Kingfisher
Eurasian Hoopoe
Asian Short-toed Lark
Eurasian Skylark
Dusky Warbler
Yellow-browed Warbler
Richard's Pipit
Red-throated Pipit

#### Site 9. Shrimp or fishponds north of Pikou, Pulandian. (39'27.8'N., 122'25.7'E.). 11h00-11h40.

Tundra Bean Goose	2
Ruddy Shelduck	4
Falcated Duck NT	26
Eurasian Wigeon	1
Mallard	1
Chinese Spot-billed Duck	14
Northern Shoveler	2
Northern Pintail	1
Eurasian Teal	8
Common Kestrel	2
Amur Falcon	2
Pacific Golden Plover	1
Little Ringed Plover	4
Kentish Plover	2
Spotted Redshank	58
Common Greenshank	10
Wood Sandpiper	3
Temminck's Stint	9
Ashy Minivet	2
Sand Martin	1

Barn Swallow	70
Red-rumped Swallow	10
Eastern Yellow Wagtail	2
White Wagtail	1
Richard's Pipit	1
Red-throated Pipit	5

# Site 10. Coastal mudflats north of Zhang Xia Wang, Pulandian. (39'34.9'N., 122'47.5'E.). 12h15-12h20.

The road, the Binhai highway followed the coast here and we stopped at two sites that Tom and Terry had visited previously. Both were sites where shorebirds roosted at high tide.

Kentish Plover Lesser Sand Plover	210 5
Eurasian Curlew NT	5 250
Eastern Curlew VU Marsh Sandpiper	2
Dunlin	380
Black-tailed Gull Red-rumped Swallow	130 10

# Site 11. Coastal mudflats between Zhang Zui Yu Ye & Zhang Xia Wang, Pulandian. (39'36.2'N., 122'50.4'E.). 12h30-13h50.

The second roadside high tide shorebird roost.

Common Shelduck	48
Falcated Duck NT	3
Eurasian Wigeon	1
Northern Pintail	8
Eurasian Sparrowhawk	1
Kentish Plover	70
[Eastern] Black-tailed Godwit	NT 12
Bar-tailed Godwit	3
Eurasian Curlew NT	575
Eastern Curlew VU	38
Great Knot VU	40
Red Knot	2
Dunlin	1770
Black-headed Gull	5
Black-tailed Gull	240

#### Site 12. Biliu river bridge & river mouth, Pulandian. (39°28.6'N., 122°34.2'E.). 14h10-16h45.

This site, about 500 metres inland from the river mouth, is close the village of Wenjia cun. A large sand bank upstream of the new road bridge remains exposed and is a high tide roost site for large numbers of shorebirds and gulls. We first viewed the roosting birds from the southbound carriageway on the bridge, subsequently accessed the southern shore at the river mouth and eventually found access to the small fishing harbour about 500 metres upstream from the bridge. The latter site would have afforded closer views of the roosting gulls at high tide – but by the time we were there the tide had dropped and the roosting birds had mostly dissipated.

Mallard	10
Great Cormorant	1
Eurasian Oystercatcher	70
Grey Plover	14
Kentish Plover	100
Whimbrel	1
Eurasian Curlew NT	30
Eastern Curlew VU	30
Spotted Redshank	5
Common Greenshank	10
Terek Sandpiper	13
Dunlin	10
Black-headed Gull	30
Pallas's Gull	1
Black-tailed Gull	675
Mew Gull	1

Glaucous Gull 'Herring Gull Assemblage' Heuglin's Gull Vega Gull Mongolian Gull Caspian Tern Chinese Grey Shrike Dusky Warbler Yellow-browed Warbler Vinous-throated Parrotbill	1 350 3 1 350 5 1 2 2 8
Common Pheasant Tundra Bean Goose Common Shelduck Ruddy Shelduck Gadwall Falcated Duck NT	<ul> <li>3 near the inland pools of the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds, Jinzhouqu on the 3/10/2011.</li> <li>2 besides the shrimp or fishponds north of Pikou, Pulandian on the 3/10/2011.</li> <li>48 on the sea between Zhang Zui Yu Ye &amp; Zhang Xia Wang, Pulandian, on the 3/10/2011.</li> <li>4 besides the shrimp or fishponds north of Pikou, Pulandian on the 3/10/2011.</li> <li>7 between Jinshitan and Pikou on the 3/10/2011. Four of these were with other ducks over the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds, Jinzhouqu while the other three were near Pikou, Pulandian.</li> <li>29 between Pikou &amp; Zhuanghe on the 3/10/2011. 26 of these were around the shrimp or fishponds north of Pikou,</li> </ul>
Eurasian Wigeon	Pulandian while the other three, with other ducks, over the sea between Zhang Zui Yu Ye & Zhang Xia Wang, Pulandian. 2 singles between Pikou and Zhuanghe on the 3/10/2011. The first was around the shrimp or fishponds north of
	Pikou, Pulandian while the second was with other ducks over the sea between Zhang Zui Yu Ye & Zhang Xia Wang, Pulandian.
Mallard	131 between Jinshitan, Pikou and north towards Zhuanghe on the 3/10/2011. These involved 118 around the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds (with 98 in the river in the coastal portion and 20 more around the inland ponds); two in the tidal river near Jinchang cun, Pulandian; just one was with other ducks besides the shrimp or fishponds north of Pikou, Pulandian and 10 in the Biliu river mouth, Pulandian.
Chinese Spot-billed Duck	54 between Jinshitan, Pikou and north towards Zhuanghe on the 3/10/2011. 30 of these were with other ducks over the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds, Jinzhouqu; ten in the tidal river near Jinchang cun, Pulandian; 14, with other ducks, besides the shrimp or fishponds north of Pikou, Pulandian.
Northern Shoveler Northern Pintail	2, with other ducks, besides the shrimp or fishponds north of Pikou, Pulandian on the 3/10/2011. 9 between Pikou and Zhuanghe on the 3/10/2011. The first was besides the shrimp or fishponds north of Pikou,
	Pulandian while the other eight were with other ducks over the sea between Zhang Zui Yu Ye & Zhang Xia Wang, Pulandian.
Baikal Teal	1, with other ducks, in flight over the inland pools of the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds, Jinzhouqu on the 3/10/2011.
Eurasian Teal	12 between Jinshitan, Pikou and north towards Zhuanghe on the 3/10/2011. Four of these were with other ducks over the inland portion of the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds, Jinzhouqu with the other eight were besides the shrimp or fishponds north of Pikou, Pulandian.
Little Grebe	11 between Jinshitan & Pikou on the 3/10/2011. Eight of these were in the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds, Jinzhouqu (with two in the river in the coastal portion and six more around the inland ponds) with the other three being on near coastal fishponds near Pikou, Pulandian later in the day.
Grey Heron	10 in the coastal strip between Jinshitan and Pikou on the 3/10/2011. These involved eight around the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds (with two in the river in the coastal portion and six more around the inland ponds); one in the tidal river near Jinchang cun, Pulandian and one near Pikou, Pulandian.
Great Egret	4 between Jinshitan, Pikou and north towards Zhuanghe on the 3/10/2011. The first was in the tidal Qing Shui river downstream of the steel plant between Daliujia and Jinchang cun, Pulandian.
Intermediate Egret Little Egret	1 besides the inland pools of the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds, Jinzhouqu on the 3/10/2011. 8 between Jinshitan, Pikou and north towards Zhuanghe on the 3/10/2011. The first four of these were over the inland portion of the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds, Jinzhouqu.
Chinese Egret VU	3 between Jinshitan and Pikou on the 3/10/2011. The first was in the tidal river at the coastal portion of the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds, Jinzhouqu in the early morning while the other two were in the tidal Qing Shui river downstream of the steel plant between Daliujia and Jinchang cun, Pulandian, later in the day.
Great Cormorant Osprey	1 in the Biliu river mouth, Pulandian on the 3/10/2011. 2 singles between Jinshitan & Pikou on the 3/10/2011. The first was over the tidal river at the coastal portion of
Eurasian Sparrowhawk	the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds, Jinzhouqu while the second was near Daliujia, Pulandian later in the day. 2 singles between Pikou & Zhuanghe on the 3/10/2011. The first was near Pikou, Pulandian while the second was between Zhang Zui Yu Ye & Zhang Xia Wang, Pulandian.
Northern Goshawk	1 over waste ground on the north-eastern side of Pikou, Pulandian on the 3/10/2011.
Common Kestrel	4 between Jinshitan, Pikou and north towards Zhuanghe on the 3/10/2011. The first two were near Jinshitan, Jinzhouqu with singles in the Jinshitan Coastal Geopark & over the coastal portion of the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds. The other two were besides the shrimp or fishponds north of Pikou, Pulandian.
Amur Falcon	7 between Jinshitan, Pikou and north towards Zhuanghe on the 3/10/2011. Three of these were around the inland portion of the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds, Jinzhouqu; one more was was near Daliujia, Pulandian; another was near the tidal river close to Jinchang cun, Pulandian and the last two were besides the shrimp or fishponds north of Pikou, Pulandian.
Eurasian Hobby	1 around the inland pools of the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds, Jinzhouqu on the 3/10/2011.
Baillon's Crake Common Moorhen	1 around the inland pools of the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds, Jinzhouqu on the 3/10/2011. 15 around the inland pools of the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds, Jinzhouqu on the 3/10/2011.
Common Moornen Common Coot	2 on the inland pools of the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds, Jinzhouqu on the 3/10/2011.
Eurasian Oystercatcher	70 at a high tide roost in the Biliu river mouth, Pulandian on the 3/10/2011.
Northern Lapwing	2 in the tidal river near Jinchang cun, Pulandian on the 3/10/2011.
Pacific Golden Plover	1 was heard besides the shrimp or fishponds north of Pikou, Pulandian on the 3/10/2011.
Grey Plover Little Ringed Plover	14 in the Biliu river mouth, Pulandian on the 3/10/2011.
Little Killgeu Flöver	4 besides the shrimp or fishponds north of Pikou, Pulandian on the 3/10/2011.

Kentish Plover

Lesser Sand Plover Pintail or Swinhoe's Snipe Common Snipe [Eastern] Black-tailed Godwit NT Bar-tailed Godwit Little Curlew Whimbrel Eurasian Curlew NT

Eastern Curlew VU

Spotted Redshank

Marsh Sandpiper Common Greenshank

Green Sandpiper Wood Sandpiper Terek Sandpiper Common Sandpiper Great Knot VU Red Knot Temminck's Stint Dunlin

Black-headed Gull

Pallas's Gull

Black-tailed Gull

Mew Gull Glaucous Gull 'Herring Gull Assemblage'

Heuglin's Gull Vega Gull Mongolian Gull

Caspian Tern Whiskered Tern Oriental Turtle Dove

Little Owl

Common Kingfisher

Eurasian Hoopoe Ashy Minivet

Chinese Grey Shrike

Common Magpie Yellow-bellied Tit

382 between Pikou and Zhuanghe on the 3/10/2011. The first two were besides the shrimp or fishponds north of Pikou, Pulandian; 10 near the Biliu river mouth, Pulandian; 70 at a high tide roost between Zhang Zui Yu Ye & Zhang Xia Wang, Pulandian and 210 at a similar high tide roost north of Zhang Xia Wang, Pulandian; 5 at a high tide roost north of Zhang Xia Wang, Pulandian on the 3/10/2011. 1, with Common Snipe, around the inland pools of the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds, Jinzhouqu on the 3/10/2011. 4 around the inland pools of the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds, Jinzhouqu on the 3/10/2011. 12 at a high tide roost between Zhang Zui Yu Ye & Zhang Xia Wang, Pulandian on the 3/10/2011. 3 at a high tide roost between Zhang Zui Yu Ye & Zhang Xia Wang, Pulandian on the 3/10/2011. 1 was seen exceptionally well, and photographed, immediately northeast of Pikou, Pulandian on the 3/10/2011. 1 in the Biliu river mouth, Pulandian on the 3/10/2011. 863 between Jinshitan, Pikou and north towards Zhuanghe on the 3/10/2011. The first eight were in the tidal Qing Shui river downstream of the steel plant between Daliujia and Jinchang cun, Pulandian; 30 near the Biliu river mouth, Pulandian; 575 at a high tide roost between Zhang Zui Yu Ye & Zhang Xia Wang, Pulandian and 250 at a similar high tide roost north of Zhang Xia Wang, Pulandian. 72 between Jinshitan, Pikou and north towards Zhuanghe on the 3/10/2011. The first two were in the tidal Oing Shui river downstream of the steel plant between Daliujia and Jinchang cun, Pulandian; 30 near the Biliu river mouth, Pulandian; 38 at a high tide roost between Zhang Zui Yu Ye & Zhang Xia Wang, Pulandian and two more at a similar high tide roost north of Zhang Xia Wang, Pulandian. 64 between Jinshitan, Pikou and north towards Zhuanghe on the 3/10/2011. The first was in the tidal river near Jinchang cun, Pulandian; 58 were besides the shrimp or fishponds north of Pikou, Pulandian; five in the Biliu river mouth, Pulandian. 1 with other shorebirds at a high tide roost north of Zhang Xia Wang, Pulandian on the 3/10/2011. 21 between Pikou and Zhuanghe on the 3/10/2011. The first was on a freshwater pool immediately northeast of Pikou, Pulandian; 10 besides the shrimp or fishponds north of Pikou, Pulandian; 10 the Biliu river mouth, Pulandian. 6 besides the tidal river near Jinchang cun, Pulandian on the 3/10/2011. 3 besides the shrimp or fishponds north of Pikou, Pulandian on the 3/10/2011. 13 around the Biliu river mouth, Pulandian on the 3/10/2011. 1 besides the tidal river near Jinchang cun, Pulandian on the 3/10/2011. 40 at a high tide roost between Zhang Zui Yu Ye & Zhang Xia Wang, Pulandian on the 3/10/2011. 2 at a high tide roost between Zhang Zui Yu Ye & Zhang Xia Wang, Pulandian on the 3/10/2011. 9 besides the shrimp or fishponds north of Pikou, Pulandian on the 3/10/2011. 2160 between Pikou & Zhuanghe on the 3/10/2011. These involved 10 around the Biliu river mouth, Pulandian; 1770 at a high tide roost between Zhang Zui Yu Ye & Zhang Xia Wang, Pulandian & 380 at a similar high tide roost north of Zhang Xia Wang, Pulandian. 123 between Jinshitan, Pikou and north towards Zhuanghe on the 3/10/2011. 88 of these were in the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds (with 80 in the river in the coastal portion and eight more around the inland ponds); 30 around the Biliu river mouth, Pulandian and five at a high tide roost between Zhang Zui Yu Ye & Zhang Xia Wang, Pulandian. 1 moulting juvenile at a high tide roost in the Biliu river mouth, Pulandian on the 3/10/2011. Apparently only the third record for Liaoning. 1063 between Jinshitan, Pikou and north towards Zhuanghe on the 3/10/2011. The first 15 were on the sea off the Jinshitan Coastal Geopark; three in the tidal river at the coastal portion of the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds; 675 at a high tide roost in the Biliu river mouth, Pulandian; 240 at a high tide roost between Zhang Zui Yu Ye & Zhang Xia Wang, Pulandian and 130 at a similar high tide roost north of Zhang Xia Wang, Pulandian. 1 first-winter at a high tide gull roost in the Biliu river mouth, Pulandian on the 3/10/2011. 1 first-year at a high tide gull roost in the Biliu river mouth, Pulandian on the 3/10/2011. 357 between Jinshitan, Pikou and north towards Zhuanghe on the 3/10/2011. Seven of these, all identified as Mongolian Gulls, were besides the river in the coastal Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds; while 350 others, almost all also identified as Mongolian Gulls, were at a high tide gull roost in the Biliu river mouth, Pulandian later in the day. 3 a high tide gull roost in the Biliu river mouth, Pulandian on the 3/10/2011. 1 a high tide gull roost in the Biliu river mouth, Pulandian on the 3/10/2011. 357 between Jinshitan, Pikou & Zhuanghe on the 3/10/2011. The first seven were besides the river in the coastal Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds while the other 350 were at a high tide gull roost in the Biliu river mouth, Pulandian later in the day. 5 a high tide roost in the Biliu river mouth, Pulandian on the 3/10/2011. 1 juvenile over the inland pools of the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds, Jinzhouqu on the 3/10/2011. 30 between Jinshitan, Pikou and north towards Zhuanghe on the 3/10/2011. The first five were in the Jinshitan Coastal Geopark, 10 more were around the inland pools of the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds, Jinzhouqu and 15 more flew over the tidal Qing Shui river downstream of the steel plant between Daliujia and Jinchang cun, Pulandian 2 singles between Jinshitan & Pikou on the 3/10/2011. The first was heard outside our hotel in Jinshitan before dawn while the second was seen, and photographed in wasteland just north of Pikou. The latter is a regular site that Tom knew. 3 singles between Jinshitan and Pikou on the 3/10/2011. The first was besides the inland pools of the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds, Jinzhouqu; another was besides the tidal river near Jinchang cun, Pulandian while the third was near Pikou, Pulandian. 1 at the 'Little Curlew site' immediately north of near Pikou, Pulandian on the 3/10/2011. 10 between Jinshitan, Pikou and north towards Zhuanghe on the 3/10/2011. The first two were in the Jinshitan Coastal Geopark; six more flew south over the tidal river near Jinchang cun, Pulandian while two more were over the shrimp or fishponds north of Pikou, Pulandian. 2 singles between Jinshitan, Pikou and north towards Zhuanghe on the 3/10/2011. The first was besides the inland pools of the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds, Jinzhouqu while the second was near the Biliu river mouth, Pulandian. 30 between Jinshitan, Pikou and north towards Zhuanghe on the 3/10/2011.

1 was heard over the inland pools of the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds, Jinzhouqu on the 3/10/2011.

Chinese Penduline Tit

Asian Short-toed Lark Eurasian Skylark

Light-vented Bulbul Sand Martin Barn Swallow

Red-rumped Swallow

Dusky Warbler

Yellow-browed Warbler

Oriental Reed Warbler Black-browed Reed Warbler

Zitting Cisticola Vinous-throated Parrotbill Chinese Hill Babbler White-eye sp. Red-throated Thrush Dusky Thrush

Thrush sp.

Bluethroat Common Stonechat

Blue Rock Thrush Eurasian Tree Sparrow Eastern Yellow Wagtail

Grey Wagtail White Wagtail

Richard's Pipit

Olive-backed Pipit

Red-throated Pipit

Buff-bellied Pipit

Grey-capped Greenfinch Common Rosefinch

Meadow Bunting Chestnut-eared Bunting Black-faced Bunting

Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds.

11 between Jinshitan, Pikou and north towards Zhuanghe on the 3/10/2011. Ten of these were around the inland pools of the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds, Jinzhouqu while the other was in a small reed bed not far north of the tidal river near Jinchang cun, Pulandian. 1 at the 'Little Curlew site' immediately north of near Pikou, Pulandian on the 3/10/2011. 29 between Jinshitan, Pikou and north towards Zhuanghe on the 3/10/2011. 15 of these were over the coastal portion of the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds, Jinzhouqu; four more flew over the tidal Qing Shui river downstream of the steel plant between Daliujia and Jinchang cun, Pulandian; ten at the 'Little Curlew site' immediately north of near Pikou, Pulandian. 2 near the coastal portion of the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds, Jinzhouqu on the 3/10/2011. 1 near the shrimp or fishponds north of Pikou, Pulandian on the 3/10/2011. 200 between Jinshitan, Pikou and north towards Zhuanghe on the 3/10/2011. 50 of these were around the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds (with 30 in the river in the coastal portion and 20 more around the inland ponds) while 70 more were around the shrimp or fishponds north of Pikou, Pulandian. 100 between Jinshitan, Pikou and north towards Zhuanghe on the 3/10/2011. Two of these were around the inland pools of the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds, Jinzhouqu; 10 more were around the shrimp or fishponds north of Pikou, Pulandian and 10 more were seen north of Zhang Xia Wang, Pulandian. 8 between Jinshitan, Pikou and north towards Zhuanghe on the 3/10/2011. The first two were in the Jinshitan Coastal Geopark, three more were besides the inland pools of the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds, Jinzhouqu; one was at the 'Little Curlew site' immediately north of near Pikou, Pulandian; two near the Biliu river mouth, Pulandian 7 between Jinshitan, Pikou and north towards Zhuanghe on the 3/10/2011. The first four were in the Jinshitan Coastal Geopark, one at the 'Little Curlew site' immediately north of near Pikou, Pulandian and the final two were near the Biliu river mouth, Pulandian. 2 besides the inland pools of the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds, Jinzhouqu on the 3/10/2011. 12 between Jinshitan, Pikou and north towards Zhuanghe on the 3/10/2011. Ten of these were around the inland pools of the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds, Jinzhouqu while the other two were in a small reed bed not far north of the tidal river near Jinchang cun, Pulandian. 3 besides the inland pools of the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds, Jinzhouqu on the 3/10/2011. 8 near the Biliu river mouth, Pulandian on the 3/10/2011. 4, a presumed family party, in the Jinshitan Coastal Geopark on the 3/10/2011. 30 in the Jinshitan Coastal Geopark, Jinzhouqu on the 3/10/2011. 1 in the Jinshitan Coastal Geopark, Jinzhouqu on the 3/10/2011. 2 flew high over the inland pools of the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds, Jinzhouqu on the 3/10/2011. They were with four other unidentified thrushes. 4 flew high over the inland pools of the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds, Jinzhouqu on the 3/10/2011. They were with two Dusky Thrushes. 1 besides the inland pools of the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds, Jinzhouqu on the 3/10/2011. 6 in total at two sites near Jinshitan, Jinzhouqu on the 3/10/2011. The first two were in the Jinshitan Coastal Geopark while the other four were around the inland pools of the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds. 1 male in the Jinshitan Coastal Geopark, Jinzhouqu on the 3/10/2011. 50 between Jinshitan, Pikou and north towards Zhuanghe on the 3/10/2011. 26, including 18 taivana, between Jinshitan, Pikou and north towards Zhuanghe on the 3/10/2011. Two flew over the Jinshitan Coastal Geopark in the early morning; one more flew over the inland pools of the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds. The day's main event however was 21, including 18 taivana( the only birds racially assigned all day), besides the tidal river near Jinchang cun, Pulandian. Elsewhere there were two more near the shrimp or fishponds north of Pikou, Pulandian. 1 flew over the inland pools of the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds, Jinzhouqu on the 3/10/2011. 48, including 2 'Baikal Wagtail' baicalensis, 26 'Amur Wagtail' leucopsis & 14 'East Siberian Wagtail' ocularis between Jinshitan, Pikou and north towards Zhuanghe on the 3/10/2011. Two flew over the Jinshitan Coastal Geopark in the early morning and two more were around the inland pools of the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds. The day's main event however was 48, including 2 'Baikal Wagtail' baicalensis, 26 'Amur Wagtail' leucopsis & 14 'East Siberian Wagtail' ocularis (the only birds racially assigned all day) besides the tidal river near Jinchang cun, Pulandian. Subsequently there was one more near the shrimp or fishponds north of Pikou, Pulandian; 12 between Jinshitan and in the Pikou area on the 3/10/2011. Seven of these were in Jinzhouqu with the first being seen over the Jinshitan Coastal Geopark in the early morning; six more were around the inland pools of the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds. Four were at the 'Little Curlew site' immediately north of near Pikou, Pulandian; one besides the shrimp or fishponds north of Pikou, Pulandian. 13 around Jinshitan, Jinzhouqu the 3/10/2011. Three calling birds flew south over our hotel in Jinshitan before dawn; another four did the same over the Jinshitan Coastal Geopark and the final six were around the inland pools of the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds. 17 between Jinshitan and around Pikou on the 3/10/2011. Two flew over the Jinshitan Coastal Geopark in the early morning; six around the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds (with two over the coastal portion and four more around the inland ponds); one flew over the tidal Qing Shui river downstream of the steel plant between Daliujia and Jinchang cun, Pulandian; one at the 'Little Curlew site' immediately north of near Pikou, Pulandian; five near the shrimp or fishponds north of Pikou, Pulandian. 7 between Jinshitan, and the Pikou area on the 3/10/2011. Two flew over the Jinshitan Coastal Geopark in the early morning; two more were around the inland pools of the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds; two flew over the tidal Qing Shui river downstream of the steel plant between Daliujia and Jinchang cun, Pulandian and one besides the tidal river near Jinchang cun, Pulandian. 4 close to the Jinshitan Coastal Geopark, Jinzhouqu on the 3/10/2011. 2 singles near Jinshitan, Jinzhouqu on the 3/10/2011. The first flew over the Jinshitan Coastal Geopark while the second was over the inland pools of the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds. 1 singing male in the Jinshitan Coastal Geopark, Jinzhouqu on the 3/10/2011. 2 besides the inland pools of the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds, Jinzhouqu on the 3/10/2011. 18 around Jinshitan, Jinzhouqu on the 3/10/2011. Two calling birds flew south over our hotel in Jinshitan before dawn; three more were in the Jinshitan Coastal Geopark while bout 15 were around the inland pools of the

Pallas's Bunting	2 besides the inland pools of the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds, Jinzhouqu on the 3/10/2011.
Reed Bunting	1 besides the inland pools of the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds, Jinzhouqu on the 3/10/2011.

#### Birds seen by others at Laotie Shan recently

[Black Stork	Tian Yang & Zhong Jia saw 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 3/10/2011].
[Swinhoe's Rail VU	1 was caught at the Laotie Shan bird ringing station around the 2/10/2011. (Tian Yang pers. comm.)]
[Watercock	1 was caught, ringed and subsequently seen and photographed by Tian Yang, Zhong Jia & others at Laotie Shan,
	Lushun on the 3/10/2011].
[Oriental Scops Owl	3 were caught at the bird ringing station at Laotie Shan, Lushun around the 3/10/2011. (Tian Yang pers. comm.)]
[Mugimaki Flycatcher	3 were seen at the bird banding station around about the 3/10/2011. (Tian Yang pers. comm.)]

#### Tuesday 4 October 2011. Most of the day Laotie Shan, Lushun.

We left the Xin Jiyuan Dajiudian, Lushun in Mr Xing's taxi at 05h00 and drove back to the Lighthouse car park at Laotie Shan. We spent just one hour (05h30-06h30) watching the visible passerine passage before deciding to head up to the large concrete raptor viewpoint. Arriving at the latter site at 07h00 we stayed until 11h00 when we were forced to leave by some military gents. Chinese birders can watch the migration at this superb site but foreigners cannot!

While at this viewpoint we met a group of Beijing birders including Zhong Jia, chairwoman of the Beijing Bird Society, and Tian Yang (Leighton) a fluent English speaking young guy who I'd first met in Dongang, Shandong in October 2010. Leighton (email: Leighton.tian@hilton.com or dbjsty@yahoo.com.cn) works for the Hilton hotel group and speaks fluent English. They were staying at a hotel closer to the end of the peninsula at Laotie Shan than the one we were using in Lushun. Theirs was the Guo Jia Huan Jing Baohu Ku Pu Jidi Jiedai Zhong Xin and the owner is a Mr Xu Zhen Long (mobile 18940852805). Simple rooms with three beds cost about 140 yuan/night but they don't have en suite facilities. There were four better rooms in the hotel and all four of these had one large bed in each, en suite facilities with a shower and western toilet and these cost 198 yuan/night. The hotel has a simple restaurant.

Leighton introduced us to Mr Wang – a guy perhaps in his early 30s who was the chief research officer at the Laotie Shan Protection Station. Mr Wang couldn't speak English and struck me as a novice birder – despite being the person responsible for counting passing migrants at the site! True to form the nature reserve was poorly funded and the staff ill trained and no-doubt poorly paid. Nevertheless they were friendly – and Mr Wang took us to a couple of sites between Laotie Shan and Lushun – the first was called Bohanzi (Bo Han Zi) and was a complex of fish or shrimp ponds at the far end of the large tidal inlet at Lushun. Here there were modest numbers of gulls (145 Mongolian and three Common) as well a single Great and Little Egrets. After just 15 minutes here we drove to the other site – the one near the roadside naval base not far from our hotel where Terry, Peter and me had scanned the tidal mudflats a few days earlier. It was high tide when we arrived today and consequently we saw rather little here...

After about 25 minutes here were headed back to Leighton's hotel – the Guo Jia Huan Jing Baohu Ku Pu Jidi Jiedai Zhong Xin and spent the last 1.5 hours birding from the garden. There was an impressive passage of Grey-faced Buzzards and especially Amur Falcons that evening and we spent most of our time watching these.

#### **Weather**

Another very nice day – slightly warmer than yesterday but with poorer long range visibility. It was 15°C near the Laotie Shan watch point at 05h35 and close to dawn (sunrise today was at 05h52 with sun set at 17h36). Initially a little bit cloudy (3/8) this soon broke up. Very light wind in the early morning but this soon strengthened albeit only slightly and remained west-south-west for the rest of the day. The

temperature rose gradually to a maximum of only about 17°C by 07h45 and remained about that until at least the late afternoon.

# Bohanzi (Bo Han Zi) fish ponds. (14h25-14h40)

	145
Mongolian Gull	
Common Gull	3 first-winters
Peregrine Falcon Buff-bellied Pipit	1 juvenile
Yellow Wagtail	1 flew over 6
Great Egret	1
Little Egret	1
Entre Egret	1
Japanese Quail NT	1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the $4/10/2011$ .
Common Pheasant	2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the $4/10/2011$ .
Grey Heron	4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 4/10/2011.
Great Egret	1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 4/10/2011.
Little Egret Oriental Honey-buzzard	1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 4/10/2011. 12 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 4/10/2011. The first bird was seen at 05h58.
Black Kite	69 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the $4/10/2011$ . Flock sizes were as follows $-1, 1, 2, 7, 7, 8, 12, 14 \& 17$ .
Eastern Marsh Harrier	1 adult male at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the $4/10/2011$ .
Japanese Sparrowhawk	1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the $4/10/2011$ .
Eurasian Sparrowhawk	110 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the $4/10/2011$ .
Northern Goshawk	18, 16 juveniles and just 2 adults, at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the $4/10/2011$ . The first two birds were seen at
Normerin Goshawk	05h46.
Grey-faced Buzzard	34 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 4/10/2011. The first birds (four) were seen at 06h13 & flock sizes were as
-	follows – 2, 4, 4, 4, 5, 6 & 9.
Eastern Buzzard	300 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the $4/10/2011$ . The first two birds were seen at 05h45.
Greater Spotted Eagle VU	2 separate juveniles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 4/10/2011. Neither of them flew out to sea. The first bird was
	seen at 06h29 & the second bird had a damaged leg and was first seen at 10h16.
Common Kestrel	3 singles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 4/10/2011. The first bird was seen at 05h53.
Amur Falcon	1053 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 4/10/2011. The vast majority of these (999 birds passed during the 25 minutes
	between 16h15-16h40 and it appeared that a large proportion of these had decided not to cross the bay and to roost
<b>-</b>	near the point overnight.
Eurasian Hobby	2 singles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the $4/10/2011$ .
Peregrine Falcon	3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the $4/10/2011$ .
Black-headed Gull	335 in the bay off the naval port in Lushun on the $4/10/2011$ .
Black-tailed Gull	55 in the bay off the naval port in Lushun on the 4/10/2011. 3 first-winters with other gulls at Bo Lan Zi, Lushun on the 4/10/2011.
Mew Gull 'Herring Gull Assemblage'	155 at Bo Lan Zi, Lushun on the $4/10/2011$ .
Mongolian Gull	145 at Bo Lan Zi, Lushun on the $4/10/2011$ .
Oriental Turtle Dove	10 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the $4/10/2011$ .
Ashy Minivet	1200 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the $4/10/2011$ .
[Brown Shrike	1 bird, possibly this species, at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 4/10/2011 (Peter Cawley)].
Common Magpie	100 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 4/10/2011.
Large-billed Crow	1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 4/10/2011.
Yellow-bellied Tit	10 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 4/10/2011.
Eurasian Skylark	6 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 4/10/2011.
Light-vented Bulbul	5 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 4/10/2011.
Sand Martin	2 singles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the $4/10/2011$ .
Barn Swallow	20 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the $4/10/2011$ .
Red-rumped Swallow Dusky Warbler	1000 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 4/10/2011.
Radde's Warbler	4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 4/10/2011. 7 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 4/10/2011.
Pallas's Leaf Warbler	5 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the $4/10/2011$ .
Yellow-browed Warbler	10 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the $4/10/2011$ .
Black-browed Reed Warbler	2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 4/10/2011.
[Baikal Bush Warbler	1 bird, possibly this species, was heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 4/10/2011].
Lanceolated Warbler	2 singles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 4/10/2011.
White-eye sp.	800 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 4/10/2011.
White-cheeked Starling	9 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 4/10/2011 (Peter Cawley).
[Eyebrowed Thrush	1 bird, possibly this species, circled the point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the $4/10/2011$ ].
Siberian Rubythroat	1 was heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the $4/10/2011$ .
Orange-flanked Bluetail	1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the $4/10/2011$ (Peter Cawley).
Daurian Redstart	1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 4/10/2011 (Peter Cawley).
Eastern Yellow Wagtail Grey Wagtail	8 in the Laotie Shan & Bo Lan Zi area, Lushun on the 4/10/2011. 4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 4/10/2011.
White Wagtail	4 a Laoue Shan, Lushun on the 470/2011. 4, including one 'Baikal Wagtail' <i>baicalensis</i> & two 'East Siberian Wagtail' <i>ocularis</i> at Bo Lan Zi, Lushun on the
mine magain	4/10/2011.
Richard's Pipit	4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the $4/10/2011$ .
Olive-backed Pipit	30 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the $4/10/2011$ .
Red-throated Pipit	2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the $4/10/2011$ .
Grey-capped Greenfinch	2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 4/10/2011.
Common Rosefinch	7 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 4/10/2011.

5 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 4/10/2011. Birds were seen in flocks of 1 & 4. 10 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 4/10/2011.

#### Wednesday 5 October 2011. Most of the day Laotie Shan, Lushun.

We left the Xin Jiyuan Dajiudian, Lushun in Mr Xing's taxi at 05h00 and drove back to the Lighthouse car park at Laotie Shan. We spent just one hour (05h30-06h30) watching the visible passerine passage before joining Mr Wang of the reserve protection station and heading off to the Xiao Dong Gou ringing station. We spent most of the rest of the day there with Terry and Peter climbing a nearby hill to watch raptor migration in the afternoon. Mr Wang kindly took us back to our hotel in Lushun in the late afternoon.

The ringing station was not especially easy to find. It was apparently the southernmost of the eight stations operated by the Laotie Shan Protection Station and was accessed by turning left (east) and uphill off the main Lushun to Laotie Shan road about 20 metres to the north (Lushun side) of the Xiao Dong Gou line of roadside restaurants. After 50 metres take the first right on to a smaller concrete road. 30 metres up there this becomes an unpaved dirt track. We drove up about another one kilometre – to a small prefabricated hut that was the temporary ringing station. This station is operated from 20 August – 20 November and is manned by two staff.

Mr Wang dropped us off at the ringing station where we spent much of the rest of the day together with Zhang Bing – a reserve worker who'd graduated from Harbin Forestry University and had been working in the Laotie Shan reserve for just two months. Zhang Bing was a fabulously friendly, helpful and enthusiastic young guy and spoke excellent English. (Mobile 13478734168 and email: <u>zhangbing19880207@163.com</u>). The ringing station was operated by a Mr Sun – Uncle Sun as Zhang Bing called him.

We also met two keen bird photographers from Shenyang who told me that the Siberian Cranes there were usually present between 15-30 October and that there were up to 3000 of them as well as more than 20,000 ducks. Mr Liu (mobile 15309868686) was the senior of the two gents while Mr Wang (15802492288) the other gent was rather quiet.

Terry flew back to Beijing that evening.

#### **Weather**

A changeable day – very slightly warmer than yesterday but with several rain showers in the late morning – early afternoon and with even poorer long range visibility. It was 16°C near the Laotie Shan watch point at 05h40 and close to sunrise (today at 05h53 with sun set at 17h35). It was initially cloudy (6/8) but this broke up very soon but long range visibility remained poor throughout the day. The wind was southwest throughout the day but of varying intensity – in the early morning there was a fairly strong wind. It started to rain at about 08h45 and did so, on and off, for about the following two hours. Today's maximum temperature was just 19°C at 15h00.

Japanese Quail NT	1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/10/2011.
Common Pheasant	3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/10/2011.
Osprey	2 singles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/10/2011.
Black Kite	92 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/10/2011. The first birds (19) weren't seen until 07h09 & birds were
	encountered in parties of 1, 5, 5, 19, 28 & 34.
Eastern Marsh Harrier	1 male at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/10/2011.
Japanese Sparrowhawk	1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/10/2011.
Eurasian Sparrowhawk	20 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/10/2011.
Northern Goshawk	4, one adult & three juveniles, at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/10/2011.
Grey-faced Buzzard	9 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/10/2011. The first bird was seen at 06h38. Just three birds were seen well
	enough to age and all three were juvenile. Birds were encountered in flocks of 1, 1, 1, 1, 1 & 4.
Eastern Buzzard	160 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the $5/10/2011$ . The first birds (six) were seen at 05h47.
Upland Buzzard	1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 13h51 on the 5/10/2011. It was apparently the first bird of the autumn.

Common Kestrel Amur Falcon

Eurasian Hobby Peregrine Falcon Black-tailed Gull 'Herring Gull Assemblage' Oriental Turtle Dove Short-eared Owl

Ashy Minivet Common Magpie Carrion Crow Yellow-bellied Tit

Barn Swallow House Martin sp. Red-rumped Swallow Dusky Warbler Radde's Warbler Pallas's Leaf Warbler Yellow-browed Warbler Lanceolated Warbler Vinous-throated Parrotbill White-eye sp. Red-throated Thrush Thrush sp. Siberian Rubythroat Orange-flanked Bluetail Mugimaki Flycatcher 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/10/2011. 1202 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/10/2011. The vast majority of these (in fact all bar 32 birds!) were seen in the 50 minutes between 05h57 & 06h45 and had presumably roosted near the tip of the Laotie Shan Peninsula overnight and were heading straight out to sea. No doubt many of these were the same birds as those logged the previous evening. 6 singles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/10/2011. 1 adult flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/10/2011. 4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/10/2011. 8 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/10/2011. 6 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/10/2011. We saw one bird that had been caught by some illegal bird trappers at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/10/2011. Sadly one of its wings appeared to be broken. 500 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/10/2011. 50 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/10/2011. 1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 06h15 on the 5/10/2011. 128 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/10/2011. Birds were seen in parties of 2, 6, 8, 8, 14, 15, 35 & 40. Probably a record count for China! (Richard Lewthwaite in litt. 9 October 2011). 105 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/10/2011. 1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun at about 14h00 on the 5/10/2011 (Terry Townshend & Peter Cawley). 650 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/10/2011. 5 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/10/2011. 3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/10/2011. 4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/10/2011. 6 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/10/2011. 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/10/2011. 5 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/10/2011. 50 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/10/2011. 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/10/2011. 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/10/2011. 1 was heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/10/2011. 1 was caught at the ringing station at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/10/2011. 1 first-winter was caught at the ringing station at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/10/2011.



Taiga Flycatcher Eurasian Tree Sparrow 1 was heard near the ringing station at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/10/2011. 5 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/10/2011. Eastern Yellow Wagtail 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/10/2011. 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/10/2011. Grey Wagtail 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/10/2011. White Wagtail Richard's Pipit 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/10/2011. 12 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/10/2011. Olive-backed Pipit Red-throated Pipit 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/10/2011. 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/10/2011. **Buff-bellied** Pipit Common Rosefinch 8 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/10/2011. 1 was heard near the ringing station at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/10/2011. Meadow Bunting Tristram's Bunting 2 were caught at the ringing station at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/10/2011. Black-faced Bunting 10 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/10/2011.

#### Thursday 6 October 2011. Most of the day Laotie Shan, Lushun.

Peter and me left the Xin Jiyuan Dajiudian, Lushun in Mr Xing's taxi at 05h00 and drove back to the Lighthouse car park at Laotie Shan. We spent just one hour (05h30-06h30) watching the visible passerine passage before joining Mr Wang of the reserve protection station and heading off to the ringing station.

#### **Weather**

Another very nice day – and much better long range visibility than yesterday. It was  $11^{\circ}$ C near the Laotie Shan watch point at 05h35, there was no cloud cover and only a very light west-north-west wind though this had backed slightly to a north-westerly by 14h00. The temperature slowly rose to  $20^{\circ}$ C by 10h40 and remained about that for much of the day, dropping to  $16^{\circ}$ C at 16h00 but rising again to  $17^{\circ}$ C one hour later.

Japanese Quail 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/10/2011. Common Pheasant 4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/10/2011. Oriental Honey-buzzard 3 singles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/10/2011. 51 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/10/2011. The first birds (44) were seen at 05h57 and had presumably roosted Black Kite somewhere nearby. Flock sizes were 1, 1, 5 & 44. Pied Harrier 1 ringtail flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/10/2011. Japanese Sparrowhawk 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/10/2011. Eurasian Sparrowhawk 50 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/10/2011. 10, two adults & eight juveniles, at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/10/2011. Northern Goshawk 8 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/10/2011. The first bird was at -5h41 & had presumably roosted somewhere Grey-faced Buzzard nearby. Flock sizes were as follows - 1, 1, 1, 1, 1 & 3 69 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/10/2011. Eastern Buzzard 2-6 juveniles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/10/2011. It was difficult to decide whether I was seeing the same Greater Spotted Eagle VU two birds repeatedly or whether five different individuals were involved. Nevertheless two birds were logged at 08h25, one at 11h11, another at 11h44 & two juveniles again at 14h20. Lesser Kestrel 1 adult male flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 12h50 on the 6/10/2011. Common Kestrel 4 singles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/10/2011. Amur Falcon 7 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/10/2011. The first bird was seen at 06h56. Merlin 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 13h48 on the 6/10/2011. 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/10/2011. Eurasian Hobby Peregrine Falcon 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/10/2011. 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/10/2011 (Peter Cawley). Common Moorhen Black-tailed Gull 4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/10/2011. 'Herring Gull Assemblage' 10 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/10/2011. Oriental Turtle Dove 25 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/10/2011. Spotted Dove 5 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/10/2011. Short-eared Owl 1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 06h15 on the 6/10/2011. Common Kingfisher 1 near the Xiao Dong Gou ringing station at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/10/2011. Great Spotted Woodpecker 1 near the Xiao Dong Gou ringing station at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/10/2011. Ashy Minivet 230 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/10/2011. Common Magpie 50 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/10/2011. Daurian Jackdaw 1 first-winter at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/10/2011. 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun throughout much of the day of the 6/10/2011. First seen at 06h04 it was seen, on and off, Carrion Crow throughout much of the rest of the day. Yellow-bellied Tit 1 was heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/10/2011. Japanese Tit 10 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/10/2011. Chinese Penduline Tit 2 singles were heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/10/2011. Eurasian Skylark 5 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/10/2011. Light-vented Bulbul 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/10/2011. Sand Martin 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/10/2011. 200 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/10/2011. Remarkably none were seen for the first 1.5 hours of the day (until Barn Swallow 07h02)! Red-rumped Swallow 4000 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/10/2011. Hardly any were seen until the early afternoon when a modest passage began. In addition to the passage a flock gradually built up that by late afternoon numbered at least 4000 birds.

Dusky Warbler 6 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/10/2011. Radde's Warbler 5 at Laotie Shan. Lushun on the 6/10/2011. Pallas's Leaf Warbler 10 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/10/2011. Yellow-browed Warbler 5 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/10/2011. 4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/10/2011. Black-browed Reed Warbler Baikal Bush Warbler 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/10/2011 (Peter Cawley). Lanceolated Warbler 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/10/2011. Zitting Cisticola 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/10/2011. Vinous-throated Parrotbill 6 at Laotie Shan. Lushun on the 6/10/2011. Chinese Hill Babbler 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/10/2011. White-eye sp. 70 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/10/2011. 160 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/10/2011. Flock sizes were as follows - 2, 6, 8, 9, 9, 17, 31, 35 & 47. White-cheeked Starling White's Thrush 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/10/2011 (Peter Cawley). [Common [Chinese] Blackbird 1 bird, possibly this species, was glimpsed at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/10/2011 (Peter Cawley)]. Red-throated Thrush 10 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/10/2011. Thrush sp. 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/10/2011. Siberian Rubythroat 1 was heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/10/2011. Orange-flanked Bluetail 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/10/2011 (Peter Cawley). 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/10/2011 (Peter Cawley). Daurian Redstart Common Stonechat 5 at Laotie Shan. Lushun on the 6/10/2011. Mugimaki Flycatcher 2, a first-winter male & later a first-winter female, were ringed at the banding centre at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/10/2011. 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/10/2011 (Peter Cawley). Taiga Flycatcher Eurasian Tree Sparrow 10 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/10/2011. Eastern Yellow Wagtail 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/10/2011. Grey Wagtail 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/10/2011. White Wagtail 6 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/10/2011. **Richard's Pipit** 3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/10/2011. Olive-backed Pipit 19 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/10/2011. 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/10/2011. Red-throated Pipit **Buff-bellied** Pipit 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/10/2011. Brambling 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/10/2011. Grey-capped Greenfinch 20 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/10/2011. Eurasian Siskin 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/10/2011. Common Rosefinch 21 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/10/2011. 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/10/2011 (Peter Cawley). Meadow Bunting Tristram's Bunting 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/10/2011. 1, a male, at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/10/2011 (Peter Cawley). Yellow-throated Bunting Black-faced Bunting 20 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/10/2011. Pallas's Bunting 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/10/2011.

### Friday 7 October 2011. All day Laotie Shan, Lushun.

Peter and me left the Xin Jiyuan Dajiudian, Lushun in Mr Xing's taxi at 05h10 and drove back to the Lighthouse car park at Laotie Shan. Tom Beeke arrived at about 05h45 and the three of us spent about three hours (05h30-08h30) watching the visible passerine passage before we split up. Peter spent the afternoon birding the trail around the point while Tom and me took the 09h00 bus to Xiao Dong Gou and walked from there to the ringing station. We both stayed there until after lunch and left at about 13h30 taking a three-wheeler vehicle back to the point. All three of us spent the last 1.5 hours (15h30 – 17h00) watching the visible migration from the usual site just short of the Lighthouse Car Park. We all left on the 17h30 bus, Tom then took a taxi back to his in-law's house in Lushun while Peter and me had dinner before taking another taxi back to the Xin Jiyuan Grand Hotel. Peter left for Dalian airport at 19h30 and flew back to Beijing later that evening.

#### **Weather**

Another very nice day – and reasonable long range visibility. It was again 11°C near the Laotie Shan watch point at 05h35, there was no cloud cover and only a very light north-west wind.

Japanese Quail NT	1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/10/2011 (Peter Cawley).
Common Pheasant	5 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/10/2011.
Oriental Stork EN	1 first year bird flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/10/2011. First seen at 07h12 it circled the point for
	almost 30 minutes before disappearing. (Photographed).
Chinese Pond Heron	1 first-winter flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/10/2011.
Oriental Honey-buzzard	2 singles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/10/2011.
Black Kite	209 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/10/2011. The first three birds were seen at 06h23 & at 06h40 the largest flock
	of the autumn (125 birds) passed south. Birds were seen in parties of the following sizes – 1, 2, 2, 3, 3, 4, 7, 27, 35
	& 125. A sample count of 33 birds in the largest flock yielded 25 juveniles and just eight adults.
Eastern Marsh Harrier	2 separate juveniles flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the $7/10/2011$ .

Japanese Sparrowhawk Eurasian Sparrowhawk Northern Goshawk

Grey-faced Buzzard Eastern Buzzard Greater Spotted Eagle VU

Common Kestrel Amur Falcon

Eurasian Hobby Peregrine Falcon Black-headed Gull Black-tailed Gull 'Herring Gull Assemblage' Oriental Turtle Dove Spotted Dove Ashy Minivet Tiger Shrike Bull-headed Shrike Brown Shrike Common Magpie Daurian Jackdaw

Yellow-bellied Tit Japanese Tit Chinese Penduline Tit Eurasian Skylark Light-vented Bulbul

Barn Swallow Red-rumped Swallow Manchurian Bush Warbler Dusky Warbler Radde's Warbler Pallas's Leaf Warbler Yellow-browed Warbler [Eastern Crowned Warbler Black-browed Reed Warbler Lanceolated Warbler Zitting Cisticola Vinous-throated Parrotbill Chinese Hill Babbler Japanese White-eye White-eye sp. Red-billed Starling White-cheeked Starling Red-throated Thrush Thrush sp. Orange-flanked Bluetail Daurian Redstart Common Stonechat Mugimaki Flycatcher Eurasian Tree Sparrow Eastern Yellow Wagtail Grey Wagtail White Wagtail Richard's Pipit Olive-backed Pipit Red-throated Pipit Buff-bellied Pipit Brambling Grey-capped Greenfinch Common Rosefinch Chinese Grosbeak Little Bunting Yellow-throated Bunting Chestnut Bunting Black-faced Bunting

2 singles, one of which was trapped at the ringing station, at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/10/2011. 26 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/10/2011. The first bird was seen at 05h47. 7, two adults & five juveniles, at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/10/2011. The first bird, a juvenile, was seen at 05h56. 27 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/10/2011. Birds were seen in parties of 1, 1, 4, 4, 6 & 11. 39 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/10/2011. The first bird was seen at 05h53. 5-11 birds flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/10/2011. The first sighting was of five birds (four juveniles and one slightly older bird) that flew south at 11h38, the second sighting was of four juveniles that did the same at 12h27, another juvenile flew south at 13h10 while the final bird flew south at 15h24. It's difficult to determine whether we were seeing the same birds or not and although we didn't see a single one of them return north it seems unlikely, given the species' reluctance to cross large bodies of water, that we saw 11 different individuals. 2 singles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/10/2011. 1200 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/10/2011. The first bird was seen at 05h47 but very few (just 11 individuals!) were seen before 15h45 when a flock of over 1000 birds arrived from the north. Just over 200 of these seemed to head out to see but they quite probably all came back and joined the 800 or so that were milling around the point. They all remained in this same area until we left at 17h30 and were probably going to roost somewhere near the end of the Peninsula. 4 singles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/10/2011. 3 singles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/10/2011. 1 over the sea at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/10/2011. 2 in the small fishing harbour at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/10/2011. 5 over the sea at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/10/2011. 25 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/10/2011. 3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/10/2011. 304 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/10/2011. 1 first-winter was seen briefly at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/10/2011. 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/10/2011. 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/10/2011 (Peter Cawley). 150 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/10/2011. 1 first-winter, the same bird as yesterday, was seen repeatedly at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/10/2011. It was again being severely harassed by several Common Magpies. 14 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/10/2011. Birds were seen in parties of 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 2, 2 & 5. 10 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/10/2011. 10 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/10/2011. 7 singles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/10/2011. 7 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/10/2011. The first four birds were seen at 07h08 and there were subsequently three singles. 100 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/10/2011. 2500 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/10/2011. 1 near the ringing station at Xiao Dong Gou, Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/10/2011. 8 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/10/2011. 5 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/10/2011. 10 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/10/2011. 8 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/10/2011. Tom saw 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/10/2011]. 4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/10/2011. 3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/10/2011. 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/10/2011. 20 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/10/2011. 4, two pairs, at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/10/2011. 6 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/10/2011. 80 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/10/2011. 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/10/2011. They were with a flock of ten White-cheeked Starlings. 41 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/10/2011. Birds were seen in parties of 2, 2, 5, 6, 6, 10, 10 10 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/10/2011. 4 singles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/10/2011. 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/10/2011 (Peter Cawley). 1 male at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/10/2011. 10 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/10/2011. 1 first-winter female was caught at the Xiao Dong Gou ringing station, Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/10/2011. 5 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/10/2011. 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/10/2011. 4 singles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/10/2011. 30 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/10/2011. 15 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/10/2011. 50 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/10/2011. 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/10/2011. 7 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/10/2011. 10 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/10/2011. 27 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/10/2011. 33 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/10/2011. 3 singles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/10/2011. 4 singles at Laotie Shan. Lushun on the 7/10/2011. 5 singles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/10/2011. 4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/10/2011. 35 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/10/2011.

#### Saturday 8 October 2011. All day Laotie Shan, Lushun.

I left the Xin Jiyuan Dajiudian, Lushun in Mr Xing's taxi at 05h00 and drove back to the Lighthouse car park at Laotie Shan. I spent about 3 hours (05h30-08h30) watching the visible passerine passage before taking the 09h00 bus to Xiao Dong Gou and walking from there to the ringing station. I stayed there until after lunch and left at about 13h30 walking slowly back towards the point. I caught the 16h30 bus back towards Lushun.

#### **Weather**

A poor day weather-wise – it was foggy in the morning and, while this lifted a bit, it never really cleared all day. It wasn't until 07h36 that I had my first view of the sun. It was 15°C near the Laotie Shan watch point at 05h30 and only the lightest of northerly winds.

Common Pheasant station.	11 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/10/2011. A group of seven male were seen at the Xiao Dong Gou ringing
Mandarin Duck	2 juveniles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/10/2011. They were both on the first roadside reservoir back from the point.
Little Grebe	2 singles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/10/2011. The first flew low past the watch point at 05h58 while the other was on the second roadside reservoir back from the point later in the day.
Purple Heron	1 flew over the watch point at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 05h41 on the 8/10/2011.
Oriental Honey-buzzard	4 singles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/10/2011.
Black Kite	58 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the $8/10/2011$ . The first three birds were seen at 06h12 & flock sizes were as follows – 1, 1, 3, 7, 17 & 28. The flock of 17, the last of the day, were first seen at 16h32 and were still around the point area almost one hour later at 16h25. They appeared as if they were planning to roost nearby.
Eastern Marsh Harrier	2 singles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/10/2011. The first was seen at 06h26.
Japanese Sparrowhawk	5 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/10/2011. One of these was trapped at the Xiao Dong Gou ringing station.
Eurasian Sparrowhawk	38 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/10/2011. The first was seen at 06h53.
Northern Goshawk	10, one adult & five juveniles, at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/10/2011.
Grey-faced Buzzard	15 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the $8/10/2011$ . The first eight birds were seen at 07h43 & flock sizes were as follows $-1, 1, 2, 3 \& 8$ .
Eastern Buzzard	52 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/10/2011.
Common Kestrel	2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/10/2011. The first was seen at 06h47.
Amur Falcon	971 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/10/2011. After the impressive pre-roost gathering near the point yesterday evening I expected to see large numbers of Amurs around the point in the early morning – but there were only a few (159) and its likely that the fog prevented me seeing most of them as they left their roost. However there was a modest southerly movement in the early afternoon – and I counted 783 over the Xiao Dong Gou ringing station
	in the two hours after 12h30.
Eurasian Hobby	16 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/10/2011.
Peregrine Falcon	1 juvenile at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/10/2011.
Common Greenshank	1 was heard over the watch point at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 06h31 on the 8/10/2011.
Black-headed Gull	3 in the fishing harbour at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/10/2011.
Black-tailed Gull	27 in the fishing harbour at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/10/2011.
'Herring Gull Assemblage'	10 in the fishing harbour at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/10/2011.
Oriental Turtle Dove	12 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/10/2011.
Spotted Dove	1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/10/2011.
Common Kingfisher	2 singles at the Xiao Dong Gou ringing station, at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/10/2011.
Ashy Minivet	581 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/10/2011. All bar just 26 of these were over the morning watch point.
Common Magpie	100 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/10/2011.
Yellow-bellied Tit	5, a single and two parties of two, flew over the watch point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/10/2011.
Japanese Tit	6 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/10/2011.
Chinese Penduline Tit	9 over the watch point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/10/2011.
Eurasian Skylark	15 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/10/2011.
Light-vented Bulbul Barn Swallow	14 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/10/2011. 240 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/10/2011.
Red-rumped Swallow	3620 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/10/2011. There was a modest southerly movement all day but this picked up between 13h00 & 14h00 during and I counted 1900 birds during that hour alone.
Dusky Warbler	6 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/10/2011.
Radde's Warbler	4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/10/2011.
Pallas's Leaf Warbler	12 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/10/2011.
Yellow-browed Warbler	8 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/10/2011.
Black-browed Reed Warbler	12 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/10/2011.
Zitting Cisticola Vincus threated Parasthill	1 near the watch point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/10/2011.
Vinous-throated Parrotbill	10 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/10/2011.
Chinese Hill Babbler White eve sp	4, two pairs, at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/10/2011. 500 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/10/2011.
White-eye sp. White-cheeked Starling	102 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the $8/10/2011$ . 102 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the $8/10/2011$ . Flock sizes were as follows $-4, 4, 5, 5, 6, 9, 10, 16, 20 \& 23$ .
Red-throated Thrush	102 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the $8/10/2011$ . Flock sizes were as follows $-4, 4, 5, 5, 6, 9, 10, 10, 20 \approx 25$ . 16 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the $8/10/2011$ .
Dusky x Naumann's intergrade	2 near the Xiao Dong Gou ringing station at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/10/2011.
Thrush sp.	1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/10/2011.

Siberian Rubythroat	1 was heard near the Xiao Dong Gou ringing station at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/10/2011.
Orange-flanked Bluetail	1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/10/2011.
Daurian Redstart	2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/10/2011.
Common Stonechat	10 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/10/2011.
Eurasian Tree Sparrow	40 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/10/2011.
Eastern Yellow Wagtail	7 over the watch point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the $\frac{8}{10}/2011$ .
Grey Wagtail	10 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/10/2011. Eight of these flew over the watch point in the early morning.
White Wagtail	30, including 2 'Baikal Wagtail' baicalensis & 12 'East Siberian Wagtail' ocularis, at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the
-	8/10/2011.
Richard's Pipit	16 over the watch point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/10/2011.
Olive-backed Pipit	135 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/10/2011. Almost all of these were over the watch point in the early morning.
Red-throated Pipit	24 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/10/2011.
Buff-bellied Pipit	24 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/10/2011.
Brambling	12 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/10/2011.
Grey-capped Greenfinch	84 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/10/2011.
Eurasian Siskin	6 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/10/2011.
Common Rosefinch	92 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/10/2011.
Grosbeak sp.	4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/10/2011.
Pine Bunting	1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/10/2011.
Chestnut-eared Bunting	1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/10/2011.
Little Bunting	4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/10/2011.
Yellow-throated Bunting	2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/10/2011.
Yellow-breasted Bunting VU	1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/10/2011.
Chestnut Bunting	1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/10/2011.
Black-faced Bunting	700 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/10/2011. 570 of these were over the watch point in the early morning.
Pallas's Bunting	3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/10/2011.

#### Sunday 9 October 2011. All day Laotie Shan, Lushun.

My itinerary was much as yesterday - I left the Xin Jiyuan Dajiudian, Lushun in Mr Xing's taxi at 05h00 and drove back to the Lighthouse car park. I spent about three hours (05h30-08h30) watching the visible passerine passage before taking the 09h00 bus to Xiao Dong Gou and walking from there to the ringing station. I stayed there until after lunch and left with the crew at about 14h00. I walked back down to the main road and then on towards the Lighthouse. After walking for less than 15 minutes I was stopped by a rather surly man driving an unmarked van. It soon transpired that he was a police officer – but one not wearing a uniform. Somewhat aggressively he demanded to know what I was doing, where I'd come from and where I was going. He demanded to see my passport, but couldn't read it, and spent several minutes studying an old Indian visa in it before I asked for it back. He told me that foreigners were not allowed on this road - which was nonsense as this is the main road linking Lushun town with the Lighthouse. After ten minutes of him shouting at me from two feet in front of my face I walked away. He immediately got on his phone and, about five minutes later, drove up to me again. His mood had changed radically and he now offered me a ride to the Lighthouse! I took it and gave thanks. Once there he asked, politely this time, to see my passport again, and photographed the document page with the camera on his mobile phone. After this he told the ticket office girls that he was going to follow me until I caught the 17h30 bus back to Lushun. I then called Qingyu, spoke with her before passing the phone to him. Whatever she said to him had the desired effect since seconds later he drove away! I spent the rest of the afternoon birding in the car park-Lighthouse area before catching the 17h30 bus back to Tieshan zhen.

#### **Weather**

Another rather disappointing day with yesterday's fog having dispersed only slightly – now being a fairly thick mist that lasted all day and in fact became denser in the evening. There was an extremely light west-north-west wind and it was again 15°C near the watch point at 05h35 and 18°C there at 17h00.

Common Pheasant	6 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/10/2011.
Great Cormorant	3, one adult and two immatures, flew over the watch point at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 16h12 on the 9/10/2011.
Black Kite	23 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/10/2011. The first eight birds were at 06h32 & birds were seen in parties of 1,
	1, 2, 8 & 11.
Eastern Marsh Harrier	2 together over the watch point at Laotie Shan, Lushun shortly before dusk on the $9/10/2011$ .
Pied Harrier	3 singles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/10/2011. The first was at 06h10.
Japanese Sparrowhawk	1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/10/2011. It flew south at 05h59.
Eurasian Sparrowhawk	36 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/10/2011.
Northern Goshawk	5, two adults & three juveniles, at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/10/2011.

Grey-faced Buzzard 10 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/10/2011. The first was at 06h26 & birds were seen in parties of 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 2 & 2 Eastern Buzzard 86 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/10/2011. The first two birds were seen at 06h05. Greater Spotted Eagle VU 1 immature flew north near the Xiao Dong Gou ringing station at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 10h18 on the 9/10/2011. Common Kestrel 3 singles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/10/2011. Amur Falcon 606 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/10/2011. Most of these (544 birds) were seen heading south from the watch point in the early morning with decent passage starting at 06h08 and lasting just over one hour. Only a small number of birds were present in that area in the evening. Eurasian Hobby 6 at Laotie Shan. Lushun on the 9/10/2011. Peregrine Falcon 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/10/2011. Eurasian Woodcock 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 9/10/2011. Common Snipe 1 over the watch point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/10/2011. Black-headed Gull 1 in the fishing harbour at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/10/2011. Black-tailed Gull 10 in the fishing harbour at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/10/2011. 'Herring Gull Assemblage' 3 in the fishing harbour at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/10/2011. 11 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/10/2011. Oriental Turtle Dove Eurasian Collared Dove 1 near the Lighthouse at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/10/2011. 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/10/2011. Spotted Dove Common Kingfisher 1 was heard near the Xiao Dong Gou ringing station at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/10/2011. Ashy Minivet 559 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/10/2011. Common Magpie 100 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/10/2011. Daurian Jackdaw 1 first-winter at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 06h45 on the 9/10/2011. It was very probably the same bird that's been in the area for a couple of days. Yellow-bellied Tit 52 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/10/2011. All bar one of these was over the morning watch point and were seen in parties of 1, 1, 1, 18 & 30. Japanese Tit 4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/10/2011. 3 singles over the watch point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/10/2011. Eurasian Skylark Light-vented Bulbul 14 flew quite high to the south over the watch point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/10/2011. They returned north about ten minutes later! 2 singles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/10/2011. Sand Martin 40 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/10/2011. Barn Swallow Red-rumped Swallow 8000 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/10/2011. Almost all of these were counted from the morning watch point with birds first appearing in a series of tight flocks as if they were just leaving a roost, from 05h50 onwards. They immediately headed off in a south-westerly direction - and were probably going to cross the bay immediately. Shortly after these tight post roost gatherings had left a marked movement of birds from further afield commenced with a constant stream of swallows passing for another hour when the rate started to slow. Remarkably I saw rather few swallows after about 10h00 but another, and more modest, evening gathering of perhaps 400-500 birds, occurred near the point. Dusky Warbler 4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/10/2011. Radde's Warbler 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/10/2011. Pallas's Leaf Warbler 10 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/10/2011. Yellow-browed Warbler 12 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/10/2011. Arctic Warbler 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/10/2011. It was trapped and photographed at the Xiao Dong Gou ringing station. Black-browed Reed Warbler 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/10/2011. Lanceolated Warbler 1 near the morning watch point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/10/2011. Zitting Cisticola 3 near the morning watch point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/10/2011. Vinous-throated Parrotbill 6 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/10/2011. Chinese Hill Babbler 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/10/2011. White-eye sp. 300 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/10/2011. White-cheeked Starling 28 over the watch point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/10/2011. Birds were seen in flocks of 8 & 20. Dusky or Naumann's Thrush 1 over the watch point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/10/2011. 2 over the watch point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/10/2011. Thrush sp. Daurian Redstart 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/10/2011. Common Stonechat 5 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/10/2011. Taiga Flycatcher 1 first-winter near the Xiao Dong Gou ringing station at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/10/2011. Eurasian Tree Sparrow 20 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/10/2011. Eastern Yellow Wagtail 5 over the watch point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/10/2011. Grey Wagtail 3 over the watch point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/10/2011. White Wagtail 70 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/10/2011. Most of these were between the Lighthouse, the watch point & the bus stop in the evening and were undoubtedly planning to roost somewhere nearby. **Richard's** Pipit 2 over the watch point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/10/2011. Olive-backed Pipit 110 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/10/2011. The vast majority of these were over the watch point. Red-throated Pipit 18 over the watch point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/10/2011. Buff-bellied Pipit 19 over the watch point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/10/2011. Brambling 3 singles over the watch point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/10/2011. Grey-capped Greenfinch 92 near the watch point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/10/2011. Common Rosefinch 30 over the watch point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/10/2011. Red Crossbill 1 was heard flying south over the Xiao Dong Gou ringing station at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 14h02 on the 9/10/2011. According to Mr Sun of the ringing station there had been an influx of crossbills in to the Laotie Shan area about five years earlier (and several were trapped for banding) - but none had been reported there since. 1 over the watch point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/10/2011. Pine Bunting Tristram's Bunting 1 was trapped at the Xiao Dong Gou ringing station at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/10/2011. Chestnut-eared Bunting 9 over the watch point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/10/2011. Little Bunting 5 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/10/2011. Yellow-throated Bunting 2 near the Xiao Dong Gou ringing station at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/10/2011. Chestnut Bunting 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/10/2011. One of these was trapped at the Xiao Dong Gou ringing station.

100 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/10/2011.1 besides the watch point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/10/2011.

#### Monday 10 October 2011. All day Laotie Shan, Lushun.

I left the Xin Jiyuan Dajiudian, Lushun in Mr Xing's taxi 15 minutes later than normal at 05h15 and drove back to the Lighthouse car park at Laotie Shan. There were lots of birds moving today – initially passerines but later a decent variety of raptors so I spent the rest of the day between there and the platform to the rear of the Coastguard/Lighthouse compound. I left the Coastguard platform at 15h00, wandered down to the ticket office, bought a drink and had intended to catch the 16h30 bus back. However since I was early I spent a while watching an evening movement of Amur Falcons. This movement gathered pace and I ended up catching the later bus back towards Lushun.

#### **Weather**

A nice day – the fog/mist of the last two days had dissipated and there was reasonable long range visibility again with Snake Island, but not Changdao, being visible. It was 15°C near the Laotie Shan watch point at 05h45, there was about 6/8 high cloud cover and a moderate east-north-east wind in the early morning. The pressure remained stable throughout the day with the wind initially backing round to the north by 10h30. This caused the early morning raptor movement to cease but it started again as the wind gradually swung back around and became a southerly by 12h00. The wind veered round to a north-north-westerly by 14h45 but virtually stopped shortly after that. The day's highest temperature was 19°C at 14h45 but it had dropped back to 16°C by the time I caught the bus at 17h30.

#### Sunrise and sunset on 10 October 2011

Sun rise 05h58 Sun set 17h27 Common Pheasant 4 males at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/10/2011. Mandarin Duck 17 flew south over the sea past the fishing harbour at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 07h31 on the 10/10/2011. Grey Heron 10 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/10/2011. These involved a single juvenile that flew out to sea at 07h10, another single juvenile at 07h34 and a flock of 8 flying high to the south out over the sea at 07h54. Purple Heron 1 juvenile flew low to the west at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/10/2011. 2 flew very high to the south at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 06h12 on the 10/10/2011. Heron sp. 5, three singles and two birds together, flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/10/2011. Osprev Oriental Honey-buzzard 6 singles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/10/2011. The first bird was seen at 06h51. 113 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/10/2011. The first five birds were seen at 06h01 & today was remarkable Black Kite for the frequency of sighting (with 24 encounters!) and the small sizes of most of the flocks. Flock sizes were as follows - 1, 1, 1, 1, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 3, 3, 3, 3, 3, 3, 3, 4, 5, 5, 7, 13, 20 & 23. Eastern Marsh Harrier 2 singles flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/10/2011. The first bird was seen at 06h54. Japanese Sparrowhawk 5 singles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/10/2011. 283 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/10/2011. Eurasian Sparrowhawk Northern Goshawk 64, including 7 adults and 26 juveniles, flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/10/2011. The first bird, a juvenile, was seen at 06h08. This is my highest ever day count in China - easily exceeding the 40 birds that I saw at Baiwang Shan, Beijing on 25 October 2010. 23 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/10/2011. The first bird was seen at 06h13 & flock sizes were as follows - 1, Grey-faced Buzzard 1, 1, 2, 3, 5 & 10. Eastern Buzzard 251 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/10/2011. The first two birds were at 05h53. Greater Spotted Eagle VU 7-17 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/10/2011. All sightings as follows - a juvenile flew south at 06h03 (just five minutes after official sunrise) & was later seen to turn back north; an immature at 07h01; a juvenile at 07h05; three birds (two immatures and a juvenile) at 07h20; a juvenile at 07h51 & a different juvenile at 07h58; three juveniles at 09h38; five juveniles at 10h10. The only bird of the afternoon was a single juvenile at 13h49. None were actually seen to head purposefully out to sea and quite a few were watched turning back north. As a minimum there were seven birds (five juveniles that were seen together & two immatures) while as a maximum there were 17 different sightings (but no doubt some duplication) Common Kestrel 10 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/10/2011. The first bird was seen at 06h13. 1830 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/10/2011. The first two birds were not seen until 06h23 - a full 25 minutes Amur Falcon after official sunrise but the morning's numbers were unremarkable. Small scale passage started in the late morning but the main event wasn't until the evening. I arrived way too early for the 16h30 bus and was waiting out of the way - about 50 metres back up the road towards the lighthouse and adjacent to the lower road up to the Yihai Manor (an apparently up market guest house that doesn't admit foreigners). A pre-roost movement of Amurs, like the ones we'd seen on a couple of previous occasions already this autumn, was already underway when I arrived at 16h00 & it soon became obvious that this movement was a significant one. Unlike the situation on the evening of the 7 October tonight's gathering was gradual and slow paced allowing ample time to watch and

count the birds. It was a windless, clear and still evening with some high cloud cover and all the falcons arrived

from the south (!) and crossed the road I was standing on in the same direction (north). The movement was most intense between16h05-16h25 and stopped almost as suddenly as it had started. Largely over by 16h35 only a small trickle of birds continued to move north after 16h45 with the very last bird being seen at 16h55 (a full halfan-hour before official sunset and 40 & 45 minutes respectively before I saw my last Black Kite & Eurasian Sparrowhawks of the day)! The day count of 1830 is solely of birds in this pre-roost movement with none of those seen heading out to sea earlier in the day being included. Today's count is apparently the highest autumn count anywhere in China, being surpassed by a spring count of 2000 at Honghe, Jinping, Yunnan on 13 May 2009 (WJ in China Bird Report 2008-2009) 12 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/10/2011. 4 singles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/10/2011. 1 flew high to the south over the fishing harbour at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 10h58 on the 10/10/2011. 3 on the sea off the fishing harbour at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/10/2011. 30 over the sea off Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/10/2011. 20 over the sea off Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/10/2011. 22 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/10/2011. 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/10/2011. 220 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/10/2011. 1 near the watch point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/10/2011. 200 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/10/2011. These included a single flock of 155 inside the Lighthouse compound. 3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/10/2011. One was seen at 06h28 while three birds (possibly including the original bird?) were seen at 06h37. 79 flew south past the watch point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/10/2011. Flock sizes were as follows -1, 1, 1, 11, 1, 2, 2, 4, 4, 4, 10, 22 & 27. 4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/10/2011. 17 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/10/2011. Flock sizes were as follows with birds that were only heard & not seen being logged as a singleton - 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 5 & 6. 7 singles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/10/2011. 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/10/2011. 150 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/10/2011. 3400 in a pre-roost gathering at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/10/2011. Birds were seen throughout the day (after the first & late bird at 05h57) but numbers increased during the late afternoon and this count was made at about 16h45 (almost 45 minutes before sunset). 4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/10/2011. 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/10/2011. 15 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/10/2011. 10 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/10/2011. 1 was heard near the watch point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/10/2011. 4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/10/2011. 3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/10/2011. 2 near the watch point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/10/2011. 2, a pair, at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/10/2011. 470 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/10/2011. 223 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/10/2011. Most of these flew over the watch point. Flock sizes were as follows - 1, 1, 1, 1, 2, 9, 12, 13, 17, 20, 21, 30, 30, 30 & 35. 1 over the watch point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/10/2011. 1 adult male near the watch point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/10/2011. 5 flew high to the south over the watch point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/10/2011. 2 singles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/10/2011. 4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/10/2011. 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/10/2011. 15 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/10/2011. 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/10/2011. 3 singles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/10/2011. 60 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/10/2011. Most of these were in a pre-roost gathering near the bus turning site towards dusk. 4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/10/2011. 44 over the morning watch point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/10/2011. 1 over the morning watch point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/10/2011. 15 over the morning watch point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/10/2011. 9 over the morning watch point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/10/2011. 88 over the morning watch point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/10/2011. 21 over the morning watch point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/10/2011. 1 over the morning watch point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/10/2011. 8 over the morning watch point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/10/2011. 8 near the morning watch point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/10/2011. 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/10/2011. 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/10/2011. 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/10/2011. 280 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/10/2011. The vast majority of these (245 birds) were over the watch point. 20 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/10/2011.

#### Tuesday 11 October 2011. All day Laotie Shan, Lushun.

Eurasian Hobby Peregrine Falcon Pacific Golden Plover Black-headed Gull Black-tailed Gull 'Herring Gull Assemblage' Oriental Turtle Dove Spotted Dove Ashy Minivet Chinese Grey Shrike Common Magpie

Carrion Crow

Yellow-bellied Tit

Japanese Tit Chinese Penduline Tit

Eurasian Skylark Light-vented Bulbul Barn Swallow Red-rumped Swallow

Dusky Warbler Radde's Warbler Pallas's Leaf Warbler Yellow-browed Warbler Two-barred Warbler Black-browed Reed Warbler Lanceolated Warbler Zitting Cisticola Chinese Hill Babbler White-eye sp. White-cheeked Starling

Grey-backed Thrush Red-throated Thrush Thrush sp. Daurian Redstart Common Stonechat Taiga Flycatcher Eurasian Tree Sparrow Eastern Yellow Wagtail Grey Wagtail White Wagtail

**Richard's Pipit** Olive-backed Pipit Red-throated Pipit **Buff-bellied** Pipit Brambling Grey-capped Greenfinch Common Rosefinch Grosbeak sp. Pine Bunting Chestnut-eared Bunting Little Bunting Yellow-throated Bunting Chestnut Bunting Black-faced Bunting Pallas's Bunting

I left the Xin Jiyuan Dajiudian, Lushun in Mr Xing's taxi at 05h15 and drove back to the Lighthouse car park at Laotie Shan. There were again lots of birds today – initially a modest early morning movement of passerines but later a good movement of Eastern Buzzards. I spent just under the first 3.5 hours (from 05h45-09h00) at the regular watch point before walking up to the Coastguard/Lighthouse compound where I spent much of the rest of the day. I left the Coast guard platform at 15h20, wandered down to the ticket office, bought a drink and caught the 16h30 bus back to Lushun.

#### **Weather**

A glorious day with good long range visibility again with Snake Island, but not Changdao, being visible. It was seven degrees cooler than yesterday being just 8°C near the Laotie Shan watch point at 05h45. There was absolutely no cloud cover all day and hardly any wind. It was already 21°C at 10h10, peaked at 24°C at 13h00 but had only dropped back one degree by 15h20.

Daurian Partridge	2 widely separate calling birds were heard from the watch point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/10/2011. They sounded to be in the fruit orchards on either side of the main valley.
Japanese Quail NT	4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/10/2011.
Common Pheasant	3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/10/2011.
Grey goose sp.	3 flew south at 07h41 before turning back north at five minutes later Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/10/2011.
Black Stork	3 un-aged, distant birds, flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 08h34 on the 11/10/2011.
Oriental Honey-buzzard	3 singles flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the $11/10/2011$ . The first bird was seen at 06h04.
Black Kite	12 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/10/2011. The first five birds were seen at 06h12 & flock sizes
	were 1, 3, 3 & 5.
Pied Harrier	1 juvenile flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/10/2011.
Japanese Sparrowhawk	2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/10/2011.
Eurasian Sparrowhawk	128 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the $11/10/2011$ . The first three birds were seen at 05h44.
Northern Goshawk	23, including five adults & 17 juveniles, flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/10/2011.
Grey-faced Buzzard	16 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/10/2011. The first three birds were seen at 06h12 & flock sizes
	were as follows $-1, 1, 3 \& 11$ .
Eastern Buzzard	832 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/10/2011. This is easily my largest ever count in China (but was
	easily surpassed the following day). The first bird was seen at 05h57. On a couple of occasions, once at around
	08h00 & again around 14h00 over 150 Eastern Buzzards were in the air together! Passage tailed off shortly after
	14h00 with birds lingering around the point between the Chinese bird photographer's concrete platform and the
	Lighthouse/Coast Guard station until I left at 14h30. A sample count of 122 birds yielded 17 adults (14 %) & 105
	juveniles (86 %).
Greater Spotted Eagle VU	7-12 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/10/2011. Birds were seen as follows – an adult at 07h54 with an additional
	adult at 08h15; 5 (four juveniles and an immature) at 09h24; a juvenile at 10h56; a juvenile at 11h13 finally 2
	birds (a juvenile & an immature) came in off the sea at 13h39.
Golden Eagle	2 juveniles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/10/2011. The first bird was seen at 07h45, two were seen together at
	10h47 & a lone juvenile was the last sighting at 11h24.
Common Kestrel	2 singles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/10/2011.
Amur Falcon	130 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/10/2011. The first bird was seen at 05h41. Today's count was a massive,
	and surprising reduction on the number logged yesterday. Despite the clear skies and lack of wind there were no
	birds in a pre-roost gathering.
Merlin	1 adult male flew past the coast guard station at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 14h54 on the 11/10/2011.
Eurasian Hobby	4 singles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/10/2011.
Peregrine Falcon	2, an adult & a separate juvenile, at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/10/2011.
Black-headed Gull	1 in the small fishing harbour at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/10/2011.
Black-tailed Gull	10 around the small fishing harbour at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/10/2011.
'Herring Gull Assemblage'	3 around the small fishing harbour at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/10/2011.
Oriental Turtle Dove	10 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/10/2011.
Spotted Dove	3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/10/2011.
Common Kingfisher	1 was heard near the bus stop at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/10/2011.
Ashy Minivet	161 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/10/2011.
Common Magpie	150 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/10/2011.
Carrion Crow	3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the $11/10/2011$ . They were probably the same birds as yesterday.
Yellow-bellied Tit	6 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the $11/10/2011$ . Flock sizes were as follows $-1, 1, 1 \& 3$ .
Japanese Tit	4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/10/2011.
Chinese Penduline Tit	4 presumed singles were heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/10/2011.
Eurasian Skylark	19 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/10/2011.
Light-vented Bulbul	3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/10/2011.
Barn Swallow	50 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/10/2011.
Red-rumped Swallow	3000 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the $11/10/2011$ .
Manchurian Bush Warbler	1 was seen very well besides the coast guard station at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/10/2011.
Dusky Warbler	6 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/10/2011.
Radde's Warbler	5 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/10/2011.
Pallas's Leaf Warbler	12 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/10/2011.
Yellow-browed Warbler	8 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/10/2011.
Black-browed Reed Warbler	4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/10/2011.
Lanceolated Warbler	1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/10/2011.
Marsh Grassbird NT	1 was heard (it gave a typically brief burst of intense song) near the watch point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the

11/10/2011. Zitting Cisticola 2 again near the watch point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/10/2011. Vinous-throated Parrotbill 4 near the watch point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/10/2011. Chinese Hill Babbler 2, a pair, near the watch point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/10/2011. 520 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/10/2011. White-eye sp. Crested Myna 6 on roadside wires between Laotie Shan and the bus station most of the way back to Lushun on the 11/10/2011. 45 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/10/2011. Just two flocks were seen - one of 15 & the other 30 birds. White-cheeked Starling 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/10/2011. Red-throated Thrush Daurian Redstart 4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/10/2011. Common Stonechat 12 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/10/2011. Taiga Flycatcher 1 was heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/10/2011. 30 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/10/2011. Eurasian Tree Sparrow 3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 11h30 on the 11/10/2011. They circled the Lighthouse/Coast Guard Station hill twice Alpine Accentor & even attempted to land. Siberian Accentor 1 was heard near the watch point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/10/2011. Eastern Yellow Wagtail 2 singles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/10/2011. Grey Wagtail 2 singles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/10/2011. White Wagtail 4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/10/2011. 9 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/10/2011. Olive-backed Pipit 1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/10/2011. Pechora Pipit Red-throated Pipit 4 singles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/10/2011. Buff-bellied Pipit 13 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/10/2011. Brambling 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/10/2011. Grey-capped Greenfinch 180 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/10/2011. Flock sizes were as follows - 1, 1, 3, 4, 5, 5, 7, 9, 10, 11, 15, 15, 15, 22, 27 & 30 Common Rosefinch 9 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/10/2011. 4, a single and a flock of three, at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/10/2011. Pine Bunting Chestnut-eared Bunting 6 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/10/2011. Little Bunting 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/10/2011. Yellow-throated Bunting 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/10/2011. Black-faced Bunting 25 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/10/2011. 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/10/2011. Pallas's Bunting

#### Wednesday 12 October 2011. All day Laotie Shan, Lushun.

I left the Xin Jiyuan Dajiudian, Lushun at 05h15 and drove back to the Lighthouse car park at Laotie. I spent 2.5 hours at the regular early morning watch point before walking up to the Coastguard/Lighthouse compound. Unfortunately although its scheduled to open at 08h00 it didn't open for another 45 minutes. The entrance gate was unlocked and I suppose that I could have just walked in but I didn't want to upset the staff who could have legitimately stopped me using the vantage point immediately to the southern side of the Coast Guard building. Arriving there at 09h00 I stayed until 14h30. There were massive numbers of Eastern Buzzards moving today – but remarkably little else and once these had stopped I headed down for a drink and an ice cream. I then planned to catch the 16h30 bus back to Tieshan zhen – but I was flagged down by a black cab driver (an illegal or unlicensed taxi driver) and I asked him to take me back to Lushun. This he did and dropped me in the small park besides the naval base. It was low tide and I spent about 20 minutes (16h30-16h50) scanning the mudflats and looking through the gulls before taking another taxi for the last kilometre back to the hotel.

#### **Weather**

A decent day – there was modest, but certainly not as good as yesterday, long range visibility with Snake Island being just about visible. For much of the day it was quite difficult to see the horizon and to determine where the sea finished and the sky started! It was 14°C (six degrees warmer than yesterday) near the Laotie Shan watch point at 05h45, there was about 6/8 cloud cover and hardly any wind in the early morning and the first blue sky of the day wasn't seen until almost 11h00. The temperature rose to 23°C at 10h30 to 22°C at 12h00. A modest south-south-westerly wind started at about 09h15 and this soon instigated a major movement of Eastern Buzzards. The air pressure, stable for much of the morning, declined slightly from midday onwards and was 1009 hPa at 10h30, 1008 hPa at 12h00 and 1007 hPa at 13h45.

#### **Ornithological highlights**

Today's movement of Eastern Buzzards (3490 birds were counted) was the undoubted highlight and I spent most of the day watching them – often concentrating on an area out at sea. Nevertheless

surprisingly few other raptors were moving with them. Once the buzzard movement had finished I spent a short time birding the bushes – but these were very quiet. Today's only new birds were an unidentifiable spoonbill and three ringtail Hen Harriers.

Common Pheasant 3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/10/2011. 1 distant bird flew high to the south over the sea off Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/10/2011. Spoonbill sp. Grey Heron 25 on the tidal mudflats when viewed from the park near the Naval Harbour in Lushun on the 12/10/2011. Great Egret 1 on the tidal mudflats when viewed from the park near the Naval Harbour in Lushun on the 12/10/2011. Little Egret 3 on the tidal mudflats when viewed from the park near the Naval Harbour in Lushun on the 12/10/2011. Oriental Honey-buzzard 3 singles flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/10/2011. 20 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/10/2011. The first 12 birds were seen at 06h08 & flock sizes were Black Kite as follows - 1, 1, 1, 5 & 12. Hen Harrier 3 ringtails flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/10/2011. The first two birds did so at 06h12. 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/10/2011. Japanese Sparrowhawk Eurasian Sparrowhawk 69 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/10/2011. Almost all of these flew south. The first four birds were seen at 05h48 18, including just one adult and 12 juveniles, flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/10/2011. Northern Goshawk Grey-faced Buzzard 1 flew south at Laotie Shan. Lushun on the 12/10/2011. Eastern Buzzard 3490 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/10/2011. The first four birds of the day were seen at 05h52 & the vast majority of today's buzzards (3181 birds) were actively migrating and flew south, out and across the bay during the day. Their passage was most intense in the four hours between 09h30-13h30 when 2993 birds (94% of the total seen actively migrating) were logged. Passage started when a light south-south-west wind picked up and stopped almost as soon as the wind ceased. Significantly the wind dropped for a while in the late morning - and the number of buzzards heading out to sea declined accordingly. Despite the massive increase in numbers they were much easier to count than yesterday with most of the active migrants passing on a narrow front between the Chinese bird photographer's concrete platform and the Lighthouse/Coast Guard station. I only counted birds once they were a full binocular's width offshore and, unlike yesterday, very few birds (probably less than 30 all day) turned back towards land - and those that did were subtracted from the total. Passage stopped abruptly at about 13h35 as the skies suddenly cleared, the temperature rose two degrees (to 24°C) and the wind veered slightly from being a southerly to a south-westerly before ceasing almost entirely. Once passage had stopped there were still 310 Eastern Buzzards thermalling around the point. Most of these remained in the area for the next 20-30 minutes before gradually dispersing - perhaps they'll try to cross again tomorrow...Today's count surpasses those that have been made for the entire autumn at Beidaihe, Hebei where Williams et al. (1992) noted autumn totals of 1119 bird-days in 1986, 3162 bird-days in 1987, 1861 bird-days in 1988, 1534 bird-days in 1989 and 2210 birddays in 1990. What's more today's Laotie Shan tally is more than three times the largest day-count ever made at Beidaihe! The highest one day counts from Beidaihe during this same well-watched period in the late 1980s were 1100 on 11 October 1988, 1048 on 6 October 1990, 992 on 14 October 1987 & 740 on 16 October 1989. Greater Spotted Eagle VU 2 juveniles at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 07h57 on the 12/10/2011. Common Kestrel 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 06h21 on the 12/10/2011. Amur Falcon 126 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/10/2011. 46 of these were actively migrating while about another 80 appeared in the later afternoon and were probably planning to roost overnight somewhere nearby. Eurasian Hobby 4 singles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/10/2011. Peregrine Falcon 1 adult at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/10/2011. Black-headed Gull 150 on the tidal mudflats when viewed from the park near the Naval Harbour in Lushun on the 12/10/2011. Black-tailed Gull 870 on the tidal mudflats when viewed from the park near the Naval Harbour in Lushun on the 12/10/2011. Today's count was 85 birds fewer than just under two weeks ago when there were 955 here on the 29/9/2011. Mew Gull 8 on the tidal mudflats when viewed from the park near the Naval Harbour in Lushun on the 12/10/2011. They were all second-winters or older. 'Herring Gull Assemblage' 45 in the Lushun-Laotie Shan area on the 12/10/2011. About five were around the small fishing harbour (Chen Jia cun) at Laotie Shan while the other 40 were 870 on the tidal mudflats when viewed from the park near the Naval Harbour in Lushun itself. Mongolian Gull 5 on the tidal mudflats when viewed from the park near the Naval Harbour in Lushun on the 12/10/2011. Oriental Turtle Dove 6 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/10/2011. Spotted Dove 4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/10/2011. Ashy Minivet 371 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/10/2011. Common Magpie 120 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/10/2011. Yellow-bellied Tit 27 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/10/2011. Flock sizes were as follows - 1 (not seen), 1 (not seen), 1 (not seen), 1 (not seen), 2, 8 & 13. Japanese Tit 4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/10/2011. Chinese Penduline Tit 2 singles flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/10/2011. Eurasian Skylark 1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/10/2011. Light-vented Bulbul 7 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/10/2011. Barn Swallow 40 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/10/2011. Red-rumped Swallow 1000 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/10/2011. Manchurian Bush Warbler 2 singles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/10/2011. These included the same bird as yesterday in the scrub immediately below the Coast Guard Station. Dusky Warbler 5 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/10/2011. Radde's Warbler 5 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/10/2011. Pallas's Leaf Warbler 8 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/10/2011. 10 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/10/2011. Yellow-browed Warbler Black-browed Reed Warbler 4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/10/2011. Vinous-throated Parrotbill 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/10/2011. Chinese Hill Babbler 4, two pairs, at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/10/2011. White-eye sp. 460 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/10/2011. Crested Myna 10 on the same roadside wires as yesterday between Laotie Shan and Tieshan zhen on the 11/10/2011.

White-cheeked Starling 15 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/10/2011. Just two flocks were seen - the first of8 and the second of 7 birds. Red-throated Thrush 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/10/2011. 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/10/2011. Thrush sp. Daurian Redstart 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/10/2011. Eurasian Tree Sparrow 20 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/10/2011. Alpine Accentor 3, a pair and then a single, near the Lighthouse/Coast Guard station buildings at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/10/2011. The pair actually came in and landed on the steep hillside below the viewing platform at about 11h25 while the single bird was seen at 12h52 but just kept flying. Eastern Yellow Wagtail 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/10/2011. Grey Wagtail 6 singles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/10/2011. White Wagtail 6 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/10/2011. Richard's Pipit 1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/10/2011. Olive-backed Pipit 30 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/10/2011. Buff-bellied Pipit 8 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/10/2011. Brambling 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/10/2011. Grey-capped Greenfinch 342 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/10/2011. Flock sizes were as follows -1, 3, 3, 4, 5, 7, 7, 8, 8, 8, 9, 9, 10, 10, 13, 15, 15, 16, 20, 21, 25, 30, 40 & 55. Common Rosefinch 6 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/10/2011. 3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/10/2011. Chestnut-eared Bunting Yellow-throated Bunting 4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/10/2011. Chestnut Bunting 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/10/2011. Black-faced Bunting 20 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/10/2011. Pallas's Bunting 4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/10/2011.

#### Thursday 13 October 2011. Morning at Laotie Shan, Lushun.

I left the Xin Jiyuan Dajiudian, Lushun at 05h15 and drove back to the Lighthouse car park at Laotie Shan. I spent just almost three hours hours at the regular early morning watch point before walking up to the vantage point immediately to the southern side of the Coast Guard building in the Lighthouse compound. Arriving there at 09h00 I stayed until 11h30. There was very poor visibility and it was extremely quiet with no Eastern Buzzards and indeed few other birds moving today Leaving at 11h30 I walked back down to the main road and soon found an unlicensed taxi to take me back to Lushun. I spent the afternoon and evening catching up on paperwork.

#### **Weather**

A poor day – it was misty throughout the morning with visibility almost dropping to as little as one kilometre (and hence becoming fog). The Chinese bird photographer's concrete platform was just about visible from the rear of the Coast Guard station for example. It was still, cloudless and 15°C when I arrived at 05h40. The atmospheric pressure had remained pretty stable overnight and was 1012 hPa at the watch point. The wind gradually picked up from the south at about 09h00 – and the pressure up on the viewing platform was 1005 hPa. There were a few spots of rain around 10h30, the pressure remained stable and the visibility didn't improve all day.

Common Pheasant 2 were heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/10/2011. Mallard 3 in the tidal inlet near the Naval Harbour in Lushun on the 13/10/2011. 2 in the tidal inlet near the Naval Harbour in Lushun on the 13/10/2011. Great Egret 2, an adult & a juvenile, at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/10/2011. Black Kite Japanese Sparrowhawk 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/10/2011. 10 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/10/2011. The first bird was seen at 06h05. Eurasian Sparrowhawk Northern Goshawk 1 juvenile at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/10/2011. Eastern Buzzard 205 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/10/2011. The first two birds appeared at 06h02 and birds then continued to appear throughout the morning - but none were seen even attempting to head out across the bay. It's likely that most, if not all, of today's birds were part of the large flock that didn't make the crossing yesterday and because of this today's birds were not included in the on-going bird-day tally. Amur Falcon 188 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/10/2011. Eurasian Hobby 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/10/2011. Black-headed Gull 1 in the small fishing harbour of Chen Jia cun at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/10/2011. Black-tailed Gull 10 in & around the small fishing harbour of Chen Jia cun at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/10/2011. 'Herring Gull Assemblage' 2 in & around the small fishing harbour of Chen Jia cun at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/10/2011. Oriental Turtle Dove 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/10/2011. Spotted Dove 5 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/10/2011. Ashy Minivet 127 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/10/2011. Common Magpie 100 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/10/2011. Yellow-bellied Tit 8, in a single flock, flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/10/2011. 4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/10/2011. Japanese Tit Chinese Penduline Tit 55 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/10/2011. Flock sizes were 1 (not seen), 1 (not seen), 1 (not seen), 3 4 & 45

Eurasian Skylark 7 singles flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/10/2011. Light-vented Bulbul 15, a flock of seven and another of eight, at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/10/2011. Barn Swallow 20 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/10/2011. Red-rumped Swallow 60 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/10/2011. The first bird wasn't seen until 10h23 and today's tally represents a massive reduction on recent days. Manchurian Bush Warbler 1 was heard again in the Lighthouse/Coastguard compound at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/10/2011. 6 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/10/2011. Dusky Warbler Radde's Warbler 5 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/10/2011. Pallas's Leaf Warbler 5 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/10/2011. Yellow-browed Warbler 6 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/10/2011. Black-browed Reed Warbler 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/10/2011. Vinous-throated Parrotbill 10 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/10/2011. 2, a pair, at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/10/2011. Chinese Hill Babbler 100 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/10/2011. Most of these flew south. White-eve sp. White-cheeked Starling 16 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/10/2011. 3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/10/2011. Red-throated Thrush Thrush sp. 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/10/2011. Daurian Redstart 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/10/2011. 20 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/10/2011. Eurasian Tree Sparrow 3 singles flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/10/2011. Eastern Yellow Wagtail Grey Wagtail 5 singles flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/10/2011. White Wagtail 10 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/10/2011. Richard's Pipit 1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/10/2011. Olive-backed Pipit 73 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/10/2011. 1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/10/2011. Pechora Pipit Red-throated Pipit 2 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/10/2011. **Buff-bellied** Pipit 11 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/10/2011. Brambling 3 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/10/2011. Grey-capped Greenfinch 297 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/10/2011. Flock sizes were - 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 2, 2, 2, 3, 3, 4, 5, 6, 6, 8, 10, 10, 12, 13, 13, 14, 15, 15, 16, 18, 21, 22, 22, 24 & 25. Common Rosefinch 8 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/10/2011. 1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/10/2011. Grosbeak sp. Black-faced Bunting 15 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/10/2011.

#### Friday 14 October 2011. All day Laotie Shan, Lushun.

I left the Xin Jiyuan Dajiudian, Lushun at 05h15 and drove back to the Lighthouse car park at Laotie Shan. I again spent 3.5 hours at the regular early morning watch point before walking up to the Coastguard/Lighthouse compound. Arriving there at 09h00 I stayed until 15h30. There was poor visibility most of the day – but a southerly wind and large numbers of Eastern Buzzards were obviously keen to make the crossing over to Shandong and continually headed out only to return minutes later. Many of them repeatedly circled the Coastguard/Lighthouse compound and afforded superb views and I spend much of the day watching these. There were two periods when they did indeed head out and I made my second count in excess of 1000 birds! I caught the 16h30 bus back to Tieshan zhen and a taxi from there back to the hotel.

#### **Weather**

Another day with poor visibility. The horizon was always difficult to see – and I never saw either of the radar dishes on the ridge tops until the early afternoon. It was 13°C near the Laotie Shan watch point at 05h45, there was about 3/8 cloud cover and no wind. The humidity was high. The temperature had risen to 16°C by 07h30 and to 20°C by 14h30. A modest southerly wind started at about 08h45 and this soon instigated a movement of Eastern Buzzards – though they stopped when the wind dropped 45 minutes later only to start again when the wind picked up again in the early afternoon! The air pressure was stable for much of the morning but declined ever so slightly later in the day. Down at the watch point it was 1008 hPa at 05h45 and again at 07h30 while higher up near the Coast Guard Station it was 1002 hPa at 08h45, 1001 hPa at 11h30 and 1000 hPa at 13h00

Common Pheasant Oriental Honey-buzzard Black Kite

Japanese Sparrowhawk Eurasian Sparrowhawk Northern Goshawk Grey-faced Buzzard

- 2 were heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/10/2011.
- 1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/10/2011.

- 3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/10/2011.
- 15 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/10/2011. The first bird was seen at 05h44.
- 8, two adults & six juveniles, flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/10/2011.
  - 1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/10/2011.

<sup>57</sup> flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/10/2011. The first bird wasn't seen until 07h26. Flock sizes were as follows -1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 2, 2, 3, 4, 4, 5, 5, 6, 7, 7 & 7.

#### Eastern Buzzard

Greater Spotted Eagle VU

Common Kestrel Amur Falcon

Eurasian Hobby Black-tailed Gull Mongolian Gull Oriental Turtle Dove Ashy Minivet Common Magpie Yellow-bellied Tit

Japanese Tit Chinese Penduline Tit

Eurasian Skylark Light-vented Bulbul Barn Swallow Red-rumped Swallow Dusky Warbler Radde's Warbler Pallas's Leaf Warbler Yellow-browed Warbler Black-browed Reed Warbler Vinous-throated Parrotbill Chinese Hill Babbler White-eye sp. Red-billed Starling White-cheeked Starling Red-throated Thrush Thrush sp. Daurian Redstart Eurasian Tree Sparrow Eastern Yellow Wagtail Grev Wagtail White Wagtail **Richard's Pipit** Olive-backed Pipit Red-throated Pipit **Buff-bellied** Pipit Brambling Grey-capped Greenfinch

Common Rosefinch Chestnut-eared Bunting Little Bunting Yellow-throated Bunting Black-faced Bunting 1376 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/10/2011. The first two birds were seen at 05h54 and there were son over 150 birds circling the end of the peninsula apparently eager to cross. There were two widely separate periods when birds did head south today. The first movement, apparently spurred by an increase in the strength of the southerly wind, was between 09h00-09h30 when 620 birds headed south across the bay but 160 of these came almost straight back. A more concerted movement occurred between 12h30-15h00 when 911 birds headed south none of these were seen coming back! This second movement was also spurred by a strengthening of the southerly wind - and a slight clearing of the skies. 3 juveniles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/10/2011. One, two or three juveniles were seen on three occasions -3 at 09h25, 1 at 12h20 & 2 at 14h13. 2 singles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/10/2011. 241 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/10/2011. 136 birds headed south & out to see while the other 105 were seen over the small fishing harbour of Chen Jia cun in the later afternoon. The latter were probably going to roost nearby 10 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/10/2011. 27 in the small fishing harbour of Chen Jia cun at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/10/2011. 8 in the small fishing harbour of Chen Jia cun at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/10/2011. 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/10/2011. 136 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/10/2011. 150 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/10/2011. 9 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/10/2011. Flock sizes were as follows 1 heard, 1 heard, 1 heard, 2 & 3. 8 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/10/2011. 4 birds were heard &, for the sake of the log, assumed to be singles flying south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/10/2011. 7 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/10/2011. 24 in a single flock near the watch point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/10/2011. 100 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/10/2011. 500 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/10/2011. 7 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/10/2011. 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/10/2011. 6 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/10/2011. 6 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/10/2011. 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/10/2011. 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/10/2011. 2, a pair, at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/10/2011. 43 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/10/2011. 1, with two unidentified starlings, flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/10/2011. 13 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/10/2011. One flock was of 3 birds, the other of 10. 3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/10/2011. 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/10/2011. 3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/10/2011. 25 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/10/2011 2 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/10/2011. 4 singles flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/10/2011. 6 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/10/2011. 1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/10/2011. 33 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/10/2011. 2 singles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/10/2011. 4 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/10/2011. 2 singles flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/10/2011. 117 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/10/2011. Flock sizes were as follows - 1 heard, 1 heard, 1 heard, 1 1 heard, 1 heard, 1 heard, 2, 2, 3, 4, 6, 11, 13, 20, 20 & 29. 7 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/10/2011. 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/10/2011.

1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/10/2011.

3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/10/2011.

10 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/10/2011. Just five of these flew over the watch point.

#### Saturday 15 October 2011. Early morning Laotie Shan, Lushun.

I left the Xin Jiyuan Dajiudian, Lushun at 05h15 and drove back to the Lighthouse car park at Laotie Shan. I spent about 2.5 hours at the regular early morning watch point before walking up to the Coastguard/Lighthouse compound. Arriving there around 09h00 headed around to spend some time sea watching – the visibility had improved during the morning and I'd earlier seen a steady passage of gulls over the sea. However in the time that it took me to reach the sea watching site the weather had worsened, it was now raining very hard again and visibility was poor. I gave it 15 minutes, saw nothing and, with the weather showing no signs of improving, I decided to head back to the hotel. I hitched a ride from a truck and then took a taxi. Arriving back at the hotel at 10h45 it wasn't much longer before the rain stopped and I could even see a movement of raptors from my hotel room! Frustrated I buried myself in to some long overdue work...

#### **Weather**

A poor early morning. There had been an intense thunder storm during the night (lasting at least one hour from 02h15) and there were still rumbles of thunder and flashes of lightning when I arrived at the morning watch point. Visibility was much better than the previous two days with the ridge tops and even Snake Island being clearly visible. It was 11°C, there was about 7/8 cloud cover, little wind (this was forecast to veer from the southwest, through westerly to a north-westerly during the day) and the pressure was stable at 1004 hPa. However it started to rain at 06h15 – and continued to do so very hard for almost an hour. As soon as the rain stopped there was an emigration of Amur Falcons and shortly after that a movement of passerines. Unfortunately the vast majority of the latter were too high to identify. It started to train again from about 07h45 – this time even harder.

Once I'd left Laotie Shan and was back in the hotel in Lushun it wasn't long before the weather picked up and the sun came out!

Common Pheasant 13 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/10/2011. 3 flew out to sea at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 08h37 on the 15/10/2011. Grev Heron 1 flew north over the small fishing harbour of Chen Jia cun at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 07h27 on the 15/10/2011. Great Egret Black Kite 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/10/2011. Japanese Sparrowhawk 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/10/2011. Eurasian Sparrowhawk 20 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/10/2011. 20 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/10/2011. The first seven birds were seen at 06h00. Eastern Buzzard Greater Spotted Eagle VU 1 juvenile at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 07h25 on the 15/10/2011. Amur Falcon 132 headed out to sea over the small fishing harbour of Chen Jia cun at Laotie Shan, Lushun between 07h05-07h15 on the 15/10/2011. Eurasian Hobby 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/10/2011. Black-tailed Gull 40 in the small fishing harbour of Chen Jia cun at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 07h27 on the 15/10/2011. 'Herring Gull Assemblage' 40 in the small fishing harbour of Chen Jia cun at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 07h27 on the 15/10/2011. Heuglin's Gull 1 in the small fishing harbour of Chen Jia cun at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 07h27 on the 15/10/2011. Mongolian Gull 5 in the small fishing harbour of Chen Jia cun at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 07h27 on the 15/10/2011. Oriental Turtle Dove 7 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/10/2011. Ashv Minivet 75 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/10/2011. Common Magpie 50 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/10/2011. Yellow-bellied Tit 28 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/10/2011. Flock sizes were as follows - 1 (heard), 1 (heard), 1 (heard) & 25 Japanese Tit 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/10/2011. Chinese Penduline Tit 27 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/10/2011. Flock sizes were as follows - 1 (heard), 1 (heard), 1 (heard), 4 & 20. Eurasian Skylark 15 at Laotie Shan. Lushun on the 15/10/2011. Light-vented Bulbul 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/10/2011. Barn Swallow 20 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/10/2011. Red-rumped Swallow 400 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/10/2011. Dusky Warbler 4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/10/2011. Radde's Warbler 3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/10/2011. Pallas's Leaf Warbler 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/10/2011. Yellow-browed Warbler 4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/10/2011. Black-browed Reed Warbler 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/10/2011. Vinous-throated Parrotbill 4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/10/2011. Chinese Hill Babbler 2, a pair, at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/10/2011. 120 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/10/2011. White-eye sp. Thrush sp. 5 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/10/2011. Daurian Redstart 1 was heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/10/2011. 1 was heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/10/2011. Taiga Flycatcher 40 between at Laotie Shan, Tie Shan zhen & Lushun on the 15/10/2011. Eurasian Tree Sparrow Eastern Yellow Wagtail 1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/10/2011. Grey Wagtail 1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/10/2011. White Wagtail 15 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/10/2011. Olive-backed Pipit 150 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/10/2011. Pechora Pipit 1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/10/2011. Red-throated Pipit 1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/10/2011. **Buff-bellied** Pipit 135 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/10/2011. Brambling 3 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/10/2011. Grey-capped Greenfinch 92 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/10/2011. Flock sizes were as follows - 7, 15, 25 & 45. Common Rosefinch 55 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/10/2011. Chestnut-eared Bunting 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/10/2011. Little Bunting 4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/10/2011. Yellow-throated Bunting 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/10/2011. 45 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/10/2011. Black-faced Bunting Pallas's Bunting 6 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/10/2011.

bunting sp.
passerine sp.

#### Sunday 16 October 2011. Morning Laotie Shan, Lushun.

I left the Xin Jiyuan Dajiudian, Lushun at 05h15 and drove back to the Lighthouse car park at Laotie Shan. I again spent 3.5 hours at the regular early morning watch point before walking up and spending some time down the valley trail towards the beach. At 11h00 I took a black taxi back to Tieshan zhen and a regular taxi from there to the hotel. A family tragedy back in the UK meant that I hurriedly checked out of the hotel and headed back to Dalian airport where I was able to catch an evening flight back to Beijing. I flew back to the UK the following morning.

#### **Weather**

Superb visibility with a crisp horizon and even the Changdao Islands being visible again. It was 13°C near the Laotie Shan watch point at 05h45, there was about 1/8 cloud cover and a strong north-west wind. The wind slowly veered around to the north during the morning, the temperature had risen to 16°C by 07h30 and to 18°C by 10h00. The air pressure was steadily rising throughout the day and rose from 1006 hPa at 05h45, to 1009 by 09h10 and 1013 by the time I left one hour later.

#### **Ornithological highlights**

Nothing terribly remarkable with another broad front high elevation early morning movement of passerines. There was just one, long overdue, addition to the trip list in the shape of four Common Goldeneye over the sea. Other goodies included only the second free flying Short-eared Owl, two more Alpine Accentors and an overdue increase in the number of migrating Chinese Penduline Tits and Eurasian Skylarks. However the undoubted bird of the day, an Aquila eagle sp., failed to come close enough to confidently identify.

Common Pheasant	2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 16/10/2011.
Grey goose sp.	6 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 06h01 on the 16/10/2011. (If I had to guess these birds might have been
	Lesser White-fronts but they were really too distant for confident identification).
Ruddy Shelduck	4 flew high & rapidly to the south at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 07h07 on the 16/10/2011.
Common Goldeneye	4 flew north over the sea off the small fishing harbour of Chen Jia cun at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 07h45 on the 16/10/2011.
Red-breasted Merganser	5, a single at 06h58 & a flock of four at 07h45, flew north over the sea off small fishing harbour of Chen Jia cun at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 16/10/2011.
Grey Heron	1 flew south high over the small fishing harbour of Chen Jia cun at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 05h51 on the 16/10/2011.
Black Kite	2 together at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 16/10/2011.
Japanese Sparrowhawk	1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 16/10/2011.
Eurasian Sparrowhawk	20 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 16/10/2011.
Northern Goshawk	3, two juveniles & an adult, at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 16/10/2011. The first bird was seen at 06h09.
Eastern Buzzard	145 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 16/10/2011. There were 135 birds in the air by 05h55.
Greater Spotted Eagle VU	2 or 3 juveniles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 16/10/2011. The first was seen at 06h45, the second at 07h02 and that bird joined another at 07h10.
Aquila sp.	1 extremely distant bird, not a Greater Spotted Eagle, at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 08h50 on the 16/10/2011.
Merlin	1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 08h39 on the 16/10/2011.
Eurasian Hobby	3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 16/10/2011.
Peregrine Falcon	1 juvenile at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 16/10/2011.
Black-tailed Gull	50 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 16/10/2011.
'Herring Gull Assemblage'	15 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 16/10/2011.
Mongolian Gull	4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 16/10/2011. at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 16/10/2011.
Oriental Turtle Dove	2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 16/10/2011.
Short-eared Owl	1 flew west over the small fishing harbour of Chen Jia cun at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 06h15 on the 16/10/2011.
Ashy Minivet	40 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 16/10/2011.
Common Magpie	100 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 16/10/2011.
Yellow-bellied Tit	16 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the $16/10/2011$ . Flock sizes were as follows – 1 (heard), 1 (heard), 2 &
11.	
Japanese Tit	4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 16/10/2011.
Chinese Penduline Tit	59 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the $16/10/2011$ . Flock sizes were as follows $-1$ (heard), 1 (heard), 1 (heard), 1 (heard), 1 (heard), 2, 5, 10, 15 & 22.
Eurasian Skylark	105 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 16/10/2011.
Light-vented Bulbul	17 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 16/10/2011.
Red-rumped Swallow	2 singles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 16/10/2011.
Dusky Warbler	4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 16/10/2011.

Pallas's Leaf Warbler Yellow-browed Warbler Zitting Cisticola Vinous-throated Parrotbill Chinese Hill Babbler White-eye sp. White-cheeked Starling Red-throated Thrush Dusky Thrush Daurian Redstart Common Stonechat Eurasian Tree Sparrow Alpine Accentor Siberian Accentor Eastern Yellow Wagtail Grey Wagtail White Wagtail Olive-backed Pipit Buff-bellied Pipit Brambling Grey-capped Greenfinch

Common Rosefinch Pine Bunting Chestnut-eared Bunting Little Bunting Yellow-throated Bunting Black-faced Bunting Pallas's Bunting bunting sp. passerine sp. 3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 16/10/2011. 8 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 16/10/2011. 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 16/10/2011. 4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 16/10/2011. 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 16/10/2011. 70 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 16/10/2011. 19 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 16/10/2011. Flock sizes were 2, 5 & 12. 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 16/10/2011. 2 at Laotie Shan. Lushun on the 16/10/2011. 3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 16/10/2011. 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 16/10/2011. 30 between Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 16/10/2011. 2 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 06h38 on the 16/10/2011. 1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 06h45 on the 16/10/2011. 3 singles at Laotie Shan. Tieshan & Lushun on the 16/10/2011. 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 16/10/2011. 7 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 16/10/2011. 50 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 16/10/2011. 20 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 16/10/2011. 3 singles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 16/10/2011. 180 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 16/10/2011. Flock sizes were as follows - 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 3, 3, 4, 5, 5, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 16, 17 & 55. 40 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 16/10/2011. 3 singles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 16/10/2011. 7 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 16/10/2011. 4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 16/10/2011. 20 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 16/10/2011. 32 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 16/10/2011. 27 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 16/10/2011. 70 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 16/10/2011. 500 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 16/10/2011.

### **BIRD LIST**

Four figures are given in parentheses - the first two of these figures details how many days out of 23, that particular species was seen in southern Liaoning. The third figure notes the highest daily count and the fourth the number of bird-days. Hence the entry for Japanese Quail reads  $(6/23 \ 4 \ 9)$ - birds were noted on 6 of the 23 days, with up to four individuals on any one date and with a total of nine bird-days.

Names, order & taxonomy follow the CBR [China Bird Report] Checklist of Birds of China v2.0 (2011) accessed on-line 15 Sept. 2011.

### DAURIAN PARTRIDGE Perdix dauurica 斑翅山鹑

#### $(1/23 \ 2 \ 2)$

2 widely separate calling birds were heard from the watch point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/10/2011. (Paul Holt). They sounded to be in the fruit orchards on either side of the main valley.

#### JAPANESE QUAIL Coturnix japonica NT 鹌鹑

#### (6/23 4 9)

- 1 was accidentally flushed at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 26/9/2011.
- 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 4/10/2011.
- 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/10/2011.
- 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/10/2011.
- 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/10/2011 (Peter Cawley)

4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/10/2011.

# COMMON PHEASANT Phasianus colchicus 雉鸡 (23/23 13 81)

3singles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2011.

3 singles were heard in the woodland around the southern tip of the Laotie Shan on the 25/9/2011.

- 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 26/9/2011.
- $2 \mbox{ at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the } 27/9/2011.$
- 3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 28/9/2011.
- 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 29/9/2011.
- 1 was heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 30/9/2011.
- 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 1/10/2011.
- 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 2/10/2011.
- 3 near the inland pools of the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds, Jinzhouqu on the 3/10/2011.
- 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 4/10/2011.
- 3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/10/2011.
- 4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/10/2011.
- 5 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/10/2011.
- 11 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/10/2011. A group of seven males were seen close to the Xiao Dong Gou ringing station.
- 6 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/10/2011.
- 4 males at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/10/2011.
- 3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/10/2011.
- 3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/10/2011.
- 2 were heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/10/2011.
- 2 were heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/10/2011.
- 13 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/10/2011.
- 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 16/10/2011.

### TUNDRA BEAN GOOSE Anser serrirostris 短嘴豆雁

#### $(2/23 \ 2 \ 3)$

1 flew west around the point at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 09h25 on the 28/9/2011. (Peter Cawley, Paul Holt & Terry Townshend). 2 besides the shrimp or fishponds north of Pikou, Pulandian on the 3/10/2011. (Tom Beeke, Peter Cawley, Paul Holt & Terry Townshend).

[TAIGA or TUNDRA BEAN GOOSE Anser fabalis or A. serrirostris] [豆雁 or 短嘴豆雁]

#### (3/23 45 67)

21 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 12h17 on 29/9/2011. (Paul Holt & Terry Townshend).
1 flew east over the peninsula at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 06h40 on 1/10/2011.
45 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 2/10/2011. 36 birds were seen at 10h25, 8 at 11h45 & 1 at 15h08.

#### GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE Anser albifrons 白额雁

 $(1/23 \ 7 \ 7)$ 

7 flew south, with 8 Bean Geese sp., at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 11h45 on 2/10/2011. (Paul Holt & Terry Townshend).

#### **GREY GOOSE SP.**

#### (4/23 18 34)

7 birds, either Bean or Swan Geese, flew high to the south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 30/9/2011.

18 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 2/10/2011. These involved one that flew south at 06h38 and 17 at 12h28.

3 flew south at 07h41 before turning back north at five minutes later Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/10/2011.
6 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 06h01 on the 16/10/2011. (If I had to guess these birds might have been Lesser White-fronts but they were really too distant for confident identification).

COMMON SHELDUCK Tadorna tadorna 翘鼻麻鸭

#### $(1/23 \ 48 \ 48)$

48 on the sea between Zhang Zui Yu Ye Zhang Xia Wang, Pulandian & Zhang Xia Wang, Pulandian, on the 3/10/2011.

### RUDDY SHELDUCK Tadorna ferruginea 赤麻鸭

 $(2/23 \ 4 \ 8)$ 

4 besides the shrimp or fishponds north of Pikou, Pulandian on the 3/10/2011. 4 flew high & rapidly to the south at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 07h07 on the 16/10/2011.

#### MANDARIN DUCK Aix galericulata 鸳鸯

#### (2/23 17 19)

2 juveniles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/10/2011. They were both on the first roadside reservoir back from the point. (Paul Holt). 17 flew south over the sea past the fishing harbour at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 07h31 on the 10/10/2011. (Paul Holt).

#### GADWALL Anas strepera 赤膀鸭

#### $(1/23 \ 7 \ 7)$

7 between Jinshitan and Pikou on the 3/10/2011. Four of these were with other ducks over the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds, Jinzhouqu while the other three were near Pikou, Pulandian.

#### FALCATED DUCK Anas falcata NT 罗纹鸭

#### (1/23 29 29)

29 between Pikou & Zhuanghe on the 3/10/2011. 26 of these were around the shrimp or fishponds north of Pikou, Pulandian while the other three, with other ducks, over the sea between Zhang Zui Yu Ye Zhang Xia Wang, Pulandian & Zhang Xia Wang, Pulandian.

#### EURASIAN WIGEON Anas penelope 赤颈鸭

#### $(1/23 \ 2 \ 2)$

2 singles between Pikou and Zhuanghe on the 3/10/2011. The first was around the shrimp or fishponds north of Pikou, Pulandian while the second was with other ducks over the sea between Zhang Zui Yu Ye & Zhang Xia Wang, Pulandian.

# MALLARD Anas platyrhynchos 绿头鸭 (2/23 131 134)

131 between Jinshitan, Pikou and north towards Zhuanghe on the 3/10/2011. These involved 118 around the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds (with 98 in the river in the coastal portion and 20 more around the inland ponds); two in the tidal river near Jinchang cun, Pulandian; just one was with other ducks besides the shrimp or fishponds north of Pikou, Pulandian and 10 in the Biliu river mouth, Pulandian.

3 in the tidal inlet near the Naval Harbour in Lushun on the 13/10/2011.

### CHINESE SPOT-BILLED DUCK Anas zonorhyncha 斑嘴鸭

#### $(1/23 \ 54 \ 54)$

54 between Jinshitan, Pikou and north towards Zhuanghe on the 3/10/2011. 30 of these were with other ducks over the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds, Jinzhouqu; ten in the tidal river near Jinchang cun, Pulandian; 14, with other ducks, besides the shrimp or fishponds north of Pikou, Pulandian.

#### NORTHERN SHOVELER Anas clypeata 琵嘴鸭

 $(1/23 \ 2 \ 2)$ 

2, with other ducks, besides the shrimp or fishponds north of Pikou, Pulandian on the 3/10/2011.

#### NORTHERN PINTAIL Anas acuta 针尾鸭

#### (1/23 9 9)

9 between Pikou and Zhuanghe on the 3/10/2011. The first was besides the shrimp or fishponds north of Pikou, Pulandian while the other eight were with other ducks over the sea between Zhang Zui Yu Ye & Zhang Xia Wang, Pulandian.

#### BAIKAL TEAL Anas formosa 花脸鸭

 $(2/23 \ 2 \ 3)$ 

2 flew east over the point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 29/9/2011.

1, with other ducks, in flight over the inland pools of the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds, Jinzhouqu on the 3/10/2011.

#### EURASIAN TEAL Anas crecca 绿翅鸭

#### $(1/23 \ 12 \ 12)$

12 between Jinshitan, Pikou and north towards Zhuanghe on the 3/10/2011. Four of these were with other ducks over the inland portion of the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds, Jinzhouqu with the other eight were besides the shrimp or fishponds north of Pikou, Pulandian.

#### COMMON GOLDENEYE Bucephala clangula 鹊鸭

#### $(1/23 \ 4 \ 4)$

4 flew north over the sea off the small fishing harbour of Chen Jia cun at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 07h45 on the 16/10/2011.

#### **RED-BREASTED MERGANSER** Mergus serrator 红胸秋沙鸭

#### (2/23 5 6)

1 flew east out of Bohai Bay & past Laotie Shan, Lushun at 09h05 on 30/9/2011. 5, a single at 06h58 & a flock of four at 07h45, flew north over the sea off small fishing harbour of Chen Jia cun at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 16/10/2011.

### STREAKED SHEARWATER Calonectris leucomelas 白额鹱

#### (1/23 1 1)

1 flew west over the sea at the point at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 09h28 on the 28/9/2011. (Peter Cawley, Paul Holt & Terry Townshend).

#### LITTLE GREBE Tachybaptus ruficollis 小䴙䴘

#### (2/23 11 13)

11 between Jinshitan & Pikou on the 3/10/2011. Eight of these were in the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds, Jinzhouqu (with two in the river in the coastal portion and six more around the inland ponds) with the other three being on near coastal fishponds near Pikou, Pulandian later in the day.

2 singles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/10/2011. The first flew low past the watch point at 05h58 while the other was on the second roadside reservoir back from the point later in the day.

#### BLACK STORK Ciconia nigra 黑鹳

#### (5/23 4 14)

### 14 bird-days with between 1-4 birds at Laotie Shan on five dates 25/9-11/10/2011. (Peter Cawley, Paul Holt & Terry Townshend).

3, two juveniles & an adult, over Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2011. First seen at 06h15, just 30 minutes after official sunrise, they were seen several times in among various parties of Oriental Honey-buzzards and Black Kites around the tip of the peninsula for the following two hours.

1 juvenile came in off the sea & promptly flew north at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 12h41 on the 27/9/2011.

3 juveniles repeatedly circled the point at at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 29/9/2011. First seen at 14h35 they were last seen heading north almost one hour later at 15h30.

4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 30/9/2011. Three juveniles, probably the same birds as yesterday, flew over at 06h20 while a separate first winter flew west at 14h40.

3 un-aged, distant birds, flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 08h34 on the 11/10/2011.

[In addition Tian Yang & Zhong Jia saw 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 3/10/2011].

#### **ORIENTAL STORK** Ciconia boyciana EN 东方白鹳

#### $(1/23 \ 1 \ 1)$

1 juvenile flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/10/2011. First seen at 07h12 it circled the point for almost 30 minutes before disappearing. (Photographed). (Tom Beeke, Peter Cawley & Paul Holt).

#### SPOONBILL SP. Platalea sp.

 $(1/23 \ 1 \ 1)$ 

1 distant bird flew high to the south over the sea off Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/10/2011. (Paul Holt).

#### CHINESE POND HERON Ardeola bacchus 池鹭

#### $(1/23 \ 1 \ 1)$

1 first-winter flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/10/2011.

#### GREY HERON Ardea cinerea 苍鹭

#### (9/23 25 72)

1 flew south, with four Purple Herons, at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 06h11 on the 28/9/2011.

1 on the tidal mudflats near the Naval Port near Lushun on the 29/9/2011.

17 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 13h42 on 2/10/2011.

10 in the coastal strip between Jinshitan and Pikou on the 3/10/2011. These involved eight around the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds (with two in the river in the coastal portion and six more around the inland ponds); one in the tidal river near Jinchang cun, Pulandian and one near Pikou, Pulandian.

4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 4/10/2011.

10 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/10/2011. These involved a single juvenile that flew out to sea at 07h10, another single juvenile at 07h34 and a flock of 8 flying high to the south out over the sea at 07h54.

25 on the tidal mudflats when viewed from the park near the Naval Harbour in Lushun on the 12/10/2011.

3 flew out to sea at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 08h37 on the 15/10/2011.

1 flew south high over the small fishing harbour of Chen Jia cun at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 05h51 on the 16/10/2011.

#### PURPLE HERON Ardea purpurea 草鹭

#### (6/23 8 16)

4 juveniles flew south, with one Grey Heron, at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 06h11 on the 28/9/2011.

1 juvenile flew over at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 30/9/2011.

1 juvenile at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 1/10/2011.

8 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 06h22 on 2/10/2011.

1 flew over the watch point at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 05h41 on the 8/10/2011.

1 juvenile flew low to the west at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/10/2011.

HERON SP. (2/23 40 42)

40 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 2/10/2011. 21 flew south at 05h39 and 19 at 05h55. 2 flew very high to the south at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 06h12 on the 10/10/2011.

#### GREAT EGRET Ardea alba

#### (5/23 4 9)

4 between Jinshitan, Pikou and north towards Zhuanghe on the 3/10/2011. The first was in the tidal Qing Shui riverdownstream of the steel plant between Daliujia and Jinchang cun, Pulandian.

1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 4/10/2011.

1 on the tidal mudflats when viewed from the park near the Naval Harbour in Lushun on the 12/10/2011.

2 in the tidal inlet near the Naval Harbour in Lushun on the 13/10/2011.

1 flew north over the small fishing harbour of Chen Jia cun at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 07h27 on the 15/10/2011.

# INTERMEDIATE EGRET *Mesophoyx intermedia* 中白鹭 (1/23 1 1)

1 besides the inland pools of the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds, Jinzhouqu on the 3/10/2011.

# LITTLE EGRET Egretta garzetta 白鹭 (4/23 42 54)

42 on the tidal mudflats near the Naval Port near Lushun on the 29/9/2011.

8 between Jinshitan, Pikou and north towards Zhuanghe on the 3/10/2011. The first four of these were over the inland portion of the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds, Jinzhouqu.

1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 4/10/2011.

3 on the tidal mudflats when viewed from the park near the Naval Harbour in Lushun on the 12/10/2011. A marked decrease since our previous visit to this site two weeks earlier.

### CHINESE EGRET Egretta eulophotes VU 岩鹭 (1/23 3 3)

3 between Jinshitan and Pikou on the 3/10/2011. The first was in the tidal river at the coastal portion of the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds, Jinzhouqu in the early morning while the other two were in the tidal Qing Shui river downstream of the steel plant between Daliujia and Jinchang cun, Pulandian, later in the day.

# GREAT CORMORANT Phalacrocorax carbo 普通鸬鹚 (2/23 3 4)

1 in the Biliu river mouth, Pulandian on the 3/10/2011.

3, one adult and two immatures, flew over the watch point at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 16h12 on the 9/10/2011.

#### **OSPREY** Pandion haliaetus 鹗

#### (7/23 5 17)

17 bird-days with between 1-5 birds at Laotie Shan on seven dates 24/9-10/10/2011. (Peter Cawley, Paul Holt & Terry Townshend).

2, an adult & a separate juvenile, flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2011.

1 adult over Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2011.

3 separate adults flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 26/9/2011.

2 singles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 1/10/2011.

2 singles between Jinshitan & Pikou on the 3/10/2011. The first was over the tidal river at the coastal portion of the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds, Jinzhouqu

while the second was near Daliujia, Pulandian later in the day.

2 singles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/10/2011.

5, three singles and two together, flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/10/2011.

### ORIENTAL HONEY-BUZZARD Pernis ptilorhyncus 凤头蜂鹰

#### (17/23 1035 2155)

Someone, & we're not sure exactly who, told us that the first Oriental Honey-buzzard of the autumn was seen on the 2/9/2011. We only witnessed the tail end of what is probably an impressive passage

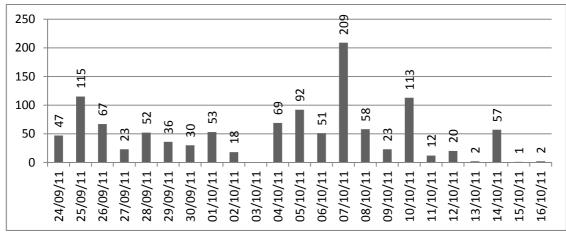
### and its likely that autumn passage peaks, as it does in Beijing and at Beidaihe, Hebei in the second or third week of September.

1035 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2011. (Paul Holt).

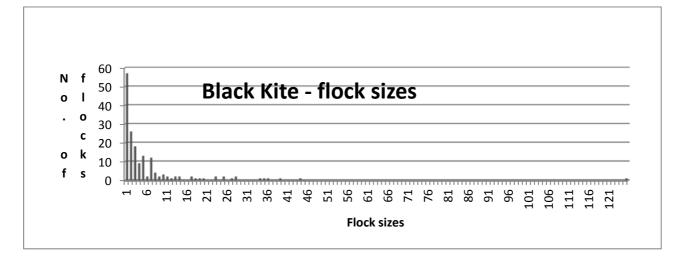
- 335 over Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2011.
- 213 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 26/9/2011. The first, a lone bird, was seen at 05h36 with two more appearing nine minutes later.
- 91 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 27/9/2011. The first flew south at 05h58.
- 55 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 28/9/2011. The first bird was seen at 05h52.
- 89 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 29/9/2011.
- 107 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 30/9/2011. The first three birds were seen at 05h44.
- 143 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 1/10/2011. The first bird flew over at 06h12.
- 53 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 2/10/2011. The first birds (2) were seen at 05h57.
- 12 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 4/10/2011. The first bird was seen at 05h58.
- 3 singles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/10/2011.
- 2 singles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/10/2011.
- 4 singles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/10/2011.
- 6 singles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/10/2011. The first bird was seen at 06h51.
- 3 singles flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/10/2011. The first bird was seen at 06h04.
- 3 singles flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/10/2011.
- 1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/10/2011.

### BLACK KITE Milvus migrans lineatus 黑鸢 (22/23 209 1150)

- 47 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2011. Birds were seen in flocks of 5, 5, 14 and 23.
- 115 over Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2011. The first birds, a flock of 36, were seen at about 05h45 very soon after we arrived on site & they'd presumably roosted nearby overnight. The other parties involved 3, 7, 11, 19 & 39 birds.
- 23 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 27/9/2011. Birds were seen in groups of 1, 1, 1, 1, 2, 8
- 52 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 28/9/2011. The first birds (5) were seen at 06h20. Flock sizes were 1, 1, 5, 10, 10 & 25.
- 36 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 29/9/2011. Birds were seen in parties of the following sizes 1, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 3, 4 & 18.
- 30 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 30/9/2011. The first bird was seen at 05h33 & birds were subsequently in parties of the following sizes -1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 2, 2, 4, 7 & 9.
- 53 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 1/10/2011. The first bird flew over at 06h53 & flock sizes were 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 2, 2, 3, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8 & 10.
- 18 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 2/10/2011. The first birds (6) were seen at 05h57. Flock sizes were 1, 1, 1, 6 & 9 birds.
- 69 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 4/10/2011. Flock sizes were as follows 1, 1, 2, 7, 7, 8, 12, 14 & 17.
- 92 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/10/2011. The first birds (19) weren't seen until 07h09 & birds were encountered in parties of 1, 5, 5, 19, 28 & 34.
- 51 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/10/2011. The first birds (44) were seen at 05h57 and had presumably roosted somewhere nearby. Flock sizes were 1, 1, 5 & 44.
- 209 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/10/2011. The first three birds were seen at 06h23 & at 06h40 the largest flock of the autumn (125 birds) passed south. Birds were seen in parties of the following sizes – 1, 2, 2, 3, 3, 4, 7, 27, 35 & 125. A sample count of 33 birds in the largest flock yielded 25 juveniles and just eight adults.
- 58 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/10/2011. The first three birds were seen at 06h12 & flock sizes were as follows 1, 1, 3, 7, 17 & 28. The flock of 17, the last of the day, were first seen at 16h32 and were still around the point area almost one hour later at 16h25. They appeared as if they were planning to roost nearby.
- 23 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/10/2011. The first eight birds were at 06h32 & birds were seen in parties of 1, 1, 2, 8 & 11.
- 113 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/10/2011. The first five birds were seen at 06h01 & today was remarkable for the frequency of sighting (with 24 encounters!) and the small sizes of most of the flocks. Flock sizes were as follows 1, 1, 1, 1, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 3, 3, 3, 3, 3, 3, 4, 5, 5, 7, 13, 20 & 23.
- 12 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/10/2011. The first five birds were seen at 06h12 & flock sizes were 1, 3, 3 & 5.
- 20 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/10/2011. The first 12 birds were seen at 06h08 & flock sizes were as follows 1, 1, 1, 5 & 12.
- 2, an adult & a juvenile, at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/10/2011.
- 57 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/10/2011. The first bird wasn't seen until 07h26. Flock sizes were as follows 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 2, 2, 3, 4, 4, 5, 5, 6, 7, 7 & 7.
- 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/10/2011.
- 2 together at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 16/10/2011.



Black Kite – records by date



### EASTERN MARSH HARRIER Circus spilonotus 白腹鹞

#### (11/23 11 28)

- 1 cream-crown flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 26/9/2011.
- 1 male flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 27/9/2011.
- 3 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 28/9/2011.
- 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 29/9/2011.
- 11, including at least four adult males, at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 1/10/2011. The first bird, a juvenile, flew over at 06h13.
- 1 adult male at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 4/10/2011.
- 1 male at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/10/2011.
- 2 separate juveniles flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/10/2011.
- 2 singles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/10/2011. The first was seen at 06h26.
- 2 together over the watch point at Laotie Shan, Lushun shortly before dusk on the 9/10/2011.
- 2 singles flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/10/2011. The first bird was seen at 06h54.

#### HEN HARRIER Circus cyaneus 白尾鹞

#### (1/23 3 3)

3 ringtails flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/10/2011. The first two birds did so at 06h12.

# PIED HARRIER Circus melanoleucos 鹊鹞 (9/23 19 45)

9, including two adult males, flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 26/9/2011. The first birds, an adult male & a ringtail, were seen at 08h29. 19, nine adult males & ten ringtails, flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 27/9/2011. The first two birds did so at 05h42.

4, including one adult male, at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 29/9/2011.

1 ringtail flew west at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 30/9/2011.

6 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 1/10/2011.

- 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 2/10/2011. It flew south at 05h41.
- 1 ringtail flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/10/2011.
- 3 singles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/10/2011. The first was at 06h10.
- 1 juvenile flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/10/2011.

# JAPANESE SPARROWHAWK Accipiter gularis 日本松雀鹰 (22/23 69 188)

4 singles flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2011.

- 37 over Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2011.
- 36 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 26/9/2011.
- 69 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 27/9/2011. The first two birds were seen at 05h40.
- 7 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 28/9/2011.
- 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 29/9/2011.
- 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 30/9/2011.
- 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 1/10/2011.
- 3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 2/10/2011.
- 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 4/10/2011.
- 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/10/2011.
- 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/10/2011.
- 2 singles, one of which was trapped at the ringing station, at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/10/2011.
- 5 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/10/2011. One of these was trapped at the Xiao Dong Gou ringing station.
- 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/10/2011. It flew south at 05h59.
- 5 singles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/10/2011.
- 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/10/2011.
- 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/10/2011.
- 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/10/2011.
- 3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/10/2011.
- 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/10/2011.
- 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 16/10/2011.

#### EURASIAN SPARROWHAWK Accipiter nisus 雀鹰

#### (23/23 283 1255)

- 41 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2011.
- 29 over Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2011.
- 76 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 26/9/2011. The first was seen at 05h35.
- 67 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 27/9/2011. The first two birds flew south at 05h42.
- 13 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 28/9/2011.
- 38 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 29/9/2011.
- 56 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 30/9/2011.
- 61 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 1/10/2011.
- 47 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 2/10/2011.
- 2 singles between Pikou & Zhuanghe on the 3/10/2011. The first was near Pikou, Pulandian while the second was between Zhang Zui Yu Ye & Zhang Xia Wang, Pulandian.
- 110 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 4/10/2011.
- 20 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/10/2011.
- 50 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/10/2011.
- 26 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/10/2011. The first bird was seen at 05h47.
- 38 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/10/2011. The first was seen at 06h53.
- 36 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/10/2011.
- 283 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/10/2011. (Paul Holt).
- 128 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/10/2011. The first three birds were seen at 05h44.
- 69 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/10/2011. Almost all of these flew south & the first four birds were seen at 05h48.
- 10 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/10/2011. The first bird was seen at 06h05.
- 15 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/10/2011. The first bird was seen at 05h44.
- 20 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/10/2011.
- 20 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 16/10/2011.

### NORTHERN GOSHAWK Accipiter gentilis 苍鹰 (22/23 64 248)

#### (22/23 04 240)

Between one and 64 birds were noted on all but one of the days we were in Liaoning 24/9-16/10/2011. A total of 203 birds were aged and this yielded 172 juveniles (85%) & just 31 adults (15%).

4 widely separate juveniles flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2011.

- 9 juveniles over Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2011.
- 3 juveniles flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 26/9/2011.
- 8 juveniles flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 27/9/2011.
- 4, three juveniles & one adult (our first of this trip) flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 28/9/2011.

14, 13 juveniles & one adult, at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 29/9/2011.9, eight juveniles & just one adult, at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 30/9/2011. The first bird was seen at 05h50.



22, 21 juveniles & just one adult, at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 1/10/2011. 3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 2/10/2011.

1 over waste ground on the north-eastern side of Pikou, Pulandian on the 3/10/2011. 18, 16 juveniles and just 2 adults, at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 4/10/2011. The first two birds were seen at 05h46.

4, one adult & three juveniles, at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/10/2011.

10, two adults & eight juveniles, at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/10/2011.

7, two adults & five juveniles, at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/10/2011. The first bird, a juvenile, was seen at 05h56.

10, one adult & five juveniles, at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/10/2011.

5, two adults & three juveniles, at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/10/2011.

64, including 7 adults and 26 juveniles, flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/10/2011. (Paul Holt). The first bird, a juvenile, was seen at 06h08. This is

my highest ever day count in China – easily exceeding the 40 birds that I saw at

Baiwang Shan, Beijing on 25 October 2010.

23, including five adults & 17 juveniles, flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/10/2011.

18, including just one adult and 12 juveniles, flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/10/2011.

1 juvenile at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/10/2011.

8, two adults & six juveniles, flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/10/2011.

3, two juveniles & an adult, at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 16/10/2011. The first bird was seen at 06h09.

### ACCIPITER SP.

#### (7/23 78 130)

3 over Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2011.
20 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 26/9/2011.
78 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 27/9/2011.
6 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 28/9/2011.
13 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 29/9/2011.

5 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 30/9/2011.

5 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 2/10/2011.

# GREY-FACED BUZZARD Butastur indicus 灰脸鵟鹰 (14/23 189 381)

1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 29/9/2011. 21 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 30/9/2011.

189 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 1/10/2011. (Peter Cawley, Paul Holt & Terry Townshend). The first bird flew over at 06h54 & flock sizes were 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 2, 2, 3, 4, 4, 4, 4, 6, 6, 6, 6, 7, 8, 9, 9, 10, 14, 15, 18, 18 & 25. Today was the only day of the autumn where flocks larger than 11 birds were seen. Although over 10,000 have been seen in a day in Taiwan today's count is probably a record count for mainland China! (Richard Lewthwaite in litt. 9 October 2011).



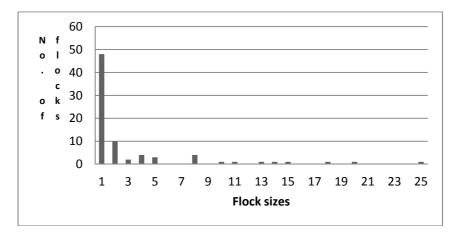
30 in southern Liaoning on 2/10/2011. The first bird was seen at 06h02. Flock sizes were 1,

1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 2, 3, 5 & 13 birds. 17 were seen at Laotie Shan in the morning while 13 more were seen from the expressway just to the northwest of Dalian city in the early evening.

34 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 4/10/2011. The first birds (four) were seen at 06h13 &

flock sizes were as follows - 2, 4, 4, 4, 5, 6 & 9.

- 9 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/10/2011. The first bird was seen at 06h38. Just three birds were seen well enough to age and all three were juvenile. Birds were encountered in flocks of 1, 1, 1, 1, 1 & 4. 8 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/10/2011. The first bird was at -5h41 & had presumably
- roosted somewhere nearby. Flock sizes were as follows 1, 1, 1, 1, 1 & 3.
- 27 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/10/2011. Birds were seen in parties of 1, 1, 4, 4, 6 & 11.
- 15 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/10/2011. The first eight birds were seen at 07h43 & flock
- sizes were as follows 1, 1, 2, 3 & 8.
- 10 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/10/2011. The first was at 06h26 & birds were seen in parties of 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 2 & 2.
- 23 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/10/2011. The first bird was seen at 06h13 & flock sizes were as follows - 1, 1, 1, 2, 3, 5 & 10.
- 16 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/10/2011. The first three birds were seen at 06h12 & flock sizes were as follows - 1, 1, 3 & 11.
- 1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/10/2011.
- 1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/10/2011.



#### EASTERN BUZZARD Buteo japonicus 喜山鵟

#### (21/23 3490 6944)

6 over Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2011.

3 singles flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 26/9/2011.

- 10 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 27/9/2011. Six birds were seen well enough to age & all six of these were adults. One of the adults, a bird seen at about 11h40, had a strong Steppe Buzzard-like rufous hue to its tail but otherwise it was very like a normal Eastern Buzzard. 2 adults flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 28/9/2011.
- 7 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 29/9/2011.

24 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 30/9/2011.

- 42 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 1/10/2011.
- 30 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 2/10/2011.
- 300 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 4/10/2011. The first two birds were seen at 05h45. 160 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/10/2011. The first six birds were seen at 05h47.
- 69 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/10/2011.
- 39 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/10/2011. The first bird was seen at 05h53.
- 52 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/10/2011.
- 86 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/10/2011. The first two birds were seen at 06h05.
- 251 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/10/2011. The first two birds were at 05h53.
- 832 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/10/2011. This is easily my largest ever count in China (but was easily surpassed the following day). The first bird was seen at 05h57. On a couple of occasions, once at around 08h00 & again around 14h00 over 150 Eastern Buzzards were in the air together! Passage tailed off shortly after 14h00 with birds lingering around the point between the Chinese bird photographer's concrete platform and the Lighthouse/Coast Guard station until I left at 14h30. A sample count of 122 birds yielded 17 adults (14%) & 105 juveniles (86%).
- 3490 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/10/2011. (Paul Holt). The first four birds of the day were seen at 05h52 & the vast majority of today's buzzards (3181 birds) were actively migrating and flew south, out and across the bay during the day. Their passage was most intense in the four hours between 09h30-13h30 when 2993 birds (94% of the total seen actively migrating) were logged. Passage started when a light south-south-west wind picked up and stopped almost as soon as the wind ceased. Significantly the wind dropped for a while in the late morning - and the number of buzzards heading out to sea declined accordingly. Despite the massive increase in numbers they were much easier to count than yesterday with most of the active migrants passing on a narrow front between the Chinese bird photographer's concrete platform and the Lighthouse/Coast Guard station. I only counted birds once they were a full binocular's width offshore and, unlike yesterday, very few birds (probably less than 30 all day) turned back towards land - and those that did were subtracted from the total. Passage stopped abruptly at about 13h35 as the skies suddenly cleared, the temperature rose two degrees (to 24°C) and the wind veered slightly from being a southerly to a south-westerly before ceasing almost entirely. Once passage had stopped there were still 310 Eastern Buzzards thermalling around the point. Most of these remained in the area for the next 20-30 minutes before gradually dispersing - perhaps they'll try to cross again tomorrow...Today's count surpasses those that have been made for the entire autumn at Beidaihe, Hebei where Williams et al. (1992) noted autumn totals of 1119 bird-days in 1986, 3162 bird-days in 1987, 1861 bird-days in

1988, 1534 bird-days in 1989 and 2210 bird-days in 1990. What's more today's Laotie Shan tally is more than three times the largest day-count ever made at Beidaihe! The highest one day counts from Beidaihe during this same well-watched period in the late 1980s were 1100 on 11 October 1988, 1048 on 6 October 1990, 992 on 14 October 1987 & 740 on 16 October 1989.

- 205 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/10/2011. The first two birds appeared at 06h02 and birds then continued to appear throughout the morning but none were seen even attempting to head out across the bay. It's likely that most, if not all, of today's birds were part of the large flock that didn't make the crossing yesterday and because of this today's birds were not included in the on-going bird-day tally.
- 1376 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/10/2011. The first two birds were seen at 05h54 and there were son over 150 birds circling the end of the peninsula apparently eager to cross. There were two widely separate periods when birds did headed south today. The first movement, apparently spurred by an increase in the strength of the southerly wind, was between 09h00-09h30 when 620 birds headed south across the bay but 160 of these came almost straight back. A more concerted movement occurred between 12h30-15h00 when 911 birds headed south none of these were seen coming back! This second movement as also spurred by a strengthening of the southerly wind and a slight clearing of the skies.
  20 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/10/2011. The first seven birds were seen at 06h00.

145 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 16/10/2011. There were 135 birds in the air by 05h55.



#### UPLAND BUZZARD Buteo hemilasius 大鵟

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1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 13h51 on the 5/10/2011. (Paul Holt). It was apparently the first of the autumn.

#### GREATER SPOTTED EAGLE Aquila clanga VU 乌雕

#### (15/23 7 45)

Given its reluctance to cross large bodies of water this species, possibly more than any other, was difficult to accurately count. Between 45 and 71 bird-days were recorded with between one and seven, but possibly as many as 17, birds being logged on 15 of the 22 days we were at Laotie Shan (26/9 – 16/10/2011).

- 1 juvenile at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 26/9/2011. First seen at 11h45 it slowly drifted south before turning around & heading back north. What was almost certainly the same bird was seen again just over 1.5 hours later at 13h22.
- 1 juvenile at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 29/9/2011. Like the bird of a few days ago it flew south, reached the headland and then promptly turned back north.
- 2 juveniles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 30/9/2011. First seen at 13h54 one of them promptly turned back north while the other attempted to fly south and across Bohai Bay. Both birds were photographed.
- 4 juveniles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 1/10/2011. The first bird appeared at 10h17 and headed almost straight out over the bay, the second appeared just 11 minutes later & soon turned back north while the third and fourth were together, appeared at 13h01, and only circled for a very short time before returning back north. The first two birds were photographed.

1 juvenile circled the point at Laotie Shan, Lushun 11h18 on 2/10/2011. It soon turned back north.

- 2 separate juveniles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 4/10/2011. The first bird was seen at 06h29 & the second bird had a damaged leg and was first seen at 10h16. Neither off them flew out to sea.
- 2-6 juveniles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/10/2011. It was difficult to decide whether I was seeing the same two birds repeatedly or whether six different individuals were involved. Nevertheless two birds were logged at 08h25, one at 11h11, another at 11h44 & two juveniles again at 14h20.
- 5-11 birds flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/10/2011. The first sighting was of five birds (four juveniles and one slightly older bird) that flew south at 11h38, the second sighting was of four juveniles that did the same at 12h27, another juvenile flew south at 13h10 while the final bird flew south at 15h24. It was again difficult to determine whether we were seeing the same birds or not and although we didn't see a single one of them return north it seems unlikely that we saw 11 different individuals.

1 immature flew north near the Xiao Dong Gou ringing station at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 10h18 on the 9/10/2011.

7-17 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/10/2011. All sightings as follows – a juvenile flew south at 06h03 (just five minutes after official sunrise) & was later seen to turn back north; an immature at 07h01; a juvenile at 07h05; three birds (two immatures and a juvenile) at 07h20; a juvenile at 07h51 & a different juvenile at 07h58; three juveniles at 09h38; five juveniles at 10h10. The only bird of the afternoon was a single juvenile at 13h49. None were actually seen to head purposefully out to sea and quite a few were watched turning back north. As a minimum there were seven birds (five juveniles that were seen together & two immatures) while as a maximum there were 17 different sightings (but no doubt some duplication)

7-12 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/10/2011. Birds were seen as follows - an adult at 07h54 with an additional adult at 08h15; 5 (four juveniles and an

immature) at 09h24; a juvenile at 10h56; a juvenile at 11h13 finally 2 birds (a juvenile & an immature) came in off the sea at 13h39.

2 juveniles at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 07h57 on the 12/10/2011.

3 juveniles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/10/2011. One, two or three juveniles were seen on three occasions -3 at 09h25, 1 at 12h20 & 2 at 14h13. 1 juvenile at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 07h25 on the 15/10/2011.

2 or 3 juveniles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 16/10/2011. The first was seen at 06h45, the second at 07h02 and that bird was joined by another at 07h10.

#### STEPPE EAGLE Aquila nipalensis 草原雕

#### $(1/23 \ 1 \ 1)$

1 juvenile circled the point at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 10h16 on 2/10/2011. It soon turned back north. (Peter Cawley, Paul Holt & Terry Townshend).

#### GOLDEN EAGLE Aquila chrysaetos 金雕

#### $(1/23 \ 2 \ 2)$

2 juveniles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/10/2011. (Paul Holt). The first bird was seen at 07h45, two were seen together at 10h47 & a lone juvenile was the last sighting at 11h24. (Photographed).

#### **AQUILA SP.**

 $(1/23 \ 1 \ 1)$ 

1 extremely distant bird, not a Greater Spotted Eagle, at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 08h50 on the 16/10/2011.

#### LESSER KESTREL Falco naumanni 黄爪隼

 $(1/23 \ 1 \ 1)$ 

1 adult male flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 12h50 on the 6/10/2011. (Paul Holt).

# COMMON KESTREL Falco tinnunculus 红隼 (20/23 13 93)

- 6 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2011.
- 9 over Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2011.
- 4 singles flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 26/9/2011.
- 8 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 27/9/2011.
- 6 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 28/9/2011.
- 4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 29/9/2011.
- 5 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 30/9/2011.
- 13 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 1/10/2011.
- 3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 2/10/2011.
- 4 between Jinshitan, Pikou and north towards Zhuanghe on the 3/10/2011. The first two were near Jinshitan, Jinzhouqu with singles in the Jinshitan Coastal Geopark & over the coastal portion of the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds. The other two were besides the shrimp or fishponds north of Pikou, Pulandian.
- 3 singles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 4/10/2011. The first bird was seen at 05h53.
- 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/10/2011.
- 2 singles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/10/2011.
- 4 singles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/10/2011.
- 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/10/2011. The first was seen at 06h47.
- 3 singles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/10/2011.
- 10 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/10/2011. The first bird was seen at 06h13.
- 2 singles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/10/2011.
- 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 06h21 on the 12/10/2011.
- 2 singles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/10/2011.

# AMUR FALCON Falco amurensis 红脚隼 (22/23 1830 7971)

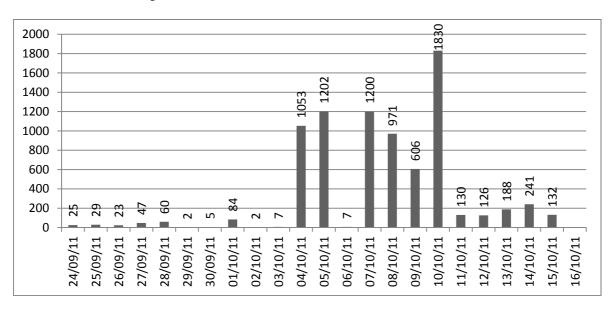
- 25, including at least five adult males, flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2011.
- 29 over Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2011. The largest flock was of 17 birds.
- 23 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 26/9/2011.
- 47 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 27/9/2011. The first flew south at 05h43.
- 60 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 28/9/2011.
- 3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 29/9/2011.
- 5 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 30/9/2011.
- 84 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 1/10/2011.

2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 2/10/2011.

- 7 between Jinshitan, Pikou and north towards Zhuanghe on the 3/10/2011. Three of these were around the inland portion of the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds, Jinzhouqu; one more was was near Daliujia, Pulandian; another was near the tidal river close to Jinchang cun, Pulandian and the last two were besides the shrimp or fishponds north of Pikou, Pulandian.
- 1053 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 4/10/2011. The vast majority of these (999 birds passed during the 25 minutes between 16h15-16h40 and it appeared that a large proportion of these had decided not to cross the bay and to roost near the point overnight.
- 1202 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/10/2011. The vast majority of these (in fact all bar 32 birds!) were seen in the 50 minutes between 05h57 & 06h45 and had presumably roosted near the tip of the Laotie Shan Peninsula overnight and were heading straight out to sea. No doubt many of these were the same birds as those logged the previous evening.
- 7 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/10/2011. The first bird was seen at 06h56.
- 1200 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/10/2011. The first bird was seen at 05h47 but very few (just 11 individuals!) were seen before 15h45 when a flock of over 1000 birds arrived from the north. Just over 200 of these seemed to head out to see but they quite probably all came back and joined the 800 or so that were milling around the point. They all remained in this same area until we left at 17h30 and were probably going to roost somewhere near the end of the Peninsula.
- 971 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/10/2011. After the impressive pre-roost gathering near the point yesterday evening I expected to see large numbers of Amurs around the point in the early morning but there were only a few (159) and its likely that the fog prevented me seeing most of them as they left their roost. However there was a modest southerly movement in the early afternoon and I counted 783 over the Xiao Dong Gou ringing station in the two hours after 12h30.
- 606 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/10/2011. Most of these (544 birds) were seen heading south from the watch point in the early morning with decent passage starting at 06h08 and lasting just over one hour. Only a small number of birds were present in that area in the evening.
- 1830 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/10/2011. (Paul Holt). The first two birds were not seen until 06h23 a full 25 minutes after official sunrise but the morning's numbers were unremarkable. Small scale passage started in the late morning but the main event wasn't until the evening. I arrived way too early for the 16h30 bus and was waiting out of the way about 50 metres back up the road towards the lighthouse and adjacent to the lower road up to the Yihai Manor (an apparently up market guest house that doesn't admit foreigners). A pre-roost movement of Amurs, like the ones we'd seen on a couple of previous occasions already this autumn, was already underway when I arrived at 16h00 & it soon became obvious that this movement was a significant one. Unlike the situation on the evening of the 7 October tonight's gathering was gradual and slow paced allowing ample time to watch and count the birds. It was a windless, clear and still evening with some high cloud cover and all the falcons arrived from the south (!) and crossed the road I was standing on in the same direction (north). The movement was most intense between16h05-16h25 and stopped almost as suddenly as it had started. Largely over by 16h35 only a small trickle of birds continued to move north after 16h45 with the very last bird being seen at 16h52 (a full half-an-hour before official sunset and 40 & 45 minutes respectively before I saw my last Black Kite & Eurasian Sparrowhawks of the day)! The day count of 1830 is solely of birds in this pre-roost movement with none of those seen heading out to sea earlier in the day being included. Today's count is apparently the highest autumn count anywhere in China, being surpassed by a spring count of 2000 at Honghe, Jinping, Yunnan on 13 May 2009 (WJ in China Bird Report 2008-2009)
- 130 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/10/2011. The first bird was seen at 05h41. Today's count was a massive, and surprising reduction on the number logged yesterday. Despite the clear skies and lack of wind there were no birds in a pre-roost gathering.
- 126 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/10/2011. 46 of these were actively migrating while about another 80 appeared in the later afternoon and were probably planning to roost overnight somewhere nearby.
- 188 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/10/2011.

241 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/10/2011. 136 birds headed south & out to see while the other 105 were seen over the small fishing harbour of Chen Jia cun in the later afternoon. The latter were probably going to roost nearby.

132 headed out to sea over the small fishing harbour of Chen Jia cun at Laotie Shan, Lushun between 07h05-07h15 on the 15/10/2011.



### MERLIN Falco columbarius 灰背隼

#### (3/23 1 3)

1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 13h48 on the 6/10/2011.

1 adult male flew past the coast guard station at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 14h54 on the 11/10/2011.

1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 08h39 on the 16/10/2011.

#### EURASIAN HOBBY Falco subbuteo 燕隼

#### $(23/23 \ 22 \ 156)$

17 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2011. Just nine birds were seen well enough to age and this produced 4 juveniles and 5 adults. 14 over Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2011.

- 12 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 26/9/2011. The first was seen at 05h42.
- 22 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 27/9/2011.
- 3 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 28/9/2011.
- 5 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 29/9/2011.
- 3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 30/9/2011.
- 5 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 1/10/2011.
- 3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 2/10/2011.
- 1 around the inland pools of the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds, Jinzhouqu on the 3/10/2011.
- 2 singles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 4/10/2011.
- 6 singles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/10/2011.
- 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/10/2011.
- 4 singles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/10/2011.
- 16 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/10/2011.
- 6 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/10/2011.
- 12 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/10/2011.
- 4 singles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/10/2011.
- 4 singles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/10/2011. 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/10/2011.
- 10 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/10/2011.
- 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/10/2011
- 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/10/2011.
- 3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 16/10/2011.

### PEREGRINE FALCON Falco peregrinus 游隼

#### (19/23 6 57)

- 2, possibly 4, adults at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2011.
- 6, including at least two adults and two juveniles, at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2011.
- 4, two adults & two juveniles, flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 26/9/2011.
- 5, including at least two adults and at least two juveniles, at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 27/9/2011.
- 4, two adults and two first-winters, flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 28/9/2011.
- 5 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 29/9/2011.
- 4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 30/9/2011.
- 3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 1/10/2011.
- 3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 2/10/2011.
- 3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 4/10/2011.
- 1 adult flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/10/2011.
- 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/10/2011.
- 3 singles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the  $7\!/10\!/2011.$
- 1 juvenile at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/10/2011.
- 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/10/2011.
- 4 singles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/10/2011.
- 2, an adult & a separate juvenile, at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/10/2011.
- 1 adult at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/10/2011.
- 1 juvenile at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 16/10/2011.

#### BAILLON'S CRAKE Porzana pusilla 小田鸡

#### $(1/23 \ 1 \ 1)$

1 around the inland pools of the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds, Jinzhouqu on the 3/10/2011. (Tom Beeke, Peter Cawley, Paul Holt & Terry Townshend).

#### [SWINHOE'S RAIL Coturnicops exquisitus VU 花田鸡]

1 was caught at the Laotie Shan bird ringing station around the 2/10/2011. (Tian Yang pers. comm.)]

#### [WATERCOCK Gallicrex cinerea 董鸡]

[1 was caught, ringed and subsequently seen and photographed by Tian Yang, Zhong Jia & others at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 3/10/2011].

#### COMMON MOORHEN Gallinula chloropus 黑水鸡

#### $(2/23 \ 15 \ 16)$

15 around the inland pools of the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds, Jinzhouqu on the 3/10/2011.

1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/10/2011 (Peter Cawley)

#### COMMON COOT Fulica atra 骨顶鸡

(1/23 2 2) 2 on the inland pools of the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds, Jinzhouqu on the 3/10/2011.

#### EURASIAN OYSTERCATCHER Haematopus ostralegus 蛎鹬

(1/23 70 70)

70 at a high tide roost in the Biliu river mouth, Pulandian on the 3/10/2011. (Tom Beeke, Peter Cawley, Paul Holt & Terry Townshend).

#### NORTHERN LAPWING Vanellus vanellus 凤头麦鸡

(1/23 2 2) 2 in the tidal river near Jinchang cun, Pulandian on the 3/10/2011.

#### GREY-HEADED LAPWING Vanellus cinereus 灰头麦鸡

 $(1/23 \ 1 \ 1)$ 

1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 08h10 on 1/10/2011.

# PACIFIC GOLDEN PLOVER Pluvialis fulva 金斑鸻 (3/23 17 19)

17 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 08h19 on the 26/9/2011.

1 was heard besides the shrimp or fishponds north of Pikou, Pulandian on the 3/10/2011.

1 flew high to the south over the fishing harbour at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 10h58 on the 10/10/2011.

#### GREY PLOVER Pluvialis squatarola 灰斑鸻

(1/23 14 14)

14 in the Biliu river mouth, Pulandian on the 3/10/2011.

#### LITTLE RINGED PLOVER Charadrius dubius 金眶鸻

(1/23 4 4) 4 besides the shrimp or fishponds north of Pikou, Pulandian on the 3/10/2011.

#### KENTISH PLOVER Charadrius alexandrinus 环颈鸻

#### (1/23 382 382)

382 between Pikou and Zhuanghe on the 3/10/2011. The first two were besides the shrimp or fishponds north of Pikou, Pulandian; 10 near the Biliu river mouth, Pulandian; 70 at a high tide roost between Zhang Zui Yu Ye & Zhang Xia Wang, Pulandian and 210 at a similar high tide roost north of Zhang Xia Wang, Pulandian;

### LESSER SAND PLOVER Charadrius mongolus 蒙古沙鸻

(1/23 5 5) 5 at a high tide roost north of Zhang Xia Wang, Pulandian on the 3/10/2011.

#### EURASIAN WOODCOCK Scolopax rusticola 丘鹬

(3/23 2 4)

1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 29/9/2011 (Terry Townshend)

2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 1/10/2011 (Terry Townshend & Peter Cawley et al.) 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 9/10/2011. (Paul Holt)

# PINTAIL or SWINHOE'S SNIPE Gallinago stenura or G. megala 针尾沙锥 or 大沙锥 (1/23 1 1)

1, with Common Snipe, around the inland pools of the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds, Jinzhouqu on the 3/10/2011.

### COMMON SNIPE Gallinago gallinago 扇尾沙锥

#### (3/23 4 6)

1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 2/10/2011.

4 around the inland pools of the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds, Jinzhouqu on the 3/10/2011.

1 over the watch point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/10/2011.

# 'EASTERN' BLACK-TAILED GODWIT Limosa [limosa] melanuroides NT [黑尾塍鹬] (1/23 12 12)

12 at a high tide roost between Zhang Zui Yu Ye & Zhang Xia Wang, Pulandian on the 3/10/2011.

#### BAR-TAILED GODWIT Limosa lapponica 斑尾塍鹬

(1/23 3 3)

3 at a high tide roost between Zhang Zui Yu Ye & Zhang Xia Wang, Pulandian on the 3/10/2011.

#### LITTLE CURLEW Numenius minutus 小杓鹬

#### $(1/23 \ 1 \ 1)$

1 was seen exceptionally well, and photographed, immediately northeast of Pikou, Pulandian on the 3/10/2011. (Tom Beeke, Peter Cawley, Paul Holt & Terry Townshend).



### WHIMBREL Numenius phaeopus 中杓鹬 (1/23 1 1)

1 in the Biliu river mouth, Pulandian on the 3/10/2011.

EURASIAN CURLEW Numenius arquata NT 白腰杓鹬

#### (1/23 863 863)

863 between Jinshitan, Pikou and north towards Zhuanghe on the 3/10/2011. The first eight were in the tidal Qing Shui riverdownstream of the steel plant between Daliujia and Jinchang cun, Pulandian; 30 near the Biliu river mouth, Pulandian; 575 at a high tide roost between Zhang Zui Yu Ye & Zhang Xia Wang, Pulandian and 250 at a similar high tide roost north of Zhang Xia Wang, Pulandian.

#### EASTERN CURLEW Numenius madagascariensis VU 大杓鹬

#### $(1/23 \ 72 \ 72)$

72 between Jinshitan, Pikou and north towards Zhuanghe on the 3/10/2011. The first two were in the tidal Qing Shui riverdownstream of the steel plant between Daliujia and Jinchang cun, Pulandian; 30 near the Biliu river mouth, Pulandian; 38 at a high tide roost between Zhang Zui Yu Ye & Zhang Xia Wang, Pulandian and two more at a similar high tide roost north of Zhang Xia Wang, Pulandian.

#### SPOTTED REDSHANK Tringa erythropus 鹤鹬

#### $(1/23 \ 64 \ 64)$

64 between Jinshitan, Pikou and north towards Zhuanghe on the 3/10/2011. The first was in the tidal river near Jinchang cun, Pulandian; 58 were besides the shrimp or fishponds north of Pikou, Pulandian; five in the Biliu river mouth, Pulandian.

#### MARSH SANDPIPER Tringa stagnatilis 泽鹬

 $(1/23 \ 1 \ 1)$ 

1 with other shorebirds at a high tide roost north of Zhang Xia Wang, Pulandian on the 3/10/2011.

#### COMMON GREENSHANK Tringa nebularia 青脚鹬

#### (2/23 21 22)

21 between Pikou and Zhuanghe on the 3/10/2011. The first was on a freshwater pool immediately northeast of Pikou, Pulandian; 10 besides the shrimp or fishponds north of Pikou, Pulandian; 10 the Biliu river mouth, Pulandian.

1 was heard over the watch point at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 06h31 on the 8/10/2011.

#### GREEN SANDPIPER Tringa ochropus 白腰草鹬

#### (1/23 6 6)

6 besides the tidal river near Jinchang cun, Pulandian on the 3/10/2011.

#### WOOD SANDPIPER Tringa glareola 林鹬

#### (1/23 3 3)

3 besides the shrimp or fishponds north of Pikou, Pulandian on the 3/10/2011.

#### TEREK SANDPIPER Xenus cinereus 翘嘴鹬

#### (1/23 13 13)

13 around the around the Biliu river mouth, Pulandian on the 3/10/2011.

### COMMON SANDPIPER Actitis hypoleucos 矶鹬

#### $(1/23 \ 1 \ 1)$

1 besides the tidal river near Jinchang cun, Pulandian on the 3/10/2011.

### GREAT KNOT Calidris tenuirostris VU 大滨鹬 (1/23 40 40)

40 at a high tide roost between Zhang Zui Yu Ye & Zhang Xia Wang, Pulandian on the 3/10/2011.

#### RED KNOT Calidris canutus 红腹滨鹬

 $(1/23 \ 2 \ 2)$ 

2 at a high tide roost between Zhang Zui Yu Ye & Zhang Xia Wang, Pulandian on the 3/10/2011.

#### TEMMINCK'S STINT Calidris temminckii 青脚滨鹬

#### (1/23 9 9)

9 besides the shrimp or fishponds north of Pikou, Pulandian on the 3/10/2011.

### DUNLIN Calidris alpina 黑腹滨鹬

#### (1/23 2160 2160)

2160 between Pikou & Zhuanghe on the 3/10/2011. These involved 10 around the Biliu river mouth, Pulandian; 1770 at a high tide roost between Zhang Zui Yu Ye & Zhang Xia Wang, Pulandian & 380 at a similar high tide roost north of Zhang Xia Wang, Pulandian. (Tom Beeke, Peter Cawley, Paul Holt & Terry Townshend).

#### BLACK-HEADED GULL Chroicocephalus ridibundus 红嘴鸥

#### $(13/23 \ 335 \ 703)$

1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2011.

1 over the sea at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 27/9/2011.

3 on the sea off Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 28/9/2011.

80 on the tidal mudflats near the Naval Port in Lushun on the 29/9/2011.

123 between Jinshitan, Pikou and north towards Zhuanghe on the 3/10/2011. 88 of these were in the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds (with 80 in the river in the coastal portion and eight more around the inland ponds); 30 around the Biliu river mouth, Pulandian and five at a high tide roost between Zhang Zui Yu Ya & Zhang Yia Wang. Pulandian

Yu Ye & Zhang Xia Wang, Pulandian.

335 in the bay off the naval port in Lushun on the 4/10/2011.

1 over the sea at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/10/2011.

3 in the fishing harbour at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/10/2011.

1 in the fishing harbour at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/10/2011. 3 on the sea off the fishing harbour at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/10/2011.

1 in the small fishing harbour at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/10/2011.

150 on the tidal mudflats when viewed from the park near the Naval Harbour in Lushun on the 12/10/2011.

1 in the small fishing harbour of Chen Jia cun at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/10/2011.

### PALLAS'S GULL Ichthyaetus ichthyaetus 渔鸥

#### $(1/23 \ 1 \ 1)$

1 moulting juvenile at a high tide roost in the Biliu river mouth, Pulandian on the 3/10/2011. Apparently only the third record for Liaoning. (Tom Beeke, Peter Cawley, Paul Holt & Terry Townshend).

#### BLACK-TAILED GULL Larus crassirostris 黑尾鸥

#### (23/23 1063 3379)

20 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2011.

12 near Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2011.

55 around the tip of Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 26/9/2011.

30 over the sea at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 27/9/2011.

60 on the sea off Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 28/9/2011.

980 in the Lushun-Laotie Shan area on the 29/9/2011. 955 of these were on the tidal mudflats near the Naval Port in Lushun while about 25 others were seen on the sea off Laotie Shan.

10 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 30/9/2011.

5 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 1/10/2011.

5 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 2/10/2011.

1063 between Jinshitan, Pikou and north towards Zhuanghe on the 3/10/2011. The first 15 were on the sea off the Jinshitan Coastal Geopark; three in the tidal river at the coastal portion of the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds; 675 at a high tide roost in the Biliu river mouth, Pulandian; 240 at a high tide roost between Zhang Zui Yu Ye & Zhang Xia Wang, Pulandian and 130 at a similar high tide roost north of Zhang Xia Wang, Pulandian.

55 in the bay off the naval port in Lushun on the 4/10/2011.

4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/10/2011.

4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/10/2011.

2 in the small fishing harbour at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/10/2011.

27 in the fishing harbour at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/10/2011.

10 in the fishing harbour at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/10/2011.

30 over the sea off Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/10/2011.

10 around the small fishing harbour at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/10/2011.

870 on the tidal mudflats when viewed from the park near the Naval Harbour in Lushun on the 12/10/2011. Today's count was 85 birds fewer than just under two weeks ago when there were 955 here on the 29/9/2011.

- 10 in & around the small fishing harbour of Chen Jia cun at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/10/2011.
- 27 in the small fishing harbour of Chen Jia cun at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/10/2011.
- 40 in the small fishing harbour of Chen Jia cun at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 07h27 on the 15/10/2011.

50 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 16/10/2011.

### MEW GULL Larus canus 海鸥

#### (4/23 8 14)

2 adults on the tidal mudflats near the Naval Port near Lushun on the 29/9/2011.

1 first-winter at a high tide gull roost in the Biliu river mouth, Pulandian on the 3/10/2011.

3 first-winters with other gulls at Bo Lan Zi, Lushun on the 4/10/2011.

8 on the tidal mudflats when viewed from the park near the Naval Harbour in Lushun on the 12/10/2011. All eight were second-winters or older.

# GLAUCOUS GULL Larus hyperboreus 北极鸥 (1/23 1 1)

1 first-year at a high tide gull roost in the Biliu river mouth, Pulandian on the 3/10/2011. (Tom Beeke, Peter Cawley, Paul Holt & Terry Townshend). An early autumn bird – and I'm aware of just one earlier autumn sighting from the whole of China – a second-year at Qinhuangdao, Hebei one day earlier, on the 2 October, in 1997 (Paul Holt et al.).

#### 'HERRING GULL ASSEMBLAGE' (22/23 357 749)

6 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2011.

5 near Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2011.

4 over the sea & around the tip of Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 26/9/2011.

- 4 over the sea at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 27/9/2011.
- 8 on the sea off Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 28/9/2011.

20 on the tidal mudflats near the Naval Port near Lushun on the 29/9/2011.

20 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 30/9/2011.

4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 1/10/2011.

5 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 2/10/2011.

357 between Jinshitan, Pikou and north towards Zhuanghe on the 3/10/2011. Seven of these, all identified as Mongolian Gulls, were besides the river in the coastal Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds; while 350 others, almost all also identified as Mongolian Gulls, were at a high tide gull roost in the Biliu river mouth, Pulandian later in the day.

155 at Bo Lan Zi, Lushun on the 4/10/2011.

8 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/10/2011.

10 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/10/2011.

5 over the sea at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/10/2011.

10 in the fishing harbour at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/10/2011.

3 in the fishing harbour at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/10/2011.

20 over the sea off Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/10/2011. 3 around the small fishing harbour at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/10/2011.

45 in the Lushun-Laotie Shan area on the 12/10/2011. About five were around the small fishing harbour (Chen Jia cun) at Laotie Shan while the other 40 were on the tidal mudflats when viewed from the park near the Naval Harbour in Lushun itself.

2 in & around the small fishing harbour of Chen Jia cun at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/10/2011.

40 in the small fishing harbour of Chen Jia cun at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 07h27 on the 15/10/2011.

15 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 16/10/2011.

#### HEUGLIN'S GULL Larus heuglini 乌灰银鸥

#### $(2/23 \ 3 \ 4)$

3 a high tide gull roost in the Biliu river mouth, Pulandian on the 3/10/2011. 1 in the small fishing harbour of Chen Jia cun at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 07h27 on the 15/10/2011.

#### VEGA GULL Larus vegae 西伯利亚银鸥

#### $(2/23 \ 1 \ 2)$

1 on the tidal mudflats near the Naval Port near Lushun on the 29/9/2011. 1 a high tide gull roost in the Biliu river mouth, Pulandian on the 3/10/2011.

#### MONGOLIAN GULL Larus mongolicus 蒙古银鸥

#### (9/23 357 535)

2 on the sea immediately off Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 26/9/2011.

1 on the sea off Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 28/9/2011.

8 on the tidal mudflats near the Naval Port near Lushun on the 29/9/2011.

357 between Jinshitan, Pikou & Zhuanghe on the 3/10/2011. The first seven were besides the river in the coastal Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds while the other 350 were at a high tide gull roost in the Biliu river mouth, Pulandian later in the day. (Tom Beeke, Peter Cawley, Paul Holt & Terry Townshend). 145 at Bo Lan Zi, Lushun on the 4/10/2011.

5 on the tidal mudflats when viewed from the park near the Naval Harbour in Lushun on the 12/10/2011.

8 in the small fishing harbour of Chen Jia cun at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/10/2011.

5 in the small fishing harbour of Chen Jia cun at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 07h27 on the 15/10/2011.

4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 16/10/2011. at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 16/10/2011.

#### CASPIAN TERN Hydroprogne caspia 红嘴巨鸥

#### $(1/23 \ 5 \ 5)$

5 a high tide roost in the Biliu river mouth, Pulandian on the 3/10/2011.

#### WHISKERED TERN Chlidonias hybrida 须浮鸥

 $(1/23 \ 1 \ 1)$ 

1 juvenile over the inland pools of the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds, Jinzhouqu on the 3/10/2011.

#### ORIENTAL TURTLE DOVE Streptopelia orientalis 山斑鸠

#### $(22/23 \ 45 \ 320)$

5 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2011.

2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 26/9/2011.

17 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 27/9/2011. 24 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 27/9/2011.

18 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 28/9/2011.

8 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 29/9/2011.

9 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 30/9/2011.

40 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 1/10/2011.

45 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 2/10/2011.

- 30 between Jinshitan, Pikou and north towards Zhuanghe on the 3/10/2011. The first five were in the Jinshitan Coastal Geopark, 10 more were around the inland pools of the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds, Jinzhouqu and 15 more flew over the tidal Qing Shui river downstream of the steel plant between Daliujia and Jinchang cun, Pulandian
- 10 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 4/10/2011.

6 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/10/2011.

25 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/10/2011.

25 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/10/2011.

12 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/10/2011.

11 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/10/2011. 22 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/10/2011.

10 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/10/2011.

6 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/10/2011.

1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/10/2011.

2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/10/2011.

7 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/10/2011.

2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 16/10/2011.

#### EURASIAN COLLARED DOVE Streptopelia decaocto 灰斑鸠 $(2/23 \ 1 \ 2)$

1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 27/9/2011. 1 near the Lighthouse at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/10/2011.

#### SPOTTED DOVE Spilopelia chinensis 珠颈斑鸠 $(15/23 \ 5 \ 37)$

1 near the Lighthouse at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2011.

2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2011.

2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 26/9/2011.

2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 27/9/2011.

- 3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 28/9/2011.
- 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 29/9/2011.
- 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 30/9/2011.
- 5 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/10/2011. 3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/10/2011.
- 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/10/2011.
- 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/10/2011.
- 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/10/2011.
- 3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/10/2011.
- 4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/10/2011.
- 5 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/10/2011.

### CUCKOO SP. Cuculus sp.

 $(1/23 \ 1 \ 1)$ 

1 juvenile flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2011. (Paul Holt)

### ORIENTAL SCOPS OWL Otus sunia 红角鸮

#### $(2/23 \ 1 \ 2)$

1 heard calling from the lighthouse car park at Laotie Shan at 05h25 on the 27/9/2011. 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 2/10/2011 (Terry Townshend & Peter Cawley)

[In addition 3 were caught at the bird ringing station at Laotie Shan, Lushun around the 3/10/2011. (Tian Yang pers. comm.)]

### LITTLE OWL Athene noctua 纵纹腹小鸮

#### $(1/23 \ 2 \ 2)$

2 singles between Jinshitan & Pikou on the 3/10/2011. The first was heard outside our hotel in Jinshitan before dawn while the second was seen, and photographed in wasteland just north of Pikou. The latter is a regular site that Tom knew.

#### SHORT-EARED OWL Asio flammeus 短耳鸮

#### $(3/23 \ 1 \ 3)$

1 bird that had been caught by some illegal bird trappers was brought to the Xiao Dong Gou ringing station, Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/10/2011. Sadly one of its wings was broken.

1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 06h15 on the 6/10/2011.

1 flew west over the small fishing harbour of Chen Jia cun at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 06h15 on the 16/10/2011.

#### GREY NIGHTJAR Caprimulgus jotaka 普通夜鹰

#### $(3/23 \ 1 \ 3)$

1 flew over the car park at the foot of Laotie Shan, Lushun at about 05h25 on the 28/9/2011. What was probably the same bird was seen at this same site before dawn on the 30/9 and 1/10/2011. (Peter Cawley, Paul Holt & Terry Townshend).

#### WHITE-THROATED NEEDLETAIL Hirundapus caudacutus 白喉针尾雨燕 (3/23 7 20)

7 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2011. Three birds flew south at 14h39 while the other four did the same at 15h04.

7, five singles and a pair, flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 27/9/2011. The first flew south at 05h37 followed by singles at 10h00 and 15h05, two at 15h35, another at 15h50 and the final single at 15h55.

6, a pair & then a party of four, flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 28/9/2011.

#### COMMON SWIFT Apus apus 普通楼燕

[1 distant swift that was probably this species at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 27/9/2011. (Terry Townshend)]. [1 bird, possibly this species, flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 28/9/2011. (Terry Townshend)].

#### FORK-TAILED SWIFT Apus pacificus 白腰雨燕

#### (4/23 7 11)

- 2 singles flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 26/9/2011.
- 7 singles flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 27/9/2011.
- 1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 28/9/2011.

1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 30/9/2011.

#### COMMON KINGFISHER Alcedo atthis 普通翠鸟

#### (6/23 3 9)

1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 28/9/2011.

3 singles between Jinshitan and Pikou on the 3/10/2011. The first was besides the inland pools of the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds, Jinzhouqu; another was besides the tidal river near Jinchang cun, Pulandian while the third was near Pikou, Pulandian.

1 near the Xiao Dong Gou ringing station at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/10/2011.

2 singles at the Xiao Dong Gou ringing station, at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/10/2011.

1 was heard near the Xiao Dong Gou ringing station at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/10/2011.

1 was heard near the bus stop at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/10/2011.

#### EURASIAN HOOPOE Upupa epops 戴胜

(1/23 1 1) 1 at the 'Little Curlew site' immediately north of near Pikou, Pulandian on the 3/10/2011.

#### EURASIAN WRYNECK Jynx torquilla 蚁䴕

(1/23 1 1)

1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 30/9/2011.

#### RUFOUS-BELLIED WOODPECKER Dendrocopos hyperythrus 棕腹啄木鸟

[1 bird that was possibly this species at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 26/9/2011. (Terry Townshend)].

# GREAT SPOTTED WOODPECKER Dendrocopos major 大斑啄木鸟 (1/23 1 1)

1 near the Xiao Dong Gou ringing station at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/10/2011.

#### ASHY MINIVET Pericrocotus divaricatus 灰山椒鸟

(23/23 7549 20130)

Truly remarkable numbers (20,130 bird days!) were counted at Laotie Shan during the period 24/9-16/10/2011. Birds were logged every day but the facts that our peak count (7549 birds and over 3.5 times the second highest) occurred just five day's in to our visit and and that numbers dropped off rapidly after the 4 October suggest that many probably passed before we arrived.

589 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2011. Flocks of between seven & 90 birds were a major feature of the day. Probably a record count for China – but today afternoon's figures were soon surpassed.

750 over Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2011. There's probably some duplication in the number of birds that were actually counted (820) hence the slightly lesser estimate might be more reliable. The largest flock was a party of about 160 birds!

1530 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 26/9/2011.

833 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 27/9/2011. These included one flock of about 180 birds!

7549 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 28/9/2011! (Peter Cawley, Paul Holt & Terry Townshend).

654 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 29/9/2011.

970 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 30/9/2011.

2041 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 1/10/2011.

700 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 2/10/2011.

10 between Jinshitan, Pikou and north towards Zhuanghe on the 3/10/2011. The first two were in the Jinshitan Coastal Geopark; six more flew south over the tidal river near Jinchang cun, Pulandian while two more were over the shrimp or fishponds north of Pikou, Pulandian.

1200 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 4/10/2011.

500 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the  $5\!/10\!/2011$  .

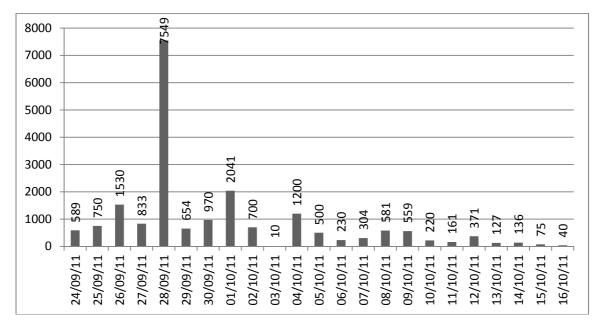
230 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/10/2011.

304 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/10/2011.

581 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/10/2011. All bar just 26 of these were over the morning watch point.

559 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/10/2011.

- 220 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/10/2011.
- 161 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/10/2011.
- 371 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/10/2011.
- 127 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/10/2011.
- 136 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/10/2011. 75 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/10/2011.
- 40 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 16/10/2011.
- 40 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 16/10/2011.





# TIGER SHRIKE Lanius tigrinus 虎纹伯劳 (3/23 1 3)

1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 29/9/2011 (Terry Townshend & Peter Cawley) 1 first-winter, the same bird as yesterday, at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 30/9/2011.

1 first-winter was seen briefly at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/10/2011.

# BULL-HEADED SHRIKE Lanius bucephalus 牛头伯劳 (6/23 2 7)

- 2 singles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 28/9/2011.
- 1 was heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 29/9/2011.
- 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 30/9/2011.
- 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 1/10/2011.
- 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 2/10/2011. It was a different bird to yesterday's.

#### BROWN SHRIKE Lanius cristatus 红尾伯劳

#### $(2/23 \ 1 \ 2)$

1 was heard near the lockable entrance gate at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 27/9/2011. 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/10/2011 (Peter Cawley)

[In addition 1 bird possibly this species, at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 4/10/2011 (Peter Cawley)]

# CHINESE GREY SHRIKE Lanius s. sphenocercus 楔尾伯劳 (3/23 2 4)

1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 2/10/2011.

2 singles between Jinshitan, Pikou and north towards Zhuanghe on the 3/10/2011. The first was besides the inland pools of the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds, Jinzhouqu while the second was near the Biliu river mouth, Pulandian.

1 near the watch point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/10/2011.

### BLACK-NAPED ORIOLE Oriolus chinensis 黑枕黄鹂

(4/23 2 6)

2 flew south together at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 26/9/2011.

1, apparently an adult male, flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 27/9/2011.

1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 28/9/2011.

2 singles, one an adult male & the other not, at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 29/9/2011.

#### HAIR-CRESTED DRONGO Dicrurus hottentottus 发冠卷尾

 $(1/23 \ 1 \ 1)$ 

1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 27/9/2011. (Peter Cawley, Paul Holt & Terry Townshend).

#### COMMON MAGPIE Pica pica 喜鹊

#### $(23/23 \ 200 \ 2370)$

150 between Dalian, Lushun & Laotie Shan on the 24/9/2011. 100 around Lushun on the 25/9/2011. 100 between Lushun & Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 26/9/2011. 140 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 27/9/2011. 80 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 28/9/2011 50 between Laotie Shan & Lushun on 29/9/2011. 50 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 30/9/2011. 100 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 1/10/2011. 150 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 2/10/2011. 30 between Jinshitan, Pikou and north towards Zhuanghe on the 3/10/2011. 100 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 4/10/2011. 50 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/10/2011. 50 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/10/2011. 150 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/10/2011. 100 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/10/2011. 100 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/10/2011. 200 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/10/2011. These included a single flock of 155 inside the Lighthouse compound. 150 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/10/2011. 120 at Laotie Shan. Lushun on the 12/10/2011. 100 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/10/2011. 150 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/10/2011. 50 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/10/2011.

100 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 16/10/2011.

#### DAURIAN JACKDAW Coloeus dauuricus 达乌里寒鸦

#### (3/23 1 3)

1 first-winter at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/10/2011.

1 first-winter, the same bird as yesterday, was seen repeatedly at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/10/2011. It was again being severely harassed by several Common Magpies.

1 first-winter at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 06h45 on the 9/10/2011. It was very probably the same bird that's been in the area for a couple of days.

#### CARRION CROW Corvus corone 小嘴乌鸦

#### (5/23 3 9)

1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 13h06 on 2/10/2011.

1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 06h15 on the 5/10/2011.

1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun throughout much of the day of the 6/10/2011. First seen at 06h04 it was seen, on and off, throughout much of the rest of the day.

3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/10/2011. One was seen at 06h28 while three birds (possibly including the original bird?) were seen at 06h37.

3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/10/2011. They were probably the same birds as yesterday.

# LARGE-BILLED CROW Corvus macrorhynchos 大嘴乌鸦 (1/23 1 1)

1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 4/10/2011.

### YELLOW-BELLIED TIT Periparus venustulus 黄腹山雀 (20/23 160 456)

1 was heard over Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2011. Previously thought to be scarce in Liaoning.

1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 27/9/2011.

1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 28/9/2011.

3 singles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 30/9/2011.

6 singles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 1/10/2011.

28 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 2/10/2011.

1 was heard over the inland pools of the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds, Jinzhouqu on the 3/10/2011.

10 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 4/10/2011.

160 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/10/2011. (Peter Cawley, Paul Holt & Terry Beeke). Birds were seen in parties of 1, 1, 1, 1, 2, 4, 5, 5, 8, 8, 14, 15, 20, 35 & 40.

1 was heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/10/2011.

14 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/10/2011. Birds were seen in parties of 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 2, 2 & 5.

5, a single and two parties of two, flew over the watch point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/10/2011.

52 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/10/2011. All bar one of these was over the morning watch point and were seen in parties of 1, 1, 1, 18 & 30.

79 flew south past the watch point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/10/2011. Flock sizes were as follows -1, 1, 1, 1, 2, 2, 4, 4, 4, 10, 22 & 27.

6 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/10/2011. Flock sizes were as follows -1, 1, 1 & 3.

27 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/10/2011. Flock sizes were as follows -1 (not seen), 1 (not seen), 1 (not seen), 1 (not seen), 2, 8 & 13. 8, in a single flock, flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/10/2011.

8, in a single nock, new south at Laone Shah, Euslinn on the 15/10/2011.

9 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/10/2011. Flock sizes were as follows 1 heard, 1 heard, 1 heard, 1 heard, 2 & 3. 28 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/10/2011. Flock sizes were as follows - 1 (heard), 1 (heard), 1 (heard) & 25.

16 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 16/10/2011. Flock sizes were as follows – 1 (heard), 1 (heard), 2 & 11.

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#### JAPANESE TIT Parus minor 远东山雀

#### (19/23 10 124)

4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2011. 10 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 26/9/2011. 10 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 27/9/2011. 5 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 28/9/2011. 5 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 29/9/2011. 10 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 30/9/2011. 10 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 1/10/2011. 10 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 2/10/2011. 10 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/10/2011. 10 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/10/2011. 6 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/10/2011. 4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/10/2011. 4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/10/2011. 4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/10/2011. 4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/10/2011. 4 at Laotie Shan. Lushun on the 13/10/2011. 8 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/10/2011. 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/10/2011. 4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 16/10/2011.

## CHINESE PENDULINE TIT *Remiz consobrinus* 中华攀雀 (12/23, 50, 201)

#### (12/23 59 201)

1 was heard as it flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 27/9/2011.

- 11 between Jinshitan, Pikou and north towards Zhuanghe on the 3/10/2011. Ten of these were around the inland pools of the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds, Jinzhouqu while the other was in a small reed bed not far north of the tidal river near Jinchang cun, Pulandian.
- 2 singles were heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/10/2011.

10 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/10/2011.

- 9 over the watch point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/10/2011.
- 17 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/10/2011. Flock sizes were as follows with birds that were only heard & not seen being logged as a singleton 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 5 & 6.
- 4 presumed singles were heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/10/2011.
- 2 singles flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/10/2011.

55 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/10/2011. Flock sizes were 1 (not seen), 1 (not seen), 3, 4 & 45.

4 birds were heard &, for the sake of the log, assumed to be singles flying south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/10/2011.

27 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/10/2011. Flock sizes were as follows - 1 (heard), 1 (heard), 4 & 20.

59 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 16/10/2011. Flock sizes were as follows -1 (heard), 1 (heard), 1 (heard), 1 (heard), 1 (heard), 2, 5, 10, 15 & 22.

# ASIAN SHORT-TOED LARK Calandrella cheleensis 亚洲短趾百灵 (1/23 1 1)

1 at the 'Little Curlew site' immediately north of near Pikou, Pulandian on the 3/10/2011.

### EURASIAN SKYLARK Alauda arvensis 云雀

#### (17/23 105 235)

- 1 was heard as it flew south over the car park at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 27/9/2011.
- 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 30/9/2011.
- 3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 1/10/2011.
- 4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 2/10/2011.
- 29 between Jinshitan, Pikou and north towards Zhuanghe on the 3/10/2011. 15 of these were over the coastal portion of the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds, Jinzhouqu; four more flew over the tidal Qing Shui river downstream of the steel plant between Daliujia and Jinchang cun, Pulandian; ten at the 'Little Curlew site' immediately north of near Pikou, Pulandian.
- 6 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 4/10/2011.
- 5 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/10/2011.
- 7 singles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/10/2011.
- 15 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/10/2011.
- 3 singles over the watch point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/10/2011.
- 7 singles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/10/2011.
- 19 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/10/2011.
- 1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/10/2011.
- 7 singles flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/10/2011.
- 7 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/10/2011.
- 15 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/10/2011.
- 105 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 16/10/2011.

[In addition 1 distant lark, probably a Eurasian Skylark, flying south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 27/9/2011 (Terry Townshend & Peter Cawley)]

# LIGHT-VENTED BULBUL Pycnonotus sinensis 白头鹎 (21/23 24 129)

4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2011.

3 near Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2011.

- 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 26/9/2011.
- 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 27/9/2011.
- 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 29/9/2011.
- 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 30/9/2011. 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 1/10/2011.
- 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 1/10/2011.
- 2 near the coastal portion of the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds, Jinzhouqu on the 3/10/2011.
- 5 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 4/10/2011.
- 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/10/2011.
- 7 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/10/2011. The first four birds were seen at 07h08 and there were subsequently three singles.
- 14 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/10/2011.
- 14 flew quite high to the south over the watch point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/10/2011. They returned north about ten minutes later but were clearly displaying something of a migratory urge!
- 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/10/2011.
- 3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/10/2011.
- 7 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/10/2011.
- 15, a flock of seven and another of eight, at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/10/2011.
- 24 in a single flock near the watch point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/10/2011. They flew high several times as if they were planning to migrate.
- 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/10/2011.

17 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 16/10/2011.

### SAND MARTIN Riparia riparia 崖沙燕

#### (12/23 18 59)

- 1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2011.
- 13 flew south near Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2011. Birds were seen singly or in parties of two together with other hirundines. 8 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 26/9/2011.
- 18 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 27/9/2011.
- 4 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 28/9/2011.
- 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 29/9/2011.
- 6 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 30/9/2011.
- 2 singles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 1/10/2011.
- 1 near the shrimp or fishponds north of Pikou, Pulandian on the 3/10/2011.
- 2 singles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 4/10/2011.
- 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/10/2011.
- 2 singles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/10/2011.

#### BARN SWALLOW Hirundo rustica 家燕 (22/23 250 1936)

#### 250 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2011.

- 40 flew south over Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2011.
- 50 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 26/9/2011.
- 130 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 27/9/2011.
- 69 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 28/9/2011.
- 20 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 29/9/2011.
- 65 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 30/9/2011.
- 15 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 1/10/2011.
- 50 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 2/10/2011. Terry saw a leucistic bird late morning.
- 200 between Jinshitan, Pikou and north towards Zhuanghe on the 3/10/2011. 50 of these were around the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds (with 30 in the river in the coastal portion and 20 more around the inland ponds) while 70 more were around the shrimp or fishponds north of Pikou, Pulandian.
- 20 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 4/10/2011.
- 105 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/10/2011.
- 200 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/10/2011. Remarkably none were seen for the first 1.5 hours of the day (until 07h02)!
- 100 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/10/2011.
- 240 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/10/2011.
- 40 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/10/2011.
- 150 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/10/2011.
- 50 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/10/2011.
- 40 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/10/2011.
- 20 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/10/2011.
- 100 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/10/2011.
- 20 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/10/2011.

### NORTHERN HOUSE MARTIN Delichon urbicum 白腹毛脚燕

#### (4/23 15 36)

11, seven singles and two pairs, flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2011.

1 flew south over Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2011.

9, seven singles and a pair of birds, flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 26/9/2011.

15 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 27/9/2011. Most sightings were of singles, less often of a pair, once of three birds and one party of four was also logged.

### ASIAN HOUSE MARTIN Delichon dasypus 烟腹毛脚燕

#### (5/23 8 17)

1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 26/9/2011.

2 flew south together at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 27/9/2011. Terry managed to photograph one of them!

8, two pairs and a party of four, flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 28/9/2011.

3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 29/9/2011.

2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 30/9/2011.

### HOUSE MARTIN SP. Delichon urbicum or D. dasypus 毛脚燕 sp.

(5/23 5 15)

3 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 27/9/2011.

5 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 29/9/2011.

4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 30/9/2011.

2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 2/10/2011.

1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun at about 14h00 on the 5/10/2011 (Terry Townshend & Peter Cawley)

### RED-RUMPED SWALLOW Cecropis daurica 金腰燕

#### $(23/23 \ 10000 \ 57654)$

1340 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2011.

700 over Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2011.

- 1872 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 26/9/2011.
- 10,000 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 27/9/2011. The passage was remarkably intense during the last two hours of our observations i.e. between 15h00-17h00 and Terry counted 220 between 16h22 and 16h25 (a rate of 4200 per hour).

6130 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 28/9/2011. We estimated 3,000 between 05h30 and 06h00 alone.

380 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 29/9/2011.

4000 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 30/9/2011.

2000 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 1/10/2011.

3000 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 2/10/2011.

100 between Jinshitan, Pikou and north towards Zhuanghe on the 3/10/2011. Two of these were around the inland pools of the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds, Jinzhouqu; 10 more were around the shrimp or fishponds north of Pikou, Pulandian and 10 more were seen north of Zhang Xia Wang, Pulandian. 1000 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 4/10/2011.

650 at Laotic Shan, Lushun on the 5/10/2011

650 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/10/2011.

4000 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/10/2011. Hardly any were seen until the early afternoon when a modest passage began. In addition to the passage a flock gradually built up that by late afternoon numbered at least 4000 birds.

2500 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/10/2011.

- 3620 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/10/2011. There was a modest southerly movement all day but this picked up between 13h00 & 14h00 during and I counted 1900 birds during that hour alone.
- 8000 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/10/2011. (Paul Holt). Almost all of these were counted from the morning watch point with birds first appearing in a series of tight flocks as if they were just leaving a roost, from 05h50 onwards. They immediately headed off in a south-westerly direction and were probably going to cross the bay immediately. Shortly after these tight post roost gatherings had left a marked movement of birds from further afield commenced with a constant stream of swallows passing for another hour when the rate started to slow. Remarkably I saw rather few swallows after about 10h00 but another, and more modest, evening gathering of perhaps 400-500 birds, occurred near the point.
- 3400 in a pre-roost gathering at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/10/2011. Birds were seen throughout the day (after the first & late bird at 05h57) but numbers increased during the late afternoon and this count was made at about 16h45 (almost 45 minutes before sunset).

3000 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/10/2011.

1000 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/10/2011.

60 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/10/2011. The first bird wasn't seen until 10h23 and today's tally represents a massive reduction on recent days.

500 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/10/2011.

400 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/10/2011.

2 singles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 16/10/2011.

### ASIAN STUBTAIL Urosphena squameiceps 鳞头树莺

 $(1/23 \ 2 \ 2)$ 

2 singles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 2/10/2011.

#### MANCHURIAN BUSH WARBLER Cettia canturians 远东树莺

#### (5/23 2 6)

1 near the Lighthouse at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 27/9/2011.

1 near the ringing station at Xiao Dong Gou, Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/10/2011.

1 was seen very well besides the coast guard station at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/10/2011.

2 singles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/10/2011. These included the same bird as yesterday in the scrub immediately below the Coast Guard Station.

1 was heard again in the Lighthouse/Coastguard compound at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/10/2011.

[In addition 1 bird, probably this species, was heard calling & seen poorly at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 26/9/2011].

#### DUSKY WARBLER Phylloscopus fuscatus 褐柳莺

#### (23/23 12 136)

2 were heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2011.

- 8 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2011.
- 4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 26/9/2011.
- 6 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 27/9/2011.
- 7 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 28/9/2011.
- 12 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 29/9/2011.
- 12 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 30/9/2011.
- 3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 1/10/2011.
- 5 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 2/10/2011.
- 8 between Jinshitan, Pikou and north towards Zhuanghe on the 3/10/2011. The first two were in the Jinshitan Coastal Geopark, three more were besides the inland pools of the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds, Jinzhouqu; one was at the 'Little Curlew site' immediately north of near Pikou, Pulandian; two near the Biliu river mouth, Pulandian.
- 4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 4/10/2011.
- 5 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/10/2011.
- 6 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/10/2011.
- 8 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/10/2011.
- 6 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/10/2011.
- 4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/10/2011.
- 4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/10/2011.
- 6 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/10/2011.
- 5 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/10/2011.
- 6 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/10/2011.
- 7 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/10/2011.
- 4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/10/2011.
- 4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 16/10/2011.

# RADDE'S WARBLER Phylloscopus schwarzi 巨嘴柳莺 (20/23 26 129)

5 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2011. 6 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 26/9/2011. 8 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 27/9/2011. 11 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 28/9/2011. 10 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 29/9/2011. 26 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 30/9/2011. 5 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 1/10/2011. 10 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 2/10/2011. 7 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 4/10/2011. 3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/10/2011. 5 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/10/2011. 5 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/10/2011. 4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/10/2011. 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/10/2011. 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/10/2011. 5 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/10/2011. 5 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/10/2011. 5 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/10/2011. 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/10/2011. 3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/10/2011.

PALLAS'S LEAF WARBLER Phylloscopus proregulus 黄腰柳莺 (21/23 15 134)

4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2011. 3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 26/9/2011. 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 27/9/2011. 3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 28/9/2011. 4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 29/9/2011. 4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 30/9/2011. 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 1/10/2011. 10 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 2/10/2011. 5 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 4/10/2011. 4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/10/2011. 10 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/10/2011. 10 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/10/2011. 12 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/10/2011. 10 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/10/2011. 15 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/10/2011. 12 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/10/2011. 8 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/10/2011. 5 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/10/2011. 6 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/10/2011. 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/10/2011. 3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 16/10/2011.

### YELLOW-BROWED WARBLER Phylloscopus inornatus 黄眉柳莺

#### $(23/23 \ 28 \ 209)$

- 4 were heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2011.
- 8 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2011.
- 15 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 26/9/2011.

10 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 27/9/2011.

15 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 28/9/2011.

28 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 29/9/2011.

5 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 30/9/2011.

6 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 1/10/2011.

7 between Jinshitan, Pikou and north towards Zhuanghe on the 3/10/2011. The first four were in the Jinshitan Coastal Geopark, one at the 'Little Curlew site' immediately north of near Pikou, Pulandian and the final two were near the Biliu river mouth, Pulandian.

10 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 2/10/2011.

- 10 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 4/10/2011.
- 6 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/10/2011.
- 5 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/10/2011. 8 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/10/2011.
- 8 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/10/2011.
- 12 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/10/2011.
- 10 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/10/2011.
- 8 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/10/2011.
- 10 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/10/2011.
- 6 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/10/2011.
- 6 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/10/2011.
- 4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/10/2011.
- 8 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 16/10/2011.

#### ARCTIC WARBLER Phylloscopus borealis 极北柳莺

#### $(4/23 \ 2 \ 6)$

2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 26/9/2011.

2 singles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 28/9/2011.

1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 29/9/2011.

1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/10/2011. A seasonally late bird it was trapped, ringed and photographed at the Xiao Dong Gou ringing station.

# TWO-BARRED WARBLER Phylloscopus plumbeitarsus 双斑绿柳莺 (2/23 1 2)

1 was heard near the Lighthouse at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 27/9/2011. 1 was heard near the watch point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/10/2011.

## ARCTIC, GREENISH or TWO-BARRED WARBLER (1/23 1 1)

1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2011.

# PALE-LEGGED LEAF WARBLER Phylloscopus tenellipes 淡脚柳莺 (1/23 2 2)

2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2011.

[In addition 3 separate birds, possibly this species, were heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 29/9/2011].

# EASTERN CROWNED WARBLER Phylloscopus coronatus 冕柳莺 (1/23 1 1)

1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 29/9/2011.

[In addition 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/10/2011 (Tom Beeke)].

### **ORIENTAL REED WARBLER** Acrocephalus orientalis 东方大苇莺

 $(1/23 \ 2 \ 2)$ 

2 besides the inland pools of the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds, Jinzhouqu on the 3/10/2011.

# BLACK-BROWED REED WARBLER Acrocephalus bistrigiceps 黑眉苇莺 (19/23 12 81)

3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 26/9/2011.

4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 27/9/2011.

5 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 28/9/2011.

5 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 29/9/2011.

2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 30/9/2011.

1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 1/10/2011. 8 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 2/10/2011.

12 between Jinshitan, Pikou and north towards Zhuanghe on the 3/10/2011. Ten of these were around the inland pools of the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds, Jinzhouqu while the other two were in a small reed bed not far north of the tidal river near Jinchang cun, Pulandian.

2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 4/10/2011.

4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/10/2011.

4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/10/2011.

12 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/10/2011.

2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/10/2011.

4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/10/2011.

4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/10/2011.

4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/10/2011. 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/10/2011.

2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/10/2011. 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/10/2011.

1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/10/2011.

#### THICK-BILLED WARBLER Iduna aedon 厚嘴苇莺

 $(1/23 \ 1 \ 1)$ 

1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 29/9/2011.

# BAIKAL BUSH WARBLER Bradypterus davidi 北短翅莺 (5/23 3 7)

1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 26/9/2011.

3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 28/9/2011.

1 was well photographed at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 30/9/2011 (Terry Townshend)

1 was heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 1/10/2011.

1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/10/2011 (Peter Cawley)

[In addition 1 bird, possibly this species, was heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 4/10/2011].

LANCEOLATED WARBLER Locustella lanceolata 矛斑蝗莺

#### (16/23 3 30)

- 1 was heard near the Lighthouse at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2011.
- 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2011.
- 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 26/9/2011.
- 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 27/9/2011.
- 3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 28/9/2011.
- 2 singles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 29/9/2011.
- 3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 30/9/2011.
- 1 at Laotie Shan on 1/10/2011
- 3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 2/10/2011.
- 2 single at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 4/10/2011.
- 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/10/2011.
- 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/10/2011.
- 3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/10/2011. 1 near the morning watch point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/10/2011.
- 3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/10/2011.
- 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/10/2011.

### MARSH GRASSBIRD Locustella pryeri NT 斑背大尾莺

 $(1/23 \ 1 \ 1)$ 

1 was heard (it gave a typically brief burst of intense song) near the watch point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/10/2011. (Paul Holt).

### ZITTING CISTICOLA Cisticola juncidis 棕扇尾莺

#### (8/23 3 15)

- 3 besides the inland pools of the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds, Jinzhouqu on the 3/10/2011.
- 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the  $6\!/10\!/2011.$
- 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/10/2011.
- 1 near the watch point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/10/2011.
- 3 near the morning watch point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/10/2011.
- 2 near the watch point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/10/2011.

2 again near the watch point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/10/2011.

1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 16/10/2011.

# VINOUS-THROATED PARROTBILL Sinosuthora webbianus 棕头鸦雀 (18/23 20 123)

#### 10 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 26/9/2011.

- 5 near the Lighthouse at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 27/9/2011.
- 4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 28/9/2011.
- 10 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 29/9/2011.
- 8 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 30/9/2011.
- 5 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 1/10/2011.
- 8 near the Biliu river mouth, Pulandian on the 3/10/2011.
- 5 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/10/2011. 6 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/10/2011.
- 20 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the  $\frac{7}{10}/2011$ .
- 10 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/10/2011.
- 6 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/10/2011.
- 4 near the watch point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/10/2011.
- 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/10/2011.
- 10 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/10/2011.
- 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/10/2011.
- 4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/10/2011.
- 4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 16/10/2011.

# CHINESE HILL BABBLER Rhopophilus pekinensis 山鹛 (18/23 4 49)

- 3 separate birds were heard, at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2011.
- 4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 26/9/2011.
- 4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 28/9/2011.
- 2, a pair, at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 29/9/2011.
- 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 30/9/2011.
- 2, a pair, at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 1/10/2011.
- 4, a presumed family party, in the Jinshitan Coastal Geopark on the 3/10/2011.
- 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/10/2011.

4, two pairs, at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/10/2011.

- 4, two pairs, at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/10/2011.
- 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/10/2011.
- 2, a pair, at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/10/2011.
- 2, a pair, near the watch point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/10/2011.
- 4, two pairs, at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/10/2011.
- 2, a pair, at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/10/2011. 2, a pair, at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/10/2011.
- 2, a pair, at Laotie Shan, Eushun on the 14/10/2011.
- 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 16/10/2011.

# CHESTNUT-FLANKED WHITE-EYE Zosterops erythropleurus 红胁绣眼鸟 (8/23 250 355)

15 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2011.
30 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 26/9/2011.
20 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 27/9/2011.
20 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 28/9/2011.
10 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 30/9/2011.
5 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 29/9/2011.
20 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 1/10/2011.
5 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 2/10/2011.

### JAPANESE WHITE-EYE Zosterops japonicus 暗绿绣眼鸟

(2/23 6 7) 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 30/9/2011. 6 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/10/2011.

## WHITE-EYE SP. Zosterops sp. (23/23 4500 14509)

10 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2011. 360 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2011. 1069 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 26/9/2011. 937 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 27/9/2011. 2900 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 28/9/2011. At least one was heard over the New Era Hotel in Lushun at 05h00 & about 45 minutes before sunrise. 275 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 29/9/2011. 245 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 30/9/2011. 4500 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 1/10/2011. (Peter Cawley, Paul Holt & Terry Townshend). 600 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 2/10/2011. 30 in the Jinshitan Coastal Geopark, Jinzhouqu on the 3/10/2011. 800 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 4/10/2011. 50 at Laotie Shan. Lushun on the 5/10/2011. 70 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/10/2011. 80 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/10/2011. 500 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/10/2011. 300 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/10/2011. 470 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/10/2011. 520 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/10/2011. 460 at Laotie Shan. Lushun on the 12/10/2011. 100 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/10/2011. Most of these flew south. 43 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/10/2011.

120 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/10/2011. 70 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 16/10/2011.

# CRESTED MYNA Acridotheres cristatellus 八哥 (2/23 10 16)

6 on roadside wires between Laotie Shan and Tieshan zhen on the 11/10/2011. 10 on the same roadside wires as yesterday between Laotie Shan and Tieshan zhen on the 12/10/2011.

# RED-BILLED STARLING Spodiopsar sericeus 丝光椋鸟 (2/23 2 3)

2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/10/2011. They were with a flock of ten White-cheeked Starlings. (Peter Cawley & Paul Holt). 1, with two unidentified starlings, flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/10/2011. (Paul Holt).

# WHITE-CHEEKED STARLING Spodiopsar cineraceus 灰椋鸟 (18/23 223 956)

1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 26/9/2011.

38 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 27/9/2011.

15 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 28/9/2011.

24, in two flocks of about a dozen birds each, at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 29/9/2011.

8 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 30/9/2011.

96 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 1/10/2011. Flocks consisted of 1, 3, 5, 8, 8, 9, 13, 17 & 18 birds.

103 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 2/10/2011. Flock sizes were 2, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 17 & 36.

9 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 4/10/2011 (Peter Cawley)

160 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/10/2011. Flock sizes were as follows - 2, 6, 8, 9, 9, 17, 31, 35 & 47.

41 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/10/2011. Birds were seen in parties of 2, 2, 5, 6, 6, 10, 10

102 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/10/2011. Flock sizes were as follows - 4, 4, 5, 5, 6, 9, 10, 16, 20 & 23.

28 over the watch point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/10/2011. Birds were seen in flocks of 8 & 20.

223 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/10/2011. Most of these flew over the watch point. Flock sizes were as follows – 1, 1, 1, 1, 2, 9, 12, 13, 17, 20, 21, 30, 30, 30 & 35.

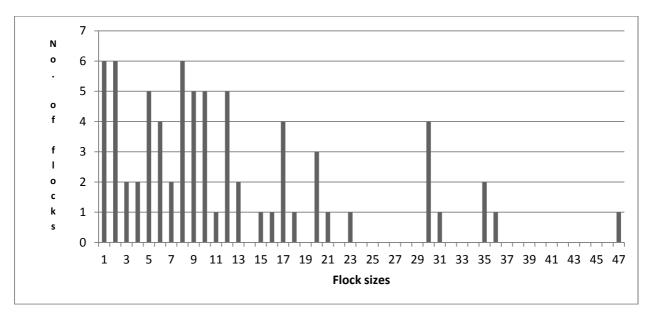
45 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/10/2011. Just two flocks were seen – one of 15 & the other 30 birds.

15 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/10/2011. Just two flocks were seen – the first of8 and the second of 7 birds.

16 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/10/2011.

13 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/10/2011. One flock was of 3 birds, the other of 10.

19 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 16/10/2011. Flock sizes were 2, 5 & 12.



#### PURPLE-BACKED STARLING Agropsar sturninus 北椋鸟

#### $(2/23 \ 1 \ 2)$

1 flew south & later back north at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 26/9/2011.

1 flew south with a flock of 7 White-cheeked Starlings at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 28/9/2011.

#### WHITE'S THRUSH Zoothera aurea 怀氏虎鸫

#### $(3/23 \ 2 \ 4)$

1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 29/9/2011.

2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 1/10/2011. 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/10/2011 (Peter Cawley)

# GREY-BACKED THRUSH Turdus hortulorum 灰背鸫 (4/23 1 4)

1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 28/9/2011.

1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 1/10/2011.

1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 2/10/2011.

1 over the watch point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the  $10\!/10\!/2011.$ 

# COMMON [CHINESE] BLACKBIRD Turdus merula mandarinus 乌鸫 (1/23 1 1)

1 male on a roadside wire midway between Laotie Shan and Lushun on the 24/9/2011.

[In addition 1 bird, possibly this species, was heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 28/9/2011. (Paul Holt)]. [In addition 1 bird, possibly this species, at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/10/2011 (Peter Cawley)].

#### [EYEBROWED THRUSH Turdus obscurus 白眉鸫]

[1 bird, possibly this species, circled the point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 4/10/2011].

### RED-THROATED THRUSH Turdus ruficollis 赤颈鸫

#### (13/23 16 51)

- 1 adult male at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 1/10/2011.
- 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 2/10/2011.
- 1 in the Jinshitan Coastal Geopark, Jinzhouqu on the 3/10/2011.
- 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/10/2011.
- 10 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/10/2011.
- 10 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/10/2011. 16 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/10/2011.
- 1 adult male near the watch point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/10/2011.
- 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/10/2011.
- 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/10/2011.
- 3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/10/2011.
- 3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/10/2011.
- 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 16/10/2011.

# DUSKY THRUSH Turdus eunomus 斑鸫 (3/23 2 5)

1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 2/10/2011 (Terry Townshend).

2 flew high over the inland pools of the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds, Jinzhouqu on the 3/10/2011. They were with four other unidentified thrushes. 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 16/10/2011.

# NAUMANN'S or DUSKY THRUSH *Turdus naumanni* or *T. eunomus* (4/23 1 4)

1 was seen in flight near the Lighthouse at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 26/9/2011.

1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 28/9/2011.

1 at Laotie Shan on 1/10/2011

1 over the watch point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/10/2011.

# DUSKY X NAUMANN'S THRUSH hybrid *Turdus naumanni* x *T. eunomus* (1/23 2 2)

2 near the Xiao Dong Gou ringing station at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/10/2011.

#### THRUSH SP.

#### (11/23 5 28)

4 flew high over the inland pools of the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds, Jinzhouqu on the 3/10/2011. They were with two Dusky Thrushes.

- 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/10/2011.
- 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/10/2011.
- 4 singles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/10/2011.
- at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/10/2011.
   over the watch point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/10/2011.
- 5 flew high to the south over the watch point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/10/2011.

 $2 \mbox{ at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the } 12/10/2011.$ 

1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/10/2011.

2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/10/2011.

5 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/10/2011.

#### BLUETHROAT Luscinia svecica 蓝喉歌鸲

#### $(2/23 \ 1 \ 2)$

1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 2/10/2011.

1 besides the inland pools of the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds, Jinzhouqu on the 3/10/2011.

# SIBERIAN RUBYTHROAT Luscinia calliope 红喉歌鸲 (8/23 2 11)

1 was heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2011.

2, one male seen & another bird only heard, at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2011.

2 singles were heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 29/9/2011.

2, one of which was first-winter female, at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 1/10/2011.

1 was heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 4/10/2011.

1 was heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/10/2011.

1 was heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/10/2011.

1 was heard near the Xiao Dong Gou ringing station at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/10/2011.

### SIBERIAN BLUE ROBIN Luscinia cyane 蓝歌鸲

 $(1/23 \ 2 \ 2)$ 

2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 28/9/2011.

#### RUFOUS-TAILED ROBIN Luscinia sibilans 红尾歌鸲

 $(1/23 \ 1 \ 1)$ 

1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 2/10/2011.

# ORANGE-FLANKED BLUETAIL Tarsiger cyanurus 红胁蓝尾鸲 (7/23 7 13)

1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2011.

7 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 2/10/2011.

- 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 4/10/2011 (Peter Cawley)
- 1 was caught at the ringing station at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/10/2011.
- 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/10/2011 (Peter Cawley)
- 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/10/2011 (Peter Cawley)

1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/10/2011.

### DAURIAN REDSTART Phoenicurus auroreus 北红尾鸲

#### (15/23 4 27)

- 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 28/9/2011 (Terry Townshend)
- 1 male at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 1/10/2011.
- 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 2/10/2011.
- 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 4/10/2011 (Peter Cawley)
- 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/10/2011 (Peter Cawley)
- 1 male at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/10/2011.
- 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/10/2011.
- 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/10/2011.
- $2\ singles$  at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/10/2011.
- 4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/10/2011.
- 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/10/2011.
- 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/10/2011.
- 3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/10/2011.
- 1 was heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/10/2011.
- 3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the  $16\!/10\!/2011.$

[In addition 1 bird, possibly this species, was glimpsed on the drive from Laotie Shan back to Lushun on the 25/9/2011 (Terry Townshend)]. [In addition 1 bird, possibly this species, was heard & glimpsed at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 30/9/2011. (Terry Townshend)].

### COMMON STONECHAT Saxicola maurus 黑喉石即鸟

#### $(15/23 \ 12 \ 77)$

1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2011.

- 5 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 27/9/2011.
- 3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 28/9/2011.
- 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 29/9/2011. 4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 30/9/2011.
- 4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 1/10/2011.
- 5 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 2/10/2011.
- 6 in total at two sites near Jinshitan, Jinzhouqu on the 3/10/2011. The first two were in the Jinshitan Coastal Geopark while the other four were around the inland pools of the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds.
- 5 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/10/2011.
- 10 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/10/2011.
- 10 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/10/2011.
- 5 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/10/2011.
- 4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/10/2011.

12 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/10/2011.

1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 16/10/2011.

### BLUE ROCK THRUSH Monticola solitarius 蓝矶鸫

 $(1/23 \ 1 \ 1)$ 

1 male in the Jinshitan Coastal Geopark, Jinzhouqu on the 3/10/2011.

### WHITE-THROATED ROCK THRUSH Monticola gularis 白喉矶鸫

(1/23 1 1)

1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 28/9/2011 (Peter Cawley)

### GREY-STREAKED FLYCATCHER Muscicapa griseisticta 灰纹鹟

 $(1/23 \ 1 \ 1)$ 

1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 26/9/2011.

### ASIAN BROWN FLYCATCHER Muscicapa dauurica 北灰鹟

### (7/23 3 13)

- 1 near the Lighthouse at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2011.
- 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2011.
- 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 26/9/2011.
- 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 27/9/2011.
- 3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 28/9/2011.
- 3 singles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 29/9/2011.

2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 30/9/2011.

# MUGIMAKI FLYCATCHER Ficedula mugimaki 鸲姬鹟 (4/23 2 5)

1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 2/10/2011 (Terry Townshend & Peter Cawley)

1 first-winter was caught at the ringing station at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/10/2011.

2, a first-winter male & later a first-winter female, were ringed at the banding centre at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/10/2011.

1 first-winter female was caught at the Xiao Dong Gou ringing station, Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/10/2011.

In addition 3 were seen at the bird banding station around about the 3/10/2011. (Tian Yang pers. comm.)

### TAIGA FLYCATCHER Ficedula albicilla 红喉姬鹟

#### (11/23 3 13)

- 1 at Laotie Shan on the 27/9/2011.
- 3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 28/9/2011.
- 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 29/9/2011.
- 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 1/10/2011 (Terry Townshend & Peter Cawley)
- 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 2/10/2011 (Terry Townshend & Peter Cawley)
- 1 was heard near the ringing station at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/10/2011.
- 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/10/2011 (Peter Cawley)
- 1 first-winter near the Xiao Dong Gou ringing station at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/10/2011.
- 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/10/2011.
- 1 was heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/10/2011.
- 1 was heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/10/2011.

### EURASIAN TREE SPARROW Passer montanus 麻雀

#### $(22/23 \ 50 \ 425)$

5 between Dalian, Lushun & Laotie Shan on the 24/9/2011.

- 5 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2011.
- 5 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 26/9/2011.
- 20 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 27/9/2011. This count included a flock of nine birds that flew quite high to the north at about 07h15!
- 20 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 28/9/2011.
- 40 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 29/9/2011.
- 10 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 30/9/2011. 5 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 1/10/2011.
- 5 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 2/10/2011. 5 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 2/10/2011.
- 50 between Jinshitan, Pikou and north towards Zhuanghe on the 3/10/2011.
- 5 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/10/2011.
- 10 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/10/2011.
- 5 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/10/2011.
- 40 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/10/2011.
- 20 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/10/2011.
- 15 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/10/2011.
- 30 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/10/2011.
- 20 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/10/2011.
- 20 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/10/2011.
- 25 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the  $14\!/10\!/2011.$
- 40 between at Laotie Shan, Tie Shan zhen & Lushun on the 15/10/2011.
- 30 between Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 16/10/2011.

#### ALPINE ACCENTOR Prunella collaris 领岩鹨

#### $(3/23 \ 3 \ 8)$

3 together at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 11h30 on the 11/10/2011. They circled the Lighthouse/Coast Guard Station hill twice & even attempted to land. (Paul Holt)

3, a pair and then a single, near the Lighthouse/Coast Guard station buildings at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/10/2011. (Paul Holt). The pair actually came in and landed on the steep hillside below the viewing platform at about 11h25 while the single bird was at 12h52 & just kept flying.
 2 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 06h38 on the 16/10/2011. (Paul Holt)

### SIBERIAN ACCENTOR Prunella montanella 棕眉山岩鹨

 $(2/23 \ 1 \ 2)$ 

1 was heard near the watch point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/10/2011. 1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 06h45 on the 16/10/2011.

# EASTERN YELLOW WAGTAIL Motacilla tschutschensis 黄鹡鸰 (23/23 26 129)

Motacilla tschutschensis taivana was the only subspecies observed and was seen on just one date.

5 over the Lighthouse at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2011.

- 9 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2011.
- 5 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 26/9/2011.
- 20 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 27/9/2011.
- 13 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 28/9/2011.
- 6 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 29/9/2011.
- 6 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 30/9/2011.
- 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 1/10/2011. 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 2/10/2011.
- 26, including 18 taivana, between Jinshitan, Pikou and north towards Zhuanghe on the 3/10/2011. Two flew over the Jinshitan Coastal Geopark in the early

morning; one more flew over the inland pools of the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds. The day's main event however was 21, including 18 *taivana(* the only birds racially assigned all day), besides the tidal river near Jinchang cun, Pulandian. Elsewhere there were two more near the shrimp or fishponds north of Pikou, Pulandian.

- 8 in the Laotie Shan & Bo Lan Zi area, Lushun on the 4/10/2011.
- 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/10/2011.
- 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/10/2011.
- 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/10/2011.
- 7 over the watch point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/10/2011.
- 5 over the watch point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/10/2011.
- 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/10/2011.
- 2 singles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/10/2011.
- 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/10/2011.
- 3 singles flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/10/2011.
- 2 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/10/2011.
- 1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/10/2011.
- 3 singles at Laotie Shan. Tieshan & Lushun on the 16/10/2011.

# GREY WAGTAIL Motacilla cinerea 灰鹡鸰 (23/23 20 121)

2 singles over the Lighthouse at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2011.

- 8 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2011.
- 10 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 26/9/2011.
- 20 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 27/9/2011.
- 20 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 28/9/2011.
- 5 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 29/9/2011.
- 3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 30/9/2011.
- 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 1/10/2011.
- 3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 2/10/2011.
- 1 flew over the inland pools of the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds, Jinzhouqu on the 3/10/2011.
- 4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 4/10/2011.
- 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/10/2011.
- 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/10/2011.
- 4 singles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/10/2011.
- 10 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/10/2011. Eight of these flew over the watch point in the early morning.
- 3 over the watch point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/10/2011.
- 3 singles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/10/2011.
- 2 singles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/10/2011.
- 6 singles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/10/2011.
- 5 singles flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/10/2011.
- 4 singles flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/10/2011.
- 1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/10/2011.
- 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 16/10/2011.

# WHITE WAGTAIL Motacilla alba 白鹡鸰 (23/23 200 791)

Three subspecies were seen *M. a. leucopsis* was by far the commonest (8/23 60 141), *ocularis* next (4/23 14 29) & finally *baicalensis* (3/23 2 5) 26, including four *leucopsis* or Amur Wagtails, flew south over the Lighthouse at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2011.

- 45, including at least seven Amur Wagtails M. a. leucopsis, at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2011.
- 50 including seven 'Amur Wagtails' *leucopsis* at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 26/9/2011.
- 80, including 15 'Amur Wagtails' leucopsis
- 200, including 61 'Amur Wagtail' *M. a. leucopsis*, at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 28/9/2011. (Peter Cawley, Paul Holt & Terry Townshend). 81 of these flew south during the day while the other 120 birds were seen in a pre-roost gathering near the bus turn-around spot on the main highway back to Lushun in the evening. About ten of the fly-overs were racially assigned as were 51 birds gathering to roost and all were 'Amur Wagtail' *M. leucopsis*.
- 20, including two 'Amur Wagtail' leucopsis, at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 29/9/2011.
- 20 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 30/9/2011.
- 50, including 20 'Amur Wagtails' M. a. leucopsis & & 1 'East Siberian Wagtail' M. a. ocularis, at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 1/10/2011.
- 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 2/10/2011.
- 48, including 2 'Baikal Wagtail' *baicalensis*, 26 'Amur Wagtail' *leucopsis* & 14 'East Siberian Wagtail' *ocularis* between Jinshitan, Pikou and north towards Zhuanghe on the 3/10/2011. Two flew over the Jinshitan Coastal Geopark in the early morning and two more were around the inland pools of the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds. The day's main event however was 48, including 2 'Baikal Wagtail' *baicalensis*, 26 'Amur Wagtail' *leucopsis* & 14 'East Siberian Wagtail' *ocularis* between Jinshitan, Pikou and north towards Zhuanghe on the 3/10/2011. Two flew over the Jinshitan Coastal Geopark in the early morning and two more were around the inland pools of the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds. The day's main event however was 48, including 2 'Baikal Wagtail' *baicalensis*, 26 'Amur Wagtail' *leucopsis* & 14 'East Siberian Wagtail' *ocularis* (the only birds racially assigned all day) besides the tidal river near Jinchang cun, Pulandian. Subsequently there was one more near the shrimp or fishponds north of Pikou, Pulandian;
- 4, including one 'Baikal Wagtail' baicalensis & two 'East Siberian Wagtail' ocularis at Bo Lan Zi, Lushun on the 4/10/2011.
- 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/10/2011.
- 6 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/10/2011.
- 30 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/10/2011.
- 30, including 2 'Baikal Wagtail' baicalensis & 12 'East Siberian Wagtail' ocularis, at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/10/2011.
- 70 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/10/2011. Most of these were between the Lighthouse, the watch point & the bus stop in the evening and were undoubtedly planning to roost somewhere nearby.
- 60 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/10/2011. Most of these were in a pre-roost gathering near the bus turning site towards dusk.
- 4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/10/2011.

6 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/10/2011.
10 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/10/2011.
6 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/10/2011.
15 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/10/2011.

7 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 16/10/2011.

## RICHARD'S PIPIT Anthus richardi 理氏鹨

#### (20/23 95 290)

3 singles flew south at the Lighthouse at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2011.

15 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2011.

40 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 26/9/2011.

95 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 27/9/2011.

37 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 28/9/2011.

12 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 29/9/2011.

14 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 30/9/2011.

12 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 1/10/2011.

1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 2/10/2011.

12 between Jinshitan and in the Pikou area on the 3/10/2011. Seven of these were in Jinzhouqu with the first being seen over the Jinshitan Coastal Geopark in the early morning; six more were around the inland pools of the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds. Four were at the 'Little Curlew site' immediately north of near Pikou, Pulandian; one besides the shrimp or fishponds north of Pikou, Pulandian.

4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 4/10/2011.

2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/10/2011.

3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/10/2011.

15 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/10/2011.

16 over the watch point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/10/2011.

2 over the watch point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/10/2011.

4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/10/2011.

1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/10/2011.

1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/10/2011.

1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/10/2011.

#### [BLYTH'S PIPIT Anthus godlewskii 布氏鹨]

[1 bird, possibly this species, was heard distantly & only once at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 27/9/2011. (Paul Holt)].

#### OLIVE-BACKED PIPIT Anthus hodgsoni 树鹨

#### (23/23 412 2298)

7 flew south at the Lighthouse at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2011.

345 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2011.

157 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 26/9/2011.

412 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 27/9/2011.

487 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 28/9/2011. Three were heard over the New Era Hotel in Lushun at 05h00 & about 45 minutes before sunrise. (Peter Cawley, Paul Holt & Terry Townshend)

25 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 29/9/2011.

48 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 30/9/2011.

27 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 1/10/2011.

32 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 2/10/2011.

- 13 around Jinshitan, Jinzhouqu the 3/10/2011. Three calling birds flew south over our hotel in Jinshitan before dawn; another four did the same over the Jinshitan Coastal Geopark and the final six were around the inland pools of the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds.
- 30 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 4/10/2011.

12 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/10/2011.

19 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the  $6\!/10\!/2011.$ 

50 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the  $7\!/10\!/2011.$ 

135 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/10/2011. Almost all of these were over the watch point in the early morning.

110 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/10/2011. The vast majority of these were over the watch point.

44 over the morning watch point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/10/2011.

9 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/10/2011.

30 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/10/2011.

73 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/10/2011.

33 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/10/2011.

150 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/10/2011.

50 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 16/10/2011.

### PECHORA PIPIT Anthus gustavi 北鹨

(6/23 4 11)

4 singles flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2011.

- 3 singles flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 26/9/2011.
- 1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 27/9/2011.
- 1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/10/2011.
- 1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/10/2011.
- 1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/10/2011.

## RED-THROATED PIPIT Anthus cervinus 红喉鹨

### (21/23 24 159)

- 2 singles flew south at the Lighthouse at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2011.
- 11 singles flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2011.
- 10 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 26/9/2011.
- 18 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 27/9/2011.
- 17 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 28/9/2011.
- 4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 29/9/2011.
- 10 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 30/9/2011.
- 9 singles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 1/10/2011.
- 3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 2/10/2011.
- 17 between Jinshitan and around Pikou on the 3/10/2011. Two flew over the Jinshitan Coastal Geopark in the early morning; six around the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds (with two over the coastal portion and four more around the inland ponds); one flew over the tidal Qing Shui river downstream of the steel plant between Daliujia and Jinchang cun, Pulandian; one at the 'Little Curlew site' immediately north of near Pikou, Pulandian; five near the shrimp or fishponds north of Pikou, Pulandian.
- 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 4/10/2011.
- 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/10/2011.
- 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/10/2011.
- 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/10/2011.
- 24 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/10/2011. (Paul Holt).
- 18 over the watch point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/10/2011.
- 1 over the morning watch point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/10/2011.
- 4 singles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/10/2011.
- 2 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/10/2011.
- 2 singles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/10/2011.
- 1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/10/2011.

### BUFF-BELLIED PIPIT Anthus rubescens japonicus 黄腹鹨

#### $(16/23 \ 135 \ 270)$

- 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 30/9/2011.
- 2 singles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 1/10/2011.
- 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 2/10/2011.
- 7 between Jinshitan, and the Pikou area on the 3/10/2011. Two flew over the Jinshitan Coastal Geopark in the early morning; two more were around the inland pools of the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds; two flew over the tidal Qing Shui river downstream of the steel plant between Daliujia and Jinchang cun, Pulandian and one besides the tidal river near Jinchang cun, Pulandian.

1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/10/2011.

- 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/10/2011.
- 7 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/10/2011.
- 24 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/10/2011.
- 19 over the watch point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/10/2011.
- 15 over the morning watch point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/10/2011.
- 13 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/10/2011.
- 8 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/10/2011.
- 11 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/10/2011.
- 4 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/10/2011.
- 135 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/10/2011.

20 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 16/10/2011.

## BRAMBLING Fringilla montifringilla 燕雀 (16/23 12 59)

- 1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 26/9/2011.
- 1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 27/9/2011.
- 4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 30/9/2011.
- 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 1/10/2011.
- 4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 2/10/2011.
- 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/10/2011.
- 10 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/10/2011.
- 12 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the  $8\!/10\!/2011.$
- 3 singles over the watch point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/10/2011.

9 over the morning watch point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/10/2011.

1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/10/2011.

1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/10/2011.

3 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/10/2011.

2 singles flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/10/2011.

3 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/10/2011.

 $3\ singles$  at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 16/10/2011.

#### GREY-CAPPED GREENFINCH Carduelis sinica 金翅雀

#### (19/23 342 1562)

14 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 26/9/2011.

8 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 27/9/2011.

1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 29/9/2011.

3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 30/9/2011. 4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 1/10/2011.

7 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 2/10/2011.

4 close to the Jinshitan Coastal Geopark, Jinzhouqu on the 3/10/2011.

2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 4/10/2011.

20 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/10/2011.

27 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/10/2011.

84 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/10/2011.

92 near the watch point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/10/2011.

88 over the morning watch point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/10/2011.

180 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/10/2011. Flock sizes were as follows - 1, 1, 3, 4, 5, 5, 7, 9, 10, 11, 15, 15, 15, 22, 27 & 30.

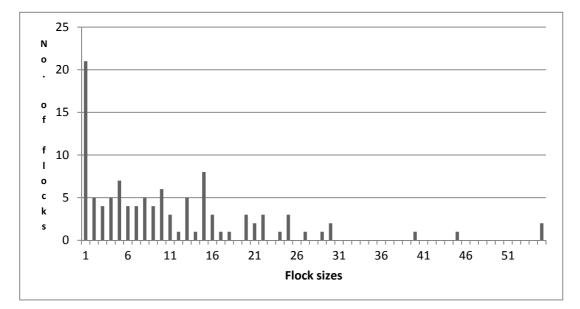
342 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/10/2011. (Paul Holt). Flock sizes were as follows - 1, 3, 3, 4, 5, 7, 7, 8, 8, 8, 9, 9, 10, 10, 13, 15, 15, 16, 20, 21, 25, 30, 40 & 55.

297 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/10/2011. Flock sizes were - 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 2, 2, 2, 3, 3, 4, 5, 6, 6, 8, 10, 10, 12, 13, 13, 14, 15, 15, 16, 18, 21, 22, 22, 24 & 25.

117 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/10/2011. Flock sizes were as follows – 1 heard, 2, 2, 3, 4, 6, 11, 13, 20, 20 & 29.

92 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/10/2011. Flock sizes were as follows – 7, 15, 25 & 45.

180 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 16/10/2011. Flock sizes were as follows – 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 3, 3, 4, 5, 5, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 16, 17 & 55.



#### EURASIAN SISKIN Carduelis spinus 黄雀

#### (2/23 6 7)

1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/10/2011. 6 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/10/2011.

### COMMON ROSEFINCH Carpodacus erythrinus 普通朱雀

#### (23/23 105 713)

4 singles flew south at the Lighthouse at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 24/9/2011.
105 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2011. (Peter Cawley, Paul Holt & Terry Townshend)
57 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 26/9/2011.
88 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 27/9/2011.

66 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 28/9/2011.

- 6 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 29/9/2011.
- 22 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 30/9/2011.
- 9 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on  $1\!/10\!/2011.$
- 17 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 2/10/2011.
- 2 singles near Jinshitan, Jinzhouqu on the 3/10/2011. The first flew over the Jinshitan Coastal Geopark while the second was over the inland pools of the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds.
- 7 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 4/10/2011.
- 8 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/10/2011. 21 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/10/2011.
- 33 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/10/2011.
- 92 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/10/2011.
- 30 over the watch point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/10/2011.
- 21 over the morning watch point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/10/2011.
- 9 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/10/2011.
- 6 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/10/2011.
- 8 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/10/2011.
- 7 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/10/2011.
- 55 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/10/2011.
- 40 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 16/10/2011.

### RED CROSSBILL Loxia curvirostra 红交嘴雀

#### $(1/23 \ 1 \ 1)$

1 was heard flying south over the Xiao Dong Gou ringing station at Laotie Shan, Lushun at 14h02 on the 9/10/2011. (Paul Holt). According to Mr Sun of the ringing station there had been an influx of crossbills in to the Laotie Shan area about five years earlier (and several were trapped for banding) – but none had been reported there since.

### HAWFINCH Coccothraustes coccothraustes 锡嘴雀

(1/23 3 3)

3 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 26/9/2011.

# CHINESE GROSBEAK Eophona migratoria 黑尾蜡嘴雀 (9/23 19 67)

- 2 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 26/9/2011.
- 19 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 27/9/2011.
- 15 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 28/9/2011.
- 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 30/9/2011.

16 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 1/10/2011. Flock sizes were 1.6 & 8.

- 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 2/10/2011.
- 5 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 4/10/2011. Birds were seen in flocks of 1 & 4.

3 singles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/10/2011.

#### **GROSBEAK SP.**

#### (3/23 4 6)

4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/10/2011. 1 over the morning watch point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/10/2011. 1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/10/2011.

# PINE BUNTING Emberiza leucocephalos 白头鹀 (6/23 8 18)

1 was heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 1/10/2011.

1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/10/2011.

1 over the watch point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/10/2011.

8 over the morning watch point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/10/2011.

4, a single and a flock of three, at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/10/2011.

3 singles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 16/10/2011.

#### MEADOW BUNTING Emberiza cioides 三道眉草鹀

#### (5/23 1 5)

- 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 29/9/2011.
- 1 was heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 1/10/2011.
- 1 singing male in the Jinshitan Coastal Geopark, Jinzhouqu on the 3/10/2011.
- 1 was heard near the ringing station at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/10/2011.
- 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/10/2011 (Peter Cawley)

### TRISTRAM'S BUNTING Emberiza tristrami 白眉鹀

#### (4/23 2 6)

1 bird, possibly this species, at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 30/9/2011 (Terry Townshend)

2 were caught at the ringing station at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/10/2011.

2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/10/2011.

1 was trapped at the Xiao Dong Gou ringing station at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/10/2011.

[In addition 1 bird, probably either a Tristram's or Yellow-browed Bunting was heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2011].

### CHESTNUT-EARED BUNTING Emberiza fucata 栗耳鹀

#### $(10/23 \ 9 \ 40)$

1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 1/10/2011.

2 besides the inland pools of the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds, Jinzhouqu on the 3/10/2011.

1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/10/2011.

9 over the watch point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/10/2011.

8 near the morning watch point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/10/2011.

6 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/10/2011.

3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/10/2011.

1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/10/2011.

2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/10/2011.

7 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 16/10/2011.

# LITTLE BUNTING Emberiza pusilla 小鹀 (10/23 9 41)

- 7 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2011.
- 9 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 26/9/2011.
- 4 singles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/10/2011.
- 4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the  $8\!/10\!/2011.$
- 5 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/10/2011.
- 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/10/2011.
- 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/10/2011.
- 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/10/2011. 4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/10/2011.
- 4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 16/10/2011.

## YELLOW-BROWED BUNTING Emberiza chrysophrys 黄眉鹀 (1/23 2 2)

2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 29/9/2011.

[In addition 1 bird, probably either a Tristram's or Yellow-browed Bunting, was heard at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2011].

# YELLOW-THROATED BUNTING Emberiza elegans 黄喉鹀 (10/23 20 41)

1, a male, at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/10/2011 (Peter Cawley)]

- 5 singles at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/10/2011.
- 2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/10/2011.

2 near the Xiao Dong Gou ringing station at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/10/2011.

2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/10/2011.

- 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/10/2011.
- 4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/10/2011.
- 3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/10/2011.
- 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/10/2011.
- $20\ at$  Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 16/10/2011.

#### YELLOW-BREASTED BUNTING Emberiza aureola VU 黄胸鹀

 $(2/23 \ 2 \ 3)$ 

2 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2011. 1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/10/2011.

#### CHESTNUT BUNTING Emberiza rutila 栗鹀

#### $(6/23 \ 4 \ 11)$

1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2011.

4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/10/2011.

1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/10/2011.

2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/10/2011. One of these was trapped at the Xiao Dong Gou ringing station.

2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/10/2011.

1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/10/2011.

### BLACK-FACED BUNTING Emberiza spodocephala 灰头鹀

#### $(22/23 \ 700 \ 1661)$

11 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 25/9/2011.

19 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 26/9/2011.

140 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 27/9/2011.

136 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 28/9/2011.

5 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 29/9/2011.

8 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 30/9/2011.

10 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 1/10/2011.

10 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 2/10/2011.

18 around Jinshitan, Jinshouqu on the 3/10/2011. Two calling birds flew south over our hotel in Jinshitan before dawn; three more were in the Jinshitan Coastal Geopark while bout 15 were around the inland pools of the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds.

10 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 4/10/2011.

10 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 5/10/2011.

20 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/10/2011. 35 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 7/10/2011.

700 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/10/2011. (Paul Holt). 570 of these were over the watch point in the early morning.

100 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/10/2011.

280 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/10/2011. The vast majority of these (245 birds) were over the watch point.

25 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/10/2011.

20 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/10/2011.

15 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 13/10/2011.

10 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 14/10/2011. Just five of these flew over the watch point.

45 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/10/2011.

32 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 16/10/2011.

### PALLAS'S BUNTING Emberiza pallasi 苇鹀

#### (9/23 27 66)

1 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 26/9/2011.

2 besides the inland pools of the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds, Jinzhouqu on the 3/10/2011.

1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 6/10/2011.

3 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 8/10/2011.

20 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 10/10/2011.

2 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 11/10/2011.

4 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 12/10/2011.

6 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/10/2011.

27 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 16/10/2011.

#### OCHRE-RUMPED BUNTING Emberiza yessoensis NT 红颈苇鹀 $(1/23 \ 1 \ 1)$

1 besides the watch point at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 9/10/2011. (Paul Holt)

REED BUNTING Emberiza schoeniclus 芦鹀

(1/23 1 1) 1 besides the inland pools of the Jinshitan Sea Farming Ponds, Jinzhouqu on the 3/10/2011.

# BUNTING SP. (8/23 200 453)

100 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 27/9/2011.
200 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 28/9/2011.
10 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 29/9/2011.
20 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 30/9/2011.
10 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 1/10/2011.
10 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on 2/10/2011.
33 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/10/2011.
70 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 16/10/2011.

#### **PASSERINE SP.**

2300 flew south at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 15/10/2011. 500 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 16/10/2011.

### MAMMALS, REPTILES & AMPHIBIANS

#### PALLAS'S PIT VIPER

1 at Laotie Shan, Lushun on the 28/9/2011.

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