

List of recorded birds: Below, whenever a bird was sighted at a Hu (lake), it was in the Poyang Hu area.

(HO) Brown Eared-Pheasant, *Crossophilon mantchuricum*

One (or more) heard calling when flushed from a snow-covered hillside at the so-called "South Valley", Xialongmen, 3 hrs SW of Beijing, 15/1.

1. Common Pheasant, *Phasianus colchicus*
Heard at Long Qing Xia 'ice sculpture festival site' and two females flushed at Badaling, NW of Beijing, 3/1. A single male and a flock of 3, scrub near Da Hu, Poyang Hu, 7/1. A female at the 'island' of Ji Shan, 8/1. Two males at Heng Hu, 9/1.
2. Whooper Swan, *Cygnus cygnus*
3 at Sha Hu, Poyang Hu area, 6/1.
3. Bewick's Swan, *Cygnus bewickii*
13,000+ at Da Hu, SW of Wucheng, Poyang area, with 15,000+ at opposite Sha Hu (Jianxi), 7/1. 9 at Ji Shan, 8/1. 150+ at Heng Hu, 9/1. 8 on the ice of Huairou reservoir, N of Beijing, 16/1.
4. Swan Goose, *Anser cygnoides*
One on the frozen BeiHe Park Lake, NW of Tiananmen Sq, Beijing, 4/1, was most probably feral. 50+ at Da Hu, SW of Wucheng, Poyang area (Jianxi), 7/1. Only seen in flight, as small groups flew past the watchtower. 58 each over Ji Shan, 8/1, and Heng Hu, 9/1.
5. Tundra Bean Goose, *Anser serrirostris*
A flock of 21 on a sandy island in Can Kiang river, W of Heng Hu, Poyang area, 9/1.
6. Taiga Bean Goose, *Anser f. fabalis*
50 at Da Hu, SW of Wucheng, with 33+ at opposite Sha Hu (Jianxi), Poyang area, 7/1.
- () *Anser fabalis middendorffii*
An unmixed flock of 35 large-billed giants, partly hidden in (tall) reeds, Ji Shan, 8/1.
7. Greylag Goose, *Anser anser*
About 25 in a small pond near Da Hu, Poyang Hu area, 7/1.
8. Greater White-fronted Goose, *Anser albifrons*
Several heard and one confiding (ill?) immature at Da Hu, SW of Wucheng, Poyang area, with 1,000+ at opposite Sha Hu (Jianxi), 7/1. 4 in flight over Ji Shan, 8/1, were accompanied by 58 Swan Geese - to us Dutch giving the impression of 4 Lesser White-fronted Geese *A. erythropus* in a flock of 58 Greater White-fronteds..... Finally, 3 were found at Heng Hu, 9/1.
9. Ruddy Shelduck, *Tadorna ferruginea*
Two pairs along Can Kiang river between Poyang Hu and the highway N of Changbei airport, N of Nanchang (Jianxi), 9/1.
10. Mallard, *Anas platyrhynchos*
30+ at Hetambu river, SW of Yiyang (Jianxi), 6/1. Heard at Da Hu, SW of Wucheng, Poyang area, (Jianxi), 7/1. 50+ at Cao Yu Tan reservoir, with 300+ at Qingyi Jiang river just S of Hongya, 13/1. 16 on river bordering the road towards Xialongmen, with 20+ at Pearl Lake, SW of Beijing, 15/1. A single female in the SW corner of Huairou reservoir, N of Beijing, 16/1. 6 (3 pairs) at Bei He river, along road '111' two hrs N of Beijing, 17/1.

11. (Chinese) Spot-billed Duck, *Anas poecilorhyncha zonorhyncha*
60+ in Hetambu river, SW of Yiyang, 6/1. 2,000+ at Da Hu, SW of Wucheng, Poyang area, with several 1,000's more at opposite Sha Hu, (Jianxi), 7/1. 500+ at Ji Shan, 8/1. 50+ at Heng Hu, 9/1. 100+ at Cao Yu Tan reservoir, with 80+ at Qingyi Jiang river just S of Hongya, 13/1. 20 distant unidentified ducks on the ice of Huairou reservoir, N of Beijing, 16/1, were either of this or the previous species.
12. Northern Pintail, *Anas acuta*
20+ at Da Hu, SW of Wucheng, Poyang area, (Jianxi), 7/1. A single male at Cao Yu Tan reservoir, with 40+ at Qingyi Jiang river just S of Hongya, 13/1.
13. Gadwall, *Anas strepera*
Four on Qingyi Jiang river, just S of Hongya (Sichuan), 13/1.
14. Eurasian Wigeon, *Anas penelope*
About 60 on Qingyi Jiang river, just S of Hongya (Sichuan), 13/1.
15. Eurasian Teal, *Anas crecca*
Flocks of 25 and 100 at Nan Ji Shan nature reserve, Poyang Hu area (Jianxi), on 8/1. Several flocks totalling about 80 at Cao Yu Tan reservoir and 150+ at Qingyi Jiang river, just S of Hongya (Sichuan), 13/1. A female accompanying three Mandarin Ducks at Pearl Lake, between Xialongmen and Beijing, SW of Beijing, 15/1.
16. Mandarin Duck, *Aix galericulata*
1 male, two females at Pearl Lake, between Xialongmen and Beijing, SW of Beijing, 15/1.
17. Common Pochard, *Aythya ferina*
Flocks of 4 and 15 respectively, at the small reservoir between the main Hongya-Wawu Shan road and Cao Yu Tan reservoir, and Cao Yu Tan reservoir (Sichuan) itself, 13/1.
18. Ferruginous Duck, *Aythya nyroca*
A single male at the small reservoir between the main Hongya-Wawu Shan road and Cao Yu Tan reservoir (Sichuan), 13/1.
19. Goldeneye, *Bucephala clangula*
Two males and three females at Cao Yu Tan reservoir (Sichuan), 13/1. Fourteen males and three females at Bei He river, along road '111' two hrs N of Beijing, 17/1.
20. Smew, *Mergus albellus*
Two females ('redheads') at Bei He river, along road '111' two hrs N of Beijing, 17/1.
21. Scaly-sided / Chinese Merganser, *Mergus squamatus*
Four pairs at Hetambu river, half an hour drive SW of Yiyang (Jiangxi), 6/1.
22. Common Merganser, *Mergus merganser*
13 (10 males) on river bordering the road towards Xialongmen (Donglingshan mountain range), SW of Beijing, 15/1. 8 females at Bei He river, along road '111' two hrs N of Beijing, 17/1.
23. Speckled Piculet, *Picumnus innominatus chinensis*
1 briefly seen in a mixed flock, Yun Shan, NW of Nanchang (Jiangxi), 7/1 (mr Lin Jian-sheng and RH only).
24. Three-toed Woodpecker, *Dendrocopos tridactylus funebris*
A drumming adult seen beautifully at snow-covered Wawu Shan plateau was one of only 6 species seen on a 6-hr walk on 10/1.
25. Bay Woodpecker, *Blythipicus pyrrhotis sinensis*

- One seen (RH only) chasing a Grey-headed Parrotbill-flock, along the side-road near Wawu Shan entrance gate, 13/1.
26. Grey-capped Pygmy Woodpecker, *Dendrocopos canicapillus*
A pair at Yun Shan, NW of Nanchang, 7/1.
 27. Crimson-breasted Woodpecker, *Dendrocopos cathpharius pernyi*
One drumming individual along the side-road near Wawu Shan entrance gate, 12/1.
 28. Great Spotted Woodpecker, *Dendrocopos major (cabanisi?)*
A pair at Zhongshan Park, just W of the Forbidden City in central Beijing, 2/1.
 29. Grey-faced Woodpecker, *Picus canus (zimmermanni?)*
Surprisingly, this most common of Chinese woodpeckers was only seen twice: one clung to a rockface near Songshan entrance, 2 hrs NW of Beijing, 3/1 (much appreciated by NZ while I was more interested in my first Chinese Hill Warblers), with 2 at Yun Shan, NW of Nanchang, 7/1.
 30. Common Kingfisher, *Alcedo atthis*
Singles between Yiyang and the 'merganser-site', 6/1; at both Nan Shan and Ji Shan (Jianxi), 8/1; and Pearl Lake, between Xialongmen and Beijing, 15/1. 2 near Yugan, 6/1. 4 at Da Hu, SW of Wucheng, Poyang area, 7/1.
 31. White-throated Kingfisher, *Halcyon smyrnensis*
Two along the road near Ruihong (Jianxi), 5/1. 2 near Yugan, 6/1. Singles between Yiyang and the 'merganser-site', 6/1; along the road towards Nan Ji Shan nature reserve, 8/1, and at Heng Hu, 9/1.
 32. Crested Kingfisher, *Megaceryle lugubris*
One magnificent individual was found along the road between road "111" and Mutaniyu Great Wall site, N of Beijing, perched halfway up a poplar tree and diving into the icy water once, on 16/1.
 33. Pied Kingfisher, *Ceryle rudis insignis*
1 at Yao Hu, between Nanchang and Ruihong (Jianxi), 5/1. 2 at Da Hu, SW of Wucheng, Poyang area (Jianxi), 7/1. 6 at Ji Shan, 8/1.
 34. Hoopoe, *Upupa epops saturata*
A single bird seen near Nan island, Nan Ji Shan nature reserve, Poyang Hu (Jianxi), 8/1. Missed by NZ who preferred shopping to birding.
 35. Collared Owlet, *Glaucidium b. brodiei*
One, mobbed by 2 Long-tailed Shrikes and sev Great Tits, perched along the road between Yiyang and the 'Merganser'-site, SW of Yiyang, 6/1.
 - () Hill Pigeon, *Columba rupestris*
Three flying past near Songshan entrance gate, NW of Beijing, on 3/1, were seen well by Björn Anderson but constituted UTV's only for RH. [Plenty seen in Sichuan, Tibet & Qinghai in spring and summer 2006, however.....]
 36. Oriental Turtle Dove, *Streptopelia orientalis*
Three over scrub between the 'merganser-site' and Yiyang (Jianxi), 6/1, might have been this species. Two perched along the dyke near the entrance to Nan Ji Shan nature reserve, Poyang Lake, Jianxi, 8/1.
 37. Spotted Dove, *Streptopelia chinensis*
Mostly found in small numbers in city parks, like in Beijing and Chengdu. Singles also found near human habitation at Poyang Hu area (Jianxi).
 38. Siberian White Crane, *Grus leucogeranus*

A flock of 15 flying low over our heads at Da Hu, Poyang Hu area (Jianxi), on 7/1. A distant flock of 220+ birds (including several dancing) and smaller flocks of 3 and 9 were seen at Heng Hu, the part of Poyang Hu near to Changbei airport, N of Nanchang (Jianxi), 9/1.

39. Common Crane, *Grus grus*
4 adults and 4 first-winters at Da Hu, SW of Wucheng, Poyang area, with another 2 at opposite Sha Hu, (Jianxi), 7/1. Flocks of 3, 6, 2, 39 and 107 respectively, were seen at Nan Ji Shan nature reserve, with the larger flocks feeding near Ji Shan 'island', 8/1. Distant views of 8 pairs and a flock of 5 at Heng Hu, 9/1.
40. Water Rail, *Rallus aquaticus indicus*
One at Ji Shan, Nan Ji Shan nature reserve, Poyang Hu area (Jianxi), 8/1.
41. Brown Crake, *Amaurornis akool*
1 on the road towards the 'Merganser site', W of Yiyang (Jianxi), 6/1. A pair near Yugan (Jianxi), 6/1. 6 between Nanchang and Da Hu, 7/1. One near Ji Shan, 8/1.
42. Moorhen, *Gallinula chloropus*
3-4 along the ('bunting') dyke of Nan Ji Shan, Poyang Hu area, 8/1. 12 at Cao Yu Tan reservoir (Sichuan), 13/1.
43. Common Coot, *Fulica atra*
5 at Cao Yu Tan reservoir (Sichuan), 13/1.
44. Northern Lapwing, *Vanellus vanellus*
Seen regularly in the Poyang Hu area, as follows: 4 at Yao Hu, between Nanchang and Ruihong, 5/1; 1 at Yugan and 40+ just E of Ruihong, 6/1; 30+ at Da Hu, SW of Wucheng, with 50+ at Sha Hu, 7/1; 1000s at Ji Shan, 8/1; sev at Heng Hu, 9/1.
45. Common (Fan-tailed) Snipe, *Gallinago gallinago*
Seen in small numbers in the Poyang Hu area: 100+ in disused fields bordering Nanchang, 5/1; 6 N of Jinjiang village, 6/1; 2 at Nan Shan, 8/1; 12 at Heng Hu, 9/1.
46. Spotted Redshank, *Tringa erythropus*
Seen in good (at times huge) numbers in the Poyang Hu area: 40 + at Yao Hu, between Nanchang and Ruihong, 5/1; 2 at Hetambu river, SW of Yiyang, with 80+ just east of Ruihong, 6/1; 1,000's at Da Hu, SW of Wucheng, Poyang area, with only 3 at Sha Hu, 7/1; an estimated 10,000+ at Nan Shan, with several 100s at Ji Shan, 8/1. Also sev at Heng Hu, 9/1.
47. Common Greenshank, *Tringa nebularia*
Singles at Yao Hu, between Nanchang and Ruihong, 5/1 and at Hetambu river, SW of Yiyang (Jianxi), 6/1.
48. Green Sandpiper, *Tringa ochropus*
Singles at Yao Hu, between Nanchang and Ruihong, 5/1 and N of Jinjiang village (Jianxi), 6/1.
49. Wood Sandpiper, *Tringa glareola*
A single seen in a disused field on the outskirts of Nanchang (Jianxi), 5/1 (RH only).
50. Common Sandpiper, *Tringa hypoleucos*
1 at Hetambu river, SW of Yiyang (Jianxi), 6/1. 3 each at Cao Yu Tan reservoir and Qingyi Jiang river S of Hongya (Sichuan), 13/1.
51. Dunlin, *Calidris alpina*
6+ at a lake just E of Ruihong (Jianxi), 6/1.

52. Pied Avocet, *Recurvirostra avosetta*
1,000+ at both Da Hu and Sha Hu, Poyang Hu area (Jianxi), 7/1.
53. Ibisbill, *Ibidorhyncha struthersii*
A flock of 6 was found feeding, resting and actively calling (possibly some form of display) at Bei He river, along road '111' towards Fengning, two hrs N of Beijing, on 17/1. NOTE: one pair with 2 young here on May 23rd, 2005. For the exact location of this site, see the map found at <http://81.207.105.204/doc/sichuan0506.pdf>.
54. Long-billed Plover, *Charadrius placidus*
Singles at Yao Hu, between Nanchang and Ruihong (Jianxi), 5/1; at Sha Hu, 7/1, and in the SW corner of Huairou reservoir, N of Beijing, 16/1. 3 on the shore of Qingyi Jiang river, just S of Hongya (Sichuan), 13/1.
55. Kentish Plover, *Charadrius alexandrinus dealbatus*
A female at Yao Hu, between Nanchang and Ruihong, 5/1, with 300+ at a lake just E of Ruihong (Jianxi), 6/1. A single at Qingyi Jiang river, just S of Hongya (Sichuan), 13/1.
56. "Vega Gull", *Larus vegae* prob. *vegae*
Five adults on frozen BeiHe Park Lake NW of Tienanmen Square, central Beijing, 4/1.
- (...) East Siberian/Vegae/Mongolian Gull, *Larus vegae* / *mongolicus*
8 at Yao Hu, between Nanchang and Ruihong, 5/1. Single first-winters seen at Ji Shan, 8/1 and Heng Hu, 9/1.
57. Black-headed Gull, *Larus ridibundus*
10+ at both Yao Hu, between Nanchang and Ruihong, 5/1, and at a lake just E of Ruihong (Jianxi), 6/1.
58. Black-shouldered Kite, *Elanus caeruleus*
3 between Nanchang and Da Hu, 7/1. One at Ji Shan, 8/1, with 2 at Heng Hu, Poyang area (Jianxi), 9/1.
59. White-tailed Eagle, *Haliaeetus albicilla*
An adult on the frozen Huairou reservoir, 1 hr N of Beijing, could be seen well through the scope on 16/1.
60. Eastern Marsh Harrier, *Circus spilonotus*
Singles at Sha Hu, 7/1; at Nan Shan, 8/1; at Hang Hu, 9/1, with 2 at Ji Shan, 8/1.
61. Hen Harrier, *Circus cyaneus*
Two 'ringtails' at Ji Shan, 8/1, with a male and two 'ringtails' at Heng Hu, 9/1.
62. Crested Goshawk, *Accipiter trivirgatus*
An immature flushed twice along the side-road of Wawu Shan entrance, startled 3 White-browed Laughingthrushes and an unidentified fulvetta (possibly a Dusky), on 13/1.
63. Eurasian Sparrowhawk, *Accipiter nisus*
Singles seen over Songshan, NW of Beijing, 3/1, and over Pearl Lake near Xialongmen, SE of Beijing, on 15/1.
64. Common Buzzard, *Buteo buteo*
1 between Yiyang and the 'merganser-site' (Jianxi), 6/1. 4 between Nanchang and Da Hu, 7/1. 2 at Da Hu, SW of Wucheng (Jianxi), 7/1. 1 at Ji Shan, 8/1.
65. Rough-legged Buzzard, *Buteo lagopus*
One flying low over the Forbidden City, Beijing, 4/1.

66. Common Kestrel, *Falco tinnunculus*
Singles over the Forbidden City and over Jingshan Gongyuan Park, Beijing, 4/1; N of Jinjiang village (Jianxi), 6/1; and at Sha Hu, 7/1.
67. Black-necked Grebe, *Podiceps nigricollis*
2 at Cao Yu Tan reservoir (Sichuan), 13/1.
68. Little Grebe, *Tachybaptus ruficollis*
15+ at Yao Hu, between Nanchang and Ruihong, 5/1. 5 between Yiyang and the 'merganser-site', 6/1. 4 at Da Hu, SW of Wucheng, 7/1. 5+ at Sha Hu, 7/1. 58 at Ji Shan (Jianxi), 8/1. 20+ at Cao Yu Tan reservoir (Sichuan), 13/1.
69. Great Cormorant, *Phalacrocorax carbo sinensis*
300+ at Yao Hu, between Nanchang and Ruihong (Jianxi), 5/1.
70. Little Egret, *Egretta garzetta*
Singles in a lowland river, about 20 km S of Hongya, and at Qingyi Jiang river, just S of Hongya (Sichuan), 13/1.
71. Great Egret, *Casmerodius albus*
1 at a reedfringed pool on the way to Sha Hu, Poyang area (Jianxi), 7/1.
72. Grey Heron, *Ardea cinerea jouyi*
40+ at Yao Hu, between Nanchang and Ruihong (Jianxi), 5/1. 4 just east of Ruihong, 6/1. 10+ at Da Hu, SW of Wucheng, with 150+ at opposite Sha Hu, (Jianxi), 7/1. An amazing 1,500+ feeding in shallow pools of Nan Ji Shan nature reserve, 8/1. 30+ at Heng Hu, 9/1.
73. Chinese Pond Heron, *Ardeola bacchus*
A winter-plumaged bird next to the road to Nan Ji Shan, Poyang Hu area, 8/1.
74. Black-crowned Night-Heron, *Nycticorax n. nycticorax*
A first-winter next to the road towards Da Hu, Poyang Hu area (Jianxi), 7/1.
75. Great Bittern, *Botaurus stellaris*
Three singles (of which two a light yellow-tan colour unfamiliar to us) at Nan Ji Shan nature reserve, Poyang Hu area (Jianxi), 8/1.
76. Eurasian Spoonbill, *Platalea leucorodia*
111 at Da Hu, Poyang area, SW of Wucheng (Jianxi), 7/1.
77. Black Stork, *Ciconia nigra*
A flock of 9 at Nan Ji Shan nature reserve, 8/1, with a flock of 5 at Heng Hu, north of Nanchang (Jianxi), 9/1. An adult and a first-winter were flushed from Pearl Lake, between Xialongmen and Beijing, SW of Beijing, 15/1.
78. Oriental White Stork, *Ciconia boyciana*
Flocks of 5, 2 and 131 at Da Hu, SW of Wucheng, Poyang area, with 72 at opposite Sha Hu, (Jianxi), 7/1. 49 near Nan Shan and 24 near Ji Shan, Nan Ji Shan nature reserve, 8/1. 220+, Heng Hu, N of Nanchang, 9/1. The similarity in numbers of Siberian White Crane and Oriental White Stork, seen at Heng Hu, is purely coincidental.
79. Long-tailed Shrike, *Lanius s. schach*
Seen at Poyang Hu area (Jianxi) as follows: 4 at Yao Hu, with 13 between Yao Hu and Yiyang, 5/1; 5 between Yiyang and the 'Merganser'-site, SW of Yiyang with 3 E of Ruihong, 6/1; 3 at Da Hu and 9+ at Sha Hu, 7/1; 7+ at Nan Ji Shan nature reserve, 8/1; 5+ at Heng Hu, 9/1. 6 between Cao Yu Tan reservoir and Chengdu (Sichuan), 13/1.
- () Dark morph Long-tailed Shrike, *Lanius schach 'fuscatus'*

Singles seen along the road towards Sha Hu, Poyang area, 7/1 (briefly), and along the ('bunting') dyke at Nan Ji Shan nature reserve, Poyang Hu area (Jianxi), 8/1 (very well). As if one's watching an entirely different species.....very spectacular!

80. Eurasian Jay, *Garrulus glandarius sinensis*
3 N of Jinjiang village (Jianxi), 6/1.
81. Red-billed Blue Magpie, *Urocissa e. erythrorhyncha*
6+ Songshan, NW of Beijing, 3/1. Encountered at Wawu Shan lower reaches (incl. the village near the entrance) in flocks of up to 8, 11-12/1.
82. Azure-winged Magpie, *Cyanopica cyanus (interposita?)*
Common in parks in Beijing, with confiding flocks of over 50 birds no exception. Singles seen along the airport expressway N of Beijing.
83. Black-billed Magpie, *Pica pica sericea*
Common in Beijing and the surrounding areas. Absent from the Poyang Hu area (Jianxi).
84. Large-billed Crow, *Corvus macrorhynchos tibetosinensis*
Common in Beijing and the surrounding areas, mostly seen in pairs. Few present on the lower reaches of Wawu Shan mountain (Sichuan).
85. Brown Dipper, *Cinclus p. pallasii*
Up to two encountered daily in the streams near Wawu Shan entrance (Sichuan), 11-13/1. Two at the Ibisbill-site of Bei He river, along road '111', two hrs N of Beijing, 17/1.
86. "Chinese" (Eurasian) Blackbird, *Turdus merula sowerbyi*
Singles near Yao Hu, 5/1; near Da Hu watchtower, 7/1; at Ji Shan, 8/1. 6 between Nanchang and Yiyang, 5/1. Several near the 'merganser-site', SW of Yiyang, 6/1. 2 at Sha Hu, 7/1; at Heng Hu, 9/1.
87. Dusky Thrush, *Turdus eunomus eunomus*
Two males at Jingshan Park, just north of the Forbidden City, 4/1. A flock of 80+ (most seen in flight only) amongst pine trees at the 'merganser-site', SW of Yiyang, 6/1. 2 over Da Hu watchtower, 7/1. 1 at Ji Shan, 8/1. 2 near Heng Hu, 9/1.
88. Naumann's Thrush, *Turdus eunomus naumanni*
25+ at Jingshan Park, just N of the Forbidden City, central Beijing, 4/1. These birds had a variable amount of red scales on the underparts, reddish tails and a diffuse creamy supercilium and so were most probably pure Naumann's Thrushes.
() Hybrids Dusky x Naumann's Thrush, *Turdus e. eunomus x T. e. naumanni*
Of few birds at Jingshan Park, just N of the Forbidden City, central Beijing, 4/1, the possibility of them being hybrids could not be ruled out.
89. Red-flanked Bush-Robin, *Tarsiger cyanurus*
Singles seen in evergreen forest 3 km up from the entrance gate at Wawu Shan and in a 'garden' of Wawu Shan village, 11/1; a female along the side-road near to the entrance gate at Wawu Shan, 12/1; in the scrub between Kuan Gou Hotel and Huairou reservoir (in the company of a Little Bunting), 1 hr N of Beijing, 17/1.
90. White-browed Bush-Robin, *Tarsiger indicus*
A male next to the entry stairs of the Wawu Shan Grand Hotel, 10/1, while a female reacted well to pishing, about 3 km up from the Wawu Shan entrance gate, on 11/1 (latter seen by RH only).
91. Daurian Redstart, *Phoenicurus auroreus*

Single males at Yao Hu, between Nanchang and Ruihong, 5/1; Da Hu, 7/1; Heng Hu, 9/1. Two between Yiyang and the 'merganser-site'; 4 at Hetambu river, SW of Yiyang, with a male and a female E of Ruihong, 6/1.

92. White-capped Water Redstart, *Chaimarrornis leucocephalus*
Up to 5, lower Wawu Shan, 11-13/1.
93. Plumbeous Water Redstart, *Rhyacornis f. fuliginosus*
Up to 5 males, lower Wawu Shan, 11-12/1. 3 along the side-road, lower Wawu Shan; 2 between Wawu Shan and the lowlands; a male and two females at Cao Yu Tan reservoir, S of Hongya, 13/1.
94. Oriental Magpie Robin, *Copsychus saularis*
A male at the small (Renmin?) park near Sam's Guesthouse, Chengdu (Sichuan), 14/1.
95. Little Forktail, *Enicurus s. scouleri*
Several of this confiding little creature were seen daily at the streams near Wawu Shan (Sichuan) entrance gate, sometimes in one view with one of the next three species.
96. Slaty-backed Forktail, *Enicurus schistaceus*
Up to 5 daily at Wawu Shan (Sichuan) rivers; regularly near entrance gate.
97. White-crowned Forktail, *Enicurus leschenaulti*
Singles seen as follows: near a stream high up on Yun Shan, NW of Nanchang (Jianxi), with another on a wet meadow lower down, 7/1; seen feeding on two consecutive days on the bottom of thick conifer forest, some 3 km up from Wawu Shan (Sichuan) entrance gate, 11-12/1; in the stream along the side-road near to Wawu Shan entrance gate, 12/1; next to Wawu Shan entrance gate, 13/1.
98. Spotted Forktail, *Enicurus maculatus*
Up to 6 daily, mostly in pairs, on the road or in the streams of Wawu Shan (Sichuan).

NOTE that four species of forktail, one of the most enigmatic bird families in the world, were seen on three consecutive days at Wawu Shan!
99. Siberian Stonechat, *Saxicola maura* prob. *stejnegeri*
One male along the ('bunting') dyke at Nan Ji Shan nature reserve, Poyang Hu area (Jianxi), 8/1.
100. Red-billed / Silky Starling, *Sturnus sericeus*
Common in Nanchang and at fields around Yiyang (Jianxi), less so in the Poyang Hu area.
101. White-cheeked Starling, *Sturnus cineraceus*
40+ at Zhongshan Park, W of the Forbidden City, Beijing, 2/1, with 20+ at Jingshan Gongyuan Park, N of the Forbidden City, Beijing, 4/1. Small numbers seen near Yiyang, 5/1, with 6 at a lake just E of Ruihong (Jianxi), 6/1.
102. Black-collared Starling, *Sturnus nigricollis*
Small numbers seen (usually in pairs) near Yiyang, 6/1. 4 at a lake just E of Ruihong (Jianxi), 6/1.
103. Crested Myna, *Acridotheres cristatellus*
Common near human habitation at Yiyang and the Poyang Hu area (Jianxi), 4-9/1.
104. Eurasian Nuthatch, *Sitta europaeus amurensis*
Three at Xialongmen, SW of Beijing, 15/1, with one at Mutianyu Great Wall site, 16/1.
105. Snowy-browed (Chinese) Nuthatch, *Sitta villosa*
Five at Xialongmen, SW of Beijing, 15/1, with two at Mutianyu Great Wall site, 16/1.

106. Coal Tit, *Periparus ater aemodius*
A single near the top of the Wawu Shan chairlift, 11/1, with a flock of about 20 lower down on 10/1. Singles present at Xiaolongmen, SW of Beijing, 15/1 (these might not have been *aemodius* – I forgot).
107. Yellow-bellied Tit, *Pardaliparus venustulus*
A single briefly seen in a mixed flock at Yun Shan, NW of Nanchang, Jianxi, 7/1.
108. Grey-crested Tit, *Lophophanes dichrous wellsii*
Three near Xiang Er Hotel, Wawu Shan plateau, 11/1.
109. Great Tit, *Parus major minor*
2+ at Songshan, 1 at Long Qing Xia and 3 at Badaling Great Wall site, NW of Beijing, 3/1. 2 between Yiyang and the 'merganser-site', 6/1. Several at Yun Shan, NW of Nanchang, 7/1. 5+ near Heng Hu, 9/1. Several found at Kuan Gou Hotel scrub, Huairou reservoir, N of Beijing, 16/1.
110. Green-backed Tit, *Parus monticolus yunnanensis*
Singles seen in several mixed species flocks on the lower reaches of Wawu Shan (Sichuan).
111. Yellow-browed Tit, *Sylviparus modestus modestus*
Up to three singles were found amongst a huge mixed species flock (over 100 birds, consisting of mostly Grey-headed Parrotbills, the second most common bird being White-browed Shrike-Babbler) along the road up from Wawu Shan entrance gate, 12/1.
112. Marsh Tit, *Parus palustris*
Singles of this genetically different race (Bjorn Anderson *pers. med.*) were seen at Songshan and Badaling Great Wall site, NW of Beijing, 3/1, with sev at Huairou reservoir scrub, north of Beijing, 16/1.
113. Songar Tit, *Parus songarus*
4 at Long Qing Xia and 2 at Badaling Great Wall site, NW of Beijing, 3/1, and few at Xiaolongmen, SW of Beijing, 16/1.
114. Rufous-vented Tit, *Periparus rubidiventris beavani*
Up to three near Xiang Er Hotel, at Wawu Shan plateau, 10-11/1.
115. Long-tailed Tit, *Aegithalos caudatus vinaceus*
A flock of about 25 at Xiaolongmen, SW of Beijing, 15/1. Small numbers also found at Huairou reservoir scrub, N of Beijing, 16/1.
116. Black-throated Tit, *Aegithalos c. concinnus*
Up to 10 were found in a mixed species flock at Yun Shan, NW of Nanchang (Jianxi), 7/1. Small flocks of about 5 birds were occasionally seen along the main road at Wawu Shan (Sichuan), with one flock counting 12+.
117. Pale Sand Martin, *Riparia diluta (chinensis)*
Seven were found above a river near Cao Yu Tan reservoir, while three were seen over the Qingyi Jiang river just S of Hongya (Sichuan), on 13/1.
118. Brown-breasted Bulbul, *Pycnonotus xanthorrhous*
A pair in trees at the small reservoir between Hongya and Cao Yu Tan reservoir, 13/1.
119. Chinese (Light-vented) Bulbul, *Pycnonotus sinensis*
Common near human habitation in both Jianxi and Sichuan provinces, though not found in mountainous habitat.

120. Collared Finchbill, *Spizixos semitorques*
About 12 were loosely associating with a mixed species flock at Yun Shan, NW of Nanchang, Jianxi, 7/1. Three were seen atop a fir tree near the wooden gate of Wawu Shan village, 11/1. One was found near the dam of Cao Yu Tan reservoir (Sichuan), 13/1.
121. Chestnut Bulbul, *Hemixos castanonotus*
A small flock of up to 8 birds found at Yun Shan, NW of Nanchang (Jianxi), 7/1.
122. Zitting Cisticola, *Cisticola juncidis*
Singles were seen on most days in reeds in the Poyang Hu area (Jianxi).
123. White-browed (Chinese) Hill Warbler, *Rhopophilus pekinensis*
A pair seen well just below Songshan entrance gate and 4 seen in the scrub above Long Qing Xia 'ice sculpture festival', just E from Songshan, 3/1. A pair seen briefly in the scrub between Kuan Gou Hotel and Huairou Reservoir, N of Beijing, 16/1. Whether this species is a prinia, a babbler, the 'missing link' between the two or something entirely different is still a mystery.....
124. Plain Prinia, *Prinia inornata*
2 between Yiyang and the 'merganser-site' (Jianxi), 6/1. Flocks of up to 11 birds were seen on most days in the Poyang Hu area (Jianxi), in both reeds and thickets.
125. Brownish-flanked Bush-Warbler, *Cettia fortipes davidiana*
Singles found at Nan Ji Shan 'island' and along the dyke near the entrance to Nan Ji Shan nature reserve, Poyang Hu, Jianxi, 8/1.
126. Japanese Swamp Warbler, *Locustella pryeri*
Two seen along Da Hu road, 7/1, and at Nan Ji Shan nature reserve, 8/1, with more heard at both sites. They react well to a repeated 'tschuk tschuk' call, that our accompanying driver/guide mr Lin Jian Sheng was able to reproduce real well.
127. Pallas's Leaf Warbler, *Phylloscopus proregulus*
One in the thickets along Hetambu river, the 'merganser'-site SW of Yiyang (Jianxi), 6/1, with 2+ at Yun Shan, NW of Nanchang (Jianxi) on 7/1.
128. Yellow-browed Warbler, *Phylloscopus inornatus*
One seen and sev more heard at Yun Shan, NW of Nanchang (Jianxi) on 7/1.
129. Goldcrest, *Regulus regulus yunnanensis*
One reacted to pishing in the scrub near to Kuan Gou Hotel, S side Huairou reservoir, N of Beijing, 17/1.
130. Rufous-faced Warbler, *Abroscopus albogularis fulvifacies*
1 briefly seen in a mixed flock, Yun Shan, NW of Nanchang (Jianxi), 7/1.
- () Masked Laughingthrush, *Garrulax perspicillatus*
Several heard by mr Lin Jian Sheng and NZ, in the scrub alongside the road, not far from the 'merganser'-site, SW of Yiyang (Jianxi), 6/1. We were only told of this record by mr Lin when already on the highway towards Poyang Hu.....
131. Plain / Père David's Laughingthrush, *Garrulax davidi*
Sev heard just below Songshan entrance gate; 4 in the scrub above Long Qing Xia 'ice sculpture festival', just E from Songshan; and a pair seen very well when they came in response to our pishing sounds, at Badaling Great Wall site, all on 3/1.
132. White-browed Laughingthrush, *Garrulax sannio*
Three were startled by a Crested Goshawk and could be seen well consequently, along the side-road of Wawu Shan entrance, 13/1.

- () Elliot's Laughingthrush, *Garrulax e. elliotii*
One locally caught by locals (and thus seen in a bag only), near the huts along the start of the side-road at Wawu Shan entrance gate, 12/1.
133. Red-winged Laughingthrush, *Garrulax formosus*
A pair seen and heard brilliantly at Wawu Shan village, next to the white building hotel/restaurant before the wooden gate, on 11/1, with 4 birds here on 12/1. Sev more heard along the road up from Wawu Shan entrance gate, on 12/1.
134. Streak-breasted Scimitar-Babbler, *Pomatorhinus ruficollis eidos*
Singles were seen in a mixed species flock at Yun Shan, NW of Nanchang (Jiangxi) on 7/1 and in front of Wawu Shan Grand Hotel (Sichuan) on 11/1, respectively.
135. Rufous-capped Babbler, *Stachyris ruficeps davidi*
These cute little birds were a common part of most mixed species flocks, at Yun Shan, NW of Nanchang (Jiangxi) on 7/1, and along both roads at Wawu Shan (Sichuan). Mostly seen together with Grey-cheeked Fulvetta and Red-billed Leiothrix.
136. Red-billed Leiothrix, *Leiothrix l. lutea*
A common bird at Wawu Shan (though not seen on top of the plateau), flocks (of up to 20 birds) were encountered daily next to the entrance gate and further up. A pair was also seen near the dam of Cao Yu Tan reservoir, S of Hongya (Sichuan) on 13/1.
137. White-browed Shrike-Babbler, *Pteruthius flaviscapic ricketti*
Surprisingly common in (some) mixed species flocks along both (entrance) roads at Wawu Shan (Sichuan). Up to 30 were seen in one larger flock, and this gorgeous bird was seen up close on a number of occasions.
138. Green Shrike-Babbler, *Pteruthius xanthochlorus*
At least one in a huge mixed species flock (over 100 birds, consisting of mostly Grey-headed Parrotbills, the second most common bird being White-browed Shrike-Babbler) along the road up from Wawu Shan entrance gate, 12/1.
139. Golden-breasted Fulvetta, *Alcippe chrysotis swinhoii*
Two flocks of about 20 birds were found along the main road of Wawu Shan (Sichuan), not far from the entrance, with an additional 6 seen at Wawu Shan village, (only) 11/1.
140. Streak-throated Fulvetta, *Alcippe c. cinereiceps*
Groups of 3 and 4 were seen on top of Wawu Shan plateau, foraging on snow-covered bamboo, 10/1. A flock of 4 along the main road of Wawu Shan (Sichuan), 12/1.
141. Grey-cheeked Fulvetta, *Alcippe morrisonia davidi*
Sev in a mixed species flock at Yun Shan, NW of Nanchang, 7/1. The most common bird encountered at Wawu Shan (Sichuan) – though not on the plateau – and usually the most common participant of mixed species flocks (with the exception of a huge Grey-headed Parrotbill-flock). The largest mixed species flock seen on the trip was found right in front of the Wawu Shan Grand Hotel, and held at least 100 Grey-cheeked Fulvettas. Smaller single-species flocks of (up to 15) Grey-cheeked Fulvettas were also recorded.
142. Black-chinned Yuhina, *Yuhina nigrimenta*
A flock of 20+ was found along the shore of Cao Yu Tan reservoir, S of Hongya (Sichuan), 13/1.
143. Brown Parrotbill, *Paradoxornis unicolor*
Three seperate flocks of about 8 were seen on top of Wawu Shan plateau, foraging on snow-covered bamboo, (only) 10/1. Where Grey-hooded and Fulvous Parrotbill reacted to 'normal' pishing, the Brown Parrotbills reacted well to a somewhat harsher form of pishing

(like used when trying to attract *Acrocephalus* warblers). Two of the flocks were associating with Fulvous Parrotbills.

NOTE that the Collaerts crew, in spring 2006, recorded and photographed the localized and quite similar Three-toed Parrotbill on top of Wawu Shan plateau. For their trip report see <http://www.birdtours.co.uk/tripreports/china/sichuan-2/sichuan-2006.htm>.

144. Grey-headed Parrotbill, *Paradoxornis gularis fokiensis*
Flocks were encountered at Wawu Shan as follows: a huge one (of over 80 birds) formed a large part of a mixed species flock (other birds in it included Grey-cheeked Fulvetta, White-browed and Green Shrike-Babbler, and Yellow-browed and Green-backed Tit) found feeding high up spruce trees along the main road at Wawu Shan (about 3 km up from the entrance gate), 12/1; a flock of 15+ birds feeding in spruce trees along the stream alongside the side-road near Wawu Shan entrance, 12/1; and three flocks of around 30 birds, of which one feeding in bamboo higher up the aforementioned side-road on 13/1.

145. Vinous-throated Parrotbill, *Paradoxornis webbianus fulvicauda*
A flock of around 15 birds was encountered near Songshan entrance, northwest of Beijing, 3/1, and several were heard only in the reeds of Pearl Lake, between Xialongmen and Beijing, southwest of Beijing, 15/1.

- () *Paradoxornis webbianus suffusus*
Flocks of up to 15 birds were seen at Yun Shan, NW of Nanchang (Jianxi), 7/1, and in a ditch between Nanchang and Nan Ji Shan nature reserve, Poyang Hu area, 8/1.

146. Ashy-throated Parrotbill, *Paradoxornis alphonsianus*
Two flocks (each up to 40 birds) were encountered: one feeding in low bamboo and occasionally on the ground along the side-road near the entrance of Wawu Shan; and one in the small reed stands along the Cao Yu Tan reservoir (near the dam), south of Hongya (Sichuan), both on 13/1.

NOTE that the site along the side-road proved reliable for the species again in May 2006, for both the Dutch and the Belgian teams.

147. Grey-hooded Parrotbill, *Paradoxornis zappeyi*
A small flock of 4 accompanied a Fulvous Parrotbill flock in the middle of the circular trail of Wawu Shan plateau on 10/1. This cute little bird, endemic to C Sichuan and to my knowledge nowadays only found on Wawu Shan, was found to be darker than depicted in the 'Birds of China' fieldguide. They reacted quite well to pishing.

148. Fulvous Parrotbill, *Paradoxornis fulvifrons* prob. *cyanophrys*
The most common parrotbill on top of Wawu Shan plateau, foraging on snow-covered bamboo, on 10-11/1. About three larger and two smaller flocks were encountered, the larger consisting of about 20 birds.

NOTE that Wawu Shan mountain, apart from these six species and the already mentioned Three-toed Parrotbill, also holds Great Parrotbill on top and Golden Parrotbill roadside! 9 species of parrotbill on one mountain.....!!

149. Oriental Skylark, *Alauda gulgula*
This species or Eurasian Skylark (*A. arvensis*) was heard at Da Hu, Poyang area (Jianxi), 7/1. About 6 of *A. gulgula* were seen along the dyke of Heng Hu, N of Nanchang (Jianxi), 14/1.

150. Japanese White-eye, *Zosterops japonicus*
Up to 10 seen in a mixed species flock at Yun Shan, NW of Nanchang (Jianxi), 7/1.

151. White-rumped Munia, *Lonchura striata*
A flock of up to 15 were found along the road connecting Da Hu and Sha Hu, Poyang Hu area (Jianxi), 7/1.

152. Eurasian Tree sparrow, *Passer montanus*
Very common everywhere in China, though not found in mountainous areas.
153. Masked Wagtail, *Motacilla (alba) personata*
A male at Qiang Jiang river, just S of Hongya (Sichuan), 13/1.
154. Himalayan Wagtail, *Motacilla (alba/lugens) alboides*
Two males at Qiang Jiang river, just S of Hongya (Sichuan), 13/1.
- () *Motacilla alba* ssp.
One between Yiyang and the 'merganser-site' (Jianxi), 6/1.
155. Grey Wagtail, *Motacilla cinerea*
A single seen at Qiang Jiang river, just S of Hongya (Sichuan), 13/1.
156. Olive-backed Pipit, *Anthus hodgsoni*
8+ at fields and pine trees next to Hetambu river (the 'merganser'-site), SW of Yiyang (Jiangxi), 5/1. Sev at Yun Shan, NW of Nanchang, 7/1.
157. Water Pipit, *Anthus spinoletta*
Up to 5 daily in the Poyang Hu area (Jianxi), 4-9/1. A single on the ice of Huairou reservoir, 1 hr N of Beijing, 16/1.
158. Buff-bellied / Siberian Water Pipit, *Anthus (rubescens) japonicus*
Up to 8 daily in the Poyang Hu area (Jianxi), 5-9/1.
159. Siberian Accentor, *Prunella montanella*
One seen and 1-2 heard just below Songsshan entrance gate, NW of Beijing, 3/1. Two at the higher reaches of Donglingshan, near Xialongmen, SW of Beijing, 15/1.
160. Grey-capped / Oriental Greenfinch, *Carduelis s. sinica*
7+ at Zhongshan Park, just W of the Forbidden City, Beijing, 2/1. Flocks of up to 100 birds were regularly encountered in the Poyang Hu area (Jianxi), 4-9/1. A single at Mutianyu Great Wall site, 16/1.
161. Brambling, *Fringilla montifringilla*
One at Badaling Great Wall site, 3/1. 8+ in the pine trees at the 'merganser-site', SW of Yiyang, 6/1. A flock of 10 was found in the scrub between the Kuan Gou Hotel and Huairou reservoir, 1 hr N of Beijing, 16/1.
162. Grey-headed Bullfinch, *Pyrrhula e. erythaca*
Encountered at Wawu Shan as follows: a single male, flocks of 5 and 3 and two males between 5 and 3 km up from the entrance gate, 12/1.
163. Yellow-billed / Chinese Grosbeak, *Eophona migratoria*
A first-winter female was found at Jingshan Gongyuan Park, just N of the Forbidden City, Beijing, 4/1. Flocks of up to 80 birds were regularly encountered in the Poyang Hu area (Jianxi), 4-9/1. A single male drinking at a river near Mutianyu Great Wall site, NW of Beijing, 16/1.
- () Japanese Grosbeak, *Eophona personata*
RH's first *Eophona* grosbeak, seen at Zhongshan Park, just west of the Forbidden City, Beijing, on 3/1, appeared to be a male of this species. The fact that this species is uncommon in China (especially in winter) and it was seen from some distance (ca 30m), however, casts doubt on this observation, reason for leaving this bird unidentified.
164. Little Bunting, *Emberiza pusilla*
3 in roadside scrub between Yiyang and the 'merganser-site' (Jiangxi), 6/1. Flocks of 3 and 35+ were found along the river between Poyang Hu and the highway N of Changbei

airport, N of Nanchang (Jianxi), 9/1. A single bird was found (in the company of a Red-flanked Bush-Robin) in the scrub between the Kuan Gou Hotel and Huairou reservoir, 1 hr N of Beijing, 16/1.

165. Yellow-browed Bunting, *Emberiza chrysophrys*
20+ near a little stream bordering mixed forest on lower Yun Shan, NW of Nanchang, 7/1.
166. Rustic Bunting, *Emberiza rustica*
A flock of 5 seen very well, along the ('bunting') dyke of Nan Ji Shan, Poyang Hu area, 8/1.
167. Yellow-throated Bunting, *Emberiza elegans*
Probably the most widespread bunting encountered. One heard at Songshan (and seen by Björn) and 4 at Badaling Great Wall site, northwest of Beijing, 3/1. 5 in the riverside scrub along Hetambu river, half an hour drive SW of Yiyang (Jiangxi), 6/1. 20+ along the ('bunting') dyke of Nan Ji Shan, Poyang Hu area, 8/1. Singles elsewhere in ditches and scrub of the Poyang area.
168. Black-faced Bunting, *Emberiza s. spodocephala*
Probably the second most widespread bunting encountered. 10+ at the riverside scrub along Hetambu river, with several more in roadside scrub between Yiyang and the 'merganser-site' (Jiangxi), 6/1. 15+ along the ('bunting') dyke of Nan Ji Shan, Poyang Hu area, 8/1. 2 at Cao Yu Tan reservoir (Sichuan), 13/1.
169. Pine Bunting, *Emberiza leucocephalos*
Two at Jingshan Gongyuan Park, just N of the Forbidden City, Beijing, 4/1.
170. Godlewski's Bunting, *Emberiza godlewskii*
Quite common though inconspicuous in mountainous areas surrounding Beijing. Seen in small flocks of up to 8 birds at Songshan, Badaling, Xialongmen and Bei He river.
171. Meadow Bunting, *Emberiza cioides*
A male seen briefly at Long Qing Xia 'ice sculpture festival site', NW of Beijing, 3/1. Singles along the road between Xialongmen and Donglingshan, with finally great views of 6 at the latter site, SW of Beijing, 15/1.
172. Chestnut-eared Bunting, *Emberiza fucata*
A pair along the ('bunting') dyke of Nan Ji Shan, Poyang Hu area, 8/1.
173. Pallas's Reed Bunting, *Emberiza pallasii*
One seen briefly, three others just heard calling and seen in flight, Nan Ji Shan, Poyang Hu area, 8/1.

Recorded mammals

Cute little chipmunk-like striped squirrels with small white-tipped ears were recorded at Yun Shan, NW of Nanchang (Jianxi), 8/1, and at Xialongmen, SW of Beijing, 15/1. The latter seemed to be of a different subspecies, as these had more white on the ears.

A fresh dead Wild Boar was found at Xialongmen, SW of Beijing, 15/1.

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* Sichuan, May 2006

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*** This report includes the maps indicating the site for Ibisbill (present year-round) about 2.5 hrs drive N of Beijing. It also contains more info on where to find (other) Wawu specialties such as Lady Amherst's Pheasant, Emei Leaf-Warbler, Sichuan Treecreeper and Emei Liocichla.

* Qinghai, Xizang (Tibet), with W Sichuan, July & August 2006
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