

# BIRDING MONGOLIA

- Birding with Miksture

16. June – 3. July 2014



## Dear Birdwatcher

The very name Mongolia conjures images of a vast, remote and distant land; the land of Genghis Khan (Chingis Khaan) and the Mongol hordes. While Mongolia is certainly vast and much of it is remote, it is also home to an exciting array of poorly known and rarely observed birds that occurs only here. As we traversed this vast land, we travelled on rarely used roads, and occasionally drove across steppe grasslands using GPS to navigate our way to exciting wetlands where no roads venture.

In Mongolia the nomadic lifestyle, even today is still the norm, a land of awesome landscapes, profuse wildflowers and fantastic birdlife. Mongolia conjures up images of endless grasslands, the wastes of the Gobi Desert, yurts and wild horsemen. This is the land from whence came the hordes of Genghis Khan and his successors, newer less colorful history followed and today Mongolia is an unknown land, far away in the heart of Asia, about which one hears little.

With its tiny population of only two and a half million scattered across a huge area, it is one of the least densely settled countries on earth – a true wilderness where most of the land is still the domain of wild creatures rather than man. Mongolia is the crossroads of East Asia. In the north is the southern edge of the Siberian taiga, in the center the seemingly endless steppe and in the south the sands of the Gobi Desert. Adding further diversity to this mixture are the mountains and a multiplicity of lakes and marshes.

Mongolia is one of the important breeding and stopover sites for Palearctic species. Breeding birds occur in many different habitats (from taiga forest through different steppes to Gobi desert including wetlands). Migratory birds pass through Mongolia from Siberian Taiga to wintering grounds. It means that you will have a unique opportunity to see not only breeding Palearctic species but also migratory species during both breeding and migration seasons. Untouched landscape and nomadic lifestyle give chance to discover a new species for the birds list of the country. The peaceful country and friendly field company attract many birdwatchers to Mongolia.

We started in the capital, Ulaanbaatar, where we watched Daurian Jackdaws and Pacific Swift above the city. We soon left the city far behind as we ventured into Mongolia's hinterland. First nights were spent in the Siberian taiga forest. Here in the cool broadleaf forest, the birds were different to those we later would encounter, with many woodland species typical of Siberia: Siberian Rubythroats dazzling us with their ruby-red throats. Pine Buntings wheeze from a tree-tops and, while Nutcrackers and thrushes called to attract our attention. The icing on the cake were the Black-billed Capercaillie.

We stayed in tourist ger (yurt) camps, (locally known as 'gers') for accommodation, and in some places, there were no accommodation, so we set up tents. Fortunately accompanied throughout by our highly-experienced camp crew, who took care of all the camp chores, leaving us free to enjoy the wildlife. Great camping beside our personal lake, watching Relict and Great Black-headed Gulls cavorting along the shoreline. Everywhere good numbers of raptors: Breeding Steppe Eagle, Upland buzzards, and Saker falcons on small rock boulders, electric poles and pylons and feeding nestlings, and flock of Cinereous and Himalayan vultures feed on carrion on middle of steppe.

Eventually we returned to Ulaanbaatar,

The wide range of habitats is reflected in an exciting avifauna which encompasses both Siberian and Central Asian species, including species unique to Mongolia and its immediate surroundings. Prime specialties include Oriental Plover, Asian Dowitcher, Black Capercaillie, Swinhoe's Snipe,

Relict Gull, Pallas's Sandgrouse, Mongolian Lark, Hodgson's Bushchat, Red-throated Thrush, Chinese Bush Warbler, Azure Tit, Henderson's Ground Jay, Saxaul Sparrow, Père David's Snowfinch and Pine and Pallas's Reed Buntings, while a rich supporting cast includes Swan Goose, Stejneger's Scoter, Pallas's Fish Eagle, Upland Buzzard, Amur Falcon, Demoiselle and White-naped Cranes, Mongolian Gull, Hill Pigeon, Asian Short-toed Lark, Pale Martin, Blyth's Pipit, Brown Accentor, Güldenstädt's Redstart, Eyebrowed Thrush, Thick-billed Warbler, White-crowned Penduline Tit, Steppe Grey Shrike, White-cheeked Starling, Mongolian Finch and Grey-necked Bunting.

Late spring and early summer is a delightful season when birds are in breeding plumage, and migrants are passing through on their way north. Marvelous birding and travel through wideopen spaces with very few people make for a wonderful and never-to-be-forgotten experience. A real adventure in fact. This journey provided excellent birding in this great country.

This report solely reflect the species list.

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Kind regards

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## **Miksture.**

All birders are welcome and on our travels there usually is a mix-ture of nationalities. Language is no problem. We speak English, French, German, Russian and Danish. Miksture provide information about travelling in the region and specific ornithological information. In 2015: Medio June and medio August (photographing tour) we go again to Mongolia. Our prices are reasonable for everyone. We have an excellent team by whom I have travelled and worked with for more years. Usually we arrange tours for 4-15 pax – best group's size for birding is 5-10 participants; but we are flexible. Fair prices, good service, great food and great birding are keywords! Please contact me for further information. Programs can be studied on our website [www.miksture.com](http://www.miksture.com) and you are always welcome to contact me for further information and I welcome any remarks and dialogue.

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This birdwatching report is a brief summary of the species list and locations we visisted during our Mongolia birding 16.06 – 03.07 2014, a quite succesful tour ornithologically and logistic.

## **Day-to-day**

16.06: Flight from Copenhagen/Stockholm to Ulaanbaatar via Istanbul and Bishkek

17.06: Arrival UB, birding in the outskirts of UB, then transfer to Terelj National Park with our private chatered vehicles.

18.06: Birding Terelj NP. O/N Ger Camp

19.06: Birding Terelj NP. O/N Ger Camp

20.06: Birding Terelj then transfer to Khustai NP via Ulaanbaatar. O/N Ger Camp

21.06: First part of the day birding Khustai NP – transfer to Lake Bayan Nuur. O/N tent camp

22.06: Morning Lake Bayan Nuur, then transfer to & birding Lake Ugii. O/N Ger Camp

23.06: Lake Ugii – Kharkorin and birding near the centre. O/N Ger Camp

24.06: Kharkorin – Tsetserleg - Tongarog Pass. O/N tent camp

25.06: Morning – birding Tongarog Pass, then transfer to campsite 75 km further S. O/N tent camp

26.06: Campsite - Lake Boon Tsagaan Nuur. O/N tent camp

27.06: Lake Boon Tsagaan Nuur -Orog Nuur. O/N tent camp

28.06:Orog Nuur (morning) - Igd Bogd Mnts. O/N tent camp

29.06: Igd Bogd Mnts. O/N tent camp

30.06: Igd Bogd – desert NE – campsite enroute to Arvaikheer. O/N tent camp

01.07: Campsite - Arvaikheer. O/N hotel

02.07: Arvaikheer - Ulaanbaatar. O/N hotel

03.07: Departure Mongolia.

## Systematic List of the Birds

+ 1-10

++ 10-100

+++ 100+ more than hundred birds

### **Swan Goose *Anser cygnoides***

21.06 4 Lake Bayan Nuur, 22.06 1000+ Lake Ugii and 27.06 100+ and Lake Boon Tsagaan Nuur.



### **Greylag Goose *Anser anser rubrirostris***

21.06 6 Lake Bayan Nuur, 26.06 60+ Lake Boon Tsagaan Nuur and 27.06 20 Orog Nuur.

### **Bar-headed Goose *Anser indicus***

21.06 56 Lake Bayan Nuur, 22.06 8 Lake Ugii and 27 and 28.06 60+ Lake Boon Tsagaan Nuur.

### **Whooper Swan *Cygnus cygnus***

Seen six days with a total of 24 birds

### **Ruddy Shelduck *Tadorna ferruginea***

Common - seen 16 days

### **Common Shelduck *Tadorna tadorna***

Rather common - seen six days with a total of 85 birds

### **Gadwall *Anas strepera***

Seen six days with a total of 32 birds

### **Wigeon *Anas penelope***

Seen four days with a total of 70 birds

### **Mallard *Anas platyrhynchos***

Seen five days with a total of 250 birds

**Northern Shoveler *Anas clypeata***

Seen five days with a total of 80 birds

**Northern Pintail *Anas acuta***

22.06 30+ Lake Bayan Nuur and 27.06 110+ Lake Boon Tsagaan Nuur.

**Teal *Anas crecca***

21-22.06 100+ Lake Bayan Nuur, 22-23.06 30+ Lake Ugii and 26-27.06 10+ Lake Boon Tsagaan Nuur.

**Mandarine Duck *Aix galericulata***

20.06 1 female and 1 male river SW of Ulaanbaatar

**Red-crested Pochard *Netta rufina***

21-22.06 10+ Lake Bayan Nuur and 23.06 3 Lake Ugii.

**Common Pochard *Aythya ferina***

21-22.06 300+ Lake Bayan Nuur and 27.06 10+ Lake Boon Tsagaan Nuur.

**Tufted Duck *Aythya fuligula***

21-22.06 20+ Lake Bayan Nuur and 26-27.06 10 Lake Boon Tsagaan Nuur.

**Asian White-winged Scoter *Melanitta (fusca stejnegeri) deglandi***

23.06 6 Lake Ugii.



**Common Goldeneye *Bucephala clangula***

Seen six days with a total of 45 birds

**Goosander *Mergus merganser***

Seen five days

**Red-breasted Merganser *Mergus serrator***

24.06 + near Tongarog Pass.

**Japanese Quail *Coturnix japonica***

21.06 2 heard at close range Khustai NP.

**Chukar *Alectoris chukar***

29.06 20+ Igd Bogd Mnts and 30.06 + camp site enroute Arvaikheer.

**Altai Snowcock *Tetraogallus altaicus***

24.06 3+ Tongarog Pass and 28-30.06 20+ Igd Bogd Mnts.

**Daurian Partridge *Perdix dauurica***

18.06 2 Terelj NP, 21.06 2 and 25.06 2 Tongarog Pass.

**Black-billed Capercaillie *Tetrao parvirostris***

20.06 Terelj NP 1 female and 1 male seen.

**Willow Ptarmigan *Lagopus lagopus***

25.06 1 calling Tongarog Pass.



**Horned Grebe *Podiceps auritus***

21-22.06 2 Lake Bayan Nuur and 23.06 2 Lake Ugii.

**Great Crested Grebe *Podiceps cristatus***

21-22.06 1 Lake Bayan Nuur, 22-23.06 5 Lake Ugii, 26-27.06 110 Lake Boon Tsagaan Nuur and 27-28.06 10Orog Nuur.

**Eared Grebe *Podiceps nigricollis***

21-22.06 10+ Lake Bayan Nuur.

**Great Cormorant *Phalacrocorax carbo***

22-23.06 50+ Lake Ugii, 26-27.06 900+ Lake Boon Tsagaan Nuur and 28.06 4Orog Nuur.

**Grey Heron *Ardea cinerea***

Seen six days with a total of 145 birds

**Great Egret *Ardea alba***

26-27.06 7 Lake Boon Tsagaan Nuur.

**Eurasian Spoonbill *Platalea leucorodia***

21-22.06 85 Lake Bayan Nuur and 26-27.06 130 Lake Boon Tsagaan Nuur.





**Black Stork *Ciconia nigra***

Seen four days with a total of four birds

**Black.eared Kite *Milvus lineatus***

Common - seen 14 days. Highest day count 02.07 27 Arvaikheer - Ulaanbaatar.

**Pallas's Sea-Eagle *Haliaeetus leucoryphus***

22.06 3 imm. 2.y. Lake Ugii, 23.06 1 Lake Ugii and 26.06 1 2.y. Lake Boon Tsagaan Nuur.

**White-tailed Eagle *Haliaeetus albicilla***

22.06 3 2.y. Lake Bayan Nuur and 23.06 2 2.y. Lake Ugii.

**Lammergeier *Gypaetus barbatus***

25.06 3 (2 adults with one nestling) Tongarog Pass - campsite 75 km further S and 28-30.06 10+ Igd Bogd Mnts.

**Himalayan Griffon *Gyps himalayensis***

21.06 20+ Khustai NP, 24.06 3 Tsetserleg, 25.06 2 Tongarog Pass - campsite 75 km further S, 28-30.06 10+ Igd Bogd Mnts and 02.07 31 Arvaikheer - Ulaanbaatar.





**Black Vulture *Aegypius monachus***

Common - seen 13 days. Highest number 02.07 110+ Arvaikheer - Ulaanbaatar.

**Eastern Marsh-Harrier *Circus spilonotus***

21.06 one pair Lake Bayan Nuur.

**Sparrow Hawk *Accipiter nisus***

Seen two days

**Northern Goshawk *Accipiter gentilis***

Seen two days

**Common Buzzard *Buteo buteo vulpinus/japonicus***

17-20.06 + Terelj National Park.

**Long-legged Buzzard *Buteo rufinus***

27.06 + Lake Boon Tsagaan Nuur -Orog Nuur

**.Upland Buzzard *Buteo hemilasius***

Common - seen 14 days with a total of 82: 02.07 59 (highest number) Arvaikheer - Ulaanbaatar.

**Golden Eagle *Aquila Chrysaetos***

Seen five days with a total of 9 birds.

**Booted Eagle *Hieraaetus pennatus***

Seen four days with a total of 7 birds.

**Lesser Kestrel *Falco naumanni***

21.06 + Khustai NP and 23.06 1 Lake Ugii – Kharkorin.

**Kestrel *Falco tinnunculus***

Seen nine days with a total of 15 birds.

**Amur Falcon *Falco Amurensis***

Seen five days with a total of 16 birds.

**Eurasian Hobby *Falco subbuteo***

Seen three days with a total of 3 birds.

**Saker Falcon *Falco cherrug milvipes***

Fairly common. Seen 12 days with a total of 35 birds.

**Common Moorhen *Gallinula chloropus***

22.06 one heard Lake Bayan Nuur



**Eurasian Coot *Fulica atra***

Seen four days

**Demoiselle Crane *Grus virgo***

Common. Seen 11 days with a total of 192 birds. Highest number 24.06 75+ Tsetserleg - Tongarog Pass.

**White-naped Crane *Grus vipio***

22.06 one pair Lake Bayan Nuur and 23.06 one pair Lake Ugii

**Common Crane *Grus grus***

25.06 4 Tongarog Pass - campsite 75 km further S and 26.06 4 Lake Boon Tsagaan Nuur and 27.06 9 Lake Boon Tsagaan Nuur.

**Northern Lapwing *Vanellus vanellus***

Seen six days with a total of at least 120 birds

**Greater Sand-Plover *Charadrius leschenaultii***

27.06 30+ Lake Boon Tsagaan Nuur -Orog Nuur.

**Kentish Plover *Charadrius alexandrinus***

Seen five days with a total of 80 birds.



**Little Ringed Plover *Charadrius dubius***

Seen ten days with a total of 32 birds.

**Oriental Plover *Charadrius veredus***

30.06 one pair Igd Bogd Mnts – Ölziit - desert NE – campsite enroute to Arvaikheer and 01.07 one male Campsite – Arvaikheer.

**Black-winged Stilt *Himantopus himantopus***

21-22.06 50+ Lake Bayan Nuur, 22.06 2 Lake Ugii and 27-28.06 20+Orog Nuur.

**Pied Avocet *Recurvirostra avosetta***

21-22.06 100+ Lake Bayan Nuur, 22.06 2 Lake Ugii, 27.06 50+ Lake Boon Tsagaan Nuur and 28.06 4Orog Nuur

**.Common Sandpiper *Tringa hypoleucos***

Seen six days with a total of 8 birds.

**Spotted Redshank *Tringa erythropus***

21-22.06 7 Lake Bayan Nuur, 22.06 2 Lake Ugii and 26.06 1 Lake Boon Tsagaan Nuur.

**Common Greenshank *Tringa nebularia***

21-22.06 2 Lake Bayan Nuur and 26.06 1 Lake Boon Tsagaan Nuur.



**Marsh Sandpiper *Tringa stagnatilis***

21-22.06 25+ Lake Bayan Nuur.

**Green Sandpiper *Tringa ochropus***

Seen six days with a total of 16 birds.

**Wood Sandpiper *Tringa glareola***

Seen three days with a total of 7 birds.

**Common Redshank *Tringa totanus***

Seen five days with a total of 16 birds.

**Curlew *Numenius arquata***

21-22.06 5+ Lake Bayan Nuur, 22.06 37 Lake Ugii and 27.06 1 Lake Boon Tsagaan Nuur.

**Whimbrel *Numenius phaeopus***

21-22.06 3 Lake Bayan Nuur and 22-23.06 1 Lake Ugii.

**Black-tailed Godwit *Limosa Limosa***

21-22.06 6 Lake Bayan Nuur and 22-23.06 1 Lake Ugii.

**Little Stint *Calidris minuta***

22-23.06 1 Lake Ugii



**Common Black-headed Gull *Larus ridibundus***

Seen five days; common in Lake Bayan Nuur and Lake Buntsagaan.

**Brown-headed Gull *Larus brunnicephalus***

21.06 1 Lake Bayan Nuur.

**Relict Gull *Larus relictus***

26-27.06 1 ad. + 2 2.y. Lake Boon Tsagaan Nuur.

**Pallas's Gull *Larus ichthyaetus***

22-23.06 1 3.y. Lake Ugii and 26-27.06 100+ Lake Boon Tsagaan Nuur.

**Mew Gull *Larus canus heinei***

26-27.06 1 Lake Boon Tsagaan Nuur.

**Mongolian Gull *Larus mongolicus***

Fairly common. Seen eight days with a total of 145 birds.

**Gull-billed Tern *Sterna nilotica***

Seen six days with a total of 45 birds.

**Caspian Tern *Sterna caspia***

22-23.06 2 Lake Ugii, 26-27.06 40+ Lake Boon Tsagaan Nuur, 27.06 7 Orog Nuur and 30.06 1 Igd Bogd Mnts – desert NE – campsite enroute to Arvaikheer.



**White-winged Black Tern *Chlidonias leucopterus***

Seen six days with a total of 170 birds.

**Common Tern *Sterna hirundo longipennis***

Seen nine days.

**Pallas's Sandgrouse *Syrrhaptes paradoxus***

22.06 1 Lake Ugii and 27.06 400+ Lake Boon Tsagaan Nuur -Orog Nuur.

**Rock Pigeon *Columba livia nigricans***

Seen nine days

**Hill Pigeon *Columba rupestris***

Seen four days 17-20-06 in Terelj NP with a total of 15 birds.

**Eurasian Collared-Dove *Streptopelia decaocto***

Seen three days with a total of 4 birds.

**Common Cuckoo *Cuculus canorus***

Seen or heard 12 days.

**Oriental Cuckoo *Cuculus saturatus***

Seen or heard five days, mainly in Terelj NP.

**Eagle Owl *Bubo Bubo***

25.06 1 seen Tongarog Pass - campsite 75 km further S and 28.06- 30.06 2 heard Igd Bogd Mnts.





**Little Owl *Athene noctua orientalis***

Seen five days with a total of 10 birds.

**Eurasian Nightjar *Caprimulgus europaeus***

27.06 2 displaying males heard Orog Nuur.

**Common Swift *Apus apus pekinensis***

Seen nine days, mainly in the south.

**Fork-tailed Swift *Apus pacificus***

Seen 11 days.

**Eurasian Hoopoe *Upupa epops***

Seen or heard 11 days with a total of 21 birds.

**Eurasian Wryneck *Jynx torquilla***

18-20.06 2 seen and heard Terelj NP.

**Lesser Spotted Woodpecker *Dendrocopos minor***

17-20.06 1 pair Terelj NP.



**White-backed Woodpecker *Dendrocopos leucotos***

19.06 one pair feeding a pull. Terelj NP and 21.06 1 Khustai NP.

**Great Spotted Woodpecker *Dendrocopos major***

Seen or heard three days with a total of 6 birds.

**Black Woodpecker *Dryocopus martius***

18-20.06 in total 5 birds Terelj NP.

**Grey-headed Woodpecker *Picus canus***

19.06 one pair with nest + 2 Terelj NP.

**Isabelline Shrike *Lanius isabellinus***

Seen four days in or around Igd Bog Mtns with a total of six birds.

**Brown Shrike *Lanius cristatus***

19.06 2 Terelj NP.

**Steppe Grey Shrike *Lanius meridionalis pallidirostris***

27.06 1 Lake Boon Tsagaan Nuur -Orog Nuur.

**Magpie *Pica pica***

Seen ten days.





**Mongolian Ground-Jay *Podoces hendersoni***

27.06 4 Lake Boon Tsagaan Nuur - Orog Nuur and 27-28.06 2 Orog Nuur.

**Spotted Nutcracker *Nucifraga caryocatactes macrorhynchos***

17-20.06 6+ Terelj National Park.

**Red-billed Chough *Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax brachipus***

Common - seen 14 days.

**Daurian Jackdaw *Corvus dauuricus***

Common in the north - seen seven days.

**Rook *Corvus frugilegus***

Near Ulaanbaatar one colony

**Carrion Crow *Corvus corone orientalis***

Common in the north - seen eight days.

**Common Raven *Corvus corax***

Common - seen 14 days.

**Bearded Reedling *Panurus biarmicus russicus***

21.06 + Bayan Nuur.

**Mongolian Lark *Melanocorypha mongolica***

Common in steppe areas - seen 12 days.

**Greater Short-toed Lark *Calandrella brachydactyla longipennis***

21-22.06 + Lake Bayan Nuur, and at few other places e.g. Khustai; big discussions among the birders whether this species were present or not...of course it were!

**Asian Short-toed Lark *Calandrella cheleensis***

Common in many steppe areas - seen nine days.

**Crested Lark *Galerida cristata***

27.06 + Lake Boon Tsagaan Nuur -Orog Nuur and 28.06 Orog Nuur.

**Sky Lark *Alauda arvensis kiborti***

Fairly common in meadows close to lakes - seen seven days.

**Horned Lark *Eremophila alpestris brandti***

Common in dry steppes - seen ten days.

**Sand Martin *Riparia riparia***

Common - seen six days.



**Eurasian Crag Martin *Hirundo fuligula***

Seen six days.

**Barn Swallow *Hirundo rustica tytleri***

Common in most areas - seen ten days

**Northern House-Martin *Delichon urbica***

Common in most areas - seen ten days.

**Marsh Tit *Poecile palustris***

17-20.06 + Terelj National Park

**Willow Tit *Poecile montanus***

17-20.0615+ Terelj National Park and 25.06 ++ Tongarog Pass.

**Coal Tit *Periparus ater***

17-20.06 25+ Terelj National Park

**Great (Mongolian) Tit *Parus major***

Apparently own species in Mongolia nowadays? Terelj NP fairly common.



**Azure Tit *Cyanistes cyanus***

20.06 2 park-like area SW Ulaanbaatar.

**Nuthatch *Sitta europaea asiatica***

17-20.06 ++ Terelj National Park and 25.06 2 Tongarog Pass

**White-crowned Penduline-Tit *Remiz coronatus***

17.06 one pair with nest, River forest in the outskirts of Ulaanbaatar.

**Chinese Bush-Warbler *Bradypterus tacsanowskii***

17-20.06 3+ Terelj National Park.

**Pallas's Grashopper Warbler *Locustella certhiola***

21.06 minimum 2 sg. Bayan Nuur.

**Oriental Reed-Warbler *Acrocephalus orientalis***

21-22.06 + singing Lake Bayan Nuur.

**Common Chiffchaff *Phylloscopus collybita tristis***

17-20.06 + Terelj National Park and 26.06 + Campsite - Lake Boon Tsagaan Nuur.

**Dusky Warbler *Phylloscopus fuscatus***

20.06 2 Terelj NP.



**Sulphur-bellied Warbler *Phylloscopus griseolus***

28.06 2 Orog Nuur - Igd Bogd Mnts and 29.06 5+ Igd Bogd Mnts

**Palla's Leaf Warbler *Phylloscopus proregulus***

17-20.06 common in the higher altitudes, Terelj National Park.

**Yellow-browed Warbler *Phylloscopus inornatus***

17-20.06 common at lower altitudes in Terelj National Park

**Hume's Leaf Warbler *Phylloscopus humei***

24-25.06 6 Tongarog Pass

**Arctic Warbler *Phylloscopus borealis***

18.06 1 sg. (briefly) Terelj NP.

**Two-barred Greenish Warbler *Phylloscopus trochiloides plumbeitarsus***

17-20.06 5 Terelj National Park

**Asian Desert Warbler *Sylvia nana***

27.06 10+ Lake Boon Tsagaan Nuur -Orog Nuur.

**Common Whitethroat *Sylvia communis rubicola***

21.06 5 Khustai NP and 25.06 1 Tongarog Pass

**Lesser Whitethroat *Sylvia curruca blythi***

17-20.06 2 Terelj National Park.

**Barred Warbler *Sylvia nisoria merzbacheri***

28-30.06 5+ Igd Bogd Mnts

**Spotted Flycatcher *Muscicapa striata mongolia***

25.06 1 Tongarog Pass - campsite 75 km further S

**Asian Brown Flycatcher *Muscicapa dauurica***

19.06 4 Terelj NP

**Taiga Flycatcher *Ficedula albicilla***

17-20.06 10+ Terelj National Park

**Siberian Rubythroat *Luscinia calliope***

17-20.06 2 Terelj National Park.

**Red-flanked Bluetail *Tarsiger cyanurus***

17-20.06 10+ Terelj National Park.

**Black Redstart *Phoenicurus ochruros***

Seen seven days, mainly in the south.

**Redstart *Phoenicurus phoenicurus***

17-20.06 5 Terelj National Park.

**Daurian Redstart *Phoenicurus aureus***

17-20.06 10+ Terelj National Park.

**Rufous-backed Redstart *Phoenicurus erythronotus***

25.06 2 Tongarog Pass.

**Northern Wheatear *Oenanthe oenanthe***

Common - seen 15 days.

**Pied Wheatear *Oenanthe pleschanka***

Seen nine days. Two birds of the white-throated form Vittata in the Igd Bog Mtns.

**Desert Wheatear *Oenanthe deserti atrogularis***

Seen two days in the semideserts in the south with total of 10+ birds.

**Isabelline Wheatear *Oenanthe isabellina***

Common - seen 14 days.





**Eastern Stonechat *Saxicola maurus***

Near Tongarog Pass Two pairs.

**Rufous-tailed Rock-Thrush *Monticola saxatilis***

Seen seven days in the mountains in the south with a total of 40 birds.

**Eye-browed Thrush *Turdus obscurus***

17-20.06 3 Terelj National Park.

**Red-throated Thrush *Turdus ruficollis***

17-20.06 5+ Terelj National Park, 22.06 2 Lake Bayan Nuur - Lake Ugii and 24-25.06 6 Tongarog Pass.

**Common Starling *Sturnus vulgaris poltaratsky***

22-23.06 100+ near Lake Ugii.

**White-cheeked Starling *Sturnus cineraceus***

20.06 2 near Ulaanbaatar.

**Brown Accentor *Prunella fulvescens***

Seen six days in mountains or rocky areas in the south with a total of 23 birds.

**Mongolian Accentor *Prunella koslowi***

28-29.06 3 Igd Bogd Mnts.



**Yellow Wagtail *Motacilla flava macronyx***

21-22.06 5+ Lake Bayan Nuur.

**Citrine Wagtail *Motacilla citreola***

Seen six days with a total of 19 birds.

**Grey Wagtail *Motacilla cinerea***

Seen seven days with a total of 16 birds.

**White Wagtail *Motacilla alba baicalensis***

Common - seen 12 days.

**Richard's Pipit *Anthus richardi***

22.06 1 Lake Bayan Nuur - Lake Ugii.

**Blyth's Pipit *Anthus godlewskii***

Common in steppe areas - seen 10 days.

**Tree Pipit *Anthus trivialis***

25.06 5 Tongarog Pass.

**Olive-backed Pipit *Anthus hodgsoni***

17-20.06 ++ Terelj National Park.



**Water Pipit *Anthus spinoletta blakistoni***

24-25.06 5+ Tongarog Pass.

**Pine Bunting *Emberiza leucocephalos***

Seen or heard seven days, mainly in Terelj NP.

**Godlewski's Bunting *Emberiza godlewskii***

28-30.06 5+ Igd Bogd Mnts.

**Meadow Bunting *Emberiza cioides***

21.06 5+ Khustai NP.

**Ortolan Bunting *Emberiza hortulana***

25.06 3 Tongarog Pass - campsite 75 km further S.

**Grey-necked Bunting *Emberiza buchanani***

Seen or heard five days with a total of 9 birds.

**Black-faced Bunting *Emberiza spodocephala***

20.06 + Terelj NP.

**Pallas's Reed Bunting *Emberiza pallasii***

Seen or heard five days with a total of 9 birds.



**Reed Bunting *Emberiza schoeniclus***

21-22.06 3 Lake Bayan Nuur.

**Long-tailed Rosefinch *Uragus sibiricus***

19.06 1 male Terelj NP.

**Common Rose Finch *Carpodacus erythrinus***

Common - seen or heard seven days.

**Red Crossbill *Loxia curvirostra***

17-20.06 small flocks heard here & there Terelj National Park.

**Twite *Carduelis flavirostris***

Seen five days with a total of 22 birds.

**Mongolian Finch *Bucanetes mongolicus***

Seen three days with a total of 8 birds.

**House Sparrow *Passer domesticus***

Common - seen 12 days.

**Eurasian Tree Sparrow *Passer montanus***

Common - seen 14 days

**Rock Sparrow *Petronia petronia***

Common in rocky areas - seen ten days.

**White-winged Snowfinch *Montifringilla nivalis***

28-30.06 10 Igd Bogd Mnts.

**Pere David's Snowfinch *Montifringilla davidiana***

Seen six days in steppe areas with ca. 20 birds.

