

**Birding**  
**Nanpu, Hebei**  
**CHINA**



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## Summary

In late August 2012 the two of us made a short birding visit to the area around Nanpu, coastal Tangshan, Hebei . We had both visited the area once each before – Paul had made an extremely brief visit in late August 2010, Terry a slightly more prolonged exploration in autumn 2011.

## Map of Nanpu Oil Terminal & some of the areas that we birded



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## Daily diary:

### Friday 24 August 2012. Departed Beijing early evening & drove east to the Caofeidian area.

Terry picked Paul up in Tongzhou shortly before 20h30 & we both headed east – Terry driving the 4-door Chrysler Lova he had picked up from Avis car rental earlier that afternoon.

We travelled south via Beijing's 5<sup>th</sup> ring road before taking route G1 east, past Baodi, to the western edge of Tangshan city. Here we turned south expressway G25, then southeast on route S21. We made a brief stop at some services on route G1 and all in all it took us just over three hours to reach Tanghai. It then took about another 15 minutes for us to find our hotel – the three star Haiao Hotel, Changfang Lu, Beiduan Xice, Qiaoxijie, Tanghai, Tangshan, Hebei (tel. 0315 8888888). We'd booked our rooms via Ctrip <http://english.ctrip.com/> & these cost 336/room/night including taxes.

#### Haiao Hotel, Tanghai. (38°17.0'N., 118°26.0'E.). 2 metres above sea level.

The rental car cost just over 600 yuan for the three days & the petrol cost another 250 on the way out.

We spent a total of 90 yuan on the road tolls between Beijing & Tanghai – 10 on the Jingtong Expressway at Tongxian, another 20 on the Beijing-Hebei border & a further 60 yuan as we exited the expressway near Tanghai.

#### High tide at Caofeidian

| Sat   | Sun   | Mon   | Tue   | Wed.  | Thur  |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 25/8  | 26/8  | 27/8  | 28/8  | 29/8  | 30/8  |
| 07h18 | 08h17 | 09h27 | 10h46 | 12h00 | 12h59 |
| 19h31 | 20h24 |       |       |       |       |
| 2.3   | 2.2   | 2.1   | 2.2   | 2.2   |       |

### Saturday 25 August 2012. All day in the Caofeidian/Nanpu area of coastal Tangshan.

We left the Haiao hotel at 05h04, headed back through Tanghai and back on to the Tangcao expressway. We spent just ten minutes on the expressway & headed west, back towards Tangshan. We passed the Tangcao services after just over five minutes and took the very next exit – the one posted to Nanpu/Kaifaqu at Kilometre post 37. Following signs to Nanpu we gradually made our way to the coast – though we spent some time looking at various birds on a series of large salt pans on route.

Sites visited today included –

#### Site 1. Complex of large, roadside saltpans near Nanpu prison. (39°09.0'N., 118°15.7'E.). 06h05-06h17 & nearby again in the late afternoon from 16h10-17h00.

|                    |  |
|--------------------|--|
| Little Egret       | 3  |
| Great Cormorant    | 410  |
| Black-winged Stilt | 150  |
| Marsh Sandpiper    | 100  |
| Black-headed Gull  | 1500   |
| Relict Gull        | 1 adult-w in the late afternoon was the only Relict Gull away from the coast |
| Ruddy Turnstone    | 7  |
| Red Knot           | 1 leg flagged bird engraved ED   |
| Eurasian Cuckoo    | 1  |
| White-winged Tern  | 2400+  |

#### Site 2. Unpaved coastal road near the Nanpu You Tian (Nanpu Oil Terminal). (39°03.0'N., 118°14.3'E.).

About five kilometres past the Nanpu Oil Terminal the coastal road suddenly becomes unpaved. We drove on to this unpaved section eventually making a large 20 kilometre or so loop. On the inland side of the track there were a complex of apparently disused or unused ponds many of which held small reed beds and had tiny areas of scrub around their edges. These ponds were about 250 metres from front to back and there was a more extensive complex of, often brick-lined, salt pans on their inland side. The latter held modest numbers of shorebirds when the mudflats were covered by the tide.

We drove slowly down the coastal track – making numerous stops when we either saw birds from the car or when the habitat looked particularly interesting. In all we spent the entire morning driving this loop. It was high tide at 07h18 and the mudflats were completely covered – & because it was a particularly high tide today no mud had become exposed even by midday.

This area proved to be the best birding site that we visited in the entire Nanpu area. Not only was there a decent variety of habits there was also quite impressive visible migration along the coast in the first few hours of the day.

Other than the visible passerine migrants and a few fly over Relict Gulls the small reed bed near the start of the drive held several Reed Parrotbills which Terry managed to photograph & I sound recorded.

|                 |   |
|-----------------|---|
| Reed Parrotbill | 2, a pair were seen, while another two birds were heard |
|-----------------|---|

**Site 3. Nanpu You Tian (Nanpu Oil Terminal). (39°02.5'N., 118°16.3'E.). 12h45-14h00**

We returned to this site just before low tide at which time there was a small expanse of mudflat exposed. There's also a road bridge over the river mouth here enabling access further west along the coast &, after just over one hour viewing the mudflats, we drove over the bridge & headed west. These mudflats held a modest number of birds -

|             |  |
|-------------|--|
| Relict Gull | 66   |
| Little Tern | 120  |
| Great Knot  | 146 including three alphanumeric leg flagged birds |

**Site 4. Complex of near coastal pools between Nanpu Oil Terminal and Caofeidian.**

We drove about five or six kilometres along another unpaved road to the east of the Nanpu Oil Terminal. There's decent viewing of a large pool from the western side of the second road bridge & this pool held a reasonable number of gulls and terns.

|                   |     |
|-------------------|-----|
| Caspian Tern      | 5   |
| Black-tailed Gull | 480 |
| Relict Gull       | 99  |
| Eurasian Curlew   | 945 |

**Site 5. Another large, roadside saltpan in the complex near Nanpu prison.**

**High tide at Caofeidian**

25<sup>th</sup> August 2012  
07h18  
19h31  
2.3 metres

**Weather**

It was clear all day – & temperatures ranged from about 20°C outside our hotel at 05h00 to 29 on the coast later in the day.

**Sunday 26 August 2012. All day in the Caofeidian/Nanpu area of coastal Tangshan.**

We left the Haiiao hotel at 05h00 & spent a second full day at various sites near Nanpu. Although we spent time at a couple of sites that we'd visited yesterday we also explored further afield and several of these sites were new to both of us. Anders Magnusson, a Swedish birder who lives and works in Tianjin, joined us for much of the morning.

Sites visited today included –

**Site 1. Complex of large, roadside saltpans near Nanpu prison. (39°09.0'N., 118°15.7'E.).**

**Site 3. Nanpu You Tian (Nanpu Oil Terminal). (39°02.5'N., 118°16.3'E.).**

Note that we didn't arrive here until almost 06h30 – a full 1.5 hours after leaving the hotel!

**Site 2. Unpaved coastal road near the Nanpu You Tian (Nanpu Oil Terminal).**

**Site 4. Complex of near coastal pools between Nanpu Oil Terminal and Caofeidian. (39°01.4'N., 118°21.6'E.).**

We spent more time here today – exploring recent reclamation pools further east and closer to Caofeidian than those we'd visited previously. Our progress east was delayed by the discovery of a Common Ringed Plover.

**Site 5. Large reed bed close to the the 'Bohai International Conference Centre & Sailor's Club' a large, up-market hotel complex near Qi Nong Gang, Tanghai, Tangshan, Hebei. (39°10.1'N., 118°20.4'E.).**

I had previously visited the saltpans here in late August 2010 when I accessed the area by turning right off the road when driving from Qi Nong Gang to Zuidong. According to a large, overhead road sign this junction is six kilometres from the Qi Nong Gang & about 10 before Zuidong. We drove about two kilometres down this side road to view a massive salt pan. The main Qi Nong Gang to Zuidong road runs alongside a large drainage canal & the junction is not very far (perhaps seven or eight kilometres) from Zuidong Prison with the prison being on the opposite side of the canal.

Today however we just birded some roadside reed beds.

The massive Bohai International Conference Centre & Sailor's Club (Tanghai Bohai Guoji Huiyi Zhongxin Haiyuan Julebu) hotel apparently has 171 rooms & is located in the Swamp Park, Caofeidian District, west of Caofei Lake and east of Shuanglong River and Jinxiong Golf Course. (Telephone 8898866). It isn't far from the Jingcao Expressway.

Birds seen in this area today included –

|                           |              |
|---------------------------|--------------|
| Reed Parrotbill           | 2            |
| Sand Martin               | 50           |
| Black-browed Reed Warbler | 4            |
| Oriental Reed Warbler     | 5            |
| Yellow Wagtail            | 20 flew over |
| Chinese Spot-billed Duck  | 7            |

### **Weather**

It was fairly clear all day – but long range visibility was significantly poorer than yesterday – though it did brighten up after a small rain shower mid-afternoon. Temperatures ranged from 21°C outside the Haiiao hotel at 05h00 up to about 30°C

### **High tide at Caofeidian**

**26 August**

08h17

20h24

2.2 metres

### **Monday 27 August 2012. All morning in the Caofeidian/Nanpu area of coastal Tangshan. Midday drove back to Beijing.**

We left the Haiiao hotel at 05h10 & drove back to the Nanpu Oil Terminal. We spent much of the morning on the unpaved coast road near there.

### **Weather**

There had been a very heavy rain storm from about 04h00 and many of the roads in Tanghai town were seriously flooded! It stopped raining at about 05h45 and fortunately for us – and somewhat surprisingly, the unpaved coastal roads were still navigable. There was a light easterly wind but it then remained clear and dry for the rest of the day with temperatures ranging from about 19-29°C.

### **High tide at Caofeidian**

**27 August**

09h27

2.1 metres

## **BIRD LIST**

Four figures are given in parentheses - the first two of these figures details how many days out of 14, that particular species was seen in Liaoning. The third figure notes the highest daily count and the fourth the number of bird-days. Hence the entry for Eastern Spot-billed Duck reads (2/3 7 14) - birds were noted on 2 of the 3 days were were present near Nanpu, with up to 7 individuals on any one date and with a total of 14 bird-days.

Names, order and taxonomy follow the IOC checklist accessed on-line 13 March 2012.

### **JAPANESE QUAIL *Coturnix japonica* NT 鹌鹑**

(2/3 1 2)

1 was heard near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 26/8/2012.

1 was heard near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 27/8/2012.

### **COMMON PHEASANT *Phasianus colchicus* 雉鸡**

(1/3 1 1)

1 was heard near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 27/8/2012.

### **EASTERN SPOT-BILLED DUCK *Anas zonorhyncha* 斑嘴鸭**

(2/3 7 14)

7, a flock of five and a separate pair, near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 25/8/2012. Five of these flew over the Tangcao services.

7 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 26/8/2012.

### **LITTLE GREBE *Tachybaptus ruficollis* 小鸕鹚**

(3/3 10 18)

10 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 25/8/2012.

6 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 26/8/2012.

2 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 27/8/2012.

### **YELLOW BITTERN *Ixobrychus sinensis* 黄苇千干鸟**

(2/3 3 4)

3 in the Tanghai-Nanpu area, Tangshan on the 25/8/2012.

1 was heard near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 27/8/2012.

### **BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERON *Nycticorax nycticorax* 夜鹭**

(3/3 9 14)

9 near Tanghai, Tangshan on the 25/8/2012.

3 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 26/8/2012.

2 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 27/8/2012.

### **CHINESE POND HERON *Ardeola bacchus* 池鹭**

(1/3 7 7)

7 near Tanghai, Tangshan on the 25/8/2012.

### **GREY HERON *Ardea cinerea* 苍鹭**

(3/3 47 54)

47 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 25/8/2012.

4 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 27/8/2012.

3 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 26/8/2012.

### **LITTLE EGRET *Egretta garzetta* 白鹭**

(3/3 54 104)

40 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 25/8/2012.

54 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 26/8/2012.



10 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 27/8/2012.

**GREAT CORMORANT** *Phalacrocorax carbo* 普通鸬鹚

(1/3 410 410)

410 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 25/8/2012.

ca.400 near Nanpu on the 26/8/2012. They were on the same large pool in the prison area as yesterday.

300 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 27/8/2012.

**EASTERN MARSH HARRIER** *Circus spilonotus* 白腹鸬

(3/3 2 4)

1 juvenile near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 25/8/2012.

2 juveniles near Nanpu on the 26/8/2012. The first was near the Nanpu You Tian – but it was a different bird to the one seen there yesterday. The second flew high over the easternmost of the two bridges near there mid-afternoon.

1 juvenile near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 27/8/2012.

**COMMON KESTREL** *Falco tinnunculus* 红隼

(3/3 3 9)

3 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 25/8/2012.

3 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 26/8/2012.

3 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 27/8/2012.

**COMMON MOORHEN** *Gallinula chloropus* 黑水鸡

(2/3 2 3)

2 singles (one seen, the other only heard) near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 26/8/2012.

1 was heard near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 27/8/2012.

**EURASIAN COOT** *Fulica atra* 骨顶鸡

(1/3 1 1)

1 juvenile near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 25/8/2012.

**EURASIAN OYSTERCATCHER** *Haematopus ostralegus* 蛎鸬

(3/3 3 8)

3 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 25/8/2012.

2 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 26/8/2012.

3 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 27/8/2012.

**BLACK-WINGED STILT** *Himantopus himantopus* 黑翅长脚鸬

(3/3 2800 5700)

2800 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 25/8/2012.

1500 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 26/8/2012.

1400 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 27/8/2012.

**PIED AVOCET** *Recurvirostra avosetta* 反嘴鸬

(3/3 320 780)

320 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 25/8/2012.

200 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 26/8/2012.

260 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 27/8/2012.

**PACIFIC GOLDEN PLOVER** *Pluvialis fulva* 金斑鸬

(2/3 3 5)

3 singles near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 25/8/2012.

2 were heard near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 26/8/2012.

**GREY PLOVER** *Pluvialis squatarola* 灰斑鸬

(3/3 150 250)

50 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 25/8/2012. All were adults.

50 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 26/8/2012.

150 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 27/8/2012.

### **COMMON RINGED PLOVER** *Charadrius hiaticula* 剑鸻

(2/3 1 2)

1 adult male near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 26/8/2012. (Paul Holt & Terry Townshend). First seen at about 13h30 it was watched, on and off for about one hour.

Photographed this is perhaps the first of the very few Hebei records to be properly documented. Common Ringed Plover is now known to be a regular spring and autumn passage migrant in Xinjiang. However, in China, it is rarely encountered away from the extreme west.

1 very vocal bird flew over the mudflats besides the unpaved road near the Nanpu Oil Terminal, Tangshan at 07h17 on the 27/8/2012. This site is 7.6 kilometres from where we saw, what was almost certainly, the same bird yesterday! A poor, but identifiable sound recording was obtained.



Common Ringed Plover at Nanpu 26 August 2012 (Terry Townshend)

Another image can be viewed on Terry's blog at <http://birdingbeijing.com/2012/08/30/common-ringed-plover/>

See appendix for a provisional list of all the records of this species from China.

### **LITTLE RINGED PLOVER** *Charadrius dubius* 金眶鸻

(3/3 35 47)

35 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 25/8/2012.

10 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 26/8/2012.

2 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 27/8/2012.

### **KENTISH PLOVER** *Charadrius alexandrinus* 环颈鸻

(3/3 500 1200)

500 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 25/8/2012.

500 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 26/8/2012.

200 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 27/8/2012.

### **LESSER SAND PLOVER** *Charadrius mongolus* 蒙古沙鸻

(1/3 1 1)

1 juvenile near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 26/8/2012.

### **GREATER SAND PLOVER** *Charadrius leschenaultii* 铁嘴沙鸻

(1/3 2 2)

3 including, an adult and a juvenile, near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 26/8/2012.



**PIN-TAILED or SWINHOE'S SNIPE** *Gallinago stenura* or *G. megala* 扇尾沙锥

(3/3 6 16)

6 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 25/8/2012.

6 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 26/8/2012.

4 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 27/8/2012.

**COMMON SNIPE** *Gallinago gallinago* 扇尾沙锥

(3/3 6 13)

1 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 25/8/2012.

6 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 26/8/2012.

6 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 27/8/2012.

**ASIAN DOWITCHER** *Limnodromus semipalmatus* NT 半蹼鹬

(1/3 4 4)

4, three adults and a juvenile, near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 25/8/2012.

**BLACK-TAILED GODWIT** *Limosa limosa*

(3/3 750 1400)

750 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 25/8/2012.

400 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 26/8/2012.

250 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 27/8/2012.

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

(3/3 300 650)

300 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 25/8/2012.

200 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 26/8/2012.

150 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 27/8/2012.

**WHIMBREL** *Numenius phaeopus* 中杓鹬

(3/3 15 35)

15 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 25/8/2012.

15 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 26/8/2012.

5 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 27/8/2012.

**EURASIAN CURLEW** *Numenius arquata* NT 白腰杓鹬

(3/3 945 2445)

945 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 25/8/2012.

900 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 26/8/2012.

600 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 27/8/2012.

**EASTERN CURLEW** *Numenius madagascariensis* VU 大杓鹬

(3/3 20 41)

20 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 25/8/2012.

6 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 26/8/2012.

15 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 27/8/2012.

**SPOTTED REDSHANK** *Tringa erythropus* 鹤鹬

(3/3 350 650)

350 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 25/8/2012.

200 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 26/8/2012.

100 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 27/8/2012.

**COMMON REDSHANK** *Tringa totanus* 红脚鹬

(3/3 10 24)

10 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 25/8/2012.

10 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 26/8/2012.

4 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 27/8/2012.

**MARSH SANDPIPER** *Tringa stagnatilis* 泽鹞

(3/3 450 1200)

450 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 25/8/2012.

350 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 26/8/2012.

400 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 27/8/2012.

**COMMON GREENSHANK** *Tringa nebularia* 青脚鹞

(3/3 35 75)

35 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 25/8/2012.

20 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 26/8/2012.

20 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 27/8/2012.

**GREEN SANDPIPER** *Tringa ochropus* 白腰草鹞

(2/3 5 9)

4 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 26/8/2012.

5 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 27/8/2012.

**WOOD SANDPIPER** *Tringa glareola* 林鹞

(3/3 25 70)

25 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 25/8/2012.

25 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 26/8/2012.

20 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 27/8/2012.

**GREY-TAILED TATTLER** *Tringa brevipes* 灰尾漂鹞

(2/3 25 30)

5 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 26/8/2012.

25 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 25/8/2012. About 15 birds were seen well enough to age and all of these were adults.

**TEREK SANDPIPER** *Xenus cinereus* 翘嘴鹞

(3/3 15 26)

15 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 25/8/2012.

5 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 26/8/2012.

6 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 27/8/2012.

**COMMON SANDPIPER** *Actitis hypoleucos* 矶鹞

(3/3 3 8)

3 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 25/8/2012.

3 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 26/8/2012.

2 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 27/8/2012.

**RUDDY TURNSTONE** *Arenaria interpres* 翻石鹞

(1/3 7 7)

7 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 25/8/2012.

**GREAT KNOT** *Calidris tenuirostris* VU 大滨鹞

(3/3 260 585)

221 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 25/8/2012. 146 birds were aged and 136 of these were adults with just 10 (6.8%) Beijing juveniles.

104 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 26/8/2012. All 104 birds were seen well enough to age and 100 were adults with just 4 being juvenile.

260 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 27/8/2012.

**RED KNOT** *Calidris canutus* 红腹滨鹬

(2/3 16 19)

16 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 25/8/2012.

3, one adult and two juveniles, near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 26/8/2012.

**SANDERLING** *Calidris alba* 三趾滨鹬

(1/3 2 2)

2 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 26/8/2012.

**RED-NECKED STINT** *Calidris ruficollis* 红颈滨鹬

(3/3 90 99)

2 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 25/8/2012.

90 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 26/8/2012. 40 birds were aged and eight of these were adults and 32 (80%) juveniles.

7, two adults and five juveniles, near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 27/8/2012.

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

(1/3 4 4)

4 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 26/8/2012.

**LONG-TOED STINT** *Calidris subminuta* 长趾滨鹬

(1/3 1 1)

1 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 26/8/2012.

**SHARP-TAILED SANDPIPER** *Calidris acuminata* 尖尾滨鹬

(3/3 320 505)

150 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 25/8/2012.

220 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 26/8/2012.

35 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 27/8/2012.

**CURLEW SANDPIPER** *Calidris ferruginea* 弯嘴滨鹬

(1/3 2 2)

2 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 25/8/2012.

**DUNLIN** *Calidris alpina* 黑腹滨鹬

(3/3 240 325)

55 adults near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 25/8/2012.

240 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 26/8/2012. All of those seen well were adults.

30 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 27/8/2012.

**BROAD-BILLED SANDPIPER** *Limicola falcinellus* 阔嘴鹬

(1/3 6 6)

6 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 26/8/2012.

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

(3/3 3000 5500)

3000 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 25/8/2012.

1800 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 26/8/2012.

700 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 27/8/2012.

**SAUNDERS'S GULL** *Chroicocephalus saundersi* VU 黑嘴鸥

(3/3 10 18)

10 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 25/8/2012.

6 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 26/8/2012.

2 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 27/8/2012.

**RELICT GULL** *Ichthyaetus relictus* VU 遗鸥

(3/3 99 153)

99 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 25/8/2012. No first calendar years and only a small number of second years were seen. A small number of birds were seen flying west down the coast in the early morning, 66 were counted on the mudflats with all of these heading west as the tide came back in.

37 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 26/8/2012.

17 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 27/8/2012.



Moulting adult Relict Gull (Terry Townshend)

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

(3/3 1100 2490)

1100 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 25/8/2012.

965 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 26/8/2012.

425 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 27/8/2012.

**'HERRING GULL ASSEMBLAGE'**

(3/3 15 37)

10 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 25/8/2012.

15 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 26/8/2012.

12 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 27/8/2012.

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

(1/3 1 1)

1 moulting adult-summer near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 26/8/2012.

**MONGOLIAN GULL** *Larus mongolicus* 蒙古银鸥

(3/3 9 25)

7 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 25/8/2012.

9 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 26/8/2012.

9 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 27/8/2012.

**GULL-BILLED TERN** *Gelochelidon nilotica* 鸥嘴噪鸥

(3/3 25 60)

25 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 25/8/2012.

15 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 26/8/2012.

20 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 27/8/2012.

**CASPIAN TERN** *Hydroprogne caspia* 红嘴巨鸥

(2/3 33 42)

9 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 25/8/2012.

33 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 26/8/2012.

**LITTLE TERN** *Sterna atrifrons* 白额燕鸥

(3/3 175 315)

175 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 25/8/2012. 120 of these were on the mudflats near the Nanpu Oil Terminal at low tide.

120 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 26/8/2012.

20 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 27/8/2012.

**COMMON TERN** *Sterna hirundo* 普通燕鸥

(3/3 75 190)

65 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 25/8/2012.

75 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 26/8/2012.

50 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 27/8/2012.

**WHITE-WINGED TERN** *Chlidonias leucopterus* 白翅浮鸥

(3/3 3600 4020)

3600 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 25/8/2012. 178 birds were aged and 164 of these were adults with just 14 (7.9) being juveniles.

200 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 26/8/2012.

220 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 27/8/2012.

**ORIENTAL TURTLE DOVE** *Streptopelia orientalis* 山斑鸠

(1/3 2 2)

2 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 27/8/2012.

**SPOTTED DOVE** *Spilopelia chinensis* 珠颈斑鸠

(1/3 1 1)

1 in Nanpu town, Tangshan on the 27/8/2012.

**CUCKOO SP.** *Cuculus sp.*

(3/3 4 7)

4 juveniles near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 25/8/2012.

1 adult near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 26/8/2012.

2 juveniles near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 27/8/2012.

**PACIFIC SWIFT** *Apus pacificus* 白腰雨燕

(2/3 6 8)

2 singles flew south near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 25/8/2012.

6 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 27/8/2012.

**COMMON KINGFISHER** *Alcedo atthis* 普通翠鸟

(2/3 1 2)

1 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 25/8/2012.

1 was heard near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 26/8/2012.

**EURASIAN WRYNECK** *Jynx torquilla* 蚊鹭

(3/3 4 10)

2 singles near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 25/8/2012.

4 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 26/8/2012.

4 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 27/8/2012.

**BROWN SHRIKE** *Lanius cristatus* 红尾伯劳

(3/3 163 241)

163 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 25/8/2012.

35 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 26/8/2012.

43 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 27/8/2012.

**CHINESE GREY SHRIKE** *Lanius sphenocercus* 楔尾伯劳

(1/3 1 1)

1 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 25/8/2012.

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

(1/3 1 1)

1 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 25/8/2012.

**BLACK DRONGO** *Dicrurus macrocercus* 黑卷尾

(3/3 4 6)

4 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 25/8/2012.

1 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 26/8/2012.

1 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 27/8/2012.

**EURASIAN MAGPIE** *Pica pica* 喜鹊

(3/3 10 15)

2 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 25/8/2012.

3 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 26/8/2012.

10 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 27/8/2012.

**ASIAN SHORT-TOED LARK** *Calandrella cheleensis* 亚洲短趾百灵

(2/3 3 4)

1 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 25/8/2012.

3 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 26/8/2012.

**SAND MARTIN** *Riparia riparia* 崖沙燕

(3/3 52 62)

7, two singles & a flock of five, near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 25/8/2012.

52 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 26/8/2012.

3 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 27/8/2012.

**BARN SWALLOW** *Hirundo rustica* 家燕

(3/3 1000 1700)

1000 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 25/8/2012.

400 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 26/8/2012.

300 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 27/8/2012.

**RED-RUMPED SWALLOW** *Cecropis daurica* 金腰燕

(1/3 1 1)

1 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 25/8/2012.

**DUSKY WARBLER** *Phylloscopus fuscatus* 褐柳莺

(3/3 5 11)

5 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 25/8/2012.

3 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 26/8/2012.

3 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 27/8/2012.

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

(3/3 12 20)

12 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 25/8/2012.

3 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 26/8/2012.

5 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 27/8/2012.

**ARCTIC WARBLER** *Phylloscopus borealis* 极北柳莺

(3/3 5 11)

3 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 25/8/2012.

3 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 26/8/2012.

5 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 27/8/2012.

**TWO-BARRED WARBLER** *Phylloscopus plumbeitarsus* 双斑绿柳莺

(3/3 2 4)

2 separate birds were heard near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 25/8/2012.

1 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 26/8/2012.

1 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 27/8/2012.

**ORIENTAL REED WARBLER** *Acrocephalus orientalis* 东方大苇莺

(3/3 5 9)

3 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 25/8/2012.

5 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 26/8/2012.

1 was heard near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 27/8/2012.

**BLACK-BROWED REED WARBLER** *Acrocephalus bistrigiceps* 黑眉苇莺

(3/3 5 11)

1 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 25/8/2012.

5 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 26/8/2012.

5 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 27/8/2012.

**THICK-BILLED WARBLER** *Iduna aedon* 厚嘴苇莺

(3/3 12 32)

12 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 25/8/2012.

11 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 26/8/2012.

9 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 27/8/2012.

**LANCEOLATED WARBLER** *Locustella lanceolata* 矛斑蝗莺

(1/3 1 1)

1 was heard near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 25/8/2012.

**ZITTING CISTICOLA** *Cisticola juncidis* 棕扇尾莺

(3/3 41 61)

41 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 25/8/2012. Quite a few of these appeared to be actively migrating and flew high to the south while several others appeared to be still holding territory.

9 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 26/8/2012.

11 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 27/8/2012.

**VINOUS-THROATED PARROTBILL** *Sinosuthora webbiana* 棕头鸦雀



(1/3 2 2)

2 were heard near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 26/8/2012.

**REED PARROTBILL** *Paradoxornis heudei* NT 震旦鸦雀

(3/3 15 22)

15, two pairs and a flock of 11, near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 25/8/2012.

5 near Nanpu on the 26/8/2012. Birds were seen at two different sites – with a pair being seen, and another only heard, close to where we saw our first ones on the dirt coastal track west of the Nanpu You Tian yesterday. The other two were in a large roadside reed bed near the 'Bohai International Conference Centre & Sailor's Club' in the late afternoon.

2 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 27/8/2012. Single birds were seen at two separate sites along the unpaved coast road near Nanpu Oil Terminal.



Reed Parrotbill (Terry Townshend)

**CRESTED MYNA** *Acridotheres cristatellus* 八哥

(2/3 5 6)

5 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 26/8/2012.

1 in Nanpu town centre, Tangshan on the 27/8/2012.

**SIBERIAN BLUE ROBIN** *Luscinia cyane* 蓝歌鸲

(2/3 4 8)

4, three males and a female, near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 25/8/2012.

4 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 27/8/2012.

**SIBERIAN STONECHAT** *Saxicola maurus* 黑喉石即鸟

(3/3 87 120)

87 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 25/8/2012.

25 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 26/8/2012.

8 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 27/8/2012.

**DARK-SIDED FLYCATCHER** *Muscicapa sibirica* 乌鸫

(1/3 2 2)

2, including one still predominantly in juvenile plumage, near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 27/8/2012.

**ASIAN BROWN FLYCATCHER** *Muscicapa dauurica* 北灰鶺鴒

(3/3 16 31)

12 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 25/8/2012.

3 were heard near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 26/8/2012.

16 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 27/8/2012.

**YELLOW-RUMPED FLYCATCHER** *Ficedula zanthopygia* 白眉姬鶺鴒

(2/3 1 2)

1 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 25/8/2012.

1 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 27/8/2012.

**TAIGA FLYCATCHER** *Ficedula albicilla* 红喉姬鶺鴒

(2/3 2 3)

1 first-winter near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 25/8/2012.

2 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 27/8/2012.

**EURASIAN TREE SPARROW** *Passer montanus* 麻雀

(3/3 250 650)

200 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 25/8/2012.

200 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 26/8/2012.

250 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 27/8/2012.

**FOREST WAGTAIL** *Dendronanthus indicus* 山鵲鶺鴒

(3/3 4 9)

1 was heard near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 25/8/2012.

4 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 26/8/2012.

4 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 27/8/2012.

**EASTERN YELLOW WAGTAIL** *Motacilla tschutschensis* 黄鵲鶺鴒

(3/3 110 242)

110 at Nanpu on the 25/8/2012. Just one bird, an adult male, was seen well enough to racially assign and it was *M. t. tschutschensis*.

80, including at least 10 *tschutschensis*, near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 26/8/2012.

52, including ten *tschutschensis*, near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 27/8/2012.

**GREY WAGTAIL** *Motacilla cinerea* 灰鵲鶺鴒

(2/3 1 2)

1 was heard near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 25/8/2012.

1 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 26/8/2012.

**WHITE WAGTAIL** *Motacilla alba* 白鵲鶺鴒

(3/3 11 23)

11, including for *leucopsis*, near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 25/8/2012.

6, including just one *leucopsis*, near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 26/8/2012.

6, including just one *leucopsis*, near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 27/8/2012.

**RICHARD'S PIPIT** *Anthus richardi* 理氏鵲

(3/3 83 158)

83 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 25/8/2012. Most of these were actively migrating.

44 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 26/8/2012.

31 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 27/8/2012.

**BLYTH'S PIPIT** *Anthus godlewskii* 布氏鵲

(2/3 1 2)

1 flew south near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 25/8/2012.  
1 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 27/8/2012.

**OLIVE-BACKED PIPIT** *Anthus hodgsoni* 树鹟

(1/3 1 1)

1 was heard near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 27/8/2012.

**PECHORA PIPIT** *Anthus gustavi* 北鹟

(1/3 1 1)

1 flew south near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 25/8/2012.

**COMMON ROSEFINCH** *Carpodacus erythrinus* 普通朱雀

(3/3 6 11)

2 singles flew south near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 25/8/2012.

6 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 26/8/2012.

3 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 27/8/2012.

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

(3/3 11 15)

1 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 25/8/2012.

3 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 26/8/2012.

11 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 27/8/2012.

**CHESTNUT BUNTING** *Emberiza rutila* 栗鹀

(1/3 1 1)

1 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 25/8/2012.

**MAMMALS, AMPHIBIANS & REPTILES**

**SIBERIAN WEASEL** *Mustela sibirica*

(2/3 3 4)

3 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 25/8/2012.

1 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 26/8/2012.

**TOLAI HARE**

(1/3 1 1)

1 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 25/8/2012.

**BROWN RAT** *Rattus norvegicus*

(2/3 1 2)

1 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 25/8/2012.

1 near Nanpu, Tangshan on the 26/8/2012.

**BAT SP.**

(1/3 3 3)

3 outside the Haiao Hotel in Nanpu on the 25/8/2012.

## Common Ringed Plover records in China

### **Xinjiang**

- 1 was seen besides Jiahezi Reservoir, Manasi on the 4/11/2006. The first record for Xinjiang. Sound recorded. (Holt 2006)
- 2 at Kekesu Wetland NR, Altay during 11-13 May [Paul Holt, Gou Jun & Wang Qingyu]. One bird was photographed (Holt 2007b & CBR 2007)
- 1 female besides the Habahe Gonglu Liqing Banhechang pools 6.5 kms east of Buerjin on the 16 & 17/5/2007. (Paul Holt, Gou Jun & Wang Qingyu) (Photographed) (Holt 2007b & CBR 2007)
- 1 at Moguhu, Shihezi on the 11/9/2007. (Holt 2007d & CBR 2007)
- 1 at the Jing river mouth, Aibihu on the 15/9/2007. (Holt 2007d & CBR 2007)
- 1 at the Jing river mouth, Aibihu on the 16/9/2007. (Holt 2007d & CBR 2007)
- 1 at Moguhu, Shihezi on the 29/9/2007. (Holt 2007d & CBR 2007)
- 1 at Qinggedahu, Changji on 21/10/2007. (王传波 夏咏 小范 新疆河狸 via BirdTalker & Gou Jun in 2007 CBR)
- 1 at Shijiao, Kuitun on 4/9/2010. (新疆河狸 王传波 柚子 孙大欢 丫鱼 via BirdTalker)
- 1 at Shijiao, Kuitun on 2/4/2011. (黑冰 via BirdTalker)
- 1 at Wolonggang, Miqian on 4/9/2011. (西锐, 丫丫, 丁鹏 via BirdTalker)
- 11 at Ala Shan Pass, Jinghe on 24/9/2009 [Ma Ming in 2008-2009 CBR] - the largest number yet recorded in China.
- 1 near Kuitun on 26/9/2009 [WZM in 2008-2009 CBR].

### **Nei Mongol**

Noted as being a rare migrant with reports from three locations in the east of the province noted by Xurigan (2006).

### **Hebei**

- Wilder and Hubbard (1924) had records 'from the coast', 20 July and perhaps 31 August 1916, and 31 July 1919.
- 1 at Beidaihe, Qinhuangdao on 15/4/1985. (Williams 1986a)
- 1 on the Sandflats at Beidaihe, Qinhuangdao on 18/9/1986 (Williams 1986b)
- 1 at Henghe reservoir, Beidaihe, Qinhuangdao on 30/4/1989 (Holt 1989)
- 5 on the Sandflats at Beidaihe on 30/8/1992 (I can't find the source/reference for this important record I'm afraid)
- 1 on Happy Island on 10/5/1994 (China Flyway – spring summary). A better reference for this record would be good.
- 1 on Happy Island, Leting on 13/5/1997. (Holt 1997)
- May 2004 – reported with no details (not even a number or date) by Hodgson (2004)
- 1 at Jingtanggang on 3/5/2005 (WQ in 2005 CBR)
- 1 on the Sandflats at Beidaihe on 4/5/1997. (Olsen 2009)
- 2 at Beidaihe, Qinhuangdao, Hebei between 1-5/5/2009. (黑颈鹤 & 冰冰 via BirdTalker)
- 1 on the Sandflats at Beidaihe, Qinhuangdao Hebei on 24/8/2009. Photographed – but image not identifiable. (aiyuanyang wanggangge via BirdTalker). See <http://birdtalker.net/reportview.asp?id=21151>

### **Qinghai**

- 1 adult at Golmud (=Ge'ermu) during 27/8-2/9/1989. (Hornskov no date)
- 1 adult at Golmud (=Ge'ermu) on 1/10/1991. (Hornskov no date)
- 1 at Golmud (=Ge'ermu) on 2/6/1992. (Hornskov no date)
- 1 adult at Golmud (=Ge'ermu) during 20-23/9/1992. (Hornskov no date)
- 1 at Koko Nor lagoon on 6/9/2000. (Meltote & Hornskov 2000)
- 1 at Xiaobeihu, the supposedly freshwater lake at the extreme eastern end of Qinghai Hu on the 20/9/2005. (Holt 2005 & 2005 CBR)
- 1 at Quan Wan, Qinghai Hu on the 21/9/2005. (Holt 2005 & 2005 CBR)
- 1 at the western end of Qinghai Hu on the 13/7/2007. (Holt 2007c)

### **Tianjin**

[No definite records but 1 bird, possibly this species, was heard call once over the Tianjin Harbour Industrial Park Pools, Tanggu on the 1/10/2008 (Holt 2010)]

### **Shandong**

LeFevre (1962) cites what is now a historical reprint by W.H. Wilder who saw 20 birds at Tehsien on 25 August 1935. Tehsien was not mapped LeFevre's book but was described as being in 'North Border of Northwestern Shantung'. I have not seen this source but, according to Richard Lewthwaite in litt. 30 August 2012, in the introduction, LeFevre says that he had use of Wilder's published and unpublished observations made at Techow (Dezhou) where he was stationed as a missionary in 1935, 1936 and 1937. Furthermore Richard adds 'it has to be said that 20 is an unlikely number, and that some doubt should be attached to the record. Against this, however, it's clear from Wilder's writings that he was familiar with both Little Ringed and Long-billed Plovers'.

### **Jiangsu**

- 1 at Sheyang Salt Works on 11/8/1991. (Wang 1992).
- 5 at Sheyang Salt Works on 25/8/1991. (Wang 1992).
- 1 at Sheyang Salt Works on 1/9/1991. (Wang 1992).
- Recorded at least once at Xiaoyangkougang, Rudong, Jiangsu sometime between 13/7/2008 & 20/8/2012. (拙石 via BirdTalker)
- 1 photographed at Hai'an on 16/8/2012. (Zhang Lin = Macaribou via BirdForum posting of the same date. See <http://www.birdforum.net/showthread.php?p=2524124#post2524124>)
- 1 at Xiaoyangkougang, Rudong, Jiangsu during 18-19/8/2012. This site is apparently about 20 kilometres south of where Zhang Lin found his bird & he felt it likely to have been the same individual. Note however that 4 birds were reported there by (hoshi, 雄鹰, XYZ, 雁南飞 via BirdTalker) but this total apparently included several unreliable claims by other, less experienced observers, and others said that just one individual, a bird apparently found and identified by Zhang Lin, was seen in that area this autumn.

### **Guangdong**

- 3 at Aodao, Zhuhai, Guangdong during 2-5/4/2002. (高育仁, 蒋果丁, 小董 via BirdTalker)
- 1 at Huaqiao Cheng Wetland on 26-27/3/2007. (天涯游侠 on the first date with 庭草, WHITEFANG, 红雅, 刁民 on the second when it was also reported by 中国头号刁民 via BirdTalker). This record was credited to TSX in the 2007 CBR.
- 1 at Futianhongshulin, Shenzhen, Guangdong on 5/3/2008. (照子 via BirdTalker)

### **Shanxi**

1 at Hongjiannao, Shenmu, Shanxi on 22/7/2007. (syt203hotmailcom via BirdTalker)

### Shanghai

1 at Dongtan, Shanghai on 1/4/2005. (GXJ in 2005 CBR)

2 at on Dayangshan 22/4/2005. (Petersoon 2005)

1 male photographed at Dongtan, Chongming, Shanghai during 21-22/4/2007. It was photographed on the second date. (小草,石在水, 于得水, 古人, 畹町, 阿髅, 花花, JimmyNJ, 李悦, 小泉, 陈科长, 方程, sccot, 日本先生, 及同学 via BirdTalker). Image can be viewed at <http://birdtalker.net/reportview.asp?id=10116>. This record was credited to YZD in the 2007 CBR

In recent years seen at Chongming Dongtan & Nanhui Dongtan with a few records of migrants in April & October. Book has a photograph of of a male Common Ringed Plover taken by Yuan Xiao (but the location isn't given & possibly isn't in Shanghai). (Cai & Yuan 2008)

### Beijing

1 at Shahe reservoir on the 8/4/2012. (Jan Erik Nilsen)

1 extremely distant at the Wenyuhe, Chaoyang on the 8/5/2012. (Steve Bale = Shi Jin via BirdForum posting). This is a rare bird in NE China (Steve notes 'only the second I've found here').

### Sichuan

1 at Du Fu's cottage, Chengdu on 18/5/2005. (Rheindt 2005) Note however that this is likely an error as the observers didn't see Little Ringed Plover at any stage on their trip and that species breeds in Du Fu's cottage. The species wasn't included in a Checklist of the Birds of Sichuan provided by Wei Qian in 2008.

### Hong Kong

Seven winter records – and occurred in most winters in the 1990s and while the reports might be due to increased observer awareness it could be due to a single returning individual. (Carey et al.2001)

1 in disused fish ponds at San Tin on 14/4/1979. (Carey et al.2001)

1 on the Deep Bay mudflats on 29/3/1991. (Carey et al.2001)

1 on the Deep Bay mudflats on 22/12/1991 & 25/1/1992. (Carey et al.2001)

1 on the Deep Bay mudflats during 12-13/11/1993, 8/12/1993, 28/1 to 10/3/1994. (Carey et al.2001)

1 on the Deep Bay mudflats during 21/10 to 8/11/1994, 20/1/1995 & 1/2/1995. (Carey et al.2001)

1 on the Deep Bay mudflats on 14/12/1996; 4 & 23/2 and 22/3/1997. (Carey et al.2001)

1 on the Deep Bay mudflats during 16-18/11/1997, 2/2/ & 14/3/1998. (Carey et al.2001)

1 on the Deep Bay mudflats during 16-18/10/1998. (Carey et al.2001)

1 on the Deep Bay mudflats from 15/2/2010 until the end of the month (PW, MK in HKBWS Bulletin via Richard Lewthwaite)

1 on the Deep Bay mudflats on 15/11/2011. (JAA in HKBWS Bulletin via Richard Lewthwaite)

1 on the Deep Bay mudflats on 21/1, throughout February and up to 14/3/2012 (JAA in HKBWS Bulletin via Richard Lewthwaite)

### Taiwan

Vagrant a few are reported every year. May have been overlooked in large flocks of Little Ringed Plovers.

Rare migrant and winter visitor with only a few records from Taiwan. Records come from from Sanxia Zhouhe, Taipei; Tian Liao Yang, Taipei; Linong, Taipei; Waziwei, Taipei; Guandu, Taipei; Dayuan, Taoyuan; Xinzhu Hongmao Gang; Daduxi Bei'an, Taizhong; Gaomei; Hanbao, Zhanghua; Dushui Xikou, Yunling; Puli Lancheng, Nantou; Qikou, Tainan; Sicao; Manzhou, Pingdong; Hengcun, Longluantan; Guting, Yilan; Wuweigang, Yilan; Wendi, Yilan; Xinnan, Yilan; Yanlan Xikou, Yilan; Dapochi, Taidong; Taiping Xikou, Taidong; Pipahu, Taidong; Lidao, Dongying, Matsuo. First recorded by Zhang Wanfu in 1985.

Considered to be both a rare winter visitor & a rare migrant to coastal sites in Taiwan by Liao. (2012)

1 near Chunghua on 26/4/2007. (Holt 2007a)

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