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General info

The end of April and the beginning of May should be the best time to visit the famous Sichuan sites Emei Shan and Wolong. Given that information, and the fact that Emei Shan was depopulated thanks to SARS-virus spreading through China made birding in Sichuan a fantastic experience. Normally this time of year means holiday and hence crowds of people at Emei Shan, which is a very popular tourist destination. Sichuan is Chinas most populated province, and its capital city is Chengdu (although not the largest city). Chengdu is by tradition also the cultural and technological centre of Sichuan. Besides Emei Shan and Wolong, Sichuan is home to many other top birding sites, for example Jiuzhaigou (Rufous-headed Robin), Wawushan, and Song Pan . And you need at least a month if you want to cover the whole Province. We entered Sichuan from south (we had originally crossed the Lao Cai – Hekou Vietnamese-Chinese border and then travelled by bus to Kunming (12,5 h!, 152 Yuan/2 p) where we changed to a train to Emei town (17 h!!). After our visits at Emei Shan and Wolong respectively we continued our journey to Beijing by train (27,5 h!!!). Even though extremely few people speak English things worked out, it's funny, because they always do... In Chengdu we met a man on the street who gladly helped us booking the bus tickets to Wolong, after giving us a ride to the correct bus station. He was glad to help us, as we were guests in China, and didn't want anything in return. He also took us out for a traditional Sichuan Hot Pot. Where we could try the world-famous burning hot Sichuan cuisine. In birding terms Sichuan gave us many nice memories. Highlights were: The incredibly beautiful and rare Firethroat male close to Xianfeng, Emei. The endemic swift-moving flock of Crested Parrotbills just before the Laihwang Slope, Emei. In Wolong we will remember the colourful Temminck's Tragopan at Wuyipeng as well as the whole Balang Shan Pass experience, including cattle-like Tibetan Snowcocks and the radiant blue Grandala males.

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We also had some personal notes from Urban Olsson, Sweden, which were quite helpful. ---also check www.worldtwitch.com for the latest news, and www.eurobirding.com for the best search engine for travel reports.

Itinerary at a glance

25-29.4 Emei Shan

30.4 Du Fu's Cottage Park, Chengdu

30.4 Wolong village

- 1.5 Wuyipeng
- 2.5 Balang Shan Pass
- 3.5 Valley of Heroes
- 4.5 Wolong village



Site info including accomodation and transport

Emei Shan (in general)

Considered a holy mountain in China, Emei Shan will probably remain undisturbed for centuries to come, meaning harbouring great amounts of endemic as well as non-endemic birds. There is a good trail going from the foot of the mountain (Bao Guo) all the way up to the Golden Summit. There is also a possibility to take the bus almost all the way to the top. To get the most out of your birding the best alternative would probably be to do as we did. That is taking the bus up the mountain and bird your way down. We spent one morning at Bao Guo, for low elevation species, we birded mainly along the small creek going up to Fuhu temple. At noon we took the bus (40 Yuan/p) up the mountain (entrance fee 80 Yuan/p) and walked the last kilometre uphill to the Golden Summit and the rhododendron forest, at the Summit there is mostly pine trees surrounded by dwarf bamboo. The next day we spend until noon around the Summit before we started to descend, we only reached Taiziding before sunset. On the third day we went from Taiziding to Xianfeng. Xianfeng was one of the most magnificent places I've ever been too. The trees seem to be hundreds of years old, and the birdlife is amazingly vivid. A fantastic place on Earth. The following day we continued our walk to Hongchun temple where the vegetation became more and more subtropic. The last day we walked through bamboo and secondary-like forest until we reached Bao Guo.

We arrived at Emei Shan with train from Kunming. From the train station we took a cab to Bao Guo temple (15 Yuan). Most of our luggage we left at the Teddybears Café (Lonely Planet), which is the only place in Emei Shan town you will find anyone who speaks English. This is the classic Backpacker stake-out and the staff are used to tourists requesting to leave some of their luggage before the expedition to the mountain.

We had no problems with this. At Teddybears Café we met two Finnish birdwatchers and had some information exchange before we headed out on our birding trip.

Going from Bao Guo to the Golden Summit (or the other way around) means going through many different altitudal levels, meaning lot of different species. In order to cover most of this species you then have to spend some time at each level. Emei Shan is also home to a few more or less endemic birds. Crested Parrotbill, Emei Shan Liocichla, Bar-winged Wren-babbler is three of those. Emei Shan Leaf-Warbler is a forth. The complex *Seicercus*-warbler bag has quite a few representatives on this mountain including the Emei Shan Warbler (which we did not see). Actually we only identified one Bianchi's Warbler (1760-1900 m). Also Plaintailed Warbler (up to 1500 m), and Grey-crowned Warbler (1400-2500 m) should be possible. Our top bird of the trip was the incredible male Firethroat we found next to the trail a couple of kilometres downhill Xianfeng temple.

In order to get the most out of your visit to Emei Shan you need quite a few days. We spent five days altogether but could easily have been there for a few more days. As long as there is migration going on, it feels like there is a significant bird turn-over, especially at the Golden Summit.

Golden Summit

This is the only spot on the mountain for any numbers rosefinches and accentors. Don't forget to visit the different garbage dumping places which can be potentially good for those species. Unfortunately the weather was quite foggy and we couldn't enjoy the view. We stayed at XinXin Hotel (40 Yuan/2 p). Two very red males Vinaceous Rosefinches and two not so red Dark-breasted Rosefinches were seen here. Three Dark-rumped Rosefinches appeared along the trail on our way down. At the summit we had great views of large amounts of Accentors both Rufous-breasted and Alpine. A few Red-winged Laughingthrushes, two Buff-throated Warbler and a couple of Plain-backed Thrushes. Half-way between the bus station and the Golden Summit is where we saw a Maroon-backed Accentor and a male Slaty-Blue Flycatcher. On the way down from the Summit we met two Buddhist monks who had walked all the way from Bao Guo. They were quite thirsty and we offered them some water. They said thanks and promised to pray for us. And two days later we got our reward big-time with the male Firethroat. So if you have the chance, always offer water to Buddhist monks on Emei Shan...

Taiziding

An interesting site for bird-watching was the ski slope. Here we found a female Daurian Redstart and an Abberant Bush-Warbler singing. A flock of White-throated Needletails were soaring. An impressive sight. On the way down from Taiziding to Xianfeng we passed Yuixan were a large bird-party approached holding e.g. Stripe-throated Yuhina, Streak-breasted Scimitar-Babbler and Golden-breasted Fulvetta. Along the way we also observed a party of six Crested Parrotbills (before the Laihwang Slope), a female Crimson-browed Finch, a pair of Slaty Buntings, two Emei Shan Liocichlas, no less than five Spotted Laughingthrushes.

Xianfeng

We spent one afternoon and one morning at this incredible site. Accommodation at the temple (60 Yuan/2p). We found the Emei Leaf Warbler in the slope at backside of the temple. The song had some resemblance to an Arctic Warbler. Also noted in the vicinity of the temple was a female Lady Amherst's Pheasant (is that irony? The male is probably unbelievably beautiful and the female is just dull-looking, and we only saw the female...), a Chinese Song Thrush a pair of Bay Woodpeckers and Fujian Niltava. There is a small trail going along the waterpipes from the back of the temple which we followed, also the main trail especially going toward Yuixan was good for bird-watching. On our way from Xianfeng some 500 metres before we reached the Cha You Snack Bar we found a party of Laughingthrushes. We stayed for a while, waiting for the birds to appear. While sitting on the trail I heard something just next to me picking in the dead leaves. After a couple of minutes I heard the sound again. Two persons was going up the trail, and instead of letting them frighten the what-ever was picking in the leaves I quickly took a few steps down and suddenly in the corner of my eye I saw an flashing red light jumping on the ground. I quickly pulled my bins and just couldn't believe my eyes. A burning male Firethroat was looking at me! I immediately called for Johan who soon stood by my side, he also got a quick glimpse of the mythical bird before it disappeared. We stayed in the area for almost half an hour and finally the Firethroat reappeared and we got unforgettable views. Firethroat is an extremely shy and rare robin known only from Sichuan province. The best place to it is at Wuyipeng, Wolong. It winters in north-eastern India (Assam) but is never seen on wintering grounds, or during migration. So this observation was really something extra. Might have been one of the first observations ever on Emei Shan. During our Firethroat-search we also noted Bar-winged Wren-Babbler, Moustached Laughingthrush, Rusty Laughingthrush, Emei Shan Liocichla and Dusky Fulvetta. A good day...

Hongchun

The forest around Hongchun is much more subtropical than at higher altitudes. There is a small trail following the water pipe at the backside of the temple. Here we saw Sulphur-breasted Warbler and Grey-winged Blackbird.

During the last part of the trail toward Bao Guo we saw less birds but indeed a few nice ones like five Black Bazas on migration, a Speckled Piculet at close distance picking on bamboo. Rufous-faced Warblers, Chinese Blue Flycatchers and Brown-breasted Flycatchers were also seen. Best bird was probably a nice flock of 12 Golden Parrotbills.

Bao Guo

A female Slaty Bunting was a good find, we also saw a male Tiger Shrike, a few Collared Finchbills and three Hwameis. Ashy-throated Parrotbills and funny-looking white-headed morphs of Black Bulbul. At the small creek we had Slaty-backed Forktail, and the two Water Redstarts.

Du Fu's Cottage Park

Before our bus departed for Wolong we did some morning birding in this park inside Chengdu city. A lot of Chinese people use this park for recreation, working-out etc. Easy birding, and nothing unexpected. A few Siberian migrants turned up, among them: Forest Wagtail, Red-throated Flycatcher, Eyebrowed Thrush, Dusky Warbler, and Pallas's Warbler. Resident species includes: Yellow-billed Grosbeak, Grey-headed and Vinous-throated Parrotbills, White-browed Laughingthrushes. At Chengdu we stayed at old Russian-style Traffic Hotel (80 Yuan/2 p)

Wolong (in general)

There should be some trails going from the backside of the Wolong Mountain Villa Hotel. We didn't find the Hotel or the trail. We did however some birding along the main road. Nothing unusual was seen though. There is two main birding destinations in Wolong area. The first is Wuyipeng with forest/bamboo-species, then we have the Balang Shan Pass. On the way to Balang Shan, the road passes through an area known as Beimuping. This is just before you enter the alpine zone. This area is supposedly good for White-eared Pheasant, Wood Snipe and rosefinches. Another alternative is to visit the Valley of Heroes. Here you are likely to encounter species also possible at Wuyipeng. We luckily met an English-speaking girl called Minnie at a newly built Panda museum-something. She gladly arranged transportation to both Wuyipeng (80 Yuan) and Valley of Heroes (80 Yuan). For our Balang Shan trip we hired a car with a driver for the whole day (300 Yuan). The driver, Wang Chao, was excellent and very enthusiastic about bird-watching. He spotted a group of Blood Pheasants in the Beimuping area and at one time when we were birding on foot, he stood by the car and saw a flock of White-eared Pheasants fly across the road (birds we missed unfortunately...). Bus: Chengdu-Wolong (23 Yuan/p). Bus: Wolong-Chengdu (30 Yuan/p)

Wuyipeng

Great bamboo thickets on the way up the slope to the research station at Wuyipeng. At the end of this slope we had our first Temminck's Tragopan. During the day we saw no less then five Tragopans. Colorful and shy. No Firethroats were seen, making our Emei Shan observation even more valuable. In Wolong we met the two Finnish birders that we met earlier at Teddybears, and we did the trip to Wuyipeng together. From the research station there is a lot of different paths going in several different directions. We tried one going straight uphill and we reached at least 2900 mas before returning. The path went up a slope to a ridge which we could easily follow. Along this ridge we saw several Golden Bush Robins and Orange-flanked Bush Robins. Also a singing Chinese Leaf Warbler was seen, Tibetan Siskin and Peré David's Tit were also seen. In the bamboo thickets around the station we had both White-browed Bush Robin and Barred Laughingthrushes. I guess this bamboo thickets is where you should see the Firethroats, also Indian Blue Robin could be possible here and some observers claim to have seen Blackthroat here.

Valley of Heroes

At first the trail follows a creek uphill until you reach something like a plateau. It's only when you get to the plateau that the birding becomes really interesting. Here there is some bamboo-thickets and and nice rhododendron forest. Best birds seen: Black-browed Tit, White-browed Bush-Robin, Rufous-bellied Niltava. Good amounts of Large-billed Leaf-warblers were seen on the way uphill. In the creek we did see White-crowned Forktail and White-throated Dipper.

Balang Shan pass

In terms of breath-taking landscapes Balang Shan was probably number one during our Sichuan-stay. Balang Shan is on the border to the Tibetan plateau and the view, with the snowy mountains against the clear blue sky was amazing (as the morning fog cleared). We went all the way to the pass. On the way down we let our driver take the car to next hair-pin drive and we climbed downhill. We hoped for Snow Partridge but we couldn't find any. We did however have nice views of Alpine Accentors, Alpine Choughs and on slightly lower elevations Grandalas first a pair and later on a spectacular flock of 40+ Grandalas feeding along a slope. Tibetan

Snowcocks were also seen. In the juniper bushes we found Rufous-breasted and Robin Accentors together with Tickell's Leaf-warblers and Blue-fronted Redstarts. When we passed Beimuping on our way up the mountain the fog was intense (this meant we missed a few species, we did see a few rosefinches which we couldn't identify). Kessler's Thrushs were found as we left the last trees and the montane grassy slopes took over. A second trip to Balang Shan would have been necessary to cover the area more properly. We had a quick glimpse of a Giant Laughingthrush on our way down Beimuping, before a heavy rain shower stopped us from further exploring the area.

List of bird-species observed in Sichuan 25.4-3.5 2003

Total: 186 species

Grey Heron 1 Emei Shan Town 25.4.

Cattle Egret 1 en route 3.5.
Chinese Pond Heron 1 Wolong 2.5.
Black Baza 5 Emei Shan 29.4.
Lammergeier 2 Balang Shan 2.5.
Himalayan Griffon Vulture c.10 Balang Shan 2.5.
Eurasian Sparrowhawk 1 Wuyipeng 1.5.
Common Buzzard 4 Wolong 2.5.

Golden Eagle 1 2-3y Balang Shan 2.5.

Mountain Hawk-Eagle 2 Wuyipeng 1.5. Common Kestrel

Tibetan Snowcock3 Balang Shan 2.5.Blood Pheasant2 Beimuping 2.5.Temminck's Tragopan6 Wuyipeng 1.5.Common Pheasant1 pair Wolong 3.5.

Lady Amherst's Pheasant 1f Emei Shan 27.4, max 7 heard Emei Shan 27-29.4.

White-breasted Waterhen

Green Sandpiper

Rock Pigeon

1 Bao Guo 25.4.

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Snow Pigeon 1+6 Balang Shan 2.5. Spotted Dove 5 Du Fu's Cottage Park 30.4.



Large Hawk-Cuckoo 10 Emei Shan 28.4.

Indian Cuckoo
Himalayan Cuckoo
Emei Shan, 3 Wuyineng 1

Himalayan Cuckoo Emei Shan. 3 Wuyipeng 1.5. Collared Scops-Owl 1 heard Bao Guo, Emei Shan 25.4.

Collared Owlet Emei Shan.

Asian Barred Owlet

Brown Hawk-Owl 1 heard Bao Guo 25.4, 1 heard Xianfeng 27.4. Grey Nightjar 1 heard Xianfeng 27.4,1 heard Hongchun 28.4.

Himalayan Swiftlet 5 Xianfeng 28.4.

White-throated Needletail 10 Taiziding, Emei Shan 26.4.

Common Swift Fork-tailed Swift

Common Kingfisher 1 Du Fu's Cottage Park 30.4. Great Barbet 3 Xianfeng, Emei Shan 28.4.

Eurasian Wryneck 1 Emei Shan 26.4. Speckled Piculet 1 Emei Shan 29.4.

Crimson-breasted Woodpecker tot 5 Emei Shan 26-28.4, 1 pair Wuyipeng 1.5. Darjeeling Woodpecker tot 4 Emei Shan 26-27.4, 1 pair Wuyipeng 1.5.

Grey-headed Woodpecker 1 Xianfeng 28.4.

<u>Bay Woodpecker</u> 2 Xianfeng, Emei Shan 27.4.

Asian House-Martin 4 Xianfeng, Emei Shan 27.4, 15 Xianfeng, Emei Shan 28.4, 50 Wolong

village 30.4.

Forest Wagtail 1 Du Fu's Cottage Park 30.4. Citrine Wagtail 2m Wolong village 30.4.

Grey Wagtail

White Wagtail (ssp. personata) 10 Wolong 30.4-3.5

Olive-backed Pipit

Rosy Pipit c.50 Balang Shan 2.5.

Long-tailed Minivet

Short-billed Minivet

Collared Finchbill 5 Bao Guo 25.4, 1 Bao Guo 29.4, 1 Du Fu's Cottage Park 30.4.

Brown-breasted Bulbul Light-vented Bulbul

Black Bulbul (white-headed morph) 5 Bao Guo 25.4.

Tiger Shrike 1m Bao Guo 25.4.

Brown Shrike

Long-tailed Shrike 1 Du Fu's Cottage Park 30.4.

Grey-backed Shrike 2 Balang Shan 2.5. White-throated Dipper 2 Valley of Heroes 3.5.

Brown Dipper 1 Emei Shan 29.4, 1 en route Wolong 30.4.

Winter Wren 5 Golden Summit 26.4.

Alpine Accentor 10 Golden Summit 26.4, 15 Balang Shan 2.5.

Robin Accentor 8 Balang Shan 2.5.

Rufous-breasted Accentor c.100 Golden Summit 25-26.4, c.20 Balang Shan 2.5.

Maroon-backed Accentor1 Emei Shan 25.4.Firethroat1m Emei Shan 28.4.

White-browed Bush-Robin1f Wuyipeng 1.5, 1f Valley of Heroes 3.5.Orange-flanked Bush-Robin6 Emei Shan 26-27.4, 1 Wuyipeng 1.5.Golden Bush-Robinmax 7 Emei Shan 26-27.4, 5 Wuyipeng 1.5.

Blue-fronted Redstart c.10 Balang Shan 2.5.

Plumbeous Water-Redstart

White-capped Water-Redstart

Daurian Redstart 1f Taiziding, Emei Shan 27.4, 1f Wolong village 30.4.

Grandalac.40 Balang Shan 2.5.Slaty-backed Forktail1 Bao Guo 25.4.

White-crowned Forktail 1 Valley of Heroes 3.5. Spotted Forktail 1 Emei Shan 29.4.

Pied Bushchat 1 en route (Kunming-Chengdu) 24.4. Blue Rock Thrush 1 m Bao Guo 25.4, 1 Wolong 30.4.

Blue Whistling-Thrush

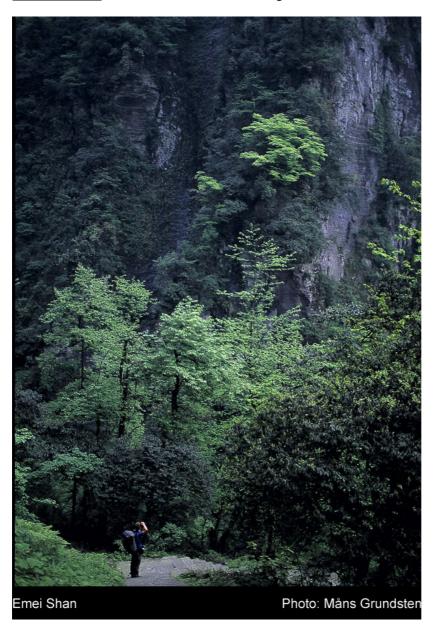
Plain-backed Thrush Grey-winged Blackbird Chinese Blackbird Chestnut Thrush Kessler's Thrush

4 Golden Summit, Emei Shan 26.4, 1 Emei Shan 27.4.

1 Hongchun, Emei Shan 29.4. 2 Du Fu's Cottage Park 30.4.

1m Xianfeng 27.4, 3 Xianfeng 28.4, 5 Wolong 2.5,1 Wolong 3.5.

15 Balang Shan 2.5.



Evebrowed Thrush Chinese Song Thrush Streak-breasted Scimitar-Babbler Pygmy Wren-babbler Bar-winged Wren-babbler Rufous-capped Babbler Moustasched Laughingthrush Barred Laughingthrush Giant Laughingthrush Spotted Laughingthrush Rusty Laughingthrush

Hwamei

White-browed Laughingthrush Elliot's Laughingthrush

1 Du Fu's Cottage Park 30.4.

1 Xianfeng 28.4.

1 Emei Shan 27.4, 4 Emei Shan 28.4, 3 Hongchun 29.4. max 5 Emei Shan 27-29.4, 4 Valley of Heroes 3.5.

1 Emei Shan 28.4.

1 Emei Shan 27.4.

8 Emei Shan 28.4.

2 Wuyipeng 1.5.

1 Beimuping 2.5.

5 Emei Shan 27.4.

25 Emei Shan 28.4, 2 Hongchun 29.4.

3 Bao Guo 25.4.

4 Bao Guo 25.4, 20 Du Fu's Cottage Park 30.4.

max 30 Emei Shan 25-27.4, 2 Wuyipeng 1.5, 5 Wolong 2.5.

Red-winged Laughingthrush 3 Golden Summit 26.4.

Emei Shan Liocichla 2 Emei Shan 27.4, 1 Emei Shan 28.4.

Red-billed Leiothrix c.15 Emei Shan 27.4.

Golden-breasted Fulvetta 2 Emei Shan 27.4, 2 Wuyipeng 1.5, 2 Valley of Heroes 3.5. Streak-throated Fulvetta c.15 Golden Summit 25-26.4, 8 Valley of Heroes 3.5.

Dusky Fulvetta 1 Emei Shan 28.4.

Grey-cheeked Fulvetta (ssp. yunnanensis) 2 Bao Guo 25.4.

Black-headed Sibia 10 Emei Shan 27.4. Stripe-throated Yuhina 2 Emei Shan 27.4.

White-collared Yuhina 2 Emei Shan 25.4, 4 ex Emei Shan 26.4, 2 Xianfeng 28.4, 3 Beimuping

2.5

Black-chinned Yuhina 2 Xianfeng 28.4, 1 Emei Shan 29.4. Vinous-throated Parrotbill 25 Du Fu's Cottage Park 30.4.

Ashy-throated Parrotbill 3 Bao Guo 25.4.

Crested Parrotbill 6 Emei Shan 27.4.

Golden Parrotbill 12 Emei Shan 29.4.

Grey-headed Parrotbill 2 Du Fu's Cottage Park 30.4.

Brownish-flanked Bush-Warbler

1 Bao Guo 25.4, tot 25 Emei Shan 27-29.4.

Abberant Bush-Warbler

1 Taiziding, Emei Shan 27.4, 1 Beimuping 2.5.

Yellowish-bellied Bush-Warbler 3 Emei Shan 27.4, 2 Wuyipeng 1.5, 1 Valley of Heroes 3.5.

Tickell's Leaf-Warbler 2 Balang Shan 2.5.
Buff-throated Leaf-Warbler 2 Golden Summit 26.4.
Dusky Warbler 1 Du Fu's Cottage Park 30.4.

Buff-barred Warbler 23 Emei Shan 25-26.4, 5 Balang Shan 2.5.

Yellow-browed Warbler

Hume's Leaf-Warbler (ssp. mandelli)

Pallas's Leaf-Warbler

Lemon-rumped Warbler

<u>Chinese Leaf-Warbler</u> 1 Wuyipeng 1.5. Arctic Warbler 1 Emei Shan 29.4.

Large-billed Leaf-Warbler 1 Emei Shan 27.4, 4 Wuyipeng 1.5, 15 Valley of Heroes 3.5.

Two-barred Greenish Warbler Eastern Crowned Warbler Blyth's Leaf-Warbler

Emei Leaf-Warbler 1 singing at Xianfeng 28.4.

Sulphur-breasted Warbler 1 Hongchun 28.4.

Bianchi's Warbler 1 Bao Guo 25.4. (also a lot of unidentified *Seicercus*-warblers were

seen)

White-spectacled Warbler 1 Emei Shan 25.4.

Chestnut-crowned Warbler 4 Emei Shan 28.4, 2 Emei Shan 29.4.

Rufous-faced Warbler3 Emei Shan 29.4.Goldcrest1 Golden Summit 26.4.Red-throated Flycatcher2 Du Fu's Cottage Park 30.4.Rufous-gorgeted Flycatcher8 Emei Shan 25-27.4.Slaty-blue Flycatcher1m Emei Shan 25.4.

Fujian Niltava 1m Xianfeng, Emei Shan 27.4.
Rufous-bellied Niltava 1m Valley of Heroes 3.5.
Chinese Blue-Flycatcher 3m Emei Shan 29.4.
Brown-breasted Flycatcher 2 Emei Shan 29.4.
Verditer Flycatcher 1 Bao Guo 25.4.
Grey-headed Flycatcher 1 Bao Guo 25.4.

Black-throated Tit

Black-browed Tit 1 Valley of Heroes 3.5.
Père David's Tit 8 Wuyipeng 1.5.
Rufous-vented Tit 5 Emei Shan 26.4.

Coal Tit 3 Emei Shan 26.4, 10 Wuyipeng 1.5, 7 Valley of Heroes 3.5.

Yellow-bellied Tit 2 Bao Guo 25.4, 6 Emei Shan 29.4.

Grey-crested Tit 7 Emei Shan 25-26.4, 2 Wuyipeng 1.5, 2 Valley of Heroes 3.5.

Great Tit

Green-backed Tit Emei Shan.

Yellow-browed Tit 4 Taiziding, Emei Shan 26.4.

Eurasian Nuthatch 4 Xianfeng 28.4. Chestnut-vented Nuthatch 1 Wuyipeng 1.5. Eurasian Tree-Creeper 1 Golden Summit 26.4.

Mrs Gould's Sunbird 2m Emei Shan 26-27.4, 5 Wuyipeng 1.5, 1m Valley of Heroes 3.5.

Chestnut-flanked White-eye 4 Emei Shan 27.4. Japanese White-eye 5 Bao Guo 25.4.

Slaty Bunting 1f Bao Guo 25.4, 1 pair Emei Shan 27.4.

Little Bunting 2 Emei Shan 29.4, 4 Wolong Village 30.4, 1 Wolong village 4.5.

Tibetan Siskin1m Wuyipeng 1.5.Plain Mountain-Finch1 Balang Shan 2.5.

<u>Dark-breasted Rosefinch</u> 2f Golden Summit, Emei Shan 26.4.

Common Rosefinch

Vinaceous Rosefinch 2m Golden Summit, Emei Shan 26.4.

Dark-rumped Rosefinch3f Emei Shan 26.4.Crimson-browed Finch1f Emei Shan 27.4.

Grey-headed Bullfinch 13 Emei Shan 26-28.4, 5 Wuyipeng 1.5, 5 Valley of Heroes 3.5.

Yellow-billed Grosbeak 2 Du Fu's Cottage Park 30.4.

White-rumped Munia Scaly-breasted Munia Eurasian Tree Sparrow Spangled Drongo

Eurasian Jay (ssp. sinensis) 2 Emei Shan 28.4.

Red-billed Blue Magpie 1 Emei Shan 25.4, 1 Emei Shan 27.4, 5 Wolong 3.5.

Grey Treepie 3 Emei Shan 27.4, 1 Wolong 30.4. Spotted Nutcracker 2 Emei Shan 27.4, 5 Wuyipeng 1.5.

Red-billed Chough 2 Balang Shan 2.5.

<u>Alpine Chough</u> 40 Balang Shan 2.5.

Large-billed Crow

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