



Mixture KAKI 2005 – Birding
in Kyrgyzstan and Kazakhstan
29.June – 25.July 2005

Dear Birdwatcher

List of species observed during Mikstures ornithological journey in Kyrgyzstan and Kazakhstan 29.June – 25. July 2005. There were 8 participants: Annika Ulita Forsten, Soili Hillevi Leveelahti, Jarmo Antero Lindholm, Jukka Tapio Ihanus, Kari Tapani Haataja, Pavel Dernjatin, Tapio Kalevi Aalto, Tom Olavi Lindroos & tour leader (and owner of Miksture Michael Westerbjerg Andersen. In common ship the participants have contributed with comments and notes, which resulted in a long and useful ornithological list.

KAKI (Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan) 2005 was an incredible journey. We managed to observe an impressive number of birds (and mammals). Both countries are fascinating and unrivalled in beauty. It's impossible to pinpoint all the highlights, but I think the species list tells it own story. It's impossible to see all species in a single travel, but in my mind we managed to see the majority – and most important - the participant's most-wanted species.

In summer 2003 there were app. 230 species, in 2004 270 species and this summer we recorded even more species. This of course is due the well skilled birders who participated, but even more important were there ornithological dedication. When a group of birders travel together its never boring. Indeed it wasn't. Numerous issues both ornithological and almost everything else were discussed. Jokes (sadly pronounced in Finnish, which for me is even more difficult to understand than Greenlandic), music (especially from the 60' and early 70'thies and funny episodes were numerous as well.

KAKI 2005 was different than previous journeys while each of the participants had her or his own ornithological project. In essence every participant worked individually or pair-wise in gathering ornithological info. Actually we changed itinerary according the possibilities and wishes from group members. Annika were particularly interested in Central Asian gulls, a keen photographer. Soili usually moved silently around in the landscape with her camera and managed to find several good birds as well. Antero were constantly equipped with tape recorder and the umbrella microphone taping every single squeak and noise from the surrounding feather – including several Hippolais caligata and rama. Jukka were also a very nice companionship in the bush and together with me the only Nikon-possessor – always good for a friendly remark and as the other an excellent birder. Kari (by local Kyrgyz's named General Zhukov) was the father-of-the-ornithological-note writing and always equipped with hat and Canon-tele in the field – made several new friendships with the locals. Pavel – first-out-and-last in when the vehicle stopped. He was particularly fund of the shrikes and the reed buntings – and everything else with feathers; not to forget a photographic-fossil type as the only crew-member shooting non-digital. And then he likes dancing or should we say: jumping. Tapo (Tapio) made his journeys in the field close associated with Antero, while equipped in similar fashion and in addition a heavy tripod – also very skilled and hard-working in the field. Tom rounds of the Finnish team and were like the others heavily armed with camera and a monster-tele. Tom managed to photograph tremendous amounts of pictures, probably well over... let me see: 8 pics/second x 60min/hour x 24hours/day x 25 days.

So the reader might understand that we managed to cover many ornithological aspects and I am sure we collected lots of interesting information which will be presented in several articles in the years/months to come.

Acknowledgement certainly goes to my Kyrgyz team who accompaigned us during the journey. In Kazakhstan I went to Astana together with my good friend Luba (together with her husband they owns the Kyrgyz company I work with) and she took so well care of all of us – provided us with excellent food and companionship. I had known Luba and her husband Sasha for since 1993 and established everything in Kyrgyzstan in close cooperation with them. They are my friends and those I always trust. Also our Kyrgyz driver Roma is impossible to exclude. I had known Roma for more than ten years, too and have never met a better driver than him – his driving skills are famous in Kyrgyzstan.

Luba, Sasha (and their children), Roma and the Bishkek-team of Kyrgyz travel is the back-bone of Miksture.

Miksture provide information about travelling in the region and specific ornithological information. In 2006 we make more ornithological journeys to Kyrgyzstan and Kazakhstan – surely there will be a **KAKI 2006**, though the duration will be **15-days (same route as KAKI 2005)** and **probably two** – late spring and summer. In addition

there will be arranged an **Snow leopard Expedition in end of March** where we begin in Kazakhstan (there is an solar eclipse right in the middle of one of the most important and best steppe-nature reserves – imagine singing Black Larks and solar eclipse at the same spot! Please contact me for further information). Programs can be studied on our web: www.sitecenter.dk/kirgistan .

All birders are welcome and on our travels there usually is a mix-ture of nationalities. Language is no problem: English, German and Danish are spoken. It's possible to book Michael as leader or co-leader for your journey in the region. Likewise our facilities and experienced team in Kyrgyzstan will join and arrange everything in superior quality. We use out own vehicles, our own gear – tents, kitchen-team, vehicles, etc. Everything to increase your birding experience and your journeys safety. In addition our prices are reasonable for everyone.

My team and I can be hired for birding groups in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Southern Siberia and Western China. As you noticed we have an excellent team, we know thoroughly the areas and the birds. Usually we arrange tours for 5-15 pax – best group's size for birding is 5-10 participants; but we are flexible. For Miksture its non-profit arrangements (as leader I use the ornithological data collected for my own scientific research and I only wish my travel expenses covered) - it means fair prices – try us! You are welcome to contact me for further information and I welcome any remarks and dialogue.

Kind regards

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KAKI 2005 Itinerary

June. 27-30. The Finnish birders travel to Astana in Kazakhstan via Moskau. Leaving Helsinki by night train 5.46pm towards Moscow. Crossing Russian border around 9pm and stop at St Petersburg at midnight. June 28: Night train continues to Moscow where the Finns arrive 9.15am. June 29: Finns continue by train towards east, crossing Volga River 3pm, Samara 5pm and Toldi 7.30pm. June 30: Continued by train; Asha/Ural 4.30am, Tselyabinsk 5pm, Petropavlovsk 10pm crossing Kazakhstan border at midnight in local time. July 1: Early morning in train until arriving Astana 9am.

July 1. Necessary registrations and other duties until 12.45pm we headed towards Kurgalзино (Karachar) with our local staff and Michael. We made several stops on a way and arrived Kurghaldzino 6.15pm. Three nights in small huts. Weather: 4/8, 3E, min +22C, max +37C, >20km

July 2. The whole day in Kurghaldzino; 5-6am around our camp area, 7.30am-1.30pm shorebirds area (SE part), 4.45pm-7.30pm around the first village towards Astana. Weather: 2/8, 3E, min +21C, max +37C, >20km

July 3. The whole day in Kurghaldzino; 6.30am-3pm NE part and lakes towards east. Around our camp 4.30pm-7pm. Weather: 2/8, min +21C, max +40C, >20km

July 4. Drive Kurghaldzino – Astana (5.30am-8.45am) and by train from Astana to Almaty leaving 10.45am. Weather: 6/8->2/8, 3E, thunder showers in the morning, min +22C, max +37C, >20km

July 5. Arriving to Almaty 07.05am. Loading goods to the Kamas transportation lorry and heading to the road towards Sorbulak and Konchangel. Stop at Sorbulak 9.40am-12.30pm, Konchangel 2.30pm onwards. A night in tents. Weather: 2/8, 2E, min +22C, max +42C, >20km

July 6. Staying in Konchangel until 2.30pm and then driving to Turenga Forest (Zheltorangoy), where we explored 4.15pm onwards. A night in tents. Weather: 1/8, 2E, min +22C, max +40C, >20km

July 7. Turenga Forest until 11.30am and then driving via Ill River (break 12.30-2pm) to east side of the river up to Karaoi (Qaraoy) (4.15pm onwards) where two nights in basic houses. Weather: 1/8, 3E, +22C, max +42C, >20km

July 8. The whole day in Karaoi (Qaraoy) village and surroundings. Weather: 1/8, min +22C, max +42C, >20km

July 9. Leaving Karaoi (Qaraoy) 7.30am and few stops on a way to southeast (one good natural pool in sand dune area), swimming stop at Ill River 12.30-2pm, further southeast near to Ill River Canyon (3.30-5pm) and then drive to Kapsakai where 9pm. A night in a sport motel. Weather: 1/8, 3E, min +22C, max +44C, >20km

July 10. Drive to Ill River Canyon (7.30am-11am) and then drive east to Shelek with few stops on a way arriving in Shelek 4.30pm. A night in a hotel. Weather: 3/8, 4E, min +25C, max +40C, >20km

July 11. Early drive from Selek east to Köptek 6am-9.15am, drive to Nurly (10.30-11.40am) and then drive to Sharyn Canyon 4.15pm onwards. A night in tents. Weather: 2/8, 4S, min +20C, max +34C, >20km

July 12. Sharyn Canyon until 8am, then south towards Kirgystan border which we crossed at noon, drive west in Karakara valley 2-5pm making 3 stops and reaching Karakol 6.30pm. A night in a motel. Weather: 3/8, min +25C, max +34C, >20km.

June 13. Leaving from Karakol 9.30am to southeast over the pass (3810m asl) to May Saz making 3 stops on a way. Arriving May Saz 6.45pm. Two nights in tents. Weather: 4/8, 3E, min +20C Karakol, min +8C in pass, max +16C in May Saz, >20km.

July 14. The whole day in May Saz exploring area between the river and forest hills. Weather: 1/8 -> 5/8, 2->4E, min +2C, max +22C, +15 evening, >20km

July 15. Leaving from May Saz 5.45am driving up to the pass and walking down to north until 12.30pm. A lunch break 1-2pm until the rain started. Drive to Karakol (5pm) making few stops on a way. Weather: 5/8->8/8, 4SW, min +8C, pass +8C, max +18C, rain showers, otherwise >20km.

July 16. Drive to a valley west of Karakol (9am-2pm), then to Issyk Kul southern coast wetland area (3-5pm), drive to Tamga for the coming three nights. Weather: 8/8-2/8, 3W, min +16C, max +20C, >20km.

July 17. Exploring the whole day around Tamga village. Weather: 4/8, 3E, min +17C, max +24C, >20km.

July 18. Leaving from Tamga to Salt Lake (6.10am-2pm) and return to Tamga via "Fair place" (4.15-5.30pm). Weather: 2/8, 2E, min +16C, max +28C, >20km.

July 19. First drive to "Fair place" (8.15-10.25am), then to Ala Bash (12.10-13.30pm) and further to Ertogai Reservoir (16.20 onwards). Weather: 1/8->6/8, 2-4N, min +20C, max +28C, >20km.

July 20. Drive from Ertogai Reservoir leaving 7.20am via Kashkar and Tokol to Son Kul pass (3250asl;12.30-3pm) from where we drove via eastern shore to Son Kul Lake southern side (3050 asl) arriving 5.40pm. There two nights in tents. Weather: 2/8, 3N, min +18C, max +25C and +15C at Son Kul Lake.

July 21. The whole day at Son Kul Lake between south-eastern valley (river mouth 7.50-9am; river valley 9.30am-1pm) and south-western shore (4-6pm). Weather: 1/8->3/8, 2E, min -3C, max +27C, +10C in the evening, >20km.

July 22. Leaving from Son Kul Lake 7.05am down to Chu Valley and west to Burana where we arrived 4.15pm and then exploring around camp area. A night in tents near Burana. Weather: 8/8->3/8, 2W, min +8C, max +35C, >20km, some rain in the mountains.

July 23. Exploring 6-9.30am around camp area, then drive towards Bishek making two stops near Tokmok (Tokmok W part and near the river), then driving to Bishek NW part (Ozermayo fish ponds, 1.30-4pm). Finally arriving to Bishek 5.30pm and staying two nights in a very nice hotel. Weather: 8/8, 2W, min +18C, max +35C, >20km.



July 24. Drive to Ala Archa and walking there (8am-2pm) up to 3300m asl. Then drive to Bishek when thunderstorm and rain started. Afternoon making tourist shopping and walking in Bishek. Weather: 2/8->7/8, 2W, min +20C, max +30C, >20km when not raining.

July 25. Finns leaving kyrgyz territory for homebound flight. I stayed a couple of more days. Early flight leaving 6.05am from Bishek airport to Moscow where arriving 9am. Part of group took a morning flight from Moscow to Tallinn and fast ferry to Helsinki arriving 3.30pm there. The rest of group spent the day in Moscow Zoological Museum studying selected species and took the night train from Moscow to Helsinki leaving 10.10pm.

July 26-27. Michaels observations from Bishkek.

Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan 2005: Systematic List of the Birds observed during our journey. I have included taxonomical remarks issued by AERC TAC (2003) AERC TAC's Taxonomic Recommendations. Online version: www.aerc.be . I assume most travelers in the region would appreciate some taxonomical hints. Subspecies are mentioned, though not in every occasion detailed. In many occasions it's impossible or difficult to pinpoint the ssp. - marked with a parenthesis e.g. *Podiceps grisegena (holboellii)*. Unrecognised ssp. Is marked with an asterix e.g. *Anas strepera** The AERC TAC recommendation is a useful tool for every taxonomist and certainly a great help for any birder travelling in the region. No doubt – there is several non-described ssp. in the region. Lots to see – lots to do! I have added further info about the birds in Kyrgyzstan due general lack of information about ornithology in this country.

GAVIIDAE

***Gavia arctica arctica* - Black_throated Diver - Sortstrubet Lom**

1/7 6 Karachar village, Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 2/7 1 Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve and 3/7 6 (5 ad. + 1 juv.) Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve.

PODICIPEDIDAE

***Podiceps auritus* (monotypic) - Horned Grebe - Nordisk Lappedykker**

20/7 3ad+5 juv Son Kul and 21/7 1 Son Kul.

***Podiceps nigricollis nigricollis* - Black_necked Grebe - Sorthalset Lappedykker**

30/6 15 Finnish birders observations from Moskau - Astana, 1/7 8 Karachar village, Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 2/7 3 Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 3/7 75 Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 15 Almaty - Konchangel; incl. Lake Sorbulak, 6/7 10 Konchangel - Turenga Forest, 12/7 8 Kazakhstan - Karakol, Kyrgyzstan via Kara-Chungkur Valley, 16/7 3 Jetti-Öguz valley - Tamga, 20/7 3 Orto-Tokoy Water Reservoir and 21/7 20 Son Kul.

***Tachybaptus ruficollis (capensis)* - Little Grebe - Lille Lappedykker**

16/7 2 heard calling, Jetti-Öguz valley - Tamga; incl. lake west of Kyzul-Suu.

***Podiceps cristatus cristatus* - Great Crested Grebe - Toppet Lappedykker**

30/6 5 Finnish birders observations from Moskau - Astana, 2/7 50 Karachar village and excursions in Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 3/7 5 Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 5/7 40 Almaty - Konchangel; incl. Lake Sorbulak, 12/7 10 Kazakhstan - Karakol, Kyrgyzstan via Kara-Chungkur Valley, 16/7 35 Jetti-Öguz valley - Tamga; incl. lake west of Kyzul-Suu, 18/7 10 Whole-day excursion to Salt Lake, 19/7 165 Orto-Tokoy Water Reservoir, 20/7 50 Orto-Tokoy Water Reservoir - Son Kul, 21/7 200 Son Kul and 23/7 50 former state-fishponds 40km NW of Bishkek.

***Podiceps grisegena (holboellii)* – Red-necked Grebe - Gråstrubet Lappedykker**

1/7 15 Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 2/7 80 Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve and 3/7 20 Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve.

PHALACROCORACIDAE

***Phalacrocorax carbo sinensis* - Great Cormorant - Skarv**

29/6 40 Karachar village, Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 30/6 2 Finnish birders observations from Moskau - Astana, 30/6 500 Karachar village, Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 1/7 500 Karachar village, Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 2/7++ Karachar village and excursions in Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 3/7 200 Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 5/7 50 Almaty - Konchangel; incl. Lake Sorbulak, 8/7 125 Karaoi (Qaraoy), 9/7 31 Karaoi (Qaraoy) - Kapshagai (Qapshaghay), 17/7 1 Tamga and 21/7 10 Son Kul.

PELECANIDAE

***Pelecanus onocrotalus* (monotypic) - Great White Pelican - Almindelig Pelikan**

5/7 4 (probably more but due to heatblaze it was difficult to obtain safe identification of more distant birds) Lake Sorbulak.

***Pelecanus crispus* (monotypic) - Dalmatian Pelican - Krøltoppet Pelikan**

Most common pelican in Kazakhstan. 29/6 5 Karachar village, Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 30/6 X Karachar village, Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 1/7 12 Astana - Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve and Karachar village, 2/7 30 Karachar village and excursions in Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 3/7 15 Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve and 5/7 20 (probably up to app. 60 more but due to heatblaze it was difficult to obtain safe identification of more distant birds) Lake Sorbulak.

ARDEIDAE

***Botaurus stellaris stellaris* [includes *orientalis*] - Great Bittern - Rørdrum**

29/6 1 Karachar village, Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 2/7 2 Karachar village and excursions in Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve and 3/7 2 Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve.

***Ixobrychus minutus minutus* - Little Bittern - Dværghejre**

16/7 4 Lake west of Kyzul-Suu south of Karakol and 23/7 2 Fishponds 40km NW of Bishkek.

***Casmerodius albus albus* - Great Egret - Sølvhejre**

29/6 1 Karachar village, Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 30/6 Karachar village, Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 1/7 2 Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 2/7 10 Karachar village and excursions in Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 3/7 5 Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve and 8/7 4 Karaoi (Qaraoy).

***Ardea cinerea cinerea* - Grey Heron - Fiskehejre**

29/6 3 Karachar village, Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 29/6 6 Trainobs Moskau - Astana, 30/6 30 Finnish birders observations from Moskau - Astana 30/6 Karachar village, Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 1/7 30 Astana - Karachar village, Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 2/7 12 Karachar village and excursions in Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 3/7 4 Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 4/7 1 Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve - Astana, 5/7 2 Almaty - Konchangel; incl. Lake Sorbulak, 6/7 28 Konchangel - Turenga Forest, 8/7 10 Karaoi (Qaraoy), 9/7 3 Karaoi (Qaraoy) - Kapshagai (Qapshaghay), 12/7 2 Kazakhstan - Karakol, Kyrgyzstan via Kara-Chungkur Valley, 16/7 3 Jeti-Öguz valley - Tamga; incl. lake west of Kyzul-Suu, 19/7 2 Orto-Tokoy Water Reservoir, 19/7 1 Orto-Tokoy Water Reservoir, 21/7 10 Son Kul, 22/7 1 Son Kul - Burana and 23/7 3 Burana - Bishkek; incl. stop near Tokmok and former State fishponds 40km NW of Bishkek.

CICONIIDAE

***Ciconia nigra* (monotypic) - Black Stork - Sort Stork**

21/7 2 Son Kul.

***Platalea leucorodia leucorodia* - Eurasian Spoonbill - Skestork**

1/7 1 Karachar village, Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve.

PHOENICOPTERIDAE

***Phoenicopterus roseus* (monotypic) - Greater Flamingo - Flamingo**

3/7 45 Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve.



ANATIDAE

***Cygnus olor* (monotypic) – Knopsvane - Mute Swan**

30/6 4 Finnish birders observations from Moskau - Astana, 1/720 Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 2/7 50 Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 3/7 10 Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve and 5/7 12 Lake Sorbulak.

***Cygnus cygnus cygnus* - Whooper Swan - Sangsvane**

2/7 70 Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 3/7 15 Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve and 12/7 2 ad with 1 pull. - breedingpair which probably is the second confirmed breeding record for this species on this location in Kyrgyzstan, Kara-Chungkur Valley.

***Anser anser rubrirostris* - Greylag Goose - Grågås**

30/6 5 Finnish birders observations from Moskau - Astana, 1/716 Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 2/7 5000 Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve and 3/7 30 Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve.

***Tadorna tadorna* (monotypic) - Common Shelduck - Gravand**

2/7 50 Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 3/7 350 Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 5/7 2 Lake Sorbulak and 18/7 1 breeding pair with 5 pullus at Saltlake - 2003 we found first breeding record for this species in Kyrgyzstan at this lake.

***Tadorna ferruginea* (monotypic) - Ruddy Shelduck - Rustand**

3/7 2 Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 5/7 7 Lake Sorbulak, 7/7 8 Ili River, 12/7 9 Kara-Chungkur Valley, 17/7 2 Tamga, 15/7 43 May Saz - Karakol, 20/7 40 Orto-Tokoy Water Reservoir - Son Kul, 21/7 100 Son Kul, 22/7 15 Son Kul - Burana and 23/7 2 Burana - Bishkek; incl. stop near Tokmok and former State fishponds 40km NW of Bishkek.



***Anas platyrhynchos platyrhynchos* - Mallard - Gråand**

29/6 1 Finnish birders observations from Moskau – Astana, 30/6 (++) Finnish birders observations from Moskau - Astana, 1/7 (++) Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 2/7 (++) Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve and 3/7 (+++) Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 4/7 4 Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve - Astana; observations from train, 9/7 1 ad. Karaoi (Qaraoy) - Kapshagai (Qapshaghay), 12/7 5 Kazakhstan - Karakol, Kyrgyzstan via Kara-Chungkur Valley, 16/7 1 Jeti-Öguz valley - Tamga; incl. lake west of Kyzul-Suu, 19/7 67 Tamga - incl. "Fairy Place" - Orto-Tokoy Water Reservoir, 20/7 8 Son Kul, 21/7 12 Son Kul and 23/7 20 Burana - Bishkek; incl. stop near Tokmok and former State fishponds 40km NW of Bishkek.

***Anas strepera strepera* – Gadwall - Knarand**

30/6 4 Finnish birders observations from Moskau - Astana, 2/7 300 Karachar village and excursions in Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 3/7 200 Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 5/7 2 Almaty - Konchangel; incl. Lake Sorbulak, 12/7 40 Kazakhstan - Karakol, Kyrgyzstan via Kara-Chungkur Valley and 21/7 5 Son Kul.

***Anas acuta acuta* [includes *tzitzihoo*] - Northern Pintail - Spidsand**

30/6 1 Finnish birders observations from Moskau - Astana, 1/7 20 Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 2/7 500 Karachar village and excursions in Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 3/7 100 Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve and 21/7 90 Son Kul.

***Anas clypeata* (monotypic) - Northern Shoveler - Skeand**

1/7 15 Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 2/7 500 Karachar village and excursions in Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 3/7 100 Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 21/7 6 Son Kul and 23/7 3 Burana - Bishkek; incl. stop near Tokmok and former State fishponds 40km NW of Bishkek.

***Anas penelope* (monotypic) - Eurasian Wigeon - Pibeand**

30/6 1 ad+pullus Finnish birders observations from Moskau - Astana, 1/7 20 Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 2/7 100 Karachar village and excursions in Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 3/7 500 Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve and 12/7 10 Son Kul.

***Anas crecca crecca* - Green winged Teal - Krikand**

1/7 3 Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 2/7 100 Karachar village and excursions in Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 3/7 50 Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve and 12/7 2 Kazakhstan - Karakol, Kyrgyzstan via Kara-Chungkur Valley and 21/7 5 Son Kul.

***Anas querquedula* (monotypic) – Garganey - Atlingand**

2/7 2 Karachar village and excursions in Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 3/7 15 Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 12/7 2 Kazakhstan - Karakol, Kyrgyzstan via Kara-Chungkur Valley, 21/7 20 Son Kul and 23/7 30 Burana - Bishkek; incl. stop near Tokmok and former State fishponds 40km NW of Bishkek.

***Aythya ferina* (monotypic) - Common Pochard - Taffeland**

30/6 100 Finnish birders observations from Moskau - Astana, 1/7 1000 Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 2/7 15000 Karachar village and excursions in Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 3/7 10000 Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 6/7 3 6/7 Konchangel - Turenga Forest and 21/7 10 Son Kul.

***Netta rufina* (monotypic) - Red_ crested Pochard - Rødhovedet And**

1/7 70 Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 2/7 80 Karachar village and excursions in Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 3/7 80 Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve and 16/7 3 ad+6pullus Jeti-Öguz valley - Tamga; incl. lake west of Kyzul-Suu.

***Aythya nyroca* (monotypic) - Ferruginous Duck - Hvidøjet And**

7/7 2 Turenga Forest - Ili River - Karaoi.

***Aythya fuligula* (monotypic) - Tufted Duck - Troldand**

30/6 15+ Finnish birders observations from Moskau - Astana, 1/7 50 Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 2/7 300 Karachar village and excursions in Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 3/7 100 Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 12/7 20 Kazakhstan - Karakol, Kyrgyzstan via Kara-Chungkur Valley, 19/7 3 Tamga - incl. "Fairy Place" - Orto-Tokoy Water Reservoir, 20/7 2 Orto-Tokoy Water Reservoir - Son Kul and 21/7 100 Son Kul.

***Bucephala clangula clangula* - Common Goldeneye - Hvinand**

1/7 15 Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 2/7 50 Karachar village and excursions in Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 3/7 70 Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 12/7 2 Kazakhstan - Karakol, Kyrgyzstan via Kara-Chungkur Valley and 21/7 10 Son Kul.

***Mergus albeillicus* (monotypic) – Smew - Lille Skallesluger**

2/7 3 Karachar village and excursions in Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve.

***Mergus merganser merganser* – Goosander - Stor skallesluger**

17/7 3ad+15juv Tamga, 18/7 Whole-day excursion to Salt Lake and 21/7 10 Son Kul.

***Oxyura leucocephala* (monotypic) – White-headed Duck - Hvidhovedet And**

2/7 95 Karachar village and excursions in Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve and 3/7 85 Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve.

ACCIPITRIDAE

***Gypaetus barbatus aureus* [includes *hemachalanus*] – Lammergeier - Lammegrib**

13/7 2 Karakol - May Saz campsite; incl. Karakol Valley and May Saz Mountain Pass, 14/7 2 May Saz, 15/7 1 juv + 2ad May Saz - Karakol; incl. May Saz Mountain Pass and birds seen along the road, 20/7 2ad+1juv Orto-Tokoy Water Reservoir - Son Kul, 21/7 1ad+1juv Son Kul and 22/7 1 juv Son Kul - Burana.

***Gyps himalayensis himalayensis* - Himalayan Griffon Vulture - Himalayagrib**

20/7 15 Orto-Tokoy Water Reservoir - Son Kul and 21/7 Son Kul. *Gyps himalayensis/fulvus*
13/7 1 May Saz.

***Aegypius monachus* (monotypic) [includes *chincou*, *danieli*] - Eurasian Black Vulture - Munkegrib**

5/7 1 adult Almaty - Konchangel; incl. Lake Sorbulak, 21/7 4 Son Kul and 22/7 1 Son Kul - Burana.

***Neophron percnopterus percnopterus* - Egyptian Vulture - Ådselsgrib**

11/7 1 adult Sharyn Canyon.

***Circaetus gallicus* [includes *heptneri*] – Short-toed Eagle - Slangeørn**

9/7 1 ad. Karaoi (Qaraoy) - Kapshagai (Qapshaghay) and 10/7 1 Ili River Canyon - Shelek.

***Aquila chrysaetos (chrysaetos)* - Golden Eagle - Kongeørn**

9/7 1 ad. Karaoi (Qaraoy) - Kapshagai (Qapshaghay), 11/7 2 ad. Kokpek - observations along road to Shonzy - Sharyn Canyon, 12/7 2 Kara-Chungkur Valley, 13/7 2 Karakol - May Saz campsite; incl. Karakol Valley and May Saz Mountain Pass, 14/7 2 ad. + 1 juv. May Saz, 15/7 May Saz, 15/7 2 ad. + 1 juv. May Saz, 15/7 May Saz, 19/7 Orto-Tokoy Water Reservoir, 20/7 3 ad. Orto-Tokoy Water Reservoir - Son Kul, 21/7 1 ad. + 1 juv. Son Kul and 22/7 1 ad. Son Kul - Burana.

***Aquila heliaca* (monotypic) [includes *ricketti*] - Imperial Eagle - Kejserørn**

5/7 1 ad. Almaty - Konchangel; incl. Lake Sorbulak, 9/7 1 ad. Karaoi (Qaraoy) - Kapshagai (Qapshaghay) and 10/7 Ili River Canyon - Shelek

***Aquila nipalensis (orientalis)* - Steppe Eagle - Steppeørn**

1/7 1 ad. + 2 juv. Karachar village, Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 2/7 1 juv. Karachar village and excursions in Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 4/7 2 Astana - Almaty; observations from train, 5/7 1 Almaty - Konchangel; incl.

Lake Sorbulak, 9/7 3 Karaoi (Qaraoy) - Kapshagai (Qapshaghay) and 12/7 1 Sharyn Canyon, Kazakhstan - Karakol, Kyrgyzstan via Kara-Chungkur Valley.

***Hieraaetus pennatus* (monotypic) [includes *harterti*, *milvoides*] - Booted Eagle - Dværgørn**

16/7 1 Jeti-Öguz valley - Tamga; incl. lake west of Kyzul-Suu and 17/7 3 Tamga.

PANDIONIDAE

***Pandion haliaetus haliaetus* – Osprey - Fiskeørn**

30/6 1 Finnish birders observations from Moskau – Astana.

***Milvus migrans migrans* - Black Kite - Sort Glente and *Milvus migrans lineatus* – Black-eared Kite**

Milvus migrans migrans – Black Kite: 29/6 3 Finnish birders observations from Moskau - Astana, 30/67 Finnish birders observations from Moskau - Astana, 1/7 15 Astana - Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve and 2/7 2 Karachar village and excursions in Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve.

Milvus migrans lineatus – Black-eared Kite: 5/7 Almaty - Konchangel; incl. Lake Sorbulak and Konchangel; semi-desert area 60, 6/7 Kochangel and Turenga Forest 100, 7/7 2 Turenga Forest - Ili River - Karaoi, 9/7 10 Karaoi (Qaraoy) - Kapshagai (Qapshaghay), 10/7 5 Kapshagai (Qapshaghay) - Ili River Canyon - Shelek, 11/7 4 Kokpek - observations along road to Shonzhy - Sharyn Canyon, 12/7 10 Sharyn Canyon, Kazakhstan - Karakol, Kyrgyzstan via Kara-Chungkur Valley, 13/7 4 Karakol - May Saz campsite; incl. Karakol Valley and May Saz Mountain Pass - some of these birds were not identified well enough to decide the identification to either *Milvus migrans* or *M. lineatus*, 15/7 2 May Saz - Karakol - some of these birds were not identified well enough to decide the identification to either *Milvus migrans* or *M. lineatus*, 16/7 8 Karakol and Jeti-Öguz valley 16/7 Jeti-Öguz valley, 17/7 10 Tamga, 19/7 4 Tamga - incl. "Fairy Place" - Orto-Tokoy Water Reservoir and 21/7 5 Son Kul.



***Circus aeruginosus aeruginosus* - Western Marsh Harrier - Rørhøg**

29/6 2 Finnish birders observations from Moskau - Astana, 30/6 20 Finnish birders observations from Moskau - Astana, 1/7 25 Astana - Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve; incl. Karachar village and Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 2/7 10 Karachar village and excursions in Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 3/7 10 Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 4/7 5 Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve - Astana - Almaty; observations from train, 16/7 1 lake west of Kyzul-Suu and 23/7 1 ad. + 1 juv. Former State fishponds 40km NW of Bishkek.

***Circus cyaneus cyaneus* - Hen Harrier - Blå Kærhøg**

12/7 1 Sharyn Canyon, Kazakhstan - Karakol, Kyrgyzstan via Kara-Chungkur Valley

***Circus pygargus* (monotypic) - Montagu's Harrier - Hedeheøg**

1/7 3 Astana - Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 2/7 4 Karachar village and excursions in Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 4/7 2 Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve - Astana; observations from train, 6/71 Kochangel and 9/7 1 Karaoi (Qaraoy) - Kapshagai (Qapshaghay).

***Circus macrourus* (monotypic) - Pallid Harrier - Steppehøg**

1/7 4 Astana - Karachar village; Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 2/7 3 Karachar village and excursions in Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 3/7 5 Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve and 4/7 3 Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve - Astana; observations from train.

***Circus pygargus/macrourus* - Montagu's/Pallid Harrier**

30/6 1 Finnish birders observations from Moskau - Astana, 1/7 5 Astana - Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 2/7 3 Karachar village and excursions in Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 3/7 5 Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 4/7 3 Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve - Astana; observations from train, 5/7 1 Almaty - Konchangel; incl. Lake Sorbulak and 6/7 1 Kochangel.

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

1/7 7 Astana - Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 2/7 8 Karachar village and excursions in Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 3/7 10 Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 4/7 5 Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve - Astana - Almaty; observations from train, 5/7 10 Almaty - Konchangel; incl. Lake Sorbulak, 6/7 35 Kochangel and Turenga Forest, 7/7 2 Turenga Forest - Ili River - Karaoi, 8/7 1 Karaoi (Qaraoy), 9/7 10 Karaoi (Qaraoy) - Kapshagai (Qapshaghay), 10/7 5 Kapshagai (Qapshaghay) - Ili River Canyon - Shelek, 11/7 3 Shelek - Kokpek - observations along road to Shonzhy - Sharyn Canyon, 12/7 12 Sharyn Canyon, Kazakhstan - Karakol, Kyrgyzstan via Kara-Chungkur Valley, 13/7 5 Karakol - May Saz campsite; incl. Karakol Valley and May Saz Mountain Pass, 15/7 1 May Saz - Karakol; incl. May Saz Mountain Pass and birds seen along the road, 16/7 7 Karakol - Jeti-Öguz valley - Tamga; incl. lake west of Kyzul-Suu, 18/7 1 Whole-day excursion to Salt Lake, 19/7 6 Tamga - incl. "Fairy Place" - Orto-Tokoy Water Reservoir, 20/7 7 Orto-Tokoy Water Reservoir - Son Kul, 21/7 3 Son Kul, 22/7 7 Son Kul - Burana and 23/7 1 Burana - Bishkek; incl. stop near Tokmok and former State fishponds 40km NW of Bishkek.

***Buteo buteo vulpinus* - Eurasian Buzzard - Musvåge (ssp Steppevåge)**

29/6 6 Finnish birders observations from Moskau - Astana, 30/610 Finnish birders observations from Moskau - Astana, 1/7 5 Astana - Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 2/7 2 Karachar village and excursions in Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 3/7 1 Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve and 4/7 1 Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve - Astana - Almaty; observations from train.

***Buteo hemilasius (hemilasiua)* - Upland Buzzard**

16/7 1-2 Jeti-Öghuz valley .

***Pernis apivorus* (monotypic) - European Honey Buzzard - Hvepsevåge**

29/6 2 Finnish birders observations from Moskau - Astana

***Accipiter nisus (nisus/nisosimilis)* - Eurasian Sparrowhawk - Spurvehøg**

13/7 1 Karakol - May Saz campsite; incl. Karakol Valley and May Saz Mountain Pass, 14/7 3 May Saz and 15/7 3 May Saz - Karakol; incl. May Saz Mountain Pass and birds seen along the road.



Accipiter badius cenchroides [includes *chorassanicus*] – **Shikra - Shikra**
 6/7 3 Konchangel - Turenga Forest, 7/7 8
 Turenga Forest - Ili River - Karaoi, 8/7 5
 Karaoi (Qaraoy) and 9/7 6 Karaoi (Qaraoy) -
 Kapshagai (Qapshaghay).



FALCONIDAE

Falco tinnunculus tinnunculus - **Common Kestrel - Tårnfalk**

30/6 5 Finnish birders observations from Moskau - Astana, 1/7 10 Astana - Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 2/7 5 Karachar village and excursions in Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 3/7 2 Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 4/7 20 Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve - Astana - Almaty; observations from train, 5/7 3 Almaty - Konchangel; incl. Lake Sorbulak, 6/7 2 Konchangel - Turenga Forest, 7/7 7 Turenga Forest - Ili River - Karaoi, 8/7 10 Karaoi (Qaraoy), 9/7 50 Karaoi (Qaraoy) - Kapshagai (Qapshaghay), 10/7 15 Kapshagai (Qapshaghay) - Ili River Canyon - Shelek, 11/7 7 Shelek - Kokpek - observations along road to Shonzhy - Sharyn Canyon, 12/7 13 Sharyn Canyon, Kazakhstan - Karakol, Kyrgyzstan via Kara-Chungkur Valley, 13/7 8 Karakol - May Saz campsite; incl. Karakol Valley and May Saz Mountain Pass, 14/7 1 May Saz, 15/7 5 May Saz - Karakol; incl. May Saz Mountain Pass and birds seen along the road, 16/7 10 Karakol to/incl. Jeti-Öguz valley - Tamga; incl. lake west of Kyzul-Suu, 17/7 1 Tamga, 18/7 2 Whole-day excursion to Salt Lake, 19/7 4 Tamga - incl. "Fairy Place" - Orto-Tokoy Water Reservoir, 20/7 10 Orto-Tokoy Water Reservoir - Son Kul, 21/7 8 Son Kul, 22/7 3 Son Kul - Burana and 23/7 1 Burana - Bishkek; incl. stop near Tokmok and former State fishponds 40km NW of Bishkek.

Falco vespertinus (monotypic) – **Red-footed Falcon - Aftenfalk**

1/7 10 Observations from train north of Astana, 1/7 3 ad. + 4 pull. Astana - Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve and 4/7 10 Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve - Astana.

Falco subbuteo subbuteo [includes *centralasiae*, *jakutensis*, *jugurtha*, *ussuriensis*] - **Eurasian Hobby – Lærkefalk**

7/7 2 Turenga Forest, 8/7 3 Karaoi (Qaraoy), 9/7 3 Karaoi (Qaraoy), 10/7 2 Kapshagai (Qapshaghay) - Ili River Canyon - Shelek, 12/7 2 Kara-Chungkur Valley, 16/7 7 Karakol and Jeti-Öguz valley - Tamga; incl. lake west of Kyzul-Suu, 17/7 2 Tamga, 18/7 2 Whole-day excursion to Salt Lake, 22/7 2 Son Kul - Burana and 23/7 4 Burana - Bishkek; incl. stop near Tokmok and former State fishponds 40km NW of Bishkek.

Falco pelegrinoides (*pelegrinoides/babylonicus*) - **Barbary Falcon - Berberfalk**

21/7 1 juv. Son Kul and 23/7 1 juv. former State fishponds 40km NW of Bishkek.

***Falco columbarius (pallidus)* – Merlin - Dværgfalk**

13/7 1 male and 1 female Karakol - May Saz campsite; incl. Karakol Valley and May Saz Mountain Pass, 14/7 1 male and 1 female May Saz and 15/7 1 male and 1 female May Saz.

***Falco cherrug (cherrug/milvipes)* – Saker - Slagfalk**

9/7 4 mainroad East of Karaoi (Qaraoy) in desert area and 21/7 1 Son Kul.

PHASIANIDAE

***Tetrgogallus hirnalayensis (hirnalayensis)* - Himalayan Snowcock - Himalaya Kongehøne**

14/7 and 15/7 3 May Saz.

***Alectoris chukar (ssp not known)* – Chuckar - Chukarhøne**

10/7 30 Kapshagai (Qapshaghay) and Ili River Canyon, 11/7 15 Kokpek, observations along road to Shonzhy and Sharyn Canyon, 12/7 12 Sharyn Canyon and road to Kyrgyz border, 14/7 3 May Saz, 19/7 2 Tamga - incl. "Fairy Place" and Orto-Tokoy Water Reservoir, 20/7 Orto-Tokoy Water Reservoir - Son Kul and 22/7 3 ad. + 15 juv. Son Kul - Burana.

***Coturnix coturnix [includes confisa, corsicana, orientalis]* - Common Quail - Vagtøl**

1/7 2 Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 2/7 9 Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 12/7 1 Sharyn Canyon - Kyrgyz border, 12/7 10 Kara-Chungkur Valley, 13/7 few birds registered Karakol - May Saz campsite; incl. Karakol Valley, 15/7 2 May Saz - Karakol; 16/7 2 Karakol - Jetti-Öguz valley, 17/7 15 Tamga, 18/7 2 Tamga - Salt Lake, 22/7 30 Burana and 23/7 50 Burana - Bishkek.

***Phasianus colchicus (principalis)* - Common Pheasant - Fasan**

7/7 heard Turenga Forest - Ili River, 11/7 1 Shelek - Kokpek and 23/7 2 Burana - Bishkek; incl. stop near Tokmok and former State fishponds 40km NW of Bishkek.

RALLIDAE

***Crex crex (monotypic)* - Corn Crake - Engsnarre**

30/6 2 Finnish birders observations from Moskau - Astana, 12/7 5 Kara-Chungkur Valley, 13/7 few birds heard Karakol - May Saz, 15/7 2 May Saz - Karakol and 17/7 5 Tamga.

***Rallus aquaticus (aquaticus)* - Water Rail - Vandrikse**

29/6 1 Karachar village, Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 2/7 2 Karachar village and excursions in Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve and 11/7 few birds heard along road to Shonzhy.

***Gallinula chloropus chloropus* - Common Moorhen - Grønbenet Rørhøne**

30/6 5 Finnish birders observations from Moskau - Astana, 2/7 1 Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 3/7 1 Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 5/7 3 Almaty - Konchangel; incl. Lake Sorbulak, 8/7 2 Karaoi (Qaraoy), 9/7 10 Karaoi (Qaraoy) - Kapshagai (Qapshaghay), 12/7 1 Kara-Chungkur Valley, 16/7 2 ad. + 3 pullus Jetti-Öguz valley - Tamga; incl. lake west of Kyzul-Suu, 18/7 1 Salt Lake, 20/7 1 Orto-Tokoy Water Reservoir and 23/7 20 former State fishponds 40km NW of Bishkek.



***Fulica atra atra* [includes *japonica*, *turkestanica*] - Eurasian Coot - Blishøne**

29/6 12 Finnish birders observations from Moskau - Astana, 30/6 200 Finnish birders observations from Moskau - Astana, 1/7 150 Karachar village, Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 2/7 150 Karachar village and excursions in Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 3/7 200 Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 5/7 10 Almaty - Konchangel; incl. Lake Sorbulak, 6/7 20 Konchangel - Turenga Forest, 7/7 ++ Turenga Forest - Ili River - Karaoi, 8/7 6 Karaoi (Qaraoy), 12/7 80 Kara-Chungkur Valley, 16/7 150 Jeti-Öguz valley - Tamga; incl. lake west of Kyzul-Suu, 19/71 Tamga - incl. "Fairy Place" - Orto-Tokoy Water Reservoir, 20/7 15 Orto-Tokoy Water Reservoir - Son Kul, 21/7 300 Son Kul and 23/7 ++ Burana - Bishkek; incl. former State fishponds 40km NW of Bishkek.

GRUIDAE

***Grus virgo* (monotypic) - Demoiselle Crane - Jomfrutrane**

1/7 2 Astana - Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 3/7 15 Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 6/7 2 ad. + 1 juv. Kochangel, 12/7 2 Sharyn Canyon - Kyrgyz border and 21/7 2 Son Kul.

OTIDIDAE

***Chlamydotis macqueenii* (*macqueenii*) - Macqueen's Bustard**

6/7 2 imm. Kochangel.

HAEMATOPODIDAE

***Haematopus ostralegus buturlini* - Eurasian Oystercatcher - Strandskade**

2/7 1 Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve.

RECURVIROSTRIDAE

***Recurvirostra avosetta* (monotypic) - Pied Avocet - Klyde**

2/7 10 Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve and 3/7 55 Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve.



***Himantopus himantopus himantopus* – Black-winged Stilt - Stylteløber**

1/7 2 Astana - Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 2/7 25 Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 3/7 30 Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 5/7 50 Observations from train Astana - Almaty, 6/7 50 Kochangel - Turenga Forest, 8/7 2 Karaoi (Qaraoy), 9/7 11 Karaoi (Qaraoy) - Kapshagai (Qapshaghay) and 23/7 50 former State fishponds 40km NW of Bishkek.

***Ibidorhyncha struthersii* (*struthersii*) – Ibisbill - Ibisnæb**

13/7 4 Karakol - May Saz; incl. Karakol Valley and May Saz Mountain Pass, 15/7 3 May Saz - Karakol; incl. May Saz Mountain Pass and birds seen along the road and 20/7 3 Orto-Tokoy Water Reservoir - Son Kul.

BURHINIDAE

***Burhinus oediconemus* (*harterti*) – Stone-Curlew - Triel**

6/7 1 heard Turenga Forest and 7/7 2 heard Turenga Forest.

CHARADRIIDAE

***Charadrius dubius curonicus* - Little Ringed Plover - Lille Præstekrave**

2/7 3 Karachar village and excursions in Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 3/7 5 Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 5/7 3 Almaty - Konchangel; incl. Lake Sorbulak, 6/7 6 Konchangel - Turenga Forest, 8/7 1 Karaoi (Qaraoy), 9/7 2 Karaoi (Qaraoy) - Kapshagai (Qapshaghay), 10/7 1 Kapshagai (Qapshaghay) - Ili River Canyon - Shelek, 12/7 1 Sharyn Canyon - Kyrgyz border, 18/7 1 Salt Lake, 19/7 1 Tamga - Orto-Tokoy Water Reservoir, 20/7 2 Orto-Tokoy Water and 22/7 2 ad. + 3 juv. Son Kul - Burana.

***Charadrius alexandrinus alexandrinus* [includes *spatzi*] - Kentish Plover - Hvidbrystet Præstekrave**
2/7 15 Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve and 3/7 15 Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve.

***Charadrius mongolus pamirensis* - Lesser Sand Plover - Mongolsk Præstekrave**
21/7 14 Son Kul.

***Charadrius leschenaultii columbinus/crassirostris* - Greater Sand Plover - Ørkenpræstekrave**
6/7 3 Konchangel.

***Vanellus vanellus* (monotypic) - Northern Lapwing - Vibe**

29/6 1 Karachar village, Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 30/6 2 Finnish birders observations from Moskau - Astana, 1/7 100 Astana - Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 2/7 20 Karachar village and excursions in Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve,
3/7 20 Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 4/7 30 Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve - Astana - Almaty; observations from train, 5/7 5 Almaty - Konchangel; incl. Lake Sorbulak, 6/7 5 Konchangel - Turenga Forest, 7/7 few Turenga Forest - Ili River - Karaoi, 9/7 2 Karaoi (Qaraoy) - Kapshagai (Qapshaghay), 10/7 50 Kapshagai (Qapshaghay) - Ili River Canyon - Shelek, 11/7 10 Kokpek - observations along road to Shonzhy - Sharyn Canyon, 12/7 2 Sharyn Canyon - Kyrgyz border, 16/7 15 Karakol - Jeti-Öguz valley - Tamga; incl. lake west of Kyzul-Suu, 17/7 3 Tamga, 21/7 2 Son Kul and 23/7 550 Burana - Bishkek; incl. stop at former State fishponds 40km NW of Bishkek.



Note about *Vanellus gregarius* Sociable Lapwing

This year we didn't spend much effort trying finding this species. Certainly we were at the species stronghold in the region and if we wished to find it we could so, but since everyone in the group have seen this species well we actually decided using little effort in a search. In my mind a wise decision, while at this time of year, the species are difficult seeing well without disturbing it! The reason for this is due the adults guide their young's into higher types of vegetation - tall-grass in a matter to avoid predators; it's easier to hide in this habitat. This also makes it more

difficult to find for birdwatchers. In doing so, one have to criss-cross a large area and doing so is disturbing. The other possibility is waiting and searching with binoculars and it easily could result in hours waiting. This time was in a collective decision among the group better used at other ornithological aspects in this splendid area. But if you as visitor would see this species it's possible even in late summer, it's just takes more effort and is time-consuming. The birds are present...



SCOLOPACIDAE

Calidris alpina alpina –

Dunlin - Almindelig Ryle

3/7 1 Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve.

Calidris temminckii (monotypic) - **Temminck's Stint – Temminck's Ryle**

18/7 4 Whole-day excursion to Salt Lake, 21/7 1 and 23/7 2 State fishponds 40km NW of Bishkek.

Calidris ferruginea (monotypic) [includes *testacea*] - **Curlew Sandpiper - Krumnæbbet Ryle**

18/7 4 ad. Salt Lake and 21/7 1 ad. former State fishponds 40km NW of Bishkek.

Calidris minuta (monotypic) - **Little Stint - Dværgryle**

3/7 2 Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 5/7 2 Almaty - Konchangel; incl. Lake Sorbulak and 21/7 2 ad. former State fishponds 40km NW of Bishkek.

Tringa glareola (monotypic) – **Wood Sandpiper – Tinksméd**

1/7 1 Astana - Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 3/7 5 Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 4/7 5 Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve - Astana, 5/7 4 Almaty - Konchangel; incl. Lake Sorbulak, 19/7 1 Orto-Tokoy Water Reservoir and 23/7 20 Burana - Bishkek; incl. stop near Tokmok and former State fishponds 40km NW of Bishkek.

Tringa ochropus (monotypic) - **Green Sandpiper - Svaleklire**

3/7 1 Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 6/7 2 Konchangel - Turenga Forest, 8/7 1 Karaoi (Qaraoy), 9/7 1 Karaoi (Qaraoy), 10/7 2 Ili River Canyon - Shelek, 11/7 3 Kokpek - observations along road to Shonzhy - Sharyn Canyon, 12/7 2 Sharyn Canyon, Kazakhstan - Karakol, 14/7 1 May Saz, 18/7 1 Whole-day excursion to Salt Lake, 20/7 5 Orto-Tokoy Water Reservoir, 21/7 4 Son Kul, 22/7 1 Son Kul - Burana and 23/7 5 Burana - Bishkek; incl. stop near Tokmok and former State fishponds 40km NW of Bishkek.

Xenus cinreus (monotypic) - **Terek Sandpiper - Terekklire**

3/7 6 Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 18/7 5 Whole-day excursion to Salt Lake, 21/7 2 Son Kul, 22/7 1 Son Kul - Burana and 23/7 2 Former State fishponds 40km NW of Bishkek.

Tringa tetanus (ussuriensis) - **Common Redshank - Rødben**

29/6 1 Karachar village, Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 1/7 2 Astana - Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 2/7 20 Karachar village and excursions in Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 3/7 50 Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 5/7 3 Almaty - Konchangel; incl. Lake Sorbulak, 6/7 1 Konchangel, 11/7 1 Kokpek - observations along road to Shonzhy - Sharyn Canyon, 12/7 3 Sharyn Canyon, Kazakhstan - Karakol, Kyrgyzstan via Kara-Chungkur Valley, 16/7 2 Jeti-

Öguz valley - Tamga; incl. lake west of Kyzul-Suu, 17/7 1 Tamga, 18/7 10 Whole-day excursion to Salt Lake, 20/7 7 Orto-Tokoy Water Reservoir - Son Kul, 21/7 15 Son Kul, 22/7 10 Son Kul - Burana and 23/7 3 Burana - Bishkek; incl. stop near Tokmok and former State fishponds 40km NW of Bishkek.

***Tringa erythropus* (monotypic) - Spotted Redshank - Sortklire**

2/7 3 Karachar village and excursions in Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve and 3/7 10 Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve.

***Tringa nebularia* (monotypic) [includes *affinis*] - Common Greenshank - Hvidklire**

2/7 5 Karachar village and excursions in Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 3/7 1 Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 5/7 2 Almaty - Konchangel; incl. Lake Sorbulak, 6/7 1 Kochangel, 9/7 1 Karaoi (Qaraoy) and 21/7 2 Son Kul.

***Tringa stagnatilis* (monotypic) - Marsh Sandpiper - Damklire**

1/7 1 Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 2/7 2 Karachar village and excursions in Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve and 3/7 15 Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve.

***Limosa limosa limosa* – Black-tailed Godwit - Stor Kobbersneppe**

30/6 10 Finnish birders observations from Moskau - Astana, 1/7 1 Astana - Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve and 2/7 15 Karachar village and excursions in Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve.

***Numenius arquata arquata* - Eurasian Curlew - Stor Regnspove**

1/7 4 Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 2/7 2 Karachar village and excursions in Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 3/7 3 Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve and 17/7 1 Tamga.

***Numenius phaeopus alboaxillaris* – Whimbrel - Lille Regnspove**

3/7 2 Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve.

***Gallinago gallinago gallinago* - Common Snipe - Dobbeltbekkasin**

11/7 7 Kokpek - observations along road to Shonzy - Sharyn Canyon, 16/7 7 Lake west of Kyzul-Suu, 22/7 2 Son Kul - Burana and 23/7 3 Burana - Bishkek; incl. stop near Tokmok and former State fishponds 40km NW of Bishkek.

***Phalaropus lobatus* (monotypic) – Red-necked Phalarope – Odinshane**

2/7 85Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve and 3/7 800 Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve.

***Philomachus pugnax* (monotypic) – Ruff - Brushane**

1/7 10 Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 2/7 50 Karachar village and excursions in Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 3/7 70 Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 5/7 5 Almaty - Konchangel; incl. Lake Sorbulak and 23/7 30 Burana - Bishkek; incl. stop near Tokmok and former State fishponds 40km NW of Bishkek.

***Actitis hypoleucos* (monotypic) - Common Sandpiper - Mudderklire**

30/6 1 Finnish birders observations from Moskau - Astana, 3/7 1 Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 5/7 3 Almaty - Konchangel; incl. Lake Sorbulak, 10/7 1 Kapshagai (Qapshaghay) - Ili River Canyon, 12/7 3 Sharyn Canyon, Kazakhstan - Karakol, Kyrgyzstan via Kara-Chungkur Valley, 13/7 5 Karakol - May Saz campsite; incl. Karakol



Valley and May Saz Mountain Pass, 14/72 May Saz, 15/7 2 May Saz - Karakol; incl. May Saz Mountain Pass and birds seen along the road, 16/7 2 Karakol - Jeti-Öguz valley - Tamga; incl. lake west of Kyzul-Suu, 17/7 10 Tamga, 18/7 3 Whole-day excursion to Salt Lake, 19/727 Tamga - incl. "Fairy Place" - Orto-Tokoy Water Reservoir, 20/710 Orto-Tokoy Water Reservoir - Son Kul, 21/7 1 Son Kul and 22/7 5 Son Kul - Burana and 23/7 10 Burana - Bishkek; incl. stop near Tokmok and former State fishponds 40km NW of Bishkek.

GLAREOLIDAE

Glareola nordmanni (monotypic) – Black-winged Pratincole - Sortvinget Braksvale

1/7 1 Astana - Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 2/7 60 Karachar village and excursions in Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 3/7 6 Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve and 23/7 1 juv. Former State fishponds 40km NW of Bishkek. The species is very rare in Kyrgyzstan - probably the locality near Bishkek is reliable during migration?

Glareola pratincola pratincola – Pratincole - Braksvale

23/7 40 Former State fishponds 40km NW of Bishkek - wellknown breeding site for this species in Kyrgyzstan.

Glareola sp. *nordmanni/pratincola* – Black-winged Pratincole/ Pratincole - Sortvinget Braksvale/Braksvale
1/7 2 Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve.



LARIDAE

The times that gulls were easy to classify are long past. Three species are recognized for this region among the larger gulls. Herring Gull *Larus argentatus* breeds in Kazakhstan and as such is a more northern species. Yellow legged Gull *L. cachirmans* is the moa of the larger gulls, breeding in small numbers and mainly migrant. However, there are also other subspecies! In my notebook I wrote some remarks about some other subspecies seen. These notes certainly wouldn't be able to solve any identification problems - contrary I would say! I mention the notes, because during our journey we observed several subspecies and were not able to detect every useful identification mark, no frustrating this is. Anyway it's interesting and could keep one busy for a very long period of time. However I would mention ssp. We saw included a.o. Heuglin's Gull *Larus heuglini* (with subspecies *heuglini* and Steppe Gull *L. f. barabensis*) and Armenian Gull *Larus armenicus* (monotypic).

Larus fuscus barabensis - Steppe Gull

20/6 10 Karachar village, Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 1/7 50 Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 2/7 50 Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 3/7 200 Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve and 4/7 "common" Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve - Astana - Almaty; observations from train.

Larus cachinnans [includes *ponticus mongolicus*] - Caspian Gull

5/7 10 Observations from train Astana - Almaty - Konchangel; incl. Lake Sorbulak, 8/7 7 Karaoi (Qaraoy), 9/7 1 Karaoi (Qaraoy) - Kapshagai (Qapshaghay), 12/7 1 adult Kara-Chungkur Valley, Kyrgyzstan, 16/7 1 subad. Jeti-Öguz valley - Tamga; incl. lake west of Kyzul-Suu, 18/7 10 Whole-day excursion to Salt Lake, 19/7 1 ad. Tamga - incl. "Fairy Place" - Orto-Tokoy Water Reservoir, 20/7 5 Orto-Tokoy Water Reservoir - Son Kul, 21/7 10 Son Kul, 22/7 1 ad. Son Kul - Burana and 23/7 2 ad. Burana - Bishkek; incl. stop near Tokmok and former State fishponds

40km NW of Bishkek.

Larus sp. *fuscus barabensis/cachinnans* - Steppe/Caspian Gull



29/6 10 and Finnish birders observations from Moskau - Astana and 30/6 100 Finnish birders observations from Moskau - Astana.

***Larus ridibundus* (monotypic) [includes *lavrovi*, *sibiricus*] – Black-headed Gull - Hættemåge**

29/6 25 Finnish birders observations from Moskau - Astana, 30/6 very common (+++) Finnish birders observations from Moskau - Astana, 1/7 10 Astana - Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 2/7 10 Karachar village and excursions in Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 3/7 30 Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 4/7 15 Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve - Astana - Almaty; observations from train, 5/7 40 Observations from train Astana - Almaty - Konchangel; incl. Lake Sorbulak, 6/7 30 Kochangel - Turenga Forest, 12/7 2 Sharyn Canyon, Kazakhstan - Karakol, Kyrgyzstan via Kara-Chungkur Valley, 17/7 7 Tamga, 18/7 60 Whole-day excursion to Salt Lake, 19/7 1 juv. Tamga - incl. "Fairy Place" - Orto-Tokoy Water Reservoir, 20/7 50 Orto-Tokoy Water Reservoir - Son Kul, 21/7 50 Son Kul, 22/7 10 Son Kul - Burana and 23/7 40 Burana - Bishkek; incl. stop near Tokmok and former State fishponds 40km NW of Bishkek.

***Larus ichthyaetus* (monotypic) - Pallas's Gull - Stor Sorthovedet Måge**

1/7 3 ad. Astana - Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 2/7 4 ad. Karachar village and excursions in Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 3/7 30 ad. + 35 juv. Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 20/7 8 (4ad.+1subad.+3juv.) Son Kul, 21/7 3 (2ad.+1juv.) Son Kul and 22/7 2 (1ad.+1juv.) Son Kul.

***Larus minutus* (monotypic) - Little Gull - Dværgmåge**

30/6700 Finnish birders observations from Moskau - Astana and 3/7 3 Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve.

***Larus canus* (*heinei*) - Mew Gull - Stormmåge**

2/7 20 Karachar village and excursions in Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve and 3/7 25 (10 ad. + 15 juv. Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve.



STERNIDAE

***Sterna albifrons albifrons* - Little Tern - Dværgterne**

2/7 40 Karachar village and excursions in Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 3/7 2 Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 5/7 2 Lake Sorbulak and 9/7 1 Karaoi (Qaraoy) - Kapshagai (Qapshaghay).

***Sterna nilotica nilotica* – Gull-billed Tern - Sandterne**

1/7 1 Karachar village, Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 2/7 2 Karachar village and excursions in Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve and 3/7 12 Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve.

***Sterna hirundo (minussensis)* - Common Tern - Fjordterne**

29/6 4 Karachar village, Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 29/6 20 Finnish birders observations from Moskau - Astana, 30/6 20 Karachar village, Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 1/7 20 Astana - Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 2/7 25 Karachar village and excursions in Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 3/7 40 Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 5/7 15 Observations from train Astana - Almaty - Konchangel; incl. Lake Sorbulak, 6/7 10 Konchangel - Turenga Forest, 7/7 6 Turenga Forest - Ili River - Karaoi, 8/7 25 Karaoi (Qaraoy), 9/7 5 Karaoi (Qaraoy) - Kapshagai (Qapshaghay), 12/7 10 Sharyn Canyon, Kazakhstan - Karakol, Kyrgyzstan via Kara-Chungkur Valley, 16/7 10 Karakol - Jetti-Öguz valley - Tamga; incl. lake west of Kyzul-Suu, 17/7 5 Tamga, 18/7 10 Whole-day excursion to Salt Lake, 19/7 12 Tamga - incl. "Fairy Place" - Orto-Tokoy Water Reservoir, 20/7 15 Orto-Tokoy Water Reservoir - Son Kul, 21/7 30 Son Kul, 22/7 10 Son Kul - Burana and 23/7 50 Burana - Bishkek; incl. stop near Tokmok and former State fishponds 40km NW of Bishkek.

***Sterna caspia (monotypic)* - Caspian Tern - Rovterne**

1/7 5 Astana - Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 2/7 15 Karachar village and excursions in Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve and 3/7 3 Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve

***Chlidonias niger niger* - Black Tern - Sortterne**

29/6 5 Finnish birders observations from Moskau - Astana, 30/6 50 Finnish birders observations from Moskau - Astana, 1/7 15 Astana - Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 2/7 20 Karachar village and excursions in Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 3/7 15 Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 5/7 2 juv. Observations from train Astana - Almaty - Konchangel; incl. Lake Sorbulak, 6/7 1 Konchangel - Turenga Forest and 23/7 80 former State fishponds 40km NW of Bishkek.

***Chlidonias leucopterus (monotypic)* – White-winged Tern - Hvidvinget Terne**

30/6 10 Finnish birders observations from Moskau - Astana, 1/7 4 Astana - Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 2/7 10 Karachar village and excursions in Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 3/7 7 Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 4/7 15 Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve - Astana - Almaty; observations from train and 5/7 1 ad. Observations from train Astana - Almaty - Konchangel; incl. Lake Sorbulak.

***Chlidonias hybrida hybrida [includes leucopareia]* - Whiskered Tern - Hvidskægget Terne**

23/7 1 ad. former State fishponds 40km NW of Bishkek. probably a species that are overset (overlooked).

PTEROCLIDIDAE

***Pterocles orientalis (arenarius)* – Black-bellied Sandgrouse - Sortbuget Sandhøne**

5/7 30 Konchangel; semi-desert area, 6/7 50 Konchangel, 8/7 10 Karaoi (Qaraoy), 9/7 50 Karaoi (Qaraoy) - Kapshagai (Qapshaghay) and 11/7 2 Kokpek - observations along road to Shonzhy - Sharyn Canyon.

***Pterocles alchata caudacutus* – Pin-tailed Sandgrouse - Spidshalet Sandhøne**

5/7 5 Konchangel; semi-desert area and 6/7 15 Konchangel. More common than previous years.

***Syrrhaptes paradoxus (monotypic)* - Pallas's Sandgrouse - Steppehøne**

9/7 3-6 Karaoi (Qaraoy) - Kapshagai (Qapshaghay) and 11/7 4 Kokpek - observations along road to Shonzhy -



Sharyn Canyon. Either you see this species or not... occur in low numbers in Southern Kazakhstan and though not a rarity its occurrence are very sparse and localised. In my opinion not a 100% species to be seen though some effort in the right habitats should increase ones opportunities.

COLUMBIDAE

***Columba livia neglecta* - Rock Dove - Klippedue**

Common bird at most places; seen in fairly good numbers ranging from few daily individuals to two-digits numbers. Not registered 14 and 21/7. Both domesticated and wild birds occur, sometimes side by side.

***Columba oenas oenas* [includes *hyrcana*] - Stock Dove - Huldue**

23/7 7 Burana - Bishkek; incl. stop near Tokmok and former State fishponds 40km NW of Bishkek.

***Columba rupestris rupestris* - Hill Pigeon - Østlig Klippedue**

14/7 4 May Saz - reliable place and birds breed in small colony at nearby cliffs and 20/7 30 Son Kul. The latter observation consists of birds foraging in the vicinity of human settlements; more precise near the nomads yurts and domestic animals. I have not seen this occurrence at former visits - though pigeons always checked when seen. This observation could be localised to the settlements at highest altitudes, eg. the yurts located the mountain Pass.

***Columba palumbus (casiotis)* - Common Woodpigeon - Ringdue**

29/6 5 Finnish birders observations from Moskau - Astana, 30/6 10 Finnish birders observations from Moskau - Astana, 1/7 10 Astana - Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 2/7 5 Karachar village and excursions in Korgalzhyn



State Nature Reserve, 12/7 1 Kara-Chungkur Valley, Kyrgyzstan, 13/7 3 Karakol - May Saz campsite; incl. Karakol Valley and May Saz Mountain Pass, 15/7 3 May Saz - Karakol; incl. May Saz Mountain Pass and birds seen along the road, 16/7 8 Karakol - Jeti-Öguz valley - Tamga; incl. lake west of Kyzul-Suu, 17/7 1 Tamga, 18/7 6 Whole-day excursion to Salt Lake, 19/7 1 Tamga - incl. "Fairy Place" - Orto-Tokoy Water Reservoir, 20/7 1 Orto-Tokoy Water Reservoir - Son Kul, 22/7 40 Son Kul - Burana and 23/7 50 Burana - Bishkek; incl. stop near Tokmok and former State fishponds 40km NW of Bishkek.

***Columba eversmanni* (monotypic) – Yellow-eyed Dove - Turkestandue**

6/7 7 Turenga Forest and 7/7 10 Turenga Forest - Ili River - Karaoi. Low numbers - not good news for this species in one important breeding site.

***Streptopelia decaocto decaocto* [includes *stoliczkae*] - Eurasian Collared Dove - Tyrkerdue**

29/6 2 Almaty, 1/7 1 Astana - Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 5/7 5 Observations from train Astana - Almaty - Konchangel; incl. Lake Sorbulak, 6/7 1 Konchangel - Turenga Forest, 8/7 3 Karaoi (Qaraoy), 9/7 2 Karaoi (Qaraoy) - Kapshagai (Qapshaghay), 10/7 1 Kapshagai (Qapshaghay) - Ili River Canyon - Shelek, 12/7 1 Kara-Chungkur Valley, 13/7 5 Karakol - May Saz campsite; incl. Karakol Valley and May Saz Mountain Pass, 16/7 10 Karakol - Jeti-Öguz valley - Tamga; incl. lake west of Kyzul-Suu, 17/7 10 Tamga, 19/7 13 Tamga - incl. "Fairy Place" - Orto-Tokoy Water Reservoir, 20/7 2 Orto-Tokoy Water Reservoir - Son Kul, 22/7 8 Son Kul - Burana, 23/7 7 Burana - Bishkek; incl. stop near Tokmok and former State fishponds 40km NW of Bishkek and 24/7 4 Bishkek.

***Streptopelia turtur (arenicola)* - European Turtle Dove - Turteldue**

29/6 1 Almaty, 29/6 3 Finnish birders observations from Moskau - Astana, 30/6 2 Finnish birders observations from Moskau - Astana, 1/7 25 Astana - Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 7/7 2 Turenga Forest - Ili River - Karaoi and 23/7 6 Burana - Bishkek; incl. stop near Tokmok and former State fishponds 40km NW of Bishkek.

***Streptopelia orientalis meena* - Oriental Turtle Dove - Østlig Turteldue**

12/7 7 Sharyn Canyon, Kazakhstan - Karakol, Kyrgyzstan via Kara-Chungkur Valley, 13/7 2 Karakol - May Saz campsite; incl. Karakol Valley and May Saz Mountain Pass, 15/7 15 May Saz - Karakol; incl. May Saz Mountain Pass and birds seen along the road, 16/7 30 Karakol - Jetti-Öguz valley - Tamga; incl. lake west of Kyzul-Suu, 17/7 10 Tamga, 18/7 2 Whole-day excursion to Salt Lake, 22/7 1 Son Kul - Burana and 23/7 4 Burana - Bishkek; incl. stop near Tokmok and former State fishponds 40km NW of Bishkek.

Streptopelia sp. *turtur/orientalis* - European Turtle Dove/Oriental Turtle Dove _ Turteldue/Østlig Turteldue
5/7 2 Observations from train Astana - Almaty - Konchangel. .

***Streptopelia senegalensis senegalensis* - Laughing Dove - Palmedue**

16/7 3 Karakol - Jetti-Öguz valley - Tamga; incl. lake west of Kyzul-Suu, 17/7 5 Tamga, 18/7 2 Whole-day excursion to Salt Lake, 19/7 1 Tamga - incl. "Fairy Place" - Orto-Tokoy Water Reservoir, 22/7 3 Son Kul - Burana, 23/7 1 heard calling Burana - Bishkek; incl. stop near Tokmok and former State fishponds 40km NW of Bishkek, 24/7 1 Ala Archa; incl observations to/from Bishkek and 25/7 5 Bishkek.

CUCULIDAE

***Cuculus canorus (subtelephonus)* - Common Cuckoo - Gøg**

29/6 3 Finnish birders observations from Moskau - Astana, 30/6 3 Finnish birders observations from Moskau - Astana, 1/7 4 Astana - Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 5/7 1 Observations from train Astana - Almaty - Konchangel; incl. Lake Sorbulak, 6/7 1 Konchangel - Turenga Forest, 7/7 1 Turenga Forest - Ili River - Karaoi, 8/7 2 Karaoi (Qaraoy), 9/7 30 Karaoi (Qaraoy) - Kapshagai (Qapshaghay), 11/7 5 Shelek - Kokpek - observations along road to Shonzy - Sharyn Canyon, 12/7 3 Kara-Chungkur Valley, 13/7 8 Karakol - May Saz campsite; incl. Karakol Valley and May Saz Mountain Pass, 14/7 1 May Saz, 15/7 2 May Saz - Karakol; incl. May Saz Mountain Pass and birds seen along the road, 16/7 5 Karakol - Jetti-Öguz valley - Tamga; incl. lake west of Kyzul-Suu, 17/7 8 Tamga, 18/7 3 Whole-day excursion to Salt Lake, 19/7 4 Tamga - incl. "Fairy Place" - Orto-Tokoy Water Reservoir, 22/7 5 Son Kul - Burana, 23/7 12 Burana - Bishkek; incl. stop near Tokmok and former State fishponds 40km NW of Bishkek and 24/7 1 Ala Archa; incl observations to/from Bishkek

***Asio otus otus* – Long-eared Owl - Skovhornugle**

8/7 1 Karaoi (Qaraoy)

***Asio flammeus flammeus* [includes *pallidus*] – Short-eared Owl - Mosehornugle**

2/7 2 Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve. This is a serious low number for an otherwise fairly common species in Korgalzhyn.

***Athene noctua noctua* - Little Owl - Kirkeugle**

7/7 1 Turenga Forest - Ili River - Karaoi, 8/7 4 Karaoi (Qaraoy), 9/7 4 Karaoi (Qaraoy) and 19/7 1 Tamga - incl. "Fairy Place" - Orto-Tokoy Water Reservoir.



STRIGIDAE

Otus scops (pulchellus) - European Scops Owl - Dværghornugle

23/7 1 Burana.

Otus brucei (obsoletus) - Pallid Scops Owl - Stribet Dværghornugle

6/7 2 calling Turenga Forest and 7/7 2 calling (probably same birds as previous day)Turenga Forest

CAPRIMULGIDAE

Caprimulgus europaeus europaeus - European Nightjar - Natravn

5/7 1 Konchangel; semi-desert area, 6/7 1 Turenga Forest, 7/7 2 Turenga Forest - Ili River - Karaoi, 10/7 4 (3ad.+1juv.) - seen at day-roosting site in Ili River Canyon, 11/71 Shelek - Kokpek and 23/7 1 Burana.

APODIDAE

Apus apus apus - Common Swift - Mursejler

29/6 Very common (+++) Finnish birders observations from Moskau - Astana, 30/6 very common (+++) Finnish birders observations from Moskau - Astana, 1/7 common (++) Astana - Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 4/7 reg (+) Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve - Astana and observations from train Astana - Almaty - Konchangel; incl. Lake Sorbulak, 6/7 10 Konchangel - Turenga Forest, 11/7 15 Shelek - Kokpek - observations along road to Shonzhy - Sharyn Canyon, 12/7 20 Sharyn Canyon, Kazakhstan - Karakol, Kyrgyzstan via Kara-Chungkur Valley, 10 13/7 Karakol - May Saz campsite; incl. Karakol Valley and May Saz Mountain Pass, 14/7 4 May Saz, 16/7 100 Karakol - Jeti-Öguz valley - Tamga; incl. lake west of Kyzul-Suu, 17/7 500 post-breeding concentrations Tamga, 18/7 very common (+++) Whole-day excursion to Salt Lake, 19/7 common (++) Tamga - incl. "Fairy Place" - Orto-Tokoy Water Reservoir, 20/7 common (++) Orto-Tokoy Water Reservoir - Son Kul, 21/7 20 Son Kul, 22/7 common (++) Son Kul - Burana, 23/7 common (++) Burana - Bishkek; incl. stop near Tokmok and former State fishponds 40km NW of Bishkek and 24/7 25 Ala Archa; incl observations to/from Bishkek.

Apus melba melba - Alpine Swift - Alpesejler

12/7 4 Sharyn Canyon, Kazakhstan - Karakol, Kyrgyzstan via Kara-Chungkur Valley. Few observations of otherwise common migratory breeding species in Kyrgyzstan.

UPUPIDAE

Upupa epops epops - Eurasian Hoopoe - Hærfugl

1/7 2 Astana - Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 3/7 1 Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 5/7 10 Observations from train Astana - Almaty - Konchangel; incl. Lake Sorbulak, 6/72 Konchangel - Turenga Forest, 7/7 7 Turenga Forest - Ili River - Karaoi, 8/7 30 Karaoi (Qaraoy), 9/7 20 Karaoi (Qaraoy), 10/7 30 Kapshagai (Qapshaghay) - Ili River Canyon - Shelek, 11/7 5 Shelek - Kokpek - observations along road to Shonzhy - Sharyn Canyon, 12/7 3 Sharyn Canyon, Kazakhstan - Karakol, Kyrgyzstan via Kara-Chungkur Valley, 13/7 1 Karakol - May Saz campsite; incl. Karakol Valley and May Saz Mountain Pass, 15/7 2 May Saz - Karakol; incl. May Saz Mountain Pass and birds seen along the road, 16/7 10 Karakol - Jeti-Öguz valley - Tamga; incl. lake west of Kyzul-Suu, 17/7 20 Tamga, 18/7 15 Whole-day excursion to Salt Lake, 19/7 25 Tamga - incl. "Fairy Place" -



Orto-Tokoy Water Reservoir, 20/7 10 Orto-Tokoy Water Reservoir - Son Kul, 22/7 15 Burana and 23/7 5 Burana - Bishkek; incl. stop near Tokmok and former State fishponds 40km NW of Bishkek.

ALCEDINIDAE

***Alcedo atthis atthis* - Common Kingfisher - Isfugl**

5/7 1 Lake Sorbulak, 22/7 1 Burana and 23/7 1 Burana.

CORACIIDAE

***Coracias garrulous atthis* - European Roller - Ellekrage**

5/7 120 Observations from train Astana - Almaty - Konchangel; incl. Lake Sorbulak, 6/7 10 Kochangel - Turenga Forest, 7/7 15 Turenga Forest - Ili River - Karaoi, 8/7 5 Karaoi (Qaraoy), 9/7 30 Karaoi (Qaraoy) - Kapshagai (Qapshaghay), 10/7 30 Kapshagai (Qapshaghay) - Ili River Canyon - Shelek, 11/7 3 Shelek - Kokpek- observations along road to Shonzhly - Sharyn Canyon,

16/7 2 Karakol - Jetti-Öguz valley - Tamga; incl. lake west of Kyzul-Suu, 17/7 1 Tamga, 22/7 10 Son Kul - Burana, 23/7 20 Burana - Bishkek; incl. stop near Tokmok and former State fishponds 40km NW of Bishkek and 24/7 10 Bishkek Ala Archa - Bishkek.

MEROPIDAE

***Merops apiaster* (monotypic) - European Bee-eater - Biæder**

29/6 20 Finnish birders observations from Moskau - Astana, 1/7 20 Astana - Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 2/7 few heard Karachar village, Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 3/7 10 Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 4/7 15 Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve - Astana - Almaty; observations from train, 5/7 50 Observations from train Astana - Almaty - Konchangel; incl. Lake Sorbulak, 6/7 1 Konchangel - Turenga Forest, 7/7 2 Turenga Forest - Ili River - Karaoi, 9/7 80 Karaoi (Qaraoy) - Kapshagai (Qapshaghay), 10/7 20 Kapshagai (Qapshaghay) - Ili River Canyon - Shelek, 17/7 1 Tamga, 22/7 10 Son Kul - Burana, 23/7 20 Burana - Bishkek; incl. stop near Tokmok and former State fishponds 40km NW of Bishkek and 24/7 10 Bishkek Ala Archa - Bishkek.

***Merops persicus persicus* – Blue-cheeked Bee-eater - Grøn Biæder**

7/7 46 Turenga Forest - Ili River - Karaoi, 8/7 20 Karaoi (Qaraoy) and 9/7 100 Karaoi (Qaraoy) - Ili River Brigde.

***Dendrocopos leucopterus leucopterus* – White-winged**

Woodpecker

6/7 3 Konchangel - Turenga Forest, 7/7 7 Turenga Forest and 9/7 1 Karaoi (Qaraoy) - Kapshagai (Qapshaghay).

ALAUDIDAE

***Alauda arvensis (dulcivox)* - Eurasian Skylark - Sanglærke**

1/7 20 Astana - Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 2/7 common (++) Karachar village and excursions in Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 3/7 very common (+++) Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 4/7 common (++) Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve - Astana - Almaty; observations from train, 5/7 20 Observations from train Astana - Almaty - Konchangel; incl. Lake Sorbulak, 6/7 3 Kochangel, 10/7 1 Kapshagai (Qapshaghay) - Ili River Canyon - Shelek, 12/7 2 Sharyn Canyon, Kazakhstan - Karakol, Kyrgyzstan via Kara-Chungkur Valley, 13/7 1 Karakol - May Saz campsite; incl. Karakol Valley and May Saz Mountain Pass, 17/7 20 Tamga, 20/7 5 Orto-Tokoy Water Reservoir - Son Kul, 21/7 5 Son Kul, 22/7 few Son Kul - Burana and 23/7 1 Burana - Bishkek; incl. stop near Tokmok and former State fishponds 40km NW of Bishkek.



***Galerida cristata (magna)* - Crested Lark - Toplærke**

5/7 20 Almaty - Konchangel; incl. Lake Sorbulak and Konchangel; semi-desert area, 6/7 2 Konchangel - Turenga Forest, 8/7 5 Karaoi (Qaraoy), 11/7 10 Shelek - Kokpek- observations along road to Shonzhy - Sharyn Canyon, 19/7 20 Tamga - incl. "Fairy Place" - Orto-Tokoy Water Reservoir and 23/7 1 Burana - Bishkek; incl. stop near Tokmok and former State fishponds 40km NW of Bishkek.

***Calandrella brachydactyla (longipennis)* - Greater Short-toed Lark - Korttået Lærke**

3/7 3 Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 5/7 1000 Konchangel; semi-desert area, 6/7 600 Kochangel, 8/7 20 Karaoi (Qaraoy), 9/7 2 Karaoi (Qaraoy), 10/7 1 Kapshagai (Qapshaghay) - Ili River Canyon - Shelek and 11/7 65 Shelek - Kokpek - observations along road to Shonzhy - Sharyn Canyon.

***Calandrella rufescens* (probably *heinei* in E Kazakhstan) - Lesser Short-toed Lark - Dværglærke**

5/7 100 Konchangel; semi-desert area, 6/7 100 Kochangel, 8/7 50 Karaoi (Qaraoy), 9/7 20 Karaoi (Qaraoy), 10/7 20 Kapshagai (Qapshaghay) - Ili River Canyon - Shelek and 11/7 100 Shelek - Kokpek - observations along road to Shonzhy - Sharyn Canyon.

***Melanocorypha calandra calandra* - Calandra Lark - Kalanderlærke**

1/7 1 Astana - Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 3/7 3 Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 5/7 150 Konchangel; semi-desert area, 6/7 200 Kochangel, 9/7 550 Karaoi (Qaraoy) - Kapshagai (Qapshaghay) and 10/7 20 Kapshagai (Qapshaghay) - Ili River Canyon - Shelek

***Melanocorypha bimaculata (torquata)* - Bimaculated Lark - Østlig Kalanderlærke**

5/7 50 Konchangel; semi-desert area, 6/7 250 Kochangel, 8/7 3 Karaoi (Qaraoy), 9/7 1 Karaoi (Qaraoy), Karaoi (Qaraoy) - Kapshagai (Qapshaghay) and 10/7 20 Kapshagai (Qapshaghay) - Ili River Canyon - Shelek.

***Melanocorypha leucoptera (monotypic)* – White-winged Lark - Hvidvinget Lærke**

1/7 15 Astana - Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 2/7 150 Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 3/7 10 Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 4/7 3 Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve - Astana, 5/7 5 Konchangel; semi-desert area and 6/7 5 Kochangel.

***Melanocorypha yeltoniensis (monotypic)* - Black Lark - Sortlærke**

1/7 20 Karachar village, Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve – Astana, 1/7 100 Astana - Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 2/7 400 Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 3/7 250 Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve and 4/7 20 Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve - Astana.

***Eremophila alpestris (ssp unrecognised)* - Horned Lark - Bjerglærke**

11/7 8 Sharyn Canyon, 12/7 1 Sharyn Canyon, 14/7 1 May Saz, 15/7 1 May Saz, 20/7 20 Son Kul, 21/7 50 Son Kul and 22/7 100 Son Kul.

HIRUNDINIDAE

***Riparia riparia riparia* - Sand Martin - Digesvale**

20/6 100 Karachar village, Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 29/6 40 Finnish birders observations from Moskau - Astana, 1/7 2000 Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 2/7 1000 Karachar village and excursions in Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 3/7 2000 Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 4/7 common (++) Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve - Astana - Almaty; observations from train, 5/7 2 Almaty - Konchangel; incl. Lake Sorbulak, 6/7 10 Konchangel - Turenga Forest, 8/7 20 Karaoi (Qaraoy), 11/7 20 Shelek – Kokpek - observations along road to Shonzhy - Sharyn Canyon, 12/7 1 Sharyn Canyon, Kazakhstan - Karakol, Kyrgyzstan via Kara-Chungkur Valley, 13/7



2 Karakol - May Saz campsite; incl. Karakol Valley and May Saz Mountain Pass, 15/7 40 May Saz - Karakol; 16/7 50 Karakol - Jeti-Öguz valley - Tamga; incl. lake west of Kyzul-Suu, 17/7 20 Tamga, 18/7 100 Whole-day excursion to Salt Lake, 19/7 300 Tamga - incl. "Fairy Place" - Orto-Tokoy Water Reservoir and 23/7 common (++) Burana - Bishkek; incl. stop near Tokmok and former State fishponds 40km NW of Bishkek.

***Riparia diluta* - Pale Sand Martin**

8/7 3 Karaoi (Qaraoy) and 3/7 1 Karakol Valley.

***Ptyonoprogne rupestris* (monotypic) - Eurasian Crag Martin - Klippesvale**

10/7 2 Ili River Canyon, 11/7 7 Shelek - Kokpek and observations along road to Shonzhy - Sharyn Canyon, 14/7 1 May Saz and 16/7 20 Jeti-Öguz valley.

***Hirundo rustica rustica* - Barn Swallow - Landsvale**

29/6 Common (++) Finnish birders observations from Moskau - Astana, 30/6 common (++) Finnish birders observations from Moskau - Astana, 1/7 50 Astana - Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 2/7 common (++) Karachar village and excursions in Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 3/7 common (++) Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 4/7 fairly common (+) Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve - Astana, 5/7 10 train Astana - Almaty - Konchangel; incl. Lake Sorbulak, 6/7 10 Kochangel - Turenga Forest, 7/7 fairly common (+) Turenga Forest - Ili River - Karaoi, 8/7 20 Karaoi (Qaraoy), 9/7 common (++) Karaoi (Qaraoy) - Kapshagai (Qapshaghay), 10/7 common (++) Kapshagai (Qapshaghay) - Ili River Canyon - Shelek, 11/7 fairly common (+) Shelek - Kokpek; observations along road to Shonzhy - Sharyn Canyon, 12/7 fairly common (+) Sharyn Canyon, Kazakhstan - Karakol, Kyrgyzstan via Kara-Chungkur Valley, 13/7 fairly common (+) Karakol - May Saz Mountain Pass, 15/7 fairly common (+) May Saz - Karakol, 16/7 fairly common (+) Karakol - Jeti-Öguz valley - Tamga; incl. lake west of Kyzul-Suu, 17/7 20 Tamga, 18/7 fairly common (+) Salt Lake, 19/7 fairly common (+) Tamga - incl. "Fairy Place" - Orto-Tokoy Water Reservoir, 22/7 fairly common (+) Son Kul - Burana, 23/7 common (++) Burana - Bishkek; incl. stop near Tokmok and former State fishponds 40km NW of Bishkek and 24/7 fairly common Bishkek and en route to Al Archa.



***Hirundo daurica rufula* - Red-rumped Swallow - Rødrygget Svale**

23/7 50 between Burana and Bishkek - probably migrating/post-breeding concentration.



***Delichon urbicum urbicum* - Common House Martin - Bysvale**

29/6 3 Finnish birders observations from Moskau - Astana, 30/6 common (++) Finnish birders observations from Moskau - Astana, 1/7 20 Astana - Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 5/7 2 train Astana - Almaty - Konchangel; incl. Lake Sorbulak, 10/7 common (++) Kapshagai (Qapshaghay) - Ili River Canyon - Shelek, 11/7 30 Shelek - Kokpek; observations along road to Shonzhy - Sharyn Canyon, 12/7 fairly common (+) Sharyn Canyon, Kazakhstan - Karakol, Kyrgyzstan via Kara-Chungkur Valley, 13/7 fairly common (+) Karakol - May Saz Mountain Pass, 15/7 fairly common (+) May Saz - Karakol, 16/7 200 Karakol - Jeti-Öguz valley - Tamga; incl. lake west of Kyzul-Suu, 17/7 common (++)

Tamga, 18/7 fairly common (+) Salt Lake, 19/7 1 Tamga - incl. "Fairy Place" - Orto-Tokoy Water Reservoir, 22/7 1 Son Kul - Burana, 23/7 common (++) Burana - Bishkek; incl. stop near Tokmok and former State fishponds 40km NW of Bishkek and 24/7 fairly common Bishkek and en route to Al Archa.

MOTACILLIDAE

***Anthus campestris* (monotypic) - Tawny Pipit - Markpiber**

2/7 1 Karachar village and excursions in Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 3/7 10 Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 5/7 1 Almaty - Konchangel; incl. Lake Sorbulak and semi-desert area, 6/7 1 Kochangel, 8/7 3 Karaoi (Qaraoy), 9/7 10 Karaoi (Qaraoy) - Kapshagai (Qapshaghay), 10/7 10 Kapshagai (Qapshaghay) - Ili River Canyon, 11/7 5 Shelek - Kokpek - observations along road to Shonzhy and Sharyn Canyon, 12/7 5 Sharyn Canyon, 17/7 1 Tamga, 18/7 15 Whole-day excursion to Salt Lake incl. drive from and to Tamga, 19/7 15 Tamga - incl. "Fairy Place" - Orto-Tokoy Water Reservoir and 20/7 2 Orto-Tokoy Water Reservoir - Son Kul.

***Anthus spinoletta* (coutelliis) - Water Pipit - Bjergpiber**

13/7 4 Karakol - May Saz campsite; incl. Karakol Valley and May Saz Mountain Pass, 15/7 10 May Saz - Karakol; incl. May Saz Mountain Pass and birds seen along the road, 20/7 20 Orto-Tokoy Water Reservoir - Son Kul, 21/7 50 Son Kul and 22/7 10 Son Kul.

***Anthus pratensis* (monotypic) - Meadow Pipit - Engpiber**

24/7 2 Ala Archa. Breeding birds on 1.meadowplateau upwards the waterfall.

***Anthus trivialis trivialis* - Tree Pipit - Skovpiber**

30/6 1 heard Finnish birders observations from Moskau - Astana, 1/7 1 Astana - Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 12/7 5 Kara-Chungkur Valley, 14/7 2 May Saz and 15/7 2 May Saz.



***Motacilla alba alba* - White Wagtail - Hvid Vipstjert. *Motacilla alba personata* - Masked Wagtail - Maskevipstjert**

Nominate *alba*: 29/6 5 Finnish birders observations from Moskau - Astana, 30/6 25 Finnish birders observations from Moskau - Astana, 1/7 20 Astana - Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve and 3/7 1 Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve.

Ssp *personata*: 29/6 1 Almaty, 5/7 1 Almaty, 7/7 10 Turenga Forest - Ili River - Karaoi, 8/7 10 Karaoi (Qaraoy), 9/7 8 Karaoi (Qaraoy) - Kapshagai (Qapshaghay), 10/7 5 Kapshagai (Qapshaghay) - Ili River Canyon, 11/7 2 Shelek - Kokpek - observations along road to Shonzhy - Sharyn Canyon, 12/7 13 Sharyn Canyon, Kazakhstan - Karakol, Kyrgyzstan via Kara-Chungkur Valley, 13/7 2 Karakol - May Saz campsite; incl. Karakol Valley and May Saz Mountain Pass, 14/7 5 May Saz, 15/7 2 May Saz - Karakol; incl. May Saz Mountain Pass and birds seen along the



road, 16/7 15 Karakol - Jeti-Öguz valley - Tamga; incl. lake west of Kyzul-Suu, 17/7 30 Tamga, 18/7 10 Whole-day excursion to Salt Lake, 19/7 10 Tamga - incl. "Fairy Place" - Orto-Tokoy Water Reservoir, 20/7 20 Orto-Tokoy Water Reservoir - Son Kul, 21/7 2 Son Kul, 22/7 5 Son Kul - Burana, 23/7 10 Burana - Bishkek; incl. stop near Tokmok and former State fishponds 40km NW of Bishkek and 24/7 5 Ala Archa; incl observations to/from Bishkek.

***Motacilla flava (beema and feldegg)* - Yellow Wagtail - Gul Vipstjert**

30/6 25 Finnish birders observations from Moskau - Astana, 1/7 500 Astana - Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 2/7 2000 Karachar village and excursions in Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 3/7 +++ Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 5/7 1 Almaty - Konchangel; incl. Lake Sorbulak, 7/7 1 Turenga Forest - Ili River - Karaoi All birds in steppe areas were ssp. *beema* (Blue-headed Yellow Wagtail), whereas further South we observed surprisingly good numbers of ssp. *feldegg*.

ssp *feldegg* (Black-headed Yellow Wagtail): 8/7 25 Karaoi (Qaraoy), 9/7 5 Karaoi (Qaraoy),

11/7 10 (more were def. ssp. *feldegg*, but honestly not all were seen well enough for sure ssp identification, Shelek - Kokpek - observations along road to Shonzhy - Sharyn Canyon, 12/7 5 Kara-Chungkur Valley and 23/7 3 Burana - Bishkek; incl. stop near Tokmok and former State fishponds 40km NW of Bishkek.

***Motacilla citreola (calcarata and citreola)* - Citrine Wagtail - Citronvipstjert**

Majority in the steppe areas were ssp *citreola*, but both ssp are recognised in former explorations. In Kyrgyzstan 99% are of the ssp. *calcarata* but individuals similar *citreola* has been recognised. Excellent numbers of ssp *calcarata* were seen gathering in post-breeding concentrations while most birds have left breeding grounds in medio July.

Ssp *citreola*: 1/7 2 Astana - Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 2/7 5 Karachar village and excursions in Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 3/7 7 Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 5/7 2 Almaty - Konchangel; incl. Lake Sorbulak, 7/7 1 Turenga Forest - Ili River - Karaoi, 12/7 2 Kara-Chungkur Valley, 13/7 2 Karakol - May Saz campsite; incl. Karakol Valley and May Saz Mountain Pass and 16/7 10 Karakol - Jeti-Öguz valley - Tamga; incl. lake west of Kyzul-Suu. Latter observation is surpring while ssp. *citreola* usually occur in very low numbers in Kyrgyzstan.

Ssp *calcarata*: 14/7 40 (probably mixed with ssp *citreola*, but usually only ssp *calcarata* seen in May Saz) May Saz, 15/7 1 (unrecognised ssp) May Saz - Karakol; incl. May Saz Mountain Pass and birds seen along the road, 17/7 10 - usually a very coomon bird in the fields East of the village, Tamga, 18/7 5 (ssp probably *calcarata*) Whole-day excursion to Salt Lake, 19/7 50 Tamga - incl. "Fairy Place" - Orto-Tokoy Water Reservoir, 20/7 40 Orto-Tokoy Water Reservoir - Son Kul, 21/7 10 Son Kul, 22/7 15 Son Kul - Burana and 23/7 10 (sp ssp) Burana - Bishkek; incl. stop near Tokmok and former State fishponds 40km NW of Bishkek.

***Motacilla cinerea cinerea* - Grey Wagtail - Bjergvipstjert**
 12/7 4 Kara-Chungkur Valley, 13/7 15 Karakol - May Saz campsite; incl. Karakol Valley and May Saz Mountain Pass, 14/7 1 May Saz, 15/7 5 May Saz - Karakol; incl. May Saz Mountain Pass and birds seen along the road, 16/7 1 Karakol - Jeti-Öguz valley - Tamga, 17/7 6 Tamga, 19/73 Tamga - incl. "Fairy Place" - Orto-Tokoy Water Reservoir, 20/7 1 Orto-Tokoy Water Reservoir - Son Kul, 22/7 1 Son Kul - Burana and 24/7 5 Ala Archa; incl observations to/from Bishkek. Fairly few numbers compared with other years; usually a common bird in mountainous areas and along streams in the kyrgyz villages/cities.



TROGLODYTIDAE

***Troglodytes troglodytes* (ssp unrecognised) - Winter Wren - Gærdesmutte**
 14/7 2 May Saz and 24/7 1 Ala Archa.

CINCLIDAE

***Cinclus cinclus leucogaster* – White-throated Dipper – Vandstær (local ssp Hvidbrystet Vandstær)**

13/7 1 Karakol - May Saz campsite; incl. Karakol Valley and May Saz Mountain Pass, 15/7 8 May Saz - Karakol; incl. May Saz Mountain Pass and birds seen along the road, 16/7 1 Jeti-Öguz valley, 19/7 2 Tamga - incl. "Fairy Place" - Orto-Tokoy Water Reservoir and 20/7 1 Orto-Tokoy Water Reservoir - Son Kul.

***Cinclus pallasii pallasii* - Brown Dipper - Himalaya Vandstær**

13/7 1 Karakol - May Saz campsite; incl. Karakol Valley and May Saz Mountain Pass.

PRUNELLIDAE

***Prunella modularis* (*modularis*) – Dunnock - jernspurv**

30/6 reg; heard by Finnish birders train observations from Moskau - Astana

***Prunella collaris* (ssp unrecognised) - Alpine Accentor - Alpejernspurv**

15/7 5 birds were seen whereas at least one were *P. collaris*. Anyway, there might occur hybrids and this issue is well worth exploring in the future; we observed individuals with characters from *Prunella himalayana* and *P. collaris*. May Saz - Karakol; incl. May Saz Mountain Pass and birds seen along the road,

***Prunella atrogularis atrogularis* – Black-throated Accentor - Sortstrubet Jernspurv**

13/7 5 Karakol - May Saz campsite; incl. Karakol Valley and May Saz Mountain Pass, 14/7 20 May Saz, 15/7 10 May Saz - Karakol; incl. May Saz Mountain Pass and birds seen along the road, 16/7 few individuals heard; common in the wood further into the valley; Jeti-Öguz valley and 24/7 20 Ala Archa.

***Prunella himalyana himalyana* - Himalayan Accentor**

13/7 5 Karakol - May Saz campsite; incl. Karakol Valley and May Saz Mountain Pass, 15/7 few; less than five, May Saz - Karakol; incl. May Saz Mountain Pass and birds seen along the road, 20/7 15 Orto-Tokoy Water Reservoir - Son Kul and 21/7 1 Son Kul.

***Prunella fulvescens fulvescens* - Brown Accentor**

14/7 4 Karakol - May Saz campsite; incl. Karakol Valley and May Saz Mountain Pass, 15/7 5 May Saz - Karakol; incl. May Saz Mountain Pass and birds seen along the road and 21/7 2 Son Kul.

***Luscinia megarhynchos (hafizi)* - Common Nightingale - Sydlig Nattergal**

29/7 1 singing Almaty, 7/7 10 heard Turenga Forest, 8/7 8 Karaoi (Qaraoy), 9/7 15 Karaoi (Qaraoy) - Kapshagai (Qapshaghay), 11/7 15 Shelek - Kokpek- observations along road to Shonzhy - Sharyn Canyon, 17/7 10 Tamga, 18/7 1 Whole-day excursion to Salt Lake, 20/7 2 Orto-Tokoy Water Reservoir - Son Kul, 22/7 1 Son Kul - Burana and 23/7 3 Burana - Bishkek; incl. stop near Tokmok and former State fishponds 40km NW of Bishkek.

***Luscinia luscinia (monotypic)* – Thrush Nightingale - Nattergal**

29/6 reg; heard by Finnish birders train observations from Moskau - Astana

TURDIDAE

***Cercotrichas galactotes galactotes* – Rufous-tailed Scrub Robin - Trænattergal**

6/7 1 Turenga Forest and 8/7 8 Karaoi (Qaraoy).



***Erithacus rubecula (rubecula)* - European Robin - Rødhals**

30/6 at least one heard Finnish birders observations from Moskau - Astana and 24/7 2 Ala Archa.

***Luscinia svecica (ssp unrecognised)* – Bluethroat - Blåhals**

1/7 2 Karachar village, Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 2/7 4 Karachar village and excursions in Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 3/7 7 Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 8/7 8 Karaoi (Qaraoy), 9/7 1 Karaoi (Qaraoy) - Kapshagai (Qapshaghay) and 12/7 1 Kara-Chungkur Valley.

***Irania gutturalis (monotypic)* – White-throated Robin - Hvidhals**

11/7 1 bird at Kokpek might be this species, but the bird were only faintly heard (noted by Michael). This species

occur fairly common in the mountain ridges west of Almaty along Uzbek border. Might occur at more places in Kyrgyzstan, especially in South-western Kyrgyzstan.

***Luscinia pectoralis (probably monotypic)* - Himalayan Rubythroat - Himalaya Rubinnattergal**

13/7 2 Karakol - May Saz campsite; incl. Karakol Valley and May Saz Mountain Pass, 14/7 11 May Saz, 15/7 2 May Saz - Karakol; incl. May Saz Mountain Pass and birds seen along the road, 21/7 1 Son Kul and 24/7 5 Ala Archa.

***Phoenicurus phoenicurus samamisticus* - Common Redstart - Rødstjert**

29/6 2 (*phoenicurus*) Finnish birders observations from Moskau - Astana, 13/7 (x) Karakol - May Saz campsite; incl. Karakol Valley and May Saz Mountain Pass, 14/7 (x) May Saz and 16/7 2 Karakol - Jeti-Öguz valley - Tamga; incl. lake west of Kyzul-Suu.

***Phoenicurus erythrogastrus erythrogastrus* - Gùldenstädt's Redstart - Hvidkronet Rødstjert**

13/7 1 Karakol - May Saz campsite; incl. Karakol Valley and May Saz Mountain Pass and 15/7 12 May Saz - Karakol; incl. May Saz Mountain Pass and birds seen along the road.

***Phoenicurus ochruros phoenicuroides* - Black Redstart - Husrødstjert**

16/7 5 Karakol - Jeti-Öguz valley - Tamga; incl. lake west of Kyzul-Suu, 18/7 6 Whole-day excursion to Salt Lake, 19/7 3 Tamga - incl. "Fairy Place" - Orto-Tokoy Water Reservoir, 20/7 1 Orto-Tokoy Water Reservoir - Son Kul and 21/7 2 (1 juv.) Son Kul.

***Phoenicurus erythronotus* (monotypic) - Eversmann's Redstart - Altairødstjert**

13/7 8 Karakol - May Saz campsite; incl. Karakol Valley and May Saz Mountain Pass, 14/7 12 May Saz and 15/7 1 May Saz - Karakol; incl. May Saz Mountain Pass and birds seen along the road.

***Phoenicurus caeruleocephalus caeruleocephalus* – Blue-headed Redstart**

14/7 1 bird heard May Saz, 16/7 3 Karakol - Jeti-Öguz valley - Tamga; incl. lake west of Kyzul-Suu and 19/7 2 Tamga - incl. "Fairy Place" - Orto-Tokoy Water Reservoir.

***Saxicola rubetra* (monotypic) - Whinchat - Bynkefugl**

29/62 Finnish birders train observations from Moskau - Astana.

***Saxicola torquatus maurus* - Common Stonechat - Sortstrubet Bynkefugl**

2/7 20 Karachar village and excursions in Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 3/7 8 Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 13/7 10 Karakol - May Saz campsite; incl. Karakol Valley and May Saz Mountain Pass, 15/7 3 May Saz - Karakol; incl. May Saz Mountain Pass and birds seen along the road, 16/7 5 Karakol - Jeti-Öguz valley - Tamga; incl. lake west of Kyzul-Suu, 19/7 2 Tamga - incl. "Fairy Place" - Orto-Tokoy Water Reservoir, 20/7 1 Orto-Tokoy Water Reservoir - Son Kul, 21/7 3 Son Kul and 23/7 1 juv. Burana - Bishkek; incl. stop near Tokmok and former State fishponds 40km NW of Bishkek.



***Oenanthe oenanthe (libanotica)* - Northern Wheatear - Stenpikker**

29/6 10 (ssp unrecognised) Finnish birders observations from Moska, 30/6 10 Finnish birders observations from Moskau - Astana, 1/7 20 Astana - Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 2/7 15 Karachar village and excursions in

Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 3/7 20 Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 4/7 5 Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve - Astana, 6/7 3 Kochangel - Turenga Forest, 13/7 5 Karakol - May Saz campsite; incl. Karakol Valley and May Saz Mountain Pass, 14/7 4 May Saz, 15/7 7 May Saz - Karakol; incl. May Saz Mountain Pass and birds seen along the road, 16/7 1 Karakol - Jeti-Öguz valley - Tamga; incl. lake west of Kyzul-Suu, 17/7 15 Tamga, 18/7 4 Whole-day excursion to Salt Lake, 19/7 10 Tamga - incl. "Fairy Place" - Orto-Tokoy Water Reservoir, 20/7 10 Orto-Tokoy Water Reservoir - Son Kul, 21/7 10 Son Kul and 22/7 5 Son Kul - Burana.

***Oenanthe isabellina* (monotypic) - Isabelline Wheatear - Isabellstenpikker**

5/7 80 Observations from train Astana - Almaty - Konchangel; incl. Lake Sorbulak, 6/7 50 Kochangel, 7/7 10 Turenga Forest - Ili River - Karaoi, 9/7 50 Karaoi (Qaraoy) - Kapshagai (Qapshaghay), 10/7 15 Kapshagai (Qapshaghay) - Ili River Canyon - Shelek, 11/7 5 Shelek - Kokpek - observations along road to Shonzhy - Sharyn Canyon, 12/7 5 Sharyn Canyon, Kazakhstan - Kyrgyzstan border, 13/7 15 Karakol - May Saz campsite; incl. Karakol Valley and May Saz Mountain Pass, 14/7 20 May Saz, 15/7 6 May Saz - Karakol; incl. May Saz Mountain Pass and birds seen along the road, 16/7 10 Karakol - Jeti-Öguz valley - Tamga; incl. lake West of Kyzul-Suu, 17/7 10 Tamga, 18/7 20 Whole-day excursion to Salt Lake, 19/7 50 Tamga - incl. "Fairy Place" - Orto-Tokoy Water Reservoir, 20/7 50 Orto-Tokoy Water Reservoir
20/7 Orto-Tokoy Water Reservoir - Son Kul, 21/7 70 Son Kul, 22/7 25 Son Kul - Burana and 24/7 5 Ala Archa; incl observations to/from Bishkek.

***Oenanthe deserti* (atrogularis) - Desert Wheatear - Ørkenstenpikker**

6/7 1 Kochangel, 7/7 3 Turenga Forest - Ili River - Karaoi, 9/7 3 Karaoi (Qaraoy) - Kapshagai (Qapshaghay) 10/7 1 Kapshagai (Qapshaghay) - Ili River Canyon, 10/7 Ili River Canyon
10/7 Ili River Canyon - Shelek, 13/7 1 Karakol - May Saz campsite; incl. Karakol Valley and May Saz Mountain Pass and 18/7 2 Whole-day excursion to Salt Lake.

***Oenanthe pleschanka* (monotypic) [includes *hendersoni*] - Pied Wheatear - Nonnestenpikker**

8/7 4 Karaoi (Qaraoy), 9/7 11 Karaoi (Qaraoy) - Kapshagai (Qapshaghay), 10/7 20 Kapshagai (Qapshaghay) - Ili River Canyon - Shelek, 11/7 6 Shelek - Kokpek - observations along road to Shonzhy - Sharyn Canyon, 12/7 10 Sharyn Canyon, Kazakhstan - Kyrgyzstan border, 17/7 20 Tamga, 18/7 20 Whole-day excursion to Salt Lake, 19/7 30 Tamga - incl. "Fairy Place" - Orto-Tokoy Water Reservoir, 20/7 5 Orto-Tokoy Water Reservoir - Son Kul and 22/7 4 Son Kul - Burana.

***Oenanthe picata picata* - Variable Wheatear - Østlig Nonnestenpikker**

18/7 1 Salt Lake. Hmm... to few!

***Monticola solitarius solitarius* - Blue Rock Thrush - Blådressel**

11/7 1 Shelek - Kokpek - observations along road to Shonzhy - Sharyn Canyon and 19/7 1 Tamga - incl. "Fairy Place" - Orto-Tokoy Water Reservoir.

***Monticola saxatilis* (monotypic) [includes *centralasiae*, *coloratus*, *turkestanica*] - Rufous-tailed Rock Thrush - Stendrossel**

18/7 7 Whole-day excursion to Salt Lake and 19/7 17 Tamga - incl. "Fairy Place" - Orto-Tokoy Water Reservoir.

***Turdus viscivorus viscivorus* - Mistle Thrush - Misteldrossel**

13/7 2 Karakol - May Saz campsite; incl. Karakol Valley and May Saz Mountain Pass, 14/7 10 May Saz, 15/7 heard May Saz, 16/7 2 Karakol - Jeti-Öguz valley - Tamga; incl. lake West of Kyzul-Suu and 24/7 1 Ala Archa.

***Turdus iliacus iliacus* - Redwing - Vindrossel**

30/6 1 Finnish birders train observations from Moskau - Astana.



***Turdus pilaris* (monotypic) – Fieldfare - Sjagger**

29/6 6 Finnish birders observations from Moskau - Astana and 30/6 15 Finnish birders observations from Moskau - Astana.

***Turdus merula intermedius* - Common Blackbird - Solsort**

29/6 1 singing male Almaty, 11/7 2 Shelek - Kokpek - observations along road to Shonzhy - Sharyn Canyon, 12/7 5 Sharyn Canyon, Kazakhstan - Karakol, Kyrgyzstan via Kara-Chungkur Valley, 13/7 1 Karakol - May Saz campsite; incl. Karakol Valley and May Saz Mountain Pass, 15/7 1 May Saz - Karakol; incl. May Saz Mountain Pass and birds seen along the road, 16/7 6 Karakol - Jeti-Öguz valley - Tamga; incl. lake west of Kyzul-Suu, 17/7 17 Tamga, 18/7 2 Whole-day excursion to Salt Lake, 19/7 3 Tamga - incl. "Fairy Place" - Orto-Tokoy Water Reservoir, 22/7 3 Son Kul - Burana, 23/7 3 Burana - Bishkek; incl. stop near Tokmok and former State fishponds 40km NW of Bishkek and 24/7 2 Ala Archa; incl observations to/from Bishkek.

***Myiophoneus caeruleus* (*temminckii*) - Blue Whistling Thrush**

24/7 1 briefly seen Ala Archa.

SYLVIIDAE

***Sylvia nisoria nisoria* - Barred Warbler - Høgesanger**

8/7 2 Karaoi (Qaraoy), 17/7 12 Tamga, 18/7 11 Whole-day excursion to Salt Lake and 23/7 1 Burana - Bishkek; incl. stop near Tokmok and former State fishponds 40km NW of Bishkek.

***Sylvia borin* (*borin*) – Garden Warbler - Havesanger**

30/6 3 heard by Finnish birders train observations from Moskau - Astana.

***Sylvia communis rubicola* - Common Whitethroat - Tornsanger**

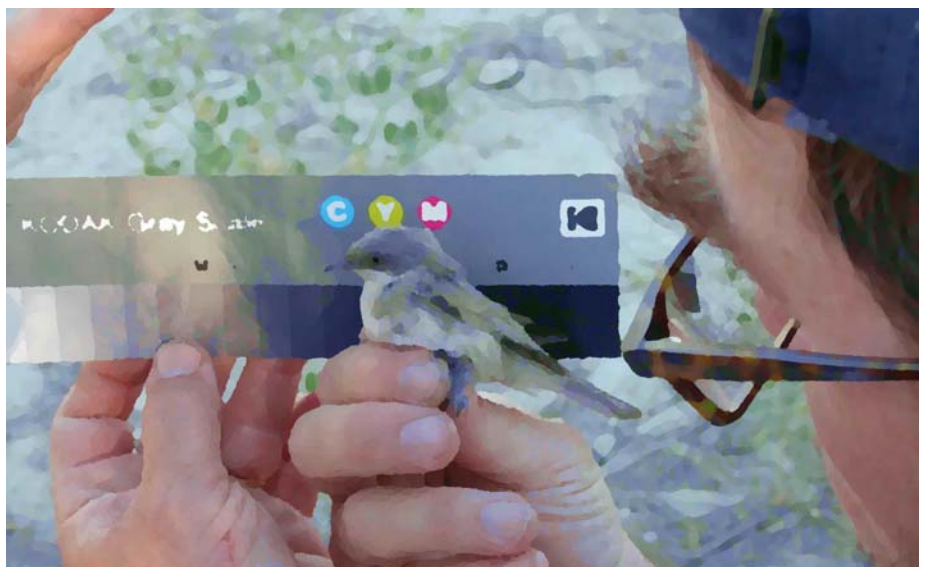
30/6 5 Finnish birders observations from Moskau - Astanam 1/7 1 Astana - Karachar village, Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 8/7 1 Karaoi (Qaraoy), 12/7 15 Kara-Chungkur Valley, 13/7 6 Karakol - May Saz campsite; incl. Karakol Valley and May Saz Mountain Pass, 15/7 3 May Saz - Karakol; incl. May Saz Mountain Pass and birds seen along the road, 16/7 20 Karakol - Jeti-Öguz valley - Tamga; incl. lake west of Kyzul-Suu, 17/7 2 Tamga and 24/7 3 Bishkek - Ala Archa.

***Sylvia atricapilla* (*atricapilla*) – Blackcap - Munk**

29/6 reg; heard by Finnish birders train observations from Moskau - Astana and 30/6 reg; heard by Finnish birders train observations from Moskau - Astana.

***Sylvia curruca* (both *Currucica*-group and *Althaea*-group) - Lesser Whitethroat - Gærdesanger**

1/7 1 (ssp *halimodendri*) Astana - Karachar village, Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 6/7 20 (ssp *halimodendri*) Konchangel - Turenga Forest, 7/7 50 (ssp *halimodendri*) Turenga Forest - Ili River - Karaoi, 8/7 20 (ssp *halimodendri*) Karaoi (Qaraoy), 9/7 30 (ssp *halimodendri*) Karaoi (Qaraoy) - Kapshagai (Qapshaghay), 11/7 7 (ssp *halimodendri*) Shelek - Kokpek - observations along road to Shonzhy - Sharyn Canyon, 16/7 5 (ssp *althaea*) Karakol - Jeti-Öguz valley - Tamga; incl. lake west of Kyzul-Suu, 17/7 2 (ssp *althaea*) Tamga, 18/7 20 (ssp *althaea*) Whole-day excursion to



Salt Lake, 19/7 15 (ssp *althaea*) Tamga - incl. "Fairy Place" - Orto-Tokoy Water Reservoir and 20/7 2 (ssp *althaea*) Orto-Tokoy Water Reservoir - Son Kul.

***Sylvia mystacea (mystacea/rubescens)* - Ménétries's Warbler – Rosenbrystet Sanger**

6/7 1 female Turenga Forest.

***Sylvia nana (monotypic)* - Asian Desert Warbler - Østlig Ørkensanger**

5/7 2 Konchangel; semi-desert area, 6/7 10 Kochangel, 9/7 2 Karaoi (Qaraoy) - Kapshagai (Qapshagay) and 11/7 1 Shelek - Kokpek - observations along road to Shonzhy - Sharyn Canyon.

***Acrocephalus melanopogon (mimica)* - Moustached warbler - Tamarisksanger**

2/7 10 Karachar village and 3/7 4 Karachar village, Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve.

***Acrocephalus scirpaceus fuscus* - European Reed Warbler - Rørsanger**

29/6 2 Karachar village, Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 2/7 10 Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 3/7 5 Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve and 7/7 heard along small river near Turenga Forest.

***Acrocephalus agricola capistratus* - Paddyfield Warbler - Lille Rørsanger**

1/7 3 Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 2/7 30 Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 3/7 20 Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 5/7 heard Almaty - Konchangel; incl. Lake Sorbulak and 16/7 5 lake West of Kyzul-Suu.

***Acrocephalus dumetorum (monotypic)* - Blyth's Reed Warbler - Buskrørsanger**

30/6 7 heard from train; Finnish birders observations from Moskau - Astana and 23/7 1 Burana - Bishkek; incl. stop near Tokmok and former State fishponds 40km NW of Bishkek.

***Acrocephalus arundinaceus arundinaceus* - Great Reed Warbler - Drosselrørsanger**

2/7 6 Karachar village and excursions in Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 3/7 3 Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 5/7 2 Lake Sorbulak and 23/7 2 former State fishponds 40km NW of Bishkek.

***Acrocephalus stentoreus brunnescens* - Clamorous Reed Warbler - Papyrussanger**

5/7 3 Lake Sorbulak, 7/7 (x) Turenga Forest - Ili River - Karaoi, 23/7 10 former State fishponds 40km NW of Bishkek and 24/7 5 Bishkek..



***Hippolais pallida (elaeica)* - Eastern Olivaceous Warbler - Bleg Gulbug**

7/7 2 Karaoi (Qaraoy) and 8/7 1 Karaoi (Qaraoy).



***Hippolais caligata (monotypic or?)* - Booted Warbler - Lille Gulbug**

2/7 15 Karachar village and excursions in Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve and 3/7 20 Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve. Also observed 18/7 Salt Lake in Kyrgyzstan. There are obvious unidentified/-recognised specimens which shows characters usually attached to respect. *Hippolais caligata* and *Hippolais rama*.

***Hippolais rama (monotypic or?)* - Sykes's Warbler - Stepegulbug**

1/7 2 Astana - Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 2/7 2 Karachar village and excursions in Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 3/7 3 Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 6/7 4 Kochangel - Turenga Forest, 7/7 20 Turenga Forest - Ili River - Karaoi, 8/7 50 Karaoi (Qaraoy), 9/7 50 Karaoi (Qaraoy), 11/7 10 Shelek - Kokpek - observations along road to Shonzhy - Sharyn Canyon, 17/7 3 Tamga and 18/7 30 Whole-day excursion to Salt Lake.

***Phylloscopus collybita (collybita and tristis)* – Chiffchaff - Gransanger**

29/6 10 Finnish birders observations from Moskau - Astana, 30/6 3 Finnish birders observations from Moskau - Astana, 1/7 1 Finnish birders observations from Moskau – Astana, 1/7 1 (ssp *tristis*), Astana - Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve and Karachar village and 24/7 1 ssp unrecognised Ala Archa.

***Phylloscopus trochiloides viridanus* - Greenish Warbler - Lundsanger**

30/6 5 heard Finnish birders observations from Moskau - Astana, 12/7 5 Kara-Chungkur Valley, 13/7 8 Karakol - May Saz campsite; incl. Karakol Valley and May Saz Mountain Pass, 14/7 50 May Saz, 15/7 10 May Saz - Karakol; incl. May Saz Mountain Pass and birds seen along the road, 16/7 50 Karakol - Jetti-Öguz valley - Tamga; incl. lake west of Kyzul-Suu, 20/7 10 Orto-Tokoy Water Reservoir - Son Kul and 24/7 30 Ala Archa; incl observations to/from Bishkek.

***Phylloscopus griseolus griseolus* – Sulphur-bellied Warbler - Stensanger**

13/7 2 Karakol - May Saz campsite; incl. Karakol Valley and May Saz Mountain Pass, 14/7 9 May Saz and 15/7 1 May Saz - Karakol; incl. May Saz Mountain Pass and birds seen along the road.

***Phylloscopus humei (polytypic: humei; extralimital: mandellii)* - Hume's Leaf Warbler - Humes Sanger**

12/7 3 Kara-Chungkur Valley, 13/7 50 Karakol - May Saz campsite; incl. Karakol Valley and May Saz Mountain Pass. 14/7 150 May Saz, 15/7 15 May Saz - Karakol; incl. May Saz Mountain Pass and birds seen along the road, 16/7 10 Karakol - Jetti-Öguz valley - Tamga; incl. lake west of Kyzul-Suu and 24/7 10 Ala Archa.

***Cettia cetti (albiventris)* - Cetti's Warbler - Cettisanger**

7/7 1 heard Turenga Forest - Ili River - Karaoi, 11/7 3 Shelek - Kokpek - observations along road to Shonzhy - Sharyn Canyon, 12/7 1 Kara-Chungkur Valley, 16/7 3 heard Karakol - Jetti-Öguz valley - Tamga; incl. lake west of Kyzul-Suu, 22/7 1 heard Son Kul - Burana and 23/7 1 Burana - Bishkek; incl. stop near Tokmok and former State fishponds 40km NW of Bishkek.

***Locustella naevia straminea* - Common Grasshopper Warbler - Græshoppesanger**

3/7 (x) Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 4/7 1 Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve - Astana and 4/7 Astana - Almaty; observations from train and 15/7 heard May Saz - Karakol; incl. May Saz Mountain Pass and birds seen along the road.

***Locustella luscinioides (fusca)* - Savi's Warbler - Savisanger**

2/7 6 Karachar village and excursions in Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 3/7 8 Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve and 16/7 2 lake west of Kyzul-Suu.

***Leptopoecile sophiae* - White browed Tit Warbler [F: Severtzov's Tit Warbler]**

24/7 9 (3 juv) Ala Archa.

***Regulus regulus (regulus)* – Goldcrest - Fuglekonge**

14/7 2 May Saz and 24/7 1 Ala Archa.



MUSCICAPIDAE

***Muscicapa striata (neumanni)* - Spotted Flycatcher - Grå Fluesnapper**

29/6 5 Finnish birders observations from Moskau - Astana and 23/7 1 Burana - Bishkek; incl. stop near Tokmok and former State fishponds 40km NW of Bishkek.

PARIDAE

***Parus major (major)* - Great Tit - Musvit**

29/6 1 Finnish birders observations from Moskau - Astana and 23/7 1 Burana - Bishkek; incl. stop near Tokmok and former State fishponds 40km NW of Bishkek, 1/7 1 Astana - Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve and Karachar village, 5/7 4 Almaty - Konchangel; incl. Lake Sorbulak 5/7 Konchangel; semi-desert area, 12/7 8 Kara-Chungkur Valley, 15/7 4 May Saz - Karakol; incl. May Saz Mountain Pass and birds seen along the road, 16/7 10 Karakol - Jeti-Öguz valley - Tamga; incl. lake west of Kyzul-Suu, 17/7 25 Tamga, 19/7 2 Tamga - incl. "Fairy Place" - Orto-Tokoy Water Reservoir, 22/7 10 Son Kul - Burana, 23/7 10 Burana - Bishkek; incl. stop near Tokmok and former State fishponds 40km NW of Bishkek and 24/7 5 Ala Archa; incl observations to/from Bishkek.

***Parus bokharensis bokharensis* - Turkestan Tit**

5/7 2 Lake Sorbulak, 6/7 10 Turenga Forest, 7/7 5 Turenga Forest - Ili River - Karaoi, 8/7 1 Karaoi (Qaraoy) and 11/7 6 Shelek - Kokpek - observations along road to Shonzhy - Sharyn Canyon.

***Parus cyanus (cyanus)* - Azure Tit - Azurmejse**

5/7 2 Lake Sorbulak, 7/7 5 Turenga Forest - Ili River - Karaoi, 8/7 15 Karaoi (Qaraoy), 9/7 10 Karaoi (Qaraoy) - Kapshagai (Qapshaghay), 12/7 7 Kara-Chungkur Valley, 16/7 4 Karakol - Jeti-Öguz valley - Tamga; incl. lake west of Kyzul-Suu, 17/7 20 Tamga, 19/7 1 Tamga - incl. "Fairy Place" - Orto-Tokoy Water Reservoir, 20/7 4 Orto-Tokoy Water Reservoir - Son Kul and 23/7 5 Burana - Bishkek; incl. stop near Tokmok and former State fishponds 40km NW of Bishkek.

***Parus rufonuchalis (rufonuchalis)* – Rufous-naped Tit**

24/7 1 Ala Archa; incl observations to/from Bishkek.

***Parus ater (ssp unrecognised)* - Coal Tit - Sortmejse**

14/7 20 May Saz, 15/7 5 May Saz - Karakol; incl. May Saz Mountain Pass and birds seen along the road and 24/7 20 Ala Archa; incl observations to/from Bishkek.



TIMALIIDAE

***Panurus biarmicus (russicus)* - Bearded Reedling - Skægmejse**

29/6 125 Karachar village, Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 1/7 20 Karachar village, Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 2/7 500 Karachar village and excursions in Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 3/7 (+++) Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 4/7 (++) Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve - Astana, 8/7 heard Karaoi (Qaraoy), 9/7 12 Karaoi (Qaraoy) - Kapshagai (Qapshaghay) and 16/7 5 lake west of Kyzul-Suu.

REMIZIDAE

***Remiz pendulinus (jaxarticus and coronatus)* - Eurasian Penduline Tit - Pungmejse**

11/7 1 (subspecies unrecognised) Shelek - Kokpek - observations along road to Shonzhly - Sharyn Canyon and 23/7 4 (2juv) ssp. White-crowned Peduline Tit *Remiz pendulinus coronatus* and 5 unrecognised ssp. Burana - Bishkek; incl. stop near Tokmok and former State fishponds 40km NW of Bishkek.

SITTIDAE

***Sitta tephronota (ssp unrecognised)* - Eastern Rock Nuthatch - Østlig Klippespætmejse**

10/7 5 Ili River Canyon.

LANIIDAE

***Lanius isabellinus phoenicuroides* and *L. i. speculigerus* - Isabelline Shrike - Isabellatornskade**

29/6 3 mailes Karachar village, Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 1/7 1 Astana - Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 2/7 4 Karachar village and excursions in Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 3/7 12 Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 6/7 3 Konchangel - Turenga Forest, 7/7 10 Turenga Forest - Ili River - Karaoi, 8/7 20 Karaoi (Qaraoy), 9/7 100 Karaoi (Qaraoy) - Kapshagai (Qapshaghay), 10/7 20 Kapshagai (Qapshaghay) - Ili River Canyon, 11/7 15 Shelek - Kokpek - observations along road to Shonzhly - Sharyn Canyon, 12/7 2 Kara-Chungkur Valley, 16/7 20 Karakol - Jeti-Öguz valley - Tamga; incl. lake west of Kyzul-Suu, 17/7 50 Tamga, 18/7 20 Whole-day excursion to Salt Lake, 19/7 15 Tamga - incl. "Fairy Place" - Orto-Tokoy Water Reservoir, 22/7 2 Son Kul - Burana and 23/7 3 Burana - Bishkek; incl. stop near Tokmok and former State fishponds 40km NW of Bishkek.

***Lanius schach erythronotus [includes jaxartensis]* – Long-tailed Shrike - Langhalet Tornskade**

5/7 5 Almaty - Konchangel; incl. Lake Sorbulak, 22/7 12 Burana, 23/7 20 Burana - Bishkek; incl. stop near Tokmok and former State fishponds 40km NW of Bishkek and 25/7 6 Bishkek.

***Lanius meridionalis pallidirostris* - Southern Grey Shrike - Ørkentornskade**

9/7 7 Karaoi (Qaraoy) - Kapshagai (Qapshaghay).

***Lanius minor (monotypic) [includes turanicus]* - Lesser Grey Shrike - Rosenbrystet Tornskade**

1/7 1 Astana - Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 2/7 1 Karachar village and excursions in Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 4/7 3 Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve - Astana, 5/7 60 Almaty - Konchangel; incl. Lake Sorbulak, 10/7

25 Kapshagai (Qapshaghay) - Ili River Canyon, 13/7 1 Karakol - May Saz campsite; incl. Karakol Valley and May Saz Mountain Pass, 22/7 50 Burana, 23/7 80 Burana - Bishkek; incl. stop near Tokmok and former State fishponds 40km NW of Bishkek and 24/7 (+) Ala Archa; incl observations to/from Bishkek.

***Lanius collurio* (ssp. unrecognised) - Red-backed Shrike – Rødrygget Tornskade**

29/6 50 Finnish birders train observations from Moskau - Astana.

CORVIDAE

***Pica pica (bactriana)* - Common Magpie - Husskade**

29/6 2 Almaty, 29/6 30 Finnish birders observations from Moskau - Astana, 30/6 (++) Karachar village, Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 1/7 (++) Astana - Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 2/7 1 Karachar village and excursions in Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 3/7 1 Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 4/7 25 Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve - Astana - Almaty; observations from train, 5/7 (+) Almaty - Konchangel; incl. Lake Sorbulak, 6/7 5 Konchangel - Turenga Forest, 7/7 2 Turenga Forest - Ili River - Karaoi, 8/7 8 Karaoi (Qaraoy), 9/7 (++) Karaoi (Qaraoy) - Kapshagai (Qapshaghay), 10/7 (+) Kapshagai (Qapshaghay) - Ili River Canyon - Shelek, 11/7 (+) Shelek - Kokpek - observations along road to Shonzhy - Sharyn Canyon, 12/7 (+) Sharyn Canyon, Kazakhstan - Karakol, Kyrgyzstan via Kara-Chungkur Valley, 13/7 (+) Karakol - May Saz campsite; incl. Karakol Valley and May Saz Mountain Pass, 14/7 5 May Saz, 15/7 (+) May Saz - Karakol; incl. May Saz Mountain Pass and birds seen along the road, 16/7 (++) Karakol - Jeti-Öguz valley - Tamga; incl. lake west of Kyzul-Suu, 17/7 (++) Tamga, 18/7 (++) Whole-day excursion to Salt Lake, 19/7 15 Tamga - incl. "Fairy Place" - Orto-Tokoy Water Reservoir, 20/7 15 Orto-Tokoy Water Reservoir - Son Kul, 22/7 (+) Son Kul - Burana and 23/7 (+) Burana - Bishkek; incl. stop near Tokmok and former State fishponds 40km NW of Bishkek.



***Nucifraga caryocatactes (macrorhynchos)* - Spotted Nutcracker - Nøddekrige**

13/7 reg.(heard) Karakol - May Saz campsite; incl. Karakol Valley and May Saz Mountain Pass, 14/7 20 May Saz and 15/7 4 May Saz.

***Corvus monedula soemmeringii* - Western Jackdaw - Allike**

29/6 (+++) Finnish birders observations from Moskau - Astana, 30/6 (++) Karachar village, Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 1/7 (++) Astana - Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 4/7 (++) Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve - Astana - Almaty; observations from train, 5/7 (+) Almaty - Konchangel; incl. Lake Sorbulak, 7/7 (++) Turenga Forest - Ili River - Karaoi, 10/7 (+) Kapshagai (Qapshaghay) - Ili River Canyon - Shelek, 11/7 (+) Shelek - Kokpek - observations along road to Shonzhy - Sharyn Canyon, 12/7 (+) Sharyn Canyon, Kazakhstan - Karakol, Kyrgyzstan via Kara-Chungkur Valley, 16/7 2 Karakol - Jeti-Öguz valley - Tamga; incl. lake west of Kyzul-Suu, 17/7 (++) Tamga, 19/7 1 Tamga - incl. "Fairy Place" - Orto-Tokoy Water Reservoir, 21/7 1 Son Kul, 23/7 11 Burana - Bishkek; incl. stop near Tokmok and former State fishponds 40km NW of Bishkek and 24/7 (+) Ala Archa; incl observations to/from Bishkek.

***Pyrhcorax pyrrhcorax (brachypus)* – Red-billed Chough - Alpekrage**

13/7 15 May Saz, 14/7 60 May Saz, 15/7 20 May Saz - Karakol; incl. May Saz Mountain Pass and birds seen along the road, 18/7 3 Whole-day excursion to Salt Lake, 19/7 6 Tamga - incl. "Fairy Place" - Orto-Tokoy Water Reservoir, 20/7 300 Son Kul, 21/7 10 Son Kul, 22/7 10 Son Kul - Burana and 24/7 (+) Ala Archa; incl observations to/from Bishkek.

***Pyrhcorax graculus* (ssp unrecognised) - Alpine Chough - Alpeallike**

13/7 15 Karakol - May Saz, 15/7 3 May Saz and 24/7 (+) Ala Archa; incl observations to/from Bishkek.

***Corvus frugilegus frugilegus* – Rook - Råge**

29/6 (+++) Finnish birders observations from Moskau - Astana, 30/6 (+++) Finnish birders observations from Moskau - Astana, 1/7 (+++++) Astana - Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 2/7 (+++) Karachar village and excursions in Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 3/7 (+++) Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 4/7 (+++) Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve - Astana - Almaty; observations from train, 5/7 (++) Almaty - Konchangel; incl. Lake Sorbulak, 6/7 (+++) Kochangel, 7/7 100 Turenga Forest - Ili River - Karaoi, 8/7 10 Karaoi (Qaraoy), 9/7 500 Karaoi (Qaraoy) - Kapshagai (Qapshaghay), 10/7 (+++) Kapshagai (Qapshaghay) - Ili River Canyon - Shelek, 12/7 (++) Sharyn Canyon, Kazakhstan - Karakol, Kyrgyzstan via Kara-Chungkur Valley, 13/7 (++) Karakol - May Saz campsite; incl. Karakol Valley and May Saz Mountain Pass, 15/7 (+) May Saz, 16/7 500 Karakol - Jeti-Öguz valley - Tamga; incl. lake west of Kyzul-Suu, 17/7 4000 Tamga, 18/7 (++) Whole-day excursion to Salt Lake, 19/7 500 Tamga - incl. "Fairy Place" - Orto-Tokoy Water Reservoir, 20/7 (+) Orto-Tokoy Water Reservoir - Son Kul, 21/7 500 Son Kul, 22/7 (++) Son Kul - Burana, 23/7 (++) Burana - Bishkek; incl. stop near Tokmok and former State fishponds 40km NW of Bishkek and 24/7 (++) Ala Archa; incl observations to/from Bishkek.

***Corvus corone orientalis* and *C. c. cornix* - Carrion Crow - Gråkrage (og Sortkrage)**

29/6 23 Karachar village, Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 29/6 50 (ssp. *corone*) Finnish birders observations from Moskau - Astana, 30/6 100 (ssp. *corone*) Finnish birders observations from Moskau - Astana, 1/7 70 (ssp. *corone*) Astana - Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 2/7 (++) ssp. *corone* Karachar village and excursions in Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 3/7 (ssp. *corone*) Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 4/7 (ssp. *corone*) Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve - Astana - Almaty; observations from train, 6/7 (++) ssp. *cornix* Konchangel - Turenga Forest, 7/7 200 ssp. *cornix* Turenga Forest - Ili River - Karaoi, 8/7 20 ssp. *cornix* Karaoi (Qaraoy), 9/7 (++) ssp. *cornix* Karaoi (Qaraoy) - Kapshagai (Qapshaghay), 10/7 (++) ssp. *cornix* Kapshagai (Qapshaghay) - Ili River Canyon - Shelek, 11/7 500 ssp. *cornix* Shelek - Kokpek - observations along road to Shonzy - Sharyn Canyon, 12/7 (++) ssp. *cornix* Sharyn Canyon, Kazakhstan - Karakol, Kyrgyzstan via Kara-Chungkur Valley, 13/7 (+++) ssp. *cornix* Karakol - May Saz campsite; incl. Karakol Valley and May Saz Mountain Pass, 14/7 10 ssp. *cornix* May Saz, 15/7 (++) ssp. *cornix* May Saz - Karakol; incl. May Saz Mountain Pass and birds seen along the road, 16/7 100 ssp. *cornix* Karakol - Jeti-Öguz valley - Tamga; incl. lake west of Kyzul-Suu, 17/7 5 ssp. *cornix* Tamga, 18/7 (++) ssp. *cornix* Whole-day excursion to Salt Lake, 19/7 (++) ssp. *cornix* Tamga - incl. "Fairy Place" - Orto-Tokoy Water Reservoir, 20/7 (+) ssp. *cornix* Orto-Tokoy Water Reservoir - Son Kul, 21/7 10 ssp. *cornix* Son Kul, 22/7 (+) ssp. *cornix* Son Kul - Burana, 23/7 (++) ssp. *cornix* Burana - Bishkek; incl. stop near Tokmok and former State fishponds 40km NW of Bishkek and 24/7 (+) ssp. *cornix* Ala Archa; incl observations to/from Bishkek.



***Corvus corax corax* - Common Raven - Ravn**

29/6 1 Finnish birders observations from Moskau - Astana, 30/6 10 Finnish birders observations from Moskau - Astana, 1/7 10 Astana - Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 11/7 2 sp (might be *Corvus ruficollis* Brown-necked Raven) Shelek - Kokpek - observations along road to Shonzhy - Sharyn Canyon, 13/7 2 Karakol - May Saz campsite; incl. Karakol Valley and May Saz Mountain Pass, 15/7 2 May Saz - Karakol; incl. May Saz Mountain Pass and birds seen along the road, 16/7 1 Karakol - Jeti-Öguz valley - Tamga; incl. lake west of Kyzul-Suu, 19/7 3 Tamga - incl. "Fairy Place" - Orto-Tokoy Water Reservoir, 20/7 20 Orto-Tokoy Water Reservoir - Son Kul, 21/7 20 Son Kul, 22/7 (+) Son Kul - Burana, 23/7 (++) Burana - Bishkek; incl. stop near Tokmok and former State fishponds 40km NW of Bishkek and 24/7 (+) Ala Archa; incl observations to/from Bishkek.

STURNIDAE

***Sturnus vulgaris vulgaris* - Common Starling - Stær**

29/6 10 Karachar village, Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 29/6 1 Finnish birders observations from Moskau - Astana, 1/7 30 Astana - Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 2/7 100 Karachar village and excursions in Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 3/7 40 Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 5/7 5 Almaty - Konchangel; incl. Lake Sorbulak, 8/7 6 Karaoi (Qaraoy), 9/7 20 Karaoi (Qaraoy) - Kapshagai (Qapshaghay), 10/7 20 Kapshagai (Qapshaghay) - Ili River Canyon, 11/7 20 Shelek - Kokpek - observations along road to Shonzhy - Sharyn Canyon, 12/7 (++) Sharyn Canyon, Kazakhstan - Karakol, Kyrgyzstan via Kara-Chungkur Valley, 13/7 20 Karakol - May Saz campsite; incl. Karakol Valley and May Saz Mountain Pass, 15/7 30 May Saz - Karakol; incl. May Saz Mountain Pass and birds seen along the road, 16/7 200 Karakol - Jeti-Öguz valley - Tamga; incl. lake west of Kyzul-Suu, 17/7 50 Tamga, 18/7 30 Whole-day excursion to Salt Lake, 19/7 50 Tamga - incl. "Fairy Place" - Orto-Tokoy Water Reservoir, 20/7 20 Orto-Tokoy Water Reservoir - Son Kul, 22/7 100 Son Kul - Burana, 23/7 150 Burana - Bishkek; incl. stop near Tokmok and former State fishponds 40km NW of Bishkek and 24/7 (+) Ala Archa; incl observations to/from Bishkek.

***Sturnus roseus* (monotypic) - Rosy Starling - Rosenstær**

29/6 1 adult Karachar village, Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 1/7 1 Astana - Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 2/7 1 Karachar village and excursions in Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 3/7 2 Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 5/7 800 Almaty - Konchangel; incl. Lake Sorbulak, 6/7 1000 Kochangel - Turenga Forest, 8/7 4 Karaoi (Qaraoy), 9/7 520 Karaoi (Qaraoy) - Kapshagai (Qapshaghay), 10/7 800 Kapshagai (Qapshaghay) - Ili River Canyon, 11/7 1000 Shelek - Kokpek - observations along road to Shonzhy - Sharyn Canyon, 12/7 310 Sharyn Canyon, Kazakhstan - Karakol, Kyrgyzstan via Kara-Chungkur Valley, 18/7 1 Whole-day excursion to Salt Lake, 19/7 10 Tamga - incl. "Fairy Place" - Orto-Tokoy Water Reservoir, 22/7 50 Son Kul - Burana, 23/7 200 Burana - Bishkek; incl. stop near Tokmok and former State fishponds 40km NW of Bishkek and 24/7 (+) Ala Archa; incl observations to/from Bishkek.

***Acridotheres tristis tristis* [or partly also *tristoides* introduced??] - Common Myna - Almindelig Mynah**

29/6 8 Almaty, 5/7 30 Almaty - Konchangel; incl. Lake Sorbulak, 6/7 15 Kochangel - Turenga Forest, 7/7 10 Turenga Forest - Ili River - Karaoi, 8/7 8 Karaoi (Qaraoy), 9/7 30 Karaoi (Qaraoy) - Kapshagai (Qapshaghay), 10/7 30 Kapshagai (Qapshaghay) - Ili River Canyon, 11/7 30 Shelek - Kokpek - observations along road to Shonzhy - Sharyn Canyon, 12/7 40 Sharyn Canyon, Kazakhstan - Karakol, Kyrgyzstan via Kara-Chungkur Valley, 13/7 20 Karakol - May Saz campsite; incl. Karakol Valley and May Saz Mountain Pass, 15/7 10 May Saz - Karakol; incl. May Saz Mountain Pass and birds seen along the road, 16/7 30 Karakol - Jeti-Öguz valley - Tamga; incl. lake



west of Kyzul-Suu, 17/7 50 Tamga, 18/7 20 Whole-day excursion to Salt Lake, 19/7 20 Tamga - incl. "Fairy Place" - Orto-Tokoy Water Reservoir, 20/7 5 Orto-Tokoy Water Reservoir - Son Kul, 22/7 20 Son Kul - Burana, 23/7 40 Burana - Bishkek; incl. stop near Tokmok and former State fishponds 40km NW of Bishkek and 24/7 25 Ala Archa; incl observations to/from Bishkek.

ORIOLIDAE

Oriolus oriolus oriolus [includes *caucasicus*] - Eurasian Golden Oriole - Pirol

29/6 1 Almaty, 29/6 6 Finnish birders observations from Moskau - Astana, 30/6 1 Finnish birders observations from Moskau - Astana, 1/7 1 Astana - Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 9/7 1 Karaoi (Qaraoy) - Kapshagai (Qapshaghay), 18/7 1 Whole-day excursion to Salt Lake, 22/7 10 Son Kul - Burana and 23/7 5 Burana - Bishkek; incl. stop near Tokmok and former State fishponds 40km NW of Bishkek.



PASSERIDAE

Passer domesticus domesticus and *P. d. bactrianus* - House Sparrow - Gråspurv

Incl. several *Passer domesticus indicus* (or probably more correct: *Passer domesticus bactrianus* - Indian Sparrow - especially in the semi-desert habitats 29/6 (++) Finnish birders observations from Moskau - Astana, 30/6 (++) Finnish birders observations from Moskau - Astana, 1/7 (+++) Astana - Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 2/7 (++) Karachar village and excursions in Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 3/7 (++) Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 4/7 (++) Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve - Astana - Almaty; observations from train, 5/7 (++) Almaty - Konchangel; incl. Lake Sorbulak, 6/7 (++); min 200 *Passer domesticus bactrianus* - Indian Sparrow Konchangel - Turenga Forest, 7/7 2 Turenga Forest - Ili River - Karaoi, 8/7 7 Karaoi (Qaraoy), 9/7 4 Karaoi (Qaraoy)- Kapshagai (Qapshaghay), 10/7 (++) Kapshagai (Qapshaghay) - Ili River Canyon - Shelek, 11/7 (+) Shelek - Kokpek - observations along road to Shonzhy - Sharyn Canyon, 12/7 (+) Sharyn Canyon, Kazakhstan - Karakol, Kyrgyzstan via Kara-Chungkur Valley, 13/7 (+) Karakol - May Saz campsite; incl. Karakol Valley and May Saz Mountain Pass, 15/7 (+) May Saz - Karakol; incl. May Saz Mountain Pass and birds seen along the road, 16/7 (+) Karakol - Jeti-Öguz valley - Tamga; incl. lake west of Kyzul-Suu, 17/7 (+) Tamga, 18/7 (+) Whole-day excursion to Salt Lake, 19/7 (+) Tamga - incl. "Fairy Place" - Orto-Tokoy Water Reservoir, 20/7 (+) Orto-Tokoy Water Reservoir - Son Kul, 22/7 (+) Son Kul - Burana, 23/7 (+) Burana - Bishkek; incl. stop near Tokmok and former State fishponds 40km NW of Bishkek and 24/7 (+) Ala Archa; incl observations to/from Bishkek.

Passer montanus dilutus - Eurasian Tree Sparrow - Skovspurv

29/6 20 Finnish birders observations from Moskau - Astana, 30/6 30 Finnish birders observations from Moskau - Astana, 1/7 (+++) Astana - Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 2/7 (++) Karachar village and excursions in Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 3/7 (++) Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 4/7 (++) Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve - Astana - Almaty; observations from train, 5/7 (++) Almaty - Konchangel; incl. Lake Sorbulak, 7/7 15 Turenga Forest - Ili River - Karaoi, 8/7 10 Karaoi (Qaraoy), 9/7 20 Karaoi (Qaraoy)- Kapshagai (Qapshaghay), 10/7 (++) Kapshagai (Qapshaghay) - Ili River Canyon - Shelek, 11/7 (+) Shelek - Kokpek - observations along road to Shonzhy - Sharyn Canyon, 12/7 (+) Sharyn Canyon, Kazakhstan - Karakol, Kyrgyzstan via Kara-Chungkur Valley, 13/7 (+) Karakol - May Saz campsite; incl. Karakol Valley and May Saz Mountain Pass, 15/7 (++) May Saz - Karakol; incl. May Saz Mountain Pass and birds seen along the road, 16/7 (++) Karakol - Jeti-Öguz valley - Tamga; incl. lake west of Kyzul-Suu, 17/7 (+++) Tamga, 18/7 (++) Whole-day excursion to Salt Lake, 19/7 (++) Tamga - incl. "Fairy Place" - Orto-Tokoy Water Reservoir, 20/7 (++) Orto-Tokoy Water Reservoir - Son Kul, 22/7 (++) Son Kul - Burana, 23/7 (++) Burana - Bishkek; incl. stop near Tokmok and former State fishponds 40km NW of Bishkek and 24/7 (+) Ala Archa; incl observations to/from Bishkek.

***Passer ammodendri* (monotypic) - Saxaul Sparrow**

6/7 7 Turenga Forest, 7/7 50 Turenga Forest - Ili River - Karaoi, 8/7 40 Karaoi (Qaraoy) and 9/7 20 Karaoi (Qaraoy) - Kapshagai (Qapshaghay).

***Passer hispaniolensis transcaspicus* - Spanish Sparrow - Spansk Spurv**

22/7 500 Burana and 23/7 1500 Burana.

***Petronia petronia* (*exigua*) - Rock Sparrow - Stenspurv**

18/7 30 Salt Lake and 19/7 2 "Fairy Place."

***Montifringilla nivalis* (ssp unrecognised) – White-winged Snowfinch - Snefinke**

20/7 25 Orto-Tokoy Water Reservoir - Son Kul and 20/7 20 Son Kul.

***Fringilla coelebs* (*coelebs*) - Common Chaffinch - Bogfinke**

29/6 20 Finnish birders observations from Moskau - Astana and 30/6 20 Finnish birders observations from Moskau - Astana and 18/7 1 Tamga - Salt Lake. .

***Carduelis cannabina* (*bella*) - Common Linnet - Tornirisk**

29/6 1 Finnish birders observations from Moskau - Astana, 2/7 1 Karachar village and excursions in Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 3/7 1 Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 12/7 6 Sharyn Canyon, Kazakhstan - Karakol, Kyrgyzstan via Kara-Chungkur Valley, 13/7 30 Karakol - May Saz campsite; incl. Karakol Valley and May Saz Mountain Pass, 14/7 12 May Saz, 15/7 5 May Saz - Karakol; incl. May Saz Mountain Pass and birds seen along the road, 16/7 10 Karakol - Jetti-Öguz valley - Tamga; incl. lake west of Kyzul-Suu, 17/7 80 Tamga, 18/7 5 Salt Lake, 19/7 10 Tamga - incl. "Fairy Place" - Orto-Tokoy Water Reservoir and 23/7 1 Burana - Bishkek; incl. stop near Tokmok and former State fishponds 40km NW of Bishkek.



***Carduelis flavirostris kirghizorum* – Twite - Bjergirisk**

2/7 1 Karachar village and excursions in Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 3/7 15 Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 14/7 2 May Saz and 21/7 8 Son Kul.

***Carduelis carduelis paropansi* - European Goldfinch - Stillits**

29/6 2 Finnish birders observations from Moskau - Astana, 30/6 9 Finnish birders observations from Moskau - Astana, 5/7 4 Almaty - Konchangel; incl. Lake Sorbulak, 8/7 4 Karaoi (Qaraoy), 11/7 6 Shelek - Kokpek - observations along road to Shonzy - Sharyn Canyon, 12/7 15 Sharyn Canyon, Kazakhstan - Karakol, Kyrgyzstan via Kara-Chungkur Valley, 13/7 10 Karakol - May Saz campsite; incl. Karakol Valley and May Saz Mountain Pass, 14/7 3 May Saz, 15/7 5 May Saz - Karakol; incl. May Saz Mountain Pass and birds seen along the road, 16/7 8 Karakol - Jetti-Öguz valley - Tamga; incl. lake west of Kyzul-Suu, 17/7 20 Tamga, 18/7 2 Whole-day excursion to Salt Lake, 19/7 5 Tamga - incl. "Fairy Place" - Orto-Tokoy Water Reservoir, 22/7 5 Son Kul - Burana, 23/7 30 Burana - Bishkek; incl. stop near Tokmok and former State fishponds 40km NW of Bishkek and 25/7 1 Bishkek. Ssp *paropansi* are very distinctive and probably splitted within few years to Grey-headed Goldfinch.

***Carduelis chloris (turkestanicus)* - European Greenfinch - Grønirisk**

30/6 2 Finnish birders observations from Moskau - Astana, 10/7 1 Kapshagai (Qapshaghay) - Ili River Canyon, 12/7 5 Sharyn Canyon, Kazakhstan - Karakol, Kyrgyzstan via Kara-Chungkur Valley, 13/7 2 Karakol - May Saz campsite; incl. Karakol Valley and May Saz Mountain Pass, 15/7 2 May Saz - Karakol; incl. May Saz Mountain Pass and birds seen along the road, 16/7 5 Karakol - Jeti-Öguz valley - Tamga; incl. lake west of Kyzul-Suu, 17/7 8 Tamga, 18/7 1 Salt Lake, 22/7 5 Son Kul - Burana and 23/7 5 Burana - Bishkek; incl. stop near Tokmok and former State fishponds 40km NW of Bishkek.

***Serinus pusillus (monotypic)* – Red-fronted Serin - Rødpandet Irisk**

12/7 5 Kara-Chungkur Valley, 13/7 12 Karakol - May Saz campsite; incl. Karakol Valley and May Saz Mountain Pass, 14/7 20 May Saz, 15/7 10 May Saz - Karakol; incl. May Saz Mountain Pass and birds seen along the road, 16/7 30 Karakol - Jeti-Öguz valley - Tamga; incl. lake west of Kyzul-Suu, 20/7 2 Orto-Tokoy Water Reservoir - Son Kul and 24/7 5 Ala Archa; incl observations to/from Bishkek.

***Mycrobas carnipes (carnipes)* – White-winged Grosbeak**

13/7 3 Karakol - May Saz campsite; incl. Karakol Valley and May Saz Mountain Pass and 24/7 2 Ala Archa; incl observations to/from Bishkek.

***Carpodacus erythrinus (ssp unrecognised)* - Common Rosefinch - Karmindompap**

29/6 10 Finnish birders observations from Moskau - Astana, 30/6 35 Finnish birders observations from Moskau - Astana, 1/7 1 Astana - Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 3/7 2 Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 6/7 1 Konchangel - Turenga Forest, 12/7 22 Sharyn Canyon, Kazakhstan - Karakol, Kyrgyzstan via Kara-Chungkur Valley, 13/7 10 Karakol - May Saz campsite; incl. Karakol Valley and May Saz Mountain Pass, 14/7 20 May Saz, 15/7 10 May Saz - Karakol; incl. May Saz Mountain Pass and birds seen along the road, 16/7 20 Karakol - Jeti-Öguz valley - Tamga; incl. lake west of Kyzul-Suu, 17/7 10 Tamga, 20/7 10 Orto-Tokoy Water Reservoir - Son Kul, 22/7 7 Son Kul - Burana, 23/7 2 Burana - Bishkek; incl. stop near Tokmok and former State fishponds 40km NW of Bishkek and 24/7 10 Ala Archa; incl observations to/from Bishkek.





***Carpodacus rubicilla (rubicilla)* - Great Rosefinch – Stor Karmindompap**
14/7 3 May Saz.

***Carpodacus rhodochlamys (ssp unrecognised)* – Red-mantled Rosefinch**
24/7 2 Ala Archa; incl observations to/from Bishkek.

***Bucanetes mongolicus (monotypic)* - Mongolian Finch - Mongolsk Ørkendompap**
18/7 7 Salt Lake.

***Lecosticte brandtii (brandtii)* - Brandt's Rosy Finch**
13/7 20 Karakol - May Saz campsite; incl. Karakol Valley and May Saz Mountain Pass and 15/7 100 May Saz - Karakol; incl. May Saz Mountain Pass and birds seen along the road.

***Leucosticte nemoricola (nemoricola)* - Plain Mountain Finch**

13/7 15 Karakol - May Saz campsite; incl. Karakol Valley and May Saz Mountain Pass, 14/7 25 May Saz, 15/7 100 May Saz - Karakol; incl. May Saz Mountain Pass and birds seen along the road, 20/7 15 Son Kul and 21/7 5 Son Kul.

***Rhodopechys sanguineus (sanguineus)* - Crimson-winged Finch - Karmoisinfinke**

18/7 2 Salt Lake.

***Rhodospiza obsoleta (monotypic)* - Desert Finch - Ørkenfinke**

5/7 6 Konchangel; semi-desert area, 6/7 3 Kochangel, 8/7 10 Karaoi (Qaraoy) and 9/7 4 Karaoi (Qaraoy) - Kapshagai (Qapshaghay).



EMBERIZIDAE

***Emberiza schoeniclus (ssp unrecognised)* - Common Reed Bunting - Rørspurv**

29/6 35 Karachar village, Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 1/7 3 Astana - Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 2/7 20 Karachar village and excursions in Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 3/7 10 Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve, 11/7 5 Shelek - Kokpek - observations along road to Shonzhy - Sharyn Canyon and 16/7 5 Karakol - Jetti-Öguz valley - Tamga; incl. lake west of Kyzul-Suu.

***Emberiza buchanan (buchanan)* – Grey-necked Bunting - Bjerghortulan**

13/7 15 Karakol - May Saz campsite; incl. Karakol Valley and May Saz Mountain Pass, 14/7 5 May Saz, 18/7 35 Salt Lake and 19/7 30 Tamga - incl. "Fairy Place" - Orto-Tokoy Water Reservoir.



***Emberiza citrinella (citrinella)* - Yellowhammer - Gulspurv**

29/6 30 Finnish birders observations from Moskau - Astana, 30/6 10 Finnish birders observations from Moskau - Astana and 1/7 1 Astana - Korgalzhyn State Nature Reserve.

***Emberiza leucocephalos leucocephalos* - Pine Bunting - Hvidkindet Værbling**

12/7 reg; heard Kara-Chungkur Valley, 13/7 10 Karakol - May Saz campsite; incl. Karakol Valley and May Saz Mountain Pass and 15/7 5 May Saz - Karakol; incl. May Saz Mountain Pass and birds seen along the road.

***Emberiza stewarti (stewarti)* – White-capped Bunting**

11/7 8 Kokpek.

***Placering Emberiza (monotypic)* - Black-headed Bunting - Hætteværbling**

5/7 1 male Konchangel; incl. Lake Sorbulak.

***Emberiza bruniceps (monotypic)* – Red-headed Bunting - Brunhovedet Værbling**

5/7 60 Almaty - Konchangel; incl. Lake Sorbulak, 6/7 150 Konchangel - Turenga Forest, 7/7 10 Turenga Forest, 8/7 50 Karaoi (Qaraoy), 9/7 50 Karaoi (Qaraoy) - Kapshagai (Qapshaghay), 10/7 70 Kapshagai (Qapshaghay) - Ili River Canyon, 11/7 20 Shelek - Kokpek - observations along road to Shonzhy - Sharyn Canyon, 12/7 22 Sharyn Canyon, Kazakhstan - Karakol, Kyrgyzstan via Kara-Chungkur Valley, 17/7 6 Tamga, 18/7 2 Salt Lake, 22/7 10 Son Kul - Burana and 23/7 10 Burana - Bishkek; incl. stop near Tokmok and former State fishponds 40km NW of Bishkek.

***Emberiza cia (par)* - Rock Bunting - Klippeværbling**

11/7 3 Shelek - Kokpek - observations along road to Shonzhy - Sharyn Canyon, 13/7 1 Karakol - May Saz campsite;



incl. Karakol Valley and May Saz Mountain Pass, 15/7 3 May Saz - Karakol; incl. May Saz Mountain Pass and birds seen along the road, 16/7 10 Karakol - Jetti-Öguz valley - Tamga; incl. lake west of Kyzul-Suu, 18/7 4 Salt Lake, 19/7 5 Tamga - incl. "Fairy Place" - Orto-Tokoy Water Reservoir and 24/7 1 Ala Archa; incl observations to/from Bishkek.

***Emberiza calandra (calandra)* - Corn Bunting - Kornværbling**

12/7 5 Sharyn Canyon, Kazakhstan - Karakol, Kyrgyzstan via Kara-Chungkur Valley, 13/7 1 Karakol - May Saz campsite; incl. Karakol Valley and May Saz Mountain Pass, 15/7 5 May Saz - Karakol; incl. May Saz Mountain Pass and birds seen along the road, 16/7 25 Karakol - Jeti-Öguz valley - Tamga; incl. lake west of Kyzul-Suu, 17/7 50 Tamga, 18/7 6 Salt Lake, 19/7 5 Tamga - incl. "Fairy Place" - Orto-Tokoy Water Reservoir and 23/7 5 Burana - Bishkek; incl. stop near Tokmok and former State fishponds 40km NW of Bishkek.

References: AERC TAC Checklist of bird taxa occurring in Western Palearctic region. With distributional notes on subspecies-15th Draft and observations Michael Westerbjerg Andersen in the period 1994-2005



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