

**Trip Report: Hu Ping Shan National Reserve
(Hunan Province)
June 18th to July 4th, 2012
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Location : Hu Ping Shan is located in North West Hunan at the border with the Hubei province. The total area of the reserve covers 430 Square Kms.

Weather : the weather was sunny even hot at the lower elevation during most of the trip except during 3 rainy days from June 26th to June 28th.

Summary : This trip was ordered by JC, Phd and PhK to visit this reserve. It was their first chinese experience and they wanted to stay in a remote area for the entire trip. Their main interest being mammals, they wanted to have enough time to get a good understanding of the habitat and mammals habits. As for me, it was my third trip in this reserve following one of two weeks in May 2010 and another one of one week by end of September 2010.

We have seen a total of 133 bird species.

Itinerary and shedule: On June 17th early in the morning, I picked up JC, PhD and PhK at Guangzhou airport, then we took the bullet train from Guangzhou south station to Changsha city, then a first bus to Shimen and another one to Hu Ping Shan village. In the evening we enjoyed a quick dinner with the reserve staff, including M. Kwang, vice director of the reserve who pays good interest on birds.

On June 18, we hired a car to reach one of the reserve stations along a river in the north part of the reserve. The plan was to stay 4 nights along the river to look for Tawny Fish Owl, as a bird had been poached there in 2009 and is now kept in the museum of the reserve. Add to the 2009 poached Owl, M. Kwang showed me the picture of an Owl he took in 2007 along the river and that he hadn't been able to ID correctly. It appears to be another Tawny Fish Owl. Villagers leaving along the river also mentioned us that they regularly saw a large Owl at different places of the river, often perched on telecom poles or old trees. Despite all these good signs of their presence, we haven't been able to find any. Good efforts spent at dusk and night awaiting along the river or spotting the river with a powerful torchlight were in vain. The water level of the river and the weather must influence the area the Owl uses to go fishing at night.

On June 22nd, a car drove us to the end of a carriageway, where 4 peoples were waiting for us to help carry the luggage and the food to our next station. They're used to carry everything on their back as the trails there are not suitable for horses. One man is able to carry up to 50 kg on a 1 and half hour walk from 800 to 1400 meters elevation. When they meet you on the trail they usually stop and relieve the weight by putting a wooden stick underneath, and.... smoke a cigarette.

The station is actually at an elevation of 1400 meters, it is the house of one of the reserve staff where his wife is living, this is what I called the North Station in the below report. It is the same place where I've been on both 2010 trips. It is a typical wooden

made house, in the middle of nowhere. It is the perfect place to explore different parts of the reserve and is incredibly quiet.

On June 27th, because of the rain we spent an entire afternoon exploring one very deep cave behind the North Station, a great experience, despite a few passages where we needed to crawl in what looked like a rabbit's burrow entrance. We noticed many damages in the cave, mostly because of people going there to collect some stalactites and other cave stones for retail. Despite this sad discovery it was really a great day.

On July 1st, we decided to pay a visit to Hu Ping Shan summit, the highest one of Hunan, 2096,7 meters. It was quite a long journey as we had first to reach a pass at 1800 meters, and then walk down to 1300 meters to reach the beginning of the only trail to the summit. The hiking to the summit after lunch was quite difficult, JC and PhK already gave it up at the last step at 1300 meters, and missed the wonderful view at the summit, the same one that made us quickly forget all the efforts we had just made (one lifer also helped me for that). From the summit we recognised the pass at 1800 m where we had been in the morning at a very close distance from the summit, so Shi Dao, PhD and I, decided to go through the vegetation to reach the pass and to avoid the killing path of the afternoon and the 800 meters elevation difference. It was a bit steep but definitely much shorter and less painful. It has to be mentioned that we were probably the first foreigners to reach this summit, as it was until recently occupied by the Army. It still is a controlled area, and we couldn't have been there without M. Kwang accompanying us. We hesitated to leave a French flag on the top but gave up the idea as they probably would have not appreciated it.

On July 2nd, JC, PhD and PhK, visited an Himalayan Swift let colony, on Hubei side, they entered into the cave but decided it was too dangerous according to the material they had and didn't reach the colony. According to them it was a great experience to see these birds entering the cave so fast. The birds give some call as they are entering into the dark, and some of the visitors have been touched by the wing of a Swiftlet ; they probably are not used to having moving hurdles on their cave flyway.

On July 3rd, we had a slow walk down to the village with a stop at the River station, from where a car drove us back to the village.

On morning of July 4, I paid a quick visit to some hills around the village, just to give a boost to the trip list. Then we took 2 different buses to reach Shimen and Changsha and finally the bullet train to reach Guangzhou, where we slept.

July 5 has been spent in Guangzhou city, JC, PhD and PhK having their plane back to France on late evening.

Elevations and key places :

- Hu Ping Shan village : about 200 to 300 meters, very hilly.
- River Station : located in the north part of the reserve, elevation is 300 meters at the station in the valley bottom, very steep on each side.
- North Station : 1400 meters, there is a nice path going left and right of the station in a small plateau, with some well wooded parts of regenerated forest mixed with some abandoned and non abandoned fields. We've spent most of our time around this station, exploring all the different directions from 1300 to 1700 meters.
- Hu Ping Shan summit : 2096,7 meters, as ever a few species are found only above 1800 meters, as White-browed Robin, Yellowish-bellied Bush Warbler, and here Buff-throated Warbler as well.

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Mammals :

- **Mask Palm Civet** *Paguma larvata* : one video-trapped on June 28th near the North Station.
- **Hog Badger** *Arctonyx collaris* : noted on 6 dates, seen on daytime and at night and as well as many video-trapped, all near the North Station. Maximum 3 on July 2nd.
- **Siberian Weasel** *Mustela sibirica* : one seen on a rainy day (JM) following a small path, on June 27th near the North Station.
- **Tufted Deer** *Elaphodus cephalophus* : one seen on a rainy day (PhD) in the grass on an open field on June 27th near the North Station.
- **Wild Boar** *Sus scrofa* : seen on 2 dates, 1 large male on June 25th and a family group with a female and at least 4 yearlings on June 30th, all near the North Station.
- **Pallas's Squirrel** *Callosciurus erythraeus* : seen almost daily at the North Station.

Birds :

- **Chinese Bamboo Partridge** *Bambusicola thoracicus* 灰胸竹鸡 *ssp thoracicus* : noted on 10 dates at various places, maximum 4 on June 28th
- **Temminck's Tragopan** *Tragopan temminckii* 红腹角雉 : 1 noted near the North Station on June 20th and 27th.
- **Common Pheasant** *Phasianus colchicus* 雉鸡 *ssp torquatus* : noted on 4 dates only near the North Station, maximum 2 on June 25th. Presumably this subspecies.
- **Golden Pheasant** *Chrysolophus pictus* 红腹锦鸡 : noted on 8 dates only near the North Station, maximum 4 on June 27th (1M + 1F + 2juv) and 4 on June 30th (1F + 3 juv)
- **Chinese Pond Heron** *Ardeola Bacchus* 池鹭 : 1 noted on transect from the Village to the River Station on June 18th.
- **Oriental Honey Buzzard** *Pernis ptilorhynchus* 凤头蜂鹰 *ssp ruficollis* : single noted on 3 dates near the North Station.
- **Crested Goshawk** *Accipiter trivirgatus* 凤头鹰 : single noted on 3 dates, 1 displaying on June 18th, on transect from the village to the river station, 1 near the North Station on June 24th and 1 on the way back to the river station on July 3rd.

- **Chinese Sparrow hawk** *Accipiter soloensis* 赤腹鹰 : single noted on 2 dates, 1 on transect from the village to the river station on June 18th, and 1 trying to catch a prey on a small water basin near the North Station on June 24th.
- **Besra** *Accipiter virgatus* 松雀鹰 *ssp affinis* : single noted on 2 dates near the North Station.
- **Grey-faced Buzzard** *Butastur indicus* 灰脸鵟鹰 : 1 noted on transect from the village to the River Station on June 18th.
- **Mountain Hawk-Eagle** *Nisaetus nipalensis* 鹰雕 *ssp nipalensis* : 1 noted near the River Station on June 22nd.
- **Eurasian Hobby** *Falco subbuteo* 燕隼 *ssp streich* : 1 noted on transect from the village to the river station on June 18th.
- **Grey-headed Lapwing** *Vanellus cinereus* 灰头麦鸡 : 1 noted on transect from Changsha to Shimen on June 17th.
- **Oriental Turtle Dove** *Streptopelia orientalis* 山斑鸠 *ssp orientalis* : noted on 4 dates, maximum 3 on transect from the North Station to the village on July 3rd.
- **Spotted Dove** *Spilopelia chinensis* 珠颈斑鸠 *ssp chinensis* : noted on 2 dates, maximum 5 near the village on July 4th.
- **Chestnut-winged Cuckoo** *Clamator coromandus* 红翅凤头鹃 : single (probably the same bird) noted on 4 dates near the North Station
- **Asian Koel** *Eudynamys scolopaceus* 噪鹃 *ssp chinensis* : noted on 6 dates at lower elevation, river and village vicinity, maximum 2.
- **Large Hawk Cuckoo** *Hierococcyx sparverioides* 鹰鹃 *ssp sparverioides* : singers noted on 7 dates, at various location, maximum 2.
- **Asian Lesser cuckoo** *Cuculus poliocephalus* 小杜鹃 *ssp poliocephalus* : singers noted on 11 dates mostly near the North Station, maximum 3 on June 30th.
- **Indian Cuckoo** *Cuculus micropterus* 四声杜鹃 *ssp micropterus* : single bird heard near the river on July 3rd.
- **Himalayan Cuckoo** *Cuculus saturatus* 中杜鹃 *ssp saturatus* : singers noted on 6 dates near the North Station, maximum 2.
- **Common Cuckoo** *Cuculus canorus* 大杜鹃 *ssp bakeri* : singers noted on 9 dates near the North Station, maximum 2
- **Collared Scops Owl** *Otus lettia* 西领角鸮 *ssp erythrocampe* : singers noted on 6 dates, 1 near the river station on 18th of June, other near the North Station, maximum 2.
- **Chinese Tawny Owl** *Strix nivicola* 灰林鸮 *ssp nivicola* : singers noted on 9 dates, all near the North station, maximum 4 singers on July 2nd, 1 bird seen on June 28th coming close to PhD who was imitating its song.
- **Collared Owlet** *Glaucidium brodiei* 领鸺鹠 *ssp brodiei* : single noted on 4 dates, near the River Station and near the North Station
- **Brown Hawk-owl** *Ninox scutulata* 鹰鸮 *ssp burmanica* : 1 bird seen on day time near the River Station on June 19th, and on June 20th PhK notice that 2 birds were feeding juveniles on a big hole in a branch of a very old tree along the river, birds were catching big insects.

- **Himalayan Swiftlet** *Aerodramus brevirostris* 短嘴金丝燕 : noted on 6 dates, group of about 40 birds flying in the valley over the river on June 18th and 19th. On July 2nd Ph.D., Ph.K. and JC accompanied by the guide and our host have been visiting a colony in a big cave at an elevation of about 1800 meters, they estimate that the colony could hold between 50 to 100 pairs.
- **Pacific Swift / Salim's Ali's Swift** *Apus pacificus / salimali* “白腰雨燕” : 2 birds noted near the River Station on June 19th. Distant birds allowing not to separate them at species level. Rather unclear if any of the Pacific Swift complex may breed in the region as suggest a few late sightings, and to which species they could belong. (Leader, P. J. Taxonomy of the Pacific Swift *Apus pacificus* complex. Bull BOC 2011 131(2) 81-93)
- **Crested Kingfisher** *Megaceryle lugubris* 冠鱼狗 *ssp guttulata* : noted on 3 dates, all near the River Station, maximum 2.
- **Great Barbet** *Megalaima virens* 大拟啄木鸟 *ssp virens* : noted on 7 dates, at various locations, maximum 3 on June 19th.
- **Speckled Piculet** *Picumnus innominatus* 斑姬啄木鸟 *ssp chinensis* : noted on 2 dates, at lower elevation, maximum 2 near the village on July 4th.
- **Grey-capped Pygmy Woodpecker** *Dendrocopos canicapillus* 星头啄木鸟 *ssp szetchuanensis* : noted on 4 dates, at various locations, maximum 4 on transect from the River to the North Station on June 22nd. Presumably this sub species.
- **Crimson-breasted Woodpecker** *Dendrocopos cathpharius* 赤胸啄木鸟 *ssp innixus* : noted on 3 dates, all near the North Station, maximum 2.
- **Great Spotted Woodpecker** *Dendrocopos major* 大斑啄木鸟 *ssp stresemanni* : noted on 6 dates, at various locations, 1 pair breeding near the River Station on June 18th and 19th, maximum 4 birds noted on the way from the North Station to the River Station on July 3rd.
- **Eurasian Three-toed Woodpecker** *Celeus brachyurus* 栗啄木鸟 *ssp funebris* : single noted near the North Station on June 25th and 29th.
- **Grey-headed Woodpecker** *Picus canus* 灰头绿啄木鸟 *ssp sobrinus* : noted on 6 dates, mostly near the North Station, where one pair is breeding in one of the tree in the garden (already breeding there in 2010). Presumably this subspecies.
- **Grey-chinned Minivet** *Pericrocotus solaris* 灰喉山椒鸟 *ssp griseigularis* : 1 bird noted on July 4th, near the village.
- **Long-tailed Minivet** *Pericrocotus ethologus* 长尾山椒鸟 : noted on 11 dates, mainly above 1400 meters and maximum up to 2000 meters, maximum 6 on June 27th.
- **Tiger Shrike** *Lanius tigrinus* 虎纹伯劳 : 1 male noted on July 4th near the village.
- **Black Drongo** *Dicrurus macrocercus* 黑卷尾 *ssp cathoecus* : 1 bird noted on transect from the village to the river station on July 18th.
- **Hair-crested Drongo** *Dicrurus hottentottus* 发冠卷尾 *ssp brevirostris* : noted on 6 dates, all on lower elevation near the river station or the village, maximum 18 birds on June 19th. One nest found.
- **Asian Paradise-flycatcher** *Terpsiphone paradise* 寿带 *ssp incei* : 1 male and 1 female noted on July 4th near the village.

- **Eurasian Jay** *Garrulus glandarius* 松鸦 *ssp sinensis* : single or pair noted on 6 dates at various locations and altitude (300 to 1550 meters).
- **Red-billed Blue Magpie** *Urocissa erythrorhyncha* 红嘴蓝鹊 *ssp erythrorhyncha* : noted on 14 dates, at various locations and altitude (300 to 1600 meters), maximum 12 on June 19th.
- **Common Magpie** *Pica pica* 喜鹊 *ssp sericea* : single bird noted on July 4th near the village.
- **Large-billed Crow** *Corvus macrorhynchos* 大嘴乌鸦 *ssp colonorum* : noted on 14 dates, maximum 6 birds on June 22nd on transect from the River Station to the North Station.
- **Grey-headed Canary Flycatcher** *Culicicapa ceylonensis* 方尾鹩 *ssp calochrysea* : noted on 14 dates, at various locations and altitude (300 to 1700 meters), maximum 10+ on July 3rd on transect from the North Station to the River Station, one nest found on July 3rd.
- **Yellow-bellied Tit** *Periparus venustulus* 黄腹山雀: noted on 5 dates, maximum 8 on June 22nd, adult seen feeding juveniles on June 22nd and July 2nd.
- **Cinereous Tit** *Parus cinereus* 苍背山雀 *ssp commixtus* : noted on 10 dates at various locations and altitude (from 300 to 1550 meters), maximum 7 birds on July 4th near the village.
- **Green-backed Tit** *Parus monticolus* 绿背山雀 *ssp yunnanensis* : Noted on 11 dates, mainly near the North Station at elevation between 800 and 1700 meters, maximum 10+ at many dates, one of the common bird species at this elevations.
- **Collared Finchbill** *Spizixos semitorques* 领雀嘴鹀 *ssp semitorques* : noted on 16 dates at various locations and elevation (300 to 1550 meters), maximum 20+ on June 18th in transect from the village to the River Station.
- **Brown-breasted Bulbul** *Pycnonotus xanthorrhous* 黄臀鹀 *ssp andersoni*: noted on 11 dates, at various locations between 300 and 1500 meters, maximum 10+ on June 18th in transect from the Village to the River Station. 1 bird building nest on June 19th near the river station.
- **Light-vented Bulbul** *Pycnonotus sinensis* 白头鹀 *ssp sinensis* : noted on 4 dates, strictly below 500 meters, maximum 10+ birds on June 18th in transect from the village to the River Station, one bird carrying food to nest on June 18th at the village.
- **Mountain Bulbul** *Ixos mcclllandii* 绿翅短脚鹀 *ssp holtii* : noted on 12 dates at various location from 300 to 1700 meters, maximum 12 birds on June 19th near the River Station.
- **Chestnut Bulbul** *Hemixos castanonotus* 栗背短脚鹀 *ssp canipennis* : single bird noted on June 18th on transect from the village to the river station.
- **Black Bulbul** *Hypsipetes leucocephalus* 黑短脚鹀 *ssp leucocephalus* : noted on 5 dates at various locations and elevations, maximum 10 on June 19th near the river station
- **Asian House Martin** *Delichon dasypus* 烟腹毛脚燕 *ssp cashmiriensis*: Noted on 4 dates, all near the North Station, maximum 43 on June 27th.

- **Red-rumped Swallow** *Cecropis daurica* 金腰燕 *ssp japonica* : noted on 6 dates, essentially near the village and the River Station where they are breeding, maximum 30+ on transect from the village to the River Station on June 18th.
- **Brownish-flanked Bush Warbler** *Cettia fortipes* 强脚树莺 *ssp davidiana* : noted on 12 dates, essentially above 800 meters, maximum 10+ on July 1st on transect from the North Station to the Summit
- **Yellowish-bellied Bush Warbler** *Cettia acanthizoides* 黄腹树莺 *ssp acanthizoides* : 2 birds heard and seen on July 1st at the summit (above 2000 meters)
- **Rufous-faced Warbler** *Abroscopus albogularis* 棕脸鹟莺 *ssp fulvifacies* : 2 birds heard on June 22nd on transect from the River Station to the North Station.
- **Black-throated Tit** *Aegithalos concinnus* 红头长尾山雀 *ssp concinnus* : flock of 25+ birds noted on June 19th and 30+ noted on July 3rd , all near the River Station.
- **Alpine Leaf Warbler** *Phylloscopus occisinensis* 黄腹柳莺: Noted on 8th date, good population confined between 1300 and 1600 meters near farmland, strictly depends on human activities to keep habitat opened, a few family groups seen, maximum 6 birds on June 24th near the North Station.
- **Buff-throated Warbler** *Phylloscopus subaffinis* 棕腹柳莺: 4 birds seen on July 1st, 2 of them carrying food to nest, confined at the higher elevation where it breeds on dwarf bushes.
- **Yellow-streaked Warbler** *Phylloscopus armandii* 棕眉柳莺 *ssp armandii*: 1 bird heard on June 19th, near the River station (First for Hunan province, but analysis of pictures of unID birds taken by M. Kwang, prove that it is probably not the first)
- **Large-billed Leaf Warbler** *Phylloscopus magnirostris* 乌嘴柳莺: noted on 7 dates, all above 1450 meters, maximum 8 on July 1st, on transect from the North Station to the summit.
- **Claudia's Leaf Warbler** *Phylloscopus claudiae* 冠纹柳莺: noted on 11 dates, all above 1300 meters near the North Station, maximum 20+ on June 23rd, 24th and July 1st.
- **Sulphur-breasted Warbler** *Phylloscopus ricketti* 黑眉柳莺: noted on 4 dates, maximum 15+ on June 19th near the river station, including a family group feeding non-fledged juveniles.
- **Grey-crowned Warbler** *Seicercus tephrocephalus* 灰冠鹟莺: noted on 11 dates, all between 1300 and 1700 meters, maximum 30+ on June 24th near the North Station. 1 nest found at the exact same place as on 2010.
- **Bianchi's Warbler** *Seicercus valentini* 比氏鹟莺 *ssp valentini* : noted on 2 dates, usually more common on the higher elevation, above 1600 meters, 1 bird heard at 1550 meters near the North Station on June 28th, and 13 noted on July 1st on transect from the North Station to the summit.
- **Marten's Warbler** *Seicercus omeiensis* 峨眉鹟莺: a bird that I totally missed on 2010, very easy to locate once call is known and with a bit of experience with the song, noted on 3 dates between 1550 and 1700

meters, maximum 10+ on July 01st on transect from the North Station to the Summit. (first for Hunan province).

- **Alström's Warbler** *Seicercus soror* 淡尾鷓鴣: surprisingly breed very high in this reserve, with some birds heard regularly around 1450 meters, very common below, noted on 8 dates, maximum 10+ on June 22nd on transect from the River Station to the North Station.
- **Chestnut-crowned Warbler** *Seicercus castaniceps* 栗头鷓鴣 *ssp sinensis* : noted on 8 dates, maximum 4 on June 28th near the North Station
- **Blunt-winged Warbler** *Acrocephalus concinens* 钝翅苇莺 *ssp concinens* : noted on 8 dates, an other species depending on human activities, use to breed at elevation around 1500 meters on recently abandoned field. Maximum 5 (1 pair feeding 3 pulli on nest) on June 25th.
- **Brown Bush Warbler** *Locustella luteoventris* 棕褐短翅莺: bird seems to have stopped singing, so only one bird was seen on June 23rd near the North Station.
- **Russet Bush Warbler** *Locustella mandelli* 高山短翅莺 *ssp melanorhynchus* : noted on 4 dates, mostly near the North Station, maximum 2 on July 1st on transect from the North Station to the Summit.
- **Black-Streaked Scimitar Babbler** *Pomatorhinus gravivox* 斑胸钩嘴鹛 *ssp cowensae*: noted on 14 dates at various locations and elevations, maximum 8 on July 4th near the village.
- **Streak-breasted Scimitar Babbler** *Pomatorhinus ruficollis* 棕颈钩嘴鹛 *ssp hunanensis* : noted on 13 dates at various locations and elevations, maximum 10 on July 3rd on transect from the North Station to the River Station. Interesting bird showing some rufous on breast and that seems to be paired up with a typical *ssp hunanensis*. Probably some hybridation occur there between *hunanensis* and *styani* or *stridulus*.
- **Pygmy Wren Babbler** *Pnoepyga pusilla* 小鳞胸鹪鹩 *ssp pusilla* : single bird heard on 5 dates near the North Station.
- **Rufous-capped Babbler** *Stachyridopsis ruficeps* 红头穗鹛 *ssp davidi* : noted on 10 dates, maximum 4 on July 4th near the village.
- **Chinese Babax** *Babax lanceolatus* 矛纹草鹛 *ssp latouchei*: noted on 11 dates, all above 1200 meters, maximum 15+ on June 25th near the North Station.
- **Masked Laughingthrush** *Garrulax perspicillatus* 黑脸噪鹛: 5+ birds noted on June 18th, near the village
- **White-throated Laughingthrush** *Garrulax albogularis* 白喉噪鹛 *ssp laetus* : noted on 9 dates all above 1300 meters, maximum 15+ on June 23rd near the North Station.
- **Rusty Laughingthrush** *Dryonastes poecilorhynchus* 台湾棕噪鹛 *ssp berthemyi* : 1 bird seen on July 1st at 1800 meters on transect from the North Station to the summit.
- **White-browed Laughingthrush** *Pterorhinus sannio* 白颊噪鹛 *ssp sannio* : noted on 3 dates at lower elevation, maximum 5 on July 4th, near the village.
- **Moustached Laughingthrush** *Ianthocincla cineracea* 灰翅噪鹛 *ssp cinereiceps* : noted on 3 dates all at elevation around 1500 meters, maximum 2 on June 27th.

- **Spotted Laughingthrush** *Ianthocincla ocellata* 眼纹噪鹛 *ssp artemesiaae* : noted on 6 dates all above 1200 meters, maximum 7 on June 24th near the North Station.
- **Chinese Hwamei** *Leucodioptron canorum* 画眉 *ssp canorus* : noted on 13 dates at various locations and elevations, maximum 10+ on July 4th near the village.
- **Elliot's Laughingthrush** *Trochalopteron elliotii* 橙翅噪鹛 : 20+ birds noted on July 1st on transect from the North Station to the summit, all between 1700 and the summit.
- **Red-billed Leiothrix** *Leiothrix lutea* 红嘴相思鸟 *ssp lutea* : noted on 11 dates, maximum 50+ on June 24th and July 2nd near the North Station, commonest species between 800 and 1800 meters.
- **Dusky Fulvetta** *Schoeniparus brunneus* 褐顶雀鹛 *ssp superciliaris* : noted on 2 dates, 2 birds on June 18th near the River Station and 2 on June 22nd on transect from the River Station to the North Station.
- **David's Fulvetta** *Alcippe davidi* 灰眶雀鹛 *ssp davidi* : noted on 7 dates, all above 1000 meters, maximum 4 on June 22nd on transect from the River Station to the North Station.
- **Black-headed Sibia** *Leioptila desgodinsi* 黑头奇鹛 *ssp desgodinsi* : noted on 10 dates all above 1000 meters, maximum 8 on July 1st on transect from the North Station to the Summit.
- **Chestnut-collared Yuhina** *Staphida torqueola* 栗耳凤鹛 : noted on 8 dates, maximum 40+ on July 3rd on transect from the North Station to the River Station.
- **White-collared Yuhina** *Yuhina diademata* 白领凤鹛 *ssp diademata* : noted on 10 dates all above 1300 meters, maximum 30+ on July 1st on transect from the North Station to the summit.
- **Black-chinned Yuhina** *Yuhina nigrimenta* 黑额凤鹛: 2 birds noted on June 19th near the River Station at elevation of 300 meters
- **Spectacled Parrotbill** *Sinosuthora conspicillata* 白眶鸦雀 *ssp rocki* : the southern most population for this species recently found in the reserve by M. Kwang, 15 birds seen on July 1st on transect from the North Station to the summit in a patch of dwarf bamboo in opened area at 1800 meters. I've been at the same place in 2010 and haven't seen a single bird at that time, despite that they are quite vocale and came quite close if anybody enter in this patch of bamboo.
- **Vinous-throated Parrotbill** *Sinosuthora webbiana* 棕头鸦雀: noted on 12 dates at various locations and elevations, maximum 20+ on June 28th and 29th near the North Station. Rather unclear wich subspecies occur there, *ganluoensis*, *stresmanni* or *suffusus*.
- **Short-tailed Parrotbill** *Neosuthora davidiana* 短尾鸦雀 *ssp davidiana* : suspected on June 24th, 2 birds were seen on June 25th near the North Station in regenerated forest with dwarf bamboo understorey.
- **Grey-headed Parrotbill** *Psittiparus gularis* 灰头鸦雀 *ssp fokiensis* : noted on 8 dates at various locations and elevations, maximum 4 on July 3rd on transect from the North Station to the River Station.

- **Japanese White-eye** *Zosterops japonicas* 暗绿绣眼鸟 *ssp simplex* : noted on 7 dates at various locations and elevations, maximum 4 on June 28th, near the North Station.
- **Crested Myna** *Acridotheres cristatellus* 八哥 *ssp cristatellus* : 1 seen on June 18th on transect from the village to the River Station.
- **Blue Whistling Thrush** *Myophonus caeruleus* 紫啸鸫 *ssp caeruleus* : noted on 7 dates, maximum 8 on transect from the village to the River Station on June 18th.
- **Japanese Thrush** *Turdus cardis* 乌灰鸫 *ssp merulinus* : 1 heard on June 24th near the North Station. Presumably this subspecies.
- **Grey-winged Blackbird** *Turdus boulboul* 灰翅鸫: noted on 5 dates, all above 1300 meters, maximum 5 on July 1st on transect from the North Station to the summit.
- **Common Blackbird** *Turdus merula* 乌鸫: 2 noted on July 4th near the village
- **Lesser Shortwing** *Brachypteryx leucophrys* 白喉短翅鸫 *ssp carolinae* : 1 or 2 birds noted on 6 dates all near the North Station
- **White-browed Shortwing** *Brachypteryx Montana* 蓝短翅鸫 *ssp sinensis* : 3 birds heard on July 1st between 1800 meters and the summit.
- **Oriental Magpie Robin** *Copsychus saularis* 鹊鸂 *ssp saularis* : noted on 2 dates, all near the village, maximum 4 on July 4th near the village.
- **Plumbeous Redstart** *Rhyacornis fuliginosus* 红尾水鸫 *ssp fuliginosus* : noted on 4 dates, maximum 35 on June 19th near The River Station.
- **White-tailed Robin** *Cinclidium leucurum* 白尾蓝地鸫 *ssp leucura* : noted on 9 dates, all above 1300 meters, maximum 6 on July 1st on transect from the North Station to the summit.
- **Little Forktail** *Enicurus scouleri* 小燕尾: noted on 2 dates, maximum 5 on June 19th, near The River Station.
- **Slaty-backed Forktail** *Enicurus schistaceus* 灰背燕尾 : noted on 3 dates, maximum 10+ on June 19th, near the River Station.
- **White-crowned Forktail** *Enicurus leschenaulti* 白冠燕尾 *ssp sinensis* : noted on 4 dates, maximum 4 on June 19th, near The River Station.
- **Grey Bushchat** *Saxicola ferreus* 灰林鸫 *ssp haringtoni* : noted on 10 dates, maximum 14 on June 28th near the North Station.
- **Brown-chested Jungle Flycatcher** *Rhinomyias brunneatus* 白喉林鸫 *ssp brunneatus* : noted on 3 dates, maximum 8 on June 19th near the River Station.
- **Slaty-blue Flycatcher** *Ficedula tricolor* 灰蓝姬鸫 *ssp diversa* : 2 birds heard on July 1st on transect from the North Station to the summit at elevation of 1600 meters.
- **Zappey's Flycatcher** *Cyanoptila cumatilis* 白腹姬鸫 : 1 juvenil male seen on June 30th near the North Station (first documented record for Hunan) Follow Paul J. Leader and Geoff J. Carey, Zappey's Flycatcher *Cyanoptila cumatilis*, a forgotten breeding endemic (Forktail 28, 2012)
- **Verditer Flycatcher** *Eumyias thalassinus* 铜蓝鸫: noted on 12 dates, maximum 6 on June 25th near the North Station.

- **Chinese Blue Flycatcher** *Cyornis glaucicomans* 中华仙鹟 : noted on 2 dates, restricted between 800 and 1300 meters, maximum 10 on June 22nd on transect from the River Station to the North Station.
- **Rufous-bellied Niltava** *Niltava sundara* 棕腹仙鹟 *ssp denotata* : noted on 6 dates, maximum 3 on June 23rd, 1 pair feeding a flying juvenile near the North Station.
- **Brown Dipper** *Cinclus pallasii* 褐河鸟 *ssp pallasii* : noted on 5 dates all near the River Station, maximum 7 on June 19th.
- **Fire-breasted Flowerpecker** *Dicaeum cruentatum* 朱背啄花鸟 *ssp ignipectus* : 1 pair seen on June 20th near the River Station.
- **Mrs Gould's Sunbird** *Aethopyga gouldiae* 蓝喉太阳鸟 *ssp dabryii* : noted on 4 dates at various locations and elevations (min 300 meters, max 2000 meters), maximum 7 on June 19th near the River Station.
- **Russet Sparrow** *Passer rutilans* 山麻雀 *ssp rutilans* : noted on 3 dates, mostly near the village, maximum 10+ on June 18th on transect from the village to the River Station.
- **White-rumped Munia** *Lonchura striata* 白腰文鸟 *ssp swinhoei* : 1 bird noted on June 18th near the village.
- **Grey Wagtail** *Motacilla cinerea* 灰鹡鸰 *ssp robusta* : noted on 6 dates, 2 on June 19th near the River Station, all other concerning the same bird singing in front of the North Station.
- **White Wagtail** *Motacilla alba* 白鹡鸰 *ssp leucopsis* : noted on 12 dates, maximum 6 on June 19th near the River Station.
- **Grey-capped Greenfinch** *Carduelis sinica* 金翅雀 *ssp sinica* : 1 pair noted on 4 dates, near the River Station and near the North Station.
- **Vinaceous Rosefinch** *Carpodacus vinaceus* 酒红朱雀 *ssp vinaceus* : noted on 5 dates, maximum 3 on June 25th, including one pair carrying food near the North Station.
- **Brown Bullfinch** *Pyrrhula nipalensis* 褐灰雀 *ssp ricketti* : noted on 2 dates, all near the North Station, maximum 5 on July 2nd.
- **Slaty Bunting** *Latoucheornis siemsseni* 蓝鹀: noted on 9 dates, mostly near the North Station, 1 nest found on 23rd of June and 02nd of July, maximum 12 on July 1st on transect from the North Station to the Summit.
- **Yellow-throated Bunting** *Emberiza elegans* 黄喉鹀 *ssp elegantula* : noted on 11 dates, mostly near the North Station, maximum 8 on June 27th.

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