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English names follow Duff and Lawson. *Mammals of the World: A Checklist*.

4-13 MARCH 2003 Almatinsky Nature Reserve

Eurasian Red (Altai) Squirrel	A single seen on one date.
Stoat	A single raiding our food at night as we camped out at –10C
Snow Leopard	Excellent views of what was thought to be a young male following the tracks of Siberian Ibex for 5 minutes at ranges down to 3-400 metres during a snowstorm on my 4 th afternoon in the park. More than passable video obtained. Absolute magic.
Eastern Roe Deer	Up to 10 seen on 2 dates.
Siberian Ibex	Up to 10 seen on one date.

19 OCTOBER – 8 NOVEMBER 2003

19/10	Big Almaty Lake
20-31/10	Almatinsky Nature Reserve
1-6 November	Betpak-Dala Desert
7-8 November	Lake Balkhash area

Bat sp	One probably Noctule sp Almatinsky
Eurasian Red (Altai) Squirrel	Two Almatinsky
Mountain Hare	3+ Betpak-Dala Desert
Tolai Hare	5+ Betpak-Dala Desert Five Lake Balkhash
Turkestan Red Pika	One Big Almaty Lake
Mouse sp	One possibly Eastern House Mouse Almatinsky
Tien Shan Vole	3+ on several dates at Almatinsky
Long-clawed Ground Squirrel	Small numbers on route to Lake Balkhash
Great Gerbil	Common along road south of Betpak-Dala Desert
Tamarisk Jird	3+ along road south of Betpak-Dala Desert
Mid-day Jird	Common on route to Lake Balkhash
Brown Bear	Single male seen in Almatinsky on three dates. An additional group of three seen by the others.
Stoat	Single ermine seen in Almatinsky on two dates
Stone Marten	One seen briefly on route to Big Almaty Lake. Unfortunately untickable views.
Snow Leopard	Fresh tracks seen in Almatinsky but no sign of the animal itself despite considerable searching.
Pallas's Cat	One seen briefly at bait Betpak-Dala Desert
Red Fox	8+ Betpak-Dala Desert Three on route from Betpak-Dala to Lake Balkhash One Lake Balkhash
Wolf	One Betpak-Dala Desert
Asiatic Wild Ass	One Betpak-Dala Desert
Eastern Roe Deer	Two Almatinsky
Siberian Ibex	Daily in Almatinsky, max 32