



2024 Feb/March 38 days 2pax Qinghai & Sichuan Mammals & Birds



Partricipants: Scott and Alla Leader/driver: Tang Jun

Dates: 21 Feb to 29 March 2024 total 38 days

Reported by Tang Jun

All Photos by Tang Jun (CANON, Iphone+SW scope) during the trip

*** Before I write this report, I would like to say "thank you again" to Scott and Alla. This tour is supposed to take place in February 2020, but everybody knows COVID-19 happend. I would like to refund the fees be paid in advance but I was told that: please keep it and we will be back in one day. Finally in February 2024 here comes the kind couple and lovers on wildlife. What we can do, only an unforgettable/fruitful tour can be a perfect ending!!!

Brief Itinerary:

Day	Date	Itinerary	Hotel
1	21/2	Fly into Chengdu Tianfu at 21:30 on CX916 from US. Met by	Jinjiang Hotel
		Tang Jun and drive to the downtown to stay.	
2	22/2	drive towards to Yushu and staied at Daofu	Daofu Hotel
3	23/2	drive towards to Yushu/stop at Shiqu for mammals, very heavy snow and luckly by a good 4WD TOYOTA, Tibetan gazelle	Xiangride Hotel
4	24/2	Shiqu area for mammals then 2 hrs to Yushu, Glover's pika, Tibetan fox, Red fox, Tibetan gazelle	Qinggan Hotel
5	25/2	Because of the close of the Valley of Cats (VOC) , we went to Yunta Village as the altervative, nice man named Pu Song and lovely family	homestay
6	26/2	Mammal watching at Yunta Village,we got Snow Leopard in the morning and very colde at -19°C. Alpine Musked Deer is not difficult in winter. Tibetan Partridge.	homestay
7	27/2	Because it was very cold and not that many things to see at Yunta, after talked to the organization who helped us to enter the area and family, we are allowed to leave this site couple of nights	Yellow River Hotel





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		earlier. We drove to Qumalai and staied at hotel where much	
0	20.72	warmer.	X7 11 D:
8	28/2	We stay at Qumalai one day look for mammals around and got	Yellow River
0	20./2	Argali, White lipped deer, Blue sheep	Hotel
9	29/2	Drive to Xidatan and just outside the town we saw fours Grey	Guesthouse
		Wolf and rest of the day saw many Kiang/Tibetan wild	
1.0	1 /2	ass, Tibetan gazelle, Tibetan antelope , Wild yak.	TT 1 D TT 1
10	1/3	Original we planned to stay one full day at Wild Yak Valley and	Kai Bang Hotel
		back to Xidatan for another night. BUt we did very well inside	
		the valley then we carry on to Gomuld for a very nice 5*	
		hotel, very good breakfast. Mammals we saw in wild yek valley	
		include many many Wild Yaks and just beside the	
1.1	0./2	road,Kiang/Tibetan wild ass,Tibetan gazelle,Argali,Wooly hare	T* * TT . 1
11	2/3	After the very good breakfast in the hotel we drive to Xiangride	Jinxiang Hotel
		and saw Goitered gazelle from the high way and the Mongolian	
1.0	0.72	Ground Jay	7
12	3/3	We staied one night inside the valley but was told to stay outside	Ranger Station
13	4/3	the valley by police. Then each daytime we explored different	Jinxiang Hotel
14	5/3	valleies of Gouli area to look for mammals and do not spent	
		special time for the Snow Leopard as had a very good view at	
		Yunta already. Scott and Alla really want Eurasian Lynx so we	
		tried hard and finally we saw two times and two different	
		individual at different sites. Others include Pallas's cat,	
		Kiang/Tibetan wild ass, Tibetan gazelle, Wooly hare, Grey Wolf,	
1.5	6/2	Tibetan Fox, Blue sheep and lots if Przevalski's Partridges	D 77 1
15	6/3	As we realized it was difficult to find Brown Bear and we carry	Boerman Hotel
		on towards to Xining city and stop somewhere for a qucik look of	
		Przewaski Gazelle. When we arrived at Xining but still in the	
		early afternoon thus we decide to drive further towards Sichuan	
		provice. Finally we stopped at a county named Jianzha and find a	
1.6	7/2	good hotel but did a lot of paperwork to check in.	T. C. T.
16	7/3	We drove into Sichuan and arrive at Ruoergai and had a really	Tang Gu Te
17	8/3	Sichuan hot pot tonight.Do Mammal watching in the daytime and	
18	9/3	also did a night drive in one night. Mammals and birds saw	
19	10/3	include: Pallas's Cat, Chinese Mountain Cat, Tibetan Fox,	
		Grey Wolf, Himalayan marmot, Sika deer, Asian hog	
		badger/greater hog badger, Siberian roe deer, Blue eared	
20	11/2	Pheasant, Przewaski Finch	II
20	11/3	Drive to Pingwu for Sichuan Snub-nosed Monkey	Homestay
21	12/3	Drive to Tangjiahe from Pingwu, we spent one day at the site to	Tangjiahe
22	13/3	scan and wait where possible for Giant Panda in March/April.	Grand Hotel
23	14/3	Other days drove and walked along the roads to look for	
24	15/3	mammals. We saw Rock squirrel, Tibetan macaque, Tufted deer,	
		Takin, Wild boar, Reeve's muntjac, Chinese serow, Chinese	
		goral, Masked palm civet, Eurasian otter, Asian hog badger,	
		Perny's long nosed squirrel. But we failed to find Leopard Cat	
25	1.6/2	through tried hard.	G: W-, II / 1
25	16/3	Last try at Tangjiahe and drove to Wolong for birds, we tried	Si You Hotel
26	17/3	Chinese Monal but not succeed and still too cold and snowy. Only	
27	18/3	Golden Pheasant and Tibetan Snowcock and a huge flock of	
20	10/2	Grandala.	TT 4
28	19/3	Drive to Longhua area where has couple of hides for birds and mainly for	Homestay





29	20/3	pheasants, we saw Sichuan Partridge, Chinese Bamboo Partridge,	
		Lady Amherst's Pheasant, Temminck's Tragopan, Silver	
		Pheasant, Buffy & Red-winged Laughingthrush, Emeishan	
		Liocichla	
30	21/3	We drove to a seldom known site in Jiajin Mountain where has possibility	Hongjun Hotel
31	22/3	for Giant Panda in later March and early April. We tried hard by walked up	
		and down quiet along the trail where the panda was reported. Yes, we	
		heard one but the bamboo is too thick to look into to see it. Scott and	
		Alla are keen to see a Giant Panda in wild but do not want spend	
		one week (maybe for nothing) like other Giant Panda watching	
		tour. There did has a tour with about 6-7 people who were	
		especially looking for Giant Panda. So we decided to move to	
		Labahe where has possibility for GIant Panda too and many other	
		mammals.	
32	23/3	On the way drive to Labahe, we off the main road and drove into	Blue Crystal
33	24/3	an abandoned road whick leaded to a very wild valley, here was a	Hotel
34	25/3	site reported Giant Panda also and we spent about 3 hours in this	
35	26/3	area with nothing.	
		We spent at Labahe 4 nights and saw many good staff in day and	
		night drive. Perny's long nosed squirrel, Pallas's squirrel, Sambar	
		deer, Red and white flying squirrel, Swainhoe's striped squirrel,	
		Red panda, Forest musk deer, Chinese ferret badger, Chinese	
		serow, Chinese goral, Masked palm civet, Takin, Tibetan	
		macaque and Lady Amherst's Pheasant	
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		Mountain Forest, then we decided to drive back to Jiajin again,	_
		after the arrival and spent rest of the day but not succeed except a	
		Red Panda.	
37	28/3	We spent another almost all the day at Jiajin to try the Giant	Airport Hotel
		Panda again but still no luck. Drove back to Chengdu and stay at	
		good Airport Hotel at Chengdu TFC as very early departure next	
		morning.	
38	29/3	Chengdu Tianfu on 29 Mar 2024 at 08:15 (AM) on CX917	departure







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22 Feb

After some shopping at Chengdu, drive towards to Yushu and staied at Daofu where is about 480km away from Chengdu. Scott had a little bit altitude sick.

23 Feb

Drive towards to Yushu/stop at Shiqu for mammals, very heavy snow on the way and luckly by a good 4WD TOYOTA,we saw our first Tibetan Gazelle(spotted by Alla) of the trip





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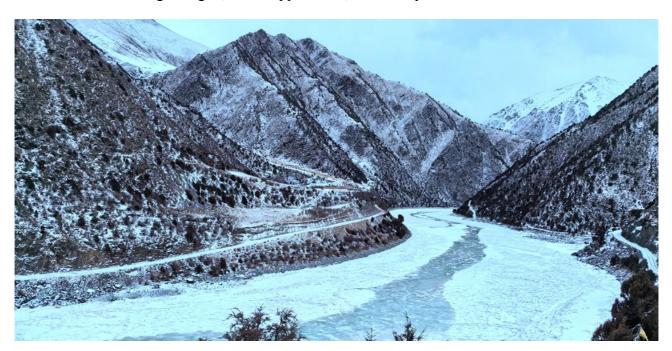






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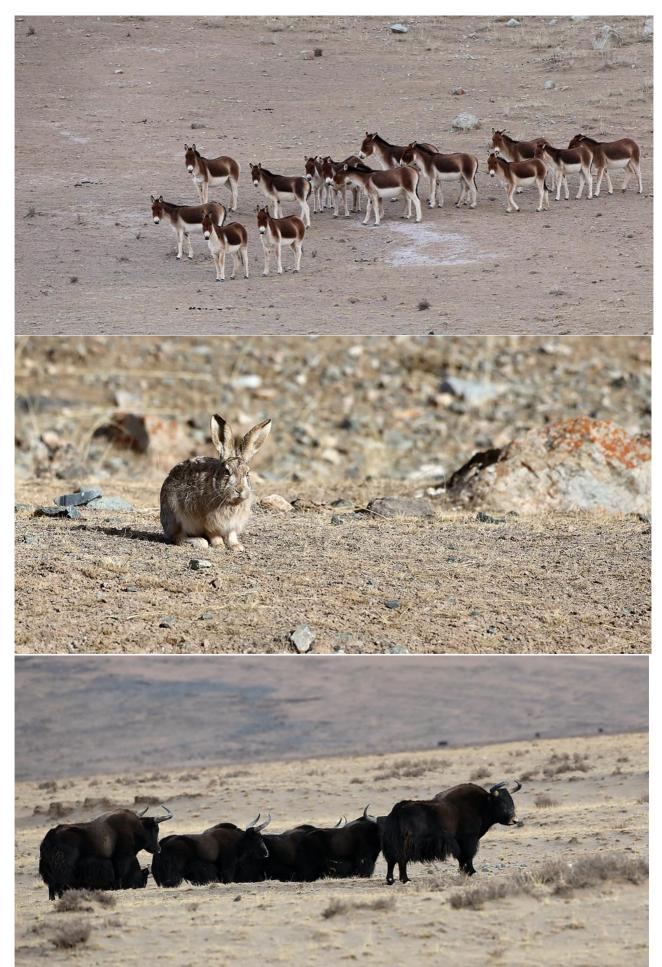
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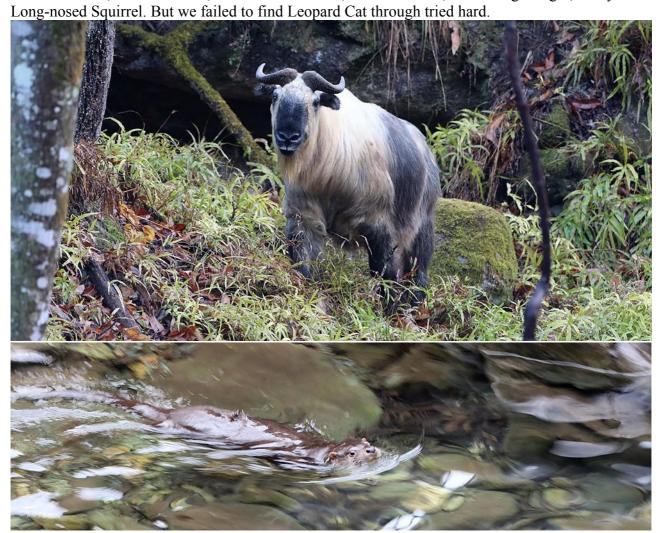


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Forest Musk Deer by Scott



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Hi Tang Jun,

Just sending some post-trip statistics and the mammals list. We took 16,267 photos totaling 309GB and 410 video clips totaling 63GB. Also, Alla found her headlight at the very bottom of my backpack. Yay! Here's the mammal list. The bird list will take us a while.

Tibetan gazelle Plateau pika Tibetan fox Red fox Glover's pika White lipped deer Blue sheep Alpine musk deer Snow leopard Wooly hair Argali Grey Wolf Kiang/Tibetan wild ass Tibetan antelope Wild yak Goitered gazelle

Red deer Pallas's cat





Erasian Lynx

Przewaski's gazelle

Himalayan marmot

Sika deer

Chinese mountain cat

Asian hog badger/greater hog badger

Siberian roe deer

Rock squirrel

Golden snub nosed monkey

Tibetan macaque

Tufted deer

Takin

Wild boar

Reeve's muntjac

Chinese serow

Chinese goral

Masked palm civet

Eurasian otter

Moupin pika

Perny's long nosed squirrel

Pallas's squirrel

Sambar deer

Red and white flying squirrel

Swainhoe's striped squirrel

Red panda

Forest musk deer

Chinese ferret badger/small-toothed ferret badger

Total 45

New 39

Thanks so much for a great trip!

Scott and Alla

Hi Tang Jun,

Here is our bird list from the trip. We saw 154 birds. 73 species were new for us. Let me know if you would like this in any other format.

Scott and Alla

English Name	Scientific Name
Bar-headed Goose	Anser indicus
Common Merganser	Mergus merganser
Green-winged Teal	Anas carolinensis
Greylag Goose	Anser anser
Mallard	Anas platyrhynchos





Northern Pintail	Anas acuta
Northern Shoveler	Anas clypeata
Ruddy Shelduck	Tadorna ferruginea
Blood Pheasant	Ithaginis cruentus
Blue Eared Pheasant	Crossoptilon auritum
Chinese Bamboo Partridge	Bambusicola thoracicus
Golden Pheasant	Chrysolophus pictus
Lady Amherst's Pheasant	Chrysolophus amherstiae
Przevalski's Partridge	Alectoris magna
Ring-necked Pheasant	Phasianus colchicus
Sichuan Partridge	Arborophila rufipectus
Silver Pheasant	Lophura nycthemera
Temminck's Tragopan	Tragopan temminckii
Tibetan Partridge	Perdix hodgsoniae
Tibetan Snowcock	Tetraogallus tibetanus
Hill Pigeon	Columba rupestris
Oriental Turtle Dove	Streptopelia orientalis
House Swift	Apus nipalensis
Black-necked Crane	Grus nigricollis
Brown-headed Gull	Larus brunnicephalus
Cattle Egret	Bubulcus ibis
Great Cormorant	Phalacrocorax carbo
Asian Imperial Eagle	Aquila heliaca
Bearded Vulture	Gypaetus barbatus
Black Kite	Milvus migrans
Cinereous Vulture	Aegypius monachus
Golden Eagle	Aquila chrysaetos
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Himalayan Buzzard	Buteo refectus
Himalayan Griffon Vulture	Gyps fulvus
Pied Harrier	Circus melanoleucos
Steppe Eagle	Aquila nipalensis
Upland Buzzard	Buteo hemilasius
White-tailed Eagle	Haliaeetus albicilla
Eurasian Eagle-Owl	Bubo bubo
Japanese Scops-Owl	Otus semitorques
Little Owl	Athene noctua
Tawny Fish Owl	Ketupa flavipes
Eurasian Hoopoe	Upupa epops
Crested Kingfisher	Megaceryle lugubris
Crimson-breasted Woodpecker	Dendrocopos cathpharius
Great Spotted Woodpecker	Dendrocopos major
Grey-capped Pygmy Woodpecker	Dendrocopos canicapillus
Rufous-bellied Woodpecker	Dendrocopos hyperythrus
Common Kestrel	Falco tinnunculus
Peregrine Falcon	Falco peregrinus
Saker Falcon	Falco cherrug
Ashy-throated Parrotbill	Paradoxornis alphonsianus
Black-chinned Yuhina	Yuhina nigrimenta
Black-faced Laughingthrush	Garrulax affinis
Buffy Laughingthrush	Garrulax poecilorhynchus
Chinese Babax	Babax lanceolatus
Chinese Fulvetta	Fulvetta striaticollis
David's Fulvetta	Alcippe davidi
Elliot's Laughingthrush	Garrulax elliotii





Fulvous Parrotbill	Suthora fulvifrons
Golden-breasted Fulvetta	Lioparus chrysotis
Great Parrotbill	Conostoma oemodium
Grey-hooded fulvetta	Fulvetta cinereiceps
Indochinese Yuhina	Staphida torqueola
Rufous-capped Babbler	Stachyris ruficeps
Snowy-cheeked Laughingthrush	Garrulax sukatschewi
Spotted Laughingthrush	Garrulax ocellatus
Streak-breasted Scimitar Babbler	Pomatorhinus ruficollis
White-browed Fulvetta	Fulvetta vinipectus
White-browed Laughingthrush	Garrulax sannio
White-cheeked Laughingthrush	Garrulax vassali
White-collared Yuhina	Yuhina diademata
Chinese Blackbird	Turdus mandarinus
Kessler's Thrush	Turdus kessleri
Blue-fronted Redstart	Phoenicurus frontalis
Daurian Redstart	Phoenicurus auroreus
Grandala	Grandala coelicolor
Grey Bush Chat	Saxicola ferreus
Little Forktail	Enicurus scouleri
Rufous-gorgeted Flycatcher	Ficedula strophiata
White-browed Bush Robin	Tarsiger indicus
White-crowned Forktail	Enicurus leschenaulti
White-winged Redstart	Phoenicurus erythrogastrus
Giant Shrike	Lanius giganteus
Azure-winged Magpie	Cyanopica cyanus
Carrion Crow	Corvus corone
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Common Raven	Corvus corax
Daurian Jackdaw	Corvus dauuricus
Eurasian Magpie	Pica pica
Eurasian Nutcracker	Nucifraga caryocatactes
Henderson's Ground Jay	Podoces hendersoni
Red-billed Blue Magpie	Urocissa erythrorhyncha
Red-billed Chough	Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax
Coal Tit	Periparus ater
Green-backed Tit	Parus monticolus
Grey Crested Tit	Lophophanes dichrous
Ground Tit	Pseudopodoces humilis
Japanese Tit	Parus minor
Sichuan Tit	Poecile weigoldicus
White-browed Tit	Poecile superciliosa
Yellow-browed Tit	Sylviparus modestus
Asian House Martin	Delichon dasypus
Black-browed Bushtit	Aegithalos bonvaloti
Black-throated Tit	Aegithalos concinnus
Crested Tit-warbler	Leptopoecile elegans
Sooty Tit	Aegithalos fuliginosus
White-browed Tit-warbler	Leptopoecile sophiae
Horned Lark	Eremophila alpestris
Oriental Skylark	Alauda gulgula
Black Bulbul	Hypsipetes leucocephalus
Brown-breasted Bulbul	Pycnonotus xanthorrhous
Collared Finchbill	Spizixos semitorques
Light-vented Bulbul	Pycnonotus sinensis





Mountain Bulbul	Ixos mcclellandii
Ashy-throated Warbler	Phylloscopus maculipennis
Brown-flanked Bush Warbler	Horornis fortipes
Rufous-faced Warbler	Abroscopus albogularis
Sichuan Leaf Warbler	Phylloscopus forresti
Yellow-bellied Bush Warbler	Cettia acanthizoides
Goldcrest	Regulus regulus
Chestnut-vented Nuthatch	Sitta nagaensis
Eurasian Nuthatch	Sitta europaea
Przevalski's Nuthatch	Sitta przewalskii
Hodgson's Treecreeper	Certhia hodgsoni
Sichuan Treecreeper	Certhia tianquanensis
Brown Dipper	Cinclus pallasii
Fire-breasted Flowerpecker	Dicaeum ignipectus
Black-winged Snowfinch	Montifringilla adamsi
Blanford's Snowfinch	Pyrgilauda blanfordi
Eurasian Tree Sparrow	Passer montanus
Rock Sparrow	Petronia petronia
Rufous-necked Snowfinch	Pyrgilauda ruficollis
Tibetan Snowfinch	Montifringilla henrici
White-rumped Snowfinch	Onychostruthus taczanowskii
Brown Accentor	Prunella fulvescens
Robin Accentor	Prunella rubeculoides
Grey Wagtail	Motacilla cinerea
Olive-backed Pipit	Anthus hodgsoni
Richard's Pipit	Anthus richardi
White Wagtail	Motacilla alba





Mycerobas affinis
Spinus spinus
Chloris chloris
Pyrrhula erythaca
Carpodacus waltoni
Leucosticte nemoricola
Loxia curvirostra
Carpodacus rubicilloides
Spinus thibetanus
Carduelis flavirostris
Eophona migratoria
Emberiza godlewskii
Latoucheornis siemsseni
Emberiza elegans



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