

ORNITHOLOGICAL TRIP REPORT KAZAKHSTAN MAY 2009

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Introduction

From 1 – 22 May 2009 Jos van den Berg, Ruud van Beusekom, Jeroen de Bruijn, Pieter Duin, Nils van Duivendijk and Arend Wassink made an ornithological trip in Kazakhstan. The trip was divided into three parts. During the first part our base was Jabagly, a small village situated in the foothills of the Talasskiy Alatau mountains, western Tien Shan. From there we made trips to the lower parts of the mountains bordering Aksu-Jabagly nature reserve, Abail, Ters Asthibulak lake, Berkara valley, Koktal valley and the Red Gate in the Karatau mountains, Bilikol lake, Koksay gorge and Kyzylkol lake, all in South Kazakhstan and Zhambyl provinces. During the second part we mainly stayed at Kolshengel in the Taukum desert, from where we visited the Topar lakes, Zhelturanga and Aydarli, and from and to Kolshengel we visited Sorbulak lake and the Wish Tree, all in Almaty province. The third part consisted of a stay in Ili-Alatau national park (mainly from Big Almaty lake upwards) in the Zailiyskiy Alatau mountains, also in Almaty province.

Underneath the itinerary:

30 April Amsterdam – Almaty (43:15 N, 76:57 E)
1 May Almaty - Chimkent (42:18 N, 69:36 E) to Jabagly (42:25 N, 70:28 E)
2-3 May Jabagly
4 May Jabagly – Bilikol lake (42:58 N, 70:43 E) - Koktal valley (43:30 N, 70:34 E) - Kyzylkol lake (43:45 N, 69:30 E)
5-7 May Kyzylkol lake
8 May Kyzylkol lake- Koktal valley - Jabagly
9 May Jabagly and Abail (42:29 N, 70:29 E)
10 May Jabagly and Red Gate (43:29 N, 69:21 E)
11 May Bilikol lake, Berkara valley (42:55 N, 70:38 E), Koksay valley (42:10 N, 70:33 E), Ters Asthibulak lake (including Ters valley) (42:40 N, 70:54 E)
12 May Jabagly
13 May Jabagly- Chimkent – Almaty – Sorbulak lake (43:40 N, 76:34 E) – Kolshengel (44:20 N, 75:33 E)
14 May Kolshengel
15 May Kolshengel and Aydarli (44:06 N, 75:55 E)
16 May Kolshengel – Topar lakes (44:58 N, 75:09 E) – Zhelturanga (45:04 N, 75:15 E)
17 May Kolshengel and Aydarli
18 May Kolshengel
19 May Kolshengel – Wish Tree, Sorbulak lake – Almaty – Ili-Alatau national park (43:10 N, 77:50 E)
20 May Ili-Alatau national park
21 May Ili-Alatau national park - Almaty
22 May Almaty - Amsterdam

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Species list

species sequence, taxonomy and nomenclature follow van den Berg (2008) and Wassink & Oreeel (2008). English names follow van den Berg (2008), Gill and Wright (2006) and Gill *et al* (2008)

Mute Swan *Cygnus olor*

7 Apr 2 ad Kyzylkol lake

Greylag Goose *Anser anser rubirostris*

4 May 1 Bilikol lake

Ruddy Shelduck *Tadorna ferruginea*

Bilikol lake, Kyzylkol lake (max 50 per day) Sorbulak lake, Kolshengel, Aydarli, Topar lakes, Ili-Alatau national park

Common Shelduck *Tadorna tadorna*

Kyzylkol lake (max 20 per day), Sorbulak lake, Topar lakes

Red-crested Pochard *Netta rufina*

Kyzylkol lake, Bilikol lake, Sorbulak lake (max 100 per day), Topar lakes

Common Pochard *Aythya ferruginea*

16 May 3 (including a pair) Topar lakes

Ferruginous Duck *Aythya nyroca*

Sorbulak lake, Topar lakes (50)

Tufted Duck *Aythya fuligula*

Kyzylkol lake (1 male), Topar lakes (1 female)

Common Goldeneye *Bucephala c clangula*

4 May 1 Bilikol lake

Gadwall *Anas s strepera*

Kyzylkol lake, Sorbulak lake (max 10 per day), Topar lakes

Eurasian Wigeon *Anas penelope*

Bilikol lake, Kyzylkol lake (max 5 per day), Sorbulak lake, Kolshengel, Topar lakes

Northern Shoveler *Anas clypeata*

Kyzylkol lake (max 40 per day), Kolshengel, Sorbulak lake

Mallard *Anas p platyrhynchos*

Jabagly, Kyzylkol lake, Red Gate, Koksay valley, Topar lakes (16), Sorbulak lake

Northern Pintail *Anas acuta*

Kyzylkol lake, Sorbulak lake (max 9 per day)

Garganey *Anas querquedula*

Bilikol lake, Kyzylkol and Sorbulak lakes (max 25 per day), Kolshengel, Topar lakes

Common Teal *Anas crecca*

Kyzylkol and Sorbulak lakes (max 6 per day)

Himalayan Snowcock *Tetraogallus himalayanis sewerzowi*

19-21 May max 5 per day Ili-Alatau national park

Chukar *Alectoris chukar falki*

Kyzylkol lake, Koptal valley, Red Gate, Berkara valley, Koksay gorge (10), Ili-Alatau national park

Grey Partridge *Perdix perdix robusta*
16 May 1 Topar lakes

Common Quail *Coturnix c coturnix*
Jabagly (max 3 per day), Sorbulak lake, Kolshengel

Common Pheasant *Phasianus colchicus mongolicus*
Jabagly, Bilikol lake, Sorbulak lake, Topar lakes (5)

Great Cormorant *Phalacrocorax carbo sinensis*
Bilikol lake, Kyzylkol lake, Ters Asthibulak lake, Sorbulak lake (several thousands), Topar lakes

Great White Pelican *Pelecanus onocrotalus*
5 and 6 May 190 and 665 migrating Kyzylkol lake

Dalmatian Pelican *Pelecanus crispus*
Kyzylkol lake (17 on 6 May), Sorbulak lake, Topar lakes

Great Bittern *Botaurus s stellaris*
Bilikol lake, Topar lakes (2)

Little Bittern *Ixobrychus m minutus*
Bilikol lake, Kyzylkol lake, Ters valley, Kolshengel, Topar lakes (6)

Black-crowned Night Heron *Nycticorax n nycticorax*
Jabagly, Kyzylkol lake, Ters valley (8), Topar lakes

Western Great Egret *Casmerodius a albus*
Bilikol lake, Kyzylkol lake, Sorbulak lake (max 20 per day)

Grey Heron *Ardea c cinerea*
Bilikol lake, Kyzylkol lake, Ters Asthibulak lake, Sorbulak lake, Topar lakes (tens)

Purple Heron *Ardea purpurea*
4 May 1 Bilikol lake, 5-7 May 1 first-summer Kyzylkol lake

Black Stork *Ciconia nigra*
Kyzylkol lake, Red Gate, Koksay gorge, Bilikol lake (7 on 11 May), Jabagly

Eurasian Spoonbill *Platalea l leucorodia*
5 May 2 Kyzylkol lake.

Little Grebe *Tachybaptus ruficollis capensis*
16 May 3 Topar lakes.

Great Crested Grebe *Podiceps c cristatus*
Kyzylkol lake, Sorbulak lake, Topar lakes (20).

Horned Grebe *Podiceps a auritus*
13 May 1 Sorbulak lake.

Black-necked Grebe *Podiceps n nigricollis*
5 May 21 Kyzylkol lake.

European Honey Buzzard *Pernis apivorus*
Kyzylkol lake (5 and 6 May, Jabaglyectively 5 and 1), Jabagly

Crested Honey Buzzard *Pernis ptilorhyncus orientalis*
Kyzylkol lake, Red Gate, Jabagly, Kolshengel (41, of which 39 on 18 May)

Black-eared/Black Kite *Milvus migrans / lineatus*
Widespread; max 140 per day at Kolshengel

White-tailed Eagle *Haliaeetus a albicilla*
16 May Topar lakes

Lammergeier *Gypaetus barbatus aureus*
Jabagly and Ili-Alatau national park (max 3 per day)

Egyptian Vulture *Neophron p percnopterus*
5 and 6 May 1 Kyzylkol lake, 11 May 1 Koksay gorge

Eurasian Griffon Vulture *Gyps f fulvus*
Jabagly, Koksay gorge (2)

Himalayan Griffon Vulture *Gyps himalayensis*
11 May 1 adult Koksay gorge (Wassink in prep), 12 May 1 Jabagly

Eurasian Black Vulture *Aegypius monachus*
Jabagly (max 7 per day), Kyzylkol lake, Red Gate, Kolshengel

Short-toed Eagle *Circaetus gallicus*
Jabagly (max 5 per day), Kyzylkol lake, Red Gate, Koksay gorge, Kolshengel

Western Marsh Harrier *Circus a aeruginosus*
Bilikol lake (max 10 per day, of which 1 melanistic male on 4 May), Kyzylkol lake, Topar lakes

Montagu's Harrier *Circus pygargus*
Bilikol and Kyzylkol lakes (max 4 per day), Kolshengel

Eurasian Sparrowhawk *Accipiter nisus*
Widespread; max 25 per day at Jabagly

Shikra *Accipiter badius cenchroides*
Kyzylkol lake, Koptal valley, Kolshengel, Zhelturanga (5), Aydarli, Wish Tree

Common Buzzard *Buteo buteo vulpinus*
Kyzylkol lake (max 20 per day), Jabagly

Long-legged Buzzard *Buteo r rufinus*
Widespread; max 10 Koksay gorge

Upland Buzzard *Buteo hemilasius*
11 May 1 juvenile (2nd year) Koksay gorge

Greater Spotted Eagle *Aquila clanga*
18 May 1 juvenile (2nd year) Kolshengel

Booted Eagle *Aquila pennata*
Jabagly (max 5 per day), Kyzylkol lake, Red Gate, Kolshengel, Ili-Alatau national park

Golden Eagle *Aquila chrysaetos canadensis*
Kyzylkol lake, Koksay gorge, Jabagly (4 on 12 May), Ili-Alatau national park

Steppe Eagle *Aquila nipalensis*
Kyzylkol lake, Kolshengel (max 4 per day)

Eastern Imperial Eagle *Aquila heliaca*
18 May 1 juvenile (2nd year) Kolshengel

Lesser Kestrel *Falco naumanni*
Koktal valley (max 15 per day), Kyzylkol lake, 3 Red Gate

Common Kestrel *Falco t tinunculus*
Widespread: 10 Topar lakes

Merlin *Falco columbarius pallidus*
4 May 1 male Bilikol lake
unidentified subspecies
6 May 1 Kyzylkol lake

Eurasian Hobby *Falco s subbuteo*
Widespread; max 20 per day Jabagly

Saker Falcon *Falco cherrug*
11 May 1 Tuzkol lake

Water Rail *Rallus aquaticus*
7 May 1 Kyzylkol lake

Spotted Crane *Porzana porzana*
5-7 May max 1 per day Kyzylkol lake

Little Crane *Porzana parva*
5-7 May max 2 per day Kyzylkol lake

Baillon's Crane *Porzana pusilla intermedia*
5-7 May max 3 per day Kyzylkol lake

Common Moorhen *Gallinula c chloropus*
Kyzylkol lake, Bilikol lake, Sorbulak lake, Topar lakes (6)

Eurasian Coot *Fulica a atra*
Kyzylkol lake, Sorbulak lake (max 50 per day)

Demoiselle Crane *Grus virgo*
Bilikol lake, Kyzylkol lake (max 106 per day), Koksay gorge, Sorbulak lake, Kolshengel

Little Bustard *Tetrax tetrax*
11 May 30 en route to and at Koksay valley

Macqueen's Bustard *Chlamydotis macqueenii*
14-18 May max 2 per day Kolshengel

Eurasian Oystercatcher *Haematopus ostralegus longipes*
4 and 8 May, resp 1 and 12 Kyzylkol lake

Ibisbill *Ibidorhyncha struthersii*
19 May 1 Big Almaty lake, Ili-Alatau national park

Black-winged Stilt *Himantopus h himantopus*
Bilikol lake, Kyzylkol lake, Sorbulak lake, Kolshengel, Topar lakes (50)

Pied Avocet *Recurvirostra avosetta*
4-8 May max 10 per day Kyzylkol lake

Stone-curlew *Burhinus oedicnemus*
Kyzylkol lake (max 2 per day), Kolshengel

Collared Pratincole *Glareola p pratincola*
Bilikol lake, Kyzylkol lake (max 200 per day), Sorbulak lake

Black-winged Pratincole *Glareola nordmanni*
6 and 7 May, resp 1 and 10 Kyzylkol lake

Little Ringed Plover *Charadrius dubius curonicus*
Kyzylkol lake (max 50 per day), Sorbulak lake, Topar lakes, Kolshengel

Common Ringed Plover *Charadrius hiaticula tundrae*
4-8 May max 5 per day Kyzylkol lake

Kentish Plover *Charadrius a alexandrinus*
4-8 May max 30 per day

Greater Sand Plover *Charadrius leschenaultii crassirostris*
Kyzylkol lake, Kolshengel (max 20 per day)

Caspian Plover *Charadrius asiaticus*
14 May 7 ad and 6 pulli Kolshengel

Pacific Golden Plover *Pluvialis fulva*
18 May 1 Kolshengel

White-tailed Lapwing *Vanellus leucurus*
19 May 1 Sorbulak lake (Wassink in prep)

Northern Lapwing *Vanellus vanellus*
Bilikol lake (max 20 per day), Kyzylkol lake, Sorbulak lake, Kolshengel, Topar lakes

Sanderling *Calidris a alba*
4 May 5 Kyzylkol lake

Little Stint *Calidris minuta*
Kyzylkol lake (max 30 per day), Sorbulak lake

Temminck's Stint *Calidris temminckii*
Kyzylkol lake, Sorbulak lake, Kolshengel (max 150 per day)

Curlew Sandpiper *Calidris ferruginea*
5 and 8 May, Jabaglyectively 1 and 30 Kyzylkol lake

Dunlin *Calidris a alpina*
5-8 May max 20 per day Kyzylkol lake

Ruff *Philomachus pugnax*
4-8 May max 5 per day Kyzylkol lake

Common Snipe *Gallinago g gallinago*
Jabagly, Kyzylkol lake, Sorbulak lake, Topar lakes (2)

Eurasian Woodcock *Scolopax rusticola*
7 May 1 Kyzylkol lake

Black-tailed Godwit *Limosa limosa*
limosa
5 and 8 May 12 and 1 Kyzylkol lake
melanuroides
4 and 7 May, resp 1 and 2 males Kyzylkol lake (Wassink in prep)

Bar-tailed Godwit *Limosa l lapponica*
7 May 1 Kyzylkol lake

Eurasian Whimbrel *Numenius p phaeopus*
14 May 1 Kolshengel

Terek Sandpiper *Xenus cinereus*
Kyzylkol lake, Sorbulak lake, Kolshengel (11 on 17 May)

Common Sandpiper *Actitis hypoleucos*
Widespread; max 20 per day Kyzylkol lake

Green Sandpiper *Tringa ochropus*
Bilikol lake, Kyzylkol lake, Sorbulak lake, Kolshengel (max 5 per day), Topar lakes

Spotted Redshank *Tringa erythropus*
Kyzylkol lake (max 22 per day), Sorbulak lake, Kolshengel

Common Greenshank *Tringa nebularia*
Bilikol lake, Kyzylkol lake (max 10 per day)

Marsh Sandpiper *Tringa stagnatilis*
Bilikol lake, Kyzylkol lake (max 10 per day)

Wood Sandpiper *Tringa glareola*
Bilikol lake, Kyzylkol lake (max 10 per day), Sorbulak lake, Kolshengel, Topar lakes

Common Redshank *Tringa totanus ussuriensis*
Kyzylkol lake (max 100 per day), Sorbulak lake, Kolshengel, Topar lakes

Red-necked Phalarope *Phalaropus lobatus*
5 and 8 May, resp 3 and 25 Kyzylkol lake

Slender-billed Gull *Chroicocephalus genei*
4-8 May max 75 Kyzylkol lake

Black-headed Gull *Chroicocephalus ridibundus*
Kyzylkol lake, Ters Asthibulak lake, Sorbulak lake, Topar lake (30)

Pallas's Gull *Larus ichthyaetus*
5 May 1 first-summer Kyzylkol lake

Heuglin's Gull *Larus heuglini*
barabensis
4-8 May max 10 per day Kyzylkol lake
heuglini
4-8 May some large, dark mantled gulls at Kyzylkol probably referred to this taxon

Caspian Gull *Larus cachinnans*
Bilikol lake, Kyzylkol lake, Sorbulak lake (max 500), Topar lakes

Little Tern *Sternula a albifrons*
Bilikol lake, Kyzylkol lake (max 8 per day), Sorbulak lake

Gull-billed Tern *Gelochelidon nilotica*
Jabagly, Bilikol lake, Kyzylkol lake (max 30 per day), Kolshengel, Sorbulak lake

Caspian Tern *Hydroprogne caspia*
4 May 1 Kyzylkol lake

Black Tern *Chlidonias niger*

4 May 1 Bilikol lake, 16 May 75 Topar lakes

White-winged Tern *Chlidonias leucopterus*

Bilikol lake, Kyzykol lake, Sorbulak lake, Kolshengel, Topar lakes (200)

Common Tern *Sterna h hirundo*

Bilikol lake, Kyzykol lake, Sorbulak lake, Topar lakes (50)

Black-bellied Sandgrouse *Pterocles orientalis arenarius*

Bilikol lake, Kyzykol lake, Kolshengel (max 80 per day)

Asian Pin-tailed Sandgrouse *Pterocles alchata caudacutus*

14 and 18 May 2 Kolshengel

Pallas's Sandgrouse *Syrrhaptes paradoxus*

13-18 May max 3 per day Kolshengel

Rock Dove *Columbia livia* including *forma domestica*

Widespread; absent Kyzykol lake

Yellow-eyed Dove *Columba eversmanni*

16 May 15 Zhelturanga

Common Wood Pigeon *Columba palumbus casiotus*

Widespread; absent Kyzykol lake

Eurasian Collared Dove *Streptopelia d decaocto*

Widespread; not present at Kyzykol lake

European Turtle Dove *Streptopelia turtur*

Ters valley, Kolshengel, Aydarli (max 10 per day)

Oriental Turtle Dove *Streptopelia orientalis meena*

Widespread; max 150 per day Kolshengel

Laughing Dove *Streptopelia senegalensis ermanni*

Jabagly (max 20 per day), Abail, en route from Jabagly to Koksay gorge, Almaty

Common Cuckoo *Cuculus canorus*

Widespread; max 40 en route from Jabagly to Kyzykol lake on 4 May

European Scops Owl *Otus scops pulchellus*

11 May 1 Bilikol lake, Jabagly, Almaty (4)

Little Owl *Athene noctua bactriana*

7 May 1 Kyzykol lake

Tengmalm's Owl *Aegolius funereus pallens*

21 May 1 Ili-Alatau national park

European Nightjar *Caprimulgus e europaeus/sarudnyi*

Kyzykol lake, Red Gate, Kolshengel (at each location max 1)

Common Swift *Apus apus*

Widespread; max 600 per day at Jabagly on 12 May

Alpine Swift *Apus melba tuneti*

Jabagly (max 80 per day)

Common Kingfisher *Alcedo a atthis*

Bilikol lake, Kyzylkol lake, Sorbulak lake, Kolshengel, Topar lakes (5)

Blue-cheeked Bee-eater *Merops p persicus*

Koktal valley, Kyzylkol lake (max 8 per day), Kolshengel

European Bee-eater *Merops apiaster*

Widespread; not recorded Ili-Alatau national park, max 70 en route Almaty-Sorbulak-Kolshengel

European Roller *Coracias garrulus*

Widespread; not recorded Ili-Alatau national park, max 129 en route Kyzylkol lake-Jabagly,
Note: breeding birds, for instance, at Kyzylkol lake refer to subspecies *semenowi*

Eurasian Hoopoe *Upupa e epops*

Widespread (max 10 per day en route Kolshengel-Zhelturanga and Kolshengel-Aydarli); absent from Ili-Alatau national park,

Eurasian Wryneck *Jynx torquilla sarudnyi*

1 and 3 May, resp 2 and 8 Jabagly

White-winged Woodpecker *Dendrocopus leucopterus*

Jabagly, Zhelturanga (8)

Calandra Lark *Melanocorypha calandra psammochroa*

Widespread (max 100's Kolshengel); not recorded Jabagly and Ili-Alatau national park

Bimaculated Lark *Melanocorypha bimaculata torquata*

Kyzylkol, Koksay valley, Sorbulak, Kolshengel (max 15 per day)

Greater Short-toed Lark *Calandrella brachydactyla longipennis*

En route to and from Jabagly-Kyzylkol lake, Kyzylkol lake, Koksay valley, Sorbulak lake, Kolshengel (max hundreds per day)

Lesser Short-toed Lark *Calandrella rufescens heinei*

Kyzylkol lake, Koksay valley, Kolshengel (max tens per day)

Crested Lark *Galerida cristata magna*

En route Shimkent-Jabagly, en route Jabagly-Kyzylkol lake, Bilikol lake, en route to and from Almaty-Kolshengel (max 10 per day)

Eurasian Skylark *Alauda arvensis dulcivox*

Kyzylkol lake, Jabagly, Koksay valley, en route Almaty-Kolshengel (3)

Sand Martin *Riparia riparia*

Kyzylkol lake (max 400 per day), Kolshengel, Topar lakes

Note: unidentified *Riparia*- mostly due to light conditions- at other locations)

Pale Sand Martin *Riparia diluta*

Kyzylkol lake, Kolshengel, Topar lakes (70)

Note: see above

Eurasian Crag Martin *Ptyonoprogne rupestris*

1 May 1 Jabagly

Barn Swallow *Hirundo r rustica*

Widespread; max thousands per day

Common House Martin *Delichon u urbicum*

Jabagly, Koksay gorge, en route Almaty-Kolshengel, Ili-Alatau national park (max 40 per day)

Red-rumped Swallow *Cecropis daurica*

Jabagly, en route Kyzylkol lake-Jabagly (10), Koksay gorge, en route Almaty-Kolshengel

Tawny Pipit *Anthus campestris*

Widespread (max 10 per day at Kyzylkol lake and en route Jabagly-Kyzylkol lake; not recorded Ili-Alatau national park)

Tree Pipit *Anthus trivialis*

Widespread (max 10 per day Kyzylkol lake)

haringtoni

Breeding birds, for instance, at the Koktal valley and Ili-Alatau national park, referred to this subspecies

trivialis

most other records probably referred to this subspecies

Meadow Pipit *Anthus pratensis*

2 May 1 Jabagly

Red-throated Pipit *Anthus cervinus*

Single birds at Jabagly on 2 May, Kyzylkol on 5 and 6 May, Koktal valley on 8 May, and Bilikol lake on 11 May

Water Pipit *Anthus spinoletta blakistoni*

Ili-Alatau national park (max 20 per day)

Blue-headed Wagtail *Motacilla flava beema*

Kyzylkol lake (max 8 per day), Kolshengel

Grey-headed Wagtail *Motacilla thunbergi*

Kyzylkol lake (max 30 per day), Kolshengel, Sorbulak lake

Black-headed Wagtail *Motacilla feldegg*

Widespread (several hundreds female-types at Kyzylkol probably mostly this species; not recorded Jabagly, Ili-Alatau national park)

Eastern Yellow Wagtail *Motacilla tschutsensis*

15 May 1 first-summer male Kolshengel (Wassink in prep)

White-headed Wagtail *Motacilla leucocephala*

15 May 1 first-summer male Kolshengel

Citrine Wagtail *Motacilla citreola*

citreola

Kyzylkol lake (max 10 per day), Bilikol lake, Jabagly, Kolshengel, Topar lakes

calcarata

Kolshengel (max 2 per day), Aydarli

Grey Wagtail *Motacilla c cinerea*

Widespread (max 50 per day Jabagly)

White Wagtail *Motacilla a alba*

Widespread (max hundreds per day Kyzylkol lake); not recorded Ili-Alatau national park

Masked Wagtail *Motacilla personata*

Widespread (max 25 en route Kyzylkol lake– Jabagly)

East Siberian Wagtail *Motacilla ocularis*

7 May 1 Kyzylkol lake, 13, 14, 15 and 18 May 1 per day Kolshengel, 16 May 3 Topar lakes

Brown Dipper *Cinclus pallasii tenuirostris*
11 May 1 Koksay gorge, 21 May 2 Ili-Alatau national park

Winter Wren *Troglodytes troglodytes tianschanicus*
20 and 21 May, resp 1 and 2 Ili-Alatau national park

Black-throated Accentor *Prunella atrogularis huttoni*
19-21 May max 10 per day Ili-Alatau national park

Altai Accentor *Prunella himalayana*
19-20 May max 10 per day Ili-Alatau national park

Rufous Scrub Robin *Cercotrichas galactotes familiaris*
Bilikol lake, Kyzylkol lake (max 2 per day)

Thrush Nightingale *Luscinia luscinia*
Kyzylkol lake, Aydarli, Kolshengel (max 2 per day)

Eastern Nightingale *Luscinia megarhynchos golzii*
Widespread (max 25 per day Aydarli); not recorded Ili-Alatau national park

Bluethroat *Luscinia svecica pallidogularis* (and *svecica*?)
Jabagly, Bilikol lake, Kyzylkol lake, Topar lakes, Kolshengel, Ili-Alatau national park?

White-tailed Rubythroat *Luscinia pectoralis ballioni*
19-20 May max 6 per day Ili-Alatau national park

Eversmann's Redstart *Phoenicurus erythronotus*
19-21 May max 3 per day Ili-Alatau national park

Blue-capped Redstart *Phoenicurus coeruleocephalus*
19-21 May max 8 per day Ili-Alatau national park

Black Redstart *Phoenicurus ochruros phoenicuroides*
14-15 May 1 male Kolshengel

Common Redstart *Phoenicurus p phoenicurus*
Widespread (max 10 per day Jabagly); not recorded Ili-Alatau national park

Güldenstädt's Redstart *Phoenicurus erythrogaster grandis*
20 May 4 Ili-Alatau national park

Siberian Stonechat *Saxicola maurus*
Widespread (max 50 per day Jabagly)

Isabelline Wheatear *Oenanthe isabellina*
Widespread (max 25 en route Kyzylkol lake-Jabagly); not recorded Jabagly, Ili-Alatau national park

Northern Wheatear *Oenanthe o oenanthe*
Koktal valley, Koksay valley, Kolshengel, Ili-Alatau national park (4 on 20 May)

Pied Wheatear *Oenanthe pleschanka*
Jabagly (max 6 per day), Kyzylkol lake, Zhelturanga, Taukum desert (Wish Tree)

Rufous-tailed Rock Thrush *Monticola saxatilis*
11 May 4 pairs Koksay gorge, 16 May 1 Topar lakes

Blue Rock Thrush *Monticola solitarius pandoo*
11 May 1 Koksay gorge

Blue Whistling Thrush *Myophonus caeruleus temminckii*
Koktal valley, Jabagly, Ili-Alatau national park (10 on 21 May)

Common Blackbird *Turdus merula intermedius*
Jabagly (max 15 per day), Red Gate, Koktal valley, Berkara valley, en route Almaty-Kolshengel, Ili-Alatau national park

Black-throated Thrush *Turdus atrogularis*
Jabagly (max 15 per day), Koksay gorge, Kolshengel

Mistle Thrush *Turdus viscivorus bonapartei*
Jabagly, Koksay gorge, Ili-Alatau national park (max 20 per day)

Cetti's Warbler *Cettia cetti albiventris*
Bilikol lake, Kyzylkol lake, Koktal valley, Ters valley, Topar lakes (4 on 16 May)

Common Grasshopper Warbler *Locustella naevia straminae*
Jabagly, Kyzylkol lake (max tens per day), Ili-Alatau national park

Savi's Warbler *Locustella luscinioides fusca*
5 and 7 May, Jabagly, Kyzylkol lake

Upcher's Warbler *Hippolais languida*
11 May 1 Ter valley

Paddyfield Warbler *Acrocephalus agricola*
Widespread (max 100+ per day Kyzylkol lake); not recorded Ili-Alatau national park

Blyth's Reed Warbler *Acrocephalus dumetorum*
Widespread (max 40 per day Kolshengel); not recorded Ili-Alatau national park

European Reed Warbler *Acrocephalus scirpaceus fuscus*
Kyzylkol lake (max 10 per day), Bilikol lake, Ters valley, Kolshengel

Moustached Warbler *Acrocephalus melanopogon mimicus*
Kyzylkol lake (max 4 per day), Bilikol lake, Kolshengel

Eastern Olivaceous Warbler *Acrocephalus pallidus elaeicus*
5 and 7 May, resp 1 Kyzylkol lake

Booted Warbler *Acrocephalus caligatus*
5-7 May max 5 per day Kyzylkol lake, 15 May 1 Kolshengel

Sykes's Warbler *Acrocephalus rama*
Kyzylkol lake (max 30 per day), en route Kyzylkol lake-Jabagly, Sorbulak lake, Kolshengel, Aydarli, Topar lakes

Great Reed Warbler *Acrocephalus arundinaceus zarudnyi*
Jabagly, Kyzylkol lake, Bilikol lake, Kolshengel, Topar lakes (6 on 16 May)

Clamorous Reed Warbler *Acrocephalus stentoreus brunnescens*
11 May 2 Ters valley

Lesser Whitethroat *Sylvia curruca halimodendri* (and *blythi* ?)
Widespread (max 500 per day Kolshengel)

Common Whitethroat *Sylvia communis*
Jabagly, Koksay valley, Kolshengel and Aydarli (max 6 per day)

Greenish Warbler *Phylloscopus trochiloides viridanus*
Widespread (max 30 per day Kolshengel)

Hume's Leaf Warbler *Phylloscopus h humei*
Widespread (max hundreds per day Jabagly)

Sulphur-bellied Warbler *Phylloscopus griseolus*
3 May 1 Jabagly, 14 May 1 Kolshengel, 15 May 1 Aydarli

Common Chiffchaff *Phylloscopus collybita tristis*
Widespread (max several thousands per day Jabagly)
abietinus
3 May 1 singing/calling Jabagly (Wassink in prep)

Willow Warbler *Phylloscopus trochilus*
3 May 1 Jabagly, 11 May Ters valley

Goldcrest *Regulus regulus tristis*
19-21 May max 10 per day Ili-Alatau national park

White-browed Tit Warbler *Leptopoecile s sophiae*
19-21 May max 6 per day Ili-Alatau national park

Spotted Flycatcher *Muscicapa striata neumanni and/or sarudnyi*
Widespread (max 30 per day) Kyzylkol lake

Asian Paradise-flycatcher *Terpsiphone paradisi leucogaster*
11 May 2 pairs Berkara valley, 12 May 1 pair Jabagly

Bearded Reedling *Panurus biarmicus russicus*
16 May 2 Topar lakes

Yellow-breasted Tit *Cyanistes flavipectus*
9 May 3 Abail, 12 May 1 pair Jabagly

Azure Tit *Cyanistes cyanus koktalensis*
16 May 4 Zhelturanga

Turkestan Tit *Parus bokharensis ferghanensis*
Jabagly, Abail, Red Gate, Koksay gorge, Zhelturanga (10)

Great Tit *Parus m major*
Aydarli, 19-21 May max 5 per day Ili-Alatau national park

Coal Tit *Periparus ater rufipectus*
19-21 May max 10 per day Ili-Alatau national park

Songar Tit *Poecile s songara*
19-21 May max 10 per day Ili-Alatau national park

Eastern Rock Nuthatch *Sitta tephronata*
8 May 2 Koktal valley

Eurasian Treecreeper *Certhia familiaris tianschanica*
21 May 3 Ili-Alatau national park

Black-headed Penduline Tit *Remiz macronyx ssaposhnikowi*
16 May 6 en route between Topar lakes and Zhelturanga

White-crowned Penduline Tit *Remiz c coronatus*

Jabagly (max 20 per day), Koksay valley, Red Gate Koksay gorge, Kolshengel

Eurasian Golden Oriole *Oriolus o oriolus*

Widespread (max 25 per day Jabagly); not recorded Ili-Alatau national park

oriolus

at least 2 at Kolshengel on 14 May

kundoo

at least most at Jabagly, and 2 at Kolshengel on 17 May belonged to this subspecies

Red-backed Shrike *Lanius c collurio*

Kyzylkol (max 12 per day), Koksay valley, Kolshengel, Aydarli

Note: also some hybrids x Red-tailed Shrike *L phoenicuroides*

Red-tailed Shrike *Lanius phoenicuroides*

Widespread (max 30 per day Kyzylkol lake); not recorded Jabagly, Ili-Alatau national park

Note: also some hybrids x Red-backed Shrike

Daurian Shrike *Lanius i isabellinus*

Kyzylkol lake (max 5 per day), Koksay valley, Jabagly, Kolshengel

Long-tailed Shrike *Lanius schach erythronotus*

Widespread (max 15 per day Jabagly); not recorded Topar lakes, Zhelturanga, Ili-Alatau national park

Lesser Grey Shrike *Lanius minor*

Widespread (max 20 per day Kyzylkol lake, Jabagly); not recorded Ili-Alatau national park

Steppe Grey Shrike *Lanius pallidirostris*

16 May 5 en route between Kolshengel and Topar lakes

Eurasian Magpie *Pica pica bactrianus*

Widespread (max tens per day)

Spotted Nutcracker *Nucrifaga caryocatactes rothschildi*

19-21 May max 6 per day Ili-Alatau national park

Alpine Chough *Pyrrhocorax graculus forsythi*

19-21 May max 5 per day Ili-Alatau national park

Red-billed Chough *Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax centralis*

20 May 5 Ili-Alatau national park

Western Jackdaw *Corvus monedula soemmerringii*

Widespread (max tens per day)

Rook *Corvus f frugilegus*

Widespread (max 200 per day Aydarli)

Carrion Crow *Corvus corone orientalis*

Widespread (max tens per day)

Hooded Crow *Corvus cornix sharpii*

14 May 1 Kolshengel

Brown-necked Raven *Corvus r ruficollis*

13-19 May max 15 per day (also immatures) Kolshengel

Common Raven *Corvus corax tibetanus*

Jabagly, Ili-Alatau national park (max 3 per day)

Common Starling *Sturnus vulgaris porphyronotus*
Widespread (max some tens per day)
Note: some migrating birds could have belonged to subspecies *poltaratskyi*

Rose-coloured Starling *Sturnus roseus*
Widespread (max 300 per day Kyzylkol, Kolshengel); not recorded Ili-Alatau national park

Common Myna *Acridotheres t tristis*
Widespread (max hundreds per day); not recorded Kyzylkol lake

Saxaul Sparrow *Passer ammodendri nigricans*
16 May 8 Zhelturanga

House Sparrow *Passer domesticus*
bactrianus
Widespread (max 50 per day Kyzylkol lake); not recorded Ili-Alatau national park
domesticus
Jabagly (max 6 per day), Almaty

Spanish Sparrow *Passer hispaniolensis transcaspicus*
Kyzylkol lake (max 50 per day), Koksay gorge, Jabagly, Kolshengel, Sorbulak lake

Eurasian Tree Sparrow *Passer montanus*
Jabagly (max 200 per day), en route Kyzylkol lake-Jabagly, Sorbulak lake

Common Chaffinch *Fringilla c coelebs*
1-3 May 1 female Jabagly, 10 May 1 male Jabagly, 2 May 1 male Koksay gorge

Red-fronted Serin *Serinus pusillus*
13 May 1 Kolshengel (Wassink in prep), 19-21 May max 10 per day Ili-Alatau national park

European Greenfinch *Chloris chloris turkestanicus*
9 May 4 Jabagly

European Goldfinch *Carduelis carduelis parapanisi*
8 May Kortal valley, Berkara valley, Jabagly, Ili-Alatau national park (max 15 per day)

Eurasian Siskin *Carduelis spinus*
1 and 2 May 1 Jabagly

Common Linnet *Carduelis cannabina bella*
3 and 9 May, Jabagly 3 and 2 Jabagly

Common Crossbill *Loxia curvirostra tianschanica*
19-21 May max 20 per day Ili-Alatau national park

Plain Mountain Finch *Leucosticte nemoricola altaica*
19-21 May max 70 per day Ili-Alatau national park

Desert Finch *Rhodospiza obsoleta*
16 May 1 en route Kolshengel – Topar lakes, 17 May 2 Kolshengel

Mongolian Finch *Bucanetes mongolicus*
Kyzylkol lake (max 50 per day), Kolshengel

Common Rosefinch *Carpodacus erythrinus*
Widespread (max hundreds per day Jabagly)
ferghanensis
at least all breeding birds involved this subspecies
erythrinus

Part of the migrants probably involved this subspecies

Red-mantled Rosefinch *Carpodacus rhodochlamys*

19-21 May max 6 per day Ili-Alatau national park

White-winged Grosbeak *Mycerobas c. carnipes*

11 May 2 Koksay gorge (Wassink in prep), 19-21 May max 8 per day Ili-Alatau national park

White-capped Bunting *Emberiza stewarti*

14 May 1 female Aydarli (Wassink in prep)

Rock Bunting *Emberiza cia par*

Koksay gorge (5), Jabagly, Ili-Alatau national park

Ortolan Bunting *Emberiza hortulana*

Widespread (max 50 per day Kolshengel); not recorded Ili-Alatau national park

Grey-necked Bunting *Emberiza buchanani neobscura*

Kyzykol lake, Red Gate, Koksay gorge (3), Kolshengel

Common Reed Bunting *Emberiza schoeniclus pyrrhuloides*

11 May 1 Bilikol lake, 16 May 10 Topar lakes

Red-headed Bunting *Emberiza bruniceps*

Widespread (max 500 per day); not recorded Ili-Alatau national park

Corn Bunting *Emberiza calandra buturlini*

Jabagly, en route Kyzykol lake-Jabagly, en route Jabagly-Koksay gorge (20), en route Almaty-Sorbulak lake

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