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16 Days China Cranes and Pheasants Tour (Winter)

Day 1 Arrive in Shanghai, drive to Yancheng.

Early morning flight arrives in Shanghai, meet with driver and guide, then go straight to Yancheng, drive for 4 hours from Shanghai, birding there for the rest of the time.



Day 2-3 Birding in Yancheng

All day long birding there : Red-crowned Crane, possible SandHill Cranes there too, Common Crane, Oriental Stork, Bean Goose (Tundra and Taiga), Baer's Porchard, Smew, Baikal Teal, Falcated, Mandarin Duck, Swan Goose, Bean Goose, Reed Parrotbill, Pallas's Reed Bunting, Japanese Reed Bunting, Yellow-browed Bunting, Tristram's Bunting, Chestnut-eared Bunting, Little Bunting, Rustic Bunting, Elegant Bunting, Chinese Penduline Tit, Japanese Waxwing (only some years), Chinese Grosbeak, Hawfinch, Brambling, Chinese Grey Shrike, etc.



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Day 4 Yancheng to Shanghai

Last morning short time birding in Yancheng, then drive back to Shanghai ,birding at the Century Park in Shanghai

Day 5 Shanghai to Emeifeng.

Early morning birding at Cape Nanhui in Shanghai, take the high-speed train to Nanping city(3hrs),then drive 2 hours to Taining city, Night in Taining City.



Day 6 -7 Birding at Emeifeng Nature Reserve

Birding at Emeifeng Nature Reserve,our pheasants start from here: Cabot's Tragopan, Elliot's Pheasant, Koklass Pheasant, Silver Pheasant, White-necklanced Partridge, Chinese-bamboo Partridge. Grey-sided Scimitar Babbler, Moustached Laughingthrush, Buffy Laughingthrush,Spotted Elachura(New



family now), 4 species of Forktails: White-crowned, Little, Spotted, Slaty-backed. Indo-Chinese Yuhina, Huet's Fulvetta, Yellow-Cheeked, Sultan Tit, etc.



Day 8 Emeifeng-Wuyuan

Early morning birding at Emeifeng, then drive to Wuyuan (6 hours), night in Wuyuan.

Day 9-10 Wuyuan Birding

During the 2 days stay here, we will be looking for Chinese Scaly-sided Mergansers, Short-tailed Parrotbill, Grey-headed Parrotbill, Long-billed Plover, Greater and Lesser Necklaced Laughingthrushes, Chinese Hwamei Mandarin Duck, Pied Falconet, Crested Kingfisher, Yellow-browed Bunting, Tristram's Bunting, Little Bunting, Bull-headed Shrike, along with many other common species: Red-billed, Black-collared, White-cheeked Starlings, Rufous-capped Babbler, Streak-breasted Scimitar Babbler, Grey-chinned Minivet, Daurian Redstart, Brownish-flanked, Dusky Bush Warblers. Rufous-faced Warbler, etc.



Day 11 Wuyuan-Poyang Lake

A few hours early in the morning, looking for species we might have missed from the previous days, then drive to Poyang Lake (3 hours) and birding in the eastern area of Poyang Lake nature reserve. Night in Nanchang.

Day 12-13 Poyang Lake

Drive to search around the south and the west areas of Poyang Lake, 4 species of Cranes: Siberian, Hooded, White-naped and Common; Oriental White Stork, Tundra and Whooper Swans, Eurasian Spoonbills, 5 species of Geese, Swan, Tundra & Taiga Bean, Greater and Lesser White-fronted, Snow (Occasionally), Graylag. In search of the rare Baer's Pochard, Baikal Teal, Possible



Swinhoe's Rail, Japanese Quail, Check the reed area for Japanese Swamp Warbler(Marsh Grassbird), Chinese Penduline Tit, we might also see Eastern Marsh Harrier and Hen Harrier, Brown Crake and Brown-cheeked Crake. We will also drive to check a place where we call 'the Bunting Site', 6 species of buntings can be found there: Yellow-browed, Elegant(Yellow-throated), Rustic, Little, Chestnut-eared, Black-faced Buntings.



Day 14 Poyang Lake-Dongzhai

After the morning birding around the lake ,we will drive to Dongzhai Nature reserve(6 hours), birding in the late afternoon, Night at the Guesthouse in Dongzhai.

Day 15 Birding at Dongzhai Nature Reserve

All day long birding in Dongzhai, in search of Reeve's Pheasant(Hinds also available), Crested Ibis, Collared Crow, Masked Laughingthrush, Black-throated Bushtit, Yellow-bellied Tit, Long-tailed(Silver-throated) BushTit,etc. Then , For those who have to fly back to Shanghai, we drive one hour to Xinyang airport, take the late evening flight back to Shanghai and exit from Shanghai, we will help booking for the airport hotel in Shanghai if anyone's flight is on the next day.



Day 16 Departure from Xinyang city.

For those who have to fly to Beijing ,there is early morning flight from nearby Xinyang city,we will drive you there in the early morning for the flight to Beijing.

Extension Tour



Day 16, For those who want to see more China endemic pheasants, we continue to drive north(4 hours), to a place named Quan Shui Wan, where we can see Golden Pheasant, Koklass Pheasant, Chuka, Chinese Thrush,etc.)

Day 17 Quan Shui Wan:

Golden Pheasant, Koklass Pheasant, Chuka, Chinese Thrush,etc.).



Day 18 Quan shui Wan to Jiaocheng city

We continue to drive to the nearest Zhengzhou city, take the high-speed train to Taiyuan, then drive 1 hour to Jiaocheng, where our target is Brown Eared Pheasant.Night in Jiaocheng.

Day 19 Jiao cheng-Tianjin

Today, we have good chances to see Brown Eared Pheasant, we will be looking for them around a temple, where this pheasant has been feeding occasionally, they show up there quite often. After the pheasant, we will take a walk along the road, this might produce us: Silver-throated Bushtit, Siberian Accentor,Long-tailed Rosefinch, Chinese Nuthatch, Pere david's Laughingthrush, Beijing Babbler, willow tit, after a good morning, we will drive back to the train station and take another high-speed train to Tianjin, Over night at Tianjin Coast.



Day 20 Tianjin-Beijing

Our may purpose of coming to Tianjin is for the Relic Gull, there is a small group of Relic gulls are wintering at an estuary of a small river and the Bohai Sea, they are not difficult to locate if the weather is good. after we have seen the relic gull, we drive 3 hours to Beijing airport and depart from there .(can also spend one night in Beijing depend on the international flight)

Day 21 Departure

Departure from Beijing international airport