

B2A Taiwan 2018 tour report. 18 - 27 March

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Dasyueshan Forest Recreation Area (Anmashan), Huisun Forest Reserve,
Jiji endemic research institute garden, Yushan NP, Pingtung University
Tsengwen estuary and Spoonbill reserve, Hehuan Pass, Wushe area,
Longluan Lake, Bedongyuesan, Dayuan river; rice paddies and fields.

This file contains our tour bird and mammal list only.
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the great atmosphere and superb places visited on our website at;
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*Quick note of highlights; **All endemics** and most other specialities and distinct endemic subspecies + very nice close performance of the Spoonbills. No less than 50+ Taiwan Blue Magpies at Huisun. Chinese Egret is always good as well as Taiwan Green Pigeon on the main island. A White-tailed Eagle flying high over the mountains at Dasyueshan and an Eastern Buzzard were a couple 'wintering' bird surprises. Siberian Rubythroat, Little Forktail, Eastern Water Rail, Malayan Night Herons...*

Little Grebe ; Few at Tsengwen estuary
Great Cormorant ; About 75 birds flying in formation over the Tsengwen river
Grey Heron ; common
Great Egret ; common
Intermediate Egret ; few seen
Little Egret ; common
Chinese Egret (Swinhoe's) ; 1 bird, a great find at the Spoonbill reserve lagoon
Cattle Egret [Eastern] ; common
Striated Heron ; two sightings on boulder strewn rivers
Black-crowned Night-Heron ; common
Malayan Night-Heron ; 11 birds at Huisun, 5 Pingtung and nice to hear them at night Anmashan
Yellow Bittern ; 2 Tsengwen estuary
Sacred Ibis ; few at Tsengwen and Kenting area ; introduced
Black-faced Spoonbill ; 12 birds enjoyed at close range on Lin Bian Xi river, at least 75 birds in Tsengwen area with close looks at some birds south of the river but only distant views in the Spoonbill reserve lagoon.
(Mandarin Duck ; 3 wild birds, males, seen pre-tour at Yilan county)
Eurasian Wigeon ; About 10 on Lin Bian Xi, two at Tsengwen
Gadwall ; 1 bird at Longluan Lake
Eurasian Teal ; Good number at Tsengwen, 4 on Dayuan river
Eastern Spot-billed Duck ; regular sightings
Garganey ; few in the Tsengwen area
Northern Shoveler ; About 10 Kenting area, 40 Tsengwen
Tufted Duck ; few on Longluan Lake
Osprey ; 6 birds seen total on the tour
Oriental Honey-buzzard ; regular in small numbers
Black-shouldered Kite ; 9 birds seen on the tour (increasing in Taiwan)

Black-eared Kite ; 10 birds at Pingtung University (scarce in Taiwan)
White-tailed Eagle ; a super surprise to have 1 fly-over at km 30 in the mountains of Anmashan
Crested Serpent-Eagle ; common
Eastern Marsh-Harrier ; 1 bird at Longluan Lake
Crested Goshawk ; common, also seen on prey, a Red-collared Dove
Eastern Buzzard ; nice sighting of this scarce winterer in Wushe area
Black Eagle ; 2 singles at Anmashan, a pair seen Wushe area
Mountain Hawk-Eagle ; 2 at Anmashan, 1 Bedongyueshan
Eurasian Kestrel ; two birds at Pingtung University grounds
Peregrine Falcon ; 2 at Tsengwen Spoonbill lagoon
Taiwan Partridge ; the regular stake-out birds (4) at Anmashan performed well, amazingly also 3 different sightings of very shy (non-habituated) birds at Bedongyueshan (8 birds total), heard Blue Gate Track
Taiwan Bamboo-Partridge ; 8 birds seen well at Anmashan, 1 at Wushe, more heard elsewhere
Swinhoe's Pheasant ; 20 birds seen Anmahan/Dasyueshan, also a shy male at Wushe and another male at Bedongyueshan
Mikado Pheasant ; We were lucky to have a pair at Yushan NP with the male performing beautiful on exposed perch. Two females seen at Dasyueshan may have been the only sightings for quite a few other birders we met. Just as last year the species remained tricky to find with the Dasyueshan road close beyond km 43. (Will be open for 2019)
Ring-necked Pheasant ; 5 birds seen at Tsengwen area
Eastern Water Rail ; 1 seen very well at Dayuan rice fields
Common Moorhen ; small numbers
Eurasian Coot ; few on Longluan Lake
Greater Painted-snipe ; single bird at Dayuan rice fields
Black-winged Stilt ; two Lin Bian Xi river, small number Tsengwen
Pied Avocet ; At least 25 birds Tsengwen south of river
Oriental Pratincole ; single bird at Spoonbill reserve
Pacific Golden-Plover ; About 40 birds at Jiali rice fields, 10 Tsengwen area
Grey Plover ; 6 seen Tsengwen
Little Ringed Plover ; small numbers along coast
Kentish Plover ; few Tsengwen
Lesser Sandplover ; only 2 noted Tsengwen
Greater Sandplover ; about 10 seen Tsengwen area
Common Snipe ; 1 Tsengwen, about 15 Dayuan river area
(Long-billed Dowitcher) ; 2 birds seen Yilan county pre-tour
Common Sandpiper ; regular sightings
Green Sandpiper ; few Dayuan river, 1 Puli, 2 Tsengwen
Common Greenshank ; few Tsengwen
Marsh Sandpiper ; few Tsengwen
Wood Sandpiper ; common in rice fields
Common Redshank ; few Tsengwen
Great Knot ; 9 birds Tsengwen
Red-necked Stint ; 100+ Tsengwen area
Long-toed Stint ; just 2 in ponds at Tsengwen river
Curlew Sandpiper ; fair number Tsengwen
Dunlin ; about 50 birds Tsengwen
Little Tern ; few Tsengwen
Caspian Tern ; about 100 Tsengwen Spoonbill reserve lagoon
Whiskered Tern ; Tsengwen area
Oriental Turtle-Dove ; a few daily at both Anmashan and Wushe areas

Red Collared-Dove ; common
Spotted Dove ; common
Emerald Dove ; only 1 noted, near Huisun
White-bellied Pigeon ; 5 at Anmashan, 3 Pingtung, two sightings Wushe area
Taiwan [Whistling] Green-Pigeon ; 3 birds Pingtung county
Oriental Cuckoo ; 1 bird seen perched Anmashan, more heard
Lesser Coucal ; 1 at Dayuan river
Mountain Scops-Owl ; heard Anmashan
Collared Scops-Owl ; heard Anmashan
Collared Owlet ; heard Anmashan and Wushe area
Savanna Nightjar ; common in towns, seen Dongshih and Jiali
Silver-backed Needletail ; 2 at Anmashan
Fork-tailed Swift ; 1 at Jiji endemic farm, 2 near Chiayi
House Swift ; quite common in lowlands (breeding HW bridges)
Common Kingfisher ; small number seen lowlands
Taiwan Barbet ; 2 Anmashan, 2 Huisun, 5 Wushe area, many more heard
Grey-capped Woodpecker ; 1 Anmashan, 1 Jiji endemic garden, 2 Pingtung
White-backed Woodpecker ; 5 seen Anmashan, heard Bedongyueshan
Grey-faced Woodpecker ; 1 fly-over Bedongyueshan, heard Dasyueshan
Oriental Skylark ; 2 seen at Jiali rice fields, 10+ Tsengwen area
Grey-throated Martin ; 20+ at river near Chiali, 10 Pingtung, 20+ Tsengwen
Barn Swallow ; small number daily
Pacific Swallow ; common
Asian Martin ; about 15 birds Wushe
Striated Swallow ; common in towns
Red-throated Pipit ; 3 Jiali rice fields, 15+ Dayuan river
Olive-backed Pipit ; heard Anmashan and Chung Yang farm Wushe
White Wagtail ; small number in lowland areas
Eastern Yellow Wagtail ; taivana spp ; 20 Tsengwen, few elsewhere incl Dayuan river
Grey Wagtail ; few daily
Grey-chinned Minivet ; regular sightings in small numbers
Collared Finchbill ; common in foothills
Styan's Bulbul (Taiwan) ; 20 + Longluan lake area in Kenting
Light-vented Bulbul (Chinese) ; common
Black Bulbul ; common
Flamecrest ; 2 seen Yushan, 3 at Hehuan pass of Taroko NP, more heard
Brown Dipper ; 2 birds Wushe
Northern Wren ; 2 birds on Hehuan pass
Alpine Accentor ; 1 seen next to road on Hehuan pass
Blue Rock-Thrush ; 1 at Lin Bian Xi river
Formosan Whistling-Thrush ; 3 + 5 + 3 + 5 + 1 (Anmashan, Yushan, Wushe)
White's Thrush ; 9 birds seen total (Anmashan, Yushan, Wushe)
Pale Thrush ; single at Dayuan river
Brown-headed Thrush ; only 2 sightings
Taiwan Shortwing ; 1 seen briefly Yushan, a couple showing (incl photos) at Blue Gate track
Zitting Cisticola ; few in rice fields
Golden-headed Cisticola ; Dayuan river pre-tour only
Striated Prinia ; 2 showing well Anmashan, heard Wushe area
Yellow-bellied Prinia ; common
Plain Prinia ; common
Korean Bush-Warbler (Manchurian) ; singing birds at Anmashan, Pingtung, Tsengwen, Wushe

Brownish-flanked Bush-Warbler ; brief views of 1 bird at Anmashan, more heard
Yellowish-bellied Bush-Warbler ; quite a few at Yushan NP, two on Hehuan pass
Taiwan Bush-Warbler ; seen very well 3rd attempt at Anmashan, briefly heard Yushan (still difficult in March and not on breeding grounds yet)
Dusky Warbler ; single bird seen well at Dayuan river
Arctic Warbler (Kamchatka) ; 1 at Chung Yang farm Wushe
Rufous-faced Warbler ; quite common in the mountains
Grey-streaked Flycatcher ; 1 at Anmashan
Snowy-browed Flycatcher ; a male at Anmashan, 1 Wushe
Vivid Niltava [Taiwan] ; quite common and seen daily Anmashan and Wushe
Siberian Rubythroat ; 1 seen well Dayuan river, few heard Anmashan, 1 seen Wushe, 1 seen Tsengwen
Red-flanked Bluetail ; singles seen well at Anmashan and Yushan NP
White-browed Bush-robin [Taiwan] ; 4 seen Yushan NP
Collared Bush-robin ; common at higher elevations
Daurian Redstart ; 1 female at Huisun (male pre-tour Yilan county)
Plumbeous Redstart ; a male at Anmashan, 4 birds Wushe area
White-tailed Robin ; common foothills and mid-elevations
Little Forktail ; two seen Dasyueshan
Black-naped Monarch ; regular sightings
Rufous-crowned Laughingthrush ; nice groups at both Dasyueshan and Bedongyueshan
Rusty Laughingthrush ; brilliant views of a group at Bedongyueshan, brief views Anmashan
Taiwan Hwamei ; seen well Anmashan, heard Kenting and Wushe
White-whiskered Laughingthrush ; 11 Dasyueshan, also Yushan NP and Hehuan Pass
Steere's Liocichla ; quite common mid elevations
Black-necklaced Scimitar-Babbler ; 2 seen very well Anmashan, more heard also Wushe area
Taiwan Scimitar-Babbler ; seen well Anmashan and Pingtung, more heard
Taiwan Wren-Babbler ; brilliant performance (+photo) Blue Gate Track Wushe, brief views of 1 bird at Dasyueshan and more heard
Rufous-capped Babbler ; commonly heard low and mid elevations, few seen
Taiwan Barwing ; 10 total at Anmashan/Dasyueshan and 4 Wushe area
Taiwan Fulvetta ; 8 at Yushan NP
Dusky Fulvetta ; 1 seen briefly Anmashan, very good views of 2 birds Bedongyueshan
Grey-cheeked Fulvetta [Morisson's] ; common in foothills and mountains
White-eared Sibia (Taiwan) ; very common in the mountains
Taiwan Yuhina ; common in the mountains
White-bellied Erpornis ; 4 seen Huisun Forest Reserve, 2 Bedongyueshan
Vinous-throated Parrotbill ; 4 birds seen Anmashan, also Dayuan river pre-tour
Golden Parrotbill ; 1 flock of about 20 birds showing well at Yushan NP
Black-throated Tit ; fairly common in the mountains
Coal Tit ; few seen Yushan NP and at Hehuan pass
Green-backed Tit ; quite common at mid elevations
Yellow Tit (Taiwan Tit) ; 5 birds total at Anmashan, 1 Wushe, 5 Bedongyueshan
Chestnut-bellied Tit [Varied] ; 2 birds showing well at Huisun
Eurasian Nuthatch ; 7+ seen Dasyueshan, more heard
Plain Flowerpecker ; 3 birds Dasyueshan
Fire-breasted Flowerpecker ; daily sightings Dasyueshan and Wushe
Japanese White-eye ; common low elevations
Black-naped Oriole ; only seen Pingtung, 5 birds
Maroon Oriole [Red Oriole] ; Excellent find of 3 birds at Pingtung after missing it at Huisun
Brown Shrike ; few daily in lowlands

Long-tailed Shrike ; 2 at Tsengwen, 3 Dayuan river area
Black Drongo ; daily in lowlands
Ashy Drongo ; only 1 seen at Anmashan and heard once at Bedongyueshan
Eurasian Jay ; heard only at Bedongyueshan
Formosan Magpie (Taiwan Blue) ; All 3 resident groups observed at Huisun Forest Reserve with a total of no less than 50+ birds!!! Also heard twice at Bedongyueshan, an unusual location for this bird at 1500masl.
Grey Treepie ; common in lowlands, 100+ seen at Huisun
Eurasian Magpie ; few seen in lowlands
Eurasian Nutcracker ; 1 Anmashan, 2 Yushan NP, 1 Hehuan pass
Large-billed Crow ; couple seen daily in the mountains
Crested Myna ; endemic spp formosanus ; rare and local now due to hybridization with introduced Mynas ; we observed 10 birds in Puli area
Common Myna ; introduced ; few in lowlands
Javan Myna ; introduced ; very common in lowlands
White-shouldered Starling ; 4 in Tsengwen area, 2 Dayuan after-tour
Chestnut-tailed Starling ; 4 at Jiali rice fields, 2 Pingtung, 2 Tsengwen
Eurasian Tree Sparrow ; common
White-rumped Munia ; few Anmashan
Scaly-breasted Munia ; few Tsengwen etc.
Taiwan Rosefinch [Vinaceous] ; 8 birds at Yushan NP was a good count
Eurasian Siskin ; 8 at Yushan NP
(Oriental Greenfinch ; brief view of 5 birds Dayuan river area pre-tour)
Brown Bullfinch ; 1 seen well at Dasyueshan forest station, heard Chung Yang farm Wushe
Black-faced Bunting ; 1 Anmashan, 1 Tsengwen, 15 Dayuan river area

Mammals;

Formosan Rock Macaque ; Dasyueshan and Yushan NP
Pallas's Squirrel ; Dasyueshan and Wushe
Perny's Long-nosed Squirrel ; few Dasyueshan
Maritime Stripe Squirrel ; few Dasyueshan and Yushan
Reeves's Muntjac ; 3 at Dasyueshan, 1 at Yushan NP ; all showing well
Taiwan Serow ; lucky with 1 good sighting at Dasyueshan