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BIRD HIGHLIGHTS

TOUR KAZAKHSTAN	DATES May 2nd to 14th
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Party: **Peter Leutchford, Neil Frampton, Maurice Dengate , Tony Lack , Phil Hall, Carolyn Hall, Dave Anderson**

Tour Leaders : Josele J Saiz, Elena Shnayder, 3 days with Machiel Valkenburg (Talkun Desert & Big Almaty Lake) , 2 days in Astana with Vera Voronova

Total Number of species : **221**

Weather & Sites:

Day 1- 2.05.14	Nice stormy but warm. 30°C Almaty - Ali Ata Tau N. P - Keseleng
Day 2 – 3.05.14	Nice , hot 33°C Keshkengu – Kokpek Gorge
Day 3 – 4.05.14	Nice in the mountains hot in the plains – 29°C Sogety Plains – Chrayn Gorge – Kegen – Karkara
Day 4 – 5.05.14	Warm – hot 33°C Sogety Plains – Kokpek Gorge - Keshkengu
Day 5 – 6.05.14	Warm , hot 33°C Sorbulak lakes – Talkund Aydarlyy - Konshengei
Day 6 – 7.05.14	Nice 29°C Talkun Desert – Topar Lake
Day 7 – 8.05.14	Nice warm 29°C Zhelto Renglyy
Day 8 – 9.05.14	Nice 20°C Talkun Desert – Topar Lake
Day 9 – 10.05.14	Nice 16°C Tien Shang Observatory – Big Almaty Lake
Day 10 – 11.05.14	Cold in the morning but nice after 18°C Cosmos Station
Day 11 – 12.02.14	Nice buy cloudy 21°C Big Almaty Lake – Aili Ala Tau
Day 12 – 13.02.14	Nice but warm 29°C Flight Almaty to Astana
Day 13 – 14.02.14	Nice warm 28°C Korgalzhyn N. R.
Day 14 – 15.02.14	Nice warm 27°C drive to Korgalzhyn N. R. to Astana

Field check list

	English name	Species name	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th	13th	14th
1.	Himalayan Snowcock	Tetraogallus himalayensis								x	h	h			
2.	Chukar	Alectoris chukar	x	h		x									
3.	Common Quail	Coturnix coturnix						h	h					x	
4.	Greylag Goose	Anser anser											x	x	
5.	Mute Swan	Cygnus olor												x	
6.	Whooper Swan	Cygnus cygnus					x		x					x	
7.	Ruddy Shelduck	Tadorna ferruginea	x	x	x		x		x	x					
8.	Common Shelduck	Tadorna tadorna							x				x	x	x
9.	Northern Pintail	Anas acuta							x				x	x	x
10.	Northern Shoveler	Anas clypeata					x		x				x	x	x
11.	Mallard	Anas platyrhynchos			x		x	x	x	x				x	x
12.	Gadwall	Anas strepera					x		x					x	x
13.	Garganey	Anas querquedula					x		x				x	x	x
14.	Common Teal	Anas crecca							x					x	
15.	Eurasian Wigeon	Anas penelope												x	
16.	Common Pochard	Aythya ferina							x	x				x	x
17.	Ferruginous Duck	Aythya nyroca							x		x			x	x
18.	Red-crested Pochard	Netta rufina							x	x	x			x	
19.	Black-throated Diver	Gavia arctica												x	
20.	Red-necked Grebe	Podiceps grisegena												x	
21.	Great Crested Grebe	Podiceps cristata							x		x			x	
22.	Slavonian Grebe	Podiceps auritus												x	
23.	Black-necked Grebe	Podiceps nigricollis							x		x			x	
24.	Black Stork	Ciconia nigra			x										
25.	Great Bittern	Botaurus stellaris													x
26.	Grey Heron	Ardea cinerea					x	x	x				x	x	
27.	Great Egret	Casmerodius albus			x		x	x	x					x	x
28.	Great White Pelican	Pelecanus onocrotalus					x								
29.	Dalmation Pelican	Pelecanus crispus					x		x					x	
30.	Great Cormorant	Phalacrocorax carbo					x	x	x					x	
31.	Lesser Kestrel	Falco naumanni			x										
32.	Common Kestrel	Falco tinnunculus	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
33.	Merlin	Falco columbarius												x	
34.	Red-footed Falcon	Falco vespertinus											x	x	

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35.	Eurasian Hobby	Falco subbuteo	X			X	X		X			X	X	X	X
36.	White-tailed Eagle	Haliaeetus albicilla					X		X						
37.	Lammergeier	Gypaetus barbatus									X				
38.	Egyptian Vulture	Neophron percnopterus													
39.	Himalayan Griffon	Gyps himalayensis	X												
40.	Cinereous Vulture	Aegypius monachus	X												
41.	Black-eared Kite	Milvus lineatus	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X
42.	Western Marsh Harrier	Circus aeruginosus							X				X	X	X
43.	Pallid Harrier	Circus macrourus											X	X	X
44.	Montagu's Harrier	Circus pygargus												X	
45.	Eurasian Sparrowhawk	Accipiter nisus		X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X		
46.	Common Buzzard	Buteo buteo	X									X	X	X	X
47.	Long-legged Buzzard	Buteo rufinus		X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X		
48.	Upland Buzzard	Buteo hemilasius			X										
49.	Golden Eagle	Aquila chrysaetos	X		X						X				
50.	Steppe Eagle	Aquila nipalensis			X	X									
51.	Booted Eagle	Aquila pennata	X		X										
52.	Short-toed Eagle	Circaetus gallicus			X										
53.	Macqueens Bustard	Chlamydotis macqueenii						X	X						
54.	Demoiselle Crane	Grus virgo			X		X							X	X
55.	Common Crane	Grus grus											X		
56.	Common Coot	Fulica atra					X	X	X				X	X	X
57.	Common Moorhen	Gallinula chloropus				h	X	X	X					X	X
58.	Black-winged Stilt	Himantopus himantopus					X	X	X					X	
59.	Pied Avocet	Recurvirostra avosetta												X	X
60.	Eurasian Oystercatcher	Haematopus ostralegus					X		X						
61.	Ibisbill	Ibidorhyncha struthersii								X					
62.	Northern Lapwing	Vanellus vanellus		X		X	X	X	X				X	X	X
63.	Sociable Lapwing	Vanellus gregarius												X	
64.	Grey Plover	Pluvialis squatarola											X	X	
65.	Greater Sand Plover	Charadrius leschenaultii			X			X	X						
66.	Caspian Plover	Charadrius asiaticus							X						
67.	Kentish Plover	Charadrius alexandrinus												X	
68.	Little Ringed Plover	Charadrius dubius			X		X	X	X					X	
69.	Common Snipe	Gallinago gallinago		X			X								
70.	Black-tailed Godwit	Limosa limosa						X					X	X	

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71.	Eurasian Curlew	<i>Numenius arquata</i>													X
72.	Spotted Redshank	<i>Tringa erythropus</i>												X	X
73.	Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>		X	X	X			X					X	X
74.	Marsh Sandpiper	<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>				X								X	
75.	Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>												X	
76.	Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>		X			X	X	X				X	X	X
77.	Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>											X	X	X
78.	Terek Sandpiper	<i>Xenus cinereus</i>												X	
79.	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>		X	X	X	X		X						
80.	Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>												X	
81.	Red Necked Stint	<i>Calidris ruficollis</i>							X						
82.	Temminck's Stint	<i>Calidris temminckii</i>					X	X	X					X	X
83.	Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>												X	
84.	Curlew Sandpiper	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>												X	
85.	Grey Phalarope	<i>Phalaropus fulicarius</i>													X
86.	Black-winged Pratincole	<i>Glareola nordmanni</i>					X							X	
87.	Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus ostralegus</i>					X								
88.	Black-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>					X	X	X					X	X
89.	Slender-billed Gull	<i>Larus genei</i>												X	X
90.	Common Gull	<i>Larus canus</i>												X	
91.	Caspian Gull	<i>Larus cachinnans</i>					X		X				X	X	
92.	Steppe Gull	<i>Larus fuscus</i>											X	X	X
93.	Great Black-headed Gull	<i>Larus ichthyaetus</i>												X	
94.	Gull-billed Tern	<i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i>					X							X	
95.	Caspian Tern	<i>Hydroprogne caspia</i>											X	X	X
96.	Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>											X	X	X
97.	Black Tern	<i>Chlidonias niger</i>						X					X	X	X
98.	White-winged Tern	<i>Chlidonias leucopterus</i>					X						X	X	X
99.	Whiskered Tern	<i>Chlidonias hybrida</i>												X	
100.	Black-bellied Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles orientalis</i>		X		X	X	X	X						
101.	Pallas's Sandgrouse	<i>Syrrhaptes paradoxus</i>				X	X		X						
102.	Rock Dove	<i>Columba livia</i>			X	X	X		X	X			X		
103.	Yellow-eyed Pigeon	<i>Columba eversmanni</i>						X							
104.	Common Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>	X	X		X						X			
105.	European Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia turtur</i>									X				
106.	Oriental Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia orientalis</i>					X	X	X			X			X
107.	Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	X	X		X	X					X			

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108.	Common Cuckoo	Cuculus canorus		h	h	x	x	x	h		x	x	h	x	x
109.	European Scops Owl	Otus scops		h	x	h						h			
110.	Short-eared Owl	Asio flammeus											x	x	
111.	Common Swift	Apus apus	x		x					x					
112.	Alpine Swift	Apus melba				x	x								
113.	European Roller	Coracias garrulus		x	x	h	x	x	x			x			
114.	European Bee-eater	Merops apiaster		h	h		x	x	x						
115.	Common Kingfisher	Alcedo atthis							x						
116.	Eurasian Hoopoe	Upupa epops			x	x	x	x	x						
117.	Eurasian Wryneck	Jynx torquilla	h		x	h	x								
118.	White-wing Woodpecker	Dendrocopus leucopterus						x							
119.	Turkestan Shrike	Lanius phoenicuroides		x	x	x	x	x	x						
120.	Lesser Grey Shrike	Lanius minor		x		x		x							
121.	Long-tailed Shrike	Lanius schach		x	x										
122.	Asian Grey Shrike	Lanius lahtora						x							
123.	Common Magpie	Pica pica	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
124.	Red-billed Chough	Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax									x				
125.	Yellow-billed Chough	Pyrrhocorax graculus								x					
126.	Rook	Corvus frugilegus		x		x	x	x	x				x	x	x
127.	Carrion Crow	Corvus corone	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
128.	Hooded Crow	Corvus cornix											x	x	x
129.	Common Raven	Corvus corax	x		x	x				x					
130.	Brown-necked Raven	Corvus ruficollis						x	x						
131.	Eurasian Jackdaw	Corvus monedula	x	x	x	x	x	x	x				x	x	x
132.	Great Tit	Parus major	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x		
133.	Turkestan Tit	Parus bokharensis						x							
134.	Azure Tit	Cyanistes cyanus		x	x	x		x							
135.	Coal Tit	Parus ater								h	x	h			
136.	Songar Tit	Poecile songara									x				
137.	Bearded Reedling	Panurus biarmicus						x							x
138.	Eurasian Penduline Tit	Remiz pendulinus				x									
139.	Black-head Penduline Tit	Remiz macronyx						x							
140.	White-crowned Pend. Tit	Remiz coronatus	x									x			
141.	Sand Martin	Riparia riparia			x		x	x	x					x	x
142.	Barn Swallow	Hirundo rustica	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x
143.	Red-rumped Swallow	Cecropis daurica		x			x		x	x					
144.	Northern House Martin	Delichon urbicum			x				x	x					

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145.	Calandra Lark	Melanocorypha calandra					X	X	X						
146.	Bimaculated Lark	Melanocorypha bimaculata					X	X	X						
147.	White-winged Lark	Melanocorypha leucoptera												X	X
148.	Black Lark	Melanocorypha yeltoniensis											X	X	X
149.	Crested Lark	Galerida cristata					X	X							
150.	Greater Short-toed Lark	Calandrella brachydactyla		X	X		X	X	X				X	X	X
151.	Eurasian Skylark	Alauda arvensis			X								X	X	X
152.	Horned Lark	Eremophila alpestris		X	X	X									
153.	Cetti's Warbler	Cettia cetti				h		h							
154.	Savi's Warbler	Locustella luscinioides						h							h
155.	Clamorous Reed Warbler	Acrocephalus stentoreus					h		X						
156.	Eurasian Reed Warbler	Acrocephalus scirpaceus					X								
157.	Paddyfield Warbler	Acrocephalus agricola						X						X	X
158.	Booted Warbler	Iduna caligata													X
159.	Sykes's Warbler	Iduna rama				X							X		
160.	Siberian Chiffchaff	Phylloscopus collybita		X		X	X	X	X	X					
161.	Sulphur-bellied Warbler	Phylloscopus griseolus									X				
162.	Hume's Leaf Warbler	Phylloscopus humei	X	X		X	X		X	X	X	X	X		
163.	Greenish Warbler	Phylloscopus trochiloides													X
164.	Barred Warbler	Sylvia nisoria					X								
165.	Hume's Whitethroat	Sylvia althaea				X									
166.	Asian Desert Warbler	Sylvia nana			X	X									
167.	Winter Wren	Troglodytes troglodytes										X			
168.	White-browed Tit Warbler	Leptopoecile sophiae								X	X				
169.	Common Myna	Acridotheres tristis	X	X		X	X			X		X	X		
170.	Rose-coloured Starling	Sturnus roseus					X	X	X						
171.	Common Starling	Sturnus vulgaris			X		X	X	X				X	X	
172.	Blue Whistling Thrush	Myophonus caeruleus	X									X			
173.	Common Rock Thrush	Monticola saxatilis		X	X	X	X	X	X						
174.	Eurasian blackbird	Turdus merula	X	X		X				X		X			
175.	Black-throated Thrush	Turdus atrogularis	X	X				X	X	X					
176.	Mistle Thrush	Turdus viscivorus	X							X	X	X			
177.	Common Nightingale	Luscinia megarhynchos	X	X	h	h									
178.	White-tailed Rubythroat	Luscinia pectoralis							X	X	X				
179.	Bluethroat	Luscinia svecica		X			X	X	X					X	X
180.	Blue-capped Redstart	Phoenicurus coeruleocephalus								X		X			

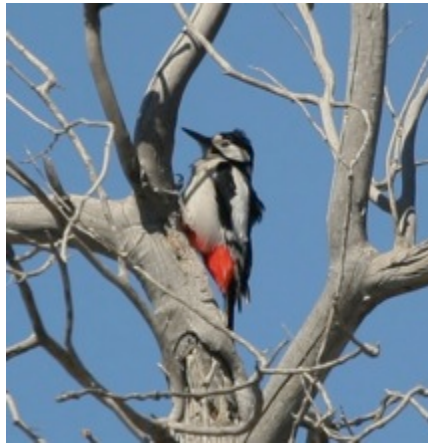
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181.	Eversmann's Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus erythronotus</i>									X	X			
182.	Güldenstädt's Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus erythrogaster</i>									X				
183.	Siberian Stonechat	<i>Saxicola maurus</i>	X	X	X		X	X	X			X	X	X	X
184.	Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>			X								X	X	X
185.	Isabelline Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe isabellina</i>		X	X	X	X	X	X						
186.	Desert Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe deserti</i>		X	X	X									
187.	Pied Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe pleschanka</i>			X	X	X		X						
188.	Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>						X							
189.	Saxaul Sparrow	<i>Passer ammodendri</i>						X							
190.	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	X	X		X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X
191.	Indian Sparrow	<i>Passer indicus</i>			X		X		X						
192.	Eurasian Tree Sparrow	<i>Passer montanus</i>				X						X		X	X
193.	Rock Sparrow	<i>Petronia petronia</i>			X										
194.	Brown Accentor	<i>Prunella fulvescens</i>									X	X			
195.	Black-throated Accentor	<i>Prunella atrogularis</i>									X	X	X		
196.	Altai Accentor	<i>Prunella himalayana</i>									X				
197.	White-bellied Dipper	<i>Cinclus cinclus</i>	X									X			
198.	Brown Dipper	<i>Cinclus pallasii</i>	X								X		X		
199.	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>	X		X	X	X	X	X	X				X	X
200.	Citrine Wagtail	<i>Motacilla citreola</i>					X								
201.	Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>					X						X	X	X
	Black-headed Wagtail	<i>Motacilla feldegg</i>		X		X									
	Sykes's Wagtail	<i>Motacilla beema</i>							X	X					
202.	Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>						X							
203.	Tawny Pipit	<i>Anthus campestris</i>		X	X		X							X	X
204.	Tree Pipit	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>		X			X	X		X					
205.	Water Pipit	<i>Anthus spinoletta</i>								X	X				
206.	Common Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>	X												
207.	Eurasian Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>	X												
	Eastern Goldfinch	<i>parapanisi</i>		X		X	X			X					
208.	European Greenfinch	<i>Chloris chloris</i>	X	X		X							X		
209.	Red-fronted Serin	<i>Serinus pusillus</i>								X					
210.	Plain Mountain Finch	<i>Leucosticte nemoricola</i>									X	X			
211.	Mongolian Finch	<i>Bucanetes mongolicus</i>		X		X									
212.	Common Rosefinch	<i>Carpodacus erythrinus</i>					X		X						
213.	Red-mantled Rosefinch	<i>Carpodacus rhodachlamys</i>								X	X				

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214.	White-winged Grosbeak	<i>Mycerobas carniipes</i>								X	X				
215.	White-capped Bunting	<i>Emberiza stewarti</i>				X									
216.	Rock Bunting	<i>Emberiza cia</i>	X	X	X							X			
217.	Meadow Bunting	<i>Emberiza cioides</i>	X									X			
218.	Corn Bunting	<i>Emberiza calandra</i>		X		X									
219.	Grey-necked Bunting	<i>Emberiza buchanani</i>		X	X	X									
220.	Red-headed Bunting	<i>Emberiza bruniceps</i>							X	X					
221.	Common Reed Bunting	<i>Emberiza schoeniclus</i>													X
	ADDITIONALS														
	MAMMALS														
	Goitered Gazelle	<i>Gazella subgutturosa</i>													
	Long-tailed Marmot	<i>Marmota caudata</i>													
	Red Pika	<i>Ochotona rutila</i>													
	Great Gerbil	<i>Rhombomys opimus</i>													
	Suslik	<i>Citellus fulvus</i>													
	Red Squirrel	<i>Sciurus vulgaris</i>													
	Brown Hare	<i>Lepus europaeus</i>													
	Fox	<i>Vulpes vulpes</i>													
	Otter	<i>Lutra lutra</i>													
	Muskat	<i>Rattus norvegicus</i>													

Bird of the tour

- **Peter Leutchford**, White-browed Warbler
- **Neil Frampton**, White-tailed Rubithroat
- **Maurice Dengate** , Lammergeier
- **Tony Lack** , Ibisbill
- **Phil Hall**, Ibisbill
- **Carolyn Hall**, White-crowned Penduline Tit
- **Dave Anderson**, Palla ´s Sandgrouse
- **Josele J Saiz** , Palla ´s Sandgrouse
- **Elena Shnyder**, White-browed Warbler

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I want to give thanks to all of you for making such a pleasant birding tour considering the dimension of the country. Also I want to give my gratitude for the efforts of Elena Shnyder, Vera Voronova and Machiel Valkenburg (as good birder as bad ground agent) to find all the specialties.

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