

Japan Birding & Nature | Species List

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The tour started in earnest on the island of Kyushu where we saw thousands of Hooded and White-naped Cranes on their wintering grounds and thousands of wintering shorebirds as well, to Honshu for Snow Monkeys and cultural sites, and finishing in Hokkaido with more cranes, waterfowl, owls and eagles. Add in great food and accommodations plus our guides Bryan and Koichi who were truly exceptional, this was a fantastic trip!

(#) After family is number of species in the family

(#) After species is the number of days of 15 the bird was seen or heard

(HO)= Distinctive enough to be counted as heard only, pointed out to the group

(E) = Endemic to Japan

(I) = Introduced

~ = Approximately

BIRDS (163 species recorded):

DUCKS, GEESE AND SWANS: Anatidae — (28)

Greater White-fronted Goose *Anser albifrons* — (2) Observed only on Kyushu, two were seen taking a nap on shore at the Kosegawa Regulating Pond and six were seen feeding in a field at the Shiroishi Reclamation Area while we were searching for Oriental Storks.

Taiga Bean-Goose *Anser fabalis* — (1) Nine seen feeding in a field at the Shiroishi Reclamation Area on Kyushu..

Mute Swan (I) *Cygnus olor* — (1) One seen in the moat at Matsumoto Castle on Honshu.

Tundra Swan *Cygnus columbianus* — (2) Observed only on Honshu, 86 of the Bewick's race of Tundra Swans were seen (and heard) at the Azumino Swan Park and some were also seen en route to Karuizawa.

Whooper Swan *Cygnus cygnus* — (4) Observed only on Hokkaido with our first sighting coming from the Otowa Bridge while we were watching Red-crowned Cranes on the Setsuri River. Seen again at Lake Shirarutoro, in a port near Rausu, 80 at Lake Furen and a few en route back to our hotel in Nemuro on the 22nd.

Ruddy Shelduck *Tadorna ferruginea* — (1) An unexpected sighting of a single bird was on a small lake in the Shiroishi Reclamation Area on Kyushu.

Common Shelduck *Tadorna tadorna* — (3) Observed only on Kyushu, with ~150 seen from atop the Izumi Crane Center and neighboring fields, 64 at the Shiroishi Reclamation Area and ~200 at the Higashiyoka mudflats.

Mandarin Duck *Aix galericulata* — (2) Observed only on Kyushu with ~150 seen at the Kogawa Dam and another 50 at the Yamato Rest Area near Saga.

Baikal Teal *Sibirionetta formosa* — (2) Observed only on Kyushu with ~400 seen at Kogawa Dam and another 800 at Kosegawa Regulating Pond.

Northern Shoveler *Spatula clypeata* — (5) Seen in small numbers at several locations on Kyushu.

Gadwall *Mareca strepera* — (7) Seen in small numbers at multiple locations on Kyushu and Honshu.

Falcated Duck *Mareca falcata* — (6) Seen in small numbers around Izumi, Kumamoto and Saga on Kyushu and a

single male was seen at the Onnemoto Port near Nemuro on Hokkaido.

Eurasian Wigeon *Mareca penelope* — (10) Common and widespread with the largest numbers seen on Kyushu.

Eastern Spot-billed Duck *Anas zonorhyncha* — (8) Common and widespread on Kyushu and Honshu. Not observed on Hokkaido.

Mallard *Anas platyrhynchos* — (9) Common and widespread.

Northern Pintail *Anas acuta* — (7) Common and widespread with largest numbers seen on Kyushu.

Green-winged Teal *Anas crecca* — (8) This was the Eurasian form which was common and widespread on Kyushu and Honshu.

Common Pochard *Aythya ferina* — (8) Widespread. Seen at multiple locations on Kyushu and Honshu.

Tufted Duck *Aythya fuligula* — (9) Widespread. Seen at multiple locations on Kyushu and Honshu as well as in ports along the coast of Hokkaido.

Greater Scaup *Aythya marila* — (6) Primarily seen along the coast with larger numbers seen in ports on Hokkaido.

Harlequin Duck *Histrionicus histrionicus* — (3) Seen at multiple locations along the coast on Hokkaido.

Stejneger's Scoter *Melanitta stejnegeri* — (1) Four seen along the coast at the north end of the Notsuke Peninsula on Hokkaido.

Black Scoter *Melanitta americana* — (4) Seen at multiple locations along the coast on Hokkaido.

Long-tailed Duck *Clangula hyemalis* — (3) Small numbers seen at multiple locations along the coast on Hokkaido.

Common Goldeneye *Bucephala clangula* — (5) Seen at multiple locations along the coast on Hokkaido.

Smew *Mergellus albellus* — (3) On Kyushu, a male was seen at the Kosegawa Regulating Pond near Saga and six at the Saku Regulating Pond. At least one was seen on Lake Furen near Nemuro on Hokkaido.

Common Merganser *Mergus merganser* — (6) Seen at multiple locations on Honshu and Hokkaido.

Red-breasted Merganser *Mergus serrator* — (4) Seen at multiple locations on Hokkaido.

PARTRIDGES, PHEASANTS, AND ALLIES: Phasianidae — (1)

Green Pheasant (E) *Phasianus versicolor* — (1) Two males seen in the road ditch en route to Shiojiri Enrei Park on Honshu.

GREBES: Podicipedidae — (3)

Little Grebe *Tachybaptus ruficollis* — (8) Seen at multiple locations on Kyushu, Azumino Swan Park and Mizumoto Park on Honshu and from the Otowa Bridge on Hokkaido.

Red-necked Grebe *Podiceps grisegena* — (2) Observed only on Hokkaido with a high count of eight at Cape Nosappu near Nemuro.

Great Crested Grebe *Podiceps cristatus* — (4) Multiple birds seen on the Tama River near the airport on Honshu on the first day of the tour, Shimoezo Lake and Kosegawa Regulating Pond on Kyushu and again on Honshu at the Saku Regulating Pond.

PIGEONS AND DOVES: Columbidae — (3)

Rock Pigeon (I) *Columba livia* — (12) Common and widespread.

Oriental Turtle-Dove *Streptopelia orientalis* — (7) Seen at multiple locations on Kyushu and Honshu.

White-bellied Green-Pigeon *Treron sieboldii* — (1) Two were seen briefly in flight at Kogawa Dam on Kyushu.

RAILS, CRAKES, AND ALLIES: Rallidae — (3)

Eurasian Moorhen *Gallinula chloropus* — (4) Seen on Kyushu at the reclamation area fields near the Izumi Crane

Center, Shimoezu Lake and the Shiroishi Reclamation Area.

Eurasian Coot *Fulica atra* — (8) Seen at multiple locations on Kyushu and Honshu.

Ruddy-breasted Crane (HO) *Zapornia fusca* — (1) Heard in a drainage ditch at the reclamation area fields near the Izumi Crane Center. The bird was briefly seen in flight but not a good enough look for a positive visual ID.

CRANES: Gruidae — (6)

Siberian Crane *Leucogeranus leucogeranus* — (1) A single bird that had been previously reported was seen in the reclamation fields near the Izumi Crane Center.

Sandhill Crane *Antigone canadensis* — (3) Seen on two different days in small groups near the Izumi Crane Center on Kyushu and a single bird was seen at Tsurui-mura (Tancho Village) with Red-crowned Cranes on Hokkaido.

White-naped Crane *Antigone vipio* — (3) ~3,400 were wintering near the Izumi Crane Center on Kyushu and a single bird was seen with Red-crowned Cranes at the Ito Crane Sanctuary on Hokkaido.

Common Crane *Grus grus* — (1) Observed only on Kyushu, one was seen from the rooftop of the Izumi Crane Center and another in the nearby fields.

Hooded Crane *Grus monacha* — (2) ~9,600 were wintering near the Izumi Crane Center on Kyushu.

Red-crowned Crane *Grus japonensis* — (2) Observed only on Hokkaido, most were seen at the Ito Crane Sanctuary and Tsurui-mura (Tancho Village), but a pair was seen from the Onneto Bridge near Nemuro while driving.

STILTS AND AVOCETS: Recurvirostridae — (2)

Black-winged Stilt *Himantopus himantopus* — (1) One seen at the Shiroishi Reclamation Area on Kyushu.

Pied Avocet *Recurvirostra avosetta* — (1) Unexpected, four were seen at the Higashiyoka mudflats on Kyushu.

PLOVERS AND LAPWINGS: Charadriidae — (6)

Black-bellied Plover *Pluvialis squatarola* — (1) ~500 seen at the Higashiyoka mudflats on Kyushu.

Northern Lapwing *Vanellus vanellus* — (5) Seen at multiple locations on Kyushu with a high count of 45 at the Kosegawa Regulating Pond. Four seen while en route near Fuji on Honshu.

Siberian Sand-Plover *Anarhynchus mongolus* — (1) ~100 seen at the Higashiyoka mudflats on Kyushu.

Kentish Plover *Anarhynchus alexandrinus* — (1) ~400 seen at the Higashiyoka mudflats on Kyushu.

Long-billed Plover *Charadrius placidus* — (1) Four seen along the Sendai River near Satsuma on Kyushu.

Little Ringed Plover *Charadrius dubius* — (2) A few were seen on consecutive days next to a small pond near the Izumi Crane Center on Kyushu.

SANDPIPERS AND ALLIES: Scolopacidae — (10)

Whimbrel *Numenius phaeopus* — (1) One seen at the Higashiyoka mudflats on Kyushu.

Eurasian Curlew *Numenius arquata* — (1) ~70 seen at the Higashiyoka mudflats on Kyushu.

Bar-tailed Godwit *Limosa lapponica* — (1) One seen at the Higashiyoka mudflats on Kyushu.

Long-billed Dowitcher *Limnodromus scolopaceus* — (1) A few were seen at the Higashiyoka mudflats on Kyushu.

Dunlin *Calidris alpina* — (3) ~7,500 seen at the Higashiyoka mudflats on Kyushu.

Common Snipe *Gallinago gallinago* — (2) Observed only on Kyushu, we had close up views of one bird at the Izumi Crane Center and saw several more nearby.

Common Sandpiper *Actitis hypoleucos* — (5) Seen at multiple locations on Kyushu and along the Tama River on Honshu.

Green Sandpiper *Tringa ochropus* — (3) Single birds seen along the Sendai River near Satsuma and at the Izumi

Crane Center on Kyushu and a single bird was seen at the Saku Regulating Pond on Honshu.

Common Greenshank *Tringa nebularia* — (1) Several seen at the Higashiyoka mudflats on Kyushu.

Common Redshank *Tringa totanus* — (1) Several seen at the Higashiyoka mudflats on Kyushu.

AUKS, MURRES, AND PUFFINS: Alcidae — (1)

Spectacled Guillemot *Cepphus carbo* — (2) Observed only on Hokkaido. First bird was seen toward the north end of the Notsuke Peninsula, another four were seen near the Notsuke Peninsula Nature Center and six were seen from the bird hide at Cape Nosappu.

GULLS AND TERNS: Laridae — (9)

Black-legged Kittiwake *Rissa tridactyla* — (1) Four were seen in flight from the bird hide at Cape Nosappu on Hokkaido.

Saunders's Gull *Saundersilarus saundersi* — (1) ~300 seen at the Higashiyoka mudflats on Kyushu.

Black-headed Gull *Chroicocephalus ridibundus* — (4) Largest numbers (~100) were seen along the Tama River on Honshu, with some seen on Kyushu and Hokkaido as well.

Black-tailed Gull *Larus crassirostris* — (3) First seen along the Tama River on Honshu, again at the Akune Roadside Station and the Shiroishi Reclamation Area on Kyushu and along the Netsuke Peninsula on Hokkaido.

Common Gull *Larus canus* — (3) Seen along the Tama River on Honshu and seen at the Rausu Fishing Port and along the Netsuke Peninsula on Hokkaido.

Herring Gull *Larus argentatus* — (4) Seen along the coasts of Honshu, Kyushu and Hokkaido.

Slaty-backed Gull *Larus schistisagus* — (4) Primarily seen along the coast of Hokkaido where it was the most numerous gull species, but one bird was seen flying along the coast at the Akune Roadside Station on Kyushu.

Glaucous-winged Gull *Larus glaucescens* — (3) Observed only on Hokkaido with small numbers seen from Rausu to Nemuro.

Glaucous Gull *Larus hyperboreus* — (2) Observed only on Hokkaido with a high count of 40 at the Shibetsu Port.

LOONS: Gaviidae — (1)

Red-throated Loon *Gavia stellata* — (2) Seen along the coast near Kushiro and along the Notsuke Peninsula on Hokkaido.

BOOBIES AND GANNETS: Sulidae — (1)

Brown Booby *Sula leucogaster* — (1) Six individual birds were seen flying along the coast at the Akune Roadside Station on Kyushu.

CORMORANTS: Phalacrocoracidae — (4)

Red-faced Cormorant *Urile urile* — (1) One seen at Cape Nosappu at a known cormorant roosting site on Hokkaido.

Pelagic Cormorant *Urile pelagicus* — (2) Seen at multiple locations along the coast from Rausu to Nemuro and Hokkaido.

Great Cormorant *Phalacrocorax carbo* — (8) Seen at multiple locations on Honshu and Kyushu.

Japanese Cormorant *Phalacrocorax capillatus* — (1) Seen perched on rocks along the coast at the Akune Roadside Station on Kyushu.

HERONS AND EGRETS: Ardeidae — (3)

Gray Heron *Ardea cinerea* — (9) Common and widespread.

Great Egret *Ardea alba* — (8) Common and widespread.

Little Egret *Egretta garzetta* — (6) Seen at multiple locations on Kyushu and a couple of locations on Honshu.

IBISES AND SPOONBILLS: Threskiornithidae — (2)

Eurasian Spoonbill *Platalea leucorodia* — (4) Seen at multiple locations on Kyushu.

Black-faced Spoonbill *Platalea minor* — (4) Endangered, this species was seen at multiple locations on Kyushu typically with Eurasian Spoonbills.

OSPREY: Pandionidae — (1)

Osprey *Pandion haliaetus* — (4) Seen at multiple locations on Kyushu.

HAWKS, KITES, AND EAGLES: Accipitridae — (8)

Hen Harrier *Circus cyaneus* — (5) Seen at the Izumi Crane Center, the Kosegawa Regulating Pond and the Shiroishi Reclamation Area on Kyushu. An adult male was seen briefly on Honshu at the Shiojiri Enrei Park.

Japanese Sparrowhawk *Accipiter gularis* — (1) One seen briefly near the Hirose Bridge in Izumi on Kyushu.

Eurasian Sparrowhawk *Accipiter nisus* — (3) Single birds seen near the Izumi Crane Center, the Chikugo Metropolitan Park and the Kosegawa Regulating Pond on Kyushu and a single bird seen at a beach access point near Kushiro on Hokkaido.

Eurasian Goshawk *Accipiter gentilis* — (3) On Kyushu, two birds were seen from the Izumi Crane Center on the 9th, one of which took a duck out of the air and another bird the following day in the same area. On Honshu, a single bird was briefly seen in flight at the Mizumoto Park.

Black Kite *Milvus migrans* — (14) Common and widespread with ~80 seen preparing to roost near the Saku Regulating Pond on Honshu.

White-tailed Eagle *Haliaeetus albicilla* — (4) Seen at multiple locations along the coast on Hokkaido, but the best viewing of this large raptor occurred at Rausu on our hour boat tour to see them (~40 seen) and the Steller's Sea-Eagles.

Steller's Sea-Eagle *Haliaeetus pelagicus* — (5) Seen at multiple locations along the coast on Hokkaido, but the best viewing of this magnificent raptor occurred at Rausu on our hour boat tour to see them (~60 seen) and the White-tailed Eagles.

Eastern Buzzard *Buteo japonicus* — (9) The most common and widespread buteo of Japan. Seen at multiple locations.

OWLS: Strigidae — (2)

Blakiston's Fish-Owl *Ketupa blakistoni* — (2) This magnificent owl was seen at Yoroushi Onsen on Hokkaido.

Ural Owl *Strix uralensis* — (1) A single bird was seen at a known roosting site near Tsurui.

KINGFISHERS: Alcedinidae — (2)

Common Kingfisher *Alcedo atthis* — (5) Seen at multiple locations on Honshu and Kyushu.

Crested Kingfisher *Megaceryle lugubris* — (4) Single birds were seen near the Hirose Bridge in Izumi, at Kogawa Dam and at the Yamato Rest Area near Saga on Kyushu. A single bird was also seen at Yoroushi Onsen on Hokkaido.

WOODPECKERS: Picidae — (5)

Japanese Pygmy Woodpecker *Yungipicus kizuki* — (7) Common and widespread throughout Japan. Seen and heard at multiple locations.

White-backed Woodpecker *Dendrocopos leucotos* — (1) Only sighting was at the Shunkunitai Wild Bird

Sanctuary on Hokkaido.

Great Spotted Woodpecker *Dendrocopos major* — (7) Common and widespread on Honshu and Hokkaido. Seen at multiple locations.

Japanese Woodpecker *Picus awokera* — (1) Only sighting was a flyby of a single bird at the Karuizawa Wildbird Forest on Honshu.

Gray-headed Woodpecker *Picus canus* — (1) Only sighting was of a single bird in the village of Hashirikotan on Hokkaido.

FALCONS AND CARACARAS: Falconidae — (3)

Eurasian Kestrel *Falco tinnunculus* — (3) Single birds were seen near Satsuma and at Shiroishi Reclamation Area on Kyushu and a single bird was seen at the Onnemoto Bird Hide near Nemuro on Hokkaido.

Merlin *Falco columbarius* — (1) Only confirmed sighting was of a single bird at the north end of the Notsuke Peninsula on Hokkaido.

Peregrine Falcon *Falco peregrinus* — (4) Single birds were seen near the Izumi Crane Center on Kyushu and presumably the same bird was seen twice from our hotel in Nagano on Honshu.

SHRIKES: Laniidae — (1)

Bull-headed Shrike *Lanius bucephalus* — (8) Common and widespread on Kyushu and Honshu. Seen at multiple locations.

CROWS AND JAYS: Corvidae — (6)

Eurasian Jay *Garrulus glandarius* — (6) Seen and heard at Jigokudani/Snow Monkey Park and at the Karuizawa Wildbird Forest on Honshu. The Brandt's subspecies was seen at multiple locations on Hokkaido.

Oriental Magpie *Pica serica* — (1) Two were seen together on a utility pole in Saga on Kyushu.

Daurian Jackdaw *Corvus dauuricus* — (3) Small numbers were seen at the Izumi Crane Center and at the Higashiyoka mudflats on Kyushu.

Rook *Corvus frugilegus* — (6) ~500 were seen on back to back days at the Izumi Crane Center, ~1,000 at the Kosegawa Regulating Pond and ~200 at the Shiroishi Reclamation Area on Kyushu.

Carrion Crow *Corvus corone* — (15) Common and widespread.

Large-billed Crow *Corvus macrorhynchos* — (13) Common and widespread.

TITS AND CHICKADEES: Paridae — (5)

Coal Tit *Parus ater* — (2) Seen at Shiojiri Enrei Park and at the Karuizawa Wildbird Forest on Honshu.

Varied Tit *Sittiparus varius* — (3) Seen at Kogawa Dam on Kyushu and at Karuizawa Wildbird Forest and Mizumoto Park on Honshu. One unique bird at Mizumoto Park lacked the black throat and light buff color on the cheek and forehead, with the chestnut on the underpart of the bird extending and replacing the black and buff.

Marsh Tit *Poecile palustris* — (4) Observed only on Hokkaido as it is not present further south in Japan. Seen at multiple locations.

Willow Tit *Poecile montanus* — (2) Seen at Shiojiri Enrei Park and the Karuizawa Wildbird Forest on Honshu.

Japanese Tit *Parus minor* — (11) Common and widespread. Seen at multiple locations.

LARKS: Alaudidae — (1)

Eurasian Skylark *Alauda arvensis* — (3) Seen near the Izumi Crane Center and at the Shiroishi Reclamation Area on Kyushu.

CISTICOLAS AND ALLIES: Cisticolidae — (1)

Zitting Cisticola *Cisticola juncidis* — (1) A single bird was seen near the Izumi Crane Center on Kyushu.

SWALLOWS AND MARTINS: Hirundinidae — (1)

Barn Swallow *Hirundo rustica* — (1) One seen, probably more, flying along the Sendai River near Satsuma on Kyushu.

BULBULS: Pycnonotidae — (1)

Brown-eared Bulbul *Hypsipetes amaurotis* — (13) Common and widespread.

LEAF WARBLERS: Phylloscopidae — (1)

Dusky Warbler *Phylloscopus fuscatus* — (1) Infrequent during winter in Japan, a bird that was being reported at Shimoezu Lake/Suizenji Ezuko Park on Kyushu was relocated.

BUSH WARBLERS: Scotocercidae — (1)

Japanese Bush Warbler *Horornis diphone* — (3) Heard more often than seen, birds were near the Izumi Crane Center and at a couple of locations near Saga on Kyushu.

LONG-TAILED TITS: Aegithalidae — (1)

Long-tailed Tit *Aegithalos caudatus* — (4) Seen at the Karuizawa Wildbird Forest on Honshu and the white-headed subspecies (a.k.a. - Snow Fairy) at Yoroushi Onsen, Tsurui-mura (Tancho Village) and at Shunkunitai Wild Bird Sanctuary on Hokkaido.

WHITE-EYES: Zosteropidae — (1)

Warbling White-eye *Zosterops japonicus* — (5) Seen at multiple locations on Kyushu and Honshu.

LAUGHINGTHRUSHES AND ALLIES: Leiothrichidae — (1)

Red-billed Leiothrix (1) *Leiothrix lutea* — (1) A small flock was seen at Chuo Park in Fuji City on Honshu.

KINGLETS: Regulidae — (1)

Goldcrest *Regulus regulus* — (1) Seen at Shunkunitai Wild Bird Sanctuary on Hokkaido.

NUTHATCHES: Sittidae — (1)

Eurasian Nuthatch *Sitta europaea* — (5) Seen at the Karuizawa Wildbird Forest on Honshu and several locations on Hokkaido.

TREECREEPERS: Certhiidae — (1)

Eurasian Treecreeper *Certhia familiaris* — (1) One seen at Shukunitai Wild Bird Sanctuary on Hokkaido.

WRENS: Troglodytidae — (1)

Eurasian Wren *Troglodytes troglodytes* — (3) One, presumably the same bird, was seen each day at Yoroushi Onsen on Hokkaido.

DIPPERS: Cinclidae — (1)

Brown Dipper *Cinclus pallasii* — (2) Two birds were seen at Yoroushi Onsen on Hokkaido.

STARLINGS AND MYNAS: Sturnidae — (2)

European Starling *Sturnus vulgaris* — (2) Small groups were seen near the Izumi Crane Center and at the Shiroishi Reclamation Area on Kyushu.

White-cheeked Starling *Spodiopsar cineraceus* — (9) Common and widespread on Kyushu and Honshu.

THRUSHES: Turdidae — (4)

White's Thrush *Zoothera aurea* — (1) A single bird was seen at Shiojiri Enrei Park on Honshu.

Brown-headed Thrush *Turdus chrysolaus* — (2) Seen at Chuo Park and Mizumoto Park on Honshu.

Pale Thrush *Turdus pallidus* — (2) Seen at Chuo Park and Mizumoto Park on Honshu.

Dusky Thrush *Turdus eunomus* — (12) Common and widespread.

OLD WORLD FLYCATCHERS: Muscicapidae — (4)

Red-flanked Bluetail *Tarsiger cyanurus* — (3) Seen at Shiojiri Enrei Park, Karuizawa Wildbird Forest and Mizumoto Park on Honshu.

Red-breasted Flycatcher *Ficedula parva* — (1) Very rare winter visitor, a bird that was being reported at Shimoezu Lake/Suizenji Ezuko Park on Kyushu was relocated very near to where the Dusky Warbler was seen.

Daurian Redstart *Phoenicurus aureus* — (7) Seen at multiple locations on Honshu and Kyushu.

Blue Rock-Thrush *Monticola solitarius* — (3) This was the *philippensis* subspecies and was seen along the Tama River on Honshu and in Izumi on Kyushu.

WAXWINGS: Bombycillidae — (1)

Japanese Waxwing *Bombycilla japonica* — (1) A flock of ~50 were seen at the Karuizawa Wildbird Forest on Honshu.

ACCENTORS: Prunellidae — (1)

Japanese Accentor *Prunella rubida* — (2) Two were seen at Jigokudani/Snow Monkey Park and a single bird was seen at the Shiojiri Enrei Park on Honshu.

OLD WORLD SPARROWS: Passeridae — (2)

Russet Sparrow *Passer cinnamomeus* — (2) Seen on consecutive days near the Izumi Crane Center on Kyushu, with a high count of ~100 at one location.

Eurasian Tree Sparrow *Passer montanus* — (12) Common and widespread.

WAGTAILS AND PIPITS: Motacillidae — (4)

Gray Wagtail *Motacilla cinerea* — (5) Seen at multiple locations near the Izumi Crane Center and at Shimoezu Lake/Suizenji Ezuko Park on Kyushu.

Japanese Wagtail *Motacilla grandis* — (7) Seen at multiple locations on Kyushu and Honshu and one sighting at Yoroushi Onsen on Hokkaido.

White Wagtail *Motacilla alba* — (11) Common and widespread on Honshu and Kyushu with one sighting at Cape Nosappu on Hokkaido.

American Pipit *Anthus rubescens* — (1) Seen near the Izumi Crane Center on Kyushu.

FINCHES AND EUPHONIAS: Fringillidae — (11)

Brambling *Fringilla montifringilla* — (2) Seen at the Zenkoji Temple and Mizumoto Park on Honshu.

Hawfinch *Coccothraustes coccothraustes* — (6) Seen at multiple locations on Honshu and Hokkaido.

Japanese Grosbeak *Eophona personata* — (4) Seen at multiple locations on Honshu with a high count of 26 at Chuo Park.

Long-tailed Rosefinch *Carpodacus sibiricus* — (1) Three seen at Shiojiri Enrei Park on Honshu.

Pallas's Rosefinch *Carpodacus roseus* — (2) Long and close up views of this beautiful finch at Shiojiri Enrei Park on Honshu and briefly seen near Nakashibetsu on Hokkaido.

Eurasian Bullfinch *Pyrrhula pyrrhula* — (2) A male and female were seen at Mizumoto Park on Honshu and a male was seen at the Shukunitai Wild Bird Sanctuary on Hokkaido.

Asian Rosy-Finch *Leucosticte arctoa* — (1) A flock of 43 were seen feeding off of the side of the road near the Notsuke Peninsula Nature Center on Hokkaido.

Oriental Greenfinch *Chloris sinica* — (11) Common and widespread.

Common Redpoll *Acanthis flammea* — (2) A flock of ~50 were seen on back to back days on the Notsuke Peninsula on Hokkaido.

Red Crossbill *Loxia curvirostra* — (1) ~130 were seen at Shiojiri Enrei Park on Honshu.

Eurasian Siskin *Spinus spinus* — (1) ~60 were seen at the Karuizawa Wildbird Forest on Honshu.

OLD WORLD BUNTINGS: Emberizidae — (4)

Meadow Bunting *Emberiza cioides* — (5) Seen at multiple locations on Kyushu with a very cooperative male posing for us at the Kosegawa Regulating Pond and seen again at Shiojiri Enrei Park and Karuizawa Wildbird Forest on Honshu.

Reed Bunting *Emberiza schoeniclus* — (4) Brief views at multiple locations on Kyushu.

Rustic Bunting *Emberiza rustica* — (3) Seen at multiple locations on Honshu with a high count of 21 at Azumino Swan Park.

Masked Bunting *Emberiza personata* — (4) Seen at the Euchi River reedbeds near Izumi and at Shimoezu Lake/Suizenji Ezuko Park on Kyushu and at Mizumoto Park on Honshu.

MAMMALS (9):

Red Squirrel *Sciurus vulgaris* — (1) The Hokkaido Red Squirrel, a subspecies of the Eurasian Red Squirrel, with its easily recognizable ear tufts was seen near the feeders at Yoroushi Onsen on Hokkaido.

Japanese Raccoon Dog *Nyctereutes viverrinus* — (2) One was seen briefly along the edge of one of the roads bordering agricultural fields near the Izumi Crane Center and another was seen along the road near Lake Suwa on Honshu.

Japanese Sable *Martes zibellina brachyura* — (1) One was seen visiting the bird feeders at Yoroushi Onsen on Hokkaido.

Japanese Weasel *Mustela itatsi* — (1) One was seen moving steadily along the seawall at the Higashiyoka mudflats on Kyushu, presumably looking for a meal among the rocks.

Red Fox *Vulpes vulpes* — (4) Seen at multiple locations on Hokkaido, including Yoroushi Onsen and several spots along the Notsuke Peninsula.

Spotted Seal *Phoca largha* — (1) One seen in the surf at the Onnemoto Bird Hide on Hokkaido.

Japanese Macaque *Macaca fuscata* — (2) Obviously seen at Jigokudani/Snow Monkey Park, but also some seen while driving to Karuizawa on Honshu.

Wild Boar *Sus scrofa* — (1) One seen in a bit of a hurry at the Watarase Wetlands near Nogi on Honshu.

Sika Deer *Cervus nippon* — (4) Seen at multiple locations on Hokkaido, with close up views of several stags along the Notsuke Peninsula.