

# ORNITHOLOGICAL TRIP REPORT KAZAKHSTAN SEPTEMBER – OCTOBER 2008

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## Introduction

From 22 September to 11 October 2008 Justin Jansen, Patrick Palmen and Arend Wassink made an ornithological trip in Kazakhstan. We mainly stayed in Dzhabagly, a small village situated in the foothills of the Talasskiy Alatau mountains, western Tien Shan. From there we made several trips to locations in South Kazakhstan and Zhambyl provinces. On the last day we visited Talgar valley (including Talgar national park), Zailiyskiy Alatau mountains, northern Tien Shan, Almaty province.

Underneath the itinerary:

22 Sep Chimkent (42:18 N, 69:36 E) to Dzhabagly (42:25 N, 70:28 E)

22-23 Sep Dzhabagly

24 Sep Dzhabagly, Malikent pass (42:25 N, 70:25), Aksu canyon (42:13 N, 70:34 E)

25-26 Sep Dzhabagly

27 Sep Dzhabagly, Chokpak pass (42:31 N, 70:38 E), Ters Asthibulak lake (42:40 N, 70:54 E)

28 Sep Dzhabagly, Ters Asthibulak lake, Koksay valley (42:10 N, 70:33 E)

29 Sep Dzhabagly

30 Sep Dzhabagly to Chardara (41:15 N, 67:58 E), via Chimkent, Kazgurt pass (42:00 N, 69:28 E), Saryagash (41:27 N, 69:10 E), Abay (41:21 N, 68:56 E) and Mädeniät (41:13 N, 68:26 E).

1 Oct Chardara to Kyzylkol lake (43:45 N, 69:30 E), via bridge crossing Syrdarya river (42:13 N, 68:15 E), Arys (42:26 N, 68:48 E), Temirlan (42:35 N, 69:15 E), Aqshyghanaq (42:47 N, 69:11 E), Shayan (43:01 N, 69:22 E) and Adaman Bulak pass (43:34 N, 69:14 E)

02 Oct Kyzylkol lake

03 Oct Kyzylkol lake to Dzhabagly, via Saudakent (43:44 N, 69:55 E), Sorkol lake (Akkol (43:26 N, 70:45 E), Twentyseventh Razezd lake (43:01 N, 71:12 E), Taraz (42:54 N, 71:22 E), Chokpak pass and Akbiyik (42:31 N, 70:28 E)

4-9 Oct Dzhabagly

10 Oct Dzhabagly, Malikent pass, Aksu canyon

11 Oct Almaty (43:15 N, 76:57 E), Talgar valley (incl Talgar national park) (43:14 N, 77:15 E)



Dzhabagly- herding cattle from and to the pastures is a daily ritual September 2008 *Patrick Palmen*



Koksay canyon September 2008 *Patrick Palmen*



Kyzylkol lake October 2008 *Patrick Palmen*



Syrdarya river October 2008 *Patrick Palmen*

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Vladimir Tarasenko - driver and fisherman Kyzylkol lake October 2008 *Patrick Palmen*

## Species list

species sequence, taxonomy and nomenclature follow Wassink & Oreel (2008)

**Mute Swan** *Cygnus olor*  
2-3 Oct 2 ad Kyzylkol lake

**Ruddy Shelduck** *Tadorna ferruginea*  
27-28 Sep max 40 per day Ters Asthibulak lake;  
1-3 Oct max 4000 per day Kyzylkol lake and 3  
Oct 20 Sorkol lake

**Common Shelduck** *Tadorna tadorna*  
28 Sep 4 Ters Asthibulak lake and 1-3 Oct max  
450 per day Kyzylkol lake

**Common Pochard** *Aythya ferruginea*  
28 Sep 8 Ters Asthibulak lake and 1-3 Oct max  
2000 per day Kyzylkol lake

**Ferruginous Duck** *Aythya nyroca*  
3 Oct 1 male Twentyseventh Razezd lake

**Tufted Duck** *Aythya fuligula*  
1-3 Oct max 100 per day Kyzylkol lake and 3 Oct  
1 Twentyseventh Razezd lake

**White-headed Duck** *Oxyura leucocephala*  
1-3 Oct max 415 per day Kyzylkol lake

**Goosander** *Mergus m merganser*  
28 Sep 1 Ters Asthibulak lake and 1 Oct 7  
Chardara lake

**Eurasian Wigeon** *Anas penelope*  
1-3 Oct max 500 per day Kyzylkol lake and 3 Oct  
50 Sorkol lake

**Northern Shoveler** *Anas clypeata*  
1-3 Oct max 200 per day Kyzylkol lake

**Mallard** *Anas p platyrhynchos*  
27-28 Sep max 125 per day Ter Asthibulak lake  
and 1-3 Oct max 400 per day Kyzylkol lake

**Northern Pintail** *Anas acuta*  
28 Sep 5 Ters Asthibulak lake; 1-3 Oct max 1300  
per day Kyzylkol lake, and 4 Oct 7 and 9 October  
280 Dzhabagly

**Garganey** *Anas querquedula*  
28 Sep 10 Ters Asthibulak lake; 1-3 Oct 10  
Kyzylkol lake and 3 Oct 1 Sorkol lake

**Common Teal** *Anas crecca*  
27-28 Sep max 250 per day Ters Asthibulak lake;  
1 Oct 30 Chardara lake; 1-3 Oct 2500 Kyzylkol  
lake and 3 Oct 150 Sorkol lake

**Chukar** *Alectoris chukar falki*  
23 Sep 1 Dzhabagly; 24 Sep and 10 Oct max 11  
per day Aksu canyon, and 28 Sep 1 Koksay  
canyon

**Grey Partridge** *Perdix perdix robusta*  
24 Sep 7 Malikent pass

**Common Quail** *Coturnix c coturnix*  
25, 26, 29 Sep and 4 Oct max 1 per day  
Dzhabagly

**Common Phaasant** *Phasianus colchicus  
mongolicus*  
1 Oct 9 Chardara lake; 5-7 Oct max 4 per day  
Dzhabagly and 11 Oct 1 Talgar valley

**Pygmy Cormorant** *Phalacrocorax pygmeus*  
3 Oct 7 Twentyseventh Razezd lake

**Great Cormorant** *Phalacrocorax carbo  
sinensis*  
28 Sep 4 Ters Asthibulak lake; 30 Sep-1 Oct max  
10 per day Chardara lake; 1-3 Oct max 12 per  
day Kyzylkol lake and 10 Oct 7 Malikent pass

**Great White Pelican** *Pelecanus onocrotalus*  
28 Sep 2 Ters Asthibulak lake and 2 Oct 25 (in  
large flock of Dalmatian Pelican) Kyzylkol lake

**Dalmatian Pelican** *Pelecanus crispus*  
1 Oct 100 Chardara lake and 2 Oct 400 in large  
migrating flock and 2 Kyzylkol lake



Dalmatian Pelicans *P. crispus* Kyzylkol lake October  
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**Great Egret** *Casmerodius a albus*  
2 Oct 4 Kyzylkol lake

**Grey Heron** *Ardea c cinerea*

22 Sep 2 Dzhabagly; 27-28 Sep max 50 per day Ters Asthibulak; 30 Sep-1 Oct max 100 per day Chardara lake and 1-3 Oct max 40 per day Kyzylkol lake

**Black Stork** *Ciconia nigra*

25 Sep-10 Oct 67 (38 on 4 Oct) Dzhabagly and 26 Sep 3 Ters Asthibulak

**Little Grebe** *Tachybaptus ruficollis capensis*

28 Sep 1 Ters Asthibulak lake; 30 Sep 1 between Dzhabagly and Chardara lake, and 3 Oct 10 Twentyseventh Razezd lake

**Great Crested Grebe** *Podiceps c cristatus*

1 Oct 1 Chardara lake; 3 Oct 3 Kyzylkol lake and 2 Twentyseventh Razezd lake

**Black-necked Grebe** *Podiceps n nigricollis*

1-3 Oct max 400 per day Kyzylkol lake

**European Honey Buzzard** *Pernis apivorus*

23 Sep 1, 29 Sep 1 and 4 Oct 4 Dzhabagly  
**Note:** 4 unidentified *Pernis* on 22 Sep at Dzhabagly

**Crested Honey Buzzard** *Pernis ptilorhyncus orientalis*

4 Oct 1 juv Dzhabagly  
**Note:** 4 unidentified *Pernis* on 22 Sep at Dzhabagly

**Black-eared/Black Kite** *Milvus migrans/ lineatus* intergrades

On 22 Sep-10 Oct 1041 (595 on 29 Sep) Dzhabagly; 24 Sep 1 Malikent pass; 27 Sep 5 Chokpak pass; 27-28 Sep max 20 per day Ters Asthibulak lake; 30 Sep- 1 Oct max 5 per day Chardara lake; 1 Oct 10 between Chardara and Kyzylkol lakes, and 2 Oct Kyzylkol lake



Oriental Honey Buzzard *P ptilorhyncus orientalis* juv  
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**White-tailed Eagle** *Haliaeetus a albicilla*

2-3 Oct 1 juv Kyzylkol lake

**Lammergeier** *Gypaetus barbatus aureus*

22 Sep- 10 Oct 1 ad Dzhabagly; 24 Sep 1 Malikent pass and 1 Aksu canyon

**Eurasian Griffon Vulture** *Gyps f fulvus*

9 Oct 1 ad and 10 Oct 1 imm Dzhabagly  
**Note:** 5 unidentified *Gyps fulvus/himalayensis* between 22 Sep and 9 Oct at Dzhabagly and Malikent pass

**Himalayan Griffon Vulture** *Gyps himalayensis*

22-23 Sep 1 juv Dzhabagly and 24 Sep 1 ad Aksu canyon

**Note:** 5 unidentified *Gyps fulvus/himalayensis* between 22 Sep and 9 Oct at Dzhabagly and Malikent pass

**Eurasian Black Vulture** *Aegypius monachus*

23 Sep-10 Oct max 11 per day Dzhabagly (some migrating) and 30 Sep 1 Kazgurt pass

**Short-toed Eagle** *Circaetus gallicus*

22 Sep-10 Oct 18 Dzhabagly

**Western Marsh Harrier** *Circus a aeruginosus*

22 Sep 1 between Chimkent and Dzhabagly; 25 Sep-9 Oct 11 Dzhabagly; 28 Sep 1 Ters Asthibulak lake; 1 Oct 2 Chardara lake, 2-3 Oct max 2 per day Kyzylkol lake and 2 Twentyseventh Razezd lake. All juveniles.

**Hen Harrier** *Circus c cyaneus*

23 Sep-10 Oct 26 Dzhabagly; 28 Sep 1 Koksay canyon; 1 Oct 1 between Chardara and Kyzylkol lake; 3 Oct 2 Kyzylkol lake and 10 Oct 3 Malikent pass

**Note:** c 75 unidentified *Circus cyaneus/macrourus/pygargus*, mainly at Dzhabagly

**Pallid Harrier** *Circus macrourus*

22 Sep-10 Oct 44 (11 on 26 Sep) Dzhabagly; 24 Sep 1 Malikent pass; 27 Sep 7 Chokpak pass and 3 Ters Asthibulak; 28 Sep 5 between Ters Asthibulak and Koksay canyon, and 2 Oct 1 Kyzylkol lake

**Note:** c 75 unidentified *Circus cyaneus/macrourus/pygargus*, mainly at Dzhabagly

**Montagu's Harrier** *Circus pygargus*

25 Sep 1, 4 Oct 3 and 6 Oct 1 Dzhabagly. All juveniles

**Note:** c 75 unidentified *Circus cyaneus/macrourus/pygargus*, mainly at Dzhabagly

**Northern Goshawk** *Accipiter gentilis*

22 Sep-9 Oct total 7 Dzhabagly

**Eurasian Sparrowhawk** *Accipiter nisus*

22 Sep-9 Oct 1082 (380 on 29 Sep) Dzhabagly; 24 Sep 50 Malikent pass and Aksu canyon

27 Sep 150 Chokpak pass; 28 Sep 125 between Ters Asthibulak and Koksay canyon; 1 Oct 1 between Chardara and Kyzylkol lakes; 2 Oct 1 Kyzylkol lake; 3 Oct 1 between Kyzylkol lake and Taraz, 10 Oct 100 Malikent pass and 11 Oct 3 Talgar valley (incl Talgar national park)

**Common Buzzard** *Buteo buteo vulpinus*

22 Sep-10 Oct 413 (262 on 4 Oct) Dzhabagly; 24 Sep 2 Malikent pass; 27 Sep 10 Chokpak pass; 28 Sep 2 between Ters Asthibulak and Koksay canyon, and 1 Oct 1 Chardara lake and 2 between Chardara and Kyzylkol lakes

**Note:** tens of unidentified *Buteo* at Dzhabagly

**Long-legged Buzzard** *Buteo r rufinus*

22 Sep-10 October 630 (223 on 10 Oct) Dzhabagly; 24 Sep 10 Malikent pass; 27 Sep 5 Chokpak pass and 2 Ters Asthibulak; 28 Sep 75 between Ters Asthibulak and Koksay canyon; 30 Sep 5 between Dzhabagly and Chardara lake; 1 Oct 30 between Chardara and Kyzylkol lakes; 3 Oct 10 between Kyzylkol lake and Taraz; 3 Oct 1 Twentyseventh Razezd lake and 11 Oct 3 Talgar valley

**Note:** tens of unidentified *Buteo* at Dzhabagly



Long-legged Buzzard *Buteo r rufinus* juv Dzhabagly  
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**Greater Spotted Eagle** *Aquila clanga*

22 Sep 1 subad Dzhabagly; 27 Sep 1 juv (*fulvescens* type) and 1 ad Chokpak pass; 4 Oct 1 juv and 8 Oct 1 juv (both *fulvescens* types) Dzhabagly and 10 Oct 1 juv Malikent pass

**Note:** hundreds unidentified *Aquila clanga* *nipalensis/heliaca* at Dzhabagly

**Booted Eagle** *Aquila pennata*

22 Sep-10 Oct 12 (2 light morphs) Dzhabagly

**Golden Eagle** *Aquila chrysaetos canadensis*

22 Sep-10 Oct max 3 per day Dzhabagly; 24 Sep and 10 October max 3 per day Malikent pass and 28 Sep 4 Koksay canyon

**Steppe Eagle** *Aquila nipalensis*

22 Sep 8 between Chimkent and Turar Ryskulov; 22 Sep-10 Oct 1038 (204 on 10 Oct) Dzhabagly; 24 Sep 10 Malikent pass; 27 Sep 10 Chokpak pass and 4 Ters Asthibulak;

28 Sep 50 between Ters Asthibulak and Koksay canyon; 30 Sep 2 between Dzhabagly and Chardara lake and 1 Oct 3 between Chardara and Kyzylkol lakes

**Note:** hundreds unidentified *Aquila clanga* *nipalensis/heliaca* at Dzhabagly

**Eastern Imperial Eagle** *Aquila heliaca*

25 Sep-10 Oct 16 (6 on 10 Oct) Dzhabagly and 2 Oct 1 Kyzylkol lake

**Note:** hundreds unidentified *Aquila clanga* *nipalensis/heliaca* at Dzhabagly

**Osprey** *Pandion h haliaetus*

22 Sep 1, 29 Sep 1 and 4 Oct 1 Dzhabagly

**Lesser Kestrel** *Falco naumanni*

23 Sep-4 Oct 346 (300 on 25 Sep) Dzhabagly; 24 Sep 50 Malikent pass; 27 Sep 4 Chokpak pass; 28 Sep 10 route between Ters Asthibulak and Koksay canyon and 2-3 Oct max 1 per day Kyzylkol lake

**Note:** c 600 unidentified *Falco naumanni* *tinunculus*, mainly at Dzhabagly

**Common Kestrel** *Falco t tinunculus*

24 Sep-10 Oct 27 Dzhabagly; 24 Sep 2 Malikent pass; 27 Sep 3 Chokpak pass; 28 Sep 2 between Ters Asthibulak and Koksay canyon, and 3 Oct 1 Kyzylkol lake

**Note:** c 600 unidentified *Falco naumanni* *tinunculus*, mainly at Dzhabagly

**Merlin** *Falco columbarius*

*pallidus* 10 October 1 male Dzhabagly  
unidentified ssp 25 Sep 3 Dzhabagly

**Eurasian Hobby** *Falco s subbuteo*

22 Sep-10 Oct 391 (75 on 25 Sep) Dzhabagly; 24 Sep 50 Malikent pass; 27 Sep 150 and 3 Oct 2 Chokpak pass; 28 Sep 100 between Ters Asthibulak and Koksay canyon; 30 Sep 1 Chardara lake and 1 Oct Kyzylkol lake

**Saker Falcon** *Falco cherrug*

25 Sep 1 ad and 9 Oct 1 juv Dzhabagly and 28 Sep 2 ad Koksay canyon

**Spotted Crake** *Porzana porzana*

27 Sep 1 Chokpak pass

**Eurasian Coot** *Fulica a atra*

1-3 Oct max 2000 per day Kyzylkol lake and 3 Oct 10 Twentyseventh Razezd lake

**Common Crane** *Grus grus liffordi*  
2 Oct 12 and 3 Oct 7 Kyzylkol lake

**Demoiselle Crane** *Grus virgo*  
2 Oct 52 Kyzylkol lake

**Little Bustard** *Tetrax tetrax*  
3 Oct 1 Kyzylkol lake  
9 Oct 6 (flock) Dzhabagly

**Black-winged Stilt** *Himantopus h himantopus*  
28 Sep 3 Ters Asthibulak lake and 2-3 Oct 2 Kyzylkol lake

**Pied Avocet** *Recurvirostra avosetta*  
28 Sep 30 Ters Asthibulak lake; 1-3 Oct max 10 per day Kyzylkol lake and 3 Oct 7 Sorkol lake

**Little Ringed Plover** *Charadrius dubius curonicus*  
3 Oct 1 Kyzylkol lake

**Common Ringed Plover** *Charadrius hiaticula tundrae*  
28 Sep 5 Ters Asthibulak lake; 1-3 Oct max 20 per day Kyzylkol lake and 3 Oct 20 Sorkol lake

**Kentish Plover** *Charadrius a alexandrinus*  
28 Sep 2 Ters Asthibulak lake; 1 Oct 4 Chardara lake and 3 Oct 2 Kyzylkol lake

**Grey Plover** *Pluvialis s squatarola*  
3 Oct 2 Kyzylkol lake

**Northern Lapwing** *Vanellus vanellus*  
27 Sep 200 Ters Asthibulak lake; 28 Sep 1000 between Ters Asthibulak lake and Koksay canyon; 30 Sep 50 Chardara lake and 1-3 Oct max 50 per day Kyzylkol lake; 10 Oct 1 Dzhabagly

**Little Stint** *Calidris minuta*  
28 Sep 60 Ters Asthibulak lake; 1-3 Oct max 40 per day Kyzylkol lake and 3 Oct 80 Sorkol lake

**Curlew Sandpiper** *Calidris ferruginea*  
28 Sep 3 juv Ters Asthibulak lake and 2 Oct heard Kyzylkol lake

**Dunlin** *Calidris a alpina*  
28 Sep 10 Ters Asthibulak lake; 1-3 Oct max 10 per day Kyzylkol lake and 3 Oct 40 Sorkol lake

**Ruff** *Philomachus pugnax*  
28 Sep 100 Ters Asthibulak lake; 1 Oct 3 Chardara lake; 1-3 Oct max 50 per day Kyzylkol lake and 3 Oct 40 Sorkol lake

**Common Snipe** *Gallinago g gallinago*  
27 Sep 3 Chokpak pass; 1 Oct 1 Kyzylkol lake and 10 Oct 1 Dzhabagly  
**Note:** one unidentified *Gallinago* at Malikent pass on 24 Sep

**Black-tailed Godwit** *Limosa l limosa*  
28 Sep 75 Ters Asthibulak lake

**Eurasian Curlew** *Numenius arquata*  
2-3 Oct 1 Kyzylkol lake

**Common Sandpiper** *Actitis hypoleuca*  
23 Sep 1 Dzhabagly

**Green Sandpiper** *Tringa ochropus*  
28 Sep 1 Akbiyk

**Spotted Redshank** *Tringa erythropus*  
2-3 Oct 2 Kyzylkol lake

**Common Greenshank** *Tringa nebularia*  
28 Sep 80 Ters Astbulak lake and 1-3 Oct max 100 per day Kyzylkol lake

**Marsh Sandpiper** *Tringa stagnatilis*  
2 Oct 1 Kyzylkol lake and 20 Sorkol lake

**Wood Sandpiper** *Tringa glareola*  
28 Sep 40 Ters Asthibulak lake and 1-3 Oct 10 Kyzylkol lake

**Common Redshank** *Tringa totanus ussuriensis*  
28 Sep 100 Ters Asthibulak lake; 1 Oct 2 Chardara lake; 1-3 Oct 100 Kyzylkol lake and 3 Oct 20 Sorkol lake

**Red-necked Phalarope** *Phalaropus lobatus*  
1-3 Oct max 3000 per day Kyzylkol lake and 3 Oct 200 Sorkol lake

**Little Gull** *Larus minutus*  
28 Sep 2 juv Ters Astbibulak

**Black-headed Gull** *Larus ridibundus*  
28 Sep 200 Ters Astbilulak lake; 30 Sep 200 Chardara lake; 1 Oct 25 Chardara lake and 5 between Chardara and Kyzylkol lakes and 1-3 Oct max 5000 per day Kyzylkol lake

**Pallas's Gull** *Larus ichthyaetus*  
28 Sep 10 Ters Asthibulak lake and 1 Oct 25 Chardara lake

**Heuglin's Gull** *Larus heuglini barabensis*  
1 Oct 10 Chardara lake and 1-3 Oct max 20 per day Kyzylkol lake  
**Note:** 3 unidentified large *Larus* between 25 Sep and 9 October at Dzhabagly

**Caspian Gull** *Larus cachinnans*

28 Sep 2 Ters Asthibulak lake; 30 Sep 100 Chardara lake; 1 Oct 200 Chardara lake; 1-3 Oct max 30 per day Kyzylkol lake and 10 Oct 9 Malikent pass

**Note:** 3 unidentified large *Larus* between 25 Sep and 9 October at Dzhabagly

**Caspian Tern** *Hydroprogne caspia*

1 Oct 40 Chardara lake

**White-winged Tern** *Chlidonias leucopterus*

28 Sep 2 juv Ters Astbibulak lake

**Black-bellied Sandgrouse** *Pterocles orientalis*

2-3 October max 4 per day Kyzylkol lake

**Rock Dove** *Columbia livia/forma domestica*

22 Sep-10 Oct common Dzhabagly and 28 Sep 10 Koksay canyon

**Stock Dove** *Columba oenas*

24 Sep 2 Malikent pass; 25 Sep 3 and 29 Sep 15 Dzhabagly and 1 Oct 5 between Chardara and Kyzylkol lakes

**Yellow-eyed Dove** *Columba eversmanni*

29 Sep 1 Dzhabagly

**Common Wood Pigeon** *Columba palumbus*

26 Sep 3, 27 Sep 11 and 9 Oct 2 Dzhabagly; 27 Sep 100 Chokpak pass and 30 Sep 10 between Dzhabagly and Chardara lake

**Eurasian Collared Dove** *Streptopelia d decaocto*

22 Sep-10 Oct common Dzhabagly; 28 Sep common between Dzhabagly and Koksay canyon; 30 Sep common between Dzhabagly and Chardara lake; 1 Oct common between Chardara and Kyzylkol lakes, and 3 Oct common between Kyzylkol lake and Taraz

**European Turtle Dove** *Streptopelia turtur*

24 Sep 1 Malikent pass and 4 Oct 3 Dzhabagly

**Note:** part of the 9 unidentified *Streptopelia* at Dzhabagly could have referred to this species

**Oriental Turtle Dove** *Streptopelia orientalis meena*

23 Sep-9 Oct 27 (max 10 on 25 Sep) Dzhabagly; 24 Sep 5 and 10 Oct 1 Malikent pass and 28 Sep 7 between Ters Asthibulak lake and Koksay canyon

**Note:** part of the 9 unidentified *Streptopelia* at Dzhabagly could have referred to this species

**Laughing Dove** *Streptopelia senegalensis ermanni*

22 Sep-10 Oct max 10 per day Dzhabagly (5 on 4 Oct seemed to be migrants); 28 Sep several between Dzhabagly and Koksay canyon;

30 Sep several between Dzhabagly and Chardara lake; 1 Oct several between Chardara en Kyzylkol lakes, and 3 Oct several between Kyzylkol lake and Taraz



Oriental Turtle Dove *S orientalis meena* juv Malikent pass October 2008 Patrick Palmen

**Little Owl** *Athene noctua bactriana*

2 Oct 1 Kyzylkol lake

**Common Swift** *Apus apus*

25 Sep 1 Dzhabagly

**Alpine Swift** *Apus melba tuneti*

25 Sep-10 Oct 42 (32 on 4 Oct) Dzhabagly and 27 Sep 28 Chokpak pass

**Common Kingfisher** *Alcedo a atthis*

25 Sep and 4 October 1 Dzhabagly; 1 Oct 3 Chardara lake and 3 Oct 3 Twentyseventh Razedd lake

**Blue-cheeked Bee-eater** *Merops p persicus*

25 Sep-5 Oct 211 (100 on 30 Sep) Dzhabagly; 27 Sep 20 Chokpak pass and 8 Ters Asthibulak; 1 Oct 30 between Chardara and Kyzylkol lakes, and 2 Oct 100 Kyzylkol lake

**European Bee-eater** *Merops apiaster*

25-30 Sep 88 (45 on 25 Sep) Dzhabagly, and 27 Sep 20 Chokpak pass and 40 Ters Asthibulak

**European Roller** *Coracias garrulus*

28 Sep 2 Ters Asthibulak; 30 Sep 2 between Dzhabagly and Chardara lake; 1 Oct 5 between Chardara and Kyzylkol lakes; 3 Oct 5 between Kyzylkol lake and Taraz, and 4, 9 and 10 Oct 1 Dzhabagly



**Eurasian Hoopoe** *Upupa e epops*

25 Sep 1 Dzhabagly; 30 Sep 1 Akbiyk and 1 Oct 1 between Chardara and Kyzylkol lakes

**White-winged Woodpecker** *Dendrocopus leucopterus*

22-29 Sep max 2 Dzhabagly

**Calandra Lark** *Melanocorypha calandra psammochroa*

22 Sep 10 between Chimkent and Akbiyk; 25 Sep 5 Dzhabagly and 1-3 Oct max 150 per day Kyzylkol lake

**Greater Short-toed Lark** *Calandrella brachydactyla longipennis*

28 Sep 15 Ters Asthibulak and heard between Ters Asthibulak and Koksay canyon; 1-3 Oct 10 Kyzylkol lake and 4 Oct 6 Dzhabagly

**Lesser Short-toed Lark** *Calandrella rufescens heinei*

1-3 max daily total 500 Kyzylkol lake

**Crested Lark** *Galerida cristata*

28 Sep 1 Ters Asthibulak lake; 30 Sep 1 Kazgurt pass and 2 Chardara lake; 30 Sep-1 Oct max 4 per day Chardara lake; 1 Oct 10 between Chardara and Kyzylkol lakes; 1-3 Oct max 6 per day Kyzylkol lake and 11 Oct 1 Almaty

**Eurasian Skylark** *Alauda arvensis dulcivox*

23 Sep-8 Oct max 20 per day Dzhabagly; 28 Sep 1 Koksay valley; 3 Oct 5 Kyzylkol lake and 10 Oct 7 Malikent pass

**Sand Martin** *Riparia riparia*

23-26 Sep 7 Dzhabagly

**Note:** 44 unidentified *Riparia* (41 at Dzhabagly)

**Pale Sand Martin** *Riparia diluta*

25-26 Sep 2 Dzhabagly

**Note:** 44 unidentified *Riparia* (41 at Dzhabagly)

**Barn Swallow** *Hirundo r rustica*

23 Sep-9 Oct common (50.000 on 26 Sep) Dzhabagly; 24 Sep at least 1000 Malikent pass; 27 Sep 1000 Chokpak pass and hundreds Ters Asthibulak; 28 Sep 1000 between Dzhabagly and Koksay canyon; 30 Sep common between Dzhabagly and Chardara lake; 1 Oct common between Chardara and Kyzylkol lakes; 1-3 Oct common Kyzylkol lake; 3 Oct common between Kyzylkol lake and Taraz, and 10 Oct 1 Aksu canyon

**Common House Martin** *Delichon u urbicum*

24 Sep 1 Malikent pass and 25 Sep-9 Oct 6 Dzhabagly

**Richard's Pipit** *Anthus richardi*

4 Oct 1 Dzhabagly, a very rare species in southern Kazakhstan.

**Tawny Pipit** *Anthus campestris*

24 Sep 1 Malikent pass; 24 Sep 4 and 26 Sep 1 Dzhabagly; 27 Sep 4 Chokpak pass and 3 Oct 1 Kyzylkol lake

**Tree Pipit** *Anthus trivialis*

23 Sep-10 Oct 125 (30 on 25 Sep) Dzhabagly; 24 Sep 1 Malikent pass; 27 Sep 40 Chokpak pass; 28 Sep 10 between Ters Asthibulak and Koksay canyon; 1 Oct 2 between Chardara and Kyzylkol lakes, and 2-3 Oct 20 Kyzylkol lake

**Meadow Pipit** *Anthus pratensis*

23 Sep-4 Oct max 30 per day Dzhabagly, and 27 Sep 40 Chokpak pass and 20 Ters Asthibulak

**Red-throated Pipit** *Anthus cervinus*

1 Oct 1 Chardara lake

**Water Pipit** *Anthus spinoletta blakistoni*

23 Sep-10 Oct max 398 per day Dzhabagly; 24 Sep 5 Malikent pass and 2-3 Oct max 50 per day Kyzylkol lake

**Blue-headed Wagtail** *Motacilla flava (beema)*

25 Sep 1 Dzhabagly; 2 Oct 5 and 3 October 1 Kyzylkol lake (only males identified)

**Note:** hundreds of unidentified yellow *Motacilla*

**Grey-headed Wagtail** *Motacilla thunbergi*

25 Sep 1 Dzhabagly and 2 Oct 1 Kyzylkol lake (only males identified), the latter being the latest autumn record (and the first in October) in Kazakhstan

**Note:** hundreds of unidentified yellow *Motacilla*

**Grey Wagtail** *Motacilla c cinerea*

24 Sep 6 Malikent pass; 26 Sep-10 Oct max 10 per day Dzhabagly and 3 Oct 1 Sorkol lake

**White Wagtail** *Motacilla a alba*

24 Sep 3 Malikent pass; 24 Sep- 6 Oct max 13 per day Dzhabagly; 27 Sep 1 Chokpak pass; 28 Sep 50 between Ters Asthibulak and Koksay canyon; 1 Oct 10 Chardara lake and 10 between Chardara and Kyzylkol lakes and 1-3 Oct max 500 per day Kyzylkol lake

**Note:** hundreds of unidentified white *Motacilla*

**Masked Wagtail** *Motacilla personata*

23 Sep-10 Oct max 11 per day Dzhabagly; 24 Sep 1 and 10 Oct 2 Malikent pass and 3 Oct 2 Kyzylkol lake

**Note:** hundreds of unidentified white *Motacilla*

**White-throated Dipper** *Cinclus cinclus leucogaster*  
28 Sep 1 Koksay canyon

**Winter Wren** *Troglodytes troglodytes tianschanicus*  
24 Sep 1 and 5 Oct 2 Dzhabagly and 11 Oct 3 Talgar national park

**Bluethroat** *Luscinia svecica*  
23 Sep-5 Oct max 10 per day Dzhabagly; 24 Sep 1 Malikent pass; 27 Sep 1 Chokpak pass and 1 Ters Asthibulak; 28 Sep 1 Akbiyk; 1-3 Oct max 25 per day Kyzylkol lake and 3 Oct 10 Sorkol lake

**Eversmann's Redstart** *Phoenicurus erythronotus*  
11 Oct one male Talgar national park

**Blue-capped Redstart** *Phoenicurus coeruleocephalus*  
24 Sep and 5 Oct one pair Dzhabagly and 11 Oct a pair Talgar national park

**Black Redstart** *Phoenicurus ochruros phoenicuroides*  
1 Oct 2 Syrdary valley (crossing bridge to Arys); 2-3 Oct max 40 per day Kyzylkol lake; 3 Oct 3 Sorkol lake and 5 Oct 2 Dzhabagly



Black Redstart *P ochruros phoenicuroides* ad male  
Kyzylkol lake October 2008 *Arend Wassink*

**Siberian Stonechat** *Saxicola maurus*  
23 Sep-6 Oct max 150 per day Dzhabagly; 24 Sep 5 Malikent pass; 28 Sep 1 between Ters Asthibulak and Koksay canyon; 30 Sep 5 between Dzhabagly and Chardara lake; 1-3 Oct max 5 per day Kyzylkol lake and 3 Oct 2 Sorkol lake

**Isabelline Wheatear** *Oenanthe isabellina*  
25 Sep 2, 26 Sep 1 and 4 Oct 1 Dzhabagly; 28 Sep 1 Koksay valley; 30 Sep 2 Chardara lake and 1 and 3 Oct 1 Kyzylkol lake

**Pied Wheatear** *Oenanthe pleschanka*  
23 Sep-6 Oct max 100 per day (incl a male pale-throated ('vittata') morph on 25 Sep); 24 Sep 30 and 10 Oct 4 Malikent pass; 28 Sep 1 between Ters Asthibulak and Koksay canyon; 30 Sep 1 Chardara lake and 1-3 Oct max 10 per day Kyzylkol lake (one predated by Steppe Grey Shrike *Lanius pallidirostris* on 2 Oct)



Pied Wheatear *O pleschanka* first-winter male pale-throated ('vittata') morph Dzhabagly September 2008  
*Justin Jansen*

**Desert Wheatear** *Oenanthe deserti atrogularis*  
1-3 Oct max 6 per day Kyzylkol lake

**Common Blackbird** *Turdus merula intermedius*  
25 Sep-6 Oct max 3 per day Dzhabagly and 11 Oct 3 Talgar valley

**Black-throated Thrush** *Turdus atrogularis*  
23 Sep-10 Oct max 50 per day Dzhabagly; 27 Sep 3 Chokpak pass; 2 Oct 3 Kyzylkol lake; 3 Oct 3 Sorkol lake; 10 Oct 1 Aksu canyon and 1 Malikent pass, and 11 Oct 200 Talgar valley

**Mistle Thrush** *Turdus viscivorus bonapartei*  
10 Oct 1 Aksu canyon and 11 Oct 1 Talgar valley

**Cetti's Warbler** *Cettia cetti albiventris*  
2-3 Oct max 5 per day Kyzylkol lake

**Paddyfield Warbler** *Acrocephalus agricola*  
3 Oct 1 Kyzylkol lake

**Blyth's Reed Warbler** *Acrocephalus dumetorum*  
24 Sep-7 Oct max 10 per day Dzhabagly; 28 Sep 3 Akbiyk; 1 Oct 2 between Chardara and Kyzylkol lakes, and 1-3 Oct max 3 per day Kyzylkol lake

**Lesser Whitethroat** *Sylvia curruca halimodendri* 23 Sep-9 Oct max 50 per day 28 Sep 2 Akbiyk; 2-3 Oct max 100 per day Kyzylkol lake

*curruca (blythi)* 23 Sep-9 Oct max 5 per day Dzhabagly; 2-3 October max 5 per day Kyzylkol lake

unidentified ssp 1 October 10 between Chardara and Kyzylkol lakes and 3 Oct 2 Sorkol lake



Lesser Whitethroat *S curruca halimodendri* Kyzylkol lake October 2008  
Arend Wassink

**Common Whitethroat** *Sylvia communis*  
25 Sep 1 Dzhabagly

**Greenish Warbler** *Phylloscopus trochiloides viridanus*  
23-1 Oct max 3 per day Dzhabagly



Greenish Warbler *P trochiloides* first-winter Dzhabagly  
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**Hume's Leaf Warbler** *Phylloscopus humei*  
22 Sep-10 Oct max 45 per day Dzhabagly; 27 Sep 1 Chokpak pass and 1 Ters Asthibulak lake; 28 Sep 1 Koksay canyon; 30 Sep 1 Chardara lake; 1-3 Oct max 10 per day Kyzylkol lake; 3 Oct 1 Taraz and 11 Oct 3 Talgar valley

**Common Chiffchaff** *Phylloscopus collybita tristis*  
22 Sep-10 Oct max 200 per day Dzhabagly; 24 Sep 10 Malikent pass; 27 Sep 5 Chokpak pass and 75 Ters Asthibulak lake; 28 Sep 50 between Ters Asthibulak lake and Koksay canyon; 1 Oct common between Chardara and Kyzylkol lakes, and tens Kyzylkol lake; 1-3 Oct max 200 per day

Kyzylkol lake; 3 Oct 30 Sorkol lake and several Taraz, and 11 Oct tens Talgar valley

**Goldcrest** *Regulus regulus tristis*  
11 Oct 1 Talgar national park

**Spotted Flycatcher** *Muscicapa striata*  
22-27 Sep max 5 per day Dzhabagly

**Bearded Reedling** *Panurus biarmicus russicus*  
3 Oct 35 Kyzylkol lake and 7 Oct 36 Dzhabagly

**Yellow-breasted Tit** *Cyanistes flavipectus*  
23 Sep-9 Oct max 10 per day Dzhabagly

**Turkestan Tit** *Parus bokharensis ferghanensis*  
23 Sep-7 Oct max 6 per day Dzhabagly (+ at least 2 hybrids x Great Tit *P major*) and 1 Oct 6 Syrdarya valley (crossing bridge to Arys)

**Great Tit** *Parus m major*  
24 Sep-3 Oct 1 Dzhabagly (+ at least 2 hybrids x Turkestan Tit *P bokharensis*); 28 Sep 1 Ters Asthibulak lake; 03 Oct 1 Taraz and 11 Oct tens Talgar valley

**Coal Tit** *Periparus ater rufipectus*  
11 Oct 15 Talgar valley

**Songar Tit** *Poecile s songara*  
11 Oct 6 Talgar national park

**Wallcreeper** *Tichodroma muraria nepalensis*  
10 Oct 1 Malikent pass

**Eurasian Treecreeper** *Certhia familiaris tianschanica*  
11 October 1 Talgar national park

**penduline tit** *Remiz*  
25 Sep-10 Oct 10 Dzhabagly; 2 Oct 8 and 3 Oct 35 Kyzylkol lake and 3 Oct 1 Sorkol lake  
Mainly migrating birds, only few juveniles with obvious pale wingpanels observed. These probably referred to Eurasian Penduline Tit *R p jaxarcticus*

**Daurian Shrike** *Lanius isabellinus*  
30 Sep 3 Chardara lake; 1 Oct 53 between Chardara and Kyzylkol lakes; 1-3 Oct max 15 per day Kyzylkol lake and 4 Oct 2 Dzhabagly

**Steppe Grey Shrike** *Lanius pallidirostris*  
2 Oct 3 Kyzylkol lake (first-winter)



Daurian Shrike ad male *L. isabellinus* Kyzylkol lake  
October 2008 Arend Wassink



Steppe Grey Shrike *L. pallidirostris* first-winter Kyzylkol  
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**Eurasian Magpie** *Pica pica bactrianus*

22 Sep-10 Oct max 20 per day Dzhabagly (some seemed to be migrants); 24 Sep and 10 Oct common Malikent pass; 27 Sep common Chokpak pass and Ters Asthibulak lake; 28 Sep common between Dzhabagly and Koksay canyon; 30 Sep common between Dzhabagly and Chardara lake; 1 Oct common between Chardara and Kyzylkol lakes; 3 Oct 5 Kyzylkol lake and several between Kyzylkol lake and Taraz, and 11 Oct several Talgar valley

**Western Jackdaw** *Corvus monedula soemmerringii*

22 Sep tens between Chimkent and Dzhabagly; 24 Sep 30 and 11 Oct common Malikent pass; 24 Sep-10 Oct max >100.000 per day (8-9 Oct) Dzhabagly; 27 Sep hundreds Chokpak pass and Ters Asthibulak lake; 28 Sep common between Dzhabagly and Koksay canyon; 30 Sep common between Dzhabagly and Chardara lake; 1 Oct common Chardara lake and between Chardara and Kyzylkol lakes; 3 Oct 80 between Kyzylkol lake and Taraz, and 11 Oct common Talgar valley

**Note:** 10.000's unidentified *Corvus* at Dzhabagly on 6-7 Oct

**Rook** *Corvus f. frugilegus*

24 Sep 100 and 10 Oct common Malikent pass; 24 Sep-10 Oct max >100.000 per day (8-9 Oct) Dzhabagly; 27 Sep 500 Chokpak pass; 28 Sep common between Dzhabagly and Koksay canyon; 30 Sep common between Dzhabagly and Chardara lake; 1 Oct common Chardara lake and between Chardara and Kyzylkol lakes; 2-3 Oct max daily total 20 Kyzylkol lake; 03 Oct hundreds between Kyzylkol lake and Dzhabagly, and 11 Oct common Talgar valley

**Note:** 10.000's unidentified *Corvus* at Dzhabagly on 6-7 Oct

**Carrion Crow** *Corvus corone orientalis*

23 Sep-9 Oct max 30 per day Dzhabagly (also migrating); 24 Sep 10 Malikent pass; 27 Sep some between Dzhabagly and Ters Asthibulak lake; 28 Sep small numbers between Dzhabagly and Koksay canyon; 30 Sep some etween Dzhabagly and Chardara lake; 1 Oct 50 Chardara lake and tens between Chardara and Kyzylkol lakes; 2 Oct 5 Kyzylkol lake; 3 Oct 100 between Kyzylkol lake and Dzhabagly, and 11 Oct Talgar valley

**Note:** 10.000's unidentified *Corvus* at Dzhabagly on 6-7 Oct

**Hooded Crow** *Corvus cornix sharpii*

22 Sep-9 Oct 829 (742 on 6-9 Oct) Dzhabagly; 24 Sep 10 and 10 Oct 70 Malikent pass; 27 Sep 25 Chokpak pass; 30 Sep 5 between Dzhabagly and Chardara lake; 1 Oct 1 Chardara lake and 7 between Chardara and Kyzylkol lakes, and 3 Oct 1 Kyzylkol lake and several between Kyzylkol lake and Dzhabagly

**Note:** 10.000's unidentified *Corvus* at Dzhabagly on 6-7 Oct

**Common Raven** *Corvus corax tibetanus*

24 Sep 1 Malikent pass and 26 Sep-8 Oct max 5 per day Dzhabagly

**Common Starling** *Sturnus vulgaris*

26 Sep-10 Oct max 95 per day Dzhabagly; 27 Sep 3 Ters Asthibulak lake; 28 Sep 1 between Ters Asthibulak and Koksay canyon; 30 Sep 25 Turar Ryskulov; 1 Oct 1 between Chardara and Kyzylkol lakes; 2 Oct 200 Kyzylkol lake and 3 Oct 2000 Twenty-seventh Razezd lake and several elsewhere between Kyzylkol lake and Dzhabagly

**Rose-coloured Starling** *Sturnus roseus*

28 Sep 1 ad Akbiyk and 2 ad Ters Asthibulak lake and 30 Sep 2 juv Turar Ryskulov

**Common Myna** *Acridotheres t. tristis*

22 Sep-10 Oct max 100 per day Dzhabagly (also migrating); 24 Sep 10 Malikent pass; 27 Sep common between Dzhabagly and Ters

Asthibulak; 28 Sep common between Dzhabagly and Koksay canyon; 30 Sep common between Dzhabagly and Chardara lake; 1 Oct common between Chardara and Kyzylkol lakes; 1 Oct common between Kyzylkol lake and Dzhabagly and 11 Oct several Almaty

**House Sparrow** *Passer domesticus bactrianus* 23 Sep-10 Oct max 120 per day Dzhabagly; 1 Oct common between Chardara and Kyzylkol lakes; 2-3 Oct max 300 per day Kyzylkol lake; 03 Oct several between Kyzylkol lake and Dzhabagly and 10 Oct some Malikent pass  
*domesticus* 11 Oct several small flocks Almaty

**Spanish Sparrow** *Passer hispaniolensis transcaspicus*  
26 Sep-10 Oct max 174 per day Dzhabagly

**Rock Sparrow** *Petronia petronia*  
10 Oct 1 Dzhabagly

**Eurasian Tree Sparrow** *Passer montanus dilutus*  
23 Sep max 215 per day Dzhabagly; 24 Sep 1 Malikent pass and 1 Oct common between Chardara and Kyzylkol lakes



Spanish Sparrow *P hispaniolensis* male Dzhabagly September 2008 Arend Wassink

**Common Chaffinch** *Fringilla c coelebs*  
27 Sep 10 Chokpak pass; 29 Sep-10 Oct max >1000 per day (10 Oct) Dzhabagly; 3 Oct 3 Kyzylkol lake and 11 Oct >1000 Talgar valley

**Brambling** *Fringilla montifringilla*  
25 Sep-10 Oct max >100 per day (10 Oct) Dzhabagly; 27 Sep 10 Chokpak pass; 2-3 Oct max 100 per day Kyzylkol lake and 11 Oct >100 Talgar valley

**European Greenfinch** *Chloris chloris turkestanicus*  
1 Oct 1 Syrdarya valley (crossing bridge to Arys)

**European Goldfinch** *Carduelis carduelis*  
29 Sep 1, 4 Oct 6 and 7 Oct 1 Dzhabagly

**Eurasian Siskin** *Carduelis spinus*  
9 Oct 3 and 10 Oct 5 Dzhabagly and 10 Oct 2 Malikent pass

**Common Linnet** *Carduelis cannabina bella*  
25 Sep-10 Oct max 40 per day Dzhabagly and 1 Oct 1 and 3 Oct 10 Kyzylkol lake

**Desert Finch** *Rhodospiza obsoleta*  
2-3 Oct max 100 per day Kyzylkol lake and 9 Oct 106 Dzhabagly

**Common Rosefinch** *Carpodacus erythrurus*  
25 Sep 1 and 29 Sep 1 Dzhabagly, both juv

**Pine Bunting** *Emberiza leucocephalos*  
27 Sep 2 Chokpak pass; 29 Sep-7 Oct max 7 per day Dzhabagly  
**Note:** hybrids regularly identified at Dzhabagly; >1000 unidentified *E leucophalos/ citrinella* (f.i. c1600 at Dzhabagly alone)

**Yellowhammer** *Emberiza citrinella*  
24 Sep 1, 7 Oct 1 and 9 Oct 1 Dzhabagly  
**Note:** hybrids regularly identified at Dzhabagly; >1000 unidentified *E leucophalos/ citrinella* (f.i. c1600 at Dzhabagly alone)

**Rock Bunting** *Emberiza cia par*  
26 Sep-10 Oct 74 (40 on 10 Oct) Dzhabagly; 28 Sep 1 Koksay canyon and 11 Oct 3 Talgar valley



Rock Bunting *E cia par* first-winter Dzhabagly October 2008 Patrick Palmen

**Ortolan Bunting** *Emberiza hortulana*  
25 and 27 Sep 1, 4 Oct 4 and 10 Oct 2 Dzhabagly

**Common Reed Bunting** *Emberiza schoeniclus passerina* 2 Kyzylkol lake  
unidentified ssp 23 and 26 Sep 1, 4 Oct 4 and 10 Oct 2 Dzhabagly; 2-3 Oct max 40 per day Kyzylkol lake and 3 Oct 20 Sorkol lake

**Corn Bunting** *Emberiza calandra*

23 Sep 1 Dzhabagly; 24 Sep 7 Malikent pass; 28 Sep 7 between Ters Asthibulak and Koksay canyon, and 1 Oct 5 between Chardara and Kyzylkol lakes

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