

SNOW LEOPARDS & WILDLIFE OF MONGOLIA TOUR REPORT 2026

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TOUR DIARY TEXT TO FOLLOW SHORTLY!

TOP CREATURES OF THE MAIN TOUR

1st SNOW LEOPARD

2nd PALLAS'S CAT

3rd SAIGA

4th EURASIAN EAGLE-OWL

5th PRZEWALSKI'S HORSE

TOP CREATURES OF THE WILD CAMEL EXTENSION

1st WILD CAMEL

2nd RELICT GULL

3rd= COMMON LONG-EARED HEDGEHOG

3rd= NORTHERN THREE-TOED JERBOA

3rd= STRIPED DWARF HAMSTER

3rd= BACTRIAN CAMEL

SYSTEMATIC LIST OF SPECIES RECORDED

Species marked with the diamond symbol (◊) are either endemic to the country or local region or considered 'special' for some other reason, including being seen on only a few tours.

MAMMALS

Common Long-eared Hedgehog *Hemiechinus auritus*

Siberian Shrew ♦ *Crocidura sibirica*

Snow Leopard ♦ *Uncia uncia*

Pallas's Cat (Manul) ♦ *Otocolobus manul*

Corsac Fox ♦ *Vulpes corsac*

Red Fox *Vulpes vulpes*

Wild Horse ♦ [Przewalski's Horse or Takhi] *Equus [ferus] przewalskii*

Asian Wild Ass [Mongolian Wild Ass or Kulan] ♦ *Equus [hemionus] hemionus*

Wild Camel ♦ *Camelus ferus*

Elk (or Wapiti) ♦ [Siberian Elk or Siberian Wapiti] *Cervus [canadensis] sibiricus*

Siberian (or Asiatic) Ibex *Capra sibirica*

Goitered (or Black-tailed) Gazelle *Gazella subgutturosa*

Argali ♦ *Ovis ammon*

Mongolian Gazelle ♦ *Procapra gutturosa*

Saiga ♦ *Saiga tartarica*

Tolai Hare *Lepus tolai*

Pallas's (or Mongolian) Pika ♦ *Ochotona pallasii*

Tarbagan (or Mongolian) Marmot ♦ *Marmota sibirica*

Long-tailed Ground Squirrel *Spermophilus undulatus*

Northern Three-toed (or Hairy-footed) Jerboa *Dipus sagitta*

Gobi (or Desert) Jerboa ♦ *Orientallactaga bullata*

Siberian (or Mongolian Five-toed) Jerboa ♦ *Orientallactaga sibirica*

Eastern House Mouse *Mus musculus*

Brandt's Vole *Lasiopodomys brandtii*

Striped Dwarf Hamster ♦ *Cricetulus barabensis*

Mongolian Jird (or Mongolian Gerbil) *Meriones unguiculatus*

BIRDS

Tundra Swan ♦ [Bewick's Swan] *Cygnus [columbianus] bewickii*

Whooper Swan *Cygnus cygnus*

Bar-headed Goose ♦ *Anser indicus*

Greylag Goose *Anser anser*

Swan Goose ♦ *Anser cygnoides*

Greater White-fronted Goose ♦ *Anser albrifrons*

Taiga Bean Goose ♦ *Anser fabalis*

Common Shelduck *Tadorna tadorna*

Ruddy Shelduck *Tadorna ferruginea*

Common Goldeneye *Bucephala clangula*

Common Merganser (or Goosander) *Mergus merganser*

Red-crested Pochard *Netta rufina*

Common Pochard *Aythya ferina*

Tufted Duck *Aythya fuligula*

Northern Shoveler *Spatula clypeata*

Gadwall *Mareca strepera*

Eurasian Wigeon *Mareca penelope*

Mallard *Anas platyrhynchos*

Northern Pintail *Anas acuta*

Green-winged Teal *Anas crecca*

Altai Snowcock ♦ *Tetraogallus altaicus*

Daurian Partridge ♦ *Perdix dauurica*

Chukar Partridge *Alectoris chukar*

Horned (or Slavonian) Grebe ♦ *Podiceps auritus*

Great Crested Grebe *Podiceps cristatus*

Black-necked Grebe *Podiceps nigricollis*

Pallas's Sandgrouse ♦ *Syrrhaptes paradoxus*

Oriental (or Rufous) Turtle Dove *Streptopelia orientalis*

Eurasian Collared Dove *Streptopelia decaocto*

Hill Pigeon ♦ *Columba rupestris*

Rock Dove (Rock Pigeon) (feral) *Columba livia*

Common Moorhen *Gallinula chloropus*

Eurasian (or Common) Coot *Fulica atra*

White-naped Crane ♦ *Antigone vipio*

Demoiselle Crane ♦ *Grus virgo*

Common Crane *Grus grus*

Pied Avocet *Recurvirostra avosetta*

Pacific Golden Plover *Pluvialis fulva*

Common Ringed Plover *Charadrius hiaticula*

Little Ringed Plover *Charadrius dubius*

Northern Lapwing *Vanellus vanellus*

Greater Sand Plover *Anarhynchus leschenaultii*

Kentish Plover *Anarhynchus alexandrinus*

Eurasian Curlew *Numenius arquata*

Black-tailed Godwit ♦ [Eastern Black-tailed Godwit] *Limosa [limosa] melanuroides*

Eurasian Woodcock ♦ *Scolopax rusticola*

Common Snipe *Gallinago gallinago*

Common Sandpiper *Actitis hypoleucos*

Green Sandpiper *Tringa ochropus*

Wood Sandpiper *Tringa glareola*

Common Redshank *Tringa totanus*

Spotted Redshank *Tringa erythropus*

Common Greenshank *Tringa nebularia*

Ruddy Turnstone *Arenaria interpres*

Ruff *Calidris pugnax*

Curlew Sandpiper *Calidris ferruginea*

Temminck's Stint *Calidris temminckii*

Sanderling *Calidris alba*

Dunlin *Calidris alpina*

Little Stint *Calidris minuta*

Caspian Tern *Hydroprogne caspia*

Common Tern *Sterna hirundo*

Black-headed Gull *Chroicocephalus ridibundus*

Brown-headed Gull ♦ *Chroicocephalus brunnicephalus*

Pallas's (or Great Black-headed) Gull ♦ *Ichthyaelus ichthyaelus*

Relict Gull ♦ *Ichthyaelus relictus*

Mongolian Gull ♦ *Larus mongolicus*

Great Cormorant *Phalacrocorax carbo*

Eurasian Spoonbill *Platalea leucorodia*

Chinese Pond Heron *Ardeola bacchus*

Great Egret *Ardea alba*

Grey Heron *Ardea cinerea*

Dalmatian Pelican ♦ *Pelecanus crispus*

Little Owl *Athene noctua*

Long-eared Owl *Asio otus*

Eurasian Eagle-Owl *Bubo bubo*

Bearded Vulture (Lammergeier) *Gypaetus barbatus*

Cinereous (or Eurasian Black) Vulture *Aegypius monachus*

Steppe Eagle *Aquila nipalensis*

Golden Eagle *Aquila chrysaetos*

Eurasian Sparrowhawk *Accipiter nisus*

Eurasian Goshawk *Accipiter gentilis*

Pallid Harrier *Circus macrourus*

Hen Harrier *Circus cyaneus*

Western Marsh Harrier *Circus aeruginosus*

Black Kite [Black-eared Kite] *Milvus [migrans] lineatus*

Pallas's Fish Eagle ♦ *Haliaeetus leucoryphus*

White-tailed Eagle ♦ *Haliaeetus albicilla*

Upland Buzzard ♦ *Buteo hemilasius*

Eastern (or Japanese) Buzzard ♦ *Buteo japonicus*

Common Hoopoe *Upupa epops*

Grey-headed Woodpecker *Picus canus*

White-backed Woodpecker *Dendrocopos leucotos*

Great Spotted Woodpecker *Dendrocopos major*

Common Kestrel *Falco tinnunculus*

Merlin *Falco columbarius*

Peregrine Falcon *Falco peregrinus*

Saker Falcon ♦ *Falco cherrug*

Great Grey Shrike ♦ [Steppe Grey Shrike] *Lanius [excubitor] pallidirostris*

Chinese Grey Shrike ♦ *Lanius sphenocercus*

Isabelline Shrike *Lanius isabellinus*

Red-billed Chough *Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax*

Azure-winged (or Asian Azure-winged) Magpie ♦ *Cyanopica cyanus*

Eurasian Magpie *Pica pica*

Mongolian (or Henderson's) Ground Jay ♦ *Podoces hendersoni*

Northern (or Spotted or Eurasian) Nutcracker *Nucifraga caryocatactes*

Daurian Jackdaw ♦ *Coloeus dauuricus*

Rook ♦ [Oriental Rook] *Corvus [frugilegus] pastinator*

Carion Crow ♦ [Oriental Crow] *Corvus [corone] orientalis*

Northern (or Common) Raven *Corvus corax*

White-crowned Penduline-Tit ♦ *Remiz coronatus*

Azure Tit ♦ *Cyanistes cyanus*

Great Tit *Parus major*

Coal Tit *Periparus ater*

Eurasian Skylark *Alauda arvensis*

Crested Lark *Galerida cristata*

Horned Lark [Mongolian Horned Lark] ♦ *Eremophila [alpestris] brandti*

Mongolian Short-toed Lark ♦ *Calandrella dukhunensis*

Mongolian Lark ♦ *Melanocorypha mongolica*

Asian Short-toed Lark ♦ *Alaudala cheleensis*

Sand Martin (or Bank Swallow) *Riparia riparia*

Barn Swallow *Hirundo rustica*

Siberian House Martin *Delichon lagopodum*

Long-tailed Tit (or Long-tailed Bushtit) *Aegithalos caudatus*

Yellow-browed Warbler *Phylloscopus inornatus*

Hume's Leaf Warbler *Phylloscopus humei*

Pallas's Leaf Warbler *Phylloscopus proregulus*

Common Chiffchaff [Siberian Chiffchaff] *Phylloscopus [collybita] tristis*

Lesser Whitethroat *Curruca curruca*

Asian Desert Warbler ♦ *Curruca nana*

Eurasian Wren *Troglodytes troglodytes*

Common (or European) Starling *Sturnus vulgaris*

White-cheeked Starling ♦ *Spodiopsar cineraceus*

Mistle Thrush *Turdus viscivorus*

Red-throated Thrush ♦ *Turdus ruficollis*

Black-throated Thrush ♦ *Turdus atrogularis*

Naumann's Thrush ♦ *Turdus naumanni*

Dusky Thrush ♦ *Turdus eunomus*

Siberian Rubythroat *Calliope calliope*

Red-flanked Bluetail *Tarsiger cyanurus*

Eversmann's (or Rufous-backed) Redstart ♦ *Phoenicurus erythronotus*

Daurian Redstart *Phoenicurus aureus*

Güldenstädt's (or White-winged) Redstart ♦ *Phoenicurus erythrogastrus*

Black Redstart *Phoenicurus ochruros*

Common Redstart *Phoenicurus phoenicurus*

Siberian Stonechat *Saxicola maura*

Desert Wheatear *Oenanthe deserti*

Pied Wheatear *Oenanthe pleschanka*

Isabelline Wheatear *Oenanthe isabellina*

Black-throated Accentor ♦ *Prunella atrogularis*

Siberian Accentor ♦ *Prunella montanella*

Brown Accentor ♦ *Prunella fulvescens*

Rock Sparrow (or Rock Petronia) *Petronia petronia*

White-winged Snowfinch *Montifringilla nivalis*

Pere David's (or Small) Snowfinch ♦ *Pyrgilauda davidiana*

Eurasian Tree Sparrow *Passer montanus*

Saxaul Sparrow ♦ *Passer ammodendri*

House Sparrow *Passer domesticus*

Grey Wagtail *Motacilla cinerea*

Citrine Wagtail *Motacilla citreola*

White Wagtail ♦ [Masked Wagtail] *Motacilla [alba] personata*

White Wagtail ♦ [Baikal Wagtail] *Motacilla [alba] baicalensis*

White Wagtail ♦ [East Siberian Wagtail] *Motacilla [alba] ocularis*

Blyth's Pipit ♦ *Anthus godlewskii*

Richard's Pipit *Anthus richardi*

Olive-backed Pipit *Anthus hodgsoni*

Red-throated Pipit *Anthus cervinus*

Siberian Pipit ♦ *Anthus japonicus*

Water Pipit ♦ *Anthus spinoletta*

Eurasian Chaffinch *Fringilla coelebs*

Brambling *Fringilla montifringilla*

Hawfinch *Coccothraustes coccothraustes*

Mongolian Finch ♦ *Bucanetes mongolicus*

Common (or Scarlet) Rosefinch *Carpodacus erythrinus*

Long-tailed Rosefinch ♦ [Siberian Long-tailed Rosefinch] *Carpodacus [sibiricus] sibiricus*

Oriental (or Grey-capped) Greenfinch *Chloris sinica*

Twite *Linaria flavirostris*

Redpoll *Acanthis flammea*

Eurasian Siskin *Spinus spinus*

Lapland Longspur ♦ *Calcarius lapponicus*

Pallas's Reed Bunting ♦ *Emberiza pallasi*

Little Bunting *Emberiza pusilla*

Rustic Bunting ♦ *Emberiza rustica*

Black-faced Bunting *Emberiza spodocephala*

Chestnut-eared Bunting ♦ *Emberiza fucata*

Meadow Bunting ♦ *Emberiza cioides*

Godlewski's Bunting ♦ *Emberiza godlewskii*

Pine Bunting ♦ *Emberiza leucocephalos*