

# Directory of Important Bird Areas in China (Mainland): Key Sites for Conservation

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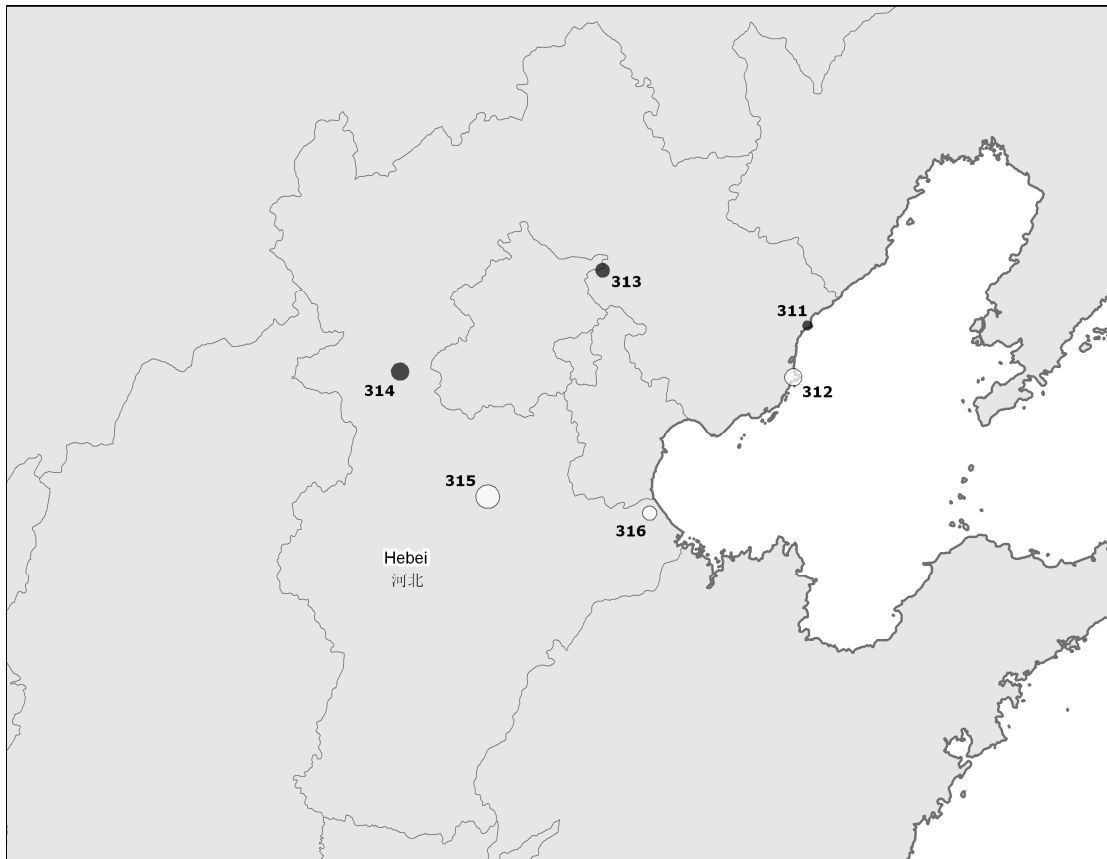
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## Important Bird Areas in Hebei Province



IBAs are represented on the map as circles proportional to their areas.

Key: ● = Protected; ◐ = Partially protected; ○ = Unprotected.



Millions of birds migrate along the east coast of China and pass through Beidaihe (CN311) in spring and autumn, including the entire world population of Siberian Crane *Grus leucogeranus*. (PHOTO: LIU XUEZHONG)

IBA CODE: CN311

NAME: Beidaihe

CRITERIA: A1 A4i,A4iii

AREA: About 7,000 ha

COORDINATES: 39°49'N 119°30'E

ALTITUDE: 0-5 m

CONSERVATION STATUS: Included in Beideihe Seashore Nature Reserve, Beidaihe is a coastal scenic area where hunting is prohibited but where tourism has had an impact on the birds.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Located 20 km south-west of Qinhuangdao, on the coast of north-west Bohai Bay. The wetlands in the IBA are a mosaic of small inter-tidal mudflats, sandy beaches and rocky shores. The habitat types include reedbeds, grassland, agricultural land and plantations. Being a tourist spot, the prohibition of hunting has benefited wild birds. Beidaihe is a suitable place to study migratory birds. Every year large numbers of birds pass through the IBA on migration.

THREATENED SPECIES: *Grus leucogeranus* (CR, several hundred pass through in spring and autumn, recent maximum 652 birds in spring 1985), *Grus japonensis* (EN, several hundred pass through in spring and autumn, recent maximum 630 birds in autumn 1989), *Tringa guttifer* (EN), *Egretta eulophotes* (VU), *Anas formosa* (VU), *Grus vipio* (VU, passage migrant, recent maximum 152 birds in autumn 1985), *Grus monacha* (VU, several hundred pass through in spring and autumn, recent maximum 527 birds in autumn 1986), *Otis tarda* (VU, several hundred pass through in spring and autumn, recent maximum 452 birds in autumn 1986), *Larus saundersi* (VU), *Larus relictus* (VU, 112 birds in 1986)

CONGREGATORY WATERBIRDS: *Ciconia nigra* (168 birds in 1985), *Grus leucogeranus*, *Grus vipio*, *Grus monacha*, *Grus japonensis*, *Numenius minutus*, *Larus saundersi*, *Larus relictus*

IMPORTANCE TO OTHER FAUNA AND FLORA: No information.

IBA CODE: CN312

NAME: Luan He Estuary

CRITERIA: A1 A4i,A4iii

AREA: About 20,000 ha

COORDINATES: 39°25'N 119°15'E

ALTITUDE: 0-5 m

CONSERVATION STATUS: Unprotected

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Located in Qinhuangdao and Tangshan cities. The IBA is a fan-shape inter-tidal wetland on the coast of Bohai Bay, with an area of 20,000 ha. The main habitat types include coastal plantation and semi-abandoned areas. The mudflats are rich in molluscs and crustaceans.

THREATENED SPECIES: *Larus saundersi* (VU, 55 birds in 1995, large numbers breed in this area)

CONGREGATORY WATERBIRDS: *Larus saundersi*

IMPORTANCE TO OTHER FAUNA AND FLORA: No information.

IBA CODE: CN313

NAME: Wuling Shan Nature Reserve

CRITERIA: A1 A2 A3

AREA: 14,400 ha

COORDINATES: 40°34'N 117°25'E

ALTITUDE: 450-2,218 m

CONSERVATION STATUS: Established as a nature reserve in 1983, and upgraded to a national nature reserve (14,247 ha) in 1988. Wuling Shan was designated in 1995 as a 'Biosphere Reserve' under UNESCO's Man and Biosphere (MAB) Programme.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Located on the borders of Xinglong, Chengde and Luanping counties in Hebei Province and Miyun County in Beijing. Wuling Shan is the highest peak in the Yanshan mountains, and it has a temperate monsoon mountain climate. It has forest cover of c.93%, and is one of the richest plant resources in North China that has been described as a

natural botanic garden and natural gene bank. It was named as a National Youth Scientific Education Base in 2002 and a National Forestry Popular Science Base in 2004.

THREATENED SPECIES: *Turdus feae* (VU, one of the few known breeding grounds of this species)

ENDEMIC BIRD AREAS: 136: Shanxi mountains

BIOMES: AS07: Sino-Himalayan temperate forest

IMPORTANCE TO OTHER FAUNA AND FLORA: 1,870 species of higher plants are recorded including 10 listed in the Chinese Red Data Book of Plants. 173 wild animal species have been recorded including *Panthera pardus*. Historically this is the northernmost locality of *Macaca mulatta* (now extinct).

IBA CODE: CN314

NAME: Xiaowutai Nature Reserve

CRITERIA: A1 A2 A3

AREA: 22,107 ha

COORDINATES: 39°58'N 115°5'E

ALTITUDE: 800-2,882 m

CONSERVATION STATUS: Established as a provincial-level nature reserve (22,107 ha) in 1983, and upgraded to a national nature reserve in 2002.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Located between Yu Xian and Zhuolu counties, western Hebei Province. The IBA is hilly and most slopes are between 35 and 70 degrees slope, with streams running down the major valleys.

THREATENED SPECIES: *Crossoptilon mantchuricum* (VU)

ENDEMIC BIRD AREAS: 136: Shanxi mountains

BIOMES: AS07: Sino-Himalayan temperate forest

IMPORTANCE TO OTHER FAUNA AND FLORA: Nationally protected animals include *Panthera pardus*, *Vulpes vulpes* and *Mustela sibirica*.

IBA CODE: CN315

NAME: Baiyangdian

CRITERIA: A4iii

AREA: About 36,600 ha

COORDINATES: 38°50'N 115°50'E

ALTITUDE: 0-8 m

CONSERVATION STATUS: Unprotected

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Located in Anxin County, 50 km east of Baoding. The IBA is a mosaic of seasonal marshes and freshwater lakes, and reedbed is a major vegetation type. On migration over 20,000 waterbirds pass through this area including ducks and waders, and some 23,255 birds were seen in 1993.

IMPORTANCE TO OTHER FAUNA AND FLORA: No information.

IBA CODE: CN316

NAME: Nandagang Wetland Nature Reserve

CRITERIA: A4iii

AREA: 13,380 ha

COORDINATES: 38°30'N 117°30'E

ALTITUDE: 0-7 m

CONSERVATION STATUS: Established as a provincial-level nature reserve in 1995.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Located on the west coast of Bohai Bay, 60 km east of Cangzhou. The IBA has salt marshes, fishponds, salt pans and freshwater reservoirs, and a major vegetation type is salt-marsh. The IBA is a major staging area for migratory shorebirds, with over 20,000 waterbirds passing through during the migration season.

IMPORTANCE TO OTHER FAUNA AND FLORA: No information.