

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

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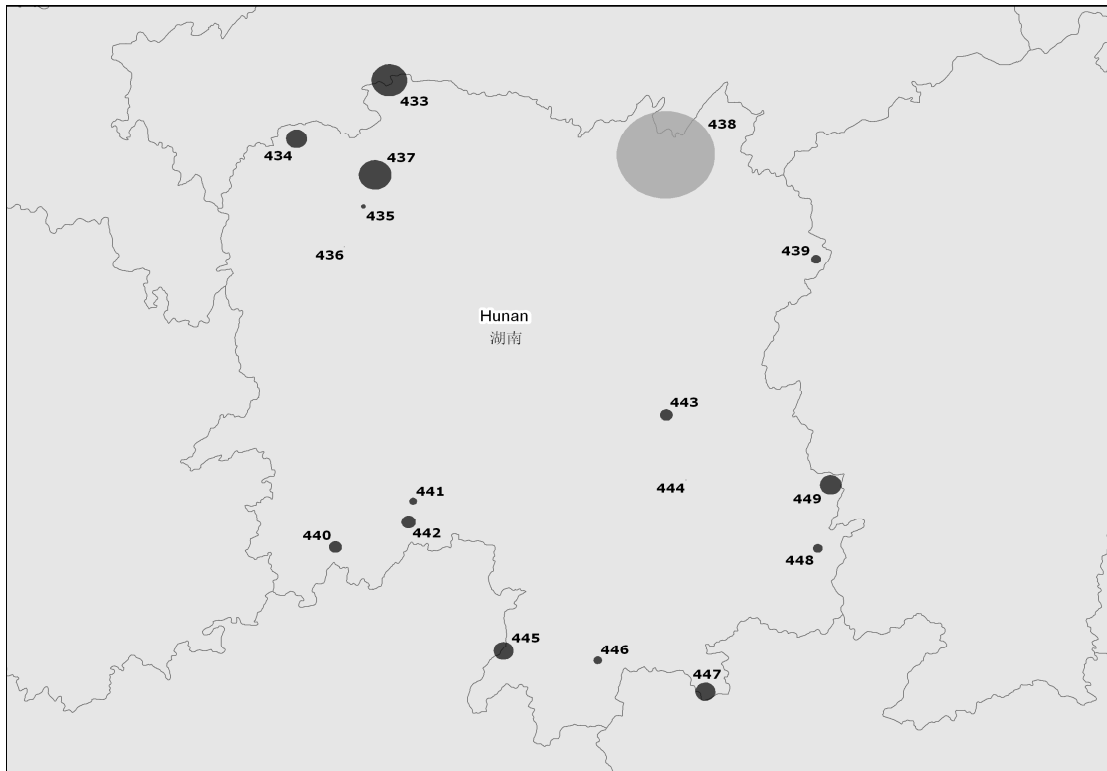
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Important Bird Areas in Hunan Province



IBAs are represented on the map as circles proportional to their areas.
Key: ● = Protected; ○ = Partially protected; ○ = Unprotected.



Dongting Hu Wetlands (CN438) is an important wintering site for waterbirds and is has the largest population of Lesser White-fronted Goose *Anser erythropus* in the world. (PHOTO: WANG RUIQING)

IBA CODE: CN433

NAME: Huping Shan Nature Reserve

CRITERIA: A1 A2 A3

AREA: 66,570 ha

COORDINATES: 30°5'N 110°44'E

ALTITUDE: 251-2,099 m

CONSERVATION STATUS: Established as a nature reserve in 1982, and upgraded to a national nature reserve (66,570 ha) in 1994.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Located in Shimen County, near the border between Hunan and Hubei provinces. The northern part of the IBA links to Wufeng and Hefeng counties in Hubei. There are seven rivers in the nature reserve. The forest area below 800 m has been largely replaced by agricultural crops and plantations, but most of the IBA above 800 m has well-established secondary forests.

THREATENED SPECIES: *Syrmaticus reevesii* (VU), *Rhinomyias brunneata* (VU), *Oriolus mellianus* (VU)

ENDEMIC BIRD AREAS: 141: South-east Chinese mountains

BIOMES: AS08: Sino-Himalayan subtropical forest

IMPORTANCE TO OTHER FAUNA AND FLORA: Nationally protected plants include *Davidia involucrate*. Animals include *Panthera tigris amoyensis*, *Selenarctos thibetanus*, *Capricornis sumatraensis* and *Naemorhedus goral*.

IBA CODE: CN434

NAME: Badagongshan Nature Reserve

CRITERIA: A1 A2 A3

AREA: 23,200 ha

COORDINATES: 29°39'N 109°55'E

ALTITUDE: 395-1,890 m

CONSERVATION STATUS: Established as a nature reserve in 1982, and upgraded to a national nature reserve (23,200 ha) in 1986.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Badagongshan Nature Reserve is located in Sangzhi County, which is near the border of Hunan and Hubei provinces. The northern part of the reserve is linked to the mountains of western Hubei, and the southern part of the reserve is linked to the Yunnan-Guizhou Plateau.

THREATENED SPECIES: *Syrmaticus ellioti* (VU), *Syrmaticus reevesii* (VU), *Rhinomyias brunneata* (VU)

ENDEMIC BIRD AREAS: 141: South-east Chinese mountains

BIOMES: AS08: Sino-Himalayan subtropical forest

IMPORTANCE TO OTHER FAUNA AND FLORA: Nationally protected plants include *Cyclocarya paliurus*, *Davidia involucrate* and *Liriodendron chinense*. Animals include *Panthera pardus*, *Neofelis nebulosa* and *Macaca mulatta*.

IBA CODE: CN435

NAME: Tianmen Shan Nature Reserve

CRITERIA: A1 A2 A3

AREA: 1,200 ha

COORDINATES: 29°4'N 110°26'E

ALTITUDE: 300-1,200 m

CONSERVATION STATUS: Established as a county-level nature reserve (1,200 ha) in 1986.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: No information.

THREATENED SPECIES: *Tragopan caboti* (VU), *Syrmaticus ellioti* (VU)

ENDEMIC BIRD AREAS: 141: South-east Chinese mountains

BIOMES: AS08: Sino-Himalayan subtropical forest

IMPORTANCE TO OTHER FAUNA AND FLORA: No information.

IBA CODE: CN436

NAME: Xiaoxi Nature Reserve

CRITERIA: A1 A2 A3

AREA: 24,800 ha

COORDINATES: 28°45'N 110°15'E

ALTITUDE: 205-1,122 m

CONSERVATION STATUS: Established as a provincial-level nature reserve (13,000 ha) in 1984, and upgraded to a national nature reserve (24,800 ha) in 2001.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Xiaoxi Nature Reserve is located at the western tip of the Wuling mountains. The south-eastern part of the reserve is adjacent to Yuanling County, with Langxi Town to the south-east, Zhenxi Town to the south and Huilong Town to the west.

THREATENED SPECIES: *Rhinomyias brunneata* (VU)

ENDEMIC BIRD AREAS: 141: South-east Chinese mountains

BIOMES: AS08: Sino-Himalayan subtropical forest

IMPORTANCE TO OTHER FAUNA AND FLORA: Animals include *Andrias davidianus*, *Panthera pardus*, *Neofelis nebulosa*, *Naemorhedus goral* and *Capricornis sumatraensis*.

IBA CODE: CN437

NAME: Wulingyuan

CRITERIA: A1 A2 A3

AREA: 55,200 ha

COORDINATES: 29°19'N 110°33'E

ALTITUDE: 280-1,546 m

CONSERVATION STATUS: The Wulingyuan IBA comprises Zhangjiajie National Forest Park, Zhangjiajie Nature Reserve (4,800 ha), Zhangjiajie Giant Salamander Nature Reserve (14,285 ha), Suoxiyu Nature Reserve (3,931 ha) and Tianzishan Nature Reserve (5,500 ha). Wulingyuan was designated in 1992 as a 'World Heritage Site' under the World Heritage Convention.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Wulingyuan is located in Zhangjiajie City, and is formed by the combination of Zhangjiajie Giant Salamander National Nature Reserve and three provincial-level nature reserves. The IBA is in the transition between the western part of the Yunnan-Guizhou Plateau and the eastern lowlands.

THREATENED SPECIES: *Syrnaticus elliotti* (VU), *Rhinomyias brunneata* (VU)

ENDEMIC BIRD AREAS: 141: South-east Chinese mountains

BIOMES: AS08: Sino-Himalayan subtropical forest

IMPORTANCE TO OTHER FAUNA AND FLORA: Nationally protected plants include *Davidia involucrata*, *Tsuga longibracteata*, *Taxus chinensis* and *Liriodendron chinense*. Animals include *Andrias davidianus*, *Panthera pardus*, *Neofelis nebulosa*, *Naemorhedus goral*, *Capricornis sumatraensis* and *Andrias davidianus*.

IBA CODE: CN438

NAME: Dongting Hu wetlands

CRITERIA: A1 A4i,A4iii

AREA: About 500,000 ha

COORDINATES: 29°18'N 112°59'E

ALTITUDE: 15-60 m

CONSERVATION STATUS: East Dongting Hu Nature Reserve was established in 1982, and upgraded to a national nature reserve (190,000 ha) in 1994; this reserve was designated in 1992 as a 'Wetland of International Importance' (or Ramsar site) under the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands. South Dongting Hu Nature Reserve (168,000 ha) was established at the provincial-level in 1987 and subsequently upgraded to a national nature reserve; this reserve was designated in 2002 as a 'Wetland of International Importance' (or Ramsar site). Mupinghu (West Dongting Hu) Nature Reserve (26,700 ha) was established at the provincial-level in 1998 and subsequently upgraded to a national nature reserve; this reserve was designated in 2002 as a 'Wetland of International Importance' (or Ramsar site).

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: The IBA is located in the climatic transition between the central and northern subtropical regions, with a mild and moist climate and well-defined seasonality. The wetlands help to regulate the water level in the Yangtze River. In the wet season the area of shallow water area is around 12,400 ha, with an area of deep water of some 53,000 ha. In the dry season the shallow water area increases to 46,000 ha, and the deep water area decreases to 19,400 ha.

THREATENED SPECIES: *Grus leucogeranus* (CR), *Ciconia boyciana* (EN), *Anser cygnoides* (EN), *Mergus squamatus* (EN), *Tringa guttifer* (EN), *Eurynorhynchus pygmeus* (EN), *Pelecanus crispus* (VU), *Anser erythropus* (VU), *Anas formosa* (VU), *Aythya baeri* (VU), *Aquila clanga* (VU), *Aquila heliaca* (VU), *Grus vipio* (VU), *Grus monacha* (VU), *Coturnicops exquisitus* (VU), *Otis tarda* (VU), *Megalurus pryeri* (VU)

CONGREGATORY WATERBIRDS: *Ciconia boyciana*, *Platalea leucorodia*, *Cygnus columbianus*, *Anser fabalis*, *Anser albifrons*, *Anser erythropus*, *Anas falcata*, *Grus leucogeranus*, *Grus vipio*, *Grus grus*, *Grus monacha*

IMPORTANCE TO OTHER FAUNA AND FLORA: The area supports *Psephurus gladius*, *Acipenser sinensis* and *Neophocaenoides*.

IBA CODE: CN439

NAME: Dawei Shan Nature Reserve

CRITERIA: A1 A2 A3

AREA: 5,220 ha

COORDINATES: 28°20'N 114°7'E

ALTITUDE: 156-1,607 m

CONSERVATION STATUS: Established as a provincial-level nature reserve (5,220 ha) in 1982.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Located in Liuyang County, adjacent to Tonggu County in Jiangxi Province.

THREATENED SPECIES: *Syrnaticus ellioti* (VU), *Rhinomyias brunneata* (VU)

ENDEMIC BIRD AREAS: 141: South-east Chinese mountains

BIOMES: AS08: Sino-Himalayan subtropical forest

IMPORTANCE TO OTHER FAUNA AND FLORA: Nationally protected animals include *Neofelis nebulosa* and *Felis temminckii*.

IBA CODE: CN440

NAME: Huangsang Nature Reserve

CRITERIA: A1 A2 A3

AREA: 8,520 ha

COORDINATES: 26°20'N 110°0'E

ALTITUDE: 368-1,913 m

CONSERVATION STATUS: Established as a provincial-level nature reserve (8,520 ha) in 1982.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Located in the Wushui region, on the upper course of the Yuan Jiang river. The IBA is at the meeting point of the Wuling and Xuefeng mountains, and links to Chengbu and Huitong counties.

THREATENED SPECIES: *Tragopan caboti* (VU), *Syrnaticus ellioti* (VU), *Rhinomyias brunneata* (VU)

ENDEMIC BIRD AREAS: 141: South-east Chinese mountains

BIOMES: AS08: Sino-Himalayan subtropical forest

IMPORTANCE TO OTHER FAUNA AND FLORA: No information.

IBA CODE: CN441

NAME: Wugang Yunshan Nature Reserve

CRITERIA: A1 A2 A3

AREA: 3,110 ha

COORDINATES: 26°40'N 110°39'E

ALTITUDE: 400-1,370 m

CONSERVATION STATUS: Established as a provincial-level nature reserve (3,100 ha) in 1982.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Located in Wugang County, western Hunan. The IBA is at the meeting point of the Xuefeng and Nanling mountains.

THREATENED SPECIES: *Syrnaticus ellioti* (VU), *Rhinomyias brunneata* (VU)

ENDEMIC BIRD AREAS: 141: South-east Chinese mountains

BIOMES: AS08: Sino-Himalayan subtropical forest

IMPORTANCE TO OTHER FAUNA AND FLORA: No information.

IBA CODE: CN442

NAME: Ziyun Wanfeng Shan Nature Reserve

CRITERIA: A1 A2 A3

AREA: 10,667 ha

COORDINATES: 26°30'N 110°36'E

ALTITUDE: 300-1,500 m

CONSERVATION STATUS: Established as a provincial-level nature reserve (10,667 ha) in 1982.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Located in south-west Hunan, bordering Guangxi in the south. The IBA is in the Nanling mountains.

THREATENED SPECIES: *Tragopan caboti* (VU)

ENDEMIC BIRD AREAS: 141: South-east Chinese mountains

BIOMES: AS08: Sino-Himalayan subtropical forest

IMPORTANCE TO OTHER FAUNA AND FLORA: Nationally protected plants include *Cathaya argrophylla*, *Tsuga longibracteata* and *Abies ziyuanensis*.

IBA CODE: CN443

NAME: Nanyue Nature Reserve

CRITERIA: A1 A2 A3

AREA: 8,270 ha

COORDINATES: 27°12'N 112°45'E

ALTITUDE: 189-1,289 m

CONSERVATION STATUS: Established as a provincial-level nature reserve (8,270 ha) in 1984.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: The nature reserve is located in central of Hunan, 30 km from Hengyang City.

THREATENED SPECIES: *Rhinomyias brunneata* (VU)

ENDEMIC BIRD AREAS: 141: South-east Chinese mountains

BIOMES: AS08: Sino-Himalayan subtropical forest

IMPORTANCE TO OTHER FAUNA AND FLORA: No information.

IBA CODE: CN444

NAME: Jiangkou Niaozhou Nature Reserve

CRITERIA: A1

AREA: 20 ha

COORDINATES: 26°40'N 112°51'E

ALTITUDE: 45-65 m

CONSERVATION STATUS: Established as a provincial-level nature reserve (35 ha) in 1984.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: The nature reserve is 35 km from Hengyang City, on the lower Lai He River, and is formed by the islands of Chenzhou, Zhangzhou and Longzhou.

THREATENED SPECIES: *Ciconia boyciana* (EN), *Anser cygnoides* (EN), *Anas formosa* (VU)

IMPORTANCE TO OTHER FAUNA AND FLORA: No information.

IBA CODE: CN445

NAME: Dupangling Nature Reserve

CRITERIA: A1 A2 A3

AREA: 20,066 ha

COORDINATES: 25°25'N 111°16'E

ALTITUDE: 271-2,009 m

CONSERVATION STATUS: Established as a provincial-level nature reserve (30,320 ha) in 1982.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Dupangling Nature Reserve is located in the central Nanling mountains, in the eastern part of the Dupangling mountains. The western slope of these mountains is in Guangxi.

THREATENED SPECIES: *Tragopan caboti* (VU), *Rhinomyias brunneata* (VU)

ENDEMIC BIRD AREAS: 141: South-east Chinese mountains

BIOMES: AS08: Sino-Himalayan subtropical forest

IMPORTANCE TO OTHER FAUNA AND FLORA: Nationally protected animals include *Macaca mulatta* and *Capricornis sumatraensis*.

IBA CODE: CN446

NAME: Jiuyi Shan Nature Reserve

CRITERIA: A1 A2 A3

AREA: 3,648 ha

COORDINATES: 25°17'N 112°0'E

ALTITUDE: 200-1,600 m

CONSERVATION STATUS: Established as a provincial-level nature reserve (3,648 ha) in 1982.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Jiuyi Shan Nature Reserve is located in the Mengzhu Ling mountains of the Nanling range. The IBA is the habitat of the bamboo, *Phyllostachys bambusoides*.

THREATENED SPECIES: *Tragopan caboti* (VU), *Rhinomyias brunneata* (VU)

ENDEMIC BIRD AREAS: 141: South-east Chinese mountains

BIOMES: AS08: Sino-Himalayan subtropical forest

IMPORTANCE TO OTHER FAUNA AND FLORA: No information.

IBA CODE: CN447

NAME: Mangshan Nature Reserve

CRITERIA: A1 A2 A3

AREA: 19,833 ha

COORDINATES: 24°58'N 112°49'E

ALTITUDE: 420-1,902 m

CONSERVATION STATUS: Established as a nature reserve in 1982, and upgraded to a national nature reserve in 1994.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Mangshan Nature Reserve is located in Yizhang County, on the border between Guangdong and Hunan provinces. The eastern, southern and western sections of the reserve link with Guangdong, and are part of the Nanling mountains.

THREATENED SPECIES: *Tragopan caboti* (VU), *Rhinomyias brunneata* (VU)

ENDEMIC BIRD AREAS: 141: South-east Chinese mountains

BIOMES: AS08: Sino-Himalayan subtropical forest

IMPORTANCE TO OTHER FAUNA AND FLORA: No information.

IBA CODE: CN448

NAME: Bamian Shan Nature Reserve

CRITERIA: A1 A2 A3

AREA: 4,913 ha

COORDINATES: 26°1'N 113°50'E

ALTITUDE: 860-2,042 m

CONSERVATION STATUS: Established as a provincial-level nature reserve (4,913 ha) in 1982.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Bamian Shan Nature Reserve is located in the central-south section of the Luoxiao mountains, and has a central subtropical montane climate.

THREATENED SPECIES: *Tragopan caboti* (VU), *Rhinomyias brunneata* (VU)

ENDEMIC BIRD AREAS: 141: South-east Chinese mountains

BIOMES: AS08: Sino-Himalayan subtropical forest

IMPORTANCE TO OTHER FAUNA AND FLORA: Nationally protected plants include *Cathaya argophylla* and nationally protected animals include *Panthera tigris amoyensis*.

IBA CODE: CN449

NAME: Taoyuandong Nature Reserve

CRITERIA: A1 A2 A3

AREA: 23,786 ha

COORDINATES: 26°31'N 114°0'E

ALTITUDE: 550-1,884 m

CONSERVATION STATUS: Established as a provincial-level nature reserve (8,288 ha) in 1982, and upgraded to a national nature reserve (23,786 ha) in 2002.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Taoyuandong Nature Reserve is located in the central part of the Luoxiao mountains. It is the watershed and source of several major river systems of Hunan and Jiangxi Provinces.

THREATENED SPECIES: *Syrnaticus ellioti* (VU), *Rhinomyias brunneata* (VU)

ENDEMIC BIRD AREAS: 141: South-east Chinese mountains

BIOMES: AS08: Sino-Himalayan subtropical forest

IMPORTANCE TO OTHER FAUNA AND FLORA: No information.