



Unique Yellow Sea Spring Birdwatching Tour

06-15 May 2020

Led by Brian Boyd

Brian Boyd - Tour Leader

Brian Boyd was a trade union activist and official for four decades.

However his other passion, bird-watching, started nearly sixty years ago. At Morwell Primary School he became a member of the Gould League.

Today as an active Member of Birdlife Australia, Brian continues his lifelong love of all things ornithological. He has criss-crossed Australia many times, including visits through its far north rainforests, thirteen deserts and a number of key offshore pelagic waters, in search of many elusive bird species.

Birds like the orange-bellied parrot, regent honeyeater and forty-spotted pardalote were hard worked for 'gets' along the journey.

Brian says bird watching is now in his DNA and he loves encouraging others to enjoy its unique pleasures.

Highlights

- **Rudong, Jiangsu.** Tens of thousands of migratory shorebirds and woodland birds including Saunders's Gull, Black-faced spoonbill, the endangered Spoon-billed Sandpiper, and Nordmann's Greenshank flock to this area in Spring.

- **Hangzhou, Zhejiang.** Crested Ibis may be spotted.

- **Wuyuan, Jiangxi.** Blue-crowned Laughingthrush, endemic Masked Laughingthrush, Hwamei, Grey-sided Scimitar Babbler, Short-tailed Parrotbill, Dusky Fulvetta, Chinese Bamboo Partridge, and other woodland birds including Pied Falconet, Red-billed Leiothrix, Red-billed Starling, Red-billed Blue Magpie, Chestnut Bulbul, Grey-headed Parrotbill and more may be spotted.

- **Led by China Coastal Waterbird Census surveyors team** who have been working as volunteers for over 10 years.



Tour itinerary

Day 1: 06 May (Sun) Australia ✈ Shanghai

Today you will fly to Shanghai, upon arrival, please collect your luggage and meet your tour guide and drive to the hotel for 1 night. Accommodation at Shanghai Central Hotel 4*

Sydney flight: MU562 1100/1920 by China Eastern Airlines

Melbourne flight: MU738 1100/1940 by China Eastern Airlines

Brisbane flight: CX156 0050/0730 to Hong Kong, then connect the flight KA864 0910/1200 onto Shanghai by Cathay Pacific Airlines.

Adelaide flight: CX174 0625/1345 to Hong Kong, then connect the flight KA896 1600/1835 to Shanghai by Cathay Pacific airlines.

Perth flight: CX170 2355-1/0745 to Hong Kong, then connect the flight KA864 0910/1200 to Shanghai by Cathay Pacific Airlines.

Day 2: 07 May Shanghai → Rudong

Head to Rudong by bus in the morning; check in hotel around noon time; birdwatching in the afternoon

Accommodation : *Links Golf & Spa Hotel (local 5 star spa hotel and conservation supporter)*

Day 3: 08 May Dongtai Mudflat

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Visit the largest mudflat in the Yellow Sea Region – Tiaozini Mudflat in Dongtai County, the mirror sky mudflat and home of tens of thousands birds from Australia and New Zealand

Accommodation : *Links Golf & Spa Hotel*

Day 4: 09 May Rudong county

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Shorebird and landbird watching in Xiaoyangkou town in Rudong

Optional: fishermen community visit/primary school visit, who are long term conservation partners locally

Accommodation : *Links Golf & Spa Hotel*

Day 5: 10 May Rudong → Shanghai

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Birdwatching in Rudong in the morning; returns to Shanghai in the afternoon

Accommodation : *4-star hotel in Shanghai near Hongqiao railway station*

Day 6: 11 May Shanghai → Hangzhou→Wuyuan

Head to Hangzhou by bullet train in the morning; birdwatching in Deqing for reintroduces Crested Ibis; head to Wuyuan by train in the evening

Accommodation : *4-star hotel in Wuyuan*

Day 7: 12 May Wuyuan

Birdwatching in Wuyuan, the most beautiful county in China for its lakes, mountains and historic ancient community and architecture; It is going to be the first county-level nature reserve for the **Blue-crowned Laughingthrush**.

Accommodation : *4-star hotel in Wuyuan*

Day 8: 13 May Wuyuan

Birdwatching in Wuyuan, we will visit different habitats for more species as well as sightseeing.

Optional: tea house for tea performance, Wuyuan is famous for its green team

Accommodation : *4-star hotel in Wuyuan*

Day 9: 14 May Wuyuan → Shanghai

Birdwatching in Wuyuan in the morning; returns to Shanghai by train in the afternoon (Train schedule: G1507, Wuyuan 14:14 – Hongqiao, Shanghai 17:56)

Accommodation : *4-star hotel in Shanghai near Pudong Int' Airport, suggested for those who leave next day*

Day 10: 15 May Shanghai ✈ Australia**Meal: B**

Today you will be transferred to the Shanghai Pudong Airport for your flight to Australia.

Return to Sydney flight: MU562 2000/0900+1

Return Melbourne flight: MU737 2005/0900+1

Return Brisbane flight: KA871 0800/1100 to Hong Kong, then connect the flight CX157 1245/2320 to Brisbane

Return Adelaide flight: KA877 1325/1615 to Hong Kong, then connect the flight CX173 1845/0505+1 to Adelaide

Return Perth flight: CX365 0940/1230 to Hong Kong, then connect the flight CX171 1450/2235 to Perth

ACFS member price: \$5750.00 per person, Non-member price: \$5850.00 per person
Single supplement: \$780.00

Minimum group number: 10 people

Inclusions:

1. Twin share at the hotels as mentioned in the itinerary or similar.
2. Fully inclusive tour with English speaking guide, entrance fees, meals as per itinerary.
3. China Eastern Airlines airfare departing from Sydney, Melbourne, to Shanghai and return on economy class including taxes and fuel surcharges.
4. Cathay Pacific Airlines airfare departing from Brisbane, Adelaide and Perth to Shanghai and return on economy class including taxes and fuel surcharges.
5. First class train tickets Shanghai-Hangzhou, Wuyuan-Shanghai.
6. Travel by air-conditioned coaches whilst in China.
7. Chinese tea and one glass of soft drink included in all lunches and dinners.
8. All tipping.
9. Local escort from China Coastal Waterbird Census surveyors team.
10. CBT travel wallet and travel bag.

Exclusions:

1. China Visa application fees.
2. Personal expenses.
3. Travel insurance (Strongly recommended).