

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

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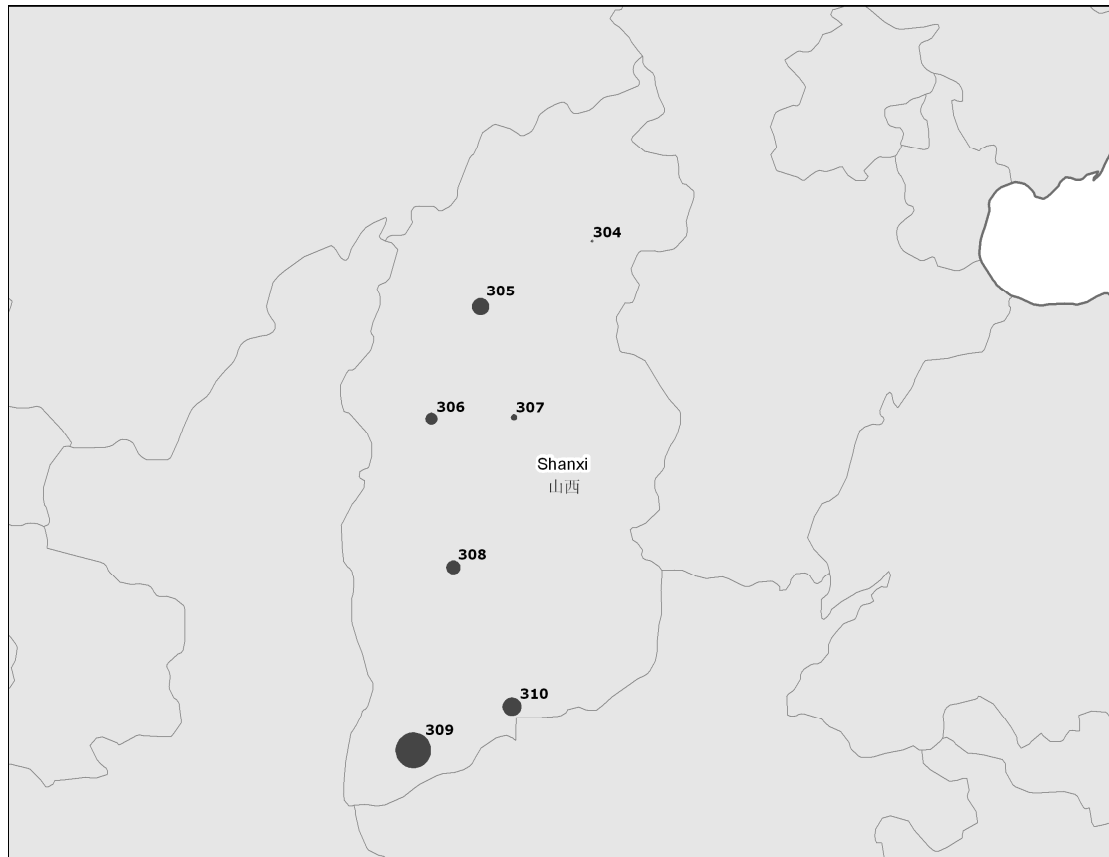
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Important Bird Areas in Shanxi Province



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

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



Pangquangou (CN306) is located in the Shanxi Mountains Endemic Bird Area, which includes the mountains of Shanxi and Hebei provinces and is one of the few EBAs in northern latitudes, and it is an important site for Brown Eared-pheasant *Crossoptilon mantchuricum*. (PHOTO: HU SHAORONG)

IBA CODE: CN304

NAME: Xiaruyue reservoir

CRITERIA: A1 A4i

AREA: 267 ha

COORDINATES: 39°13'N 113°22'E

ALTITUDE: No information.

CONSERVATION STATUS: Unprotected

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Located on the plateau of northern Shanxi, between the Heng Shan, Wutai Shan and Taibai Shan mountains, and 10 km east of Fanshi County town. Xiaruyue reservoir was built in 1973, and is about 6 km long and 1 km wide. It is a “middle-scale” reservoir on the Hutuo He river, part of the Ziya He river system, with a catchment area of 1,356 km².

THREATENED SPECIES: *Haliaeetus leucoryphus* (VU)

CONGREGATORY WATERBIRDS: *Ciconia nigra* (up to 20 birds regularly seen)

IMPORTANCE TO OTHER FAUNA AND FLORA: No information.

IBA CODE: CN305

NAME: Luya Shan Nature Reserve

CRITERIA: A1 A2 A3

AREA: 21,453 ha

COORDINATES: 38°45'N 112°5'E

ALTITUDE: 1,346-2,787 m

CONSERVATION STATUS: Established as a nature reserve in 1980, and upgraded to a national nature reserve (21,453 ha) in 1988.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Luya Shan is located at the northern end of the Lüliang Shan mountains in Shanxi Province. The geology of this area is mainly granitic, with some areas of limestone.

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 plants includes *Picea* sp., animals include *Panthera pardus*, *Ovibos moschatus* and *Felis bengalensis*.

IBA CODE: CN306

NAME: Pangquangou Nature Reserve

CRITERIA: A1 A2 A3

AREA: 10,466 ha

COORDINATES: 37°50'N 111°27'E

ALTITUDE: 1,650-2,830 m

CONSERVATION STATUS: Established as a provincial-level nature reserve in 1980, and upgraded to a national nature reserve (10,466 ha) in 1985.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Located in the central Lüliang Shan mountains. The main ridge in the IBA extends 15 km from north to south, and is 14.5 km wide. The main habitat is temperate deciduous broadleaf forest. The nature reserve was mainly established for the protection of *Crossoptilon mantchuricum*.

THREATENED SPECIES: *Anser cygnoides* (EN), *Aquila clanga* (VU), *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*, *Ovibos moschatus* and *Martes flavigula chrysospila*.

IBA CODE: CN307

NAME: Tianlongshan Nature Reserve

CRITERIA: A1 A2 A3

AREA: 2,867 ha

COORDINATES: 37°47'N 112°20'E

ALTITUDE: 1,700 m

CONSERVATION STATUS: Established as a provincial-level nature reserve in 1993.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Located within Tianlongshan Forest Park (established in 1992), 10 km from Jinci. The IBA has good forest cover, and supports many rare plants.

THREATENED SPECIES: *Crossoptilon mantchuricum* (VU)

ENDEMIC BIRD AREAS: 136: Shanxi mountains

BIOMES: AS07: Sino-Himalayan temperate forest

IMPORTANCE TO OTHER FAUNA AND FLORA: Leopards and Leopard Cats are found in the area.

IBA CODE: CN308

NAME: Wulu Shan Nature Reserve

CRITERIA: A1 A2 A3

AREA: 14,350 ha

COORDINATES: 36°33'N 111°33'E

ALTITUDE: 1,100-1,946 m

CONSERVATION STATUS: Established as a provincial-level nature reserve (14,350 ha) in 1990.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Wulu Shan is located between Pu Xian and Xi Xian counties. The main rock types are limestone and sandstone, and forest brown soil is the major soil type. The nature reserve was mainly established for the protection of *Crossoptilon mantchuricum* and the coniferous forest.

THREATENED SPECIES: *Crossoptilon mantchuricum* (VU)

ENDEMIC BIRD AREAS: 136: Shanxi mountains

BIOMES: AS07: Sino-Himalayan temperate forest

IMPORTANCE TO OTHER FAUNA AND FLORA: No information.

IBA CODE: CN309

NAME: Yuncheng Wetland Nature Reserve

CRITERIA: A1 A4i

AREA: 86,861 ha

COORDINATES: 35°2'N 110°59'E

ALTITUDE: 350-370 m

CONSERVATION STATUS: Established as a provincial-level nature reserve in 2002 by combining Yuncheng Swan Nature Reserve and Hejin Common Crane Nature Reserve. This is now the largest wetland nature reserve in Shanxi Province.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Located in Hejin and Yuncheng cities, along the Huang He and Fen He rivers. In the past, this area was named Longmen (Dragon Gate).

THREATENED SPECIES: *Ciconia boyciana* (EN)

CONGREGATORY WATERBIRDS: *Ciconia boyciana*, *Cygnus cygnus* (annual wintering population more than 440 birds), *Grus grus*

IMPORTANCE TO OTHER FAUNA AND FLORA: No information.

IBA CODE: CN310

NAME: Lishan Nature Reserve

CRITERIA: A3

AREA: 24,800 ha

COORDINATES: 35°20'N 112°2'E

ALTITUDE: 620-2,322 m

CONSERVATION STATUS: Established as Lishan National Nature Reserve (24,800 ha) in 1984.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Located in the eastern section of the Zhongtiao Shan mountains, the main summit is Shunwangping at 2,321 m. There are ancient rock formations inside the reserve, and crystalline rock and metamorphic rock are the main rock types.

BIOMES: AS07: Sino-Himalayan temperate forest

IMPORTANCE TO OTHER FAUNA AND FLORA: Nationally protected plants include *Pinus tabulaeformis* and *Cercidiphyllum japonicum*. Animals include *Panthera pardus*, *Macaca mulatta* and *Andrias davidianus*.