

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

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## Important Bird Areas in Tianjin City



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

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



All of the IBAs in Tianjin are coastal wetlands, including Beidagang Wetland Nature Reserve (CN319). Some migratory birds spend the winter in this part of China, but most of them continue their journey to visit the Yellow River and Yangtze River basins to the south. (PHOTO: WANG RUIQING)

IBA CODE: CN317

NAME: Qilihai Nature Reserve

CRITERIA: A1 A4iii

AREA: 99,000 ha

COORDINATES: 39°20'N 117°40'E

ALTITUDE: 3-5 m

CONSERVATION STATUS: The IBA was established as Tianjin Paleocoastal and Wetland National Nature Reserve (99,000 ha) in 1984.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Qilihai wetland is located in Ninghe County. It used to be on the coast, but it has gradually been turned into an inland wetland by industrialization and urbanization. Qilihai Nature Reserve mainly comprises a 2,000 ha reservoir, reedbeds and scattered fishponds.

THREATENED SPECIES: *Grus japonensis* (EN), *Otis tarda* (VU)

IMPORTANCE TO OTHER FAUNA AND FLORA: No information.

IBA CODE: CN318

NAME: Tuanbowa Nature Reserve

CRITERIA: A1 A4i,A4iii

AREA: About 6,000 ha

COORDINATES: 38°54'N 117°6'E

ALTITUDE: 3-5 m

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

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Tuanbowa is located in Jinghai County, 24 km from downtown Tianjin. The nature reserve mainly comprises a 6,000 ha reservoir, of which 5,100 ha is open water, with agricultural land, ponds and channels at the edge of the reservoir.

THREATENED SPECIES: *Ciconia boyciana* (EN), *Anser cygnoides* (EN), *Grus japonensis* (EN, over 40 birds in 1998), *Aythya baeri* (VU), *Otis tarda* (VU)

CONGREGATORY WATERBIRDS: *Grus japonensis*

IMPORTANCE TO OTHER FAUNA AND FLORA: No information.

IBA CODE: CN319

NAME: Beidagang Wetland Nature Reserve

CRITERIA: A1 A4i

AREA: 43,495 ha

COORDINATES: 38°45'N 117°23'E

ALTITUDE: 0-3 m

CONSERVATION STATUS: Established as a provincial-level nature reserve in 1999.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Beidagang Reservoir is located in the Dagang Area of Tianjin City, on the west coast of Bohai Bay. The circumference of the reservoir is 53.6 km, and it has an area of about 44,000 ha. The IBA also includes seasonal marshes and cultivated land near the reservoir.

THREATENED SPECIES: *Ciconia boyciana* (EN, over 800 birds in 1999), *Anser cygnoides* (EN), *Grus japonensis* (EN)

CONGREGATORY WATERBIRDS: *Ciconia boyciana*, *Grus japonensis*

IMPORTANCE TO OTHER FAUNA AND FLORA: No information.

IBA CODE: CN320

NAME: Coastal mudflat of Tianjin

CRITERIA: A1 A4i

AREA: 200 ha

COORDINATES: 38°50'N 117°37'E

ALTITUDE: Sea-level

CONSERVATION STATUS: Unprotected

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: The main habitat in the IBA is coastal inter-tidal wetlands.

THREATENED SPECIES: *Larus relictus* (VU)

CONGREGATORY WATERBIRDS: *Larus relictus* (3,362 birds in January 2004), *Limosa limosa* (c.18,000 birds in April 2005), *Tringa stagnatilis* (count of 12,000 birds in 2005)

IMPORTANCE TO OTHER FAUNA AND FLORA: No information.