

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

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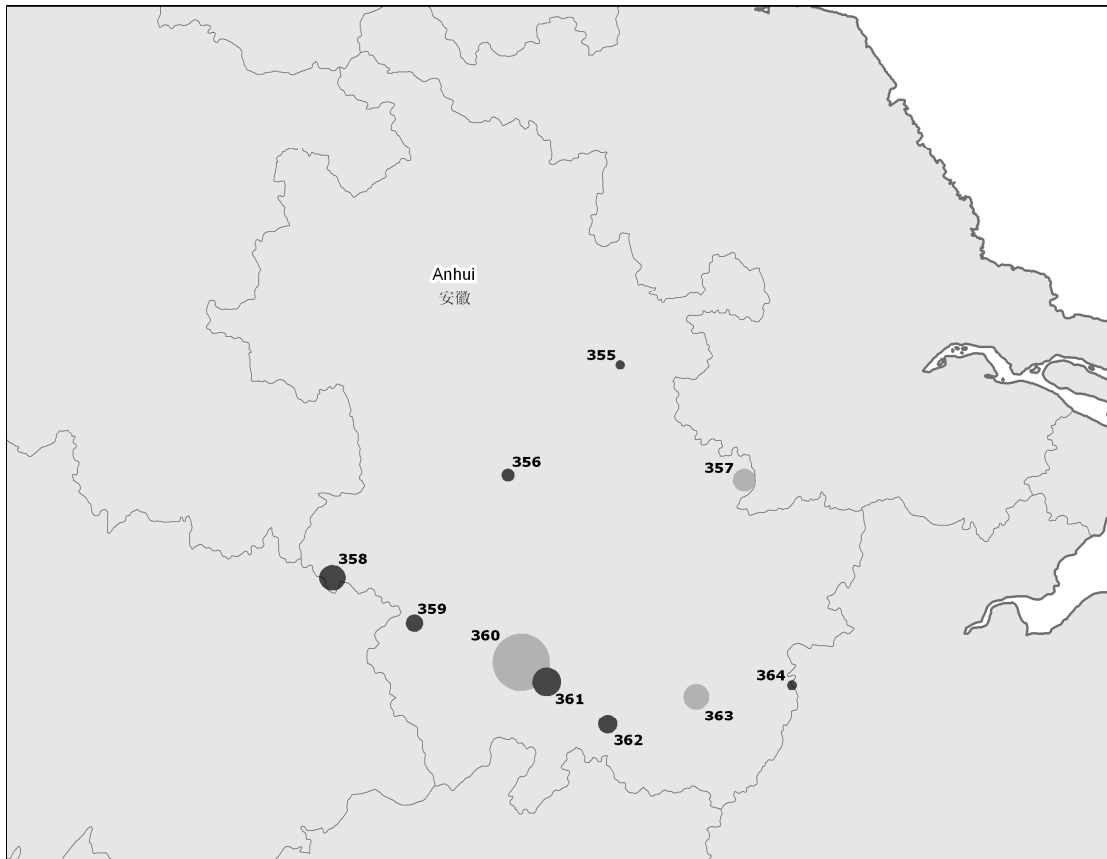
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## Important Bird Areas in Anhui Province



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

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



Huangfu Shan Nature Reserve (CN355) has the best preserved montane forest in Anhui, and supports subtropical bird species including breeding Fairy Pitta *Pitta nympha*. (PHOTO: GU CHANGMING)

IBA CODE: CN355

NAME: Huangfu Shan Nature Reserve

CRITERIA: A1 A3 A4iii

AREA: 3,600 ha

COORDINATES: 32°21'N 118°0'E

ALTITUDE: 50-399 m

CONSERVATION STATUS: Designated as a state forestry area in 1953, and established as a provincial-level nature reserve (3,600 ha) in 1982.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Located in eastern Anhui Province. Huangfu Shan extends 10 km from north to south and 8 km from east to west. The IBA is the highest land in eastern Anhui, and has the best preserved forest ecosystem, with 72% forest cover.

THREATENED SPECIES: *Pitta nympha* (VU)

BIOMES: AS08: Sino-Himalayan subtropical forest

IMPORTANCE TO OTHER FAUNA AND FLORA: Nationally protected species include *Kalopanax septemlobus* and *Ginkgo biloba*. Animals include *Hydropotes inermis*.

IBA CODE: CN356

NAME: Zipeng Shan National Forest Park

CRITERIA: A1 A3 A4iii

AREA: About 7,000 ha

COORDINATES: 31°45'N 117°1'E

ALTITUDE: 200-289 m

CONSERVATION STATUS: Established as a state forestry area in 1949 and as a national forest park in 1992.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Located 44 km south-west of Hefei City. The forest park is composed of four separate sections, and extends 30 km from east to west.

THREATENED SPECIES: *Pitta nympha* (VU)

BIOMES: AS08: Sino-Himalayan subtropical forest

IMPORTANCE TO OTHER FAUNA AND FLORA: No information.

IBA CODE: CN357

NAME: Shijiu Hu (Anhui)

CRITERIA: A1 A4i

AREA: 21,400 ha

COORDINATES: 31°28'N 118°47'E

ALTITUDE: Approximately 10 m

CONSERVATION STATUS: The IBA is partially protected in the provincial-level Shijiu Hu Nature Reserve (10,667 ha), which was established in 1999.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Shijiu Hu lake overlaps two provinces, with the western part in Anhui and the eastern part in Jiangsu. When the water in the lake is 6 m deep open water covers an area of 21,400 ha, and when it is 8 m deep open water covers 34,000 ha.

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

CONGREGATORY WATERBIRDS: *Anser erythropus* (2,650 birds in 1992)

IMPORTANCE TO OTHER FAUNA AND FLORA: No information.

IBA CODE: CN358

NAME: Tianma Nature Reserve

CRITERIA: A1 A3

AREA: 28,914 ha

COORDINATES: 31°15'N 115°35'E

ALTITUDE: 574-1,729 m

CONSERVATION STATUS: The provincial-level Tiantangzhai Nature Reserve was established in 1990 and the provincial-level Mazongling Nature Reserve in 1982. These were combined to form Tianma National Nature Reserve (28,914 ha) in 1998.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Located in the mountains of Jinzhai County, where Anhui borders Hubei and Hunan provinces. Forest cover is 75.6%, a forest area of 21,327.3 ha. The vegetation has prominent vertical zonation, and mainly comprises northern subtropical evergreen forest and broadleaf deciduous mixed forest. In flat areas the trees are mainly beeches.

THREATENED SPECIES: *Syrnaticus reevesii* (VU), *Pitta nympha* (VU)

BIOMES: AS08: Sino-Himalayan subtropical forest

IMPORTANCE TO OTHER FAUNA AND FLORA: Nationally protected plants include *Pinus dabeshanensis*. Nationally protected animals include *Andrias davidianus*, *Panthera pardus*, *Lutra lutra*, *Manis pentadactyla* and *Rana rugulosa*.

IBA CODE: CN359

NAME: Yaoluoping Nature Reserve

CRITERIA: A1 A3

AREA: About 12,300 ha

COORDINATES: 30°53'N 116°9'E

ALTITUDE: 500-1,721 m

CONSERVATION STATUS: Established as a provincial-level nature reserve in 1991, and upgraded to a national nature reserve (12,300 ha) in 1994.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Located in the Dabie Shan mountains, 55 km north-west of Yuexi County. The reserve has a core area of 2,120 ha, a buffer area of 2,840 ha and an economic area of 7,340 ha. Forest cover is 90%.

THREATENED SPECIES: *Syrnaticus reevesii* (VU), *Pitta nympha* (VU)

BIOMES: AS08: Sino-Himalayan subtropical forest

IMPORTANCE TO OTHER FAUNA AND FLORA: This area is the type locality of *Pinus dabeshanensis*. Animals include *Andrias davidianus*, *Panthera pardus* and *Viverricula indica*.

IBA CODE: CN360

NAME: Anqing wetlands (Caizi Hu, Wuchang Hu and other lakes)

CRITERIA: A1 A4i,A4iii

AREA: About 133,000 ha

COORDINATES: 30°32'N 116°54'E

ALTITUDE: 9-22 m

CONSERVATION STATUS: The IBA is partially protected in the provincial-level Anqing Riverine Wetland Nature Reserve (98,700 ha), which was established in 1995.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Located on the northern bank of the middle to lower reaches of the Yangtze River, where Anhui borders Hebei and Jiangxi provinces. There are about 133,000 ha of wetlands at Anqing, of which some are in a protected area. The major lakes include Caizi Hu and Wuchang Hu. Surveys in 2004 indicated that over 250,000 waterbirds occur in the reserve.

THREATENED SPECIES: *Ciconia boyciana* (EN), *Anser cygnoides* (EN), *Grus monacha* (VU)

CONGREGATORY WATERBIRDS: *Platalea leucorodia*, *Anser cygnoides*, *Anser fabalis*, *Grus monacha*, *Calidris alpina*, *Recurvirostra avosetta*

IMPORTANCE TO OTHER FAUNA AND FLORA: No information.

IBA CODE: CN361

NAME: Shengjin Hu Nature Reserve

CRITERIA: A1 A4i,A4iii

AREA: 33,400 ha

COORDINATES: 30°23'N 117°4'E

ALTITUDE: 1-2 m

CONSERVATION STATUS: Established as a nature reserve in 1986, and upgraded to a national nature reserve in 1997.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Shengjin Hu is located on the southern shore of the Yangtze River, in south-west Anhui Province, 10 km from Anqing City. In 1965 the construction of

Huangpan Gate separated the lake from the Yangtze River, and formed a reservoir. The fishery resources have decreased dramatically since then.

THREATENED SPECIES: *Grus leucogeranus* (CR), *Ciconia boyciana* (EN, maximum count of 352 birds in 1989), *Anser cygnoides* (EN, maximum count of 1,040 birds in 1993), *Anser erythropus* (VU), *Anas formosa* (VU), *Aythya baeri* (VU), *Aquila clanga* (VU), *Aquila heliaca* (VU), *Grus vipio* (VU, maximum count of 424 birds in 1993), *Grus monacha* (VU, maximum count of 453 birds in 1994, over 300 birds in the 1990s), *Otis tarda* (VU, 120 birds in 1986)

CONGREGATORY WATERBIRDS: *Ciconia boyciana*, *Anser cygnoides*, *Grus monacha*

IMPORTANCE TO OTHER FAUNA AND FLORA: The nationally protected fish *Myxocyprinus asiaticus* occurs in the lake.

IBA CODE: CN362

NAME: Guniujiang Nature Reserve

CRITERIA: A1 A2 A3

AREA: 14,817 ha

COORDINATES: 30°3'N 117°28'E

ALTITUDE: 250-1,728 m

CONSERVATION STATUS: Established as a nature reserve in 1982, and upgraded to a national nature reserve (14,817 ha) in 1988.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Guniujiang is located on the border of Qimen and Shitai counties, in southern Anhui. The ridges in the IBA are the western extensions of the Huang Shan ranges, and are the major mountains in southern Anhui. Forest cover is 78%, with comprehensive representation of natural subtropical vegetation types.

THREATENED SPECIES: *Syrnaticus ellioti* (VU), *Rhinomyias brunneata* (VU), there was a report of a possible vocal record of *Garrulax courtoisi* (CR) at this site by birdwatchers in 2007.

ENDEMIC BIRD AREAS: 141: South-east Chinese mountains

BIOMES: AS08: Sino-Himalayan subtropical forest

IMPORTANCE TO OTHER FAUNA AND FLORA: Nationally protected plants include *Emmenopterys henryi*, *Liriodendron chinense* and *Ginkgo biloba*. Animals include *Panthera pardus*, *Neofelis nebulosa*, *Cervus nippon*, *Viverricula indica*, *Viverra zibetha* and *Manis pentadactyla*.

IBA CODE: CN363

NAME: Mount Huang Shan

CRITERIA: A1 A2 A3

AREA: 27,066 ha

COORDINATES: 30°8'N 118°9'E

ALTITUDE: 400-1,873 m

CONSERVATION STATUS: The IBA is partially protected in the provincial-level Huang Shan Natural and Cultural Heritage Reserve (11,666 ha). Mount Huang Shan was designated in 1990 as a 'World Heritage Site' under the World Heritage Convention.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Huang Shan is located in southern Anhui Province, and is the highest mountain in eastern China. It is a famous tourist attraction for its pine forests, rocks, hot springs and clouds.

THREATENED SPECIES: *Aquila clanga* (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: Nationally protected plants include *Emmenopterys henryi* and *Liriodendron chinense*. Animals include *Andrias davidianus*, *Neofelis nebulosa*, *Panthera pardus*, *Cervus nippon*, *Capricornis sumatraensis* and *Selenarctos tibetanus*. The frog *Rana tormotus* is endemic to Huang Shan.

IBA CODE: CN364

NAME: Qingliangfeng Nature Reserve

CRITERIA: A1 A2 A3

AREA: About 4,000 ha

COORDINATES: 30°6'N 118°52'E

ALTITUDE: 0-1,787 m

CONSERVATION STATUS: The IBA is protected in two provincial-level nature reserves, Jixi Qingliangfeng Nature Reserve (3,000 ha) and Shexian Qingliangfeng Nature Reserve (1,000 ha), which were established in 1982 and 1986 respectively in two adjacent counties.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Qingliangfeng is the second highest peak in southern Anhui, and is the main peak in the Tianmu Shan ranges.

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 plants include *Pseudolarix kaempferi*, *Liriodendron chinense*, *Cercidiphyllum japonicum*, *Emmenopterys henryi* and *Ginkgo biloba*. Animals include *Panthera pardus*, *Neofelis nebulosa*, *Cervus nippon*, *Selenarctos thibetanus* and *Manis pentadactyla*.