

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

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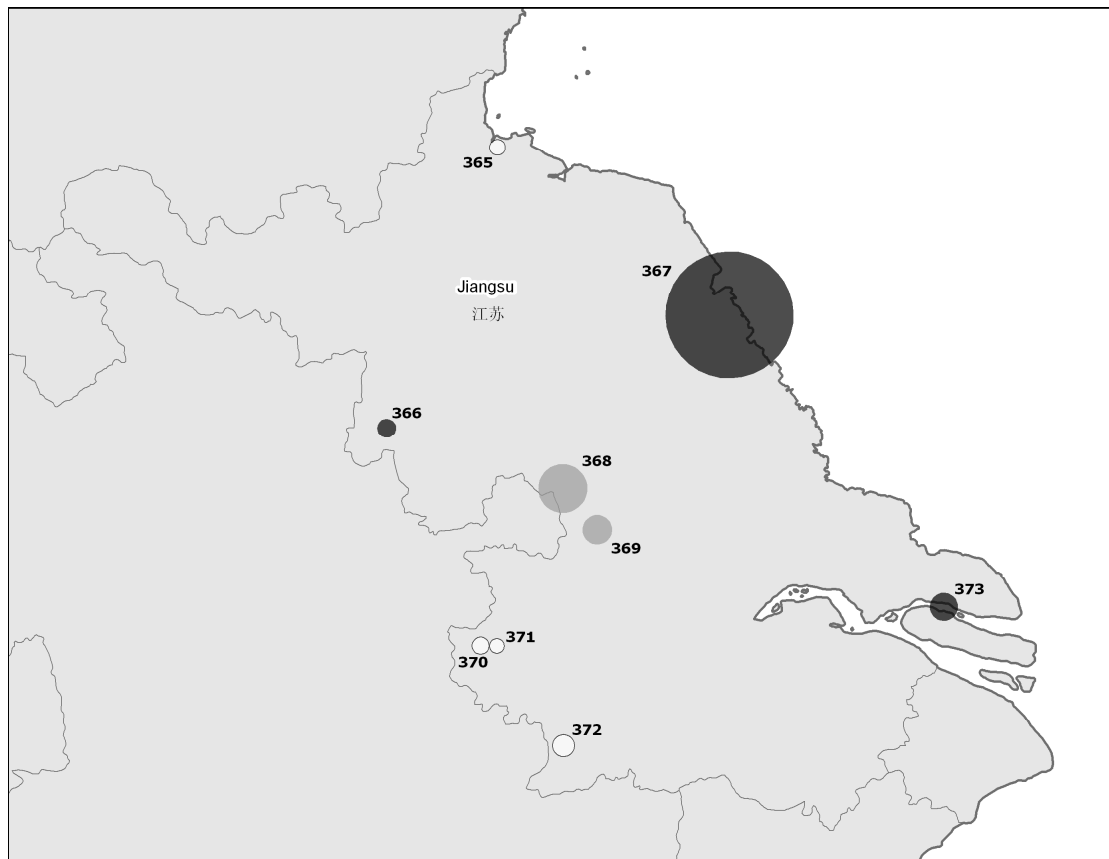
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## Important Bird Areas in Jiangsu Province



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

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



Liangyungang (CN365) is a coastal mudflat in northern Jiangsu, where large flocks of shorebirds have recently been recorded on migration. (PHOTO: HAN YONGXIANG)

IBA CODE: CN365

NAME: Lianyungang saltworks

CRITERIA: A1 A4i

AREA: About 7,000 ha

COORDINATES: 34°42'N 119°14'E

ALTITUDE: Sea-level

CONSERVATION STATUS: Unprotected

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: No information.

THREATENED SPECIES: *Platalea minor* (EN)

CONGREGATORY WATERBIRDS: *Tringa erythropus*, *Tringa stagnatilis*, *Calidris tenuirostris*, *Calidris ruficollis*, *Calidris acuminata*.

IMPORTANCE TO OTHER FAUNA AND FLORA: No information.

IBA CODE: CN366

NAME: Sihong Wetland of Hongze Hu

CRITERIA: A1 A4i,A4iii

AREA: About 10,000 ha

COORDINATES: 33°19'N 118°13'E

ALTITUDE: 15 m

CONSERVATION STATUS: The county-level Chengtou Nature Reserve was established in 1985, and was the first protected area for *Otis tarda* in China. It was later upgraded to become the provincial-level Sihong Hongze Hu Nature Reserve (49,365 ha). The *Otis tarda* population was c.600 when the reserve was established in the 1980s, but the reserve has lost its value for the species because of development in the adjacent areas.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Hongze Hu is located in northern Jiangsu Province. The lake area is c.196,000 ha, and it is the largest reservoir in the Huai He region. The western part of the lake has extensive areas of wetland plants, and the remaining parts are largely open water.

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

CONGREGATORY WATERBIRDS: *Grus vipio*

IMPORTANCE TO OTHER FAUNA AND FLORA: No information.

IBA CODE: CN367

NAME: Yancheng Nature Reserve

CRITERIA: A1 A4i,A4iii

AREA: 453,300 ha

COORDINATES: 33°35'N 120°30'E

ALTITUDE: 0-4 m

CONSERVATION STATUS: Established as a nature reserve in 1983, and upgraded to a national nature reserve (453,300 ha) in 1992. The reserve was designated in 1992 as a 'Biosphere Reserve' under UNESCO's Man and Biosphere (MAB) Programme and in 2002 as a 'Wetland of International Importance' (or Ramsar site) under the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands. Dafeng Milu Nature Reserve is located inside the buffer zone of the national nature reserve.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Yancheng National Nature Reserve is located on the coast of central Jiangsu Province. The core area of the reserve is 13,800 ha. The coastline extends 583 km from north to south, with a typical width of between 5-10 km (the widest part is over 15 km, the narrowest part is below 2 km). The inter-tidal mudflats are growing eastwards because of siltation, at a rate of 50-200 m a year (about 33 km<sup>2</sup>/yr).

THREATENED SPECIES: *Grus leucogeranus* (CR), *Ciconia boyciana* (EN), *Platalea minor* (EN), *Anser cygnoides* (EN), *Mergus squamatus* (EN), *Grus japonensis* (EN), *Tringa guttifer* (EN), *Anser erythropus* (VU), *Aythya baeri* (VU), *Aquila heliaca* (VU), *Grus vipio* (VU), *Grus monacha* (VU), *Otis tarda* (VU), *Larus saundersi* (VU), *Larus relictus* (VU)

CONGREGATORY WATERBIRDS: *Ciconia boyciana*, *Platalea minor*, *Anser cygnoides*, *Larus saundersi*

IMPORTANCE TO OTHER FAUNA AND FLORA: Nationally protected animals include *Hydropotes inermis* and semi-wild *Elaphurus davidianus*.

IBA CODE: CN368

NAME: Gaoyou Hu

CRITERIA: A1 A4i

AREA: 66,300 ha

COORDINATES: 32°50'N 119°15'E

ALTITUDE: 5-7 m

CONSERVATION STATUS: This IBA includes the county-level Gaoyou Wetland Nature Reserve (4,667 ha, Gaoyou City) and the city-level Gaoyou Hu Northern Wetlands Nature Reserve (3,000 ha, Jinhua County), both of which were established in 2005.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Gaoyou Hu is located 40 km north of Yangzhou City and west of Gaoyou City. The Beijing-Hangzhou Grand Canal lies to the east of the lake. Gaoyou Hu lake receives water from several rivers and flows into Shaobo Hu. The shallow area of the lake is dominated by reeds, and there are extensive agricultural lands in the adjacent areas.

THREATENED SPECIES: *Ciconia boyciana* (EN), *Anser cygnoides* (EN, 1,100 birds in 1990), *Mergus squamatus* (EN, 17 birds in 1990), *Grus japonensis* (EN), *Pelecanus crispus* (VU, 35 birds in 1991), *Anas formosa* (VU, 3,500 birds in 1990), *Aythya baeri* (VU, 450 birds in 1990), *Otis tarda* (VU)

CONGREGATORY WATERBIRDS: *Ciconia boyciana*, *Anser cygnoides*, *Anas formosa*, *Aythya baeri*

IMPORTANCE TO OTHER FAUNA AND FLORA: No information.

IBA CODE: CN369

NAME: Shaobo Hu Lake Area

CRITERIA: A1 A4i

AREA: About 24,000 ha

COORDINATES: 32°35'N 119°25'E

ALTITUDE: 5-7 m

CONSERVATION STATUS: This IBA includes two county-level nature reserves, Hanjiang Shaobo Hu Nature Reserve (1,538 ha, in Yangzhou City, established in 2004) and Jiangdu Shaobo Hu Nature Reserve (2,667 ha, in Jiangdu City, established in 2005).

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Shaobo Hu is located 15 km north of Yangzhou City. The Beijing-Hangzhou Grand Canal lies to the east of the lake. The western shore of the lake has been straightened by reclamation. Shaobo Hu receives water from channels and then flows into the Yangtze River. The shallow area of the lake is dominated by reeds, and there are extensive agricultural lands in the adjacent areas.

THREATENED SPECIES: *Ciconia boyciana* (EN), *Anser cygnoides* (EN), *Mergus squamatus* (EN), *Grus japonensis* (EN), *Pelecanus crispus* (VU), *Anas formosa* (VU, 600 birds in 1991), *Aythya baeri* (VU, 30 birds in 1991), *Otis tarda* (VU)

CONGREGATORY WATERBIRDS: *Ciconia boyciana*, *Anser cygnoides*, *Anas formosa*, *Aythya baeri*

IMPORTANCE TO OTHER FAUNA AND FLORA: No information.

IBA CODE: CN370

NAME: Lao Shan Mountain

CRITERIA: A1

AREA: 8,000 ha

COORDINATES: 32°5'N 118°34'E

ALTITUDE: 442 m

CONSERVATION STATUS: Unprotected

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Lao Shan has rather good vegetation cover, mainly of mixed deciduous and evergreen broadleaf forest. It is subject to quite high levels of disturbance from tourism.

THREATENED SPECIES: *Syrnaticus reevesii* (VU), *Pitta nympha* (VU)  
IMPORTANCE TO OTHER FAUNA AND FLORA: No information.

IBA CODE: CN371

NAME: Lanbowan–Qilihe Wetland

CRITERIA: A1

AREA: 6,000 ha

COORDINATES: 32°4'N 118°40'E

ALTITUDE: No information.

CONSERVATION STATUS: Unprotected

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: The land of Lanbowan has been sold to a developer but development has been postponed because of problems with land ownership. It has recently been suggested that a wetland park should be build using the natural wetland system. Qilihe at Jiangpu is an important site for migratory shorebirds during spring and autumn.

THREATENED SPECIES: *Pelecanus crispus* (VU), *Ciconia boyciana* (EN), *Anser cygnoides* (EN), *Aquila heliaca* (VU), *Aquila clanga* (VU)

IMPORTANCE TO OTHER FAUNA AND FLORA: No information.

IBA CODE: CN372

NAME: Shijiu Hu (Jiangsu)

CRITERIA: A1 A4i

AREA: approx 13,000 ha

COORDINATES: 31°29'N 118°58'E

ALTITUDE: 10 m

CONSERVATION STATUS: Unprotected

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Shijiu Hu is a large lake at the border of Jiangsu and Anhui provinces

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

CONGREGATORY WATERBIRDS: *Anas falcata* (630 birds in January 2007), *Charadrius alexandrinus* (1,500 birds in December 2006)

IMPORTANCE TO OTHER FAUNA AND FLORA: No information.

IBA CODE: CN373

NAME: Qidong Northern Yangtze Estuary Nature Reserve

CRITERIA: A1

AREA: 21,491 ha

COORDINATES: 31°49'N 121°27'E

ALTITUDE: Sea-level

CONSERVATION STATUS: A provincial-level nature reserve established in 1985 for the conservation of *Grus japonensis* and *G. monacha*.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Located in Qidong City, on the northern bank of the Yangtze Estuary where the slow flowing waters result in sedimentation. The avifauna is likely to be very similar to the nearby Coastal Wetlands of Northern Chongming Dao Island (CN374).

THREATENED SPECIES: *Grus japonensis* (EN), *Grus monacha* (VU)

IMPORTANCE TO OTHER FAUNA AND FLORA: No information.