



Red Panda & Parrotbills Extension

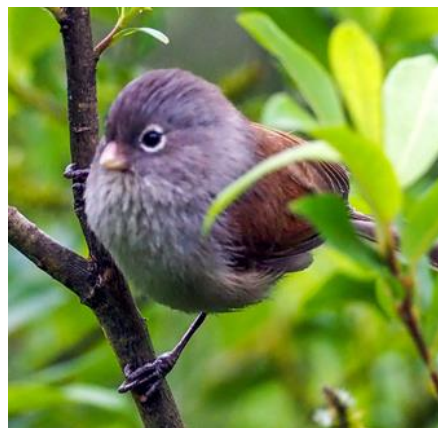
7 Days Red Panda & Parrotbills Extension

Apr 22-28, 2024



Outline

- Day 1: Chengdu / Labahe
- Day 2: Labahe
- Day 3: Labahe / Longcanggou
- Day 4-5: Longcanggou
- Day 6: Longcanggou / Chengdu
- Day 7: Chengdu / Depart



Grey-hooded Parrotbill



Overview

This trip is an extension to the 15 days "Sichuan Birding & Wildlife Safari" which covers two fascinating sites namely Labahe Nature Reserve and Longcanggou Forest Park. Labahe is by far the most reliable place to try the spectacular Red Panda. Besides, by visiting these two places, we can encounter some unique parrotbills and forest species such as Gold-fronted Fulvetta, Emei Shan Liocichla, Golden-breasted Flvetta, David's Flvetta, Sichuan Leaf Warbler, etc.



Highlights

1. Nice chances for the rare Red Panda.
2. Some unique endemics like Three-toed Parrotbill, Grey-hooded Parrotbill, Emei Shan Liocichla, etc.
3. Experienced guides with great knowledge about local mammals and birds who also have rich experiences of guiding travelers from different countries and understand their needs well.
4. A small group size of no more than 8 travelers.
5. Years of working as a local partner for some prestigious western companies specialized in birds and wildlife.
6. A strong logistic team in the office to ensure our trip goes smoothly and every participant has a comfortable and memorable journey.



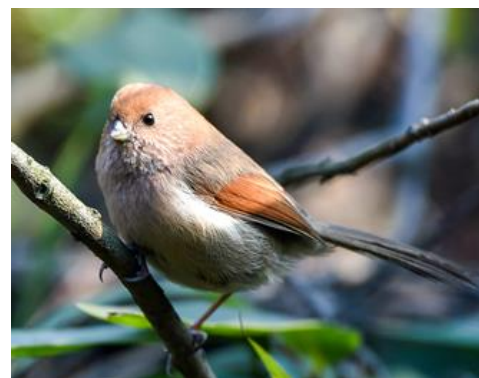
Tour Info Sheet

Highlight Birds	Fulvous Parrotbill, Vinous-throated Parrotbill, Brown Parrotbill, Ashy-throated Parrotbill, Great Parrotbill, Three-toed Parrotbill, Grey-hooded Parrotbill, Golden Parrotbill, Gold-fronted Fulvetta, Emei Shan Liocichla, etc.
Numbers of Species to Expect	70-100
Ease of Birding	mostly easy birding with a few tricky species
Highlight Mammals	Tibetan Macaque, Red Panda, Sambar, Chinese Goral, Red and White Giant Flying Squirrel
Other Attractions	wild panda habitat, delicate food
Photography Opportunities	birding focused but with very good photography chances
Habitats Covered	subtropical forests, woodlands
Expected Climate	mostly comfortable, rain is possible
Physical Requirements	mostly easy, demanding but optional on certain parts
Accommodation	very comfortable
Transportation	19-seat van



Day 1: Chengdu to Labahe via Qinglong Lake.

We will have a short visit to Qinglong Lake in search of Chinese Bamboo Partridge before driving to the Labahe area. Besides the partridge, we can find some urban and special resident birds here, such as Vinous-throated Parrotbill, Chinese Bulbul, White-browed Laughingthrush, Red-billed Leiothrix, Japanese White-eye, Chinese Blackbird, Chinese Grosbeak, Collared Finchbill, Long-tailed Shrike, Fork-tailed Sunbird, Hoopoe, etc.



Vinous-throated Parrotbill

Following the exploration, we will complete a 4-hour journey to Labahe. Upon arrival, we will go birding around the hotel to look for some low elevation species, including Red-billed Blue Magpie, White-capped Water Redstart, Plumbeous Water Redstart, Collared Finchbill, Elliot's Laughingthrush, etc. We may encounter Tibetan Macaque around the hotel. After dinner, we will go out for a night walk, we can expect Chinese Goral, Red and White Giant Flying Squirrel, etc.

Day 2: Labahe Nature Reserve.

Sitting at the edge of the Hengduan Mountain Range, Labahe Nature Reserve is an important panda habitat and by far one of the best locations in China to find Red Panda and some other stunning mammals, such as Tibetan Macaque, Sambar, Masked Palm Civet, Red and White Flying Squirrel, etc. The mixed alpine forest and dense bamboo understory make an ideal habitat for the Red Panda, though it will still require a good amount of hard work and patience to find one. We will walk on the paved road and search both sides and the rugged mountains surrounded carefully.

Labahe is also a good birding site where we can find some interesting species including Lady Amherst's Pheasant, Fulvous Parrotbill, Golden-breasted Flveta, David's Flveta, Sichuan Leaf Warbler, etc.



Red Panda

Day 3: Labahe to Longcanggou Forest Park.

We will spend the morning in Labahe to try our targets again. After our exploration, we will drive on and finish our 3-hour journey to Longcanggou. We will go birding around the guesthouse looking for Ashy-throated Parrotbill, Hwamei, Red-billed Leiothrix, Oriental Greenfinch, etc.

Day 4- 5: Longcanggou Forest Park.

Located on the western edge of the Sichuan Basin, Longcanggou sets in the core area of the transition zone between the basin and the Qinghai-Tibet Plateau. The special location makes the geological structures here very diverse. One of the densest subtropical evergreen broad-leaved forests is found here and it is home to a lot of range-restricted and endemic species.



Golden Parrotbill

For pheasants, we can expect Temminck's Tragopan and Lady Amherst's Pheasant here. Despite this, in the lush bamboo forest of high elevation, we will look for Great Parrotbill, Brown Parrotbill, Three-toed Parrotbill, Grey-hooded Parrotbill, Golden Parrotbill, Emei Shan Liocichla, Grey-hooded Fulvetta, Golden-breasted Fulvetta, Red-winged Laughingthrush, Spotted Laughingthrush, Black-faced Laughingthrush, Darjeeling Woodpecker, Vinaceous Rosefinch, White-throated Needletail, Coal Tit, Fire-capped Tit, Ashy-throated Warbler, Sichuan Leaf Warbler, Emei Leaf Warbler, Large-billed Leaf Warbler, Yellowish-bellied Bush Warbler, Aberrant Bush Warbler, etc.

In the broadleaf forest of lower elevation, we will look for Gold-fronted Fulvetta, David's Fulvetta, Crimson-breasted Woodpecker, Speckled Piculet, Yellow-browed Tit, Yellow-bellied Tit, Black-throated Tit, Sichuan Bush Warbler, Pygmy Cupwing, Black Bulbul, Emei Leaf Warbler, Chestnut-crowned Warbler, Brownish-flanked Bush Warbler, Rufous-capped Babbler, Red-billed Leiothrix, Red-tailed Minla, Blue-winged Minla, Ferruginous Flycatcher, Snowy-browed Flycatcher, Taiga Flycatcher, Brown Bullfinch, etc.



Gold-fronted Fulvetta

Day 6: Longcanggou Forest Park to Chengdu.

Continuing our exploration in Longcanggou in the early morning. Afterward, we will drive back to Chengdu.

Day 7: Departure from Chengdu.

Following a lovely breakfast at the hotel, you will be transferred to the airport to depart from Chengdu. This will conclude the services for this scheduled itinerary from AlpineBirding.



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