

# Qinghai - Tibet

7 - 22 September 2016



This trip wasn't organized to observe as many species as possible but for a professional nature photographer who prepares an exhibition and a book. I was hired as mammalogist to help the photographer in his quest and therefore I spent few time to take the pictures below. At the moment the very incredible and beautiful photographs of the professional aren't accessible to the general public.

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**Tibetan Fox / *Vulpes ferrilata*** regular everywhere





**Red Fox / *Vulpes vulpes*** regular everywhere



*A red fox with 2 Black-lipped Pikas in its mouth*

**Wolf / *Canis lupus*** regular everywhere.

1 to 4 individuals seen on 9-10-11-12-17-21-22 Sept



**Snow Leopard / *Panthera uncia***

2 sightings in Yejinimacum Valley (50km SW of Yushu)

11 Sept : an adult crossed an open pasture (100m wide) and disappeared on the other side of the mountain 2 minutes later.

14 Sept : an adult lay on a rock. Approximately 15 m from the adult, two large juveniles (nearly the same size the adult) played at the entrance of a cave.



### Mountain Weasel / *Mustella altaica*

10 Sept and 12 Sept : visiting Black-lipped (Plateau) Pika's tunnels



### Asian Badger / *Meles leucurus*

21 Sept : near Budunglan, hunting in the mid afternoon, digging for Plateau Pikas

### Blue Sheep / *Pseudois nayaur*

very common on the highest slopes of Yejinimacum Valley (50km SW of Yushu)





**White-lipped Deer / *Cervus albirostris***

2 groups (less than 20) seen on the bushy slopes of Yejinimacum Valley (50km SW of Yushu)

**McNeil's Deer / *Cervus macneilli***

14 Sept 2016 : 3 seen grazing a sloping pasture of Yejinimacum Valley (50km SW of Yushu)

**Tibetan Gazelle / *Gazella picicaudata***

common in the plains east of Madoi and around Budunglan





**Przewalski's Gazelle / *Gazella przewalskii***

common (200 to 300 seen every day) in the plains south-east of Qinghai Lake





**Tibetan Antelope / *Pantholops hodgsonii*** common around Budunglan



**Kiang / *Equus kiang***

common in the plains east of Madoi, around Budunglan, and along the road from Zidoi to Budunglan







**Wild Yak / *Bos mutus*** common around Budunglan and in Wild Yak Valley,





### **Himalayan Marmot / *Marmota himalayana***

common around Budunglan, in Yejinimacum Valley (50km SW of Yushu), in Wild Yak Valley, and on some on the highest slopes around Madoi



### **Wolly Hare / *Lepus oiostolus***

regular/common everywhere





**Plateau (Black-lipped) Pika / *Ochotona curzoniae***

(very) common (nearly) everywhere,



*Saker Falcon*

*with*

*Black-lipped Pika*



### **Koslov's Pika / *Ochotona kozlowi***

very common in the sandy places to the east of Budunglan (especially between Budunglan and the first bridge on the road from Budunglan to Zidoi). The entrance of the tunnels are 4-5 cm, distinctly narrower than Plateau Pika tunnel entrances (7-10 cm)



### **Large-eared Pika / *Ochotona macrotis***

common in Yejinimacum Valley (50km SW of Yushu), especially on piles of big rocks (the left picture below )



*Large-eared Pika*

*sunbathing*



**Glover's Pika / *Ochotona gloveri***

\*common in rocky places (especially in gorges, canyons, cliffs)

\*very common in Yejinimacum Valley (50km SW of Yushu)

