

Mammal Videos from a Sichuan/Shaanxi trip – 18th to 28th November 2016 – Justin Brown, Linden Stear

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Here are links to videos taken from Ruoergai, Tangjiahe and the Foping/Zhouzhi area of Shaanxi.

Videos from Ruoergai, Tangjiahe taken by Justin Brown and Linden Stear. The Foping film is made by Sid Francis.

Pallas's Cat - Ruoergai

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cm1aWwO-nv0>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7AT64kRu6g4>

Chinese Mountain Cat - Ruoergai

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hz4bgF3nG8A>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Af5R9PODOBw>

Tibetan Fox - Ruoergai

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1NXPaVTW6rg>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V-dxzkltimo>

Tibetan Wolf - Ruoergai

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wG1HzsNwjGA>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ISNEXcSM5Ps>

Wooly Hare - Ruoergai

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QmfbtPvEWPI>

Hog Badger - Tangjiahe

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6y8zGutLlxo>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2GaSbzd3qAg>

Leopard Cat - Tangjiahe

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HSKS-RVqYRA>

Malayan Porcupine - Tangjiahe

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bOEvOkg4eVQ>

Himalayan Palm Civet - Tangjiahe

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RyRA1FFHJOY>

Yellow-throated Martin - Tangjiahe

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eQnU5zxHGL0>

Golden Snub-nosed Monkey – Foping

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gUACcXXIPyI>

Trip mammal list

Tangjiahe - T

Ruoergai – R

Foping – F

Plateau Pika *Ochotona curzoniae* – R

Confucian Niviventer *Niviventer confucianus* – T

Chinese Jumping Mouse *Eozapus setchuanus* - T

Woolly Hare *Lepus oiostolus* – R

Eurasian Least Shrew *Sorex minutissimus* – T

Chinese Ferret Badger *Melogale moschata* - T

Hog-nosed Badger *Arctonyx collaris* – T

Yellow-throated Martin *Martes flavigula* - T, F

Malayan Porcupine *Hystrix brachyura* – T

Tibetan Fox *Vulpes ferrilata* - R

Red Fox *Vulpes vulpes* – R

Tibetan Wolf *Canis lupus chanco* – R – 2 packs of 6 animals, 2 separate sites

Himalayan Palm Civet *Paguma larvata* - T

Leopard Cat *Prionailurus bengalensis* – T

Chinese Mountain Cat *Felix beiti* – R – 3 cats, 3 separate sites

Pallas's Cat *Otocolobus manul* – R – 2 cats, 2 separate sites

Wild Boar *Sus scrofa* - T

Tibetan Gazelle *Procapra picticaudata* - R

Reeve's Muntjac *Muntiacus reevesi* - T

Tufted Deer *Elaphodus cephalophus* – T, R

Forest Musk Deer *Moschus berezovskii* – T – 1 animal

Siberian Roe *Capreolus pygargus* - R

Chinese Goral *Nemorhaedus griseus* – T

Chinese Serow *Capricornis milneedwardsii* – T

Takin *Budorcas taxicolor* - T

Per David's Rock Squirrel *Sciurotamias davidianus* – T, F

Perny's Long-nosed Squirrel *Dremomys pernyi* – F

Tibetan Macaque *Macaca thibetana* - T

Golden Snub-nosed Monkey *Rhinopithecus roxellana* – F

Notes on sites –

Ruoergai – most notable recordings were 2 new sites for Chinese Mountain Cat. One to the west of Flower Lake, with the other to the east of Ruoergai. Both sites were in areas absent of large Pika colonies giving further evidence that this cat is seeming not as dependent on Pika as Pallas's Cat, and has a diet of other rodents and small birds. Again, found Pallas's Cat at our original 2012 site – just south of the Gansu border on the G213. Fine daylight views, the cat remained in situ even after a flock of sheep and its shepherd wandered straight in and through the rocky depression where it was taking shelter.

Other notable sightings included 2 packs of Tibetan Wolf – both with 6 animals.

Tangjiahe – brief views of Chinese Ferret Badger and Forest Musk Deer. The diminutive Eurasian Least Shrew were amusing additions to our Tangjiahe list – so small that at first they looked like pieces of tiny leaf-litter blowing along the road, they had the habit of diving off the road-curbs, into roadside gutters, in an alarming belly-flop style!

Foping – Habituated troops of wild Golden Snub-nosed Monkeys were seen at 2 sites in Shaanxi. The ones just North of Foping, in the Daypingyu Scenic Area, which is open to foreign visitors, are very easy to view. You are allowed very close access and animals fed around our feet. We also visited the Golden Snub-nosed Monkey Reserve in Zhouzhi – but this area, being a national nature reserve, requires permits. We were however very lucky to gain invitation from a group of scientists studying troop interactions. This site is far more difficult to access, with a drive along a very narrow, unpaved track that goes over dubious wooden bridges, through a narrow valley with tight corners, cliff faces and a few sheer drops.