

13-16 Jan 2012

# 7<sup>th</sup> ARRCN Symposium on Asian Raptors

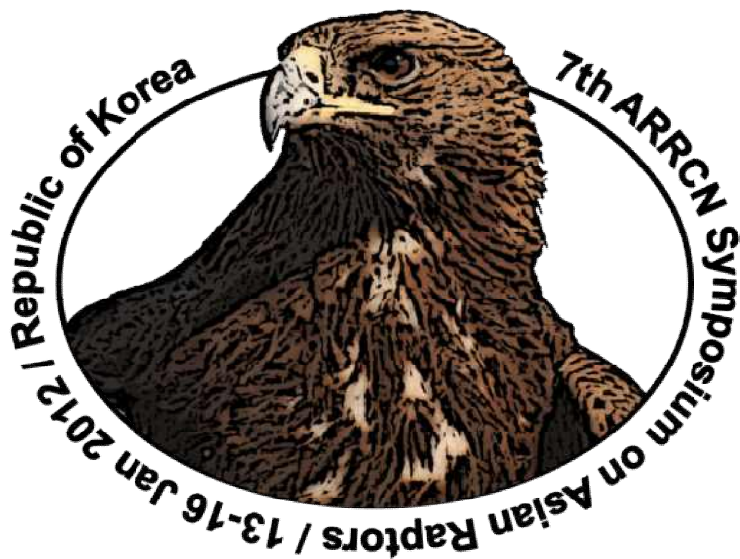
*Raptor Migration and Conservation in Asia*



**Venue:**

Grace Hill (Ganghwa)  
& Hantan River Spa Hotel (Cheorwon),  
Republic of KOREA

Asian Raptor Research and  
Conservation Network &  
National Park Research Institute



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7th ARRCN Symposium on Asian Raptors

**Second Announcement & Call for Papers  
: Raptor Migration and Conservation in Asia**

**Dear ARRCN members and raptor colleagues,**

We are very pleased to announce the 7<sup>th</sup> ARRCN Symposium on Asian Raptors which will be held on 13~16 January 2012 in the Republic of Korea.

The Republic of Korea (South Korea) is an important wintering ground as well as breeding/staging grounds for diverse raptors such as sparrowhawks, eagles, vultures, and owls. However, habit loss and degradation by the rapid economic growth are threatening raptors, while active plantation lasted more than 40 years successfully regenerated mature forests which were destroyed by the Korean War and overharvested for fuel woods consumption. There are many issues for the conservation of raptors in Korea, but our knowledge and experiences are still limited to resolve those conflicts and problems. We believe that this symposium will be a great chance to encourage communications, to share knowledge and experiences, and to increase public awareness on raptors among Korean researchers, birdwatchers, stakeholders and local managers as well as ARRCN members.

The Migratory Birds Center in the National Park Research Institute prepares to welcome all participants from Asia and the other regions. Further detailed information will be noticed through the official 7<sup>th</sup> ARRCN Symposium Blog (<http://arrcn.blogspot.com/>). If you have any question, please contact us by e-mail ([arrcn.korea@gmail.com](mailto:arrcn.korea@gmail.com)) or phone (+82-61-246-3115). We hope to see you in Korea!

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# 1. Programs

## 1) Outline

- 12 Jan 2012 (Thu) Arrival
- 13 Jan 2012 (Fri) Opening, Plenary lectures, Symposium, Banquet
- 14 Jan 2012 (Sat) Symposium, Falconry demonstration
- 15 Jan 2012 (Sun) Symposium
- 16 Jan 2012 (Mon) Field Trip, Bazaar, Closing
- 17 Jan 2012 (Tue) Departure / Optional field trip

	2012-01-12	2012-01-13	2012-01-14	2012-01-15	2012-01-16	2012-01-17
<b>Early morning</b>	-	-	Optional morning walk & birdwatching	Optional morning walk & birdwatching	Optional morning walk & birdwatching	-
<b>Morning</b>	Arrival	Registration Poster set-up Opening ceremony Plenary lectures	Session 2: Raptor Migration in Asia Poster presentation	Session 5: Oral presentations	Field trip to DMZ	Move to Incheon Departure Optional field trip
<b>Afternoon</b>	Arrival Optional birdwatching	Session 1: Raptor Conservation in Asia	Session 3-4: Oral presentations Traditional falconry demonstration	Move to Cheorwon via Paju	Field trip to DMZ	Departure Optional field trip
<b>Evening</b>	Arrival	Banquet	-	-	Bazaar Closing ceremony Banquet	Departure Optional field trip

## 2) Daily programs

<b>12 Jan 2012 (Thu): Ganghwa</b>		
<b>06:00-20:00</b>	<b>Arrival at the Grace Hill, Ganghwa</b>	
<b>14:00-17:00</b>	<b>Birdwatching in Ganghwa or Visiting Jeondeung-sa Temple</b>	

<b>13 Jan 2012 (Fri) : Ganghwa</b>		
<b>09:00-10:00</b>	<b>Registration &amp; Poster set-up</b>	
<b>10:00-10:30</b>	<b>Opening ceremony</b>	
<b>10:30-10:45</b>	<b>Group Photo &amp; Break</b>	
<b>10:45-11:40</b>	<b>Plenary lecture 1: Dr Ian Newton</b>	
<b>11:40-12:35</b>	<b>Plenary lecture 2: Dr Keith Bildstein</b>	
<b>12:35-14:00</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	
<b>14:00-18:00</b>	<b>Session 1: Raptor Conservation in Asia</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Russia (20min)</b></li> <li>- <b>Mongolia (20min)</b></li> <li>- <b>Japan (20min)</b></li> <li>- <b>Tea Break</b></li> <li>- <b>Korea (20min)</b></li> <li>- <b>Taiwan (20min)</b></li> <li>- <b>Vietnam (20min)</b></li> <li>- <b>Tea Break</b></li> <li>- <b>Philippines (20min)</b></li> <li>- <b>Thailand (20min)</b></li> <li>- <b>Indonesia (20min)</b></li> <li>- <b>Malaysia (20min)</b></li> </ul>	
<b>18:30-20:00</b>	<b>Banquet</b>	

<b>14 Jan 2012 (Sat) : Ganghwa</b>		
<b>07:00-08:00</b>	<b>Optional morning walk: bird watching/banding near hotel</b>	
<b>08:00-09:00</b>	<b>Breakfast</b>	
<b>09:00-11:30</b>	<b>Session 2: Raptor Migration in Asia</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Japan (15min)</li> <li>- Korea (15min)</li> <li>- Taiwan (15min)</li> <li>- Vietnam (15min)</li> <li>- Tea Break</li> <li>- Philippines (15min)</li> <li>- Thailand (15min)</li> <li>- Indonesia (15min)</li> <li>- Malaysia (15min)</li> </ul>	
<b>11:30-12:30</b>	<b>Poster presentation</b>	
<b>12:30-13:30</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	
<b>13:30-14:30</b>	<b>Session 3: Selected Oral Presentations</b> 6 speakers (20min*3 speakers*2 rooms)	
<b>14:30-17:00</b>	<b>Demonstration of Korea Traditional Falconry</b> (by Master PARK Yong-soon)	
<b>17:00-18:00</b>	<b>Session 4: Selected Oral Presentations</b> 6 speakers (20min*3 speakers*2 rooms)	
<b>18:00-19:00</b>	<b>Dinner</b>	

<b>15 Jan 2012 (Sun) : Ganghwa and Cheorwon</b>		
<b>07:00-08:00</b>	<b>Optional morning walk: Visiting Jeondeung Temple</b>	
<b>08:00-09:00</b>	<b>Breakfast</b>	
<b>09:00-12:30</b>	<b>Session 5: Selected Oral Presentations</b> 12-18 speakers (20min*6 speakers*3 rooms)	
<b>12:30-13:30</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	
<b>14:00-17:30</b>	<b>Move to Hantan River Spa Hotel, Cheorwon</b> via Jangdan roosting sites in Paju	
<b>18:00-19:00</b>	<b>Dinner</b>	

<b>16 Jan 2012 (Mon): Cheorwon</b>		
<b>06:30-08:00</b>	<b>Optional morning walk: Visiting roosting/sleeping sites of Cranes and Geese</b>	
<b>08:30-09:30</b>	<b>Breakfast</b>	
<b>09:30-12:30</b>	<b>CCZ/DMZ tour and birdwatching: Cinereous Vultures, Cranes, Geese, Ducks and other raptors</b>	
<b>12:30-13:30</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	
<b>13:30-14:30</b>	<b>Visiting Cheowon Rescue Center and Rehabilitation Ceremony</b>	
<b>14:30-17:30</b>	<b>Birdwatching near Cheorwon and Paju</b>	
<b>18:00-</b>	<b>Bazaar and Banquet</b>	

<b>17 Jan 2012 (Tue) : Cheorwon</b>		
<b>08:00-09:00</b>	<b>Breakfast</b>	
<b>09:00-12:30</b>	<b>Departure to &amp; Arrival at Incheon</b>	
<b>12:30-13:30</b>	<b>Lunch / Departure</b>	

\* Please note that the period from 21 to 24 January 2012 is the biggest holyday (Lunar New Year: *Seollal*) in Korea. During this period (including 20 and 25 January), more than 20 million people usually visit their hometowns; the worst traffic jam throughout Korea is expected, and most shops and restaurants will be probably closed. If you consider extended stay in Korea, we strongly recommend you to travel BEFORE the symposium. If you have questions or need help, please contact organizing committee ([arcn.korea@gmail.com](mailto:arcn.korea@gmail.com)).

## 2. Venue and Accommodation

### 1) Ganghwa County: Grace Hill

The official venue and accommodation of the 7<sup>th</sup> ARRCN Symposium is **Grace Hill** (Tel: +82 32 3661 9125; <http://www.scggracehill.co.kr/>) in Ganghwa County, Incheon, Korea.



Main building



Conference hall



Dining hall



Lecture room





Room (floor type)



Room (floor type)



Room (bunk bed type)



Room (bunk bed type)

***Available rooms in the Grace Hill:***

Floor Room (2-4 persons, max. 6 persons)                      20 rooms (70 USD/room/night\*)

[http://www.scgracehill.co.kr/sub\\_22.jsp?rowNum=1](http://www.scgracehill.co.kr/sub_22.jsp?rowNum=1)

Bunk Bed Room (2-4 persons, two bunk beds)                      12 rooms (70 USD/room/night\*)

[http://www.scgracehill.co.kr/sub\\_22.jsp?rowNum=2](http://www.scgracehill.co.kr/sub_22.jsp?rowNum=2)

Family (Twin Bed) Room (1-2 persons)                      7 rooms (110 USD/room/night\*)

[http://www.scgracehill.co.kr/sub\\_22.jsp?rowNum=3](http://www.scgracehill.co.kr/sub_22.jsp?rowNum=3)

*\* Room charges are subjected to change.*

*Other accommodations are available within 0.5-3.0 km away from the venue. If you look for a separate accommodation, the following pension (3.0 km away) is recommended.*

Double Bed Room (1-2 persons)                      13 rooms (70 USD/room/night)

<http://www.windmillps.co.kr/>

Floor Room (2-6 persons)                      3 rooms (100 USD/room/night)

<http://www.windmillps.co.kr/>

## 2) Cheorwon County: Hantan River Spa Hotel

The official accommodation in Cheorwon is the **Hantan River Spa Hotell** (Tel: +82 33 455 1234; <http://hantanhotel.co.kr/>) in Gangwon Province, Korea.



Main building



Dining hall



Twin room



Double room

### *Available rooms in the Hantan River Spa Hotel*

Twin Bed Room (2 persons) <a href="http://hantanhotel.co.kr/room/twin.php">http://hantanhotel.co.kr/room/twin.php</a>	38 rooms (80 USD/room/night*)
Double Bed Room (2 persons) <a href="http://hantanhotel.co.kr/room/double.php">http://hantanhotel.co.kr/room/double.php</a>	7 rooms (80 USD/room/night*)
Family (two floor) Room (4 persons) <a href="http://hantanhotel.co.kr/room/family.php">http://hantanhotel.co.kr/room/family.php</a>	7 rooms (100 USD/room/night*)

*\* Room charges are subjected to change.*

### **3) Other notes**

#### ***Room charges***

The organizing committee is still under negotiation with the accommodations to discount room charges. Please note that the room charges described above are NOT fixed charges and are subjected to change.

#### ***Sharing rooms***

Since the number of rooms is limited, we recommend you to share a room with your colleague(s). The lodging expenses will be charged by room regardless the number of lodgers; whether you share a room with three colleagues or use by yourself in the Grace Hill, the daily room charge is 70 USD per room. Sharing room will save daily expenses for accommodations. If you want to share a room, only one representative participant is requested to draw up the 'Accommodation Request Form' including the other lodgers' names (up to three participants).

#### ***Other accommodations***

Besides the accommodations above, other budget accommodations (usually 40 USD per room; usually one double bed) are available around there. However, please remember that you have to walk for 10-45 min in cold weather to access the venue when you stay in other accommodation due to the lack of transportation services in suburban areas. Though we may consider free transportation service on request, the most accommodations near the venue are designed and managed mainly for domestic tourists (i.e. several floor-type rooms in one house). We recommend you to stay in the Venue. If you need more help or advices to find a reasonable and budget accommodation, feel free to contact the organizing committee ([arcn.korea@gmail.com](mailto:arcn.korea@gmail.com)).

#### ***Reservation***

The organizing committee contracted with the accommodations. Therefore, personal booking is not required. You can send the 'Accommodation Request Form', to the organizing committee ([arcn.korea@gmail.com](mailto:arcn.korea@gmail.com)). The accommodation form will be downloadable from the <http://arcn.blogspot.com> soon.

## 3. Registration

***Deadline for Paper Submission/Early registration: 30 Nov 2011***

Please use the form to register for the 7<sup>th</sup> ARRCN Symposium on Asian Raptors, and return it to the organizing committee by e-mail ([arcn.korea@gmail.com](mailto:arcn.korea@gmail.com)). Detailed information on registration and bank information as well as the registration form will be uploaded on the symposium blog (<http://arcn.blogspot.com>).

Registration fee includes attendance and packages of the symposium, all meals, two banquets, all transportations in Korea, official field trip, and other basic requirements for the symposium. It does NOT include optional field trips and accommodations.

Category and Country		Early birds	Regular
		(Until 30 Nov 2011)	(After 1 Dec 2011)
Japan, Korea, Taiwan, North America/European countries, and other OECD/high income countries in the World Bank List*	Professional	USD 100	USD 125
	Student	USD 70	USD 90
China, India, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Russia, Thailand, Vietnam, etc.	Professional	USD 70	USD 90
	Student	USD 50	USD 60

\* This category for registration was used for the 25<sup>th</sup> International Ornithological Congress ([http://www.acquaviva.com.br/ioc2010/docs/country\\_classification.pdf](http://www.acquaviva.com.br/ioc2010/docs/country_classification.pdf))

### *Substitutions or Cancellations*

If you have already registered and some obligations prevent you from attending the 7<sup>th</sup> ARRCN symposium, you may send a substitute or cancel your participation. In case of cancellation, we can refund your fee (90% until 31 December 2011, 70% after 1 January 2012).

## **4. Call for papers**

### *Deadline for Paper Submission/Early registration: 30 Nov 2011*

Sessions for oral and poster presentations will be prepared. Abstracts and papers may cover diverse information on ecology, behavior, life history, migration, diseases, conservation, and technical issues related with raptor studies in Asia. Abstract and papers can be submitted to [arrcn.korea@gmail.com](mailto:arrcn.korea@gmail.com) via e-mail with the manuscript in MS Word format.

The abstract should be concise (no more than 500 words) and self informative in one paragraph emphasizing the results. The organizing committee currently considers the publication of submitted full papers on the special issue of the 'Korean Journal of Ornithology'. If you are interested in the publication of your study on the special issue of the local journal, please indicate your agreement on the submission form.

Guidelines and abstract forms for paper submission will be uploaded on the blog (<http://arrcn.blogspot.com>) soon.

## 5. Field Trips

### 1) Official Field Trip

The official field trip is scheduled on 16 January 2012 to visit the DMZ (demilitarized zone between South and North Korea) and adjacent areas (including CCZ: civilian control zone) in Cheorwon County. Because there are lots of military activities for the national security in Cheorwon, the entrance to wintering sites near DMZ without prior permission is prohibited. Given the less human disturbances, Cheorwon is one of the most important wintering sites of migratory waterbirds such as Red-crowned Cranes (*Grus japonensis*), White-naped Cranes (*Grus vipio*), Lesser White-fronted Geese (*Anser albifrons*), and ducks in Korea. Many raptors including Cinereous Vultures (*Aegypius monachus*, more than 500 ind.), White-tailed Sea Eagles, Steller's Sea Eagles, Golden Eagles, Common Buzzards, Hen Harriers, and Kestrels also occur in winter.



*Wintering Cinereous Vultures  
at Togyo Reservoir in Cheorwon*



*Roosting Red-crowned and White-naped Cranes  
before sunrise at a small river in Cheorwon*

## 2) Optional Field Trip

Optional field trip from 17 to 19 January 2012 will be available. One route is under consideration, but more routes can be considered upon request. Booking will be required to organize trips, and further information will be announced later on the symposium blog (<http://arcn.blogspot.com>).

- Fee for the optional field trips: 200 USD\*

*This fee includes nine meals, transportations, accommodation (budget motels), etc.*

*(\* It is subjected to change.)*

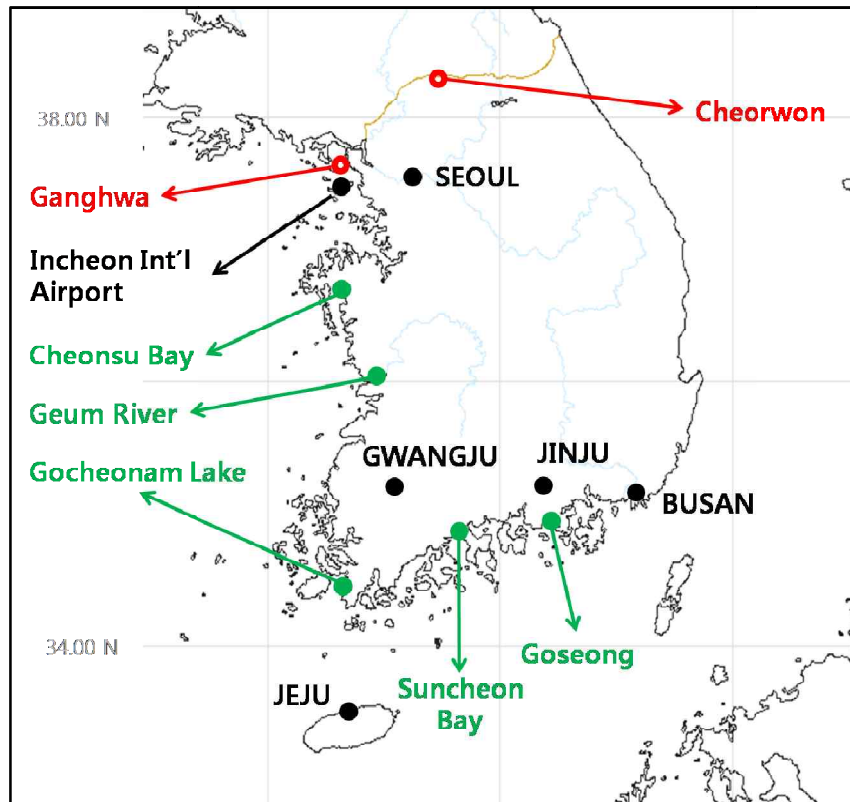
### ***Suggested Routes:***

#### **Cheorwon – Cheonsu Bay – Geum River – Gocheonam lake – Suncheon Bay – Goseong**

Mainly for ducks, geese, swans (including +300,000 Baikal Teals), storks, cranes, passerines, and raptors (including +300 Cinereous Vultures in Goseong).

You may see locations and habitats on the Google Maps through following links;

- Cheonsu Bay: Wintering area of ducks, geese, swans, storks, and spoonbills  
<http://maps.google.com/maps?hl=ko&ll=36.642253,126.469803&spn=0.092559,0.1581&z=13>
- Geum River: Wintering area of ducks, geese, and swans  
<http://maps.google.com/maps?hl=ko&ll=36.025085,126.774759&spn=0.039081,0.104284&z=14>
- Gocheonam Lake: Wintering area of Baikal Teals and ducks  
<http://maps.google.com/maps?hl=ko&ll=34.527561,126.47933&spn=0.047518,0.07905&z=14>
- Suncheon Bay: Wintering area of Hooded Cranes  
<http://maps.google.com/maps?hl=ko&ll=34.870088,127.511272&spn=0.050561,0.076818&t=h&z=14&vpsrc=6>
- Goseong County: Feeding area of Cinereous Vultures  
<http://maps.google.com/maps?hl=ko&ll=34.986937,128.324175&spn=0.011814,0.019763&z=16>



Map 1. Major sites for the symposium (red circles) and optional field trips (green circles).

17 Jan 2012 (Tue)		
08:00-09:00	Breakfast	
09:00-12:30	Departure to Cheonsu Bay	
12:30-13:00	Lunch at Haengdamdo Service Area	
14:30-17:00	Birdwatching at Haemi Stream and Ganwol Lake	Gulls, ducks, geese, Whooper Swans, Oriental White Storks, raptors, Hooded Cranes, Eurasian Spoonbills, etc.
17:00-18:30	Arrival at Gunsan Riverhill Tourist Hotel	
18:30-19:00	Dinner	



<b>18 Jan 2012 (Wed)</b>		
<b>07:30-08:30</b>	<b>Breakfast</b>	
<b>08:30-10:30</b>	<b>Birdwatching near Geum River</b>	Ducks, geese, Whooper Swans, raptors, gulls etc.
<b>10:30-11:30</b>	<b>Visiting Gunsan Observatory</b>	
<b>11:30-12:30</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	
<b>12:30-16:00</b>	<b>Move to Gocheonam Lake</b>	
<b>16:00-17:30</b>	<b>Watching Baikal Teals and other birds</b>	Ducks (Baikal Teals), geese, swans, raptors, gulls etc.
<b>17:30-18:30</b>	<b>Dinner on the way to Suncheon City</b>	
<b>18:30-21:00</b>	<b>Arrival at Suncheon City</b>	

<b>19 Jan 2012 (Thu)</b>		
<b>08:00-09:00</b>	<b>Breakfast</b>	
<b>09:00-11:00</b>	<b>Visiting Suncheon Bay and Wildlife Rescue Center</b>	Ducks, geese, Whooper Swans, shorebirds, raptors, Hooded Cranes, Saunders's Gulls, other gulls etc.
<b>11:00-12:30</b>	<b>Move to Goseong County</b>	
<b>12:30-14:00</b>	<b>Visiting Cinereous Vulture feeding area / lunch</b>	Cinereous Vultures
<b>14:00-14:30</b>	<b>Move to Jinju</b>	
<b>14:30-15:30</b>	<b>Visiting Jinju Fortress</b>	
<b>15:30-20:30</b>	<b>Dinner on the way to Incheon</b>	
<b>20:30-</b>	<b>Arrival at Incheon</b>	

<b>20 Jan 2012 (Fri)</b>		
<b>08:00-09:00</b>	<b>Breakfast</b>	
<b>09:00-10:00</b>	<b>Move to Airport / Departure</b>	

*\* This is a tentative plan for optional field trips and is subjected to change.*



*Ducks, swans, and raptors in coastal lakes*



*A huge flock of Baikal Teals in Cheonsu Bay*

## 6. Travels and Information

### 1) VISA

Tourists from several countries (i.e. Japan, Taiwan, USA) don't have to get an entrance VISA in case of a short stay in Korea. However, please contact or visit the nearest Embassy/Consulate of the Republic of Korea for further details. Please visit the following webpage of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MOFAT) for detailed VISA information.

VISA Application (MOFAT, Korea): <http://www.mofat.go.kr/english/visa/apply/index.jsp>

If you require an electronic or original copy of the invitation letter for VISA application, please inform the organizing committee well advance to the symposium. Your passport must be valid for at least six months beyond your intended length of stay.

## **2) Flight booking and Itinerary**

Please make a reservation for your international flights by yourself, and make an itinerary for your round trip. When you finish preparation of your round trip, please inform us of your confirmed itinerary including your flight schedule, flight code, arrival time, and so on.

## **3) Airport Pick-up**

Please make sure that your flight will arrive at Incheon International Airport (ICN: <http://www.iiaa.co.kr/>). Two minibuses will be available for pick-up service at the Incheon International Airport in Incheon (but NOT at the Gimpo International Airport in Seoul) on 12 January 2012. Please inform us of your confirmed itinerary including your flight schedule, flight no., arrival time and airport when you register or before your travel. Korea National Park officers and volunteers from the organizing committee will help your arrival and domestic travel, except for midnight arrivals. The time schedule for the minibus will be announced later on <http://arcn.blogspot.com/>.

## **4) Travel Insurance**

The registration fee does NOT include your travel insurance. Though Korea is a safe country with a high level of security and medical systems, we strongly recommend you to take out travel insurance before coming to Korea. Given the typical Terms of References of such insurances, it should be effective throughout your journey and you have to get it before the departure from your home country. Please contact local or international insurance companies.

## **5) Food and medicine requirements**

If you have specific food requirements or avoidance by physical or religious reasons, please note it on the registration form. If you need to take a medicine, bring it with you. Though most medications are available in Korea, please remember that we will stay in suburban areas and that you may need doctor's prescriptions issued in Korea to buy many kinds of medicines.

## 6) General Information

### *Republic of Korea (concise from [Wikipedia](#))*

South Korea, officially the Republic of Korea is a sovereign state in East Asia, located on the southern portion of the Korean Peninsula. It is neighbored by the People's Republic of China (Mainland China) to the west, Japan to the east, North Korea to the north, and the East China Sea and Republic of China (Taiwan) to the south. Its capital is Seoul, which is also its largest city. South Korea lies in a temperate climate region with a predominantly mountainous terrain. Its territory covers a total area of 99,392 km<sup>2</sup> and has a population of 50 million. Seoul, the capital of South Korea, reaches a population of 11 million.

South Korea occupies the southern portion of the Korean Peninsula, which extends some 1,100 km (680 miles) from the Asian mainland. The country, including all its islands, lies between latitudes 33° and 39°N, and longitudes 124° and 130°E. Its total area is 100,032.00 km<sup>2</sup> (38,622.57 square miles). South Korea's terrain is mostly mountainous, most of which is not arable. Lowlands, located primarily in the west and southeast, make up only 30% of the total land area. About three thousand islands, mostly small and uninhabited, lie off the western and southern coasts of South Korea.

South Korea tends to have a dry continental climate and a humid subtropical climate, and it has four distinct seasons; spring, summer, autumn and winter. Winters (mid-November to mid-March) can be extremely cold with the minimum temperature dropping below -20 °C in the inland region of the country. Winter temperatures are higher along the southern coast and considerably lower in the mountainous interior. The average annual precipitation varies from 1,370 millimeters (54 inches) in Seoul to 1,470 millimeters (58 inches) in Busan. There are occasional typhoons that bring high winds and floods in summer and autumn.

### *Currency*

At the time of writing (1 Sep 2011), 1 US Dollar (USD) is approximately 1,070 KRW (Korean Won). Major foreign currencies, such as US Dollar and EURO, can be easily exchanged at major banks and airports. However, foreign currency including US Dollars WON'T BE ACCEPTED for day-today payments at retail outlets, and thus you need to prepare local currency

(Korean WON) for daily expenses. Instead, nearly all shops, restaurants, and hotels ACCEPT credit cards (VISA, Master, etc). Most taxis in Seoul and Incheon area are also equipped with credit card facility. However, it is advisable to check with the driver and carry some Won in cash for backup.

### ***Weather***

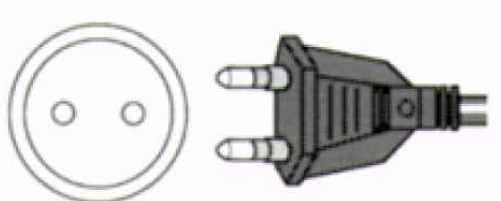
In January, the Republic of Korea is in winter, and, particularly, the mid-January is the coldest period throughout a year. Sky is usually clear with 60-70% of the relative humidity and <0.1mm daily precipitation, but has some possibility of snowing.

In mid-January, **the lowest daily temperature is -5.9 °C and the highest is 1.3 °C in average at Incheon** where the Incheon International Airport is located in. However, Cheorwon, where we will stay in, is nearly located in the center of the Korean Peninsula, and thus exhibit harsh climates in winter. The **average daily temperature in Cheorwon ranges from -10.9 to 0.7°C** during 11-20 January.

Generally, indoor areas are well heated in winter. In particular, the electronic/water-based floor-heating system (On-dol in Korean) adopted in all sleeping rooms in Korea is a quite effective heating mechanism against harsh winter climates. However, please bring warm coats and gloves for best protection against cold during outdoors activities. **IF YOU DON'T HAVE WINTER CLOTHES, please let us know when you register.** The organizing committee tries to rent winter jackets for participants who don't have suitable ones.

### ***Electricity***

Electricity supply is 220V at 60Hz. Power plug is type C, commonly used in Switzerland, Germany and other west European countries.

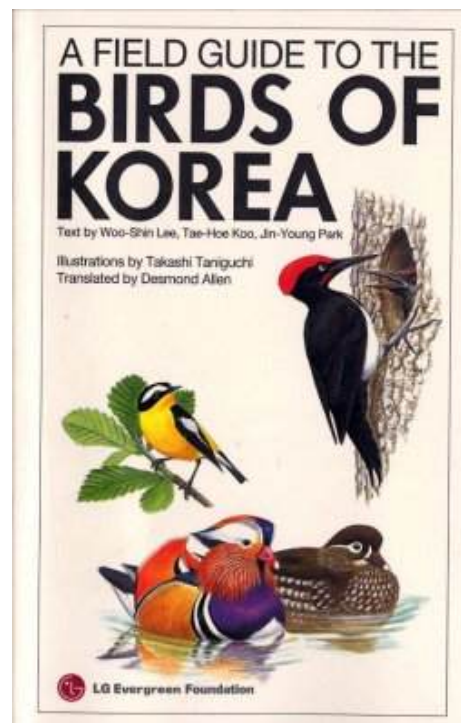
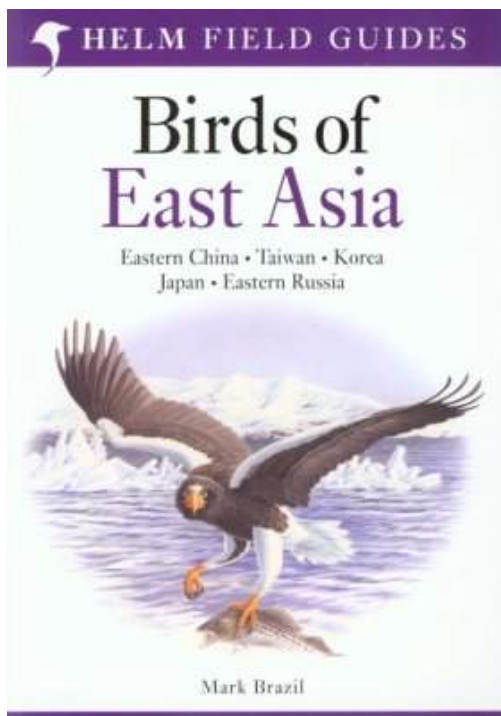


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### ***Avifauna and Field Guide Book***

Though you can use many field guides for Eurasian (i.e. Svensson's Collins Bird Guide: Birds of Europe) or Asian birds (i.e. MacKinnon's A Field Guide to the Birds of China), following two books are recommended for birds of Korea.

- Brazil, M. 2010. Field Guide to the Birds of East Asia: Eastern China, Taiwan, Korea, Japan, Eastern Russia. Christopher Helm. (ISBN-13: 9780713670400)  
[http://www.nhbs.com/field\\_guide\\_to\\_the\\_birds\\_of\\_east\\_asia\\_tefno\\_151624.html](http://www.nhbs.com/field_guide_to_the_birds_of_east_asia_tefno_151624.html)
- Lee, W. S., T. H. Koo, and J. Y. Park. 2000. A Field Guide to the Birds of Korea. LG Evergreen Foundation (ISBN: 8995141530)  
[http://www.nhbs.com/a\\_field\\_guide\\_to\\_the\\_birds\\_of\\_korea\\_tefno\\_111477.html](http://www.nhbs.com/a_field_guide_to_the_birds_of_korea_tefno_111477.html)



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