

*Borkoldoy Khrebet, Pik Alexander, Father's Peak, and Pik Ibex ascents.* A British team comprising Sharon Abbott, Wayne Gladwin, Mike Rosser and Stephen Saddler were the first climbers to visit the southwestern sector of the Borkoldoy range. This is an extensive group of low altitude peaks to the north of the Kokshaal-too. The more substantial peaks of the northeast had previously been explored in 1994 by a British expedition. In 2002 the mountains more or less north of Kizil Asker were approached from the same six-wheel-drive track used to reach the western end of the Kokshaal-too, a relatively short walk required to reach a suitable base camp in a north-facing cwm. The peaks of this cwm gave pleasant rocky scrambles with a bit of snow on the north flanks. The south faces were completely bare. Illness dogged the expedition but Pik Alexander (4,655m), Father's Peak (4,850m), and Pik Ibex (4,655m) were climbed.

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Part of the Khrebet Kyokkiar. These walls are ones Gerrard's group didn't get around to doing anything on. About 1,200m vertical from the valley floor to the summit opposite, and the rock was top quality with lots of naturally protectable lines. David Gerrard

*Khrebet Kyokkiar and Gory Sarybeles, seven first ascents.* After visiting this interesting and unexplored range in 2001, I organized another expedition in August, 2002. Karl Baker, John Cuthbert, Graham Sutton, and I (David Gerrard, as leader) made eight ascents, including seven first ascents. These mountains—only visited twice by mountaineers—offer classic mixed alpine ascents on peaks below 5,000m, plus many hard mixed lines on faces up to 1,000m high. Also, good quality limestone walls, from 500 to 1,000m high, offer an immense amount of rock climbing on cracks, corners, and towers, where snow can usually be avoided on the descent.

As before, we camped near the foothills of the Khrebet Kyokkiar—a small but perfect group of snowy peaks and limestone walls. The approach to the Khrebet Kyokkiar, which is on the Kyrgyz-Chinese border at the end of the Kokshaal Too Range, was easy. We hired a truck