

Ethiopia 25/09/ – 29/10/2010

Introduction

This report is based on a 5 week trip to Ethiopia on which I was accompanied by my wife Erma. Our interest was mainly birds but we also visited several cultural sites which are well worth visiting and also can hold some interesting birds.

We found that a lot of good reports relating to birding in Ethiopia exist already and that there is no real need to add another but as we often find we were unable to locate a report by independent birders using public transport and arranging the whole trip within the country itself like we did. We thought it might be useful to share our experiences.

Travelling using public transport means exhausting, long days in slow and crowded buses and often means missing species because you can't stop where you would like to and because there are places you cannot reach or are difficult to reach by this means.

This is why we did not go to the Negele/Yabello areas or to some of the destinations around Addis Abeba such as the Jemma Escarpment.

We also dipped on some birds because it was too early in the year for certain species (for example the water level was too high for N.Crowned Crane or Lesser Jacana), we did not have a bird guide most of the time to help us with, for example, the Larks and Nightjars or because of the writers stupidity when realising too late that Ethiopian Cisticola was an endemic and simply overlooked/did not pay attention to this bird.

Often I did not give too much notice to commoner birds that I have already seen many times before in other countries which makes our birdlist somehow incomplete and shorter than it could have been.

Birding in Ethiopia is generally good and not too difficult and with 30 endemics it makes an interesting birding destination. In addition the country is also very interesting culturally (eg Lalibela with its rock hewn churches!), its unique and tasty food, its different tribes and its scenic natural highlights such as the Bale Mountains and the Blue Nile Falls.

Climate

The dry season is from October until mid March, which is also the best time to visit. We were a bit early in the year but only had two downpours of rain one on our arrival in Addis and the other in the Bale Mountains. Unfortunately the water level of the Rift Valley Lakes was still very high when we visited and as a result we missed a few bird species.

Generally the climate in Ethiopia is very mild with warm days (20 – 25 degrees Celsius) and cool, but not cold nights. Many of the sites visited lay on an altitude between 1600m and 2600 m. Only the Bale Mountains are much higher, with colder nights and some windy weather, but still nice during the day.

Awash and especially the area around Bilen Lodge was very hot and dry during the day and too warm at night to sleep without fan or aircon.

Visas

We obtained our Visas easily and quickly from the friendly Ethiopian Embassy in Frankfurt. We paid 17 Euro per person for a 3 month, single entry Visa.

How to get there

Turkish Airlines via Istanbul and Egypt Air via Cairo are about 100 Euro cheaper.

Getting around

There is quite a good network of domestic flights operated by Ethiopian Airlines connecting Addis with the bigger towns. Ethiopian Airlines have a good reputation, but expect problems paying with credit card or to have all your luggage handchecked. We had to pull out all our stuff from our backpack in Arba Minch due to lack of x-ray machines at the airport.

Used this mode of transport twice.

If you have more time, are on a lower budget or just want to see more of the country you may use buses, minibuses (vans) or shared taxis to get around. Many places are easy to reach, but it often means about 10 hours in crowded and uncomfortable buses. Be aware that bumpy roads exist, that buses are not always well maintained (requiring repair breaks) and that drivers go very fast on narrow roads that are full of people and cattle. On wet and slippery roads in the Bale Mountains we saw 2 buses which had just passed us lying upside down next to the road, on one occasion “our” minibus driver ran over a small child !!

We found it very tiring to hear people shouting into their mobile phones most of the time during the journey it did not seem to matter if it was 4 am or midday.

Having said that the journeys are often fun, interesting experiences and we saw lots on the road and had good conversations with many people.

For short distances hiring a Bajaj (Tuk-tuk) is a good option, they are readily available and may also be called from your Hotel. We used them as mode of transport from our Hotel to the Bus Terminal or for nearby birding destinations.

In Addis you can use the cheap minibuses (2 birr per person) which go to most destinations in town.

Money

The Ethiopian currency is the birr. At the time we were there one Euro was worth about 23 birr and 16 birr for one dollar.

It is wise to bring a lot of cash dollars as you may only change traveller cheques or find a ATM in bigger cities, increasingly more and more Banks are offering this service nowadays.

Safety

Ethiopia is one of the safest countries to travel in Africa. We never felt uneasy or threatened in any way nor did we hear about any incidents from other travellers, having said that it is always wise to keep your eyes open. Addis has a poor reputation, especially some districts which are supposed to be dangerous at night.

Rip-offs however are more common with false or bad guides, empty promises, double tourist prices in restaurants or private taxi services that you finally find don't exist after you have already paid half price in advance.

Language

Getting along with English is usually no problem although, of course, not everybody speaks this language.

People

When writing this chapter I waited until last moment, because I think it's difficult to find the right words. First I would like to say that everybody I met on an organized tour simply loved birding, the country and the local people. Of course doing things independently and travelling by public transport and organising things locally means that you can have negative experiences as well. To be honest, there were days when I hated it, and days that were wonderful, be prepared for the fact that many people don't want anything other than money from you, that children will follow you in some places shouting, “hey you, you, give money!!” and that things are not always what they seem and promises are rarely completely kept (from guides for example). There will be sometimes when you simply get cheated.

In common with many other places nowadays people make excessive use of handphones in Ethiopia, it happened that in buses somebody shouted into our ears almost the entire journey, (at least we felt that way!)

In some of the more touristy places two different menus exist, with double prices for foreigners. We tried to see this as part of the fun of travelling and at least you maybe get a more realistic impression of the country. Then again, you meet very nice people, friendly and helpful and who are interested to talk with you. We found Harar the friendliest city and Awash and Addis also good, we also liked Bahir Dar (except the tour on Lake Tana) and Awasa.

Food

We found the Ethiopian food to be very different from anything we have tried and experienced in other countries. It usually consists of Injera, which looks like a big pancake and is made out of a kind of wheat, and something on top of it, this can be meat (goat, beef or lamb) with a spicy sauce or a vegetable such as chickpeas. Once we got used to it we really liked it but it helps if you enjoy eating meat. If you are tired of the local stuff you can find spaghetti or even pizza in bigger or touristy cities.

Like Muslims, Orthodox Christians do not eat pork.

If you like coffee you are in heaven, the best coffee we ever had !! Freshly roasted (sometimes in front of us), ground and slowly brewed up, usually the coffee is served black, but often Macchiato is also available.

Sometimes you can buy freshly made fruit juice, like Papaya, Orange, Pineapple or Avocado juice. Beer produced by local breweries is of a surprisingly good quality and sometimes offered draught.

Accommodation

Accommodation in Ethiopia is generally reasonable and Hotels are good value. On a few occasions we stayed at old lodges or resorts, often in a bungalow within a beautiful garden setting with old trees and various birdlife around. These places were relaxing and quiet, but the rooms were often bit run down and had seen their best days decades ago.

Books/Reports

As a Field Guide we used "Birds of the Horn of Africa" by Redman, Stevenson and Fanshawe.

Reports we used were from Richard Webb 1996, Nik Borrow 2006, Janos Olah 2009 and De Temmermann 2009.

Our Guides

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| Wondo Genet: | Nuru, a very nice guy who knows the birds and their habitat well. He'll find you. If not ask around for him. Be careful with some of the other Guides. |
| Arba Minch: | Went with a driver who knew the Nechisar NP but not the birds and a Scout who new birds a bit, but far less than promised. Organized through our Hotel and the car owner. |
| Lalibela: | Went with a guide called.....to the monastary uphill. Good, but does not know birds. A guide is not really necessary as you can probably find the way up yourself but it was convenient and at the time we did not know how difficult or not it would be to get there. |
| Harar: | Went to the Valley of Marvels and Babilie Camel Market with a nice young man called Daniel Feleke. I think the experience was better with |

a guide. You can also do some birding around the valley as we found out later.

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Awash:

Spent 3 days birding with Yeagerem, who was contacted through our Hotel, he arranged a car for the National Park and knew where to find the speciality birds of Awash like Arabian and Buff-crested Bustards and Sombre Rockchat, having said that he is not a birder and could not help with Larks or Nightjars.

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Itinerary

- 25/09/2010 Flight Dubai – Addis Abeba with Emirates. Taxi (40 US) directly from the Airport to Debre Zeyt. Salayash Lodge (290 birr dr) at Lake Bischuftu Guda. Friendly, peaceful, good food. Our favorite !!! Birding around the Lodge.
- 26/09/2010 Walk down to the nearby end of Lake Chekelaka. Bajaj (50 birr one way) to the southern end of this lake.
- 27/09/2010 Birding around the Lodge. Bajaj (50 birr) to the bus station. Minibus to Lake Ziway via Mojo (22 birr each, 2 hours). Bekele Mola Hotel (90 birr dr, OK and good restaurant). Bajaj to Hippo Point (50 two ways).
- 28/09/2010 Bus and Minibus (caught from the main road, 35 birr) to Lake Langano. Drop off at the track to Wabe Shabelle Hotel. Organise Donkey-cart (4km, 40birr) to the Hotel (295 birr dr, huge garden, acacia trees directly at the lake, nice)
- 29/09/2010 Birding Hotel Grounds. After breakfast Horsecart to main road. Minibus to Shashemene Bus Station (2 h, 20 birr). Bus (30 min, 7 birr) to Wondo Genet. Bajaj (20 birr) to the expensive Wabe Shabele Hotel (580 birr dr). Beautiful garden.
- 30/09/2010 Afternoon birding up the mountain, taking a left turn leaving the Hotel. Good ! With guides Bayhe and Nuru from 6:00 until midday (200 birr). Excellent !! Afternoon bath in the nearby Hot Springs.
- 01/10/2010 Lift from other Hotel guest to Wondo main road. Bus to Shashemene Bus Station. Caught a late bus to Adaba (2.5 hrs, 39 birr). In Adaba we had to wait another 45 min until we found transport (bus) to Dinsho (2hrs, 25 birr). Tarmac road until Dodola. Walk 2 km to the Bale Mountains National Park Headquarters where they wanted us to arrange our whole stay immediately. We booked 4 nights in the Lodge 1km further inside the Park (60 birr per person sleeping in a bunk bed) fantastic forest and birding all around , a guide for 3 days cost 170 birr per day and a cook for tonight and tomorrow cost 90 birr per person there was also a day entrance fee per person.
- 02/10/2010 8 am walk with our guide Mahmut to the Gaysey Grasslands. Nice walk, some good birds and mammals.
- 03/10/2010 Afternoon birding around the Lodge. We were on our own in the Lodge for the whole time of our stay so it was very peaceful !! Organised a minibus for the day with the help of Mahmut (1400 birr). Day trip to Sanetti Plateau and Hareenna Forest. Start 7am, back 8pm. Spectacular scenery !!! Wattled Ibis and Wolf. Dinner in Goba.

- 04/10/2010 On horseback 36 km return to the waterfalls in Web Valley. Good, but painful fun. Some birds, the further we got the more beautiful the countryside became. Paid 60 birr for a horse and 80 birr for a horsehandler.
- 05/10/2010 Heavy rain all night and morning. Totally wet until we reached the mainroad. All buses passing by were full. Finally we got a lift in a private car (Jeep) which was much more comfortable. Paid the driver 100 birr each. It took just 3.5 h to Shashemene excluding a breakfast stop in Adaba. Minibus to Awasa (10 birr). Hotel Wabe Shebelle 1 is now called United African Hotel (350 birr for a nice and clean Bungalow) The Hotel is situated directly at the lake and has a good restaurant. Evening birding.
- 06/10/2010 Morning birding at the lake and nearby woodland. Breakfast and birdwatching at Awasa Fish Market. Evening in the very pleasant city. Lots of friendly and educated people. Meal and draft beer at the excellent Restaurant Post Rendez-vous.
- 07/10/2010 We were already at the Bus Terminal by 6am. Our Bus to Arba Minch left at 7 and cost 65 birr for the 9 very uncomfortable hours on a bumpy road with dozens of detours. People shout and fight for an empty seat whenever the bus stops. A local Minibus took us (for extra birr) to the Mekele Mola Hotel (225 birr dr, restaurant just OK, lot of cats on the table, but nice terrace with wonderful view on both lakes).
- 08/10/2010 Lazy day. Birding around the Hotel grounds. Bought flight tickets to Lalibela via Addis. We arranged a car for the National Park with the help of our Hotel.
- 09/10/2010 Pick up at 5:45am by the owner of the really necessary 4-wheel-drive car but then spent 1.5 hours waiting for our driver at the National Park entrance because he went to buy himself something nice for lunch!!!! Missed the best time to bird the woodlands. Paid 200 US for everything. Stayed until dark. Back at our Hotel at 8:30pm.
- 10/10/2010 Walked to town and minibus to the Airport. Flew with Ethiopian Airlines to Addis in a Fokker 50 (55min, 2400 birr). Flight was delayed 2 hrs. Check in at a Hotel near the Airport. Hotel Ambassador (102 US, incl. Breakfast and shuttle to Airport, good and quiet). Evening Bole Rd.
- 11/10/2010 We got up early and had a quick breakfast before we driving to the Airport. Flight at 8am directly to Lalibela (40 min, 3000 birr) in a brand new Bombadier 400. Minibus to Lalibela town (50 birr each, 25km). Blue Lal Hotel (150 birr dr, very noisy till midnight, some bars are situated nearby). Superb lunch in the Seven Olives. Afternoon visit to some of the fantastic rock-hewn churches (Entrance fee: 350 birr for all churches, valid 3 days). Dinner at Seven Olives.
- 12/10/2010 7:30am hike with guide (200 birr) to the Ashotan Maryam Monastery at 3150m altitude. 550 m uphill in about 2.5 hrs, return downhill much faster. Nice view, some good birds on the way. Visited more churches in the afternoon. Not to be missed !!!! Dinner 7 Olives.
- 13/10/2010 A bad day. The Jeep we had prearranged and already paid 400 in advance for was found to be nonexistent. At 5:45 we got a seat in a 4-wheel-drive car as far as Gashema but that was it. After a long discussion with 2 Police Officers in Gashema the guy who had cheated us finally ran away and we had to hop on several buses and minibuses to reach Gonder at 3pm (100 birr in total p.p.). Hotel Queen Tayto (150 birr dr, friendly and clean).
- 14/10/2010 Breakfast (the best!) at the Tele-Café and we managed to pay the local price! In the more touristy north there are often two menus with the prices on the English menu double the local price !!!). Visit to Royal Enclosure with its 6

- Palaces, Fasilades Bath and Debre Berhan Selassie Church. Guide for half day costs 200 birr, entrance 50 plus 25 birr for the church per person.
- 15/10/2010 Breakfast at the Tele-Café before going to the Bus Terminal where we had to wait 2 hrs until a bus left for Bahir Dar. On the way we had to change to a minibus. (4hr, 50 birr each). The friendly driver dropped us directly at Ghion Hotel, situated at the lake (250 dr, large and quiet, run down rooms, beautiful terrace restaurant)
- 16/10/2010 Early morning bajaj to the viewpoint over the Nile near Haile Selassie Palace (65 birr). Birding around the viewpoint and along the road back to Bahir Dar (6km by walk). Bajaj back from the main road to our Hotel.
- 17/10/2010 Half day trip to the Monasteries on Lake Tana arranged through the Hotel. Interesting, but not many good birds (100 birr each, entrance for the Monasteries separate)
Good meal at the pleasant Café Wude in front of our Hotel.
- 18/10/2010 Caught a bus to Tis Isat at 7am to see the Blue Nile Falls (1hr, 10 birr). 30 min walk from the village. Very impressive falls !! and 2 rare birds.
Meal in the very good Blue Jay's Restaurant.
- 19/10/2010 Up at 3am!!! Took a minibus from our Hotel to Addis (200 birr each, 11hrs). Hotel Taytu (312 birr dr, OK for a night). Good dinner at Wutma Restaurant.
- 20/10/2010 Travelled with Sky-Bus at 5:30 to Harar (10hr, 262 birr). Taxi (50 birr) from our Hotel to Meskel Square where the buses leave. Belayneh Hotel close to the old town (250 birr dr, very friendly). Strolled through the historical city center. Delicious dinner at the Fresh Touch Restaurant.
- 21/10/2010 Met a nice boy, Daniel, who picked us up at 9am to guide us to the Valley of Marvels and to Babille Cattle/Camel market (bus 10 birr, 45min). This was a very interesting and colourful market with hundreds of Camels for sale. Oromo and Somalie people. A highlight of our trip. Payed Daniel 200 birr.
At night we watched the feeding of the Hyaenas (50 birr p.p.). Tasty dinner at the stylish Hirut Restaurant.
- 22/10/2010 Lazy day. We tried Camel meat with Injera for breakfast – very nice. Stroll through the market and old town.
- 23/10/2010 Sky-Bus to Awash (262 birr per person.). 2 repair breaks, in total 5 hours !!!
After almost 10hr we were dropped at Genet Hotel (350 birr dr with fan, good and friendly, with excellent attached Restaurant)
- 24/10/2010 Set off at 5:30 with prearranged minibus (750 birr), guide (500 birr per day) and NP-Scout (50 birr) to the Awash National Park (entrance fee:100 birr p.p.) until 12:30pm. After lunch break took local bus to Lake Beseka.
- 25/10/2010 At 5:00am us and our guide start to look/hitch for a truck towards Mille/Djibouti.
After half hour a very old and slow Fiat truck gave us a lift (50 birr). Probably the worst truck around !! We got down near Andino and spent a few hours walking east and west (towards Bilen Lodge) of the village. Mid-day, when it gets extremely hot we hitched back. A fast Pickup finally gave us a ride back to Awash. Afternoon birding on the main road which traverses the NP, near the so called Microwave Tower.
- 26/10/2010 Breakfast after sleeping late. 10am Taxi to Nazret (200 birr, all buses were full). There we easily found a minibus to Addis (1hr, 25 birr) went to Legehar Train Station. From there we travelled by local Minibus to our accommodation (2 birr p.p.). Dream Palace Guesthouse (500 birr dr, large room with jacuzzi, good value).

- 27/10/2010 Visited the Ethnological Museum (disappointing) and the National Museum (interesting). Afternoon more sightseeing: Holy Trinity Church
No more birding due to lack of own car and a reluctance to spend more hours on public transport.
- 28/10/2010 Stroll through Mercato (big and smelly)
- 29/10/2010 Flight back to Frankfurt via Dubai. Transit time in Dubai 9 (long) hours.

Bird Sites

Debre Zeyt 25/09/ – 27/09/2010

After the long flight we found our Lodge in Debre Zeyt the perfect base for 2 days of relaxed birding and a good introduction to the more common birds of Ethiopia. We found most birds within the beautiful garden of Salayish Lodge just in front of the entrance or along the shore of Lake Bishuftu Guda.

Birding along the other Lakes was not very productive, because the water level was still very high. Lake Chelelaka for example was full until less than 1km from Lake Bishuftu Guda and easily accessible on foot from our Lodge.

Tried Lake Chekelaka (north and south) and Lake Hora.



Around Lodge: 1 Lakes: 2

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| 2 | Pink-backed Pelican | 2 |
| | Little Grebe | 2 |
| | Long-tailed Cormorant | 2 |
| | Cormorant | 2 |
| | Hammerkop | 2 |
| 2 | Yellow-billed Stork | 2 |
| | Sacred Ibis | 2 |
| | Little Egret | 2 |
| | Grey Heron | 2 |
| | Black-headed Heron | 2 |
| | Spur-winged Goose | 2 |
| | Knob-billed Goose | 2 |
| | Red-billed Duck | 2 |

Northern Shoveller 2
 Lappet-faced Vulture 1 2
 African Fish Eagle 2
c Yellow-billed Kite 1 2
 Western Marsh Harrier 2
 Red-knobbed Coot 2
 African Jacana 2
 Spur-winged Plover 2
 Gull-billed Tern 2
f Bruce Green Pigeon 1
 Blue-spotted Wood-Dove 1
 Red-eyed Dove 1
 Laughing Dove 1
6 Black-winged Lovebird 1 E
f Horus Swift 2
 Spectacled Mousebird 1
 Malachite Kingfisher 2
 Pied Kingfisher 2
c Blue-breasted BeeEater 1 NE
f Black-billed Barbet 1
 Red-fronted Tinkerbird 1
 Cardinal WP 1
 2 Red-throated Wryneck 1
 Plain Martin 1
 Rock Martin 1
Red-chested Swallow 2
 Yellow Wagtail 2
 Common Bulbul 1
 Rüppell's Robin-Chat 1
5 White-winged Cliff-Chat 1
2 Little Rock Thrush 1
 Mountain Thrush 1
 African Thrush 1
3 Dark-capped Yellow-Warbler 1
 Buff-bellied Warbler 1
 Northern Crombec 1
2 Green-backed Eremomela 1
 Blackcap 1
 Afr. Grey Flycatcher 1
 Afr. Dusky Flycatcher 1
 Afr. Paradise Flycatcher 1
f White-winged Black Tit 1
fc Mountain White-eye 1
Shining Sunbird 1
 Tacazze Sunbird 1
 Variable Sunbird 1
 Scarlet-chested Sunbird 1
 Beautiful Sunbird 1
f Ethiopian Boubou 1 NE
f Northern Puffback 1
 1 Black-crowned Tchagra 1

- Pied Crow 1 2
- f Red-winged Starling 1
- c Greater Blue-eared Starling 1
- f Rüppell`s Starling 1
- c **Swainson`s Sparrow 1**
- Rüppell`s Weaver 1**
- Village Weaver 1 2
- 2 **Northern Red (Orange) Bishop 1**
- fc **Yellow-crowned Bishop 1**
- Red-billed Quelea 1
- c Red-cheeked Cordon-Bleu 1
- c Red-billed Finch 1
- f Bronze Mannikin 1
- f Streaky Seedeater 1

Lake Ziway 27/09/ – 28/09/2010

Afternoon at the so called Hippo-Point. Lots of Pelicans and Marabous at close range. Nice walk along the road near Hippo-Point. Many people wanted to talk to us which made birdwatching difficult. Ask permission to enter a huge garden which belongs to rich people from Addis. There we found a Semi-collared Flycatcher. In general we think that Lake Ziway is not a must-see for birders.



- c Great White Pelican
- African Darter
- Cormorant
- Long-tailed Cormorant
- Cattle Egret
- Little Egret
- Black Heron
- Hamerkop
- Marabou
- Sacred Ibis
- Egyptian Goose
- 2 White-faced Whistling Duck
- 2 Afr. Fish Eagle

- 1 Afr. Jacana
- Spur-winged Plover
- f Bruce Green Pigeon
- Spectacled Pigeon
- Afr. Mourning Dove
- Pied Kingfisher
- Woodland Kingfisher
- Malachite Kingfisher
- Blue-breasted BeeEater
- 1 Black Scimitarbill**
- Plain Martin
- Mosque Swallow
- Red-chested Swallow
- 1 Rattling Cisticola
- Tawny-flanked Prinia
- 1 Semi-collared Flycatcher**
- 1 Black-headed Batis**
- Shining Sunbird
- Common Fiscal
- Rüppell`s Starling
- White-browed Sparrow Weaver
- 2 African Citril**

Lake Langano 28/10 – 29/10/2010

The large garden and woodlands of the Wabe Shebele Lodge are quite good for some easy birding. We also tried to walk outside the Lodge but as the surrounding areas are populated we got followed by children all the time which eventually spoiled the birdwatching. The area did not look very productive either.

- Great White Pelican
- Cormorant
- Gull-billed Tern
- 2 Yellow-fronted Parrot E**
- 1 White-bellied Go-away-Bird
- 2 Nightjar spec. (Montane ?)
- fc Black-billed Wood-Hoopoe**
- 3 Black Scimitarbill
- 2 European Hoopoe
- 4 Hemprich`s Hornbill
- 1 Grey-headed Woodpecker
- Yellow Wagtail
- 2 Mocking Cliff-Chat
- 2 Little Rock Thrush
- Afr. Thrush
- 1 Grey-backed Camaroptera
- 1 Red-faced Crombec
- Blackcap
- 2 Rattling Cisticola
- Afr. Dusky Flycatcher

- 1 Grey-headed Batis**
- 3 Rufous Chatterer
- 1 White-winged Black Tit
- Abyssinian White-eye
- Tacazze Sunbird
- Beautiful Sunbird
- 1 Northern White-crowned Shrike
- 2 Fork-tailed Drongo
- Greater Blue-eared Starling
- Superb Starling
- c White-browed Sparrow-Weaver
- f White-headed Buffalo-Weaver
- Village Weaver
- Rüppell's Weaver



Wondo Genet 29/09/ - 01/10/2010

Still an excellent place and a must for birders. Good for endemics. Sadly every day you see hundreds of people carrying firewood from the mountains to the markets, even our guide Nuru said that he believes that within a few years all the good forests around will be gone. Unfortunately very few people like him have an interest in conservation in Wondo.

We birded the beautiful garden of the expensive Wabe Shebele Hotel, the area around the Hot Springs and twice up the mountains. Leaving the Hotel take the first road to your left and follow the path leading uphill until you reach the forest. This stretch is very productive, holding Spotted Creeper, Lemon Dove, Banded Barbei, Abyssinian WP and Abyssinian Ground-Thrush.

Half-collared KF was found at a river on a different mountain site, to get there we followed the road on the left hand side of the Hot Springs.

One warning about local guides, when we set off to leave our Hotel to start walking up the hill we were most aggressively “attacked” by guides saying that it was not allowed to walk anywhere without guide. After a long discussion we were finally threatened by one of them but despite this spent the afternoon on our own. For the following day we arranged to go with the decent, friendly and knowledgeable guide Nuru (accompanied by Bayhe) to the more difficult to find sites, such as for the Half-collared KF. Again, because we refused to have anything to do with the aggressive and unsympathetic guides there was a lot of discussion and

fighting amongst them about money. We have never experienced something like that before!!
My recommendation is, go with Nuru if you need a guide.

1: Hotel 2: around Hot Spring 3: Mountains left from entrance alone 4: Mountains with Nuru

5 Scaly Francolin 3
1 Wattled Ibis 1 E
 1 Long-crested Eagle 1
 1 African Goshawk 1
 Lappet-faced Vulture
 Red-eyed Dove
1 Lemon Dove 3
 fc Yellow-fronted Parrot 3 E
 4 Black-winged Lovebird 3 4
c White-cheeked Turaco 1 2 3 4 NE
 Blue-headed Coucal (heard) 3
 2 Narina Trogon 3
 1 African Pygmy Kingfisher 4
 1 Woodland Kingfisher 4
2 Half-collared Kingfisher 4
 f Blue-breasted BeeEater NE
 fc Silvery-cheeked Hornbill 1 3 4
4 Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird 1 4
3 Double-toothed Barbet 1
2 Banded Barbet 3 E
 3 Grey-headed Woodpecker 3 4
3 Abyssinian Woodpecker 3 E
 1 Nubian Woodpecker 3
fc Brown Saw-wing 3
 f Afr. Rock Martin 4
 4 Mountain Wagtail 2 4
 5 Grey Cuckoo-Shrike 3
 Common Bulbul
 fc Rüppell's Robin-Chat
 1 White-winged Robin-Chat 3 or 4
 2 Little Shrike Thrush 4
 c Mountain Thrush
1 Abyssinian Ground-Thrush 3
fc Abyssinian Slaty Flycatcher 3 4 E
 3 African Hill Babbler 3 4
 Afr. Dusky Flycatcher 1 2 3 4
6 White-rumped Babbler 4 NE
 1 Brown Woodland Warbler 3
 f Grey-backed Camaroptera
 1 Singing Cisticola 4
 1 Brown-throated Wattle-eye 3
3 Spotted Creeper 3 4
 fc Mountain White-eye
 1 Common Fiscal
 3 Northern Puffback
 2 Ethiopian Boubou NE

fc Abyssinian Oriole 3 4 E
 1 Fork-tailed Drongo
fc Red-winged Starling 3
4 Slender-billed Starling 4
 Variable Sunbird
 Collared Sunbird
 Tacazze Sunbird
4 Thick-billed Raven 1 2 E
 Baglafecht Weaver
 2 Bronze Mannikin
 2 Black and white Mannikin 4
 2 Pin-tailed Whydah 4
fc African Citril



Bale Mountains 01/10/ - 05/10/2010

A most beautiful place ! Extraordinary scenery, good forest, grasslands, lots of endemic birds and interesting mammals such as Mountain Nyala and Ethiopian Wolf. Dinsho, at 3200m is cold at night, but less cold than we expected. We were lucky with the weather as it mostly rained during the night. You can go on wonderful, long treks in the Bale Mountains. Together with our guide Mahmut (obliging) we did 3 day-trips and birded around the NP-Lodge.

1: Gaysey Grasslands: A nice hike, the grasslands hold species like Afr Longclaw, Erlanger`s Lark and Botta`s Wheatear plus few species of mammals. Walking through Dinsho you first

pass herds of cattle and horses, then after crossing a river you reach the grasslands. It's about 1.5 hrs one way on foot.

2: Sanetti-Plateau: With 4100m altitude it does not seem like Africa at all. The road crossing the plateau from Goba – Mega is the highest road in whole of Africa. Spent a full day with our chartered car, stopping whenever we saw birds or the sites looked promising. This was the most beautiful landscape of our trip. Best birds: Lammergeier, Moorland and Chestnut-naped Francolins (at the end of the plateau, going down to Harrena), Spot-breasted Plover, Blue-winged Goose and Wattled Crane.

3: Harrena Forest: Had only a short visit, just to get an impression. Bale Monkey was a surprise mammal. Birds included Ab. Catbird and Ab. Ground-Thrush. If you have your own car, it would be better to spend more time here.

4: Dinsho Lodge: Good forest with good birding is possible just around the Lodge. Abyssinian Long-eared Owl is a highlight (ask the manager, Abdellah to show it to you, but agree the price first! After we saw it, he asked for 450!! birr, we gave him 50 which he accepted).

Other birds include Afr. Wood Owl, Aby. Catbird and White-backed Black Tit. Did not see or hear Mountain Nightjar. Antelopes feed a few meters from the Lodge.

5: Web Valley: on horseback. Fun, but 36km is a long way, if you do not ride on horses normally. We could hardly get down from their backs at the end because all our bones and muscles ached so much! Nice landscape, and a few birds such as Steppe Eagle or Rouget's Rail.

For birds only I would recommend Sanetti-Plateau, the Lodge area and the grasslands.

1 :Gaysey Grasslands 2: Sanetti Plateau 3: Harrena Forest 4: Dinsho Lodge 5: Horse ride to waterfall, Web Valley



c	Wattled Ibis	E
fc	Blue-winged Goose	2 E
f	Egyptian Goose	
f	Ruddy Shelduck	2
f	Yellow-billed Duck	
3	Afr. Black Duck	2
	Yellow-billed Kite	
1	Lammergeier	2
	Rüppell's Vulture	

c	Augur Buzzard	
	Mountain Buzzard	
2	Golden Eagle	1
2	Tawny Eagle	1
1	Steppe Eagle	5
1	Lanner Falcon	4
1	Moorland Francolin	2
3	Chestnut-naped Francolin	2 E
c	Rouget`s Rail	E
1	Wattled Crane	2
	Common Sandpiper	
c	Spot-breasted Plover	2 E
c	White-collared Pigeon	1 4 5 E
1	Abyssinian Owl	4
1	African Wood Owl	4
50	Mottled Swift	
f	Erlanger`s Lark	1 E
c	Thekla Lark	
	Plain Martin	
	Red-chested Swallow	
	Barn Swallow	
fc	Mountain Wagtail	
4	Abyssinian Longclaw	1 E
	Common Bulbul	
4	Rüppell`s Robin-Chat	
f	Afr. Stonechat	
2	Botta`s (Red-breasted) Wheatear	1
c	Moorland Chat	
c	Groundscraper Thrush	
c	Mountain Thrush	
1	Abyssinian Ground-Thrush	3
1	Cinnamon Bracken Warbler	4
	Chiffchaff	
2	Ethiopian Cisticola	1 E
2	Abyssinian Slaty Flycatcher	
2	African Dusky Flycatcher	
f	Afr. Paradise Flycatcher	
1	Afr. Hill Babbler	
2	Abyssinian Catbird	3 4 E
8	White-backed Black Tit	4 E
	Mountain White-eye	
	Tacazze Sunbird	
	Variable Sunbird	
f	Common Fiscal	
1	Ethiopian Boubou	NE
f	Abyssinian Oriole	
2	Red-billed Chough	2
fc	Pied Crow	
fc	Cape Rook	
f	Thick-billed Raven	E
4	Red-billed Oxpecker	

f	Red-winged Starling	
f	Greater Blue-eared Starling	
	Swainson`s Sparrow	NE
	Baglafecht Weaver	
c	Yellow Bishop	
5	Yellow-bellied Waxbill	
fc	Common Waxbill	
	Eastern Paradise Whydah	
f	Yellow-crowned Canary	
f	African Citril	
c	Black-headed Siskin	E
f	Brown-rumped Seedeater	E
c	Sreaky Seedeater	



Lake Awasa 05/10/ - 07/10/2010

A nice place to relax and restore your energy. Pleasant town, excellent Lodge directly at the lake, same good birds. We also enjoyed breakfast at Awasa Fish market.

From the Wabe Shebelle (United Africa) Hotel you have access to the lake. We walked to the right for 1km and birded the woodland to the left from the hotel (looking at the lake).

1: Lake 2: Woodland

Little Grebe 1
Cormorant 1
Cattle Egret 1
Little Egret
Hamerkop
Marabou
Hadada Ibis 1
Sacred Ibis 1
Great White Pelican
Egyptian Goose
White-faced Whistling Duck 1
Hottentot Teal 1
2 White-backed Duck 1
Hooded Vulture
Lappet-faced Vulture
Rüppell's Vulture
Yellow-billed Kite
Afr. Fish Eagle
f Afr. Black Crake 1
f Afr. Jacana 1
1 Black-winged Stilt 1
Common Sandpiper
Spur-winged Plover
Wood Sandpiper 1
2 Marsh Sandpiper 1
Grey-headed Gull
fc Black-winged Lovebird 2 E
2 Blue-headed Coucal 2
c Mottled Swift 1
f Woodland Kingfisher 2
c Pied Kingfisher 1
c Malachite Kingfisher 1
f Blue-breasted BeeEater
f Silvery-cheeked Hornbill 2
1 Banded Barbet 2
3 Red-throated Wryneck 2
1 Eurasian Wryneck 2
1 Nubian Woodpecker 2
Plain Martin
Wire-tailed Swallow 1
Yellow Wagtail
Afr. Thrush
1 Sedge Warbler 1
2 **Lesser Swamp Warbler 1**
Grey-backed Camaroptera
Willow Warbler
1 Red-faced Cisticola 1
1 Yellow-breasted Apalis

- 2 Northern Black Flycatcher 2
- Spotted Flycatcher 2
- c Afr. Paradise Flycatcher
- f Black-headed Batis 2
- f Rufous Chatterer 2
- 1 Spotted Creeper 2
- c Abyssinian White-eye
- Scarlet-chested Sunbird
- Beautiful Sunbird
- Northern Puffback
- Ethiopian Boubou
- Fork-tailed Drongo
- fc Thick-billed Raven
- Rüppell`s Starling
- Swainson`s Sparrow
- White-browed Sparrow-Weaver
- Spectacled Weaver
- f Little Weaver 2**
- 3 Grosbeak Weaver 2
- Red-billed Firefinch
- f Bronze Mannikin
- African Citril
- Streaky Seedeater



Arba Minch/Nechisar National Park 07/10/ - 10/10/2010

The National Park offers a wide range of diverse habitats. Savanna, bushy country, woodland, rocky outcrops and would deserve more than only a full day. Unfortunately a 4-wheel drive vehicle costs 200 US per day so we decided not to stay longer.

Saw goodies like Harlequin Quail, Archers Francolin, Banded Parisoma and Greater Honeyguide but we missed a lot of expected species and had difficulties in identifying the nightjars.



1: Hotel Grounds 2: National Park

	Black-headed Heron	
	Hooded Vulture	
	Lappet-faced Vulture	
	White-backed Vulture	
	Rüppell's Vulture	
	Afr. Fish Eagle	
1	Brown Snake Eagle	2
2	Dark Chanting Goshawk	2
2	Bataleur	2
	Common Kestrel	1 2
1	Grey Kestrel	1
5	Helmeted Guineafowl	2
c	Crested Francolin	2
4	Orange River (Archers) Francolin	2
c	Yellow-necked Spurfowl	2
18	Harlequin Quail	2
8	Kori Bustard	2
4	Black-bellied Bustard	2
	Namaqua Dove	2
	Emerald-spotted Wood-Dove	
1	Afr. Orange-bellied Parrot	2
2	White-cheeked Turaco	2 NE
2	Bare-faced Go-away-Bird	2
1	Jacobin Cuckoo	2
1	African Cuckoo	2
1	Klaas Cuckoo	2
fc	White-browed Coucal	2
2	Greyish Eagle Owl ?	2 (flying at night, probably this species)
12	Slender-tailed Nightjar	2
4	Montane Nightjar ??? ? (from the car)	2
1	Striped Kingfisher	2
1	Little BeeEater	2
2	Lilac-breasted Roller	2

2	Abyssinian Scimitarbill	2
1	Eur. Hoopoe	2
2	Van der Decken`s Hornbill	2
f	Red-billed Hornbill	2
fc	Afr. Grey Hornbill	1 2
1	Red-fronted Tinkerbird	1
1	Dooble-toothed Barbet	2
2	Red and yellow Barbet	2
1	Greater Honeyguide	2
1	Nubian Woodpecker	2
1	Bearded Woodpecker	2
fc	Flappet Lark	2
2	Singing Bushlark	2
c	Red-chested Swallow	
f	Yellow Wagtail	
	Common Bulbul	
	White-browed Robin-Chat (heard)	2
fc	Whinchat	2
f	Isabelline Wheatear	2
1	Banded Parisoma	2
1	Rattling Cisticola	2
	Zitting Cisticola	2
	Spotted Flycatcher	1 2
	Afr. Paradise Flycatcher	1 2
2	Black-headed Batis	1
fc	Rufous Chatterer	2
2	Mouse-coloured Penduline Tit	2
	Beautiful Sunbird	
2	Eastern Violet-backed Sunbird	2
fc	Grey-backed Fiscal	1 2
f	Slate-colored Boubou	2
1	Brubru	1
f	Northern Puffback	
1	Black-crowned Tschagra	2
f	Northern White-crowned Shrike	2
f	Black-headed Oriole	1 2
c	Fork-tailed Drongo	
	Thick-billed Raven	
	Pied Crow	
	Fan-tailed Raven	
	Red-billed Oxpecker	
	Greater Blue-eared Starling	
4	Red-billed Buffalo Weaver	2
	Village Weaver	
fc	Red-headed Weaver	1 2
	Red-billed Firefinch	
	White-bellied Canary	
f	Cinnamon-breasted Bunting	2



Lalibela 11/10 – 13/10/2010

Famous for its rock-hewn churches, Lalibela was definitely the cultural highlight of our trip. We found the hike to the Ashotan Maryam Monastery at 3150m to be good birdwise as we easily saw Rüppell's Black Chat, White-billed Starling and a surprise Ayer's Hawk Eagle on the way. Erckels Francolin was seen early morning on the roadside on the way from Lalibela to Gashema.

	Rüppell's Vulture	
1	Lammergeier	
	Augur Buzzard	
1	Ayers's Hawk Eagle	
1	Erckel Francolin (Erma)	
f	White-collared Pigeon	
	Dusky Turtle Dove	
	Hemprich Hornbill	
	Rock Martin	
	Red-rumped Swallow	
	Moorland Chat	
	Mocking Cliff Chat	
6	Rüppell's Black Chat	E
2	Groundscraper Thrush	
1	Little Rock Thrush	
	Mountain Thrush	
2	Singing Cisticola	
	Variable Sunbird	
	Common Fiscal	
10	White-billed Starling	E
fc	Lesser Blue-eared Starling	
fc	Baglafecht Weaver	
	Yellow Bishop	
	Red-cheeked Cordon-Bleu	
	Red-billed Firefinch	
f	Village Indigobird	
fc	Yellow-crowned Canary	
f	Streaky Seedeater	

- c Brown-rumped Seed eater
- 2 Cinnamon-breasted Bunting

Gonder 13/10/ - 15/10/2010

Only saw common birds in the gardens of the royal enclosure.

Bahir Dar 15/10/ - 18/10/2010

Birded the lake close to the Ghion Hotel and during a boat trip to some of the monasteries on lake Tana. The water level was still high.

On a half day tour to the impressive Water Falls we birded the stretch of grassy bushland between Tis Isat village and the falls where we found the very localised White-throated Seed eater (just after the village) and Bush Petronia (in bushes where the path takes a left turn to step down towards the falls).

After a Bajaj had dropped us near the Haile Selassie Palace we walked from the viewpoint over the Nile (Chestnut crowned Sparrow-Weaver) back to Bahir Dar more or less parallel to the river.



1: Lake 2: Blue Nile Falls 3: Viewpoint/Haile Selassie Palace- Bahir Dar

- Little Egret 1
- Black-headed Heron 1
- 1 Goliath Heron 3
- 1 Afr. Darter 1
- Long-tailed Cormorant 1
- Great Cormorant 1
- White Pelican 1
- Little Grebe 1
- Sacred Ibis 1
- Hadada Ibis 1
- Egyptian Goose 1
- Spur-winged Goose 1
- 3 African Pygmy Goose 1
- Hooded Vulture
- Lappet-faced Vulture
- Rüppell's Vulture

1 Western Marsh Harrier 1
 2 Long-crested Eagle 3
 Augur Buzzard
 Afr. Jacana 1
 Lesser Black-backed Gull 1
 Gull-billed Tern 1
 White-winged Tern 1
 Bruce`s Green Pigeon 3
 Namaqua Dove
 Black-winged Lovebird
 White-bellied Go-away-Bird 3
 1 Blue-headed Coucal 2
 1 Giant Kingfisher 1
 Pied Kingfisher
 c Striped Kingfisher
 Blue-breasted Bee-eater NE
 Hemprich Hornbill
 Silvery-cheeked Hornbill
 1 Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird 2
 3 Dooble-toothed Barbet 2
 f Mosque Swallow 1
 2 Rüppell`s Robin Chat 3
 1 Common Redstart
 c Blackcap
 Common Whitethroat 3
 f Northern Black Flycatcher
 1 Pale Flycatcher 3
 fc Afr. Paradise Flycatcher
 5 White-rumped Babbler (limbata) 3 NE
 f Abyssinian White-eye 2
 f Copper Sunbird 3
 Common Fiscal
 Grey-backed Fiscal
 3 Ethiopian Boubou
 4 Northern Puffback
 1 Black-crowned Tschagra 3
 2 Abyssinian Oriole 3
 c Lesser Blue-eared Starling
 c Greater Blue-eared Starling
4 Bush Petronia 2
1 Chestnut-crowned Sparrow Weaver 3
 2 Black-winged Red Bishop 3
 c Yellow-mantled Widowbird 3
 c Red-cheeked Cordon -Bleu
 c Red-billed Firefinch
 2 Bronze Mannikin
 c Village Indigobird
 f African Citril
4 White-throated Seedeater 2 E

Harar 19/10/ - 22/10/2010

No birding. Saw a few birds around Babilie/Valley of Marbleds.

fc **Dwarf Raven**
Common Bulbul
2 Bristle-crowned Starling

Awash 22/10/ - 25/10/2010

Another must for any birder, holds lots of goodies but Bustards were surprisingly rare. Having our own car we would have loved to stay overnight in the NP at Bilen Lodge. Missed few species especially nightjars.

1: Spent half day in the NP with a chartered Jeep. Good although we expected to see more species. Did a typical game drive through Illala Sala Plains, visited Kereyou Lodge (breakfast) and Awash Falls with its new Awash Falls Lodge. A Crombec seen in a tree near the river looked like Somali but did not see it well enough to be sure.

Another afternoon/evening was spend birding from the main road, for example near the so called Microwave Tower. Saw our only Ab.Ground-Hornbills as well as a single Buff-crested Bustard.

2: An afternoon was spent walking around the Lava Fields opposite Lake Beseka where we found Sombre Rock Chat easy to locate. After having seen this extremely localised endemic we did a loop north towards Fantale, walking back to Metahara at dusk. From there lot of minibuses head for Awash. This section was good for Sparrow-Larks and Blackstarts.

3: Half day trip to Andino by hitching. Walked all morning around this village (towards Bilen Lodge and towards the Aledoghi Plains) searching for Arabian Bustard which we finally found after we had almost given up hope. Lots of Larks and Grasshopper Buzzard. This place is extremely hot and dry. Did all our birding with our guide Yeagerem who is not really a birder but who knows the sites and the main target species. He said that some places on the way to Mille were not entirely safe but that Andino was no problem, true to his word we were greeted and welcomed by some local Afar people.

1: Awash Nat.Park 2: Lake Beseka 3: Around Andino Village /way to Bilen Lodge

2 Somali Ostrich 3
1 Abdim`s Stork 1
 Marabou
 Sacred Ibis
 Egyptian Goose
1 Secretary Bird 1
1 Afr. Fish Eagle 1
f Egyptian Vulture 2 3
2 Western Marsh Harrier
1 Pallied Harrier 1
2 Dark Chanting Goshawk 1
1 Gabar Goshawk 1
1 Little Sparrowhawk
1 Grasshopper Buzzard 3
1 Tawny Eagle 1
1 Lesser Spotted Eagle ? 2
fc Common Kestrel
2 Pygmy Falcon 1
1 Red-necked Falcon 1

fc	Helmeted Guineafowl	
2	Common Quail	1
c	Red-knobbed Coot	2
2	Arabian Bustard	3
1	Kori Bustard	1
1	Buff-crested Bustard	1
f	Spur-winged Plover	2
1	Common Sandpiper	1
25	Chestnut-bellied Sandgrouse	3 ?
2	White-bellied Go-away-Bird	1
1	Great Spotted Cuckoo	3
1	White-browed Coucal	1
5	Blue-naped Mousebird	3
	Woodland Kingfisher	
	Striped Kingfisher	
f	Blue-breasted Bee-eater	
12	Madagascar Bee-eater	1
10	Northern Carmine Bee-eater	1
fc	Abyssinian Roller	1
1	Lilac-breasted Roller	1
fc	European Hoopoe	
2	Eastern Yellow-billed Hornbill	1
3	Abyssinian Ground-Hornbill	1
2	Singing Bushlark	1 3
f	Desert Lark	3
20	Greater Short-toed Lark	3
12	Chestnut-headed Sparrow-Lark	2
40	Chestnut-backed Sparrow-Lark	1 2 3
	Rock Martin	
1	African Pied Wagtail	
4	Common Bulbul	
1	White-browed Scrub Robin	1
c	Whinchat	
1	Pied Wheatear	3
c	Northern Wheatear	
fc	Isabelline Wheatear	
3	Sombre Rock Chat	2
8	Blackstart	1 2
1	Blue Rock Thrush	3
1	Upcher`s Warbler	1
2	Green-backed Eremomela	1
1	Northern Crombec	1 ?
1	Barred Warbler	1
5	Ashy Cisticola	1
1	Grey-headed Batis	1
fc	Somali Fiscal	
f	Woodchat Shrike	1 3
f	Isabelline Shrike	1 3
1	Rosy-patched Bush-Shrike	1
f	Northern White-crowned Shrike	1
	Superb Starling	

	Greater Blue-eared Starling
	Rüppell's Starling
fc	White-browed Sparrow-Weaver
c	White-headed Buffalo-Weaver
	Red-billed Firefinch
2	Cutthroat Finch 3
2	Pin-tailed Whydah
f	Striolated Bunting 2
1	Somali Bunting 3

Bird names in bold: a new species for me

E:	Endemic to Ethiopia
NE:	near Endemic to Ethiopia
c:	common
fc:	fairly common
f:	few

Birds:

1. **Somali Ostrich:** 2 near Andido village.
2. **Great White Pelican:** fairly common
3. **Pink-backed Pelican:** 2 at Lake Chekeleka
4. **Little Grebe:** fairly common
5. **Great Crested Grebe:** few on the lakes
6. **Great Cormorant:** fairly common
7. **Long-tailed Cormorant:** fairly common
8. **African Darter:** 1 at Lake Ziway (Hippo Point), 1 at Lake Tana
9. **Cattle Egret:** fairly common
10. **Squacco Heron:** few birds seen
11. **Striated Heron:** few birds seen
12. **Little Egret:** common
13. **Black Heron :** a single bird at Lake Ziway.
14. **Great Egret:** common
15. **Intermediate Egret:** few birds seen
16. **Goliath Heron:** 1 bird along the Nile near Bahir Dar on the way down from the viewpoint.
17. **Grey Heron:** few birds seen
18. **Black-headed Heron:** few on Lake Chekalaka, Nechisar NP, Lake Tana
19. **Abdim's Stork:** 1 at Awash NP
20. **Hamerkop:** widespread in smaller numbers.
21. **Yellow-billed Stork:** 2 at Lake Chekelaka
22. **Marabou Stork:** common and widespread.
23. **Sacred Ibis:** at Debre Zeyit, Lake Ziway, Lake Awasa, Bahir Dar and Awash
24. **Hadada Ibis:** few at Lake Awasa, Bahir Dar
25. **Wattled Ibis:** first seen at Wondo, then more commonly at the Bale Mts.
26. **Spur-winged Goose:** Lake Chekelaka, Lake Tana
27. **Egyptian Goose:** widespread in smaller numbers.
28. **Blue-winged Goose:** fairly common on the Sanetti-Plateau
29. **Knob-billed Duck:** Lake Chekelaka,
30. **White-faced Whistling Duck:** 2 seen at Lake Ziway, few Lake Awasa
31. **African Pygmy-goose:** 3 on Lake Tana from our Hotels restaurant terrace.
32. **Ruddy Shelduck:** seen on lakes of the Sanetti-Plateau.

33. **Red-billed Duck:** at Rift Valley Lakes
34. **Hottentot Teal:** Lake Awasa
35. **White-backed Duck:** 2 seen on Lake Awasa.
36. **Yellow-billed Duck:** on Sanetti-Plateau lakes.
37. **Northern Shoveller:** few at Lake Chekelaka
38. **Yellow-billed Kite:** a very common sight.
39. **Secretarybird:** 1 Awash NP
40. **African Fish-Eagle:** fairly common in small numbers along the lakes.
41. **Lammergeier:** 1 near Web Falls in Bale NP, another near Lalibela up to Ashetan Maryam monastery.
42. **Egyptian Vulture:** few Awash NP and around Andido
43. **Hooded Vulture:** common
44. **Lappet-faced Vulture:** common
45. **White-backed Vulture:** common
46. **Rüppell's Vulture:** common
47. **Brown Snake- Eagle:** one at Nechisar NP
48. **Western March Harrier:** 3 at the edge of Lake Chekelaka, 1 Lake Tana, 2 Awash
49. **Pallied Harrier:** 1 Awash NP
50. **Dark Chanting Goshawk:** 2 Nechisar NP, 2 Awash NP
51. **Gabar Goshawk:** Awash NP
52. **African Goshawk:** only seen at Wondo near our Hotel.
53. **Little Sparrowhawk:** 1 Awash NP
54. **Grasshopper Buzzard:** 2 seen around Andido village.
55. **Augur Buzzard:** common in mountain places like Bale or Lalibela
56. **Mountain Buzzard:** few Bale Mts.
57. **Lesser Spotted Eagle:** 1 near Lake Beseka
58. **Tawny Eagle:** 4 birds in the Bale Mts., sitting near the ground in the Garsey Grasslands. 2 birds Awash NP.
59. **Steppe Eagle:** one bird Bale Mts.
60. **Ayres's Hawk Eagle:** a single seen near Lalibela on the hike up to the monastery
61. **Bataleur:** singles Nechisar NP
62. **Long-crested Eagle:** one at Wondo Genet, 2 Bahir Dar
63. **Common Kestrel:** fairly common for ex. Nechisar NP and Awash
64. **Grey Kestrel:** a surprise bird flew across the Hotel garden in Arba Minch.
65. **Pygmy Falcon:** 2 Awash NP
66. **Red-necked Falcon:** 1 at Kereyou Lodge Awash NP
67. **Lanner Falcon:** our only sighting was a bird in flight near Dinsho village, Bale Mts.
68. **Helmeted Guinea fowl:** common Nechisar NP and Awash NP
69. **Crested Francolin:** common Nechisar NP
70. **Scaly Francolin:** 5 at Wondo Genet crossing the mountain path.
71. **Erckel's Francolin:** from the car on the way from Lalibela to Gasheme (Erma)
72. **Chestnut-naped Francolin:** 3 birds on the road, then beautifully seen flying/gliding on the way from Harenn Forest to Sanetti-Plateau.
73. **Archer's Francolin:** good looks at 4 birds in Nechisar NP
74. **Moorland Francolin:** one bird on the way back from Harenn Forest climbing towards Sanetti-Plateau.
75. **Yellow-necked Spurfowl:** this bird is common in Nechisar NP
76. **Harlequin Quail:** about 20 seen on and near the car track in Nechisar NP
77. **Common Quail:** 2 Awash NP
78. **Black Crake:** 2 or 3 at Lake Awasa
79. **Purple Swamp hen:** few birds seen, but where ?, maybe Awasa

80. **Rouget`s Rail:** about 15 birds seen in the Bale Mountains at various sites.
81. **Red-knobbed Coot:** common
82. **Common Moorhen:** few birds seen
83. **Wattled Crane:** maybe my bird of the trip, seen on Sanetti-Plateau.
84. **Kori Bustard:** 8 at Nechisar NP, 1 Awash NP
85. **Arabian Bustard:** 2 wonderful individuals around Andido after searching hours in the heat! Would have hated to miss that bird !!!! One of the best of this trip !
86. **Buff-crested Bustard:** 1 bird flushed near the main road passing through Awash NP
87. **Black-bellied Bustard:** 4 Nechisar NP
89. **African Jacana:** fairly common.
90. **Black-winged Stilt:** 1 Lake Awasa
91. **Common Ringed Plover:** few birds seen.
92. **Spur-winged Plover:** in smaller numbers along many lakes.
93. **Spot-breasted Plover:** common on Sanetti-Plateau.
94. **Common Sandpiper:** Bale Mts., Lake Awasa,
95. **Wood Sandpiper:** few Lake Awasa
96. **Marsh Sandpiper:** 2 Lake Awasa
97. **Grey-headed Gull:** Lake Awasa
98. **Black-headed Gull:** Lake Tana
99. **Gull-billed Tern:** seen on several lakes.
100. **White-winged Tern:** on several lakes.
101. **Whiskered Tern:** few seen on Lake Tana
- Sandgrouse spec:** a far away flock of about 25 birds near Andido village
102. **Bruce`s Green Pigeon:** few seen Debre Zeyit, Lake Ziway, Bahir Dar
103. **Speckled Pigeon:** fairly common for ex. at Gonder
104. **African Mourning Dove:** widespread and common.
105. **White-collared Pigeon:** common in the Bale Mts. Also Lalibela
106. **Rock Dove:** seen somewhere
107. **Blue-spotted Wood Dove:** Debre Zeyit
108. **Emerald-spotted Wood Dove:** Nechisar NP
109. **Namaqua Dove:** Bahir Dar
110. **Ring-necked Dove:** common
111. **Red-eyed Dove:** common
112. **Laughing Dove:** common
113. **Dusky Turtle Dove:** few Lalibela
114. **Lemon Dove:** a single bird at Wondo Genet walking up the mountain.
115. **African Orange-bellied Parrot:** 1 Nechisar NP
116. **Yellow-fronted Parrot:** 2 at Lake Langano, fairly common at Wondo.
117. **Black-winged Lovebird:** first 6 birds near our Hotel in Debre Zeyit. More in Wondo. Also Lake Awasa, Bahir Dar (viewpoint road)
118. **White-cheeked Turaco:** fairly common at Wondo. Also Bale, Nechisar
119. **White-bellied Go-away-bird:** Lake Langano, Bahir Dar (viewpoint), Awash NP
120. **Bare-faced Go-away-bird:** 2 Nechisar NP
121. **Great Spotted Cuckoo:** 1 around Andido village
122. **Jakobin Cuckoo:** 1 Nechisar NP
123. **African Cuckoo:** 1 Nechisar NP, clearly seen.
124. **Klaas`s Cuckoo:** 1 Nechisar NP
125. **White-browed Coucal:** fairly common Nechisar , 1 Awash NP
126. **Blue-headed Coucal:** 2 at Lake Awasa, Blue Nile Falls,
127. **Abyssinian Owl:** found during day in a tree and seen flying at night near Bale Lodge.
128. **African Wood Owl:** 1 bird called and showed up closely, just outside Bale NP Lodge.

129. **Greyish Eagle Owl:** 2 birds seen flying at Nechisar NP were probably this species.
130. **Slender-tailed Nightjar:** 12 at Nechisar NP in the headlights of our car.
Nightjar spec: 2 at Lake Langano (Dusky ?), few at Nechisar NP (Montane probably) from the car.
131. **Horus Swift:** few Lake Chekelaka
132. **Mottled Swift:** common Lake Awasa, Bale Mts
133. **Speckled Mousebird:** common
134. **Blue-eared Mousebird:** 5 birds near Andido.
135. **Narina Trogon:** a single female nicely seen on a low branch in Wondo. Later one more bird seen flying.
136. **Pied Kingfisher:** common
137. **Grey-headed Kingfisher:**
138. **Giant Kingfisher:** only one bird from the viewpoint road near Bahir Dar.
139. **Woodland Kingfisher:** seen on the grounds of Bekele Mola Hotel at Ziway, in Wondo, at Lake Awasa and Awash
140. **Half-collared Kingfisher:** 2 of this localised birds seen very well in Wondo, at a uphill river.
141. **Striped Kingfisher:** one Nechisar NP, common around Lake Tana, few Awash
142. **Malachite Kingfisher:** common
143. **African Pygmy Kingfisher:** one at Wondo.
144. **Little Bee-eater:** 1 Nechisar NP
145. **Blue-breasted Bee-eater:** first seen at D.Zeyit. Common and widespread throughout.
146. **Madagascar Bee-eater:** 12 at Awash NP
147. **Northern Carmine Bee-eater:** 10 at Awash NP, also from main road.
148. **Abyssinian Roller:** fairly common Awash NP
149. **Lilac-breasted Roller:** 2 Nechisar NP, 1 Awash NP
150. **Black-billed Wood-hoopoe:** fairly common Lake Langano
151. **Eurasian Hoopoe:** fairly common and widespread
152. **Abyssinian Scimitarbill:** 2 Nechisar NP
153. **Black Scimitarbill:** one on the way to Lake Ziway, 3 at Lake Langano
154. **Eastern Yellow-billed Hornbill:** 2 birds at Awash NP
155. **Red-billed Hornbill:** some birds at Nechisar NP
156. **Von der Decken's Hornbill:** 2 at Nechisar NP
157. **Hemprich's Hornbill:** few birds at Lake Langano, near Lalibela and Bahir Dar
158. **African Grey Hornbill:** fairly common at Nechisar NP
159. **Silvery-cheeked Hornbill:** fairly common at Wondo (Hotel garden), Lake Awasa, Bahir Dar
160. **Abyssinian Ground-Hornbill:** 3 birds from the mainroad through Awash NP
161. **Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird:** 4 at Wondo Genet, incl. the Hotel grounds, 1 along the viewpoint road near Bahir Dar
162. **Red-fronted Tinkerbird:** seen at Debre Zeyit, 1 Nechisar NP
163. **Black-billed Barbet:** seen at Debre Zeyit,
164. **Double-toothed Barbet:** 3 birds at Wondo, 1 at Nechisar NP, 3 B.Dar viewpoint
165. **Banded Barbet:** 3 at Wondo Genet, 1 at Lake Awasa
166. **Red- and- yellow Barbet:** 2 seen at Nechisar NP
167. **Greater Honeyguide:** 1 bird flying and contiously calling near a river at Nechisar NP
168. **Red-throated Wryneck:** 2 at Debre Zeyit, 3 at Awasa Woodlands
169. **Eurasian Wryneck:** 1 at Awasa Woodlands
170. **Nubian Woodpecker:** 1 at Wondo Genet, 1 at Lake Awasa, 1 Nechisar NP
171. **Bearded Woodpecker:** 1 at Nechisar NP
172. **Cardinal Woodpecker:** seen at Debre Zeyit,

173. **Abyssinian Woodpecker:** 3 easily found at Wondo
174. **Grey-headed Woodpecker:** 1 seen at Lake Langano, 3 at Wondo Genet
175. **Flappet Lark:** fairly common Nechisar NP
176. **Singing Bush Lark:** 2 seen at Nechisar NP, 1 near Andido, 1 Awash NP
177. **Erlanger`s Lark:** few birds seen, mainly on the way to the Gaysey grasslands
178. **Greater Short-toed Lark:** about 20 seen near Andido village
179. **Desert Lark:** some birds near Andido village
180. **Thekla Lark:** common Bale Mts
181. **Chestnut-headed Sparrow-Lark:** 12 seen behind Lake Beseka and near Andido
182. **Chestnut-backed Sparrow-Lark:** about 40 birds in total seen around Awash incl. NP and Andido village
183. **Rock Martin:** seen at Wondo Genet, Lalibela, Gonder, Lake Beseka
184. **Plain Martin:** fairly common, seen for. ex. Debre Zeyit, Lake Ziway, Bale, Awasa
185. **Common House Martin:** seen
186. **Mosque Swallow:** singles at Lake Ziway, Lake Tana
187. **Red-rumped Swallow:** some seen in and around Lalibela
188. **Barn Swallow:** common for ex. Bale Mts
189. **Red-chested Swallow:** common in places like Lake Chekelaka, Lake Ziway, Bale, Nechisar NP
190. **Ethiopian Swallow:** few times seen
191. **Wire-tailed Swallow:** some birds at Lake Awasa
192. **Black Saw-wing (P. antinorii):** common in the mountains around Wondo Genet
193. **Yellow Wagtail:** Lake Chekelaka, Lake Langano, Lake Awasa, Nechisar NP
194. **African Pied Wagtail:** few birds seen for ex. Awash
195. **White Wagtail:** few birds seen
196. **Mountain Wagtail:** seen at Wondo, Bale Mts.
197. **Grey Wagtail:** few birds seen
198. **Abyssinian Longclaw:** 4 in the Grasslands near Dinsho, Bale Mts
199. **Grassland Pipit:** few birds seen
200. **Grey Cuckooshrike:** 6 birds at Wondo Genet
201. **Common Bulbul:** fairly common and widespread
202. **Rüppell`s Robin-Chat:** some at Debre Zeyit, fairly common at Wondo, 4 Bale, 2 viewpoint Bahir Dar
203. **White browed Robin-Chat:** 1 heard at Nechisar NP
204. **Common Redstart:** 1 found around Bahir Dar
205. **White-browed Scrub Robin:** 1 at Awash NP
206. **Stonechat:** some Bale Mts
207. **Whinchat:** quite common at Nechisar NP and Awash
208. **Red-breasted (Botta`s) Wheatear:** 2 birds nicely seen on the way to the Gaysey Grassland
209. **Isabelline Wheatear:** some birds at Nechisar NP, quite common Awash
210. **Northern Wheatear:** common around Awash and Andido
211. **Pied Wheatear:** 1 seen behind Andido village
212. **Sombre Rock Chat:** 3 in the Lava Fields close to Lake Beseka
213. **Moorland Chat :** common Bale, some Lalibela
214. **Blackstart :** 8 birds seen at Awash NP and Lake Beseka
215. **Mocking Cliff Chat :** 2 birds at Lake Langano, some Lalibela
216. **White-winged Cliff Chat:** 5 seen at Debre Zeyit near around our Hotel, 1 at Wondo
217. **Rüppell`s Black Chat:** 6 easily found around Lalibela
218. **Groundscraper Thrush:** common Bale Mts, 2 at Lalibela

219. **Little Rockthrush:** 2 at Debre Zeyit between our Hotel and Lake Bishuftu Guda, 2 at Lake Langano, 2 at Wondo Genet, 1 at Lalibela
220. **Blue Rock Thrush:** 1 near Andido
221. **Mountain Thrush:** common
222. **African Thrush:** common
223. **Abyssinian Ground Thrush:** 1 splendid observation up the mountain in Wondo, 1 at Harennna Forest.
224. **Cinnamon Bracken Warbler:** 1 at the Bale Mts
225. **Lesser Swamp Warbler:** 1 bird in lakeside vegetation at Awasa
226. **Sedge Warbler :** 1 bird at Lake Awasa
227. **Dark-capped Yellow Warbler :** singles at Debre Zeyit,
228. **Eastern Olivaceous Warbler:** seen once or twice
229. **Upcher`s Warbler:** 1 bird at Awash NP near a river
230. **Grey-backed Camaroptera:** common
231. **Green-backed Eremomela:** 2 in the Hotel garden in Debre Zeyit, 2 at Awash NP
232. **Yellow-bellied Eremomela:** few birds seen
233. **Northern Crombec:** seen at Debre Zeyit,
234. **Red-faced Crombec:** 1 at Lake Langano, 1 Awash NP
235. **Buff-bellied Warbler:** seen at Debre Zeyit,
236. **Willow Warbler:** seen at Lake Awasa
237. **Common Chiffchaff:** seen at the Bale Mts
238. **Brown Woodland Warbler:** 1 found up the hill in Wondo Genet.
239. **Barred Warbler:** 1 seen at Awash NP
240. **Lesser Whitethroat:** few birds seen
241. **Common Whitethroat:** seen around Bahir Dar (view point)
242. **Blackcap:** common in some places like Debre Zeyit, Lake Langano and around Bahir Dar
243. **Banded Parisoma:** a single bird at Nechisar Np
244. **Zitting Cisticola:** few Nechisar NP
245. **Rattling Cisticola:** 1 in our Hotel grounds at Ziway, 2 at Lake Langano,
246. **Singing Cisticola:** 1 at Wondo Genet, 2 around Lalibela
247. **Ethiopian Cisticola:** birds seen at Gaysey Grasslands were probably this species
248. **Red-faced Cisticola:** 1 in lakeside vegetation at Awasa
249. **Ashy Cisticola:** 5 birds at Awash NP
250. **Tawny-flanked Prinia:** common
251. **Yellow-breasted Apalis:** 1 seen at Lake Awasa
252. **Abyssinian Slaty Flycatcher:** fairly common in Wondo, 2 at Bale Mts
253. **Northern Black Flycatcher:** 2 seen in the Woodlands near our Hotel in Awasa, some around Bahir Dar
254. **African Grey Flycatcher:** fairly common for ex. at Debre Zeyit,
255. **Pale Flycatcher:** a single bird at Bahir Dar viewpoint road
256. **African Dusky Flycatcher:** seen at Debre Zeyit, Lake Langano, Wondo, Bale
257. **Spotted Flycatcher:** some at Lake Awasa, Nechisar NP and Arba Minch,
258. **Semi-collared Flycatcher:** 1 female in a huge garden along Lake Ziway 10min walk from Hippo Point. Asked for permission to enter this private residence because it looked promising.
259. **African Paradise Flycatcher:** common and widespread
260. **Grey-headed Batis:** 1 bird at Lake Langano, 1 Awash NP
261. **Black-headed Batis:** 1 near Hippo Point at Lake Ziway, a handful at Lake Awasa, 2 Arba Minch around our Hotel.
262. **Brown-throated Wattle-eye:** only 1 seen at Wondo Genet.

263. **African Hill Babbler:** good looks on 3 birds in Wondo Genet, 1 at Bale Mts
264. **White-rumped Babbler:** 6 seen in Wondo Genet, 4 at B. Dar view point
265. **Rufous Chatterer:** 3 at Lake Langano, some Lake Awasa, fc Nechisar NP
266. **Abyssinian Catbird:** 2 birds seen, at Hareenna Forest and near our Lodge
267. **White-winged Black Tit:** seen at Debre Zeyit, 1 at Lake Langano,
268. **White-backed Black Tit:** 8 easily at Bale Mts. ,also found around our Lodge
269. **Spotted Creeper:** 3 birds found in Wondo Genet, 1 seen in the Awasa Woodlands close to our Hotel.
270. **Mouse-coloured Penduline-tit:** 2 at Nechisar NP
271. **Mountain White-eye:** common for ex. at Debre Zeyit, Wondo, Bale Mts, Lake Awasa
272. **Abyssinian White-eye:** fairly common for ex. at Lake Langano, Blue Nile Falls
273. **Tacazze Sunbird:** fairly common, for ex. Debre Zeyit, Lake Langano, Wondo, Bale
274. **Copper Sunbird:** few birds seen around Bahir Dar along the viewpoint road
275. **Scarlet-chested Sunbird:** some seen at Debre Zeyit, Lake Awasa
276. **Beautiful Sunbird:** a common sight in many places.
277. **Shining Sunbird:** some birds seen at Debre Zeyit, Lake Ziway,
278. **Eastern Violet-backed Sunbird:** some seen at Nechisar NP
279. **Variable Sunbird:** fairly common Debre Zeyit, Wondo Genet, Bale, Lalibela
280. **Collared Sunbird:** seen at Wondo Genet
281. **Common Fiscal:** seen Lake Ziway, Wondo, Bale Mts, Lalibela
282. **Somali Fiscal:** quite common around Awash
283. **Grey-backed Fiscal:** fairly common Arba Minch and Nechisar NP, also around Bahir Dar
284. **Isabelline Shrike:** some birds at Awash NP and Andido
285. **Woodchat Shrike:** some birds seen at Awash NP and around Andido
286. **Brubru:** 1 seen at the Hotel grounds in Arba Minch
287. **Slate-coloured Boubou:** few at Nechisar NP
288. **Ethiopian Boubou:** widespead and often seen in smaller numbers
289. **Northern Puffback:** fairly common
290. **Black-crowned Tchagra:** 1 at Debre Zeyit, 1 at Nechisar NP, 1 B.Dar (viewpoint)
291. **Rosy-patched Bush-shrike:** 1 seen at Awash NP
292. **Northern White-crowned Shrike:** 1 at Lake Langano, few Awash NP
293. **Black-headed Oriole:** some in Arba Minch and Nechisar NP
294. **Abyssinian Oriole:** fairly common at Wondo Genet, Bale Mts, 2 B. Dar (viewpoint)
295. **Fork-tailed Drongo:** 2 at Lake Langano, 1 Wondo Genet, few Lake Awasa, common Nechisa NP and Arba Minch
296. **Red-billed Chough:** 2 on Sanetti.Plateau
297. **Pied Crow:** common
298. **Dwarf Raven:** fairly common around Harar
299. **Cape Rook:** fairly common Bale Mts
300. **Fan-tailed Raven:** some Nechisar NP, Lalibela
301. **Thick-billed Raven:** 4 birds at Wondo. Quite common Bale Mts. And Lake Awasa
302. **Red-billed Oxpecker:** 4 seen Bale Mts., some Nechisar NP
303. **Red-winged Starling:** Debre Zeyit, Wondo, Bale,
304. **Slender-billed Starling:** 4 at Wondo Genet
305. **White-billed Starling:** 10 seen around Lalibela (way to monastary)
306. **Bristle-crowned Starling:** few birds seen around the Valley of Marvels near Babilie/Harar
307. **Lesser Blue-eared Starling:** fairly common Lalibela and around Bahir Dar
308. **Greater Blue-eared Starling:** common

309. **Rüppell's Starling:** common Debre Zeyit, some at Lake Ziway, Lake Awasa, Awash
310. **Superb Starling:** seen Lake Langano, Awash
311. **Violet-backed Starling:**
312. **Swainson's Sparrow:** common
313. **Bush Petronia:** 4 birds in a bush on the path toward Blue Nile Falls
314. **White-browed Sparrow-Weaver:** common
315. **Chestnut-crowned Sparrow-Weaver:** 1 bird briefly seen at the viewpoint near Bahir Dar
316. **White-headed Buffalo-Weaver:** few seen at Lake Langano, common Awash
317. **Red-billed Buffalo-Weaver:** 4 birds at Nechisar NP
318. **Village Weaver:** common
319. **Spectacled Weaver:** some birds at Lake Awasa
320. **Rüppell's Weaver:** few birds seen at Debre Zeyit, Lake Langano,
321. **Little Weaver:** 5 along the waterfront at Lake Awasa
322. **Baglafecht Weaver:** common
323. **Grosbeak Weaver:** 3 at Lake Awasa
324. **Red-billed Quelea:** few birds seen near our lodge in Debre Zeyit
325. **Red-headed Weaver:** fairly common at Arba Minch and Nechisar NP
326. **Yellow-crowned Bishop:** fairly common at Debre Zeyit,
327. **Black-winged Red Bishop:** some Bahir Dar (viewpoint road)
328. **Northern Red (Orange) Bishop:** 2 birds seen at Debre Zeyit behind our Hotel,
329. **Yellow Bishop:** common Bale, also seen around Lalibela
330. **Yellow-mantled Widowbird:** common around Bahir Dar
331. **Red-cheeked Cordon-bleu:** common
332. **Red-billed Firefinch:** common
333. **Common Waxbill:** fairly common Bale Mts.
334. **Yellow-bellied Waxbill:** 5 at Bale Mts.
335. **African Silverbill:** few birds seen
336. **Bronze Mannikin:** some seen at Debre Zeyit, 2 at Wondo, few Lake Awasa, B. Dar
337. **Black- and- white Mannikin:** 2 seen at Wondo Genet
338. **Cut-throat Finch:** 2 seen around Andido
339. **Eastern Paradise Whydah:** seen around Dinsho
340. **Pin-tailed Whydah:** 2 at Wondo Genet, 2 at Awash
341. **Village Indigobird:** some around Lalibela, common around Bahir Dar
342. **White-bellied Canary:** seen at Nechisar NP
343. **Yellow-crowned Canary:** a handful of those birds seen at Bale, fairly common Lalibela
344. **African Citril:** 4 at Lake Ziway, fairly common Wondo, Bale Mts, Lake Awasa, around Bahir Dar
345. **Black-headed Siskin:** common at the Bale Mts
346. **White-throated Seedeater:** 4 birds found between Tis Isat village and the Blue Nile Falls on dry grass/grain. Excellent looks !
347. **Brown-rumped Seedeater:** seen at Bale Mts, common Lalibela
348. **Streaky Seedeater:** fairly common
349. **Cinnamon-breasted Bunting:** few birds seen in Nechisar NP, 2 at Lalibela
350. **Striolated Bunting:** few birds behind Lake Beseka
351. **Somali Bunting:** 1 around Andido

Mammals:

Guereza Colobus (<i>Colobus guereza</i>)	-	Wondo Genet, Bale NP, Nechisar
Sacred Baboon (<i>Papio hamadryas</i>)	-	Awash NP
Olive Baboon (<i>Papio anubis</i>)	-	Nechisar NP
Gelada Baboon (<i>Theropithecus gelada</i>)	-	Wondo Genet
Grivet Monkey (<i>Cercopithecus aethiops</i>)	-	Wondo Genet, Nechisar,
Bale Monkey (<i>Cercopithecus djamdjamentis</i>)	-	Hareenna Forest
Starck`s Hare (<i>Cepus starcki</i>)	-	Sanetti-Plateau
Striped Ground Squirrel (<i>Xerus erythropus</i>)	-	Nechisar NP
Unstriped Ground Squirrel (<i>Xerus rutilus</i>)	-	Wondo Genet
Big-headed Mole Rat (<i>Tachyoryctes macrocephalus</i>)	-	Sanetti-Plateau
Ethiopian Wolf (<i>Canis simensis</i>)	-	Sanetti-Plateau
Spotted Hyaena (<i>Crocuta crocuta</i>)	-	Harar
Black-backed Jackel (<i>Canis mesomelas</i>)	-	Awash NP
Ethiopian Rock Hyrax (<i>Procavia habessinica</i>)	-	Bale NP
Grevy`s Zebra (<i>Equus grevyi</i>)	-	Nechisar NP. Awash NP
Hippopotamus (<i>Hippopotamus amphibius</i>)	-	Nechisar NP
Common Warthog (<i>Phacochoerus aethiopicus</i>)	-	Bale NP, Nechisar NP, Awash NP
Mountain Reedbuck (<i>Redunca vulvorufula</i>)	-	Bale NP
Menelik`s Bushbuck (<i>Tragelaphus scriptus meneliki</i>)	-	Bale NP
Lesser Kudu (<i>Tragelaphus imberbis</i>)	-	Awash NP
Greater Kudu (<i>Tragelaphus strepsiceros</i>)	-	Nechisar NP
Mountain Nyala (<i>Tragelaphus buxtoni</i>)	-	Bale NP
Salt`s Dikdik (<i>Madoqua saltiana</i>)	-	Awash NP
Guenther`s Dikdik (<i>Madoqua guentheri</i>)	-	Nechisar NP
Grant`s Gazelle (<i>Gazella Granti</i>)	-	Nechisar NP
Soemmering`s Gazelle (<i>Gazella soemmeringi</i>)	-	Awash NP
Gerenuk (<i>Litocranius walleri</i>)	-	Awash NP
Beisa Oryx (<i>Oryx beisa</i>)	-	Awash NP

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