



**TRIP REPORT UGANDA: SHOEBILL, ALBERTINE RIFT
ENDEMIC, GREEN-BREASTED PITTA, GORILLAS AND
CHIMPANZEES, WITH
5-DAY MURCHISON FALLS EXTENSION**

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Green-breasted Pitta was most certainly the bird of the trip!

TOUR ITINERARY**Overnight**

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OVERVIEW

This was an East-African birding and wildlife adventure to be remembered for many years to come; 459 species of birds were recorded, with a total of 35 species of mammals. Eleven of the latter were primates, including mountain gorilla and eastern chimpanzee. On the birding front, **Green-breasted Pitta**, **Shoebill**, and **Grauer’s Broadbill** were all seen extremely well.

Day 1. Entebbe

We kicked the tour off with a relaxed day spent birding around the gardens of the hotel. This allowed us to really get acquainted with some of the more common species and become acclimatized after some long flights and frustrating delays. The gardens were excellent, and we enjoyed some plain-looking species such as **African Thrush**, **Speckled Mousebird**, **Northern Black Flycatcher**, and **Dark-capped Bulbul** (which we eventually saw every single day of the trip). There were also some spectacularly colorful species around the gardens; these were **Black-headed Gonolek** – a firm favorite, **White-browed Robin-Chat**, **Red-chested Sunbird**, **Double-toothed Barbet**, **Meyer’s** and **Grey Parrots**, and the extravagant **Eastern Plantain-eater**. That afternoon we visited the Entebbe Botanic Gardens on the eastern side of town, overlooking Lake Victoria. The gardens are beautiful with some giant trees, and they definitely provide one with a good opportunity to do some relaxed introductory birding. We found the likes of **Lizard Buzzard** with red-legged sun squirrel prey, **African Emerald Cuckoo**, **Red-bellied Paradise Flycatcher**, and **African Hobby** hawking insects above the edge of the lake. A list of over 70 species kicked off day one and set the tone for the rest of the trip – bring it on!

Day 2. Mabamba Swamp, drive to Lake Mburo National Park



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Shoebill, Mabamba Swamp

Mabamba Swamp is the well-known site near Entebbe to get good looks at the wonderfully enigmatic Shoebill. We set off in two separate boats in search of not only the prehistoric-looking Shoebill but other waterfowl as well. We did well and within the first couple of minutes notched up **Long-toed Lapwing**, **Blue-breasted Bee-eater**, **Yellow-billed Duck** and **White-faced Whistling Duck**, **Malachite Kingfisher**, and **Hamerkop**, as well as **African Jacana**. The **Shoebill** itself didn't take long at all to locate, and it was soon spotted about 50 meters from where we were. We positioned ourselves well and soon enough had great views of the bird walking through the swamp. A magical moment for any birder! We knew we had a long journey today, so after picking up **Vieillot's Black Weaver**, **African Pied Wagtail**, and **Swamp Flycatcher** in the parking area we set off for Lake Mburo National Park. Lake Mburo is situated within a savanna biome; we would therefore quickly add to our rapidly growing list of birds and also add some of our first big mammals. The afternoon was very enjoyable; some highlights were **Blue-naped Mousebird**, **Red-faced Crombec**, **Senegal** and **Brown-chested Lapwings**, **Plain-backed Pipit**, **Sooty Chat**, and the impressive **Western Banded Snake Eagle**. Mammals included olive baboon, vervet monkey, topi, defassa waterbuck, bushbuck, and plains zebra.

Day 3. Lake Mburo National Park to Kisoro

We started the morning with a quick breakfast and then made our way to the shoreline of the lake for a boat trip. The boat trip delivered the goods, and it wasn't long before we notched up the smart-looking **White-backed Night Heron**. **Kingfishers** were abundant and included **Giant**, **Pied**, and the stunning **Malachite**. The lakeshore included some really pristine papyrus reed habitat, which is home to a couple of interesting species. The papyrus held the likes of **White-winged Swamp Warbler**, **Greater Swamp Warbler**, **Carruthers's Cisticola**, and **Papyrus Gonolek** (which didn't show itself on the boat ride, but we did get a stunning individual later that day), as well as **Little Bittern**, **Black Crake**, **Northern Brown-throated Weaver**, and **Swamp Flycatcher**. One of the other targets on the boat trip was the sought-after African Finfoot. We spent a few minutes scanning the shoreline, and soon enough we spotted two separate **African Finfoots** as they worked their way along the shoreline. Other species of interest on the cruise were **African Fish Eagle** and **Striated** and **Goliath Herons**, as well as a marsh mongoose. After the boat trip a short drive in the park

allowed us to record **Bateleur**, **White-winged Black Tit**, **Long-tailed Cisticola**, **Red-breasted Swallow**, and **Grey-backed Fiscal**. We then headed out and started our journey to Kisoro town, where we would stay for two nights to bird the beautiful Mgahinga Gorilla National Park area. This park borders both Rwanda and the Democratic Republic of Congo and is well known for the volcanic mountains that act as a backdrop while one is trekking for golden monkeys or mountain gorillas. In our case, however, we would begin our trek tomorrow with Ruwenzori Turaco in mind.



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Papyrus Gonolek, en route to Kisoro

Day 4. Mgahinga Gorilla National Park

We took a drive from our accommodation in Kisoro to Mgahinga National Park, where we were joined by a local bird guide and ranger as well as a porter to help carry packed lunches and extra water; a fairly long day's birding lay ahead. Our main aim for the day would be to search for Albertine Rift species, including the extravagant-looking Ruwenzori Turaco. We started off near the main office and found very confiding **Olive-breasted Greenbul** as well as **Ruwenzori Double-collared Sunbird**. **Mountain Yellow Warbler** and **Cinnamon Bracken Warbler** lurked nearby, while **Streaky Seedeater** was perched in plain sight, feeding on a flowering bush. We were lucky enough to get amazing looks at one of the most striking small sunbirds, **Regal Sunbird**, which was the cause of many "oohs and aahs". Further on **Kandt's Waxbills** were feeding in the track, and we were alerted to the call of **Doherty's Bushshrike**. As expected, the bushshrike stayed fairly well concealed, but for a moment when it perched it was reasonably well exposed and provided the opportunity for brief but satisfying visuals. We ended up walking a little further towards the Rwanda/Congo border before we finally heard THE turaco. A small opening next to us helped us to get a beautiful flight visual of it as the bird came gliding by. **Ruwenzori Turaco**, an Albertine Rift endemic, is as beautiful in nature as it is in the field guide! **Archer's Ground Robin** and **Strange Weaver** definitely gave us the runaround, and only some members of the group managed to get decent visuals of these two species. **Ruwenzori Batis** was not as 'selfish' as the ground robin and showed well, both males and females. After lunch we continued our quest in search of a few others and were rewarded with species such as **Augur Buzzard**, **White-eyed Slaty Flycatcher**, **Bronzy Sunbird**, and **Western Tinkerbird**. Other enjoyable birds recorded today included **White-starred Robin**, **Chubb's Cisticola**, **Abyssinian**

Thrush, and **White-browed Crombec**. We ended the day with some lovely **Cinnamon-chested Bee-eaters** up in some trees back in Kisoro.

Day 5. Transfer to Bwindi Impenetrable National Park – birding Ruhija

After breakfast we managed to squeeze in about fifteen minutes birding in the gardens of the hotel before we headed off towards the much-anticipated Bwindi Impenetrable National Park. **Grey-capped Warblers** were singing beautifully and hopping around the hedges, while **Red-faced Cisticola** was seen just over a nearby stream. We also added the likes of **White-tailed Blue Flycatcher**, **Black-crowned Waxbill**, and **Black-headed Weaver**. En route we notched up **African Black Swift** flying above the agriculturally-strewn mountainside. Other species that we picked up in the morning's birding session included **Regal Sunbird**, **Red-faced Woodland Warbler**, **Banded Prinia**, **Mountain Masked Apalis**, and **Ruwenzori Apalis**, as well as **Yellow-whiskered Greenbul**. Despite the cold and misty weather the afternoon birding session on a small public road near Ruhija was rather productive, producing **Yellow-streaked Greenbul**, **Grey Cuckooshrike**, **Northern Puffback**, **Brown-crowned Tchagra**, **Mountain Oriole**, and one of our main targets for the area, **Stripe-breasted Tit**. Unfortunately, the light faded early this afternoon, but a fantastic day had been had, and we could look forward to five more days in Bwindi.

Day 6. Gorilla trekking and birding Ruhija

Two members of the tour group joined one of the local mountain gorilla trekking teams this morning, and as can be seen by the photograph below, amazing sightings of a large family group were enjoyed. They were also treated to sightings of **Great Blue Turaco** while trekking, a huge and fascinating turaco species.



Mountain gorilla, Ruhija, Bwindi Impenetrable Forest. Photo: Howard Smith

Other birding this morning was very productive. **Lühder's Bushshrike** showed astonishingly well, while the highlight was probably the strange Albertine Rift endemic **Grauer's Warbler**. A pair of these warblers was heard calling from a large tangle of vines, and with a bit of patience we managed to get great views as they moved across from tangle to tangle. Boehm's bush squirrel and Ruwenzori sun squirrel grabbed our attention away from the birds

for a few moments as they jumped from branch to branch. Afternoon birding deeper in the forest gave sightings of **Slender-billed Greenbul**, **Black-throated Apalis**, **Petit's Cuckooshrike**, **Grey-throated Barbet**, and an interesting sighting of what were most likely **Schouteden's Swifts**, a species thought to be confined to the eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo, but since 2014 there have been reports of largely unconfirmed sightings over Bwindi's higher-lying forest areas. A pair of **Handsome Francolin** feeding alongside the road ended off a very successful day in just the right manner and gave us enough time for good looks and a few pictures too.

Day 7. Mubwindi Swamp and Grauer's Broadbill

Today we set off on what we knew would be one of the more physically exhausting days of the tour, the walk to Mubwindi Swamp. The swamp area is a good four-to-five-kilometer walk away over some tricky terrain. But the walk offers some fantastic birding and of course chances at some very special Albertine Rift endemics, such as the sought after Grauer's (African Green) Broadbill and a handful of others that are improbable elsewhere. We kicked the birding off with species such as **Mountain Illadopsis**, **Mountain Sooty Boubou**, **Mountain Oriole**, **Black-billed Turaco**, **Brown-capped Weaver**, **Mackinnon's Shrike**, and a pair of stunning **Dusky Crimsonwing** that were flitting through the bushes at eye level. The forest walk was filled with breathtaking scenes, bird calls never seemed to cease, and some smaller primates such as blue monkey and guereza were encountered along the way. Further along we managed to see **Dusky Tit**, **White-tailed Blue Flycatcher**, **Yellow-streaked Greenbul**, and the Albertine Rift endemics **Yellow-eyed Black Flycatcher** and the diminutive **Dwarf Honeyguide**. Local knowledge told us that **Grauer's Broadbill** was out of the nest, and so we were now fully aware that we could lay eyes upon the bird at any moment as it feeds, much like a flycatcher, in the canopy. "I've got the bird!" was the next sentence uttered, and, sure enough, the birds were above us, two of them, feeding in the canopy. Clambering a little higher up the slope we were able to get saturating looks at this small and dumpy light-green beauty.



Grauer's Broadbill, Mubwindi Swamp, Bwindi Impenetrable Forest

We continued our walk down towards Mubwindi Swamp in search of one or two more specials. The melodic call of the Albertine Rift endemic **Grauer's Warbler** came from the swamp area the minute we arrived, and after a bit of looking around we eventually got some nice but slightly distant looks at this species. We also recorded **African Rail**, **Western Citril**, and **Carruther's Cisticola**. On the way back a noisy family of **White-headed Wood Hoopoes** alerted us to their presence, while **Crowned Hornbill** flew over silently. Additional enjoyable species on the way home included **White-bellied Crested Flycatcher**, fleeting views of **Lagden's Bushshrike**, **Red-headed Malimbe**, and **Petit's Cuckooshrike**. The last new species for the day was the stunning **Bar-tailed Trogon**, a single individual perched inconspicuously in the mid-stratum.

Day 8. Transfer to Buhoma, Bwindi Impenetrable National Park, birding "The Neck"

The Uganda birding tour is full of well-known African birding sites, and today we spent some of the morning birding "The Neck" of Bwindi Impenetrable National Park. A constant joke during our time in Bwindi was that the park was not living up to its name; we managed to penetrate it many times! The birding was excellent – **Yellow-spotted Barbet**, **Grey-backed Camaroptera**, **Dusky-blue Flycatcher**, and **Pink-footed Puffback** showed well, while **Blue-throated Brown Sunbird** required some abnormal neck contortions. Further along the beautiful forest tracks we encountered a lovely stream, which held **Cassin's Flycatcher**, **Mountain Wagtail**, and a beautiful female **Crowned Eagle** circling low overhead. Afternoon birding commenced shortly after a good rest at the lodge. We birded the forest edge near Buhoma village and experienced excellent birding with loads of activity; among the highlights were **Many-colored** and **Bocage's Bushshrikes**, **Black-billed Weaver**, **Red-capped Robin-Chat**, **Pink-footed Puffback**, **Toro Olive Greenbul**, **Green-throated Sunbird**, **Black-and-white Shrike-flycatcher**, **Tullberg's** and **Buff-spotted Woodpeckers**, and **Yellow-throated Leaflove**. **Sunbirds** were also plentiful around Buhoma, and we recorded **Green-throated**, **Green-headed**, **Scarlet-chested**, **Northern Double-collared**, **Variable**, and **Collared** all before sunset.

Day 9. Birding Buhoma, Bwindi Impenetrable National Park

We spent an exciting day birding the primary forest of the Buhoma area. Packed lunches, binoculars, scopes, and cameras were all packed and ready to go. **Grey Apalis**, **Elliot's Woodpecker**, and **Grey-winged Robin-Chat** kicked off our day nicely, while **Equatorial Akalat**, **Black-faced Rufous Warbler**, and **Mountain Illadopsis** really made us work for any good visuals, but we prevailed in the end. The forest was alive with birdsong, with the likes of **Western Bronze-naped Pigeon**, **Grey-throated Barbet**, **Green Hylia**, and **White-spotted Flufftail** calling almost constantly in the background. We had an interesting burst of activity before lunch with a few glimpses at some really tricky undergrowth species; these included **Red-throated Alethe**, **Red-tailed Bristlebill**, and **White-tailed Ant Thrush**. These species were all together and presumably following an ant swarm in order to feed. Lunch came at just the right time, even though some of us were "falling" for the great birding in Buhoma, but the short break was definitely welcome. Our afternoon session kicked off with some lovely new **Greenbuls**, including **Red-tailed**, **Ansorge's**, and **Kakamega**, the latter being a recent split from Shelley's Greenbul. **Chapin's Flycatcher** was another fairly uncommon Ugandan species that we connected with during our walk; its high-pitched call is incredibly distinctive once learned. Other species that we managed to find deeper in the forest reserve included **Willard's Sooty Boubou**, **White-bellied Robin-Chat**, **Levaillant's Cuckoo**, **Green Hylia**, and **African Broadbill**. Some of the trickier species that we tried to locate today included **Kivu Ground Thrush** and **Neumann's Warbler**, but unfortunately, try as we might, they were nowhere to be seen.

Day 10. Transfer to Queen Elizabeth National Park

After a very intriguing and successful six days in Bwindi we traveled to Queen Elizabeth National Park for some savanna birding and game viewing. Before we made our way to Queen Elizabeth, however, we enjoyed an hour in the morning birding Buhoma's forest outskirts one more time. It was great to see **Grey-throated Barbet** and **Green-headed Sunbirds** feeding up-close in a nearby flowering and fruiting tree. **Western Citril** and **Yellow-rumped Tinkerbird** were close by, and **Cabanis's Greenbul** was a new species for the trip list. Of course the Ishasha Sector of Queen Elizabeth NP is well known for the tree-climbing lions, and that was the first area of the park we traveled through. We managed to find two separate groups of lions in some large fig trees, just lounging around in the heat of the day. The birding started to pick up as we got closer to the Mweya Peninsula, where we would be staying for the next two nights. During the drive in and the game drive we did in the afternoon we recorded species such as **Flappet Lark**, **Northern** and **Grey-backed Fiscals**, **Brimstone Canary**, **Helmeted Guineafowl**, **Spur-winged Lapwing**, and **Water Thick-knee**.

Day 11. Birding Queen Elizabeth National Park

An exciting day was spent within the Queen Elizabeth National Park, with a very enjoyable general safari, on which we found all sorts of game as well as some great savanna birds. It was also a good day for terrestrial species, which included **African Pipit** and **African Wattled, Crowned, Senegal, and Spur-winged Lapwings**, as well as the small **Temminck's Courser**. Other species we found while on our game drive included **Brown Snake Eagle**, **African Grey Woodpecker**, **Grey Kestrel**, **Red-billed Quelea**, **Yellow-billed Oxpecker** (more often than not on buffalo), **Buff-bellied Warbler**, **Grey-headed Kingfisher** and **White-throated** and **Olive Bee-eaters**. The day's mammals were really enjoyable and included the likes of African buffalo, African elephant, Uganda kob, defassa waterbuck, Rothschild's giraffe, common warthog, bushbuck, and hippopotamus. The boat cruise in the afternoon on the Kazinga Channel was certainly one of the highlights of the trip. The Kazinga Channel is some 40 kilometers long and boast some special wildlife sightings. **African Skimmers** upstream from the lodge were a real highlight as they came cruising low over the water to roost on the bank. Some of the other avian attractions included **Gull-billed Tern**, **Spur-winged Lapwing**, and **Yellow-billed** and **Marabou Storks**; shorebirds included **Curlew Sandpiper**, **Common Greenshank**, **Marsh Sandpiper**, **Kittlitz's** and **Three-banded Plovers**, and **Water Thick-knee**. Further downstream towards Lake Edward a plethora of different species were hanging around on the banks near a local fishing village, obviously a place where they are able to pick up scraps. Hundred's of **White-breasted Cormorants**, **Pink-backed Pelican**, **Marabou Stork**, **Grey-headed Gull**, and **African Sacred Ibis** were the main members of the group. **Wire-tailed Swallow** was also a nice addition back at the main dock area after the boat trip.



Grey Kestrel, Queen Elizabeth National Park

Day 12. Queen Elizabeth National Park to Kibale National Park

Having spent some excellent birding time in the open savanna of Queen Elizabeth National Park we headed on northwards to Kibale National Park. A fairly long day's travel was needed before we reached Kibale, this together with some rough roads and road works meant that we didn't get a great deal of birding in for the day. We did manage a very enjoyable walk just outside Kibale, where we found the likes of **Black-and-white Shrike-flycatcher**, **Grey Tit-Flycatcher**, and a host of **Sunbirds** including **Copper**, **Bronzy**, **Grey-chinned**, **Green-throated**, **Olive-bellied**, and **Collared**. Both **White-breasted** and **Grey-headed Nigrita** were fairly 'showy' in the Kibale area and around the gardens of the lodge. We were all fairly excited about tomorrow, as it would be the day we would target the fabulous Green-breasted Pitta!

Day 13. Kibale National Park and Green-breasted Pitta

This morning we set out rather early, with a clear goal in mind, namely finding the enigmatic Green-breasted Pitta. According to expert local knowledge the earlier we entered the forest the better, as the birds tend to call and display early, which obviously makes them easier to locate. The forest was alive with song – **Fire-crested Alethe** and **Scaly-breasted Illadopsis** were the main culprits, while in the distance calls of **Western Nicator**, **Narina Trogon**, and **Yellow-billed Barbet** were clear. Before we were able to locate any pitta, bird song and general activity died down, and we only had visuals of **Olive Sunbird**. We walked some distance, and one of our local guides mentioned that he saw what he thought was the pitta

moving through the undergrowth. We moved in closer, and soon enough we were all onto the bird; **Green-breasted Pitta** was in our binoculars' view. The excitement was exhilarating! We hung around and watched as it performed its hopping and calling display. On the walk back toward the vehicle we managed some nice sightings of **White-breasted Nigrita**, **Red-headed Bluebill**, **Yellow-breasted Apalis**, and **White-browed Coucal** on the forest edge. In another section of forest we finally managed sightings of a species that we had frustratingly only heard until this point, **Honeyguide Greenbul**. We also found the likes of **Western Oriole**, **Chestnut Wattle-eye**, and **White-tailed Ant Thrush**.



Green-breasted Pitta, Kibale National Park

There was enough time in the afternoon for some of the group to fit in chimp trekking, where fantastic sightings were enjoyed. Chimpanzees are definitely fascinating to watch and must surely be one of the most amazing mammals that one can see on a birding adventure! We also had enough time to fit in a lovely walk around the community-run Bigodi Wetlands Sanctuary. This swamp area delivered some great sightings of species such as **Great Blue Turaco**, **Woodland Kingfisher**, **Double-toothed** and **Yellow-billed Barbets**, **African Blue Flycatcher**, and **Bronzy Sunbird**. The swamp also yielded some really great primates, in particular ashy red colobus.



Eastern chimpanzee, Kibale National Park. Photo: Janet Smith

Day 14. Transfer to Masindi for Murchison Falls extension

Today was largely a travel day, where we transferred to Masindi for the five-day extension to Budongo Forest and Murchison Falls National Park. We did, however, manage to add some birding before we left the Kibale area. We added a couple of interesting species, including **Petit's Cuckooshrike**, **Yellow-mantled Weaver**, **Long-crested Eagle**, and **African Black Duck** on one of the streams in the northern area of Kibale. Two other additions for the day included our first visual of **Brown-backed Scrub Robin**, a breeding male **Compact Weaver**, and **Blue-headed Coucal**.

Day 15. Budongo Forest – birding the Royal Mile

A fantastic day awaited us, birding the famous Royal Mile in the Budongo Forest. We kicked things off with a couple of interesting species: **Little Green Sunbird**, **Grey Longbill**, **Olive-green Camaroptera**, **Little Grey Greenbul**, **White-throated Greenbul**, and the sought-after **Ituri Batis**. **Forest Robin** was calling nearby, but we were not able to manage any visuals of this “akalat-like” robin. Soon enough we found one of the other targets for the day, the energetic **Chestnut-capped Flycatcher**; small groups of four to six birds moved through the lower canopy. Other attractions near the start of the walk were a very confiding **Red-chested Cuckoo**, **Brown-eared** and **Yellow-crested Woodpeckers**, **Blue-throated Roller**, and **Lemon-bellied Crombec**. A delightful family of **Rufous-crowned Eremomela** was active in the mid-stratum, showing very well. Further on the calls of **Chocolate-backed** and **Blue-breasted Kingfishers** rang through the forest interior. The handsome-looking **Chocolate-backed Kingfisher** really did give us the runaround, and unfortunately only fleeting views were obtained by some of the group; **Blue-breasted Kingfisher**, however, gave us much better looks much to the delight (and relief) of some of us. The last period of birding the Royal Mile really did produce some enjoyable sightings; species such as **Sooty Flycatcher**, **White-thighed Hornbill**, **Sabine's Spinetail**, and **African Shrike-flycatcher** were all close by, but the star of the show certainly went to a member of the Rallidae family, **White-spotted Flufftail**. These notorious skulkers inhabit the darker, dense, and moist

undergrowth of lowland forest and are usually found near quiet forest streams and muddy areas. We heard the call of the flufftail, which is rather tinkerbird-like, echo through the forest in a muddy area near the path. Our excellent local guide was able to whistle the call of the species so well that before we knew it the bird was out of the cover and gave excellent views.



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White-spotted Flufftail, Budongo Forest, the Royal Mile

Before we headed back to Masindi for the night we stopped at some agricultural fields close to an area of the Budongo Forest's edge and found more species to add to our trip list. These included **Whistling Cisticola**, **Black-winged Red Bishop**, **Black Bishop**, **Pin-tailed Whydah**, and **Black-bellied Firefinch**. Two other species that were particularly good to get visuals of were **Cardinal Quelea** and **Brown Twinspot**.

Day 16. Masindi to Murchison Falls National Park

Today we traveled via the western escarpment towards Lake Albert and eventually to our accommodation just south of the Victoria Nile, Kabalega Wilderness Lodge. We first managed to fit in some birding along the Buliisa Escarpment, where our finds included **Northern Red Bishop**, **Foxy Cisticola**, **Silverbird**, **Vinaceous Dove**, **Beautiful Sunbird**, **Black-billed Barbet**, and **Dark Chanting Goshawk**. Once we had made the fairly short descent down towards the lake we started to see the likes of **Red-throated Bee-eater**, **Grey-headed Kingfisher**, and **Red-cheeked Cordon-bleu**. We enjoyed a much-deserved rest in the afternoon after a very hot and humid morning's travel and birding. The hot weather brought some much-needed rain in the afternoon, and once the rain had subsided we headed out for a walk. The birds were singing and very active; we recorded **Brown Babbler**, **Spotted Palm Thrush**, **Moustached Grass Warbler**, **Short-winged Cisticola**, **Wire-tailed Swallow**, **Grey-backed Fiscal**, and **Mourning Collared Dove**. The banks of the Nile River were visible from the lodge, and we recorded various waterfowl, egrets, herons, and cormorants, in particular **Saddle-billed Stork**, **Grey Crowned Crane**, **Purple Heron**, **Great and Little Egrets**, **Reed and White-breasted Cormorants**, **White-winged Tern**, and **African Darter**.

Day 17. Birding Murchison Falls National Park

An early start was necessary in order for us to catch the early ferry across the Nile to get to the northern parts of Murchison for our much anticipated safari trip. We were rewarded for being up early with a couple of **Long-tailed Nightjars** sitting on the road as we drove out of the lodge area. The ferry across the river allows for some time birding the river itself; birds we recorded here were **Black Saw-wing**, **Malachite Kingfisher**, **Goliath Heron**, **Spur-winged Lapwing**, **Red-throated Bee-eater**, and **African Grey Hornbill**. As we traveled deeper into the park we started to see the true beauty of Murchison Falls National Park: lush, green, open savanna with scattered trees and lala palms. **Black-billed Wood Dove**, **Speckle-fronted Weaver**, **Pale Flycatcher**, and **Black-bellied Bustard** became the first new species that we added to our trip list, and there were surely many more to come. The interesting and enigmatic Abyssinian Ground Hornbill was definitely one of the bigger targets for the day – eyes were peeled! A pair of **Red-necked Falcon** were great to see cruising over the grassland, perching far in a bare tree – luckily we did get another individual much closer to the road later. **Piapiacs** were fairly abundant as they followed some larger game around in order to feed on any insects flushed up by the game. The day seemed to get better and better; we just kept on adding species after species: **Swallow-tailed Bee-eater** and the breathtaking **Northern Carmine Bee-eater** blew us away. It was also amazing to see **Shoebill** for the second time on the trip – we checked out the delta area of the Nile within the park, and, sure enough, a **Shoebill** was perched on some vegetation in the distance. We also recorded the likes of **Black-headed Lapwing**, **Spotted Thick-knee**, **Collared Pratincole**, **Striated Heron**, and **Martial Eagle**. Later that afternoon we finally managed to pick up a family group of **Abyssinian Ground Hornbill** that were actually perched in the open branches of a large acacia tree. A plethora of mammals here were also enjoyable; both oribi and patas monkey were in evidence and new to our mammal list.



Northern Carmine Bee-eater, Murchison Falls National Park

Murchison Falls itself is about seven kilometers upstream from the ferry, so the afternoon was spent taking a boat cruise up to see the falls. Birding and some game viewing were both enjoyed from the boat – species that caught our attention were **Goliath Heron**, **Intermediate Egret**, and **Red-throated Bee-eater**, and, of course, almost inevitably there was a beautiful pair of **Rock Pratincole** far upstream near the falls.

Day 18. Murchison Falls, transfer back to Entebbe

Our birding adventure had just about come to an end, day eighteen was a day of travel back to Entebbe in order to rest up for our flights back home. We did, however, manage to find a species or two that had eluded us until this point. We enjoyed a few more **Black-headed Lapwings** and also added **Black-rumped Waxbill** and **Chestnut-crowned Sparrow-Weaver** to our list on our drive out of Murchison Falls.

UGANDA BIRD LIST AUGUST 2016		
Status: NT = Near-threatened, VU = Vulnerable, EN = Endangered, CE = Critically Endangered		
Common name (IOC 6.3)	Scientific name (IOC 6.3)	Trip
	ANSERIFORMES	
Ducks, Geese and Swans	Anatidae	
White-faced Whistling Duck	<i>Dendrocygna viduata</i>	1
Spur-winged Goose	<i>Plectropterus gambensis</i>	1
Egyptian Goose	<i>Alopochen aegyptiaca</i>	1
Yellow-billed Duck	<i>Anas undulata</i>	1
African Black Duck	<i>Anas sparsa</i>	1
	GALLIFORMES	
Guineafowl	Numididae	
Helmeted Guineafowl	<i>Numida meleagris</i>	1
Pheasants and allies	Phasianidae	
Crested Francolin	<i>Dendroperdix sephaena</i>	1
Scaly Francolin	<i>Pternistis squamatus</i>	1
Handsome Francolin	<i>Pternistis nobilis</i>	1
Red-necked Spurfowl	<i>Pternistis afer</i>	1
	PHOENICOPTERIFORMES	
Flamingos	Phoenicopteridae	
Lesser Flamingo - NT	<i>Phoeniconaias minor</i>	1
	CICONIIFORMES	
Storks	Ciconiidae	
Yellow-billed Stork	<i>Mycteria ibis</i>	1
African Openbill	<i>Anastomus lamelligerus</i>	1
Woolly-necked Stork	<i>Ciconia episcopus</i>	1
Saddle-billed Stork	<i>Ephippiorhynchus senegalensis</i>	1
Marabou Stork	<i>Leptoptilos crumenifer</i>	1
	PELECANIFORMES	
Ibises, Spoonbills	Threskiornithidae	
African Sacred Ibis	<i>Threskiornis aethiopicus</i>	1
Hadada Ibis	<i>Bostrychia hagedash</i>	1
Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>	1
African Spoonbill	<i>Platalea alba</i>	1

Hérons, Bitterns	Ardeidae	
Little Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus minutus</i>	1
White-backed Night Heron	<i>Gorsachius leuconotus</i>	1
Black-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	1
Striated Heron	<i>Butorides striata</i>	1
Squacco Heron	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>	1
Western Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	1
Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	1
Black-headed Heron	<i>Ardea melanocephala</i>	1
Goliath Heron	<i>Ardea goliath</i>	1
Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>	1
Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>	1
Intermediate Egret	<i>Ardea intermedia</i>	1
Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	1
Hamerkop	Scopidae	
Hamerkop	<i>Scopus umbretta</i>	1
Shoebill	Balaenicipitidae	
Shoebill - VU	<i>Balaeniceps rex</i>	1
Pelicans	Pelecanidae	
Great White Pelican	<i>Pelecanus onocrotalus</i>	1
Pink-backed Pelican	<i>Pelecanus rufescens</i>	1
	SULIFORMES	
Cormorants, Shags	Phalacrocoracidae	
Reed Cormorant	<i>Microcarbo africanus</i>	1
White-breasted Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax lucidus</i>	1
Anhingas, Darters	Anhingidae	
African Darter	<i>Anhinga rufa</i>	1
	ACCIPITRIFORMES	
Ospreys	Pandionidae	
Western Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>	1
Kites, Hawks and Eagles	Accipitridae	
Black-winged Kite	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>	1
African Harrier-Hawk	<i>Polyboroides typus</i>	1
Palm-nut Vulture	<i>Gypohierax angolensis</i>	1
Hooded Vulture - CE	<i>Necrosyrtes monachus</i>	1
White-backed Vulture - CE	<i>Gyps africanus</i>	1
Brown Snake Eagle	<i>Circaetus cinereus</i>	1
Western Banded Snake Eagle	<i>Circaetus cinerascens</i>	1
Bateleur - NT	<i>Terathopius ecaudatus</i>	1
Bat Hawk	<i>Macheiramphus alcinus</i>	1
Crowned Eagle - NT	<i>Stephanoaetus coronatus</i>	1
Martial Eagle - VU	<i>Polemaetus bellicosus</i>	1

Long-crested Eagle	<i>Lophaetus occipitalis</i>	1
Wahlberg's Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus wahlbergi</i>	1
Lizard Buzzard	<i>Kaupifalco monogrammicus</i>	1
Dark Chanting Goshawk	<i>Melierax metabates</i>	1
Shikra	<i>Accipiter badius</i>	1
Little Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter minullus</i>	1
Black Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter melanoleucus</i>	1
African Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus ranivorus</i>	1
Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>	1
Yellow-billed Kite	<i>Milvus aegyptius</i>	1
African Fish Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus vocifer</i>	1
Augur Buzzard	<i>Buteo augur</i>	1
	OTIDIFORMES	
Bustards	Otididae	
Black-bellied Bustard	<i>Lissotis melanogaster</i>	1
	GRUIFORMES	
Flufftails	Sarothruridae	
White-spotted Flufftail	<i>Sarothrura pulchra</i>	1
Finfoots	Heliornithidae	
African Finfoot	<i>Podica senegalensis</i>	1
Rails, Crakes and Coots	Rallidae	
African Rail	<i>Rallus caerulescens</i>	1
Black Crake	<i>Amaurornis flavirostra</i>	1
Cranes	Gruidae	
Grey Crowned Crane - EN	<i>Balearica regulorum</i>	1
	CHARADRIIFORMES	
Stone-curlews, Thick-knees	Burhinidae	
Senegal Thick-knee	<i>Burhinus senegalensis</i>	1
Water Thick-knee	<i>Burhinus vermiculatus</i>	1
Spotted Thick-knee	<i>Burhinus capensis</i>	1
Stilts, Avocets	Recurvirostridae	
Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>	1
Plovers	Charadriidae	
Long-toed Lapwing	<i>Vanellus crassirostris</i>	1
Spur-winged Lapwing	<i>Vanellus spinosus</i>	1
Black-headed Lapwing	<i>Vanellus tectus</i>	1
Senegal Lapwing	<i>Vanellus lugubris</i>	1
Crowned Lapwing	<i>Vanellus coronatus</i>	1
African Wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus senegallus</i>	1
Brown-chested Lapwing	<i>Vanellus superciliosus</i>	1
Kittlitz's Plover	<i>Charadrius pecuarius</i>	1
Three-banded Plover	<i>Charadrius tricollaris</i>	1

Jacanas	Jacanidae	
Lesser Jacana	<i>Microparra capensis</i>	1
African Jacana	<i>Actophilornis africanus</i>	1
Sandpipers, Snipes	Scolopacidae	
Marsh Sandpiper	<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>	1
Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>	1
Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>	1
Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	1
Curlew Sandpiper - NT	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>	1
Courasers, Pratincoles	Glareolidae	
Temminck's Courser	<i>Cursorius temminckii</i>	1
Collared Pratincole	<i>Glareola pratincola</i>	1
Rock Pratincole	<i>Glareola nuchalis</i>	1
Gulls, Terns and Skimmers	Laridae	
African Skimmer - NT	<i>Rynchops flavirostris</i>	1
Grey-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus cirrocephalus</i>	1
Gull-billed Tern	<i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i>	1
White-winged Tern	<i>Chlidonias leucopterus</i>	1
	COLUMBIFORMES	
Pigeons, Doves	Columbidae	
Rock Dove	<i>Columba livia</i>	1
Speckled Pigeon	<i>Columba guinea</i>	1
Afep Pigeon	<i>Columba unicincta</i>	1
Western Bronze-naped Pigeon	<i>Columba iriditorques</i>	1
Dusky Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia lugens</i>	1
Mourning Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decipiens</i>	1
Red-eyed Dove	<i>Streptopelia semitorquata</i>	1
Ring-necked Dove	<i>Streptopelia capicola</i>	1
Vinaceous Dove	<i>Streptopelia vinacea</i>	1
Laughing Dove	<i>Spilopelia senegalensis</i>	1
Emerald-spotted Wood Dove	<i>Turtur chalcospilos</i>	1
Black-billed Wood Dove	<i>Turtur abyssinicus</i>	1
Blue-spotted Wood Dove	<i>Turtur afer</i>	1
Tambourine Dove	<i>Turtur tympanistria</i>	1
Namaqua Dove	<i>Oena capensis</i>	1
African Green Pigeon	<i>Treron calvus</i>	1
	MUSOPHAGIFORMES	
Turacos	Musophagidae	
Great Blue Turaco	<i>Corythaeola cristata</i>	1
Black-billed Turaco	<i>Tauraco schuettii</i>	1
Ruwenzori Turaco	<i>Ruwenzorornis johnstoni</i>	1
Ross's Turaco	<i>Musophaga rossae</i>	1

Bare-faced Go-away-bird	<i>Corythaixoides personatus</i>	1
Eastern Plantain-eater	<i>Crinifer zonurus</i>	1
	CUCULIFORMES	
Cuckoos	Cuculidae	
Blue-headed Coucal	<i>Centropus monachus</i>	1
White-browed Coucal	<i>Centropus superciliosus</i>	1
Blue Malkoha	<i>Ceuthmochares aereus</i>	1
Levaillant's Cuckoo	<i>Clamator levaillantii</i>	1
Diederik Cuckoo	<i>Chrysococcyx caprius</i>	1
Klaas's Cuckoo	<i>Chrysococcyx klaas</i>	1
African Emerald Cuckoo	<i>Chrysococcyx cupreus</i>	1
Barred Long-tailed Cuckoo	<i>Cercococcyx montanus</i>	1
Red-chested Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus solitarius</i>	1
	STRIGIFORMES	
Owls	Strigidae	
Verreaux's Eagle-Owl	<i>Bubo lacteus</i>	1
	CAPRIMULGIFORMES	
Nightjars	Caprimulgidae	
Black-shouldered Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus nigriscapularis</i>	1
Long-tailed Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus climacurus</i>	1
	APODIFORMES	
Swifts	Apodidae	
Schouteden's Swift	<i>Schoutedenapus schoutedeni</i>	1
Sabine's Spinetail	<i>Rhaphidura sabini</i>	1
African Palm Swift	<i>Cypsiurus parvus</i>	1
Alpine Swift	<i>Tachymarptis melba</i>	1
Common Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>	1
African Black Swift	<i>Apus barbatus</i>	1
Little Swift	<i>Apus affinis</i>	1
White-rumped Swift	<i>Apus caffer</i>	1
	COLIIFORMES	
Mousebirds	Coliidae	
Speckled Mousebird	<i>Colius striatus</i>	1
Blue-naped Mousebird	<i>Urocolius macrourus</i>	1
	TROGONIFORMES	
Trogons	Trogonidae	
Narina Trogon	<i>Apaloderma narina</i>	1
Bar-tailed Trogon	<i>Apaloderma vittatum</i>	1
	CORACIIFORMES	
Rollers	Coraciidae	
Blue-throated Roller	<i>Eurystomus gularis</i>	1
Broad-billed Roller	<i>Eurystomus glaucurus</i>	1

Kingfishers	Alcedinidae	
Chocolate-backed Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon badia</i>	1
Grey-headed Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon leucocephala</i>	1
Striped Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon chelicuti</i>	1
Blue-breasted Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon malimbica</i>	1
Woodland Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon senegalensis</i>	1
African Dwarf Kingfisher	<i>Ispidina lecontei</i>	1
African Pygmy Kingfisher	<i>Ispidina picta</i>	1
Malachite Kingfisher	<i>Corythornis cristatus</i>	1
Giant Kingfisher	<i>Megaceryle maxima</i>	1
Pied Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle rudis</i>	1
Bee-eaters	Meropidae	
Black Bee-eater	<i>Merops gularis</i>	1
Swallow-tailed Bee-eater	<i>Merops hirundineus</i>	1
Little Bee-eater	<i>Merops pusillus</i>	1
Blue-breasted Bee-eater	<i>Merops variegatus</i>	1
Cinnamon-chested Bee-eater	<i>Merops oreobates</i>	1
Red-throated Bee-eater	<i>Merops bulocki</i>	1
White-throated Bee-eater	<i>Merops albicollis</i>	1
Olive Bee-eater	<i>Merops superciliosus</i>	1
Northern Carmine Bee-eater	<i>Merops nubicus</i>	1
	BUCEROTIFORMES	
Hoopoes	Upupidae	
African Hoopoe	<i>Upupa africana</i>	1
Wood Hoopoes	Phoeniculidae	
White-headed Wood Hoopoe	<i>Phoeniculus bollei</i>	1
Green Wood Hoopoe	<i>Phoeniculus purpureus</i>	1
Ground Hornbills	Bucorvidae	
Abyssinian Ground Hornbill	<i>Bucorvus abyssinicus</i>	
Hornbills	Bucerotidae	
Crowned Hornbill	<i>Lophoceros alboterminatus</i>	1
African Pied Hornbill	<i>Lophoceros fasciatus</i>	1
African Grey Hornbill	<i>Lophoceros nasutus</i>	1
White-thighed Hornbill	<i>Bycanistes albotibialis</i>	1
Black-and-white-casqued Hornbill	<i>Bycanistes subcylindricus</i>	1
	PICIFORMES	
African Barbets	Lybiidae	
Grey-throated Barbet	<i>Gymnobucco bonapartei</i>	1
Speckled Tinkerbird	<i>Pogoniulus scolopaceus</i>	1
Western Tinkerbird	<i>Pogoniulus coryphaea</i>	1
Yellow-throated Tinkerbird	<i>Pogoniulus subsulphureus</i>	1
Yellow-rumped Tinkerbird	<i>Pogoniulus bilineatus</i>	1

Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird	<i>Pogoniulus chrysoconus</i>	1
Yellow-spotted Barbet	<i>Buccanodon duchaillui</i>	1
Hairy-breasted Barbet	<i>Tricholaema hirsuta</i>	1
Spot-flanked Barbet	<i>Tricholaema lacrymosa</i>	1
White-headed Barbet	<i>Lybius leucocephalus</i>	1
Black-billed Barbet	<i>Lybius guifsobalito</i>	1
Double-toothed Barbet	<i>Lybius bidentatus</i>	1
Yellow-billed Barbet	<i>Trachyphonus purpuratus</i>	1
Honeyguides	Indicatoridae	
Dwarf Honeyguide - NT	<i>Indicator pumilio</i>	1
Woodpeckers	Picidae	
Nubian Woodpecker	<i>Campethera nubica</i>	1
Tullberg's Woodpecker	<i>Campethera tullbergi</i>	1
Buff-spotted Woodpecker	<i>Campethera nivosa</i>	1
Brown-eared Woodpecker	<i>Campethera caroli</i>	1
Yellow-crested Woodpecker	<i>Chloropicus xantholophus</i>	1
Cardinal Woodpecker	<i>Dendropicos fuscescens</i>	1
Elliot's Woodpecker	<i>Dendropicos elliotii</i>	1
African Grey Woodpecker	<i>Dendropicos goertae</i>	1
Olive Woodpecker	<i>Dendropicos griseocephalus</i>	1
	FALCONIFORMES	
Caracaras, Falcons	Falconidae	
Grey Kestrel	<i>Falco ardosiaceus</i>	1
Red-necked Falcon	<i>Falco chicquera</i>	1
African Hobby	<i>Falco cuvierii</i>	1
	PSITTACIFORMES	
African & New World Parrots	Psittacidae	
Grey Parrot	<i>Psittacus erithacus</i>	1
Meyer's Parrot	<i>Poicephalus meyeri</i>	1
Old World Parrots	Psittaculidae	
Red-headed Lovebird	<i>Agapornis pullarius</i>	1
	PASSERIFORMES	
Broadbills	Eurylaimidae	
African Broadbill	<i>Smithornis capensis</i>	1
Grauer's Broadbill - VU	<i>Pseudocalyptomena graueri</i>	1
Pittas	Pittidae	
Green-breasted Pitta	<i>Pitta reichenowi</i>	1
Wattle-eyes, Batises	Platysteiridae	
African Shrike-flycatcher	<i>Megabyas flammulatus</i>	1
Black-and-white Shrike-flycatcher	<i>Bias musicus</i>	1
Ruwenzori Batis	<i>Batis diops</i>	1
Chinspot Batis	<i>Batis molitor</i>	1

Ituri Batis	<i>Batis ituriensis</i>	1
Chestnut Wattle-eye	<i>Platysteira castanea</i>	1
Brown-throated Wattle-eye	<i>Platysteira cyanea</i>	1
Bushshrikes	Malaconotidae	
Lagden's Bushshrike - NT	<i>Malaconotus lagdeni</i>	1
Many-colored Bushshrike	<i>Chlorophoneus multicolor</i>	1
Bocage's Bushshrike	<i>Chlorophoneus bocagei</i>	1
Orange-breasted Bushshrike	<i>Chlorophoneus sulfureopectus</i>	1
Brown-crowned Tchagra	<i>Tchagra australis</i>	1
Black-crowned Tchagra	<i>Tchagra senegalus</i>	1
Pink-footed Puffback	<i>Dryoscopus angolensis</i>	1
Northern Puffback	<i>Dryoscopus gambensis</i>	1
Mountain Sooty Boubou	<i>Laniarius poensis</i>	1
Willard's Sooty Boubou	<i>Laniarius willardi</i>	1
Lühder's Bushshrike	<i>Laniarius luehderi</i>	1
Tropical Boubou	<i>Laniarius major</i>	1
Papyrus Gonolek - NT	<i>Laniarius mufumbiri</i>	1
Black-headed Gonolek	<i>Laniarius erythrogaster</i>	1
Brubru	<i>Nilaus afer</i>	1
Cuckooshrikes	Campephagidae	
Grey Cuckooshrike	<i>Coracina caesia</i>	1
Black Cuckooshrike	<i>Campephaga flava</i>	1
Red-shouldered Cuckooshrike	<i>Campephaga phoenicea</i>	1
Petit's Cuckooshrike	<i>Campephaga petiti</i>	1
Shrikes	Laniidae	
Mackinnon's Shrike	<i>Lanius mackinnoni</i>	1
Grey-backed Fiscal	<i>Lanius excubitoroides</i>	1
Northern Fiscal	<i>Lanius humeralis</i>	1
Figbirds, Orioles	Oriolidae	
Western Oriole	<i>Oriolus brachyrynchus</i>	1
Mountain Oriole	<i>Oriolus percivali</i>	1
Drongos	Dicruridae	
Fork-tailed Drongo	<i>Dicrurus adsimilis</i>	1
Monarchs	Monarchidae	
Red-bellied Paradise Flycatcher	<i>Terpsiphone rufiventer</i>	1
African Paradise Flycatcher	<i>Terpsiphone viridis</i>	1
Crows, Jays	Corvidae	
Piapiac	<i>Ptilostomus afer</i>	1
Pied Crow	<i>Corvus albus</i>	1
White-necked Raven	<i>Corvus albicollis</i>	1
Fairy Flycatchers	Stenostiridae	
African Blue Flycatcher	<i>Elminia longicauda</i>	1

White-tailed Blue Flycatcher	<i>Elminia albicauda</i>	1
White-bellied Crested Flycatcher	<i>Elminia albiventris</i>	1
Tits, Chickadees	Paridae	
White-winged Black Tit	<i>Melaniparus leucomelas</i>	1
Dusky Tit	<i>Melaniparus funereus</i>	1
Stripe-breasted Tit	<i>Melaniparus fasciiventer</i>	1
Nicators	Nicatoridae	
Western Nicator	<i>Nicator chloris</i>	1
Larks	Alaudidae	
Rufous-naped Lark	<i>Mirafra africana</i>	1
Flappet Lark	<i>Mirafra rufocinnamomea</i>	1
Bulbuls	Pycnonotidae	
Dark-capped Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus tricolor</i>	1
Kakamega Greenbul	<i>Arizelocichla kakamegae</i>	1
Olive-breasted Greenbul	<i>Arizelocichla kikuyuensis</i>	1
Slender-billed Greenbul	<i>Stelgidillas gracilirostris</i>	1
Little Greenbul	<i>Eurillas virens</i>	1
Little Grey Greenbul	<i>Eurillas gracilis</i>	1
Ansorge's Greenbul	<i>Eurillas ansorgei</i>	1
Plain Greenbul	<i>Eurillas curvirostris</i>	1
Yellow-whiskered Greenbul	<i>Eurillas latirostris</i>	1
Honeyguide Greenbul	<i>Baeopogon indicator</i>	1
Spotted Greenbul	<i>Ixonotus guttatus</i>	1
Yellow-throated Leaflove	<i>Atimastillas flavicollis</i>	1
Toro Olive Greenbul	<i>Phyllastrephus hypochloris</i>	1
Cabanis's Greenbul	<i>Phyllastrephus cabanisi</i>	1
White-throated Greenbul	<i>Phyllastrephus albigularis</i>	1
Yellow-streaked Greenbul	<i>Phyllastrephus flavostriatus</i>	1
Red-tailed Bristlebill	<i>Bleda syndactylus</i>	1
Red-tailed Greenbul	<i>Criniger calurus</i>	1
Swallows, Martins	Hirundinidae	
White-headed Saw-wing	<i>Psalidoprocne albiceps</i>	1
Black Saw-wing	<i>Psalidoprocne pristoptera</i>	1
Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	1
Angolan Swallow	<i>Hirundo angolensis</i>	1
Wire-tailed Swallow	<i>Hirundo smithii</i>	1
Rock Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne fuligula</i>	1
Lesser Striped Swallow	<i>Cecropis abyssinica</i>	1
Red-breasted Swallow	<i>Cecropis semirufa</i>	1
Mosque Swallow	<i>Cecropis senegalensis</i>	1
Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Cecropis daurica</i>	
Crombecs, African Warblers	Macrospenidae	

Moustached Grass Warbler	<i>Melocichla mentalis</i>	1
Grey Longbill	<i>Macrosphenus concolor</i>	1
Northern Crombec	<i>Sylvietta brachyura</i>	1
Red-faced Crombec	<i>Sylvietta whytii</i>	1
Green Crombec	<i>Sylvietta virens</i>	1
Lemon-bellied Crombec	<i>Sylvietta denti</i>	1
White-browed Crombec	<i>Sylvietta leucophrys</i>	1
Yellow Flycatchers	Erythrocercidae	
Chestnut-capped Flycatcher	<i>Erythrocercus mccallii</i>	1
Family Uncertain	Incertae Sedis 1	
Grauer's Warbler	<i>Graueria vittata</i>	1
Green Hylia	<i>Hylia prasina</i>	1
Leaf Warblers and allies	Phylloscopidae	
Red-faced Woodland Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus laetus</i>	1
Reed Warblers and allies	Acrocephalidae	
Greater Swamp Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus rufescens</i>	1
Mountain Yellow Warbler	<i>Iduna similis</i>	1
Grassbirds and allies	Locustellidae	
White-winged Swamp Warbler	<i>Bradypterus carpalis</i>	1
Grauer's Swamp Warbler - EN	<i>Bradypterus graueri</i>	1
Cinnamon Bracken Warbler	<i>Bradypterus cinnamomeus</i>	1
Cisticolas and allies	Cisticolidae	
Red-faced Cisticola	<i>Cisticola erythrops</i>	1
Whistling Cisticola	<i>Cisticola lateralis</i>	1
Chubb's Cisticola	<i>Cisticola chubbi</i>	1
Rattling Cisticola	<i>Cisticola chiniana</i>	1
Winding Cisticola	<i>Cisticola marginatus</i>	1
Carruthers's Cisticola	<i>Cisticola carruthersi</i>	1
Croaking Cisticola	<i>Cisticola natalensis</i>	1
Short-winged Cisticola	<i>Cisticola brachypterus</i>	1
Foxy Cisticola	<i>Cisticola troglodytes</i>	1
Long-tailed Cisticola	<i>Cisticola angusticauda</i>	1
Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>	1
Tawny-flanked Prinia	<i>Prinia subflava</i>	1
Banded Prinia	<i>Prinia bairdii</i>	1
White-chinned Prinia	<i>Schistolais leucopogon</i>	1
Ruwenzori Apalis	<i>Oreolais ruwenzorii</i>	1
Buff-bellied Warbler	<i>Phyllolais pulchella</i>	1
Yellow-breasted Apalis	<i>Apalis flavida</i>	1
Mountain Masked Apalis	<i>Apalis personata</i>	1
Black-throated Apalis	<i>Apalis jacksoni</i>	1
Chestnut-throated Apalis	<i>Apalis porphyrolaema</i>	1

Buff-throated Apalis	<i>Apalis rufogularis</i>	1
Grey Apalis	<i>Apalis cinerea</i>	1
Grey-capped Warbler	<i>Eminia lepida</i>	1
Grey-backed Camaroptera	<i>Camaroptera brevicaudata</i>	1
Yellow-browed Camaroptera	<i>Camaroptera superciliaris</i>	1
Olive-green Camaroptera	<i>Camaroptera chloronota</i>	1
Black-faced Rufous Warbler	<i>Bathmocercus rufus</i>	1
Green-backed Eremomela	<i>Eremomela canescens</i>	1
Rufous-crowned Eremomela	<i>Eremomela badiceps</i>	1
Fulvettas, Ground Babblers	Pellorneidae	
Scaly-breasted Illadopsis	<i>Illadopsis albipectus</i>	1
Brown Illadopsis	<i>Illadopsis fulvescens</i>	1
Mountain Illadopsis	<i>Illadopsis pyrrhoptera</i>	1
Laughingthrushes	Leiothrichidae	
Black-lored Babbler	<i>Turdoides sharpei</i>	1
Brown Babbler	<i>Turdoides plebejus</i>	1
Arrow-marked Babbler	<i>Turdoides jardineii</i>	1
Sylviid Babblers	Sylviidae	
Ruwenzori Hill Babbler	<i>Pseudoalcippe atriceps</i>	1
White-eyes	Zosteropidae	
African Yellow White-eye	<i>Zosterops senegalensis</i>	1
Starlings, Rhabdornis	Sturnidae	
Purple-headed Starling	<i>Hylopsar purpureiceps</i>	1
Splendid Starling	<i>Lamprotornis splendidus</i>	1
Rüppell's Starling	<i>Lamprotornis purpuroptera</i>	1
Violet-backed Starling	<i>Cinnyricinclus leucogaster</i>	1
Waller's Starling	<i>Onychognathus walleri</i>	1
Oxpeckers	Buphagidae	
Yellow-billed Oxpecker	<i>Buphagus africanus</i>	1
Thrushes	Turdidae	
Red-tailed Ant Thrush	<i>Neocossyphus rufus</i>	1
White-tailed Ant Thrush	<i>Neocossyphus poensis</i>	1
Fraser's Rufous Thrush	<i>Stizorhina fraseri</i>	1
African Thrush	<i>Turdus pelios</i>	1
Abyssinian Thrush	<i>Turdus abyssinicus</i>	1
Chats, Old World Flycatchers	Muscicapidae	
Fire-crested Alethe	<i>Alethe castanea</i>	1
Brown-backed Scrub Robin	<i>Cercotrichas hartlaubi</i>	1
White-browed Scrub Robin	<i>Cercotrichas leucophrys</i>	1
Grey-throated Tit-Flycatcher	<i>Myioparus griseigularis</i>	1
Grey Tit-Flycatcher	<i>Myioparus plumbeus</i>	1
White-eyed Slaty Flycatcher	<i>Melaenornis fischeri</i>	1

Yellow-eyed Black Flycatcher	<i>Melaenornis ardesiacus</i>	1
Northern Black Flycatcher	<i>Melaenornis edolioides</i>	1
Pale Flycatcher	<i>Melaenornis pallidus</i>	1
Silverbird	<i>Empidonax semipartitus</i>	1
Ashy Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa caerulescens</i>	1
Swamp Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa aquatica</i>	1
Cassin's Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa cassini</i>	1
Chapin's Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa lendu</i>	1
African Dusky Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa adusta</i>	1
Dusky-blue Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa comitata</i>	1
Sooty Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa infuscata</i>	1
Red-throated Alethe	<i>Pseudalethe poliophrys</i>	1
White-bellied Robin-Chat	<i>Cossyphicula roberti</i>	1
Archer's Ground Robin	<i>Cossypha archeri</i>	1
Grey-winged Robin-Chat	<i>Cossypha polioptera</i>	1
White-browed Robin-Chat	<i>Cossypha heuglini</i>	1
Red-capped Robin-Chat	<i>Cossypha natalensis</i>	1
Snowy-crowned Robin-Chat	<i>Cossypha niveicapilla</i>	1
White-starred Robin	<i>Pogonocichla stellata</i>	1
Forest Robin	<i>Stiphrornis erythrothorax</i>	H
Equatorial Akalat	<i>Sheppardia aequatorialis</i>	1
Spotted Palm Thrush	<i>Cichladusa guttata</i>	1
African Stonechat	<i>Saxicola torquatus</i>	1
Sooty Chat	<i>Myrmecocichla nigra</i>	1
Sunbirds	Nectariniidae	
Grey-headed Sunbird	<i>Deleornis axillaris</i>	1
Little Green Sunbird	<i>Anthreptes seimundi</i>	1
Grey-chinned Sunbird	<i>Anthreptes rectirostris</i>	1
Collared Sunbird	<i>Hedydipna collaris</i>	1
Green-headed Sunbird	<i>Cyanomitra verticalis</i>	1
Blue-throated Brown Sunbird	<i>Cyanomitra cyanolaema</i>	1
Olive Sunbird	<i>Cyanomitra olivacea</i>	1
Green-throated Sunbird	<i>Chalcomitra rubescens</i>	1
Scarlet-chested Sunbird	<i>Chalcomitra senegalensis</i>	1
Bronzy Sunbird	<i>Nectarinia kilimensis</i>	1
Olive-bellied Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris chloropygius</i>	1
Ruwenzori Double-collared Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris stuhlmanni</i>	1
Northern Double-collared Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris reichenowi</i>	1
Regal Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris regius</i>	1
Beautiful Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris pulchellus</i>	1
Marico Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris mariquensis</i>	1
Red-chested Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris erythrocercus</i>	1

Purple-banded Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris bifasciatus</i>	1
Superb Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris superbus</i>	1
Variable Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris venustus</i>	1
Copper Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris cupreus</i>	1
Old World Sparrows, Snowfinches	Passeridae	
White-browed Sparrow-Weaver	<i>Plocepasser mahali</i>	1
Chestnut-crowned Sparrow-Weaver	<i>Plocepasser superciliosus</i>	1
House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	1
Shelley's Sparrow	<i>Passer shelleyi</i>	1
Northern Grey-headed Sparrow	<i>Passer griseus</i>	1
Weavers, Widowbirds	Ploceidae	
Speckle-fronted Weaver	<i>Sporopipes frontalis</i>	1
Thick-billed Weaver	<i>Amblyospiza albifrons</i>	1
Baglaffeht Weaver	<i>Ploceus baglaffeht</i>	1
Slender-billed Weaver	<i>Ploceus pelzelni</i>	1
Black-necked Weaver	<i>Ploceus nigricollis</i>	1
Strange Weaver	<i>Ploceus alienus</i>	1
Black-billed Weaver	<i>Ploceus melanogaster</i>	1
Northern Brown-throated Weaver	<i>Ploceus castanops</i>	1
Lesser Masked Weaver	<i>Ploceus intermedius</i>	1
Vitelline Masked Weaver	<i>Ploceus vitellinus</i>	1
Village Weaver	<i>Ploceus cucullatus</i>	1
Vieillot's Black Weaver	<i>Ploceus nigerrimus</i>	1
Weyns's Weaver	<i>Ploceus weynsi</i>	1
Black-headed Weaver	<i>Ploceus melanocephalus</i>	1
Yellow-mantled Weaver	<i>Ploceus tricolor</i>	1
Compact Weaver	<i>Ploceus superciliosus</i>	1
Brown-capped Weaver	<i>Ploceus insignis</i>	1
Red-headed Malimbe	<i>Malimbus rubricollis</i>	1
Red-headed Weaver	<i>Anaplectes rubriceps</i>	1
Red-billed Quelea	<i>Quelea quelea</i>	1
Cardinal Quelea	<i>Quelea cardinalis</i>	1
Black Bishop	<i>Euplectes gierowii</i>	1
Black-winged Red Bishop	<i>Euplectes hordeaceus</i>	1
Southern Red Bishop	<i>Euplectes orix</i>	1
Northern Red Bishop	<i>Euplectes franciscanus</i>	1
Fan-tailed Widowbird	<i>Euplectes axillaris</i>	1
Yellow-mantled Widowbird	<i>Euplectes macroura</i>	1
White-winged Widowbird	<i>Euplectes albonotatus</i>	1
Red-collared Widowbird	<i>Euplectes ardens</i>	1
Waxbills, Munias and allies	Estrildidae	
White-breasted Nigrita	<i>Nigrita fusconotus</i>	1

Grey-headed Nigrita	<i>Nigrita canicapillus</i>	1
Green-winged Pytilia	<i>Pytilia melba</i>	1
Dusky Crimsonwing	<i>Cryptospiza jacksoni</i>	1
Red-headed Bluebill	<i>Spermophaga ruficapilla</i>	1
Brown Twinspot	<i>Clytospiza monteiri</i>	1
Black-bellied Firefinch	<i>Lagonosticta rara</i>	1
Red-billed Firefinch	<i>Lagonosticta senegala</i>	1
Red-cheeked Cordon-bleu	<i>Uraeginthus bengalus</i>	1
Crimson-rumped Waxbill	<i>Estrilda rhodopyga</i>	1
Common Waxbill	<i>Estrilda astrild</i>	1
Black-crowned Waxbill	<i>Estrilda nonnula</i>	1
Kandt's Waxbill	<i>Estrilda kandti</i>	1
Black-rumped Waxbill	<i>Estrilda troglodytes</i>	1
Quailfinch	<i>Ortygospiza atricollis</i>	1
Bronze Mannikin	<i>Lonchura cucullata</i>	1
Black-and-white Mannikin	<i>Lonchura bicolor</i>	1
Indigobirds, Whydahs	Viduidae	
Village Indigobird	<i>Vidua chalybeata</i>	1
Pin-tailed Whydah	<i>Vidua macroura</i>	1
Wagtails, Pipits	Motacillidae	
Cape Wagtail	<i>Motacilla capensis</i>	1
Mountain Wagtail	<i>Motacilla clara</i>	1
African Pied Wagtail	<i>Motacilla aguimp</i>	1
Yellow-throated Longclaw	<i>Macronyx croceus</i>	1
African Pipit	<i>Anthus cinnamomeus</i>	1
Plain-backed Pipit	<i>Anthus leucophrys</i>	1
Finches	Fringillidae	
Western Citril	<i>Crithagra frontalis</i>	1
Papyrus Canary	<i>Crithagra koliensis</i>	1
Yellow-fronted Canary	<i>Crithagra mozambica</i>	1
Brimstone Canary	<i>Crithagra sulphurata</i>	1
Thick-billed Seed eater	<i>Crithagra burtoni</i>	1
Streaky Seed eater	<i>Crithagra striolata</i>	1
Yellow-crowned Canary	<i>Serinus flavivertex</i>	1
Buntings, New World Sparrows	Emberizidae	
Cinnamon-breasted Bunting	<i>Emberiza tahapisi</i>	1
Golden-breasted Bunting	<i>Emberiza flaviventris</i>	1
TOTAL		459

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	PRIMATES	
Old World monkeys	Cercopithecidae	
Guereza	<i>Colobus guereza</i>	1
Ashy red colobus	<i>Piliocolobus tephrosceles</i>	1
Vervet monkey	<i>Cercopithecus pygerythrus</i>	1
Blue monkey	<i>Cercopithecus mitis</i>	1
L'Hoest's monkey	<i>Allochrocebus lhoesti</i>	1
Red-tailed monkey	<i>Cercopithecus ascanius</i>	1
Patas monkey	<i>Erythrocebus patas</i>	1
Grey-checked mangabey	<i>Lophocebus albigena</i>	1
Olive baboon	<i>Papio anubis</i>	1
Great apes	Hominidae	
Eastern chimpanzee	<i>Pan troglodytes schweinfurthii</i>	1
Mountain gorilla	<i>Gorilla beringei beringei</i>	1
	CARNIVORA	
Cats	Felidae	
Lion	<i>Panthera leo</i>	1
Mongoose	Herpestidae	
Banded mongoose	<i>Mungos mungo</i>	1
Marsh mongoose	<i>Atilax paludinosus</i>	1
Common dwarf mongoose	<i>Helogale parvula</i>	1
	PROBOSCIDEA	
Elephants	Elephantidae	
African elephant	<i>Loxodonta africana</i>	1
	PERISSODACTYLA	
Horses and relatives	Equidae	
Plains zebra	<i>Equus quagga</i>	1
	ARTIODACTYLA	
Hogs and pigs	Suidae	
Common warthog	<i>Phacochoerus africanus</i>	1
Antelopes, cattle and relatives	Bovidae	
African buffalo	<i>Syncerus caffer</i>	1
Bohor reedbuck	<i>Redunca redunca</i>	1
Black-fronted duiker	<i>Cephalophus nigrifrons</i>	1
Bushbuck	<i>Tragelaphus scriptus</i>	1
Defassa waterbuck	<i>Kobus ellipsiprymnus defassa</i>	1
Impala	<i>Aepyceros melampus</i>	1
Lelwel hartebeest	<i>Alcelaphus buselaphus lelwel</i>	1
Oribi	<i>Ourebia ourebi</i>	1
Topi	<i>Damaliscus lunatus</i>	1
Uganda kob	<i>Kobus kob thomasi</i>	1
Common eland	<i>Tragelaphus oryx</i>	1

Giraffe and okapi	Giraffidae	
Rothschild's giraffe	<i>Giraffa camelopardalis rothschildi</i>	1
Hippopotamuses	Hippopotamidae	
Hippopotamus	<i>Hippopotamus amphibius</i>	1
	RODENTIA	
Squirrels	Sciuridae	
Alexander's bush squirrel	<i>Paraxerus alexandri</i>	1
Boehm's bush squirrel	<i>Paraxerus boehmi</i>	1
Ruwenzori sun squirrel	<i>Heliosciurus ruwenzorii</i>	1
Red-legged sun squirrel	<i>Heliosciurus rufobrachium</i>	1
TOTAL		35

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Common Name	Scientific Name	Trip
	SQUAMATA	
Reptiles:	Colubridae	
Western green snake	<i>Philothamnus angolensis</i>	1
Emerald snake	<i>Hapsidophrys smaragdina</i>	1
Agamids	Agamidae	
Red-headed agama	<i>Agama agama</i>	1
Blue-headed tree agama	<i>Acanthocercus atricollis</i>	1
	Chamaeleonidae	
Johnston's three-horned chameleon	<i>Chamaeleo johnstoni</i>	1
	Varanidae	
Nile Monitor	<i>Varanus niloticus</i>	1
	CROCODYLIA	
	Crocodylidae	
Nile Crocodile	<i>Crocodylus niloticus</i>	1
TOTAL		7