

UGANDA PRIVATE BIRDING TOUR REPORT

08 - 30 JULY 2025



We had great looks at the handsome Bar-tailed Trogon along the waterfall trail in Buhoma.



Overview

Situated on the equator and encompassing a variety of tropical African habitats, Uganda has a diversity of bird species that is hard to rival for most African countries and is a must-visit destination for anyone interested in birding. Moreover, seeing such iconic and captivating species as Shoebill, Green-breasted Pitta and Grauer's Broadbill, as well as mammals of the same caliber, such as Eastern (Mountain) Gorilla, Chimpanzee and Lion, made this tour truly spectacular and memorable. Many colorful and attractive families were well-represented on this tour, such as turacos (6 species seen), sunbirds (21 species), weavers (29 species), waxbills (21 species), starlings (12 species) and barbets (14 species). Forest specials and highlights included Albertine Rift endemics like Nahan's Partridge, Handsome Spurfowl, Rwenzori Turaco, Grauer's Warbler, Rwenzori Apalis, Stripe-breasted Tit, Rwenzori Batis, Grauer's Warbler, Albertine Sooty Boubou, Willard's Sooty Boubou, Neumann's Warbler, Dusky Crimsonwing, Kandt's Waxbill, Archer's Ground Robin, Red-faced Woodland Warbler, Red-throated Alethe, Yellow-eyed Black Flycatcher, Purple-breasted, Blue-headed and Regal Sunbirds, as well as more widespread species like Chocolate-backed, African Dwarf and Blue-breasted Kingfishers, Bar-tailed Trogon, Black-billed Turaco, Hairy-breasted, Yellowspotted, Grey-throated and Yellow-billed Barbets, Yellow-throated, Speckled and Western Tinkerbirds, Many-colored Bushshrike, African Broadbill, Grey Parrot, Grey Cuckooshrike, Chestnut Wattle-eye, Mountain Oriole, Pink-footed Puffback, White-tailed and African Blue Flycatchers, Western Nicator, Black-faced Rufous Warbler, Black Beeeater, Brown and Mountain Illadopsis, Fire-crested and Brown-chested Alethe, Greywinged, Blue-shouldered and White-bellied Robin-Chats, Oriole Finch, Brown-capped and Black-billed Weavers, and Red-headed, Crested and Blue-billed Malimbes.

Waterbirding was also quite noteworthy on this tour, with the mix of open lakes, forest streams, papyrus beds and grassy marshes delivering goods like Papyrus Gonolek, Marsh Widowbird, White-winged and Grauer's Swamp Warblers, Highland Rush Warbler, Papyrus Yellow Warbler, Grey Crowned Crane, Blue Swallow, Swamp and Cassin's Flycatchers, White-backed Night Heron, Rufous-bellied Heron, Lesser Jacana, Lesser Moorhen, Allen's Gallinule and Shining-blue Kingfisher. Savanna areas were always productive, with notable mentions being Black-breasted Barbet, Stone Partridge, Clapperton's and Heuglin's Spurfowl, Harlequin Quail, White-crested Turaco, Abyssinian Ground Hornbill, Purple Starling, White-headed, Black-collared and Crested Barbets, Long-tailed Cisticola, Greyheaded Oliveback, Black Bishop, Brown Twinspot, Slate-colored Boubou, Buff-bellied Warbler, Piapiac, Black-lored Babbler, Flappet Larks and six vulture species.

Aside from the myriad bird species seen, we were treated to fantastic mammal viewing on this trip, with the savanna regions boasting the full suite of iconic African denizens like African Savanna Elephant, Northern Giraffe, Hippopotamus, Plains Zebra, Lion, Leopard and a plethora of antelope species. Primates were also a major feature of this tour, with Eastern (Mountain) Gorilla and Chimpanzee being the centerpieces, alongside Common Patas Monkey, Vervet Monkey, Guereza, Red-tailed Monkey, Grey-cheeked Mangabey, De Brazza's Monkey, Dent's Monkey, Blue Monkey (as well as the 'Golden' Monkey subspecies), L'Hoest's Monkey, Ashy Red Colobus, Olive Baboon and nocturnal species like East African Potto and Demidoff's Dwarf Galago.

A detailed daily account, along with the full bird and mammal lists for the trip, can be read below.



Detailed Report

Day 1, 7th July 2025. Arrival at Kidepo

This was just a travel day, with the client meeting us at our lodge in Kidepo in the evening. We enjoyed a hearty dinner and went over the exciting four weeks of birding that lay ahead.

Days 2-3, 8th-9th July 2025. Birding in Kidepo National Park

We enjoyed two full days of birding the extensive savannas of Kidepo National Park, right in the northeastern corner of Uganda. This huge reserve is transected by the Narus and Kidepo Rivers, both of which create lush floodplains that crisscross the rolling hills of grassland and stunted tree cover. Some of these hills were capped with bare, granite monoliths adorned with thickets and fig trees. It was near one of these geological formations that we found Kidepo's specialty bird: **Black-breasted Barbet**. This rare barbet, the largest in Africa, is found in the eastern Sahel, and Kidepo is the most accessible place in the world to try for it. However, it is scarce across its whole range, even in Kidepo, so we were over the moon to have extended views of a pair of them feeding and singing at a moderate distance. The same site also delivered the stunning **White-crested Turaco** as well as a family of loud **Stone Partridges**.



Black-breasted Barbet – Africa's largest barbet species and the main target for any birder visiting Kidepo!



As is the case with any savanna region, colorful and charismatic species were always a highlight, and Kidepo had many of these on offer, namely Broad-billed and Abyssinian Roller, Bruce's Green Pigeon, Vinaceous and Red-eyed Dove, Emerald-spotted and Black-billed Wood Dove, vibrant Rose-ringed Parakeets, Meyer's Parrot, Jacobin Cuckoo, Eastern Plantain-eater, White-bellied Go-away-bird, Nubian Woodpecker, African Grey, Jackson's and Northern Red-billed Hornbill, Abyssinian Scimitarbill, Green Wood Hoopoe, Woodland Kingfisher, Speckled and Blue-naped Mousebird, Little Bee-eater, D'Arnaud's and Red-and-yellow Barbet, Superb, Rüppell's, Lesser Blue-eared and Greater Blue-eared Starling, Yellow-billed Shrike, Grey-backed Fiscal, Northern White-crowned Shrike and Black-headed Oriole.

The supporting cast was made up of a plethora of smaller species such as White-crested Helmetshrike, White-bellied Tit, Fork-tailed Drongo, Piapiac, the recently described Kidepo Lark, Flappet Lark, Zitting and Red-pate Cisticola, Grey-backed Camaroptera, Mouse-colored Penduline Tit, Red-faced Crombec, Sooty Chat, Buff-bellied Warbler, Zitting, Boran and Rattling Cisticola, Sooty Chat, Silverbird, African Grey Flycatcher, Pygmy and Chinspot Batis, Orange-breasted Bushshrike, Brubru, Black-headed Gonolek, Black-crowned Tchagra, Rufous Chatterer, Scarlet-chested Sunbird, Red-cheeked Cordon-bleu, Pin-tailed and Steel-blue Whydah, White-browed Sparrow-Weaver, White-billed and White-headed Buffalo Weaver, Speckle-fronted, Red-headed and Heuglin's Masked Weaver, Yellow-spotted Bush Sparrow, Reichenow's Seedeater and Plain-backed Pipit



While being another target species in Kidepo, **Clapperton's Spurfowl** was regularly seen on roadsides in the reserve.



The floodplains and wetlands found across the reserve were always a focal point for bird activity, and it was here where we found African Openbill (by the hundreds!), African Wattled Lapwing, Harlequin Quail, Common Buttonquail, African Crake, Allen's Gallinule, White-faced Whistling Duck, White-winged Widowbird, Village Weaver, Black-winged and Northern Red Bishop, Fan-tailed Grassbird, Tawny-flanked Prinia, White-browed, Black and Senegal Coucal, Hamerkop, Moustached Grass Warbler, Croaking Cisticola, Yellow-throated Longclaw, Quailfinch, Fawn-breasted Waxbill and masses of Red-billed Quelea. Large ground-dwelling birds like Black-bellied Bustard, White-bellied Bustard and the spectacular Abyssinian Ground Hornbill were also present, and gamebirds like Helmeted Guineafowl, Crested Francolin and Clapperton's Spurfowl were pleasantly common.

Our lodge at Kidepo was set atop one of the granite inselbergs that overlooked the park from the south. The road leading to the lodge cut through some dense stands of broad-leaved woodland, and we were sure to spend some time birding this altogether different habitat from what we had seen in the park. New species such as Spot-flanked Barbet, Brown-rumped Bunting, Yellow-bellied Hyliota, Grey-headed Bushshrike, Green-backed Eremomela, African Thrush, Pale Flycatcher, Western Black-headed Batis, Northern Yellow White-eye, Cardinal Quelea, Yellow-fronted Canary, White-browed Scrub Robin, Foxy Cisticola, Black Saw-wing and the enigmatic Ring-necked Francolin were all seen along this road, with the latter being a major highlight of the trip due to its rarity. A showy White-crested Turaco feeding on the ground at the roadside was also a notable sighting. At night, we were serenaded by Freckled Nightjars singing around our chalets, while Swamp Nightjars called from the distant floodplains.



The majestic **Abyssinian Ground Hornbill** was pleasantly common in Kidepo and Murchison Falls.



Swifts and swallows were ever-present in the skies above Kidepo, with African Palm Swift being common. One particularly large, mixed flock of swifts near our lodge delivered the rare Nyanza Swift alongside African Black, White-rumped, Mottled and Horus Swifts. Red-breasted, Mosque, Barn and Lesser Striped Swallows were also seen in small numbers, as was Alpine Swift. Raptors were also a feature of Kidepo and included large numbers of vultures. These were mainly White-backed Vultures but also included smaller numbers of Lappet-faced, Rüppell's, Hooded and White-headed Vultures. Other birds of prey seen included Bateleur, Martial and Tawny Eagle, Red-necked Falcon, Grey and Common Kestrel, Black-winged Kite, Dark Chanting Goshawk and Verreaux's Eagle-Owl. Fan-tailed Ravens were also common near the reserve reception.

Birds aside, this reserve was also a paradise for large mammals. Many species of ungulates were in evidence, with most of the larger ones being attended by Red-billed and Yellow-billed Oxpeckers. Among these were Cape Buffalo, Northern Giraffe, Common Warthog, (Lelwel) Hartebeest, Kob, Waterbuck, Plains Zebra (the strange "maneless" subspecies borensis), Bohor Reedbuck, Common Eland, Oribi and Bush Duiker. We also had superb views of both Side-striped Jackal and a mother Leopard with a cub, while smaller mammals of interest included Bush Hyrax, Rock Hyrax, Striped Ground Squirrel, Olive Baboon and Common Patas Monkey.

Day 4, 10th July 2025. Transfer to Murchison Falls

Today was mostly a travel day, as we had a long (seven hour) drive from Kidepo to Pakuba Lodge in Murchison Falls National Park. As a result, we didn't spend much time birding today but enjoyed the roadside birds along the way. The most notable sighting of the day was our second (and more prolonged) sighting of a Ring-necked Francolin singing at the roadside, in the same place we had seen it the previous day just south of the lodge. We enjoyed more views of aforementioned species like Martial Eagle, Grey Kestrel, White-browed Coucal, Grey-backed Fiscal, Red-necked Falcon, African Grey Hornbill, Piapiac, Jacobin Cuckoo, Black-crowned Tchagra, Orange-breasted Bushshrike, Sooty Chat, Black-winged and Northern Red Bishop, Cardinal Quelea, Vinaceous Dove, Dark Chanting Goshawk and Fawn-breasted Waxbill along the way, and added Black Crake, Red-throated Bee-eater, Striped Kingfisher, Western Banded Snake Eagle, Lizard Buzzard, Blue-spotted Wood Dove, Wire-tailed Swallow, Tropical Boubou, Singing and Short-winged Cisticola, Brown Babbler, Black-bellied Firefinch, Village Indigobird, Black Bishop, Compact Weaver and Yellow-mantled Widowbird to our trip list. A copse of alien trees at the roadside delivered a pair of Ovambo **Sparrowhawks**, one of which was the rare melanistic morph. These birds have a liking for nesting in alien tree plantations, so this was a fitting find at such a spot.

Upon approaching the Murchison gate, the lush wetlands along the White Nile delivered some good species like Goliath Heron, Winding Cisticola, African Openbill and Senegal Coucal, while the woodland at the gate itself delivered Grey-capped Warbler, Black-headed Gonolek, Grey-headed Kingfisher, Red-faced Cisticola, Black-headed Weaver and Klaas's Cuckoo. We enjoyed the busy bush birding along the final stretch of road to Pakuba Lodge, with the innumerable Black-billed Wood Doves, Piapiacs and Red-cheeked Cordon-bleus punctuated by African Harrier-Hawk, Abyssinian Ground Hornbill, Palm-nut Vulture and Marabou Stork.



Day 5, 11th July 2025. Birding in Murchison Falls National Park

We ventured out early into the park to make the most of the rush of bird activity around dawn. The riverside thickets and hilly savanna were brimming with birds, many of which we had already seen. Heuglin's Spurfowl, Vitelline Masked Weaver, African Pygmy Kingfisher, Spotted Palm Thrush, Diederik Cuckoo, Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird, Little Weaver, Beautifull Sunbird, Chestnut-crowned Sparrow-Weaver, Banded Martin, Black-rumped Waxbill, Brown-throated Wattle-eye, Angola Swallow, Pale-throated Greenbul were noteworthy additions, and we appreciated having more viewing opportunities of Abyssinian Ground Hornbill, Jacobin Cuckoo, African Harrier-Hawk, Palm-nut Vulture, Striped and Greyheaded Kingfisher, Black-bellied Bustard, Silverbird, Blue-naped Mousebird, Little and Red-throated Bee-eater.

Being situated on the banks of the Nile meant that waterbirds were more prominent here than at Kidepo, with African Jacana, Spur-winged Lapwing, African Fish Eagle, African Sacred Ibis, Great Egret, Yellow-billed Stork, Giant and Pied Kingfisher and Little Egret all fairly common around the river margins. These were seen particularly well on our midday boat cruise down to the falls themselves, along with other species like African Darter, Grey, Purple and Little Heron, Senegal and Water Thick-knee, African Skimmer, Horus Swift, Great Cormorant, Red-throated Bee-eater, Malachite Kingfisher, Knob-billed Duck and even African Savanna Elephant and Common Hippopotamus. This was followed by one last drive through the reserve in the afternoon, which delivered Mourning Collared Dove, Black-billed Barbet, Northern Puffback, Yellow-rumped Tinkerbird, Tawny Eagle, Common Waxbill, Levaillant's Cuckoo, Shelley's Sparrow, Heuglin's Spurfowl and Grey Crowned Crane.



Rainbow-colored **Red-throated Bee-eaters** were a feast for the eyes!



Day 6, 12th July 2025. Morning birding at Murchison, transfer to Masindi

After an early breakfast, we packed up and left the lodge to start heading toward Masindi, our next base. Considering this was a much shorter drive than our previous transfer, we decided to spend the early morning birding a few spots in Murchison, with the best of all being the riverine thickets just north of Paraa Safari Lodge. Here we connected with two localized species: Red-winged Grey Warbler and Dusky Babbler, the latter being almost endemic to this region of Uganda. Other great birds seen throughout the morning included Spotted Palm Thrush, Violet-backed Starling, White-browed Robin-Chat, Blue Malkoha, Brown-crowned Tchagra, Green Crombec, Little Weaver, Bronze Mannikin, Fawn-breasted Waxbill, Black-headed Gonolek, Vitelline Masked Weaver, African Hobby, Red-shouldered Cuckooshrike, Red-faced Cisticola, Bluenaped Mousebird, Copper and Beautiful Sunbird, Black-billed Barbet, Flappet Lark and Mourning Collared Dove.

A large portion of our drive south took us along the northeastern shore of Lake Albert, one of the immense Rift Valley lakes that inhabit this part of Africa. We were treated to large numbers of Grey-headed Kingfishers hunting from the roadside telegraph lines, alongside vocal male Village Indigobirds. We added Spectacled Weaver and Long-crested and Wahlberg's Eagle to the trip list before the road crossed the southern end of Budongo Forest. We spent some time birding along the roadside under the canopy of the gargantuan trees this forest boasts. Having traded in the comfortable savanna birding for the difficulties of forest birding, we immediately racked up a glut of new species like Rufous-crowned Eremomela, Yellow-throated Tinkerbird, Hairy-breasted Barbet, Buff-throated Apalis, Sooty Flycatcher and Grey-chinned Sunbird. Moving on from the forest, we completed the journey to Masindi town, seeing Laughing Dove, Northern Black Flycatcher, Splendid Starling, Red-collared Widowbird, Orange-breasted Waxbill and more Long-crested Eagles in the process. One last roadside stop before reaching our accommodation delivered the handsome Grey-headed Oliveback as well as the dashing Ross's Turaco.

Day 7, 13th July 2025. Full day birding the Royal Mile, Budongo Forest

The main focus of today was birding the Royal Mile: a long, straight track that cuts north through the magnificent Budongo Forest. This large tract of primary forest just west of Masindi is a hotspot for birding and boasts some highly sought after species, many of which we were blessed to see. Among the best of these were a pair of **Nahan's Partridges** that crossed an animal track adjacent to the main track. Like the closely related Stone Partridge, these curious fowl are actually in the same family as the New World Quails and are not related to the rest of the African francolins and spurfowl.

A few other ground-dwelling goodies like Scaly-breasted Illadopsis, Brown-chested Alethe, Fire-crested Alethe, Yellow-breasted Forest Robin and Red-capped Robin-Chat graced us with great views. However, the majority of Budongo's target species are canopy-dwellers, which would prove challenging given that the trees in this forest can reach 150 feet (50 meters) in height. Among the best of these were two species of kingfisher: the tiny African Dwarf Kingfisher and the secretive Chocolate-backed Kingfisher, the latter's mournful whistles teasing us for a while before we eventually got views of this stunning kingfisher.



Ituri Batis, Uganda Woodland Warbler and Lemon-bellied Crombec painfully remained in the highest sections of the canopy, while the cheerful Chestnut-capped Flycatchers were a bit more obliging, occasionally descending to the mid-stratum. This middle level of the forest understory delivered the majority of species seen, including African Shrike-Flycatcher, Fraser's Forest Flycatcher, Chestnut Wattle-eye, Buff-throated Apalis, White-breasted Nigrita, Western Nicator, Blue Malkoha, Eastern Yellow-billed Barbet, Yellow-crested Woodpecker, Western Oriole, Grey and Yellow Longbill, Rufous-crowned Eremomela, Yellow-browed and Olive-green Camaroptera, Green Hylia, Red-tailed Bristlebill, Spotted, Plain and Little Grey Greenbul, Fraser's Rufous Thrush, Grey-throated Tit-Flycatcher, Crested Malimbe and Little Green, Olive and Blue-throated Brown Sunbirds.

Above the canopy, species like Congo Pied and Black-and-white-casqued Hornbill, Grey Parrot and Purple-headed Starling would fly over intermittently, while the calls of Klaas's and African Emerald Cuckoo rang out through the forest. Outside the forest, the cane fields and adjacent thickets delivered the lovely Brown Twinspot as well as Bar-breasted Firefinch, Compact, Thick-billed and Holub's Golden Weaver, Blue-headed Coucal, Red-necked Spurfowl, Black Bishop and a small group of White-thighed Hornbills. Returning to our hotel in the evening, the usual roadside suspects of Black-winged Kite, Broad-billed Roller, Lizard Buzzard, Piapiac and Rüppell's Starling were present to see us off after another great day of birding.



While being an attractive little estrildid, **Brown Twinspot** gave us quite the runaround in the farmlands outside of Budongo Forest.



Day 8, 14th July 2025. Masindi to Semuliki

We once again had a long transfer ahead of us today, so we were sure to make an early start. After starting off with good numbers of Black Bishops and Village Weavers, we made a stop at a narrow wetland just south of Masindi. This proved to be fruitful as we got great views of Marsh Widowbird, Brown-backed Scrub Robin, Bronzy and Variable Sunbird and even a male Redchested Flufftail that showed exceptionally well! Continuing on from here, more notable species seen along the road included Lesser Blue-eared Starling, Laughing Dove, Lesser Striped and African Red-rumped Swallow, Yellow-mantled Widowbird, Striped and Woodland Kingfisher, Meyer's Parrot, Red-faced Cisticola, Eastern Plantain-eater, Marabou Stork, Sooty Chat, African Green Pigeon, Black Sparrowhawk, Ross's Turaco, White-throated Bee-eater, Village Indigobird, African Pied Wagtail, Crowned Hornbill and a breeding colony of Vieillot's Black Weavers. Another roadside stop in the degraded thickets bordering farmland delivered the scarce Speckle-breasted Woodpecker alongside Black-crowned Waxbill, Black Cuckoo, Blue-spotted Wood Dove, Blue-headed Coucal and many of the afore-mentioned weavers.



Always love a forest bee-eater - Black Bee-eaters were seen in most forests that we visited!

We gathered up more views of White-headed Saw-wing, Wahlberg's and Long-crested Eagle, Brimstone Canary, Angola and Mosque Swallow, Northern Fiscal, Ross's Turaco Yellow-billed Kite, White-rumped and Little Swift, Northern Black Flycatcher and Cinnamon-chested Bee-eater before our next stop, where we got African Pipit, Fan-tailed Widowbird and the skulking White-winged Swamp Warbler. Just before the town of Fort Portal, the road cut across the northern tip of Kibale Forest, where we connected with a handful of forest specials like Sabine's Spinetail, Narrow-tailed Starling, Cassin's Flycatcher and Chubb's Cisticola.



After completing the journey to our base at Semuliki, we settled in and then went for a short walk through the scrubby forest-edge thickets along the roadside. Little Green, Olive-bellied, Collared and Copper Sunbird, Green Whit-eye, Brown-crowned Tchagra, Ashy Flycatcher and White-chinned Prinia were all seen here, while the taller forest fringes delivered Western Bronze-naped Pigeon, Black-and-white Shrike-Flycatcher and a soaring Ayres's Hawk-Eagle to cap off the day.

Day 9, 15th July 2025. Trekking through Semuliki

Today was dedicated to exploring yet another forest. Lying west of the Rwenzori Mountains, Semuliki Forest National Park is arguably the most humid and Congo-esque of Uganda's forests, which is reflected in the wildlife that occurs here. Many tricky bird species only sneak into East Africa in this reserve. Most of these are principally West African species that reach the eastern edge of their distribution here. We were fortunate to find some of these specials during our day in the forest, including Blue-headed Crested Flycatcher, Blue-billed Malimbe, Chestnutbreasted Nigrita, Xavier's and Icterine Greenbul, Capuchin Babbler and three hornbill species (namely Piping, Black-casqued and Red-billed Dwarf Hornbill). We were also acquainted with other new forest species like Jameson's Wattle-eye, Brown-eared Woodpecker, Cassin's Honeybird, Red-bellied Paradise Flycatcher, Red-tailed Greenbul, Speckled Tinkerbird, Grey-headed Nigrita, Grey-headed Sunbird, and Black-billed and Great Blue Turaco, while previously seen highlights included Western Banded Snake Eagle, Black Sparrowhawk, Chestnut-capped Flycatcher, Yellow-breasted Forest Robin, Fire-crested Alethe, Crested Malimbe and Yellow-browed Camaroptera. While mammals didn't feature majorly in the forest, we enjoyed seeing multiple monkey species including the rare Dent's Monkey and De Brazza's Monkey, as well as more common Red-tailed and Blue Monkeys.

Day 10, 16th July 2025. Morning birding at Semuliki, transfer to Kibale

We awoke to a wonderful morning chorus of forest species and decided to go for a short walk around the lodge property where we were staying. The best species seen here were Red-tailed Ant Thrush, Grey-chinned Sunbird and the impressive Blue-breasted Kingfisher, while more views of Grey-headed Nigrita, Speckled Tinkerbird, Little Greenbul, Green Hylia and the huge Black-casqued Hornbill were also appreciated. We then briefly visited the nearby bridge over the Kiruma Bridge, not finding much past some Fawn-breasted Waxbills and singletons of Palm-nut Vulture and African Green Pigeon.

Before departing from Semuliki, we paid a visit to the Red Monkey and Hot Springs Trail Reserve. This small park is centered around a bizarre pair of geothermal springs that well up from the volcanic activity of the Rift Valley below ground. These mineral-rich pools of warm water here hosted **Three-banded Plover**, **Spur-winged Lapwing**, and **Purple Heron**, while the surrounding swamp forest delivered **Black-and-white Mannikin**, another **Blue-breasted Kingfisher** and the scarce **Eastern Long-tailed Hornbill**. After these additions, we headed back towards Kibale, with the wetlands outside Fort Portal giving us great views of **African Marsh Harrier**, **Blue-headed Coucal**, **Greater Swamp Warbler** and **Northern Brown-throated Weaver**. We then retired to our lodge in Kibale town for the rest of the afternoon due to a perpetuating thunderstorm.



Day 11, 17th July 2025. Bigodi Swamp and Guereza Canopy Lodge

We awoke this morning to an African Goshawk with a fresh kill in the trees above the breakfast deck of our lodge. However, we didn't have much time to sit and admire it as we were to be walking around Bigodi Swamp this morning. This large tract of swamp forest sits on the southeast side of Kibale town and is protected by the local community, who organize guided tours through the swamp. During the morning, we amassed an impressive 50 species just at the swamp alone, with highlights including Grey-winged and Snowy-crowned Robin-Chat, Red-headed Bluebill, Magpie Mannikin, White-breasted and Grey-headed Nigrita, Purple-headed Starling, Dusky-blue Flycatcher, Grey Tit-Flycatcher, White-chinned Prinia, African Blue Flycatcher, Bocage's Bushshrike, Green Crombec, Yellow-spotted Barbet, White-chinned Prinia, Ross's and Great Blue Turaco and two male White-spotted Flufftails that, like the Red-chested Flufftail before, performed very well for such normally secretive birds.

Around midday, we transferred to our next lodge, Guereza Canopy Lodge. Situated on the edge of Kibale Forest just north of the town, we enjoyed having lunch overlooking the forest and being entertained by the surrounding birdlife which was surprisingly prolific. Sabine's Spinetail, Bluethroated Roller, Speckle-breasted and Nubian Woodpecker, Speckled Tinkerbird, African Pygmy Kingfisher, African Emerald Cuckoo, Tropical Boubou, Black-and-white Shrike-Flycatcher, Magpie Mannikin and Green-headed Sunbird were all seen during the heat of the day. For the late afternoon, we birded a small marshy valley surrounded by farmland just west of the lodge. Our best pickups here were Double-toothed Barbet, Black-lored Babbler, Black-necked and Holub's Golden Weaver, Grey-capped Warbler, Cardinal Woodpecker, Northern Fiscal and a distant Red-chested Flufftail (this one would remain unseen). One last stint of birding was done for the day along the forested track near Little Monkey Camp. This would deliver Tambourine Dove, Toro Olive Greenbul, Red-capped Robin-Chat, Brown-throated and Chestnut Wattle-eye, Grey-throated Tit-Flycatcher, Green Crombec and a trio of Bluethroated Rollers displaying overhead.

Day 12, 18th July 2025. Green-breasted Pitta and chimp trekking, Kibale

This morning was spent birding various sections of the well-known Kibale Forest National Park. This large, isolated tract of lowland forest is renowned for being the best site in the world for the beautiful **Green-breasted Pitta**. It didn't take long for us to hear the abrupt wing sonations of one displaying within the depths of the forest. After locating the bird, we spent almost an hour watching it display from an elevated perch before diving down to the ground and disappearing. This was followed by an adorable **Red-chested Owlet** softly whistling from the canopy, as well as a pair of courting **Afep Pigeons**.

With our main target acquired, we ventured back onto the main road and did some more relaxed forest birding along its course. The artificial "forest clearing" created by the road was quite productive and delivered Dusky Tit, Yellow-mantled Weaver, Petit's Cuckooshrike, Black Bee-eater, Green Crombec, Blue Malkoha, African Shrike-Flycatcher, Speckled, Yellow-throated and Yellow-rumped Tinkerbird, Eastern Yellow-billed and Grey-throated Barbet, Narrow-tailed Starling, Sooty Flycatcher and even a distant Blue-breasted Kingfisher.

We then headed back to the lodge for lunch, after which our client Todd had a great **Chimpanzee** trekking experience in a different section of the forest. Finishing off the day with some light birding



around the lodge proved fruitful with more views of things like Black-and-white Shrike-Flycatcher, Great Blue Turaco, Sabine's Spinetail, Alpine Swift, White-headed Saw-wing, Grey-capped Warbler, Vieillot's Black Weaver and Olive, Green-throated, Blue-throated Brown and Olive-bellied Sunbird. A Fiery-necked Nightjar sitting on the lodge entrance track around nightfall was a nice close to the day.



Watching a **Green-breasted Pitta** performing his jumping display for almost an hour was incredibly special.

Day 13, 19th July 2025. Birding around Guereza Lodge and Turaco Trails, Bigodi

The dawn birding from the breakfast deck was phenomenal this morning. At least eight species of sunbirds were visiting the flowering trees in front of us, with the additions of Collared, Copper and even the scarce Orange-tufted Sunbird. Grey Tit-Flycatcher, Lizard Buzzard, African Pygmy Kingfisher and Red-chested Cuckoo were also noteworthy. The small marshy valley on the way out of the lodge also delivered Bronzy Sunbird, Palm-nut Vulture, African Harrier-Hawk, Black-lored Babbler and Grey Crowned Crane before we ventured off to the Turaco Trails section of Bigodi Swamp. This small reserve consists of a network of footpaths that run through thickets and swamp forest on the southwestern side of Bigodi. While our only new species here were Superb Sunbird and White-tailed Ant Thrush, we had plenty to entertain us including Brown-backed Scrub Robin, Snowy-capped and Red-capped Robin-Chat, Common Waxbill, Red-chested Sunbird, Green Hylia, Plain Greenbul, Grey Tit-Flycatcher, Chestnut and Brown-throated Wattle-eye, Blue-spotted Wood Dove, Black Cuckoo, Shining-blue Kingfisher, Red-bellied Paradise Flycatcher and a circling African Goshawk.

The rest of the afternoon was quite relaxed, but we did make sure to take a few walks around the lodge premises both after lunch and in the late afternoon. A pair of **Lowland Masked Apalis** were



probably the best find of the day, as these birds are scarce and can be quite uncooperative (as we had found out!). Other notable species seen on the lodge ground included Grey Parrot, Greyheaded and White-breasted Nigrita, African Blue Flycatcher, Wahlberg's Eagle, Blacknecked Weaver, African Emerald Cuckoo and eleven species of sunbird (Olive, Olive-bellied, Green-throated, Green-headed, Grey-chinned, Scarlet-chested, Little Green, Bronzy, Copper, Blue-throated Brown and Tiny Sunbird).



We found a pair of **Lowland Masked Apalis** right outside our lodge in Kibale, singing in the heat of the day, strangely!

Day 14, 20th July 2025. Transfer to Queen Elizabeth, Kazinga Channel boat trip

With yet another transfer day ahead of us, we made an early start and enjoyed some final birding from the breakfast deck before making our way west towards Fort Portal. Arriving at Fort Portal around mid-morning, we made a stop at the wetland crossing on the outskirts of town where we had Black-crowned Waxbill, Blue-headed Coucal, Chubb's, Red-faced and Winding Cisticola, Hamerkop, Grey-capped Warbler, Greater Swamp Warbler and Highland Rush Warbler. The weavers here are a strange mix of Black-headed, Northern Brown-throated and the rare Northern Masked Weaver, and all seem to interbreed here which causes problems with identification. A brief flyby from a White-collared Oliveback was also had here. Moving on towards Queen Elizabeth, we had some pleasant roadside birding along the way and made sure to stop on the Equator just north of the park.

By this point, we had shifted, once again, from forest birding to savanna birding and were back in the territory of species like **Grey-headed Kingfisher**, **Black-headed Gonolek**, **Olive Bee-eater**, **Northern Black Flycatcher**, **Purple-banded Sunbird**, **Brimstone** and **Yellow-fronted Canary**. Once at our fabulous lodge on the shores of both Lake Edward and the Kazinga Channel, we were



greeted by a family of **Swamp Flycatchers** sitting on the furniture in the reception area. These were accompanied by a female **Red-chested Sunbird** and a **Yellow-winged False-vampire** bat hanging from the ceiling (the sunbird was looking for spiderwebs for her nest).

The main event of the afternoon was doing a boat trip along the Kazinga Channel, which was laden with waterbirds of all varieties. Among these were African Skimmer, Knob-billed Duck, Black Crake, Water Thick-knee, Three-banded and Kittlitz's Plover, Spur-winged and African Wattled Lapwing, African Jacana, Yellow-billed and Saddle-billed Stork, Reed and Great Cormorant, Glossy Ibis, African Spoonbill, Squacco and Goliath Heron, Hamerkop, Great White and Pink-backed Pelican, Pied and Malachite Kingfisher and African Fish Eagle. Mixed flocks of swallows held Barn, Lesser Striped, Wire-tailed and Angola Swallow, White-headed Saw-wing and Banded Martin, while the shoreline delivered colorful species like Little, Olive and Red-throated Bee-eater and Double-toothed Barbet. A few Horus Swifts on the return trip to the lodge were a nice final touch.

We capped off the day by doing some savanna birding along the lodge access road which delivered Gabar Goshawk (melanistic form), Blue-spotted Wood Dove, Red-necked Spurfowl, Crested Francolin, Black-lored and Arrow-marked Babbler, Trilling Cisticola, White-browed Scrub Robin, Green-winged Pytilia, Spectacled and Lesser Masked Weaver, Golden-breasted Bunting, Plain-backed Pipit, Village Indigobird, Wattled Starling, Common Scimitarbill, Little Bee-eater, Spot-flanked Barbet and lots of Senegal Lapwings, among the usual suspects.



African Skimmers were seen on both the Kazinga Channel and Murchison Falls boat trips.



Day 15, 21st July 2025. Lion Savanna, transfer to Buhoma, Bwindi

With another travel day ahead of us, we wasted no time and got on the road early. Savanna birding on our way from the lodge to the main road yielded many previously seen species including Arrow-marked Babbler, Grey Kestrel, Olive Bee-eater, Marabou Stork, White-browed Robin-Chat, Red-breasted Swallow, Palm-nut Vulture, Mourning Collared Dove, Croaking Cisticola and Golden-breasted Bunting, as well as a few new species like Black-chested Snake Eagle and Southern Red Bishop. We took an hour or two to bird the Lion Savannas section of the park to the east of the road, where the extensive grasslands were rich with many open country species like African Crake, Zitting Cisticola, Flappet and Rufous-naped Lark, Plain-backed and African Pipits, Red-billed Quelea, White-winged Widowbird, Crimson-rumped Waxbill, Banded Martin, Yellow-throated Longclaw, Kittlitz's Plover, Crimson-rumped Waxbill, Senegal, Crowned and African Wattled Lapwing and Temminck's Courser. This was followed by a stop over the Kazinga Channel at Katunguru where the papyrus beds delivered the beautiful Papyrus Gonolek alongside Carruthers's Cisticola, White-winged Swamp Warbler and Greater Swamp Warbler. Pink-backed Pelican, Malachite Kingfisher, Wire-tailed Swallow and Broad-billed Roller were also seen here.

We then proceeded down the long road south through the Ishasha section of the park, enjoying plentiful savanna birding along the way. Raptors were common here, with Western Banded and Brown Snake Eagle, White-backed and Lappet-faced Vulture, Bateleur, Black-winged Kite and African Harrier Hawk all in evidence. Among the myriad of familiar species were new ones like Marsh Tchagra, Stout Cisticola, Fan-tailed Widowbird, Crested Barbet, African Grey Woodpecker and African Woolly-necked Stork as well as other notable species such as Nubian Woodpecker, Long-toed Lapwing, Yellow-billed Stork, Blue-naped and Speckled Mousebird, Trilling Cisticola, Spectacled Weaver, Moustached Grass Warbler, Sooty Chat and Double-toothed Barbet. The stretch of this road running through Maramagambo Forest delivered a handful of surprising species like Lowland Sooty Boubou, Purple-headed Starling, Little Greenbul, Hairy-breasted Barbet and Purple-banded Sunbird. Once we had turned off the Ishasha road, we continued south until we reached the village of Buhoma, right at the west gate of Bwindi Impenetrable Forest National Park.

Days 16-17, 22nd-23rd July 2025. Birding and Gorilla Trekking in Buhoma, Bwindi

Our first full day birding from Buhoma was spent birding the main trail through Bwindi Forest. Having so much time to spend in such a bird-rich locale, we understandably came away at the end of the day with a mouth-watering list of species. The top birds from here were species which are endemic or near-endemic to the montane forests of the Albertine Rift, of which Bwindi is one such forest. Some of these specials seen include **Red-throated Alethe**, **Blue-headed Sunbird**, **Fine-banded Woodpecker**, **Toro Olive Greenbul**, **Red-faced Woodland Warbler** and **Equatorial Akalat**. The two prime targets of Buhoma, **Willard's Sooty Boubou** and **Neumann's Warbler**, were both seen towards the end of the trail. The former showed very well while the latter, true to form, was rather elusive and only gave a few brief glimpses as it skulked around beneath a streamside thicket.



The supporting cast consisted of species like Western Bronze-naped Pigeon, Tambourine Dove, Black-billed and Great Blue Turaco, Blue Malkoha, a soaring Crowned Eagle, Bar-tailed Trogon, Black Bee-eater, Yellow-spotted and Hairy-breasted Barbet, Buff-spotted and Elliot's Woodpecker, a displaying African Broadbill, Petit's Cuckooshrike, Mountain Oriole, Pink-footed Puffback, Lühder's and Many-colored Bushshrike, Dusky Tit, Olive-green Camaroptera, Black-throated, Buff-throated and Grey Apalis, Black-throated Rufous Warbler, Green Hylia, Waller's Starling, Fraser's Rufous Thrush, White-tailed Ant Thrush, Sooty and African Dusky Flycatcher, Blue-shouldered, Grey-winged and White-bellied Robin-Chat, Red-headed Malimbe, Brown-capped Weaver, White-breasted Nigrita, Mountain Wagtail, six sunbird species (Little Green, Olive, Collared, Green-throated, Grey-chinned and Northern Double-collared Sunbird) and ten greenbul species (Slender-billed, Red-tailed, Kakamega, Plain, Ansorge's, Yellow-whiskered, Little, Honeyguide and Cabanis's Greenbul and Red-tailed Bristlebill).



Arguably the animal Uganda is most famous for: tracking **Eastern Gorillas** in Buhoma was a massive highlight of the tour!

The forest edge was also quite birdy, with species like African Red-rumped Swallow, White-eyed Slaty Flycatcher, Cape Wagtail, Baglafecht Weaver, African Paradise Flycatcher, Dusky-blue Flycatcher, Black-billed and Black-necked Weaver, White-chinned Prinia, Cinnamon-chested Bee-eater, Streaky Seedeater, Western Citril, Black-throated Canary, White-tailed Blue Flycatcher and African Thrush all showing well between the lodge and the entrance gate. While our second day at Buhoma didn't consist of much birding, Todd had a great time tracking the Eastern (Mountain) Gorillas that have made Bwindi so famous.



Day 18, 24th July 2025. Buhoma to Ruhija via "the Neck"

Heading east from Buhoma through the network of farming communities alongside Bwindi, we birded along the way picking up Red-throated Wryneck, Bronzy Sunbird, Cinnamon-chested Bee-eater, Bronze Mannikin, Black Sparrowhawk, Tropical Boubou, Thick-billed Weaver, Mosque Swallow, Blue-headed Coucal, Lizard Buzzard, Holub's Golden Weaver, Eastern Plantain-eater and Mackinnon's Shrike in the process. We made sure to stop at the narrow section of Bwindi Forest, known as "the Neck", for another bit of streamside forest birding. Here we saw many species we had seen at Buhoma, with the addition of Black Saw-wing, African Olive Pigeon, Little Grebe and African Black Duck.

Increasing in altitude as we approached Ruhija, we were treated to beautiful vistas over the surrounding hills, with Augur Buzzards and White-necked Ravens soaring about. African Stonechat, Red-throated Rock Martin, Chubb's Cisticola, Streaky Seedeater and Plainbacked Pipit were also seen on these slopes, and we added Variable Sunbird and Yellow-crowned Canary at our mountainside accommodation. After having lunch and checking in, we went for a late afternoon walk down the "school track" between the town and the forest edge, for our final forest birding session for the day. Being at higher altitude than Buhoma, another suite of species had now become available to us, including Rwenzori Batis, Grey Cuckooshrike, Albertine Sooty Boubou, Archer's Ground Robin, Chestnut-throated and Mountain Masked Apalis and the strange Grauer's Warbler. Our last new addition for the day was a Montane Nightjar seen near the school track after dinner.



Rwenzori Batis is the largest batis species, and one of the easier Albertine endemics.



Day 19, 25th July 2025. Grauer's Broadbill walk down to Mubwindi Swamp

Today we had another full day of forest trail birding in Bwindi, this time doing the famed "Grauer's Broadbill" walk down to Mubwindi Swamp. This trail is quite a steep descent into the forest, but fortunately it's a more open section of forest than Buhoma, making visibility better for birding. This was also another high species day, with roughly 70 species seen along this trail, including Albertine Rift targets like Yellow-eved Black Flycatcher, Dusky Crimsonwing, White-bellied Crested Flycatcher, Strange Weaver, Stripe-breasted Tit, Rwenzori Apalis, Rwenzori Batis, Rwenzori Hill Babbler, Albertine Sooty Boubou, Dwarf Honeyguide and, of course, Grauer's Broadbill. We were treated to one of these emerald gems actively ferrying food to its moss-clad nest, with a noisy nestling begging incessantly.



We enjoyed prolonged views of a nesting **Grauer's Broadbill** at Mubwindi Swamp!

Other montane specials seen along the trail included **Banded Prinia** (the Albertine "Black-faced" subspecies), Mountain Illadopsis, Abyssinian Thrush, White-starred Robin, Yellow-streaked and Kikuvu Mountain Greenbul, White-browed Crombec, Evergreen Forest Warbler, Abyssinian Thrush, Thick-billed Seedeater, Oriole Finch and Sharpe's, Waller's and Slender-billed Starling. At the bottom of the trail, Mubwindi Swamp itself delivered brief views of the localized Grauer's Swamp Warbler, as well as Carruthers's Cisticola, a soaring Mountain Buzzard and a few distant Sitatunga antelope feeding on the wetland edge. Other colorful favorites such as White-headed Wood Hoopoe, Cinnamon-chested Bee-eater, Eastern Yellow-billed and Grey-throated Barbet, White-tailed Blue Flycatcher, Mountain Oriole, Black-billed Turaco and African Olive Pigeon were also seen, and a surprising group of Eastern Gorillas near the start of the trail was also a notable sighting.



Day 20, 26th July 2025. Birding the bamboo zone, transfer to Mgahinga

Leaving our accommodation early, we made a few roadside birding stops on the way out of Bwindi, specifically in the apply named "bamboo zone". Here, large stands of bamboo are intermingled with open patches of the forest, creating a unique habitat. Here, we saw many of the forest species we had seen yesterday, along with the rare Purple-breasted Sunbird and Western Tinkerbird. Large flocks of Waller's, Slender-billed and Sharpe's Starling feeding on fruiting trees were a great sight, along with Mountain and Dark-capped Yellow Warbler, Oriole Finch, Rwenzori Apalis, Black-billed Turaco, Yellow-bellied Waxbill, Crowned Hornbill, Northern Puffback and African Green Pigeon.

Once we were out of Bwindi, we journeyed along the winding route towards Mgahinga, enjoying many Augur Buzzard, Red-throated Rock Martins and two Dusky Turtle Doves en route. Stopping along the road that cuts through Echuya Forest delivered Olive Woodpecker, Rwenzori Apalis, Strange Weaver, Yellow-whiskered Greenbul, Rwenzori Hill Babbler, Western Tinkerbird and the stunning Regal Sunbird, another Albertine Rift endemic, while a small lake west of the forest played host to Blue-billed Teal, Yellow-billed Duck, African Jacana, Little Grebe, Common Moorhen, Grey Heron and numbers of Red-knobbed Coot.

Once we arrived at Mucha Riverside Lodge, we checked in and spent the rest of the afternoon relaxing and birding the lodge grounds, which were surprisingly bird-rich. Among the best of these were a couple of White-collared Olivebacks that were nesting in old Slender-billed Weaver nests at the gate, as well as a pair of Olive Woodpeckers excavating a hole in front of our chalets! Other species nesting on the property included White-tailed Blue Flycatcher and Hamerkop, while Yellow-billed Stork, African Paradise Flycatcher, Swamp Flycatcher, Pale-throated Greenbul, Red-chested and Bronzy Sunbird, Grey-capped Warbler, Streaky Seedeater, Red-billed Firefinch, Grey-headed Nigrita and flocks of Black-crowned Waxbill were also present.

Day 21, 27th July 2025. Mgahinga Forest National Park

Today was dedicated to birding the trails heading up Mount Sabyinyo in Mgahinga Gorilla National Park, on the very southwestern corner of Uganda. Unlike the other forest we had visited, Mgahinga has a lower canopy, more clearings and is heavily inundated with bamboo thickets. The main target here was the splendid Rwenzori Turaco, of which we saw at least 15. Rwenzori Double-collared Sunbird was the other major target here, and we managed to locate a couple of them among the more common Regal Sunbirds. We also lucked into two Handsome Spurfowl crossing the path, while other new species seen during the walk included White-tailed Crested Flycatcher, Lemon Dove, Cinnamon Bracken Warbler and Kandt's Waxbill. African Olive Pigeon, African Goshawk, Mountain Buzzard, Western and Yellow-rumped Tinkerbird, Northern Puffback, Albertine Sooty Boubou, Red-faced Woodland Warbler, Dusky Crimsonwing, Rwenzori Hill Babbler, Red-throated Alethe, Yellow-streaked and Kikuyu Mountain Greenbul, Mountain Yellow Warbler, Rwenzori, Mountain Masked and Chestnut-throated Apalis, Sharpe's Starling, Abyssinian Thrush and good numbers of White-starred Robin were but a selection of the species seen during the day's walk.





We were lucky to find at least ten Rwenzori Turacos feeding on fruiting trees in Mgahinga.

Mammal-wise, seeing the highly range-restricted "Golden Monkey" was a highlight. This attractive primate is endemic to just six Albertine peaks between the DRC and Uganda, although it is currently still classified as a subspecies of **Blue Monkey**. Leaving the forest, we also managed to connect with **Cape Robin-Chat** in the gardens near the park gate, a rare bird in Uganda. After getting a few more birds in the communities, like **African Pied Wagtail**, **Cinnamon-chested Beeeater** and **Yellow-crowned Canary**, we headed back to the lodge and relaxed for the remainder of the afternoon. Here, we enjoyed many of the same species we'd seen yesterday, with the addition of **Pink-backed Pelican**, **Blue-headed Coucal**, **Long-crested Eagle**, **Western Citril**, **Village Weaver**, **Lesser Striped Swallow**, **Red-faced Cisticola** and **Tropical Boubou**.

Day 22, 28th July 2025. Transfer from Mgahinga to Lake Mburo

With a particularly long transfer day ahead of us, we made sure to leave Mgahinga early and start making our way eastward. We stopped again a few times as we crossed Echuya Forest, seeing many previously seen species, while further on at the town of Kabale we found a pair of Arnot's Chats and a single Variable Sunbird. Yellow-billed Kite, African Black Swift, Black Sawwing, Marabou Stork, Speckled Pigeon, Grey Crowned Crane, Woodland Kingfisher, Longcrested Eagle, Wire-tailed Swallow, Broad-billed Roller, Emerald-spotted Wood Dove and Laughing Dove were among the less common roadside birds seen along the way, while Augur Buzzards and Speckled Mousebirds remained regular.



Heading back into Acacia savanna and away from the montane forest of the west, we once again came into Grey-backed Fiscal and Rüppell's Starling country, also getting our first looks at Meyer's Parrot and the handsome Bare-faced Go-away-bird. Approaching Lake Mburo National Park in the late afternoon, we made an evening venture to a swamp south of Sanga village where we connected with the iconic Shoebill, alongside other wetland birds such as Grey Crowned Crane, Rufous-bellied Heron, Lesser Swamp Warbler and Fan-tailed Widowbird. The degraded savanna surrounding the wetland delivered Senegal Lapwing, Trilling Cisticola, Black-bellied Bustard, Black-lored Babbler, African Pipit, Blue-naped Mousebird and a distant calling Coqui Francolin. We then arrived at our last base for the tour, Rwakobo Rock Lodge, overlooking Lake Mburo National Park.



We managed to connect with the iconic **Shoebill** towards the end of the tour, not at Mabamba Swamp for a change!

Day 23, 29th July 2025. Birding Lake Mburo National Park

We awoke to Fiery-necked, Square-tailed and Freckled Nightjars singing around the lodge at twilight. After enjoying breakfast, we headed down to the park where we spent the morning birding its extensive network of savanna tracks. We catalogued an impressive list during the morning with colorful highlights including Emerald-spotted Wood Dove, Cardinal and Bearded Woodpecker, Green-capped Eremomela, Common Scimitarbill, Striped and African Pygmy Kingfisher, Lesser Masked and Red-headed Weaver, Black-headed Gonolek, Green Wood Hoopoe, Little Bee-eater Spot-flanked and Crested Barbet, Bare-faced Go-away-bird and the vivid Lilac-breasted Roller.



We bumped into many mixed species bird flocks across the reserve, which consisted of smaller species like White-winged Black Tit, Long-tailed and Trilling Cisticola, White-browed Scrub Robin, Yellow-breasted Apalis, Sooty Chat, Red-faced Crombec, Pale Flycatcher, Chinspot Batis, Grey Penduline Tit, Green-winged Pytilia, Golden-breasted Bunting. Like the other savanna reserves, we saw good numbers of raptors here such as Bateleur, Brown Snake Eagle, Palm-nut, Lappet-faced and White-backed Vulture and a nesting pair of Wahlberg's Eagles. Open plains yielded Red-breasted Swallow, Senegal Lapwing and Water Thick-knee.

For the afternoon, we headed back into the park and made our way down to the lake itself for a boat ride along the shoreline. Fringed by clay banks and dense tangles of vegetation, the waterbirding here was excellent for two secretive species: a pair of White-backed Night Herons and a couple of African Finfoots. A small group of Lesser Flamingos flying past was an unusual sighting, while more regular aquatic species seen included Pied, Malachite and Giant Kingfisher, Common Sandpiper, Hamerkop, Striated and Squacco Heron, Carruthers's Cisticola and numbers of African Fish Eagles nesting in the surrounding trees. Levaillant's Cuckoo, Spectacled Weaver, Green Wood Hoopoe and Pale-throated Greenbul were also seen from the boat. Heading back through the reserve after the boat trip yielded many species seen from the morning. Once back at the lodge, we connected with a few overflying Red-headed Lovebirds before settling in for dinner and our final night of the tour.



One of three finfoot species, the elusive African Finfoot was seen many times on Lake Mburo.

Day 24, 30th July 2025. Transfer to Entebbe

Concluding our tour list with some **Brown-chested Lapwings** on the way out of Lake Mburo, we traveled back to Entebbe airport where the tour ended.



Bird List - Following IOC Version 15.1 (February 2025)

Birds 'heard only' are marked with (H) after the common name, all other species were seen.

The following notation after species names is used to show conservation status following the IUCN Red List: CR = Critically Endangered, EN = Endangered, VU = Vulnerable.

Common Name	Scientific Name
Ostriches (Struthionidae)	
Common Ostrich	Struthio camelus
Ducks, Geese, Swans (Anatidae)	
White-faced Whistling Duck	Dendrocvgna viduata
White-backed Duck	Thalassornis leuconotus
Knob-billed Duck	Sarkidiornis melanotos
Egyptian Goose	Alopochen aegyptiaca
African Pygmy Goose	Nettapus auritus
African Black Duck	Anas sparsa
Yellow-billed Duck	Anas undulata
Guineafowl (Numididae)	
Helmeted Guineafowl	Numida meleagris
New World Quail (Odontophorida	e)
Stone Partridge	Ptilopachus petrosus
Nahan's Partridge - VU	Ptilopachus nahani
Pheasants & Allies (Phasianidae)	
Crested Francolin	Ortvgornis sephaena
Coqui Francolin (H)	Campocolinus coqui
Ring-necked Francolin	Scleroptila streptophora
Harlequin Quail	Coturnix delegorguei
Handsome Spurfowl	Pternistis nobilis
Heuglin's Spurfowl	Pternistis icterorhynchus
Clapperton's Spurfowl	Pternistis clappertoni



Common Name	Scientific Name
Red-necked Spurfowl	Pternistis afer
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Nightjars (Caprimulgidae)	
Fiery-necked Nightjar	Caprimulgus pectoralis
Montane Nightiar	Caprimulgus poliocephalus
Swamp Nightiar (H)	Caprimulgus natalensis
Freckled Nightjar (H)	Caprimulgus tristigma
Square-tailed Nightjar (H)	Caprimulgus fossii
Swifts (Apodidae)	
Sabine's Spinetail	Rhaphidura sabini
African Palm Swift	Cypsiurus parvus
Alpine Swift	Tachymarptis melba
Mottled Swift	Tachymarptis aeguatorialis
Common Swift	Apus apus
Nyanza Swift	Apus niansae
African Black Swift	Apus barbatus
Little Swift	Apus affinis
Horus Swift	Apus horus
White-rumped Swift	Apus caffer
Turacos (Musophagidae)	
Great Blue Turaco	Corythaeola cristata
Bare-faced Go-away-bird	Crinifer personatus
White-bellied Go-away-bird	Crinifer leucogaster
Eastern Plantain-eater	Crinifer zonurus
Rwenzori Turaco	Gallirex johnstoni
Ross's Turaco	Tauraco rossae
White-crested Turaco	Tauraco leucolophus
Black-billed Turaco	Tauraco schuettii
Bustards (Otididae)	7 1
Black-bellied Bustard	Lissotis melanogaster



Common Name	Scientific Name
White-bellied Bustard	Eupodotis senegalensis
Cuckoos (Cuculidae)	
Black-throated Coucal (H)	Centropus leucogaster
Senegal Coucal	Centropus senegalensis
Blue-headed Coucal	Centropus monachus
White-browed Coucal	Centropus superciliosus
Black Coucal	Centropus grillii
Blue Malkoha	Ceuthmochares aereus
Great Spotted Cuckoo	Clamator glandarius
Levaillant's Cuckoo	Clamator levaillantii
Jacobin Cuckoo	Clamator jacobinus
Diederik Cuckoo	Chrysococcyx caprius
Klaas's Cuckoo	Chrysococcyx klaas
African Emerald Cuckoo	Chrysococcyx cupreus
Dusky Long-tailed Cuckoo (H)	Cercococcvx mechowi
Black Cuckoo	Cuculus clamosus
Red-chested Cuckoo	Cuculus solitarius
Pigeons, Doves (Columbidae)	
Rock Dove (Introduced)	Columba livia
Speckled Pigeon	Columba guinea
Afep Pigeon	Columba unicincta
African Olive Pigeon	Columba arquatrix
Western Bronze-naped Pigeon	Columba iriditorques
Lemon Dove	Columba larvata
Dusky Turtle Dove	Streptopelia lugens
Mourning Collared Dove	Streptopelia decipiens
Red-eyed Dove	Streptopelia semitorquata
Ring-necked Dove	Streptopelia capicola
Vinaceous Dove	Streptopelia vinacea
Laughing Dove	Spilopelia senegalensis
Emerald-spotted Wood Dove	Turtur chalcospilos



Common Name	Scientific Name	
Black-billed Wood Dove	Turtur abvssinicus	
Blue-spotted Wood Dove	Turtur afer	
Tambourine Dove	Turtur tympanistria	
Namaqua Dove	Oena capensis	
Bruce's Green Pigeon	Treron waalia	
African Green Pigeon	Treron calvus	
Finfoots (Heliornithidae)		
African Finfoot	Podica senegalensis	
Flufftails & Forest Rails (Sarothr	uridae)	
White-spotted Flufftail	Sarothrura pulchra	
Red-chested Flufftail	Sarothrura rufa	
Rails, Crakes & Coots (Rallidae)		
African Rail (H)	Rallus caerulescens	
African Crake	Crecopsis egregia	
Common Moorhen	Gallinula chloropus	
Red-knobbed Coot	Fulica cristata	
Allen's Gallinule	Porphyrio alleni	
Black Crake	Zapornia flavirostra	
Cranes (Gruidae)		
Grev Crowned Crane - EN	Balearica regulorum	
Grebes (Podicipedidae)		
Little Grebe	Tachybaptus ruficollis	
Flamingos (Phoenicopteridae)		
Lesser Flamingo	Phoeniconaias minor	
Buttonquail (Turnicidae)		
Common Buttonquail	Turnix svlvaticus	



Common Name	Scientific Name
Stone-curlews, Thick-knees (B	
Water Thick-knee	Burhinus vermiculatus
Senegal Thick-knee	Burhinus senegalensis
Plovers (Charadriidae)	
Three-banded Plover	Charadrius tricollaris
Long-toed Lapwing	Vanellus crassirostris
Spur-winged Lapwing	Vanellus spinosus
Senegal Lapwing	Vanellus lugubris
Crowned Lapwing	Vanellus coronatus
African Wattled Lapwing	Vanellus senegallus
Brown-chested Lapwing	Vanellus superciliosus
Kittlitz's Plover	Anarhvnchus pecuarius
Jacanas (Jacanidae)	
African Jacana	Actophilornis africanus
Sandpipers, Snipes (Scolopaci	dae)
Common Sandpiper	Actitis hypoleucos
Coursers, Pratincoles (Glareo	lidae)
Temminck's Courser	Cursorius temminckii
Gulls, Terns, Skimmers (Lario	dae)
African Skimmer	Rynchops flavirostris
Grey-headed Gull	Chroicocephalus cirrocephalus
Storks (Ciconiidae)	
African Openbill	Anastomus lamelligerus
Marabou Stork	Leptoptilos crumenifer
Yellow-billed Stork	Mycteria ibis
Saddle-billed Stork	Ephippiorhynchus senegalensis



Common Name	Scientific Name
African Woolly-necked Stork	Ciconia microscelis
Anhingas, Darters (Anhingidae)	
African Darter	Anhinga rufa
Cormorants, Shags (Phalacrocor	acidae)
Reed Cormorant	Microcarbo africanus
Great Cormorant	Phalacrocorax carbo
Ibises, Spoonbills (Threskiornith	idae)
African Sacred Ibis	Threskiornis aethiopicus
Hadada Ibis	Bostrychia hagedash
Glossy Ibis	Plegadis falcinellus
African Spoonbill	Platalea alba
Herons, Bitterns (Ardeidae)	
Black-crowned Night Heron	Nycticorax nycticorax
Little Egret	Egretta garzetta
White-backed Night Heron	Calherodius leuconotus
Little Heron	Butorides atricapilla
Rufous-bellied Heron	Ardeola rufiventris
Squacco Heron	Ardeola ralloides
Great Egret	Ardea alba
Yellow-billed Egret	Ardea brachvrhvncha
Western Cattle Egret	Ardea ibis
Grey Heron	Ardea cinerea
Purple Heron	Ardea purpurea
Black-headed Heron	Ardea melanocephala
Goliath Heron	Ardea goliath
Hamerkop (Scopidae)	
Hamerkop	Scopus umbretta



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Shoebill (Balaenicipitidae)	
Shoebill - VU	Balaeniceps rex
Pelicans (Pelecanidae)	
Great White Pelican	Pelecanus onocrotalus
Pink-backed Pelican	Pelecanus rufescens
Kites, Hawks, Eagles (Accipitrid	lae)
Black-winged Kite	Elanus caeruleus
African Harrier-Hawk	Polyboroides typus
Palm-nut Vulture	Gypohierax angolensis
White-headed Vulture - CR	Trigonoceps occipitalis
Lappet-faced Vulture - EN	Torgos tracheliotos
Hooded Vulture - CR	Necrosyrtes monachus
White-backed Vulture - CR	Gyps africanus
Rüppell's Vulture - CR	Gvps rueppelli
Bateleur - EN	Terathopius ecaudatus
Western Banded Snake Eagle	Circaetus cinerascens
Black-chested Snake Eagle	Circaetus pectoralis
Brown Snake Eagle	Circaetus cinereus
Crowned Eagle	Stephanoaetus coronatus
Martial Eagle - EN	Polemaetus bellicosus
Long-crested Eagle	Lophaetus occipitalis
Wahlberg's Eagle	Hieraaetus wahlbergi
Ayres's Hawk-Eagle	Hieraaetus ayresii
Tawny Eagle - VU	Aquila rapax
Gabar Goshawk	Micronisus gabar
Dark Chanting Goshawk	Melierax metabates
Lizard Buzzard	Kaupifalco monogrammicus
African Goshawk	Aerospiza tachiro
Ovambo Sparrowhawk	Accipiter ovampensis
Black Sparrowhawk	Astur melanoleucus
African Marsh Harrier	Circus ranivorus



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Yellow-billed Kite	Milvus aegyptius	
African Fish Eagle	Icthvophaga vocifer	
Augur Buzzard	Buteo augur	
Mountain Buzzard	Buteo oreophilus	
Common Buzzard	Buteo buteo	
Owls (Strigidae)		
Red-chested Owlet	Glaucidium tephronotum	
Verreaux's Eagle-Owl	Ketupa lactea	
African Wood Owl (H)	Strix woodfordii	
Mousebirds (Coliidae)		
Speckled Mousebird	Colius striatus	
Blue-naped Mousebird	Urocolius macrourus	
Trogons (Trogonidae)		
Bar-tailed Trogon	Apaloderma vittatum	
West Herman (Dhamisalida)		
Wood Hoopoes (Phoeniculidae)	Dhamin Latalla	
White-headed Wood Hoopoe	Phoeniculus bollei	
Green Wood Hoopoe	Phoeniculus purpureus	
Black Scimitarbill	Rhinopomastus aterrimus	
Common Scimitarbill	Rhinopomastus cyanomelas	
Abyssinian Scimitarbill	Rhinopomastus minor	
Ground Hornbills (Bucorvidae)		
Abyssinian Ground Hornbill - VU	Bucorvus abyssinicus	
Hornbills (Bucerotidae)		
Northern Red-billed Hornbill	Tockus erythrorhynchus	
Jackson's Hornbill	Tockus jacksoni	
Crowned Hornbill	Lophoceros alboterminatus	
Congo Pied Hornbill	Lophoceros fasciatus	



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Hemprich's Hornbill	Lophoceros hemprichii
African Grey Hornbill	Lophoceros nasutus
Red-billed Dwarf Hornbill	Lophoceros camurus
Piping Hornbill	Bycanistes fistulator
White-thighed Hornbill	Bycanistes albotibialis
Black-and-white-casqued Hornbill	Bycanistes subcylindricus
Black-casqued Hornbill	Ceratogymna atrata
Eastern Long-tailed Hornbill	Horizocerus cassini
Rollers (Coraciidae)	
Purple Roller	Coracias naevius
Lilac-breasted Roller	Coracias caudatus
Abyssinian Roller	Coracias abyssinicus
Blue-throated Roller	Eurvstomus gularis
Broad-billed Roller	Eurystomus glaucurus
Kingfishers (Alcedinidae)	
Chocolate-backed Kingfisher	Halcvon badia
Grey-headed Kingfisher	Halcvon leucocephala
Striped Kingfisher	Halcyon chelicuti
Blue-breasted Kingfisher	Halcvon malimbica
Woodland Kingfisher	Halcvon senegalensis
African Dwarf Kingfisher	Ispidina lecontei
African Pygmy Kingfisher	Ispidina picta
Malachite Kingfisher	Corythornis cristatus
Shining-blue Kingfisher	Alcedo quadribrachys
Giant Kingfisher	Megaceryle maxima
Pied Kingfisher	Cervle rudis
Bee-eaters (Meropidae)	
Black Bee-eater	Merops gularis
Swallow-tailed Bee-eater	Merops hirundineus
Little Bee-eater	Merops pusillus





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Woodpeckers (Picidae)	
Red-throated Wryneck	Jvnx ruficollis
African Piculet (H)	Verreauxia africana
Buff-spotted Woodpecker	Pardipicus nivosus
Brown-eared Woodpecker	Pardipicus caroli
Nubian Woodpecker	Campethera nubica
Golden-tailed Woodpecker	Campethera abingoni
Fine-banded Woodpecker	Campethera taeniolaema
Bearded Woodpecker	Chloropicus namaguus
Yellow-crested Woodpecker	Chloropicus xantholophus
Speckle-breasted Woodpecker	Dendropicos poecilolaemus
Cardinal Woodpecker	Dendropicos fuscescens
Elliot's Woodpecker	Dendropicos elliotii
African Grey Woodpecker	Dendropicos goertae
Olive Woodpecker	Dendropicos griseocephalus
Caracaras, Falcons (Falconidae)	
Common Kestrel	Falco tinnunculus
Grey Kestrel	Falco ardosiaceus
Red-necked Falcon	Falco chicquera
African Hobby	Falco cuvierii
African & New World Parrots (Psi	ittacidae)
Grey Parrot - EN	Psittacus erithacus
Meyer's Parrot	Poicephalus meyeri
Old World Parrots (Psittaculidae)	
Rose-ringed Parakeet	Psittacula krameri
Red-headed Lovebird	Agapornis pullarius
Typical Broadbills (Eurylaimidae)	
Grauer's Broadbill - VU	Pseudocalyptomena graueri



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African & Green Broadbills (Ca	
African Broadbill	Smithornis capensis
Pittas (Pittidae)	
Green-breasted Pitta	Pitta reichenowi
Wattle-eyes, Batises (Platysteiri	dae)
Rwenzori Batis	Batis diops
Chinspot Batis	Batis molitor
Western Black-headed Batis	Batis erlangeri
Pygmy Batis	
Ituri Batis	Batis ituriensis
Chestnut Wattle-eye	Platysteira castanea
Brown-throated Wattle-eye	Platvsteira cvanea
Jameson's Wattle-eye	Platysteira jamesoni
Bushshrikes (Malaconotidae)	1
Grey-headed Bushshrike	Malaconotus blanchoti
Many-colored Bushshrike	Chlorophoneus multicolor
Bocage's Bushshrike	Chlorophoneus bocagei
Orange-breasted Bushshrike	Chlorophoneus sulfureopectus
Marsh Tchagra	Bocagia minuta
Brown-crowned Tchagra	Tchagra australis
Black-crowned Tchagra	Tchagra senegalus
Pink-footed Puffback	Dryoscopus angolensis
Northern Puffback	Drvoscopus gambensis
Lowland Sooty Boubou	Laniarius leucorhynchus
Albertine Sooty Boubou	Laniarius holomelas
Willard's Sooty Boubou	Laniarius willardi
Slate-colored Boubou	Laniarius funebris
Lühder's Bushshrike	Laniarius luehderi
Tropical Boubou	Laniarius major
Papyrus Gonolek	Laniarius mufumbiri



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Black-headed Gonolek	Laniarius ervthrogaster
Brubru	Nilaus afer
Vangas & Allies (Vangidae)	
White-crested Helmetshrike	Prionops plumatus
African Shrike-flycatcher	Megabyas flammulatus
Black-and-white Shrike-flycatcher	Bias musicus
Cuckooshrikes (Campephagidae)	
Grey Cuckooshrike	Ceblepyris caesius
Black Cuckooshrike	Campephaga flava
Red-shouldered Cuckooshrike	Campephaga phoenicea
Petit's Cuckooshrike	Campephaga petiti
Figbirds, Old World Orioles, Piop	ios (Oriolidae)
Western Oriole	Oriolus brachvrvnchus
Black-headed Oriole	Oriolus larvatus
Mountain Oriole	Oriolus percivali
Drongos (Dicruridae)	
Fork-tailed Drongo	Dicrurus adsimilis
Monarchs (Monarchidae)	
Blue-headed Crested Flycatcher	Trochocercus nitens
Red-bellied Paradise Flycatcher	Terpsiphone rufiventer
African Paradise Flycatcher	Terpsiphone viridis
Shrikes (Laniidae)	
Northern White-crowned Shrike	Eurocephalus ruppelli
Yellow-billed Shrike	Lanius corvinus
Grey-backed Fiscal	Lanius excubitoroides
Northern Fiscal	Lanius humeralis
Mackinnon's Shrike	Lanius mackinnoni



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Crows, Jays (Corvidae)	
Piapiac	Ptilostomus afer
Pied Crow	Corvus albus
Fan-tailed Raven	Corvus rhipidurus
White-necked Raven	Corvus albicollis
Fairy Flycatchers (Stenostiridae)	
African Blue Flycatcher	Elminia longicauda
White-tailed Blue Flycatcher	Elminia albicauda
White-bellied Crested Flycatcher	Elminia albiventris
White-tailed Crested Flycatcher	Elminia albonotata
Tits, Chickadees (Paridae)	
White-winged Black Tit	Melaniparus leucomelas
White-bellied Tit	Melaniparus albiventris
Dusky Tit	Melaniparus funereus
Stripe-breasted Tit	Melaniparus fasciiventer
Penduline Tits (Remizidae)	
Mouse-colored Penduline Tit	Anthoscopus musculus
Grey Penduline Tit	Anthoscopus caroli
Nicators (Nicatoridae)	
Western Nicator	Nicator chloris
Larks (Alaudidae)	
Flappet Lark	Amirafra rufocinnamomea
Kidepo Lark	Corvpha kidepoensis
Rufous-naped Lark	Corypha africana
Bulbuls (Pycnonotidae)	
Slender-billed Greenbul	Stelgidillas gracilirostris



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Red-tailed Bristlebill	Bleda syndactylus
Pale-throated Greenbul	Atimastillas flavigula
Spotted Greenbul	Ixonotus guttatus
Joyful Greenbul (H)	Chlorocichla laetissima
Honeyguide Greenbul	Baeopogon indicator
Kakamega Greenbul	Arizelocichla kakamegae
Kikuyu Mountain Greenbul	Arizelocichla kikuyuensis
Red-tailed Greenbul	Criniger calurus
Little Greenbul	Eurillas virens
Yellow-whiskered Greenbul	Eurillas latirostris
Plain Greenbul	Eurillas curvirostris
Little Grey Greenbul	Eurillas gracilis
Ansorge's Greenbul	Eurillas ansorgei
White-throated Greenbul	Phyllastrephus albigularis
Xavier's Greenbul	Phyllastrephus xavieri
Icterine Greenbul	Phyllastrephus icterinus
Cabanis's Greenbul	Phyllastrephus cabanisi
Yellow-streaked Greenbul	Phyllastrephus flavostriatus
Toro Olive Greenbul	Phyllastrephus hypochloris
Common Bulbul	Pycnonotus barbatus
Swallows, Martins (Hirundinida	e)
White-headed Saw-wing	Psalidoprocne albiceps
Black Saw-wing	Psalidoprocne pristoptera
Banded Martin	Neophedina cincta
Red-throated Rock Martin	Ptvonoprogne rufigula
Barn Swallow	Hirundo rustica
Angola Swallow	Hirundo angolensis
Wire-tailed Swallow	Hirundo smithii
African Red-rumped Swallow	Cecropis melanocrissus
Lesser Striped Swallow	Cecropis abyssinica
Red-breasted Swallow	Cecropis semirufa
Mosque Swallow	Cecropis senegalensis



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Crombecs, African Warblers (M	[acrosphenidae]
Moustached Grass Warbler	Melocichla mentalis
Yellow Longbill	Macrosphenus flavicans
Grey Longbill	Macrosphenus concolor
Red-faced Crombec	Svlvietta whvtii
Green Crombec	Sylvietta virens
Lemon-bellied Crombec	Sylvietta denti
White-browed Crombec	Sylvietta leucophrys
Cettia Bush Warblers & Allies (Cettiidae)
Neumann's Warbler	Hemitesia neumanni
Yellow Flycatchers (Erythrocero	cidae)
Chestnut-capped Flycatcher	Erythrocercus mccallii
Hylias (Hyliidae)	
Green Hylia	Hylia prasina
Leaf Warblers (Phylloscopidae)	
Red-faced Woodland Warbler	Phylloscopus laetus
Uganda Woodland Warbler	Phylloscopus budongoensis
Reed Warblers & Allies (Acroce	phalidae)
Grauer's Warbler	Graueria vittata
Greater Swamp Warbler	Acrocephalus rufescens
Lesser Swamp Warbler	Acrocephalus gracilirostris
African Yellow Warbler	Iduna natalensis
Mountain Yellow Warbler	Iduna similis
Grassbirds & Allies (Locustellid	ae)
Fan-tailed Grassbird	Catriscus brevirostris
Evergreen Forest Warbler	Bradypterus lopezi



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Cinnamon Bracken Warbler	Bradypterus cinnamomeus
White-winged Swamp Warbler	Bradypterus carpalis
Grauer's Swamp Warbler - VU	Bradypterus graueri
Highland Rush Warbler	Bradypterus centralis
Cisticolas & Allies (Cisticolidae)	
Red-faced Cisticola	Cisticola erythrops
Singing Cisticola	Cisticola cantans
Whistling Cisticola (H)	Cisticola lateralis
Trilling Cisticola	Cisticola woosnami
Chubb's Cisticola	Cisticola chubbi
Rattling Cisticola	Cisticola chiniana
Boran Cisticola	Cisticola bodessa
Winding Cisticola	Cisticola marginatus
Carruthers's Cisticola	Cisticola carruthersi
Stout Cisticola	Cisticola robustus
Croaking Cisticola	Cisticola natalensis
Red-pate Cisticola	Cisticola ruficeps
Short-winged Cisticola	Cisticola brachypterus
Foxy Cisticola	Cisticola troglodytes
Long-tailed Cisticola	Cisticola angusticauda
Zitting Cisticola	Cisticola juncidis
Tawny-flanked Prinia	Prinia subflava
Banded Prinia	Prinia bairdii
White-chinned Prinia	Schistolais leucopogon
Rwenzori Apalis	Oreolais ruwenzorii
Red-winged Grey Warbler	Drymocichla incana
Buff-bellied Warbler	Phyllolais pulchella
Yellow-breasted Apalis	Apalis flavida
Lowland Masked Apalis	Apalis binotata
Mountain Masked Apalis	Apalis personata
Black-throated Apalis	Apalis jacksoni
Chestnut-throated Apalis	Apalis porphyrolaema



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Buff-throated Apalis	Apalis rufogularis
Grev Apalis	Apalis cinerea
Grey-capped Warbler	Eminia lepida
Grey-backed Camaroptera	Camaroptera brevicaudata
Yellow-browed Camaroptera	Camaroptera superciliaris
Olive-green Camaroptera	Camaroptera chloronota
Black-faced Rufous Warbler	Bathmocercus rufus
Green-backed Eremomela	Eremomela canescens
Green-capped Eremomela	Eremomela scotops
Rufous-crowned Eremomela	Eremomela badiceps
Sylviid Babblers (Sylviidae)	
Rwenzori Hill Babbler	Sylvia atriceps
White-eyes (Zosteropidae)	
Green White-eye	Zosterops stuhlmanni
Northern Yellow White-eye	Zosterops senegalensis
Ground Babblers (Pellorneidae)	
Brown Illadopsis (H)	Illadopsis fulvescens
Mountain Illadopsis	Illadopsis pyrrhoptera
Scaly-breasted Illadopsis	Illadopsis albipectus
Laughingthrushes & Allies (Leic	othrichidae)
Rufous Chatterer	Argya rubiginosa
Capuchin Babbler	Turdoides atripennis
Brown Babbler	Turdoides plebejus
Arrow-marked Babbler	Turdoides iardineii
Dusky Babbler	Turdoides tenebrosa
Black-lored Babbler	Turdoides sharpei
Hyliotas (Hyliotidae)	
Yellow-bellied Hyliota	Hyliota flavigaster





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White-browed Scrub Robin	Cercotrichas leucophrys
Pale Flycatcher	Agricola pallidus
Fraser's Forest Flycatcher	Fraseria ocreata
Grey-throated Tit-Flycatcher	Fraseria griseigularis
Grev Tit-Flycatcher	Fraseria plumbea
Chapin's Flycatcher - VU	Fraseria lendu
Ashy Flycatcher	Fraseria caerulescens
White-eyed Slaty Flycatcher	Melaenornis fischeri
Yellow-eved Black Flycatcher	Melaenornis ardesiacus
Northern Black Flycatcher	Melaenornis edolioides
Silverbird	Empidornis semipartitus
Dusky-blue Flycatcher	Bradornis comitatus
African Grey Flycatcher	Bradornis microrhynchus
Sooty Flycatcher	Artomvias fuliginosa
African Dusky Flycatcher	Muscicapa adusta
Cassin's Flycatcher	Muscicapa cassini
Swamp Flycatcher	Muscicapa aquatica
White-starred Robin	Pogonocichla stellata
Yellow-breasted Forest Robin	Stiphrornis xanthogaster
White-bellied Robin-Chat	Cossyphicula roberti
Red-throated Alethe	Chamaetvlas poliophrvs
Brown-chested Alethe	Chamaetylas poliocephala
White-browed Robin-Chat	Cossypha heuglini
Snowy-crowned Robin-Chat	Cossypha niveicapilla
Red-capped Robin-Chat	Cossypha natalensis
Blue-shouldered Robin-Chat	Cossypha cyanocampter
Spotted Palm Thrush	Cichladusa guttata
Cape Robin-Chat	Dessonornis caffer
Archer's Ground Robin	Dessonornis archeri
Equatorial Akalat	Sheppardia aequatorialis
Grey-winged Robin-Chat	Sheppardia polioptera
African Stonechat	Saxicola torquatus
Sooty Chat	Myrmecocichla nigra



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Ruaha Chat	Mvrmecocichla collaris
White-fronted Black Chat	Oenanthe albifrons
Familiar Chat	Oenanthe familiaris
Sunbirds (Nectariniidae)	1
Grev-headed Sunbird	Deleornis axillaris
Little Green Sunbird	Anthreptes seimundi
Grey-chinned Sunbird	Anthreptes tephrolaemus
Collared Sunbird	Hedvdipna collaris
Green-headed Sunbird	Cyanomitra verticalis
Blue-throated Brown Sunbird	Cvanomitra cvanolaema
Blue-headed Sunbird	Cvanomitra alinae
Olive Sunbird	Cyanomitra olivacea
Green-throated Sunbird	Chalcomitra rubescens
Scarlet-chested Sunbird	Chalcomitra senegalensis
Purple-breasted Sunbird	Nectarinia purpureiventris
Bronze Sunbird	Nectarinia kilimensis
Malachite Sunbird	Nectarinia famosa
Olive-bellied Sunbird	Cinnvris chloropygius
Tiny Sunbird	Cinnyris minullus
Rwenzori Double-collared Sunbird	Cinnvris stuhlmanni
Northern Double-collared Sunbird	Cinnyris reichenowi
Regal Sunbird	Cinnyris regius
Beautiful Sunbird	Cinnvris pulchellus
Marico Sunbird	Cinnyris mariquensis
Red-chested Sunbird	Cinnvris ervthrocercus
Purple-banded Sunbird	Cinnyris bifasciatus
Orange-tufted Sunbird	Cinnvris bouvieri
Superb Sunbird	Cinnyris superbus
Variable Sunbird	Cinnyris venustus
Copper Sunbird	Cinnvris cupreus



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Old World Sparrows, Snowfinches	(Passeridae)
Yellow-spotted Bush Sparrow	Gymnoris pyrgita
Shelley's Sparrow	Passer shelleyi
Northern Grey-headed Sparrow	Passer griseus
House Sparrow (Introduced)	Passer domesticus
Weavers, Widowbirds (Ploceidae)	
White-billed Buffalo Weaver	Bubalornis albirostris
Red-billed Buffalo Weaver	Bubalornis niger
White-headed Buffalo Weaver	Dinemellia dinemelli
White-browed Sparrow-Weaver	Plocepasser mahali
Chestnut-crowned Sparrow-Weaver	Plocepasser superciliosus
Speckle-fronted Weaver	Sporopipes frontalis
Thick-billed Weaver	Amblyospiza albifrons
Baglafecht Weaver	Ploceus baglafecht
Slender-billed Weaver	Ploceus pelzelni
Little Weaver	Ploceus luteolus
Spectacled Weaver	Ploceus ocularis
Black-necked Weaver	Ploceus nigricollis
Strange Weaver	Ploceus alienus
Black-billed Weaver	Ploceus melanogaster
Holub's Golden Weaver	Ploceus xanthops
Heuglin's Masked Weaver	Ploceus heuglini
Northern Brown-throated Weaver	Ploceus castanops
Northern Masked Weaver	Ploceus taeniopterus
Lesser Masked Weaver	Ploceus intermedius
Vitelline Masked Weaver	Ploceus vitellinus
Village Weaver	Ploceus cucullatus
Vieillot's Black Weaver	Ploceus nigerrimus
Black-headed Weaver	Ploceus melanocephalus
Golden-backed Weaver	Ploceus jacksoni
Yellow-mantled Weaver	Ploceus tricolor
Compact Weaver	Ploceus superciliosus



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Brown-capped Weaver	Ploceus insignis
Blue-billed Malimbe	Malimbus nitens
Red-headed Malimbe	Malimbus rubricollis
Crested Malimbe	Malimbus malimbicus
Red-headed Weaver	Anaplectes rubriceps
Cardinal Quelea	Ouelea cardinalis
Red-billed Quelea	Ouelea guelea
Black Bishop	Euplectes gierowii
Black-winged Red Bishop	Euplectes hordeaceus
Southern Red Bishop	Euplectes orix
Northern Red Bishop	Euplectes franciscanus
Yellow Bishop	Euplectes capensis
Fan-tailed Widowbird	Euplectes axillaris
Yellow-mantled Widowbird	Euplectes macroura
Marsh Widowbird	Euplectes hartlaubi
White-winged Widowbird	Euplectes albonotatus
Red-collared Widowbird	Euplectes ardens
Waxbills, Munias & Allies (Estrib	didae)
Bronze Mannikin	Spermestes cucullata
Magpie Mannikin	Spermestes fringilloides
Black-and-white Mannikin	Spermestes bicolor
White-collared Oliveback	Nesocharis ansorgei
Yellow-bellied Waxbill	Coccopygia auartinia
Dusky Crimsonwing	Cryptospiza jacksoni
White-breasted Nigrita	Nigrita fusconotus
Chestnut-breasted Nigrita	Nigrita bicolor
Grev-headed Nigrita	Nigrita canicapillus
Grey-headed Oliveback	Delacourella capistrata
Black-crowned Waxbill	Estrilda nonnula
Kandt's Waxbill	Estrilda kandti
Fawn-breasted Waxbill	Estrilda paludicola
Common Waxbill	Estrilda astrild





Crithagra reichenowi

Reichenow's Seedeater

Common Name	Scientific Name
Yellow-fronted Canary	Crithagra mozambica
Brimstone Canary	Crithagra sulphurata
Thick-billed Seedeater	Crithagra burtoni
Streaky Seedeater	Crithagra striolata
Yellow-crowned Canary	Serinus flavivertex
Buntings (Emberizidae)	
Cinnamon-breasted Bunting	Emberiza tahapisi
Golden-breasted Bunting	Emberiza flaviventris
Brown-rumped Bunting	Emberiza affinis
Cabanis's Bunting	Emberiza cabanisi

Species seen:	597
Species heard:	18
Total recorded:	615

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The following notation after species names is used to show conservation status following the IUCN Red List: CR = Critically Endangered, EN = Endangered, VU = Vulnerable.

Elephants (Elephantidae)		
African Savanna Elephant - EN	Loxodonta africana	
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Hyraxes (Procaviidae)		
Bush Hyrax	Heterohyrax brucei	
Rock Hyrax	Procavia capensis	
Old World Monkeys (Cercopithecidae)		
L'Hoest's Monkey - VU	Allochrocebus lhoesti	
Red-tailed Monkey	Cercopithecus ascanius	



Dent's Monkey	Cercopithecus denti	
Blue Monkey	Cercopithecus mitis	
De Brazza's Monkey	Cercopithecus neglectus	
Vervet Monkey	Chlorocebus pygerythrus	
Common Patas Monkey	Erythrocebus patas	
Olive Baboon	Papio anubis	
Guereza	Colobus guereza	
Ashy Red Colobus - EN	Piliocolobus tephrosceles	
Great Apes (Hominidae)		
Eastern Gorilla - CR	Gorilla beringei	
Chimpanzee - EN	Pan troglodytes	
Galagos (Galagidae)		
Demidoff's Dwarf Galago	Galagoides demidoff	
Lorises and Pottos (Lorisidae)		
East African Potto	Perodicticus ibeanus	
Squirrels (Sciuridae)		
Carruther's Mountain Squirrel	Funisciurus carruthersi	
Red-legged Sun Squirrel	Heliosciurus rufobrachium	
Ruwenzori Sun Squirrel	Heliosciurus ruwenzorii	
Alexander's Bush Squirrel	Paraxerus alexandri	
Striped Ground Squirrel	Euxerus erythropus	
False Vampire Bats (Megadermatidae)		
Yellow-winged False-vampire	Lavia frons	



Canids (Canidae)		
Side-striped Jackal	Lupulella adustus	
Felids (Felidae)		
Lion - VU	Panthera leo	
Leopard - VU	Panthera pardus	
Mongooses (Herpestidae)		
Common Slender Mongoose	Herpestes sanguineus	
Common Dwarf Mongoose	Helogale parvula	
Equines (Equidae)		
Plains Zebra	Equus quagga	
Bovids (Bovidae)		
Impala	Aepyceros melampus	
Hartebeest	Alcelaphus buselaphus	
Tsessebe	Damaliscus lunatus	
Oribi	Ourebia ourebi	
Rwenzori Red Duiker	Cephalophorus rubidus	
Bush Duiker	Sylvicapra grimmia	
Waterbuck	Kobus ellipsiprymnus	
Kob	Kobus kob	
Bohor Reedbuck	Redunca redunca	
Cape Buffalo	Syncerus caffer	
Common Eland	Tragelaphus oryx	
Northern Bushbuck	Tragelaphus scriptus	
Sitatunga	Tragelaphus spekii	



Species recorded:

Giraffes and Okapi (Giraffidae)		
Northern Giraffe - VU	Giraffa camelopardalis	
Suids (Suidae)		
Common Warthog	Phacochoerus africanus	
Hippopotamuses (Hippopotamidae)		
Common Hippopotamus - VU	Hippopotamus amphibius	

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