

# COMPLETE ABYSSINIA BIRDING TOUR - MARCH/APRIL 2017 By Vincent Ward



Greyish Eagle Owl, Lake Langano



Ethiopia is a legendary African birding destination, with a unique diversity of habitats in addition to its wealth of bird and mammal species. Of the 28 target endemics we saw 26, including the sought-after Ruspoli's Turaco, Stresemann's Bushcrow, and White-winged Collared Dove. The smaller and harder-to-find endemic canaries (my personal favorites) were seen, the highlights being White-rumped, Yellow-rumped, Yellow-throated and Salvadori's Seedeaters. Despite the drier than usual conditions we managed a respectable 463 species in three weeks.

# Day 1, 20 March 2017. Addis Ababa

The first stop on our three-week birding itinerary was the gardens of the Ghion Hotel. The standout highlights included Tacazze Sunbird, Blue-breasted Bee-eater, Yellow-crowned Canary, Eastern Grey Woodpecker, Brown Parisoma, and Black Sparrowhawk. Also seen were the lovely, endemic **Black-winged Lovebird** and **Brown-rumped Seedeater**. Next we headed to the grasslands near Addis Ababa Bole International Airport. This unassuming patch of grassland is home to several highland endemics: Rouget's Rail, Thickbilled Raven, White-collared Pigeon, and Wattled Ibis. Other specials seen included Avres's Hawk-Eagle, Lanner Falcon, Red-throated Pipit, Stout Cisticola, and Grevbacked Fiscal.



Wattled Ibis

Gerfersa Reservoir was visited in the drizzly afternoon. The waterbody itself held waterfowl like African Black and Yellow-billed Ducks, Northern Pintail, and Northern Shoveler. The grassy fringes attracted Black-winged Lapwing, Augur Buzzard, White-collared



Pigeon, Red-breasted Wheatear, Groundscraper Thrush, Ethiopian Siskin, and Bluewinged Goose.

## Day 2, 21 March 2017. Sululta plain and Debre Libanos

We left the sprawl of Addis Ababa behind us as we headed to the Sululta plain. The plain was particularly dry, but we located the target endemic species of Erlanger's Lark, Blue-winged Goose, Rouget's Rail, Abyssinian Longclaw, and Ethiopian Cisticola. The plain also held Thekla Lark and four species of Wheatear: Red-breasted, Pied, Northern, and Isabelline. The highland streams on the drive to Debre Libanos were home to a variety of migrant waders and waterfowl, such as Spotted Redshank, Black-tailed Godwit, and Northern Shoveler.

The grounds of our overnight stop, the Ethio-German Park Hotel, had a troop of several dozen gelada baboons. The hotel looked out over the spectacular Blue Nile valley, and we watched as several **Vultures**, including **Rüppell's**, **Griffon**, and **Bearded**, soared at eye level.

In the afternoon we birded the grounds of the local monastery. The slopes above the church held a long list of sought-after specials: Rüppell's Black Chat, Banded Barbet, Eastern Grey Woodpecker, Ethiopian Oriole, White-rumped Babbler, White-cheeked Turaco, Brown-throated Wattle-eye, White-backed Black Tit, Red-fronted Tinkerbird, and Abyssinian Ground Thrush.

# Day 3, 22 March 2017. Jemma Valley

We arrived at the rim of the monumental Jemma Valley at dawn and met up with the local "francolin" spotters. They took us to a clearing below some vegetated scree slopes, and we waited for the prized flocks of **Harwood's** and **Erckel's Francolins** to appear. After a short wait we were rewarded with stunning views of these usually secretive birds. The cliff tops above us were good roosting sites for **White-billed Starlings**.

Further towards the valley floor we had great views of **Bush Petronia**, **Fox Kestrel**, **Dark Chanting Goshawk**, and **Abvssinian Wheatear**.

We had lunch at the river on the valley bottom. A wide variety of seedeaters came to drink in the midday heat. **Malachite**, **Pied**, and **Giant Kingfishers** and **Senegal Thick-knee** were also seen along the river's course.

# Day 4, 23 March 2017. Ankober Escarpment

Early morning birding in the Ethio-German Park Hotel and around the Portuguese Bridge gave us great views of **Abyssinian Woodpecker**, a species we had dipped at Debre Libanos. The long drive to Debre Birhan took us along the rim of the Jemma Valley, past endless teff fields and isolated highland streams. The landscape delivered a variety of wheatears and the highland specials we had come to know in the past days. A few patches of eucalyptus trees delivered views of migrant warblers and **Brown Parisoma**.

In the afternoon we drove to the fabled Ankober Escarpment. Despite the help of the knowledgeable local guides and because of the very poor weather we failed to locate the eponymous serin. The cliffs did, however, have its characteristic large troops of geladas.

#### Day 5, 24 March 2017. Melka Ghebdu

We descended the Ankober plateau down into the Melka Ghebdu area. The drop in elevation had an associated noticeable change in temperature and vegetation.

Once down in the shade of the riverside acacias we watched a wide variety of birds coming to drink or feed in the riparian scrub. The top species included **Nubian Woodpecker** and **Black-billed** and **Yellow-breasted Barbets**. The star, however, was the highly range-



restricted, endemic Yellow-throated Seedeater, several of which came to drink in the heat of the day.

After a day of hot, dusty birding we ascended the plateau again to overnight at the Ankober Palace Lodge, built on the site of the former palace of Emperor Menelik II. The grounds held three species of "red-winged" Starlings: Red-winged, Slender-billed, and White-billed.

## Day 6, 25 March 2017. Awash and Ali Dege Plains

The morning started with a distant calling Cape Eagle-Owl and a spectacular sunrise over the Rift Valley. Early morning birding around the lodge delivered several Abyssinian Catbirds, among other species.

The Melka Ghebdu area delivered a spectacular **Sombre Rock Chat**. We navigated the maze of roads associated with the new highway (currently under construction) and onto the hot Danakil Desert.

The savanna of Ali Dege Wildlife Reserve delivered the star bird of the day, Arabian Bustard, along with Singing Bush Lark, Somali Ostrich, Black-chested Snake Eagle, and **Dark Chanting Goshawk**. The mammals were equally exciting, and we saw, among others, beisa oryx, Soemmerring's gazelle, gerenuk, side-striped jackal, and Grevy's zebra.

The volcanic hot springs at Doho Lodge (our stop for the night) attracted a variety of waterbirds as well as an abundance of aerial species (swallows and swifts) drinking on the wing.



**Arabian Bustard** 

#### Day 7, 26 March 2017. Awash National Park

We started our day with breakfast overlooking the hot springs before driving out to Awash National Park.



The only stop was to chase the beautiful **Nile Valley Sunbird**. A patch of acacias just outside of the hot springs lodge held several confiding, singing males, chasing their prospective mates.

The drive into the park delivered such specials as **Scissor-tailed Kite**, **Arabian** and **Grey-headed Bush-shrike** and **Buff-crested Bustard**. We slowly birded our way through the acacia thickets and grassland to the Awash Falls Lodge with its stunning view of the Awash River and its three waterfalls.

The lodge grounds held such specials as **Beautiful** and **Nile Valley Sunbird**, **Northern Crombec** and **Pallid Swifts**.

#### Day 8, 27 March 2017. Awash National Park

In the early morning we headed into the acacia woodlands of the Awash National Park. The cool weather made for some great birding and "mammaling". The following raptors were seen: Gabar Goshawk, Dark Chanting Goshawk, and Pygmy Falcon. Other species included Somali and Northern Fiscals, Nile Valley Sunbird, Arabian and Kori Bustards, Nubian Woodpecker, Gillett's Lark, Ashy Cisticola, and Somali Bunting.

The mammals for the day included lesser kudu, Salt's dik-dik, Soemmerring's gazelle, olive and hamadryas baboons, beisa oryx, crested porcupine, bat-eared fox, and golden jackal. We ended a very busy day of birding with drinks overlooking the Awash Falls.

# Day 9, 28 March 2017. Great Rift Valley

After soon early birding at Awash Falls Lodge we drove to Lake Basaka. After a lot of searching we found **Sombre Rock Chat**, and its lookalike, **Blackstart**.

After a quick lunch we birded the shoreline of Lake Zway, which held a wide variety of waders, ducks, gulls, and terns.

The next stop was the western edge of Lake Langano. The grounds of the Wabe Shebelle Langano Resort Hotel had **Greyish Eagle-Owl** and **Slender-tailed Nightjar**.

The road to the eastern shoreline delivered **Abyssinian Ground Hornbill**, breeding **Banded Barbet**, **Black-billed Wood Hoopoe**, **Nubian Woodpecker**, **Black-headed Oriole**, **Yellow-fronted Parrot**, and **Black-winged Lovebird**. Our lodge grounds were equally rich in birds and also held a good variety of mammals: common duiker, guereza, Ethiopian genet, and hippopotamus.

## Day 10, 29 March 2017. Lake Langano and Bishangary forest

Before light we enjoyed a chorus of **Slender-tailed Nightjars**. The day started with breakfast on the shores of Lake Langano. We watched a huge variety of waterbirds feeding around local fishermen working in the shallows of the lake.

Then we headed to Bishangary forest, which delivered a long litany of some amazing birds: four species of barbets, Black-winged Lovebird, Black-headed and Abyssinian Orioles, Black and Red-shouldered Cuckooshrikes, Black-billed Wood Hoopoe, Abyssinian Scimitarbill, Levaillant's Cuckoo, Narina Trogon, Orange-breasted Bushshrike, Little Sparrowhawk, Abyssinian Ground Hornbill, and Silvery-cheeked Hornbill. Mammal species we saw while birding included Gambian sun squirrel, common duiker, and olive baboon.

In the afternoon we did some birding around the resort. Violet-backed Starling, Isabelline Wheatear, and Emerald-spotted and Blue-spotted Wood Doves were the highlights.

We ended the day with dinner at the lakeside, watching the local herd of hippopotamus and a pair of swimming Nile monitors.





Narina Trogon

#### Day 11, 30 March 2017. Lake Langano to Wondo Genet

We had breakfast at the lakeside, with **African Fish Eagles** giving their iconic calls.

The drive to neighboring Lake Abiata gave views of Von der Decken's Hornbill and Thomson's gazelles. At the lake itself there were thousands of Pied Avocets, Black-necked Grebes, Little Stints, and Greater and Lesser Flamingos.

We arrived in Wondo Genet at lunchtime. There was a pair of African Wood Owls in the hotel grounds, while the surrounding forest held specials such as Half-collared Kingfisher, Green-backed and Lesser Honeyguides, Black Sparrowhawk, Brown-throated Wattleeye, Black-headed Oriole, and Black-winged Lovebird.

#### Day 12, 31 March 2017. Wondo Genet to Goba

Our morning walk in the forest netted views of Yellow-fronted Parrot, Brown Parisoma, African Wood Owl, and White-headed Vulture.

We made several stops along the way to Goba to search for Red-chested Swallow, but only one possible individual was very briefly seen. One of these stops yielded **Slender-billed Starling** breeding under a road culvert.

The major stop along the way was for the Mackinder's subspecies of **Cape Eagle-Owl** (sometimes treated as separate species). The largest of the recognized subspecies, it is an impressive bird.

Up in the Bale Mountains we had views of species not seen since leaving the Western Highlands: Rouget's Rail, Wattled Ibis, Blue-winged Goose, and Spot-breasted Lapwing. At our accommodation in Goba we had our first Dark-capped Bulbul of the trip.

## Day 13, 1 April 2017. Sof Omar Caves



The day started with the long drive to the Sof Omar Caves. The trees around the site held Bristle-crowned Starling as well as White-browed Coucal and Slate-colored Boubou. Further down the valley we found Brown-tailed Rock Chat, Northern White-crowned Shrike, Great Reed Warbler, and Pygmy Batis. After a long wait we finally had a brief view of our target for the day, Salvadori's Seedeater. These birds flew off and joined a much larger group. We enjoyed fantastic views as a few birds came to sit above us. After lunch we started the drive back to Goba.

#### Day 14, 2 April 2017. Sanetti Plateau

The day started at the headquarters of the Bale Mountains National Park. The local ranger took us into the juniper forest and put us onto a magnificent Abyssinian Owl. On the walk back we were able to spot some of the local endemic mammal species, Menelik's bushbuck, bohor reedbuck, and mountain nyala.

Then we headed onto the high altitude Sanetti Plateau, where we had sightings of four Ethiopian wolves. A female wolf approached our vehicle before pursuing and catching an endemic Ethiopian narrow-headed rat. The plateau's lakes held members of the regionally isolated population of Ruddy Shelduck in addition to African Snipe, Blue-winged Goose, and Spot-breasted Lapwing. The plateau also held Red-billed Chough and Moorland Francolin.



The endemic and Endangered (IUCN) Ethiopian Wolf

#### Day 15, 3 April 2017. Genale Valley

Today was the day we were targeting the very highly-prized **Ruspoli's Turaco**.

We left the hotel early and headed over the Sanetti Plateau, seeing another five Ethiopian wolves along the way. A few stops in the lower mature forest yielded Yellow-bellied



# Waxbills, Whinchat, African Emerald Cuckoo, and Sharpe's Starling. Scaly Francolin was seen along the road.

Once in the Genale Valley, we stopped at the first of several known sites of the turaco. It was frustratingly quiet with no fruiting trees to keep the birds around. The same scenario played out at the next few spots. It was all down to one last site on the far edge of the known range. And here the local guide got us onto a gorgeous pair of Ruspoli's Turaco instantly! We were able to follow the birds as they fed through the canopy for an amazing 20 minutes. The species did not come without a price, though, namely a flat tire, but we finished the day with a huge sense of accomplishment.



Ruspoli's Turaco (photo Oz Horine)

#### Day 16, 4 April 2017. Liben Plain

Today we set out to the Liben Plain, getting Somali Crow and White-crowned Starling along the way. The road-sided waterbodies held waterbirds, including Red-billed Teal and **African Openbill. Ethiopian Swallows** were seen roasting on the roadside telephone wires. The open areas had a number of **Kori Bustards** and **Abdim's Stork**.

The plain itself held a large number of Somali Short-toed Larks and Plain-backed Pipits. After an hour of hard searching we also located a confiding pair of Sidamo Larks that allowed us within five meters of them.

In the afternoon we birded in transformed acacia woodlands/farmland with acacias. The list in this habitat included Straw-tailed Whydah, Temminck's Courser, Buff-crested Bustard, Red-backed Shrike, Somali Crombec, Shelley's Starling, Foxy Lark, Yellowspotted Petronia, and Yellow-necked Spurfowl.

## Day 17, 5 April 2017. Negele to Yabello



We had our first species for the day, **Bristle-crowned Starling**, at our breakfast stop in Negele. The day's route took us from the flat Liben Plain up an escarpment of granite inselbergs with their associated woodlands, then down into savanna. There was an abundance of raptors along the way, from a large **Martial Eagle** being mobbed by an **African Hawk-Eagle** to the diminutive **Pygmy Falcon**. A brief stop along the muddy red Dawa River gave us the hard-to-find **White-winged Dove** and **Juba Weaver**. Further highlights along the drive included **Vulturine Guineafowl**, **Golden-breasted Starling**, **Black-capped Social Weaver**, and **Purple Grenadier**. The reptiles we saw included a massive cobra and a Nile monitor, and the mammals Günther's dik-dik.

At sunset we headed out to look for night birds, getting within a meter of a **Donaldson-Smith's Nightjar**. But an approaching thunderstorm ended our nocturnal outing.

## Day 18, 6 April 2017. Yabello

Our first species for the day was **Speke's Weaver** breeding in a tree at a police checkpoint. We were soon joined by police officers, who were intrigued by what we were looking at! The Yabello Wildlife Sanctuary held an abundance of interesting species. Our specials for the day included **Dodson's Bulbul**, **Short-tailed Lark**, **Somali Courser**, **Taita Fiscal**, **Spotted Palm Thrush**, **White-bellied** and **Northern Grosbeak Canaries**, **Red-naped Bushshrike**, **Yellow-breasted Apalis**, and our final barbet species, **Black-throated Barbet**. Raptors included **Bateleur**, **Shikra**, and **Eurasian Hobby**. Undoubtedly, our two highlights were the very sought-after, endemic **Stresemann's Bushcrow** and **White-tailed Swallow**. We finished the morning with a group of five **Abyssinian Ground Hornbills**.



Stresemann's Bushcrow



In the afternoon we birded closer to Yabello. The local woodland held a variety of sunbirds and bushshrikes. The standout species were: **Bare-eyed Thrush**, **Steel-blue Whydah**, and **Grey-headed Batis**. At sunset we moved to a site that had **Pearl-spotted Owlet**.

## Day 19, 7 April 2017. Awassa

We did very little birding today, as we had to slowly navigate the under-construction main highway north to Awassa. After a full day's drive there was little time left to bird the United Africa Hotel grounds before sunset.

# Day 20, 8 April 2017. Awassa to Welkite

The hotel grounds offered several specials, but few compared to the **African Spotted Creepers** actively feeding in the taller trees, which also held hundreds of **Marabou Storks**. **Blue-headed Coucals** hid in the lakeside vegetation, along with numerous migrant warblers. The lake held an abundance of waterbirds, such as **African Pygmy Goose**, **Allen's Gallinule**, and **Black Crake**.

The legendary Awassa fish market was a hive of activity as hundreds of gulls, terns, and marabous competed for fish scraps. **Ayres's Hawk Eagle** was seen soaring high above the throng of activity.

We then set out for Welkite, which involved an ascent out of the Rift Valley and up onto the Western Highlands.



White-winged Terns feeding at the Awassa fish market

#### Day 21, 9 April 2017. Gibe Gorge

We made an early start to drive to the Gibe Gorge. The morning started with birding along the northern side of the Omo River. The riverside vegetation held **Black-and-White** 



Mannikin and Abyssinian Waxbills feeding with other small seedeaters. Some of the larger trees held sunbathing Senegal Coucals. We then crossed over the road bridge and walked to the opposite bank. The walk delivered the regionally-endemic Yellow-rumped Seedeater and Northern Grey-headed Sparrow. While waiting for our target species we had sightings of Saker Falcon and several species of kingfisher. As it got warmer, seedeaters came down to drink in the cool pools along the shoreline. The most notable ones included Bar-breasted Firefinch, White-rumped Seedeater, and Exclamatory Paradise Whydah.

On the drive back to Addis Ababa we were treated to a large group of feeding vultures. There were six species in the flock: **Griffon**, **Rüppell's**, **White-backed**, **Lappet-faced**, **Hooded**, and **White-headed Vultures**. Once back in Addis Ababa we had our final views of some of the highland species, such as **Thick-billed Raven** and **White-collared Pigeon**.



White-necked Raven (photo Oz Horine)

Ethiopia bird list 2017		
Bold = Cuban endemic or regional endemic if stated as (regional)		
I = Introduced. NT = Near-threatened, V = Vulnerable, E = Endangered, CR = Critically Endangered		
Common Name (IOC 7.1) Scientific Name (IOC 7.1) Trip		Trip
STRUTHIONIFORMES		
<u>Ostriches</u>	<b>Struthionidae</b>	
Somali Ostrich (V)	Struthio molybdophanes	1







Criffon Waltana	C	1
Griffon Vulture	Gyps fulvus	1
White-headed Vulture (CR)	Trigonoceps occipitalis	1
Lappet-faced Vulture (E)	Torgos tracheliotos	1
Black-chested Snake Eagle	Circaetus pectoralis	1
Brown Snake Eagle	Circaetus cinereus	1
Bateleur (NT)	Terathopius ecaudatus	1
Bat Hawk	Macheiramphus alcinus	
Crowned Eagle (NT)	Stephanoaetus coronatus	1
Martial Eagle (V)	Polemaetus bellicosus	1
Long-crested Eagle	Lophaetus occipitalis	1
Ayres's Hawk-Eagle	Hieraaetus ayresii	1
Tawny Eagle	Aquila rapax	1
Steppe Eagle (E)	Aquila nipalensis	1
African Hawk-Eagle	Aquila spilogaster	1
Gabar Goshawk	Micronisus gabar	1
Dark Chanting Goshawk	Melierax metabates	1
Eastern Chanting Goshawk	Melierax poliopterus	1
Shikra	Accipiter badius	1
Little Sparrowhawk	Accipiter minullus	1
Rufous-breasted Sparrowhawk	Accipiter rufiventris	1
Black Sparrowhawk	Accipiter melanoleucus	1
Western Marsh Harrier	Circus aeruginosus	1
Pallid Harrier (NT)	Circus macrourus	1
Montagu's Harrier	Circus pygargus	1
Black Kite	Milvus migrans	1
Yellow-billed Kite	Milvus aegyptius	1
African Fish Eagle	Haliaeetus vocifer	1
Common Buzzard	Buteo buteo	1
Mountain Buzzard (NT)	Buteo oreophilus	1
Augur Buzzard	Buteo augur	1
	OTIDIFORMES	
Bustards	<u>Otididae</u>	
Arabian Bustard (NT)	Ardeotis arabs	1
Kori Bustard (NT)	Ardeotis kori	1
Buff-crested Bustard	Lophotis gindiana	1
	GRUIFORMES	
Rails, Crakes and Coots	Rallidae	
Rouget's Rail (regional)(NT)	Rougetius rougetii	1
Black Crake	Amaurornis flavirostra	1
Allen's Gallinule	Porphyrio alleni	1
Common Moorhen	Gallinula chloropus	1
Red-knobbed Coot	Fulica cristata	1
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Pigeons, Doves	<u>Columbidae</u>	
Rock Dove (I)	Columba livia	1
Speckled Pigeon	Columba guinea	1
White-collared Pigeon	Columba albitorques	1
Lemon Dove	Columba larvata	1
Dusky Turtle Dove	Streptopelia lugens	1
African Collared Dove	Streptopelia roseogrisea	1
White-winged Collared Dove (NT)	Streptopelia reichenowi	1
Mourning Collared Dove	Streptopelia decipiens	1
Red-eyed Dove	Streptopelia semitorquata	1
Ring-necked Dove	Streptopelia capicola	1
Laughing Dove	Spilopelia senegalensis	1
Emerald-spotted Wood Dove	Turtur chalcospilos	1
Blue-spotted Wood Dove	Turtur afer	1
Namaqua Dove	Oena capensis	1
Bruce's Green Pigeon	Treron waalia	1
	MUSOPHAGIFORMES	
<u>Turacos</u>	Musophagidae	
White-cheeked Turaco (regional)	Tauraco leucotis	1
Ruspoli's Turaco (V)	Tauraco ruspolii	1
Bare-faced Go-away-bird	Corythaixoides personatus	1
White-bellied Go-away-bird	Corythaixoides leucogaster	1
	CUCULIFORMES	
Cuckoos	<u>Cuculidae</u>	
Senegal Coucal	Centropus senegalensis	1
Blue-headed Coucal	Centropus monachus	1
White-browed Coucal	Centropus superciliosus	1
Levaillant's Cuckoo	Clamator levaillantii	1
Diederik Cuckoo	Chrysococcyx caprius	1
Klaas's Cuckoo	Chrysococcyx klaas	1
African Emerald Cuckoo	Chrysococcyx cupreus	1
Red-chested Cuckoo	Cuculus solitarius	1
	STRIGIFORMES	
Barn Owls	<b>Tytonidae</b>	
Western Barn Owl	Tyto alba	1
Owls	<b>Strigidae</b>	
African Scops Owl	Otus senegalensis	1
Cape Eagle-Owl	Bubo capensis	1
Greyish Eagle-Owl	Bubo cinerascens	1
African Wood Owl	Strix woodfordii	1
Pearl-spotted Owlet	Glaucidium perlatum	1
Abyssinian Owl	Asio abyssinicus	1



	CAPRIMULGIFORMES	
<u>Nightjars</u>	<b>Caprimulgidae</b>	
Donaldson Smith's Nightjar	Caprimulgus donaldsoni	1
Slender-tailed Nightjar	Caprimulgus clarus	1
	APODIFORMES	
Swifts	<b>Apodidae</b>	
African Palm Swift	Cypsiurus parvus	1
Alpine Swift	Tachymarptis melba	1
Mottled Swift	Tachymarptis aequatorialis	1
Common Swift	Apus apus	1
Nyanza Swift	Apus niansae	1
Little Swift	Apus affinis	1
Horus Swift	Apus horus	1
White-rumped Swift	Apus caffer	1
	COLIIFORMES	
<u>Mousebirds</u>	<b>Coliidae</b>	
Speckled Mousebird	Colius striatus	1
Blue-naped Mousebird	Urocolius macrourus	1
•	TROGONIFORMES	
Trogons	<b>Trogonidae</b>	
Narina Trogon	Apaloderma narina	1
-	CORACIIFORMES	
Rollers	<b>Coraciidae</b>	
Purple Roller	Coracias naevius	1
Lilac-breasted Roller	Coracias caudatus	1
Abyssinian Roller	Coracias abyssinicus	1
European Roller	Coracias garrulus	1
Broad-billed Roller	Eurystomus glaucurus	1
<u>Kingfishers</u>	<u>Alcedinidae</u>	
Grey-headed Kingfisher	Halcyon leucocephala	1
Striped Kingfisher	Halcyon chelicuti	1
Woodland Kingfisher	Halcyon senegalensis	1
African Pygmy Kingfisher	Ispidina picta	1
Malachite Kingfisher	Corythornis cristatus	1
Half-collared Kingfisher	Alcedo semitorquata	1
Giant Kingfisher	Megaceryle maxima	1
Pied Kingfisher	Ceryle rudis	1
Bee-eaters	<u>Meropidae</u>	
Little Bee-eater	Merops pusillus	1
Blue-breasted Bee-eater	Merops variegatus	1
European Bee-eater	Merops apiaster	1
Northern Carmine Bee-eater	Merops nubicus	1



	BUCEROTIFORMES	
Hoopoes	<u>Upupidae</u>	
Eurasian Hoopoe	Upupa epops	1
Wood Hoopoes	Phoeniculidae Phoeniculidae	
Green Wood Hoopoe	Phoeniculus purpureus	1
Black-billed Wood Hoopoe	Phoeniculus somaliensis	1
Black Scimitarbill	Rhinopomastus aterrimus	1
Abyssinian Scimitarbill	Rhinopomastus minor	1
<b>Ground Hornbills</b>	<b>Bucorvidae</b>	
Abyssinian Ground Hornbill	Bucorvus abyssinicus	1
<u>Hornbills</u>	<b>Bucerotidae</b>	
Northern Red-billed Hornbill	Tockus erythrorhynchus	1
Von der Decken's Hornbill	Tockus deckeni	1
Eastern Yellow-billed Hornbill	Tockus flavirostris	1
Hemprich's Hornbill	Lophoceros hemprichii	1
African Grey Hornbill	Lophoceros nasutus	1
Silvery-cheeked Hornbill	Bycanistes brevis	1
	PICIFORMES	
African Barbets	<u>Lybiidae</u>	
Red-fronted Tinkerbird	Pogoniulus pusillus	1
Red-fronted Barbet	Tricholaema diademata	1
Black-throated Barbet	Tricholaema melanocephala	1
<b>Banded Barbet</b>	Lybius undatus	1
Black-billed Barbet	Lybius guifsobalito	1
Double-toothed Barbet	Lybius bidentatus	1
Red-and-yellow Barbet	Trachyphonus erythrocephalus	1
Yellow-breasted Barbet	Trachyphonus margaritatus	1
D'Arnaud's Barbet	Trachyphonus darnaudii	1
<b>Honeyguides</b>	<u>Indicatoridae</u>	
Green-backed Honeybird	Prodotiscus zambesiae	1
Lesser Honeyguide	Indicator minor	1
Greater Honeyguide	Indicator indicator	1
<b>Woodpeckers</b>	<u>Picidae</u>	
Nubian Woodpecker	Campethera nubica	1
Bearded Woodpecker	Chloropicus namaquus	1
Abyssinian Woodpecker	Dendropicos abyssinicus	1
Cardinal Woodpecker	Dendropicos fuscescens	1
Eastern Grey Woodpecker	Dendropicos spodocephalus	1
	FALCONIFORMES	
<u>Caracaras, Falcons</u>	<u>Falconidae</u>	
Pygmy Falcon	Polihierax semitorquatus	1
Lesser Kestrel	Falco naumanni	1



Falco tinnunculus	1
Falco alopex	1
Falco ardosiaceus	1
Falco subbuteo	1
Falco biarmicus	1
Falco cherrug	1
PSITTACIFORMES	
<u>Psittacidae</u>	
Poicephalus flavifrons	1
Poicephalus rufiventris	1
<b>Psittaculidae</b>	
Agapornis taranta	1
PASSERIFORMES	
<u>Platysteiridae</u>	
Batis orientalis	1
Batis erlangeri	1
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Malaconotus blanchoti	1
Chlorophoneus sulfureopectus	1
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Campephaga phoenicea	1
Laniidae	
Eurocephalus ruppelli	1
Lanius collurio	1
Lanius isabellinus	1
Lanius minor	1
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Lanius excubitoroides	1
Lanius excubitoroides  Lanius dorsalis	1
	Falco alopex Falco ardosiaceus Falco subbuteo Falco biarmicus Falco cherrug PSITTACIFORMES Psittacidae Poicephalus flavifrons Poicephalus rufiventris Psittaculidae Agapornis taranta PASSERIFORMES Platysteiridae Batis orientalis Batis erlangeri Batis perkeo Platysteira cyanea Prionopidae Prionops plumatus Malaconotidae Malaconotidae Malaconotidae Tchagra senegalus Dryoscopus gambensis Laniarius funebris Laniarius aethiopicus Nilaus afer Campephaga flava Campephaga phoenicea Lanius isabellinus Lanius minor



Woodchat Shrike	Lanius senator	1
Masked Shrike	Lanius nubicus	1
Figbirds, Orioles	Oriolidae	
Eurasian Golden Oriole	Oriolus oriolus	1
Ethiopian Oriole (regional)	Oriolus monacha	1
Black-headed Oriole	Oriolus larvatus	1
Drongos	Dicruridae	
Fork-tailed Drongo	Dicrurus adsimilis	1
Monarchs	<u>Monarchidae</u>	
African Paradise Flycatcher	Terpsiphone viridis	1
Crows, Jays	Corvidae	
Stresemann's Bushcrow (E)	Zavattariornis stresemanni	1
Red-billed Chough	Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax	1
Cape Crow	Corvus capensis	1
Pied Crow	Corvus albus	1
Somali Crow	Corvus edithae	1
Fan-tailed Raven	Corvus rhipidurus	1
Thick-billed Raven (regional)	Corvus crassirostris	1
Tits, Chickadees	Paridae	
White-backed Black Tit	Melaniparus leuconotus	1
Acacia Tit	Melaniparus thruppi	1
Penduline Tits	Remizidae	
Mouse-colored Penduline Tit	Anthoscopus musculus	1
<u>Larks</u>	<u>Alaudidae</u>	
Chestnut-backed Sparrow-Lark	Eremopterix leucotis	1
Foxy Lark	Calendulauda alopex	1
Sidamo Lark	Heteromirafra sidamoensis	1
Somali Short-toed Lark	Calandrella somalica	1
Singing Bush Lark	Mirafra cantillans	1
Gillett's Lark	Mirafra gilletti	1
Short-tailed Lark	Spizocorys fremantlii	1
Thekla Lark	Galerida theklae	1
Erlanger's Lark	Calandrella erlangeri	1
<u>Bulbuls</u>	<b>Pycnonotidae</b>	
Common Bulbul	Pycnonotus barbatus	1
Dodson's Bulbul	Pycnonotus dodsoni	1
Dark-capped Bulbul	Pycnonotus tricolor	1
Northern Brownbul	Phyllastrephus strepitans	1
Swallows, Martins	<u>Hirundinidae</u>	
Black Saw-wing	Psalidoprocne pristoptera	1
Grey-rumped Swallow	Pseudhirundo griseopyga	1
Brown-throated Martin	Riparia paludicola	1



Banded Martin	Riparia cincta	1
Barn Swallow	Hirundo rustica	1
Ethiopian Swallow	Hirundo aethiopica	1
Wire-tailed Swallow	Hirundo smithii	1
White-tailed Swallow (V)	Hirundo megaensis	1
Eurasian Crag Martin	Ptyonoprogne rupestris	1
Pale Crag Martin	Ptyonoprogne obsoleta	1
Rock Martin	Ptyonoprogne fuligula	1
Lesser Striped Swallow	Cecropis abyssinica	1
Mosque Swallow	Cecropis senegalensis	1
Red-rumped Swallow	Cecropis daurica	1
Crombecs, African Warblers	<u>Macrosphenidae</u>	
Northern Crombec	Sylvietta brachyura	1
Red-faced Crombec	Sylvietta whytii	1
Somali Crombec	Sylvietta isabellina	1
<b>Leaf Warblers and allies</b>	Phylloscopidae	
Brown Woodland Warbler	Phylloscopus umbrovirens	1
Willow Warbler	Phylloscopus trochilus	1
Common Chiffchaff	Phylloscopus collybita	1
Reed Warblers and allies	Acrocephalidae Acrocephalidae	
Great Reed Warbler	Acrocephalus arundinaceus	1
Marsh Warbler	Acrocephalus palustris	1
Icterine Warbler	Hippolais icterina	1
Grassbirds and allies	<b>Locustellidae</b>	
Cinnamon Bracken Warbler	Bradypterus cinnamomeus	1
Cisticolas and allies	<u>Cisticolidae</u>	
Rattling Cisticola	Cisticola chiniana	1
Boran Cisticola	Cisticola bodessa	1
Ashy Cisticola	Cisticola cinereolus	1
Ethiopian Cisticola	Cisticola lugubris	1
Stout Cisticola	Cisticola robustus	1
Tawny-flanked Prinia	Prinia subflava	1
Buff-bellied Warbler	Phyllolais pulchella	1
Yellow-breasted Apalis	Apalis flavida	1
Red-fronted Warbler	Urorhipis rufifrons	1
Grey-backed Camaroptera	Camaroptera brevicaudata	1
Grey Wren-Warbler	Calamonastes simplex	1
Yellow-bellied Eremomela	Eremomela icteropygialis	1
<b>Laughingthrushes</b>	Leiothrichidae	
Rufous Chatterer	Turdoides rubiginosa	1
White-rumped Babbler	Turdoides leucopygia	1
Sylviid Babblers	Sylviidae	



Abyssinian Catbird	Parophasma galinieri	1
Eurasian Blackcap	Sylvia atricapilla	1
Common Whitethroat	Sylvia communis	1
Brown Parisoma	Sylvia lugens	1
Banded Parisoma	Sylvia boehmi	1
White-eyes	<b>Zosteropidae</b>	
Abyssinian White-eye	Zosterops abyssinicus	1
Montane White-eye	Zosterops poliogastrus	1
Treecreepers	<u>Certhiidae</u>	
African Spotted Creeper	Salpornis salvadori	1
Starlings, Rhabdornis	<b>Sturnidae</b>	
Wattled Starling	Creatophora cinerea	1
Greater Blue-eared Starling	Lamprotornis chalybaeus	1
Lesser Blue-eared Starling	Lamprotornis chloropterus	1
Rüppell's Starling	Lamprotornis purpuroptera	1
Golden-breasted Starling	Lamprotornis regius	1
Superb Starling	Lamprotornis superbus	1
Shelley's Starling	Lamprotornis shelleyi	1
White-crowned Starling	Lamprotornis albicapillus	1
Violet-backed Starling	Cinnyricinclus leucogaster	1
Red-winged Starling	Onychognathus morio	1
Slender-billed Starling	Onychognathus tenuirostris	1
Bristle-crowned Starling	Onychognathus salvadorii	1
White-billed Starling	Onychognathus albirostris	1
Sharpe's Starling	Poeoptera sharpii	1
<u>Oxpeckers</u>	<b>Buphagidae</b>	
Red-billed Oxpecker	Buphagus erythrorynchus	1
<u>Thrushes</u>	<b>Turdidae</b>	
Abyssinian Ground Thrush	Geokichla piaggiae	1
Groundscraper Thrush	Turdus litsitsirupa	1
African Thrush	Turdus pelios	1
Bare-eyed Thrush	Turdus tephronotus	1
Abyssinian Thrush	Turdus abyssinicus	1
Chats, Old World Flycatchers	<b>Muscicapidae</b>	
White-browed Scrub Robin	Cercotrichas leucophrys	1
Abyssinian Slaty Flycatcher	Melaenornis chocolatinus	1
Northern Black Flycatcher	Melaenornis edolioides	1
Pale Flycatcher	Melaenornis pallidus	1
African Grey Flycatcher	Melaenornis microrhynchus	1
Spotted Flycatcher	Muscicapa striata	1
African Dusky Flycatcher	Muscicapa adusta	1
Rüppell's Robin-Chat	Cossypha semirufa	1



White-browed Robin-Chat	Cossypha heuglini	1
Spotted Palm Thrush	Cichladusa guttata	1
Common Redstart	Phoenicurus phoenicurus	1
White-winged Cliff Chat	Monticola semirufus	1
Common Rock Thrush	Monticola saxatilis	1
Little Rock Thrush	Monticola rufocinereus	1
Whinchat	Saxicola rubetra	1
African Stonechat	Saxicola torquatus	1
Moorland Chat	Pinarochroa sordida	1
Mocking Cliff Chat	Thamnolaea cinnamomeiventris	1
Rüppell's Black Chat	Myrmecocichla melaena	1
Northern Wheatear	Oenanthe oenanthe	1
Red-breasted Wheatear	Oenanthe bottae	1
Isabelline Wheatear	Oenanthe isabellina	1
Pied Wheatear	Oenanthe pleschanka	1
Blackstart	Oenanthe melanura	1
Familiar Chat	Oenanthe familiaris	1
Brown-tailed Rock Chat	Oenanthe scotocerca	1
Sombre Rock Chat	Oenanthe dubia	1
Abyssinian Wheatear	Oenanthe lugubris	1
Sunbirds	<b>Nectariniidae</b>	
Eastern Violet-backed Sunbird	Anthreptes orientalis	1
Collared Sunbird	Hedydipna collaris	1
Nile Valley Sunbird	Hedydipna metallica	1
Olive Sunbird	Cyanomitra olivacea	1
Scarlet-chested Sunbird	Chalcomitra senegalensis	1
Tacazze Sunbird	Nectarinia tacazze	1
Beautiful Sunbird	Cinnyris pulchellus	1
Marico Sunbird	Cinnyris mariquensis	1
Shining Sunbird	Cinnyris habessinicus	1
Variable Sunbird	Cinnyris venustus	1
Old World Sparrows, Snowfinches	<u>Passeridae</u>	
White-browed Sparrow-Weaver	Plocepasser mahali	1
Grey-capped Social Weaver	Pseudonigrita arnaudi	1
Black-capped Social Weaver	Pseudonigrita cabanisi	1
Shelley's Sparrow	Passer shelleyi	1
Northern Grey-headed Sparrow	Passer griseus	1
Swainson's Sparrow	Passer swainsonii	1
Chestnut Sparrow	Passer eminibey	1
Bush Petronia	Gymnoris dentata	1
Yellow-spotted Petronia	Gymnoris pyrgita	1
Weavers, Widowbirds	Ploceidae	





African Pipit	Anthus cinnamomeus	1
Long-billed Pipit	Anthus similis	1
Plain-backed Pipit	Anthus leucophrys	1
Red-throated Pipit	Anthus cervinus	1
Finches	Fringillidae	
African Citril	Crithagra citrinelloides	1
White-rumped Seedeater	Crithagra leucopygia	1
Yellow-rumped Seedeater (regional)	Crithagra xanthopygia	1
Reichenow's Seedeater	Crithagra reichenowi	1
Yellow-throated Seedeater (E)	Crithagra flavigula	1
Salvadori's Seedeater (V)	Crithagra xantholaema	1
White-bellied Canary	Crithagra dorsostriata	1
Northern Grosbeak-Canary	Crithagra donaldsoni	1
Reichard's Seedeater	Crithagra reichardi	1
Brown-rumped Seedeater	Crithagra tristriata	1
Streaky Seedeater	Crithagra striolata	1
Yellow-crowned Canary	Serinus flavivertex	1
Ethiopian Siskin	Serinus nigriceps	1
<b>Buntings, New World Sparrows</b>	<b>Emberizidae</b>	
Ortolan Bunting	Emberiza hortulana	1
Striolated Bunting	Emberiza striolata	1
Cinnamon-breasted Bunting	Emberiza tahapisi	1
Somali Bunting	Emberiza poliopleura	1
TOTAL		463

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Common name (IUCN)	Scientific name (IUCN)	Trip
	PRIMATES	
	Cercopithecidae	
Gelada baboon	Theropithecus gelada	1
Olive baboon	Papio anubis	1
Hamadryas baboon	Papio hamadryas	1
Grivet	Chlorocebus aethiops	1
Guereza	Colobus guereza	1
	Galagidae	
Somali lesser galago	Galago gallarum	1
	PERISSODACTYLA	
	Equidae	
Grevy's zebra	Equus grevyi	1
	ARTIODACTYLA	
	Hippopotamidae	



Hippopotamus	Hippopotamus amphibius	1
	Suidae	1
Desert warthog	Phacochoerus aethiopicus	1
	Bovidae	
Mountain nyala	Tragelaphus buxtoni	1
Klipspringer	Oreotragus oreotragus	1
Menelik's bushbuck	Tragelaphus scriptus meneliki	1
Bohor reedbuck	Redunca redunca	1
Lesser kudu	Tragelaphus imberbis	1
Common duiker	Sylvicapra grimmia	1
Beisa oryx	Oryx beisa	1
Gerenuk	Litocranius walleri	1
Soemmerring's gazelle	Nanger soemmerringii	1
Thomson's gazelle	Eudorcas thomsonii	1
Salt's dik-dik	Madoqua saltiana	1
Günther's dik-dik	Madoqua guentheri	1
	CARNIVORA	
	Canidae	
Ethiopian wolf	Canis simensis	1
Golden jackal	Canis aureus	1
Side-striped jackal	Canis adustus	1
Bat-eared fox	Otocyon megalotis	1
	Herpestidae	
Slender mongoose	Galerella sanguinea	1
Common dwarf mongoose	Helogale parvula	1
	Viverridae	
Ethiopian genet	Genetta abyssinica	1
	HYRACOIDEA	
	Procaviidae	
Rock hyrax	Procavia capensis	1
	LAGOMORPHA	
	Leporidae	
Ethiopian hare	Lepus fagani	1
	RODENTIA	
	Sciuridae	
Gambian sun squirrel	Heliosciurus gambianus	1
	Muridae	
Ethiopian narrow-headed rat	Stenocephalemys albocaudata	1
	Hystricidae	
Crested porcupine	Hystrix cristata	1
TOTAL		33

