

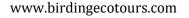
UGANDA: SHOEBILL, ALBERTINE RIFT ENDEMICS, GREEN-BREASTED PITTA, GORILLAS AND CHIMPANZEES SET DEPARTURE TRIP REPORT

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Yes, I know, it's incredible! Shoebill from Mabamba Swamp, Uganda





TOUR ITINERARY

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Overview

Interestingly enough this was one of the "birdier" Uganda tours that I have been on. Birds were generally in good voice, and fair numbers of birds were seen at most of our hotspots. Cuckoos were a little less vocal, but widowbirds, bishops, and weavers were in full breeding plumage and displaying all over the place. There were really good numbers of waxbills, cisticolas, and other agricultural and savanna species throughout the trip.

The south-western forest areas produced almost all of the usual suspects, including really great visuals of **Rwenzori Turaco** at Mgahinga, **Grauer's Broadbill** on the Mubwindi Swamp walk in Ruhija, and the *kivuensis* subspecies of **Abyssinian Ground Thrush** on the main Buhoma trail. The savanna parks were good to us too, and we managed to find a group of **Lions** in Ishasha and had a highly successful boat trip on the Kazinga Channel. Murchison Falls was superb and produced **Abyssinian Ground Hornbill** and **Black-bellied Bustard**, and luck was certainly on our side as we managed to witness a **Lioness** kill a male **Uganda Kob**. Kibale was full of great birds such as **Narina Trogon** and three separate individuals of the enigmatic **Green-breasted Pitta**!

And of course not much more can be said about the iconic **Shoebill**, which was found at Mabamba Swamp, as well as both **Mountain Gorilla** and **Eastern Chimpanzee**! It certainly was a bucket-list trip for all who joined this magnificent set departure.

Detailed Report

Day 1, 1st August 2019. An introduction, Entebbe

The first morning of our tour had arrived. We started things with some birding around Entebbe; the gardens of the hotel as well as the Entebbe Botanical Garden were both really productive. The hotel gardens produced **Black-headed Gonolek**, **Eastern Plantain-eater** (right alongside

the breakfast veranda), **Red-chested** and **Scarlet-chested Sunbirds**, **Village Weaver**, **Brimstone Canary**, and **Bronze Mannikin**, as well as a pair of **African Hobbies**. A small flock of **Meyer's Parrots** was also a treat – first seen perched on a tree on the hillside and later seen cruising by at high speed, screeching away.

The botanical garden is beautiful and never ceases to produce really enjoyable sightings. We began on the shoreline in search of the tricky Orange Weaver. We picked up Yellow-billed Kites, Hooded Vulture, Black-and-white-casqued Hornbill, Olive Sunbird, Yellow-throated Leaflove, Hadada Ibis, and Grey-capped Warbler even before we made it to the shoreline. The species on the shores of Lake Victoria included Pied Kingfisher, Reed Cormorant, Black Crake, Winding Cisticola, Swamp Flycatcher, Olive Bee-eater, African Openbill, a pair of African Fish Eagles, and a single Common Sandpiper. The amazing Great Blue Turaco made its presence felt with its incredibly loud call, and not long after that we saw two of them clambering through some foliage. Yellow-throated Longclaw displayed, while both Tambourine Dove and African Green Pigeon put in fly-by appearances. With some persistence we also picked up both Orange and Golden-backed Weavers. Other species that morning included Klaas's Cuckoo, Brown-throated Wattleeye, Green Crombec, Northern Yellow White-eye, and Snowy-crowned Robin-Chat. Crowned Hornbill was also great, it would be our first of many on the tour.



Some say it's just a large, blue, winged dinosaur, but **Great Blue Turaco** is both bizarre and magnificent!

Our afternoon session was also enjoyable; we found **Striated Heron**, **Common Sandpiper**, **White-breasted Cormorant**, **African Pygmy Kingfisher**, **Spur-winged Lapwing**, and **African Hobby** perched up high. Gathering some local information we managed to find a roosting **Bat Hawk**, which we also saw flying around on the lodge grounds after dusk. We enjoyed our first dinner together as we chatted about the exciting tour itinerary that lay before us.

Day 2, 2nd August 2019. Mabamba Swamp and drive to Lake Mburo National Park

Today was the day for which many from our group had been waiting for a long time, featuring a trip to Mabamba Swamp to locate the magical **Shoebill**. Our trip across to the swamp

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produced African Darter, Grey-backed Fiscal, Lizard Buzzard, and Black-headed Heron. Arriving at the swamp we set off straight away and headed down one of the channels. Longtoed Lapwing, Malachite Kingfisher, Swamp Flycatcher, and Northern Brown-throated Weaver were among the first species we picked up for the day. It took some time, but we managed to find the "bucket-list", must-see Shoebill! The bird was rather deep in the swamp but was sitting very nicely out in the open for all to see. It moved slowly and got itself into position to watch a small, quiet patch of open water. We sat with the bird for a while as it stood motionless, waiting for its favorite meal, the lungfish, to appear. In this same area we picked up African Swamphen, Blue-breasted Bee-eater, Yellow-billed Duck, African Marsh Harrier, Cape Wagtail, and a couple of Rufous-bellied Herons, the latter being fairly uncommon at the site. A Blue Swallow flashed by overhead and unfortunately didn't hang around for prolonged views. A majestic Saddle-billed Stork, however, was spotted moving slowly through an open section of swamp; we took our time watching this male bird trying to scrounge up some food. A bit later we headed to a massive colony of Weyns's Weaver; many males in full breeding plumage were very actively collecting nesting material. Heading in the wooden canoes into the papyrus of Mabamba Swamp is a real treat and something I'm sure all will remember during their birding careers. We missed Papyrus Gonolek in the swamp, so we tried another known spot for it a little later toward Lake Mburo, here we were successful. Brief views of this stunning bird were more than satisfying. Striped Kingfisher and a few Angolan Swallows were also really nice to get close-up looks at.



A fairly uncommon species, Rufous-bellied Heron

Before arriving at our accommodation for the next two nights we did some birding on the access road. A small group of **Wattled Starlings** was trumped by seeing much larger groups later on. **Blue-naped Mousebirds** were everywhere, while a pair of **Nubian Woodpeckers** put in a short display. A **Red-chested Cuckoo** also showed surprisingly well. Other species in this dry woodland included **Red-cheeked Cordon-bleu**, **Crested Francolin**, **Red-necked Spurfowl**, **Woodland Kingfisher**, and **Yellow-billed Oxpecker**. It was great to once again find **Brown-chested Lapwing** in the same area as in the previous few years. **Rattling** and **Trilling Cisticolas** were very vocal near the entrance to the park. We arrived safely at the lodge after a successful day. Before we settled in for a drink and a buffet-style dinner we added a few

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more species to the day list, including: **Red-headed Lovebird**, **Yellow-throated Leaflove**, **Red-headed Weaver**, and **Black Cuckooshrike**.

Day 3, 3rd August 2019. Lake Mburo National Park

We opted to have an early breakfast this morning and head straight into the park; a whole new suite of bird species awaited us. Our first new species included Senegal Lapwing and Helmeted Guineafowl, both in good numbers on the open, grassy plains. A small group of White-rumped Swifts was cruising overhead near the entrance gate. It was fantastic to find a Grey-headed Kingfisher perched at eye level in a small acacia bush. The beauty of this classy bird somehow leaves you awestruck. The open sections of the park delivered Sooty Chat, Plain-backed Pipit, a few more Senegal Lapwings, and Black-winged Kite. It was really great to get a close-up visual of a **Pearl-spotted Owlet** that was first heard calling in the nearby woodland. Here we also picked up Common Scimitarbill and a single Green-backed Woodpecker. After lunch and a quick rest we headed back into the park for our boat trip on Lake Mburo. This boat trip has become very well known for the magical African Finfoot. After only a short time we had already picked up Holub's Golden Weaver, Little Egret, Squacco and Striated Herons, Lesser Striped Swallow, White-headed Saw-wing, and many Pied and Malachite Kingfishers. A few shorebirds were hanging around the edges of the lake, Common, Wood, and Green Sandpipers. It took some time, but once again amazing views of both male and female African Finfoot were had. It was a jam-packed day today, as we also had a night drive booked, which was good and produced both Thick-tailed Greater and Northern Lesser Galagos, Bushbuck, and Common Genet. Frustratingly we only had glimpses of Verreaux's Eagle-Owl and only managed to hear African Scops Owl despite being right below the tree from which it was calling. Nevertheless it was a truly successful day for us!



One of many Senegal Lapwings that we found on the grassy plains of Lake Mburo National Park

Day 4, 4th August 2019. Lake Mburo National Park to Kisoro

The Rwakobo Rock lodge is situated atop a small "koppie" that allows for really great views across the landscape in all directions. We took a walk that morning before breakfast and picked

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up the likes of **Brown-backed Scrub Robin**, **Speckled** and **Blue-naped Mousebirds**, **Double-toothed Barbet**, **African Golden Oriole**, and **Lesser Honeyguide**. Troops of **Tantalus Monkeys** patrolled the perimeter of the lodge, while other mammal species like **Impala** and **Bushbuck** were occasionally seen from the breakfast table. After having checked out we started the long trip to the "volcano-land" of Kisoro and Mgahinga National Park. The drive produced **Green-winged Pytilia**, the vocal **Trilling Cisticola**, **Orange-breasted Bushshrike**, **Brimstone Canary**, **Tawny-flanked Prinia**, and **Black-crowned Tchagra**. A few stops en route yielded **Papyrus Gonolek**, **African Stonechat**, **White-winged Swamp Warbler**, and **African Openbill**.

The roads had been improved in a few areas in the southwest, so the drive did not take as long as it used to. After arriving in Kisoro we had time to take a walk around the grounds of our guest house. Here we picked up Bronzy Sunbird, Black-headed and Baglafecht Weavers, Grey-capped Warbler, Grey-headed Nigrita, Black Saw-wing, Black Sparrowhawk, and an amazing surprise sighting of White-collared Oliveback!

Day 5, 5th August 2019. Mgahinga National Park

The Mgahinga Gorilla National Park is one of the most incredibly scenic reserves that we visit on this tour. Both the flora and fauna on the walk up toward Mount Sabyinyo are fantastic. We arrived at the reserve, completed the formalities quickly, and soon we had picked up the likes of **White-starred Robin**, **Olive-breasted** and **Yellow-whiskered Greenbuls**, and **Rwenzori Double-collared Sunbird**, as well as a whole party of **Kandt's Waxbills**. We started our walk up the hillside and encountered **Dusky Turtle Dove** on the path in front of us. **Regal Sunbird** and **Western Tinkerbird** put in appearances throughout the day, but **African Paradise Flycatcher** only showed once near the start of the walk. Our first apalis of the trip was **Mountain Masked Apalis**; we picked up a pair of them calling in the thick bushes and with some patience managed to get some really nice views of both birds. One of our main targets today was the sought-after **Rwenzori Turaco**; we heard its call in the morning and enjoyed great looks of one individual on the way down from the gorge.



This is certainly an incredibly sought-after species, the **Rwenzori Turaco**, which was seen in Mgahinga Gorilla National Park.



An amazing reptile sighting was that of a **Great Lakes Bush Viper** (*Atheris nitschei*) that – with an amazing stroke of luck for us – crossed the path in front of us. These snakes are venomous and incredibly difficult to spot in the dense foliage. I recorded the trek as almost 10 kilometers (6 miles) with a good 550 meters (1804 feet) gain in elevation, and our group was certainly a few lifers richer!

Day 6, 6th August 2019. Transfer to Bwindi Impenetrable Forest National Park –Ruhija

This morning we enjoyed a hearty breakfast and left to bird the Echuya Forest en route to Bwindi. The forest was alive with bird song, but our first highlight was a raptor, which was probably an immature Ayres's Hawk-Eagle. We walked slowly, watching and listening, and managed to pick up a single **Sharpe's Starling** atop a tree near the road, **Mountain Oriole**, **White-eyed Slaty Flycatcher**, and **Regal** and **Northern Double-collared Sunbirds**. **Blackfaced Prinia** was heard calling in the forest below us but never gave any views. **White-browed Crombec** and **Thick-billed Seedeater** did, however, show for us. **Mountain Illadopsis** showed very nicely right alongside the road, their distinctive little calls ringing from small bushes. A few **Mountain Sooty Boubous** and **Mountain Orioles** were calling, and we managed to see one individual of each species. Both **Black Saw-wing** and **Cinnamon-chested Bee-eaters** were hawking a few insects from the forested skies.



Another absolutely stunning species, Cinnamon-chested Bee-eater

We left the Echuya Forest and tried one of the local sites around Lake Bunyonyi for Papyrus Yellow Warbler, but unfortunately we came up empty-handed. We began the journey to the eastern section of Bwindi Impenetrable Forest National Park. We entered Bwindi and spent time birding the Ruhija area that afternoon – a walk on one of the nearby trails produced **Greythroated Barbet**, **Rwenzori**, **Mountain Masked**, and **Chestnut-throated Apalises**, **Tullberg's Woodpecker**, **Lühder's Bushshrike**, and **Black-billed Turaco**. Just before we wanted to head back to the lodge we got lucky with a visual of **Grauer's Warbler** as it was moving through some vines. The bird was quiet, so picking it up was a spot of much needed luck. We headed back to the lodge and prepared for our long walk to the Mubwindi Swamp tomorrow.



Day 7, 7th August 2019. Magical Ruhija birding

It was time for the famous walk to Mubwindi Swamp. This walk is well known for possibly vielding Grauer's Broadbill and Grauer's Swamp Warbler and for the grueling uphill trek back to Ruhija from the swamp. Our enthusiastic group set off with high expectations. Mountain **Illadopsis** greeted us not long after we had started our walk, and soon after that we picked up the beautiful **Blue-headed Sunbird.** The soft calls of **Dusky Crimsonwing** came ringing from the undergrowth alongside the trail, but the birds did not even give us a flash of movement. Mackinnon's Shrike and Yellow-eyed Black Flycatcher were also seen. Black-billed **Turaco** really gave us the runaround, but we managed to see a few very well on the way back. The "one that got away" today would have to go to Grey-chested Babbler. The bird was calling quite a lot, but getting any sort of visual in the thick undergrowth seemed impossible. Before long we had made our way down to the lower levels of the walk and picked up no less than four Grauer's Broadbills! The adult pair had successfully raised two young, and they were moving around as a family group. We spent time with them, watching them flit from tree to tree and observing their feeding habits. A few other great birds that we got to see on the way to the swamp included the Albertine Rift endemic Archer's Ground Robin, Black-throated Apalis, Dusky Tit, and Crowned Hornbill.



The Albertine Rift endemic **Blue-headed Sunbird** was more common than usual. We encountered four or five individuals on the hike to Mubwindi Swamp.

Arriving at the swamp we immediately encountered both **Grauer's Swamp Warbler** and **Carruthers's Cisticola**. Western Citril and Cape Wagtail were flitting around, while **Redchested Flufftail** was calling from the reedbed. We managed to sneak a view of a pair of **African Rails** moving in one of the small clearings in the reeds. The warbler did give us a bit of a runaround, but we tried another spot and had some good visuals. A drive on the main road through the forest paid off when we managed to find a pair of **Handsome Francolins** feeding on the roadside. Getting another one of the Albertine Rift endemics was the best way to finish the day.



Day 8, 8th August 2019. Transfer to Buhoma, birding "The Neck"

Knowing that we didn't have many more opportunities to pick up Montane Nightjar we made an effort to leave an hour before sunrise this morning. With overcast conditions things were rather quiet for the first forty-five minutes. We saw a few **Northern Lesser Galagos** and then a little later picked up a **Spotted Eagle-Owl** in one of the agricultural areas. Not long after that we were rewarded for our persistence with a couple of **Montane Nightjars**, formerly known as Rwenzori Nightjar. We stayed for the dawn chorus of bird songs and watched the sun rise behind some clouds. **African Goshawk** was seen up high and was also calling. A couple of **Black-and-white-casqued Hornbills** gave a flyby, and **Grey-throated Barbet** was perched on a large dead snag.

We enjoyed a really great breakfast and started our journey to Buhoma on the western side of Bwindi. A forest edge spot produced Yellow Bishop, Brown-crowned Tchagra, African Olive Pigeon, African Stonechat, Copper Sunbird, and Augur Buzzard. "The Neck" is a small section of forest that one needs to travel through in order to get to Buhoma; we birded here and picked up Blue-throated Brown Sunbird, White-breasted Nigrita, Olive-green Camaroptera, Pink-footed Puffback, Blue Malkoha, Petit's Cuckooshrike, and Hairybreasted Barbet before the rains came down and halted our progress. So we journeyed on to our next exciting accommodation. We arrived and were met with many smiles and friendly faces at the lodge, and after a short briefing, check in, and lunch we were back in the field. A walk along the first section of the Buhoma trail was incredibly productive as usual. Here we picked up (among other beauties) three bushshrike species! Many-colored Bushshrike was the first to show, then we picked up Bocages and Lühder's Bushshrikes. Our sharp-eyed local guide found a pair of African Wood Owls roosting right above us in the tree in which the Many-colored Bushshrike was moving around, a great sighting! We also loved seeing Equatorial Akalat, Grey-winged Robin-Chat, Grey-throated Tit-Flycatcher, Pink-footed Puffback, White-tailed Blue Flycatcher, Grey-headed Nigrita, Tambourine Dove, and a single White-tailed Ant Thrush.

Day 9, 9th August 2019. Gorilla trekking and birding Buhoma

Three members of our group were fortunate enough to trek through the amazing forests of Bwindi to a group of **Mountain Gorillas**. The trio had a fantastic time and came back full of interesting stories, **Bar-tailed Trogon** sightings, and of course many pictures of these amazing primates. Some of the group opted not to trek for the gorillas and birded the Buhoma forested trails instead, which must be some of the best birding trails in Uganda. Forest edge and secondary growth lead into fully mature primary forest, which makes for some amazing birding. The calls of **Scaly-breasted Illadopsis** and **Yellow-throated Tinkerbird** rang through the forest. **African Shrike-flycatcher**, **Red-tailed Greenbul**, and a few **Red-headed Malimbes** were spotted a little further along the trail. We thoroughly enjoyed watching **Red-throated Alethe** come out onto the path into the open for a while. Then we made our way to a site for **Abyssinian Ground Thrush** (*kivuensis* subspecies) and managed to get amazing looks of it singing. The tricky **Neumann's Warbler** was seen well after spending time tracking it down in the undergrowth.

We walked to the lower waterfall in a stunning part of the forest. Here we found **Bar-tailed Trogon**, **Ansorge's** and **Little Grey Greenbuls**, **Grey Cuckooshrike**, the strange **Greyheaded Sunbird**, **Sooty Flycatcher**, **Little Green Sunbird**, **Equatorial Akalat**, **Dusky Tit**, and **Dusky-blue Flycatcher**. Both **Dusky Long-tailed** and **Barred Long-tailed Cuckoos** were vocal and showed to a greater or lesser degree. Throughout the morning the forest was alive with activity; also heard calling this morning were **African Broadbill**, **Plain Greenbul**, **Red-tailed Bristlebill**, and **Buff-spotted Woodpecker**. **Velvet-mantled Drongo**, **Petit's Cuckooshrike**, and **Kakamega Greenbul** showed really well, and we also managed visuals



of **Black-faced Rufous Warbler**, **Black Bee-eater**, **Western Bronze-naped Pigeon**, and a large party of charismatic **White-headed Wood Hoopoes** on the way back. Some more rain in the afternoon luckily came down pretty late in the day, and we didn't lose too much birding time.



Abyssinian Ground Thrush, one of the more elusive birds in the Buhoma forest. It is fairly often heard but very seldom seen well, but it's safe to say that we had a great sighting!

Day 10, 10th August 2019. Birding the Buhoma area

The sun had risen on another glorious day in Bwindi Impenetrable Forest National Park. We made our way back onto the main Buhoma forest trail, where we saw **Mountain Wagtail** on the path in front of us. **Blue-throated Brown Sunbird** and **Petit's Cuckooshrike** were flitting above us, while a flock of **Narrow-tailed Starlings** came cruising overhead. We spotted a **Lemon Dove** in the canopy of one of the trees nearby too, a shy forest dove that is not all that common in the forests of Uganda. **Yellow-spotted Barbet** was calling, but we couldn't get any visuals. We did, however, get really nice views (after some hard work) of two **African Broadbills** and a single **Willard's Sooty Boubou**. **Waller's Starling** also showed well in a large flock. But before we knew it the skies had turned black, and the rains cut our day short. Totally drenched we made it back to Buhoma, grabbed a shower, and had a good rest that afternoon.

Day 11, 11th August 2019. Transfer to Queen Elizabeth National Park, Mweya

We left Buhoma really early this morning and enjoyed a flurry of birding activity in the Ishasha sector of Queen Elizabeth National Park. White-headed Barbet, Arrow-marked Babbler, and Village Indigobird were the first species we picked up just before entering the park. The rank grasslands delivered the likes of Moustached Grass Warbler, Southern Red Bishop, White-winged and Red-collared Widowbirds, and a few cisticolas including Croaking, Stout and Red-faced Cisticolas. Eagles were showing well, with both Brown Snake Eagle and Western Banded Snake Eagle putting in appearances. We arrived at the Mweya peninsula for a private boat cruise on the Kazinga Channel. A small boat that is low in the water worked really well, and we were able to enjoy a particularly large flock of one of the birds of the afternoon, African Skimmer. A single Gull-billed Tern was also present, while small

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numbers of shorebirds were dotted along the shoreline. The shorebirds, presumably early passage migrants, included **Common Greenshank**, **Marsh** and **Common Sandpipers**, **Curlew Sandpiper**, **Three-banded** and **Kittlitz's Plovers**, **Ruddy Turnstone**, and a real surprising single **Sanderling**! The surprises kept coming, and we also managed to find **Greater Painted-snipe** on the shoreline. The stunning **Red-throated Bee-eater** was also present, and we managed to get a few pictures. We also found the likes of **Black Crake**, **Yellow-billed Stork**, **Hamerkop**, **Malachite Kingfisher**, **African Spoonbill**, and **Pink-backed** and **Great White Pelicans**. **Verreaux's Eagle-Owl** was another really good find, a bird sitting on an open branch underneath the canopy of a thorn tree. We arrived at the lodge just after sunset and settled in for the night.



This was certainly unexpected: Greater Painted-snipe

Day 12, 12th August 2019. Queen Elizabeth National Park to Kibale Forest

This morning we had a successful game drive into the northern sector of Queen Elizabeth National Park. The area had had some good rains and was looking lush and green. An adult **Dwarf Bittern** was spotted on top of a large bush, a bird that is often found after good rain or in floodplain areas. Here we also picked up **Quailfinch**, **Collared Pratincole**, and **Senegal**, **Crowned**, and **African Wattled Lapwings**. **White-backed Vultures** took to the skies fairly early that morning, while White-browed Coucals were chasing each other between the thickets. A couple of **Lions** were seen lazing in the short grassy plains to the east – a sighting of these amazing cats was welcome. We stopped in the east of the park at a small salt pan, where we managed to scope **Black-winged Stilt**, **Ruff**, and **Little Stint**. We headed back to the lodge to grab a warm lunch and check out. It was great watching good numbers of **White-rumped Swifts** shooting in and out from under the eaves of the lodge's dining hall. A duo of **Woolly-necked Storks**, **Booted Eagle**, and a single **Common Kestrel** kept us entertained on our drive to the famous Kibale National Park.





Lion in *Queen Elizabeth National Park*

On the way to our accommodation we enjoyed some roadside birding with the likes of **Chestnut Wattle-eye**, male and female **African Shrike-flycatcher**, **Red-headed Malimbe**, and three **Yellow-crested Woodpeckers**. **Alpine Swifts** were also seen cruising fairly high overhead. **Red-tailed Monkey**, **Grey-cheeked Mangabey**, and many **Olive Baboons** were always nearby. **Chestnut-winged Starling** and **Black Bee-eater** rounded off a superb afternoon of enjoying what Kibale has to offer.



It's not often that one finds Ashy Red Colobus and get such good looks. This year they were hanging around the Kibale National Park headquarters, and obviously we jumped at the opportunity to spend some time watching them!



Day 13, 13th August 2019. Kibale Forest, Chimps. and Green-breasted Pitta

This was one of the earliest mornings of our tour; we grabbed breakfast and headed into the famous Kibale National Park to try and locate **Green-breasted Pitta**, a fairly large pitta that normally starts to call about twenty minutes before sunrise. Sure enough, we picked up a bird calling and soon after that another two were calling in a similar area. It took a little bit of time to locate one, but before long we had great looks at the first bird moving along the forest floor. A second bird was located by a member of our party, and we saw this bird display ten meters (33 feet) off the ground before it too flew off.

During our pitta foray a number of species were calling round us: Scaly-breasted Illadopsis (of which we had great looks), Red-chested and Dusky Long-tailed Cuckoos, Tambourine Dove, Brown-chested Alethe, and Fraser's Rufous Thrush. We also managed to locate a calling Narina Trogon as well as Velvet-mantled Drongo. The muddy track through the forest attracted a few species to the verges, Red-tailed Ant Thrush and Red-capped Robin-Chat both giving super views. As if we had not already had an amazing morning we moved toward a large fig tree where we could hear some activity. About six Eastern Chimpanzees were happily moving about in the large canopy, feasting on the fruits of the tree. They were joined by a few avian species, including African Green Pigeon and Purple-headed Starling. There is always something going on in the beautiful Kibale forest, both sights and sounds are really enjoyable. Yellow-mantled Weaver, both male and female, showed well when we arrived back at the office area. In the afternoon we spent some time trying to get visuals of White-spotted Flufftail and Red-chested Owlet. We didn't manage to find the owlet but did manage to see the incredibly elusive White-spotted Flufftail.



A tinge of the blue shoulder is visible on this **Blue-shouldered Robin-Chat**.

Day 14, 14th August 2019. Transfer from Kibale National Park to Masindi

Today we transferred north to Masindi for the Murchison Falls and Budongo Forest extension. All four tour participants were joining the extension, and everyone was pretty excited, looking forward to what the north could offer us. Except for a few bad roads we enjoyed a good trip to the north, but not before we took a walk around the Kibale Homestay trail in the morning. The trail gave us a few good species; **Thick-billed Weaver**, **African Blue Flycatcher**, **White**-



throated Bee-eater, White-chinned Prinia, Black Bishop, and a nice sighting of Green Hylia were all welcome.

In addition to a Rolex (not the watch, but the traditional Ugandan wrapped omelet) we also picked up **White-winged**, **Red-collared**, and **Fan-tailed Widowbirds**, **Compact Weaver**, and a pair of **Ross's Turacos**. Swifts and swallows were around in good numbers; **Barn Swallow**, **Angolan Swallow**, and **African Palm Swift** took their places in the skies. Of course today was mostly a travel day, and everyone was pretty tired by the time we arrived at the hotel, so some good rest was in order.

Day 15, 15th August 2019. Budongo Forest

The Budongo Forest is the last forest we visit on this tour and it holds a great number of new species for our trip. Before arriving at the forest itself we birded some agriculture and picked up Singing and Whistling Cisticolas, Cabanis's Bunting, Copper Sunbird, Brown Twinspot, and African Yellow Warbler in full song. A couple of White-headed Saw-wings were perched up high. It wasn't long before we picked up Spotted Greenbul and had a good sighting of Fraser's Rufous Thrush as well as a pair of Fraser's Forest Flycatchers. Ituri Batis was one of our big targets, and we actually managed to get decent scope views of one. Chestnut-capped Flycatcher and Rufous-crowned Eremomela (two more Budongo specials) followed soon after. It was great watching the former move around and glean insects from the leaves as well as watching a few members of the latter preening away. Western Nicator and Western Oriole added a splash of yellow to the forest canopy. Kingfishers also played their part; first, Chocolate-backed Kingfisher showed pretty well and later we enjoyed incredible visuals of African Dwarf Kingfisher. Nahan's Partridge, Fire-crested Alethe, and White-spotted Flufftail were all present, but unfortunately we could not manage visuals. Many Asian countries are very well known for enormous, colorful hornbills, but Africa has a few beauties too, and we picked up another one here in the Budongo forest, namely Whitethighed Hornbill, which breeds here in the forest and occasionally makes a nest along the Royal Mile stretch.

Day 16, 16th August 2019. Masindi to Murchison Falls via the western escarpment

We headed out around sunrise and started birding in the section of Budongo that one passes through to get to the escarpment. Other than a few **Crowned Hornbills** and a calling **Forest Robin** the most notable sighting was that of **Crowned Eagle**! A single bird was spotted perched fairly high but in the open. What a magnificent, powerful bird! Forest edge habitats produced **Black-crowned Waxbill**, **Black-crowned Tchagra**, and **Pin-tailed Whydah**. It was amazing to see the species change as the habitat and vegetation also changed. **Black-rumped Waxbill**, **Lesser Blue-eared Starling**, **Cinnamon-breasted Bunting**, and the dapper-looking **Silverbird** were all on the cards in quick succession, and **White-shouldered Black Tit**, **Foxy Cisticola**, and **Beautiful Sunbird** sightings soon followed. We couldn't track down a **Western Black-headed Batis** that was calling incessantly, but we did manage to see **Black-faced Waxbill**.

We proceeded toward Lake Albert, where we arrived at our safari lodge for lunch. After lunch and a quick rest in the heat of the day we birded some of the habitat on the shores of the Nile River. A pair of **Red-winged Grey Warblers** were a nice find right away, and then **Purplebanded Sunbird** and **Buff-bellied Warbler** gave some visuals. A local site for **Spotted Palm Thrush** produced the goods; two birds were hanging around in the thickets and gave some good views after some hard work. **Black-billed Wood Dove** also put in a good showing. A short drive that evening after dinner produced two **Slender-tailed Nightjars**, both of which were sitting on the dirt road just after 9 p.m.



Day 17, 17th August 2019. Murchison Falls National Park

I'm sure that many of us have experienced one of those days that is simply unbelievable, and today was one of those days! It would be our final full day's birding, and our group decided to make it count. An early breakfast was followed by a ferry crossing to the north side of the Nile, which produced a magnificent fly-by Goliath Heron. A family group of Speckle-fronted Weavers as well as a few very active Silverbirds provided some early excitement. We did not make it very far in the first hour, as we were kept busy by a host of new trip species: **Brown**backed Woodpecker, Pale Flycatcher, Black-winged Red Bishop, Northern Crombec, and a spectacular sighting of two White-crested Turacos. Vultures were active fairly early, and we picked up Hooded, White-backed, Rüppell's, and White-headed Vultures all in quick succession. Heuglin's Francolin, Spotted Thick-knee, and Wing-snapping Cisticola were seen really close to the vehicle. A pair of Black-bellied Bustards gave the most enjoyable sighting! They flew in from behind us, the black-and-white flashes in the wings taking center stage, and then they proceeded to land alongside us. Mammals included Uganda Kob, Oribi, Giraffe, Hartebeest, African Buffalo, African Elephant, Side-striped Jackal, and Common Warthog. Three Abyssinian Ground Hornbills weren't far off the road, giving us time to watch them look for food in the open savanna. Northern Carmine Bee-eater is a stunning bird, and once we reached the west near the peninsula area they were fairly common. We added another mammal species to our day list when we were treated to another amazing Lion sighting. However, this was no normal sighting; a couple of vehicles were on site before us and let us know that this lioness was on the hunt. We waited a little while trying to keep track of the lioness in the long grass, but before we knew it she had pounced and Murchison Falls National Park had one less Uganda Kob!



One of my personal favorite sightings of the tour was **White-crested Turaco** in Murchison Falls National Park.

A rest and a hot lunch were welcome after a morning that produced 30 odd new species for our trip. We then headed back to the boat launch, from where our boat cruise to see Murchison Falls departed. We spent a lot of the time searching the dense foliage along the banks of the Nile for **White-backed Night Heron** when our skipper exclaimed "There is the heron"! A great sighting, and that of a bird which had not been seen at its regular spot in Lake Mburo.

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African Finfoot and a pair of Rock Pratincoles were two other avian highlights. The boat headed east to the falls, which are of course spectacular in their own right. Murchison Falls is situated between Lake Kyoga in the east and Lake Albert in the west. Here the Nile forces its way through a seven-meter/23-feet-wide gap and then plunges over 40 meters/130 feet.

Our day was far from over, though. Further birding in the park produced a family of **Brown Babblers**, a few **Fawn-breasted Waxbills**, and an amazing sighting of **Red-winged Pytilia**! We managed to find an area where nightjars are known to be active around dusk. **Black-shouldered Nightjar** was heard calling, and then suddenly both a female and a cracking male **Pennant-winged Nightjar** were cruising around above us. It was still light enough to get a really awesome silhouette of the male with long pennants. **Greyish Eagle-Owl** also showed really nicely before we arrived back at the lodge. What a day!



The majestic Murchison Falls from afar.

Day 18, 18th August 2019. Transfer to Entebbe

Despite having a fairly long drive back to Entebbe our final full day of the tour was enjoyable. Sightings of **Abyssinian Ground Hornbill** and **Red-tailed Ant Thrush** were welcome. The agricultural areas once again produced a few nice species: **Purple-banded Sunbird**, **Marsh Tchagra**, and **Black-and-white Mannikin**, as well as an awesome sighting of a single **Cuckoo-finch**.

After lunch we stopped at one of the large marshlands, where we picked up both **Fan-tailed Widowbird** and the similar **Marsh Widowbird**. Once safely back in Entebbe we added sightings of **African Goshawk** and **Western Barn Owl**.

Day 19, 19th August 2019. Departure

Today our wonderful tour came to an end with our international departures. All of us had thoroughly enjoyed a very successful Ugandan birding adventure!





Uganda has bee-eaters and more bee-eaters! Pictured here is Northern Carmine Bee-eater at Murchison Falls National Park.

Bird List - Following IOC (9.2)

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 BirdLife International: CE = Critically Endangered, EN = Endangered, VU = Vulnerable, NT = Near Threatened.

Common name	Scientific name
Guineafowl (Numididae)	
Helmeted Guineafowl	Numida meleagris
Crested Guineafowl	Guttera pucherani
New World Quail (Odontophorid	lae)
Nahan's Partridge - VU (H)	Ptilopachus nahani
Pheasants & Allies (Phasianidae)	
Coqui Francolin (H)	Peliperdix coqui
Crested Francolin	Dendroperdix sephaena
Heuglin's Francolin	Pternistis icterorhynchus
Handsome Francolin	Pternistis nobilis
Red-necked Spurfowl	Pternistis afer
Ducks, Geese, Swans (Anatidae)	



Common name	Scientific name
Knob-billed Duck	Sarkidiornis melanotos
Egyptian Goose	Alopochen aegyptiaca
Yellow-billed Duck	Anas undulata
Nightjars (Caprimulgidae)	
Black-shouldered Nightjar (H)	Caprimulgus nigriscapularis
Montane Nightjar	Caprimulgus poliocephalus
Freckled Nightjar	Caprimulgus tristigma
Slender-tailed Nightjar	Caprimulgus clarus
Square-tailed Nightjar (H)	Caprimulgus fossii
Pennant-winged Nightjar	Caprimulgus vexillarius
Swifts (Apodidae)	
Cassin's Spinetail	Neafrapus cassini
African Palm Swift	Cypsiurus parvus
Alpine Swift	Tachymarptis melba
Mottled Swift	Tachymarptis aequatorialis
Common Swift	Apus apus
Little Swift	Apus affinis
White-rumped Swift	Apus caffer
Turacos (Musophagidae)	
Great Blue Turaco	Corythaeola cristata
Black-billed Turaco	Tauraco schuettii
White-crested Turaco	Tauraco leucolophus
Rwenzori Turaco	Ruwenzorornis johnstoni
Ross's Turaco	Musophaga rossae
Bare-faced Go-away-bird	Corythaixoides personatus
Eastern Plantain-eater	Crinifer zonurus
Bustards (Otididae)	
Black-bellied Bustard	Lissotis melanogaster
Cuckoos (Cuculidae)	
Blue-headed Coucal	Centropus monachus
White-browed Coucal	Centropus superciliosus
Blue Malkoha	Ceuthmochares aereus
Diederik Cuckoo	Chrysococcyx caprius
Klaas's Cuckoo	Chrysococcyx klaas
African Emerald Cuckoo	Chrysococcyx cupreus
Dusky Long-tailed Cuckoo	Cercococcyx mechowi



Common name	Scientific name
Red-chested Cuckoo	Cuculus solitarius
African Cuckoo	Cuculus gularis
Pigeons, Doves (Columbidae)	
Rock Dove	Columba livia
Speckled Pigeon	Columba guinea
Afep Pigeon (H)	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
Black-billed Wood Dove	Turtur abyssinicus
Blue-spotted Wood Dove	Turtur afer
Tambourine Dove	Turtur tympanistria
African Green Pigeon	Treron calvus
Flufftails (Sarothruridae)	
White-spotted Flufftail	Sarothrura pulchra
Red-chested Flufftail (H)	Sarothrura rufa
Finfoots (Heliornithidae)	
African Finfoot	Podica senegalensis
Rails, Crakes & Coots (Rallidae)	
African Rail	Rallus caerulescens
African Crake	Crex egregia
Black Crake	Amaurornis flavirostra
African Swamphen	Porphyrio madagascariensis
Allen's Gallinule	Porphyrio alleni
Common Moorhen	Gallinula chloropus
Cranes (Gruidae)	
Grey Crowned Crane - EN	Balearica regulorum
Stone-curlews, Thick-knees (Burhinia	lae)
Senegal Thick-knee	Burhinus senegalensis



Common name	Scientific name	
Water Thick-knee	Burhinus vermiculatus	
Spotted Thick-knee	Burhinus capensis	
Stilts, Avocets (Recurvirostridae)		
Black-winged Stilt	Himantopus himantopus	
Plovers (Charadriidae)		
Long-toed Lapwing	Vanellus crassirostris	
Spur-winged Lapwing	Vanellus spinosus	
Black-headed Lapwing	Vanellus tectus	
Senegal Lapwing	Vanellus lugubris	
Crowned Lapwing	Vanellus coronatus	
African Wattled Lapwing	Vanellus senegallus	
Brown-chested Lapwing	Vanellus superciliosus	
Kittlitz's Plover	Charadrius pecuarius	
Three-banded Plover	Charadrius tricollaris	
Painted-snipes (Rostratulidae)		
Greater Painted-snipe	Rostratula benghalensis	
Jacanas (Jacanidae)		
Lesser Jacana	Microparra capensis	
African Jacana	Actophilornis africanus	
Sandpipers, Snipes (Scolopacidae)		
Ruddy Turnstone	Arenaria interpres	
Ruff	Calidris pugnax	
Curlew Sandpiper - NT	Calidris ferruginea	
Sanderling	Calidris alba	
Little Stint	Calidris minuta	
Pin-tailed Snipe	Gallinago stenura	
Common Sandpiper	Actitis hypoleucos	
Green Sandpiper	Tringa ochropus	
Marsh Sandpiper	Tringa stagnatilis	
Wood Sandpiper	Tringa glareola	
Common Greenshank	Tringa nebularia	
Coursers, Pratincoles (Glareolidae))	
Collared Pratincole	Glareola pratincola	
Conared Praimcole		

Gulls, Terns, Skimmers (Laridae)



Common name	Scientific name
African Skimmer - NT	Rynchops flavirostris
Grey-headed Gull	Chroicocephalus cirrocephalus
Gull-billed Tern	Gelochelidon nilotica
Whiskered Tern	Chlidonias hybrida
Storks (Ciconiidae)	
Yellow-billed Stork	Mycteria ibis
African Openbill	Anastomus lamelligerus
Woolly-necked Stork - VU	Ciconia episcopus
Saddle-billed Stork	Ephippiorhynchus senegalensis
Marabou Stork	Leptoptilos crumenifer
Cormorants, Shags (Phalacrocoracio	lae)
Reed Cormorant	Microcarbo africanus
White-breasted Cormorant	Phalacrocorax lucidus
Anhingas, Darters (Anhingidae)	
African Darter	Anhinga rufa
Ibises, Spoonbills (Threskiornithidae	e)
African Sacred Ibis	Threskiornis aethiopicus
Hadada Ibis	Bostrychia hagedash
African Spoonbill	Platalea alba
Herons, Bitterns (Ardeidae)	
Dwarf Bittern	Ixobrychus sturmii
White-backed Night Heron	Gorsachius leuconotus
Striated Heron	Butorides striata
Squacco Heron	Ardeola ralloides
Rufous-bellied Heron	Ardeola rufiventris
Western Cattle Egret	Bubulcus ibis
Grey Heron	Ardea cinerea
Black-headed Heron	Ardea melanocephala
Goliath Heron	Ardea goliath
Purple Heron	Ardea purpurea
Great Egret	Ardea alba
Intermediate Egret	Ardea intermedia
Little Egret	Egretta garzetta
Hamerkop (Scopidae)	
Hamerkop	Scopus umbretta



Common name	Scientific name
Shoebill (Balaenicipitidae)	
Shoebill - VU	Balaeniceps rex
Pelicans (Pelecanidae)	
Great White Pelican	Pelecanus onocrotalus
Pink-backed Pelican	Pelecanus rufescens
Kites, Hawks, Eagles (Accipitridae))
Black-winged Kite	Elanus caeruleus
African Harrier-Hawk	Polyboroides typus
Palm-nut Vulture	Gypohierax angolensis
Hooded Vulture - CE	Necrosyrtes monachus
White-backed Vulture - CE	Gyps africanus
Rüppell's Vulture - CE	Gyps rueppelli
White-headed Vulture - CE	Trigonoceps occipitalis
Brown Snake Eagle	Circaetus cinereus
Western Banded Snake Eagle	Circaetus cinerascens
Bateleur - NT	Terathopius ecaudatus
Bat Hawk	Macheiramphus alcinus
Crowned Eagle - NT	Stephanoaetus coronatus
Martial Eagle - VU	Polemaetus bellicosus
Long-crested Eagle	Lophaetus occipitalis
Wahlberg's Eagle	Hieraaetus wahlbergi
Booted Eagle	Hieraaetus pennatus
Tawny Eagle - VU	Aquila rapax
Cassin's Hawk-Eagle	Aquila africana
Lizard Buzzard	Kaupifalco monogrammicus
Dark Chanting Goshawk	Melierax metabates
African Goshawk	Accipiter tachiro
Black Sparrowhawk	Accipiter melanoleucus
African Marsh Harrier	Circus ranivorus
Yellow-billed Kite	Milvus aegyptius
African Fish Eagle	Haliaeetus vocifer
Mountain Buzzard - NT	Buteo oreophilus
Augur Buzzard	Buteo augur
Barn Owls (Tytonidae)	
Western Barn Owl	Tyto alba
Owls (Strigidae)	
African Scops Owl (H)	Otus senegalensis
Spotted Eagle-Owl	Bubo africanus
Shound Fugie Chi	Suco aj reantas



Common name	Scientific name
Greyish Eagle-Owl	Bubo cinerascens
Verreaux's Eagle-Owl	Bubo lacteus
African Wood Owl	Strix woodfordii
Pearl-spotted Owlet	Glaucidium perlatum
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Mousebirds (Coliidae)	
Speckled Mousebird	Colius striatus
Blue-naped Mousebird	Urocolius macrourus
Trogons (Trogonidae)	
Narina Trogon	Apaloderma narina
Bar-tailed Trogon	Apaloderma vittatum
Hoopoes (Upupidae)	
African Hoopoe (H)	Upupa africana
Wood Hoopoes (Phoeniculidae)	
White-headed Wood Hoopoe	Phoeniculus bollei
Green Wood Hoopoe (H)	Phoeniculus purpureus
Common Scimitarbill	Rhinopomastus cyanomelas
Ground Hornbills (Bucorvidae)	
Abyssinian Ground Hornbill - VU	Bucorvus abyssinicus
Hornbills (Bucerotidae)	
Crowned Hornbill	Lophoceros alboterminatus
African Grey Hornbill	Lophoceros nasutus
White-thighed Hornbill	Bycanistes albotibialis
Black-and-white-casqued Hornbill	Bycanistes subcylindricus
Rollers (Coraciidae)	
Lilac-breasted Roller	Coracias caudatus
Lilac-breasted Roller Blue-throated Roller	Eurystomus gularis
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Common name	Scientific name
African Pygmy Kingfisher	Ispidina picta
Malachite Kingfisher	Corythornis cristatus
Giant Kingfisher	Megaceryle maxima
Pied Kingfisher	Ceryle rudis
Bee-eaters (Meropidae)	
Black Bee-eater	Merops gularis
Little Bee-eater	Merops pusillus
Blue-breasted Bee-eater	Merops variegatus
Cinnamon-chested Bee-eater	Merops oreobates
Red-throated Bee-eater	Merops bulocki
White-throated Bee-eater	Merops albicollis
Olive Bee-eater	Merops superciliosus
Northern Carmine Bee-eater	Merops nubicus
African Barbets (Lybiidae)	
Grey-throated Barbet	Gymnobucco bonapartei
Speckled Tinkerbird	Pogoniulus scolopaceus
Western Tinkerbird	Pogoniulus coryphaea
Yellow-throated Tinkerbird	Pogoniulus subsulphureus
Yellow-rumped Tinkerbird	Pogoniulus bilineatus
Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird	Pogoniulus chrysoconus
Yellow-spotted Barbet	Buccanodon duchaillui
Hairy-breasted Barbet	Tricholaema hirsuta
Spot-flanked Barbet	Tricholaema lacrymosa
White-headed Barbet	Lybius leucocephalus
Black-billed Barbet	Lybius guifsobalito
Double-toothed Barbet	Lybius bidentatus
Yellow-billed Barbet	Trachyphonus purpuratus
Crested Barbet	Trachyphonus vaillantii
Honeyguides (Indicatoridae)	
Willcocks's Honeyguide	Indicator willcocksi
Lesser Honeyguide	Indicator minor
Woodpeckers (Picidae)	
Nubian Woodpecker	Campethera nubica
Green-backed Woodpecker	Campethera cailliautii
Tullberg's Woodpecker	Campethera tullbergi
Buff-spotted Woodpecker (H)	Campethera nivosa
Brown-eared Woodpecker	Campethera caroli
Bearded Woodpecker (H)	Chloropicus namaquus



Common name	Scientific name
Yellow-crested Woodpecker	Chloropicus xantholophus
Cardinal Woodpecker	Dendropicos fuscescens
Elliot's Woodpecker	Dendropicos elliotii
African Grey Woodpecker	Dendropicos goertae
Olive Woodpecker	Dendropicos griseocephalus
Brown-backed Woodpecker	Dendropicos obsoletus
Caracaras, Falcons (Falconidae)	
Common Kestrel	Falco tinnunculus
Grey Kestrel	Falco ardosiaceus
Red-necked Falcon	Falco chicquera
African Hobby	Falco cuvierii
African & New World Parrots (Psitta	acidae)
Grey Parrot	Psittacus erithacus
Meyer's Parrot	Poicephalus meyeri
	1 orceptatus meyeri
Old World Parrots (Psittaculidae)	
Red-headed Lovebird	Agapornis pullarius
Typical Broadbills (Eurylaimidae)	
Grauer's Broadbill - VU	Pseudocalyptomena graueri
African and Crean Dreadbills (Calur	
African and Green Broadbills (Calyp African Broadbill	
	Smithornis capensis
Pittas (Pittidae)	
Green-breasted Pitta	Pitta reichenowi
Wattle-eyes, Batises (Platysteiridae)	
Rwenzori Batis	Batis diops
Chinspot Batis	Batis molitor
Western Black-headed Batis	Batis erlangeri
Ituri Batis	Batis ituriensis
Chestnut Wattle-eye	Platysteira castanea
Brown-throated Wattle-eye	Platysteira cyanea
Bushshrikes (Malaconotidae)	
Lagden's Bushshrike - NT (H)	Malaconotus lagdeni
Many-colored Bushshrike	Chlorophoneus multicolor
Bocage's Bushshrike	Chlorophoneus bocagei
Orange-breasted Bushshrike	Chlorophoneus sulfureopectus



Common name	Scientific name
Doherty's Bushshrike (H)	Telophorus dohertyi
Marsh Tchagra	Bocagia minuta
Brown-crowned Tchagra	Tchagra australis
Black-crowned Tchagra	Tchagra senegalus
Pink-footed Puffback	Dryoscopus angolensis
Northern Puffback	Dryoscopus gambensis
Albertine Sooty Boubou	Laniarius holomelas
Willard's Sooty Boubou	Laniarius willardi
Lühder's Bushshrike	Laniarius luehderi
Tropical Boubou	Laniarius major
Papyrus Gonolek - NT	Laniarius mufumbiri
Black-headed Gonolek	Laniarius erythrogaster
Vangas & Allies (Vangidae)	
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
Shrikes (Laniidae)	
Mackinnon's Shrike	Lanius mackinnoni
Grey-backed Fiscal	Lanius excubitoroides
Northern Fiscal	Lanius humeralis
Figbirds, Orioles, Turnagra (Oriolid	ae)
African Golden Oriole	Oriolus auratus
Western Oriole	Oriolus brachyrynchus
Mountain Oriole	Oriolus percivali
Drongos (Dicruridae)	
Fork-tailed Drongo	Dicrurus adsimilis
Velvet-mantled Drongo	Dicrurus modestus
Monarchs (Monarchidae)	
Red-bellied Paradise Flycatcher	Terpsiphone rufiventer
African Paradise Flycatcher	Terpsiphone viridis
Chowa Jona (Considera)	
Crows, Jays (Corvidae)	



Common name	Scientific name
Piapiac	Ptilostomus afer
Pied Crow	Corvus albus
White-necked Raven	Corvus albicollis
Fairy Flycatchers (Stenostiridae)	
African Blue Flycatcher	Elminia longicauda
White-tailed Blue Flycatcher	Elminia albicauda
Tits, Chickadees (Paridae)	
White-shouldered Black Tit	Melaniparus guineensis
White-winged Black Tit	Melaniparus leucomelas
Dusky Tit	Melaniparus funereus
Stripe-breasted Tit	Melaniparus fasciiventer
Nicators (Nicatoridae)	
Western Nicator	Nicator chloris
Larks (Alaudidae)	
Rufous-naped Lark	Mirafra africana
Flappet Lark	Mirafra rufocinnamomea
White-tailed Lark (H)	Mirafra albicauda
Red-capped Lark	Calandrella cinerea
Bulbuls (Pycnonotidae)	
Dark-capped Bulbul	Pycnonotus tricolor
Kakamega Greenbul	Arizelocichla kakamegae
Olive-breasted Greenbul	Arizelocichla kikuyuensis
Slender-billed Greenbul	Stelgidillas gracilirostris
Little Greenbul	Eurillas virens
Little Grey Greenbul	Eurillas gracilis
Ansorge's Greenbul	Eurillas ansorgei
Plain Greenbul (H)	Eurillas curvirostris
Yellow-whiskered Greenbul	Eurillas latirostris
Honeyguide Greenbul	Baeopogon indicator
Spotted Greenbul	Ixonotus guttatus
Yellow-throated Leaflove	Atimastillas flavicollis
Toro Olive Greenbul	Phyllastrephus hypochloris
Cabanis's Greenbul	Phyllastrephus cabanisi
White-throated Greenbul	Phyllastrephus albigularis
Yellow-streaked Greenbul	Phyllastrephus flavostriatus
Red-tailed Bristlebill (H)	Bleda syndactylus
Red-tailed Greenbul	Criniger calurus



Common name	Scientific name
Swallowa Monting (Himundinidaa)	
Swallows, Martins (Hirundinidae)	Psalidoprogra albigans
White-headed Saw-wing Black Saw-wing	Psalidoprocne albiceps Psalidoprocne pristoptera
Banded Martin	Psalidoprocne pristoptera Riparia cincta
Barn Swallow	Hirundo rustica
Angolan Swallow	Hirundo angolensis
Wire-tailed Swallow	Hirundo smithii
Blue Swallow - VU	Hirundo atrocaerulea
Rock Martin	Ptyonoprogne fuligula
Lesser Striped Swallow	Cecropis abyssinica
Red-breasted Swallow	Cecropis abyssinica Cecropis semirufa
Mosque Swallow	Cecropis senegalensis
Red-rumped Swallow	
Red-fulliped Swallow	Cecropis daurica
Crombecs, African Warblers (Mac	rosphenidae)
Moustached Grass Warbler	Melocichla mentalis
Northern Crombec	Sylvietta brachyura
Red-faced Crombec (H)	Sylvietta whytii
Green Crombec	Sylvietta virens
Lemon-bellied Crombec	Sylvietta denti
White-browed Crombec	Sylvietta leucophrys
Cettia Bush Warblers & Allies (Ce	
Neumann's Warbler	Urosphena neumanni
Yellow Flycatchers (Erythrocercid	ae)
Chestnut-capped Flycatcher	Erythrocercus mccallii
Hylia, Pholidornis (Hyliidae)	
Green Hylia	Hylia prasina
Leaf Warblers & Allies (Phyllosco	pidae)
Red-faced Woodland Warbler	Phylloscopus laetus
Reed Warblers & Allies (Acroceph	alidae)
Grauer's Warbler	Graueria vittata
Lesser Swamp Warbler (H)	Acrocephalus gracilirostris
African Yellow Warbler	Iduna natalensis
Mountain Yellow Warbler (H)	Iduna similis
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Grassbirds & Allies (Locustellidae))

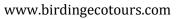


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Evergreen Forest Warbler (H)	Bradypterus lopezi
White-winged Swamp Warbler	Bradypterus carpalis
Grauer's Swamp Warbler - EN	Bradypterus graueri
Cisticolas & Allies (Cisticolidae)	
Red-faced Cisticola	Cisticola erythrops
Singing Cisticola	Cisticola cantans
Whistling Cisticola	Cisticola lateralis
Trilling Cisticola	Cisticola woosnami
Chubb's Cisticola	Cisticola chubbi
Rattling Cisticola	Cisticola chiniana
Winding Cisticola	Cisticola marginatus
Carruthers's Cisticola	Cisticola carruthersi
Stout Cisticola	Cisticola robustus
Croaking Cisticola	Cisticola natalensis
Foxy Cisticola	Cisticola troglodytes
Long-tailed Cisticola	Cisticola angusticauda
Zitting Cisticola	Cisticola juncidis
Wing-snapping Cisticola	Cisticola ayresii
Tawny-flanked Prinia	Prinia subflava
Banded Prinia	Prinia bairdii
Black-faced Prinia (H)	Prinia melanops
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
Mountain Masked Apalis	Apalis personata
Black-throated Apalis	Apalis jacksoni
Black-capped Apalis (H)	Apalis nigriceps
Chestnut-throated Apalis	Apalis porphyrolaema
Buff-throated Apalis	Apalis rufogularis
Grey Apalis	Apalis cinerea
Grey-capped Warbler	Eminia lepida
Green-backed Camaroptera	Camaroptera brachyura
Grey-backed Camaroptera	Camaroptera brevicaudata
Yellow-browed Camaroptera	Camaroptera superciliaris
Olive-green Camaroptera	Camaroptera chloronota
Black-faced Rufous Warbler	Bathmocercus rufus
Rufous-crowned Eremomela	Eremomela badiceps

Fulvettas, Ground Babblers (Pellorneidae)



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Scaly-breasted Illadopsis	Illadopsis albipectus
Pale-breasted Illadopsis	Illadopsis rufipennis
Brown Illadopsis (H)	Illadopsis fulvescens
Mountain Illadopsis	Illadopsis pyrrhoptera
Laughingthrushes & Allies (Leiot	hrichidae)
Brown Babbler	Turdoides plebejus
Arrow-marked Babbler	Turdoides jardineii
Black-lored Babbler	Turdoides sharpei
Sylviid Babblers (Sylviidae)	
African Hill Babbler	Pseudoalcippe abyssinica
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White-eyes (Zosteropidae)	
Northern Yellow White-eye	Zosterops senegalensis
Dapple-throat & Allies (Modulatr	icidae)
Grey-chested Babbler (H)	Kakamega poliothorax
Starlings, Rhabdornis (Sturnidae)	
Wattled Starling	Creatophora cinerea
Purple-headed Starling	Hylopsar purpureiceps
Lesser Blue-eared Starling	Lamprotornis chloropterus
Splendid Starling	Lamprotornis splendidus
Purple Starling	Lamprotornis purpureus
Rüppell's Starling	Lamprotornis purpuroptera
Violet-backed Starling	Cinnyricinclus leucogaster
Chestnut-winged Starling	Onychognathus fulgidus
Waller's Starling	Onychognathus walleri
Stuhlmann's Starling	Poeoptera stuhlmanni
Narrow-tailed Starling	Poeoptera lugubris
Sharpe's Starling	Poeoptera sharpii
Oxpeckers (Buphagidae)	
Yellow-billed Oxpecker	Buphagus africanus
Thrushes (Turdidae)	
Red-tailed Ant Thrush	Neocossyphus rufus
White-tailed Ant Thrush	Neocossyphus poensis
Fraser's Rufous Thrush	Stizorhina fraseri
Abyssinian Ground Thrush	Geokichla piaggiae
African Thrush	Turdus pelios





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Olive Thrush	Turdus olivaceus
Abyssinian Thrush	Turdus abyssinicus
Chats, Old World Flycatchers (Mu	ıscicapidae)
Fire-crested Alethe (H)	Alethe castanea
Brown-backed Scrub Robin	Cercotrichas hartlaubi
White-browed Scrub Robin	Cercotrichas leucophrys
Fraser's Forest Flycatcher	Fraseria ocreata
Grey-throated Tit-Flycatcher	Myioparus griseigularis
Grey Tit-Flycatcher (H)	Myioparus plumbeus
White-eyed Slaty Flycatcher	Melaenornis fischeri
Yellow-eyed Black Flycatcher	Melaenornis ardesiacus
Northern Black Flycatcher	Melaenornis edolioides
Pale Flycatcher	Melaenornis pallidus
Silverbird	Empidornis semipartitus
Ashy Flycatcher	Muscicapa caerulescens
Swamp Flycatcher	Muscicapa aquatica
Cassin's Flycatcher	Muscicapa cassini
Chapin's Flycatcher - VU	Muscicapa lendu
African Dusky Flycatcher	Muscicapa adusta
Dusky-blue Flycatcher	Muscicapa comitata
Sooty Flycatcher	Muscicapa infuscata
Red-throated Alethe	Chamaetylas poliophrys
Brown-chested Alethe	Chamaetylas poliocephala
Archer's Ground Robin	Cossypha archeri
Cape Robin-Chat (H)	Cossypha caffra
Grey-winged Robin-Chat	Cossypha polioptera
Blue-shouldered Robin-Chat	Cossypha cyanocampter
White-browed Robin-Chat	Cossypha heuglini
Red-capped Robin-Chat	Cossypha natalensis
Snowy-crowned Robin-Chat	Cossypha niveicapilla
White-starred Robin	Pogonocichla stellata
Forest Robin (H)	Stiphrornis erythrothorax
Equatorial Akalat	Sheppardia aequatorialis
Spotted Palm Thrush	Cichladusa guttata
African Stonechat	Saxicola torquatus
Sooty Chat	Myrmecocichla nigra
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Sunbirds (Nectariniidae)	
Grey-headed Sunbird	Deleornis axillaris
Little Green Sunbird	Anthreptes seimundi
Grey-chinned Sunbird	Anthreptes rectirostris



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Collared Sunbird	Hedydipna collaris
Green-headed Sunbird	Cyanomitra verticalis
Blue-throated Brown Sunbird	Cyanomitra cyanolaema
Blue-headed Sunbird	Cyanomitra alinae
Olive Sunbird	Cyanomitra olivacea
Green-throated Sunbird	Chalcomitra rubescens
Scarlet-chested Sunbird	Chalcomitra senegalensis
Bronzy Sunbird	Nectarinia kilimensis
Olive-bellied Sunbird	Cinnyris chloropygius
Tiny Sunbird	Cinnyris minullus
Rwenzori Double-collared Sunbird	Cinnyris stuhlmanni
Northern Double-collared Sunbird	Cinnyris reichenowi
Regal Sunbird	Cinnyris regius
Beautiful Sunbird	Cinnyris pulchellus
Marico Sunbird	Cinnyris mariquensis
Red-chested Sunbird	Cinnyris erythrocercus
Purple-banded Sunbird	Cinnyris bifasciatus
Variable Sunbird	Cinnyris venustus
Copper Sunbird	Cinnyris cupreus
Old World Sparrows, Snowfinches (P	asseridae)
House Sparrow	Passer domesticus
Shelley's Sparrow	Passer shelleyi
Northern Grey-headed Sparrow	Passer griseus
Weavers, Widowbirds (Ploceidae)	
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
Orange Weaver	Ploceus aurantius
Northern Brown-throated Weaver	Ploceus castanops
Lesser Masked Weaver	Ploceus intermedius
Vitelline Masked Weaver	Ploceus vitellinus
Village Weaver	Ploceus cucullatus
Vieillot's Black Weaver	Ploceus nigerrimus



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Weyns's Weaver	Ploceus weynsi
Black-headed Weaver	Ploceus melanocephalus
Golden-backed Weaver	Ploceus jacksoni
Yellow-mantled Weaver	Ploceus tricolor
Compact Weaver	Ploceus superciliosus
Brown-capped Weaver	Ploceus insignis
Red-headed Malimbe	Malimbus rubricollis
Red-headed Weaver	Anaplectes rubriceps
Red-billed Quelea	Quelea quelea
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 (Estrildida	ae)
Jameson's Antpecker	Parmoptila jamesoni
White-breasted Nigrita	Nigrita fusconotus
Grey-headed Nigrita	Nigrita canicapillus
White-collared Oliveback	Nesocharis ansorgei
Red-winged Pytilia	Pytilia phoenicoptera
Green-winged Pytilia	Pytilia melba
Cut-throat Finch	Amadina fasciata
Dusky Crimsonwing (H)	Cryptospiza jacksoni
Brown Twinspot	Clytospiza monteiri
Red-billed Firefinch	Lagonosticta senegala
Red-cheeked Cordon-bleu	Uraeginthus bengalus
Fawn-breasted Waxbill	Estrilda paludicola
Crimson-rumped Waxbill	Estrilda rhodopyga
Black-rumped Waxbill	Estrilda troglodytes
Common Waxbill	Estrilda astrild
Black-crowned Waxbill	Estrilda nonnula
Kandt's Waxbill	Estrilda kandti
Black-faced Waxbill	Estrilda erythronotos
Quailfinch	Ortygospiza atricollis
Bronze Mannikin	Lonchura cucullata
Black-and-white Mannikin	Lonchura bicolor



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Indigobirds, Whydahs (Viduidae)	
Village Indigobird	Vidua chalybeata
Pin-tailed Whydah	Vidua macroura
Cuckoo-finch	Anomalospiza imberbis
Wagtails, Pipits (Motacillidae)	
Cape Wagtail	Motacilla capensis
Mountain Wagtail	Motacilla clara
African Pied Wagtail	Motacilla aguimp
Yellow-throated Longclaw	Macronyx croceus
African Pipit	Anthus cinnamomeus
Plain-backed Pipit	Anthus leucophrys
Finches, Euphonias (Fringillidae)	
Western Citril	Crithagra frontalis
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
Cabanis's Bunting	Emberiza cabanisi

Total Seen	501
Total heard only	30
Total recorded	531

Mammal List

Common name	Scientific name
Hyraxes (Procaviidae)	
Yellow-spotted Hyrax	Heterohyrax brucei
Elephants (Elephantidae)	
African Elephant	Loxodonta africana



Common name	Scientific name
Galagos (Galagidae)	
Northern Lesser Galago	Galago senegalensis
Thick-tailed Greater Galago	Otolemur crassicaudatus
Old World Monkeys (Cercopithecida	ne)
L'Hoest's Monkey	Allochrocebus lhoesti
Blue Monkey	Cercopithecus mitis
Red-tailed Monkey	Cercopithecus ascanius
Tantalus Monkey	Chlorocebus tantalus
Guereza	Colobus guereza
Patas Monkey	Erythrocebus patas
Grey-cheeked Mangabey	Lophocebus albigena
Olive Baboon	Papio anubis
Ashy Red Colobus	Piliocolobus tephrosceles
Great Apes (Hominidae)	
Mountain Gorilla	Gorilla beringei beringei
Eastern Chimpanzee	Pan troglodytes schweinfurthii
Squirrels (Sciuridae)	
Carruther's Mountain Squirrel	Funisciurus carruthersi
Isabelline Red-legged Sun Squirrel	Heliosciurus rufobrachium
Boehm's Bush Squirrel	Paraxerus boehmi
Striped Ground Squirrel	Xerus erythropus
Rabbits and Hares (Leporidae)	
Bunyoro Rabbit	Poelagus marjorita
False Vampire Bats (Megadermatida	ne)
Yellow-winged Bat	Lavia frons
Cats (Felidae)	
Lion	Panthera leo
Viverrids (Viverridae)	
Common Genet	Genetta genetta
Mongooses (Herpestidae)	
Common Dwarf Mongoose	Helogale parvula
Slender Mongoose	Herpestes sanguineus
Canids (Canidae)	



Common name	Scientific name
Side-striped Jackal	Canis adustus
Horses & Allies (Equidae)	
Plains Zebra	Equus quagga
Pigs (Suidae)	
Common Warthog	Phacochoerus africanus
Hippopotamuses (Hippopotam	idae)
Hippopotamus	Hippopotamus amphibius
Giraffids (Giraffidae)	
Giraffe	Giraffa camelopardalis
Bovids (Bovidae)	1
Impala	Aepyceros melampus
Hartebeest	Alcelaphus buselaphus
Black-fronted Duiker	Cephalophus nigrifrons
Yellow-backed Duiker	Cephalophus silvicultor
Торі	Damaliscus lunatus
Waterbuck	Kobus ellipsiprymnus
Uganda Kob	Kobus kob thomasi
Oribi	Ourebia ourebi
African Buffalo	Syncerus caffer
Bushbuck	Tragelaphus scriptus

Total seen40

<u>Reptile List</u>

Common name	Scientific name
Geckos (Gekkonidae)	
Tropical House Gecko	Hemidactylus mabouia
Skinks (Scincidae)	
Striped Skink	Mabuya striata
Agamid Lizards (Agamidae)	
Red-headed Rock Agama	Agama agama
Blue-headed Tree Agama	Agama atricollis



Common name	Scientific name
Vipers (Viperidae)	
Great Lakes Bush Viper	Atheris nitschei
Crocodylidae (Crocodiles)	
Nile Crocodile	Crocodylus niloticus
Total seen	6

