



## **KENYA SPECIALITIES TOUR REPORT 2023**

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This was definitely a tour through Kenya with a difference! The focus here was not on the 'big five' of the Masai Mara but rather on a selection of the country's avian specialties that cannot be seen on any other tour to neighbouring countries. This involved a lot of driving over the length and breadth of the country and visited many lesser-known localities en route. We started on Lamu Island watching the recently described Black Boubou, a species here at the southernmost edge of its range which stretches up along the coastline into Somalia. Heading southwards we took in the similarly restricted range Violet-breasted Sunbird before reaching Watamu, our base for exploring the Arabuko-Sokoke Forest where Sokoke Scops Owl, Sokoke Pipit, Eastern Crested Guineafowl and Malindi Pipit were all seen well. For those 'family collectors' Crab-plover was a welcome lifer! Heading across Tsavo East National Park produced Somali Bee-eater before reaching the Taita Hills where Taita White-eye, Taita Apalis and Taita Thrush all showed well. Our time was short on Mount Kenya but nonetheless we found Jackson's Spurfowl, Kikuyu White-eye, Hinde's Babbler and even a pair of Abbott's Starlings – a bird that is notoriously difficult to see! The Aberdares produced the require cisticola and some Giant Forest Hogs were much appreciated mammal ticks. Shaba National Reserve was very wet this year and did not disappoint with great views of both Friedmann's and Williams's Larks before we headed up to Marsabit in the remote north of Kenya. The pretty Somali Sparrow was easy to see and we also found Masked Larks and a wonderful displaying male Heuglin's Bustard. We had no problem finding Northern Masked Weaver and Jackson's Hornbill at Baringo and the delightful Kakamega Forest delivered the hoped for Turner's Eremomela as well as Uganda Woodland Warbler (far easier to see here than in Uganda). Grey-chested Babbler was also another welcome bird as the Modulatrix group can be particularly tough birds to see. Our final Kenyan special was Sharpe's Longclaw on the Kinangop Plateau. Other special or 'diamond' birds seen on this tour included Somali Ostrich, Vulturine Guineafowl, Hildebrandt's Spurfowl (heard only), Scarce Swift, Ross's, White-crested, Black-billed, Fischer's and Hartlaub's Turacos, Buff-spotted Flufftail (heard only), Somali Courser, White-cheeked Tern, Olive Ibis (heard only), Mountain Buzzard, White-headed Mousebird, Hemprich's Hornbill (heard only), Red-and-yellow and D'Arnaud's Barbets, Fine-banded Woodpecker, Forest Batis, Doherty's (heard only) and Rosy-patched Bushshrikes, Three-streaked Tchagra, East Coast Boubou, Long-tailed, Taita and Somali Fiscals, Montane Oriole, Somali Crow, Chestnut-headed and Fischer's Sparrow-Larks, Pink-breasted, Foxy and Red-winged Larks, Joyful, Kakamega, Olive-breasted, Stripe-faced, Lowland Tiny, Fischer's, Placid and Toro Olive Greenbuls, Northern Brownbul, Dodson's Bulbul, Little Yellow Flycatcher, Brown Woodland Warbler, Highland Rush Warbler, Lynes's and Coastal Cisticolas, Pale Prinia, Black-collared, Brown-tailed and Chestnut-throated Apalises, Banded Parisoma, Scaly-

breasted Illadopsis, Scaly and Northern Pied Babblers, Hildebrandt's, Fischer's, White-crowned, Bristle-crowned, Stuhlmann's, Sharpe's and Magpie Starlings, Gambaga and Chapin's Flycatchers, Grey-winged and Blue-shouldered Robin-Chats, Equatorial and East Coast Akalats, Little Rock Thrush, Moorland Chat, Brown-tailed Rock Chat, Plain-backed, Amani, Grey, Hunter's, Tacazze, Golden-winged, Northern Double-collared, Eastern Double-collared, Black-bellied and Tsavo Sunbirds, Swahili, Parrot-billed and Swainson's Sparrows, Donaldson Smith's Sparrow-Weaver, Golden Palm, Speke's, Golden-backed and Chestnut Weavers, Red-cowled and Jackson's Widowbirds, Kandt's Waxbill, Red-headed Bluebill, Straw-tailed Whydah, Golden Pipit, African and Southern Citrils and Reichenow's Seed-eater.

Our tour started at Wilson Airport in Nairobi as we checked in for the short flight to Lamu on the northern Kenya coast. The heat and humidity hit us as we stepped off from the plane in the early afternoon and we were quickly transferred by boat to our rather plush hotel on Lamu Island itself. It was too bad that we didn't have time to enjoy its opulence as we deposited our bags and quickly headed out to the scrubby bush behind the hotel that seems to be disappearing relatively rapidly in the face of more construction work. Our aim was to see the recently described Black (or Manda) Boubou which was once thought to be a morph of Tropical Boubou but is actually more closely related to Red-naped Bushshrike. The afternoon was beginning to cool off (a little) but it was about one and a half kilometres before we heard our quarry and by this time it was quite late in the day. The birds came in to playback but the views were not quite what we'd hoped for and we had to walk back to the hotel in darkness. It was a short night and we were up with the dawn to try again and this time we were met with greater success and enjoyed some excellent views of this black bird with a reddish-brown eye. There wasn't a lot else to look at that was unusual, Sombre Greenbuls were common and some Sooty Gulls, showy Three-streaked Tchagras, Pale White-eye, noisy Scaly Babblers, Bare-eyed Thrush, Grey Sunbird and colourful Golden Palm Weavers were probably the best of the bunch. Our time was short anyway and after this success we happily headed back to breakfast for the three kilometres walk had sharpened our appetites!

After a hearty breakfast it was immediately time to pack our bags into the boats to be ferried back to the mainland where our Landcruiser was waiting for us and the journey south began. Along the way some roadside Topi were a surprise and Coastal Cisticola was seen but we were looking out for the localised Violet-breasted Sunbird which didn't present too many problems although the most extrovert bird turned out to be right next to a village. Our attentions did not please the inhabitants overmuch until a donation of some shillings was slipped into the appropriate hands. The bird was in the bag and we moved on to the Sabaki River mouth where the tide was at a suitable height and we spent a pleasant hour or so scanning waders, gulls and terns under a cool sea breeze. Some diligent looking produced a White-cheeked Tern amongst the numerous Greater and Lesser Crested Terns and on the way back to the car we flushed a Slender-tailed Nightjar. As we drove through Malindi the gathering House Crow roost resembled a scene from Hitchcock's "The Birds" and we rolled into Watamu after dark.

The next three days were spent exploring the Arabuko-Sokoke Forest and environs. The forest is thick and dense and does not give up its secrets easily. Mombasa Woodpecker fell almost immediately but the first day was hard work although we did get the Malindi Pipit easily but it took two days to find the tiny little near-endemic Amani Sunbird. No daytime roosting Sokoke Scops Owls could be found on the first attempt either and so our guide and a colleague spent the night in the forest tracking them back to the roost so that we could enjoy incredible views the following day. Respect to Samson and Willy! It also looked like we were going to struggle with the Sokoke Pipit as the first day drew a blank but once again the second day produced the goods and we had close-up views of a pair as we followed them through the thorny tangled bush. Other successes included perfect views of East Coast Akalat, Fischer's Turaco, pretty Little Yellow Flycatchers, Fischer's and Lowland Tiny Greenbuls, Black-headed Apalis, Forest and Pale Batises, Bearded Scrub Robin, Chestnut-fronted Helmetshrike and Plain-backed Sunbird.

At Mida Creek we found plenty of Crab-plovers an important 'family tick' for some but the surrounding bush country is becoming extremely developed and cleared at a startling rate and little else was found and then a calamity struck and we lost half a day due to a U-bolt breaking. A taxi was hired to ferry us back to the hotel while the vehicle was being fixed. An hour's birding was squeezed in at the end of the day but we had to leave early the following morning.

Licking our wounds, our next drive took us to Tsavo East and then through the width of the National Park. Along the way it became apparent that the car was still not quite right and we had to push on through the huge park somewhat quicker than was intended so we could get to a mechanic on the other side. As we approached the park the countryside was green and lush and we enjoyed seeing the beautiful Golden Pipit in breeding plumage but as we entered the park, everything changed and the landscape was like a desert because no rain had fallen here and the area had not recovered from the three years of drought! Nonetheless we found some Somali Coursers and also had good views of Somali Bee-eater, Vulturine Guinea fowl, Red-winged Lark, 'Tsavo' Rosy-patched Bushshrike, Fischer's Starling and gorgeous Golden-breasted Starlings. As we reached the western side of the park, we could see evidence of rainfall as the habitat became greener whilst in the distance, dark grey clouds had gathered and the rain tumbled onto the distant mountains. We had to wait until the vehicle was fixed again and then made our way up into the Taita Hills for a two nights stay.

A whole day was scheduled to be devoted in finding the three endemics of the isolated Taita Hills, namely Taita Apalis, Taita White-eye and Taita Thrush. We were staying halfway up the mountain but as the vehicle started to climb up from the hotel, the unthinkable happened; one of the other U-bolts broke and the vehicle crunched to a scraping halt. This time we managed to hire a taxi to take us up to the forest with the local guide, leaving our hapless vehicle and driver behind to get things fixed once again! We lost some time but nothing too disastrous and reached the higher altitude where we were to start birding. The white-eye fell pretty much immediately being easy to find along the forest edge and

it wasn't too long before we spotted a thrush foraging in the leaf litter on one of the steep slopes. It was a little difficult to see in the shadows and sadly it flew down the mountain, disappearing from view before everyone had managed good looks. Abandoning this quest for a while, we turned our attention next to the apalis and were taken to a known territory where we soon found ourselves looking at a couple of these rare birds. All that remained was to get better views of the thrush and after lunch we managed this reasonably easily. Returning to where we had seen it earlier, we relocated a bird in the vine tangles and were surprised to see it fly towards us to land by a nest containing a second bird! Success was total and absolute and we watched this often-elusive rarity for as long as we wished. Other interesting species seen during the day included Hartlaub's Turaco, Stripe-faced and Placid Greenbuls and Striped Pipit. The car had taken the time to allow itself to be fixed properly and all was well with the world so that we could depart early the next day for the long drive to Mount Kenya.

The journey was fairly uneventful but some great views of Straw-tailed and Long-tailed Paradise Whydahs by the roadside were enjoyed. We arrived at our destination of Castle Forest Lodge on the slopes of Mount Kenya in the late afternoon and were just gaining an idea about the lie of the land when a thick blanket of cloud and mizzle shrouded everything in sight destroying all hope of any birds being seen that evening.

Fortunately, the following morning was clear and we were up early before dawn waiting for the hoped for Olive Ibises to fly by which they certainly did but although we all heard them sadly, we were unsighted and the birds eluded us. We fared much better with the seldom seen Abbott's Starling and a pair was scoped sat on top of a tree near our cabins. A pair of near-endemic Jackson's Spurfowl were behaving like chickens around the cows and the endemic Kikuyu White-eye was seen. Scarce Swifts dashed overhead, excitable Hunter's Cisticola duetted from the shrubbery and other species seen during our stay included Fine-banded Woodpecker, Red-fronted Parrot, Mountain Oriole, and Tacazze and Eastern Double-collared Sunbirds. A Buff-spotted Flufftail could be heard calling but too far to attempt to see.

Moving on we stopped at a site for the endemic and very special Hinde's Babbler. The birds performed on cue and some excellent views were obtained at a site that also held the recently split Red-cowled Widowbird. We ended our day inside the Aberdare National Park. Beautiful Golden-winged Sunbirds were seen at the entrance and we overnighted at the whimsical lodge called 'The Ark' where the floors were referred to as 'decks', and the manager was called 'The Captain'. The fore of the 'ship' was an outside viewing platform overlooking a large waterhole where African Elephant, African Buffalo, Spotted Hyaena and the much-wanted Giant Forest Hog came down to drink, forage or generally loaf around. African Black Duck and African Snipe were amongst the birds present and a number of storks and herons were watched feasting on a termite hatch drawn to the lights of the lodge.

The night was uneventful (no unusual visitors to the waterhole) and in the morning we watched the birds that included Scaly Spurfowl for a while before climbing up higher into the Aberdare Mountains in order to seek out the endemic Aberdare Cisticola. Once at the correct altitude, these proved easy to see and there were plenty of Moorland Chats here also. Chestnut-throated Apalis trilled from the treetops, a magnificent pair of Crowned Eagles was spotted and other species included Mountain Buzzard, Olive-breasted Greenbul, Brown Woodland Warbler, Mountain Yellow Warbler and Kandt's Waxbill. A rainstorm curtailed our day although we did manage to see a Montane Nightjar at dusk.

From the Aberdares we journeyed towards the Solio Ranch picking up displaying Jackson's and Long-tailed Widowbirds along the way and also lucking into a small flock of migrating Amur Falcons feasting on a termite hatch. Our next stop was to be Shaba National Reserve and we arrived at our exceedingly comfortable lodge in time to see a Pearl-spotted Owlet and Black-bellied Sunbird before once again torrential afternoon rain brought the day to a premature close.

All night long the Ewaso Nyiro River thundered past our rooms fuelled by overnight rain and we woke to startlingly high-water levels on a dull and mizzly morning. Due to the extremely wet conditions our local guide/guard suggested that we might not reach the 'usual' site for the target of the morning which was the endemic Williams's Lark. However, he had good news in that he knew of another site which would be accessible but was slightly further away so we set off through the spectacular but sodden landscape. The rain had done us a big favour though because on the way we heard the distinctive "whee-hoooo" calls of the little-known Friedmann's Lark and because we had our armed guard with us, we were able to get out of the vehicles and set off on foot in order to find one. This task was not too difficult as several birds engaged in display flights and perched prominently on the bare branches of the scattered thorn trees. It was a most fortuitous start to the day, particularly as the rain was by now beginning to ease off and the sun promised to break through. We eventually arrived at the open lava plains where we hoped to find our second rare lark of the morning and it was only a very short time before we had a Williams's Lark firmly in our sight. The rest of the day was now ours to explore this park and neighbouring Buffalo Springs. Black-faced and Lichtenstein's Sandgrouse proved easy to see, a very damp Three-banded Courser was found and Donaldson Smith's Sparrow-Weavers were numerous. An unidentified wood-hoopoe could sadly not be pinned down to species. Mammals were also a feature of the park and we watched handsome Reticulated Giraffes, long-necked Southern Gerenuks, long-horned Galla (or Beisa) Oryx and lovely Grevy's Zebras.

From Shaba we headed further north into remote country and eventually the town of Marsabit. On the way we found some White-headed Mousebirds and we got to our destination with enough time to start exploring the road leading into the Dida Galgalu desert where we found our first Somali Sparrows. After a slow start the next day due to some fighting in town that delayed our departure, we ventured even further into the desert itself where we found Swainson's Sparrow, White-crowned Starling and ultimately the star of the show some obliging Masked Larks. We were still missing the

coveted Heuglin's Bustard and so we decided to try birding the Chalbi desert instead. A new road was being built into the desert and along it we easily found Brown-tailed Rock Chat and Striolated Bunting and finally a superb displaying male Heuglin's Bustard was spotted and watched at length strutting around, puffing up its neck into a strange bulbous shape.

Due to security problems on certain roads within the country we had to take an extraordinary long drive retracing our steps back as far as Solio Ranch in order to reach Baringo. This did give us the chance to see the 'Mackinder's' Cape Eagle-Owl along the way but otherwise it was just a travel day. Heavy rain in the afternoon was by now becoming a pattern and we reached our lodge after dark.

With just a few hours in the morning to bird Baringo the pressure was on but at breakfast time the two main specials came to us with Northern Masked Weaver on the bird table and Jackson's Hornbill in the camp. With the help of a local guide who knew all the local owl roosts we did pretty well and notched up Greyish and Spotted Eagle-Owls as well as a pair of delightful Northern White-faced Owls. Spotted Thick-knee, Brown-tailed Apalis and Pygmy Batis were also seen well.

Leaving Baringo we stopped briefly in the Kerio Valley where we grabbed views of Ross's and White-crested Turacos. A super Gambaga Flycatcher was a bonus and there were also Western Black-headed Batis, Black-headed Gonolek and Chestnut-crowned Sparrow-Weaver. Roadside swamps produced a wonderful pair of African Water Rail as well as Greater and Lesser Swamp Warblers, Highland Rush Warbler and Levillant's Cisticola all in spite of the predictable afternoon rain and we arrived at the wonderful Rondo Retreat in Kakamega Forest just before dusk.

With only one and a half days in Kakamega we could do little more than lick the surface of this super forest reserve but considering the limitations and the fact that we lost yet another afternoon to heavy rain, we did pretty well. Turner's Eremomela was high on the want list and a little flock of these pretty birds surrendered themselves early on the first busy morning. Black-and-white-casqued Hornbills and Black-billed Turaco threw out their guttural cries from the tall treetops, the tiny Uganda Woodland Warbler sang its sweet song almost constantly but took some finding in the mid canopy whilst down in the undergrowth we hunted out skulking Scaly-breasted Illadopsis, Grey-chested Babbler, Grey-winged Robin-Chat, Equatorial Akalat and Red-headed Bluebill. In the bird parties were Kakamega and Toro Olive Greenbuls and the unassuming Chapin's Flycatcher; Stuhlmann's Starling and Southern Citril were seen and we finally caught up with views of Black-collared Apalis, a species only heard up until now. Our accommodation was truly wonderful and situated in the forest itself and White-spotted Flufftail and a hungry and very noisy juvenile Crowned Eagle were 'garden birds'!

From Kakamega we drove back to Nakuru where we spent our last night and managed to see two sleepy Lions before reaching our comfortable lodge. We spent the following morning searching for Grey-crested Helmetshrike but only found hybrids with White-crested Helmetshrike and it seems that pure birds are getting harder to find here. Despite rising water-levels of the lake itself, the waterbird spectacle was pretty impressive and we marvelled at the wheeling flocks of pelicans. Rothschild's Giraffes were seen and some lazy White Rhinos lounged around.

The final speciality of the trip was an appointment with Sharpe's Longclaw on the Kinangop Plateau. We prayed that the rain would hold off just long enough for us to see it and we made our way through some exceedingly tedious traffic to the site where our man on the spot led us straight to several pairs and we enjoyed some first-class views. On the way down we picked up Lynes's Cisticola by the roadside and then it was a direct dash to the airport (thank goodness for the expressway!) and the tour came to an abrupt end.

This had been a massive road trip taking in most of the habitats that Kenya has to offer and along the way, we had enjoyed some spectacular scenery as well as having connected with most of Kenya's very special birds. In fact, the only major speciality that we had missed was Clarke's Weaver which would normally be breeding at this time of year and not inside Sokoke Forest where it is largely absent between April to July. The first breeding colony was only found as recently as 2013 and then again nearby in 2015. Since then, those areas have dried up, habitat has been destroyed and the birds have gone missing and their breeding sites become a mystery again. I guess that's something for another tour!

## **SYSTEMATIC LIST OF SPECIES RECORDED**

### **BIRDS**

**Somali Ostrich** ♦ *Struthio molybdophanes*

**White-faced Whistling Duck** *Dendrocygna viduata*

**Spur-winged Goose** *Plectropterus gambensis*

**Knob-billed Duck** *Sarkidiornis melanotos*

**Egyptian Goose** *Alopochen aegyptiaca*

**Blue-billed Teal (Hottentot T)** *Spatula hottentota*

**African Black Duck** *Anas sparsa*

Yellow-billed Duck *Anas undulata*

Cape Teal *Anas capensis*

Red-billed Teal (R-b Duck) *Anas erythrorhyncha*

Helmeted Guineafowl *Numida meleagris*

Eastern Crested Guineafowl ◊ *Guttera pucherani*

Vulturine Guineafowl ◊ *Acryllium vulturinum*

Crested Francolin (Kirk's F) *Ortygornis sephaena*

Coqui Francolin *Campocolinus coqui* Heard-only.

Harlequin Quail *Coturnix delegorguei*

Jackson's Spurfowl ◊ *Pternistis jacksoni*

Hildebrandt's Spurfowl ◊ *Pternistis hildebrandti* Heard-only.

Scaly Spurfowl *Pternistis squamatus*

Yellow-necked Spurfowl *Pternistis leucoscepus*

European Nightjar *Caprimulgus europaeus*

Montane Nightjar *Caprimulgus poliocephalus*

Slender-tailed Nightjar *Caprimulgus clarus*

Scarce Swift ◊ *Schoutedenapus myoptilus*

Mottled Spinetail (Mottle-throated S) *Telacanthura ussheri*

Böhm's Spinetail (Bat-like S) *Neafrapus boehmi*

African Palm Swift *Cypsiurus parvus*

Mottled Swift *Tachymarptis aequatorialis*

Nyanza Swift *Apus niansae*

African Black Swift *Apus barbatus*

Little Swift *Apus affinis*

White-rumped Swift *Apus caffer*

Great Blue Turaco *Corythaeola cristata*

White-bellied Go-away-bird *Crinifer leucogaster*

Ross's Turaco ◊ *Tauraco rossae*

White-crested Turaco ◊ *Tauraco leucolophus*

Black-billed Turaco ◊ *Tauraco schuettii*

Fischer's Turaco ◊ *Tauraco fischeri*

Hartlaub's Turaco ◊ *Tauraco hartlaubi*

Kori Bustard *Ardeotis kori*

Heuglin's Bustard ◊ *Neotis heuglinii*

White-bellied Bustard *Eupodotis senegalensis*

Buff-crested Bustard *Lophotis gindiana*

Black-bellied Bustard *Lissotis melanogaster*

Blue-headed Coucal *Centropus monachus* Heard-only.

White-browed Coucal *Centropus superciliosus*

Jacobin Cuckoo (Black-and-white C) *Clamator jacobinus*

Diederik Cuckoo (Didric C) *Chrysococcyx caprius*

Klaas's Cuckoo *Chrysococcyx klaas*

African Emerald Cuckoo *Chrysococcyx cupreus*

Black Cuckoo *Cuculus clamosus* Heard-only.

Red-chested Cuckoo *Cuculus solitarius*

Common Cuckoo *Cuculus canorus*

Chestnut-bellied Sandgrouse *Pterocles exustus*

Black-faced Sandgrouse ♦ *Pterocles decoratus*

Lichtenstein's Sandgrouse *Pterocles lichtensteinii*

Rock Dove (introduced) *Columba livia*

Speckled Pigeon *Columba guinea*

African Olive Pigeon *Columba arquatrix*

Eastern Bronze-naped Pigeon *Columba delegorguei*

Mourning Collared Dove (African M D) *Streptopelia decipiens*

Red-eyed Dove *Streptopelia semitorquata*

Ring-necked Dove *Streptopelia capicola*

Laughing Dove *Spilopelia senegalensis*

Emerald-spotted Wood Dove *Turtur chalcospilos*

Blue-spotted Wood Dove *Turtur afer*

Tambourine Dove *Turtur tympanistria*

Namaqua Dove *Oena capensis*

African Green Pigeon *Treron calvus*

White-spotted Flufftail *Sarothrura pulchra*

Buff-spotted Flufftail ♦ *Sarothrura elegans* Heard-only.

African Rail (A Water R) *Rallus caerulescens*

Common Moorhen *Gallinula chloropus*

Red-knobbed Coot (Crested C) *Fulica cristata*

Black Crake *Zapornia flavirostra*

Grey Crowned Crane *Balearica regulorum*

Little Grebe *Tachybaptus ruficollis*

Greater Flamingo *Phoenicopterus roseus*

Lesser Flamingo *Phoeniconaias minor*

Water Thick-knee (W Dikkop) *Burhinus vermiculatus*

Spotted Thick-knee (S Dikkop) *Burhinus capensis*

Black-winged Stilt *Himantopus himantopus*

Pied Avocet *Recurvirostra avosetta*

Blacksmith Lapwing (B Plover) *Vanellus armatus*  
Spur-winged Lapwing (S-w Plover) *Vanellus spinosus*  
Black-headed Lapwing (B-h Plover) *Vanellus tectus*  
Crowned Lapwing (C Plover) *Vanellus coronatus*  
African Wattled Lapwing (A W Plover) *Vanellus senegallus*  
Grey Plover *Pluvialis squatarola*  
Common Ringed Plover *Charadrius hiaticula*  
Kittlitz's Plover *Charadrius pecuarius*  
Three-banded Plover *Charadrius tricollaris*  
Lesser Sand Plover *Charadrius mongolus*  
Greater Sand Plover *Charadrius leschenaultii*  
African Jacana *Actophilornis africanus*  
Eurasian Whimbrel *Numenius phaeopus*  
Ruff *Calidris pugnax*  
Curlew Sandpiper *Calidris ferruginea*  
Little Stint *Calidris minuta*  
African Snipe *Gallinago nigripennis*  
Terek Sandpiper *Xenus cinereus*  
Common Sandpiper *Actitis hypoleucos*  
Green Sandpiper *Tringa ochropus* Heard-only. Non-leader.  
Marsh Sandpiper *Tringa stagnatilis*  
Wood Sandpiper *Tringa glareola*  
Common Greenshank *Tringa nebularia*  
Crab-plover *Dromas ardeola*  
Somali Courser ◊ *Cursorius somalensis*  
Three-banded Courser (Heuglin's C) *Rhinoptilus cinctus*  
Collared Pratincole *Glareola pratincola*  
African Skimmer *Rynchops flavirostris*  
Grey-headed Gull *Chroicocephalus cirrocephalus*  
Sooty Gull ◊ *Ichthyaeetus hemprichii*  
Lesser Black-backed Gull *Larus [fuscus] fuscus*  
Gull-billed Tern *Gelochelidon nilotica*  
Caspian Tern *Hydroprogne caspia*  
Greater Crested Tern *Thalasseus bergii*  
Lesser Crested Tern *Thalasseus bengalensis*  
Roseate Tern *Sterna dougallii* Non-leader  
Common Tern *Sterna hirundo*  
White-cheeked Tern ◊ *Sterna repressa*

Whiskered Tern *Chlidonias hybrida*  
White-winged Tern (W-w Black T) *Chlidonias leucopterus*  
Yellow-billed Stork *Mycteria ibis*  
Woolly-necked Stork *Ciconia episcopus*  
Marabou Stork *Leptoptilos crumenifer*  
African Darter *Anhinga rufa*  
Reed Cormorant (Long-tailed C) *Microcarbo africanus*  
White-breasted Cormorant *Phalacrocorax lucidus*  
African Sacred Ibis *Threskiornis aethiopicus*  
Olive Ibis ♠ *Bostrychia olivacea* Heard-only  
Hadada Ibis *Bostrychia hagedash*  
African Spoonbill *Platalea alba*  
Black-crowned Night Heron *Nycticorax nycticorax*  
Striated Heron (Green-backed H) *Butorides striata*  
Western Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis*  
Grey Heron *Ardea cinerea*  
Black-headed Heron *Ardea melanocephala*  
Goliath Heron *Ardea goliath*  
Great Egret *Ardea alba*  
Intermediate Egret (Yellow-billed E) *Ardea [intermedia] brachyrhyncha*  
Little Egret *Egretta garzetta*  
Dimorphic Egret *Egretta dimorpha*  
Hamerkop *Scopus umbretta*  
Great White Pelican *Pelecanus onocrotalus*  
Pink-backed Pelican *Pelecanus rufescens*  
Secretarybird *Sagittarius serpentarius*  
Black-winged Kite *Elanus caeruleus*  
Palm-nut Vulture *Gypohierax angolensis*  
Egyptian Vulture *Neophron percnopterus*  
European Honey Buzzard *Pernis apivorus*  
Hooded Vulture *Necrosyrtes monachus*  
White-backed Vulture (African W-b V) *Gyps africanus*  
Rüppell's Vulture (R's Griffon V) *Gyps rueppelli*  
White-headed Vulture *Trigonoceps occipitalis*  
Lappet-faced Vulture *Torgos tracheliotos*  
Brown Snake Eagle *Circaetus cinereus*  
Bateleur *Terathopius ecaudatus*  
Bat Hawk *Macheiramphus alcinus*



Crowned Eagle (African C E) *Stephanoaetus coronatus*  
Martial Eagle *Polemaetus bellicosus*  
Long-crested Eagle *Lophaetus occipitalis*  
Wahlberg's Eagle *Hieraetus wahlbergi*  
Tawny Eagle *Aquila rapax*  
Verreaux's Eagle *Aquila verreauxii*  
African Hawk-Eagle *Aquila spilogaster*  
Lizard Buzzard *Kaupifalco monogrammicus*  
Gabar Goshawk *Micronisus gabar* Non-leader  
Eastern Chanting Goshawk (E Pale C G) *Melierax poliopterus*  
African Goshawk *Accipiter tachiro*  
Shikra *Accipiter badius* Non-leader  
Little Sparrowhawk *Accipiter minullus*  
Black Sparrowhawk (Great S) *Accipiter melanoleucus*  
Yellow-billed Kite *Milvus aegyptius*  
African Fish Eagle *Haliaeetus vocifer*  
Mountain Buzzard ◊ *Buteo oreophilus*  
Augur Buzzard *Buteo augur*  
Pearl-spotted Owlet *Glaucidium perlatum*  
Sokoke Scops Owl ◊ *Otus ireneae*  
Northern White-faced Owl *Ptilopsis leucotis*  
Cape Eagle-Owl ◊ *Bubo capensis*  
Greyish Eagle-Owl *Bubo cinerascens*  
Spotted Eagle-Owl *Bubo africanus*  
Verreaux's Eagle-Owl *Bubo lacteus* Heard-only.  
African Wood Owl *Strix woodfordii*  
Speckled Mousebird *Colius striatus*  
White-headed Mousebird ◊ *Colius leucocephalus*  
Blue-naped Mousebird *Urocolius macrourus*  
Narina Trogon *Apaloderma narina* Heard-only.  
Bar-tailed Trogon *Apaloderma vittatum* Heard-only.  
Eurasian Hoopoe *Upupa epops*  
African Hoopoe *Upupa africana*  
White-headed Wood Hoopoe *Phoeniculus bollei*  
Green Wood Hoopoe *Phoeniculus purpureus*  
Common Scimitarbill *Rhinopomastus cyanomelas*  
Abyssinian Scimitarbill *Rhinopomastus minor*  
Southern Ground Hornbill *Bucorvus leadbeateri*

Northern Red-billed Hornbill *Tockus erythrorhynchus*  
Von Der Decken's Hornbill *Tockus deckeni*  
Jackson's Hornbill ◊ *Tockus jacksoni*  
Eastern Yellow-billed Hornbill *Tockus flavirostris*  
Crowned Hornbill *Lophoceros alboterminatus*  
Hemprich's Hornbill ◊ *Lophoceros hemprichii* Heard-only.  
African Grey Hornbill *Lophoceros nasutus*  
Trumpeter Hornbill *Bycanistes bucinator*  
Black-and-white-casqued Hornbill *Bycanistes subcylindricus*  
Silvery-cheeked Hornbill *Bycanistes brevis*  
Purple Roller (Rufous-crowned R) *Coracias naevius*  
Lilac-breasted Roller *Coracias caudatus*  
Broad-billed Roller *Eurystomus glaucurus*  
Grey-headed Kingfisher (Chestnut-bellied K) *Halcyon leucocephala*  
Brown-hooded Kingfisher *Halcyon albiventris* Heard-only.  
Striped Kingfisher *Halcyon chelicuti*  
Malachite Kingfisher *Corythornis cristatus*  
Giant Kingfisher *Megaceryle maxima*  
Pied Kingfisher *Ceryle rudis*  
Little Bee-eater *Merops pusillus*  
Cinnamon-chested Bee-eater *Merops oreobates*  
White-fronted Bee-eater *Merops bullockoides*  
Somali Bee-eater ◊ *Merops revoilii*  
White-throated Bee-eater *Merops albicollis*  
European Bee-eater *Merops apiaster*  
Grey-throated Barbet *Gymnobucco bonapartei*  
Green Barbet *Stactolaema olivacea*  
Moustached Tinkerbird (M Green T) *Pogoniulus leucomystax*  
Yellow-rumped Tinkerbird (Golden-r T) *Pogoniulus bilineatus*  
Red-fronted Tinkerbird *Pogoniulus pusillus*  
Yellow-spotted Barbet *Buccanodon duchaillui*  
Hairy-breasted Barbet *Tricholaema hirsuta*  
Red-fronted Barbet *Tricholaema diademata*  
Spot-flanked Barbet *Tricholaema lacrymosa*  
Black-throated Barbet *Tricholaema melanocephala*  
White-headed Barbet *Lybius leucocephalus*  
Yellow-billed Barbet *Trachyphonus purpuratus*  
Red-and-yellow Barbet ◊ *Trachyphonus erythrocephalus*

D'arnaud's Barbet ◊ *Trachyphonus darnaudii*

Lesser Honeyguide *Indicator minor*

Scaly-throated Honeyguide *Indicator variegatus*

Greater Honeyguide (Black-throated H) *Indicator indicator*

Red-throated Wryneck (Rufous-necked W) *Jynx ruficollis*

Brown-eared Woodpecker *Pardipicus caroli*

Nubian Woodpecker *Campethera nubica*

Mombasa Woodpecker ◊ *Campethera mombassica*

Little Spotted Woodpecker (Little-spotted W) *Campethera cailliautii*

Fine-banded Woodpecker ◊ *Campethera taeniolaema*

Yellow-crested Woodpecker *Chloropicus xantholophus*

Cardinal Woodpecker *Dendropicos fuscescens*

Eastern Grey Woodpecker ◊ (African G-headed W) *Dendropicos spodocephalus*

Common Kestrel *Falco tinnunculus*

Amur Falcon *Falco amurensis*

Sooty Falcon *Falco concolor*

Eurasian Hobby *Falco subbuteo*

Lanner Falcon *Falco biarmicus*

Red-fronted Parrot *Poicephalus gulielmi*

Meyer's Parrot (Brown P) *Poicephalus meyeri*

Red-bellied Parrot (African Orange-b P) *Poicephalus rufiventris*

African Broadbill *Smithornis capensis*

Forest Batis ◊ *Batis mixta*

Chinspot Batis *Batis molitor*

Pale Batis (East Coast B) *Batis soror*

Western Black-headed Batis *Batis erlangeri*

Pygmy Batis *Batis perkeo*

Brown-throated Wattle-eye (Common W-e) *Platysteira cyanea*

Grey-headed Bushshrike *Malaconotus blanchoti*

Bocage's Bushshrike (Grey-green B-s) *Chlorophoneus bocagei*

Orange-breasted Bushshrike (Sulphur-b B-s) *Chlorophoneus sulfureopectus* Heard-only.

Gorgeous Bushshrike *Telophorus viridis*

Doherty's Bushshrike ◊ *Telophorus dohertyi* Heard-only

Rosy-patched Bushshrike ◊ *Telophorus [cruentus] hilgerti*

Rosy-patched Bushshrike ◊ (Tsavo B) *Telophorus [cruentus] cathemagmenus*

Brown-crowned Tchagra (B-headed T) *Tchagra australis*

Three-streaked Tchagra ◊ *Tchagra jamesi*

Black-crowned Tchagra (B-headed T) *Tchagra senegalus*

Pink-footed Puffback *Dryoscopus angolensis* Heard-only.

Black-backed Puffback *Dryoscopus cubla*

Northern Puffback *Dryoscopus gambensis*

Slate-colored Boubou *Laniarius funebris*

Lühder's Bushshrike *Laniarius luehderi*

Black Boubou ◊ (Manda B) *Laniarius nigerrimus*

Tropical Boubou *Laniarius major*

East Coast Boubou ◊ *Laniarius sublacteus*

Black-headed Gonolek *Laniarius erythrogaster*

Brubru *Nilaus afer*

White-crested Helmetshrike ◊ *Prionops plumatus*

Grey-crested Helmetshrike ◊ *Prionops poliophus* Hybrids only.

Chestnut-fronted Helmetshrike *Prionops scopifrons*

African Shrike-flycatcher *Megabyas flammulatus*

Grey Cuckooshrike *Cebblepyris caesius*

Petit's Cuckooshrike *Campephaga petiti*

Purple-throated Cuckooshrike *Campephaga quiscalina*

Northern White-crowned Shrike *Eurocephalus ruppelli*

Red-backed Shrike *Lanius collurio*

Mackinnon's Shrike *Lanius mackinnoni*

Lesser Grey Shrike *Lanius minor*

Grey-backed Fiscal *Lanius excubitoroides*

Long-tailed Fiscal ◊ *Lanius cabanisi*

Taita Fiscal ◊ *Lanius dorsalis*

Somali Fiscal ◊ *Lanius somalicus*

Northern Fiscal *Lanius humeralis*

Western Oriole (W Black-headed O) *Oriolus brachyrynchus*

Black-headed Oriole (Eastern B-h O) *Oriolus larvatus*

Mountain Oriole ◊ *Oriolus percivali*

Eurasian Golden Oriole *Oriolus oriolus*

Fork-tailed Drongo (Common D) *Dicrurus adsimilis*

Common Square-tailed Drongo *Dicrurus ludwigii*

Blue-mantled Crested Flycatcher *Trochocercus cyanomelas*

African Paradise Flycatcher *Terpsiphone viridis*

House Crow (introduced) *Corvus splendens*

Cape Crow (C Rook) *Corvus capensis*

Pied Crow *Corvus albus*

Somali Crow ◊ *Corvus edithae*

Fan-tailed Raven *Corvus rhipidurus*

White-necked Raven (W-naped R) *Corvus albicollis*

African Blue Flycatcher *Elminia longicauda*

White-bellied Tit *Melaniparus albiventris*

Dusky Tit *Melaniparus funereus*

Acacia Tit (Northern Grey T) *Melaniparus thruppi*

Eastern Nicator *Nicator gularis*

Chestnut-headed Sparrow-Lark ◊ *Eremopterix signatus*

Fischer's Sparrow-Lark ◊ *Eremopterix leucopareia*

Pink-breasted Lark ◊ *Calendulauda poecilosterna*

Foxy Lark ◊ *Calendulauda alopex*

Red-winged Lark ◊ *Mirafra hypermetra*

Rufous-naped Lark *Mirafra africana*

Williams's Lark ◊ *Mirafra williamsi* Endemic.

Friedmann's Lark ◊ *Mirafra pulpa*

Masked Lark ◊ *Spizocorys personata*

Thekla's Lark *Galerida theklae*

Crested Lark *Galerida cristata*

Red-capped Lark *Calandrella cinerea*

Sombre Greenbul (Zanzibar S G) *Andropadus importunus*

Slender-billed Greenbul *Stelgidillas gracilirostris*

Red-tailed Bristlebill (Common B) *Bleda syndactylus*

Joyful Greenbul ◊ *Chlorocichla laetissima*

Yellow-bellied Greenbul *Chlorocichla flaviventris*

Honeyguide Greenbul *Baeopogon indicator*

Kakamega Greenbul ◊ *Arizelocichla kakamegae*

Olive-breasted Greenbul ◊ (O-b Mountain G) *Arizelocichla kikuyuensis*

Stripe-faced Greenbul ◊ *Arizelocichla striifacies*

Yellow-whiskered Greenbul *Eurillas latirostris*

Plain Greenbul (Cameroon Sombre G) *Eurillas curvirostris*

Little Grey Greenbul *Eurillas gracilis*

Ansorge's Greenbul *Eurillas ansorgei*

Lowland Tiny Greenbul ◊ *Phyllastrephus debilis*

Northern Brownbul ◊ *Phyllastrephus strepitans*

Fischer's Greenbul ◊ *Phyllastrephus fischeri*

Cabanis's Greenbul *Phyllastrephus cabanisi*

Placid Greenbul ◊ *Phyllastrephus placidus*

Toro Olive Greenbul ◊ *Phyllastrephus hypochloris*

Dodson's Bulbul ◊ *Pycnonotus dodsoni*

Dark-capped Bulbul *Pycnonotus tricolor*

Black Saw-wing *Psalidoprocne pristopectera*

White-headed Saw-wing *Psalidoprocne albiceps*

Sand Martin *Riparia riparia* Non-leader

Brown-throated Martin (Plain M) *Riparia paludicola*

Rock Martin *Ptyonoprogne fuligula*

Wire-tailed Swallow *Hirundo smithii*

Barn Swallow *Hirundo rustica*

Angola Swallow *Hirundo angolensis*

Ethiopian Swallow *Hirundo aethiopica*

Common House Martin *Delichon urbicum*

Mosque Swallow *Cecropis senegalensis*

Lesser Striped Swallow *Cecropis abyssinica*

Red-rumped Swallow *Cecropis daurica*

Northern Crombec *Sylvietta brachyura*

Little Yellow Flycatcher ◊ *Erythrocerus holochlorus*

Green Hylia *Hylia prasina*

Willow Warbler *Phylloscopus trochilus*

Yellow-throated Woodland Warbler *Phylloscopus ruficapilla*

Brown Woodland Warbler ◊ *Phylloscopus umbrovirens*

Uganda Woodland Warbler ◊ *Phylloscopus budongoensis*

Greater Swamp Warbler *Acrocephalus rufescens*

Lesser Swamp Warbler *Acrocephalus gracilirostris*

Great Reed Warbler *Acrocephalus arundinaceus*

African Yellow Warbler (Dark-capped Y W) *Iduna natalensis*

Mountain Yellow Warbler *Iduna similis*

Evergreen Forest Warbler *Bradypterus [lopezi] mariae*

Cinnamon Bracken Warbler *Bradypterus cinnamomeus*

Highland Rush Warbler ◊ *Bradypterus centralis*

Red-faced Cisticola *Cisticola erythrops* Heard-only

Singing Cisticola *Cisticola cantans*

Hunter's Cisticola ◊ *Cisticola hunteri*

Chubb's Cisticola ◊ *Cisticola chubbi* Heard-only

Rattling Cisticola *Cisticola chiniana*

Boran Cisticola ◊ *Cisticola bodessa*

Lynes's Cisticola ◊ *Cisticola distinctus*

Winding Cisticola *Cisticola marginatus*

Coastal Cisticola ◊ *Cisticola haematocephalus*

Levaillant's Cisticola (Tinkling C) *Cisticola tinniens*

Aberdare Cisticola ◊ *Cisticola aberdare* Endemic

Zitting Cisticola *Cisticola juncidis* Heard-only

Pectoral-patch Cisticola *Cisticola brunnescens*

Tawny-flanked Prinia *Prinia subflava*

Pale Prinia ◊ *Prinia somalica*

Red-fronted Prinia (R-f Warbler) *Prinia rufifrons*

White-chinned Prinia *Schistolais leucopogon*

Black-collared Apalis ◊ *Oreolais pulcher*

Buff-bellied Warbler *Phyllolais pulchella*

Taita Apalis ◊ *Apalis fuscigularis* Endemic

Brown-tailed Apalis ◊ *Apalis flavocincta*

Yellow-breasted Apalis *Apalis flavida*

Black-throated Apalis *Apalis jacksoni* Heard-only

Black-headed Apalis *Apalis melanocephala*

Chestnut-throated Apalis ◊ *Apalis porphyrolaema*

Buff-throated Apalis *Apalis rufogularis*

Grey Apalis *Apalis cinerea*

Grey-capped Warbler *Eminia lepida*

Grey-backed Camaroptera *Camaroptera brevicaudata*

Olive-green Camaroptera *Camaroptera chloronota*

Grey Wren-Warbler *Calamonastes simplex*

Black-faced Rufous Warbler *Bathmocercus rufus*

Turner's Eremomela ◊ *Eremomela turneri*

African Hill Babbler (Abyssinian H B) *Sylvia [abyssinica] abyssinica*

Banded Parisoma ◊ *Curruca boehmi*

Pale White-eye *Zosterops flavilateralis*

Kikuyu White-eye ◊ *Zosterops kikuyuensis* Endemic

Taita White-eye ◊ *Zosterops silvanus* Endemic

Northern Yellow White-eye *Zosterops senegalensis*

Brown Illadopsis *Illadopsis fulvescens* Heard-only

Scaly-breasted Illadopsis ◊ *Illadopsis albipectus*

Rufous Chatterer *Argya rubiginosa*

Hinde's Babbler ◊ *Turdoides hindei* Endemic

Scaly Babbler ◊ *Turdoides squamulata*

Arrow-marked Babbler *Turdoides jardineii*

Black-lored Babbler *Turdoides sharpei*

Northern Pied Babbler ◊ *Turdoides hypoleuca*

Grey-chested Babbler ◊ (G-c Illadopsis) *Kakamega poliothorax*

Wattled Starling *Creatophora cinerea*

Black-bellied Starling *Notopholia corusca*

Greater Blue-eared Starling *Lamprotornis chalybaeus*

Rüppell's Starling (R Long-tailed S) *Lamprotornis purpuroptera*

Golden-breasted Starling *Lamprotornis regius*

Superb Starling *Lamprotornis superbus*

Hildebrandt's Starling ◊ *Lamprotornis hildebrandti*

Fischer's Starling ◊ *Lamprotornis fischeri*

White-crowned Starling ◊ *Lamprotornis albicapillus*

Violet-backed Starling *Cinnyricinclus leucogaster*

Red-winged Starling *Onychognathus morio*

Waller's Starling *Onychognathus walleri*

Bristle-crowned Starling ◊ *Onychognathus salvadorii*

Stuhlmann's Starling ◊ *Poeoptera stuhlmanni*

Sharpe's Starling ◊ *Poeoptera sharpii*

Abbott's Starling ◊ *Poeoptera femoralis*

Magpie Starling ◊ *Speculipastor bicolor*

Yellow-billed Oxpecker *Buphagus africanus*

Red-billed Oxpecker *Buphagus erythrorhynchus*

White-tailed Ant Thrush *Neocossyphus poensis*

Red-tailed Ant Thrush *Neocossyphus rufus*

Abyssinian Ground Thrush ◊ *Geokichla piaggiae* Heard-only

African Thrush *Turdus pelios*

Abyssinian Thrush (Mountain T, Northern Olive T) *Turdus abyssinicus*

Taita Thrush ◊ *Turdus helleri* Endemic

Bare-eyed Thrush (African B-e T) *Turdus tephronotus*

Bearded Scrub Robin (Eastern B S R) *Cercotrichas quadrivirgata*

White-browed Scrub Robin *Cercotrichas leucophrys*

Grey Tit-Flycatcher (Lead-coloured F) *Myioparus plumbeus* Heard-only

White-eyed Slaty Flycatcher *Melaenornis fischeri*

Southern Black Flycatcher *Melaenornis pammelaina*

Pale Flycatcher *Melaenornis pallidus*

African Grey Flycatcher *Melaenornis microrhynchus*

Spotted Flycatcher *Muscicapa striata*

Gambaga Flycatcher ◊ *Muscicapa gambagae*

Ashy Flycatcher (Blue-grey F) *Muscicapa caerulescens*



Chapin's Flycatcher ◊ *Muscicapa lendu*

African Dusky Flycatcher *Muscicapa adusta*

Brown-chested Alethe *Chamaetylas poliocephala*

Cape Robin-Chat *Cossypha caffra*

Grey-winged Robin-Chat ◊ *Cossypha polioptera*

Blue-shouldered Robin-Chat ◊ *Cossypha cyanocampter*

Rüppell's Robin-Chat *Cossypha semirufa*

White-browed Robin-Chat *Cossypha heuglini*

White-starred Robin (W-s Forest R) *Pogonocichla stellata*

Equatorial Akalat ◊ *Sheppardia aequatorialis*

East Coast Akalat ◊ *Sheppardia gunningi*

Spotted Palm Thrush (S Morning T) *Cichladusa guttata*

Little Rock Thrush ◊ *Monticola rufocinereus*

African Stonechat *Saxicola torquatus*

Moorland Chat ◊ *Pinarochroa sordida*

Mocking Cliff Chat (C C) *Thamnolaea cinnamomeiventris*

Anteater Chat (Northern A C) *Myrmecocichla aethiops*

Northern Wheatear *Oenanthe oenanthe*

Isabelline Wheatear *Oenanthe isabellina*

Brown-tailed Rock Chat ◊ *Oenanthe scotocerca*

Plain-backed Sunbird ◊ *Anthreptes reichenowi*

Eastern Violet-backed Sunbird (Kenya V-b S) *Anthreptes orientalis*

Grey-chinned Sunbird *Anthreptes tephrolaemus*

Collared Sunbird *Hedydipna collaris*

Amani Sunbird ◊ *Hedydipna pallidigaster*

Green-headed Sunbird *Cyanomitra verticalis*

Olive Sunbird *Cyanomitra olivacea*

Grey Sunbird ◊ (Mouse-coloured S) *Cyanomitra veroxii*

Green-throated Sunbird *Chalcomitra rubescens*

Amethyst Sunbird *Chalcomitra amethystina*

Scarlet-chested Sunbird *Chalcomitra senegalensis*

Hunter's Sunbird ◊ *Chalcomitra hunteri*

Tacazze Sunbird ◊ *Nectarinia tacazze*

Bronzy Sunbird (Bronze S) *Nectarinia kilimensis*

Malachite Sunbird *Nectarinia famosa*

Golden-winged Sunbird ◊ *Drepanorhynchus reichenowi*

Northern Double-collared Sunbird ◊ *Cinnyris reichenowi*

Eastern Double-collared Sunbird ◊ *Cinnyris mediocris*

Beautiful Sunbird *Cinnyris pulchellus*

Black-bellied Sunbird ◊ *Cinnyris nectarinioides*

Purple-banded Sunbird (Little P-b S) *Cinnyris bifasciatus*

Tsavo Sunbird ◊ (T Purple-banded S) *Cinnyris tsavoensis*

Violet-breasted Sunbird ◊ *Cinnyris chalcornelas*

Variable Sunbird *Cinnyris venustus*

Yellow-spotted Bush Sparrow *Gymnoris pyrgita*

Kenya Sparrow ◊ (K Rufous S) *Passer rufocinctus*

Northern Grey-headed Sparrow *Passer griseus*

Swainson's Sparrow ◊ *Passer swainsonii*

Swahili Sparrow ◊ *Passer suahelicus*

Parrot-billed Sparrow ◊ *Passer gongonensis*

House Sparrow (introduced) *Passer domesticus*

Somali Sparrow ◊ *Passer castanopterus*

Red-billed Buffalo Weaver *Bubalornis niger*

White-headed Buffalo Weaver *Dinemellia dinemelli*

White-browed Sparrow-Weaver *Plocepasser mahali*

Chestnut-crowned Sparrow-Weaver *Plocepasser superciliosus*

Donaldson Smith's Sparrow-Weaver ◊ *Plocepasser donaldsoni*

Black-capped Social Weaver *Pseudonigrita cabanisi*

Speckle-fronted Weaver *Sporopipes frontalis*

Baglafaecht Weaver (Reichenow's W) *Ploceus [baglafaecht] reichenowi*

Spectacled Weaver *Ploceus ocularis*

Black-necked Weaver *Ploceus nigricollis*

Eastern Golden Weaver (African G W) *Ploceus subaureus*

Holub's Golden Weaver *Ploceus xanthops*

Golden Palm Weaver ◊ *Ploceus bojeri*

Northern Masked Weaver ◊ *Ploceus taeniopterus*

Lesser Masked Weaver *Ploceus intermedius*

Vitelline Masked Weaver *Ploceus vitellinus*

Speke's Weaver ◊ *Ploceus spekei*

Village Weaver (Black-headed W) *Ploceus cucullatus*

Vieillot's Black Weaver *Ploceus nigerrimus*

Golden-backed Weaver ◊ *Ploceus jacksoni*

Chestnut Weaver ◊ *Ploceus rubiginosus*

Dark-backed Weaver (Forest W) *Ploceus bicolor*

Brown-capped Weaver *Ploceus insignis*

Red-headed Malimbe *Malimbus rubricollis*

Red-headed Weaver *Anaplectes rubriceps*

Red-billed Quelea *Quelea quelea*

Yellow Bishop *Euplectes capensis*

Fan-tailed Widowbird (Red-shouldered W) *Euplectes axillaris*

White-winged Widowbird *Euplectes albonotatus*

Red-cowled Widowbird *Euplectes laticauda*

Long-tailed Widowbird *Euplectes progne*

Jackson's Widowbird ◊ *Euplectes jacksoni*

Bronze Mannikin *Spermestes cucullata*

Yellow-bellied Waxbill *Coccygia quartinia*

White-breasted Nigrita (W-b Negrofinch) *Nigrita fusconotus*

Grey-headed Nigrita (G-crowned Negrofinch) *Nigrita canicapillus*

Kandt's Waxbill ◊ *Estrilda kandti*

Common Waxbill *Estrilda astrild*

Crimson-rumped Waxbill *Estrilda rhodopyga*

Quailfinch *Ortygospiza atricollis*

Cut-throat Finch *Amadina fasciata*

Red-cheeked Cordon-bleu *Uraeginthus bengalus*

Red-headed Bluebill ◊ *Spermophaga ruficapilla*

Green-winged Pytilia *Pytilia melba*

Red-billed Firefinch *Lagonosticta senegala*

Village Indigobird *Vidua chalybeata*

Pin-tailed Whydah *Vidua macroura*

Straw-tailed Whydah ◊ *Vidua fischeri*

Long-tailed Paradise Whydah (Eastern P W) *Vidua paradisaea*

Cape Wagtail *Motacilla capensis*

Mountain Wagtail *Motacilla clara*

African Pied Wagtail *Motacilla aguimp*

Golden Pipit ◊ *Tmetothylacus tenellus*

Sharpe's Longclaw ◊ *Macronyx sharpei* Endemic

Yellow-throated Longclaw *Macronyx croceus*

African Pipit (Grassland P) *Anthus cinnamomeus*

Long-billed Pipit *Anthus similis*

Plain-backed Pipit *Anthus leucophrys*

Striped Pipit *Anthus lineiventris*

Sokoke Pipit ◊ *Anthus sokokensis*

Malindi Pipit ◊ *Anthus melindae*

African Citril ◊ *Crithagra citrinelloides*

Southern Citril ◊ (East African C) *Crithagra hyposticta*  
 Reichenow's Seedeater ◊ *Crithagra reichenowi*  
 Yellow-fronted Canary *Crithagra mozambica*  
 Brimstone Canary *Crithagra sulphurata*  
 Thick-billed Seedeater *Crithagra burtoni*  
 Streaky Seedeater *Crithagra striolata*  
 Yellow-crowned Canary *Serinus flavivertex*  
 Striolated Bunting (Striated B) *Emberiza striolata*  
 Cinnamon-breasted Bunting (C-b Rock B) *Emberiza tahapisi*  
 Somali Bunting (S Golden-breasted B) *Emberiza poliopleura*  
 Golden-breasted Bunting (African G-b B) *Emberiza flaviventris*

#### MAMMALS

Southern Tree Hyrax *Dendrohyrax arboreus* Heard, Non-leader  
 Yellow-spotted Hyrax *Heterohyrax brucei*  
 Common Rock Hyrax (Black-necked R H) *Procavia capensis*  
 African Elephant *Loxodonta africana*  
 Golden-rumped Sengi (Yellow-r E S) *Rhynchocyon chrysopygus*  
 Four-toed Hedgehog *Atelerix albiventris*  
 Lion *Panthera leo*  
 Central African Large-spotted Genet *Genetta maculata*  
 Spotted Hyaena *Crocuta crocuta*  
 Slender Mongoose *Herpestes sanguineus*  
 Grevy's Zebra *Equus grevyi*  
 Plains Zebra (Common Z) *Equus quagga*  
 White Rhinoceros (introduced) (re-introduced) *Ceratotherium simum*  
 Forest Hog (Giant F H) *Hylochoerus meinertzhageni*  
 Desert Warthog *Phacochoerus aethiopicus*  
 Common Warthog *Phacochoerus africanus*  
 Giraffe (Northern G) *Giraffa [camelopardalis] reticulata*  
 Masai Giraffe *Giraffa [camelopardalis] tippelskirchi*  
 Rothschild's Giraffe *Giraffa [camelopardalis] rothschildi*  
 Impala (Common I) *Aepyceros melampus*  
 Hartebeest (Kongoni) *Alcelaphus [buselaphus] cokii*  
 Topi *Damaliscus lunatus*  
 Thomson's Gazelle (Serengeti T G) *Eudorcas thomsonii*  
 Waterbuck (Defassa W) *Kobus [ellipsiprymnus] defassa*  
 Waterbuck (Elipsen W) *Kobus [ellipsiprymnus] ellipsiprymnus*

Gerenuk (Southern G) *Litocranius walleri*  
Kirk's Dikdik *Madoqua kirkii*  
Tana Gazelle *Nanger petersi*  
Bright's Gazelle *Nanger notatus*  
Beisa Oryx (Galla O) *Oryx beisa*  
African Buffalo (Cape B) *Syncerus caffer*  
Lesser Kudu (Southern L K) *Tragelaphus imberbis*  
Common Eland *Tragelaphus oryx*  
Bushbuck (Cape B) *Tragelaphus scriptus*  
Hippopotamus *Hippopotamus amphibius*  
Straw-coloured Fruit Bat *Eidolon helvum*  
Wahlberg's Epauletted Fruit Bat *Epomophorus wahlbergi*  
Small-eared Greater Galago (Northern Greater G) *Otolemur garnettii*  
Red-tailed Monkey (Black-cheeked White-nosed M) *Cercopithecus ascanius*  
Blue Monkey (Diademed Guenon) *Cercopithecus mitis*  
Blue Monkey (Sykes's M) *Cercopithecus [mitis] albogularis*  
Vervet *Chlorocebus pygerythrus*  
Guereza (Eastern Black-and-white C) *Colobus guereza*  
Olive Baboon *Papio anubis*  
Yellow Baboon *Papio cynocephalus*  
African Savanna Hare *Lepus victoriae*  
Huet's Bush Squirrel (Ochre B S) *Paraxerus ochraceus*  
Red Bush Squirrel (R Bush S) *Paraxerus palliatus* Non-leader.  
Giant Forest Squirrel (G Forest S) *Protoxerus stangeri*  
Striped Ground Squirrel *Xerus erythropus*  
Unstriped Ground Squirrel *Xerus rutilus*  
African Grass Rat *Arvicanthis niloticus*



*William's Lark (image by Nik Borrow)*



*Sokoke Scops Owl (image by Nik Borrow)*



*Masked Lark (image by Nik Borrow)*



*Grey-capped Warbler (image by Nik Borrow)*



*Black-lored Babbler vepres race (image by Nik Borrow)*



*Brown-tailed Rock Chat (image by Nik Borrow)*





*Grévy's Zebra (image by Nik Borrow)*



*Masked Lark habitat Dida Galgalu Desert (image by Nik Borrow)*



*Sokoke Pipit (image by Nik Borrow)*



*White-headed Mousebird (image by Nik Borrow)*



*White-crested Turaco (image by Nik Borrow)*



*Sharpe's Longclaw (image by Nik Borrow)*



*Manda Black Boubou (image by Nik Borrow)*



*Golden Pipit (image by Nik Borrow)*



*Aberdare Cisticola (image by Nik Borrow)*



*Aberdare Mountains (image by Nik Borrow)*



*Golden Palm Weaver (image by Nik Borrow)*



*Malindi Pipit (image by Nik Borrow)*



*Shaba Uaso Niro River in flood (image by Nik Borrow)*



*Vulturine Guineafowl (image by Nik Borrow)*



*Violet-breasted Sunbird (image by Nik Borrow)*



*Rosy-patched Bushshrike (image by Nik Borrow)*





*Little Rock Thrush (image by Nik Borrow)*



*Giant Forest Hog (image by Nik Borrow)*



*Gambaga Flycatcher (image by Nik Borrow)*



*Leaving Lamu Island (image by Nik Borrow)*



*Red-winged Lark (image by Nik Borrow)*



*View from The Ark (image by Nik Borrow)*



*Striolated Bunting (image by Nik Borrow)*



*Somali Sparrow (image by Nik Borrow)*



*Somali Bee-eater (image by Nik Borrow)*



*Mount Kenya from Castle Forest Lodge (image by Nik Borrow)*



*Moustached Tinkerbird (image by Nik Borrow)*



*Northern Pied Babbler (image by Nik Borrow)*



*Jackson's Spurfowl (image by Nik Borrow)*



*Hunter's Cisticola (image by Nik Borrow)*



*Hinde's Babbler (image by Nik Borrow)*



*juvenile Crowned Eagle (image by Nik Borrow)*





*Equatorial Akalat (image by Nik Borrow)*



*Friedmann's Lark (image by Nik Borrow)*