TANZANIA'S EASTERN ARC & PEMBA TOUR REPORT 2026

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The main goal of this Tanzania ‘with a difference’ tour was trying to see a good selection of the avifauna of the different isolated mountain ranges of central-eastern Tanzania, which hold an excellent selection of endemic and near endemic birds. Not too far away from the popular and so very different northern Tanzania circuit, this tour concentrates on the many skulking, rare and secretive inhabitants of the highland forests of mountain ranges with eloquent names like South Pare, West and East Usambaras, Ulugurus and Ukagurus. In between we managed some easier birding on the island of Pemba where the four endemics fell quickly, in the savanna and miombo woodland of the famous Mikumi National Park and in the Kilombero floodplain with its three recently described species. We recorded 382 bird species and also observed 32 species of mammals. The highlights of the tour were the fabulous, unobtrusive Uluguru Bushshrike, the mega skulking Spot-throat, the adorable African Pygmy Goose, the colourful Loveridge’s Sunbird, the well-behaved Black-faced Sandgrouse, the Usambara Hyliota and the cracking Fisher’s Turaco. Other great birds of this amazing tour included White-backed Duck, Livingstone’s and Hartlaub’s Turacos, Black-bellied Bustard, Pemba Green Pigeon, White-crowned Lapwing, Crab-plover, Pemba Scops Owl, Ayres’s Hawk-Eagle, Crowned Eagle, Bar-tailed Trogon, Southern Ground and Pale-billed Hornbills, Racket-tailed Roller (with its marvelous display), Böhm’s Bee-eater, Mangrove Kingfisher, Red-and-yellow, D’Arnaud’s and Brown-breasted Barbets, Dickinson’s Kestrel, Black-and-white Shrike-flycatcher, Green-headed Oriole, Rufous-bellied Tit, Kretschmer’s Longbill, Red-capped Forest and Long-billed Forest Warblers, Winifred’s Warbler, Kilombero and White-tailed Cisticolas, Little Yellow and Livingstone’s Flycatchers, Uluguru Mountain and Montane Tiny Greenbuls, South Pare and Pemba White-eyes, Scaly Chatterer, Usambara Thrush, White-starred Robin, White-chested Alethe, Collared Palm Thrush, Usambara Akalat, Uluguru Violet-backed, Banded Green, Golden-winged, Shelley’s and Pemba Sunbirds, Bertram’s, Ruvu and Kilombero Weavers, Straw-tailed Whydah, Red-faced Crimsonwing, Lesser Seedcracker, Red-

throated Twinspot, Oriole Finch and Southern Grosbeak-Canary. Some of the more unusual mammals were Black-and-rufous Sengi, Angolan Colobus, Udzungwa Red Colobus, Crested Porcupine, Zanj Sun Squirrel and Swynnerton's Bush Squirrel. The best reptile of the tour was without a doubt the wonderful West Usambara Two-horned Chameleon.

The birding started along a reed and papyrus lined stretch of water near a couple of impressive kopjes amidst bush country not too far southeast of Arusha. Sadly, Mount Kilimanjaro remained hidden in the clouds, but, luckily, the cloud cover made for a cool day and the birds remained active throughout. We enjoyed a fabulous introduction to the Tanzanian avifauna. One of our targets was the very localized Taveta (Golden) Weaver, which showed regularly at fairly close range in the reeds. We admired displaying tail-wagging D'Arnaud's Barbets, scoped Black-throated, Brown-chested and Black-collared Barbets, observed a pair of Eastern Black-headed Batises, were entertained by several Grey Wren-Warblers, had cracking looks at a singing Spotted Palm Thrush and found a few unobtrusive Reichenow's Seedeaters. We also found White-browed Coucal, Red-eyed Dove, Emerald-spotted Wood Dove, Black Crake, Water Thick-knee, Blacksmith and Spur-winged Lapwings, African Jacana, Marabou Stork, African Woolly-necked Stork, Reed Cormorant, Hadada Ibis, Hamerkop, Little Egret, Little and Squacco Herons, Yellow-billed and Western Cattle Egrets, Purple and Black-headed Herons, African Palm Swift, Black-chested Snake Eagle, Black Kite, Augur Buzzard, Speckled Mousebird, Little Bee-eater, Malachite, Giant, Pied and Grey-headed Kingfishers, Slate-coloured Boubou, Nubian Woodpecker, Long-tailed Fiscal, Pied and House Crows, Red-faced Crombec, Common (African) Reed, Lesser Swamp and Little Rush Warblers, Brown-throated Martin, Red-throated Rock Martin, Wire-tailed Swallow, Sombre and Yellow-bellied Greenbuls, Common (Dark-capped) Bulbul, Red-winged and Superb Starlings, African Silverbill, Common and Orange-breasted Waxbills, Blue-capped Cordon-bleu and Vervet Monkey here. After a nice picnic lunch we drove to another area of bushy scrub, where we soon located goodies like Black-faced Sandgrouse, Gabar Goshawk, Eastern Chanting Goshawk, lovely Blue-naped and White-headed Mousebirds, a cracking Rosy-patched Bushshrike, Pygmy Batis, Eastern Violet-backed and Hunter's Sunbirds, displaying Long-tailed Paradise Whydahs, a fabulous male Straw-tailed Whydah, smashing Purple Grenadiers, White-bellied Canary, Southern Grosbeak-Canary and Somali Bunting. Other new birds included Ring-necked Dove, Speckled Pigeon, Namaqua Dove, Brown Snake Eagle, African Hawk-Eagle, African Grey, Von der Decken's and Northern Red-billed Hornbills, Red-bellied Parrot, Pink-breasted Lark, Northern Crombec, Yellow-breasted Apalis, Red-fronted Prinia, African Grey Flycatcher, White-browed Scrub Robin, Amethyst and Variable Sunbirds, Green-winged Pytilia, White-browed Sparrow-Weaver, Yellow-spotted Bush Sparrow and Unstriped Ground Squirrel. The final hour of the day was spent along the shoreline of a reservoir, where White-faced Whistling Duck, Egyptian Goose, White-bellied Go-away-bird, Mourning Collared Dove, Black-winged Stilt, Kittlitz's Plover, Common Sandpiper, White-winged and Whiskered Terns, African Openbill, Glossy Ibis, Black-crowned Night Heron, Grey Heron, Little Swift and Lesser Honeyguide performed.

Next morning, our first stop was in a patch of thorny scrub dotted with candelabra euphorbias. It didn't take long before we obtained excellent scope views of an uncharacteristically cooperative cracking Scaly Chatterer. We also located several Green-winged Pytilias here. We made a few stops on our way up to the top of the South Pare Mountains, resulting in sightings of Long-crested Eagle, Common (African) Hoopoe, Crowned and Trumpeter Hornbills, Lanner Falcon, Brown-crowned Tchagra, Black-backed Puffback, a skulking Fülleborn's Boubou, Rattling Cisticola, Black Saw-wing, Pale White-eye, Southern Black Flycatcher, Collared and Gorgeous Sunbirds, Thick-billed and Red-headed Weavers, Red-cheeked Cordon-bleu, African Firefinch and Cinnamon-breasted Rock Bunting. The track was windy and quite rough, so it took several hours before we reached our destination. In the remaining beautiful montane forest at the top of the South Pare Mountains our main target was the very localized South Pare White-eye, of which we only saw one bird. On our walk we connected with beauties like Hartlaub's Turaco, Black-fronted Bushshrike, an exquisite Golden-winged Sunbird, Usambara Double-collared Sunbird, Red-faced Crimsonwing and a furtive Oriole Finch. Other new birds for the tour included Mountain Buzzard, Silvery-cheeked Hornbill, Cinnamon-chested Bee-eater, Moustached Tinkerbird, Green-backed Honeybird, White-necked Raven, White-tailed Crested Flycatcher, Bar-throated and Black-headed Apalises, Black-headed Mountain and Cabanis's Greenbuls, African Hill Babbler, Waller's Starling, African Dusky Flycatcher, White-starred Robin, African Stonechat, Olive Sunbird, Yellow-bellied Waxbill and Blue Monkey. In mid-afternoon we drove back down the mountain picking up species like African Green Pigeon, Northern Red-fronted Tinkerbird, Spot-flanked Barbet and Southern Citril and made our way to our cozy lodge at the base of the West Usambara Mountains.

Our first full day in the West Usambaras produced an excellent range of specialities. We birded along a wide track through splendid montane forest and slowly collected a good variety of localized, often rather skulking species. A Scaly Spurfowl was lured out of its dense forest habitat, an Eastern Bronze-naped Pigeon allowed good scope views, several unobtrusive Green Barbets showed, a Grey Cuckooshrike flitted about, several Short-tailed Batises sat up for great looks, the still undescribed 'Usambara' Drongo performed, several attractive Red-capped Forest Warblers (African Tailorbirds) could be admired, beautiful Yellow-throated Woodland Warblers foraged in the canopy and Southern Yellow White-eyes visited flowering trees. We had to work a bit to sort out the greenbuls and next to already

seen species we found Shelley's Greenbuls hiking up trunks, inconspicuous Montane Tiny Greenbuls playing hide and seek and Yellow-streaked Greenbuls feeding quietly in a fruiting tree. We encountered several troops of very smart-looking Angola Pied Colobuses and observed several very localized Swynnerton's (or Lushoto) Bush Squirrels. A lovely West Usambara Two-horned Chameleon was saved from being flattened as it tried to cross the dirt track.

Our main target on our second day in the West Usambaras was the fabled Spot-throat. This extreme skulker is one of the three members of a tiny bird family (Modulatricidae) which is endemic to sub-Saharan Africa. The Spot-throat is a Tanzanian near-endemic (it also occurs in extreme northern Malawi). We spent a major part of the day trying to get to grips with this devilishly hard to see, but regularly heard species, and in the end we all got excellent views of this unusual species in the undergrowth of the montane forest it favours. We also connected with the localized Usambara Thrush. More widespread species included a posing Black Sparrowhawk and Olive Woodpecker. A couple of rather furtive Black-and-rufous Sengis (Elephant Shrews) were noted inside the forest.

On our last morning in the forests of the West Usambaras we finally obtained excellent views of an unobtrusive, but endemic Usambara Akalat. This drab-coloured undergrowth species eventually showed well. We also added Olive Pigeon and Shikra to the tally. Around midday we said goodbye to the West Usambaras and made our way to the nearby East Usambaras. A stop in some secondary growth in a fertile valley gave us African Black Duck, African Pygmy Kingfisher, East Coast Boubou, Pale Batis, African Paradise Flycatcher, African Red-rumped Swallow, Grey-olive Greenbul, White-browed Robin-Chat, Mocking Cliff Chat, Scarlet-chested Sunbird and Baglafecht and Eastern Golden Weavers. A short stop at a marshy area produced Lizard Buzzard, Coastal Cisticola, Black-winged Red Bishop and Red-collared Widowbird. We arrived quite late at our accommodation high up in the East Usambaras as the track had deteriorated because of the recent rains.

Our first birding spot in the East Usambaras was a viewpoint over a partly forested valley. It had rained overnight, so the birds were keen to dry themselves in the treetops. A gorgeous Fischer's Turaco obliged for scope views, a cracking Green-headed Oriole performed ever so well and Black-bellied and Kenrick's Starlings showed. We also noted Klaas's Cuckoo, Palm-nut Vulture, a mating pair of African Harrier-Hawks, African Goshawk, lots and lots of Silvery-cheeked Hornbills, White-eared Barbet, Cardinal Woodpecker, Bleating Camaroptera, Mosque Swallow, Violet-backed Starling, Purple-banded Sunbird, Mountain Wagtail and Cabanis's Bunting. A walk along a forest edge only gave us several Little Greenbuls and a Zanj Sun Squirrel. In the afternoon we birded the surroundings of our accommodation where we found goodies like Banded Green Sunbird and Red-tailed Ant Thrush. After dinner we obtained good looks at an African Wood Owl in the garden of our lodge.

On our final day in the East Usambaras we tried to find the remaining avian specialities and we sure succeeded. It didn't take too long to find the lovely Uluguru Violet-backed Sunbird, which was feeding in a flowering tree. A pair of very localized Long-billed Forest Warblers showed well, but it took quite a bit of searching before we found the canopy loving Usambara Hyliota. We first located one in a mixed flock, but not everyone managed to see it. Not much later a pair was scoped in the open canopy of a forest giant and we all admired the peachy breast and white wingpatch… a real goodie. We also located a Kretschmer's Longbill that played hide and seek in dense tangles. Everyone eventually got something of a view of this ultra skulker. A Green Tinkerbird played hard to get, but eventually showed and in the mixed bird party we also encountered Mombasa Woodpecker, the adorable Little Yellow Flycatcher and Plain-backed Sunbird. Overhead a dark morph Ayres's Hawk-Eagle caused some identification head scratching. Other new birds we found on our wanderings today included Green Wood Hoopoe, Black Cuckooshrike, a pair of cute Black-and-white Shrike-flycatchers, Square-tailed Drongo, Blue-mantled Crested Flycatcher and Red-faced Cisticola. In the late evening a Fraser's (Usambara) Eagle Owl started calling in the distance. We tried to lure it closer, but it wouldn't budge. The owl kept on vocalizing through the night, bur it stayed out of reach, sadly.

After an early breakfast, we started driving to Dar Es Salaam. In late morning we made a stop at a rocky river, where we obtained excellent looks at several superbly attractive Böhm's Bee-eaters. A Northern Red-fronted Tinkerbird was active around its nesthole. We soon continued our journey on a very busy road, which caused us to arrive just in time for our flight to Pemba. Upon arrival we were welcomed by our knowledgeable guide and drove to our base in the northwest of the island. We stopped at an open stretch of fallow fields, where a pair of Dickinson's Kestrels and several Broad-billed Rollers showed well. A walk in a nice patch of forest after sunset soon gave us terrific looks at a lovely Pemba Scops Owl, the first of the four targeted Pemba endemics.

Our full day on Pemba started with nice looks at male and female Pemba Sunbirds flitting about in the cassava plantations near our hotel. A walk in a nice stretch of woodland soon gave us several Pemba Green Pigeons, which allowed good scope views. Not much later we found our final Pemba endemic: the tiny endearing Pemba White-eye, which was foraging in a bush at the edge of some woodland.

Mangrove Kingfisher was our next target and it only took a short time before a cooperative bird could be admired in the scope. Along the north coast we birded a fine patch of tidal mud, where we found 36 much wanted Crab-plovers. Here too we observed quite a few Dimorphic Egrets (both morphs), several Black Herons doing their umbrella thing, African Sacred Ibis, lots of Whimbrels, a single Marsh Sandpiper and a lone Grey Plover. A distant tern roost held mainly Lesser Crested Terns, one or two Greater Crested Terns and several Common Terns. After a break in the heat of the day we were taken to an impressive Pemba Flying Fox roost. The rest of the afternoon was spent in the surroundings of a lily-covered lake where we saw a nice selection of waterbirds. White-backed Duck showed really well, as did attractive African Pygmy Geese. A pale morph Booted Eagle was flying overhead, a few Olive Bee-eaters sat up for scope looks and several Dickinson's Kestrels performed very nicely. Brown-headed Parrots obliged and we also noted Little Grebe and Common Moorhen.

The next morning a Cessna Grand Caravane took us to Dar Es Salaam, where we were welcomed by our faithful crew. We boarded our 4×4 vehicle and drove west to the town of Morogoro. We made one stop at a marshy river, where we scoped the localized, recently described Ruvu Weaver. Lots of African Openbills were adorning several of the larger trees in the marsh, a couple of Fan-tailed Widowbirds were noted and a Common Slender Mongoose crossed the road. In late afternoon we rolled into our hotel at Morogoro, situated at the foot of the Uluguru Mountains.

A very early start took us northwest to the distant Okaguru Mountains. On the long drive we noted a smashing pair of Red-and-yellow Barbets, Striped Pipit, Village Indigobird, Kurrichane Thrush and Familiar Chat. After a scrumptious breakfast we birded along the main track and soon connected with the beautiful Livingstone's Turaco, the endemic Moreau's Sunbird and several unobtrusive Yellow-throated Mountain Greenbuls. A narrow trail through the dense montane forest gave us a skulking Winifred's Warbler, an uncooperative Bar-tailed Trogon, Scaly-throated Honeyguide and a retiring Olive-flanked Ground Robin. We also recorded Barred Long-tailed Cuckoo (heard and glimpsed), Cape Robin-Chat and White-eyed Slaty Flycatcher.

The Uluguru Bushshrike is a very localized species which only occurs in the montane forests of the Uluguru Mountains. It requires a bit of a hike to get to its habitat and this megabird really is a rare species. It took us quite a while before we managed to find one foraging unobtrusively in the mid canopy and luckily everyone managed good views of this really important Tanzanian endemic. On the walks through the agricultural areas we found nice species like Blue-spotted Wood Dove, a well-behaved Ayres's Hawk-Eagle, Yellow-rumped Tinkerbird, African Yellow Warbler, Croaking Cisticola, Slender-billed Starling, Bertram's Weaver, Yellow Bishop and the attractive Red-throated Twinspot. While searching for the Uluguru Bushshrike in the forest we suddenly encountered a pair of rarely seen Uluguru Mountain Greenbuls. We also found a cracking male Bar-tailed Trogon, two females of the localized Loveridge's Sunbird, some cooperative Angolan Colobuses and a couple of Black-and-red Bush Squirrels.

The following morning we birded a wide trail in the western part of the Ulugurus. The track leading towards the area was very rough, so it took a while longer to get there than usual. Just as it was getting light a Spotted Eagle-Owl flew past. The walk produced a perched Ayres's Hawk-Eagle, Red-capped Forest Warbler, a couple of rarely-seen Uluguru Mountain Greenbuls, Trilling Cisticola, beautiful White-starred Robins, a skulking White-chested Alethe (for some), several well-behaved Loveridge's Sunbirds (males and females), nice Bertram's Weavers, Pin-tailed Whydah and Yellow-fronted Canary. In the afternoon we drove further south to our lovely lodge at the base of the Udzungwa Mountains. We passed through famous Mikumi National Park and from the main road we picked up a few mammals like African Savanna Elephant, Plains Zebra, Maasai Giraffe, Impala and Yellow Baboon. At night we could hear the unusual sounds of Eastern Tree Hyraxes emanating from the nearby forest.

After a tasty breakfast we made our way to the Kilombero marsh, which produced an excellent variety of birds. Pride of place obviously went to the three recently described species. The Kilombero Cisticola showed extremely well at close range and the White-tailed Cisticola obliged also. We only saw non-breeding plumaged Kilombero Weavers, but they were distinctive enough with their two-toned bill and yellow breast. Lumbering Coppery-tailed Coucals performed nicely and Long-toed, White-crowned and African Wattled Lapwings were sighted. Collared Pratincole, Yellow-billed Stork, African Spoonbill, Pink-backed Pelican and White-rumped Swift were other additions to the list. We enjoyed a rare sit-down lunch at the Hondo Hondo camp and were entertained by smart-looking Udzungwa Red Colobuses and a Crowned Eagle. We spent a few hours in the nearby secondary growth and found Wahlberg's Eagle, Magpie Mannikin, a sneaky Lesser Seedcracker and a lovely Jameson's Firefinch. In the afternoon we drove to the Mikumi National Park and on our game drive connected with goodies like Common Scimitarbill and prehistoric-looking Southern Ground Hornbills. Fine new mammals included Black-backed Jackal, Common Warthog, Blue Wildebeest and Common Eland. We also found Red-necked Spurfowl, Crowned Lapwing, White-backed Vulture, Bateleur, Tawny Eagle, Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird, Black-crowned Tchagra, Red-billed and Yellow-billed Oxpeckers, Lesser Blue-eared Starling, Blue Waxbill and Yellow-throated Longclaw. As the sun was setting we arrived at our marvelous lodge, where good

food and excellent accommodation was waiting for us. An evening stroll through the camp gave us a noisy Thick-tailed Greater Galago.

The miombo woodland at the edge of the Mikumi National Park offers a different range of specialities and on our morning walk we collected several of these. On the pre-dawn drive to the location we connected with a couple of impressive Crested Porcupines. In the open woodland a party of Pale-billed Hornbill sat up for good looks. A pair of marvelous Racket-tailed Rollers showed off their "feuille morte" display and a Striped Kingfisher was scoped. Rufous-bellied Tit, Stierling's Wren-Warbler, the delightful Livingstone's Flycatcher and the localized Shelley's Sunbird were much appreciated additions to our tally. We also noted Golden-tailed Woodpecker, White-breasted Cuckooshrike, Grey-headed Bushshrike, Brubru, a party of joyful White-crested Helmetshrikes, Black-headed and African Golden Orioles, Yellow-throated Bush Sparrow and several African Savanna Hares. The afternoon game drive in the plains gave us a couple of gorgeous Black-bellied Bustards, a lovely Dickinson's Kestrel, Zitting Cisticola and Collared Palm Thrush. We had a fabulous encounter with a family of very friendly African Savanna Elephants, a Bohor Reedbuck and a Northern Bushbuck. After dinner we enjoyed a night drive which yielded lots of Water Thick-knees, a Spotted Thick-knee, more than a dozen very well performing Square-tailed Nightjars, a couple of Spotted Eagle-Owls, a White-tailed Mongoose, a pair of Cavendish's Dik-diks and lots of African Savanna Hares. It was almost midnight when we got to bed. It had been a terrific day.

On the last morning of the tour we paid a short visit to the well-known hippo pools of the Mikumi National Park. No new birds were noted, but several parties of White-crested Helmetshrikes showed off. A dozen Common Hippos performed very well and then it was time to drive to the airport of Dar Es Salaam, where this terrific adventure came to its end.

BIRDS OF THE TOUR
1st Uluguru Bushshrike
2nd Spot-throat & Loveridge's Sunbird
3rd Black-faced Sandgrouse
4rd Usambara Hyliota
5th Fisher's Turaco

SYSTEMATIC LIST OF SPECIES RECORDED DURING THE TOUR
Species marked with the diamond symbol (◊) are either endemic to the country or local region or considered 'special' birds for some other reason (e.g., it is only seen on one or two Birdquest tours; it is difficult to see across all or most of its range; the local form is endemic or restricted-range and may in future be treated as a full species).

The species names and taxonomy used in the bird list follows **AviList v2025** (AviList Core Team 2025. *AviList: The Global Avian Checklist, v2025);* this was the current version when the checklist for the tour report was created.
Where the subspecies seen is/are known, these are often given in parentheses at the end of the species comment.

The species names and taxonomy used in the mammal list follow the mammal list on the iGoTerra website (www.igoterra.com). This list largely follows IUCN (International Union for Conservation of Nature) taxonomy with just a few modifications. It is listed in family order, alphabetically by genera within families. Some alternative names are given in parentheses.

BIRDS
White-backed Duck ***Thalassornis leuconotus*** Fantastic looks at c30 on a small lake on the island of Pemba.
White-faced Whistling Duck ***Dendrocygna viduata*** Regular encounters.
African Pygmy Goose ***Nettapus auritus*** Six adults and four goslings showed perfectly on a small lake on Pemba.
Egyptian Goose ***Alopochen aegyptiaca*** We only saw this well-known species on our first day in the field.
African Black Duck ***Anas sparsa*** A single bird was noted on a fast flowing stream at the base of the West Usambaras.
Helmeted Guineafowl ***Numida meleagris*** A party of 15 birds was seen in the Mikumi NP.
Scaly Spurfowl ***Pternistis squamatus*** Perfect looks at this retiring species in the West Usambaras.
Red-necked Spurfowl ***Pternistis afer*** Regular encounters in the Mikumi NP.
Little Grebe ***Tachybaptus ruficollis*** Several were noted on a small lake on the island of Pemba.
White-bellied Go-away-bird ***Crinifer leucogaster*** A single bird was observed at the Nyumba Ya Mungu reservoir, not far from Arusha.
Hartlaub's Turaco ***Tauraco hartlaubi*** Excellent looks at several birds in the South Pare Mountains.
Fischer's Turaco ◊ ***Tauraco fischeri*** Two showed very well in the East Usambaras.
Livingstone's Turaco ***Tauraco livingstonii*** Good looks in the Ukaguru and Uluguru Mountains.

Black-bellied Bustard ***Lissotis melanogaster*** Fabulous looks at close range in the Mikumi NP.
Coppery-tailed Coucal ***Centropus cupreicaudus*** Several showed beautifully at the Kilombero marsh.
White-browed Coucal ***Centropus superciliosus*** Regular.
Klaas's Cuckoo ***Chrysococcyx klaas*** Male and female of this widespread species offered scope views.
African Emerald Cuckoo ***Chrysococcyx cupreus*** (H) We heard one in the Uluguru Mountains.
Barred Long-tailed Cuckoo ***Cercococcyx montanus*** A single, very vocal bird showed all too briefly in the Ukaguru Mountains.
Black-faced Sandgrouse ***Pterocles decoratus*** Three showed ever so well near the Nyumba Ya Mungu reservoir.
Ring-necked Dove ***Streptopelia capicola*** Common.
Red-eyed Dove ***Streptopelia semitorquata*** Also common.
Mourning Collared Dove (African M D) ***Streptopelia decipiens*** We only saw these near the Nyumba Ya Mungu reservoir.
Eastern Bronze-naped Pigeon ***Columba delegorguei*** Good looks at several in the West Usambaras.
African Olive Pigeon (Rameron P) ***Columba arquatrix*** Regular encounters with this smart-looking pigeon.
Speckled Pigeon ***Columba guinea*** We only saw this widespread species on the first two days of the tour.
Rock Dove (introduced) ***Columba livia***
Namaqua Dove ***Oena capensis*** We only saw this lovely species on the first two days of the tour.
Tambourine Dove ***Turtur tympanistria*** (H) We heard its distinctive song in the West Usambaras.
Blue-spotted Wood Dove ***Turtur afer*** A couple of sightings.
Emerald-spotted Wood Dove ***Turtur chalcospilos*** Regular encounters.
Pemba Green Pigeon ◊ ***Treron pembaensis*** Scope views of this good-looking Pemba endemic.
African Green Pigeon ***Treron calvus*** Small numbers were noted throughout the tour.
Common Moorhen ***Gallinula chloropus*** Common at the small lake on Pemba.
Black Crake ***Zapornia flavirostra*** We saw five of this cuties on our first morning near the Nyumba Ya Mungu reservoir.
Spotted Thick-knee (S Dikkop) ***Burhinus capensis*** Two were seen on our night drive in the Mikumi NP.
Water Thick-knee (W Dikkop) ***Burhinus vermiculatus*** Regular encounters. Especially common at Mikumi.
Black-winged Stilt ***Himantopus himantopus*** A few encounters with this well-known species.
Grey Plover (Black-bellied P) ***Pluvialis squatarola*** A single bird in winter plumage was seen om Pemba.
Long-toed Lapwing (L-t Plover) ***Vanellus crassirostris*** Two of these marsh-loving lapwings were noted at the Kilombero marsh.
Blacksmith Lapwing (B Plover) ***Vanellus armatus*** Just a few sightings.
Spur-winged Lapwing (S-w Plover) ***Vanellus spinosus*** Regular.
White-crowned Lapwing (W-headed Plover) ***Vanellus albiceps*** A single bird showed well at the Kilombero marsh.
Crowned Lapwing (C Plover) ***Vanellus coronatus*** Common at the Mikumi NP.
African Wattled Lapwing (A W Plover) ***Vanellus senegallus*** Three allowed good looks at the Kilombero marsh.
strong>Kittlitz's Plover *Anarhynchus pecuarius* A single bird was scoped at the Nyumba Ya Mungu reservoir.
African Jacana ***Actophilornis africanus*** Regular observations.
Eurasian Whimbrel ***Numenius phaeopus*** Fairly common on the Pemba mudflats.
Common Sandpiper ***Actitis hypoleucos*** Two observations of this well-known migrant.
Marsh Sandpiper ***Tringa stagnatilis*** A single bird was scoped on the Pemba mudflats.
Crab-plover ***Dromas ardeola*** No fewer than 36 of these jewels were seen well on the mudflats of the island of Pemba.
Collared Pratincole ***Glareola pratincola*** Common at the Kilombero floodplain.
Whiskered Tern ***Chlidonias hybrida*** Two were identified at the Nyumba Ya Mungu reservoir.
White-winged Tern ***Chlidonias leucopterus*** A single bird was identified at the Nyumba Ya Mungu reservoir.
Greater Crested Tern ***Thalasseus bergii*** Two were seen along the shore of the island of Pemba.
Lesser Crested Tern ***Thalasseus bengalensis*** Ten or so showed along the Pemba shoreline.
Common Tern ***Sterna hirundo*** A dozen were seen along the Pemba shoreline.
African Openbill (A Open-billed Stork) ***Anastomus lamelligerus*** Regular encounters.
Marabou Stork ***Leptoptilos crumenifer*** Just a few observations.
Yellow-billed Stork ***Mycteria ibis*** Regular sightings.
African Woolly-necked Stork ***Ciconia microscelis*** Four observations.
Reed Cormorant (Long-tailed C) ***Microcarbo africanus*** Regular encounters.
Glossy Ibis ***Plegadis falcinellus*** c50 were noted at the Nyumba Ya Mungu reservoir.

Hadada Ibis ***Bostrychia hagedash*** Regular and very vocal.

African Spoonbill ***Platalea alba*** Two were seen at the Kilombero floodplain.

African Sacred Ibis ***Threskiornis aethiopicus*** Three of these widespread birds were seen on Pemba.

Hamerkop ***Scopus umbretta*** Regular throughout the tour.

Pink-backed Pelican ***Pelecanus rufescens*** Eight were seen at the Kilombero floodplain.

Little Bittern ***Botaurus minutus*** A single bird showed in flight at the Kilombero floodplain (race *payesii*).

Black Heron (B Egret) ***Egretta ardesiaca*** *c*15 showed very well on the Pemba muflats.

Little Egret ***Egretta garzetta*** Regular sightings.

Little Egret (Dimorphic E) ***Egretta [garzetta] dimorpha*** Common on the Pemba island mudflats. Both pale and dark morphs were seen.

Black-crowned Night Heron ***Nycticorax nycticorax*** Several observations of this widespread species.

Little Heron ***Butorides atricapilla*** Regular observations of this widespread species.

Squacco Heron ***Ardeola ralloides*** Regular at the Kilombero floodplain.

Great Egret ***Ardea alba*** Small numbers were noted along our itinerary (race *melanorhynchos*).

Yellow-billed Egret ***Ardea brachyrhyncha*** Four were identified at the Nyumba Ya Mungu reservoir.

Western Cattle Egret ***Ardea ibis*** Common.

Purple Heron ***Ardea purpurea*** Just four sightings of this beautiful heron.

Black-headed Heron ***Ardea melanocephala*** Regular.

Grey Heron ***Ardea cinerea*** Regular.

Fiery-necked Nightjar ***Caprimulgus pectoralis*** (H) We heard it in the distance at the Mikumi NP.

Square-tailed Nightjar (Gabon N) ***Caprimulgus fossii*** At least a dozen showed well on the Mikumi NP night drive.

African Palm Swift ***Cypsiurus parvus*** Regular.

White-rumped Swift ***Apus caffer*** A single bird was noted at the Kilombero plain.

Little Swift ***Apus affinis*** Common.

Pemba Scops Owl ◊ ***Otus pembaensis*** Excellent looks at a couple of these cute endemics in a patch of forest on the island of Pemba.

Spotted Eagle-Owl ***Bubo africanus*** A single showed in the Ulugurus and two were seen on the Mikumi NP night drive.

Fraser's Eagle-Owl ◊ (Usambara E O) ***Ketupa [poensis] vosseleri*** (H) We heard it in the distance from our lodge in the East Usambara Mountains.

African Wood Owl ***Strix woodfordii*** Excellent looks at close range in the East Usambaras.

African Harrier-Hawk ***Polyboroides typus*** Regular encounters. We admired a mating pair in the West Usambaras.

Palm-nut Vulture (Vulturine Fish Eagle) ***Gypohierax angolensis*** Eleven sightings of this good-looking bird of prey.

White-backed Vulture ***Gyps africanus*** Just three were seen in the Mikumi NP.

Bateleur ***Terathopius ecaudatus*** Two birds showed well in the Mikumi NP.

Southern Banded Snake Eagle ◊ ***Circaetus fasciolatus*** (H) We heard its distinctive sound in the Eastern Usambaras.

Black-chested Snake Eagle ***Circaetus pectoralis*** Three sightings of this distinctive bird of prey.

Brown Snake Eagle ***Circaetus cinereus*** Three observations of this widespread species.

Crowned Eagle ***Stephanoaetus coronatus*** We heard its distinctive calls in the West Usambaras and had good looks at one at the Hondo Hondo Lodge at the base of the Uluguru Mountains.

Long-crested Eagle ***Lophaetus occipitalis*** Three sightings of this smart-looking species.

Wahlberg's Eagle ***Hieraaetus wahlbergi*** A single observation in the Uluguru Mountains.

Ayres's Hawk-Eagle ***Hieraaetus ayresii*** Three observations of this dashing species.

Booted Eagle ***Hieraaetus pennatus*** A pale morph showed well on Pemba.

Tawny Eagle ***Aquila rapax*** A single bird was observed in the Mikumi NP.

African Hawk-Eagle ***Aquila spilogaster*** Two nice observations of this widespread bird of prey.

Gabar Goshawk ***Micronisus gabar*** Two encounters.

Eastern Chanting Goshawk (E Pale C G) ***Melierax poliopterus*** A couple of observations.

Lizard Buzzard ***Kaupifalco monogrammicus*** Seven sightings of this attractive bird of prey.

African Goshawk ***Aerospiza tachiro*** Fair looks at one in the East Usambaras.

Shikra ***Tachyspiza badia*** A single bird was noted in the West Usambaras.

Black Sparrowhawk (Great S) ***Astur melanoleucus*** Three sightings of this distinctive bird of prey.

Black Kite (Yellow-billed K) ***Milvus [migrans] aegyptius*** Small numbers were noted along our route.

Augur Buzzard ***Buteo augur*** Five observations of this distinctive species. We also noted a dark morph.
Mountain Buzzard ***Buteo oreophilus*** Seven observations in the West Usambaras.
Blue-naped Mousebird ***Urocolius macrourus*** Several nice sightings on the first two days of the tour.
Speckled Mousebird ***Colius striatus*** Common.
White-headed Mousebird ◊ ***Colius leucocephalus*** Four birds showed well near the Nyumba Ya Mungu reservoir.
Bar-tailed Trogon ***Apaloderma vittatum*** Excellent looks at a male in the Uluguru Mountains.
Common Hoopoe (African H) ***Upupa [epops] africana*** Three observations of this smart-looking species.
Common Scimitarbill ***Rhinopomastus cyanomelas*** A single bird was seen in the Mikumi NP.
Green Wood Hoopoe ***Phoeniculus purpureus*** Small numbers were noted.
Southern Ground Hornbill ***Bucorvus leadbeateri*** Fantastic looks at this impressive species in the Mikumi NP.
Crowned Hornbill ***Lophoceros alboterminatus*** Regular.
African Grey Hornbill ***Lophoceros nasutus*** Fairly common.
Pale-billed Hornbill ◊ ***Lophoceros pallidirostris*** Eight of these miombo specialists showed well at the edge of the Mikumi NP.
Von der Decken's Hornbill ***Tockus deckeni*** A male was seen well near the Nyumba Ya Mungu reservoir.
Northern Red-billed Hornbill ***Tockus erythrorhynchus*** Three were noted near the Nyumba Ya Mungu reservoir.
Silvery-cheeked Hornbill ***Bycanistes brevis*** Common and showy along our route.
Trumpeter Hornbill ***Bycanistes bucinator*** Small numbers of this smart-looking species were noted.
Broad-billed Roller ***Eurystomus glaucurus*** Fairly common on Pemba.
Racket-tailed Roller ◊ ***Coracias spatulatus*** We witnessed the spectacular display in a patch of miombo near the Mikumi NP. Great stuff!!
Lilac-breasted Roller ***Coracias caudatus*** Regular and so very beautiful.
Böhm's Bee-eater ◊ ***Merops boehmi*** This beauty showed very well along a forested watercourse not too far from Morogoro.
Little Bee-eater ***Merops pusillus*** Small numbers.
Cinnamon-chested Bee-eater ***Merops oreobates*** Excellent looks in the South Pare and West Usambara Mountains.
Olive Bee-eater (Madagascar B) ***Merops superciliosus*** A few showed well on Pemba.
African Pygmy Kingfisher ***Ispidina picta*** A single sighting on the journey to the East Usambaras.
Malachite Kingfisher ***Corythornis cristatus*** Regular.
Giant Kingfisher ***Megaceryle maxima*** Two observations on the first two days of the tour.
Pied Kingfisher ***Ceryle rudis*** Regular sightings of this well-known species.
Mangrove Kingfisher ◊ ***Halcyon senegaloides*** Terrific looks at this localized species in the Pemba woodlands.
Woodland Kingfisher ***Halcyon senegalensis*** A single showed in the Mikumi NP.
Striped Kingfisher ***Halcyon chelicuti*** Good looks in the miombo of the Mikumi NP.
Brown-hooded Kingfisher ***Halcyon albiventris*** Regular observations.
Grey-headed Kingfisher (Chestnut-bellied K) ***Halcyon leucocephala*** *Four observations of this good-looking species.*
Red-and-yellow Barbet ◊ ***Trachyphonus erythrocephalus*** Two gave a terrific performance on the drive to the Ukaguru Mountains.
D'Arnaud's Barbet ***Trachyphonus darnaudii*** Excellent looks at displaying birds on the first two days of the tour.
Green Barbet ***Cryptolybia olivacea*** Regular in the montane forests. Unobtrusive.
White-eared Barbet ***Stactolaema leucotis*** Regular encounters in the East Usambaras.
Green Tinkerbird ◊ (Eastern G T) ***Pogoniulus simplex*** Good looks at a single bird in the East Usambaras.
Moustached Tinkerbird (M Green T) ***Pogoniulus leucomystax*** A couple of observations. Regularly heard.
Yellow-rumped Tinkerbird (Golden-r T) ***Pogoniulus bilineatus*** Several showed well in the Ulugurus.
Northern Red-fronted Tinkerbird ***Pogoniulus uropygialis*** A couple of encounters in dry bush country.
Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird ***Pogoniulus chrysoconus*** A single sighting in the Mikumi NP.
Spot-flanked Barbet ***Tricholaema lacrymosa*** Two were seen at the base of the South Pare Mountains.
Black-throated Barbet ***Tricholaema melanocephala*** A few observations on the first two days of the tour.
Brown-breasted Barbet ◊ ***Pogonornis melanopterus*** Two nice sightings of this attractive species.
Black-collared Barbet ***Lybius torquatus*** A brief observation near the Nyumba Ya Mungu reservoir. A bit north of its regular area of distribution.
Lesser Honeyguide ***Indicator minor*** Several observations of this widespread species.
Scaly-throated Honeyguide ***Indicator variegatus*** One showed well in the Ukagurus.

Nubian Woodpecker ***Campethera nubica*** Two showed well in the north Tanzanian scrub.

Speckle-throated Woodpecker ◊ ***Campethera scriptoricauda*** A single bird was noted at the Hondo Hondo Lodge.

Golden-tailed Woodpecker ***Campethera abingoni*** Two birds showed well in the miombo woodland of the Mikumi NP.

Mombasa Woodpecker ◊ ***Campethera mombassica*** A female was identified in the East Usambara Mountains.

Bearded Woodpecker ***Chloropicus namaquus*** A single was noted in the Mikumi NP.

Olive Woodpecker ***Dendropicos griseocephalus*** Two were found in the West Usambara Mountains.

Cardinal Woodpecker ***Dendropicos fuscescens*** A few observations.

Dickinson's Kestrel ◊ ***Falco dickinsoni*** Fabulous looks at this beauty on Pemba, and also in the Mikumi NP.

Lanner Falcon ***Falco biarmicus*** Four sightings of this impressive bird of prey.

Meyer's Parrot (Brown P) ***Poicephalus meyeri*** A single bird was seen in the Mikumi NP.

Brown-headed Parrot ***Poicephalus cryptoxanthus*** Half a dozen showed quite well on Pemba.

Red-bellied Parrot (African Orange-b P) ***Poicephalus rufiventris*** Four showed well at the Nyumba Ya Mungu reservoir.

Grey Cuckooshrike ***Ceblepyris caesius*** Regular observations of this montane forest inhabitant.

White-breasted Cuckooshrike ***Ceblepyris pectoralis*** A single bird in the miombo woodland of the Mikumi NP.

Black Cuckooshrike ***Campephaga flava*** A couple of sightings of males.

Brubru ***Nilaus afer*** A single bird showed well in the Mikumi NP miombo.

Black-crowned Tchagra ***Tchagra senegalus*** We saw this widespread species only in the Mikumi NP.

Brown-crowned Tchagra ***Tchagra australis*** Two showed well at the base of the South Pare Mountains.

Grey-headed Bushshrike ***Malaconotus blanchoti*** A single in the Mikumi NP.

Uluguru Bushshrike ◊ ***Malaconotus*** *alius* Excellent views of this fabulous species in the montane forest of the Ulugurus. **THE BIRD OF THE TOUR!!!**

Black-backed Puffback ***Dryoscopus cubla*** A few observations along our route.

Rosy-patched Bushshrike ◊ ***Rhodophoneus cruentus*** Great looks at a single bird at the Nyumba Ya Mungu reservoir.

Black-fronted Bushshrike ***Chlorophoneus nigrifrons*** Regular observations in the montane forests of all the visited ranges.

Tropical Boubou ***Laniarius major*** Just a couple of encounters.

East Coast Boubou ◊ ***Laniarius sublacteus*** This speciality showed well at the base of the East Usambara Mountains.

Slate-colored Boubou ***Laniarius funebris*** Small numbers obliged in the northern Tanzanian scrub.

Fülleborn's Boubou ◊ ***Laniarius fuelleborni*** Good looks at this montane forest species in the South Pare, West Usambara and Ukaguru Mountains.

Short-tailed Batis ***Batis mixta*** Seen well in the West and East Usambara Mountains.

Pale Batis (East Coast B) ***Batis soror*** Good looks at the base of the East Usambaras and also in the Mikumi NP.

Eastern Black-headed Batis ◊ ***Batis minor*** Seen near Arusha and in the Mikumi NP.

Pygmy Batis ***Batis perkeo*** Terrific views near the Nyumba Ya Mungu reservoir.

White-crested Helmetshrike ***Prionops plumatus*** Marvelous encounters with parties of this beautiful species at the Mikumi NP.

Black-and-white Shrike-flycatcher (B-a-w Flycatcher) ***Bias musicus*** A pair showed very well in the East Usambaras.

Green-headed Oriole ◊ ***Oriolus chlorocephalus*** Great looks at several in the East Usambaras and heard in the Ulugurus.

Black-headed Oriole (Eastern B-h O) ***Oriolus larvatus*** A few were noted in the Mikumi NP.

African Golden Oriole ***Oriolus auratus*** Nice looks at this beauty in the Mikumi NP.

Square-tailed Drongo ***Dicrurus ludwigii*** Seen well in the East Usambaras and in the Ulugurus.

'Usambara' Drongo ◊ ***Dicrurus sp. nov.*** Regular in the West and the East Usambaras.

Fork-tailed Drongo (Common D) ***Dicrurus adsimilis*** A few sightings in savanna and scrub habitat.

Blue-mantled Crested Flycatcher ***Trochocercus cyanomelas*** A single bird showed all too briefly in the East Usambaras.

African Paradise Flycatcher ***Terpsiphone viridis*** Regular observations of this adorable species.

Long-tailed Fiscal ***Lanius cabanisi*** Regular encounters.

Northern Fiscal ***Lanius humeralis*** Common and obvious.

White-necked Raven (W-naped R) ***Corvus albicollis*** Very nice looks in the South Pare and the West Usambara Mountains.

Pied Crow ***Corvus albus*** Very common.

House Crow (introduced) ***Corvus splendens*** This Asian species is also very common and is still spreading.

White-tailed Crested Flycatcher ***Elminia albonotata*** A regular member of the montane forest bird parties.

Usambara Hyliota ◊ ***Hyliota usambara*** It took a while, but eventually everyone obtained good looks at this very localized endemic in

the East Usambaras.

Rufous-bellied Tit ◊ (Cinnamon-breasted T) ***Melaniparus [rufiventris] pallidiventris*** Two were found in the miombo of the Mikumi NP.

Fischer's Sparrow-Lark ◊ ***Eremopterix leucopareia*** Two females were noted in the savanna of the Mikumi NP.

Pink-breasted Lark ◊ ***Calendulauda poecilosterna*** Good looks at two singing birds near the Nyumba Ya Mungu reservoir.

Flappet Lark ***Amirafra rufocinnamomea*** A single displaying bird was seen in the Mikumi NP.

Kretschmer's Longbill ◊ ***Macrosphenus kretschmeri*** This skulker was hard to see well in the montane forest of the East Usambaras.

Northern Crombec ***Sylvietta brachyura*** A single observation near the Nyumba Ya Mungu reservoir.

Red-faced Crombec ***Sylvietta whytii*** A single bird showed nicely in the northern Tanzanian scrub.

Red-capped Forest Warbler ◊ (African Tailorbird) ***Artisornis metopias*** Repeated good looks at this near-endemic skulker in the montane forest of the West Usambaras.

Long-billed Forest Warbler ◊ (L-b Apalis) ***Artisornis moreaui*** This near- endemic showed very well in the montane forest of the East Usambaras.

Stierling's Wren-Warbler ***Calamonastes stierlingi*** Excellent looks at two in the miombo of the Mikumi NP.

Grey Wren-Warbler ***Calamonastes simplex*** Regular in the north Tanzania scrub.

Bleating Camaroptera ***Camaroptera brachyura*** Small numbers were noted along our route.

Bar-throated Apalis ***Apalis thoracica*** Regular in the montane forests.

Yellow-breasted Apalis (Black-b A) ***Apalis flavida*** A few observations of this widespread species.

Chapin's Apalis ◊ ***Apalis chapini*** (H) We heard it in the Ukaguru Mountains.

Black-headed Apalis ***Apalis melanocephala*** Regular.

Tawny-flanked Prinia ***Prinia subflava*** A handful of encounters.

Red-fronted Prinia ***Prinia rufifrons*** A single in the scrub near the Nyumba Ya Mungu reservoir.

Winifred's Warbler ◊ ***Scepomycter [winifredae] winifredae*** Good looks at this Tanzanian endemic in the montane forest of the Ukagurus.

Red-faced Cisticola ***Cisticola erythrops*** A single singing bird at the base of the East Usambaras.

Trilling Cisticola ***Cisticola woosnami*** A single singing bird was seen at the base of the Ulugurus.

Kilombero Cisticola ◊ ***Cisticola bakerorum*** Good looks at this Tanzanian endemic in the Kilombero floodplain.

Rattling Cisticola ***Cisticola chiniana*** A few encounters with this widespread species.

Coastal Cisticola ◊ ***Cisticola haematocephalus*** A single in a marsh near the base of the East Usambaras.

White-tailed Cisticola ◊ ***Cisticola anderseni*** Excellent views of this endemic in the Kilombero floodplain.

Croaking Cisticola ***Cisticola natalensis*** This widespread species was seen well at the base of the Uluguru Mountains.

Zitting Cisticola ***Cisticola juncidis*** Several were recorded in the Mikumi NP savanna.

African Yellow Warbler (Dark-capped Y W) ***Iduna natalensis*** Good looks at several in the Uluguru Mountains.

Common Reed Warbler (African R W) ***Acrocephalus [scirpaceus] cinnamomeus*** Three encounters in marsh habitat.

Lesser Swamp Warbler ***Acrocephalus gracilirostris*** A single bird showed well in a reedbed near the Nyumba Ya Mungu reservoir.

Evergreen Forest Warbler ***Bradypterus [lopezi] mariae*** This skulker was often heard and seen a few times in montane forest.

Little Rush Warbler ***Bradypterus baboecala*** ***Good looks*** in a reedbed near the Nyumba Ya Mungu reservoir. Heard elsewhere.

Black Saw-wing ***Psalidoprocne [pristoptera] holomelas*** Common over montane forest.

Brown-throated Martin (Plain M) ***Riparia paludicola*** A handful was seen at the Nyumba Ya Mungu reservoir.

Red-throated Rock Martin ***Ptyonoprogne rufigula*** Several observations near rocky outcrops.

Wire-tailed Swallow ***Hirundo smithii*** Regular encounters near water.

Lesser Striped Swallow ***Cecropis abyssinica*** Common and widespread.

Mosque Swallow ***Cecropis senegalensis*** Two showed beautifully near the base of the East Usambaras.

African Red-rumped Swallow ***Cecropis melanocrissus*** A handful of observations in montane habitat.

Little Yellow Flycatcher ◊ ***Erythrocercus holochlorus*** Very nice looks at several in the East Usambaras. A real cutie.

Livingstone's Flycatcher ◊ ***Erythrocercus livingstonei*** This attractive species showed well in riverine habitat in the Mikumi NP.

Yellow-throated Woodland Warbler ***Phylloscopus ruficapilla*** Regular in the West Usambaras and also seen in the Ulugurus.

Sombre Greenbul (Zanzibar S G) ***Andropadus importunus*** A few in the north Tanzanian scrub.

Shelley's Greenbul ◊ ***Arizelocichla masukuensis*** This tree trunk climber was regularly seen in all the montane forests.

Black-headed Mountain Greenbul ◊ (Mountain G) ***Arizelocichla nigriceps*** A regular inhabitant of montane forest.

Uluguru Mountain Greenbul ◊ ***Arizelocichla neumanni*** Good looks at this very localized and rarely encountered endemic in the

Uluguru Mountains.

Olive-headed Greenbul ◊ *Arizelocichla striifacies* Good views in the West Usambaras.

Yellow-throated Mountain Greenbul *Arizelocichla chlorigula* Several of these Tanzanian endemics performed beautifully in the montane forest of the Ukagurus.

Yellow-bellied Greenbul *Chlorocichla flaviventris* A few were noted near Arusha and in the Mikumi NP.

Little Greenbul *Eurillas virens* Regular. More often heard than seen.

Lowland Tiny Greenbul ◊ *Phyllastrephus debilis* (H) Heard at the base of the East Usambaras.

Montane Tiny Greenbul ◊ *Phyllastrephus albigula* Good looks at this warbler-loke species in the West Usambara montane forest.

Yellow-streaked Greenbul *Phyllastrephus flavostriatus* A few encounters in the Usambaras.

Grey-olive Greenbul ◊ *Phyllastrephus cerviniventris* Two showed very well in scrub near the base of the East Usambaras.

Cabanis's Greenbul ◊ (Placid G) *Phyllastrephus [cabanisi] placidus* Several allowed good looks in the West Usambaras.

Common Bulbul (Dark-capped B) *Pycnonotus [barbatus] tricolor* Very common.

African Hill Babbler (Abyssinian H B) *Sylvia [abyssinica] abyssinica* Several were seen well in the South Pare and West Usambara Mountains.

Pale White-eye *Zosterops flavilateralis* Ten or so showed well at the base of the South Pare Mountains.

South Pare White-eye ◊ *Zosterops winifredae* A single bird was seen in the montane forest of the South Pare. Endemic.

Southern Yellow White-eye *Zosterops anderssoni* Regular encounters.

Pemba White-eye ◊ *Zosterops vaughani* Several of these lovely Pemba endemics performed very well in the Pemba woodlands.

Scaly Chatterer ◊ *Argya aylmeri* Amazing looks at this often hard to see well species at the base of the South Pare mountains.

Red-billed Oxpecker *Buphagus erythroryncha* Regular in the Mikumi NP.

Yellow-billed Oxpecker *Buphagus africanus* Also regular in the same area.

Violet-backed Starling *Cinnyricinclus leucogaster* Just two observations of this usually common species.

Slender-billed Starling *Onychognathus tenuirostris* Regular encounters in the Uluguru Mountain forest.

Red-winged Starling *Onychognathus morio* Small numbers were noted on the first two days of the tour.

Waller's Starling *Onychognathus walleri* Regular in the forests of the South Pare, West Usambara and Uluguru Mountains.

Black-bellied Starling *Notopholia corusca* A few in the East Usambaras.

Kenrick's Starling ◊ *Poeoptera kenricki* Best looks were obtained in the Ukagurus, but we also saw it in East Usambaras and the Ulugurus.

Lesser Blue-eared Starling (Miombo B-e S) *Lamprotornis [chloropterus] elisabeth* Regular in the Mikumi NP miombo.

Superb Starling *Lamprotornis superbus* A few in the north Tanzania scrub and in the Mikumi NP savanna.

Red-tailed Ant Thrush *Neocossyphus rufus* Fantastic encounters in the garden of our lodge in the East Usambaras.

Usambara Thrush ◊ *Turdus roehli* Great looks at this retiring endemic in the West Usambaras.

Kurrichane Thrush *Turdus libonyana* Several were noted on the drive to the Ukaguru Mountains.

White-browed Scrub Robin *Cercotrichas leucophrys* Several were observed at the base of the South Pare Mountains.

Pale Flycatcher *Agricola pallidus* A single was seen in the Mikumi NP.

Southern Black Flycatcher *Melaenornis pammelaina* Several observations of this widespread species.

White-eyed Slaty Flycatcher *Melaenornis fischeri* Four showed well in the forest of the Ukaguru Mountains.

African Grey Flycatcher *Bradornis microrhynchus* A few showed well in the north Tanzania scrub.

African Dusky Flycatcher *Muscicapa adusta* Regular in the montane forests.

White-starred Robin (W-s Forest R) *Pogonocichla stellata* This beauty performed regularly in the montane forests. A cracker!!

White-chested Alethe ◊ *Chamaetylas fuelleborni* A single bird showed all too briefly in the Uluguru Mountains. Heard elsewhere.

White-browed Robin-Chat *Cossypha heuglini* A handful of sightings.

Collared Palm Thrush (C Morning T) *Cichladusa arquata* Several allowed excellent looks in the Mikumi NP.

Spotted Palm Thrush (S Morning T) *Cichladusa guttata* Great looks at several in the north Tanzania scrub.

Olive-flanked Ground Robin *Dessonornis anomalus* Fair views of this skulker in the montane forest of the Okagurus.

Cape Robin-Chat *Dessonornis caffer* A few in the Okagurus and the Ulugurus.

Usambara Akalat ◊ (U Ground Robin) *Sheppardia montana* It took a while, but eventually we saw this unobtrusive endemic in the undergrowth of montane forest in the West Usambaras.

African Stonechat *Saxicola torquatus* Regular in open areas at higher altitudes.

Mocking Cliff Chat (Cliff C) *Thamnolaea cinnamomeiventris* Very good looks at pairs at the base of the East Usambaras and on our

way to the Okagurus.

Familiar Chat ***Oenanthe familiaris*** Several were seen on our way to the Okagurus.

Spot-throat ◊ ***Modulatrix stictigula*** One of the specialities of this tour. Good looks for everyone, after lots of hard work, in the undergrowth of the West Usambaras.

Plain-backed Sunbird ◊ ***Anthreptes reichenowi*** Nice views of this modestly-plumaged species in the gardens of our lodge in the East Usambaras.

Western Violet-backed Sunbird ***Anthreptes longuemarei*** A pair showed well in the miombo of the Mikumi NP.

Eastern Violet-backed Sunbird (Kenya V-b S) ***Anthreptes orientalis*** Regular in the scrub of northern Tanzania.

Uluguru Violet-backed Sunbird ◊ ***Anthreptes neglectus*** This Tanzanian endemic gave excellent views in the East Usambaras.

Banded Green Sunbird ◊ ***Anthreptes rubritorques*** A male allowed scope views in the gardens of our lodge in the East Usambaras.

Collared Sunbird ***Hedydipna collaris*** Common.

Olive Sunbird ***Cyanomitra olivacea*** Regular encounters.

Malachite Sunbird ***Nectarinia Famosa*** A male showed very nicely in the South Pare Mountains.

Golden-winged Sunbird ◊ ***Drepanorhynchus reichenowi*** This outstanding species obliged ever so well in the South Pare Mountains.

Amethyst Sunbird ***Chalcomitra amethystina*** Regular encounters.

Scarlet-chested Sunbird ***Chalcomitra senegalensis*** Fairly common and so very attractive.

Hunter's Sunbird ***Chalcomitra hunteri*** A few were noted in the northern Tanzanian scrub.

Usambara Double-collared Sunbird ◊ ***Cinnyris usambaricus*** Regular sightings in the Western Usambaras.

Moreau's Sunbird ***Cinnyris moreaui*** Many nice observations in the Okagurus. A Tanzanian endemic.

Loveridge's Sunbird ◊ ***Cinnyris loveridgei*** Excellent encounters with this endemic in the Ulugurus.

Gorgeous Sunbird ***Cinnyris melanogastrus*** A male was seen at the base of the South Pare Mountains.

Shelley's Sunbird ◊ (Hofmann's S) ***Cinnyris [shelleyi] hofmanni*** Two were noted in the Mikumi NP. The race *hofmanni* is endemic to Tanzania.

Purple-banded Sunbird ***Cinnyris bifasciatus*** A few in the lower reaches of the East Usambaras.

naryabird ◊ ***Cinnyris pembae*** Fairly common on the island of Pemba.

Variable Sunbird ***Cinnyris venustus*** Regular encounters.

Thick-billed Weaver (Grosbeak W) ***Amblyospiza albifrons*** A single bird was seen in the South Pare Mountains.

White-browed Sparrow-Weaver ***Plocepasser mahali*** Regular.

Bertram's Weaver ◊ ***Ploceus bertrandi*** Good looks at several in more open areas of the Ulugurus.

Baglafecht Weaver ***Ploceus baglafecht*** A few in the East Usambaras.

Black-necked Weaver ***Ploceus nigricollis*** Two were noted in the north Tanzanian scrub.

Spectacled Weaver ***Ploceus ocularis*** A handful of observations of this widespread species.

Eastern Golden Weaver ◊ ***Ploceus subaureus*** Nice looks at several at the base of the East Usambaras.

Taveta Weaver ◊ (T Golden W) ***Ploceus castaneiceps*** Great looks along a reedy stream not far from Arusha.

Kilombero Weaver ◊ ***Ploceus burnieri*** Good views of a dozen or so in the Kilombero floodplain. The birds were not in breeding plumage, but the bicoloured bill, the dark brown eyes and the yellow breast were seen well. A Tanzanian endemic.

Ruvu Weaver ◊ ***Ploceus holoxanthus*** This Tanzanian endemic showed nicely along the Ruvu River in east central Tanzania.

Village Weaver (Layard's W) ***Ploceus [cucullatus] nigriceps*** Regular on the first two days of the tour.

Dark-backed Weaver (Forest W) ***Ploceus bicolor*** Regular observations in the montane forests.

Red-billed Quelea ***Quelea quelea*** A few in the north Tanzanian scrub.

Black-winged Red Bishop ***Euplectes hordeaceus*** Regular in marshy areas.

Yellow Bishop ***Euplectes capensis*** Several in the Kilombero plain.

Red-collared Widowbird ***Euplectes ardens*** A male was noted at the base of the East Usambaras.

Fan-tailed Widowbird ***Euplectes axillaris*** Several in breeding plumage were found along our route.

Red-headed Weaver ***Anaplectes rubriceps*** A nice male was seen at the base of the South Pare Mountains.

Long-tailed Paradise Whydah ***Vidua paradisaea*** Several males in breeding plumage with attending females were seen near the Nyumba Ya Mungu reservoir.

Pin-tailed Whydah ***Vidua macroura*** Just a few of these widespread birds were seen.

Straw-tailed Whydah ***Vidua fischeri*** Two males in breeding attire were attended by a female in scrub near the Nyumba Ya Mungu reservoir.

Village Indigobird ***Vidua chalybeata*** Several males in breeding condition were identified along our route.
Bronze Mannikin ***Spermestes cucullata*** Common.
Magpie Mannikin ***Spermestes fringilloides*** Several showed well in a flock of Black-and-white Mannikins at Hondo Hondo.
Black-and-white Mannikin (Red-backed M) ***Spermestes [bicolor] nigriceps*** Regular.
African Silverbill ***Euodice cantans*** A single bird was noted in the Taveta Golden Weaver area.
Yellow-bellied Waxbill ***Coccopygia quartinia*** Regular in marshy areas.
Red-faced Crimsonwing ***Cryptospiza reichenovii*** Good looks at a male in the South Pare Mountains.
Black-faced Waxbill ***Brunhilda erythronotos*** A single bird was found in the Kilombero floodplain.
Common Waxbill ***Estrilda astrild*** Regular observations.
Orange-breasted Waxbill (Zebra W) ***Amandava subflava*** Three were noted at the Taveta Golden Weaver spot.
Purple Grenadier ***Granatina ianthinogaster*** A few of these jewels were seen in the north Tanzanian scrub.
Blue Waxbill (Southern Cordon-bleu) ***Uraeginthus angolensis*** Regular in the Mikumi NP.
Red-cheeked Cordon-bleu ***Uraeginthus bengalus*** A single male was found at the base of the South Pare Mountains.
Blue-capped Cordon-bleu ***Uraeginthus cyanocephalus*** A handful were noted at the Taveta Golden Weaver spot.
Lesser Seedcracker ◊ ***Pyrenestes minor*** Fair looks at a pair in dense vegetation near the Hondo Hondo lodge.
Green-winged Pytilia ***Pytilia melba*** Several showed well in the north Tanzanian scrub.
Red-throated Twinspot ***Hypargos niveoguttatus*** Scope views of two in the Uluguru Mountains. A real beauty.
Red-billed Firefinch ***Lagonosticta senegala*** Regular.
African Firefinch (Blue-billed F) ***Lagonosticta rubricata*** Regular.
Jameson's Firefinch ***Lagonosticta rhodopareia*** A male performed beautifully at the Hondo Hondo Lodge.
Yellow-spotted Bush Sparrow ***Gymnoris pyrgita*** A few were seen in the north Tanzanian scrub.
Yellow-throated Bush Sparrow ***Gymnoris superciliaris*** Several observations in the Mikumi NP.
Northern Grey-headed Sparrow ***Passer griseus*** Regular.
House Sparrow (introduced) ***Passer domesticus*** Common.
Mountain Wagtail ***Motacilla clara*** Two showed well along a stream at the base of the East Usambaras.
African Pied Wagtail ***Motacilla aguimp*** Regular.
Yellow-throated Longclaw ***Macronyx croceus*** Several were seen in the Mikumi NP.
African Pipit (Grassland P) ***Anthus cinnamomeus*** A handful of sightings of this widespread species.
Striped Pipit ***Anthus lineiventris*** Good looks at a single bird on our drive to the Okagurus.
Oriole Finch ***Linurgus olivaceus*** Seen well in the South Pare and the West Usambara Mountains.
Yellow-fronted Canary ***Crithagra mozambica*** A handful of observations.
Southern Citril ◊ (East African C) ***Crithagra hyposticta*** Regular encounters in montane habitat.
Reichenow's Seedeater (Kenya Yellow-rumped S) ***Crithagra reichenowi*** Two were found at the Taveta Golden Weaver spot.
White-bellied Canary ◊ ***Crithagra dorsostriata*** Several showed well near the Nyumba Ya Mungu reservoir.
Southern Grosbeak-Canary ◊ ***Crithagra buchanani*** A single bird was singing away near the Nyumba Ya Mungu reservoir.
Cabanis's Bunting ***Emberiza cabanisi*** Two observations (East Usambaras and Ulugurus).
Somali Bunting (S Golden-breasted B) ***Emberiza poliopleura*** Three showed well near the Nyumba Ya Mungu reservoir.
Cinnamon-breasted Bunting ***Emberiza tahapisi*** A single bird was seen on our way up to the South Pare Mountains.

MAMMALS

Eastern Tree Hyrax ***Dendrohyrax validus*** (H) We heard the weird screams at night at the Hondo Hondo Lodge.
African Savanna Elephant ***Loxodonta africana*** Excellent encounters at very close range in the Mikumi NP. Marvelous!!
Black-and-rufous Sengi (B-and-r Elephant Shrew) ***Rhynchocyon petersi*** Two of these beautiful creatures showed briefly in the West Usambaras.
Common Slender Mongoose ***Herpestes sanguineus*** One was seen crossing the road near Morogoro.
White-tailed Mongoose ***Ichneumia albicauda*** We saw this species on the Mikumi NP nightdrive.
Black-backed Jackal ***Lupulella mesomelas*** Good looks at two in the Mikumi NP.
Plains Zebra (Common Z) ***Equus quagga*** Common in the Mikumi NP.
Common Warthog ***Phacochoerus africanus*** Small numbers were seen in the Mikumi NP.
Maasai Giraffe ***Giraffa tippelskirchi*** Common and impressive in the Mikumi NP.

Impala ***Aepyceros melampus*** Very common in the Mikumi NP.

Blue Wildebeest (Eastern White-bearded W) ***Connochaetes taurinus*** Small numbers could be seen in the Mikumi NP.

Cavendish's Dik-dik ***Madoqua cavendishi*** Two of these tiny creatures gave good views in the Mikumi NP.

Bohor Reedbuck ***Redunca redunca*** A single animal was noted in the Mikumi NP savanna.

Common Eland ***Tragelaphus oryx*** Several of these enormous antilope were seen well at Mikumi.

Northern Bushbuck ***Tragelaphus scriptus*** Two of these good-looking animals were seen at Mikumi.

Common Hippopotamus ***Hippopotamus amphibius*** The Hippo pools at Mikumi held a dozen or so of these impressive mammals.

Pemba Flying Fox ***Pteropus voeltzkowi*** We were taken to a large colony in a patch of woodland on northern Pemba. Quite a sight!! Endemic to Pemba.

Thick-tailed Greater Galago ***Otolemur crassicaudatus*** Good looks at this lovely species at night around our accommodation at Mikumi.

Garnett's Greater Galago ***Otolemur garnettii*** A single was seen while searching for the Scops Owl on Pemba.

Blue Monkey ***Cercopithecus mitis*** Common in the mountain forests.

Vervet Monkey ***Chlorocebus pygerythrus*** Regular.

Angolan Colobus ***Colobus angolensis*** Some very nice encounters with this beautiful species in the mountain forests of the West and East Usambaras and the Ulugurus.

Yellow Baboon ***Papio cynocephalus*** Common at Mikumi.

Udzungwa Red Colobus (Iringa R C) ***Piliocolobus gordonorum*** This beauty showed very well in the Hondo Hondo gardens. Endemic

African Savanna Hare ***Lepus microtis*** Regular in the Mikumi NP savanna.

Crested Porcupine ***Hystrix cristata*** Good looks at two on the night drive at Mikumi.

Zanj Sun Squirrel (Eastern S S) ***Heliosciurus undulatus*** This speciality was seen well in the East Usambaras.

Black-and-red Bush Squirrel ***Paraxerus lucifer*** Great looks at several in the Ulugurus.

Ochre Bush Squirrel ***Paraxerus ochraceus*** Two were seen in the West Usambaras.

Swynnerton's Bush Squirrel ***Paraxerus vexillarius*** Several excellent encounters in the West Usambaras.

Unstriped Ground Squirrel ***Xerus rutilus*** A few were seen near the Nyumba Ya Mungu reservoir.

REPTILES

West Usambara Two-horned Chameleon ***Kinyongia multituberculata*** Great looks at this beautiful animal in the West Usambaras.

Pemba Flying Fox (image by Mark Van Beirs)

Green-headed Oriole (image by Mark Van Beirs)

Black-bellied Bustard (image by Mark Van Beirs)

Uluguru Bushshrike (image by Edward Paxton)

Red-tailed Ant Thrush (image by Mark Van Beirs)

Racket-tailed Roller (image by Edward Paxton)

Straw-tailed Whydah (image by Edward Paxton)

Bar-tailed Trogon (image by Mark Van Beirs)

East Coast Boubou (image by Mark Van Beirs)

Orange-breasted Waxbill (image by Edward Paxton)

Mangrove Kingfisher (image by Mark Van Beirs)

Cinnamon-chested Bee-eater (image by Edward Paxton)

White-starred Robin (image by Mark Van Beirs)

Southern Grosbeak-Canary (image by Mark Van Beirs)

Pemba Sunbird (image by Edward Paxton)

Scaly Spurfowl (image by Mark Van Beirs)

White-backed Ducks (image by Edward Paxton)

Böhm's Bee-eater (image by Edward Paxton)

Lilac-breasted Roller (image by Mark Van Beirs)

Grey Wren-Warbler (image by Mark Van Beirs)

Black-faced Sandgrouse (image by Edward Paxton)

Usambara Drongo (image by Edward Paxton)

Rosy-patched Bushshrike (image by Edward Paxton)

Pale-billed Hornbill (image by Edward Paxton)

Golden-winged Sunbird (image by Mark Van Beirs)

Black Sparrowhawk (image by Edward Paxton)

Udzungwa Red Colobus (image by Mark Van Beirs)

Red-and-yellow Barbets (image by Mark Van Beirs)

Olive Bee-eaters (image by Edward Paxton)

Dickinson's Kestrel (image by Mark Van Beirs)

Angola Colobus (image by Mark Van Beirs)

Spotted Palm Thrush (image by Mark Van Beirs)

Purple Grenadier (image by Mark Van Beirs)

Loveridge's Sunbird (image by Mark Van Beirs)

Brown-headed Kingfisher (image by Mark Van Beirs)

White-headed Mousebird (image by Mark Van Beirs)

Slate-coloured Boubou (image by Mark Van Beirs)

Pemba Scops Owl (image by Mark Van Beirs)

Kilombero Cisticola (image by Mark Van Beirs)

Black-fronted Bushshrike (image by Edward Paxton)

Water Thick-knee (image by Edward Paxton)

Scaly Chatterer (image by Mark Van Beirs)

Oriole Finch (image by Edward Paxton)

Eastern Black-headed Batis (image by Mark Van Beirs)

Bertram's Weaver (image by Mark Van Beirs)

Superb Starling (image by Mark Van Beirs)

Racket-tailed Roller (image by Mark Van Beirs)

Mocking Cliff Chat (image by Mark Van Beirs)

D'Arnaud's Barbet (image by Edward Paxton)

African Savanna Elephant (image by Mark Van Beirs)

Southern Ground Hornbill (image by Mark Van Beirs)

Plains Zebras (image by Mark Van Beirs)

Long-tailed Fiscal (image by Mark Van Beirs)

Brown-breasted Barbet (image by Edward Paxton)

White-browed Sparrow-Weaver (image by Mark Van Beirs)

Scarlet-chested Sunbird (image by Mark Van Beirs)