



Uganda Trip Report

Primates and Big Game

20th - 31st May 2012 (12 days)

Day to Day itinerary...

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| Day 1, 20 May | Arrival in Entebbe |
| Day 2, 21 May | Entebbe to Kibale Forest |
| Day 3, 22 May | Kibale Forest |
| Day 4, 23 May | Kibale Forest to Queen Elizabeth National Park |
| Day 5, 24 May | Queen Elizabeth National Park |
| Day 6, 25 May | Queen Elizabeth National Park |
| Day 7, 26 May | Queen Elizabeth to Bwindi Impenetrable National Park |
| Day 8, 27 May | Bwindi Impenetrable National Park |
| Day 9, 28 May | Bwindi Impenetrable National Park |
| Day 10, 29 May | Bwindi Impenetrable National Park to Lake Mburo National Park |
| Day 11, 30 May | Lake Mburo National Park to Entebbe via Kamengo Shoebill Swamps |
| Day 12, 31 May | Entebbe and depart |

Trip Report in detail...

The tour began in Entebbe, the safari capital of Uganda. We had an early departure from our lovely guest house in Entebbe, so as to make a timely arrival in our first port of call - Kibale Forest National Park. On the way, Uganda's rolling hills provided us with the first exciting views of Guereza colobus. These fruit feeding masters of the canopies are not uncommon along forest fringes throughout parts of Uganda. We had the pleasure of seeing a family jumping from tree to tree, falling 15 meters to reach their landing. On the way we encountered Uganda's national bird, the Grey Crowned Crane. Also to be seen was the exquisite Ross' Tauraco, an amazingly beautiful bird.

On our arrival in Kibale, some forest delights made an appearance. We saw a mighty Crowned Eagle soaring above the canopy as well as our first L'Hoest's monkey, a sought after primate. These stunning guenons were crossing the road in front of us, a real treat.

The following morning, after a needful rest we went on our first adventure. A trek to search for some of Kibale's habituated chimpanzees! After an hour of searching we had them showing themselves in the open, displaying in the trees and calling each other. The sound was amazing, these vocal great apes certainly put a great show for us.



The group had great photographic opportunities too! After the hike we had short break for lunch to then returned back into the forest for the second search. Again we were successful, although the troop was more restful in the afternoon heat.



On the way back to our lodge we had great views of Red-tailed Monkey, Red Colobus, Olive baboon and Uganda's fine Great Blue Tauraco.

That evening we had a short night drive in search of nocturnal creatures and had great views of a Thomas' galago high up in the canopy, a real lucky sighting this was!

The following morning we made our way to Queen Elizabeth National Park, the first savannah woodland park of the tour. On the way we passed through quaint villages and bustling markets.



We reached our hotel in time for a small lunch before heading onto a boat cruise along the Kazinga Channel, which links the Western Rift's Lake George to Lake Edward. The vital channel is only 8 meters deep.



It is home to hundreds on hippopotamus, African buffalo, large crocodiles and a score of birds. We counted 57 species of bird in the two hour cruise, among them Goliath Heron, African Fish Eagle, African Skimmer, Blue-cheeked Bee eater, Pink-backed Pelican and the stunning Black Crake. This boat ride is one of the tour's highlights, drifting gently amongst large hippopotamus and with close up views of big game like elephant and sometimes lion! A lion was seen on this day, but later on and in an Acacia tree on the majestic crater rim north of the channel. After one night in the north of QENP we drove south to the Ishasha region in search of more tree climbing lions. As we were leaving the park we spotted the rare Giant hog! This huge Suid was casually grazing next to the road! A lucky find indeed, we had such a success seeing this elusive pig. Their large hairy bodies and not-so handsome faces make them an interesting subject to photograph. We left the park to make for some travelling down south.

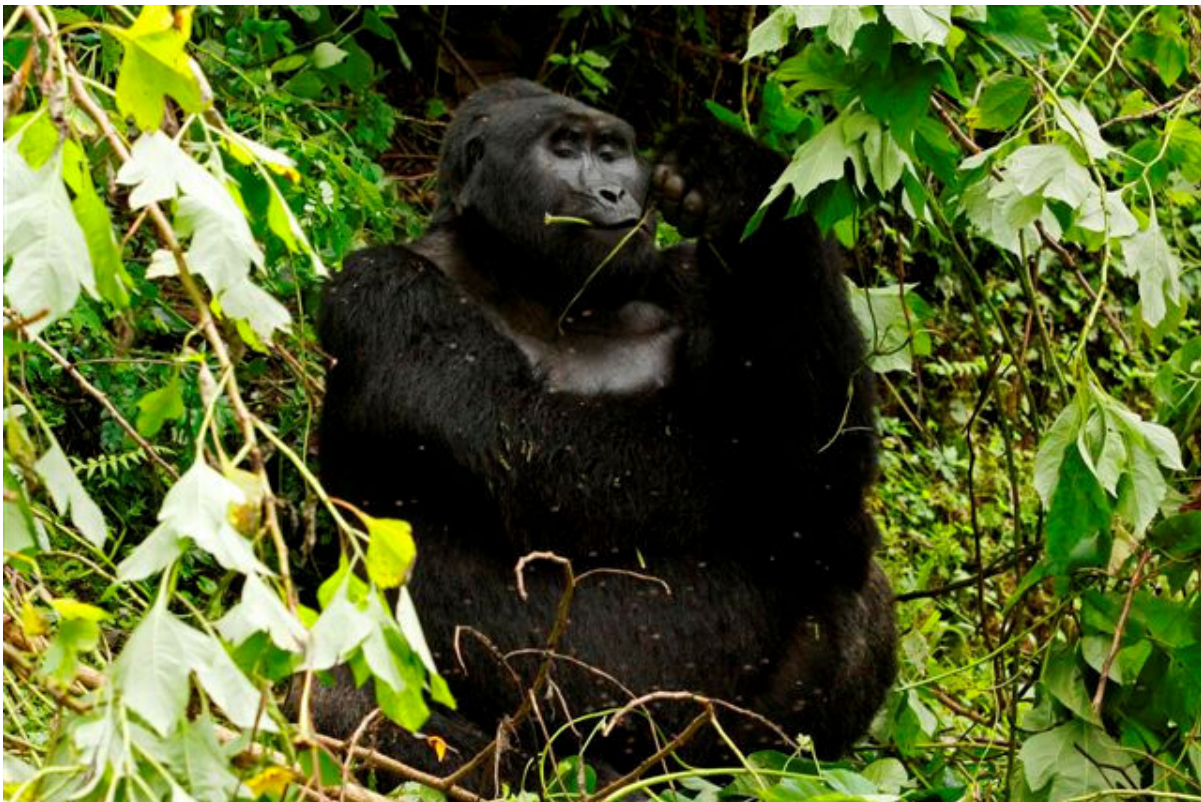
We entered the grass-plained region to be greeted by a thousand or more animals. Across the alluvial plains were large herds of topi, the east African tsessebe. Adjoining them were two herds of African buffalo, possibly 300 in total.

Uganda's national animal, the Uganda kob was also prevalent numbering over 400! What a sight! The plains also graced us with Rufous –naped Larks singing melodically, Bateleur Eagles were perched in the tall Acacias amongst White-backed Vultures, Ruppels Vulture and some Brown Snake-eagles. There must have been a kill in the area, as we had lost of tracks for Spotted hyaena and lion too.

The following morning we spent hours in search of the famous tree climbing lions of Ishasha. We were limited to which roads we could use for the search and unfortunately missed them on this tour. It was however, quite exciting knowing that they were close maybe digesting their fresh kill! We had to move on to our next destination later that day.

The Bwindi Impenetrable National Park was to be another highlight on the tour. We arrived in the late afternoon to settle into our lovely lodge after being greeted by typical warm Ugandan hospitality and smiling faces. This was to be our base for the next three nights.

The following morning we embarked on the first of two Mountain gorilla treks. This experience surely rates as one of the most soul inspiring wildlife experiences on the planet. The first group we trekked was the famous Rushegura family, a large family very well habituated to visitors. We had a lucky break on this day as they were near to the Park Headquarters and we located them within half an hour.



We spent a quality hour with them, observing the intricate associations between the family members. The big silverback gazed lazily at his offspring while feeding lavishly on a variety of forest plants such as wild celery and poison ivy. Occasionally a gorilla would glide up a tree in search of fresh leaves and fruit. They were all on show this morning and we spent time with each individual, as they walked casually by us ignoring their relative pale great ape. The gorillas let us know that our hour was up when the proud silverback gave a brief vocal command and ushered his family into denser vegetation. This was a remarkable first experience with these big primates. What a privilege to be amongst some of last remaining Mountain gorillas. The group was awestruck by the interaction.



The excitement continued after the hike with some spectacular birding in the Buhoma region of the park. Many wonderful forest species were to be seen. The delicate White-tailed Blue-flycatcher was joined by Ludhers Bush-shrike, Brown-throated Wattle-eye, Grey-headed negro-finch, the unreal Black Bee eater and Petit's Cuckoo-shrike. We had a hearty dinner that night, building the reserves for the second gorilla hike

the following morning.

This trek too, unfolded into another great moment. It took us longer to reach the Habinyanja family, almost two hours. They were found on the forest edge feeding on lush grass along a stream. This family had recently welcomed a new-born baby gorilla. His mother kept him out of sight on this day, but we did get to see his little counter-parts climbing 6 meters into a tree and wrestling with each other. The show of strength was amazing, as they hang with one arm from a branch gazing down at us. The silverback was relaxed and we managed to get some fantastic images of this big, proud father. The slope that we were on was very steep and it took some fancy footwork to keep from falling over. The hour went by quickly once again, and all had a different yet magical experience. We hiked back to the road to be greeted by our devoted drivers. The trip back to the lodge was short and the group had all their individual experiences to share with each other. Once again, remarkable! This is a must for all wildlife enthusiasts.

The following morning after a good rest we had a full days drive to our final stopover, Lake Mbuoro National Park. We arrived at the park gate to be greeted by impala and also Burchell's Zebra. This is one of the only parks in Uganda that one may see these two species. Great excitement filled the air when they appeared next to us as we stopped to sign in.

We spent the rest of the afternoon with great views of Bohor reedbuck, topi, Defassa's waterbuck and many comical warthogs.

Some bushveld bird species also showed themselves, the Bare-faced Go-away-bird, Grey Hornbill, Red-headed Weaver were amongst the highlights.

Some of the group also got a perfect view of a leopard next to the road. This rare cat is very threatened in Uganda and it was a big tick on the checklist that evening!

This was to be the last night on safari.

The following morning we made our way back to Entebbe. On route we stopped over at Kamengo swamps to look for the rare Shoebill, a stork-like bird which has birders from around the world coming to seek it in its marshy habitat. We spent three hours looking for this elusive bird, but sadly it was no where to be found.

The guest house welcomed us once again in Entebbe. We had our last dinner together in celebration of the fantasy-like tour and after a well needed rest the group took their respective flights back home.



Annotated List of Mammals recorded

Note: Names and taxonomical order of the land mammals follow that of "The Kingdon Field Guide to African Mammals"; additional names are given in parenthesis and are likely to appear in other popular field guides.

Total species recorded: 33

Apes Hominidae

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| Chimpanzee | <i>Pan troglodytes</i> |
| Gorilla | <i>Gorilla gorilla graueri</i> |

Colobid Monkeys Colobidae

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| Guereza (Black-and-white) Colobus | <i>Colobus guereza</i> |
| Central African Red Colobus | <i>Colobus oustaleti</i> |

Cheek-Pouch Monkeys Cercopithecidae

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| Olive Baboon | <i>Papio anubis</i> |
| Grey-cheeked Mangabey | <i>Lophocebu albigena</i> |
| Blue Monkey | <i>Cercopithecus nictitans mitis</i> |
| Red-tailed Monkey | <i>Cercopithicus ascanius</i> |
| Vervet Monkey | <i>Cercopithecus aethiops</i> |
| L'Hoest's Monkey | <i>Cercopithicus l'hoesti</i> |

Lorisids Loridae

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| Senegal Galago | <i>Galago senegalensis</i> |
| Thomas' Galago | <i>Galago thomasi</i> |

Flying-foxes Pteropidae

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| Straw-coloured Fruit Bat | <i>Eidolon helvum</i> |
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Hares & Rabbits Leporidae

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| Uganda Grass-Hare | <i>Poelagus marjorita</i> |
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Squirrels Sciuridea

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| Red-legged Sun Squirrel | <i>Heliosciurus rufobrachium</i> |
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Mongoose Herpestriidae

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| Banded Mongoose | <i>Mungos mungo</i> |
| Marsh Mongoose | <i>Atilax paludinosus</i> |

Cats Felidae

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| Lion | <i>Panthera leo</i> |
| Leopard | <i>Panthera pardus</i> |

Elephants Elephantidae

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| African Elephant | <i>Loxodonta africana</i> |
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Horses Equidae

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| Burchell's Zebra | <i>Equus buschelli</i> |
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Hippopotamuses Hippopotamidae

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| Hippopotamus | <i>Hippopotamus amphibious</i> |
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Pigs Suidae

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| Common Warthog | <i>Phacochoerus africanus</i> |
| Giant Forest Hog | <i>Hylochoerus meinertzhagenii</i> |

Bovids & Horned Ungulates Bovidae

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| Klipspringer | <i>Oreotragus oreotragus</i> |
| African Buffalo | <i>Syncerus caffer</i> |
| Bushbuck | <i>Tragelaphus scriptus</i> |
| Eland | <i>Taurotragus oryx</i> |
| Bohor Reedbuck | <i>Redunca redunca</i> |
| Defassa Waterbuck | <i>Kobus ellipsiprymnus defassa</i> |
| Topi | <i>Damaliscus lunatus</i> |
| Impala | <i>Aepyceros melampus</i> |
| Black-fronted Duiker | <i>Cephalophus nigrifrons</i> |

Annotated List of Birds recorded

Nomenclature and taxonomy follows the IOC 2.7 list of: Gill, F. and Wright, M. Birds of the World: Recommended English Names. Princeton NJ: Princeton University Press.

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Guineafowl Numididae

Helmeted Guineafowl *Numida meleagris*

Francolins & Quails Phasianidae

Crested Francolin *Dendroperdix sephaena*
 Red-necked Spurfowl (Francolin) *Pternistis afer*
 Common Quail *Cotunix delegorguei*

Ducks & Geese Anatidae

White-faced Whistling Duck *Dendrocygna viduata*
 Fulvous Whistling Duck *Dendrocygna bicolor*
 Spur-winged Goose *Plectropterus gambensis*
 Knob-billed (Comb) Duck *Sarkidiornis melanotos*
 Egyptian Goose *Alopochen aegyptiaca*
 African Pygmy Goose *Nettapus auritus*
 Yellow-billed Duck *Anas undulata*
 Red-billed Teal (Duck) *Anas erythrorhyncha*

Grebes Podicipedidae

Little Grebe *Tachybaptus ruficollis*

Flamingos Phoenicopteridae

Lesser Flamingo *Phoenicopus minor*

Storks Ciconiidae

Yellow-billed Stork *Mycteria ibis*
 African Openbill *Anastomus lamelligerus*
 White Stork *Ciconia ciconia*
 Saddle-billed Stork *Ephippiorhynchus senegalensis*
 Marabou Stork *Leptoptilos crumeniferus*

Ibises & Spoonbills Threskiornithidae

African Sacred Ibis *Threskiornis aethiopicus*
 Hadada Ibis *Bostrychia hagedash*
 African Spoonbill *Platalea alba*

Hérons, Egrets & Bitterns Ardeidae

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| Dwarf Bittern | <i>Ixobrychus sturmi</i> |
| Striated (Green-backed) Heron | <i>Butorides striatus</i> |
| Squacco Heron | <i>Ardeola ralloides</i> |
| Rufous-bellied Heron | <i>Ardeola rufiventris</i> |
| Western Cattle Egret | <i>Bubulcus ibis</i> |
| Grey Heron | <i>Ardea cinerea</i> |
| Black-headed Heron | <i>Ardea melanocephala</i> |
| Goliath Heron | <i>Ardea goliath</i> |
| Great Egret | <i>Ardea alba</i> |
| Purple Heron | <i>Ardea purpurea</i> |
| Intermediate Egret | <i>Egretta intermedia</i> |
| Little Egret | <i>Egretta garzetta</i> |

Hamerkop Scopidae

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| Hamerkop | <i>Scopus umbretta</i> |
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Pelicans Pelicanidae

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| Pink-backed Pelican | <i>Pelicanus rufescens</i> |
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Cormorants & Shags Phalacrocoracidae

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| White-breasted Cormorant | <i>Phalacrocorax lucidus</i> |
| Reed Cormorant | <i>Phalacrocorax africanus</i> |

Anhingas Anhingidae

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| African Darter | <i>Anhinga melanogaster</i> |
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Hawks, Eagles & Kites Accipitridae

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| Black Kite | <i>Milvus migrans</i> |
| African Fish Eagle | <i>Haliaeetus vocifer</i> |
| Palm-nut Vulture | <i>Gypohierax angolensis</i> |
| White-backed Vulture | <i>Gyps africanus</i> |
| Rüppell's Vulture | <i>Gyps rueppellii</i> |
| White-headed Vulture | <i>Trigonoceps occipitalis</i> |
| Brown Snake Eagle | <i>Circaetus cinereus</i> |
| Bateleur | <i>Terathopius ecaudatus</i> |
| African Marsh Harrier | <i>Circus ranivorus</i> |
| African Harrier-Hawk | <i>Polyboroides typus</i> |
| African Goshawk | <i>Accipiter tachiro</i> |

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| Lizard Buzzard | <i>Kaupifalco monogrammicus</i> |
| Augur Buzzard | <i>Buteo augur</i> |
| Martial Eagle | <i>Polemaetus bellicosus</i> |
| Long-crested Eagle | <i>Lophaetus occipitalis</i> |

Falcons & Kestrels Falconidae

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| Grey Kestrel | <i>Falco ardosiaceus</i> |
| African Hobby | <i>Falco cuvieri</i> |

Bustards Otididae

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| Black-bellied Bustard | <i>Lissotis melanogaster</i> |
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Rails, Gallinules & Coots Rallidae

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| African Rail | <i>Rallus caerulescens</i> |
| Black Crake | <i>Amaurornis flavirostra</i> |

Cranes Gruidae

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| Grey Crowned Crane | <i>Balearica regulorum</i> |
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Thick-knees Burhinidae

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| Water Thick-knee (Dikkop) | <i>Burhinus vermiculatus</i> |
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Stilts & Avocets Recurvirostridae

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| Black-winged Stilt | <i>Himantopus himantopus</i> |
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Plovers & Lapwings Charadriidae

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| Long-toed Lapwing | <i>Vanellus crassirostris</i> |
| Spur-winged Lapwing | <i>Vanellus spinosus</i> |
| Senegal Lapwing | <i>Vnellus lugubris</i> |
| Wattled Lapwing | <i>Vanellus senegallus</i> |
| Blacksmith Lapwing (Plover) | <i>Vanellus armatus</i> |
| Kittlitz's Plover | <i>Charadrius pecuarius</i> |
| Three-banded Plover | <i>Charadrius tricollaris</i> |

Jacanas Jacanidae

African Jacana *Actophilornis africanus*

Sandpipers & Allies Scolopacidae

Common Greenshank *Tringa nebularia*

Couriers & Pratincoles Glareolidae

Collared Pratincole *Glareola pratincola*

Gulls, Terns & Skimmers Laridae

African Skimmer *Rynchops flavirostris*

Whiskered Tern *Chlidonias hybrida*

White-winged Tern *Chlidonias leucopterus*

Doves & Pigeons Columbidae

Speckled Pigeon *Columba guinea*

Mourning (collared) Dove *Streptopelia decipiens*

Red-eyed Dove *Streptopelia semitorquata*

Ring-necked (Cape Turtle) Dove *Streptopelia capicola*

Laughing Dove *Streptopelia senegalensis*

Emerald-spotted Wood Dove *Turtur chalcospilos*

Black-billed Wood Dove *Turtur abyssinicus*

African Green Pigeon *Treron calvus*

Parrots & Allies Psittacidae

Grey Parrot *Psittacus erithacus*

Meyer's (Brown) Parrot *Poicephalus meyeri*

Turacos Musophagidae

Great Blue Turaco *Corythaeola cristata*

Black-billed Turaco *Tauraco schuetti*

Ross's Turaco *Musophaga rossae*

Bare-faced Go-away-bird *Corythaixoides personatus*

Eastern Grey Plantain Eater *Crinifer zonurus*

Cuckoos Cuculidae

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| Blue-headed Coucal | <i>Centropus monachus</i> |
| White-browed Coucal | <i>Centropus superciliosus</i> |
| Black Coucal | <i>Centropus grillii</i> |
| Levaillant's Cuckoo | <i>Clamator levaillantii</i> |
| Jacobin (Pied) Cuckoo | <i>Clamator jacobinus</i> |
| Klaas's Cuckoo | <i>Chrysococcyx klaas</i> |

Owls Strigidae

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| Verreaux's Eagle-Owl | <i>Bubo Lacteus</i> |
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Swifts Apodidae

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| Cassin's Spinetail | <i>Neafrapus cassini</i> |
| Little Swift | <i>Apus affinis</i> |
| White-rumped swift | <i>Apus caffer</i> |

Mousebirds Coliidae

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| Speckled Mousebird | <i>Colius striatus</i> |
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Rollers Coraciidae

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| Lilac-breasted Roller | <i>Coracias caudata</i> |
| Broad-billed Roller | <i>Eurystomus glaucurus</i> |

Kingfishers Alcedinidae

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| Grey-headed Kingfisher | <i>Halcyon leucocephala</i> |
| Striped Kingfisher | <i>Halcyon chelicuti</i> |
| Woodland Kingfisher | <i>Halcyon senegalensis</i> |
| African Pygmy Kingfisher | <i>Ispidina picta</i> |
| Malachite Kingfisher | <i>Alcedo cristata</i> |
| Pied Kingfisher | <i>Ceryle rudis</i> |

Bee-eaters Meropidae

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| Black Bee-eater | <i>Merops gularis</i> |
| Little Bee-eater | <i>Merops pusillus</i> |
| Cinnamon-chested Bee-eater | <i>Merops oreobates</i> |
| Olive Bee-eater | <i>Merops superciliosus</i> |

Hoopoes Upupidae

African Hoopoe *Upupa africana*

Wood Hoopoes Phoeniculidae

Common Scimitarbill *Rhinopomastus cyanomelas*

Hornbills Bucerotidae

Crowned Hornbill *Tockus alboterminatus*

African Grey Hornbill *Tockus nasutus*

Black-and-white-casqued Hornbill *Bycanistes subcylindricus*

African Barbets Lybiidae

Grey-throated Barbet *Gymnobucco bonapartei*

Speckled Tinkerbird *Pogonilius scolopaseus*

Yellow-spotted Barbet *Buccanodon duchaillui*

Woodpeckers & Allies Picidae

Brown-eared Woodpecker *Campethera caroli*

Elliot's Woodpecker *Dendropicus ellioti*

Golden-tailed Woodpecker *Campethera abingoni*

Wattle-eyes, Batises & Allies Platysteiridae

Chinspot Batis *Batis molitor*

Brown-throated Wattle-eye *Platysteira cyanea*

Bushshrikes Malaconotidae

Brown-crowned Tchagra *Tchagra australis*

Pink-footed Puffback *Dryoscopus angolensis*

Ludhers Bushshrike *Laniarius luehderi*

Black-headed Gonolek *Laniarius erythrogaster*

Cuckooshrikes Campephagidae

Petit's Cuckooshrike *Campephaga petiti*

Shrikes Laniidae

Red-backed Shrike *Lanius collurio*
Grey-backed Fiscal *Lanius excubitoroides*
Common Fiscal *Lanius collaris*

Orioles Oriolidae

Western Oriole *Oriolus brachyrhynchus*
Mountain Oriole *Oriolus percivali*

Drongos Dicruridae

Fork-tailed Drongo *Dicrurus adsimilis*

Monarchs Monarchidae

African Paradise Flycatcher *Terpsiphone viridis*

Crows, Jays & Magpies Corvidae

Pied Crow *Corvus albus*
White-necked Raven *Corvus albicollis*

Fairy Flycatchers Stenostiridae

African Blue Flycatcher *Elminia longicauda*
White-tailed Blue Flycatcher *Elminia albicauda*

Tits Paridae

Dusky Tit *Parus funereus*

Larks Alaudidae

Rufous-naped Lark *Mirafrā africana*
Flappet Lark *Mirafrā rufocinnamomea*

Bulbuls Pycnonotidae

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| Dark-capped Bulbul | <i>Pycnonotus tricolor</i> |
| Little Greenbul | <i>Andropadus virens</i> |
| Plain Greenbul | <i>Andropadus curvirostrus</i> |
| Joyful Greenbul | <i>Chlorocichla laetissima</i> |
| Yellow-throated Leaflove | <i>Chlorocichla flavicollis</i> |
| Red-tailed Bristlebul | <i>Bleda syndactylus</i> |
| Red-tailed Greenbul | <i>Bleda notatus</i> |

Martins & Swallows Hirundinidae

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| White-headed Saw-wing | <i>Psalidoprocne albiceps</i> |
| Black Saw-wing | <i>Psalidoprocne pristoptera</i> |
| Brown-throated Martin | <i>Riparia paludicola</i> |
| Banded Martin | <i>Riparia cincta</i> |
| Barn Swallow | <i>Hirundo rustica</i> |
| Angola Swallow | <i>Hirundo angolensis</i> |
| Lesser-striped Swallow | <i>Cecropis abyssinica</i> |
| Red-breasted Swallow | <i>Cecropis semirufa</i> |
| Red-rumped Swallow | <i>Cecropis daurica</i> |

Crombecs, African Warblers Macrosphenidae

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| Moustached Grass Warbler | <i>Melocichla mentalis</i> |
| White-browed Crombec | <i>Sylvietta leucophrys</i> |

Cisticolas & Allies Cisticolidae

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| Trilling Cisticola | <i>Cisticola woosnami</i> |
| Chubb's Cisticola | <i>Cisticola chubbi</i> |
| Rattling Cisticola | <i>Cisticola chiniana</i> |
| Winding Cisticola | <i>Cisticola marginatus</i> |
| Croaking Cisticola | <i>Cisticola natalensis</i> |
| Zitting Cisticola | <i>Cisticola juncidis</i> |
| White-chinned Prinia | <i>Schistolais leucopogon</i> |
| Grey Apalis | <i>Apalis cinerea</i> |
| Olive-green Camaroptera | <i>Camaroptera chloronota</i> |
| Black-faced Rufous Warbler | <i>Bathmocercus rufus</i> |

Babblers Timaliidae

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| Mountain Illadopsis | <i>Illadopsis pyrrhoptera</i> |
| Black-lored Babbler | <i>Turdoides sharpei</i> |

Starlings Sturnidae

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| Wattled Starling | <i>Creatophora cinerea</i> |
| Purple-headed Starling | <i>Lamprotornis purpureiceps</i> |
| Greater Blue-eared Starling | <i>Lamprotornis chalybaeus</i> |
| Lesser Blue-eared Starling | <i>Lamprotornis chloropterus</i> |
| Splendid Starling | <i>Lamprotornis splendidus</i> |
| Violet-backed Starling | <i>Cinnyricinclus leucogaster</i> |
| Rüppell's (Glossy-) Starling | <i>Lamprotornis purpuroptera</i> |

Oxpeckers Buphagidae

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| Yellow-billed Oxpecker | <i>Buphagus africanus</i> |
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Thrushes Turdidae

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| White-tailed Rufous Thrush | <i>Neocossyphus rufus</i> |
| Frasers Rufous Thrush | <i>Stizorhina fraseri</i> |
| African Thrush | <i>Turdus pelios</i> |
| Red-throated Alethe | <i>Alethe poliophrys</i> |

Chats, Old World Flycatchers Muscicapidae

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| White-browed Robin-Chat | <i>Cossypha heuglini</i> |
| Snowy-crowned Robin-Chat | <i>Cossypha niveicapilla</i> |
| Brown-backed Scrub Robin | <i>Cercotricas hartlaubi</i> |
| Sooty Chat | <i>Myrmecocichla nigra</i> |
| Swamp Flycatcher | <i>Muscicapa aquatica</i> |
| Cassin's Flycatcher | <i>Muscicapa cassini</i> |
| African Dusky Flycatcher | <i>Muscicapa adusta</i> |

Sunbirds Nectarinidae

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| Green-headed Sunbird | <i>Cyanomitra verticalis</i> |
| Blue-throated Brown Sunbird | <i>Cyanomitra cyanolaema</i> |
| Green-throated Sunbird | <i>Chalcomitra rubescens</i> |
| Bronzy Sunbird | <i>Nectarinia kilimensis</i> |
| Northern Double-collared Sunbird | <i>Cinnyris reichenowi</i> |
| Red-chested Sunbird | <i>Cinnyris erythrocerus</i> |
| Variable Sunbird | <i>Cinnyris venusta</i> |

Old World Sparrows Passeridae

Northern Grey-headed Sparrow *Passer griseus*

Weavers & Allies Ploceidae

Thick-billed (Grosbeak) Weaver *Amblyospiza albifrons*
Baglafaecht Weaver *Ploceus baglafaecht*
Slender-billed Weaver *Ploceus pezelni*
Little Weaver *Ploceus luteolus*
Black-necked Weaver *Ploceus nigricollis*
Lesser Masked Weaver *Ploceus intermedius*
Village Weaver *Ploceus cucullatus*
Veillots Black Weaver *Ploceus nigerrimus*
Weyn's Weaver *Ploceus weynsi*
Black-headed Weaver *Ploceus melanocephalus*
Yellow-mantled Weaver *Ploceus tricolour*
Red-headed Malimbe *Malimbus rubricollis*
Red-headed Weaver *Anaplectes melanotis*
Red-billed Quelea *Quelea quelea*
Yellow Bishop *Euplectes capensis*

Waxbills & Allies Estrildidae

Grey-headed Negrofinch *Nigrita canicapillus*
Red-headed Bluebill *Spermaophaga ruficapilla*
Red-billed Firefinch *Lagonosticta senegala*
African Firefinch *Lagonosticta rubricata*
Red-cheeked Cordon-bleu *Uraeginthus bengalus*
Black-crowned Waxbill *Estrilda nonnula*
Bronze Mannikin *Lonchura (Spermestes) cucullata*

Indigobirds Viduidae

Village Indigobird *Vidua chalybeata*
Pin-tailed Whydah *Vidua macroura*

Wagtails & Pipits Motacillidae

Mountain Wagtail *Motacilla clara*
African Pied Wagtail *Motacilla aguimp*
Yellow-throated Longclaw *Macronyx croceus*

Plain-backed Pipit

Anthus leucophrys

Finches Fringillidae

Yellow-crowned Canary

Serinus flavivertex

Yellow-fronted Canary

Crithagra (Serinus) mozambica

Buntings Emberizidae

Golden-breasted Bunting

Emberiza flaviventris

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