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Ethiopian Wolf, Sanetti Plateau (Håkan Pohlstrand)

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Introduction

We recorded 48 species of mammals and 518 species of birds during this successful three-week trip. We experienced a drought that was the worst in the country in 30 years. We saw lots of birds and mammals, birds being the main focus of this trip, including all possible endemics and many rare species. Because of the drought, we surely missed many species and saw fewer individuals of many species than we would have normally seen. The conditions were especially hard in Awash National Park and at Aledoghi Plains. We spent 15 nights in our comfortable tent camp, and 5 nights in different hotels. In total we drove c 3.600 kms.

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Highlights, birds and mammals

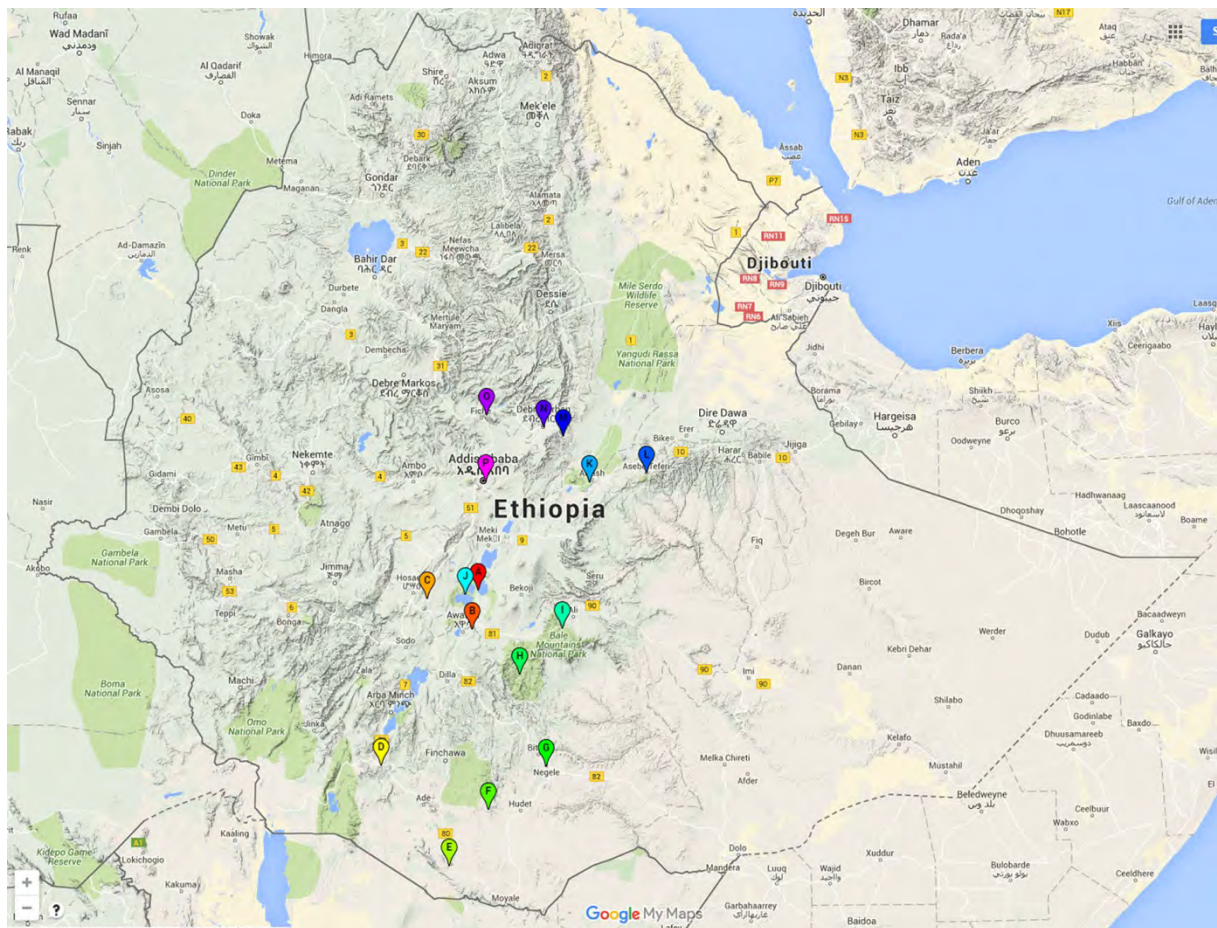
There were too many highlights to mention them all, but here are some of them:

Mammals: African Golden Wolf, Side-striped Jackal, Ethiopian Wolf, Bat-eared Fox, Serval, Wildcat, Swayne's Hartebeest, Soemmerring's Gazelle, Ethiopian Klipspringer, Beisa Oryx, Bush Duiker, Ethiopian Highlands Bushbuck, Gedemsa (Mountain Nyala), Hamadryas Baboon, Gelada Baboon, Northern Lesser Galago, Giant Mole Rat, and Honey Badger.

Birds: Blue-winged Goose, African Black Duck, Vulturine Guineafowl, Clapperton's Francolin, Harwood's Francolin, Black-fronted Francolin, Erckel's Francolin, Secretarybird, Scissor-tailed Kite, Bearded Vulture, Verreaux's Eagle, Arabian Bustard, Rouget's Rail, Black Crowned Crane, Wattled Crane, Spot-breasted Lapwing, Somali Courser, Double-banded Courser, Three-banded Courser, Lichtenstein's Sandgrouse, White-collared Pigeon, White-winged Collared Dove, Maroon-crested Turaco, Ruspoli's Turaco, Brown-faced Go-away-bird, Cape Eagle-Owl, Abyssinian Owl, Star-spotted Nightjar, Half-collared Kingfisher, Somali Bee-eater, Red-fronted Barbet, Yellow-breasted Barbet, Green-backed Honeybird, Abyssinian Woodpecker, Fox Kestrel, Black-winged Lovebird, Yellow-fronted Parrot, Pygmy Batis, Three-streaked Tchagra, Pringle's Puffback, Ethiopian Oriole, Stresemann's Bushcrow, White-backed Black Tit, Archer's (Sidamo) Lark, Gillett's Lark, Masked Lark, Erlanger's Lark, White-tailed Swallow, Ethiopian Cisticola, Abyssinian Catbird, African Spotted Creeper, Golden-breasted Starling, White-billed Starling, White-winged Cliff Chat, Moorland Chat, Rüppell's Black Chat, Sombre Rock Chat, Abyssinian Wheatear, Juba Weaver, Red-billed Pytilia, Green Twinspot, Abyssinian Crimsonwing, Abyssinian Longclaw, Yellow-throated Seedeater, Salvadori's Seedeater, Ankober Serin, and Ethiopian Siskin.



Swayne's Hartebeest, Senkele Wildlife Sanctuary (RH)



Map with dots indicating the area we covered during our trip.



Giant Mole Rat, Sanetti Plateau (HP)

Itinerary

Wed 6 Jan 2016	Evening flight at 20:15 with Ethiopian Airlines from Stockholm to Addis Abeba (JH travelled from Beijing).
Thu 7 Jan 2016	Arrived Addis Abeba at 07:25, where we met HP and JH. Driving south (entered Highway 09:15) and birding en route, stop for lunch and birding at Haile Resort, Ziway. Tent camp at Bishangari, Lake Langano.
Fri 8 Jan 2016	Birding Lake Langano area until 11:00. Lunch at Sheshemene Hotel until 14:00 including birding. Roadside stop at a Quarry. Continued to Wondo Genet. Wabe Shebelle Hotel.
Sat 9 Jan 2016	Left hotel 06:00, short driving to birding area; target Half-collared Kingfisher seen and the walked downhill. Lunch on the roof of a UFO-shaped hotel. Roadside stop at same Quarry as yesterday. Coffee break and picked up Brook Kassa in Sheshemene. Continued to Senkele Wildlife Sanctuary (birding and lunch 12.15-14:45). Drove to Lake Boyo (Lake Bilate). Altitude c 1.800 m. Tent camp.
Sun 10 Jan 2016	Birding at Lake Boyo 06:30-09:45. Passed Sodo 12:00, Lake Abaja came into view 12:20, lunch under acacia until 13:45, 31 °C. Birding en route at Lake Chamo. Long driving this day via Sodo and Arba Minch to Konso. Hotel.
Mon 11 Jan 2016	Departed 06:30. Driving from Konso via Yabello and Mega to Fonan Gofa, near Kenya border, and birding (as usual) en route, e.g. stop for breakfast 09:00 (where we saw lion tracks), looking for White-tailed Swallows and Foxy Larks S Yabello, KM642 for Short-tailed Lark. Lunch in Yabello c 12:00-13:00. Reached Fonan Gofa 17:00. Tent camp.
Tue 12 Jan 2016	Day trip from Fonan Gofa (left at 06:10) south to near Kenya border, passing Megado Village. Birding at Didkallo Plains and a kopje (rock outcrop) c 3 km from the border, +31 °C here, until 10:50. Back at camp 14:15. Afternoon birding e.g. at Kollawako Village for White-tailed Swallow. Tent camp at Fonan Gofa.
Wed 13 Jan 2016	Morning birding around Fonan Gofa for Black-fronted Francolin. Day trip to Soda crater and Machaico Plains. Lunch break and birding in camp area, then off 15:30 towards Kenya border, birding in lowland acacia forest at altitude 1.100 m, temp +29 °C Same tent camp at Fonan Gofa.
Thu 14 Jan 2016	Morning birding at Fonan Gofa (which delivered the Francolin), departed 08:30 and then driving 220 kms to Bobela Forest via Yabello and Arero. Picnic lunch until 14:15. Tent camp.
Fri 15 Jan 2016	Morning birding at Bobela Forest until 09:50, then off to Negele, via Wachile, Melca Guda village (near Dawa River), Dawa Village (for White-winged Dove) and Liben Plains (for Archer's Lark). Hot today, +34 °C. Hotel in Negele.
Sat 16 Jan 2016	Early departure at 06:00 from our hotel, morning birding at Genale River, birding and lunch stop until 15:15 in tall acacia country 9 kms north of Genale River, via Mena to Harennna Forest. Tent camp at altitude c 2.600 m.
Sun 17 Jan 2016	Morning birding along road in Harennna Forest (Goba), the off via Dinsho to Bale Mountains National Park; Park's headquarter, Sanetti Plateau and Gaysay Valley. Tent camp.

Mon 18 Jan 2016	Full day birding in Gaysay Valley, e.g. Ginsho sector and ravine for the Eagle-Owl, Bale Mts NP, morning temp +4 °C. Tent camp.
Tue 19 Jan 2016	Morning birding in Gaysay Valley, in the ravine with Cape Eagle Owl, then off via Sesewe Pass, Adaba, Dodola, Assela and the plains with lots of storks, raptors and butterflies, finally reaching our tent camp in Abiata-Shalla NP. Lunch at Sheshemene Rift Valley Hotel 12:25-13:50. Afternoon birding at Abiata-Shalla NP.
Wed 20 Jan 2016	Short morning birding at Abiata-Shalla NP, the off and birding at Lakes Shalla and Abiata (great scenery as we started to descent to the lakes), back at main road 10:00, lunch at Rift Valley Hotel until 13:30. Afternoon birding in Metahara area (town S Mount Fentale), continued to Awash National Park, +30 °C. Tent camp.
Thu 21 Jan 2016	Left Awash NP early (at 05:35) for birding at Aledoghi Plains (until 12:10, extremely dry here) and Bilen Plains, then continued to Asebe Teferi, arriving 17:50. Stayed at Kebesh International Lodge.
Fri 22 Jan 2016	Left hotel at 07:25 driving from Asebe Teferi to Lonekoko for Maroon-crested (Donaldson's) Turaco, and then, at 09:30, back to towards our tent camp in Awash NP, with coffee stop and some birding en route. Re-entered Awash NP at 14:00. Productive nightdriving in Awash NP c 20:00-22:30.
Sat 23 Jan 2016	Morning birding in Awash NP, mainly around ex-airstrip, until 09:30, and then long driving to Melka Ghebdu. Birding en route included shores of Lake Besaka and in the area where we had lunch until 14:45. Nice tent camp at Melka Ghebdu River, altitude 1.150 m.
Sun 24 Jan 2016	Birding upstream in Melka Ghebdu until 09:00. Continued north via Gemasa Gedel (birding in the ravine with Ankober Serin 13:50-14:45) to Debre Birhan, arriving 17:20. Getva Hotel.
Mon 25 Jan 2016	Driving from Debre Birhan to Jema Valley, including birding en route, e.g. fields and stream in the outskirts of Debre Birhan (produced nice Ortolan Buntings and other stuff). Stop at Mendida for switching batteries. Picnic lunch not far from Lemi until 13:10, +24 °C, altitude 2.400 m. Productive stop at a massive cliff until 14:10, where we glimpsed a Fox Kestrel and got great views of the endemic Yellow-rumped Seedeater. Afternoon birding at Gofa stream for Red-billed Pytilia. Tent camp in Jema Valley, beyond Bellit Village.
Tue 26 Jan 2016	Full day birding in Jema Valley. Left camp 05:55, bringing breakfast with us and working the Harwood's Francolin... After rest and lunch looked for bats at a nearby church. Again looking for Red-billed Pytilia and other stuff at Gofa stream 16:00-18:00. Stopped at Jema bridge for Familiar Chat. Same tent camp as 25/1.
Wed 27 Jan 2016	Morning birding in Jema Valley, e.g. at a nearby pool, and then driving to Addis Abeba Bole International Airport at 2.334 masl, via day room and lunch at Ghion Hotel. Farewell dinner in Addis Abeba, the off to the airport at 21:00.
Thu 28 Jan 2016	Arrival at Stockholm Arlanda at 08:35.

List of mammals; 48 species

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African Golden Wolf *Canis anthus* 2+2 Gaysay Valley, Bale Mts 17-18/1, 2 Abiata-Shalla NP 19/1, and 1 Aledoghi Plains 21/1. According to new research this taxon differs from Golden Jackal *Canis aureus* (Koepli et al., 2015, Current Biology 25: 2158-2165).



African Golden Wolf, Gaysay Valley, Bale Mts (HP)

Black-backed Jackal *Canis mesomelas* 2+3+2 Awash NP 20-23/1. (*schmidtii*)

Side-striped Jackal *Canis adustus* 1 Jema Valley 26/1. Seen at some distance but gave scope views.

Ethiopian Wolf *Canis simensis* E. Great views of totally 6 individuals at Sanetti Plateau 17/1. One was seen at close distance when hunting for (probably) a Giant Mole Rat. Sometimes called Simien Jackal. (*citernii*)

Bat-eared Fox *Otocyon megalotis* c 10 seen during nightdriving in Awash NP 22/1. (*virgatus*)

Honey Badger *Mellivora capensis* 1 seen during nightdriving in Awash NP 22/1 (unfortunately only seen by some of us).

Serval *Leptailurus serval* 3 seen in Gaysay Valley, Bale Mts 18/1. (*phillipsi*)

Wildcat *Felis silvestris* 1 Bilen Plains 21/1, 1 at a gas station 22/1, and 1+1 rd 25/1. (*ocreata*)



This individual was seen en route between Debre Birhan and Jema Valley 25/1, and caused some discussion whether it is a pure Wildcat or a hybrid. (TC)

Egyptian Mongoose *Herpestes ichneumon* 1 rd 27/1.

White-tailed Mongoose *Ichneumia albicauda* 1 during nightdriving in Awash NP 22/1.

Ethiopian Dwarf Mongoose *Helogale hirtula* 4 at our lunch site 16/1.

Spotted Hyena *Crocuta crocuta* HO at Bishangari 7/1, 2 seen Lake Boyo 10/1, HO at camp sites 13/1 and 15/1, HO at camp site Harennna Forest and 1 seen Gaysay Valley 17/1, HO 18/1, 3 seen 19/1, and HO at camp site 23/1.



Spotted Hyena, Gaysay Valley, Bale Mts (BW)

Common Genet *Genetta genetta* 1 found dead 15/1, and 1 seen during nightdriving in Awash NP 22/1.



Common Genet, roadkill (RH)

Swayne's Hartebeest *Alcelaphus swaynei* E. 33 Senkele Wildlife Sanctuary 9/1. Classified as Endangered on The IUCN Red List. The total population is estimated at only 600 individuals.

Southern Gerenuk *Litocranius walleri* 15 11/1, 2 13/1, and 8 21/1. (nominate)

Northern Gerenuk *Litocranius walleri* 8 Awash NP 21/1. (*sclateri*)

Salt's Dik-dik *Madoqua saltiana* 5 20/1, 5 21/1, 10 22/1, and 5 23/1.

Guenther's Dik-dik *Madoqua guentheri* Totally 26 recorded on 6 dates 11-15/1. (*smithii*)

Grant's Gazelle *Nanger granti* 15 11/1, 20 12/1, 20 Abiata-Shalla NP 19/1, and 10 20/1.

Soemmerring's Gazelle *Nanger soemmerringii* 1 Awash NP 20/1, 22 Aledoghi Plains 21/1, and 2 Awash NP 22/1.

Ethiopian Klipspringer *Oreotragus saltatrixoides* 4 Fonan Gofa 11/1, 1 near Metahara 20/1, and 2 Gemasa Gedel 24/1.

Beisa Oryx *Oryx beisa* 2+1 Awash NP 22-23/1. This is one of the species we expected to see more of. A group of Dutch birdwatchers who visited the area in January 2015 observed c 30 Beisa Oryxes at Aledoghi Plains and 70+ in Awash NP.



Southern Gerenuk



Salt's Dik-dik (TC)



Guenther's Dik-dik (TC)



Soemmerring's Gazelle, Aledoghi Plains (TC)



A skinny Beisa Oryx in the unusually dry Awash NP. Note the Somali Fiscal, upper left (TC)

Sudan Oribo *Ourebia montana* c 10 Senkele Wildlife Sanctuary 9/1.

Bohor Reedbuck *Redunca bohor* 19+100+15 Gaysay Valley, Bale Mts 17-19/1.

Bush Duiker *Sylvicapra grimmia* 1+3+2 Gaysay Valley, Bale Mts 17-19/1. (*madoqua*)

Northern Lesser Kudu *Ammelaphus imberbis* 1 Awash NP 20+22/1, and 1 Bilen Plains 21/1.

Southern Lesser Kudu *Ammelaphus australis* 2 males rd 15/1.

Ethiopian Highlands Bushbuck *Tragelaphus meneliki* E. 1 Harenna Forest 17/1 (HP), 2 Bale Mts NP 17/1, and 2 18/1.

Lake Tana Bushbuck *Tragelaphus decula* 1 Fonan Gofa 13/1. Maybe endemic, but is listed (in HMW) as likely in S Eritrea, SW Djibouti, and extreme SE Sudan.

Gedemsa (Mountain Nyala) *Tragelaphus buxtoni* E. Seen in The Bale Mts NP: 30+150+20 17-19/1.

Hippopotamus *Hippopotamus amphibious* 3 Lake Chamo 10/1.

Common Warthog *Phacochoerus africanus* 170 recorded on 7 dates 17-23/1.

Ethiopian Highland Hare *Lepus starcki* E. 2 Gaysay Valley 18/1, and 2 rd 25/1.

Abyssinian Hare *Lepus habessinicus* 1 S Yabello 12/1.



Ethiopian Highlands Bushbuck, Hareenna Forest (HP)

Ethiopian Hare *Lepus fagani* 4 Abiata-Shalla NP 19/1, 1 20/1, 2 21/1, and 15 22/1.

Grivet Monkey *Chlorocebus aethiops* 1 Wondo Genet 8/1 (possibly a hybrid), 6 9/1, 4 Sheshemene 19/1, 2 21/1, 5 23/1, 10 25/1, and 5 Jema Valley 26/1.

Guereza *Colobus guereza* 10+10 Bishangari 7-8/1, 10 Wondo Genet 9/1, HO Bobela Forest 15/1, 15 16/1, 10 17/1, and HO Gaysay Valley 19/1. (at least *gallarum* was seen by us)
Two ssp occur: Nominate W Ethiopia, in the forested areas of the Ethiopian highlands W of the rift valley, ssp *gallarum* EC Ethiopia, in the Ethiopian highlands E of rift valley.

Olive Baboon *Papio anubis* c 200 recorded on 11 dates 7-19/1.

Hamadryas Baboon *Papio hamadryas* 25 21/1, and 50 23/1. Hybrids Olive X Hamadryas were common in Awash NP.

Gelada Baboon *Theropithecus gelada* E. c 30 (4 ad males) 24/1, 10 (1 ad male) 25/1, and 12 (1 ad male) 26/1. (*obscurus*)



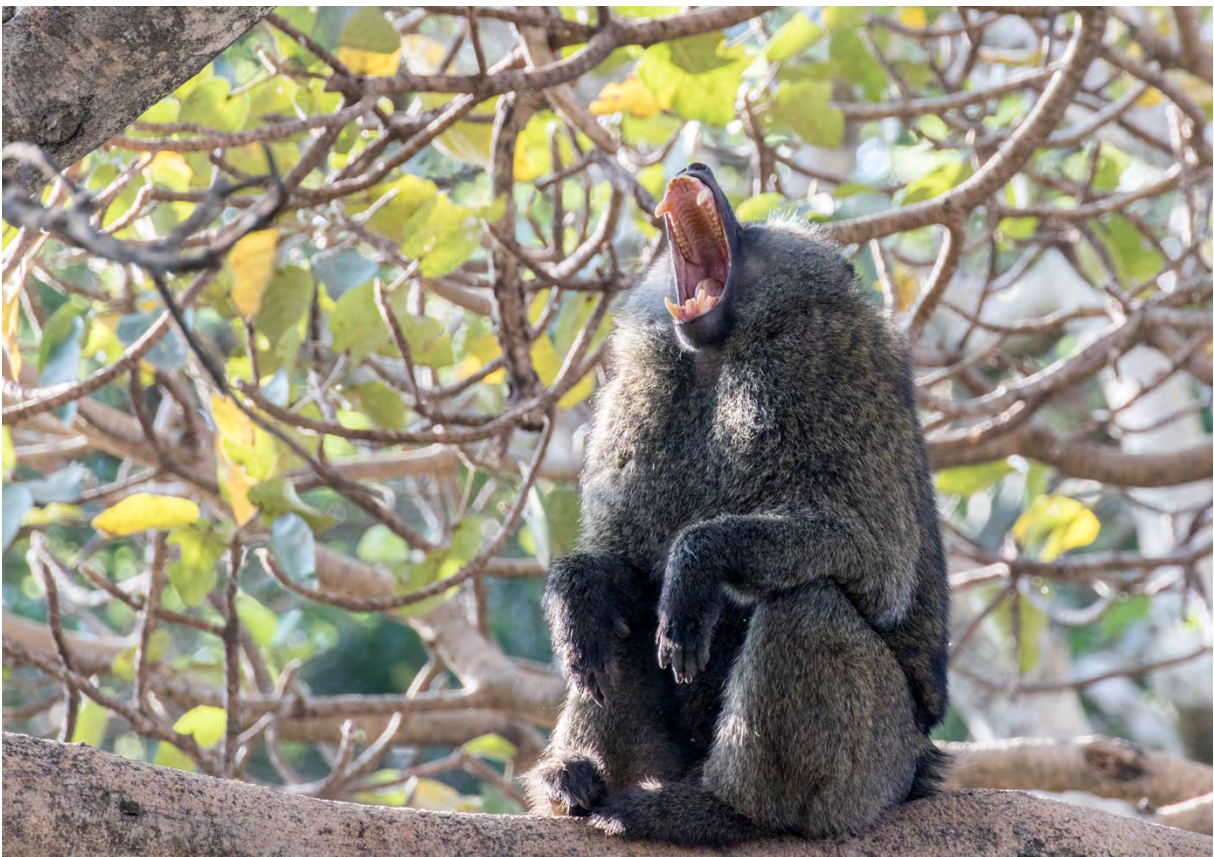
Gedemsa, Bale Mts (RH)



Grivet Monkey, Awash NP (RH)



Guereza, Bishangari (TC)



Olive Baboon, Bishangari (TC)



Hamadryas Baboon (HP)

Gambian Sun Squirrel *Heliosciurus gambianus* 2 Wondo Genet 8/1.

Ochre Bush Squirrel *Paraxerus ochraceus* 16 recorded on 6 dates 11-21/1.

Giant Mole Rat *Tachyoryctes microcephalus* E. 25 Sanetti Plateau 17/1.

Northern Lesser Galago *Galago senegalensis* 2 seen after dusk at Abiata-Shalla NP. (*dunni*)

Blick's Grass Rat *Arvicanthis blicki* E. c 200 Sanetti Plateau 17/1; at least two species of Grass rats seen, of which one was identified as Blick's Grass Rat.

Black-clawed Brush-furred Rat *Lophuromys melanonyx* E. At least one seen and photographed at Sanetti Plateau 17/1. Endemic to southern and central Ethiopia, west of the Ethiopian Rift Valley, and in the Bale Mtns, east of the Rift Valley, where it is found at elevations of 3,100 to 4,300 m asl. Listed as Vulnerable (IUCN) because its extent of occurrence is less than 20,000 km², it is known from fewer than ten locations, the range is severely fragmented, and there is continuing decline in the extent and quality of its habitat.

Abyssinian Grass Rat *Arvicanthis abyssinicus* 10 Debre Birhan 24/1.

Rock Hyrax *Procavia capensis* 47 recorded on 7 dates 13-26/1.

Ethiopian Big-eared Bat *Plecotus balensis* E. 2 in a house in Gaysay Valley, Bale Mts 18-19/1.



Gelada Baboon (HP)

Roundleaf Bat sp. *Hipposideros* sp. (probably **Noack's Roundleaf Bat** *H. ruber*) c 12 in a house in Awash NP 22/1.

Epauletted Fruit Bat sp. *Epomophorus* sp. c 25 in the roof of a campanile, near a church in Jema Valley 26/1. Could be one of three species: **Ethiopian Epauletted Fruit Bat** *E. labiatus*, **Gambian Epauletted Fruit Bat** *E. gambianus*, or **East African Epauletted Fruit Bat** *E. minimus*.



Ochre Bush Squirrel (TC)



Northern Lesser Galago, Abiata-Shalla NP (SP)



Epauletted Fruit bat sp, Jema Valley (TC)



Black-clawed Brush-furred Rat, Sanetti Plateau, Bale Mts (HP)



Ethiopian Big-eared Bat, Gaysay Valley, Bale Mts (HP)

List of reptiles

Nile Crocodile *Crocodylus niloticus* 2 Lake Chamo 10/1, 5 11/1, 6 20/1, 3 23/1, and 1 26/1.

Nile Monitor *Varanus niloticus* 2 Genale River 16/1.

Leopard Tortoise *Stigmochelys pardalis* 2 Awash NP 22/1.



Leopard Tortoise, Awash NP (TC)

Agama Lizard *sp* at least 2 different species seen, as well as some unidentified **skinks** (Scincidae)



Agama *sp* (RH)



Tent camp at Bishangari, and kopje near Kenya border (TC)



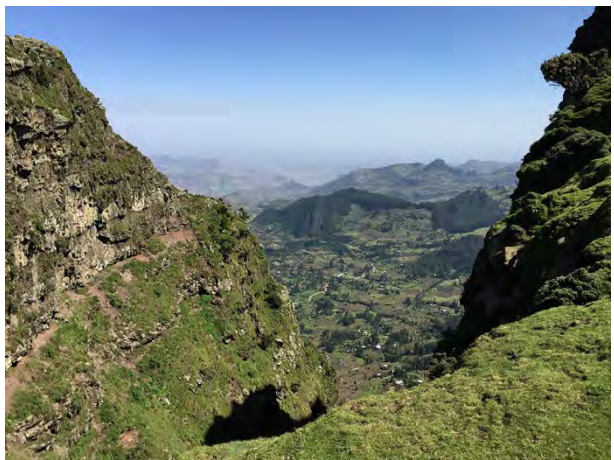
Didkallo Plains and Fonan Gofa (TC)



Kollawako Village and view near Fonan Gofa (TC)



Sanetti Plateau, and our tent camp at Gaysay Valley, Bale Mts (TC)



Habitat for Sombre Rock Chat (left), and Ankober Serin (right) (TC)



Jema Valley rift (TC), and Africa's red soil, Kollawako Village (RH)



Kids at Gofa stream (TC)



Roadside Ethiopians (above), and people in Jema Valley (below) (TC)





Sunset at Lake Langano (TC)



Wattled Crane late evening (TC)

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Somali Ostrich *Struthio molybdophanes* 1 f rd 11/1, 3 m and 3 f 12/1, 2 f 13/1, and 15-20 21/1.

Fulvous Whistling Duck *Dendrocygna bicolor* c 35 Lake Boyo 10/1.

Spur-winged Goose *Plectropterus gambensis* 2 7/1, 5+10 Lake Boyo 9-10/1.

Knob-billed Duck *Sarkidiornis melanotos* 3 Genale River 16/1.

Blue-winged Goose *Cyanochen cyanoptera* E. Recorded on 5 dates in Ethiopian highland wetlands: c 80 Bale Mountains NP 17/1, 10 18/1, 1 19/1, 10 25/1, and 5 27/1.



Blue-winged Goose (TC)

Egyptian Goose *Alopochen aegyptiaca* Recorded on 12 dates; as common 7/1, 9/1 and 10/1, 30 en route 25/1, and 1-5 on other dates.

Ruddy Shelduck *Tadorna ferruginea* 14 Sanetti Plateau, Bale Mountains NP 17/1.

Cape Teal *Anas capensis* 8 Abiata-Shalla NP 20/1.

Gadwall *Anas strepera* 2 Lake Boyo 10/1.

Eurasian Wigeon *Anas penelope* 1 Lake Boyo 10/1.

African Black Duck *Anas sparsa* Great views of 1 in a creek at Gaysay Valley, Bale Mts 18/1. (*leucostigma*)



African Black Duck, Bale Mts (HP)

Yellow-billed Duck *Anas undulata* Recorded on 6 dates: 1 9/1, 4 10/1, 25 Sanetti Plateau 17/1, 12 18/1, 3 25/1, and 2 27/1. (*ruppelli*)

Northern Shoveler *Anas clypeata* 3 Lake Boyo 10/1, 60 Sanetti Plateau 17/1, 1 19/1, and 5 27/1.

Red-billed Teal *Anas erythrorhyncha* 5 Lake Langano 7/1, 5 Lake Boyo 9/1 and 5 10/1.

Northern Pintail *Anas acuta* 3 Lake Boyo 10/1, 20 Sanetti Plateau 17/1, 6 20/1, and 3 27/1.

Hottentot Teal *Anas hottentota* 2 Lake Boyo 10/1.

Southern Pochard *Netta erythrophthalma* 4 Lake Boyo 10/1. (*brunnea*)

Tufted Duck *Aythya fuligula* 1 male in a dam near our campsite in Jema Valley 27/1.

Helmeted Guineafowl *Numida meleagris* 5-50 recorded on 7 dates: HO 7/1, 15 11/1, 45 12/1, 30 20/1, 50 21/1, 25 22/1, and 5 23/1. Two ssp occur (*meleagris* and *somaliensis*), we saw at least *meleagris*.

Vulturine Guineafowl *Acryllium vulturinum* Flock of 25 rd 11/1 and flock with 7 rd 14/1.



Vulturine Guineafowl (TC)

Crested Francolin *Dendroperdix sephaena* First recorded at Bishangari 7/1 (3); totally 70 seen on 13 dates 7-24/1.

Scaly Francolin *Pternistis squamatus* 2 seen at Bishangari 7/1 and 1 HO 9/1.

Clapperton's Francolin *Pternistis clappertoni* At Abiata-Shalla NP good views of 4 19/1 and 2 20/1. (*nigrosquamatus*)

Harwood's Francolin *Pternistis harwoodi* E. 3 seen and heard Jema valley 26/1. Not easy to see, first seen by those in the front car at close distance just along the road, finally seen by all when flushed.

Chestnut-naped Francolin *Pternistis castaneicollis* Ssp *castaneicollis* was seen in Bale Mountains 17/1 (20), 18/1 (15), and 19/1 (2 + heard).

Ssp *atrifrons* = **Black-fronted Francolin** (possibly a future split, already split by HBW) was seen at Fonan Gofa 13/1 (1 seen flying and 4-5 HO), and 14/1 (4 seen, totally 6-7 individuals including heard ones). Black-fronted Francolin is near endemic, occurring in S Ethiopia (around Mega, in Oromia Region), and recorded also in extreme N Kenya (Moyale).

This taxon has been studied by T. Töpfer *et al*; "Rediscovery of the Black-fronted Francolin *Pternistis (castaneicollis) atrifrons* (Conover, 1930) (Aves: Galliformes: Phasianidae) with notes on biology, taxonomy and conservation. Published online at www.senckenberg.de/vertebrate-zoology on 15.vii.2014. Summary: "A typical external feature of the males is a clearly visible bald yellow patch behind the eye. While no other *P. castaneicollis* subspecies seems to have this spot, other francolin species have. Additionally, our molecular and bioacoustic data support the separate taxonomic status of *atrifrons*. Taking

together all characters, assigning species status for the Black-fronted Francolin is justified. Based on our survey, we estimate the current population to be very small, rendering the Black-fronted Francolin the most endangered galliform bird of Africa. Also, we assume its range to be much smaller and more fragmented than previously thought, making the local populations crucially endangered.”



Clapperton's Francolin, Abiata-Shalla NP (HP)

Erckel's Francolin *Pternistis erckelii* Recorded in Jema Valley (scope views): 5 (2 seen) 25/1, and 10-12 (7 seen) 26/1. This species occurs in NE Sudan, parts of Eritrea, and in the highlands of N Ethiopia.

Yellow-necked Spurfowl *Pternistis leucoscepus* 1-10 recorded on 5 dates: 2 11/1, 10 12/1, 1 13/1, 2 21/1, and 5 22/1.

Common Quail *Coturnix coturnix* 4 Gaysay Valley, Bale Mts 18/1, and 1 Jema Valley 26/1.

Little Grebe *Tachybaptus ruficollis* 1-3 recorded on 7 dates 7-27/1, with the exception of c 1.000 at Lake Shalla 20/1.

Black-necked Grebe *Podiceps nigricollis* 15 Lake Shalla 20/1.

Greater Flamingo *Phoenicopterus roseus* c 200 at lakes Shalla and Abiata 20/1.

Lesser Flamingo *Phoeniconaias minor* c 200 rd 7/1, and c 25.000 at lakes Shalla and Abiata 20/1.



Erckel's Francolin, Jema Valley (TC)

Yellow-billed Stork *Mycteria ibis* 1-15 recorded on 10 dates 7-27/1.

Black Stork *Ciconia nigra* 2 Melka Ghebdu 24/1.

Abdim's Stork *Ciconia abdimii* 1 7/1, and 28 rd 16/1.

Woolly-necked Stork *Ciconia episcopus* 1 Jema Valley 26/1.

White Stork *Ciconia ciconia* c 75 rd 7/1, and c 120 rd 19/1.

Saddle-billed Stork *Ephippiorhynchus senegalensis* 1 7/1, 1 Lake Boyo 10/1, and 2 20/1.

Marabou Stork *Leptoptilos crumenifer* Recorded on 9 dates, locally common or fairly common.

African Sacred Ibis *Threskiornis aethiopicus* Recorded on 12 dates 7-27/1, locally common.

Hadada Ibis *Bostrychia hagedash* Totally 28 recorded on 9 dates 7-22/1.

Wattled Ibis *Bostrychia carunculata* Totally 620 recorded on 8 dates 7-27/1, with highest score 460 in Gaysay Valley, Bale Mts 18/1.

Glossy Ibis *Plegadis falcinellus* 2 Lake Boyo and 1 rd 10/1.

African Spoonbill *Platalea alba* At Lake Boyo 20+15 9-10/1, and 6 Jema Valley 27/1.

Striated Heron *Butorides striata* 1 9/1, 1 rd 11/1, and 1 23/1. (*atricapilla*)

Squacco Heron *Ardeola ralloides* 2 7/1, 5 10/1, and 1 Jema Valley 26/1.

Western Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis* Recorded on 7 dates, e.g. 500 9/1, hundreds 10/1, and 50 27/1.

Grey Heron *Ardea cinerea* 21 recorded on 8 dates 9-27/1.

Black-headed Heron *Ardea melanocephala* 13 recorded on 8 dates 7-17/1.

Goliath Heron *Ardea goliath* 1 Haile Resort 7/1, 4 Lake Chamo 10/1, and 1 Jema Valley 25/1.

Purple Heron *Ardea purpurea* Singles recorded on 5 dates: 10, 23, 25, 26 and 27/1.

Great Egret *Ardea alba* 19 recorded on 7 dates 7-27/1. (*melanorhynchos*)

Intermediate Egret *Egretta intermedia* 1 rd 11/1. (*brachyrhyncha*)

Black Heron *Egretta ardesiaca* 2 Haile Resort 7/1.

Little Egret *Egretta garzetta* 2 7/1, 1 20/1, 4 24/1, 3 25/1, and 1 27/1.

Hamerkop *Scopus umbretta* c 100 recorded on 13 dates 7-27/1.



Hamerkop, Bobela Forest (TC)

Great White Pelican *Pelecanus onocrotalus* c 100 7/1, c 800 Lake Boyo 9-10/1, and 15 20/1.

Pink-backed Pelican *Pelecanus rufescens* 2 7/1, 1 Lake Boyo 10/1, 5 20/1, and 2 23/1.

Reed Cormorant *Microcarbo africanus* 4 7/1, 15 23/1, and 3 25/1.

White-breasted Cormorant *Phalacrocorax lucidus* c 30 7/1, 6, 8/1, and 8 20/1.

African Darter *Anhinga rufa* 1 Matahara area 23/1.

Secretarybird *Sagittarius serpentarius* 1 Senkele Wildlife Sanctuary 9/1.

Black-winged Kite *Elanus caeruleus* 2 11/1, 1 13/1, 2 14/1, and 1 25/1.

Scissor-tailed Kite *Chelictinia riocourii* c 30 Senkele Wildlife Sanctuary 9/1.

African Harrier-Hawk *Polyboroides typus* 17 recorded on 7 dates 7-25/1, e.g. 6 16/1.

Bearded Vulture *Gypaetus barbatus* 1 Rira 17/1, 1 Gaysay Valley 18/1, 1 22/1, and 2 Debre Birhan 24/1. (*meridionalis*)



Scissor-tailed Kite, Senkele Wildlife Sanctuary (RH)

Egyptian Vulture *Neophron percnopterus* 19 recorded on 7 dates 12-25/1.

Hooded Vulture *Necrosyrtes monachus* Recorded daily, often as fairly common or common, e.g. 150 rd 8/1.

White-backed Vulture *Gyps africanus* c 385 recorded on 15 dates, e.g. c 200 7/1, and 100 20/1.

Rüppell's Vulture *Gyps rueppelli* 31 recorded on 10 dates 9-27/1. (*erlangeri*)

White-headed Vulture *Trigonoceps occipitalis* 2 in village near Fonan Gofa 13/1 and 1 16/1.



White-headed Vulture (TC)



Lappet-faced Vulture, Aledoghi Plains (TC)

Lappet-faced Vulture *Torgos tracheliotos* 2 13/1, 1 rd 19/1, 2 Aledoghi Plains 21/1, 1 24/1, and 1 25/1.

Short-toed Snake Eagle *Circaetus gallicus* 1 Liben Plains 15/1 and 1 Aledoghi Plains 21/1.

Black-chested Snake Eagle *Circaetus pectoralis* 1 rd 11/1, and 1 15/1.

Brown Snake Eagle *Circaetus cinereus* 1 Melka Ghebdu 24/1.

Western Banded Snake Eagle *Circaetus cinerascens* 1 rd 10/1.



Western Banded Snake Eagle (TC)

Bateleur *Terathopius ecaudatus* 12 recorded on 6 dates 10-23/1.

Crowned Eagle *Stephanoaetus coronatus* 1 rd 15/1.

Martial Eagle *Polemaetus bellicosus* 2 Dawa Village 15/1, 1 16/1, and 1 23/1.

Long-crested Eagle *Lophaetus occipitalis* 2 rd 7/1, 1 9/1, 6 10/1, and 1 20/1.

Wahlberg's Eagle *Hieraaetus wahlbergi* 1 rd 7/1.

Booted Eagle *Hieraaetus pennatus* 1 Bilen Plains 21/1, 2 22/1, and 2 25/1.

African Hawk-Eagle *Aquila spilogaster* 1 Jema Valley 27/1 (JH).

Ayres's Hawk-Eagle *Hieraaetus ayresii* 2 Wondo Genet 8/1, and 1 ad Bobela Forest 15/1.



Ayre's Hawk-Eagle, Bobela Forest (TC)

Tawny Eagle *Aquila rapax* 40 recorded on 11 dates 7-27/1.

Steppe Eagle *Aquila nipalensis* 41 recorded on 5 dates: 3 13/1, 25 17/1, 5 18/1, 5 19/1, and 3 24/1. (*orientalis*)

Eastern Imperial Eagle *Aquila heliaca* 4 Fonan Gofa camp site 13/1, 1 17/1, 1 18/1, and 1 19/1.

Verreaux's Eagle *Aquila verreauxii* 3 Fonan Gofa camp site 13/1, 2 15/1, 1 17/1, and 1 Gemasa Gedel 24/1.

Gabar Goshawk *Micronisus gabar* 1 dark morph 13/1.

Dark Chanting Goshawk *Melierax metabates* 16 recorded on 9 dates 8-27/1.

Eastern Chanting Goshawk *Melierax poliopterus* 18 recorded on 5 dates: 6 11/1, 5 12/1, 5 13/1, 1 14/1, and 1 15/1.

African Goshawk *Accipiter tachiro* 1 Wondo Genet 9/1, and 1 15/1.

Shikra *Accipiter badius* 4 11/1, 1 13/1, 1 15/1, and 1 19/1.

Little Sparrowhawk *Accipiter minullus* 1 11/1 and 1 15/1.

Eurasian Sparrowhawk *Accipiter nisus* 1 25/1.

Rufous-breasted Sparrowhawk *Accipiter rufiventris* 1 at Bale Mts NP hq 17/1.

Black Sparrowhawk *Accipiter melanoleucus* 1 Bobela Forest 14/1.

Western Marsh Harrier *Circus aeruginosus* 15 recorded on 6 dates 7-20/1.

Pallid Harrier *Circus macrourus* 23 recorded on 13 dates 7-27/1.

Montagu's Harrier *Circus pygargus* 14 recorded on 8 dates 7-25/1.

Black Kite *Milvus migrans* At least 1 rd 19/1 and 10 24/1 (possibly overlooked).

Yellow-billed Kite *Milvus aegyptius* Recorded daily, often as common or fairly common.

African Fish Eagle *Haliaeetus vocifer* 45 recorded on 9 dates 7-27/1.

Grasshopper Buzzard *Butastur rufipennis* 1 Bishangari 8/1 (JH).

Common Buzzard *Buteo buteo* 3 7/1, 1 9/1, 1 15/1, and 1 19/1. (*vulpinus*)

Mountain Buzzard *Buteo oreophilus* 1 Gaysay Valley 19/1 and 1 24/1.

Augur Buzzard *Buteo augur* 60 recorded on 16 dates 7-27/1.

Arabian Bustard *Ardeotis arabs* 3 Aledeghi Plains 21/1 and 1 Awash NP 22/1.



Arabian Bustard, Aledeghi Plains (TC)

Kori Bustard *Ardeotis kori* 3 11/1, 1 Lake Abiata 20/1, 1 rd 21/1, and 1 Awash NP 22/1. (*struthiunculus*)

White-bellied Bustard *Eupodotis senegalensis* 2 Didkallo Plains 12/1, 2 Awash NP 20/1, 1 Aledeghi Plains 21/1, and 2 22/1. (*canicollis*)

Buff-crested Bustard *Lophotis gindiana* 1 11/1, 5 12/1, 4 Awash NP 20/1, 4 Aledoghi Plains 21/1, 8 seen during nightdriving in Awash NP 22/1, and 1 23/1.

Black-bellied Bustard *Lissotis melanogaster* 1 Didkallo Plains 12/1.

Rouget's Rail *Rougetius rougetii* Recorded in Bale Mts NP: 5 17/1, 8 18/1, and 4 19/1.
Endemic to Ethiopia and Eritrea.

Black Crake *Amaurornis flavirostra* 3 Jema Valley 27/1.

African Swampphen *Porphyrio madagascariensis* 4 Lake Boyo 10/1.

Common Moorhen *Gallinula chloropus* 1 Jema Valley 27/1.

Red-knobbed Coot *Fulica cristata* 15 recorded on 6 dates 8-23/1.

Black Crowned Crane *Balearica pavonina* 3 rd 7/1, and 6+4 Lake Boyo 9-10/1. (*ceciliae*)

Wattled Crane *Grus carunculata* 41 at Lake Boyo 9-10/1.

Common Crane *Grus grus* c 15 rd 7/1, c 2.500 at Lake Boyo 9-10/1, 84 25/1, and 3 26/1.

Eurasian Stone-curlew *Burhinus oediconemus* 1 Lake Shalla 20/1, and 2 Awash NP 22/1.



Wattled Crane, near Lake Boyo (TC)

Senegal Thick-knee *Burhinus senegalensis* 4 Lake Shalla 20/1, 1 Melka Ghebdu 23/1, 2 Jema Valley 25/1, 2 Jema Valley 26/1, and 2 27/1.

Black-winged Stilt *Himantopus himantopus* 54 recorded on 6 dates 7-23/1.

Pied Avocet *Recurvirostra avosetta* 25 Lake Shalla 20/1.

Spur-winged Lapwing *Vanellus spinosus* 56 recorded on 9 dates 7-26/1, e.g. 10 23/1.

Black-headed Lapwing *Vanellus tectus* 14 Aledoghi Plains 21/1.

Black-winged Lapwing *Vanellus melanopterus* 8 Senkele Wildlife Sanctuary 9/1, 2 13/1, 1 15/1, 2 24/1, and 5 27/1.

Crowned Lapwing *Vanellus coronatus* 47 recorded on 8 dates 11-22/1.

African Wattled Lapwing *Vanellus senegallus* 4 where we had lunch 10/1.

Spot-breasted Lapwing *Vanellus melanocephalus* E. 155 Gaysay Valley 17/1, 1 18/1, and 3 19/1.

Common Ringed Plover *Charadrius hiaticula* 1 Lake Shalla 20/1.

Kittlitz's Plover *Charadrius pecuarius* 2 Lake Boyo 10/1 and 20 Lake Abiata 20/1.

Three-banded Plover *Charadrius tricollaris* 14 recorded on 7 dates 7-26/1.

Caspian Plover *Charadrius asiaticus* 6 (1 partly in summer plumage) Aledoghi Plains 21/1.

African Jacana *Actophilornis africanus* 5 Haile Resort 7/1, 2 Lake Chamo 10/1, and 1 Genale River 16/1. (*aequatorialis*)

African Snipe *Gallinago nigripennis* 4 Sanetti Plateau 17/1.

Common Snipe *Gallinago gallinago* 10 Lake Boyo 10/1, 1 spotlighted (!) during nightdriving in Awash NP 22/1, 3 Jema Valley 26-27/1.

Black-tailed Godwit *Limosa limosa* 2 Lake Langano 8/1, 2 9/1, and 1 Lake Boyo 10/1.

Spotted Redshank *Tringa erythropus* 2 HO Lake Langano 8/1.

Marsh Sandpiper *Tringa stagnatilis* 1 7/1, 1 Lake Boyo 10/1, 5 20/1, and 2 23/1.

Common Greenshank *Tringa nebularia* 14 recorded on 6 dates 7-25/1.

Green Sandpiper *Tringa ochropus* 24 notes on 13 dates 7-26/1.

Wood Sandpiper *Tringa glareola* 15 recorded on 6 dates 7-23/1.

Common Sandpiper *Actitis hypoleucos* 43 noted on 11 dates 7-26/1.

Little Stint *Calidris minuta* 6 Lake Boyo 10/1, and 50 Lakes Abiata and Shalla 20/1.

Temminck's Stint *Calidris temminckii* 3 7/1, 6 9/1, and 5 Lakes Abiata and Shalla 20/1.

Dunlin *Calidris alpina* 5 Lakes Abiata and Shalla 20/1.

Ruff *Philomachus pugnax* 10 7/1, 30-50 Lake Boyo 9-10/1, and 100 Lakes Abiata and Shalla 20/1.

Red-necked Phalarope *Phalaropus lobatus* 18 Lake Abiata 20/1.

Somali Courser *Cursorius somalensis* 3 Machaico Plains 13/1.



Somali Courser, Machaico Plains (TC)

Temminck's Courser *Cursorius temminckii* 2 13/1, and 3 btw Fonan Gofa and Mega 14/1.

Double-banded Courser *Rhinoptilus africanus* 8 (3 juv) Aledoghi Plains 21/1. (*raffertyi*)

Three-banded Courser *Rhinoptilus cinctus* 2 13/1, 1 Abiata-Shalla NP 19/1, 5 (1 juv) Lakes Shalla and Abiata area 20/1, and 4 (1 juv) during nightdriving in Awash NP 22/1. (*mayaudi*)

Collared Pratincole *Glareola pratincola* 2 Bilen Plains 21/1.

Black-headed Gull *Chroicocephalus ridibundus* 3 9/1, and 5 10/1.

Grey-headed Gull *Chroicocephalus cirrocephalus* c 15+5 Lake Langano 7-8/1.

Lesser Black-backed Gull *Larus fuscus* 1 Lake Langano 8/1.

Gull-billed Tern *Gelochelidon nilotica* 64 recorded on 7 dates 7-23/1.

Whiskered Tern *Chlidonias hybrida* Common 7/1, and 1 Lake Boyo 10/1.

White-winged Tern *Chlidonias leucopterus* c 10 7/1, and 2 Lake Shalla 20/1.



Double-banded Courser, Aledoghi Plains (HP)



Three-banded Courser (HP)

Chestnut-bellied Sandgrouse *Pterocles exustus* c 50 Lake Abiata 20/1, and c 35 Aledoghi Plains 21/1.

Lichtenstein's Sandgrouse *Pterocles lichtensteinii* 20 Awash NP 20/1, 2 Bilen Plains 21/1, and 4 Awash NP 23/1. (*sukensis*)

Rock Dove *Columba livia* 2 rd 22/1, and 5 Addis Abeba 27/1.

Speckled Pigeon *Columba guinea* Recorded daily, often as common.

White-collared Pigeon *Columba albitorques* Recorded on 9 dates: 4 7/1, 3 17/1, 130 18/1, 15 19/1, 1 20/1, c 1100 (in three flocks) 24/1, 20 25/1, 2 26/1, and 10 27/1. Endemic to Ethiopia and Eritrea.

African Olive Pigeon *Columba arquatrix* 1 7/1, 2 Wondo Genet 8/1, 6 Lake Chamo 10/1, 2 15/1, 50 16/1, and 70 17/1.



White-collared Pigeon (TC)

Lemon Dove *Columba larvata* 1 at a nest Bishangari 7-8/1 + 1 7/1, and 1 Wondo Genet 8/1.

Dusky Turtle Dove *Streptopelia lugens* c 125 recorded on 12 dates, e.g. 50 rd 25/1.

White-winged Collared Dove *Streptopelia reichenowi* 3 Dawa village 15/1. Endemic to Ethiopia and Somalia.

Mourning Collared Dove *Streptopelia decipiens* Recorded on 9 dates, often as common or fairly common 7-23/1.

Red-eyed Dove *Streptopelia semitorquata* Recorded on 19 dates, often as common 7-27/1.

Ring-necked Dove *Streptopelia capicola* Recorded on 10 dates 7-26/1, as fairly common or common 12-16/1, and singles 19-26/1.



White-winged Collared Dove, Dawa village (TC)

Vinaceous Dove *Streptopelia vinacea* Up to 10 Jema Valley 25-26/1.

Laughing Dove *Spilopelia senegalensis* Recorded on 17 dates, locally common.

Emerald-spotted Wood Dove *Turtur chalcospilos* c 40 recorded on 11 dates, e.g. 10 10/1.



Emerald-spotted Wood Dove, Fonan Gofa (TC)

Blue-spotted Wood Dove *Turtur afer* 2 Bishangari 8/1, 2 9/1, common 15/1, and 4 16/1.

Tambourine Dove *Turtur tympanistria* Fairly common 8/1, 2 9/1, 10 16/1, and 5 17/1.

Namaqua Dove *Oena capensis* c 130 recorded on 11 dates 7-26/1.

Bruce's Green Pigeon *Treron waalia* 24 recorded on 7 dates 7-26/1, e.g. 8 Jema Valley 26/1.

White-cheeked Turaco *Tauraco leucotis* Of nominate race *leucotis* 5 Bishangari 8/1, 10 Wondo Genet 8/1, 5 9/1, 2 16/1, and 1 17/1. This taxon is endemic to Ethiopia, Eritrea and extreme E Sudan.

Of race *donaldsoni* (a distinct taxon and a possible future split) – **Maroon-crested Turaco** – we had great views of 2+2 in the Lonekoko area 22/1. According to HBW Alive is “Race *donaldsoni* said to be “found east of the Rift Valley in the... Bale mountains, where... at least it is found alongside nominate *leucotis* supporting the view for its specific separation”. It has elongate feathers of hindcrown dull reddish-brown, rather than the dull blackish-blue of nominate, on which this colour starts earlier on the mid-crown so that most of crown looks indigo, rather than green and then maroon (score 3); otherwise very similar. Clarification needed as to whether the two co-occur or are parapatric in Bale Mts. A score of 3 for parapatry and 3 for crown colour would mean that any small vocal difference would be sufficient to establish the split.”

Ruspoli's Turaco *Tauraco ruspolii* E. In Bobela Forest 2+3 14-15/1, and 3 rd 16/1.

Bare-faced Go-away-bird *Corythaixoides personatus* 4+2 Bishangari 7-8/1, 3 13/1, and 2 14/1.

Note: This taxon is recently splitted by HBW into **Brown-faced Go-away-bird** *Corythaixoides personatus* (endemic to Ethiopia) and Black-faced Go-away-bird *C. leopoldi* occurring in Kenya.



Bare-faced (Brown-faced) Go-away-bird, Bishangari (TC)



Maroon-crested Turaco *Tauraco leucotis donaldsoni* (HP)

White-bellied Go-away-bird *Corythaixoides leucogaster* c 110 recorded on 13 dates 10-24/1, most common btw 11-16/1.

Eastern Plantain-eater *Crinifer zonurus* 2 Awash NP 22/1, 5 23/1, and 1 24/1.

Blue-headed Coucal *Centropus monachus* 1 Lake Chamo 10/1, and 1 Jema Valley 27/1. (*monachus*)

White-browed Coucal *Centropus superciliosus* 1+1+2+1 11-14/1, and 3 16/1.

Great Spotted Cuckoo *Clamator glandarius* 2 Senkele Wildlife Sanctuary 9/1, and 3 near Kenya border 12/1.



Ruspoli's Turaco (HP)

Klaas's Cuckoo *Chrysococcyx klaas* 4 Bishangari 7/1, 1 12/1, 1 13/1, and 1 HO 14/1.

African Emerald Cuckoo *Chrysococcyx cupreus* 2 HO Harenna Forest 16/1, and 4-5 17/1 (1 seen).

Red-chested Cuckoo *Cuculus solitarius* 1 HO Harenna Forest 17/1.

African Scops Owl *Otus senegalensis* 1 HO at camp site, Fonan Gofa 13/1.

Cape Eagle-Owl *Bubo capensis* 1 in the Bale Mts ravine 18-19/1. (*dillonii*)

Verreaux's Eagle-Owl *Bubo lacteus* Great views of 1 and heard calling close to the camp site in Fonan Gofa 12-13/1.



Verreaux's Eagle-Owl, Fonan Gofa (TC)

African Wood Owl *Strix woodfordii* Great views of a pair and both heard calling and seen when male delivering prey to female in the hotel area, Wondo Genet 8/1, and 1 HO 12/1. (*umbrina*)

Pearl-spotted Owlet *Glaucidium perlatum* 1 rd 15/1, 1 where we had breakfast 16/1, 1 Abiata-Shalla NP 20/1, 1 HO Awash NP 21-23/1, and 1 HO Jema Valley 26/1. (*licua*)

Abyssinian Owl *Asio abyssinicus* 1 ad with 2 downy chicks on a nest in Bale Mts NP hq area 17-18/1, and 1 ad + 2 juv in the Bale Mts ravine 18/1 (same area as Cape Eagle-Owl). Nominate *abyssinicus* occurs in the Ethiopian highlands, and ssp *graueri* in E DR Congo-W Uganda and Rwanda, and Mt Kenya.

Montane Nightjar *Caprimulgus poliocephalus* Singles heard only on 8 dates 9-18/1; first recorded in Wondo Genet 9/1.

Star-spotted Nightjar *Caprimulgus stellatus* 4 seen during nightdriving in Awash NP 22/1.

Freckled Nightjar *Caprimulgus tristigma* 1 HO Fonan Gofa 12-13/1, and 1 at camp site + 1 Bobela Forest 14/1.

Slender-tailed Nightjar *Caprimulgus clarus* 2 seen in torch light at Bishangari 7/1, 1 HO + seen Lake Boyo 9-10/1, 2 Abiata-Shalla NP + 2 seen Awash NP 20/1, 1 21/1, 1 seen in hand (caught by HP) at Melka Ghebdu 23/1, 1 25/1, and 2 26/1.

African Palm Swift *Cypsiurus parvus* 15 rd 23/1.



Pearl-spotted Owlet, Abiata-Shalla NP (RH)



Abyssinian Owl at nest, Bale Mts (HP)

Alpine Swift *Tachymarptis melba* 5 Didkallo Plains 12/1, and 2 17/1. (*africanus*)

Mottled Swift *Tachymarptis aequatorialis* 2 Didkallo Plains 12/1.

Nyanza Swift *Apus niansae* 10 (+ c 200 unidentified swifts) 12/1, 75 18/1, 2 26/1, and 20 Addis Abeba 27/1.



Star-spotted Nightjar, Awash NP, two different birds (BS)

Speckled Mousebird *Colius striatus* Recorded on 11 dates 7-27/1, often as common 7-16/1 and 25-26/1.

Blue-naped Mousebird *Urocolius macrourus* c 95 recorded on 12 dates 7-24/1, e.g. 25+ 7/1 and c 20 23/1. (possibly ssp *abyssinicus* in C & S, and *pulcher* in extreme S, around Fonan Gofa).

Narina Trogon *Apaloderma narina* Brief views of 1 pair Bobela Forest 15/1.

Purple Roller *Coracias naevius* 3 11/1, 1 Fonan Gofa 14/1, 2 15/1, 1 16/1, 1 23/1, and 2 26/1.



Purple Roller, Fonan Gofa (RH)

Lilac-breasted Roller *Coracias caudatus* 70 recorded on 12 dates 7-20/1, e.g. 20 rd 10/1. (*lorti*)

Abyssinian Roller *Coracias abyssinicus* 1 11/1, 1 15/1, 3 20/1, 1 at camp site in Awash NP 23/1, 3 24/1, and 2+1 Jema Valley 26-27/1.

Grey-headed Kingfisher *Halcyon leucocephala* 3 10/1, 4 Genale River 16/1, and 1+1 Jema Valley 25/1 and 27/1.

Striped Kingfisher *Halcyon chelicuti* 5 10/1, 1 15/1, 2 19/1, and 1 20/1.

Woodland Kingfisher *Halcyon senegalensis* 1 Haile Resort 7/1, and 1 9/1.

African Pygmy Kingfisher *Ispidina picta* 1 Lake Langano 7/1, 1 Melka Ghebdu 23/1, and 1 Jema Valley 25-26/1.

Malachite Kingfisher *Corythornis cristatus* 2 Haile Resort 7/1, 1 Melka Ghebdu 24/1, and 1 Jema Valley 25-27/1. (*stuartkeithi*)

Half-collared Kingfisher *Alcedo semitorquata* 4 Wondo Genet 9/1, and 3 Melka Ghebdu 24/1.



Half-collared Kingfisher, Wondo Genet (HP)

Giant Kingfisher *Megaceryle maxima* 1 Melka Ghebdu 23-24/1.

Pied Kingfisher *Ceryle rudis* 17 recorded on 7 dates 7-27/1, e.g. 4 at bridge in Jema Valley 25/1.

Little Bee-eater *Merops pusillus* 59 recorded on 13 dates 8-27/1, e.g. 10 25/1. (*cyanostictus*)

Blue-breasted Bee-eater *Merops variegatus* 61 recorded on 11 dates 7-26/1, e.g. 20+ 7/1. (*lafresnayii*)

Note: HBW splits this taxon into **Ethiopian Bee-eater** *Merops lafresnayii* (endemic to Ethiopia, Eritrea and E South Sudan).

Somali Bee-eater *Merops revoilii* 2 near Kenya border 12/1.

Blue-cheeked Bee-eater *Merops persicus* 2 Lake Boyo 10/1.

Northern Carmine Bee-eater *Merops nubicus* 38 recorded on 5 dates: 15+5 Bishangari 7-8/1, 5 9/1, 3 20/1, and 10 23/1.

Eurasian Hoopoe *Upupa epops* 57 recorded on 16 dates 7-26/1, e.g. 10 7/1.

Black-billed Wood Hoopoe *Phoeniculus somaliensis* 46 recorded on 11 dates 7-26/1.
(*neglectus*)



Little Bee-eater, Jema Valley (TC)



Blue-breasted Bee-eater, Bishangari (HP)



Somali Bee-eater, near Kenya border (HP)



Eurasian Hoopoe, Fonan Gofa (TC)

Abyssinian Scimitarbill *Rhinopomastus minor* 1 12/1, 2 15/1, and 1 21/1. (*cabanisi* in S Ethiopia, *minor* in the east)

Abyssinian Ground Hornbill *Bucorvus abyssinicus* 50 recorded on 11 dates 7-26/1, e.g. 11 7/1.

Northern Red-billed Hornbill *Tockus erythrorhynchus* c 100 recorded on 14 dates 7-24/1.

Von der Decken's Hornbill *Tockus deckeni* 38 recorded on 8 dates 11-23/1.

Eastern Yellow-billed Hornbill *Tockus flavirostris* 22 recorded on 6 dates 11-23/1.

Hemprich's Hornbill *Lophoceros hemprichii* 21 recorded on 7 dates 7-27/1.

African Grey Hornbill *Lophoceros nasutus* 30 recorded on 11 dates 10-26/1.

Silvery-cheeked Hornbill *Bycanistes brevis* c 90 recorded on 7 dates 7-19/1, e.g. 55+ Bishangari 7/1.

Red-fronted Tinkerbird *Pogoniulus pusillus* 2+1 Bishangari 7-8/1, 1 9/1, 1 HO 15/1, 5 heard and seen 16/1, and 1 HO 25/1. (*uropygialis*)

Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird *Pogoniulus chrysoconus* 2 Wondo Genet 8/1. (*xanthostictus*)

Red-fronted Barbet *Tricholaema diademata* 1 pair en route, 5 kms SW Mega 14/1, 1 Bobela Forest 15/1, and 1 pair Abiata-Shalla NP 19/1.



Abyssinian Ground Hornbill, male, Bishangari (HP)

Black-throated Barbet *Tricholaema melanocephala* 6 11/1, 1 12/1, 1 13/1, 2 15/1, and 1 22/1. (nominate in S & C Ethiopia, and *stigmatothorax* in S Ethiopia)

Banded Barbet *Lybius undatus* c 18 recorded on 7 dates 7-25/1. (*undatus* in NW to C Ethiopia, and *leucogenys* in SC to SW Ethiopia)



Banded Barbet, Bishangari (TC)

Black-billed Barbet *Lybius guifsobalito* 5 7/1, 1 11/1, 1 19/1, 4 25/1, and 10 26/1.

Double-toothed Barbet *Lybius bidentatus* 1 8/1, 3 9/1, 1 11/1, 1 14/1, and 1 15/1. (*aequatorialis*)

Red-and-yellow Barbet *Trachyphonus erythrocephalus* 5 11/1, 1 12/1, 1 15/1, and 10 16/1. (*versicolor*)

Yellow-breasted Barbet *Trachyphonus margaritatus* 4+3 Melka Ghebdu 23-24/1.

D'Arnaud's Barbet *Trachyphonus darnaudii* 35 recorded on 5 dates: 8 11/1, 10 12/1, 5 13/1, 10 14/1, and 2 15/1. (*boehmi*)

Green-backed Honeybird *Prodotiscus zambesiae* 2 Harenna Forest 17/1, and 1 Lonekoko 22/1. (*ellenbecki*)

Lesser Honeyguide *Indicator minor* 1 Bishangari 7/1, 2 Wondo Genet 8/1, 1 rd 10/1, 1 14/1, 1 16/1, and 2 17/1. (*diadematus*)

Greater Honeyguide *Indicator indicator* 1 Fonan Gofa 13/1, and 4 Genale River 16/1.

Nubian Woodpecker *Campethera nubica* 11 recorded on 7 dates 7-23/1.

Abyssinian Woodpecker *Dendropicos abyssinicus* 1 f Wondo Genet 9/1. Endemic to Ethiopia and Eritrea.

Cardinal Woodpecker *Dendropicos fuscescens* 16 recorded on 7 dates 12-24/1. (*massaicus* in S, and *lepidus* in highlands)

Bearded Woodpecker *Dendropicos namaquus* 1 11/1, 1 15/1, and 2 23/1. (*schoensis*)

Eastern Grey Woodpecker *Dendropicos spodocephalus* 12 recorded on 6 dates 7-23/1.

Pygmy Falcon *Polihierax semitorquatus* 4 rd 14/1, 1 Lake Abiata 20/1, and 1 rd 23/1.

Lesser Kestrel *Falco naumanni* 10 12/1, 3 13/1, 6 15/1, 30 19/1, and 1 20/1.

Common Kestrel *Falco tinnunculus* c 70 recorded on 17 dates 7-27/1.

Fox Kestrel *Falco alopex* 1 +1 Jema Valley 25/1 and 27/1, seen flying past on both occasions.

Grey Kestrel *Falco ardosiaceus* 1 village near Fonan Gofa 14/1.

Lanner Falcon *Falco biarmicus* 12 recorded on 8 dates: 1 12/1, 2 13/1, 2 Sanetti Plateau 17/1, 1 19/1, 1 Gemasa Gedel 24/1, 2 Jema Valley + 1 rd 25/1, 1 26/1, and 1 rd 27/1. (*abyssinicus*)

Peregrine Falcon *Falco peregrinus* 1 13/1, 1 19/1, and 1 26/1. (probably *minor*)



Green-backed Honeybird, Lonekoko (TC)

Black-winged Lovebird *Agapornis taranta* 10 Bishangari 7/1, 2 Wondo Genet 8/1, 5 9/1, 6 18/1, and 1 26/1. Endemic to highlands of Ethiopia and Eritrea.

Red-bellied Parrot *Poicephalus rufiventris* 19 recorded on 8 dates 10-24/1. (nominate)

Yellow-fronted Parrot *Poicephalus flavifrons* E. 3 + 33 Bishangari 7-8/1, and 6 Wondo Genet 8/1.



Yellow-fronted Parrot, Bishangari (HP)

Grey-headed Batis *Batis orientalis* 4 Bishangari 7/1, 1 Wondo Genet 8/1, 1 12/1, 1 15/1, and 2 23/1. (nominate)

Western Black-headed Batis *Batis erlangeri* 20 recorded on 7 dates 8-26/1.

Brown-throated Wattle-eye *Platysteira cyanea* 2 Bishangari 7/1, 1 Wondo Genet 9/1, and 2 22/1. (*aethiopica*)

White-crested Helmetshrike *Prionops plumatus* 1 Bishangari 8/1, 4 11/1, 6 (one family) rd 14/1, 15 15/1, and 1 16/1. (*cristatus*)

Pygmy Batis *Batis perkeo* 4 rd 14/1, and 1 rd 15/1.



Pygmy Batis (TC)

Grey-headed Bushshrike *Malaconotus blanchoti* 2 11/1, 1 12/1, 1 14/1, 1 22/1, and 2 23/1. (*approximans*)

Orange-breasted Bushshrike *Chlorophoneus sulfureopectus* 1+2 Fonan Gofa 13-14/1, 6 (3 seen) 15/1, 2 16/1, and 2 HO 23/1. (*similis*)

Rosy-patched Bushshrike *Telophorus cruentus* 4 near Kenya border 12/1, 1 village near Fonan Gofa 13/1, 4 rd 14/1, 1 rd 15/1, and 2 Awash NP 23/1. (*hilgerti*)

Three-streaked Tchagra *Tchagra jamesi* 1 rd 11/1.

Black-crowned Tchagra *Tchagra senegalus* 11 recorded on 7 dates 7-26/1. (*habessinicus*)

Northern Puffback *Dryoscopus gambensis* 20 recorded on 9 dates 8-22/1, e.g. 12 8/1.

Pringle's Puffback *Dryoscopus pringlii* 1 pair 11/1, 1 pair 12/1, and 1 pair 14/1.

Slate-colored Boubou *Laniarius funebris* 23 recorded on 8 dates 12-23/1.

Red-naped Bushshrike *Laniarius ruficeps* 7 (2 seen) 11/1. (*rufinuchalis*)

Ethiopian Boubou *Laniarius aethiopicus* 43 recorded on 12 dates 7-26/1, e.g. 10 8/1.



Northern Puffback, Fonan Gofa (TC)



Northern Puffback, Genale River (TC)



Pringle's Puffback (TC)



Ethiopian Boubou, Bishangari (TC)

Brubru *Nilaus afer* 18 recorded on 9 dates 8-21/1. (nominate)

Grey Cuckooshrike *Coracina caesia* 1 Bishangari 8/1, and 2 Wondo Genet 8/1. (*pura*)

White-breasted Cuckooshrike *Coracina pectoralis* 2 Bobela Forest 15/1.

Black Cuckooshrike *Campephaga flava* 1 Wondo Genet 9/1, 1 m 13/1, and 2 14/1.

Red-shouldered Cuckooshrike *Campephaga phoenicea* 2 Bishangari 8/1, 1 m Wondo Genet 8/1, 1 m 16/1, and 1 22/1. Also saw 3 *Campephaga* sp. at Bobela Forest 15/1.

Northern White-crowned Shrike *Eurocephalus ruppelli* c 80 recorded on 14 dates 7-23/1.

Isabelline Shrike *Lanius isabellinus* 1 12/1, 2 13/1, 1 14/1, 1 Jema Valley 25/1 and 26/1.

Red-tailed Shrike *Lanius phoenicuroides* 1 Haile Resort 7/1, 1 9/1, 1 11/1, 1 Melka Ghebdu 23/1, and 1 Jema Valley 25/1.

Southern Grey Shrike *Lanius meridionalis* 3 Aledoghi Plains 21/1, and 2 23/1. (*aucheri*)

Grey-backed Fiscal *Lanius excubitoroides* c 15 7/1, 10 8/1, fairly common 9/1, and 5 10/1. (*intercedens*)

Taita Fiscal *Lanius dorsalis* 2 11/1, 1 Didkallo Plains 12/1, and 3 13/1.

Somali Fiscal *Lanius somalicus* c 10 12/1, 5 Awash NP 20/1, 5 21/1, and 5 22/1.

Northern Fiscal *Lanius humeralis* 53 recorded on 13 dates 7-27/1.

Woodchat Shrike *Lanius senator* 1 Haile Resort 7/1, 1 9/1, and 1 m Jema Valley 25/1. (*niloticus*)

Masked Shrike *Lanius nubicus* 1 Bishangari 7/1, and 1 rd 23/1.

Ethiopian Oriole *Oriolus monacha* 15 8/1, fairly common 9/1, 3 16/1, and 5 17/1. Endemic to Ethiopia and Eritrea. (*meneliki*)

Black-headed Oriole *Oriolus larvatus* 29 recorded on 7 dates 10-16/1. (*rolleti*)

Fork-tailed Drongo *Dicrurus adsimilis* c 90 recorded on 16 dates 7-25/1.

African Paradise Flycatcher *Terpsiphone viridis* 53 recorded on 16 dates 7-27/1. (*ferreti*)

Stresemann's Bushcrow *Zavattariornis stresemanni* E. 20 Yabello area 11/1, 2 12/1, 2 13/1, and 7 14/1.

Red-billed Chough *Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax* 4 Sanetti Plateau 17/1.

Cape Crow *Corvus capensis* Recorded on 8 dates 17-27/1, often as fairly common.

Pied Crow *Corvus albus* 150+ recorded on 13 dates 7-27/1.

Somali Crow *Corvus edithae* 1 9/1, 2 Lake Boyo 10/1, 8 12/1, 3 14/1, 30 22/1, and 2 25/1.

Fan-tailed Raven *Corvus rhipidurus* 105+ recorded on 19 dates 7-27/1.

Thick-billed Raven *Corvus crassirostris* 58 recorded on 7 dates 8-24/1, e.g. easily seen at restaurant in Sheshemene.



Stresemann's Bushcrow (HP)

White-winged Black Tit *Melaniparus leucomelas* 2 Bishangari 8/1, 3 Abiata-Shalla NP 19/1, and 3 20/1. (nominate = endemic ssp)

White-backed Black Tit *Melaniparus leuconotus* 3 en route to Bale Mts NP 17/1, and 2 Gaysay Valley 18/1. Endemic to Ethiopia and Eritrea.

Acacia Tit *Melaniparus thruppi* 6 Fonan Gofa 13/1, 6 14/1, and 3 15/1. (nominate)

Mouse-colored Penduline Tit *Anthoscopus musculus* 2 11/1, 2 13/1, 4 14/1, 3 15/1, 2 Abiata-Shalla NP 19/1, and 4 23/1.



Thick-billed Raven, Sheshemene (TC)



White-winged Black Tit, Bishangari (TC)

Desert Lark *Ammomanes deserti* 2 rd 23/1. (*assabensis*)



Desert Lark (TC)

Black-crowned Sparrow-Lark *Eremopterix nigriceps* 10 Aledoghi Plains 21/1.
(*melanauchen*)

Chestnut-backed Sparrow-Lark *Eremopterix leucotis* c 10 rd 7/1, and 8 20/1.

Chestnut-headed Sparrow-Lark *Eremopterix signatus* 6 Didkallo Plains 12/1, and 1 m rd 23/1. (nominate)

Pink-breasted Lark *Calendulauda poecilosterna* 1 seen and heard singing at the kopje near Kenya border 12/1.

Foxy Lark *Calendulauda alopex* 2 11/1, 1 12/1, 2 14/1, and 1 Abiata-Shalla NP 19/1.
(*intercedens*)

Archer's Lark *Heteromirafra archeri* E. 2 Liben Plains 15/1. Great views after some effort in the afternoon, but difficult to photograph in the high grass. Sometimes (as in HBW) called Sidamo Lark.



Chestnut-headed Sparrow-Lark (TC)



Foxy Lark (HP)

Red-winged Lark *Mirafra hypermetra* 1 12/1, and 1 21/1. (*gallarum*)

Gillett's Lark *Mirafraga gilletti* Great views of 1 in Awash NP 23/1. (nominate)



Gillett's Lark (TC)

Short-tailed Lark *Spizocorys fremantlii* 15 rd 11/1, and 3 12/1. (*megaensis*)

Masked Lark *Spizocorys personata* 7 seen well at Didkallo Plains 12/1. (*yavelloensis*)

Thekla Lark *Galerida theklæ* 75+ recorded on 6 dates 17-27/1. (possibly *huei* in SC Eth, but “Revision of subspecies is needed”, Alström et al. 2013). From IOC: Thekla Lark comprises several possible species, e.g. East African populations (*huei*, *praetermissa* and *elliottii*) exhibit deep genetic divergences among themselves and from Mediterranean populations (Guillaumet et al. 2008).

Erlanger's Lark *Calandrella erlangeri* E. 2 near Lake Boyo 10/1, 6 rd 24/1, and 10 rd 25/1.

Common Bulbul *Pycnonotus barbatus* 100+ recorded on 12 dates 7-27/1. (*schoanus*)

Dodson's Bulbul *Pycnonotus dodsoni* c 10 recorded daily 11-15/1.



Short-tailed Lark (TC)



Masked Lark, Didkallo Plains (HP)



Erlanger's Lark, near Lake Boyo (TC)

Dark-capped Bulbul *Pycnonotus tricolor* 20 rd 17/1. Endemic ssp. (*spurius*)

Northern Brownbul *Phyllastrephus strepitans* 2 13/1, 4 15/1, and 4 16/1.

Black Saw-wing *Psalidoprocne pristoptera* Common in Bishangari area 8-9/1, 10 14/1, 10 15/1, and 8 17/1. (endemic ssp *blanfordi* and *antinorii* occur in the area)

Brown-throated Martin *Riparia paludicola* Locally common, other days few or up to 40. Recorded on 10 dates 7-27/1, notably 1.000+ Abiata-Shalla NP 20/1. (*schoensis*)

Sand Martin *Riparia riparia* 1 rd 23/1.

Barn Swallow *Hirundo rustica* Common, recorded on 15 dates 7-25/1.

Ethiopian Swallow *Hirundo aethiopica* 4 12/1, 5 13/1, 3 20/1, and 2 23/1. (possibly *amadoni*)

Wire-tailed Swallow *Hirundo smithii* 26 recorded on 6 dates 10-26/1.

White-tailed Swallow *Hirundo megaensis* E. 12 11/1, 3 12/1, 10 13/1, and 2 14/1. Great views, mostly seen in flight, but some of us saw a group of 4-5 perched White-tailed Swallows near Soda 13/1.

Eurasian Crag Martin *Ptyonoprogne rupestris* 10 24/1, 30 25/1, 10 26/1, and 10 27/1.

Rock Martin *Ptyonoprogne fuligula* c 110 recorded on 13 dates 8-26/1.

Common House Martin *Delichon urbicum* c 560 recorded on 7 dates, e.g. 500+ Genali River 16/1.

Lesser Striped Swallow *Cecropis abyssinica* 36 recorded on 5 dates 11-16/1.

Mosque Swallow *Cecropis senegalensis* 1 rd 15/1.

Red-rumped Swallow *Cecropis daurica* 3 18/1, 2 24/1, 2 25/1, and 5 27/1.

Northern Crombec *Sylvietta brachyura* 1 10/1, 2 12/1, 2 15/1, and 1 24/1. (*leucopsis*)

Red-faced Crombec *Sylvietta whytii* 18 recorded on 7 dates 7-23/1.

Brown Woodland Warbler *Phylloscopus umbrovirens* 12 recorded on 7 dates 9-22/1.
(nominate)

Willow Warbler *Phylloscopus trochilus* 12 recorded on 6 dates 8-22/1.

Common Chiffchaff *Phylloscopus collybita* 100+ recorded on 14 dates 7-26/1.

Great Reed Warbler *Acrocephalus arundinaceus* 1 Jema Valley 27/1.

Sedge Warbler *Acrocephalus schoenobaenus* 2 Haile Resort 7/1, and 1 Jema Valley 27/1.

Eurasian Reed Warbler *Acrocephalus scirpaceus* 1 HO Haremma Forest 17/1.

African Reed Warbler *Acrocephalus baeticatus* 2 HO Awash NP 22/1. (*cinnamomeus*)

African Yellow Warbler *Iduna natalensis* 1 Wondo Genet 9/1, 1 Lake Boyo 10/1, and 1 17/1.
(*massaica*)

Eastern Olivaceous Warbler *Iduna pallida* 1 heard singing and seen 14/1, 1 23/1, and 1 27/1.

Icterine Warbler *Hippolais icterina* 1 where we had lunch 23/1.

Cinnamon Bracken Warbler *Bradypterus cinnamomeus* 1 Haremma Forest 16/1, 5 (2 seen) 17/1, and 4 18/1.

Red-faced Cisticola *Cisticola erythrops* 1 Lake Boyo 10/1. (*pyrrhomitra*)

Singing Cisticola *Cisticola cantans* 2 Jema Valley 26/1.

Rattling Cisticola *Cisticola chiniana* 13 recorded on 7 dates 7-25/1. (*fricki*)

Boran Cisticola *Cisticola bodessa* 1 12/1, 1 13/1, 2 14/1, and 1 22/1.

Ethiopian Cisticola *Cisticola lugubris* Common in Gaysay Valley, Bale Mts NP 18-19/1, 1 24/1, and 3 25/1. Endemic to highlands in Ethiopia and Eritrea.

Tiny Cisticola *Cisticola nana* 1 11/1.

Foxy Cisticola *Cisticola troglodytes* 2 Jema Valley 26/1. (*ferrugineus*)

Zitting Cisticola *Cisticola juncidis* 1 rd 11/1. (*uropygialis*)

Pectoral-patch Cisticola *Cisticola brunnescens* 5 Liben Plains 15/1. (nominate)

Tawny-flanked Prinia *Prinia subflava* 39 recorded on 12 dates 7-27/1. (nominate)

Pale Prinia *Prinia somalica* 2 10/1, 3 11/1, and 1 14/1.

Buff-bellied Warbler *Phyllolais pulchella* 6 Bishangari 7/1, 6 8/1, 1 14/1, 3 19/1, and 2 23/1.

Yellow-breasted Apalis *Apalis flavida* 23 recorded on 6 dates 11-25/1.

Red-fronted Warbler *Urorhipis rufifrons* 2 at the Greek lodge, Bilen Plains 21/1, 2 Awash NP 23/1, and 1 24/1.

Grey-backed Camaroptera *Camaroptera brevicaudata* c 40 recorded on 13 dates 7-26/1. (*abessinica*)

Grey Wren-Warbler *Calamonastes simplex* 2 rd 11/1, 1 12/1, 1 14/1, 1 15/1, and 1 23/1.

Yellow-bellied Eremomela *Eremomela icteropygialis* 16 noted on 9 dates 10-24/1. (*griseoflava*)

Green-backed Eremomela *Eremomela canescens* 3 Gofa, Jema Valley 25/1. (*abyssinica*)

Rufous Chatterer *Turdoides rubiginosa* 44 recorded on 9 dates 8-23/1. (nominate)

White-rumped Babbler *Turdoides leucopygia* 4 Bishangari 7/1 (ssp *smithii*), 4+4 Wondo Genet 8-9/1 (*omoensis*), 4 Bobela Forest and Dawa River 15/1 (*omoensis*), 2 16/1 (*omoensis*), 1 Lonekoko 22/1 (*smithii*), and 1 Jema Valley 26/1 (*limbata*).

Abyssinian Catbird *Parophasma galinieri* E. 10 Harenna Forest 16-17/1, and 1 Gaysay Valley 18/1.

African Hill Babbler *Pseudoalcippe abyssinica* 1+4 Harenna Forest 16-17/1. (nominate)

Eurasian Blackcap *Sylvia atricapilla* 5 Bishangari 8/1, 1 9/1, and 7 Harenna Forest 16-17/1.

Lesser Whitethroat *Sylvia curruca* 12 recorded on 5 dates 7-23/1.

Brown Parisoma *Sylvia lugens* 1 Wondo Genet 9/1. (nominate)

Banded Parisoma *Sylvia boehmi* 1 13/1, and 2 14/1. (*somalica*)

Abyssinian White-eye *Zosterops abyssinicus* 80 recorded on 9 dates 7-26/1: 10 7/1, 10 8/1, 6 13/1, 15 14/1, 10 15/1, 10 16/1, 8 24/1, 6 25/1, and 5 26/1. (nominate in N & C Ethiopia, and *jubaensis* in S Ethiopia)

Montane White-eye *Zosterops polioastrus* 53 recorded on 6 dates 9-24/1. (nominate)

African Spotted Creeper *Salpornis salvadori* 2+1 Wondo Genet 8-9/1. (*erlangeri*)



African Spotted Creeper, Wondo Genet (TC)

Wattled Starling *Creatophora cinerea* c 100 recorded on 6 dates 7-23/1, e.g. 50+ Bishangari 7/1.

Greater Blue-eared Starling *Lamprotornis chalybaeus* Recorded on 19 dates 7-27/1, often as common. (*cyaniventris*)

Lesser Blue-eared Starling *Lamprotornis chloropterus* 2 at camp site in Jema Valley 26/1.

Rüppell's Starling *Lamprotornis purpuroptera* c 100 recorded on 10 dates 7-24/1. (nominate)

Golden-breasted Starling *Lamprotornis regius* 15 11/1, 1 12/1, 1 14/1, 8 15/1, and 2 16/1.

Superb Starling *Lamprotornis superbus* Recorded on 13 dates, often as common.

Shelley's Starling *Lamprotornis shelleyi* 25 11/1, 3 13/1, 2 14/1, 4 15/1, and 9 16/1.

White-crowned Starling *Lamprotornis albicapillus* 100 + recorded on 7 dates 11-21/1. (nominate in central parts, and *horrensis* in S).

Note: In HBW Alive this species is treated as monotypic.

Violet-backed Starling *Cinnyricinclus leucogaster* 4+20 Bishangari 7-8/1, 15 14/1, and 3 15/1. (nominate)

Red-winged Starling *Onychognathus morio* 1 m Bishangari 7/1, 1 rd 9/1, 2 11/1, 5 13/1, 2 14/1, and 3 24/1. (*rueppellii*)



Shelley's Starling (TC)

Slender-billed Starling *Onychognathus tenuirostris* 2 Haremma Forest 17/1.

Bristle-crowned Starling *Onychognathus salvadorii* 1 11/1, 8 13/1, 2 14/1, 1 16/1, and 3 21/1.

White-billed Starling *Onychognathus albirostris* 20+20 Jema Valley 25-26/1. Endemic in highlands from S Eritrea to C Ethiopia.

Sharpe's Starling *Poeoptera sharpii* 1 near Lake Langano 7/1, and 2 Haremma Forest 17/1.

Magpie Starling *Speculipastor bicolor* 8 rd 11/1, and 2 15/1.

Red-billed Oxpecker *Buphagus erythrorhynchus* c 80 recorded on 14 dates 7-25/1.

Abyssinian Ground Thrush *Geokichla piaggiae* 2+2 Wondo Genet 8-9/1, 1 16/1, and 2 17/1.

Groundscraper Thrush *Turdus litsitsirupa* 2 Senkele Wildlife Sanctuary 9/1, 8+15+20 Bale Mts 17-19/1, 2 24/1, 20 25/1, and 20 27/1. (*simensis*)

African Thrush *Turdus pelios* 1 Bishangari 7/1, 10 9/1, 3 10/1, 1 25/1, and 1 26/1. (nominate)

Bare-eyed Thrush *Turdus tephronotus* 1 Fonan Gofa 11/1, 2 14/1, and 1 15/1.

Abyssinian Thrush *Turdus abyssinicus* 60 recorded on 12 dates 8-27/1. (nominate)

White-browed Scrub Robin *Cercotrichas leucophrys* 25 recorded on 8 dates 9-24/1. (*leucoptera*)



Abyssinian ground Thrush, Wondo Genet (TC)

Grey Tit-Flycatcher *Myioparus plumbeus* 1 seen by few at lunch stop 16/1. (nominate)

Abyssinian Slaty Flycatcher *Melaenornis chocolatinus* 2 Wondo Genet +1 rd 9/1, 1 17/1, 1 19/1, 2 Lonekoko 22/1, 1 25/1, and 2 Addis Abeba 27/1. (nominate)

Northern Black Flycatcher *Melaenornis edolioides* 32 recorded on 11 dates 7-20/1. (*schistaceus*)

African Grey Flycatcher *Melaenornis microrhynchus* 19 recorded on 8 dates 9-22/1. (two ssp: *neumanni* in S Eth, and *pumilis* in C Eth)

African Dusky Flycatcher *Muscicapa adusta* 21 recorded on 6 dates 8-22/1. (*minima*)

Rüppell's Robin-Chat *Cossypha semirufa* 1+1 Wondo Genet 8-9/1, 10 17/1, 1 18/1, 3 Lonekoko 22/1, and 5 Addis Abeba 27/1. (*donaldsoni*)

White-browed Robin-Chat *Cossypha heuglini* 1+2 Bishangari 7-8/1, 1 9/1, 2 Lake Boyo 10/1, 1 15/1, 2 16/1, and 1 19/1. (nominate)

Spotted Palm Thrush *Cichladusa guttata* 1 11/1, 1 12/1, 4 13/1, and 4 14/1. (*intercalans*)

Common Nightingale *Luscinia megarhynchos* 1 Bishangari 8/1, 1 HO (singing) at camp site Awash NP 22/1, and 1 HO (singing) near camp site in Jema Valley 27/1.



African Dusky Flycatcher (TC)

Common Redstart *Phoenicurus phoenicurus* 12 recorded on 9 dates 7-26/1. (nominate)

White-winged Cliff Chat *Monticola semirufus* 16 recorded on 8 dates 7-27/1, e.g. 5 Jema Valley 26/1. Endemic to Ethiopia and Eritrea.

Common Rock Thrush *Monticola saxatilis* 1 rd 8/1, 1 12/1, and 1 Dawa Village 15/1.

Little Rock Thrush *Monticola rufocinereus* 1 7/1, 1 m Abiata-Shalla NP 19/1, 2 24/1, 1 25/1, and 1 27/1. (nominate)

Blue Rock Thrush *Monticola solitarius* 1 near Lake Langano 7/1, and 1 rd 8/1.

Whinchat *Saxicola rubetra* 1 Jema Valley 27/1.

Siberian Stonechat *Saxicola maurus* 2 Jema Valley 27/1.

African Stonechat *Saxicola torquatus* 1 14/1, 1+20+5 Bale Mts 17-19/1, and 2 24/1. (*albofasciatus*)

Moorland Chat *Pinarochroa sordida* Common in Bale Mts 17-19/1, 20 btw Melka Ghebdu and Debre Birhan 24/1, 10 25/1, and 12 Jema Valley 26/1. (nominate)



White-winged Cliff Chat, Jema Valley (TC)



African Stonechat, Bale Mts (HP)

Mocking Cliff Chat *Thamnolaea cinnamomeiventris* 3 Lake Shalla 20/1, 1 Lonekoko 22/1, 2 23/1, 2 24/1, 8 25/1, and 12 Jema Valley 26/1. (*albiscapulata*)

Rüppell's Black Chat *Myrmecocichla melaena* 2 btw Melka Ghebdu and Debre Birhan 24/1, and 5 Jema Valley 25/1. Restricted-range species: present in Central Ethiopian Highlands EBA, endemic to Eth and Eritrea.

Northern Wheatear *Oenanthe oenanthe* 2 12/1, 5 13/1, 1 14/1, and 1 25/1. (nominate)



Moorland Chat, Sanetti Plateau (RH)

Red-breasted Wheatear *Oenanthe bottae* 2 Gaysay Valley 17/1, 15 rd 19/1, 1 20/1, 3 24/1, 6 rd 25/1, and 3 rd 27/1. (*frenata*)

Isabelline Wheatear *Oenanthe isabellina* Recorded on 17 dates, often btw 1 and 10 individuals, but noted as common or fairly common 4 days.

Black-eared Wheatear *Oenanthe hispanica* 3 rd 7/1, and 1 m 23/1. (*melanoleuca*)

Pied Wheatear *Oenanthe pleschanka* 90+ recorded on 17 dates 7-26/1.

Familiar Chat *Oenanthe familiaris* 1 Jema Valley 26/1. (*falkensteini*)

Brown-tailed Rock Chat *Oenanthe scotocerca* 4+1 Fonan Gofa area 11-12/1. (*turkana*)

Abyssinian Wheatear *Oenanthe lugubris* 2 rd 8/1, 2 rd 9/1, 5 rd 24/1, 3 rd 25/1, and 4 Jema Valley 26/1. Endemic to the Highlands of Eritrea and N & C Ethiopia.

Note: HBW Alive treats this taxon as a ssp of Mourning Wheatear *Oenanthe lugens lugubris*.

Sombre Rock Chat *Oenanthe dubia* E. 1 Matahara area 20/1.

Eastern Violet-backed Sunbird *Anthreptes orientalis* 3 rd 11/1, 4 rd 12/1, 6 rd 13/1, 2 15/1, and 1 m 23/1.



Rüppell's Black Chat, Jema Valley (TC)



Brown-tailed Rock Chat, near Fonan Gofa (TC)



Sombre Rock Chat, Matahara area (HP)

Collared Sunbird *Hedydipna collaris* 5 9/1, 2 14/1, 1 15/1, 5 16/1, and 3 17/1.

Nile Valley Sunbird *Hedydipna metallica* 1 m seen by few briefly in flight along road 23/1.

Scarlet-chested Sunbird *Chalcomitra senegalensis* 2+10 Wondo Genet 8-9/1, 1 m 14/1, 1 16/1, 3 Jema Valley 26/1, and 2 27/1. (*proteus*)

Hunter's Sunbird *Chalcomitra hunteri* 1 m seen by few 15/1.

Tacazze Sunbird *Nectarinia tacazze* 22 recorded on 6 dates 8-27/1. (nominate)

Beautiful Sunbird *Cinnyris pulchellus* 15+2 Bishangari 7-8/1. (nominate)

Marico Sunbird *Cinnyris mariquensis* 27 recorded on 8 dates 8-23/1. (*osiris*)

Shining Sunbird *Cinnyris habessinicus* 9 recorded on 7 dates 11-24/1. (3 ssp could have been involved: *habessinicus* in N & C Eth, *alter* in E Eth, and *turkanae* in S Eth)



Abyssinian Wheatear (HP)



Tacazze Sunbird (TC)

Variable Sunbird *Cinnyris venustus* 40 recorded on 7 dates. (*albiventris*)

White-browed Sparrow-Weaver *Plocepasser mahali* First observation was c 40 rd 7/1; recorded on 13 dates 7-23/1, often as fairly common. (*melanorhynchus*)

Chestnut-crowned Sparrow-Weaver *Plocepasser superciliosus* 2 Melka Ghebdu 23/1, and 10 Jema Valley 26/1.

Donaldson Smith's Sparrow-Weaver *Plocepasser donaldsoni* 20 Didkallo Plains 12/1.

Grey-capped Social Weaver *Pseudonigrita arnaudi* 5 rd 11/1, 30 Didkallo Plains 12/1, 30 13/1, and 10 14/1. (*arnaudi*)

Black-capped Social Weaver *Pseudonigrita cabanisi* 20 13/1, and 8 14/1.

Shelley's Sparrow *Passer shelleyi* 15 12/1, 5 13/1, and 3 14/1.

Swainson's Sparrow *Passer swainsonii* 200+ (locally common) recorded on 19 dates 7-27/1.

Parrot-billed Sparrow *Passer gongonensis* 1 11/1, and 10 near Mena 14/1.

Chestnut Sparrow *Passer eminibey* 6 village near Fonan Gofa 12/1, and 5 Machaico Plains 13/1.

House Sparrow *Passer domesticus* 1 m + 1 f Dublok 11/1.

Bush Petronia *Gymnoris dentata* 5+5 Melka Ghebdu 23-24/1, 25 en route to Jema Valley 25/1, and fairly common in Jema Valley 26/1.



Donaldson Smith's Sparrow-Weaver (TC)

Yellow-spotted Petronia *Gymnoris pyrgita* c 45 recorded on 8 dates 11-21/1. (nominate)

Red-billed Buffalo Weaver *Bubalornis niger* 83 recorded on 8 dates 9-24/1. (*intermedius*)

White-headed Buffalo Weaver *Dinemellia dinemelli* c 100 recorded on 13 dates 8-22/1. (nominate)

Speckle-fronted Weaver *Sporopipes frontalis* 10+2 Jema Valley 25-26/1. (nominate)

Baglafaecht Weaver *Ploceus baglafaecht* c 65 recorded on 11 dates 8-27/1. (mostly nominate, but at least in the Bale Mts area we noted some *reichenowi* 17-19/1)

Note: Rather confusing regarding occurrence of the subspecies in Ethiopia. Clearly three ssp are present: nominate, *reichenowi*, and *emini*, although according to HBW and IOC only nominate is listed for Ethiopia.

From HBW Alive: "Races sometimes separated into four groups: "nominate group" (also with *neumanni* and *eremobius*) and "stuhlmanni group" (also with *sharpii* and *nyikae*), and two single-species groups represented by *emini* and *reichenowi*, respectively; these groups are sometimes treated as four distinct species, but the groups intergrade wherever they meet. Races show some striking plumage differences, and this has been used by some authors as primary criterion for separating populations at species level; also some degree of isolation where restricted to montane habitats, but no regional variations in song described."

Little Weaver *Ploceus luteolus* 1 Bishangari 7/1, and 15 14/1. (nominate)

Spectacled Weaver *Ploceus ocularis* 2+1 near Bishangari 7-8/1. (*crocatus*)

Rüppell's Weaver *Ploceus galbula* c 55 recorded on 6 dates 7-27/1.

Northern Masked Weaver *Ploceus taeniopterus* 1 rd 11/1. (nominate)

Vitelline Masked Weaver *Ploceus vitellinus* 10 9/1, 1 14/1, 3 20/1, and 1+1 Jema Valley 25-26/1. (*uluensis*)

Village Weaver *Ploceus cucullatus* Recorded on 9 dates, e.g. common 9/1 and 27/1. (*abyssinicus*)

Juba Weaver *Ploceus dichrocephalus* 2 m (1 almost breeding plumage) Genale River 16/1.

Chestnut Weaver *Ploceus rubiginosus* 50 11/1, and 10 14/1. (nominate)

Red-headed Weaver *Anaplectes rubriceps* 23 recorded on 8 dates 7-19/1. (*leuconotus*)

Red-billed Quelea *Quelea quelea* 4 rd 7/1, c 500 Lake Boyo 9/1, 2 12/1, 5 14/1, 10 23/1, and 5+2 Jema Valley 25-26/1. (*aethiopia*)

Black-winged Red Bishop *Euplectes hordeaceus* 12+50 Jema Valley 25/1 and 27/1.

Northern Red Bishop *Euplectes franciscanus* 2 m rd 10/1, 3 11/1, and 10+5 Jema Valley 25-26/1. (nominate)

Yellow Bishop *Euplectes capensis* c 100+10 Gaysay Valley 18-19/1, 1 24/1, and 100+ Jema Valley 25/1. (*xanthomelas*)

Red-collared Widowbird *Euplectes ardens* c 250+50 mountains slopes at Jema Valley 25-26/1. (*laticauda*)

Red-billed Pytilia *Pytilia lineata* E. Short but great views of 1 m at Gofa, Jema Valley 25/1, and 1 m briefly at the same place 26/1 (at both occasions just after 17:15)



Northern Red Bishop (TC)

Orange-winged Pytilia *Pytilia afra* 1 where we had lunch 16/1.

Green-winged Pytilia *Pytilia melba* 2 11/1, 4 Fonan Gofa area 12/1, 2 13/1, 1 rd 14/1, 2 Awash NP 23/1. (*soudanensis*)

Cut-throat Finch *Amadina fasciata* 130 recorded on 9 dates 7-27/1, e.g. 50 rd 20/1, and 40 25/1. (*alexanderi*)

Green Twinspot *Mandingoa nitidula* 2 (m + f) Wondo Genet 9/1. (*chubbi*)

Abyssinian Crimsonwing *Cryptospiza salvadorii* 2+2 Harenna Forest 16-17/1. (nominate)

Red-billed Firefinch *Lagonosticta senegala* c 100 recorded on 10 dates 7-27/1, e.g. 20 Jema Valley 25/1. (ssp *rhodopsis* in the lowlands, and ssp *brunneiceps* in the highlands above 1.000 m)

African Firefinch *Lagonosticta rubricata* 1 m Jema Valley 25/1. (*haematocephala*)

Red-cheeked Cordon-bleu *Uraeginthus bengalus* c 180 recorded on 16 dates 7-27/1. (nominate)

Purple Grenadier *Uraeginthus ianthinogaster* 5 11/1, 1 12/1, 2 14/1, and 2 23/1.



Female and male Cut-throat Finch (TC)



Green Twinspot, Wondo Genet, male and female (TC)

Yellow-bellied Waxbill *Coccothraustes vespertina* 30+ 16/1, 50+ Hareenna Forest 17/1, and 2 Jema Valley 25/1. (nominate)

Abyssinian Waxbill *Estrilda ochrogaster* 2 Jema Valley 26/1.

Crimson-rumped Waxbill *Estrilda rhodopyga* 127 recorded on 5 dates: 60 11/1, 20 12/1, 2 13/1, 5 16/1, and 40 Jema Valley 26/1.

Common Waxbill *Estrilda astrild* c 150 recorded on 6 dates 7-26/1, e.g. 100+ 9/1. (*peasei*)

Black-checked Waxbill *Estrilda chamosyna* 2 14/1, 1 Abiata-Shalla NP 19/1, 2 Greek Lodge, Bilen Plains 21/1, and 1 Awash NP 23/1. (nominate)

African Silverbill *Euodice cantans* 1 Melka Ghebdu 24/1, and 7+3 Jema Valley 26-27/1. (*orientalis*)

Bronze Mannikin *Lonchura cucullata* 12 8/1, 12 Melka Ghebdu 23/1, and 2 24/1. (*scutata*)

Black-and-white Mannikin *Lonchura bicolor* 5 9/1, and 10 17/1. (*poensis*)

Village Indigobird *Vidua chalybeata* 35 recorded on 9 dates 9-27/1. (*ultramarina*)

Pin-tailed Whydah *Vidua macroura* c 90 recorded on 7 dates 9-27/1, e.g. 40+20 Jema Valley 26-27/1.

Straw-tailed Whydah *Vidua fischeri* 1 m rd 15/1.

Long-tailed Paradise Whydah *Vidua paradisaea* 3 m rd 11/1.

Western Yellow Wagtail *Motacilla flava* 110+ recorded on 15 dates, e.g. common 7/1. (possibly several ssp seen, including at least some *feldegg* 7/1 and 26/1)

Grey Wagtail *Motacilla cinerea* Singles seen on 8 dates 7-26/1. (nominate)

Mountain Wagtail *Motacilla clara* 4 Sheshemene 8/1, 3 Wondo Genet 9/1, 1 19/1, and 5+3 Jema Valley 25-26/1. Endemic subspecies. (nominate)

White Wagtail *Motacilla alba* 60+ recorded on 7 dates. (nominate)

African Pied Wagtail *Motacilla aguimp* 2+1 at bridge crossing river in Jema Valley 25-26/1. (*vidua*)

Abyssinian Longclaw *Macronyx flavicollis* E. 1 Sanetti Plateau 17/1, 10+5 Gaysay Valley, Bale Mts 18-19/1, and 2 rd 25/1.

African Pipit *Anthus cinnamomeus* 1 Haile Resort 7/1, 10 Senkele Wildlife Sanctuary 9/1, and 1 Jema Valley 26/1. Endemic subspecies. (nominate)

Tawny Pipit *Anthus campestris* 11 recorded on 6 dates 7-25/1, e.g. 3 Bishangari 7/1.

Long-billed Pipit *Anthus similis* 2 9/1, 7 11/1, 2 rd 24/1, and 2 Jema Valley 25/1. (*hararensis*)

Plain-backed Pipit *Anthus leucophrys* 1 Bishangari 8/1, 5 9/1, 2 14/1, and 4 15/1. (*omoensis*)

Tree Pipit *Anthus trivialis* 27 recorded on 11 dates 8-26/1.

Red-throated Pipit *Anthus cervinus* c 75 recorded on 8 dates 9-25/1, e.g. 30 Gaysay Valley, Bale Mts 18/1.



Long-billed Pipit, Jema Valley (TC)

African Citril *Crithagra citrinelloides* c 145 recorded on 9 dates 7-26/1. (nominate)
Note: Three birds near our camp in Jema Valley (JH) may have been Southern Citril, and likewise c 60 'African' Citril at Dofa stream 26/1 were not seen well enough to eliminate Southern Citril, a taxon with uncertain status in Ethiopia.

Yellow-rumped Seed eater *Crithagra xanthopygia* 3+2 Jema Valley 25-26/1. Endemic to Ethiopia and Eritrea.



Yellow-rumped Seed eater, Jema Valley (TC)

Reichenow's Seed eater *Crithagra reichenowi* 28 recorded on 7 dates 9-24/1, first seen in Senkele Wildlife Sanctuary 4 9/1.

Yellow-throated Seed eater *Crithagra flavigula* E. 4 Melka Ghebdu 24/1.



Yellow-throated Seedeater, a stunner and an real colour bomb... Melka Ghebdu (TC)

Salvadori's Seedeater *Crithagra xantholaema* E. 7+2 Bobela Forest 14-15/1.

Yellow-fronted Canary *Crithagra mozambica* 4+1 Jema valley 25-26/1. Endemic subspecies. (*gommaensis*)

White-bellied Canary *Crithagra dorsostriata* 2 1171, 1 12/1, 1 13/1, 1 14/1, and 2 Awash NP 23/1. (*maculicollis*)

Ankober Serin *Crithagra ankoberensis* E. Scope views of 15 in the ravine, Gemasa Gedel 24/1.



Salvadori's Seedeater, Bobela Forest (TC)

Northern Grosbeak-Canary *Crithagra donaldsoni* 3 rd, S Yabello 11/1.



Northern Grosbeak-Canary (TC)

Brown-rumped Seedeater *Crithagra tristriata* 57 recorded on 7 dates 9-27/1, e.g. 20+20 24-25/1.

Streaky Seedeater *Crithagra striolata* 27 recorded on 6 dates 8-24/1. (nominate)

Yellow-crowned Canary *Serinus flavivertex* 1 16/1, 15 17/1, and 2 Gaysay Valley, Bale Mts 18/1. (nominate)

Ethiopian Siskin *Serinus nigriceps* E. c 500 Bale Mts 17/1, common Bale Mts 18/1, 20 19/1, 75 24/1, 25 25/1, and 1 27/1.

Ortolan Bunting *Emberiza hortulana* 30 N Debre Birhan 25/1, and 4 Jema Valley 26/1.



Ortolan Bunting, N Debre Birhan (TC)

Cinnamon-breasted Bunting *Emberiza tahapisi* 2 rd 8/1, 10 25/1, 20 Jema Valley 26/1, and 2 27/1. (*septemstriata*)

Somali Bunting *Emberiza poliopleura* 16 recorded on 7 dates 11-23/1.



Somali Bunting (HP)



Ethiopian food – injera! Lunch at Sheshemene (RH)



Jesper takes a close look at the Somali Courser (in the lower left corner) (TC)



Birding at Gemasa Gedel (TC)



Monkey in Wondo Genet showing characters for both Grivet (*C. aethiops*) and Vervet Monkey (*C. pygerythrus*), thus a hybrid. (RH)