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African Pitta II

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Trip Report



Narina Trogon by Tony Ridl

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Tour Summary

Within the Zambezi River delta lays Coutada's 11 & 12. This roughly 1,2 million hectare wilderness is so vast and under-birded that it certainly warrants some serious attention from the avian tourism front. Upon arrival, one can truly see and sense the excitement that this area holds. This dynamic landscape, with huge tracts of sand forest, lowland forest, vast floodplains with papyrus swamps and a mosaic of small seasonal pans, plays host to bird and mammal species that are simply mouth-watering. A total of 7 days were spent here with a total of 254 bird and 29 mammalian species recorded. White-chested Alethe, Livingstone's Flycatcher, East Coast Akalat, the second ever Grasshopper Buzzard for the subregion, Green Sandpiper, Pallid Honeyguide, Brown-necked Parrot, Rufous-bellied Heron, Black Coucal and Bohm's Bee-eater are just a few of the mouth-watering specials that we managed to record. This great cast was accompanied with a massive amount of plains game too, such as Lichtenstein's Hartebeest, Oribi, Sable Antelope and rare creatures such as Selous' Mongoose and Gambian Rat.

The Tour in Detail

As we neared the wilderness that is the Coutadas on our small chartered flight from Beira, we could almost immediately see how vast this place is. We were greeted by the friendly smiles of the lodge staff on the runway, chanting to the beat of their traditional drum. After familiarising ourselves with the lodge and our accommodation, we decided to explore the direct area on foot. The first to draw our attention was a fantastic fly-by of a female Silvery-cheeked Hornbill. The stunning Red-necked Spurfowl showed well as a small group fed in the road, whilst Marabou Stork and White-backed and Hooded Vultures settled down in a large tree to roost. Blue Monkeys occupied the tree tops and the small Suni darted through the forest undergrowth. As light faded, we headed back after a few views of a beautiful male Gorgeous Bushshrike, as well as a Grey-backed Camaroptera. We enjoyed our first drink together around the campfire, whilst great views of the resident African Wood Owl was most welcome.



White-chested Alethe by Adam Riley

After our first night's sleep, we had an early start and decided to head to a small section of rare "sand or dry" forest. En route, some of us were lucky to see a nocturnal Bronze-winged Courser. As we arrived, we heard two major target species, namely East Coast Akalat and White-chested Alethe. Unfortunately, this time, the White-chested Alethe chose not to show itself well as it darted around with great speed. We could definitely see where the nickname the "ghost-bird" came about. A fantastic sighting of an East Coast Akalat was enjoyed as it continued to sing away very close to us. Lowland Tiny Greenbul, Livingstone's Flycatcher and Black-headed Apalis were other targets that showed exceptionally well. Square-tailed Drongo and Black-bellied Starling were

extremely active here, whilst we had views of Collared and Purple-banded Sunbirds, and African Goshawk too. The small forest clearing led to a pan with no water where we decided to enjoy our coffee stop. Little Bee-eaters were extremely evident, including a very odd individual with a gold colouration to it. A few Yellow-throated Longclaw displayed for us as a small family of African



Wattled Lapwing looked on. A medium sized raptor with broad wings flew overhead and perched in a dead tree - African Cuckoo Hawk! A small, slender-winged raptor also put in an appearance and ended up being a migratory Eurasian Hobby. We continued into some *Brachystegia* dominated miombo woodland and managed to see Broad-billed Roller, Crowned Hornbill, White-headed Vulture and an exceptional find in the form of a Green-backed Woodpecker. Golden-tailed and Cardinal Woodpeckers were also present before we bumped into a massive roosting Verreaux's Eagle Owl! We enjoyed this great sighting, even noting its pink eyelids before moving on. A mixed flock of birds were seen soon after in some pristine miombo. A search here produced our first of many Chestnut-fronted Helmetshrike and also prolonged views of a Stierling's Wren-Warbler. A Grey Tit-Flycatcher proved difficult to spot but eventually, with a bit of patience, we were treated to a great view. A family of Common Scimitar-bills and Mangrove Kingfisher showed well above our heads before we moved ahead. Crowned Eagle was a new raptor and we also managed to see a small flock of Red-backed Mannikins as they rested in the shade of a Marula tree. We retreated away from the midday sun and retired to our lodge.



East Coast Akalat by Hugh Chittenden

After lunch, we set out to explore the vast floodplain to the south-east of Coutada 11. Passing through this massive expanse of land, we ticked off Swallow-tailed Bee-eater, Bateleur and Trumpeter Hornbill. A large flock of small seedeaters turned out to be Orange-breasted Waxbills and not a long way further we managed to chase down and eventually get good views of some Lemon-breasted Canaries. Here, we also had our first Rufous-winged Cisticola, as well as Croaking and Short-winged Cisticolas. A Spotted Flycatcher put in a brief appearance before we decided to move on once again. We neared the floodplain and were greeted by a soaring Black-chested Snake Eagle. A large number of plains game was very refreshing to see in this day and age: herds of Sable Antelope, the rare Lichtenstein's subspecies of Hartebeest, many Oribi and hundreds of Southern Reedbuck. Two small raptors flew and fed very distinctively and ended up being male Lesser Kestrels. Three species of Harrier, namely African Marsh, Montagu's and Pallid were also seen well. Then, total



Grasshopper Buzzard by Tina Routledge

mayhem, and one of the biggest surprises of the trip was to be seen on the next stretch of road. We rounded a small corner and a medium sized raptor was seen perched on the ground on a small termite mound. Initial views showed a bird with a small head and light underparts, pale eye, dark malar stripes and supercilium. The bird then took off briefly and exposed a fantastic rich rufous coloured wing panel – GRASSHOPPER BUZZARD! This bird is virtually unknown to this part of the world and was obviously very lost. Just the second record for the southern African subregion! We all enjoyed views as it continued to fly from mound to mound, often running on the ground with its wings spread in



pursuit of its prey, locusts. We continued with adrenaline pumping strongly in our veins and were distracted by Collared Pratincoles and more Montagu's Harriers. A well-deserved celebratory sundowner was enjoyed before we made our way back to camp, ticking a large number of European Nightjars and a few Square-tailed Nightjars. A very rare Selous' Mongoose was also seen on the road near our lodge.

Another section of "sand or dry" forest was visited early the following morning. We immediately heard a White-chested Alethe as we identified its song amongst hundreds of other songs. As we persisted with the "ghost bird", we were finally rewarded to many brief sightings of this sought-after species. As we were getting views, another small bird proved to be highly inquisitive. It came within a couple of metres of us and we ended up having mouth-watering views of a Pallid Honeyguide. Even better views of Livingstone's Flycatcher and Black-headed Apalis were had whilst a Green Malkoha also showed extremely well. Lowland Tiny and Yellow-streaked Greenbuls, Red-capped Robin-Chat and Narina Trogon were enjoyed as we continued searching. A sharp trilling song gave away the presence of the rare Plain-backed Sunbird. A beautiful male was seen atop a tree, singing away, and then observed foraging in the canopy. A couple of Brown-necked Parrots flew right over our heads, along with brief sightings of an African Goshawk. The diminutive Blue and Red Duikers and Suni dashed in and out of the forest, whilst Red Bush and Mutable Sun Squirrels watched from higher up. A pair of White-chested Alethe was found and seen extremely well as they tended to a younger bird. We headed back to our lodge for a hearty breakfast and enjoyed a walk around the lodge grounds after. Here we found a mixed flock of both Retz's and Chestnut-fronted Helmetshrikes, another Green-backed Woodpecker, Eurasian Golden Oriole, a pair of Red-throated Twinspot and Green Woodhoopoe. The heat made us retreat to the shade of our lodging.

The afternoon brought on cooler weather when we decided to visit a productive pan further west, toward the boundary of Coutada 11 & 12. Wahlberg's Eagle and Brown-headed Parrot were seen on the way. A Square-tailed Nightjar was flushed, along with a few Greater Cane Rats. A pair of the beautiful Saddle-billed Storks strode proudly through the taller grass, whilst a few Long-toed



Pallid Honeyguide by Markus Lilje



Silvery-cheeked Hornbill by Adam Riley

& African Wattled Lapwings looked on in distress as we neared. A Black Coucal flew by very briefly until it disappeared into some very thick grass. A large flock of Black-winged Red Bishops showed well as they perched atop some dry twigs. Thick-billed & Eastern Golden Weavers lined the papyrus vegetation, whilst a few Wood Sandpipers scoured the water's edge. Some Silvery-cheeked and Trumpeter Hornbills flew by, as well as another Eurasian Hobby. Continuing we saw more Lemon-breasted Canaries, our first Striped Kingfisher and a pair of Pallid Flycatchers. More European and Square-



tailed Nightjars were seen as darkness fell.

Today, we decided to head north-west of Caia to the area around the village of Sena, along the mighty Zambezi River. Here we were to try and find the only known population of the sought-after Bohm's Bee-eater south of the Zambezi. This population was only recently discovered here. Otherwise, their range exists mostly within southern Malawi along the Shire River valley. We left well before dawn, finding some European Nightjar along the way. We had a fantastic sunrise and soon after, we spotted a small raptor flying to a dead tree above the road. It turned out to be a Dickinson's Kestrel. A Black Cuckoo also flew in and landed in the same tree! A quick



Long-toed Lapwing by Markus Lilje

stop on the edge of Coutada 11 gave us fantastic views of a pair of Mangrove Kingfishers and a little further on, we had a good view of a Mottled Spinetail and Purple-crested Turaco. Other birds seen en route included Brown Snake Eagle, Blue Waxbill, and Brown-hooded and Grey-headed Kingfishers. Passing Caia and moving onto the Zambezi delta proper, we had a sighting of a Eurasian Honey Buzzard, Blue-cheeked and European Bee-eaters, and Lilac-breasted and European Rollers. A leg-stretch proved to be very rewarding as we managed to hear the sought-after Moustached Grass Warbler. We went in search of our denizen and bumped into three species of Sunbird, namely Variable, Copper and White-bellied. The Moustached Grass Warbler also played along as it perched on top of a small bush for a few minutes. Brimstone Canary and Tawny-flanked Prinia were also seen here.

We neared the site for our main target and went into search mode. White-fronted Bee-eater, Wire-tailed and Lesser-striped Swallows, Black-winged Red Bishop, Western Yellow Wagtail, Klaas's and Diederik Cuckoo, Yellow-billed Stork, Goliath Heron and Brown-throated Martin were all found whilst searching for our quarry. We eventually found a small family of Bohm's Bee-eaters and enjoyed soaking views of this handsome bird. Copper Sunbirds were dripping from the trees, whilst a pair of Black-throated Wattle-eyes showed themselves well, as well as a confiding White-browed Robin-Chat. African Reed Warbler showed exceptionally well on the edge of the river, as well as Great Reed Warbler and African Mourning Dove. After our success, we slowly made our way



Bohm's Bee-eater by Tony Ridl

back with a productive stop near the longest bridge in Africa. Here we found Southern Brown-throated Weaver, Lesser Swamp Warbler, Pied and Malachite Kingfishers and, to our surprise - another sighting of a pair Bohm's Bee-eaters! This spot is about 20km further east on the edge of the Zambezi and certainly shows an expansion in this bird's range, which is great news! We continued back and stopped on the Zangue River Bridge and scanned through the mass of waterbirds evident. The highlight was definitely a feeding Black Heron, closing its wings around its head in order to attract its prey,



and to shield the sunlight for better vision too. Other new birds ticked off here were Woolly-necked Stork, African Openbill, Squacco, Grey, Black-headed and Purple Herons, Great, Intermediate and Little Egret, and also the monotypic Hamerkop. Nearing our “home away from home”, we visited the grave of Mary Moffatt - who was the wife of David Livingstone. Here we were pleasantly surprised to find a pair of Collared Palm Thrushes.

The following morning saw us starting in the dark and we managed to start the day off with a bang, in the form of an African Barred Owlet. We birded a section of “sand forest” in the morning, yet again. First up was a brief sighting of an African Broadbill. Blue-mantled Crested Flycatcher showed well and we had some of the best views yet of an East Coast Akalat on a nest, even witnessing her laying an egg! An African Pygmy Kingfisher proved very popular, as well as a confiding pair of Lowland Tiny Greenbuls. We moved on to a section of pristine miombo afterwards and managed to get into the



Copper Sunbird by Markus Lilje

mix of things with a large mixed flock of bird species. A pair of White-breasted Cuckooshrike was lovely to see, whilst a Pale Batis distracted us as it sang away. Yellow-bellied Greenbul showed briefly and a big miombo target was also seen yet all too briefly, a male Western Violet-backed Sunbird. Before reaching camp, we saw yet another Eurasian Honey Buzzard and also a female Black Cuckooshrike.

Our afternoon activity started off a bit late because of a torrential downpour when a huge thunderstorm passed through. Soon after it passed, we moved out to see what bird species would be active. We opted for a walk, and what a good decision that was. First up were fantastic views of a confiding pair of Pale Batises. This sought-after bird was seen at close range. A very wet Jacobin Cuckoo showed itself, as well as a singing male Violet-backed Starling, Southern Black Tit, Ashy Flycatcher, Spectacled Weaver and a pair of Red-throated Twinspots. We neared some open terrain and saw a Bearded Scrub Robin briefly, as well as a magnificent sighting of a perched Bateleur, a Yellow Bishop, Lemon-breasted Canary, Red-faced Cisticola and Red-billed Firefinch. As we neared our “sundowner” spot, we got great views of our first Tropical Boubou and Orange-breasted



Red-throated Twinspot by Murray Cooper

Bushshrike. A few hundred Common Swift were enjoyed flying over, following the storm, as we enjoyed a local beer or gin and tonic. A confiding Red-chested Cuckoo even perched on an exposed dead branch and a small flock of Brown-necked Parrots flew by.

This morning we left early, yet again, for an area we hadn't been to before. Further west lies neighbouring Coutada 12, and we visited some pristine miombo and lowland forest deep within. First stop was some lowland forest which provided us with



sightings of Eastern Nicator, Yellow-streaked Greenbul and the smart Livingstone's Flycatcher. Just before our breakfast stop we managed to see a flock of Scarce Swifts in a small forest clearing, a fantastic surprise! We headed onto the outlying miombo forests and managed to find the handsome Red-winged Warbler with a bit of effort. Another African Barred Owlet was being mobbed by a host of birds and nearby we managed to see a Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird. More Chestnut-fronted and Retz's Helmetshrikes were seen, as well as Southern Ground Hornbill, Stierling's Wren-Warbler and Eurasian Golden Oriole. A pair of Red-headed Weavers showed their striking colours and Lesser Masked Weaver were also seen building their nests. After a big downpour, birding activity proceeded in full force, with an excellent sighting of a Marsh Warbler and more Livingstone's Flycatcher, our best views yet. Another Eurasian Honey Buzzard was seen on our way back, as well as the comical Crested Guineafowl.

This afternoon we decided to visit a different section of floodplain and were surprised to see the amount of water that had fallen the previous day. Great excitement came in the form of a Dwarf Bittern as it flushed and perched for ages in an Illala Palm, affording exceptional views of this seasonal intra-African migrant. Next up were some seemingly out-of-place Common Ringed Plovers with a Three-banded Plover. More Orange-breasted Waxbills were seen in a flock and some Black-crowned Tchagras chased each other around a palm. We visited a second seasonal pan and had a fantastic sighting of both a male and female Greater Painted Snipe, along with a brief visual of a Green Sandpiper and a Little Bittern. The highlight was definitely the special Rufous-bellied Heron as one individual decided to show itself and even flaunt its colours in flight.

Our last day had, unfortunately, already arrived, and not much luck had been had with the African Pitta. We decided to try one last time and focused ourselves on finding it in a spot that we had had some luck on a previous tour. Unfortunately, only some of the group managed to get a glimpse of this gem. For those not so lucky, it certainly warrants a reason to come back and explore this great expanse of wilderness again. A great tour had come to an end as we connected with our chartered flight back to Beira and onwards to South Africa.



Miombo Forest of Coutada 12 by Andre Bernon



Annotated List of species recorded

Note: Number in brackets () indicates the number of days the species was recorded on the tour.

List powered through the report generator of our partner iGoTerra.

Birds (254 in total: 245 seen, 9 heard)

Nomenclature and taxonomy follows Gill, F and D Donsker (Eds). 2016. IOC World Bird List (v 6.3).

Status codes: E = Endemic, NE = Near-endemic, I = Introduced

IUCN codes: CR = Critically endangered, EN = Endangered, VU = Vulnerable, EW = Extinct in the Wild, NT = Near Threatened, DD = Data Deficient

Ducks, Geese, and Waterfowl Anatidae

White-faced Whistling Duck *Dendrocygna viduata*

(2) 8 Coutada 11 11.12 and 1 Caia 13.12.

A single bird was seen on the Zangue River.

Spur-winged Goose *Plectropterus gambensis gambensis*

(3) 2 Caia 11.12, 1 Coutada 11 12.12 and 1 Coutada 11 13.12.

Guineafowl Numididae

Helmeted Guineafowl *Numida meleagris mitratus*

(2) 10 en route 11.12 and 2 Coutada 11 12.12.

Crested Guineafowl *Guttera pucherani*

(5) Up to 5 Coutada 11 9-13.12.

Pheasants, Grouse, and Allies Phasianidae

Crested Francolin *Dendroperdix sephaena*

(1) 1 Coutada 11 9.12.

The kirkii sub-species of Crested Francolin.

Natal Spurfowl *Pternistis natalensis neavei*

(1) 1 Coutada 11 12.12.

Red-necked Spurfowl *Pternistis afer*

(5) 3 Coutada 11 8.12, 2 Coutada 11 9.12 and up to 1 Coutada 11 11-13.12.

Storks Ciconiidae

Yellow-billed Stork *Mycteria ibis*

(1) 1 Villa De Senna 11.12.

A single bird was seen on the Zambezi River near Sena.

African Openbill *Anastomus lamelligerus*

(1) 30 Caia 11.12.

Woolly-necked Stork (VU) *Ciconia episcopus microscelis*

(1) 40 Caia 11.12.

White Stork *Ciconia ciconia ciconia*

(1) 10 Caia 11.12.

Saddle-billed Stork *Ephippiorhynchus senegalensis*



(3) 2 Coutada 11 10.12, 3 Caia 11.12 and 1 Coutada 11 13.12.

Marabou Stork *Leptoptilos crumenifer*

(5) Up to 2 Coutada 11 8-11.12 and 3 Coutada 11 13.12.

Ibises and Spoonbills *Threskiornithidae*

African Sacred Ibis *Threskiornis aethiopicus*

(1) 5 Caia 11.12.

Hadada Ibis *Bostrychia hagedash*

(3) 2 Coutada 11 10.12, 3 Coutada 11 12.12 and 8 Coutada 11 13.12.

Herons, Egrets, and Bitterns *Ardeidae*

Little Bittern *Ixobrychus minutus payesii*

(1) 1 Coutada 11 13.12.

A young bird was flushed at a small pan near the floodplain.

Dwarf Bittern *Ixobrychus sturmii*

(1) 1 Coutada 11 13.12.

A stunning individual was seen near some flooded grassland on the edge of the floodplain.

Squacco Heron *Ardeola ralloides*

(1) 2 Caia 11.12.

A couple of birds were seen on the Zangue River.

Rufous-bellied Heron *Ardeola rufiventris*

(1) 1 Coutada 11 13.12.

Excellent views of a single bird were had at a pan on the edge of the floodplain.

Western Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis*

(2) 20 Coutada 11 9.12 and 10 Caia 11.12.

Grey Heron *Ardea cinerea cinerea*

(1) 2 Caia 11.12.

Black-headed Heron *Ardea melanocephala*

(1) 1 Caia 11.12.

Goliath Heron *Ardea goliath*

(2) 2 Caia 11.12 and 1 Coutada 11 13.12.

Purple Heron *Ardea purpurea purpurea*

(1) 2 Caia 11.12.

A couple of birds were seen on the Zangue River.

Great Egret *Ardea alba melanorhynchos*

(1) 1 Caia 11.12.

A single bird was seen on the Zangue River.

Intermediate Egret *Ardea intermedia brachyrhyncha*

(1) 6 Caia 11.12.

A small flock was seen on the Zangue River near Caia.

Black Heron *Egretta ardesiaca*

(1) 1 Caia 11.12.

A single bird was seen foraging on the Zangue River.

Little Egret *Egretta garzetta garzetta*

(1) 1 Caia 11.12.

Hamerkop *Scopidae*

Hamerkop *Scopus umbretta umbretta*

(1) 1 Caia 11.12.



Cormorants and Shags *Phalacrocoracidae***Reed Cormorant***Microcarbo africanus africanus*

(1) 2 Villa De Senna 11.12.

Hawks, Eagles, and Kites *Accipitridae***African Harrier-Hawk***Polyboroides typus typus*

(2) 1 Coutada 11 9.12 and 1 Coutada 11 10.12.

European Honey Buzzard*Pernis apivorus*

(3) 1 Villa De Senna 11.12, 1 Coutada 11 12.12 and 1 Coutada 12 13.12.

African Cuckoo-Hawk*Aviceda cuculoides verreauxii*

(1) 2 Coutada 11 9.12.

Hooded Vulture (EN)*Necrosyrtes monachus*

Observed 2 days in total.

White-backed Vulture (NT)*Gyps africanus*

(3) 1 Coutada 11 8.12, 1 Coutada 11 11.12 and 2 Coutada 11 12.12.

White-headed Vulture (VU)*Trigonoceps occipitalis*

(1) 1 Coutada 11 9.12.

Black-chested Snake Eagle*Circaetus pectoralis*

(3) Up to 1 Coutada 11 9-11.12.

Brown Snake Eagle*Circaetus cinereus*

(1) 1 en route 11.12.

A single bird was seen en route to Caia.

Bateleur (NT)*Terathopius ecaudatus*

(5) 5 Coutada 11 9.12.

Crowned Eagle (NT)*Stephanoaetus coronatus*

(3) Up to 3 Coutada 11 9-11.12.

Martial Eagle (NT)*Polemaetus bellicosus*

(1) 1 Coutada 11 10.12.

Wahlberg's Eagle*Hieraaetus wahlbergi*

(3) 1 Coutada 11 10.12, 1 Coutada 11 11.12 and 1 Coutada 12 13.12.

Lizard Buzzard*Kaupifalco monogrammicus meridionalis*

(2) 1 Coutada 11 9.12 and 2 Caia 11.12.

African Goshawk*Accipiter tachiro*

Observed 5 days in total.

African Marsh Harrier*Circus ranivorus*

(1) 1 Coutada 11 9.12.

Pallid Harrier (NT)*Circus macrourus*

(1) 2 Coutada 11 9.12.

Montagu's Harrier*Circus pygargus*

(1) 1 Coutada 11 9.12.

Yellow-billed Kite*Milvus aegyptius parasitus*

(2) 5 Coutada 11 9.12 and 4 Caia 11.12.

African Fish Eagle*Haliaeetus vocifer*

(3) 2 Coutada 11 10.12, 1 Caia 11.12 and 1 Coutada 12 13.12.

Grasshopper Buzzard*Butastur rufipennis*

(1) 1 Coutada 11 9.12.

A young bird was seen on the edge of the floodplain. 2nd RECORD FOR SOUTHERN AFRICA!

Common Buzzard*Buteo buteo vulpinus*

(1) 1 Caia 11.12.



Bustards *Otididae***Black-bellied Bustard***Lissotis melanogaster*

(5) Up to 2 Coutada 11 9-13.12.

Rails, Gallinules, and Coots *Rallidae***Black Crake***Amaurornis flavirostra*

(3) 1 Coutada 11 10.12, 1 Coutada 11 11.12 and 1 Coutada 11 13.12.

Common Moorhen*Gallinula chloropus meridionalis*

(1) 1 Caia 11.12.

A single bird was seen on the Zangue River near Caia.

Stilts and Avocets *Recurvirostridae***Black-winged Stilt***Himantopus himantopus*

(1) 2 Coutada 11 11.12.

A pair of birds were seen by some that opted to go to the floodplain on the 4th day of the tour.

Plovers and Lapwings *Charadriidae***Long-toed Lapwing***Vanellus crassirostris leucopterus*

(2) 3 Coutada 11 10.12 and 6 Coutada 11 11.12.

African Wattled Lapwing*Vanellus senegallus lateralis*

(2) 4 Coutada 11 9.12 and 2 Coutada 11 10.12.

Common Ringed Plover*Charadrius hiaticula*

(1) 5 Coutada 11 13.12.

Three-banded Plover*Charadrius tricollaris*

(1) 1 Coutada 11 13.12.

Painted-Snipes *Rostratulidae***Greater Painted-snipe***Rostratula benghalensis*

(1) 2 Coutada 11 13.12.

Fantastic views of both male and female were had on the edge of a small pan.

Jacanas *Jacanidae***African Jacana***Actophilornis africanus*

(2) 6 Caia 11.12 and 5 Coutada 11 13.12.

Sandpipers and Allies *Scolopacidae***Green Sandpiper***Tringa ochropus*

(1) 1 Coutada 11 13.12.

A single bird was seen briefly in flight near the floodplain.

Wood Sandpiper*Tringa glareola*

(3) 3 Coutada 11 10.12, 1 Caia 11.12 and 12 Coutada 11 13.12.

Common Sandpiper*Actitis hypoleucos*

(1) 1 Villa De Senna 11.12.

Little Stint*Calidris minuta*

(1) 2 Coutada 11 13.12.

Pratincoles and Coursers *Glareolidae***Bronze-winged Courser***Rhinoptilus chalcopterus*

(1) 1 Coutada 11 10.12.

A single bird was seen by some of the group as we headed out pre-dawn.



Collared Pratincole
(1) 3 Coutada 11 9.12.

Glareola pratincola fuelleborni

Pigeons and Doves *Columbidae*

Rock Dove

Columba livia livia

(1) 12 Villa De Senna 11.12.

Mourning Collared Dove

Streptopelia decipiens

(1) 1 Villa De Senna 11.12.

Red-eyed Dove

Streptopelia semitorquata

Observed 5 days in total.

Ring-necked Dove

Streptopelia capicola tropica

(2) 10 en route 11.12 and 1 Coutada 11 12.12.

Emerald-spotted Wood Dove

Turtur chalcospilos

(6) Up to 8 Coutada 11 8-13.12.

Tambourine Dove

Turtur tympanistria

(5) 1 heard Coutada 11 8.12, 1 Coutada 11 10.12, 3 en route 11.12, 1 heard Coutada 11 12.12 and 2 Coutada 12 13.12.

Namaqua Dove

Oena capensis capensis

(1) 2 Caia 11.12.

African Green Pigeon

Treron calvus

(2) 2 Coutada 11 9.12 and 1 en route 11.12.

Turacos *Musophagidae*

Livingstone's Turaco

Tauraco livingstonii

(6) Up to 1 Coutada 11 8-13.12.

Purple-crested Turaco

Tauraco porphyreolophus

(1) 1 en route 11.12.

Cuckoos *Cuculidae*

Burchell's Coucal

Centropus burchellii

(4) Up to 1 Coutada 11 10-13.12.

Black Coucal

Centropus grillii

(1) 1 Coutada 11 10.12.

A single bird was seen briefly as we were flushing around a small pan.

Green Malkoha

Ceuthmochares australis

(3) Up to 1 Coutada 11 10-12.12.

Jacobin Cuckoo

Clamator jacobinus

(2) 2 Coutada 11 12.12 and 1 Coutada 12 13.12.

Diederik Cuckoo

Chrysococcyx caprius

(1) 1 Villa De Senna 11.12.

Klaas's Cuckoo

Chrysococcyx klaas

(2) 1 Villa De Senna 11.12 and 1 heard Coutada 12 13.12.

African Emerald Cuckoo

Chrysococcyx cupreus

(4) 1 heard Coutada 11 9.12, 1 heard Coutada 11 10.12, 1 heard Coutada 11 12.12 and 1 heard Coutada 12 13.12.

Black Cuckoo

Cuculus clamosus

(4) 1 Coutada 11 9.12 and up to 2 Coutada 11 11-13.12.

Red-chested Cuckoo

Cuculus solitarius

(4) 1 Coutada 11 9.12, 1 heard Coutada 11 10.12, 1 Coutada 11 12.12 and 1 heard Coutada 11 13.12.



Owls Strigidae**Verreaux's Eagle-Owl***Bubo lacteus*

(1) 1 Coutada 11 9.12.

Excellent views were had of a roosting bird!

African Wood Owl*Strix woodfordii woodfordii*

(5) Up to 1 Coutada 11 8-12.12.

African Barred Owlet*Glaucidium capense*

(2) 1 Coutada 11 10.12 and 1 heard Coutada 12 13.12.

Nightjars and Allies Caprimulgidae**European Nightjar***Caprimulgus europaeus*

(5) Up to 10 Coutada 11 9-13.12.

Fiery-necked Nightjar*Caprimulgus pectoralis crepusculans*

(1) 1 heard Coutada 11 11.12.

Square-tailed Nightjar*Caprimulgus fossii welwitschii*

(4) Up to 2 Coutada 11 9-11.12 and 2 Coutada 11 13.12.

Swifts Apodidae**Scarce Swift***Schoutedenapus myoptilus*

(1) 20 Coutada 12 13.12.

Mottled Spinetail*Telacanthura ussheri benguellensis*

(1) 1 en route 11.12.

A single bird was seen in flight en route to Caia.

African Palm Swift*Cypsiurus parvus*

Observed 1 day in total.

Common Swift*Apus apus apus*

(1) 200 Coutada 11 12.12.

A huge flock was observed following a huge thunderstorm as we were enjoying sundowners.

Little Swift*Apus affinis affinis*

(1) 30 Caia 11.12.

White-rumped Swift*Apus caffer*

(1) 5 Caia 11.12.

Mousebirds Coliidae**Speckled Mousebird***Colius striatus*

(1) 2 Villa De Senna 11.12.

Red-faced Mousebird*Urocolius indicus*

(2) 10 Villa De Senna 11.12 and 3 Coutada 11 12.12.

Trogon Trogonidae**Narina Trogon***Apaloderma narina*

(5) Up to 3 Coutada 11 9-13.12.

Rollers Coraciidae**Lilac-breasted Roller***Coracias caudatus caudatus*

(1) 1 Villa De Senna 11.12.

European Roller (NT)*Coracias garrulus garrulus*

(1) 15 Villa De Senna 11.12.

Broad-billed Roller*Eurystomus glaucurus suahelicus*

(5) Up to 10 Coutada 11 9-12.12 and 2 Coutada 12 13.12.



Kingfishers Alcedinidae**Grey-headed Kingfisher***Halcyon leucocephala pallidiventris*

(1) 1 Coutada 11 11.12.

Brown-hooded Kingfisher*Halcyon albiventris*

(3) 1 Coutada 11 11.12, 1 Coutada 11 12.12 and 2 Coutada 12 13.12.

Striped Kingfisher*Halcyon chelicuti chelicuti*

(1) 1 Coutada 11 10.12.

Woodland Kingfisher*Halcyon senegalensis cyanoleuca*

(3) 1 en route 11.12, 1 Coutada 11 12.12 and 2 Coutada 12 13.12.

Mangrove Kingfisher*Halcyon senegaloides*

(3) 1 Coutada 11 9.12, 2 en route 11.12 and 1 heard Coutada 11 13.12.

African Pygmy Kingfisher*Ispidina picta natalensis*

(3) 1 Coutada 11 9.12, 1 Coutada 11 10.12 and 1 Coutada 11 12.12.

Malachite Kingfisher*Corythornis cristatus cristatus*

(2) 5 Caia 11.12 and 1 Coutada 11 13.12.

Pied Kingfisher*Ceryle rudis rudis*

(1) 1 Villa De Senna 11.12.

Bee-eaters Meropidae**Swallow-tailed Bee-eater***Merops hirundineus furcatus*

(5) Up to 7 Coutada 11 9-13.12.

Little Bee-eater*Merops pusillus meridionalis*

(5) Up to 50 Coutada 11 9-13.12.

White-fronted Bee-eater*Merops bullockoides*

(1) 2 Villa De Senna 11.12.

Böhm's Bee-eater*Merops boehmi*

(1) 5 Villa De Senna 11.12.

Two groups of this rare bird were found near Sena!

Blue-cheeked Bee-eater*Merops persicus persicus*

(1) 8 Villa De Senna 11.12.

European Bee-eater*Merops apiaster*

Observed 5 days in total.

Hoopoes Upupidae**African Hoopoe***Upupa africana*

(2) 3 Coutada 12 12.12 and 1 Coutada 12 13.12.

Woodhoopoes and Scimitar-bills Phoeniculidae**Green Wood Hoopoe***Phoeniculus purpureus marwitzi*

(4) 1 heard Coutada 11 9.12, 3 Coutada 11 10.12, 2 en route 11.12 and 1 Coutada 12 13.12.

Common Scimitarbill*Rhinopomastus cyanomelas schalowi*

(2) 3 Coutada 11 9.12 and 2 en route 11.12.

Ground Hornbills Bucorvidae**Southern Ground Hornbill (VU)***Bucorvus leadbeateri*

(4) Up to 6 Coutada 11 9-11.12 and 7 Coutada 12 13.12.

Hornbills Bucerotidae**Crowned Hornbill***Lophoceros alboterminatus*

(5) Up to 7 Coutada 11 9-13.12.



Trumpeter Hornbill*Bycanistes bucinator*

(5) Up to 30 Coutada 11 9-13.12.

Silvery-cheeked Hornbill*Bycanistes brevis*

(5) Up to 1 Coutada 11 8-10.12, 2 Coutada 11 12.12 and 1 Coutada 11 13.12.

African Barbets *Lybiidae***White-eared Barbet***Stactolaema leucotis leucotis*

(2) 2 Coutada 11 11.12 and 2 Coutada 11 12.12.

Yellow-rumped Tinkerbird*Pogoniulus bilineatus bilineatus*

(1) 1 heard Coutada 11 9.12.

Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird*Pogoniulus chrysoconus extoni*

(1) 1 Coutada 12 13.12.

Black-collared Barbet*Lybius torquatus*

(1) 1 Coutada 11 11.12.

Honeyguides *Indicatoridae***Pallid Honeyguide***Indicator meliphilus angolensis*

(3) 1 Coutada 11 10.12, 1 Coutada 11 12.12 and 1 heard Coutada 12 13.12.

A bird was seen at close quarters when we were viewing a White-chested Alethe.

Woodpeckers *Picidae***Golden-tailed Woodpecker***Campethera abingoni*

(3) 1 heard Coutada 11 9.12, 1 heard Coutada 11 10.12 and 1 heard Coutada 11 12.12.

Green-backed Woodpecker*Campethera cailliautii loveridgei*

(4) 1 Coutada 11 9.12, 1 Coutada 11 10.12, 1 Coutada 11 12.12 and 1 Coutada 12 13.12.

Bearded Woodpecker*Chloropicus namaquus*

(1) 1 Coutada 11 9.12.

Cardinal Woodpecker*Dendropicos fuscescens hartlaubii*

(3) 2 Coutada 11 9.12, 1 en route 11.12 and 1 Coutada 11 12.12.

Falcons and Caracaras *Falconidae***Lesser Kestrel***Falco naumanni*

(1) 2 Coutada 11 9.12.

Dickinson's Kestrel*Falco dickinsoni*

(1) 1 Coutada 11 11.12.

An excellent sighting of a bird perched high up in a dead tree.

Eurasian Hobby*Falco subbuteo subbuteo*

(3) 2 Coutada 11 9.12, 1 Coutada 11 10.12 and 1 en route 11.12.

Lanner Falcon*Falco biarmicus*

(1) 1 Caia 11.12.

African & New World Parrots *Psittacidae***Brown-necked Parrot***Poicephalus fuscicollis suahelicus*

(3) 3 Coutada 11 10.12, 3 en route 11.12 and 5 Coutada 11 12.12.

Brown-headed Parrot*Poicephalus cryptoxanthus*

(2) 2 Coutada 11 10.12 and 1 Coutada 12 13.12.

Broadbills *Eurylaimidae***African Broadbill***Smithornis capensis*

(1) 1 Coutada 11 12.12.



A bird was seen well by some I the sand forest.

Pittas Pittidae

African Pitta

Pitta angolensis longipennis

(1) 1 Coutada 11 14.12.

Unfortunately, only one person managed a glimpse of this elusive bird.

Wattle-eyes and Batises Platysteiridae

Woodward's Batis

Batis fratum

(2) 2 Coutada 11 10.12 and 1 Coutada 11 12.12.

Pale Batis

Batis soror

(2) 3 Coutada 11 12.12 and 1 heard Coutada 11 13.12.

Black-throated Wattle-eye

Platysteira peltata

(1) 2 Villa De Senna 11.12.

A pair was seen well whilst viewing the Bohm's Bee-eater.

Helmetshrikes and Allies Prionopidae

Retz's Helmetshrike

Prionops retzii tricolor

(2) 10 Coutada 11 10.12 and 2 Coutada 12 13.12.

Chestnut-fronted Helmetshrike

Prionops scopifrons scopifrons

(4) 12 Coutada 11 9.12, 5 Coutada 11 10.12, 2 Coutada 11 12.12 and 15 Coutada 11 13.12.

Bushshrikes and Allies Malaconotidae

Grey-headed Bushshrike

Malaconotus blanchoti hypopyrrhus

(1) 1 heard Coutada 12 13.12.

Orange-breasted Bushshrike

Chlorophoneus sulfureopectus similis

(5) Up to 1 Coutada 11 9-12.12 and 1 heard Coutada 12 13.12.

Gorgeous Bushshrike

Telophorus viridis

(2) 1 Coutada 11 8.12 and 1 heard Coutada 11 12.12.

Brown-crowned Tchagra

Tchagra australis

(2) 1 heard Coutada 11 11.12 and 1 heard Coutada 12 13.12.

Black-crowned Tchagra

Tchagra senegalus armenus

(5) 1 heard Coutada 11 9.12, 1 Coutada 11 10.12, 1 en route 11.12, 1 heard Coutada 11 12.12 and 4 Coutada 12 13.12.

Black-backed Puffback

Dryoscopus cubla hamatus

Observed 5 days in total.

Tropical Boubou

Laniarius major mossambicus

(5) Up to 1 Coutada 11 8-10.12, 2 Coutada 11 12.12 and 1 heard Coutada 11 13.12.

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Nilaus afer

(1) 1 heard Coutada 11 9.12.

Cuckoo-shrikes Campephagidae

White-breasted Cuckooshrike

Coracina pectoralis

(1) 2 Coutada 12 12.12.

Black Cuckooshrike

Campephaga flava

(2) 2 Coutada 11 10.12 and 1 Coutada 11 12.12.

Shrikes Laniidae

Red-backed Shrike

Lanius collurio

(1) 2 Villa De Senna 11.12.



Old World Orioles *Oriolidae***Eurasian Golden Oriole***Oriolus oriolus*

(3) 2 Coutada 11 10.12, 1 en route 11.12 and 1 Coutada 12 13.12.

African Golden Oriole*Oriolus auratus notatus*

(2) 2 Coutada 11 10.12 and 1 Coutada 11 12.12.

Black-headed Oriole*Oriolus larvatus*

(4) 1 heard Coutada 11 10.12, 2 en route 11.12, 1 heard Coutada 11 12.12 and 1 Coutada 12 13.12.

Drongos *Dicruridae***Square-tailed Drongo***Dicrurus ludwigii*

Observed 2 days in total.

Fork-tailed Drongo*Dicrurus adsimilis fugax*

(1) 2 Coutada 11 12.12.

Monarch Flycatchers *Monarchidae***Blue-mantled Crested Flycatcher***Trochocercus cyanomelas megalolophus*

(2) 2 Coutada 11 9.12 and 1 Coutada 11 12.12.

African Paradise Flycatcher*Terpsiphone viridis plumbeiceps*

(2) 5 en route 11.12 and 4 Coutada 12 13.12.

Crows, Jays, and Magpies *Corvidae***Pied Crow***Corvus albus*

(2) 20 en route 8.12 and 20 Caia 11.12.

Chickadees and Tits *Paridae***Southern Black Tit***Melaniparus niger*

(1) 1 Coutada 11 12.12.

Nicator *Nicatoridae***Eastern Nicator***Nicator gularis*

(5) 1 heard Coutada 11 9.12, 1 heard Coutada 11 10.12, 1 en route 11.12, 1 heard Coutada 11 12.12 and 2 Coutada 12 13.12.

Larks *Alaudidae***Flappet Lark***Mirafr rufocinnamomea*

(3) 1 Coutada 11 9.12, 1 Coutada 11 10.12 and 2 Coutada 11 13.12.

Bulbuls *Pycnonotidae***Dark-capped Bulbul***Pycnonotus tricolor*

Observed 5 days in total.

Sombre Greenbul*Andropadus importunus*

(3) 1 heard Coutada 11 10.12, 1 Villa De Senna 11.12 and 1 Coutada 11 12.12.

Yellow-bellied Greenbul*Chlorocichla flaviventris*

(1) 2 Coutada 12 12.12.

Terrestrial Brownbul*Phyllastrephus terrestris*

(3) 5 Coutada 11 10.12, 4 Coutada 11 12.12 and 5 Coutada 12 13.12.

Yellow-streaked Greenbul*Phyllastrephus flavostriatus*

(3) 2 Coutada 11 10.12, 1 heard Coutada 11 12.12 and 1 Coutada 12 13.12.

Lowland Tiny Greenbul*Phyllastrephus debilis debilis*

(3) 2 Coutada 11 9.12, 2 Coutada 11 10.12 and 1 heard Coutada 11 12.12.



Swallows *Hirundinidae***Brown-throated Martin***Riparia paludicola paludicola*

(1) 1 Villa De Senna 11.12.

A single bird was seen near the Zambezi River.

Barn Swallow*Hirundo rustica rustica*

Observed 7 days in total.

Wire-tailed Swallow*Hirundo smithii smithii*

(1) 5 Villa De Senna 11.12 and 15 Caia 11.12.

Lesser Striped Swallow*Cecropis abyssinica unitatis*

(1) 20 Caia 11.12.

Crombecs, African warblers *Macrosphenidae***Moustached Grass Warbler***Melocichla mentalis orientalis*

(1) 1 Villa De Senna 11.12.

Exceptional views were had in some rank grass.

Red-faced Crombec*Sylvietta whytii whytii*

(1) 1 heard Coutada 11 13.12.

Yellow Flycatcher *Erythroceridae***Livingstone's Flycatcher***Erythrocerus livingstonei*

(3) 3 Coutada 11 9.12, 5 Coutada 11 10.12 and 5 Coutada 11 13.12.

Reed-Warblers and Allies *Acrocephalidae***Lesser Swamp Warbler***Acrocephalus gracilirostris gracilirostris*

(1) 1 Villa De Senna 11.12.

Great Reed Warbler*Acrocephalus arundinaceus*

(1) 1 Villa De Senna 11.12.

African Reed Warbler*Acrocephalus baeticatus*

(1) 2 Villa De Senna 11.12.

Marsh Warbler*Acrocephalus palustris*

(1) 1 Coutada 12 13.12.

A single bird was seen in some miombo woodland after a thundershower.

Cisticolas and Allies *Cisticolidae***Red-faced Cisticola***Cisticola erythrops nyasa*

(2) 1 heard Coutada 11 11.12 and 1 Coutada 11 12.12.

Rattling Cisticola*Cisticola chiniana*

(1) 3 en route 11.12.

Rufous-winged Cisticola*Cisticola galactotes*

(3) 1 Coutada 11 9.12, 2 Caia 11.12 and 1 Coutada 11 13.12.

Croaking Cisticola*Cisticola natalensis natalensis*

(2) 4 Coutada 11 9.12 and 2 Caia 11.12.

Short-winged Cisticola*Cisticola brachypterus isabellinus*

(1) 1 Coutada 11 9.12.

Zitting Cisticola*Cisticola juncidis terrestris*

(1) 1 heard en route 14.12.

Tawny-flanked Prinia*Prinia subflava*

(2) 1 Villa De Senna 11.12 and 2 Coutada 11 13.12.

Red-winged Warbler*Heliolais erythropterus rhodopterus*

(2) 1 heard Coutada 11 11.12 and 5 Coutada 12 13.12.



Yellow-breasted Apalis*Apalis flava neglecta*

(3) 1 heard Coutada 11 10.12, 1 Villa De Senna 11.12 and 2 Coutada 11 12.12.

Black-headed Apalis*Apalis melanocephala*

(4) 1 heard Coutada 11 9.12, 3 Coutada 11 10.12, 1 Coutada 11 12.12 and 2 Coutada 12 13.12.

Grey-backed Camaroptera*Camaroptera brevicaudata beirensis*

Observed 2 days in total.

Stierling's Wren-Warbler*Calamonastes stierlingi*

(3) 1 Coutada 11 9.12, 1 heard Coutada 11 12.12 and 2 Coutada 12 13.12.

Laughingthrushes Leiothrichidae**Arrow-marked Babbler***Turdoides jardineii*

(3) 1 heard Coutada 11 8.12, 2 Coutada 11 9.12 and 1 heard Coutada 12 13.12.

Starlings Sturnidae**Black-bellied Starling***Notopholia corrusca*

(3) 2 Coutada 11 9.12, 2 Coutada 11 12.12 and 3 Coutada 12 13.12.

Violet-backed Starling*Cinnyricinclus leucogaster verreauxi*

(3) 2 Villa De Senna 11.12, 4 Coutada 11 12.12 and 6 Coutada 12 13.12.

Oxpeckers Buphagidae**Red-billed Oxpecker***Buphagus erythrorhynchus*

(3) Up to 13 Coutada 11 9-11.12.

Thrushes and Allies Turdidae**Kurrichane Thrush***Turdus libonyana*

(2) 2 Coutada 12 12.12 and 5 Coutada 12 13.12.

Old World Flycatchers Muscicapidae**Bearded Scrub Robin***Cercotrichas quadrivirgata quadrivirgata*

(5) 1 heard Coutada 11 8.12 and up to 1 Coutada 11 10-13.12.

White-browed Scrub Robin*Cercotrichas leucophrys*

(2) 1 heard Coutada 11 12.12 and 1 Coutada 11 13.12.

Grey Tit-Flycatcher*Myioparus plumbeus orientalis*

(3) 1 Coutada 11 9.12, 1 heard Coutada 11 12.12 and 1 heard Coutada 12 13.12.

Southern Black Flycatcher*Melaenornis pammelaina pammelaina*

(2) 1 Coutada 11 12.12 and 4 Coutada 12 13.12.

Pale Flycatcher*Melaenornis pallidus*

(1) 1 Coutada 11 10.12.

Spotted Flycatcher*Muscicapa striata striata*

(1) 1 Coutada 11 9.12.

Ashy Flycatcher*Muscicapa caerulescens*

(3) 1 heard Coutada 11 8.12, 2 Coutada 11 12.12 and 1 Coutada 12 13.12.

White-chested Alethe*Pseudalethe fuelleborni*

(4) 1 heard Coutada 11 9.12, 3 Coutada 11 10.12, 1 heard Coutada 11 12.12 and 1 heard Coutada 11 13.12.

White-browed Robin-Chat*Cossypha heuglini intermedia*

(2) 1 heard Coutada 11 9.12 and 1 Villa De Senna 11.12.

A single bird perched above our heads as we viewed the Bohmu0027s Bee-eaters.

Red-capped Robin-Chat*Cossypha natalensis intensa*

(3) 1 heard Coutada 11 9.12, 1 en route 11.12 and 2 Coutada 11 12.12.



East Coast Akalat (NT)*Sheppardia gunningi gunningi*

(3) 1 Coutada 11 9.12, 1 heard Coutada 11 10.12 and 2 Coutada 11 12.12.

A pair of this rare Akalat were seen on a nest!

Collared Palm Thrush*Cichladusa arquata*

(1) 2 en route 11.12.

Sunbirds and Spiderhunters Nectariniidae**Plain-backed Sunbird (NT)***Anthreptes reichenowi reichenowi*

(1) 1 Coutada 11 10.12.

Fantastic views of a male was had in some tall sand forest.

Western Violet-backed Sunbird*Anthreptes longuemarei nyassae*

(2) 1 Coutada 12 12.12 and 1 Coutada 12 13.12.

Unfortunately only brief glimpses were had of both a male and female bird.

Collared Sunbird*Hedydipna collaris*

Observed 6 days in total.

Olive Sunbird*Cyanomitra olivacea*

(3) 1 heard Coutada 11 9.12, 1 heard Coutada 11 10.12 and 1 Coutada 12 12.12.

Amethyst Sunbird*Chalcomitra amethystina*

(1) 1 Coutada 12 13.12.

Scarlet-chested Sunbird*Chalcomitra senegalensis gutturalis*

(1) 2 Villa De Senna 11.12.

Purple-banded Sunbird*Cinnyris bifasciatus microrhynchus*

Observed 5 days in total.

White-bellied Sunbird*Cinnyris talatala*

(1) 2 Villa De Senna 11.12.

Variable Sunbird*Cinnyris venustus*

(1) 1 Villa De Senna 11.12.

A young male was seen near Sena.

Copper Sunbird*Cinnyris cupreus*

(1) 5 Villa De Senna 11.12.

Fantastic views of many males along the Zambezi.

Old World Sparrows Passeridae**House Sparrow***Passer domesticus indicus*

(2) 2 en route 8.12 and 7 Caia 11.12.

Yellow-throated Petronia*Gymnoris superciliaris*

(2) 1 Coutada 11 9.12 and 2 Coutada 12 13.12.

Weavers and Allies Ploceidae**Thick-billed Weaver***Amblyospiza albifrons woltersi*

(2) 50 Coutada 11 10.12 and 30 en route 11.12.

Spectacled Weaver*Ploceus ocularis*

(1) 2 Coutada 11 12.12.

Eastern Golden Weaver*Ploceus subaureus*

(2) 15 Coutada 11 10.12 and 2 Coutada 12 13.12.

Southern Brown-throated Weaver*Ploceus xanthopterus*

(1) 5 Villa De Senna 11.12.

Lesser Masked Weaver*Ploceus intermedius*

(1) 4 Villa De Senna 11.12.



Village Weaver	<i>Ploceus cucullatus</i>
(2) 2 Villa De Senna 11.12 and 3 Coutada 12 13.12.	
Dark-backed Weaver	<i>Ploceus bicolor</i>
Observed 1 day in total.	
Red-headed Weaver	<i>Anaplectes rubriceps rubriceps</i>
(1) 2 Coutada 12 13.12.	
Red-headed Quelea	<i>Quelea erythrops</i>
(1) 2 Coutada 11 11.12.	
Red-billed Quelea	<i>Quelea quelea lathamii</i>
(1) 30 Coutada 12 13.12.	
Black-winged Red Bishop	<i>Euplectes hordeaceus</i>
(3) 12 Coutada 11 10.12, 10 Villa De Senna 11.12 and 1 Coutada 12 13.12.	
Southern Red Bishop	<i>Euplectes orix</i>
(1) 1 en route 14.12.	
Yellow Bishop	<i>Euplectes capensis</i>
(1) 1 Coutada 11 12.12.	

Waxbills and Allies Estrildidae

Red-throated Twinspot	<i>Hypargos niveoguttatus niveoguttatus</i>
(3) 1 Coutada 11 8.12, 4 Coutada 11 10.12 and 2 Coutada 11 12.12.	
Red-billed Firefinch	<i>Lagonosticta senegala rendalli</i>
(1) 3 Coutada 11 12.12.	
Blue Waxbill	<i>Uraeginthus angolensis niassensis</i>
(1) 4 Villa De Senna 11.12.	
Common Waxbill	<i>Estrilda astrild cavendishi</i>
(3) 20 Coutada 11 10.12, 2 Villa De Senna 11.12 and 10 Coutada 12 13.12.	
Orange-breasted Waxbill	<i>Amandava subflava clarkei</i>
(2) 50 Coutada 11 9.12 and 20 Coutada 11 13.12.	
Bronze Mannikin	<i>Lonchura cucullata scutata</i>
(2) 20 Coutada 11 9.12 and 30 Coutada 11 11.12.	
Red-backed Mannikin	<i>Lonchura nigriceps</i>
(2) 2 Coutada 11 8.12 and 10 Coutada 11 9.12.	

Indigobirds Viduidae

Pin-tailed Whydah	<i>Vidua macroura</i>
(1) 1 en route 11.12.	

Wagtails and Pipits Motacillidae

Western Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>
(1) 1 Villa De Senna 11.12.	
Yellow-throated Longclaw	<i>Macronyx croceus vulturinus</i>
(3) 4 Coutada 11 9.12, 1 Coutada 11 10.12 and 6 Coutada 11 13.12.	
African Pipit	<i>Anthus cinnamomeus</i>
(1) 1 Coutada 11 9.12.	

Finches, Euphonias Fringillidae

Lemon-breasted Canary	<i>Crithagra citrinipectus</i>
(4) 2 Coutada 11 9.12, 2 Coutada 11 10.12, 2 Coutada 11 12.12 and 6 Coutada 11 13.12.	
Yellow-fronted Canary	<i>Crithagra mozambica</i>
(2) 1 Villa De Senna 11.12 and 1 Coutada 11 12.12.	



Brimstone Canary*Crithagra sulphurata*

(1) 1 Villa De Senna 11.12.

Mammals (27 in total: 26 seen, 1 heard)**Status codes:** E = Endemic, NE = Near-endemic, I = Introduced**IUCN codes:** CR = Critically endangered, EN = Endangered, VU = Vulnerable, EW = Extinct in the Wild, NT = Near Threatened, DD = Data Deficient**Elephant Shrews *Macroscelididae*****Four-toed Sengi***Petrodromus tetradactylus*

(1) 1 Coutada 11 13.12.

Galagos *Galagidae***Thick-tailed Greater Galago***Otolemur crassicaudatus kirkii*

(1) 1 heard Coutada 11 12.12.

Old World monkeys *Cercopithecidae***Blue Monkey***Cercopithecus mitis erythrarchus*

Observed 6 days in total.

Vervet*Chlorocebus pygerythrus*

(1) 2 en route 11.12.

Yellow Baboon*Papio cynocephalus cynocephalus*

(5) Up to 20 Coutada 11 9-13.12.

Rabbits, Hares *Leporidae***African Savanna Hare***Lepus microtis*

(2) 3 Coutada 11 9.12 and 1 Coutada 11 11.12.

Cane Rats *Thryonomyidae***Greater Cane Rat***Thryonomys swinderianus*

(2) 1 Coutada 11 10.12 and 1 Coutada 12 13.12.

Climbing Mice, Rock Mice, White-tailed Rat, Malagasy Rats and Mice *Nesomyidae***Gambian Rat***Cricetomys gambianus*

(1) 1 Coutada 11 14.12.

Squirrels *Sciuridae***Mutable Sun Squirrel***Heliosciurus mutabilis*

(1) 1 Coutada 11 10.12.

Red Bush Squirrel*Paraxerus palliatus*

(2) 1 Coutada 11 10.12 and 1 Coutada 11 11.12.

Mongoose *Herpestidae***Marsh Mongoose***Atilax paludinosus*

(1) 1 Coutada 11 11.12.

Banded Mongoose*Mungos mungo*

(1) 1 Coutada 11 9.12.

Selous' Mongoose*Paracynictis selousi*

(1) 1 Coutada 11 13.12.



Zebras, Horse, Asses *Equidae***Plains Zebra***Equus quagga crawshayi*

(1) 40 Coutada 11 11.12.

The rare Selous' sub-species.

Pigs *Suidae***Common Warthog***Phacochoerus africanus sundevallii*

(5) Up to 40 Coutada 11 9-13.12.

Bushpig*Potamochoerus larvatus*

(1) 12 Coutada 11 13.12.

A family with tiny piglets were seen running across the road.

Hippopotamuses *Hippopotamidae***Hippopotamus***Hippopotamus amphibius*

(1) 5 Villa De Senna 11.12.

A small pod was seen in the Zambezi River.

Cattle, Antelopes, Sheep, Goats *Bovidae***Hartebeest***Alcelaphus buselaphus lichtensteinii*

Observed 1 day in total.

Natal Red Duiker*Cephalophus natalensis*

Observed 5 days in total.

Sable Antelope*Hippotragus niger*

(2) 30 Coutada 11 9.12.

Waterbuck*Kobus ellipsiprymnus ellipsiprymnus*

(2) 150 Coutada 11 9.12 and 1 Coutada 11 11.12.

Suni*Nesotragus moschatus*

(6) Up to 5 Coutada 11 8-13.12.

Oribi*Ourebia ourebi*

(4) Up to 200 Coutada 11 9-11.12 and 8 Coutada 11 13.12.

Southern Reedbuck*Redunca arundinum*

(5) Up to 200 Coutada 11 9-13.12.

Nyala*Tragelaphus angasii*

(3) 6 Coutada 11 10.12, 3 Coutada 11 12.12 and 10 Coutada 11 13.12.

Common Eland*Tragelaphus oryx*

(2) 1 Coutada 11 9.12 and 30 Coutada 11 11.12.

Bushbuck*Tragelaphus scriptus*

(2) 1 Coutada 11 11.12 and 1 Coutada 11 12.12.

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