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Worldwide Birding Adventures

Ethiopia

Endemics I

7th to 25th January 2017 (19 days)

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25th to 28th January 2017 (4 days)

Trip Report



Clapperton's Francolin by Jason Grubba

Trip report compiled by Tour Leader, Wayne Jones

Top 10 Birds

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| 1. Bearded Vulture | 6. Clapperton's Francolin |
| 2. Egyptian Plover | 7. Golden-breasted Starling |
| 3. Ruspoli's Turaco | 8. African Pygmy Goose |
| 4. Stresemann's Bush Crow | 9. Abyssinian Roller |
| 5. Abyssinian Owl | 10. Lichtenstein's Sandgrouse |



Tour Summary

The Horn of Africa is one of the prime birding destinations on the continent. Ethiopia is the most accessible country in the region, with a large number of endemics and near-endemics birds, and a few endemic mammals. On this tour, we explored the country from the depths of the Rift Valley to the highs of the Sanetti Plateau, finding over 500 bird species and 38 mammals.



Rüppell's Robin-Chat by Jason Grubba

We got our tour off to an auspicious start on Ethiopia's equivalent of Christmas Day, known as *Gena* or *Ledet*. We spent the afternoon walking the grounds of the Ghion Hotel in Addis, the sounds of distant celebrations wafting by, now and then. Addis Ababa is situated at an altitude of 2,355m, so we saw a number of higher-altitude species and near-endemics, including Wattled Ibis, White-collared Pigeon, Black-winged Lovebird, Abyssinian Slaty Flycatcher, Brown-rumped and Streaky Seedeaters, Brown Parisoma, Montane White-eye, Tacazze Sunbird, Dusky Turtle Dove and Eastern Grey Woodpecker. We also got to grips with widespread species that

we would encounter often on the tour, such as Hooded and Rüppell's Vultures, Black and Yellow-billed Kites, Speckled Pigeon, Speckled Mousebird, Blue-breasted Bee-eater, African Paradise Flycatcher, Pied Crow, Fan-tailed Raven, Common Bulbul, Red-rumped Swallow, Tawny-flanked Prinia, Greater Blue-eared Starling, Abyssinian Thrush. Rüppell's Robin-Chat, Variable Sunbird, Swainson's Sparrow, Baglaffeht Weaver and Red-billed Firefinch. That night, just as we were heading to the dining hall, we heard a Montane Nightjar calling outside. We grabbed our binoculars and a spotlight and taped the bird in, with everyone gaining fabulous views.

The following morning, we slurped down some coffee before setting out pre-dawn for our traverse down the Rift Valley. Our first stop was the shallow Lake Chelekcheka. It was even *shallower* this year, reduced to a tiny portion of its full spread due to irrigation activities. Despite this, the birdlife was still varied and abundant. The reason for our early arrival was to witness the spectacle of hundreds of Common Cranes leaving the wetland to forage in the surrounding croplands. We were awed as cacophonous groups of these huge birds filtered off in different directions throughout the morning. On and around the lake, waterbirds were plentiful: White-faced Whistling Duck, Spur-winged Goose, Northern Shoveler, Red-billed Teal, Northern Pintail, Garganey, Hottentot Teal, Southern Pochard, 8 Lesser Flamingos that flew in, African Spoonbill, Red-knobbed Coot, Gull-billed Tern, Spur-winged Lapwing, Kentish Plover, Black-tailed Godwit, Marsh Sandpiper, Common Greenshank and Ruff. On the far side,



Common Cranes by Jason Grubba



between the lake and the lucrative scavenging area of the nearby town, hundreds of Marabou Storks congregated. Chelekcheka is known for its Quailfinch sightings, but it took some perseverance to graduate our sightings from little specks in the sky to saturation looks at these little beauties on the ground. A pair of faraway Black Crowned Cranes had us crossing a large expanse of uneven fields to obtain better looks. Our efforts were rewarded: in addition to the cranes, we also found Greater Spotted Eagle, a stunning male Pallid Harrier, Augur Buzzard, Black-winged and Crowned Lapwings, Isabelline Shrike, Chestnut-backed Sparrow-Lark, Erlanger's Lark, Rüppell's Weaver, Red-billed Quelea, the endemic Abyssinian Longclaw, Red-throated Pipit and African Citril.

We could have spent the whole morning at Chelekcheka but we had to move on. At a tasty breakfast overlooking the deep Lake Bishoftu, we added Maccoa Duck, Little Grebe, Western Marsh Harrier, Banded Barbet, Black-crowned Tchagra, Little Rock Thrush, Mocking Cliff Chat and Scarlet-chested Sunbird. Moving further down the Rift Valley, we found a gathering of Tawny Eagles and Rüppell's, White-backed, Hooded and Lappet-faced Vultures, and Long-crested Eagle, African Fish Eagle and Hamerkop near Lake Koka.



Quailfinch by Jason Grubba

Next up was Lake Ziway. The marshy lakeshore here held Glossy Ibis, Common Moorhen, Pied Avocet, Common Ringed, Little Ringed and Kittlitz's Plovers, African Jacana, Temminck's and Little Stints, Collared Pratincole, Black-headed Gull, the dazzling Woodland and Malachite Kingfishers, Black-billed Barbet, Northern Puffback, Masked Shrike, Rüppell's Starling, African Thrush, and Western Yellow Wagtail. We watched a Black Heron employing its famed umbrella-hunting method and got up close and personal with Great White Pelicans and Marabou Storks that were waiting for scraps from local fishermen. By the time we turned off onto the dry, dusty road



African Pygmy Kingfisher by Jason Grubba

leading to our lodge at Lake Langano it was late afternoon, but we managed to squeeze in a few more birds: Red-fronted Barbet, Red-faced Crombec, Red-billed Buffalo Weaver and Cut-throat Finch, ending the day on an impressive 158 birds seen.

We awoke the next morning to the bizarre rolling growls of Long-haired Guerezas. In the Lake Langano area, we birded the lakeshore area as well as the grounds and nearby forest of the recently burnt Bishangari Lodge. Highlights were too many to mention! A morning walk along the forest edge netted us African Harrier-Hawk, African Olive Pigeon, Bruce's Green Pigeon, White-browed Coucal,

Klaas's Cuckoo, an incredible 10 African Pygmy Kingfishers, Eurasian Hoopoe, Black Scimitarbill, Black-billed Woodhoopoe, at least 40 Silvery-cheeked Hornbills, a dinky Red-fronted Tinkerbird, Double-toothed Barbet, Grey Kestrel, a dozen endemic Yellow-fronted Parrots, Western Black-



headed Batis, Brown-throated Wattle-eye, White-winged Black Tit, Buff-bellied Warbler, Rufous Chatterer, Lesser Whitethroat and Wattled and Violet-backed Starlings. Pink-backed Pelican, Senegal Thick-knee, Striped Kingfisher, Red-billed Oxpecker, Northern Carmine Bee-eater and African Goshawk were seen closer to the lake. And later, venturing into the forest itself, we found Crested Francolin, a somewhat out-of-place Woolly-necked Stork, marvellous Little Sparrowhawk, 10 Lemon Doves, Tambourine Dove, 15 beautiful White-cheeked Turacos, Bare-faced Go-away-



Abyssinian Ground Thrush by Jason Grubba

bird, Green Malkoha, Narina Trogon, Broad-billed Roller, Hemprich's Hornbill, Lesser, Scaly-throated and Greater Honeyguides, Nubian Woodpecker, Ethiopian Boubou, Red-shouldered Cuckooshrike, Ethiopian Oriole, Abyssinian White-eye, a wonderfully confiding Abyssinian Ground Thrush, Red-capped Robin-Chat, Bush Petronia, Spectacled Weaver and even the tricky Green Twinspot.

The 20km drive back to the main road was almost as memorable as our time at Lake Langano itself. We had two Gabar Goshawks whizz past – one of which was a rare melanistic bird, our first Abyssinian Ground

Hornbills and three green morph Blue-breasted Bee-eaters, a plumage variation currently only known from this very locality. A short while later we saw our first Thick-billed Raven sitting on rebar sticking up out of unfinished multi-storey buildings in Shashamane.

After Shashamane, we quickly rose out of the Rift Valley on our long journey to Goba. On the way, we enlisted the help of local children and villagers to locate a roosting Cape Eagle Owl for us. A bit further on, a small wetland held about 30 endemic Blue-winged Geese, Garganey, Eurasian Teal and Spot-breasted Lapwing. We spotted our first Rouget's Rails alongside the road leading into Dinsho, had distant views of Mountain Nyala and Bohor Reedbuck, and counted in excess of 120 Common Warthogs dotted about the shallow valley! In Dinsho itself we stopped by the Bale Mountain National Park headquarters where local fundi, Abdela, took us to an Abyssinian Owl and an African Wood Owl on the nest, which, sadly, we could not see too well. Within the space of five minutes, we had a flurry of raptor activity; including two Bearded Vultures soaring low overhead. Other avian treats included a female Abyssinian Woodpecker, White-backed Black Tit, Brown Woodland Warbler, evasive Abyssinian Catbird, Yellow-bellied Waxbill and Yellow-crowned Canary. We saw close to 30 of the magnificent and endemic Mountain Nyalas, as well as the endemic *meneleki* subspecies of Bushbuck and Common Duiker.

Anticipation filled the cold air the following morning as we bundled onto the bus to drive up to the Sanetti Plateau. Halfway up, a patch of Juniper forest gave us another sensational Abyssinian Ground Thrush and more frustratingly concealed looks at Abyssinian



Mountain Nyala by Jason Grubba



Catbird. Just below the edge of the plateau, and after much searching, we located 10 elusive Moorland Francolins in addition to the much more common Chestnut-naped Francolin. Rouget's Rails were everywhere, and a sharp-eyed guest spotted a Cape Eagle Owl sitting entirely in the open, affording us even better views than we'd had the day before. Upon the 4,000m+ plateau, the vegetation changed to low, dense Afro-alpine heath and sculptural Giant Lobelias. Occasional ponds held Ruddy Shelduck, Blue-winged Goose, Yellow-billed Duck, African Snipe and Green Sandpiper. Steppe Eagles were relatively common, and we saw both pale and dark morphs of Augur Buzzard, Lanner Falcon, Moorland Chat, Thekla Lark and Ethiopian Siskin. Blick's Grass Rats and Gray-tailed Narrow-headed Rats emitted high-pitched squeaks and darted back into their holes as soon as we looked at them. We saw one apiece of two of Sanetti's most famous residents – the Ethiopian Wolf and its main prey item, the Giant Mole Rat. The former's population has been hit hard in the last year by canine distemper, hence our single sighting. *Not a great situation for an animal already considered the rarest canid in the world!*



Moorland Francolins by Jason Grubba

After 35km, we dropped down into Hareenna Forest, where we spent the night at a luxurious lodge. Species here included Mountain Buzzard, African Emerald Cuckoo, a sharp-looking male Abyssinian Woodpecker, Dark-capped Bulbul, Eurasian Blackcap, Tree Pipit, Singing Cisticola, Scaly Francolin, Black Sparrowhawk, Cinnamon Bracken Warbler, Slender-billed Starling and Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird. Once out of Hareenna Forest, the vegetation immediately became drier and dominated by acacia woodland, which brought with it a host of new birds that included Red-and-yellow Barbet, Bateleur and Eastern Chanting Goshawk. Our field lunch stop at a seemingly insignificant roadside spot yielded White-bellied Go-away-bird, Little Bee-eater, Abyssinian Scimitarbill, Northern Red-billed and Von der Decken's Hornbill, Cardinal Woodpecker, Grey-headed Batis, White-crested Helmetshrike, Grey-headed and Orange-breasted Bushshrikes, Slate-coloured Boubou, Brubru, Northern White-crowned Shrike, Acacia Tit, Northern Brownbul, Northern Crombec, Yellow-breasted Apalis, Grey Wren-Warbler, Shelley's and four exquisite



Red-and-yellow Barbet by Jason Grubba

Golden-breasted Starlings, White-browed Scrub Robin, Northern Black and African Grey Flycatchers, Marico and Shining Sunbirds, White-headed Buffalo Weaver and Lesser Masked, Vitelline Masked, Chestnut and Red-headed Weavers! We also got to examine a huge Leopard Tortoise (the Ethiopian race constitutes the largest chelonid in Africa) that was unfortunately destined for the market and, in all likelihood, the pot. We continued on our long drive to Negele, making quick stops to look for Ruspoli's Turaco, which we found on the nest, and to watch a pair of Red-and-yellow Barbets before arriving at our destination in the early evening.



Despite being close to town, we set out for Liben Plains early the next day due to the condition of the roads. We arrived just after sunrise and immediately spread out to walk the plains in search of the critically endangered Archer's Lark. This endemic lark's already tiny patch of habitat has been hugely diminished in just two years and is under even more grazing pressure than ever before. Sadly, the future does not look hopeful for this species. We managed to find one bird, of which we



Somali Short-toed Lark by Jason Grubba

obtained a couple of flight views. Unfortunately, we weren't able to see it on the ground but we did not want to harass it any further, so we focused on other species. Somali Short-toed Larks were plentiful and more confiding, allowing excellent views.

The plains were also home to Pectoral-patch Cisticola, Plain-backed Pipit, Black-chested Snake Eagle, Black-winged Kite, Montagu's Harrier, Black-winged Lapwing, Temminck's Courser, Somali Crow, Southern Grey Shrike, Ethiopian Swallow, White-crowned Starling and Northern and Isabelline Wheatears. Moving east, the grassy plains soon turned into low acacia-dominated woodland. We

made various stops, including in the small village where the local policeman proudly showed us his bird feeding station. We drove on further, past Somali nomads and the brush-covered bulldozer in the middle of the road, to our lunch spot. Species seen there, and along the way, included Gabar Goshawk, Kori and Buff-crested Bustard, Great Spotted Cuckoo, Purple and Lilac-breasted Rollers, Black-throated Barbet, Pygmy Falcon, Pygmy Batis, Three-streaked Tchagra, Mouse-coloured Penduline Tit, Gillett's Lark, Dodson's Bulbul, Somali Crombec, Rattling and Ashy Cisticolas, Pale Prinia, Red-fronted Warbler, Yellow-bellied Eremomela, Banded Parisoma, Bare-eyed Thrush, Eastern Violet-backed and Hunter's Sunbirds, Grey-capped Social Weaver, Shelley's Sparrow, Yellow-spotted Petronia, Purple Grenadier, Reichenow's Seedeater and Somali Bunting. On our way back to town that afternoon, we added Yellow-necked Spurfowl, of which we had super views right alongside the road.

That night we learned that there was a tribal disruption along our route, so the next morning we woke very early to take a detour to Yabello. It ended up being a very long drive, with the road deteriorating substantially in the last third of our trek. However, it wasn't all bad – we passed through cooler highlands and thinly populated low-lying woodland areas. A little stop alongside a small reed-covered wetland yielded Blue-headed Coucal, Little Rush Warbler, Common Waxbill and Bronze and Black-and-white Mannikins. We'd seen the latter very poorly in Hareenna Forest so it was nice to improve on our views. Other birds along the way included White-headed Vulture, Brown Snake Eagle, Long-crested and Wahlberg's Eagles, Shikra, Emerald-spotted Wood Dove, Pearl-spotted Owlet, Purple and Lilac-breasted Rollers, Wire-tailed Swallow,



Hunter's Sunbird by Jason Grubba



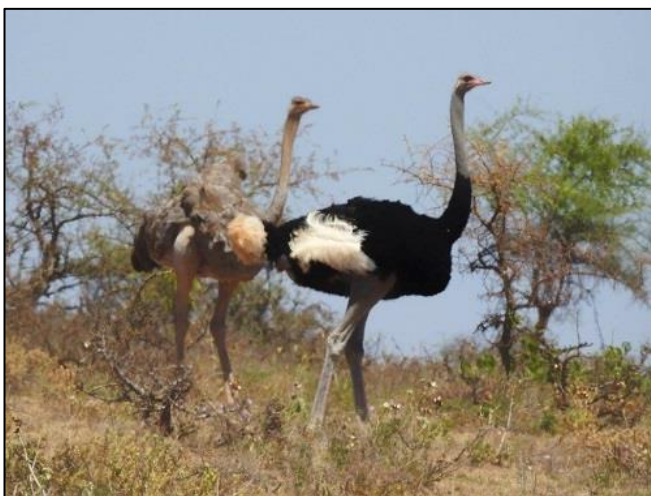
Black-billed Barbet, Northern Puffback, Black-headed Oriole, Northern and Red-faced Crombecs, Eastern Olivaceous Warbler, Grey-backed Camaroptera, Brown-tailed Rock Chat, Long-billed Pipit and a pair of sought-after Salvadori's Seedeaters.

The following morning, we headed south out of Yabello, eager to find the two very special species confined entirely to this area. After a few kilometres, we pulled over to have a look at a Lanner Falcon. While watching the raptor, four Black-faced Sandgrouse flew over and landed on a bare scrape of ground only metres from us! We lapped up these sensational views, then noticed Blue-naped Mousebird, Chestnut Sparrow and White-bellied Canary, plus Stresemann's Bushcrow and exquisite White-tailed Swallow – the two sought-after endemics. Not far down the road, we found D'Arnaud's Barbet, Bearded and Cardinal Woodpeckers, Red-bellied Parrot, Foxy Lark, Northern Red-billed and Von der Decken's Hornbills, Tiny Cisticola, Scaly Chatterer, Pale Flycatcher, Black-capped and Grey-capped Social Weavers, Red-cheeked Cordon-bleu, Northern Grosbeak-Canary, Pygmy Batis, Rosy-patched Bushshrike, Pringle's Puffback, Slate-coloured Boubou, Red-naped Bushshrike and Brubru. *This was shaping up to be a wonderful day of birding!*



Red-naped Bushshrike by Jason Grubba

We enjoyed a hearty field breakfast then proceeded to the little village of Soda. We pulled up at the large crater alongside Soda and were informed about the salt extraction that takes place in and around the small lake at the bottom. It wasn't long before our avian quarry appeared – a couple of Bristle-crowned Starlings on the town's church tower. We continued north past Soda, hoping to find some of the species we'd missed the day before due to the detour. Top of this list was Vulturine Guineafowl but despite finding plenty of feathers, we never managed to find any birds. We did at least find four Somali Ostriches, Bateleur, Somali Shrike, Hunter's, Shining, Marico and Variable Sunbirds, Gerenuk, Grant's Gazelle and a Leopard Tortoise in the general area. On our way home that afternoon, we enjoyed views of magnificent Martial Eagle, Eastern Yellow-billed Hornbill and Spotted Palm Thrush.



Somali Ostriches by Jason Grubba

We attempted a night drive after dinner that evening, but it was curtailed when the guards at the security checkpoint just outside town insisted we return much earlier than we'd expected. It was a rather rushed affair, but we still managed brief views of White-tailed Mongoose, Wild Cat, Bat-eared Fox and Common Duiker.

The next morning, we enjoyed a sit-down breakfast and looked for Speke's Weaver and Red-winged Starling in the vicinity of the hotel. After that, it was the long drive up to Awassa, its duration compounded by the terrible state of the roads further north. We



made opportunistic birding stops en route, and only added Grey-headed Kingfisher and European Bee-eater.



African Spotted Creeper by Jason Grubba

Our hotel in Awassa was situated right on the edge of Lake Awassa. We birded this shoreline and the nearby patch of woodland before tucking into breakfast and heading out. Our morning's haul included Woodland Kingfisher, Green-backed Honeybird, Nubian and Eastern Grey Woodpecker, African Pygmy Goose, Red-throated Wryneck, Black-winged Lovebird, Lesser Swamp Warbler, Sedge Warbler, Red-faced Cisticola, Rufous Chatterer, White-rumped Babbler, African Spotted Creeper, African Thrush, African Dusky Flycatcher, Baglaffeht, Spectacled, Red-headed and Little Weavers and Pin-tailed Whydah. The local troops of Guereza (Colobuses) and Grivet

Monkeys kept us amused and provided excellent photo opportunities for everyone. A little further up the Rift Valley, we pulled into Abijatta-Shalla National Park. The sparse acacia woodland and rocky hillsides harboured Helmeted Guineafowl, Black-crowned Tchagra, White-winged Black Tit, Sand Martin, Abyssinian Wheatear and Black-cheeked Waxbill. Down at the water's edge, the shallow Lake Abijatta seemed to have become more saline. This may explain the decrease in bird variety from previous years but the flamingos didn't mind – we estimated 100,000 Lesser and about 1,000 Greater Flamingos, along with thousands of Ruff.

Across the highway, we visited the shores of another Rift Valley lake – Langano. At Simbo Resort, the security guards found us a terrific Verreaux's Eagle Owl, clutching a birdy meal from who knows when! We also enjoyed superlative looks at Clapperton's Francolin, when a keen-eyed guest spotted one darting through the undergrowth. At nearby Wabe Shebelle, we saw plenty of Lesser Black-backed Gulls, and once again, we enlisted the help of locals to point us in the direction of roosting Greyish Eagle Owl and Slender-tailed Nightjar.

We spent the night alongside Lake Ziway, which we birded the following morning. We found a similar suite of birds to our previous time here, including Fulvous and White-faced Whistling Ducks, Hottentot Teal, Knob-billed Duck, African Spoonbill, Black Heron, Pink-backed Pelican, Western Marsh Harrier, African Fish Eagle, Black Crake, Little Ringed Plover, Common Snipe, African Jacana, White-winged Tern, around 1,000 Collared Pratincoles, Ethiopian Cisticola, Northern Red Bishop and a Pied Wheatear of the uncommon *vittata* race. At Lake Koka, we saw four pairs of Black Crowned Cranes and many Goliath Herons dotted about the water hyacinth. We tucked into a large traditional meal in Mojo, then continued to Nazret/Adama, where we had a restful afternoon after a number of early mornings and long drives. The festival of



Verreaux's Eagle-Owl by Jason Grubba



Timket (Epiphany) was taking place that day and those whose hotel rooms overlooked the main street could watch the parade go by.

Our first birding stop the following day was at a large lava field crater just south of Metehara. Within seconds of pulling over, we'd found the highly range-restricted Sombre Rock Chat. The bird was on the hillside above us so we could easily see its barred vent – about the only feature of note on this appropriately named bird! Also in the area was Blackstart, Blue-breasted Bee-eater, Bristle-crowned Starling, Long-billed Pipit and the sooty-coloured Ethiopian subspecies of Rock Hyrax. At another spot, we had the eye-poppingly gorgeous Abyssinian Roller, African Grey Hornbill, comical Yellow-breasted Barbets, Nile Valley Sunbird, Yellow-spotted Petronia and Green-winged Pytilia.



Abyssinian Roller by Jason Grubba

At the ever-growing Lake Beseka, we took the old road, which just barely rises above the water level so we could search for Saddle-billed Stork, Western Reef Heron, African Darter, Egyptian Vulture, Gull-billed Tern and our first Nile Crocodiles. We were delayed somewhat at our lunch stop, where Kismet celebrations were still continuing, but we eventually made it to Bilen Hot Springs mid-afternoon. Here we found Purple Heron, both a dark and a pale morph Booted Eagle, Dark Chanting Goshawk, European Turtle Dove, Grey-headed Batis, Red-tailed, Woodchat and Steppe Grey Shrikes, Somali Bulbul, Red-fronted Warbler, Red-billed Oxpecker, Black and Rufous-tailed Scrub Robins, Chestnut-headed Sparrow-Lark, African Silverbill and Tawny Pipit. The trees around the reedbed were alive with Red-billed Queleas – *we guessed 100,000 or so!* It was incredible watching and hearing waves of them take flight, fly past, bank and twirl as if one huge organism. Just before sunset, we watched Northern Carmine Bee-eaters coming in to roost and, shortly after dusk, Lichtenstein's Sandgrouse landed on the water's edge to drink. On our way back to the lodge, we spotted a Black-backed Jackal alongside the road.



Arabian Bustard by Jason Grubba

In the morning, we drove on to the Aledoghi Plains, where we connected with half a dozen of our big target – Arabian Bustard (later on we saw Kori, White-bellied and Buff-crested Bustards in Awash NP, *making it a four bustard day!*) We also spotted Black-headed Lapwing, eight dainty Double-banded Coursers, very distant Somali Ostrich, Short-toed Snake Eagle, at least 500 Chestnut-bellied Sandgrouse (*they were everywhere!*), African Collared Dove and Chestnut-backed Sparrow-Lark.

We were based for two nights at Awash National Park, where we made numerous drives and walks through its grassland,



woodland and riparian zone. These excursions yielded sightings of Common Quail, a stunning Secretarybird, Pallid and Montagu's Harriers, Striated Heron, Common Buttonquail, Senegal Thick-knee, Crowned Lapwing, Eastern Plantain-eater, African Palm Swift, Blue-naped Mousebird, Abyssinian Ground Hornbill, Eastern Yellow-billed Hornbill, Black-billed Barbet, Pygmy Falcon,



Star-spotted Nightjar by Jason Grubba

Ethiopian Hare, Olive Baboon, Golden Jackal, cute Bat-eared Fox, Lesser Kudu, Nile Monitor and plenty of Nile Crocodiles. Our night drive in the park met with great success; we saw no less than three Star-spotted Nightjars. We even observed one from a metre away when another guide kindly called us over to where he had the bird quietly sitting in his spotlight. *Absolutely fabulous!!*

White-crested Helmetshrike, Northern White-crowned Shrike, Mouse-coloured Penduline Tit, Red-winged, Singing Bush and Gillett's Larks, our best Ethiopian Swallow yet, Ashy and Desert Cisticolas, Lesser and Common Whitethroats, White-browed Scrub Robin, a typically shy Thrush Nightingale, Shining Sunbird, Crimson-rumped Waxbill, African Pied Wagtail and Cinnamon-breasted Bunting.

The park was set up to conserve the Beisa Oryx, which is the main attraction for the average tourist. We saw a few of these handsome beasts, as well as the lovely Soemmerring's Gazelle, tiny Salt's Dik-dik,

On the day that we travelled from Awash to Waliso, we experienced bus problems, but luckily were able to swap vehicles at Nazret. This didn't affect us too much, as there wasn't any scheduled birding we were missing out on, but it did lengthen our journey. Needless to say, everyone was happy to settle into our hotel that evening. A short spotlighting stroll after dinner afforded us marvellous views of a Eurasian Scops Owl and Yellow-spotted Bush Hyrax.

Another day in Ethiopia, another early start! We made the hour-long commute to Ghibe Gorge before dawn, but were rewarded with some top-quality birding for the rest of the morning. Highlights included Yellow-billed and Abdim's Storks, Ayres's Hawk-Eagle, Shikra, African Wattled Lapwing, Vinaceous and Blue-spotted Wood Doves, Blue-headed Coucal, Common and Little Swifts, Grey-headed, Striped, Giant and Pied Kingfishers, a female Four-banded Sandgrouse, Black Scimitarbill, Grey-backed Camaroptera, Cardinal Woodpecker, Western Black-headed Batis, Grey-headed Bushshrike, Grey-backed Fiscal, Grey-rumped, Wire-tailed and Lesser Striped Swallows, Moustached Grass Warbler, Foxy Cisticola, Abyssinian White-eye, the uncommon Lesser Blue-eared Starling, Violet-backed Starling, Northern Black Flycatcher, two uncooperative Snowy-crowned Robin-Chats, Little Rock Thrush, Mocking Cliff Chat, Village Weaver, Bush Petronia, a dozen of the normally scarce Black-faced Firefinch and Yellow-rumped and Yellow-fronted Seedeaters. A little diversion along the river to look at a flock of 60+ Abyssinian Waxbills



Black-faced Firefinch by Jason Grubba



and a pair of Black Crowned Cranes sprang a mega surprise: an elegant Egyptian Plover. Although this species is recorded here in summer, it was the first record for a Rockjumper tour, which we always run during the winter months. Returning to Waliso, we ate lunch and then set out for the final leg of our tour – the Debre Birhan area north of Addis Ababa. Unfortunately, this meant we had to pass through the traffic-congested capital, a feat for which Abe, our bus driver, must be commended!

On the penultimate day of the main tour, we visited the epic escarpment at Gemasa Geden. Disappointingly, we saw not a single Gelada here. But our spirits were lifted (*and this guide was relieved!*) when we finally found the area's most famous little resident – well, famous in birding circles. We enjoyed saturation views of Ankober Serin feeding alongside the road, with other treats including Yellow Bishop, Blue Rock Thrush, Bearded Vulture, Groundscraper Thrush, Zitting Cisticola and Common Duiker,



Yellow-throated Seedeater by Jason Grubba

which we viewed breathlessly while trying to acclimatise to the altitude. Leaving the cliffs behind, we went from one extreme to the other, dropping over 1,000 metres to the base of the escarpment. Here we clambered down into the rocky riverbed near Melka Ghebdu to search for another endemic finch, Yellow-throated Seedeater. While our drivers prepared a tasty field lunch, we found Three-banded Plover, Striated Heron, a Senegal Thick-knee nest with two sizeable eggs, Black Stork, Eastern Plantain-eater, Malachite, Giant and a pair of Half-collared Kingfishers, Red-bellied Parrot, Shelley's Starling, Scarlet-chested Sunbird, Red-headed Weaver, Western Yellow, Grey, White and Mountain Wagtails, Crimson-rumped Waxbill and the prized Yellow-throated Seedeater.

The next day, we endured our final early morning, setting out in the dark to ensure we were in position at Jemma Valley around sunrise – when the area's two special gamebirds are at their most vocal and conspicuous. We located Erckel's Francolin first and later, with the help of local spotters, we saw the smaller and shyer Harwood's Francolin. With these two under our collective belt, we could pay more attention to the other species surrounding us: Eurasian Crag and Rock Martins, Singing Cisticola, the near-endemic White-billed Starling, White-winged Cliff Chat, Familiar Chat, Red-collared Widowbird, Ortolan and Cinnamon-breasted Buntings, Common Rock Thrush and



Fox Kestrel by Jason Grubba

Rüppell's Black Chat. We also vastly improved on our Harwood's Francolin sighting when we spotted six birds much closer than the first ones had been.

Further down into the wide valley, we encountered Woolly-necked Stork, Speckle-fronted Weaver, Chestnut-crowned Sparrow-Weaver, African Harrier-Hawk, a low-flying Lappet-faced Vulture, Brown Snake Eagle, Mottled and Little Swifts, Fox Kestrel, Siberian Stonechat, the beautiful and uncommon white morph of Black-eared Wheatear, Village Indigobird and African Silverbill. A strange little coffee-tree orchard



with an irrigation point was a cool, shady oasis for a number of seed-eating species, including African Citril, Yellow-rumped Seedeater and Yellow-fronted Canary. Once we'd gained great looks at the latter, we turned around and headed back to Addis. Ethiopia threw up one last surprise just as we were out of the valley – a troop of over 50 Geladas along the edge of some huge cliffs. They were evidently a little wary of people, so we couldn't approach too closely, but we still had reasonable views. Thrilled, we returned to the capital where we tucked into a delicious buffet, watched limbo-loosening dancing and celebrated a tiring but rewarding tour.



Cinnamon-breasted Bunting by Jason Grubba

The following morning, those of us on the historical extension caught the early flight to Lalibela. We made a quick birding stop in the sparse acacia woodland just outside the airport, where we found White-fronted Black Chat, Ortolan and Cinnamon-breasted Buntings, Reichenow's Seedeater, Chestnut-crowned Sparrow-Weaver, Vinaceous Dove, Bush Petronia and Rüppell's Weaver. When we arrived in town, a religious parade was taking place in the street that our hotel was on. Since we couldn't drive through, we hopped out of the bus and walked through the streets, observing the colourful festivities up close. After settling into our hotel, we started our exploration of the town's world famous rock-hewn churches. We visited the Northern Cluster of churches, which includes Biete Maryam, thought to be the oldest church. We viewed ancient artefacts, walked narrow passages and experienced the meditative silence of the small, carpeted spaces within the colossal rock walls. While we'd normally save the famous Biet Giyorgis for the last day, we wanted to see the church in the context of the St George's Day celebrations we saw earlier. When we arrived at the immaculately carved church, the area was dotted with white-clad pilgrims and worshippers. We made our way down into the church, squeezing past a constant flow of people. It was, by this time, rather late, so the church was relatively empty when we arrived, allowing us to appreciate all the details within.

The following day, we ventured up to Asheton Maryam, on top of a 3,000m high mountain bordering the town. Each church, no matter how small, has a priest in attendance. This one showed us some centuries-old vellum manuscripts and paintings. It was incredible to see how vibrant the colours were after so long without any atmospheric protection. The birding below the mountain cliff wasn't bad either, with Abyssinian Catbird, Cinnamon Bracken Warbler, Singing Cisticola, Peregrine Falcon, Erckel's Francolin, Rüppell's Black Chat, Moorland Chat, White-winged Cliff Chat, Ethiopian Siskin and Rüppell's Robin-Chat. We lunched at Ben Abeba restaurant, an alien-like structure perched on a hillside overlooking a valley. It's the perfect spot for raptors to catch thermals, and we enjoyed multiple looks at Bearded Vulture and Steppe Eagle effortlessly cruising past. In the afternoon, we visited the Southern Cluster and then went to



Biet Giyorgis by Wayne Jones



the cave church of Nakuto Leab. The dripping water over the church attracted a number of birds, including White-billed Starling, Black-winged Lovebird, Bruce's Green Pigeon, Blue-breasted Bee-eater, Black-billed Barbet, Red-billed Firefinch and Red-cheeked Cordon-bleu.

After a leisurely breakfast on our last day, we headed to the airport and returned to Addis Ababa. Before wrapping up the extension, we stopped in at the National Museum where a range of fascinating fossils were on display, not least of all those of Lucy, which had returned after a lengthy sojourn in the U.S.

Annotated List of species recorded

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

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Birds (506 in total: 505 seen, 1 heard)

Nomenclature and taxonomy follows Gill, F and D Donsker (Eds). 2017. IOC World Bird List (v 7.1).

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

Ostrich *Struthionidae*

Somali Ostrich (VU)

Struthio molybdophanes

(2) 4 Soda 15.1 and Aledoghi Plains 20.1.

Ducks, Geese, and Waterfowl *Anatidae*

White-faced Whistling Duck

Dendrocygna viduata

(3) Lake Chelekleka 8.1, Lake Ziway 17.1 and Lake Ziway 18.1.

Fulvous Whistling Duck

Dendrocygna bicolor

(3) Lake Ziway 8.1, Lake Ziway 17.1 and Lake Ziway 18.1.

Spur-winged Goose

Plectropterus gambensis gambensis

(2) Lake Chelekleka 8.1 and Lake Ziway 18.1.

Knob-billed Duck

Sarkidiornis melanotos

(2) Lake Ziway 8.1 and Lake Ziway 18.1.

Blue-winged Goose (VU)

Cyanochen cyanoptera

(3) Shashemene to Dinsho Road 10.1, Sanetti plateau 11.1 and Debre Birhan 24.1.

Egyptian Goose

Alopochen aegyptiaca

Observed 11 days in total.

Ruddy Shelduck

Tadorna ferruginea

(1) Sanetti plateau 11.1.

African Pygmy Goose

Nettapus auritus

(2) Lake Ziway 8.1 and Lake Awassa 17.1.

African Black Duck

Anas sparsa leucostigma

(1) Dinsho 10.1.

Yellow-billed Duck

Anas undulata ruppelli

(4) Lake Langano 9.1, Shashemene to Dinsho Road 10.1, Sanetti plateau 11.1 and Lake Ziway 18.1.



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| Northern Shoveler | <i>Anas clypeata</i> |
| (4) Lake Chelekaleka 8.1, Shashemene to Dinsho Road 10.1, Sanetti plateau 11.1 and Lake Ziway 18.1. | |
| Red-billed Teal | <i>Anas erythrorhyncha</i> |
| (1) Lake Chelekaleka 8.1. | |
| Northern Pintail | <i>Anas acuta</i> |
| (3) Lake Chelekaleka 8.1, Sanetti plateau 11.1 and Lake Ziway 18.1. | |
| Garganey | <i>Anas querquedula</i> |
| (3) Lake Ziway 8.1, Shashemene to Dinsho Road 10.1 and Lake Ziway 18.1. | |
| Eurasian Teal | <i>Anas crecca crecca</i> |
| (1) Shashemene to Dinsho Road 10.1. | |
| Hottentot Teal | <i>Anas hottentota</i> |
| (2) Lake Chelekaleka 8.1 and Lake Ziway 18.1. | |
| Southern Pochard | <i>Netta erythrophthalma brunnea</i> |
| (1) Lake Chelekaleka 8.1. | |
| Maccoa Duck (NT) | <i>Oxyura maccoa</i> |
| (1) Lake Bishoftu 8.1. | |

Guineafowl Numididae

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| Helmeted Guineafowl | <i>Numida meleagris</i> |
| (7) Abijatta-Shalla NP 17.1, Bilen Hot Springs 19.1, observed Awash NP 20-22.1, Ghibe Gorge 23.1 and Melka Ghebedu 24.1. | |

Pheasants, Grouse, and Allies Phasianidae

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| Moorland Francolin (NT) | <i>Scleroptila psilolaema psilolaema</i> |
| (1) 10 Sanetti plateau 11.1. | |
| Crested Francolin | <i>Dendroperdix sephaena</i> |
| (4) Bishangari 9.1, Dolo Mena to Negele 12.1, Simbo Beach Resort, Lake Langano 17.1 and Awash NP 21.1. | |
| Scaly Francolin | <i>Pternistis squamatus schuetti</i> |
| (1) Harenna Forest 12.1. | |
| Clapperton's Francolin | <i>Pternistis clappertoni</i> |
| (1) Simbo Beach Resort, Lake Langano 17.1. | |
| Harwood's Francolin (VU) | <i>Pternistis harwoodi</i> |
| (1) 8 Jemma Valley 25.1. | |
| Chestnut-naped Francolin | <i>Pternistis castaneicollis</i> |
| (3) Dinsho 10.1, Sanetti plateau 11.1 and Harenna Forest 12.1. | |
| Erckel's Francolin | <i>Pternistis erckelii</i> |
| (2) Jemma Valley 25.1 and Lalibela 27.1. | |
| Yellow-necked Spurfowl | <i>Pternistis leucoscepus</i> |
| (2) Negele 13.1 and Yabello to Mega 15.1. | |
| Common Quail | <i>Coturnix coturnix</i> |
| (2) Awash NP 20.1 and Awash NP 21.1. | |

Grebes Podicipedidae

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| Little Grebe | <i>Tachybaptus ruficollis capensis</i> |
| (3) Lake Bishoftu 8.1, Lake Langano 10.1 and Lake Ziway 18.1. | |

Flamingos Phoenicopteridae

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| Greater Flamingo | <i>Phoenicopterus roseus</i> |
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(1) Abijatta-Shalla NP 17.1.

Lesser Flamingo (NT)

Phoeniconaias minor

(2) Lake Chelekleka 8.1 and Abijatta-Shalla NP 17.1.

Storks Ciconiidae

Yellow-billed Stork

Mycteria ibis

(6) Lake Koka 8.1, Lake Ziway 17.1, Lake Ziway 18.1, Awash NP 20.1, Ghibe Gorge 23.1 and Jemma Valley 25.1.

Black Stork

Ciconia nigra

(2) Melka Ghebdu 24.1 and Lalibela 27.1.

Abdim's Stork

Ciconia abdimii

(5) Lake Chelekleka 8.1, Shashemene to Dinsho Road 10.1, Yabello to Awassa Road 16.1, Nazret to Metehara 22.1 and Ghibe Gorge 23.1.

Woolly-necked Stork (VU)

Ciconia episcopus microscelis

(2) Bishangari 9.1 and Jemma Valley 25.1.

White Stork

Ciconia ciconia ciconia

(3) Lake Koka 8.1, Nazret to Metehara 22.1 and Ghibe Gorge 23.1.

Saddle-billed Stork

Ephippiorhynchus senegalensis

(3) Lake Ziway 18.1, Lake Beseka 19.1 and Lake Beseka 22.1.

Marabou Stork

Leptoptilos crumenifer

Observed 10 days in total.

Ibises and Spoonbills Threskiornithidae

African Sacred Ibis

Threskiornis aethiopicus

Observed 11 days in total.

Hadada Ibis

Bostrychia hagedash nilotica

(8) Lake Chelekleka 8.1, Bishangari 9.1, Lake Langano 10.1, Yabello to Awassa Road 16.1, Lake Ziway 17.1, Lake Ziway 18.1, Awash NP 21.1 and Awash NP 22.1.

Wattled Ibis

Bostrychia carunculata

Observed 10 days in total.

Glossy Ibis

Plegadis falcinellus

(4) Lake Ziway 8.1, Kibre Megist to Agere Maryam 14.1, Lake Ziway 18.1 and Lake Ziway 19.1.

African Spoonbill

Platalea alba

(2) Lake Ziway 8.1 and Lake Ziway 18.1.

Hérons, Egrets, and Bitterns Ardeidae

Black-crowned Night Heron

Nycticorax nycticorax nycticorax

(1) Bilen Hot Springs 19.1.

Striated Heron

Butorides striata atricapilla

(7) Lake Langano 8.1, Lake Langano 9.1, Lake Awassa 17.1, Lake Ziway 18.1, Awash NP 21.1, Awash NP 22.1 and Melka Ghebdu 24.1.

Squacco Heron

Ardeola ralloides

(6) Lake Ziway 8.1, Lake Langano 9.1, Lake Langano 10.1, Lake Awassa 17.1, Lake Ziway 18.1 and Lake Beseka 19.1.

Western Cattle Egret

Bubulcus ibis

Observed 9 days in total.

Grey Heron

Ardea cinerea cinerea

Observed 9 days in total.

Black-headed Heron

Ardea melanocephala

(4) Lake Chelekleka 8.1, Yabello to Awassa Road 16.1, Lake Koka 18.1 and Ghibe Gorge 23.1.



Goliath Heron*Ardea goliath*

(4) Lake Chelekaleka 8.1, Lake Koka 18.1, Awash NP 20.1 and Lake Beseka 22.1.

Purple Heron*Ardea purpurea purpurea*

(1) Lake Beseka 19.1.

Great Egret*Ardea alba*

(7) Observed Lake Langano 8-10.1, Lake Ziway 17.1, Lake Ziway 18.1, Lake Beseka 19.1 and Lake Beseka 22.1.

Intermediate Egret*Egretta intermedia brachyrhyncha*

(3) Lake Langano 9.1, Lake Langano 10.1 and Lake Ziway 18.1.

Black Heron*Egretta ardesiaca*

(2) Lake Ziway 8.1 and Lake Ziway 18.1.

Little Egret*Egretta garzetta garzetta*

Observed 3 days in total.

Western Reef Heron*Egretta gularis schistacea*

(2) Lake Beseka 19.1 and Lake Beseka 22.1.

Hamerkop Scopidae**Hamerkop***Scopus umbretta umbretta*

(7) Lake Koka 8.1, Lake Ziway 17.1, Lake Ziway 18.1, Lake Beseka 19.1, Awash NP 22.1, Ghibe Gorge 23.1 and Jemma Valley 25.1.

Pelicans Pelecanidae**Great White Pelican***Pelecanus onocrotalus*

(5) Lake Ziway 8.1, Lake Langano 9.1, Lake Langano 10.1, Lake Awassa 17.1 and Lake Ziway 18.1.

Pink-backed Pelican*Pelecanus rufescens*

(5) Lake Langano 8.1, Lake Langano 9.1, Lake Ziway 17.1, Lake Ziway 18.1 and Lake Beseka 19.1.

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

(7) Observed Lake Langano 8-10.1, Lake Awassa 17.1, Lake Ziway 18.1, Lake Beseka 19.1 and Lake Beseka 22.1.

White-breasted Cormorant*Phalacrocorax lucidus*

(4) Lake Langano 9.1, Lake Langano 10.1, Lake Awassa 17.1 and Lake Beseka 19.1.

Anhingas Anhingidae**African Darter***Anhinga rufa rufa*

(1) Lake Beseka 19.1.

Secretary-bird Sagittariidae**Secretarybird (VU)***Sagittarius serpentarius*

(1) Awash NP 20.1.

Hawks, Eagles, and Kites Accipitridae**Black-winged Kite***Elanus caeruleus caeruleus*

(2) Liben plains 13.1 and Yabello to Mega 15.1.

African Harrier-Hawk*Polyboroides typus typus*

(7) Bishangari 9.1, Dinsho 10.1, Dolo Mena to Negele 12.1, Negele 14.1, Lake Ziway 17.1, Lake Ziway 18.1 and Jemma Valley 25.1.



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| Bearded Vulture (NT) | <i>Gypaetus barbatus meridionalis</i> |
| (5) Dinsho 10.1, Sanetti plateau 11.1, Debre Birhan 24.1, Lalibela 26.1 and Lalibela 27.1. | |
| Egyptian Vulture (EN) | <i>Neophron percnopterus percnopterus</i> |
| (3) Yabello to Mega 15.1, Lake Beseka 19.1 and Aledoghi Plains 20.1. | |
| Hooded Vulture (EN) | <i>Necrosyrtes monachus</i> |
| Observed 16 days in total. | |
| White-backed Vulture (NT) | <i>Gyps africanus</i> |
| (5) Lake Bishoftu 8.1, Lake Langano 9.1, Kibre Megist to Agere Maryam 14.1, Abijatta-Shalla NP 17.1 and Ghibe Gorge 23.1. | |
| Rüppell's Vulture (EN) | <i>Gyps rueppelli</i> |
| Observed 11 days in total. | |
| White-headed Vulture (VU) | <i>Trigonoceps occipitalis</i> |
| (3) Kibre Megist to Agere Maryam 14.1, Yabello to Mega 15.1 and Yabello to Awassa Road 16.1. | |
| Lappet-faced Vulture (VU) | <i>Torgos tracheliotos tracheliotos</i> |
| (3) Lake Bishoftu 8.1, Aledoghi Plains 20.1 and Jemma Valley 25.1. | |
| Short-toed Snake Eagle | <i>Circaetus gallicus</i> |
| (1) Aledoghi Plains 20.1. | |
| Black-chested Snake Eagle | <i>Circaetus pectoralis</i> |
| (1) Liben plains 13.1. | |
| Brown Snake Eagle | <i>Circaetus cinereus</i> |
| (2) Kibre Megist to Agere Maryam 14.1 and Jemma Valley 25.1. | |
| Bateleur (NT) | <i>Terathopius ecaudatus</i> |
| (2) Dolo Mena to Negele 12.1 and Yabello to Mega 15.1. | |
| Martial Eagle (NT) | <i>Polemaetus bellicosus</i> |
| (1) Yabello to Mega 15.1. | |
| Long-crested Eagle | <i>Lophaetus occipitalis</i> |
| (4) Lake Koka 8.1, Kibre Megist to Agere Maryam 14.1, Lake Koka 18.1 and Ghibe Gorge 23.1. | |
| Greater Spotted Eagle (VU) | <i>Clanga clanga</i> |
| (2) Lake Chelekaleka 8.1 and Lake Koka 18.1. | |
| Wahlberg's Eagle | <i>Hieraaetus wahlbergi</i> |
| (1) Kibre Megist to Agere Maryam 14.1. | |
| Booted Eagle | <i>Hieraaetus pennatus</i> |
| (1) Bilen Hot Springs 19.1. | |
| Ayres's Hawk-Eagle | <i>Hieraaetus ayresii</i> |
| (3) Dinsho 10.1, Harenn Forest 11.1 and Ghibe Gorge 23.1. | |
| Tawny Eagle | <i>Aquila rapax</i> |
| Observed 1 day in total. | |
| Steppe Eagle | <i>Aquila nipalensis orientalis</i> |
| (5) Lake Koka 8.1, Dinsho 10.1, Sanetti plateau 11.1, Ankober 24.1 and Lalibela 27.1. | |
| Gabar Goshawk | <i>Micronisus gabar</i> |
| (3) Lake Langano 10.1, Bogol Manyo Road 13.1 and Yabello to Mega 15.1. | |
| Dark Chanting Goshawk | <i>Melierax metabates metabates</i> |
| Observed 9 days in total. | |
| Eastern Chanting Goshawk | <i>Melierax poliopterus</i> |
| (4) Genale River 12.1, Bogol Manyo Road 13.1, Kibre Megist to Agere Maryam 14.1 and Yabello to Mega 15.1. | |
| African Goshawk | <i>Accipiter tachiro</i> |
| (1) Lake Langano 9.1. | |
| Shikra | <i>Accipiter badius spheonurus</i> |
| (2) Kibre Megist to Agere Maryam 14.1 and Ghibe Gorge 23.1. | |



Little Sparrowhawk*Accipiter minullus minullus*

(1) Bishangari 9.1.

Black Sparrowhawk*Accipiter melanoleucus melanoleucus*

(3) Lake Chelekleka 8.1, Harenna Forest 12.1 and Kibre Megist to Agere Maryam 14.1.

Western Marsh Harrier*Circus aeruginosus aeruginosus*

(3) Lake Bishoftu 8.1, Lake Koka 18.1 and Bilen Hot Springs 19.1.

Pallid Harrier (NT)*Circus macrourus*

(7) Lake Chelekleka 8.1, Shashemene to Dinsho Road 10.1, Aledoghi Plains 20.1, Awash NP 21.1, Ghibe Gorge 23.1, Debre Birhan 24.1 and Jemma Valley 25.1.

Montagu's Harrier*Circus pygargus*

(5) Bishangari 9.1, Liben plains 13.1, Aledoghi Plains 20.1, Awash NP 21.1 and Jemma Valley 25.1.

Black Kite*Milvus migrans migrans*

(6) Ghion Park, Addis Ababa 7.1, Lake Bishoftu 8.1, Lake Langano 9.1, Shashemene 10.1, Harenna Forest 11.1 and Debre Birhan 24.1.

Yellow-billed Kite*Milvus aegyptius*

Observed 19 days in total.

African Fish Eagle*Haliaeetus vocifer*

Observed 11 days in total.

Common Buzzard*Buteo buteo*

(2) Ghion Park, Addis Ababa 7.1 and Dinsho 10.1.

Mountain Buzzard (NT)*Buteo oreophilus*

(1) Harenna Forest 11.1.

Augur Buzzard*Buteo augur*

Observed 1 day in total.

Bustards Otidae**Arabian Bustard (NT)***Ardeotis arabs arabs*

(1) 6 Aledoghi Plains 20.1.

Kori Bustard (NT)*Ardeotis kori struthiunculus*

(3) Bogol Manyo Road 13.1, Awash NP 20.1 and Awash NP 21.1.

White-bellied Bustard*Eupodotis senegalensis*

(1) Awash NP 20.1.

Buff-crested Bustard*Lophotis gindiana*

(5) Bogol Manyo Road 13.1, Yabello 15.1 and observed Awash NP 20-22.1.

Rails, Gallinules, and Coots Rallidae**Rouget's Rail (NT)***Rougetius rougetii*

(2) Shashemene to Dinsho Road 10.1 and 15 Sanetti plateau 11.1.

Black Crane*Amaurornis flavirostra*

(1) Lake Ziway 18.1.

Common Moorhen*Gallinula chloropus*

(3) Lake Ziway 8.1, Lake Ziway 17.1 and Bilen Hot Springs 19.1.

Red-knobbed Coot*Fulica cristata*

(3) Lake Chelekleka 8.1, Lake Langano 9.1 and Lake Langano 10.1.

Cranes Gruidae**Black Crowned Crane (VU)***Balearica pavonina ceciliae*

(3) Lake Chelekleka 8.1, Lake Koka 18.1 and Ghibe Gorge 23.1.

Common Crane*Grus grus*

(2) Lake Chelekleka 8.1 and Nazret to Metehara 22.1.

Buttonquails *Turnicidae*

Common Buttonquail

Turnix sylvaticus lepurana

(1) Awash NP 21.1.

Thick-knees *Burhinidae*

Senegal Thick-knee

Burhinus senegalensis

(5) Lake Langano 9.1, Lake Langano 10.1, Awash NP 21.1, Ghibe Gorge 23.1 and Melka Ghebdu 24.1.

Stilts and Avocets *Recurvirostridae*

Black-winged Stilt

Himantopus himantopus

(5) Lake Chelekleka 8.1, Lake Langano 9.1, Lake Ziway 17.1, Lake Ziway 18.1 and Awash NP 21.1.

Pied Avocet

Recurvirostra avosetta

(1) Lake Ziway 8.1.

Plovers and Lapwings *Charadriidae*

Spur-winged Lapwing

Vanellus spinosus

(8) Lake Chelekleka 8.1, Lake Langano 9.1, Lake Langano 10.1, Lake Ziway 17.1, Lake Ziway 18.1, Lake Beseka 19.1, Awash NP 21.1 and Ghibe Gorge 23.1.

Black-headed Lapwing

Vanellus tectus tectus

(1) 16 Aledoghi Plains 20.1.

Black-winged Lapwing

Vanellus melanopterus melanopterus

(2) Lake Koka 8.1 and Liben plains 13.1.

Crowned Lapwing

Vanellus coronatus

(8) Lake Koka 8.1, Shashemene to Dinsho Road 10.1, Liben plains 13.1, Yabello to Mega 15.1, Yabello to Awassa Road 16.1, Abijatta-Shalla NP 17.1, Awash NP 20.1 and Awash NP 21.1.

African Wattled Lapwing

Vanellus senegallus senegallus

(1) Ghibe Gorge 23.1.

Spot-breasted Lapwing

Vanellus melanocephalus

(1) Shashemene to Dinsho Road 10.1.

Common Ringed Plover

Charadrius hiaticula tundrae

(3) Lake Ziway 8.1, Lake Langano 9.1 and Lake Ziway 18.1.

Little Ringed Plover

Charadrius dubius curonicus

(2) Lake Ziway 8.1 and Lake Ziway 18.1.

Kittlitz's Plover

Charadrius pecuarius

(4) Lake Ziway 8.1, Lake Langano 9.1, Abijatta-Shalla NP 17.1 and Lake Koka 18.1.

Three-banded Plover

Charadrius tricollaris tricollaris

(1) Melka Ghebdu 24.1.

Kentish Plover

Charadrius alexandrinus alexandrinus

(1) Lake Chelekleka 8.1.

Egyptian Plover *Pluvianidae*

Egyptian Plover

Pluvianus aegyptius

(1) Ghibe Gorge 23.1.

Jacanas *Jacanidae*

African Jacana

Actophilornis africanus



(3) Lake Ziway 8.1, Lake Awassa 17.1 and Lake Ziway 18.1.

Sandpipers and Allies Scolopacidae

African Snipe

Gallinago nigripennis aequatorialis

(1) Sanetti plateau 11.1.

Common Snipe

Gallinago gallinago gallinago

(3) Lake Ziway 8.1, Lake Ziway 18.1 and Lake Ziway 19.1.

Black-tailed Godwit (NT)

Limosa limosa limosa

(4) Lake Chelekleka 8.1, Lake Langan 9.1, Lake Langan 10.1 and Lake Ziway 18.1.

Marsh Sandpiper

Tringa stagnatilis

(4) Lake Chelekleka 8.1, Lake Ziway 18.1, Lake Beseka 19.1 and Awash NP 21.1.

Common Greenshank

Tringa nebularia

(4) Lake Chelekleka 8.1, Lake Langan 10.1, Sanetti plateau 11.1 and Awash NP 21.1.

Green Sandpiper

Tringa ochropus

(4) Sanetti plateau 11.1, Bilen Hot Springs 19.1, Awash NP 21.1 and Melka Ghebdu 24.1.

Wood Sandpiper

Tringa glareola

(5) Lake Ziway 8.1, Lake Langan 9.1, Lake Langan 10.1, Lake Ziway 18.1 and Awash NP 21.1.

Common Sandpiper

Actitis hypoleucos

Observed 10 days in total.

Little Stint

Calidris minuta

(3) Lake Chelekleka 8.1, Abijatta-Shalla NP 17.1 and Lake Ziway 18.1.

Temminck's Stint

Calidris temminckii

(4) Lake Ziway 8.1, Lake Langan 9.1, Lake Ziway 18.1 and Bilen Hot Springs 19.1.

Ruff

Philomachus pugnax

(3) Lake Chelekleka 8.1, Abijatta-Shalla NP 17.1 and Lake Ziway 18.1.

Pratincoles and Coursers Glareolidae

Temminck's Courser

Cursorius temminckii temminckii

(1) 4 Liben plains 13.1.

Double-banded Courser

Rhinoptilus africanus

(1) 8 Aledoghi Plains 20.1.

Collared Pratincole

Glareola pratincola

(2) Lake Ziway 8.1 and Lake Ziway 18.1.

Gulls, Terns, and Skimmers Laridae

Black-headed Gull

Chroicocephalus ridibundus

(5) Lake Ziway 8.1, Lake Langan 9.1, Lake Langan 10.1, Lake Ziway 18.1 and Lake Beseka 19.1.

Grey-headed Gull

Chroicocephalus cirrocephalus poiocephalus

(4) Lake Ziway 8.1, Lake Langan 9.1, Wabe Shabelle Langan 17.1 and Lake Ziway 18.1.

Lesser Black-backed Gull

Larus fuscus

(2) Lake Langan 9.1 and Wabe Shabelle Langan 17.1.

Gull-billed Tern

Gelochelidon nilotica nilotica

(4) Lake Chelekleka 8.1, Lake Langan 9.1, Lake Koka 18.1 and Lake Beseka 19.1.

White-winged Tern

Chlidonias leucopterus

(2) Lake Chelekleka 8.1 and Lake Koka 18.1.

Sandgrouse Pteroclididae

Chestnut-bellied Sandgrouse

Pterocles exustus

(3) Bilen Hot Springs 19.1, Aledoghi Plains 20.1 and Awash NP 21.1.



Black-faced Sandgrouse *Pterocles decoratus ellenbecki*

(1) Yabello to Mega 15.1.

Lichtenstein's Sandgrouse *Pterocles lichtensteinii*

(1) 35 Bilen Hot Springs 19.1.

Four-banded Sandgrouse *Pterocles quadricinctus*

(1) Ghibe Gorge 23.1.

Pigeons and Doves Columbidae

Rock Dove *Columba livia livia*

(4) Ghion Park, Addis Ababa 7.1, Yabello to Awassa Road 16.1, Nazret to Metehara 19.1 and Wabe Shabelle Langano 22.1.

Speckled Pigeon *Columba guinea guinea*

Observed 18 days in total.

White-collared Pigeon *Columba albitorques*

(7) Ghion Park, Addis Ababa 7.1, Shashemene to Dinsho Road 10.1, Sanetti plateau 11.1, Wabe Shabelle Langano 22.1, Gemasa Geden 24.1, Lalibela 26.1 and Lalibela 27.1.

African Olive Pigeon *Columba arquatrix*

(4) Bishangari 9.1, Harenna Forest 11.1, Harenna Forest 12.1 and Kibre Megist to Agere Maryam 14.1.

Lemon Dove *Columba larvata bronzina*

(2) 10 Bishangari 9.1 and Wabe Shabelle Langano 22.1.

European Turtle Dove *Streptopelia turtur*

(1) Bilen Hot Springs 19.1.

Dusky Turtle Dove *Streptopelia lugens*

(6) Ghion Park, Addis Ababa 7.1, Bishangari 9.1, Dinsho 10.1, Harenna Forest 11.1, Gemasa Geden 24.1 and Lalibela 27.1.

African Collared Dove *Streptopelia roseogrisea*

(1) 15 Aledoghi Plains 20.1.

Mourning Collared Dove *Streptopelia decipiens*

(5) Lake Chelekleka 8.1, Lake Langano 10.1, Wabe Shabelle Langano 17.1, Lake Ziway 18.1 and Nazret to Metehara 19.1.

Red-eyed Dove *Streptopelia semitorquata*

Observed 13 days in total.

Ring-necked Dove *Streptopelia capicola*

Observed 9 days in total.

Vinaceous Dove *Streptopelia vinacea*

(2) Ghibe Gorge 23.1 and Lalibela 26.1.

Laughing Dove *Spilopelia senegalensis senegalensis*

Observed 11 days in total.

Emerald-spotted Wood Dove *Turtur chalcospilos*

(1) Kibre Megist to Agere Maryam 14.1.

Blue-spotted Wood Dove *Turtur afer*

(4) Bishangari 9.1, Harenna Forest 12.1, Yabello to Awassa Road 16.1 and Wabe Shabelle Langano 23.1.

Tambourine Dove *Turtur tympanistria*

(2) Bishangari 9.1 and Harenna Forest 12.1.

Namaqua Dove *Oena capensis capensis*

Observed 14 days in total.

Bruce's Green Pigeon *Treron waalia*

(3) Bishangari 9.1, Lake Langano 10.1 and Lalibela 27.1.



Turacos Musophagidae

- White-cheeked Turaco** *Tauraco leucotis*
 (3) Bishangari 9.1, Lake Langano 10.1 and Harenna Forest 12.1.
- Ruspoli's Turaco (VU)** *Tauraco ruspolii*
 (1) Genale River 12.1.
- Bare-faced Go-away-bird** *Corythaixoides personatus personatus*
 (3) Bishangari 9.1, Lake Langano 10.1 and Yabello to Awassa Road 16.1.
- White-bellied Go-away-bird** *Corythaixoides leucogaster*
 Observed 7 days in total.
- Eastern Plantain-eater** *Crinifer zonurus*
 (2) Awash NP 21.1 and Melka Ghebdu 24.1.

Cuckoos Cuculidae

- Blue-headed Coucal** *Centropus monachus*
 (2) Kibre Megist to Agere Maryam 14.1 and Ghibe Gorge 23.1.
- White-browed Coucal** *Centropus superciliosus superciliosus*
 (1) Bishangari 9.1.
- Green Malkoha** *Ceuthmochares australis*
 (1) Bishangari 9.1.
- Great Spotted Cuckoo** *Clamator glandarius*
 (1) Bogol Manyo Road 13.1.
- Klaas's Cuckoo** *Chrysococcyx klaas*
 (1) Bishangari 9.1.
- African Emerald Cuckoo** *Chrysococcyx cupreus*
 (2) Harenna Forest 11.1 and Harenna Forest 12.1.

Owls Strigidae

- Eurasian Scops Owl** *Otus scops*
 (1) Wabe Shabelle Langano 22.1.
- Cape Eagle-Owl** *Bubo capensis dillonii*
 (2) Shashemene to Dinsho Road 10.1 and Sanetti plateau 11.1.
- Greyish Eagle-Owl** *Bubo cinerascens*
 (1) Wabe Shabelle Langano 17.1.
- Verreaux's Eagle-Owl** *Bubo lacteus*
 (1) Simbo Beach Resort, Lake Langano 17.1.
- African Wood Owl** *Strix woodfordii umbrina*
 (1) Dinsho 10.1.
- Pearl-spotted Owlet** *Glaucidium perlatum licua*
 (1) Kibre Megist to Agere Maryam 14.1.
- Abyssinian Owl** *Asio abyssinicus abyssinicus*
 (2) Dinsho 10.1 and Juniper Forest above Goba 11.1.

Nightjars and Allies Caprimulgidae

- Montane Nightjar** *Caprimulgus poliocephalus*
 (2) Ghion Park, Addis Ababa 7.1 and Wabe Shabelle Langano 22.1.
- Star-spotted Nightjar** *Caprimulgus stellatus*
 (1) 3 Awash NP 20.1.
- Slender-tailed Nightjar** *Caprimulgus clarus*
 (2) Wabe Shabelle Langano 17.1 and Bilen Hot Springs 19.1.



Swifts Apodidae**African Palm Swift***Cypsiurus parvus*

(2) Awash NP 20.1 and Awash NP 21.1.

Alpine Swift*Tachymarptis melba*

(3) Juniper Forest above Goba 11.1, Dolo Mena to Negele 12.1 and Lalibela 27.1.

Mottled Swift*Tachymarptis aequatorialis aequatorialis*

(3) Awash NP 22.1, Debre Birhan 24.1 and Jemma Valley 25.1.

Common Swift*Apus apus*

(1) Ghibe Gorge 23.1.

Nyanza Swift*Apus niansae*

(3) Bishangari 9.1, Juniper Forest above Goba 11.1 and Debre Birhan 24.1.

Little Swift*Apus affinis aerobates*

(3) Awash NP 20.1, Ghibe Gorge 23.1 and Jemma Valley 25.1.

White-rumped Swift*Apus caffer*

(1) Lake Koka 8.1.

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

Observed 13 days in total.

Blue-naped Mousebird*Urocolius macrourus*

(4) Yabello to Mega 15.1, Bilen Hot Springs 19.1, Awash NP 20.1 and Awash NP 21.1.

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

(1) Bishangari 9.1.

Rollers Coraciidae**Purple Roller***Coracias naevius naevius*

(5) Bogol Manyo Road 13.1, Kibre Megist to Agere Maryam 14.1, Soda 15.1, Abijatta-Shalla NP 17.1 and Melka Ghebedu 24.1.

Lilac-breasted Roller*Coracias caudatus lorti*

(5) Lake Langano 10.1, Bogol Manyo Road 13.1, Kibre Megist to Agere Maryam 14.1, Yabello to Mega 15.1 and Yabello to Awassa Road 16.1.

Abyssinian Roller*Coracias abyssinicus*

(6) Lake Koka 8.1, Nazret to Metehara 19.1, Aledoghi Plains 20.1, Awash NP 21.1, Awash NP 22.1 and Ghibe Gorge 23.1.

Broad-billed Roller*Eurystomus glaucurus aethiopicus*

(1) Bishangari 9.1.

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

(2) Yabello to Awassa Road 16.1 and Ghibe Gorge 23.1.

Striped Kingfisher*Halcyon chelicuti chelicuti*

(4) Lake Langano 9.1, Kibre Megist to Agere Maryam 14.1, Simbo Beach Resort, Lake Langano 17.1 and Ghibe Gorge 23.1.

Woodland Kingfisher*Halcyon senegalensis*

(3) Lake Ziway 8.1, Lake Langano 9.1 and Wabe Shabelle Langano 17.1.

African Pygmy Kingfisher*Ispidina picta picta*

(2) 10 Bishangari 9.1 and Lake Awassa 17.1.



Malachite Kingfisher*Corythornis cristatus*

(5) Lake Ziway 8.1, Lake Awassa 17.1, Lake Ziway 18.1, Lake Beseka 19.1 and Melka Ghebdu 24.1.

Half-collared Kingfisher*Alcedo semitorquata*

(1) Melka Ghebdu 24.1.

Giant Kingfisher*Megaceryle maxima maxima*

(2) Ghibe Gorge 23.1 and Melka Ghebdu 24.1.

Pied Kingfisher*Ceryle rudis rudis*

Observed 9 days in total.

Bee-eaters Meropidae**Little Bee-eater***Merops pusillus*

(7) Genale River 12.1, Yabello to Mega 15.1, Yabello 16.1, Abijatta-Shalla NP 17.1, Lake Koka 18.1, Nazret to Metehara 19.1 and Melka Ghebdu 24.1.

Blue-breasted Bee-eater*Merops variegatus lafresnayii*

Observed 1 day in total.

European Bee-eater*Merops apiaster*

(1) Yabello to Awassa Road 16.1.

Northern Carmine Bee-eater*Merops nubicus*

(6) Lake Ziway 8.1, Bishangari 9.1, Abijatta-Shalla NP 17.1, Lake Ziway 18.1, Bilen Hot Springs 19.1 and Awash NP 22.1.

Hoopoes Upupidae**Eurasian Hoopoe***Upupa epops*

Observed 12 days in total.

Woodhoopoes and Scimitar-bills Phoeniculidae**Black-billed Wood Hoopoe***Phoeniculus somaliensis*

(5) Bishangari 9.1, Lake Langano 10.1, Dolo Mena to Negele 12.1, Kibre Megist to Agere Maryam 14.1 and Yabello to Mega 15.1.

Black Scimitarbill*Rhinopomastus aterrimus notatus*

(3) Bishangari 9.1, Abijatta-Shalla NP 17.1 and Ghibe Gorge 23.1.

Abyssinian Scimitarbill*Rhinopomastus minor*

(4) Dolo Mena to Negele 12.1, Bogol Manyo Road 13.1, Soda 15.1 and Nazret to Metehara 19.1.

Ground Hornbills Bucorvidae**Abyssinian Ground Hornbill***Bucorvus abyssinicus*

(5) Lake Langano 10.1, Dolo Mena to Negele 12.1, Kibre Megist to Agere Maryam 14.1, Awash NP 21.1 and Ghibe Gorge 23.1.

Hornbills Bucerotidae**Northern Red-billed Hornbill***Tockus erythrorhynchus*

(6) Dolo Mena to Negele 12.1, Bogol Manyo Road 13.1, Kibre Megist to Agere Maryam 14.1, Yabello 15.1, Yabello to Awassa Road 16.1 and Abijatta-Shalla NP 17.1.

Von der Decken's Hornbill*Tockus deckeni*

(5) Dolo Mena to Negele 12.1, Bogol Manyo Road 13.1, Soda 15.1, Simbo Beach Resort, Lake Langano 17.1 and Awash NP 21.1.

Eastern Yellow-billed Hornbill*Tockus flavirostris*

(2) Yabello to Mega 15.1 and Awash NP 20.1.

Hemprich's Hornbill*Lophoceros hemprichii*

(5) Bishangari 9.1, Shashemene to Dinsho Road 10.1, Kibre Megist to Agere Maryam 14.1, Lalibela 26.1 and Lalibela 27.1.

African Grey Hornbill*Lophoceros nasutus nasutus*

(5) Nazret to Metehara 19.1, observed Awash NP 20-22.1 and Ghibe Gorge 23.1.

Silvery-cheeked Hornbill*Bycanistes brevis*

Observed 9 days in total.

African Barbets *Lybiidae***Red-fronted Tinkerbird***Pogoniulus pusillus*

(5) Bishangari 9.1, Lake Langano 10.1, Dolo Mena to Negele 12.1, Kibre Megist to Agere Maryam 14.1 and Lalibela 27.1.

Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird*Pogoniulus chrysoconus*

(1) Haremma Forest 12.1.

Red-fronted Barbet*Tricholaema diademata diademata*

(1) Lake Langano 8.1.

Black-throated Barbet*Tricholaema melanocephala*

(3) Bogol Manyo Road 13.1, Soda 15.1 and Nazret to Metehara 19.1.

Banded Barbet*Lybius undatus*

(6) Ghion Park, Addis Ababa 7.1, Lake Bishoftu 8.1, Bishangari 9.1, Wabe Shabelle Langano 17.1, Wabe Shabelle Langano 23.1 and Lalibela 27.1.

Black-billed Barbet*Lybius guifsobalito*

Observed 1 day in total.

Double-toothed Barbet*Lybius bidentatus aequatorialis*

(2) Bishangari 9.1 and Lake Awassa 17.1.

Red-and-yellow Barbet*Trachyphonus erythrocephalus*

(1) Genale River 12.1.

Yellow-breasted Barbet*Trachyphonus margaritatus*

(3) Nazret to Metehara 19.1, Nazret to Metehara 22.1 and Lalibela 26.1.

D'Arnaud's Barbet*Trachyphonus darnaudii*

(1) Yabello to Mega 15.1.

Honeyguides *Indicatoridae***Green-backed Honeybird***Prodotiscus zambesiae ellenbecki*

(1) Lake Awassa 17.1.

Lesser Honeyguide*Indicator minor*

(3) Bishangari 9.1, Haremma Forest 11.1 and Abijatta-Shalla NP 17.1.

Scaly-throated Honeyguide*Indicator variegatus*

(1) Bishangari 9.1.

Greater Honeyguide*Indicator indicator*

(3) Bishangari 9.1, Haremma Forest 11.1 and Yabello to Mega 15.1.

Woodpeckers *Picidae***Red-throated Wryneck***Jynx ruficollis aequatorialis*

(1) Lake Awassa 17.1.

Nubian Woodpecker*Campethera nubica*

(3) Bishangari 9.1, Lake Awassa 17.1 and Awash NP 20.1.

Abyssinian Woodpecker*Dendropicos abyssinicus*

(3) Dinsho 10.1, Haremma Forest 11.1 and Haremma Forest 12.1.

Cardinal Woodpecker*Dendropicos fuscescens*

(5) Dolo Mena to Negele 12.1, Bogol Manyo Road 13.1, Soda 15.1, Bilen Hot Springs 19.1 and



Ghibe Gorge 23.1.

Bearded Woodpecker

Dendropicos namaquus schoensis

(2) Yabello to Mega 15.1 and Abijatta-Shalla NP 17.1.

Eastern Grey Woodpecker

Dendropicos spodocephalus spodocephalus

(3) Ghion Park, Addis Ababa 7.1, Bishangari 9.1 and Wabe Shabelle Langano 17.1.

Falcons and Caracaras Falconidae

Pygmy Falcon

Polihierax semitorquatus castanonotus

(2) Bogol Manyo Road 13.1 and Awash NP 21.1.

Lesser Kestrel

Falco naumanni

(2) Wabe Shabelle Langano 22.1 and Wabe Shabelle Langano 23.1.

Common Kestrel

Falco tinnunculus

Observed 1 day in total.

Fox Kestrel

Falco alopex

(1) Jemma Valley 25.1.

Grey Kestrel

Falco ardosiaceus

(1) Bishangari 9.1.

Lanner Falcon

Falco biarmicus

(4) Sanetti plateau 11.1, Yabello to Mega 15.1, Bilen Hot Springs 19.1 and Aledoghi Plains 20.1.

Peregrine Falcon

Falco peregrinus

(5) Ghion Park, Addis Ababa 7.1, Dinsho 10.1, Dolo Mena to Negele 12.1, Kibre Megist to Agere Maryam 14.1 and Lalibela 27.1.

African & New World Parrots Psittacidae

Yellow-fronted Parrot

Poicephalus flavifrons

(3) Bishangari 9.1, Lake Langano 10.1 and Harenna Forest 11.1.

Red-bellied Parrot

Poicephalus rufiventris

(3) Yabello to Mega 15.1, Awash NP 22.1 and Melka Ghebdu 24.1.

Old World Parrots Psittaculidae

Black-winged Lovebird

Agapornis taranta

(7) Ghion Park, Addis Ababa 7.1, Lake Langano 8.1, Bishangari 9.1, Lake Langano 10.1, Lake Awassa 17.1, Jemma Valley 25.1 and Lalibela 27.1.

Wattle-eyes and Batises Platysteiridae

Grey-headed Batis

Batis orientalis

(4) Dolo Mena to Negele 12.1, Abijatta-Shalla NP 17.1, Nazret to Metehara 19.1 and Lalibela 26.1.

Western Black-headed Batis

Batis erlangeri

(2) Bishangari 9.1 and Ghibe Gorge 23.1.

Pygmy Batis

Batis perkeo

(2) Bogol Manyo Road 13.1 and Yabello to Mega 15.1.

Brown-throated Wattle-eye

Platysteira cyanea aethiopica

(1) Bishangari 9.1.

Helmetshrikes and Allies Prionopidae

White-crested Helmetshrike

Prionops plumatus

(4) Dolo Mena to Negele 12.1, Kibre Megist to Agere Maryam 14.1, Awash NP 21.1 and Awash NP 22.1.

Bushshrikes and Allies Malaconotidae



- Grey-headed Bushshrike** *Malakonotus blanchoti*
(2) Dolo Mena to Negele 12.1 and Ghibe Gorge 23.1.
- Orange-breasted Bushshrike** *Chlorophoneus sulfureopectus similis*
(3) Lake Langano 9.1, Lake Langano 10.1 and Dolo Mena to Negele 12.1.
- Rosy-patched Bushshrike** *Telophorus cruentus*
(2) Yabello to Mega 15.1 and Awash NP 20.1.
- Three-streaked Tchagra** *Tchagra jamesi jamesi*
(1) Bogol Manyo Road 13.1.
- Black-crowned Tchagra** *Tchagra senegalus habessinicus*
(5) Lake Bishoftu 8.1, Lake Langano 9.1, Abijatta-Shalla NP 17.1, Ghibe Gorge 23.1 and Jemma Valley 25.1.
- Northern Puffback** *Dryoscopus gambensis erythrae*
(6) Lake Ziway 8.1, Bishangari 9.1, Lake Langano 10.1, Kibre Megist to Agere Maryam 14.1, Awash NP 21.1 and Ghibe Gorge 23.1.
- Pringle's Puffback** *Dryoscopus pringlii*
(1) Yabello to Mega 15.1.
- Slate-colored Boubou** *Laniarius funebris*
(4) Dolo Mena to Negele 12.1, Bogol Manyo Road 13.1, Soda 15.1 and Abijatta-Shalla NP 17.1.
- Red-naped Bushshrike** *Laniarius ruficeps rufinuchalis*
(1) Yabello to Mega 15.1.
- Ethiopian Boubou** *Laniarius aethiopicus*
Observed 8 days in total.
- Brubru** *Nilaus afer*
(5) Dolo Mena to Negele 12.1, Bogol Manyo Road 13.1, Soda 15.1, Abijatta-Shalla NP 17.1 and Bilen Hot Springs 19.1.

Cuckoo-shrikes *Campephagidae*

- Red-shouldered Cuckooshrike** *Campephaga phoenicea*
(1) Bishangari 9.1.

Shrikes *Laniidae*

- Northern White-crowned Shrike** *Eurocephalus ruppelli*
Observed 8 days in total.
- Isabelline Shrike** *Lanius isabellinus isabellinus*
(3) Lake Chelekleka 8.1, Bishangari 9.1 and Yabello to Mega 15.1.
- Red-tailed Shrike** *Lanius phoenicuroides*
(2) Bilen Hot Springs 19.1 and Awash NP 22.1.
- Southern Grey Shrike** *Lanius meridionalis*
(2) Liben plains 13.1 and Aledoghi Plains 20.1.
- Steppe Grey Shrike** *Lanius pallidirostris*
(1) Bilen Hot Springs 19.1.
- Grey-backed Fiscal** *Lanius excubitoroides intercedens*
(5) Lake Ziway 8.1, Bishangari 9.1, Lake Langano 10.1, Lake Ziway 18.1 and Ghibe Gorge 23.1.
- Somali Fiscal** *Lanius somalicus*
(3) Mega Plains 15.1, Awash NP 20.1 and Awash NP 21.1.
- Northern Fiscal** *Lanius humeralis humeralis*
Observed 10 days in total.
- Woodchat Shrike** *Lanius senator niloticus*
(3) Bilen Hot Springs 19.1, Aledoghi Plains 20.1 and Awash NP 21.1.
- Masked Shrike** *Lanius nubicus*



(2) Lake Ziway 8.1 and Bishangari 9.1.

Old World Orioles *Oriolidae*

Ethiopian Oriole *Oriolus monacha*

(3) Bishangari 9.1, Harenn Forest 12.1 and Yabello to Awassa Road 16.1.

Black-headed Oriole *Oriolus larvatus rolleti*

(2) Kibre Megist to Agere Maryam 14.1 and Yabello 16.1.

Drongos *Dicruridae*

Fork-tailed Drongo *Dicrurus adsimilis divaricatus*

Observed 10 days in total.

Monarch Flycatchers *Monarchidae*

African Paradise Flycatcher *Terpsiphone viridis ferreti*

(7) Ghion Park, Addis Ababa 7.1, Bishangari 9.1, Lake Langano 10.1, Kibre Megist to Agere Maryam 14.1, Lake Awassa 17.1, Wabe Shabelle Langano 22.1 and Ghibe Gorge 23.1.

Crows, Jays, and Magpies *Corvidae*

Stresemann's Bushcrow (EN) *Zavattariornis stresemanni*

(1) 30 Yabello to Mega 15.1.

Red-billed Chough *Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax baileyi*

(1) Shashemene to Dinsho Road 10.1.

Cape Crow *Corvus capensis kordofanensis*

(6) Lake Langano 8.1, Shashemene to Dinsho Road 10.1, Yabello to Awassa Road 16.1, Wabe Shabelle Langano 23.1, Debre Birhan 24.1 and Jemma Valley 25.1.

Pied Crow *Corvus albus*

Observed 13 days in total.

Somali Crow *Corvus edithae*

(2) Shashemene to Dinsho Road 10.1 and Bogol Manyo Road 13.1.

Fan-tailed Raven *Corvus rhipidurus rhipidurus*

Observed 18 days in total.

Thick-billed Raven *Corvus crassirostris*

(5) Shashemene 10.1, Harenn Forest 11.1, Harenn Forest 12.1, Kibre Megist to Agere Maryam 14.1 and Debre Birhan 24.1.

Chickadees and Tits *Paridae*

White-winged Black Tit *Melaniparus leucomelas leucomelas*

(2) Bishangari 9.1 and Abijatta-Shalla NP 17.1.

White-backed Black Tit *Melaniparus leuconotus*

(2) Dinsho 10.1 and Harenn Forest 11.1.

Acacia Tit *Melaniparus thruppi*

(2) Dolo Mena to Negele 12.1 and Yabello to Mega 15.1.

Penduline-Tits *Remizidae*

Mouse-colored Penduline Tit *Anthoscopus musculus*

(2) Bogol Manyo Road 13.1 and Awash NP 21.1.

Larks *Alaudidae*

Chestnut-backed Sparrow-Lark *Eremopterix leucotis leucotis*

(3) Lake Chelekaleka 8.1, Aledoghi Plains 20.1 and Ghibe Gorge 23.1.



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| Chestnut-headed Sparrow-Lark | <i>Eremopterix signatus</i> |
| (2) Bilen Hot Springs 19.1 and Awash NP 21.1. | |
| Foxy Lark | <i>Calendulauda alopex</i> |
| (1) Yabello to Mega 15.1. | |
| Archer's Lark (CR) | <i>Heteromiraфра archeri</i> |
| (1) Liben plains 13.1. | |
| Red-winged Lark | <i>Miraфра hypermetra</i> |
| (1) Awash NP 21.1. | |
| Singing Bush Lark | <i>Miraфра cantillans</i> |
| (2) Aledoghi Plains 20.1 and Awash NP 21.1. | |
| Gillett's Lark | <i>Miraфра gilletti</i> |
| (4) Bogol Manyo Road 13.1, Nazret to Metehara 19.1, Aledoghi Plains 20.1 and Awash NP 21.1. | |
| Thekla Lark | <i>Galerida theklae</i> |
| (3) Shashemene to Dinsho Road 10.1, Sanetti plateau 11.1 and Gemasa Geden 24.1. | |
| Erlanger's Lark | <i>Calandrella erlangeri</i> |
| (2) Lake Chelekaleka 8.1 and Wabe Shabelle Langano 22.1. | |
| Somali Short-toed Lark | <i>Alaudala somalica</i> |
| (1) Liben plains 13.1. | |

Bulbuls Pycnonotidae

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| Common Bulbul | <i>Pycnonotus barbatus schoanus</i> |
| Observed 17 days in total. | |
| Somali Bulbul | <i>Pycnonotus somaliensis</i> |
| (1) Bilen Hot Springs 19.1. | |
| Dodson's Bulbul | <i>Pycnonotus dodsoni</i> |
| (3) Bogol Manyo Road 13.1, Kibre Megist to Agere Maryam 14.1 and Yabello to Mega 15.1. | |
| Dark-capped Bulbul | <i>Pycnonotus tricolor spurius</i> |
| (2) Harennā Forest 11.1 and Harennā Forest 12.1. | |
| Northern Brownbul | <i>Phyllastrephus strepitans</i> |
| (1) Dolo Mena to Negele 12.1. | |

Swallows Hirundinidae

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| Black Saw-wing | <i>Psaldiprocne pristopectera</i> |
| (6) Bishangari 9.1, Shashemene to Dinsho Road 10.1, Harennā Forest 11.1, Harennā Forest 12.1, Kibre Megist to Agere Maryam 14.1 and Yabello to Awassa Road 16.1. | |
| Grey-rumped Swallow | <i>Pseudhirundo griseopyga griseopyga</i> |
| (1) Ghibe Gorge 23.1. | |
| Brown-throated Martin | <i>Riparia paludicola</i> |
| Observed 10 days in total. | |
| Sand Martin | <i>Riparia riparia</i> |
| (1) Abijatta-Shalla NP 17.1. | |
| Barn Swallow | <i>Hirundo rustica rustica</i> |
| Observed 16 days in total. | |
| Ethiopian Swallow | <i>Hirundo aethiopica</i> |
| (3) Liben plains 13.1, Bilen Hot Springs 19.1 and Awash NP 21.1. | |
| Wire-tailed Swallow | <i>Hirundo smithii smithii</i> |
| (3) Kibre Megist to Agere Maryam 14.1, Ghibe Gorge 23.1 and Jemma Valley 25.1. | |
| White-tailed Swallow (VU) | <i>Hirundo megaensis</i> |
| (1) Yabello to Mega 15.1. | |
| Eurasian Crag Martin | <i>Ptyonoprogne rupestris</i> |



(1) Jemma Valley 25.1.

Rock Martin

Ptyonoprogne fuligula

(6) Ghion Park, Addis Ababa 7.1, Sanetti plateau 11.1, Soda 15.1, Gemasa Geden 24.1, Jemma Valley 25.1 and Lalibela 27.1.

Common House Martin

Delichon urbicum

(2) Lake Langano 9.1 and Shashemene to Dinsho Road 10.1.

Lesser Striped Swallow

Cecropis abyssinica

(2) Ghibe Gorge 23.1 and Jemma Valley 25.1.

Red-rumped Swallow

Cecropis daurica

(7) Ghion Park, Addis Ababa 7.1, Lake Chelekleka 8.1, Bishangari 9.1, Aledoghi Plains 20.1, Gemasa Geden 24.1, Jemma Valley 25.1 and Lalibela 27.1.

Crombecs, African warblers *Macrosphenidae*

Moustached Grass Warbler

Melocichla mentalis amauroura

(1) Ghibe Gorge 23.1.

Northern Crombec

Sylvietta brachyura leucopsis

(3) Dolo Mena to Negele 12.1, Kibre Megist to Agere Maryam 14.1 and Awash NP 22.1.

Red-faced Crombec

Sylvietta whytii loringi

(4) Lake Langano 8.1, Bishangari 9.1, Kibre Megist to Agere Maryam 14.1 and Abijatta-Shalla NP 17.1.

Somali Crombec

Sylvietta isabellina

(2) Bogol Manyo Road 13.1 and Yabello to Mega 15.1.

Leaf-Warblers *Phylloscopidae*

Brown Woodland Warbler

Phylloscopus umbrovirens

(1) Dinsho 10.1.

Common Chiffchaff

Phylloscopus collybita

Observed 9 days in total.

Reed-Warblers and Allies *Acrocephalidae*

Lesser Swamp Warbler

Acrocephalus gracilirostris

(1) Lake Awassa 17.1.

Sedge Warbler

Acrocephalus schoenobaenus

(3) Lake Ziway 8.1, Lake Ziway 17.1 and Lake Ziway 18.1.

Eastern Olivaceous Warbler

Iduna pallida elaeica

(3) Kibre Megist to Agere Maryam 14.1, Awash NP 21.1 and Jemma Valley 25.1.

Grassbirds and Allies *Locustellidae*

Little Rush Warbler

Bradypterus baboecala abyssinicus

(1) Kibre Megist to Agere Maryam 14.1.

Cinnamon Bracken Warbler

Bradypterus cinnamomeus cinnamomeus

(3) Harenna Forest 11.1, Harenna Forest 12.1 and Lalibela 27.1.

Cisticolas and Allies *Cisticolidae*

Red-faced Cisticola

Cisticola erythrops

(1) Lake Awassa 17.1.

Singing Cisticola

Cisticola cantans cantans

(4) Harenna Forest 12.1, Ghibe Gorge 23.1, Jemma Valley 25.1 and Lalibela 27.1.

Rattling Cisticola

Cisticola chiniana fricki

(4) Bogol Manyo Road 13.1, Yabello to Awassa Road 16.1, Lake Awassa 17.1 and Lake Ziway



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Ashy Cisticola*Cisticola cinereolus*

(2) Bogol Manyo Road 13.1 and Awash NP 20.1.

Ethiopian Cisticola*Cisticola lugubris*

(4) Ghion Park, Addis Ababa 7.1, Shashemene to Dinsho Road 10.1, Lake Ziway 18.1 and Gemasa Geden 24.1.

Tiny Cisticola*Cisticola nana*

(1) Yabello to Mega 15.1.

Foxy Cisticola*Cisticola troglodytes ferrugineus*

(1) Ghibe Gorge 23.1.

Zitting Cisticola*Cisticola juncidis uropygialis*

(1) Gemasa Geden 24.1.

Desert Cisticola*Cisticola aridulus lavendulae*

(1) Awash NP 21.1.

Pectoral-patch Cisticola*Cisticola brunnescens*

(1) Liben plains 13.1.

Tawny-flanked Prinia*Prinia subflava*

Observed 11 days in total.

Pale Prinia*Prinia somalica*

(1) Bogol Manyo Road 13.1.

Buff-bellied Warbler*Phyllolais pulchella*

(4) Bishangari 9.1, Kibre Megist to Agere Maryam 14.1, Abijatta-Shalla NP 17.1 and Lake Ziway 18.1.

Yellow-breasted Apalis*Apalis flavida*

(4) Dolo Mena to Negele 12.1, Bogol Manyo Road 13.1, Kibre Megist to Agere Maryam 14.1 and Soda 15.1.

Red-fronted Warbler*Urorhipis rufifrons*

(3) Bogol Manyo Road 13.1, Bilen Hot Springs 19.1 and Aledoghi Plains 20.1.

Grey-backed Camaroptera*Camaroptera brevicaudata*

(5) Bishangari 9.1, Kibre Megist to Agere Maryam 14.1, Lake Awassa 17.1, Nazret to Metehara 19.1 and Ghibe Gorge 23.1.

Grey Wren-Warbler*Calamonastes simplex*

(3) Dolo Mena to Negele 12.1, Bogol Manyo Road 13.1 and Soda 15.1.

Yellow-bellied Eremomela*Eremomela icteropygialis griseoflava*

(4) Bogol Manyo Road 13.1, Yabello to Mega 15.1, Abijatta-Shalla NP 17.1 and Bilen Hot Springs 19.1.

Laughingthrushes *Leiothrichidae***Scaly Chatterer***Turdoides aylmeri*

(1) 5 Yabello to Mega 15.1.

Rufous Chatterer*Turdoides rubiginosa*

(4) Bishangari 9.1, Lake Awassa 17.1, Bilen Hot Springs 19.1 and Awash NP 20.1.

White-rumped Babbler*Turdoides leucopygia*

Observed 9 days in total.

Old World Warblers *Sylviidae***Abyssinian Catbird***Parophasma galinieri*

(4) Dinsho 10.1, Harenn Forest 11.1, Harenn Forest 12.1 and Lalibela 27.1.

Eurasian Blackcap*Sylvia atricapilla*

(4) Lake Bishoftu 8.1, Bishangari 9.1, Lake Langano 10.1 and Harenn Forest 12.1.



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| Lesser Whitethroat | <i>Sylvia curruca</i> |
| (2) Bishangari 9.1 and Awash NP 21.1. | |
| Common Whitethroat | <i>Sylvia communis</i> |
| (1) Awash NP 20.1. | |
| Brown Parisoma | <i>Sylvia lugens</i> |
| (1) Ghion Park, Addis Ababa 7.1. | |
| Banded Parisoma | <i>Sylvia boehmi</i> |
| (2) Bogol Manyo Road 13.1 and Kibre Megist to Agere Maryam 14.1. | |

Yuhinas, White-eyes, and Allies Zosteropidae

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| Abyssinian White-eye | <i>Zosterops abyssinicus</i> |
| (7) Lake Bishoftu 9.1, Dolo Mena to Negele 12.1, Kibre Megist to Agere Maryam 14.1, Yabello to Mega 15.1, Mojo 18.1, Ghibe Gorge 23.1 and Jemma Valley 25.1. | |
| Montane White-eye | <i>Zosterops poliogastrus</i> |
| (4) Ghion Park, Addis Ababa 7.1, Dinsho 10.1, Harenn Forest 11.1 and Lalibela 27.1. | |

Treecreepers Certhiidae

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| African Spotted Creeper | <i>Salpornis salvadori erlangeri</i> |
| (1) Lake Awassa 17.1. | |

Starlings Sturnidae

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| Wattled Starling | <i>Creatophora cinerea</i> |
| (7) Lake Langano 8.1, Bishangari 9.1, Lake Langano 10.1, Yabello to Mega 15.1, Abijatta-Shalla NP 17.1, Lake Ziway 18.1 and Awash NP 20.1. | |
| Greater Blue-eared Starling | <i>Lamprotornis chalybaeus cyaniventris</i> |
| Observed 16 days in total. | |
| Lesser Blue-eared Starling | <i>Lamprotornis chloropterus</i> |
| (1) Ghibe Gorge 23.1. | |
| Rüppell's Starling | <i>Lamprotornis purpuroptera</i> |
| Observed 10 days in total. | |
| Golden-breasted Starling | <i>Lamprotornis regius</i> |
| (1) 4 Dolo Mena to Negele 12.1. | |
| Superb Starling | <i>Lamprotornis superbus</i> |
| Observed 15 days in total. | |
| Shelley's Starling | <i>Lamprotornis shelleyi</i> |
| (5) Dolo Mena to Negele 12.1, Bogol Manyo Road 13.1, Kibre Megist to Agere Maryam 14.1, Soda 15.1 and Melka Ghebdu 24.1. | |
| White-crowned Starling | <i>Lamprotornis albicapillus</i> |
| (3) Liben plains 13.1, Yabello to Mega 15.1 and Yabello to Awassa Road 16.1. | |
| Violet-backed Starling | <i>Cinnyricinclus leucogaster</i> |
| (4) Bishangari 9.1, Lake Langano 10.1, Kibre Megist to Agere Maryam 14.1 and Ghibe Gorge 23.1. | |
| Red-winged Starling | <i>Onychognathus morio rueppellii</i> |
| (2) Yabello 16.1 and Lalibela 27.1. | |
| Slender-billed Starling | <i>Onychognathus tenuirostris tenuirostris</i> |
| (1) Harenn Forest 12.1. | |
| Bristle-crowned Starling | <i>Onychognathus salvadorii</i> |
| (2) Soda 15.1 and Nazret to Metehara 19.1. | |
| White-billed Starling | <i>Onychognathus albirostris</i> |
| (2) Jemma Valley 25.1 and Lalibela 27.1. | |



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

(8) Lake Ziway 8.1, Bishangari 9.1, Shashemene to Dinsho Road 10.1, Dolo Mena to Negele 12.1, Kibre Megist to Agere Maryam 14.1, Nazret to Metehara 19.1, Awash NP 21.1 and Awash NP 22.1.

Thrushes and Allies Turdidae**Abyssinian Ground Thrush***Geokichla piaggiae piaggiae*

(3) Bishangari 9.1, Juniper Forest above Goba 11.1 and Hareenna Forest 12.1.

Groundscraper Thrush*Turdus litsitsirupa simensis*

(4) Sanetti plateau 11.1, Gemasa Geden 24.1, Lalibela 26.1 and Lalibela 27.1.

African Thrush*Turdus pelios*

(5) Lake Langano 8.1, Bishangari 9.1, Lake Awassa 17.1, Awash NP 21.1 and Ghibe Gorge 23.1.

Bare-eyed Thrush*Turdus tephronotus*

(1) Bogol Manyo Road 13.1.

Abyssinian Thrush*Turdus abyssinicus abyssinicus*

Observed 9 days in total.

Old World Flycatchers Muscicapidae**Black Scrub Robin***Cercotrichas podobe podobe*

(1) Bilen Hot Springs 19.1.

Rufous-tailed Scrub Robin*Cercotrichas galactotes*

(1) Bilen Hot Springs 19.1.

White-browed Scrub Robin*Cercotrichas leucophrys*

(4) Dolo Mena to Negele 12.1, Bogol Manyo Road 13.1, Yabello to Mega 15.1 and Awash NP 20.1.

Abyssinian Slaty Flycatcher*Melaenornis chocolatinus*

(3) Ghion Park, Addis Ababa 7.1, Hareenna Forest 11.1 and Hareenna Forest 12.1.

Northern Black Flycatcher*Melaenornis edolioides*

(4) Dolo Mena to Negele 12.1, Kibre Megist to Agere Maryam 14.1, Abijatta-Shalla NP 17.1 and Ghibe Gorge 23.1.

Pale Flycatcher*Melaenornis pallidus*

(1) Yabello to Mega 15.1.

African Grey Flycatcher*Melaenornis microrhynchus*

(7) Dolo Mena to Negele 12.1, Bogol Manyo Road 13.1, Yabello to Mega 15.1, Wabe Shabelle Langano 17.1, Awash NP 20.1, Awash NP 21.1 and Ghibe Gorge 23.1.

African Dusky Flycatcher*Muscicapa adusta minima*

(7) Ghion Park, Addis Ababa 7.1, Bishangari 9.1, Dinsho 10.1, Hareenna Forest 12.1, Lake Awassa 17.1, Lake Ziway 18.1 and Wabe Shabelle Langano 22.1.

Rüppell's Robin-Chat*Cossypha semirufa*

(7) Ghion Park, Addis Ababa 7.1, Bishangari 9.1, Hareenna Forest 11.1, Hareenna Forest 12.1, Kibre Megist to Agere Maryam 14.1, Wabe Shabelle Langano 22.1 and Lalibela 27.1.

White-browed Robin-Chat*Cossypha heuglini heuglini*

(1) 1 heard Lake Awassa 17.1.

Red-capped Robin-Chat*Cossypha natalensis intensa*

(1) Bishangari 9.1.

Snowy-crowned Robin-Chat*Cossypha niveicapilla*

(1) Ghibe Gorge 23.1.

Spotted Palm Thrush*Cichladusa guttata*

(1) Yabello to Mega 15.1.



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| Thrush Nightingale (1) Awash NP 21.1. | <i>Luscinia luscinia</i> |
| Common Redstart Observed 10 days in total. | <i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus</i> |
| White-winged Cliff Chat (2) Jemma Valley 25.1 and Lalibela 27.1. | <i>Monticola semirufus</i> |
| Common Rock Thrush (7) Lake Bishoftu 8.1, Lake Langano 9.1, Lake Langano 10.1, Bogol Manyo Road 13.1, Soda 15.1, Awash NP 20.1 and Jemma Valley 25.1. | <i>Monticola saxatilis</i> |
| Little Rock Thrush (3) Lake Bishoftu 8.1, Ghibe Gorge 23.1 and Jemma Valley 25.1. | <i>Monticola rufocinereus rufocinereus</i> |
| Blue Rock Thrush (1) Gemasa Geden 24.1. | <i>Monticola solitarius</i> |
| Siberian Stonechat (1) Jemma Valley 25.1. | <i>Saxicola maurus</i> |
| African Stonechat (1) Ankober 24.1. | <i>Saxicola torquatus albofasciatus</i> |
| Moorland Chat (4) Shashemene to Dinsho Road 10.1, Sanetti plateau 11.1, Gemasa Geden 24.1 and Lalibela 27.1. | <i>Pinarochroa sordida sordida</i> |
| Mocking Cliff Chat (5) Lake Bishoftu 8.1, Ghibe Gorge 23.1, Jemma Valley 25.1, Lalibela 26.1 and Lalibela 27.1. | <i>Thamnolaea cinnamomeiventris</i> |
| Rüppell's Black Chat (2) Jemma Valley 25.1 and Lalibela 27.1. | <i>Myrmecocichla melaena</i> |
| Northern Wheatear (4) Liben plains 13.1, Mega Plains 15.1, Awash NP 21.1 and Lalibela 26.1. | <i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i> |
| Red-breasted Wheatear (2) Shashemene to Dinsho Road 10.1 and Debre Birhan 24.1. | <i>Oenanthe bottae frenata</i> |
| Isabelline Wheatear Observed 10 days in total. | <i>Oenanthe isabellina</i> |
| Black-eared Wheatear (1) Jemma Valley 25.1. | <i>Oenanthe hispanica melanoleuca</i> |
| Pied Wheatear Observed 14 days in total. | <i>Oenanthe pleschanka</i> |
| White-fronted Black Chat (1) Lalibela 26.1. | <i>Oenanthe albifrons</i> |
| Blackstart (3) Nazret to Metehara 19.1, Nazret to Metehara 22.1 and Melka Ghebdu 24.1. | <i>Oenanthe melanura</i> |
| Familiar Chat (2) Ghibe Gorge 23.1 and Jemma Valley 25.1. | <i>Oenanthe familiaris</i> |
| Brown-tailed Rock Chat (1) Kibre Megist to Agere Maryam 14.1. | <i>Oenanthe scotocerca</i> |
| Sombre Rock Chat (1) Nazret to Metehara 19.1. | <i>Oenanthe dubia</i> |
| Abyssinian Wheatear (3) Abijatta-Shalla NP 17.1, Lake Beseka 19.1 and Melka Ghebdu 24.1. | <i>Oenanthe lugubris lugubris</i> |

Sunbirds and Spiderhunters *Nectariniidae*

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| Eastern Violet-backed Sunbird (2) Bogol Manyo Road 13.1 and Kibre Megist to Agere Maryam 14.1. | <i>Anthreptes orientalis</i> |
| Nile Valley Sunbird | <i>Hedydipna metallica</i> |



(3) Nazret to Metehara 19.1, Awash NP 20.1 and Awash NP 22.1.

Scarlet-chested Sunbird

Chalcomitra senegalensis proteus

(6) Lake Langano 8.1, Bishangari 9.1, Lake Awassa 17.1, Melka Ghebdu 24.1, Lalibela 26.1 and Lalibela 27.1.

Hunter's Sunbird

Chalcomitra hunteri

(2) Bogol Manyo Road 13.1 and Soda 15.1.

Tacazze Sunbird

Nectarinia tacazze tacazze

(6) Ghion Park, Addis Ababa 7.1, Harenn Forest 11.1, Harenn Forest 12.1, Kibre Megist to Agere Maryam 14.1, Lalibela 26.1 and Lalibela 27.1.

Beautiful Sunbird

Cinnyris pulchellus pulchellus

(3) Lake Ziway 8.1, Lake Ziway 17.1 and Lake Ziway 18.1.

Marico Sunbird

Cinnyris mariquensis osiris

(2) Dolo Mena to Negele 12.1 and Soda 15.1.

Shining Sunbird

Cinnyris habessinicus

(6) Dolo Mena to Negele 12.1, Kibre Megist to Agere Maryam 14.1, Soda 15.1, Nazret to Metehara 19.1, Awash NP 21.1 and Awash NP 22.1.

Variable Sunbird

Cinnyris venustus

Observed 9 days in total.

Old World Sparrows *Passeridae*

White-browed Sparrow-Weaver

Plocepasser mahali melanorhynchus

Observed 10 days in total.

Chestnut-crowned Sparrow-Weaver

Plocepasser superciliosus

(2) Jemma Valley 25.1 and Lalibela 26.1.

Grey-capped Social Weaver

Pseudonigrita arnaudi

(2) Bogol Manyo Road 13.1 and Yabello to Mega 15.1.

Black-capped Social Weaver

Pseudonigrita cabanisi

(1) Yabello to Mega 15.1.

Shelley's Sparrow

Passer shelleyi

(2) Bogol Manyo Road 13.1 and Yabello to Mega 15.1.

Swainson's Sparrow

Passer swainsonii

Observed 16 days in total.

Chestnut Sparrow

Passer eminibey

(1) Yabello to Mega 15.1.

Bush Petronia

Gymnoris dentata

(3) Bishangari 9.1, Ghibe Gorge 23.1 and Lalibela 26.1.

Yellow-spotted Petronia

Gymnoris pyrgita pyrgita

(2) Bogol Manyo Road 13.1 and Bilen Hot Springs 19.1.

Weavers and Allies *Ploceidae*

Red-billed Buffalo Weaver

Bubalornis niger intermedius

(6) Lake Langano 8.1, Bogol Manyo Road 13.1, Yabello to Mega 15.1, Yabello to Awassa Road 16.1, Bilen Hot Springs 19.1 and Awash NP 21.1.

White-headed Buffalo Weaver

Dinemellia dinemelli dinemelli

(7) Dolo Mena to Negele 12.1, Yabello to Mega 15.1, Abijatta-Shalla NP 17.1, Bilen Hot Springs 19.1 and observed Awash NP 20-22.1.

Speckle-fronted Weaver

Sporopipes frontalis frontalis

(1) Jemma Valley 25.1.

Baglafaecht Weaver

Ploceus baglafaecht

Observed 8 days in total.



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| Little Weaver (1) Lake Awassa 17.1. | <i>Ploceus luteolus luteolus</i> |
| Spectacled Weaver (2) Bishangari 9.1 and Lake Awassa 17.1. | <i>Ploceus ocularis crocatus</i> |
| Rüppell's Weaver (8) Lake Chelekaleka 8.1, Lake Ziway 18.1, Bilen Hot Springs 19.1, observed Awash NP 20-22.1, Melka Ghebdu 24.1 and Lalibela 26.1. | <i>Ploceus galbula</i> |
| Lesser Masked Weaver (1) Dolo Mena to Negele 12.1. | <i>Ploceus intermedius intermedius</i> |
| Vitelline Masked Weaver (3) Dolo Mena to Negele 12.1, Kibre Megist to Agere Maryam 14.1 and Yabello to Awassa Road 16.1. | <i>Ploceus vitellinus uluensis</i> |
| Speke's Weaver (2) Bogol Manyo Road 13.1 and Yabello to Awassa Road 16.1. | <i>Ploceus spekei</i> |
| Village Weaver (3) Abijatta-Shalla NP 17.1, Ghibe Gorge 23.1 and Lalibela 27.1. | <i>Ploceus cucullatus abyssinicus</i> |
| Chestnut Weaver (2) Dolo Mena to Negele 12.1 and Bogol Manyo Road 13.1. | <i>Ploceus rubiginosus rubiginosus</i> |
| Red-headed Weaver (5) Bishangari 9.1, Dolo Mena to Negele 12.1, Kibre Megist to Agere Maryam 14.1, Lake Awassa 17.1 and Melka Ghebdu 24.1. | <i>Anaplectes rubriceps leuconotos</i> |
| Red-billed Quelea Observed 12 days in total. | <i>Quelea quelea aethiopica</i> |
| Black-winged Red Bishop (2) Melka Ghebdu 23.1 and Jemma Valley 25.1. | <i>Euplectes hordeaceus craspedopterus</i> |
| Northern Red Bishop (5) Lake Ziway 18.1, Bilen Hot Springs 19.1, Awash NP 22.1, Ghibe Gorge 23.1 and Melka Ghebdu 24.1. | <i>Euplectes franciscanus</i> |
| Yellow Bishop (1) Gemasa Geden 24.1. | <i>Euplectes capensis xanthomelas</i> |
| Red-collared Widowbird (2) Jemma Valley 25.1 and Lalibela 27.1. | <i>Euplectes ardens laticauda</i> |

Waxbills and Allies Estrildidae

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| Green-winged Pytilia (2) Nazret to Metehara 19.1 and Awash NP 22.1. | <i>Pytilia melba</i> |
| Cut-throat Finch (6) Lake Langano 8.1, Liben plains 13.1, Abijatta-Shalla NP 17.1, Lake Ziway 18.1, Bilen Hot Springs 19.1 and Awash NP 21.1. | <i>Amadina fasciata</i> |
| Green Twinspot (1) Bishangari 9.1. | <i>Mandingoa nitidula chubbi</i> |
| Red-billed Firefinch Observed 14 days in total. | <i>Lagonosticta senegala</i> |
| Black-faced Firefinch (1) 12 Ghibe Gorge 23.1. | <i>Lagonosticta larvata larvata</i> |
| Red-cheeked Cordon-bleu Observed 2 days in total. | <i>Uraeginthus bengalus bengalus</i> |
| Purple Grenadier (2) Bogol Manyo Road 13.1 and Yabello to Mega 15.1. | <i>Uraeginthus ianthinogaster</i> |
| Yellow-bellied Waxbill | <i>Coccyzygia quartinia quartinia</i> |



(2) Dinsho 10.1 and Harenna Forest 12.1.

Abyssinian Waxbill

Estrilda ochrogaster

(1) 60 Ghibe Gorge 23.1.

Crimson-rumped Waxbill

Estrilda rhodopyga

(3) Awash NP 21.1, Melka Ghebdu 24.1 and Jemma Valley 25.1.

Common Waxbill

Estrilda astrild peasei

(2) Kibre Megist to Agere Maryam 14.1 and Lake Awassa 17.1.

Black-cheeked Waxbill

Estrilda charmosyna charmosyna

(2) Yabello to Mega 15.1 and Abijatta-Shalla NP 17.1.

Quailfinch

Ortygospiza atricollis fuscocrissa

(1) 16 Lake Chelekaleka 8.1.

African Silverbill

Euodice cantans orientalis

(5) Lake Bishoftu 8.1, Bilen Hot Springs 19.1, Awash NP 20.1, Awash NP 22.1 and Jemma Valley 25.1.

Bronze Mannikin

Lonchura cucullata scutata

(5) Ghion Park, Addis Ababa 7.1, Bishangari 9.1, Kibre Megist to Agere Maryam 14.1, Lake Awassa 17.1 and Ghibe Gorge 23.1.

Black-and-white Mannikin

Lonchura bicolor poensis

(2) Harenna Forest 12.1 and Kibre Megist to Agere Maryam 14.1.

Indigobirds Viduidae

Village Indigobird

Vidua chalybeata ultramarina

(6) Lake Langano 8.1, Lake Langano 10.1, Abijatta-Shalla NP 17.1, Jemma Valley 25.1, Lalibela 26.1 and Lalibela 27.1.

Pin-tailed Whydah

Vidua macroura

(2) Lake Ziway 17.1 and Lake Ziway 18.1.

Long-tailed Paradise Whydah

Vidua paradisaea

(1) Awash to Bilen 19.1.

Wagtails and Pipits Motacillidae

Western Yellow Wagtail

Motacilla flava

Observed 12 days in total.

Grey Wagtail

Motacilla cinerea cinerea

(3) Shashemene to Dinsho Road 10.1, Melka Ghebdu 24.1 and Jemma Valley 25.1.

Mountain Wagtail

Motacilla clara clara

(2) Ghion Park, Addis Ababa 7.1 and Melka Ghebdu 24.1.

White Wagtail

Motacilla alba alba

(5) Lake Chelekaleka 8.1, Lake Langano 9.1, Lake Ziway 18.1, Awash NP 21.1 and Melka Ghebdu 24.1.

African Pied Wagtail

Motacilla aguimp vidua

(4) Observed Awash NP 20-22.1 and Ghibe Gorge 23.1.

Abyssinian Longclaw (NT)

Macronyx flavicollis

(1) Lake Chelekaleka 8.1.

African Pipit

Anthus cinnamomeus cinnamomeus

(3) Lake Chelekaleka 8.1, Lake Koka 18.1 and Gemasa Geden 24.1.

Tawny Pipit

Anthus campestris

(3) Bilen Hot Springs 19.1, Aledoghi Plains 20.1 and Awash NP 21.1.

Long-billed Pipit

Anthus similis

(5) Lake Bishoftu 8.1, Kibre Megist to Agere Maryam 14.1, Abijatta-Shalla NP 17.1, Nazret to Metehara 19.1 and Jemma Valley 25.1.



Plain-backed Pipit*Anthus leucophrys*

(2) Liben plains 13.1 and Mega Plains 15.1.

Tree Pipit*Anthus trivialis trivialis*

(2) Hareenna Forest 12.1 and Kibre Megist to Agere Maryam 14.1.

Red-throated Pipit*Anthus cervinus*

(7) Lake Chelekleka 8.1, Bishangari 9.1, Shashemene to Dinsho Road 10.1, Sanetti plateau 11.1, Lake Ziway 18.1, Wabe Shabelle Langan 22.1 and Gemasa Geden 24.1.

Finches, Euphonias *Fringillidae***African Citril***Crithagra citrinelloides citrinelloides*

(7) Ghion Park, Addis Ababa 7.1, Lake Chelekleka 8.1, Bishangari 9.1, Hareenna Forest 11.1, Hareenna Forest 12.1, Lake Ziway 18.1 and Jemma Valley 25.1.

Yellow-rumped Seedeater*Crithagra xanthopygia*

(3) Ghibe Gorge 23.1, Jemma Valley 25.1 and Lalibela 27.1.

Reichenow's Seedeater*Crithagra reichenowi*

(3) Bogol Manyo Road 13.1, Lalibela 26.1 and Lalibela 27.1.

Yellow-throated Seedeater*Crithagra flavigula*

(1) Melka Ghebdu 24.1.

Salvadori's Seedeater*Crithagra xantholaema*

(1) Kibre Megist to Agere Maryam 14.1.

Yellow-fronted Canary*Crithagra mozambica*

(2) Ghibe Gorge 23.1 and Jemma Valley 25.1.

White-bellied Canary*Crithagra dorsostriata maculicollis*

(2) Yabello to Mega 15.1 and Abijatta-Shalla NP 17.1.

Ankober Serin*Crithagra ankoberensis*

(1) Gemasa Geden 24.1.

Northern Grosbeak-Canary*Crithagra donaldsoni*

(1) Yabello to Mega 15.1.

Reichard's Seedeater*Crithagra reichardi striatipectus*

(1) Ankober 24.1.

Brown-rumped Seedeater*Crithagra tristriata*

(4) Ghion Park, Addis Ababa 7.1, Dinsho 10.1, Gemasa Geden 24.1 and Lalibela 27.1.

Streaky Seedeater*Crithagra striolata striolata*

(6) Ghion Park, Addis Ababa 7.1, Shashemene to Dinsho Road 10.1, Hareenna Forest 11.1, Hareenna Forest 12.1, Gemasa Geden 24.1 and Lalibela 27.1.

Yellow-crowned Canary*Serinus flavivertex flavivertex*

(2) Dinsho 10.1 and Hareenna Forest 12.1.

Ethiopian Siskin*Serinus nigriceps*

(4) Shashemene to Dinsho Road 10.1, Sanetti plateau 11.1, Gemasa Geden 24.1 and Lalibela 27.1.

Buntings, Sparrows and Allies *Emberizidae***Ortolan Bunting***Emberiza hortulana*

(2) Jemma Valley 25.1 and Lalibela 26.1.

Cinnamon-breasted Bunting*Emberiza tahapisi*

(4) Awash NP 20.1, Jemma Valley 25.1, Lalibela 26.1 and Lalibela 27.1.

Somali Bunting*Emberiza poliopleura*

(1) Bogol Manyo Road 13.1.



Mammals (38 in total: 37 seen, 1 heard)

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Hyraxes Procaviidae

Yellow-spotted Hyrax

Heterohyrax brucei

(1) Wabe Shabelle Lango 22.1.

Rock Hyrax

Procavia capensis

(4) Shashemene to Dinsho Road 10.1, Harenna Forest 11.1, Nazret to Metehara 19.1 and Nazret to Metehara 22.1.

Old World monkeys Cercopithecidae

Grivet Monkey

Chlorocebus aethiops

Observed 10 days in total.

Guereza

Colobus guereza

(7) Bishangari 9.1, Lake Lango 10.1, Harenna Forest 11.1, Harenna Forest 12.1, Yabello to Awassa Road 16.1, Lake Awassa 17.1 and Awash NP 21.1.

Olive Baboon

Papio anubis

Observed 10 days in total.

Hamadryas Baboon

Papio hamadryas

(2) Awash to Bilen 19.1 and Awash to Bilen 20.1.

Gelada Baboon

Theropithecus gelada

(2) Dinsho 10.1 and 53 Jemma Valley 25.1.

Rabbits, Hares Leporidae

Ethiopian Hare

Lepus fagani

(3) Abijatta-Shalla NP 17.1, Awash NP 20.1 and Awash NP 21.1.

Abyssinian Hare

Lepus habessinicus

(2) Liben plains 13.1 and Bilen Hot Springs 19.1.

Ethiopian Highland Hare

Lepus starcki

(1) Sanetti plateau 11.1.

True Mice and Rats, Gerbils, Spiny Mice, Crested Rat Muridae

Blick's Grass Rat

Arvicanthis blicki

(1) Sanetti plateau 11.1.

Gray-tailed Narrow-headed Rat

Stenocephalemys griseicauda

(1) Sanetti plateau 11.1.

Mole Rats, Bamboo Rats and Zokors Spalacidae

Giant Mole Rat

Tachyoryctes macrocephalus

(1) Sanetti plateau 11.1.

Squirrels Sciuridae

Gambian Sun Squirrel

Heliosciurus gambianus

(3) Bishangari 9.1, Kibre Megist to Agere Maryam 14.1 and Ghibe Gorge 23.1.

Striped Ground Squirrel

Xerus erythropus

(1) Genale River 12.1.



Unstriped Ground Squirrel*Xerus rutilus*

(3) Bogol Manyo Road 13.1, Yabello to Mega 15.1 and Bilen Hot Springs 19.1.

Cats Felidae**Wild Cat***Felis silvestris lybica*

(1) Yabello 15.1.

Mongoose Herpestidae**Slender Mongoose***Herpestes sanguineus*

(2) Abijatta-Shalla NP 17.1 and Aledoghi Plains 20.1.

White-tailed Mongoose*Ichneumia albicauda*

(1) Yabello 15.1.

Hyenas, Aardwolf Hyaenidae**Spotted Hyaena***Crocuta crocuta*

(4) Up to 1 Lake Langano 8-10.1 and 1 heard Awash NP 22.1.

Wolves, Coyote, Foxes, Jackals Canidae**Golden Jackal***Canis aureus*

(3) Aledoghi Plains 20.1, Awash NP 21.1 and Awash NP 22.1.

Black-backed Jackal*Canis mesomelas*

(3) Bilen Hot Springs 19.1, Aledoghi Plains 20.1 and Awash NP 21.1.

Ethiopian Wolf*Canis simensis*

(1) Sanetti plateau 11.1.

Bat-eared Fox*Otocyon megalotis*

(2) Yabello 15.1 and 6 Awash NP 21.1.

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

(6) Bishangari 9.1, 130 Dinsho 10.1, Harenna Forest 11.1, Bilen Hot Springs 19.1, Awash NP 20.1 and Ghibe Gorge 23.1.

Hippopotamuses Hippopotamidae**Hippopotamus***Hippopotamus amphibius*

(2) Lake Langano 10.1 and Ghibe Gorge 23.1.

Cattle, Antelopes, Sheep, Goats Bovidae**Gerenuk***Litocranius walleri*

(3) Bogol Manyo Road 13.1, Mega Plains 15.1 and Awash NP 20.1.

Guenther's Dik-dik*Madoqua guentheri*

(3) Bogol Manyo Road 13.1, Kibre Megist to Agere Maryam 14.1 and Yabello to Mega 15.1.

Salt's Dik-dik*Madoqua saltiana*

(3) Aledoghi Plains 20.1, Awash NP 21.1 and Awash NP 22.1.

Grant's Gazelle*Nanger granti*

(1) Mega Plains 15.1.

Soemmerring's Gazelle*Nanger soemmerringii*

(2) Aledoghi Plains 20.1 and Awash NP 21.1.

Klipspringer*Oreotragus oreotragus*

(1) 5 Sanetti plateau 11.1.

Beisa Oryx*Oryx beisa*

(2) Awash NP 20.1 and Awash NP 21.1.

Bohor Reedbuck

Redunca redunca

(1) Dinsho 10.1.

Common Duiker

Sylvicapra grimmia

(5) Lake Langano 9.1, Lake Langano 10.1, Yabello 15.1, Wabe Shabelle Langano 22.1 and Gemasa Geden 24.1.

Mountain Nyala

Tragelaphus buxtoni

(1) 40 Dinsho 10.1.

Lesser Kudu

Tragelaphus imberbis

(2) Awash NP 20.1 and Awash NP 21.1.

Bushbuck

Tragelaphus scriptus meneliki

(4) Lake Langano 8.1, Bishangari 9.1, Dinsho 10.1 and Kibre Megist to Agere Maryam 14.1.

Reptiles (7 in total: 7 seen)

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Tortoises Testudinidae

Leopard Tortoise

Stigmochelys pardalis babcocki

(1) Soda 15.1.

Agamas Agamidae

Black-necked Tree Agama

Acanthocercus cyanogaster

(2) Bishangari 9.1 and Simbo Beach Resort, Lake Langano 17.1.

Lanza's Spiny Agama

Agama spinosa

(1) Lake Beseka 19.1.

Geckos Gekkonidae

House Gecko

Hemidactylus mabouia

(3) Observed Awash NP 19-21.1.

Skinks Scincidae

African Striped Skink

Trachylepis striata

(1) Lake Beseka 19.1.

Monitor Lizards Varanidae

Nile Monitor

Varanus niloticus

(1) Awash NP 21.1.

Crocodiles and relatives Crocodylidae

Nile Crocodile

Crocodylus niloticus

(5) Lake Beseka 19.1, observed Awash NP 20-22.1 and Ghibe Gorge 23.1.



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