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Worldwide Birding Adventures

Ghana

Mega

Rockfowl & Upper Guinea Specials II

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Trip Report



White-necked Rockfowl by Leslie Clapp

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Tour Summary

COVID travel restrictions have finally eased, as we ourselves finally starting our much-anticipated Mega Tour of Ghana. This beautiful country is internationally known to be incredibly hospitable and the easiest destination in West Africa to travel. We explored the low and mid Upper Guinea forests; also the deciduous woodland savannah of the dry north. With all the things Ghana has to offer, we had a great time experiencing the culture through chatting to locals and learning about customs and eating delicious local cuisine. The birds and mammals certainly did not disappoint and we enjoyed phenomenal sightings and experiences including White-necked Rockfowl at a colony, Nkulengu Rail, Half-collared Kingfisher, Rufous-winged Illadopsis, Forest Robin – all on the roost! The north had us meters away from the monotypic Egyptian Plover! A group of elephants a mere 5 meters from us, on foot, certainly tops the memory books!

Top 10 birds (as voted by participants)

1. White-necked Rockfowl
 2. Rufous-sided Broadbill
 3. Nkulengu Rail
 4. Egyptian Plover
 5. Black Bee-eater
 6. White-spotted Flufftail
 7. Bearded Barbet
 8. Shining Blue Kingfisher
 9. Western Bluebill
 10. Bristle-nosed Barbet
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The time had finally come! We acclimatized ourselves in the busy city of Accra before starting our adventure of this beautiful country. We met one another and made our way north-east to the Volta Dam and Kalakpa Forest Reserve. We had some great sightings here, most memorable being the expedition into the finding of the mythical Nkulengu Rail. We listened out for their earie call and some skillful tracking saw us finding 3 birds roosting near a swamp in the middle of the forest! Other great birds here were Red-cheeked Wattle-eye, Narina Trogon, Cassin's Hawk-Eagle, White-crested Helmetshrike and a stunning Long-tailed Nightjar!



White-crested Hornbill by Leslie Clapp

We made our way back to Accra before heading south to Kakum. En route we visited Shai Hills, adding our main target here – White-crowned Cliff-Chat! Nightjars did not disappoint as we had close up looks of Black-shouldered and also Freckled Nightjar.

The Kakum area and its forests are so vast and we definitely worked hard to explore all the corners of this special biome. The aerial boardwalk was definitely a highlight and saw us ticking the rare Violet-backed

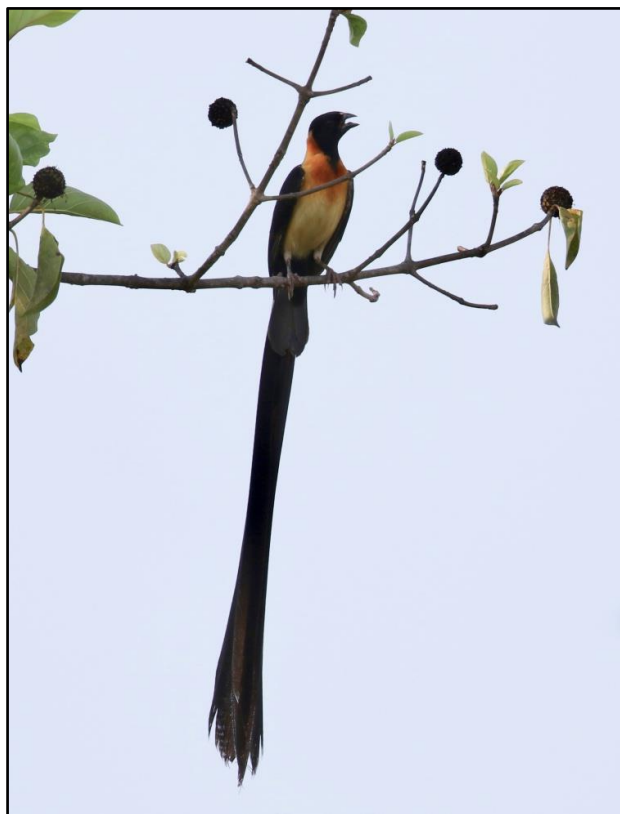
Hylia from here. Other great birds in the area included West African Batis, Rufous-sided Broadbill, White-spotted Flufftail, Bates's Swift, White-bibbed Swallow, Western Bluebill, Fraer's Eagle-Owl, Marsh Tchagra, Yellow-billed Turaco, Cong Serpent Eagle and Brown-cheeked Hornbill.

Our next stop was Nsuta forest and the area proved to be fruitful in providing Olive Long-tailed Cuckoo, Black Dwarf Hornbill, Chocolate-backed Kingfisher and the spectacular Long-tailed Hawk. We then headed to our next forest destination, Ankasa!



Yellow-crowned Gonolek by Leslie Clapp

Ankasa was tough birding, but with perseverance and dedication, we came up trumps with most of our targets! Specials were Black-casqued, Yellow-casqued and Red-billed Dwarf Hornbills, the rare White-crested Tiger Heron, Red-chested Goshawk, White-bellied Kingfisher, Red-chested Owlet, Yellow-bearded Greenbul, Brown-eared Woodpecker, Spot-breasted Ibis and Great Blue Turaco! We did a few night walks which were great fun and produced exceptional views of Rufous-winged Illadopsis, Shining-blue Kingfisher, Forest Robin, Nkulengu Rail, a cute little West-African Wattle-eye the super Akun Eagle-Owl. Mammals were not disappointing with the rare Potto and Demidorf's Dwarf Galago.



Exclamatory Paradise Whydah by Leslie Clapp

Our next destination was the Bonkro area for the incredible yet bizarre-looking White-necked Rockfowl. We had a great experience spending some time with them at a colony; *what an experience*. We also explored the forest at night and found a mega rare White-bellied Pangolin!

The north was next on our itinerary and provided us with a new habitat type. Mole National Park was home for the next three nights and kept the checklist rolling. Special sightings were Oriole Warbler, Violet Turaco, Pygmy Sunbird, White-fronted Black Chat, Brown-rumped Bunting, Forbes's Plover, Stone Partridge, Yellow-crowned Gonolek, Lavender Waxbill and Greater Painted Snipe. We also had mammals such as Kob, Waterbuck, Patas and Green Monkeys as well as a memorable walking encounter with a small group of very relaxed elephant bulls!

The Bolgatanga region was our next and final destination in the north. From here we visited Tongo Hills, adding Fox Kestrel, Rock-loving Cisticola and Gosling's Bunting. The Sapelliga

area on the White Volta River saw us crossing the river and coming face-to-face with the monotypic and extremely sought-after Egyptian Plover! Tono Dam gave us Singing Bushlark, Black-backed Cisticola, Quailfinch and the gaudy Bearded Barbet!

We made our way back south again, visiting Bobiri Forest Sanctuary en route to Atewa. Bobiri produced new birds such as African Piculet, Grey Parrot, Preuss's Weaver, White-headed Wood Hoopoe, Copper-tailed Starling and the impressive Red-billed Helmetshrike. We then hiked up the Atewa Range and had great looks at our target, Blue-moustached Bee-eater! Other fantastic sightings here were Little Green Woodpecker, Kemp's Longbill, African Hobby and even a male Yellow-throated Cuckoo! A perfect send-off back to Accra where we said our good-byes until we meet again with fond memories of a great tour!



Long-tailed Hawk by Leslie Clapp

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Annotated List of species recorded

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

List powered through the report generator of our partner iGoTerra.

Birds (451 in total: 430 seen, 21 heard)

Nomenclature and taxonomy follows Gill, F, D Donsker, and P Rasmussen (Eds). 2021. IOC World Bird List (v 11.2). Doi 10.14344/IOC.ML.11.2. h.

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

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

Ducks, Geese, Swans Anatidae

White-faced Whistling Duck (LC) *Dendrocygna viduata*
Observed 3 days in total.

Guineafowl Numididae

Helmeted Guineafowl *Numida meleagris galeatus*
Observed 3 days in total.

New World Quail Odontophoridae

Stone Partridge *Ptilopachus petrosus petrosus*
(2) 1 heard Shai Hills 26.11 and 2 heard Mole NP 9.12.

Pheasants & Allies Phasianidae

Latham's Francolin *Peliperdix lathamii lathamii*
(2) 1 heard Kakum NP and surrounds 30.11 and 1 heard Bobiri FR 13.12.

White-throated Francolin *Campocolinus albogularis buckleyi*
(1) 1 heard Mole NP 9.12.

Double-spurred Spurfowl *Pternistis bicalcaratus bicalcaratus*
Observed 2 days in total.

Nightjars Caprimulgidae

Brown Nightjar (LC) *Veles binotatus*
(1) 1 heard Kakum NP and surrounds 29.11.

Black-shouldered Nightjar *Caprimulgus nigriscapularis*
(2) 1 heard Kalakpa RR 25.11 and Shai Hills 26.11.

Freckled Nightjar *Caprimulgus tristigma sharpei*
(1) Shai Hills 26.11.

Long-tailed Nightjar (LC) *Caprimulgus climacurus*
(3) Kalakpa RR 25.11, Mole NP 8.12 and Mole NP 9.12.

Swifts Apodidae

Mottled Spinetail *Telacanthura ussheri ussheri*

Observed 3 days in total. Sabine's Spinetail (LC)	<i>Rhaphidura sabini</i>
Observed 3 days in total. African Palm Swift (LC)	<i>Cypsiurus parvus</i>
Observed 1 day in total. Common Swift	<i>Apus apus apus</i>
Observed 8 days in total. Little Swift	<i>Apus affinis aerobates</i>
Observed 4 days in total. White-rumped Swift (LC)	<i>Apus caffer</i>
(1) Kakum NP and surrounds 28.11. Bates's Swift (LC)	<i>Apus batesi</i>
(2) Kakum NP and surrounds 28.11 and Kakum NP and surrounds 29.11.	

Turacos *Musophagidae*

Great Blue Turaco (LC) (2) Ankasa NP 2.12 and Ankasa NP 3.12.	<i>Corythaeola cristata</i>
Western Plantain-eater (LC) Observed 7 days in total.	<i>Crinifer piscator</i>
Violet Turaco (3) Mole NP 8.12, Mole NP 9.12 and White Volta 11.12.	<i>Tauraco violaceus</i>
Yellow-billed Turaco Observed 1 day in total.	<i>Tauraco macrorhynchus macrorhynchus</i>
Guinea Turaco Observed 1 day in total. Previously Green Turaco	<i>Tauraco persa persa</i>

Cuckoos *Cuculidae*

Black-throated Coucal Observed 2 days in total.	<i>Centropus leucogaster leucogaster</i>
Senegal Coucal Observed 1 day in total.	<i>Centropus senegalensis senegalensis</i>
Blue-headed Coucal (1) Kakum NP and surrounds 28.11.	<i>Centropus monachus occidentalis</i>
Blue Malkoha Observed 2 days in total.	<i>Ceuthmochares aereus flavirostris</i>
Great Spotted Cuckoo (LC) (2) White Volta 11.12 and en route 13.12.	<i>Clamator glandarius</i>
Levaillant's Cuckoo (LC) (2) Mole NP 9.12 and Atewa 14.12.	<i>Clamator levaillantii</i>
Diederik Cuckoo (LC) Observed 2 days in total.	<i>Chrysococcyx caprius</i>
Klaas's Cuckoo (LC) Observed 3 days in total.	<i>Chrysococcyx klaas</i>
Yellow-throated Cuckoo (LC) (1) Atewa farm bush 15.12.	<i>Chrysococcyx flavigularis</i>
African Emerald Cuckoo (LC) Observed 2 days in total.	<i>Chrysococcyx cupreus</i>
Dusky Long-tailed Cuckoo (LC) (1) 1 heard Ankasa NP 2.12.	<i>Cercococcyx mechowi</i>
Olive Long-tailed Cuckoo (LC) Observed 3 days in total.	<i>Cercococcyx olivinus</i>

Black Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus clamosus gabonensis</i>
(3) 1 heard Ankasa NP 3.12, 1 heard Ankasa NP 5.12 and Ankasa NP 6.12.	
African Cuckoo (LC)	<i>Cuculus gularis</i>
(1) Shai Hills 26.11.	

Sandgrouse *Pteroclididae*

Four-banded Sandgrouse (LC)	<i>Pterocles quadricinctus</i>
(2) Mole NP 8.12 and White Volta 11.12.	

Pigeons, Doves *Columbidae*

Rock Dove (LC) Observed 6 days in total.	<i>Columba livia</i>
Speckled Pigeon Observed 3 days in total.	<i>Columba guinea guinea</i>
Afep Pigeon (LC) (1) Bonkro 6.12.	<i>Columba unicincta</i>
Western Bronze-naped Pigeon (LC) (2) 1 heard Nsuta FR 1.12 and Ankasa NP 4.12.	<i>Columba iriditorques</i>
European Turtle Dove (1) White Volta 11.12.	<i>Streptopelia turtur turtur</i>
Mourning Collared Dove (1) White Volta 11.12.	<i>Streptopelia decipiens shelleyi</i>
Red-eyed Dove (LC) Observed 4 days in total.	<i>Streptopelia semitorquata</i>
Vinaceous Dove (LC) Observed 6 days in total.	<i>Streptopelia vinacea</i>
Laughing Dove Observed 12 days in total.	<i>Spilopelia senegalensis senegalensis</i>
Black-billed Wood Dove (LC) Observed 4 days in total.	<i>Turtur abyssinicus</i>
Blue-spotted Wood Dove (LC) Observed 1 day in total.	<i>Turtur afer</i>
Tambourine Dove (LC) Observed 3 days in total.	<i>Turtur tympanistria</i>
Blue-headed Wood Dove Observed 1 day in total.	<i>Turtur brehmeri infelix</i>
Namaqua Dove (2) Mole NP 8.12 and White Volta 11.12.	<i>Oena capensis capensis</i>
Bruce's Green Pigeon (LC) Observed 1 day in total.	<i>Treron waalia</i>
African Green Pigeon Observed 3 days in total.	<i>Treron calvus sharpei</i>

Finfoots *Heliornithidae*

African Finfoot	<i>Podica senegalensis senegalensis</i>
(1) Ebi Wetland 1.12.	

Flufftails *Sarothruridae*

White-spotted Flufftail	<i>Sarothrura pulchra pulchra</i>
(3) Kakum NP and surrounds 28.11, 1 heard Ankasa NP 4.12 and 1 heard Atewa farm bush 15.12.	

Rails, Crakes & Coots *Rallidae*

Black Crake (LC)*Zapornia flavirostra*

(2) Ankasa NP 1.12 and 1 heard Nasia River 10.12.

Nkulengu Rail (LC)*Himantornis haematopus*

(4) Kalakpa RR 25.11 and up to 1 Ankasa NP 2-4.12.

We had two exceptional sightings of roosting birds.

Stone-curlews, Thick-knees *Burhinidae***Senegal Thick-knee (LC)***Burhinus senegalensis*

Observed 4 days in total.

Stilts, Avocets *Recurvirostridae***Black-winged Stilt (LC)***Himantopus himantopus*

(2) Winneba Lagoon 27.11 and White Volta 11.12.

Plovers *Charadriidae***Spur-winged Lapwing (LC)***Vanellus spinosus*

Observed 1 day in total.

African Wattled Lapwing*Vanellus senegallus senegallus*

Observed 5 days in total.

Forbes's Plover (LC)*Charadrius forbesi*

(1) Mole NP 8.12.

Great views of many in the late afternoon.

Egyptian Plover *Pluvianidae***Egyptian Plover (LC)***Pluvianus aegyptius*

(1) White Volta 11.12.

Near Sapelliga

Painted-snipes *Rostratulidae***Greater Painted-snipe (LC)***Rostratula benghalensis*

(1) Mole NP 9.12.

Jacanas *Jacanidae***African Jacana (LC)***Actophilornis africanus*

Observed 4 days in total.

Sandpipers, Snipes *Scolopacidae***Eurasian Whimbrel (LC)***Numenius phaeopus*

(1) Winneba Lagoon 27.11.

Common Sandpiper (LC)*Actitis hypoleucos*

(4) Winneba Lagoon 27.11 and Kakum NP and surrounds 28.11.

Green Sandpiper (LC)*Tringa ochropus*

(1) Winneba Lagoon 27.11.

Common Redshank*Tringa totanus totanus*

(1) Winneba Lagoon 27.11.

Wood Sandpiper (LC)*Tringa glareola*

(2) Winneba Lagoon 27.11 and Kumasi to Mole NP 7.12.

Common Greenshank (LC)*Tringa nebularia*

(4) Winneba Lagoon 27.11.

Coursers, Pratincoles *Glareolidae***Collared Pratincole (LC)***Glareola pratincola*

(1) Winneba Lagoon 27.11.

Rock Pratincole*Glareola nuchalis liberiae*

(1) Kakum NP and surrounds 28.11.

On the Praso river near Twifo Praso

Gulls, Terns, Skimmers Laridae**Lesser Black-backed Gull (LC)***Larus fuscus*

(2) Brenu beach rd 30.11 and Tono Dam 11.12.

West African Crested Tern*Thalasseus albididorsalis*

(2) Cape Coast 27.11 and Brenu beach rd 30.11.

Split from Royal Tern.

Sandwich Tern (LC)*Thalasseus sandvicensis*

(1) Brenu beach rd 30.11.

Storks Ciconiidae**Woolly-necked Stork***Ciconia episcopus microscelis*

(2) Mole NP 8.12 and Mole NP 9.12.

Saddle-billed Stork (LC)*Ephippiorhynchus senegalensis*

(1) Mole NP 9.12.

Marabou Stork (LC)*Leptoptilos crumenifer*

(2) Mole NP 8.12 and Mole NP 9.12.

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

Observed 1 day in total.

Ibises, Spoonbills Threskiornithidae**Spot-breasted Ibis (LC)***Bostrychia rara*

(1) Ankasa NP 2.12.

We waited patiently at a known roosting spot and managed to see a single bird!

Hadada Ibis*Bostrychia hagedash brevirostris*

(3) Up to 1 Mole NP 8-10.12.

Hérons, Bitterns Ardeidae**White-crested Tiger Heron (LC)***Tigriornis leucolopha*

(1) Ankasa NP 3.12.

We saw a single bird in flight near some water.

Dwarf Bittern (LC)*Ixobrychus sturmii*

(1) Ankasa NP 3.12.

Seen well in a forested pond.

Black-crowned Night Heron*Nycticorax nycticorax nycticorax*

(1) Mole NP 9.12.

Striated Heron*Butorides striata atricapilla*

(3) Mole NP 2.12, Mole NP 3.12 and Mole NP 9.12.

Squacco Heron (LC)*Ardeola ralloides*

Observed 1 day in total.

Western Cattle Egret (LC)*Bubulcus ibis*

Observed 12 days in total.

Grey Heron*Ardea cinerea cinerea*

Observed 3 days in total.

Black-headed Heron (LC)*Ardea melanocephala*

(2) Mole NP 9.12 and Nasia River 12.12.

Great Egret Observed 1 day in total.	<i>Ardea alba melanorhynchos</i>
Intermediate Egret (1) Winneba Lagoon 27.11.	<i>Ardea intermedia brachyrhyncha</i>
Little Egret (1) Winneba Lagoon 27.11.	<i>Egretta garzetta garzetta</i>
Western Reef Heron (1) Winneba Lagoon 27.11.	<i>Egretta gularis gularis</i>
<u>Hamerkop Scopidae</u>	
Hamerkop (LC) Observed 2 days in total.	<i>Scopus umbretta</i>
<u>Kites, Hawks, Eagles Accipitridae</u>	
African Harrier-Hawk Observed 1 day in total.	<i>Polyboroides typus pectoralis</i>
Palm-nut Vulture (LC) Observed 1 day in total.	<i>Gypohierax angolensis</i>
European Honey Buzzard (LC) Observed 1 day in total.	<i>Pernis apivorus</i>
African Cuckoo-Hawk (3) Kakum NP and surrounds 28.11, White Volta 11.12 and Bobiri FR 13.12.	<i>Aviceda cuculoides batesi</i>
Hooded Vulture (CR) Observed 2 days in total.	<i>Necrosyrtes monachus</i>
White-backed Vulture (CR) Observed 2 days in total.	<i>Gyps africanus</i>
Rüppell's Vulture Observed 1 day in total.	<i>Gyps rueppelli rueppelli</i>
White-headed Vulture (CR) (1) Mole NP 9.12.	<i>Trigonoceps occipitalis</i>
Brown Snake Eagle (LC) (1) Atewa 14.12.	<i>Circaetus cinereus</i>
Congo Serpent Eagle (4) 1 heard Kalakpa RR 26.11, 1 heard Kakum NP and surrounds 30.11, Ankasa NP 5.12 and 1 heard Ankasa NP 6.12.	<i>Circaetus spectabilis spectabilis</i>
Bateleur (NT) (2) Mole NP 8.12 and Mole NP 9.12.	<i>Terathopius ecaudatus</i>
Crowned Eagle (NT) (1) 1 heard Atewa 14.12.	<i>Stephanoaetus coronatus</i>
Long-crested Eagle (LC) (1) Mole NP 7.12.	<i>Lophaetus occipitalis</i>
Cassin's Hawk-Eagle (LC) (4) Kalakpa RR 26.11, Nsuta FR 1.12, Ankasa NP 5.12 and Atewa 14.12.	<i>Aquila africana</i>
Lizard Buzzard (2) Kalakpa RR 26.11 and Mole NP 7.12.	<i>Kaupifalco monogrammicus monogrammicus</i>
Gabar Goshawk (2) Mole NP 8.12 and Tono Dam 11.12.	<i>Micronisus gabar niger</i>
Dark Chanting Goshawk (2) Mole NP 8.12 and Nasia River 12.12.	<i>Melierax metabates metabates</i>
Long-tailed Hawk (LC) (4) 1 heard Kakum NP and surrounds 29.11, 1 Ankasa NP 1.12, 1 heard Ankasa NP 2.12 and 1 heard Atewa 14.12.	<i>Urotriorchis macrourus</i>

Red-chested Goshawk (1) Ankasa NP 4.12.	<i>Accipiter toussenelii macroscelides</i>
Shikra Observed 1 day in total.	<i>Accipiter badius sphenurus</i>
Red-thighed Sparrowhawk (1) Ankasa NP 3.12.	<i>Accipiter erythropus erythropus</i>
Black Sparrowhawk (2) Nsuta FR 1.12 and Ankasa NP 3.12.	<i>Accipiter melanoleucus temminckii</i>
Western Marsh Harrier Observed 4 days in total.	<i>Circus aeruginosus aeruginosus</i>
Black Kite (2) Mole NP 8.12 and Mole NP 9.12.	<i>Milvus migrans migrans</i>
Yellow-billed Kite Observed 12 days in total.	<i>Milvus aegyptius parasitus</i>
Grasshopper Buzzard (LC) Observed 4 days in total.	<i>Butastur rufipennis</i>
Red-necked Buzzard (LC) Observed 1 day in total.	<i>Buteo auguralis</i>

Barn Owls *Tytonidae*

Western Barn Owl (1) 1 heard Kalakpa RR 26.11.	<i>Tyto alba poensis</i>
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Owls *Strigidae*

Pearl-spotted Owlet (3) Up to 1 Mole NP 8-10.12.	<i>Glaucidium perlatum perlatum</i>
Red-chested Owlet (1) Ankasa NP 2.12.	<i>Glaucidium tephronotum tephronotum</i>
African Scops Owl (1) 1 heard Mole NP 8.12.	<i>Otus senegalensis senegalensis</i>
Northern White-faced Owl (LC) (2) 1 heard Mole NP 8.12 and 1 heard Mole NP 9.12.	<i>Ptilopsis leucotis</i>
Greyish Eagle-Owl (LC) (1) Mole NP 8.12.	<i>Bubo cinerascens</i>
Fraser's Eagle-Owl (LC) (2) Kakum NP and surrounds 28.11 and Bonkro 6.12.	<i>Bubo poensis</i>
Akun Eagle-Owl (LC) (1) Ankasa NP 2.12.	<i>Bubo leucostictus</i>
African Wood Owl Observed 1 day in total.	<i>Strix woodfordii nuchalis</i>

Trogons *Trogonidae*

Narina Trogon (2) Kalakpa RR 25.11 and Kalakpa RR 26.11.	<i>Apaloderma narina constantia</i>
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Wood Hoopoes *Phoeniculidae*

Forest Wood Hoopoe (1) 1 heard Atewa 14.12.	<i>Phoeniculus castaneiceps castaneiceps</i>
White-headed Wood Hoopoe (1) Bobiri FR 13.12.	<i>Phoeniculus bollei bollei</i>
Green Wood Hoopoe (LC) Observed 1 day in total.	<i>Phoeniculus purpureus</i>

Black Scimitarbill*Rhinopomastus aterrimus aterrimus*

(1) Mole NP 8.12.

Ground Hornbills *Bucorvidae***Abyssinian Ground Hornbill (VU)***Bucorvus abyssinicus*

(2) Mole NP 8.12 and Mole NP 9.12.

Hornbills *Bucerotidae***Northern Red-billed Hornbill (LC)***Tockus erythrorhynchus*

(2) Mole NP 9.12 and White Volta 11.12.

African Pied Hornbill*Lophoceros fasciatus semifasciatus*

Observed 3 days in total.

African Grey Hornbill*Lophoceros nasutus nasutus*

Observed 6 days in total.

Red-billed Dwarf Hornbill (LC)*Lophoceros camurus*

(2) Ankasa NP 2.12 and 1 heard Bobiri FR 13.12.

Piping Hornbill*Bycanistes fistulator fistulator*

Observed 4 days in total.

Brown-cheeked Hornbill (VU)*Bycanistes cylindricus*

(3) Kakum NP and surrounds 28.11, Kakum NP and surrounds 29.11 and Ankasa NP 5.12.

Black-and-white-casqued Hornbill (LC)*Bycanistes subcylindricus*

(1) Atewa 14.12.

Black-casqued Hornbill (LC)*Ceratogymna atrata*

(2) 1 heard Kakum NP and surrounds 29.11 and Ankasa NP 3.12.

Yellow-casqued Hornbill (VU)*Ceratogymna elata*

(1) Ankasa NP 3.12.

Black Dwarf Hornbill*Horizocerus hartlaubi hartlaubi*

(3) Nsuta FR 1.12, Bonkro 6.12 and Bobiri FR 13.12.

White-crested Hornbill*Horizocerus albocristatus macrourus*

Observed 1 day in total.

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

(1) White Volta 11.12.

Abyssinian Roller (LC)*Coracias abyssinicus*

Observed 5 days in total.

Blue-bellied Roller (LC)*Coracias cyanogaster*

Observed 1 day in total.

Blue-throated Roller*Eurystomus gularis gularis*

Observed 5 days in total.

Broad-billed Roller*Eurystomus glaucurus afer*

(3) Kakum NP and surrounds 28.11, Mole NP 8.12 and Mole NP 9.12.

Kingfishers *Alcedinidae***Chocolate-backed Kingfisher (LC)***Halcyon badia*

Observed 1 day in total.

Grey-headed Kingfisher*Halcyon leucocephala leucocephala*

(3) Observed Mole NP 7-9.12.

Striped Kingfisher*Halcyon chelicuti chelicuti*

(2) Kalakpa RR 25.11 and Mole NP 9.12.

Blue-breasted Kingfisher*Halcyon malimbica forbesi*

Observed 2 days in total.

Woodland Kingfisher (LC) Observed 1 day in total.	<i>Halcyon senegalensis</i>
African Pygmy Kingfisher (LC) Observed 1 day in total.	<i>Ispidina picta</i>
White-bellied Kingfisher (2) 1 heard Ankasa NP 2.12 and Ankasa NP 3.12.	<i>Corythornis leucogaster bowdleri</i>
Malachite Kingfisher Observed 2 days in total.	<i>Corythornis cristatus galeritus</i>
Shining-blue Kingfisher (3) Ankasa NP 2.12, Ankasa NP 3.12 and Mole NP 8.12. We found a bird roosting on a night walk.	<i>Alcedo quadribrachys quadribrachys</i>
Pied Kingfisher Observed 2 days in total.	<i>Ceryle rudis rudis</i>

Bee-eaters *Meropidae*

Blue-moustached Bee-eater (NT) (1) Atewa 14.12.	<i>Merops mentalis</i>
Black Bee-eater Observed 2 days in total.	<i>Merops gularis gularis</i>
Swallow-tailed Bee-eater (1) Mole NP 9.12.	<i>Merops hirundineus chrysolaimus</i>
Little Bee-eater (2) Kakum NP and surrounds 28.11 and Atewa farm bush 15.12.	<i>Merops pusillus pusillus</i>
Red-throated Bee-eater (2) Mole NP 8.12 and Mole NP 9.12. Refreshingly common!	<i>Merops bulocki bulocki</i>
White-throated Bee-eater (LC) Observed 3 days in total.	<i>Merops albicollis</i>
Rosy Bee-eater (LC) (2) Kakum NP and surrounds 28.11 and Kakum NP and surrounds 30.11.	<i>Merops malimbicus</i>
Northern Carmine Bee-eater (LC) (1) Mole NP 8.12.	<i>Merops nubicus</i>

African Barbets *Lybiidae*

Bristle-nosed Barbet (LC) (1) Kakum NP and surrounds 28.11.	<i>Gymnobucco peli</i>
Naked-faced Barbet (3) Kakum NP and surrounds 28.11, Nsuta FR 1.12 and Bonkro 6.12.	<i>Gymnobucco calvus calvus</i>
Speckled Tinkerbird Observed 3 days in total.	<i>Pogoniulus scolopaceus scolopaceus</i>
Red-rumped Tinkerbird (LC) Observed 3 days in total.	<i>Pogoniulus atroflavus</i>
Yellow-throated Tinkerbird Observed 2 days in total.	<i>Pogoniulus subsulphureus chrysopygus</i>
Yellow-rumped Tinkerbird (1) Shai Hills 26.11.	<i>Pogoniulus bilineatus leucolaimus</i>
Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird Observed 4 days in total.	<i>Pogoniulus chrysoconus chrysoconus</i>
Yellow-spotted Barbet (LC) Observed 1 day in total.	<i>Buccanodon duchaillui</i>
Hairy-breasted Barbet Observed 1 day in total.	<i>Tricholaema hirsuta hirsuta</i>

Viillot's Barbet Observed 1 day in total.	<i>Lybius vieilloti rubescens</i>
Bearded Barbet Observed 2 days in total.	<i>Lybius dubius</i>
Yellow-billed Barbet Observed 1 day in total.	<i>Trachyphonus purpuratus goffinii</i>

Honeyguides *Indicatoridae*

Cassin's Honeybird Observed 1 day in total.	<i>Prodotiscus insignis flavodorsalis</i>
Willcocks's Honeyguide (1) Kakum NP and surrounds 29.11.	<i>Indicator willcocksii willcocksii</i>
Least Honeyguide (1) 1 heard Bobiri FR 13.12.	<i>Indicator exilis exilis</i>
Thick-billed Honeyguide (1) Kakum NP and surrounds 28.11.	<i>Indicator conirostris ussheri</i>
Spotted Honeyguide (2) Kalakpa RR 26.11 and Ankasa NP 2.12.	<i>Indicator maculatus maculatus</i>

Woodpeckers *Picidae*

African Piculet (1) Bobiri FR 13.12. Great looksat Africa's only piculet!	<i>Sasia africana</i>
Buff-spotted Woodpecker (3) Kakum NP and surrounds 28.11, Ankasa NP 5.12 and Atewa farm bush 15.12.	<i>Pardipicus nivosus nivosus</i>
Brown-eared Woodpecker (1) Ankasa NP 2.12.	<i>Pardipicus caroli arizelus</i>
Fine-spotted Woodpecker (1) Mole NP 9.12.	<i>Campethera punctuligera punctuligera</i>
Golden-tailed Woodpecker (1) Mole NP 9.12.	<i>Campethera abingoni chrysur</i>
Little Green Woodpecker (LC) (1) Atewa farm bush 15.12.	<i>Campethera maculosa</i>
Fire-bellied Woodpecker Observed 2 days in total.	<i>Chloropicus pyrrhogaster</i>
Cardinal Woodpecker (1) Shai Hills 26.11.	<i>Dendropicos fuscescens lafresnayi</i>
Melancholy Woodpecker (LC) (1) Bonkro 6.12. Split from Gabon Woodpecker.	<i>Dendropicos lugubris</i>
African Grey Woodpecker (LC) (2) Mole NP 10.12 and White Volta 11.12.	<i>Dendropicos goertae</i>
Brown-backed Woodpecker (1) Mole NP 8.12.	<i>Dendropicos obsoletus obsoletus</i>

Caracaras, Falcons *Falconidae*

Common Kestrel (LC) Observed 3 days in total.	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>
Fox Kestrel (LC) (1) Tongo Hills 10.12.	<i>Falco alopex</i>
Grey Kestrel (LC) Observed 4 days in total.	<i>Falco ardosiaceus</i>

Eurasian Hobby *Falco subbuteo subbuteo*

(1) Atewa 14.12.

African Hobby (LC) *Falco cuvierii*

(3) Ankasa NP 5.12, Mole NP 9.12 and Atewa 15.12.

We had perched views, all three sightings!

Lanner Falcon *Falco biarmicus abyssinicus*

(2) Kumasi to Mole NP 7.12 and Tono Dam 11.12.

African & New World Parrots *Psittacidae*

Grey Parrot (EN) *Psittacus erithacus*

(3) Ankasa NP 2.12, Ankasa NP 4.12 and Bobiri FR 13.12.

Red-fronted Parrot *Poicephalus gularis fantiensis*

(3) Ankasa NP 5.12, Bonkro 6.12 and Atewa 14.12.

Brown-necked Parrot *Poicephalus fuscicollis fuscicollis*

(1) 1 heard Kalakpa RR 26.11.

Senegal Parrot *Poicephalus senegalus versteri*

Observed 1 day in total.

Old World Parrots *Psittaculidae*

Rose-ringed Parakeet *Psittacula krameri krameri*

(3) Mole NP 8.12, Mole NP 9.12 and Tono Dam 11.12.

Red-headed Lovebird *Agapornis pullarius pullarius*

(1) Mole NP 8.12.

African & Green Broadbills *Calyptomenidae*

Rufous-sided Broadbill *Smithornis rufolateralis rufolateralis*

(2) Kakum NP and surrounds 29.11 and Kakum NP and surrounds 30.11.

Wattle-eyes, Batises *Platysteiridae*

Senegal Batis (LC) *Batis senegalensis*

(2) Mole NP 8.12 and Mole NP 9.12.

West African Batis (LC) *Batis occulta*

(2) Kakum NP and surrounds 29.11 and Atewa 14.12.

West African Wattle-eye *Platysteira hormophora*

Observed 1 day in total.

Brown-throated Wattle-eye *Platysteira cyanea cyanea*

Observed 2 days in total.

Red-cheeked Wattle-eye *Platysteira blissetti*

(3) Kalakpa RR 26.11, Ankasa NP 5.12 and Atewa 14.12.

Bushshrikes *Malaconotidae*

Grey-headed Bushshrike *Malaconotus blanchoti blanchoti*

(1) 1 heard Mole NP 8.12.

Orange-breasted Bushshrike *Chlorophoneus sulfureopectus sulfureopectus*

(2) 1 heard Lake Volta 25.11 and Mole NP 8.12.

Marsh Tchagra *Bocagia minuta minuta*

(2) Kakum NP and surrounds 28.11 and Ankasa NP 5.12.

Brown-crowned Tchagra *Tchagra australis ussheri*

(1) Atewa farm bush 15.12.

Black-crowned Tchagra *Tchagra senegalus senegalus*

Observed 1 day in total.

Sabine's Puffback *Dryoscopus sabini sabini*

Observed 1 day in total.

Northern Puffback*Dryoscopus gambensis gambensis*

Observed 1 day in total.

Lowland Sooty Boubou (LC)*Laniarius leucorhynchus*

(1) Kakum NP and surrounds 5.12.

Tropical Boubou*Laniarius major major*

(1) Mole NP 8.12.

Yellow-crowned Gonolek*Laniarius barbarus barbarus*

Observed 2 days in total.

Brubru*Nilaus afer afer*

(2) Mole NP 8.12 and Mole NP 9.12.

Vangas & Allies Vangidae**White-crested Helmetshrike***Prionops plumatus plumatus*

(1) Kalakpa RR 26.11.

Red-billed Helmetshrike*Prionops caniceps caniceps*

(4) Bobiri FR 13.12.

African Shrike-flycatcher*Megabyas flammulatus flammulatus*

(2) Nsuta FR 1.12 and Ankasa NP 2.12.

Black-and-white Shrike-flycatcher*Bias musicus musicus*

(1) Kakum NP and surrounds 28.11.

Cuckooshrikes Campephagidae**Red-shouldered Cuckooshrike (LC)***Campephaga phoenicea*

(3) Shai Hills 26.11, Mole NP 8.12 and Mole NP 9.12.

Purple-throated Cuckooshrike*Campephaga quiscalina quiscalina*

(1) Kakum NP and surrounds 30.11.

Blue Cuckooshrike (LC)*Cyanograucalus azureus*

(3) Kakum NP and surrounds 29.11, Bonkro 6.12 and 1 heard Bobiri FR 13.12.

Shrikes Laniidae**Yellow-billed Shrike (LC)***Corvinella corvina*

Observed 1 day in total.

Northern Fiscal*Lanius humeralis smithii*

Observed 1 day in total.

Woodchat Shrike*Lanius senator senator*

(1) Mole NP 8.12.

Figbirds, Orioles, Turnagra Oriolidae**Western Oriole***Oriolus brachyrynchus brachyrynchus*

Observed 2 days in total.

Black-winged Oriole (LC)*Oriolus nigripennis*

(2) Kakum NP and surrounds 29.11 and Bonkro 6.12.

African Golden Oriole*Oriolus auratus auratus*

(2) Mole NP 8.12 and Mole NP 9.12.

Drongos Dicruridae**Fanti Drongo***Dicrurus atactus*

Observed 3 days in total.

Glossy-backed Drongo*Dicrurus divaricatus divaricatus*

Observed 4 days in total.

Shining Drongo (LC)*Dicrurus atripennis*

(3) Ankasa NP 2.12, Ankasa NP 3.12 and Atewa 14.12.

Monarchs *Monarchidae*

Blue-headed Crested Flycatcher

Trochocercus nitens reichenowi

Observed 1 day in total.

Red-bellied Paradise Flycatcher

Terpsiphone rufiventer nigriceps

Observed 3 days in total.

African Paradise Flycatcher

Terpsiphone viridis ferreti

(1) Mole NP 8.12.

Crows, Jays *Corvidae*

Piapiac (LC)

Ptilostomus afer

Observed 1 day in total.

Pied Crow (LC)

Corvus albus

Observed 6 days in total.

Rockfowl *Picathartidae*

White-necked Rockfowl (VU)

Picathartes gymnocephalus

(1) Bonkro 6.12.

A great experience at a colony!

Tits, Chickadees *Paridae*

White-shouldered Black Tit (LC)

Melaniparus guineensis

(3) Observed Mole NP 8-10.12.

Penduline Tits *Remizidae*

Forest Penduline Tit

Anthoscopus flavifrons waldroneae

(1) Bonkro 6.12.

Nicators *Nicatoridae*

Western Nicator (LC)

Nicator chloris

Observed 3 days in total.

Larks *Alaudidae*

Chestnut-backed Sparrow-Lark

Eremopterix leucotis melanocephalus

(2) Mole NP 8.12 and Mole NP 9.12.

Flappet Lark

Mirafra rufocinnamomea buckleyi

(1) Mole NP 8.12.

Singing Bush Lark

Mirafra cantillans

(1) Tono Dam 11.12.

Sun Lark

Galerida modesta modesta

(1) Mole NP 8.12.

Bulbuls *Pycnonotidae*

Slender-billed Greenbul

Stelgidillas gracilirostris gracilirostris

Observed 3 days in total.

Golden Greenbul (LC)

Calyptocichla serinus

(1) Atewa 14.12.

Red-tailed Bristlebill

Bleda syndactylus syndactylus

(4) Up to 1 Ankasa NP 2-4.12 and Bonkro 6.12.

Green-tailed Bristlebill (NT)

Bleda eximius

(3) Ankasa NP 2.12, 1 heard Ankasa NP 3.12 and 1 heard Atewa 14.12.

Grey-headed Bristlebill	<i>Bleda canicapillus canicapillus</i>
(2) 1 heard Kakum NP and surrounds 29.11 and 1 heard Bobiri FR 13.12.	
Yellow-throated Leaflove	<i>Atimastillas flavicollis flavicollis</i>
(1) Shai Hills 26.11.	
Spotted Greenbul (LC)	<i>Ixonotus guttatus</i>
(1) Kakum NP and surrounds 30.11.	
Swamp Palm Bulbul (LC)	<i>Thescelocichla leucopleura</i>
Observed 1 day in total.	
Simple Greenbul (LC)	<i>Chlorocichla simplex</i>
Observed 2 days in total.	
Honeyguide Greenbul	<i>Baeopogon indicator leucurus</i>
Observed 2 days in total.	
Western Bearded Greenbul	<i>Criniger barbatus barbatus</i>
Observed 1 day in total.	
Red-tailed Greenbul	<i>Criniger calurus verreauxi</i>
Observed 3 days in total.	
Yellow-bearded Greenbul (VU)	<i>Criniger olivaceus</i>
(1) Ankasa NP 2.12.	
Little Greenbul	<i>Eurillas virens erythroptera</i>
Observed 3 days in total.	
Yellow-whiskered Greenbul	<i>Eurillas latirostris congener</i>
Observed 2 days in total.	
Plain Greenbul (LC)	<i>Eurillas curvirostris</i>
(3) Kakum NP and surrounds 29.11, Kakum NP and surrounds 1.12 and 1 heard Ankasa NP 5.12.	
Little Grey Greenbul	<i>Eurillas gracilis extrema</i>
(3) Kakum NP and surrounds 28.11, Kakum NP and surrounds 30.11 and Atewa 14.12.	
Ansorge's Greenbul	<i>Eurillas ansorgei ansorgei</i>
(1) Kakum NP and surrounds 29.11.	
White-throated Greenbul	<i>Phyllastrephus albigularis albigularis</i>
(3) Kakum NP and surrounds 5.12, 1 heard Bobiri FR 13.12 and 1 heard Atewa 14.12.	
Icterine Greenbul (LC)	<i>Phyllastrephus icterinus</i>
(2) Ankasa NP 2.12 and 1 heard Atewa 14.12.	
Baumann's Olive Greenbul (LC)	<i>Phyllastrephus baumanni</i>
(2) 1 heard Kalakpa RR 26.11 and Brenu beach rd 30.11.	
Common Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus barbatus inornatus</i>
Observed 4 days in total.	

Swallows, Martins *Hirundinidae*

Square-tailed Saw-wing	<i>Psalidoprocne nitens nitens</i>
(2) Ankasa NP 3.12 and Ankasa NP 4.12.	
Fanti Saw-wing (LC)	<i>Psalidoprocne obscura</i>
(3) Kakum NP and surrounds 26.11, Kakum NP and surrounds 29.11 and Ankasa NP 3.12.	
Grey-rumped Swallow	<i>Pseudhirundo griseopyga melbina</i>
(1) Mole NP 10.12.	
Rock Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne fuligula bansoensis</i>
(1) Shai Hills 26.11.	
Wire-tailed Swallow	<i>Hirundo smithii smithii</i>
(3) Mole NP 8.12, Nasia River 10.12 and Nasia River 12.12.	
White-bibbed Swallow (LC)	<i>Hirundo nigrita</i>
(2) Kakum NP and surrounds 28.11 and Ebi Wetland 4.12.	
Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica rustica</i>
Observed 2 days in total.	

Red-chested Swallow (2) Larabanga 10.12 and White Volta 11.12.	<i>Hirundo lucida lucida</i>
Ethiopian Swallow Observed 2 days in total.	<i>Hirundo aethiopica aethiopica</i>
Common House Martin (3) White Volta 25.11, Larabanga 10.12 and White Volta 11.12.	<i>Delichon urbicum urbicum</i>
Mosque Swallow (LC) (2) Lake Volta 25.11 and Winneba Lagoon 27.11.	<i>Cecropis senegalensis</i>
Lesser Striped Swallow (3) Lake Volta 25.11, Kakum NP and surrounds 28.11 and Nsuta FR 1.12.	<i>Cecropis abyssinica puella</i>
West African Swallow (1) White Volta 11.12.	<i>Cecropis domicella</i>
Preuss's Cliff Swallow (LC) (1) Kakum NP and surrounds 28.11.	<i>Petrochelidon preussi</i>

Crombecs, African Warblers *Macrosphenidae*

Moustached Grass Warbler (2) Mole NP 8.12 and 1 heard Mole NP 9.12.	<i>Melocichla mentalis mentalis</i>
Kemp's Longbill Observed 2 days in total.	<i>Macrosphenus kempii kempii</i>
Grey Longbill (LC) Observed 2 days in total.	<i>Macrosphenus concolor</i>
Northern Crombec (3) Kalakpa RR 24.11, Mole NP 8.12 and Mole NP 10.12.	<i>Sylvietta brachyura brachyura</i>
Green Crombec (4) Kakum NP and surrounds 29.11.	<i>Sylvietta virens flaviventris</i>
Lemon-bellied Crombec (3) Nsuta FR 1.12, Bonkro 6.12 and Atewa 14.12.	<i>Sylvietta denti hardyi</i>

Yellow Flycatchers *Erythroceridae*

Chestnut-capped Flycatcher (2) Kakum NP and surrounds 29.11 and Bobiri FR 13.12.	<i>Erythrocerus mcallii nigeriae</i>
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Hylia *Hylidae*

Green Hylia Observed 3 days in total.	<i>Hylia prasina prasina</i>
Tit Hylia (2) Kakum NP and surrounds 28.11 and Atewa farm bush 15.12.	<i>Pholidornis rushiae ussheri</i>

Leaf Warblers & Allies *Phylloscopidae*

Wood Warbler (LC) Observed 3 days in total.	<i>Phylloscopus sibilatrix</i>
Willow Warbler (1) Mole NP 8.12.	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus trochilus</i>

Reed Warblers & Allies *Acrocephalidae*

Sedge Warbler (LC) (2) Nasia River 10.12 and Nasia River 12.12.	<i>Acrocephalus schoenobaenus</i>
Eurasian Reed Warbler (1) Nasia River 12.12.	<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus scirpaceus</i>
Western Olivaceous Warbler (LC) (2) Mole NP 8.12 and Tono Dam 11.12.	<i>Iduna opaca</i>

Melodious Warbler (LC)*Hippolais polyglotta*

(1) Mole NP 8.12.

Cisticolas & Allies Cisticolidae**Red-faced Cisticola***Cisticola erythrops erythrops*

Observed 1 day in total.

Singing Cisticola*Cisticola cantans swanzii*

Observed 2 days in total.

Whistling Cisticola*Cisticola lateralis lateralis*

Observed 1 day in total.

Rock-loving Cisticola*Cisticola emini admiralis*

(1) Tongo Hills 10.12.

Winding Cisticola*Cisticola marginatus amphilectus*

(1) Lake Volta 25.11.

Dorst's Cisticola (LC)*Cisticola guinea*

(1) Mole NP 9.12.

Rufous Cisticola (LC)*Cisticola rufus*

(2) Mole NP 9.12 and Tono Dam 11.12.

Black-backed Cisticola (LC)*Cisticola eximius*

(1) Tono Dam 11.12.

Tawny-flanked Prinia*Prinia subflava melanorhyncha*

Observed 2 days in total.

Red-winged Prinia (LC)*Prinia erythroptera erythroptera*

(2) Lake Volta 25.11 and Mole NP 8.12.

Yellow-breasted Apalis*Apalis flavida caniceps*

(1) Mole NP 8.12.

Black-capped Apalis*Apalis nigriceps nigriceps*

(1) Atewa 14.12.

Sharpe's Apalis (LC)*Apalis sharpii*

(3) Kakum NP and surrounds 29.11, Bonkro 6.12 and Bobiri FR 13.12.

Oriole Warbler (LC)*Hypergerus atriceps*

(3) 1 heard Brenu beach rd 30.11, Mole NP 8.12 and 1 heard Mole NP 9.12.

Grey-backed Camaroptera*Camaroptera brevicaudata*

Observed 2 days in total.

Yellow-browed Camaroptera (LC)*Camaroptera superciliaris*

Observed 3 days in total.

Olive-green Camaroptera*Camaroptera chloronota kelsalli*

(2) 1 heard Ankasa NP 30.11 and Bonkro 6.12.

Senegal Eremomela (LC)*Eremomela pusilla*

Observed 1 day in total.

Rufous-crowned Eremomela*Eremomela badiceps fantiensis*

Observed 2 days in total.

Sylviid Babblers Sylviidae**Common Whitethroat***Curruca communis communis*

(1) Tono Dam 11.12.

White-eyes Zosteropidae**Northern Yellow White-eye***Zosterops senegalensis senegalensis*

Observed 1 day in total.

Ground Babblers Pellorneidae

Brown Illadopsis (LC) Observed 1 day in total.	<i>Illadopsis fulvescens</i>
Pale-breasted Illadopsis (1) 1 heard Bobiri FR 13.12.	<i>Illadopsis rufipennis extrema</i>
Blackcap Illadopsis Observed 1 day in total.	<i>Illadopsis cleaveri cleaveri</i>
Puvel's Illadopsis (1) Kakum NP and surrounds 5.12.	<i>Illadopsis puveli puveli</i>
Rufous-winged Illadopsis (NT) (1) Ankasa NP 2.12. Seen well on a night walk!	<i>Illadopsis rufescens</i>

Laughingthrushes & Allies *Leiothrichidae*

Capuchin Babbler (1) 1 heard Kalakpa RR 26.11.	<i>Turdoides atripennis rubiginosus</i>
Brown Babbler (3) 1 heard Kalakpa RR 26.11, Mole NP 9.12 and Tono Dam 11.12.	<i>Turdoides plebejus platycirca</i>
Blackcap Babbler (1) 1 heard Mole NP 8.12.	<i>Turdoides reinwardtii stictilaema</i>

Hyliotas *Hylotiidae*

Yellow-bellied Hyliota (1) Mole NP 9.12.	<i>Hyliota flavigaster flavigaster</i>
Violet-backed Hyliota (1) Kakum NP and surrounds 29.11. Seen extremely well from the Kakum Canopy Walkway	<i>Hyliota violacea nehrkorni</i>

Starlings, *Rhabdornis Sturnidae*

Copper-tailed Starling (NT) Observed 2 days in total.	<i>Hyllopsar cupreocauda</i>
Greater Blue-eared Starling (1) Mole NP 8.12.	<i>Lamprotornis chalybaeus chalybaeus</i>
Splendid Starling Observed 3 days in total.	<i>Lamprotornis splendidus chrysonotis</i>
Purple Starling Observed 2 days in total.	<i>Lamprotornis purpureus purpureus</i>
Long-tailed Glossy Starling (LC) Observed 1 day in total.	<i>Lamprotornis caudatus</i>
Chestnut-bellied Starling (LC) (1) White Volta 11.12 and Tono Dam 11.12.	<i>Lamprotornis pulcher</i>
Violet-backed Starling (2) Shai Hills 26.11 and Nsuta FR 1.12.	<i>Cinnyricinclus leucogaster leucogaster</i>
Narrow-tailed Starling (LC) (1) Bobiri FR 13.12.	<i>Poeoptera lugubris</i>

Oxpeckers *Buphagidae*

Yellow-billed Oxpecker (1) White Volta 11.12.	<i>Buphagus africanus africanus</i>
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Thrushes *Turdidae*

Finsch's Rufous Thrush (LC) Observed 1 day in total.	<i>Stizorhina finschi</i>
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White-tailed Ant Thrush	<i>Neocossyphus poensis poensis</i>
(2) 1 heard Ankasa NP 2.12 and 1 heard Ankasa NP 3.12.	
African Thrush (LC)	<i>Turdus pelios</i>
Observed 2 days in total.	
<u>Chats, Old World Flycatchers <i>Muscicapidae</i></u>	
White-tailed Alethe (LC)	<i>Alethe diademata</i>
Observed 2 days in total.	
Fraser's Forest Flycatcher	<i>Fraseria ocreata prospora</i>
Observed 2 days in total.	
White-browed Forest Flycatcher	<i>Fraseria cinerascens cinerascens</i>
(2) Ebi Wetland 1.12 and Ebi Wetland 4.12.	
Grey-throated Tit-Flycatcher	<i>Myioparus griseigularis parelii</i>
(3) 1 heard Nsuta FR 1.12, Ankasa NP 2.12 and Bonkro 6.12.	
Grey Tit-Flycatcher	<i>Myioparus plumbeus plumbeus</i>
(2) Kakum NP and surrounds 28.11 and Mole NP 9.12.	
Northern Black Flycatcher	<i>Melaenornis edolioides edolioides</i>
(2) Mole NP 8.12 and Mole NP 9.12.	
Pale Flycatcher	<i>Melaenornis pallidus</i>
(2) Kakum NP and surrounds 30.11 and Mole NP 8.12.	
Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata striata</i>
(2) Shai Hills 26.11 and Mole NP 8.12.	
Gambaga Flycatcher (LC)	<i>Muscicapa gambagae</i>
(1) Mole NP 8.12.	
Swamp Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa aquatica aquatica</i>
(1) Mole NP 9.12.	
Cassin's Flycatcher (LC)	<i>Muscicapa cassini</i>
(1) Kakum NP and surrounds 28.11.	
Little Grey Flycatcher (LC)	<i>Muscicapa epulata</i>
(1) Kakum NP and surrounds 29.11.	
Dusky-blue Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa comitata aximensis</i>
(2) Kakum NP and surrounds 28.11 and Ankasa NP 5.12.	
Tessmann's Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa tessmanni</i>
(1) Kakum NP and surrounds 30.11.	
Ussher's Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa ussheri</i>
(3) Kakum NP and surrounds 29.11, Kakum NP and surrounds 30.11 and Atewa 14.12.	
Brown-chested Alethe	<i>Chamaetylas poliocephala poliocephala</i>
(1) Kakum NP and surrounds 2.12. Seen briefly, around an ant swarm.	
Blue-shouldered Robin-Chat	<i>Cossypha cyanocampter cyanocampter</i>
(2) 1 heard Kakum NP and surrounds 28.11 and 1 heard Kakum NP and surrounds 5.12.	
Snowy-crowned Robin-Chat	<i>Cossypha niveicapilla niveicapilla</i>
Observed 1 day in total.	
White-crowned Robin-Chat	<i>Cossypha albicapillus giffardi</i>
(1) Mole NP 9.12.	
Forest Robin (LC)	<i>Stiphornis erythrothorax</i>
Observed 1 day in total.	
European Pied Flycatcher (LC)	<i>Ficedula hypoleuca</i>
(3) Observed Mole NP 8-10.12.	
Whinchat (LC)	<i>Saxicola rubetra</i>
(1) Mole NP 8.12.	
White-crowned Cliff Chat	<i>Thamnolaea coronata coronata</i>

(1) Shai Hills 26.11.

White-fronted Black Chat

Oenanthe albifrons frontalis

(2) Mole NP 8.12 and Mole NP 9.12.

Familiar Chat

Oenanthe familiaris falckensteini

(1) Mole NP 10.12.

Sunbirds Nectariniidae

Fraser's Sunbird

Deleornis fraseri idius

Observed 1 day in total.

Mangrove Sunbird (LC)

Anthreptes gabonicus

Observed 1 day in total.

Little Green Sunbird

Anthreptes seimundi kruensis

Observed 2 days in total.

Yellow-chinned Sunbird (LC)

Anthreptes rectirostris

Observed 2 days in total.

Collared Sunbird

Hedydipna collaris subcollaris

Observed 3 days in total.

Pygmy Sunbird (LC)

Hedydipna platura

(2) Mole NP 8.12 and Mole NP 9.12.

Reichenbach's Sunbird (LC)

Anabathmis reichenbachii

(2) Ankasa NP 3.12 and Ankasa NP 4.12.

Green-headed Sunbird

Cyanomitra verticalis verticalis

(1) Kakum NP and surrounds 28.11.

Blue-throated Brown Sunbird

Cyanomitra cyanolaema magnirostrata

Observed 2 days in total.

Olive Sunbird (LC)

Cyanomitra olivacea

Observed 3 days in total.

Buff-throated Sunbird

Chalcomitra adelberti adelberti

Observed 1 day in total.

Carmelite Sunbird

Chalcomitra fuliginosa aurea

Observed 1 day in total.

Seen in Half Assini

Scarlet-chested Sunbird

Chalcomitra senegalensis senegalensis

(3) Mole NP 8.12, Mole NP 9.12 and White Volta 11.12.

Olive-bellied Sunbird

Cinnyris chloropygius kempii

Observed 2 days in total.

Tiny Sunbird (LC)

Cinnyris minullus

(2) Kakum NP and surrounds 29.11 and Bobiri FR 13.12.

Beautiful Sunbird

Cinnyris pulchellus pulchellus

(2) Mole NP 8.12 and White Volta 10.12.

Splendid Sunbird (LC)

Cinnyris coccinigastrus

Observed 1 day in total.

Johanna's Sunbird

Cinnyris johannae fasciatus

(2) Nsuta FR 1.12 and Atewa 14.12.

Superb Sunbird

Cinnyris superbus ashantiensis

(2) Kakum NP and surrounds 29.11 and Ankasa NP 5.12.

Bates's Sunbird (LC)

Cinnyris batesi

(1) Ankasa NP 2.12.

Copper Sunbird

Cinnyris cupreus cupreus

Observed 1 day in total.

Old World Sparrows, Snowfinches Passeridae

Sahel Bush Sparrow (LC) Observed 5 days in total.	<i>Gymnoris dentata</i>
Northern Grey-headed Sparrow (LC) Observed 12 days in total.	<i>Passer griseus</i>
House Sparrow (LC) Observed 1 day in total.	<i>Passer domesticus</i>
<u>Weavers, Widowbirds Ploceidae</u>	
White-billed Buffalo Weaver (LC) (1) White Volta 11.12.	<i>Bubalornis albirostris</i>
Chestnut-crowned Sparrow-Weaver (LC) (1) Mole NP 8.12.	<i>Plocepasser superciliosus</i>
Thick-billed Weaver (1) Ebi Wetland 1.12.	<i>Amblyospiza albifrons capitalba</i>
Slender-billed Weaver (1) Mankessim 26.11.	<i>Ploceus pelzelni monacha</i>
Little Weaver (2) Mole NP 8.12 and White Volta 11.12.	<i>Ploceus luteolus luteolus</i>
Black-necked Weaver Observed 1 day in total.	<i>Ploceus nigricollis brachypterus</i>
Orange Weaver (2) Ebi Wetland 1.12 and Ebi Wetland 4.12.	<i>Ploceus aurantius aurantius</i>
Village Weaver Observed 2 days in total.	<i>Ploceus cucullatus cucullatus</i>
Vieillot's Black Weaver Observed 1 day in total.	<i>Ploceus nigerrimus castaneofuscus</i>
Black-headed Weaver (LC) Observed 1 day in total.	<i>Ploceus melanocephalus</i>
Yellow-mantled Weaver Observed 1 day in total.	<i>Ploceus tricolor tricolor</i>
Maxwell's Black Weaver (3) Bonkro 6.12, Bobiri FR 13.12 and Atewa 14.12.	<i>Ploceus albinucha albinucha</i>
Preuss's Weaver (LC) (1) Bobiri FR 13.12.	<i>Ploceus preussi</i>
Red-vented Malimbe Observed 1 day in total.	<i>Malimbus scutatus scutatus</i>
Blue-billed Malimbe (LC) Observed 1 day in total.	<i>Malimbus nitens</i>
Red-headed Malimbe Observed 3 days in total.	<i>Malimbus rubricollis bartletti</i>
Crested Malimbe Observed 2 days in total.	<i>Malimbus malimbicus nigrifrons</i>
Red-headed Weaver (2) Mole NP 8.12 and Mole NP 9.12. Seen tending to a newly built nest!	<i>Anaplectes rubriceps leuconotos</i>
Red-billed Quelea Observed 3 days in total.	<i>Quelea quelea quelea</i>
Black-winged Red Bishop Observed 1 day in total.	<i>Euplectes hordeaceus hordeaceus</i>
Northern Red Bishop Observed 3 days in total.	<i>Euplectes franciscanus franciscanus</i>

Waxbills, Munias & Allies Estrildidae

Bronze Mannikin Observed 3 days in total.	<i>Spermestes cucullata cucullata</i>
Magpie Mannikin (LC) Observed 1 day in total.	<i>Spermestes fringilloides</i>
Black-and-white Mannikin Observed 1 day in total.	<i>Spermestes bicolor bicolor</i>
African Silverbill (1) White Volta 11.12. Seen well when some pairs came down to drink.	<i>Euodice cantans cantans</i>
Red-fronted Antpecker (NT) (1) Ankasa NP 3.12. We were lucky to pick up a small family group, feeding on some vines.	<i>Parmoptila rubrifrons</i>
White-breasted Nigrita Observed 1 day in total.	<i>Nigrita fusconotus uropygialis</i>
Chestnut-breasted Nigrita Observed 1 day in total.	<i>Nigrita bicolor bicolor</i>
Grey-headed Nigrita Observed 2 days in total.	<i>Nigrita canicapillus emiliae</i>
Lavender Waxbill (2) Mole NP 8.12 and Mole NP 9.12.	<i>Glaucustrilda caerulescens</i>
Orange-cheeked Waxbill (LC) (2) Kakum NP and surrounds 28.11 and Atewa farm bush 15.12.	<i>Estrilda melpoda</i>
Black-rumped Waxbill (LC) (2) Nasia River 10.12 and White Volta 11.12.	<i>Estrilda troglodytes</i>
Quailfinch (1) Tono Dam 11.12. Black-faced ssp.	<i>Ortygospiza atricollis ansorgei</i>
Red-cheeked Cordon-bleu Observed 5 days in total.	<i>Uraeginthus bengalus bengalus</i>
Western Bluebill (2) Kakum NP and surrounds 28.11 and Ankasa NP 5.12. Incredible views of a relaxed female.	<i>Spermophaga haematina haematina</i>
Black-bellied Seedcracker (LC) (1) 1 heard Ankasa NP 5.12.	<i>Pyrenestes ostrinus</i>
Red-billed Firefinch (3) Mole NP 8.12, Mole NP 9.12, White Volta 11.12 and Tono Dam 11.12.	<i>Lagonosticta senegala senegala</i>
Black-bellied Firefinch (1) Mole NP 8.12.	<i>Lagonosticta rara forbesi</i>
Bar-breasted Firefinch (2) Lake Volta 25.11 and Mole NP 9.12.	<i>Lagonosticta rufopicta rufopicta</i>

Indigobirds, Whydahs Viduidae

Village Indigobird (3) Mole NP 8.12, Mole NP 10.12 and White Volta 11.12.	<i>Vidua chalybeata neumanni</i>
Wilson's Indigobird (LC) (2) Mole NP 8.12 and Mole NP 10.12.	<i>Vidua wilsoni</i>
Pin-tailed Whydah (LC) Observed 1 day in total.	<i>Vidua macroura</i>
Exclamatory Paradise Whydah (LC) (2) Mole NP 8.12 and Mole NP 9.12.	<i>Vidua interjecta</i>

Wagtails, Pipits *Motacillidae***Western Yellow Wagtail (LC)***Motacilla flava*

(1) Lake Volta 26.11.

African Pied Wagtail*Motacilla aguimp vidua*

Observed 1 day in total.

Plain-backed Pipit*Anthus leucophrys zenkeri*

(1) Kakum NP and surrounds 30.11.

Tree Pipit*Anthus trivialis trivialis*

(1) Mole NP 9.12.

Finches, Euphonias *Fringillidae***White-rumped Seedeater***Crithagra leucopygia riggenbachi*

(1) White Volta 11.12.

Yellow-fronted Canary*Crithagra mozambica caniceps*

(3) Observed Mole NP 8-10.12.

Buntings *Emberizidae***Gosling's Bunting (LC)***Emberiza goslingi*

(2) 1 heard Mole NP 8.12 and Tono Dam 10.12.

Brown-rumped Bunting*Emberiza affinis nigeriae*

(2) 1 heard Mole NP 8.12 and Mole NP 9.12.

Eventually seen well on the airstrip.

Mammals (24 in total: 23 seen, 1 heard)

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Hyraxes Procaviidae

Western Tree Hyrax (LC)

Dendrohyrax dorsalis

Observed 1 day in total.

Elephants Elephantidae

African Elephant (VU)

Loxodonta africana

(2) Mole NP 8.12 and Mole NP 9.12.

We enjoyed a memorable encounter with 3 large bulls.

Pangolins Manidae

White-bellied Pangolin (VU)

Phataginus tricuspis

(1) Bonkro 7.12.

Pigs Suidae

Common Warthog (LC)

Phacochoerus africanus africanus

(2) Mole NP 8.12 and Mole NP 9.12.

Cattle, Antelopes, Sheep, Goats Bovidae

Red-flanked Duiker (LC)

Cephalophus rufilatus

(1) Mole NP 9.12.

Waterbuck (LC)

Kobus ellipsiprymnus defassa

(1) Mole NP 8.12.

Kob (LC)

Kobus kob kob

(2) Mole NP 8.12 and Mole NP 9.12.

Bushbuck (LC)

Tragelaphus scriptus

(3) Observed Mole NP 7-9.12.

Old World Fruit Bats Pteropodidae

African Straw-coloured Fruit-bat (NT)

Eidolon helvum

Observed 2 days in total.

Gambian Epauletted Fruit Bat (LC)

Epomophorus gambianus

(2) Kalakpa RR 25.11 and Kakum NP and surrounds 29.11.

Galagos Galagidae

Northern Lesser Galago (LC)

Galago senegalensis senegalensis

(1) Mole NP 9.12.

Demidoff's Dwarf Galago (LC)

Galagoides demidoff

Observed 2 days in total.

Lorises and Pottos Lorisidae

West African Potto (LC)

Perodicticus potto

(1) Ankasa NP 2.12.

Old World Monkeys Cercopithecidae

- Mona Monkey (LC)** *Cercopithecus mona*
 (3) Kakum NP and surrounds 29.11, 1 heard Ankasa NP 2.12 and Ankasa NP 3.12.
- Lesser Spot-nosed Monkey (LC)** *Cercopithecus petaurista petaurista*
 (2) Kakum NP and surrounds 29.11 and Ankasa NP 3.12.
- Green Monkey (LC)** *Chlorocebus sabaeus*
 (3) Shai Hills 26.11, Mole NP 8.12 and Mole NP 9.12.
- Patas Monkey (LC)** *Erythrocebus patas*
 (2) Mole NP 8.12 and Mole NP 9.12.
- Olive Baboon (LC)** *Papio anubis*
 Observed 2 days in total.

Rabbits, Hares Leporidae

- African Savanna Hare (LC)** *Lepus victoriae*
 (1) Mole NP 8.12.

Squirrels Sciuridae

- Fire-footed Rope Squirrel (LC)** *Funisciurus pyrropus*
 Observed 2 days in total.
- Slender-tailed Giant Squirrel (NT)** *Protoxerus aubinnii*
 (2) Ankasa NP 2.12 and Ankasa NP 3.12.
- Giant Forest Squirrel (LC)** *Protoxerus stangeri*
 (2) Ankasa NP 2.12 and Ankasa NP 3.12.
- Striped Ground Squirrel (LC)** *Xerus erythropus*
 (1) Mole NP 9.12.

Climbing Mice, Rock Mice, White-tailed Rat, Malagasy Rats and Mice Nesomyidae

- Gambian Rat (LC)** *Cricetomys gambianus*
 (2) Kakum NP and surrounds 29.11 and Bonkro 3.12.

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