

Kenya

Highlights of Kenya III

16th to 30th November 2021 (15 days)

Trip Report

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Golden Pipit (male in breeding plumage) in Tsavo West National Park

Daily Summary



Green-headed Oriole at Shimba Hills

Our much-anticipated, inaugural Kenya Highlights tour began with a flight from Nairobi to Ukunda, a small but bustling town on Kenya's south-eastern coastline. After arriving around midday, we drove the short distance up to Shimba Hills **National** Reserve. encountering our first of several stunning Northern Carmine Beeeaters along the way. We had the late afternoon to begin our birding in the tall, beautiful but lowdensity miombo woodlands around the lodge and in the Reserve and quickly got stuck into several of the area's specialties: Green Barbets

were vocal and showy around the entrance, while a mixed flock in the tall woodland and thickets produced a pair of Little Yellow Flycatcher and a responsive but elusive pair of Mombasa Woodpecker. The open grasslands and pockets of evergreen forest deeper in the reserve held flocks of White-throated and Little Bee-eaters, Broad-billed Roller, Short-winged Cisticola, a covey of Crested Guineafowl, a few more Green Barbets, Mottled Spinetail and Ethiopian Swallow, while troops of handsome Angola Colobus provided some spectacular mammalian entertainment.

The next day we targeted the remaining key species at Shimba Hills with our pre-breakfast drive proving extremely productive as we managed to acquire superb views of the much-desired Green-headed Oriole,

Chestnut-fronted and Retz's Helmetshrikes, East Coast Boubou, White-eared Barbet, Yellow-bellied Black-bellied Greenbul. Starling, Green-backed Woodpecker and Trumpeter Hornbill, as well as the rare and beautiful Black-and-rufous Sengi. The late morning in the reserve gave us a number of raptors like, Bateleur, Wahlberg's Martial and Eagles, Palmnut Vulture, African Harrier-Hawk and Gabar Goshawk, as well as Yellow-throated Longclaw. After a picnic lunch at the Reserve entrance, we embarked on the fairly lengthy, allafternoon drive northwards to Watamu Bay, our comfortable base from where to access the nearby Arabuko-Sokoke



Chestnut-fronted Helmetshrike at Shimba Hills



Fischer's Turaco at Arabuko-Sokoke

Forest and other regional birding hotspots. Although essentially just a commute between destinations, we did encounter a few noteworthy species during the drive and these included Sombre Greenbul, Long-tailed Fiscal, Northern White-crowned Shrike, Blue-cheeked Bee-eater and a magnificent pair of Blackcollared Barbet, a very rare species for Kenya, soon after leaving Shimba Hills.

Our time in the Sokoke Forests and surrounds proved hard work, as usual, with most

species occurring at extremely low densities but with perseverance, we managed to encounter almost all of the region's specialties. Our first morning in the tall woodlands in the southern section of the Reserve produced target species such as Narina Trogon, Fischer's Greenbul, the ultra-localised Amani Sunbird, Plain-backed Sunbird, several flocks of Chestnut-fronted Helmetshrike, Blue-mantled Crested Flycatcher, Black-headed Apalis and Forest Batis. Thereafter, a short visit at the Mida Creek mudflats yielded hundreds of Crab-plovers, albeit rather distantly, as well as Dimorphic Egret and a number of other more widespread and regular waders, while our afternoon session back in the Reserve gave us the much sought-after Fischer's Turaco and the exceedingly range-restricted Malindi Pipit at the Arabuko Swamp. In the late afternoon, we began our search for Sokoke Scops Owl. While our fabulous local guide, David, skulked

his way through the dense thickets in search of roosting owls, we ambled casually along the track, searching for East Coast Akalat. Suddenly, there was a cat-like shape in the track ahead of us and upon further inspection it turned out to be a Caracal! What made this rare sighting even more incredible was that this rare, usually-nocturnal and seldom-seen cat did not dash away from us as one would expect. Instead, it was extremely curious and walked right up towards us before finally realizing that we could potentially be of some danger and it turned on its heels and fled into the forest. Amazing! Thereafter, Srihari located impressive European Nightjar



Sokoke Scops Owl (pair) at Arabuko-Sokoke



The rare & seldom-seen Caracal at Arabuko-Sokoke

sprawled out along a branch in the mid-strata and David managed to locate a gorgeous pair of Sokoke Scops Owl. What a fabulous afternoon! However. the highlights weren't over just yet and as we made our way to another area for East Coast Akalat, we encountered several brilliant Golden-rumped Sengis (Elephant Shrews), as well as a very responsive but rather shy East Coast Akalat and after dusk several Fierynecked Nightjars were spotted sitting on the road.

Our next full day in the Sokoke area saw us heading straight back to the deciduous forests in search of the last remaining specialties of the area. This was certainly one of those truly amazing and highly memorable mornings where almost everything we did and tried worked like clockwork and produced the desired results. First up we attempted to acquire better views of East Coast Akalat and this we managed to achieve together with a rather shy and unobtrusive Lowland Tiny Greenbul. Although extremely unobtrusive, after a fair bit of teasing we did all manage to acquire tickable views of the Greenbul. Further up the road, a pair of Pale Batis obliged nicely in the open canopy and the scarce and local Green Tinkerbird was called into a roadside tree for close, extended views. Then came Scaly Babblers and a pair of Eastern Blackheaded Batis, as well as Red-fronted Tinkerbird and a single Bohm's Spinetail whizzing by in bat-like flight overhead. Later in the morning, during our drive out of the forest, a Pallid Honeyguide was heard calling from a nearby tree and after some extensive searching, we were treated to excellent and prolonged

scope views of this scarce and unobtrusive species. Finally, to end off the morning just perfectly, after an extensive search for the rare and elusive Sokoke Pipit over the past two days, David finally managed to find a pair of these forest-floor skulkers in what was quite literally the eleventh hour. Excellent views, both on the deck and standing on a branch, bobbing its tale, were achieved and we were certainly one very thrilled and relieved group! After another delicious and relaxing lunch, we departed on the drive northwards to the Sabaki River Estuary where we spent the late afternoon. The thickets at the end of the road harbored several Dodson's Bulbuls, another group



Golden Palm Weaver at Watamu Bay



Black-faced Sandgrouse in Tsavo East

Greater and Lesser Flamingo and White-faced Whistling Duck.

of Scaly Babbler and the scarce, migrant Basra Reed Warbler that popped out briefly on two occasions for decent views. At the estuary, we scoped thousands of shorebirds that included a single Saunders's Tern, fair numbers of Sooty and Lesser Black-backed Gulls, White-winged and Caspian Terns, a single adult Crab-plover that showed at much closer range than the Mida Creek birds, several Greater and Lesser Sand Plovers, large numbers of Pied several Avocet. Pink-backed Pelicans. Yellow-billed Stork. African Spoonbill, Western Reef Heron, Eurasian Curlew, Eurasian Whimbrel, some distance flocks of

Leaving Watamu Bay, we first enjoyed some close views of nesting Golden Palm and Eastern Golden Weavers in our resort grounds before hitting the road to Tsavo East. The drive took us past the northern end of the Arabuko-Sokoke Forest where several swifts were attracted to a nearby storm-front. This proved immensely fortuitous indeed as we found several of the rare and little-known Forbes-Watson's Swifts passing through with the more common and widespread Little and Common Swifts, as well as a single massive Mottled Swift. Nearby, a handsome Lizard Buzzard observed the swift-excitement unperturbed. Thereafter, we continued the drive westwards to our breakfast spot at the edge of a nearby wetland. The

thickets and scrub in this area were particularly productive and birdy and we quickly found and enjoyed views of several Eurasian Golden Orioles, as well as a single Coastal Cisticola, another group of Scaly Babbler, Rufous Chatterer and the attractive and melodic Spotted Palm Thrush. After a roadside picnic breakfast, we took a short walk across the cultivated fields towards the wetland-edge, which produced some close and photographable Northern Carmine Bee-eaters, several Redbacked Shrikes, a fleeting Northern Brownbul and the hoped-for cherry on top in the form of a flock of Zanzibar Red Bishops. Thereafter,



The unique Gerenuk in Tsavo East



Vulturine Guineafowl in Tsavo East

we continued the drive to Tsavo East National Reserve. The birding along the way was superb, as is often the case, and we made several improvised stops to enjoy some prized and often tricky species such as Shelley's, Magpie and Golden-breasted Starlings, the ultra-range-restricted Tsavo Sunbird, migratory Grasshopper Buzzard and the very rare and elusive Steel-blue Whydah. Large numbers of Superb Starlings were also encountered, together with Long-tailed Paradise Whydahs, White-bellied Go-away-bird, Taita Fiscal, Eastern Chanting Goshawk and the Tsavo East entrance environs yielded flocks of Fisher's Starling, Parrot-billed Sparrow and Red-billed Buffalo-Weaver, as a well as a few Tsavo and Hunter's Sunbirds. It was extremely hot and dry and the entire area appeared to not have had rain in several months. Although the first hour of the drive was very quiet, we ended up seeing an incredible number of great birds and mammals during the course of the afternoon, especially when it cooled down somewhat in the late afternoon. White-bellied, Buff-crested and Kori Bustards all showed well and on several occasions at

the road-edge, as did Black-faced and Chestnut-bellied Sandgrouse. A flock of Somali Courser was a superb bonus, as was a large group of the unique Vulturine Guineafowl, a flock of Chestnut-headed Sparrow-Lark and several Somali Ostrich. A stunning male Golden Pipit in full breeding plumage was a bit of a surprise considering the extremely dry conditions, while other highlights during the course of the afternoon included Olive and Somali Bee-eaters, Barred and Eastern Olivaceous Warblers, Rufoustailed Scrub Robin, Yellow-necked Spurfowl, the highly threatened Lappetfaced Vulture, Blue-naped Mousebird,



Lesser Kudu in Tsavo East



Black-bellied Sunbird in Tsavo West

Hornbills, Decken's Grey-headed Kingfisher, Rosy-patched Bushshrike, Slate-colored Boubou, Red-tailed Shrike, Pink-breasted, Foxy and Redwinged Larks, Red-fronted and Pale Prinias, Grey Wren-Warbler, Pied Wheatear and the stunning Eastern Violet-backed Sunbird. Mammal-wise, we enjoyed sightings of African Elephant, a pride of Lion that included an extremely young cub, Plains Zebra, the strange-looking Gerenuk, regal Grant's Gazelle, tiny Kirk's Dikdik, African Buffalo, the specialized Lesser Kudu, huge Eland, Waterbuck, Impala, Warthog and Susan's favorite, the

Northern Red-billed and Von Der

Giraffe.

Nightjar activity throughout the trip was sadly lacking and we only managed to find a few Slender-tailed Nightjars around our lodge during dusk and pre-dawn forays.

Our next port of call was the mountains of the Taiga Hills. The tiny forest patches now remaining in these once-forested and picturesque hills still support the three mouth-watering and extremely endangered endemics: the rare and shy Taita Thrush, Taita White-eye and the most endangered of all, the Taita Apalis and we were delighted to find and obtain good views of all three species during our morning excursion. Other noteworthy species encountered were the range-restricted Placid and Stripe-faced Greenbuls, the

miniscule Yellow-throated Woodland Warbler and White-starred Robin. After a picnic lunch in the hills, enjoying a small group of the scarce Striped Pipit feeding close-by, we departed the Hills and drove the fairly short distance to the extensive Tsavo West National Reserve that straddles the Taita Hills and Tsavo East National Reserve and also extends all the way to the Tanzanian border to the south.

The remainder of the afternoon essentially involved steady driving, to reach our amazing accommodations towards the north-western edge of Tsavo West.



Lion cub in Tsavo East



The rare and endemic Taita Thrush in the Taita Hills

However, we did still encounter a few noteworthy species during the drive. Time was limited but we did enjoy another extremely confiding and bright male Golden Pipit, as well as more Olive Bee-eaters, impressive Secretarybird, African Grey Hornbill, Red-bellied Parrot, Nubian Woodpecker, the localised Long-tailed Fiscal, Common Rock Thrush, Isabelline Wheatear and a bevy of eagles that included Martial, Long-crested, Steppe, Tawny, Bateleur, Wahlberg's and African Hawk.

Our full day in Tsavo West National Reserve was spectacular to say the

least and produced an impressive list of East African arid acacia specialties. The impressive and bird-rich lodge grounds yielded Pringle's Puffback, Orange-breasted and Grey-headed Bushshrikes, Yellow-breasted Apalis, Black-necked Weaver, the scarce and beautiful Grey-headed Silverbill and Cinnamon-breasted Bunting, while the various habitats covered by the network of roads produced Rüppell's Vulture, Black-chested and Brown Snake Eagles, the impressive Verreaux's Eagle scouring the rocky outcrops for Hyrax, the handsome Augur Buzzard, migratory Lesser Spotted Eagle, the partially-diurnal Pearl-spotted Owlet, extremely localised and uncommon Grant's Woodhoopoe, D'Arnaud's Barbet, Pygmy Falcon, Pygmy Batis, flocks of raucous and flashy White-crested Helmetshrike, Brubru, a pair of minute Mouse-colored Penduline Tit, Northern Crombec, Ashy and Tiny Cisticolas, Yellow-billed Oxpecker, Bare-eyed Thrush, a flock of Black-capped Social Weaver, the stunning Purple Grenadier, Green-winged Pytilia,

Somali Bunting and a flock of Straw-tailed Whydah. The afternoon session towards Ngulia Lodge gave us many of the same species already mentioned, as well as the scarce Eastern Yellow-billed Hornbill, while Verreaux's Eagle-Owl and Slender-tailed **Nightjars** performed well during our nocturnal observations around the lodge waterhole and grounds.

New mammals seen in Tsavo West included Yellow-spotted Hyrax, Spotted Hyena, Banded and Dwarf Mongooses, Beisa



White-throated Robin (Irania) in Tsavo West

Oryx, Yellow-winged Bat and Coke's Hartebeest.



Rufous Beaked Snake in Tsavo West

Our final morning in Tsavo West produced further noteworthy species during the drive out towards Mtito Andei with highlights being a superb and immensely showy male White-throated Robin, an unusually visible Three-streaked Tchagra, a very strange-looking Common Whitethroat and a very close encounter with a handsome Rufous Beaked Snake at the roadside, while Spot-flanked Barbet and Pale White-eyes were found in the acacia trees around the Reserve's exit gate.

The remainder of the lengthy drive to Nairobi was fairly uneventful but a

short, late afternoon exploration of the lodge grounds did produce some interesting species such as Dusky Turtle Dove, the brilliant Bronzy and Variable Sunbirds, Abyssinian Thrush, Common Waxbill, Garden Warbler, Red-rumped Swallow and Baglafecht Weaver.

The next day was another long travel day but we made the most of it and actually managed to find some really great birds, many of which were highland species that we did not expect to encounter during this tour. Our first scheduled stop at the Rift Valley Escarpment yielded a staggering number of good-quality highland forest-edge species such as the spectacular Golden-winged and Eastern Double-collared Sunbirds, Streaky Seedeater, African Hill Babbler, Kikuyu White-eye, Tropical Boubou, European

Blackcap, Hunter's Cisticola and Yellow-crowned Canary. Further along the drive, a handsome Mountain Buzzard perched at the roadside was a great surprise and our lunch stop at the edge of a decent little native forest Yellow-rumped patch gave us Tinkerbird, Greater and Lesser Honeyguides, Tree Pipit and Whiteeyed Slaty Flycatcher. Finally, after a long drive, we arrived at Kakamega rainforest and the very comfortable and well-appointed Rondo Retreat, our lovely base for the next two nights. Despite the initial drizzle, we ventured out for some late afternoon birding around the lodge grounds and forest edge after some welcome coffee



Black-faced Rufous Warbler at Kakamega



Black-and-white Casqued Hornbills at Kakamega

wings that were admired perched and in flight.

Although it was overcast and almost dusk, we still managed to find several exciting introductory species, all of which we'd see again over the course of the next day and a half: Grey-throated Barbets were nesting in the dead trees, while pairs of Yellowthroated Leaflove and Joyful Greenbul chattered noisily in the canopy and revealed themselves momentarily. The gorgeous and active African Blue Flycatcher was also present together with a male Green-headed Sunbird, Brown-capped and Vieillot's Black Weavers and fair numbers of striking White-eyed Saw-

and once the rain had subsided.

We had a day and a half to explore and rack up as many of Kakamega's amazing avifauna as possible and what an awesome time we had! Initially, we explored the lodge grounds in the early morning, which yielded many of the species seen yesterday afternoon, as well as the impressive Black-and-white Casqued Hornbill, the highly localised and otherwise scarce Uganda Woodland Warbler, Bocage's Bushshrike, Mackinnon's Shrike, several Sharpe's Drongos, a flock of Northern Yellow White-eye, Chubb's Cisticola, African Thrush, Grey-chinned and Northern Double-collared Sunbirds, Red-headed Malimbe, Grey-headed Nigrita and Stuhlmann's Starling perched up on dead snags. Thereafter, we drove a short distance

and entered the forest-proper in the heart of the Reserve where we spent the remainder of the morning meandering along the extensive network of wide, flat forest paths. Activity was good as usual but the birding as a whole was fairly challenging as many species kept to the highest canopy or only showed themselves briefly. However, with patience and perseverance managed to obtain good views of most species and highlights included Blue Malkoha, Yellow-crested Woodpecker, Kakamega Greenbul, and the highly Western Oriole localised Turner's Eremomela in



Papyrus Gonolek at Lake Victoria



White-spotted Flufftail at Kakamega

mixed species flocks, Equatorial Akalat, Brownchested Alethe and Red-tailed Bristlebill at an ant swarm, a highly vocal and responsive Least Honeyguide, the scarce and often-elusive Red-chested Owlet, a pair of Chestnut Wattle-eye, White-chinned Prinia, Olive-green Camaroptera, the stunning Black-faced Rufous Warbler and Yellow-whiskered, Little. Cabanis's and Little Grey Greenbuls. Primates of various kinds were also admired and included Red-tailed and Blue Monkeys, as well as the impressive Guereza Colobus.

After a short, midday break, we made our way to some forest-edge thickets and secondary forest where Brown-throated and Jameson's Wattle-eyes performed remarkably well and we also managed to add Ansorge's Greenbul to the ever-growing list. However, the undoubted highlight of the afternoon was the pair of Blue-headed Bee-eater that was scoped in the canopy. To end another fabulous day's birding, we enjoyed fantastic views of a pair of regal Great Blue Turaco near the lodge grounds. Awesome!

Our final day at Kakamega saw us attempting to mop up the remaining target species of the area. We succeeded in finding many of these, as well as obtaining better views of several already-recorded species. The early morning session at the edge of the gardens provided us with memorable views of the much

sought-after White-spotted Flufftail that showed especially well. Greywinged Robin-Chat also popped up briefly, while a family group of Scalybreasted Illadopsis performed superbly at close range. Returning to the primary forest, we achieved better views of the colourful and vocal but rather Yellow-spotted unobtrusive and Yellow-billed Barbets, as well as Slender-billed Greenbul and we also managed to turn up a Honeyguide Greenbul, a few Scarce Swifts overhead, the shy and unobtrusive Brown-eared Woodpecker, Tambourine Dove, Petit's Cuckooshrike, some distant and backlit



Usambiro Barbet in Maasai Mara



Rosy-throated Longclaw in Maasai Mara

Dusky Tits and several furtive Blue-shouldered Robin-Chats. In a moist, grassy glade at the forest-edge, we added a number of excellent new species and were especially pleased with a soaring Crowned Eagle, several brilliant Orange-tufted Sunbirds. Stout Cisticola, Yellow-mantled Widowbird and a flushed Blue Quail. To end off a productive final morning at Kakamega, we located a cooperative Green Hylia. It was then time to depart on the fairly short drive southwards to the edge of Lake Victoria where we birded the

edge of the Lake in the late afternoon and here we added a throng of new and exciting species: Northern Brown-throated, Black-headed and Slender-billed Weavers performed at point-blank range together with Swamp Flycatcher, Black-headed Gonolek, Eastern Plantain-eater, Malachite and Woodland Kingfishers, Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird, Meyer's Parrot, Angolan Swallow and the immaculate Red-chested Sunbird.

We returned to Lake Victoria the following morning for a follow-up session at the Lake-edge and also embarked on a motorized boat trip that allowed us to access the extensive papyrus swamps just south of Hippo Point. What a great decision this had been as together with our excellent local guide, we managed to rack up virtually every single regional specialty, including the absolutely mega Papyrus Yellow

Warbler! Starting out near Hippo Point, we located a striking Little Bittern, as well as Greater Swamp Warbler. Deeper into the swamps, papyrus found several Carruther's Cisticola, a Blue-headed Coucal, as well as Lesser Swamp, Sedge, African Reed, Highland Rush and rather fleeting Whitewinged Swamp Warblers. The gorgeous Papyrus Gonolek also showed unusually well and back on the mainland finally located a pair of



Cheetahs on Impala kill in Maasai Mara



Yellow-throated Sandgrouse in Maasai Mara

Papyrus Canary, several Reichenow's Seedeaters, a superb male nesting Goldenbacked Weaver, Winding Cisticola, Rüppell's Starling and Double-toothed Barbet.

Leaving Lake Victoria, we began the fairly lengthy drive to the world-renown Maasai Mara National Park, Kenya's flagship reserve where we'd be based for the next three nights to end off this incredible Kenyan birding and wildlife adventure.

The Maasai Mara was an awesome birding and wildlife

experience as always and our two full days in this vast and beautiful reserve yielded a bounty of memorable sightings and species. Mammal highlights included several Lion sightings, four Cheetah feasting on a freshly killed Impala right next to the road, large herds of African Elephant and African Buffalo, several Black-backed Jackal, Bohor Reedbuck, Eland, Waterbuck, Coke's Hartebeest, Grant's Gazelle and Hippo, vast herds of Plains Zebra, Common Wildebeest, Thompson's Gazelle, Topi and Maasai Giraffe, two separate Servals and large numbers of Spotted Hyena.

Bird-wise, the moist grassy plains of the Mara Triangle produced Pallid, Montague's and Western Marsh Harriers, hordes of Stout Cisticola, the stately White-bellied and Black-bellied Bustards, Common Ostrich, Greater and Lesser Kestrels, an Amur Falcon on passage, Grey-backed Fiscal, White-tailed and Flappet Larks, singing and displaying Fan-tailed Grassbird, Pectoral-patch and Desert Cisticolas, Sooty and

Anteater Chats, incredibly large numbers of Quailfinch, the gorgeous Rosy-throated Longclaw and single flocks of each of the scarce and unpredictable Cardinal Ouelea and Jackson's Widowbird, while the seasonally flooded wetlands supported the unobtrusive Rufous-bellied Heron, Long-toed and African Wattled Lapwings, a female Greater Paintedsnipe and many other more regular and widespread wetland birds.

Temminck's Courser, Black-winged Lapwing, Fischer's Sparrow-Lark, and the uncommon and nomadic Yellow-throated Sandgrouse and Athi



The localised Red-throated Tit in Maasai Mara

Go-away-bird,

Short-toed Lark were found in the barren, sandy and over-grazed plains in the eastern Mara, while the denser acacia woodlands gave

Common Scimitarbill, the highly

Bare-faced



Cinnamon-chested Bee-eater at the Rift Valley Escarpment

threatened Southern Ground Hornbill, Purple Roller, Redfronted Tinkerbird, Usambiro and Red-fronted Barbets, Eastern Grev Woodpecker, Pygmy Falcon, Magpie Shrike, the scarce, striking and range-restricted Red-throated and White-bellied Tits, Red-faced Crombec, Black-lored Babbler, the stunning Violet-backed and Hildebrandt's Starlings, Specklefronted, Chestnut and Greycapped Social Weavers, Golden-

breasted Bunting and the lovely Silverbird.

A pre-breakfast stroll around the grounds of our very pleasant lodge in the eastern Mara was also productive and very enjoyable and afforded us good views of a number of now-familiar species, as well as a few new ones like the aptly-named Beautiful and Marico Sunbirds, Little Weaver, very pretty and confiding Grey-capped Warbler and a brilliant and very close African Pygmy Kingfisher. Certainly, a fitting end to our time in the Mara!

Alas, our amazing time in Kenya was up and having succeeded in producing many amazing and extremely memorable experiences and sightings over the past two weeks, we made our way back to Nairobi, picking up yet further new species for the trip en route and these included the scarce Pale Wren-Warbler, a palephase Booted Eagle, African Hoopoe, Buff-bellied Warbler and Swahili Sparrow at our picnic lunch stop and Cinnamon-chested Bee-eater, African Citril, White-browed Crombec and an unusually showy Cinnamon Bracken Warbler while crossing over the Rift Valley Escarpment back to Nairobi.

Thank you to Alex, our superb driver and good friend, all of our fabulous local, site guides, our ground operating team, the Rockjumper office team and most importantly, our valued guests for making this another incredibly enjoyable and memorable Rockjumper birding tour of Kenya. Until next time...

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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 (561 in total: 548 seen, 13 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

Ostriches Struthionidae

Common Ostrich (LC)

Struthio camelus

(3) Up to 6 Maasai Mara NR 28-30.11.

Somali Ostrich (VU)

Struthio molybdophanes

(1) 10 Tsavo East NP 20.11.

Ducks, Geese, Swans Anatidae

White-faced Whistling Duck (LC)

Dendrocygna viduata

(3) 50 Sabaki River Mouth 19.11, 30 en route 20.11 and 50+50 heard Kisumu--Papyrus 27.11.

Spur-winged Goose

Plectropterus gambensis gambensis

(3) Up to 3 Maasai Mara NR 27-29.11.

Knob-billed Duck (LC)

Sarkidiornis melanotos

(1) 10 en route 20.11.

Egyptian Goose (LC)

Alopochen aegyptiaca

(6) 4+8 heard en route 20.11, 2 Tsavo West NP 22.11, up to 4 Kisumu--Papyrus 26-27.11, 6 Maasai Mara NR 28.11 and 2 Maasai Mara NR 29.11.

Guineafowl Numididae

Helmeted Guineafowl (LC)

Numida meleagris

(6) 2 Tsavo East NP 20.11, 40 Tsavo West NP 22.11, 30 Tsavo West NP 23.11 and up to 20 Maasai Mara NR 27-29.11.

Crested Guineafowl (LC)

Guttera pucherani

(1) 4 Shimba Hills 16.11.

Vulturine Guineafowl (LC)

Acryllium vulturinum

(1) 40 Tsavo East NP 20.11.

Pheasants & Allies Phasianidae

Crested Francolin (LC)

Ortygornis sephaena

(4) 2 Tsavo East NP 20.11 and up to 4 Tsavo West NP 21-23.11.

Coqui Francolin (LC)

Campocolinus coqui

(1) 1 heard Maasai Mara NR 28.11.

Blue Quail (LC)

Synoicus adansonii

(1) 1 Kakamega FNR 26.11.

Yellow-necked Spurfowl (LC)

Pternistis leucoscepus infuscatus

(4) 4 Tsavo East NP 20.11 and up to 80 Tsavo West NP 21-23.11.

Red-necked Spurfowl (LC)

Pternistis afer

(3) Up to 10 Maasai Mara NR 27-29.11.

Nightjars Caprimulgidae

European Nightjar (LC)

Caprimulgus europaeus

(1) 1 Arabuko Sokoke Forest 18.11.

Fiery-necked Nightjar

Caprimulgus pectoralis shelleyi

(1) 8 Arabuko Sokoke Forest 18.11.

Slender-tailed Nightjar (LC)

Caprimulgus clarus

(3) 2 Tsavo East NP 20.11, 1 Tsavo West NP 21.11 and 3 Tsavo West NP 22.11.

Swifts *Apodidae*

Scarce Swift Schoutedenapus myoptilus myoptilus

(1) 3 Kakamega FNR 26.11.

Mottled Spinetail Telacanthura ussheri stictilaema

(1) 1 Shimba Hills 16.11.

Böhm's Spinetail Neafrapus boehmi sheppardi

(2) 1 Arabuko Sokoke Forest 18.11 and 1 Arabuko Sokoke Forest 19.11.

African Palm Swift (LC)

Cypsiurus parvus

(9) 20+30 heard Ukunda area 16.11, 20+30 heard Shimba Hills 17.11, up to 20 Arabuko Sokoke Forest 18-19.11, 20+10 heard en route 20.11, up to 10 Tsavo West NP 22-23.11, 10+10 heard Kakamega FNR 26.11 and 10+5 heard Kisumu--Papyrus 27.11.

Mottled Swift

Tachymarptis aequatorialis aequatorialis

(2) 1 Tsavo East NP 20.11 and 1 Tsavo West NP 22.11.

Common Swift (LC)

Apus apus

(5) 2 en route 20.11, 1 Tsavo West NP 22.11, 1 Maasai Mara NR 27.11, 10 Maasai Mara NR 29.11 and 2 Maasai Mara NR 30.11.

Nyanza Swift

Apus niansae niansae

(2) 1 Shimba Hills 16.11 and 1 Maasai Mara NR 29.11.

Forbes-Watson's Swift

Apus berliozi bensoni

(1) 6 en route 20.11.

Little Swift (LC)

Apus affinis

(12) Up to 40 Shimba Hills 16-17.11, 10 en route 20.11, 10 Taita Hills 21.11, 20 Tsavo West NP 22.11, 10 Nairobi 23.11, 10 en route 24.11, up to 200 Kisumu--Papyrus 26-27.11 and up to 50 Maasai Mara NR 28-30.11.

White-rumped Swift (LC)

Apus caffer

(5) 1 Tsavo West NP 23.11 and up to 30 Maasai Mara NR 27-30.11.

Turacos Musophagidae

Great Blue Turaco (LC)

Corythaeola cristata

(2) 2 Kakamega FNR 25.11 and 1 heard Kakamega FNR 26.11.

Bare-faced Go-away-bird

Crinifer personatus leopoldi

(1) 5 Maasai Mara NR 29.11.

White-bellied Go-away-bird

Crinifer leucogaster

(4) 2 en route 20.11, 1+1 heard Tsavo East NP--Voi Wildlife Lodge 21.11, 12 Tsavo West NP 22.11 and 20 Tsavo West NP 23.11.

Eastern Plantain-eater (LC)

Crinifer zonurus

(2) 1 Kisumu--Papyrus 26.11 and 1 Kisumu--Papyrus 27.11.

Fischer's Turaco

Tauraco fischeri fischeri

(2) 1 heard Shimba Hills 16.11 and 1 Arabuko Sokoke Forest 18.11.

Hartlaub's Turaco (LC)

Tauraco hartlaubi

(1) 1 heard Taita Hills 21.11.

Bustards Otididae

Kori Bustard

Ardeotis kori struthiunculus

(1) 3 Tsavo East NP 20.11.

White-bellied Bustard (LC)

Eupodotis senegalensis

(3) 4 Tsavo East NP 20.11, 4 Maasai Mara NR 28.11 and 2 Maasai Mara NR 29.11.

Buff-crested Bustard (LC)

Lophotis gindiana

(4) 6 Tsavo East NP 20.11 and up to 1 Tsavo West NP 21-23.11.

Black-bellied Bustard

Lissotis melanogaster melanogaster

(3) Up to 15 Maasai Mara NR 27-29.11.

Cuckoos Cuculidae

Blue-headed Coucal (LC)

Centropus monachus

(1) 1 Kisumu--Papyrus 27.11.

White-browed Coucal (LC)

Centropus superciliosus

(6) 1 Sabaki River Mouth 19.11, 1+1 heard en route 20.11, 1 Tsavo East NP--Voi Wildlife Lodge 21.11, 2 Tsavo West NP 22.11, 1 Tsavo West NP 23.11 and 1 heard Maasai Mara NR 27.11.

Black Coucal (LC)

Centropus grillii

(1) 1 Maasai Mara NR 27.11.

Blue Malkoha

Ceuthmochares aereus aereus

(2) 1 Kakamega FNR 25.11 and 1 heard Kakamega FNR 26.11.

Jacobin Cuckoo (LC)

Clamator jacobinus

(2) 1 Sabaki River Mouth 19.11 and 1 Tsavo West NP 21.11.

Diederik Cuckoo (LC)

Chrysococcyx caprius

(2) 2 Kisumu--Papyrus 27.11 and 1 Maasai Mara NR 28.11.

Klaas's Cuckoo (LC)

Chrysococcyx klaas

(2) 1 heard Maasai Mara NR 28.11 and 1 Maasai Mara NR 30.11.

African Emerald Cuckoo (LC)

Chrysococcyx cupreus

(3) 1 heard Taita Hills 21.11, 1 heard Kakamega FNR--Rondo Retreat Area 25.11 and 1 heard Kakamega FNR--Rondo Retreat Area 26.11.

Red-chested Cuckoo (LC)

Cuculus solitarius

(1) 1 heard Taita Hills 21.11.

Sandgrouse Pteroclidae

Chestnut-bellied Sandgrouse

Pterocles exustus olivascens

(1) 8 Tsavo East NP 20.11.

Yellow-throated Sandgrouse

Pterocles gutturalis saturation

(1) 3 Maasai Mara NR 29.11.

Black-faced Sandgrouse (LC)

Pterocles decoratus

(3) 30 Tsavo East NP 20.11, 15 Tsavo West NP 22.11 and 30 Tsavo West NP 23.11.

Pigeons, Doves Columbidae

Rock Dove

Columba livia domestica

(7) 10 en route 17.11, 10 Arabuko Sokoke Forest 18.11, 30 en route 19.11, 20 en route 23.11, 10 Kisumu 26.11, 20 en route 27.11 and 20 en route 30.11.

Speckled Pigeon

Columba guinea guinea

(5) 3 en route 16.11, 10 en route 17.11, 10 en route 27.11, 10 Maasai Mara NR 28.11 and 10 en route 30.11.

Dusky Turtle Dove (LC)

Streptopelia lugens

(2) Up to 3 Nairobi 23-24.11.

Mourning Collared Dove (LC)

Streptopelia decipiens

(3) 1 heard Tsavo East NP 20.11, 1 heard Tsavo West NP 21.11 and 1 Tsavo West NP 23.11.

Red-eyed Dove (LC)

Streptopelia semitorquata

(12) 3 Shimba Hills 16.11, 10 Shimba Hills 17.11, 2 Arabuko Sokoke Forest 18.11, up to 20 Tsavo West NP 22-23.11, 6 en route 24.11, up to 20 Kakamega FNR 25-26.11, 10 Kisumu--Papyrus 27.11 and up to 10 Maasai Mara NR 28-30.11.

Ring-necked Dove (LC)

Streptopelia capicola

(10) 2 Arabuko Sokoke Forest 18.11, 10+30 heard en route 20.11, up to 100 Tsavo West NP 21-23.11, 10 en route 24.11, 30+10 heard en route 27.11 and up to 30 Maasai Mara NR 28-30.11.

Laughing Dove

Spilopelia senegalensis senegalensis

(6) 4+4 heard en route 20.11, up to 10 Tsavo West NP 21-23.11, 2 Maasai Mara NR 28.11 and 4 Maasai Mara NR 29.11.

Emerald-spotted Wood Dove (LC)

Turtur chalcospilos

(9) 1 Shimba Hills 16.11, 2 Shimba Hills 17.11, 4 Arabuko Sokoke Forest 18.11, 2 Arabuko Sokoke Forest 19.11, 10+10 heard en route 20.11, up to 20 Tsavo West NP 21-23.11 and 2 Maasai Mara NR 30.11.

Tambourine Dove (LC)

Turtur tympanistria

(6) 1 heard Shimba Hills 16.11, 1 Shimba Hills 17.11, 1 Arabuko Sokoke Forest 18.11, 1 heard Kakamega FNR--Rondo Retreat Area 24.11, 2 Kakamega FNR 25.11 and 1 Kakamega FNR 26.11.

Namaqua Dove

Oena capensis capensis

(6) 4 en route 17.11, 10+10 heard en route 20.11, 10 Tsavo West NP 22.11, 4 en route 27.11 and up to 5 Masai Mara NR 29-30.11.

African Green Pigeon (LC)

Treron calvus

(5) 2 Tsavo West NP 22.11, 2 Tsavo West NP 23.11, 2 Kakamega FNR 25.11, 2 Kakamega FNR 26.11 and 100 Maasai Mara NR 28.11.

Flufftails Sarothruridae

White-spotted Flufftail

Sarothrura pulchra centralis

(1) 1 Kakamega FNR--Rondo Retreat Area 26.11.

Rails, Crakes & Coots Rallidae

Black Crake (LC)

Zapornia flavirostra

(2) 4+2 heard Kisumu--Papyrus 27.11 and 2 Maasai Mara NR 28.11.

Cranes Gruidae

Grey Crowned Crane

Balearica regulorum gibbericeps

(3) 8 en route 27.11, 4 Maasai Mara NR 28.11 and 2 Maasai Mara NR 29.11.

Flamingos Phoenicopteridae

Greater Flamingo (LC)

Phoenicopterus roseus

(1) 300 Sabaki River Mouth 19.11.

Lesser Flamingo (NT)

Phoeniconaias minor

(1) 100 Sabaki River Mouth 19.11.

Stone-curlews, Thick-knees Burhinidae

Water Thick-knee

Burhinus vermiculatus vermiculatus

(2) 1 Tsavo East NP 20.11 and 30+2 heard Maasai Mara NR 27.11.

Stilts, Avocets Recurvirostridae

Black-winged Stilt (LC)

Himantopus himantopus

(1) 1 Tsavo East NP 20.11.

Pied Avocet (LC)

Recurvirostra avosetta

(1) 40 Sabaki River Mouth 19.11.

Plovers Charadriidae

Long-toed Lapwing

Vanellus crassirostris crassirostris

(1) 3+1 heard Kisumu--Papyrus 27.11.

Spur-winged Lapwing (LC)

Vanellus spinosus

(6) 4+2 heard Tsavo East NP 20.11, 2 Tsavo East NP--Voi Wildlife Lodge 21.11, 2 Tsavo West NP 22.11, 5+5 heard Kisumu--Papyrus 27.11, 10 Maasai Mara NR 28.11 and 4 Maasai Mara NR 29.11.

Black-winged Lapwing

Vanellus melanopterus minor

(2) 2 Maasai Mara NR 29.11 and 2 Maasai Mara NR 30.11.

Crowned Lapwing

Vanellus coronatus coronatus

(4) 1 en route 27.11 and up to 10 Maasai Mara NR 28-30.11.

African Wattled Lapwing

Vanellus senegallus lateralis

(3) Up to 10 Maasai Mara NR 27-29.11.

Grey Plover

Pluvialis squatarola squatarola

(2) 20 Watamu Marine NP--Mida Creek 18.11 and 20 Sabaki River Mouth 19.11.

Common Ringed Plover

Charadrius hiaticula tundrae

(3) 1 Watamu Marine NP--Mida Creek 18.11, 20 Sabaki River Mouth 19.11 and 2 Tsavo East NP 20.11.

Three-banded Plover

Charadrius tricollaris tricollaris

(1) 1 Watamu Marine NP--Mida Creek 18.11.

White-fronted Plover

Charadrius marginatus mechowi

(2) 10 Sabaki River Mouth 19.11 and 2 Tsavo East NP 20.11.

Lesser Sand Plover

Charadrius mongolus pamirensis

(1) 1 Sabaki River Mouth 19.11.

Greater Sand Ployer

Charadrius leschenaultii scythicus

(2) 2 Watamu Marine NP--Mida Creek 18.11 and 10 Sabaki River Mouth 19.11.

Painted-snipes Rostratulidae

Greater Painted-snipe (LC)

Rostratula benghalensis

(1) 1 Maasai Mara NR 28.11.

Jacanas Jacanidae

African Jacana (LC)

Actophilornis africanus

(2) 2 Kisumu--Papyrus 27.11 and 2 Maasai Mara NR 28.11.

Sandpipers, Snipes Scolopacidae

Eurasian Whimbrel (LC)

Numenius phaeopus

(2) 20 Watamu Marine NP--Mida Creek 18.11 and 1 Sabaki River Mouth 19.11.

Eurasian Curlew (NT)

Numenius arquata

(1) 1 Sabaki River Mouth 19.11.

Curlew Sandpiper (NT)

Calidris ferruginea

(3) 1 Watamu Marine NP--Mida Creek 18.11, 50 Sabaki River Mouth 19.11 and 1 Tsavo East NP 20.11.

Sanderling

Calidris alba alba

(1) 15 Sabaki River Mouth 19.11.

Little Stint (LC)

Calidris minuta

(1) 1 Tsavo East NP 20.11.

Common Sandpiper (LC)

Actitis hypoleucos

(5) 1 Sabaki River Mouth 19.11, 3 Tsavo East NP 20.11, 1 Tsavo West NP 22.11, 2 Kisumu--Papyrus 27.11 and 2 Maasai Mara NR 29.11.

Green Sandpiper (LC)

Tringa ochropus

(5) 1 heard Tsavo East NP 20.11, 1 heard Tsavo East NP--Voi Wildlife Lodge 21.11, 1 heard Tsavo West NP 22.11, 2 Maasai Mara NR 28.11 and 2 Maasai Mara NR 29.11.

Common Redshank (LC)

Tringa totanus

(1) 3+1 heard Tsavo East NP 20.11.

Marsh Sandpiper (LC)

Tringa stagnatilis

(2) 5 Sabaki River Mouth 19.11 and 1 Tsavo East NP 20.11.

Wood Sandpiper (LC)

Tringa glareola

(3) 2 Watamu Marine NP--Mida Creek 18.11, 1 Sabaki River Mouth 19.11 and 2 Tsavo East NP 20.11.

Common Greenshank (LC)

Tringa nebularia

(4) 1 Watamu Marine NP--Mida Creek 18.11, 20 Sabaki River Mouth 19.11, 2 Tsavo East NP 20.11 and 2 Tsavo East NP--Voi Wildlife Lodge 21.11.

Crab-plover *Dromadidae*

Crab-plover (LC)

Dromas ardeola

(2) 100 Watamu Marine NP--Mida Creek 18.11 and 1 Sabaki River Mouth 19.11.

Coursers, Pratincoles Glareolidae

Somali Courser

Cursorius somalensis littoralis

(1) 13 Tsavo East NP 20.11.

Temminck's Courser

Cursorius temminckii temminckii

(1) 2 Maasai Mara NR 29.11.

Gulls, Terns, Skimmers Laridae

Sooty Gull Ichthyaetus hemprichii

(1) 30 Sabaki River Mouth 19.11.

Lesser Black-backed Gull (LC)

Larus fuscus

(1) 20 Sabaki River Mouth 19.11.

Gull-billed Tern

Gelochelidon nilotica nilotica

(3) 20 Watamu Marine NP--Mida Creek 18.11, 50 Sabaki River Mouth 19.11 and 6 Kisumu--Papyrus 27.11.

Caspian Tern (LC)

Hydroprogne caspia

(1) 30 Sabaki River Mouth 19.11.

Saunders's Tern (LC)

Sternula saundersi

(1) 1 Sabaki River Mouth 19.11.

Whiskered Tern (LC)

Chlidonias hybrida

(2) 2 Kisumu--Papyrus 26.11 and 50 Kisumu--Papyrus 27.11.

White-winged Tern (LC)

Chlidonias leucopterus

(1) 20 Sabaki River Mouth 19.11.

Storks Ciconiidae

Yellow-billed Stork (LC)

Mycteria ibis

(5) 10 Sabaki River Mouth 19.11, 10+2 heard Tsavo East NP 20.11, 2 Tsavo East NP--Voi Wildlife Lodge 21.11, 5+5 heard Kisumu--Papyrus 27.11 and 3 Maasai Mara NR 29.11.

African Openbill

Anastomus lamelligerus lamelligerus

(5) 50 Shimba Hills 16.11, 40 en route 18.11, 20 en route 20.11, 20 en route 27.11 and 100 Maasai Mara NR 28.11.

Woolly-necked Stork

Ciconia episcopus microscelis

(2) 1 en route 18.11 and 1 en route 20.11.

Saddle-billed Stork (LC)

Ephippiorhynchus senegalensis

(1) 2 Maasai Mara NR 28.11.

Marabou Stork (LC)

Leptoptilos crumenifer

(6) 1 en route 16.11, 3 Tsavo West NP 22.11, 5 Tsavo West NP 23.11, 5 Kisumu--Papyrus 27.11, 3 Maasai Mara NR 28.11 and 2 Maasai Mara NR 29.11.

Cormorants, Shags Phalacrocoracidae

Reed Cormorant

Microcarbo africanus africanus

(2) 2 en route 20.11 and 20 Kisumu--Papyrus 27.11.

Ibises, Spoonbills Threskiornithidae

African Sacred Ibis (LC)

Threskiornis aethiopicus

(11) 1 en route 16.11, 1 en route 17.11, 2 Watamu Marine NP--Mida Creek 18.11, 2 Sabaki River Mouth 19.11, 20+20 heard en route 20.11, 6 Tsavo East NP--Voi Wildlife Lodge 21.11, 1 en route 23.11, 1 Kisumu--Papyrus 26.11, 10 Kisumu--Papyrus 27.11, 3 Maasai Mara NR 28.11 and 2 Maasai Mara NR 29.11.

Hadada Ibis

Bostrychia hagedash brevirostris

(11) 2 en route 16.11, 3 en route 17.11, 2 Arabuko Sokoke Forest 18.11, 1 heard Tsavo East NP 20.11, up to 2 Tsavo West NP 22-23.11, 2 Nairobi 24.11, 1 Kakamega FNR--Rondo Retreat Area 25.11, 2+2 heard Kakamega FNR 26.11, 2+5 heard Kisumu--Papyrus 27.11 and 2 Maasai Mara NR 29.11.

Glossy Ibis (LC)

Plegadis falcinellus

(2) 20 Tsavo East NP 20.11 and 40 en route 27.11.

African Spoonbill (LC)

Platalea alba

(4) 30 Sabaki River Mouth 19.11, 2 Tsavo East NP--Voi Wildlife Lodge 21.11, 1 Tsavo West NP 22.11 and 1 Maasai Mara NR 28.11.

Herons, Bitterns Ardeidae

Little Bittern (LC)

Ixobrychus minutus

(1) 1 Kisumu--Papyrus 27.11.

Black-crowned Night Heron

Nycticorax nycticorax nycticorax

(1) 1 Tsavo East NP--Voi Wildlife Lodge 20.11.

Striated Heron

Butorides striata atricapilla

(1) 4 Kisumu--Papyrus 27.11.

Squacco Heron (LC)

Ardeola ralloides

(1) 1 Kisumu--Papyrus 27.11.

Rufous-bellied Heron (LC)

Ardeola rufiventris

(2) 2 Maasai Mara NR 27.11 and 1 Maasai Mara NR 28.11.

Western Cattle Egret (LC)

Bubulcus ibis

(11) 20 en route 17.11, 2 en route 18.11, 10+5 heard en route 20.11, 10+10 heard Tsavo East NP--Voi Wildlife Lodge 21.11, 20 en route 23.11, 10 en route 24.11, 10 en route 26.11, 10 en route 27.11, 100 Maasai Mara NR 28.11, 20 Maasai Mara NR 29.11 and 20 en route 30.11.

Grey Heron

Ardea cinerea cinerea

(7) 1 Sabaki River Mouth 19.11, 1+1 heard en route 20.11, 1 Tsavo East NP--Voi Wildlife Lodge 21.11, 1 Nairobi 23.11, 1 Nairobi 24.11, 2 Kisumu--Papyrus 27.11 and 2 Maasai Mara NR 29.11.

Black-headed Heron (LC)

Ardea melanocephala

(10) 1 en route 16.11, 3 en route 17.11, 1 en route 20.11, 2 Tsavo West NP 22.11, 1 en route 23.11, 6 Kakamega FNR 26.11, 4+6 heard en route 27.11 and up to 50 Maasai Mara NR 28-30.11.

Great Egret

Ardea alba melanorhynchos

(7) 2 Watamu Marine NP--Mida Creek 18.11, 2 en route 20.11, 1 Tsavo West NP 22.11, 1 en route 23.11, 1 en route 24.11, 15 Kisumu--Papyrus 27.11 and 10 Maasai Mara NR 28.11.

Little Egret

Egretta garzetta garzetta

(1) 60 Kisumu--Papyrus 27.11.

Western Reef Heron

Egretta gularis schistacea

(2) 1 Sabaki River Mouth 19.11 and 1 Kisumu--Papyrus 27.11.

Dimorphic Egret

Egretta dimorpha

(1) 1 Watamu Marine NP--Mida Creek 18.11.

Hamerkop Scopidae

Hamerkop

Scopus umbretta umbretta

(4) Up to 6 Kisumu--Papyrus 26-27.11, 4 Maasai Mara NR 28.11 and 2 Maasai Mara NR 29.11.

Pelicans Pelecanidae

Pink-backed Pelican (LC)

Pelecanus rufescens

(2) 4 Sabaki River Mouth 19.11 and 1 en route 27.11.

Secretarybird Sagittariidae

Secretarybird (VU)

Sagittarius serpentarius

(4) 1 Tsavo West NP 21.11 and up to 3 Maasai Mara NR 28-30.11.

Kites, Hawks, Eagles Accipitridae

Black-winged Kite

Elanus caeruleus caeruleus

(6) 1 Tsavo West NP 22.11, 1 Kisumu--Papyrus 26.11, 2 en route 27.11 and up to 5 Maasai Mara NR 28-30.11.

African Harrier-Hawk

Polyboroides typus typus

(2) 1 Shimba Hills 17.11 and 1 Arabuko Sokoke Forest 18.11.

Palm-nut Vulture (LC)

Gypohierax angolensis

(2) 1 Shimba Hills 16.11 and 2 Shimba Hills 17.11.

White-backed Vulture (CR)

Gyps africanus

(2) 5 Maasai Mara NR 28.11 and 40 Maasai Mara NR 29.11.

Rüppell's Vulture

Gyps rueppelli rueppelli

(4) 3 Tsavo West NP 22.11 and up to 30 Maasai Mara NR 28-30.11.

Lappet-faced Vulture

Torgos tracheliotos tracheliotos

(3) 1 Tsavo East NP 20.11, 3 Maasai Mara NR 28.11 and 5 Maasai Mara NR 29.11.

Black-chested Snake Eagle (LC)

Circaetus pectoralis

(3) 2 Tsavo West NP 22.11, 6 Maasai Mara NR 28.11 and 2 Maasai Mara NR 29.11.

Brown Snake Eagle (LC)

Circaetus cinereus

(2) 1 Tsavo West NP 22.11 and 2 Maasai Mara NR 28.11.

Southern Banded Snake Eagle (NT)

Circaetus fasciolatus

(1) 1 heard Arabuko Sokoke Forest 18.11.

Bateleur (NT)

Terathopius ecaudatus

(8) 2 Shimba Hills 17.11, 2 Tsavo East NP 20.11, up to 10 Tsavo West NP 21-23.11 and up to 4 Maasai Mara NR 28-30.11.

Crowned Eagle (NT)

Stephanoaetus coronatus

(1) 1 Kakamega FNR 26.11.

Martial Eagle (VU)

Polemaetus bellicosus

(6) 1 Shimba Hills 17.11, up to 2 Tsavo West NP 21-23.11, 1 Maasai Mara NR 28.11 and 1 Maasai Mara NR 29.11.

Long-crested Eagle (LC)

Lophaetus occipitalis

(4) 1 Tsavo West NP 21.11, 1 Kisumu--Papyrus 26.11, 1 Maasai Mara NR 27.11 and 2 Maasai Mara NR 28.11.

Lesser Spotted Eagle (LC)

Clanga pomarina

(4) 3 Tsavo West NP 22.11, 1 Tsavo West NP 23.11, 3 Maasai Mara NR 28.11 and 4 Maasai Mara NR 29.11.

Wahlberg's Eagle (LC)

Hieraaetus wahlbergi

(6) 1 Shimba Hills 17.11, 1 Tsavo West NP 21.11, 2 Tsavo West NP 22.11 and up to 2 Maasai Mara NR 28-30.11.

Booted Eagle (LC)

Hieraaetus pennatus

(1) 1 en route 30.11.

Tawny Eagle (VU)

Aquila rapax

(5) 3 Tsavo East NP 20.11, up to 20 Tsavo West NP 21-23.11 and 2 Maasai Mara NR 28.11.

Steppe Eagle

Aquila nipalensis orientalis

(5) 1 Tsavo West NP 21.11, 4 Tsavo West NP 22.11 and up to 4 Maasai Mara NR 27-29.11.

Verreaux's Eagle (LC)

Aquila verreauxii

(1) 1 Tsavo West NP 22.11.

African Hawk-Eagle (LC)

Aquila spilogaster

(2) 1 Tsavo West NP 21.11 and 5 Tsavo West NP 22.11.

Lizard Buzzard (LC)

Kaupifalco monogrammicus

(2) 1 Arabuko Sokoke Forest 19.11 and 2+1 heard en route 20.11.

Gabar Goshawk

Micronisus gabar aequatorius

(3) 1 en route 17.11, 1 Tsavo West NP 22.11 and 1 Tsavo West NP 23.11.

Eastern Chanting Goshawk (LC)

Melierax poliopterus

(5) 2 en route 20.11, up to 3 Tsavo West NP 21-23.11 and 1 en route 30.11.

African Goshawk

Accipiter tachiro sparsimfasciatus

(5) 1 heard Taita Hills 21.11, 1 Tsavo West NP 22.11, 1 Tsavo West NP 23.11, 1 Kakamega FNR 25.11 and 1 heard Maasai Mara NR 29.11.

Shikra

Accipiter badius sphenurus

(2) 1 Tsavo West NP 23.11 and 1 Kisumu--Papyrus 26.11.

Little Sparrowhawk (LC)

Accipiter minullus

(1) 1 Tsavo West NP 22.11.

Black Sparrowhawk

Accipiter melanoleucus melanoleucus

(2) 1 Shimba Hills 16.11 and 1 Kakamega FNR 24.11.

Western Marsh Harrier

Circus aeruginosus aeruginosus

(3) 1 Tsavo West NP 21.11, 1 Maasai Mara NR 28.11 and 1 Maasai Mara NR 29.11.

Pallid Harrier (NT)

Circus macrourus

(4) 1 Tsavo East NP 20.11 and up to 5 Maasai Mara NR 28-30.11.

Montagu's Harrier (LC)

Circus pygargus

(4) 1 en route 27.11 and up to 5 Maasai Mara NR 28-30.11.

Black Kite (LC)

Milvus migrans

(1) 1 Kisumu 26.11.

Yellow-billed Kite (LC)

Milvus aegyptius

(10) Up to 6 en route 16-18.11, 4 en route 20.11, 4 en route 21.11, 20+15 heard en route 23.11, 30 en route 24.11, 40+60 heard en route 26.11, 30+1 heard Kisumu 27.11 and 10+50 heard Maasai Mara NR 30.11.

African Fish Eagle (LC)

Haliaeetus vocifer

(4) 1 heard Shimba Hills 17.11, 1 Tsavo East NP 20.11, 1 Kisumu--Papyrus 26.11 and 1 Kisumu--Papyrus 27.11.

Grasshopper Buzzard (LC)

Butastur rufipennis

(1) 1 en route 20.11.

Common Buzzard

Buteo buteo vulpinus

(2) 1 Shimba Hills 17.11 and 1 Kakamega FNR 26.11.

Mountain Buzzard (NT)

Buteo oreophilus

(1) 1 en route 24.11.

Augur Buzzard (LC)

Buteo augur

(6) 1 Tsavo West NP 22.11, 1 en route 24.11, 3 en route 27.11, 5 Maasai Mara NR 28.11, 2 Maasai Mara NR 29.11 and 1 en route 30.11.

Owls Strigidae

Pearl-spotted Owlet

Glaucidium perlatum licua

(3) 1 heard Tsavo East NP--Voi Wildlife Lodge 21.11, 1 Tsavo West NP 22.11 and 1 Tsavo West NP 23.11.

Red-chested Owlet

Glaucidium tephronotum medje

(2) 1 Kakamega FNR 25.11 and 1 heard Kakamega FNR 26.11.

Sokoke Scops Owl (EN)

Otus ireneae

(1) 2 Arabuko Sokoke Forest 18.11.

African Scops Owl (LC)

Otus senegalensis

(1) 1 heard Tsavo East NP--Voi Wildlife Lodge 21.11.

Verreaux's Eagle-Owl (LC)

Bubo lacteus

(1) 2 Tsavo West NP 22.11.

African Wood Owl

Strix woodfordii nigricantior

(1) 2 Shimba Hills Lodge 16.11.

Mousebirds Coliidae

Speckled Mousebird (LC)

Colius striatus

(10) 2 Sabaki River Mouth 19.11, 20 en route 20.11, 4 Tsavo West NP 22.11, 6 en route 24.11, up to 6 Kakamega FNR--Rondo Retreat Area 25-26.11, 5+3 heard Kisumu--Papyrus 27.11 and up to 30 Maasai Mara NR 28-30.11.

Blue-naped Mousebird

Urocolius macrourus pulcher

(5) 2 Tsavo East NP 20.11, up to 10 Tsavo West NP 21-23.11 and 15 Maasai Mara NR 29.11.

Trogons Trogonidae

Narina Trogon (LC)

Apaloderma narina

(3) 1 Shimba Hills Lodge 17.11, 1 Arabuko Sokoke Forest 18.11 and 1 Arabuko Sokoke Forest 19.11.

Hoopoes Upupidae

African Hoopoe

Upupa africana

(1) 1 en route 30.11.

Wood Hoopoes *Phoeniculidae*

Green Wood Hoopoe

Phoeniculus purpureus marwitzi

(2) 1 heard Shimba Hills 17.11 and 2 Tsavo West NP 22.11.

Grant's Wood Hoopoe

Phoeniculus granti

(1) 4 Tsavo West NP 22.11.

Common Scimitarbill

Rhinopomastus cyanomelas schalowi

(1) 2 Maasai Mara NR 29.11.

Ground Hornbills Bucorvidae

Southern Ground Hornbill (VU)

Bucorvus leadbeateri

(1) 1 Maasai Mara NR 29.11.

Hornbills Bucerotidae

Northern Red-billed Hornbill (LC)

Tockus erythrorhynchus

(4) 20 Tsavo East NP 20.11 and up to 30 Tsavo West NP 21-23.11.

Von Der Decken's Hornbill (LC)

Tockus deckeni

(5) 2 Tsavo East NP 20.11, up to 20 Tsavo West NP 21-23.11 and 1 Maasai Mara NR 29.11.

Eastern Yellow-billed Hornbill (LC)

Tockus flavirostris

(2) 3 Tsavo West NP 22.11 and 2 Tsavo West NP 23.11.

African Grey Hornbill (LC)

Lophoceros nasutus

(3) Up to 12 Tsavo West NP 21-23.11.

Trumpeter Hornbill (LC)

Bycanistes bucinator

(3) 2 Shimba Hills Lodge 17.11, 1 heard Arabuko Sokoke Forest 18.11 and 2 en route 20.11.

Black-and-white-casqued Hornbill

Bycanistes subcylindricus subquadratus

(3) 1 heard Kakamega FNR--Rondo Retreat Area 24.11, 25 Kakamega FNR 25.11 and 20 Kakamega FNR 26.11.

Rollers Coraciidae

Purple Roller

Coracias naevius naevius

(2) 2 Maasai Mara NR 29.11 and 2 en route 30.11.

Lilac-breasted Roller (LC)

Coracias caudatus

(7) 4+2 heard en route 20.11, up to 4 Tsavo West NP 21-23.11 and up to 5 Maasai Mara NR 28-30.11.

European Roller

Coracias garrulus garrulus

(10) 4+1 heard Shimba Hills 17.11, up to 10 en route 18-21.11, 10 Tsavo West NP 22.11, 5 Tsavo West NP 23.11, 2 en route 24.11, 1 Kakamega FNR 26.11 and 1 Maasai Mara NR 29.11.

Broad-billed Roller (LC)

Eurystomus glaucurus

(2) 1 Shimba Hills 16.11 and 1 Arabuko Sokoke Forest 18.11.

Kingfishers Alcedinidae

Grey-headed Kingfisher (LC)

Halcyon leucocephala

(6) 1 en route 18.11, 2+1 heard en route 20.11, 1 Tsavo East NP--Voi Wildlife Lodge 21.11, 2 Tsavo West NP 22.11, 1 Tsavo West NP 23.11 and 1 Maasai Mara NR 29.11.

Brown-hooded Kingfisher (LC)

Halcyon albiventris

(2) 2 Shimba Hills 16.11 and 2 Shimba Hills 17.11.

Striped Kingfisher

Halcyon chelicuti chelicuti

(2) 1 heard Ukunda area 16.11 and 1 en route 18.11.

Woodland Kingfisher

Halcyon senegalensis senegalensis

(4) 2 Kisumu--Papyrus 26.11, 2 Kisumu--Papyrus 27.11, 2 Maasai Mara NR 28.11 and 1 Maasai Mara NR 29.11.

African Pygmy Kingfisher

Ispidina picta picta

(2) 1 Maasai Mara NR 28.11 and 1 Maasai Mara NR 30.11.

Malachite Kingfisher (LC)

Corythornis cristatus

(5) 1 Arabuko Sokoke Forest 19.11, 1 Nairobi 24.11, 1 Kisumu--Papyrus 26.11, 8 Kisumu--Papyrus 27.11 and 1 Maasai Mara NR 28.11.

Giant Kingfisher

Megaceryle maxima maxima

(1) 1 en route 27.11.

Pied Kingfisher

Ceryle rudis rudis

(1) 6 Kisumu--Papyrus 27.11.

Bee-eaters Meropidae

Blue-headed Bee-eater (LC)

Merops muelleri

(1) 2 Kakamega FNR 25.11.

Little Bee-eater (LC)

Merops pusillus

(7) 6 Shimba Hills 17.11, 2 Tsavo East NP 20.11, 2 Tsavo West NP 21.11, 3 Tsavo West NP 22.11 and up to 8 Maasai Mara NR 28-30.11.

Cinnamon-chested Bee-eater (LC)

Merops oreobates

(1) 2 en route 30.11.

Somali Bee-eater (LC)

Merops revoilii

(1) 2 Tsavo East NP 20.11.

White-throated Bee-eater (LC)

Merops albicollis

(9) 12 Shimba Hills 16.11, 1 Shimba Hills 17.11, 20+10 heard Arabuko Sokoke Forest 18.11, 30 Sabaki River Mouth 19.11, 10 en route 20.11, 1 heard Taita Hills 21.11, 2 Kakamega FNR 25.11, 20 Kakamega FNR 26.11 and 2 en route 27.11.

Blue-cheeked Bee-eater

Merops persicus persicus

(3) 2+8 heard Shimba Hills 17.11, 10 Tsavo West NP 22.11 and 10 Tsavo West NP 23.11.

Olive Bee-eater

Merops superciliosus superciliosus

(4) 1 Tsavo East NP 20.11 and up to 10 Tsavo West NP 21-23.11.

European Bee-eater (LC)

Merops apiaster

(2) 1 Kakamega FNR 25.11 and 10 Maasai Mara NR 28.11.

Northern Carmine Bee-eater (LC)

Merops nubicus

(4) 20 Ukunda area 16.11, 20 en route 17.11, 2 Arabuko Sokoke Forest 18.11 and 20+10 heard en route 20.11.

African Barbets Lybiidae

Grey-throated Barbet

Gymnobucco bonapartei cinereiceps

(3) 10 Kakamega FNR--Rondo Retreat Area 24.11, 30 Kakamega FNR 25.11 and 20+10 heard Kakamega FNR--Rondo Retreat Area 26.11.

White-eared Barbet

Stactolaema leucotis kilimensis

(2) 2 Shimba Hills 17.11 and 1 heard Arabuko Sokoke Forest 18.11.

Green Barbet

Stactolaema olivacea olivacea

(4) 6 Shimba Hills 16.11, 2 Shimba Hills 17.11, 3 Arabuko Sokoke Forest 18.11 and 1 heard Arabuko Sokoke Forest 19.11.

Green Tinkerbird (LC)

Pogoniulus simplex

(1) 1 Arabuko Sokoke Forest 19.11.

Yellow-rumped Tinkerbird (LC)

Pogoniulus bilineatus

(4) 1 heard Arabuko Sokoke Forest 18.11, 2 en route 24.11 and up to 4 Kakamega FNR 25-26.11.

Red-fronted Tinkerbird

Pogoniulus pusillus affinis

(4) 1 Arabuko Sokoke Forest 19.11 and up to 1 Maasai Mara NR 28-30.11.

Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird

Pogoniulus chrysoconus chrysoconus

(1) 1 Kisumu--Papyrus 26.11.

Yellow-spotted Barbet (LC)

Buccanodon duchaillui

(2) 2 Kakamega FNR 25.11 and 2 Kakamega FNR 26.11.

Red-fronted Barbet (LC)

Tricholaema diademata

(1) 1 Maasai Mara NR 29.11.

Spot-flanked Barbet (LC)

Tricholaema lacrymosa

(1) 1 Tsavo West NP 23.11.

Black-throated Barbet

Tricholaema melanocephala stigmatothorax

(2) 2 Tsavo West NP 22.11 and 3 Tsavo West NP 23.11.

Black-collared Barbet

Lybius torquatus irroratus

(1) 2 en route 17.11.

Double-toothed Barbet

Lybius bidentatus aequatorialis

(1) 1 Kisumu--Papyrus 27.11.

Yellow-billed Barbet

Trachyphonus purpuratus elgonensis

(2) 1 Kakamega FNR 25.11 and 1 Kakamega FNR 26.11.

Red-and-yellow Barbet (LC)

Trachyphonus erythrocephalus

(1) 1 Tsavo West NP 21.11.

D'arnaud's Barbet (LC)

Trachyphonus darnaudii

(2) 8 Tsavo West NP 22.11 and 8 Tsavo West NP 23.11.

Usambiro Barbet (LC)

Trachyphonus usambiro

(2) 6 Maasai Mara NR 29.11 and 1 heard Maasai Mara NR 30.11.

Honeyguides Indicatoridae

Pallid Honeyguide

Indicator meliphilus meliphilus

(1) 1 Arabuko Sokoke Forest 19.11.

Least Honeyguide

Indicator exilis pachyrhynchus

(2) 1 Kakamega FNR 25.11 and 1 heard Kakamega FNR 26.11.

Lesser Honeyguide

Indicator minor teitensis

(6) 1 en route 20.11, 1 Taita Hills 21.11, 1 Tsavo West NP 22.11, 2 en route 24.11, 1 Kakamega FNR 25.11 and 1 Maasai Mara NR 30.11.

Scaly-throated Honeyguide (LC)

Indicator variegatus

(1) 1 Shimba Hills 16.11.

Greater Honeyguide (LC)

Indicator indicator

(3) 1 en route 24.11, 1 Maasai Mara NR 29.11 and 1 heard en route 30.11.

Woodpeckers *Picidae*

Brown-eared Woodpecker

Pardipicus caroli caroli

(1) 1 Kakamega FNR 26.11.

Nubian Woodpecker (LC)

Campethera nubica

(4) Up to 2 Tsavo West NP 21-23.11 and 2 Maasai Mara NR 29.11.

Mombasa Woodpecker (LC)

Campethera mombassica

(2) 2 Shimba Hills 16.11 and 2 Arabuko Sokoke Forest 18.11.

Green-backed Woodpecker (LC)

Campethera cailliautii

(1) 2 Shimba Hills 17.11.

Yellow-crested Woodpecker

Chloropicus xantholophus

(1) 1 Kakamega FNR 25.11.

Cardinal Woodpecker (LC)

Dendropicos fuscescens

(6) 2 Tsavo West NP 22.11, 3 Tsavo West NP 23.11, up to 2 Kakamega FNR--Rondo Retreat Area 24-26.11 and 2 Maasai Mara NR 28.11.

Eastern Grey Woodpecker

Dendropicos spodocephalus rhodeogaster

(2) 1 Maasai Mara NR 29.11 and 1 Maasai Mara NR 30.11.

Caracaras, Falcons Falconidae

Pygmy Falcon

Polihierax semitorquatus castanonotus

(3) 1 Tsavo West NP 22.11, 2 Tsavo West NP 23.11 and 1 Maasai Mara NR 29.11.

Lesser Kestrel (LC)

Falco naumanni

(1) 1 Maasai Mara NR 28.11.

Common Kestrel (LC)

Falco tinnunculus

(6) 1 Tsavo West NP 21.11, 1 Tsavo West NP 22.11, 1 en route 27.11 and up to 5 Maasai Mara NR 28-30.11.

Greater Kestrel (LC)

Falco rupicoloides

(1) 1 Maasai Mara NR 28.11.

Amur Falcon (LC)

Falco amurensis

(1) 1 Maasai Mara NR 28.11.

Eurasian Hobby

Falco subbuteo subbuteo

(1) 1 Nairobi 30.11.

Lanner Falcon (LC)

Falco biarmicus

(1) 2 en route 27.11.

African & New World Parrots Psittacidae

Meyer's Parrot

Poicephalus meyeri saturatus

(3) 2 Kisumu--Papyrus 26.11, 2 Kisumu--Papyrus 27.11 and 4 Maasai Mara NR 29.11.

Red-bellied Parrot

Poicephalus rufiventris rufiventris

(3) Up to 10 Tsavo West NP 21-23.11.

Wattle-eyes, Batises Platysteiridae

Forest Batis (LC)

Batis mixta

(2) 2 Arabuko Sokoke Forest 18.11 and 1 heard Arabuko Sokoke Forest 19.11.

Chinspot Batis

Batis molitor puella

(5) 1 Tsavo West NP 21.11, 4 Tsavo West NP 22.11, 1 Nairobi 24.11, 2 Maasai Mara NR 29.11 and 2 Maasai Mara NR 30.11.

Pale Batis (LC)

Batis soror

(1) 2 Arabuko Sokoke Forest 19.11.

Eastern Black-headed Batis

Batis minor suahelica

(2) 2 Arabuko Sokoke Forest 19.11 and 1 heard en route 20.11.

Pygmy Batis (LC)

Batis perkeo

(2) 4 Tsavo West NP 22.11 and 1 heard Tsavo West NP 23.11.

Chestnut Wattle-eye

Platysteira castanea

(1) 2 Kakamega FNR 25.11.

Brown-throated Wattle-eve

Platysteira cyanea nyansae

(2) 1 Kakamega FNR 25.11 and 1 heard Kakamega FNR 26.11.

Jameson's Wattle-eye

Platysteira jamesoni

(1) 2 Kakamega FNR 25.11.

Bushshrikes *Malaconotidae*

Grey-headed Bushshrike (LC)

Malaconotus blanchoti

(3) 1 en route 20.11, 1 Tsavo West NP 22.11 and 1 Tsavo West NP 23.11.

Bocage's Bushshrike (LC)

Chlorophoneus bocagei

(2) 2 Kakamega FNR 25.11 and 1 Kakamega FNR--Rondo Retreat Area 26.11.

Orange-breasted Bushshrike

Chlorophoneus sulfureopectus similis

(5) 1 heard en route 20.11, 1 Tsavo West NP 22.11, 1 Tsavo West NP 23.11, 1 heard Maasai Mara NR 28.11 and 1 Maasai Mara NR 29.11.

Rosy-patched Bushshrike

Telophorus cruentus

(1) 2 Tsavo East NP 20.11.

Brown-crowned Tchagra (LC)

Tchagra australis

(1) 1 heard Arabuko Sokoke Forest 19.11.

Three-streaked Tchagra (LC)

Tchagra jamesi

(2) 1 heard Tsavo West NP 22.11 and 2 Tsavo West NP 23.11.

Black-crowned Tchagra (LC)

Tchagra senegalus

(4) 1 en route 20.11, 1 heard Tsavo West NP 22.11, 1 Tsavo West NP 23.11 and 1 heard Maasai Mara NR 28.11.

Black-backed Puffback (LC)

Dryoscopus cubla

(7) 1 heard Shimba Hills 16.11, 1 heard Shimba Hills 17.11, 1 heard Arabuko Sokoke Forest 18.11, 1 Tsavo West NP 21.11, 1 heard Tsavo West NP 23.11, 1 Maasai Mara NR 29.11 and 1 Maasai Mara NR 30.11.

Pringle's Puffback (LC)

Dryoscopus pringlii

(2) 2 Tsavo West NP 22.11 and 1 Tsavo West NP 23.11.

Slate-colored Boubou (LC)

Laniarius funebris

(4) 2 Tsavo East NP 20.11, 10 Tsavo West NP 22.11, 6 Tsavo West NP 23.11 and 2 Maasai Mara NR 30.11.

Red-naped Bushshrike (LC)

Laniarius ruficeps

(1) 1 heard Tsavo West NP 22.11.

Tropical Boubou

Laniarius major

(3) 1 en route 24.11, 1 heard Kakamega FNR 26.11 and 2 Maasai Mara NR 29.11.

East Coast Boubou (LC)

Laniarius sublacteus

(5) 1 heard Shimba Hills 16.11, 2 Shimba Hills 17.11, 1 heard Arabuko Sokoke Forest 18.11, 2 Arabuko Sokoke Forest 19.11 and 2 en route 20.11.

Papyrus Gonolek (NT)

Laniarius mufumbiri

(1) 1 Kisumu--Papyrus 27.11.

Black-headed Gonolek (LC)

Laniarius erythrogaster

(4) 4 Kisumu--Papyrus 26.11, 1 heard Kisumu--Papyrus 27.11, 1 heard Maasai Mara NR 28.11 and 1 heard Maasai Mara NR 29.11.

Brubru (LC)

Nilaus afer

(4) 1 Tsavo West NP 22.11, 1 Tsavo West NP 23.11, 1 Maasai Mara NR 29.11 and 1 heard Maasai Mara NR 30.11.

Vangas & Allies Vangidae

White-crested Helmetshrike (LC)

Prionops plumatus

(2) 20 Tsavo West NP 22.11 and 10 Tsavo West NP 23.11.

Retz's Helmetshrike

Prionops retzii graculinus

(2) 4 Shimba Hills 17.11 and 8 Arabuko Sokoke Forest 19.11.

Chestnut-fronted Helmetshrike (LC)

Prionops scopifrons

(3) 4 Shimba Hills 17.11, 20 Arabuko Sokoke Forest 18.11 and 30 Arabuko Sokoke Forest 19.11.

Cuckooshrikes Campephagidae

Black Cuckooshrike (LC)

Campephaga flava

(4) 2 Shimba Hills 16.11, 2 Arabuko Sokoke Forest 18.11, 2 Arabuko Sokoke Forest 19.11 and 1 Masai Mara NR 29.11.

Petit's Cuckooshrike (LC)

Campephaga petiti

(2) 1 heard Kakamega FNR--Rondo Retreat Area 24.11 and 2+2 heard Kakamega FNR--Rondo Retreat Area 26.11.

Shrikes Laniidae

Magpie Shrike

Urolestes melanoleucus aequatorialis

(2) 2 en route 27.11 and 2 Maasai Mara NR 29.11.

Northern White-crowned Shrike (LC)

Eurocephalus ruppelli

(7) 1 en route 17.11, 20+10 heard en route 20.11, up to 20 Tsavo West NP 21-23.11, 10 Maasai Mara NR 29.11 and 4 Maasai Mara NR 30.11.

Red-backed Shrike (LC)

Lanius collurio

(8) 2+2 heard Shimba Hills 17.11, 2 Arabuko Sokoke Forest 18.11, 2 Arabuko Sokoke Forest 19.11, 3+2 heard en route 20.11, 10 Tsavo West NP 22.11, 2 Tsavo West NP 23.11, 1 Kakamega FNR 26.11 and 1 Maasai Mara NR 28.11.

Red-tailed Shrike (LC)

Lanius phoenicuroides

(4) 1 Sabaki River Mouth 19.11, 2+4 heard en route 20.11, 10 Tsavo West NP 22.11 and 2 Tsavo West NP 23.11.

Mackinnon's Shrike (LC)

Lanius mackinnoni

(2) 2 Kakamega FNR--Rondo Retreat Area 25.11 and 2 Kakamega FNR--Rondo Retreat Area 26.11.

Grey-backed Fiscal (LC)

Lanius excubitoroides

(2) 8 Maasai Mara NR 28.11 and 4 Maasai Mara NR 29.11.

Long-tailed Fiscal (LC)

Lanius cabanisi

(5) 4 en route 17.11, 1 en route 20.11 and up to 5 Tsavo West NP 21-23.11.

Taita Fiscal (LC)

Lanius dorsalis

(2) 5+15 heard en route 20.11 and 2 Tsavo West NP 22.11.

Northern Fiscal

Lanius humeralis humeralis

(6) 20 en route 24.11, up to 20 en route 26-27.11 and up to 10 Maasai Mara NR 28-30.11.

Figbirds, Orioles, Turnagra Oriolidae

Green-headed Oriole

Oriolus chlorocephalus amani

(1) 2 Shimba Hills 17.11.

Western Oriole

Oriolus brachyrynchus laetior

(1) 1 Kakamega FNR 25.11.

Black-headed Oriole (LC)

Oriolus larvatus

(8) 1 heard Shimba Hills 16.11, 1+1 heard Arabuko Sokoke Forest 18.11, 1 Arabuko Sokoke Forest 19.11, 2 Tsavo West NP 22.11, 1 Tsavo West NP 23.11 and up to 1 Maasai Mara NR 28-30.11.

Eurasian Golden Oriole (LC)

Oriolus oriolus

(2) 15 en route 20.11 and 1 Tsavo West NP 23.11.

Drongos *Dicruridae*

Fork-tailed Drongo

Dicrurus adsimilis fugax

(12) Up to 4 Shimba Hills 16-17.11, up to 4 Arabuko Sokoke Forest 18-19.11, up to 10 en route 20-21.11, 10 Tsavo West NP 22.11, 10 Tsavo West NP 23.11, 2 en route 27.11 and up to 10 Maasai Mara NR 28-30.11.

Sharpe's Drongo

Dicrurus sharpei

(2) 8 Kakamega FNR 25.11 and 4 Kakamega FNR 26.11.

Monarchs Monarchidae

Blue-mantled Crested Flycatcher (LC)

Trochocercus cyanomelas

(1) 2 Arabuko Sokoke Forest 18.11.

African Paradise Flycatcher (LC)

Terpsiphone viridis

(9) 1 heard Nairobi 16.11, 1 heard Arabuko Sokoke Forest 18.11, 1 Arabuko Sokoke Forest 19.11, 1 Tsavo East NP 20.11, 1 Taita Hills 21.11, 1 Tsavo West NP 22.11, 1 Tsavo West NP 23.11, 1 Maasai Mara NR 27.11 and 2 Maasai Mara NR 29.11.

Crows, Jays Corvidae

House Crow

Corvus splendens splendens

(7) 20 Ukunda area 16.11, up to 500 en route 17-21.11 and 10 en route 23.11.

Cape Crow

Corvus capensis kordofanensis

(2) 30 en route 24.11 and 10 en route 30.11.

Pied Crow (LC)

Corvus albus

(7) 8+4 heard en route 16.11, 20 en route 17.11, 2 Tsavo East NP--Voi Wildlife Lodge 21.11, 4 en route 23.11, 30 en route 24.11, 10 en route 26.11 and 20 en route 27.11.

White-necked Raven (LC)

Corvus albicollis

(1) 1 en route 27.11.

Fairy Flycatchers Stenostiridae

African Blue Flycatcher

Elminia longicauda teresita

(2) Up to 3 Kakamega FNR--Rondo Retreat Area 24-25.11.

Tits, Chickadees Paridae

White-bellied Tit (LC)

Melaniparus albiventris

(2) 1 heard Maasai Mara NR 28.11 and 1 Maasai Mara NR 29.11.

Dusky Tit

Melaniparus funereus funereus

(1) 3 Kakamega FNR 26.11.

Red-throated Tit (LC)

Melaniparus fringillinus

(1) 1 Maasai Mara NR 29.11.

Penduline Tits Remizidae

Mouse-colored Penduline Tit (LC)

Anthoscopus musculus

(1) 2 Tsavo West NP 22.11.

Nicators Nicatoridae

Eastern Nicator (LC)

Nicator gularis

(2) 1 heard Shimba Hills 17.11 and 1 Arabuko Sokoke Forest 19.11.

Larks Alaudidae

Chestnut-headed Sparrow-Lark (LC)

Eremopterix signatus

(1) 20 Tsavo East NP 20.11.

Fischer's Sparrow-Lark (LC)

Eremopterix leucopareia

(2) 20 Maasai Mara NR 29.11 and 15 en route 30.11.

Pink-breasted Lark (LC)

Calendulauda poecilosterna

(3) 20 Tsavo East NP 20.11, 1 Tsavo West NP 21.11 and 8 Tsavo West NP 22.11.

Foxy Lark

Calendulauda alopex intercedens

(1) 1 Tsavo East NP 20.11.

Red-winged Lark

Mirafra hypermetra hypermetra

(1) 2 Tsavo East NP 20.11.

Rufous-naped Lark (LC)

Mirafra africana

(4) Up to 30 Maasai Mara NR 27-30.11.

Flappet Lark (LC)

Mirafra rufocinnamomea

(1) 1 Maasai Mara NR 28.11.

White-tailed Lark (LC)

Mirafra albicauda

(1) 1 Maasai Mara NR 28.11.

Red-capped Lark (LC)

Calandrella cinerea

(2) 2 Maasai Mara NR 28.11 and 2 Maasai Mara NR 29.11.

Athi Short-toed Lark

Alaudala athensis

(1) 4 Maasai Mara NR 29.11.

Bulbuls Pycnonotidae

Sombre Greenbul

Andropadus importunus insularis

(3) 1 en route 17.11, 3 Arabuko Sokoke Forest 19.11 and 2 en route 20.11.

Slender-billed Greenbul (LC)

Stelgidillas gracilirostris

(2) 1 Kakamega FNR 25.11 and 1 Kakamega FNR 26.11.

Red-tailed Bristlebill

Bleda syndactylus woosnami

(2) 1 Kakamega FNR 25.11 and 1 heard Kakamega FNR 26.11.

Yellow-throated Leaflove

Atimastillas flavicollis flavigula

(3) Up to 2 Kakamega FNR--Rondo Retreat Area 24-26.11.

Joyful Greenbul

Chlorocichla laetissima laetissima

(3) 2 Kakamega FNR--Rondo Retreat Area 24.11, 20 Kakamega FNR 25.11 and 2+4 heard Kakamega FNR--Rondo Retreat Area 26.11.

Yellow-bellied Greenbul

Chlorocichla flaviventris centralis

(5) 1 Shimba Hills 16.11, 6 Shimba Hills 17.11, 2 Arabuko Sokoke Forest 18.11, 6 Arabuko Sokoke Forest 19.11 and 10 en route 20.11.

Honeyguide Greenbul

Baeopogon indicator indicator

(1) 2 Kakamega FNR 26.11.

Kakamega Greenbul

Arizelocichla kakamegae kakamegae

(1) 1 Kakamega FNR 25.11.

Stripe-faced Greenbul (LC)

Arizelocichla striifacies

(1) 5 Taita Hills 21.11.

Little Greenbul (LC)

Eurillas virens

(1) 1 heard Kakamega FNR 25.11.

Yellow-whiskered Greenbul

Eurillas latirostris latirostris

(2) 4 Kakamega FNR 25.11 and 10 Kakamega FNR 26.11.

Little Grey Greenbul

Eurillas gracilis ugandae

(2) 6 Kakamega FNR 25.11 and 1 Kakamega FNR 26.11.

Ansorge's Greenbul

Eurillas ansorgei kavirondensis

(1) 1 Kakamega FNR 25.11.

Lowland Tiny Greenbul

Phyllastrephus debilis rabai

(2) 1 heard Arabuko Sokoke Forest 18.11 and 1 Arabuko Sokoke Forest 19.11.

Terrestrial Brownbul

Phyllastrephus terrestris suahelicus

(2) 1 Shimba Hills 17.11 and 1 heard Arabuko Sokoke Forest 19.11.

Northern Brownbul (LC)

Phyllastrephus strepitans

(1) 1 en route 20.11.

Fischer's Greenbul (LC)

Phyllastrephus fischeri

(2) 2 Arabuko Sokoke Forest 18.11 and 1 heard Arabuko Sokoke Forest 19.11.

Cabanis's Greenbul (LC)

Phyllastrephus cabanisi

(2) 4 Kakamega FNR 25.11 and 1 heard Kakamega FNR 26.11.

Placid Greenbul

Phyllastrephus placidus

(1) 10 Taita Hills 21.11.

Dodson's Bulbul

Pycnonotus dodsoni

(4) 2 Sabaki River Mouth 19.11, 10+20 heard en route 20.11, 20 Tsavo West NP 21.11 and 50 Tsavo West NP 22.11.

Dark-capped Bulbul

Pycnonotus tricolor

(9) 4 Shimba Hills 16.11, up to 10 Nairobi 23-24.11, up to 10 Kakamega FNR--Rondo Retreat Area 25-26.11, 20+20 heard Kisumu--Papyrus 27.11 and up to 30 Maasai Mara NR 28-30.11.

Swallows, Martins Hirundinidae

Black Saw-wing (LC)

Psalidoprocne pristoptera

(1) 1 Shimba Hills 16.11.

White-headed Saw-wing

Psalidoprocne albiceps albiceps

(5) 6 Kakamega FNR--Rondo Retreat Area 24.11, 40 Kakamega FNR 25.11, 15+15 heard Kakamega FNR--Rondo Retreat Area 26.11, 40 Maasai Mara NR 29.11 and 10 Maasai Mara NR 30.11.

Banded Martin

Neophedina cincta suahelica

(2) 5 Maasai Mara NR 28.11 and 1 Maasai Mara NR 29.11.

Sand Martin

Riparia riparia riparia

(2) 4 Kisumu--Papyrus 27.11 and 6 Maasai Mara NR 28.11.

Brown-throated Martin

Riparia paludicola ducis

(2) 6 Kisumu--Papyrus 27.11 and 2 Maasai Mara NR 28.11.

Rock Martin

Ptyonoprogne fuligula rufigula

(5) 1 Nairobi 16.11, 1 Taita Hills 21.11, 4 Tsavo West NP 22.11, 2 Nairobi 24.11 and 2 en route 30.11.

Wire-tailed Swallow

Hirundo smithii smithii

(1) 3 Maasai Mara NR 29.11.

Barn Swallow

Hirundo rustica rustica

(14) 10+10 heard Ukunda area 16.11, 20+20 heard Shimba Hills 17.11, up to 30 Arabuko Sokoke Forest 18-19.11, up to 30 en route 20-21.11, up to 30 Tsavo West NP 22-23.11, up to 10 Kakamega FNR 25-26.11, 20+20 heard Kisumu--Papyrus 27.11 and up to 40 Maasai Mara NR 28-30.11.

Angolan Swallow (LC)

Hirundo angolensis

(2) 3 Kisumu--Papyrus 26.11 and 1 Kisumu--Papyrus 27.11.

Ethiopian Swallow (LC)

Hirundo aethiopica

(1) 2 Shimba Hills 16.11.

Common House Martin

Delichon urbicum urbicum

(2) 1 Maasai Mara NR 28.11 and 4 Maasai Mara NR 29.11.

Red-breasted Swallow

Cecropis semirufa gordoni

(4) Up to 2 Maasai Mara NR 27-30.11.

Mosque Swallow (LC)

Cecropis senegalensis

(1) 1 Shimba Hills 17.11.

Lesser Striped Swallow

Cecropis abyssinica unitatis

(10) 1 Shimba Hills 17.11, 2 Arabuko Sokoke Forest 18.11, 2+8 heard en route 20.11, 6 Tsavo East NP-Voi Wildlife Lodge 21.11, up to 12 Tsavo West NP 22-23.11, 6 Nairobi 24.11, 10+10 heard Kisumu-Papyrus 27.11, 2 Maasai Mara NR 28.11 and 10 Maasai Mara NR 29.11.

Red-rumped Swallow (LC)

Cecropis daurica

(5) 4 Nairobi 23.11, 4 Kisumu 26.11, 6 en route 27.11, 2 Maasai Mara NR 28.11 and 6 Maasai Mara NR 29.11.

Crombecs, African Warblers Macrosphenidae

Northern Crombec (LC)

Sylvietta brachyura

(2) 2 Tsavo West NP 22.11 and 4 Tsavo West NP 23.11.

Red-faced Crombec (LC)

Sylvietta whytii

(2) 1 Maasai Mara NR 28.11 and 1 en route 30.11.

White-browed Crombec

Sylvietta leucophrys leucophrys

(1) 1 en route 30.11.

Yellow Flycatchers Erythrocercidae

Little Yellow Flycatcher (LC)

Erythrocercus holochlorus

(2) 2 Shimba Hills 16.11 and 1 heard Arabuko Sokoke Forest 18.11.

Hylias Hyliidae

Green Hylia

Hylia prasina prasina

(2) 1 heard Kakamega FNR 25.11 and 1 Kakamega FNR 26.11.

Leaf Warblers & Allies Phylloscopidae

Willow Warbler (LC)

Phylloscopus trochilus

(5) 1 heard Nairobi 24.11, 2 Kisumu--Papyrus 26.11, 3 Kisumu--Papyrus 27.11, 10 Maasai Mara NR 29.11 and 2 Maasai Mara NR 30.11.

Yellow-throated Woodland Warbler

Phylloscopus ruficapilla minullus

(1) 1 Taita Hills 21.11.

Uganda Woodland Warbler (LC)

Phylloscopus budongoensis

(2) 6 Kakamega FNR 25.11 and 2 Kakamega FNR 26.11.

Reed Warblers & Allies Acrocephalidae

Basra Reed Warbler (EN)

Acrocephalus griseldis

(1) 1 Sabaki River Mouth 19.11.

Greater Swamp Warbler

Acrocephalus rufescens ansorgei

(2) 1 heard Kisumu--Papyrus 26.11 and 3 Kisumu--Papyrus 27.11.

Lesser Swamp Warbler (LC)

Acrocephalus gracilirostris

(1) 3 Kisumu--Papyrus 27.11.

Sedge Warbler (LC)

Acrocephalus schoenobaenus

(2) 1 Kisumu--Papyrus 26.11 and 5 Kisumu--Papyrus 27.11.

African Reed Warbler

Acrocephalus baeticatus cinnamomeus

(1) 2 Kisumu--Papyrus 27.11.

Marsh Warbler (LC)

Acrocephalus palustris

(6) 2 Shimba Hills 17.11, 1+1 heard en route 20.11, 1 Tsavo East NP--Voi Wildlife Lodge 21.11, 30 Tsavo West NP 22.11, 10 Tsavo West NP 23.11 and 1 Maasai Mara NR 29.11.

Eastern Olivaceous Warbler

Iduna pallida elaeica

(3) 1 Tsavo East NP 20.11, 2 Tsavo East NP--Voi Wildlife Lodge 21.11 and 2 Tsavo West NP 22.11.

Papyrus Yellow Warbler

Calamonastides gracilirostris gracilirostris

(1) 1 Kisumu--Papyrus 27.11.

Grassbirds & Allies Locustellidae

Fan-tailed Grassbird

Catriscus brevirostris alexinae

(2) 1 Kakamega FNR 26.11 and 1 Maasai Mara NR 29.11.

Evergreen Forest Warbler (LC)

Bradypterus lopezi

(1) 1 heard Taita Hills 21.11.

White-winged Swamp Warbler (LC)

Bradypterus carpalis

(1) 1 Kisumu--Papyrus 27.11.

Highland Rush Warbler (LC)

Bradypterus centralis

(1) 1 Kisumu--Papyrus 27.11.

Cisticolas & Allies Cisticolidae

Hunter's Cisticola (LC)

Cisticola hunteri

(2) 3 en route 24.11 and 2 en route 30.11.

Chubb's Cisticola

Cisticola chubbi chubbi

(1) 2 Kakamega FNR--Rondo Retreat Area 25.11.

Rattling Cisticola (LC)

Cisticola chiniana

(5) 2 Tsavo West NP 21.11, 10 Tsavo West NP 22.11 and up to 6 Maasai Mara NR 28-30.11.

Ashy Cisticola

Cisticola cinereolus schillingsi

(1) 20 Tsavo West NP 22.11.

Winding Cisticola

Cisticola marginatus nyansae

(1) 5 Kisumu--Papyrus 27.11.

Coastal Cisticola (LC)

Cisticola haematocephalus

(1) 1 en route 20.11.

Carruthers's Cisticola (LC)

Cisticola carruthersi

(2) 1 Kisumu--Papyrus 26.11 and 6 Kisumu--Papyrus 27.11.

Stout Cisticola

Cisticola robustus nuchalis

(4) 8 Kakamega FNR 26.11 and up to 60 Maasai Mara NR 27-29.11.

Croaking Cisticola (LC)

Cisticola natalensis

(3) Up to 10 Maasai Mara NR 28-30.11.

Tiny Cisticola (LC)

Cisticola nana

(2) 4 Tsavo West NP 22.11 and 2 Tsavo West NP 23.11.

Short-winged Cisticola (LC)

Cisticola brachypterus

(2) 1 Shimba Hills 16.11 and 2 Shimba Hills 17.11.

Zitting Cisticola

Cisticola juncidis uropygialis

(2) 2 Maasai Mara NR 28.11 and 1 Maasai Mara NR 29.11.

Desert Cisticola (LC)

Cisticola aridulus

(2) 2 Maasai Mara NR 28.11 and 3 Maasai Mara NR 29.11.

Pectoral-patch Cisticola (LC)

Cisticola brunnescens

(3) Up to 3 Maasai Mara NR 27-29.11.

Tawny-flanked Prinia (LC)

Prinia subflava

(3) 2 en route 27.11, 2 Maasai Mara NR 28.11 and 1 Maasai Mara NR 30.11.

Pale Prinia

Prinia somalica erlangeri

(3) 2 en route 20.11, 4 Tsavo West NP 22.11 and 1 heard Tsavo West NP 23.11.

Black-faced Prinia

Prinia melanops melanops

(1) 1 Kakamega FNR--Rondo Retreat Area 26.11.

Red-fronted Prinia (LC)

Prinia rufifrons

(1) 4 Tsavo East NP 20.11.

White-chinned Prinia

Schistolais leucopogon reichenowi

(1) 2+2 heard Kakamega FNR 25.11.

Buff-bellied Warbler (LC)

Phyllolais pulchella

(1) 4+4 heard Maasai Mara NR 30.11.

Taita Apalis (CR)

Apalis fuscigularis

(1) 2 Taita Hills 21.11.

Yellow-breasted Apalis (LC)

Apalis flavida

(4) 1 Tsavo West NP 22.11 and up to 4 Maasai Mara NR 28-30.11.

Black-headed Apalis (LC)

Apalis melanocephala

(3) 1 Shimba Hills 17.11, 4 Arabuko Sokoke Forest 18.11 and 6 Arabuko Sokoke Forest 19.11.

Grey-capped Warbler (LC)

Eminia lepida

(1) 3+1 heard Maasai Mara NR 30.11.

Green-backed Camaroptera

Camaroptera brachyura pileata

(1) 1 Arabuko Sokoke Forest 18.11.

Grey-backed Camaroptera

Camaroptera brevicaudata

(5) 1 Tsavo West NP 22.11, 2 Tsavo West NP 23.11, 1 heard en route 24.11, 3 Maasai Mara NR 29.11 and 2 Maasai Mara NR 30.11.

Olive-green Camaroptera

Camaroptera chloronota toroensis

(2) 2 Kakamega FNR 25.11 and 1+1 heard Kakamega FNR--Rondo Retreat Area 26.11.

Grey Wren-Warbler (LC)

Calamonastes simplex

(4) 2 Tsavo East NP 20.11 and up to 8 Tsavo West NP 21-23.11.

Black-faced Rufous Warbler

Bathmocercus rufus vulpinus

(2) 2 Kakamega FNR 25.11 and 2 Kakamega FNR 26.11.

Turner's Eremomela

Eremomela turneri turneri

(1) 2 Kakamega FNR 25.11.

Sylviid Babblers Sylviidae

Eurasian Blackcap (LC)

Sylvia atricapilla

(2) 4 en route 24.11 and 1 en route 30.11.

Garden Warbler (LC)

Sylvia borin

(4) 1 Tsavo East NP--Voi Wildlife Lodge 21.11, 1 Nairobi 23.11, 1 Nairobi 24.11 and 1 en route 30.11.

African Hill Babbler (LC)

Sylvia abyssinica

(1) 1 en route 24.11.

Barred Warbler (LC)

Curruca nisoria

(2) 2 Tsavo East NP 20.11 and 2 Tsavo West NP 21.11.

Common Whitethroat

Curruca communis icterops

(6) 1 Tsavo West NP 22.11, 1 Tsavo West NP 23.11, 1 Kakamega FNR 26.11, 2+2 heard Kisumu-Papyrus 27.11, 4 Maasai Mara NR 29.11 and 1 Maasai Mara NR 30.11.

White-eyes Zosteropidae

Pale White-eye (LC)

Zosterops flavilateralis

(1) 16 Tsavo West NP 23.11.

Kikuyu White-eye (LC)

Zosterops kikuyuensis

(1) 4 en route 24.11.

Taita White-eye (EN)

Zosterops silvanus

(1) 20 Taita Hills 21.11.

Northern Yellow White-eye

Zosterops senegalensis jacksoni

(3) 10 Nairobi 16.11, 5 Kakamega FNR--Rondo Retreat Area 25.11 and 4 Maasai Mara NR 29.11.

Ground Babblers *Pellorneidae*

Scaly-breasted Illadopsis (LC)

Illadopsis albipectus

(2) 1 heard Kakamega FNR 25.11 and 4 Kakamega FNR--Rondo Retreat Area 26.11.

Laughingthrushes & Allies Leiothrichidae

Rufous Chatterer (LC)

Argya rubiginosa

(1) 6 en route 20.11.

Scaly Babbler

Turdoides squamulata squamulata

(2) 2+2 heard Arabuko Sokoke Forest 19.11 and 4 en route 20.11.

Black-lored Babbler (LC)

Turdoides sharpei

(2) 5 Maasai Mara NR 29.11 and 1 heard Maasai Mara NR 30.11.

Dapple-throat & Allies Modulatricidae

Grey-chested Babbler (LC)

Kakamega poliothorax

(1) 1 heard Kakamega FNR 25.11.

Starlings, Rhabdornis Sturnidae

Wattled Starling (LC)

Creatophora cinerea

(2) 1 Tsavo West NP 22.11 and 20 Maasai Mara NR 28.11.

Black-bellied Starling

Notopholia corusca corusca

(2) 8 Shimba Hills 17.11 and 5 Arabuko Sokoke Forest 19.11.

Greater Blue-eared Starling (LC)

Lamprotornis chalybaeus

(7) 2 en route 16.11, 4 en route 20.11, 10 Tsavo West NP 22.11, 10 en route 27.11 and up to 20 Maasai Mara NR 28-30.11.

Rüppell's Starling

Lamprotornis purpuroptera purpuroptera

(4) 3+4 heard Kisumu--Papyrus 27.11 and up to 10 Maasai Mara NR 28-30.11.

Golden-breasted Starling (LC)

Lamprotornis regius

(3) 4+3 heard en route 20.11, 1+1 heard Tsavo East NP--Voi Wildlife Lodge 21.11 and 2 Tsavo West NP 23.11.

Superb Starling (LC)

Lamprotornis superbus

(9) 20 en route 16.11, up to 40 en route 20-21.11, 100 Tsavo West NP 22.11, 30 Tsavo West NP 23.11, 20 en route 27.11 and up to 30 Maasai Mara NR 28-30.11.

Hildebrandt's Starling (LC)

Lamprotornis hildebrandti

(3) 3 Maasai Mara NR 27.11 and up to 5 Maasai Mara NR 29-30.11.

Shelley's Starling (LC)

Lamprotornis shelleyi

(1) 5 en route 20.11.

Fischer's Starling (LC)

Lamprotornis fischeri

(3) 20+40 heard en route 20.11, 20 Tsavo West NP 21.11 and 10 Tsavo West NP 22.11.

Violet-backed Starling (LC)

Cinnyricinclus leucogaster

(2) 6 Maasai Mara NR 28.11 and 1 Maasai Mara NR 30.11.

Red-winged Starling (LC)

Onychognathus morio

(2) 10 Tsavo West NP 22.11 and 10 en route 30.11.

Stuhlmann's Starling (LC)

Poeoptera stuhlmanni

(2) 2 Kakamega FNR--Rondo Retreat Area 25.11 and 6 Kakamega FNR--Rondo Retreat Area 26.11.

Magpie Starling (LC)

Speculipastor bicolor

(1) 7 en route 20.11.

Oxpeckers Buphagidae

Yellow-billed Oxpecker

Buphagus africanus africanus

(5) 5 Tsavo West NP 22.11, 2 Tsavo West NP 23.11 and up to 20 Maasai Mara NR 27-29.11.

Red-billed Oxpecker (LC)

Buphagus erythrorynchus

(6) 10 Tsavo East NP 20.11, 10 Tsavo West NP 22.11, 20 en route 27.11 and up to 40 Maasai Mara NR 28-30.11.

Thrushes *Turdidae*

Red-tailed Ant Thrush

Neocossyphus rufus rufus

(2) 1 Arabuko Sokoke Forest 18.11 and 1 heard Arabuko Sokoke Forest 19.11.

African Thrush

Turdus pelios centralis

(2) 2+2 heard Kakamega FNR--Rondo Retreat Area 25.11 and 2 Kisumu--Papyrus 27.11.

Abyssinian Thrush

Turdus abyssinicus abyssinicus

(2) Up to 3 Nairobi 23-24.11.

Taita Thrush (CR)

Turdus helleri

(1) 3 Taita Hills 21.11.

Bare-eyed Thrush (LC)

Turdus tephronotus

(1) 2 Tsavo West NP 22.11.

Chats, Old World Flycatchers Muscicapidae

Bearded Scrub Robin

Cercotrichas quadrivirgata quadrivirgata

(1) 1 heard Shimba Hills 17.11.

Rufous-tailed Scrub Robin (LC)

Cercotrichas galactotes

(2) 1+2 heard en route 20.11 and 1 Tsavo West NP 21.11.

White-browed Scrub Robin (LC)

Cercotrichas leucophrys

(4) Up to 4 Tsavo West NP 21-23.11 and 1 heard Maasai Mara NR 29.11.

White-eyed Slaty Flycatcher

Melaenornis fischeri fischeri

(4) 4 en route 24.11, up to 2 Kakamega FNR--Rondo Retreat Area 25-26.11 and 1 en route 27.11.

Northern Black Flycatcher (LC)

Melaenornis edolioides

(1) 2 Maasai Mara NR 28.11.

Southern Black Flycatcher

Melaenornis pammelaina pammelaina

(3) Up to 5 Tsavo West NP 21-23.11.

Pale Flycatcher

Melaenornis pallidus

(3) 1 Tsavo East NP--Voi Wildlife Lodge 21.11, 2 en route 24.11 and 2 Maasai Mara NR 29.11.

African Grey Flycatcher

Melaenornis microrhynchus

(6) 2 en route 20.11, 1+1 heard Tsavo East NP--Voi Wildlife Lodge 21.11, 4 Tsavo West NP 22.11, 10 Tsavo West NP 23.11, 2 Maasai Mara NR 29.11 and 2 Maasai Mara NR 30.11.

Silverbird

Empidornis semipartitus

(2) 1 Maasai Mara NR 29.11 and 2 Maasai Mara NR 30.11.

Spotted Flycatcher (LC)

Muscicapa striata

(7) 1 Watamu Marine NP--Mida Creek 18.11, 4 Tsavo East NP 20.11, 2+4 heard Tsavo East NP--Voi Wildlife Lodge 21.11, 10 Tsavo West NP 22.11, 10 Tsavo West NP 23.11, 1 Kisumu--Papyrus 27.11 and 1 Maasai Mara NR 30.11.

Ashy Flycatcher

Muscicapa caerulescens

(1) 2 Shimba Hills 16.11.

Swamp Flycatcher

Muscicapa aquatica infulata

(2) 3 Kisumu--Papyrus 26.11 and 6 Kisumu--Papyrus 27.11.

African Dusky Flycatcher (LC)

Muscicapa adusta

(2) 2 en route 24.11 and 1 Kakamega FNR--Rondo Retreat Area 25.11.

Brown-chested Alethe (LC)

Chamaetylas poliocephala

(2) 1+1 heard Kakamega FNR 25.11 and 2 Kakamega FNR 26.11.

Cape Robin-Chat

Cossypha caffra iolaema

(3) 2 Nairobi 24.11, 2 en route 27.11 and 1 en route 30.11.

Grey-winged Robin-Chat

Cossypha polioptera polioptera

(2) 1 Kakamega FNR 25.11 and 1 Kakamega FNR--Rondo Retreat Area 26.11.

Blue-shouldered Robin-Chat

Cossypha cyanocampter bartteloti

(2) Up to 1 Kakamega FNR--Rondo Retreat Area 25-26.11.

White-browed Robin-Chat (LC)

Cossypha heuglini

(8) 1 heard Nairobi 16.11, 1 heard Nairobi 23.11, up to 1 Kakamega FNR--Rondo Retreat Area 24-26.11, 2+2 heard Kisumu--Papyrus 27.11, 1 Maasai Mara NR 29.11 and 1 Maasai Mara NR 30.11.

Red-capped Robin-Chat

Cossypha natalensis intensa

(5) 1+1 heard Nairobi 16.11, 1 Shimba Hills 17.11, 1 heard Arabuko Sokoke Forest 18.11, 1 heard Arabuko Sokoke Forest 19.11 and 1 en route 20.11.

White-starred Robin (LC)

Pogonocichla stellata

(1) 1 Taita Hills 21.11.

Equatorial Akalat

Sheppardia aequatorialis aequatorialis

(2) 2 Kakamega FNR 25.11 and 1 Kakamega FNR 26.11.

East Coast Akalat

Sheppardia gunningi sokokensis

(2) 1 Arabuko Sokoke Forest 18.11 and 1 Arabuko Sokoke Forest 19.11.

Spotted Palm Thrush (LC)

Cichladusa guttata

(3) 1 en route 20.11, 4 Tsavo West NP 22.11 and 2 Tsavo West NP 23.11.

Common Nightingale (LC)

Luscinia megarhynchos

(3) 1 Tsavo East NP--Voi Wildlife Lodge 21.11, 1 Tsavo West NP 22.11 and 1 Tsavo West NP 23.11.

White-throated Robin (LC)

Irania gutturalis

(1) 1 Tsavo West NP 23.11.

Common Rock Thrush (LC)

Monticola saxatilis

(2) 1 Tsavo West NP 21.11 and 2 Tsavo West NP 22.11.

Whinchat (LC)

Saxicola rubetra

(1) 1 Maasai Mara NR 28.11.

African Stonechat

Saxicola torquatus axillaris

(5) 4 Taita Hills 21.11, 4 en route 24.11, 4+2 heard Kakamega FNR 26.11, 10 en route 27.11 and 2 en route 30.11.

Sooty Chat (LC)

Myrmecocichla nigra

(4) Up to 10 Maasai Mara NR 27-30.11.

Anteater Chat

Myrmecocichla aethiops cryptoleuca

(2) 2 Maasai Mara NR 27.11 and 3 Maasai Mara NR 29.11.

Northern Wheatear (LC)

Oenanthe oenanthe

(3) Up to 2 Maasai Mara NR 28-30.11.

Isabelline Wheatear (LC)

Oenanthe isabellina

(3) 1 Tsavo West NP 21.11, 2 Maasai Mara NR 28.11 and 3 Maasai Mara NR 29.11.

Pied Wheatear (LC)

Oenanthe pleschanka

(6) 5 Tsavo East NP 20.11, 6 Tsavo West NP 21.11, 4 Tsavo West NP 22.11, 2 en route 27.11, 6 Maasai Mara NR 29.11 and 1 Maasai Mara NR 30.11.

Sunbirds Nectariniidae

Plain-backed Sunbird

Anthreptes reichenowi yokanae

(1) 4 Arabuko Sokoke Forest 18.11.

Eastern Violet-backed Sunbird (LC)

Anthreptes orientalis

(3) 2+1 heard en route 20.11, 2 Tsavo West NP 22.11 and 2 Tsavo West NP 23.11.

Grey-chinned Sunbird (LC)

Anthreptes tephrolaemus

(1) 4+2 heard Kakamega FNR--Rondo Retreat Area 25.11.

Collared Sunbird (LC)

Hedydipna collaris

(6) 3 Shimba Hills 16.11, 3 Arabuko Sokoke Forest 18.11, 4 Arabuko Sokoke Forest 19.11, 4 Taita Hills 21.11, 1 Kakamega FNR--Rondo Retreat Area 25.11 and 1 Maasai Mara NR 28.11.

Amani Sunbird (EN)

Hedydipna pallidigaster

(1) 2 Arabuko Sokoke Forest 18.11.

Green-headed Sunbird

Cyanomitra verticalis viridisplendens

(2) 1 Kakamega FNR--Rondo Retreat Area 24.11 and 1 Kakamega FNR--Rondo Retreat Area 26.11.

Olive Sunbird (LC)

Cyanomitra olivacea

(4) 1 heard Arabuko Sokoke Forest 18.11, 1 heard Taita Hills 21.11, 1 Kakamega FNR--Rondo Retreat Area 25.11 and 1 heard Kakamega FNR 26.11.

Amethyst Sunbird (LC)

Chalcomitra amethystina

(1) 1 Tsavo West NP 22.11.

Scarlet-chested Sunbird (LC)

Chalcomitra senegalensis

(7) 1 Watamu Marine NP--Mida Creek 18.11, 1+1 heard Nairobi 24.11, 1 Kakamega FNR--Rondo Retreat Area 25.11, up to 2 Kisumu--Papyrus 26-27.11, 10 Maasai Mara NR 29.11 and 8 Maasai Mara NR 30.11.

Hunter's Sunbird (LC)

Chalcomitra hunteri

(4) 2 Tsavo East NP 20.11 and up to 20 Tsavo West NP 21-23.11.

Bronzy Sunbird

Nectarinia kilimensis kilimensis

(5) 1 Nairobi 23.11, up to 2 Kakamega FNR--Rondo Retreat Area 24-26.11 and 1 en route 30.11.

Golden-winged Sunbird (LC)

Drepanorhynchus reichenowi

(1) 2 en route 24.11.

Northern Double-collared Sunbird

Cinnyris reichenowi reichenowi

(1) 1 Kakamega FNR 25.11.

Eastern Double-collared Sunbird (LC)

Cinnyris mediocris

(1) 2 en route 24.11.

Beautiful Sunbird (LC)

Cinnyris pulchellus

(1) 2 Maasai Mara NR 30.11.

Marico Sunbird (LC)

Cinnyris mariquensis

(2) 2 Maasai Mara NR 29.11 and 2 Maasai Mara NR 30.11.

Red-chested Sunbird (LC)

Cinnyris erythrocercus

(2) 3 Kisumu--Papyrus 26.11 and 4 Kisumu--Papyrus 27.11.

Black-bellied Sunbird (LC)

Cinnyris nectarinioides

(3) 1 Tsavo East NP--Voi Wildlife Lodge 21.11, 1 Tsavo West NP 22.11 and 5 Tsavo West NP 23.11.

Purple-banded Sunbird

Cinnyris bifasciatus microrhynchus

(1) 1 heard Watamu Marine NP--Mida Creek 18.11.

Tsavo Sunbird (LC)

Cinnyris tsavoensis

(1) 1+2 heard en route 20.11.

Orange-tufted Sunbird (LC)

Cinnyris bouvieri

(1) 4 Kakamega FNR 26.11.

Variable Sunbird (LC)

Cinnyris venustus

(6) 1 Shimba Hills 16.11, 3 Tsavo West NP 22.11, 4 Nairobi 23.11, 4 Nairobi 24.11, 6 Maasai Mara NR 29.11 and 20 Maasai Mara NR 30.11.

Old World Sparrows, Snowfinches Passeridae

Yellow-spotted Bush Sparrow

Gymnoris pyrgita pyrgita

(4) 3 Tsavo West NP 22.11, 6 Tsavo West NP 23.11, 6 Maasai Mara NR 29.11 and 2 Maasai Mara NR 30.11.

Kenya Sparrow (LC)

Passer rufocinctus

(1) 4 Maasai Mara NR 29.11.

Northern Grey-headed Sparrow

Passer griseus ugandae

(3) 1 en route 26.11, 20 en route 27.11 and 6 Maasai Mara NR 29.11.

Swahili Sparrow (LC)

Passer suahelicus

(1) 6 en route 30.11.

Parrot-billed Sparrow (LC)

Passer gongonensis

(5) 2 Shimba Hills 16.11, 2 en route 17.11, 6 Tsavo East NP 20.11, 10 Tsavo West NP 22.11 and 20 Tsavo West NP 23.11.

House Sparrow (LC)

Passer domesticus

(8) Up to 20 en route 17-21.11, 5 en route 24.11, 10 en route 27.11 and 10 Maasai Mara NR 29.11.

Weavers, Widowbirds Ploceidae

Red-billed Buffalo Weaver

Bubalornis niger intermedius

(5) 6 en route 20.11, up to 30 Tsavo West NP 21-23.11 and 2 en route 27.11.

White-headed Buffalo Weaver (LC)

Dinemellia dinemelli

(6) 6+10 heard en route 20.11, up to 20 Tsavo West NP 21-23.11, 2 Maasai Mara NR 29.11 and 2 Maasai Mara NR 30.11.

White-browed Sparrow-Weaver

Plocepasser mahali melanorhynchus

(7) 1 Nairobi 16.11, 10+10 heard en route 20.11, up to 100 Tsavo West NP 21-23.11, 2 Nairobi 24.11 and 4 en route 30.11.

Grey-capped Social Weaver

Pseudonigrita arnaudi arnaudi

(2) 20 Maasai Mara NR 29.11 and 10 Maasai Mara NR 30.11.

Black-capped Social Weaver (LC)

Pseudonigrita cabanisi

(1) 15 Tsavo West NP 22.11.

Speckle-fronted Weaver

Sporopipes frontalis emini

(2) 5 Maasai Mara NR 29.11 and 2 Maasai Mara NR 30.11.

Thick-billed Weaver (LC)

Amblyospiza albifrons

(4) 2 Nairobi 16.11, 1 en route 20.11, 1 Tsavo East NP--Voi Wildlife Lodge 21.11 and 1 Nairobi 23.11.

Baglafecht Weaver

Ploceus baglafecht reichenowi

(9) 6 Nairobi 16.11, 1 Tsavo West NP 22.11, up to 4 Nairobi 23-24.11, 6 Kakamega FNR 25.11, 4 Kakamega FNR--Rondo Retreat Area 26.11, 2 Maasai Mara NR 28.11, 2 Maasai Mara NR 29.11 and 2 en route 30.11.

Slender-billed Weaver

Ploceus pelzelni pelzelni

(2) 3 Kisumu--Papyrus 26.11 and 8 Kisumu--Papyrus 27.11.

Little Weaver (LC)

Ploceus luteolus

(1) 1 Maasai Mara NR 30.11.

Spectacled Weaver (LC)

Ploceus ocularis

(4) 2 en route 24.11 and up to 2 Maasai Mara NR 28-30.11.

Black-necked Weaver (LC)

Ploceus nigricollis

(5) 1 Tsavo West NP 22.11, 1 Tsavo West NP 23.11 and up to 2 Kakamega FNR--Rondo Retreat Area 24-26.11.

Eastern Golden Weaver

Ploceus subaureus aureoflavus

(2) Up to 15 Watamu 19-20.11.

Golden Palm Weaver (LC)

Ploceus bojeri

(4) 1 en route 17.11 and up to 6 Watamu 18-20.11.

Northern Brown-throated Weaver (LC)

Ploceus castanops

(2) 6 Kisumu--Papyrus 26.11 and 10 Kisumu--Papyrus 27.11.

Lesser Masked Weaver

Ploceus intermedius intermedius

(4) 2 Tsavo East NP--Voi Wildlife Lodge 21.11, 2 Tsavo West NP 22.11, 1 Tsavo West NP 23.11 and 1 Massai Mara NR 29.11.

Village Weaver (LC)

Ploceus cucullatus

(7) 20 en route 20.11, 30 Tsavo West NP 22.11, 10 Tsavo West NP 23.11, up to 40 Kisumu--Papyrus 26-27.11 and up to 20 Maasai Mara NR 29-30.11.

Vieillot's Black Weaver

Ploceus nigerrimus nigerrimus

(2) 10 Kakamega FNR--Rondo Retreat Area 24.11 and 1 Kakamega FNR--Rondo Retreat Area 26.11.

Black-headed Weaver (LC)

Ploceus melanocephalus

(2) 6 Kisumu--Papyrus 26.11 and 10 Kisumu--Papyrus 27.11.

Golden-backed Weaver (LC)

Ploceus jacksoni

(1) 1 Kisumu--Papyrus 27.11.

Chestnut Weaver

Ploceus rubiginosus rubiginosus

(1) 5 Maasai Mara NR 29.11.

Dark-backed Weaver (LC)

Ploceus bicolor

(3) 2 Arabuko Sokoke Forest 18.11, 4 Kakamega FNR 25.11 and 4 Kakamega FNR 26.11.

Brown-capped Weaver (LC)

Ploceus insignis

(3) Up to 5 Kakamega FNR--Rondo Retreat Area 24-26.11.

Red-headed Malimbe

Malimbus rubricollis rubricollis

(1) 1 Kakamega FNR--Rondo Retreat Area 25.11.

Cardinal Quelea (LC)

Quelea cardinalis

(1) 20 Maasai Mara NR 28.11.

Red-billed Quelea

Quelea quelea aethiopica

(9) 500 en route 17.11, 10 Watamu 19.11, 300+100 heard en route 20.11, 200 Tsavo West NP 22.11, 200 Tsavo West NP 23.11, 50 en route 27.11 and up to 50 Maasai Mara NR 28-30.11.

Zanzibar Red Bishop (LC)

Euplectes nigroventris

(1) 15 en route 20.11.

Yellow Bishop

Euplectes capensis crassirostris

(1) 3 en route 27.11.

Fan-tailed Widowbird (LC)

Euplectes axillaris

(1) 4 Maasai Mara NR 28.11.

Yellow-mantled Widowbird (LC)

Euplectes macroura

(4) 15 Kakamega FNR 26.11 and up to 2 Maasai Mara NR 27-29.11.

Jackson's Widowbird (NT)

Euplectes jacksoni

(1) 30 Maasai Mara NR 28.11.

Waxbills, Munias & Allies Estrildidae

Grey-headed Silverbill

Spermestes griseicapilla

(2) 10 Tsavo West NP 23.11 and 20 Maasai Mara NR 29.11.

Bronze Mannikin (LC)

Spermestes cucullata

(5) 10 Ukunda area 16.11, 6 Arabuko Sokoke Forest 19.11, 2 Kisumu--Papyrus 26.11, 4 Kisumu--Papyrus 27.11 and 10 Maasai Mara NR 28.11.

Red-backed Mannikin

Spermestes nigriceps

(1) 20 Shimba Hills 16.11.

Yellow-bellied Waxbill

Coccopygia quartinia kilimensis

(1) 2 Kakamega FNR 26.11.

Grey-headed Nigrita (LC)

Nigrita canicapillus

(1) 1 Kakamega FNR--Rondo Retreat Area 25.11.

Common Waxbill (LC)

Estrilda astrild

(4) 20 en route 21.11, 50 Nairobi 23.11, 20 Nairobi 24.11 and 20 Kakamega FNR 26.11.

Quailfinch (LC)

Ortygospiza atricollis

(3) 15+2 heard en route 27.11, 200 Maasai Mara NR 28.11 and 40 Maasai Mara NR 29.11.

Purple Grenadier (LC)

Granatina ianthinogaster

(4) 2 Tsavo West NP 22.11, 4 en route 27.11, 20 Maasai Mara NR 29.11 and 10 Maasai Mara NR 30.11.

Red-cheeked Cordon-bleu (LC)

Uraeginthus bengalus

(8) 6 en route 20.11, 2 Tsavo West NP 23.11, 6 en route 24.11, 2 Kisumu--Papyrus 26.11, 6 Kisumu--Papyrus 27.11 and up to 30 Maasai Mara NR 28-30.11.

Blue-capped Cordon-bleu (LC)

Uraeginthus cyanocephalus

(1) 10 Tsavo West NP 21.11.

Green-winged Pytilia (LC)

Pytilia melba

(1) 6 Tsavo West NP 22.11.

Red-billed Firefinch (LC)

Lagonosticta senegala

(2) 2 Maasai Mara NR 28.11 and 2 Maasai Mara NR 30.11.

African Firefinch

Lagonosticta rubricata haematocephala

(1) 1 Maasai Mara NR 29.11.

Indigobirds, Whydahs Viduidae

Pin-tailed Whydah (LC)

Vidua macroura

(8) 3 en route 17.11, 3 Watamu Marine NP--Mida Creek 18.11, 2 en route 20.11, 1 Kakamega FNR 26.11, 2 en route 27.11, 30 Maasai Mara NR 28.11, 2 Maasai Mara NR 29.11 and 4 en route 30.11.

Steel-blue Whydah (LC)

Vidua hypocherina

(1) 2 en route 20.11.

Straw-tailed Whydah (LC)

Vidua fischeri

(1) 12 Tsavo West NP 22.11.

Long-tailed Paradise Whydah (LC)

Vidua paradisaea

(4) 1 Arabuko Sokoke Forest 18.11, 15+5 heard en route 20.11, 1 Tsavo West NP 22.11 and 1 Tsavo West NP 23.11.

Wagtails, Pipits Motacillidae

Western Yellow Wagtail (LC)

Motacilla flava

(5) 1 Arabuko Sokoke Forest 18.11, 1 heard Tsavo West NP 21.11, 2 Kisumu--Papyrus 27.11, 1 Maasai Mara NR 28.11 and 3 Maasai Mara NR 30.11.

African Pied Wagtail

Motacilla aguimp vidua

(13) 1 Nairobi 16.11, 1 en route 17.11, 2 Arabuko Sokoke Forest 18.11, 2 en route 19.11, 4 Tsavo East NP--Voi Wildlife Lodge 21.11, 2 Tsavo West NP 22.11, up to 2 en route 23-24.11, 2 Kakamega FNR--Rondo Retreat Area 25.11, 2 Kakamega FNR--Rondo Retreat Area 26.11, 2 Kisumu--Papyrus 27.11, 6 Maasai Mara NR 29.11 and 2 Maasai Mara NR 30.11.

Golden Pipit (LC)

Tmetothylacus tenellus

(2) 1 Tsavo East NP 20.11 and 1 Tsavo West NP 21.11.

Yellow-throated Longclaw (LC)

Macronyx croceus

(5) 3 Shimba Hills 17.11, 2 Kakamega FNR 26.11 and up to 16 Maasai Mara NR 27-29.11.

Rosy-throated Longclaw

Macronyx ameliae wintoni

(1) 2 Maasai Mara NR 28.11.

African Pipit (LC)

Anthus cinnamomeus

(6) 1 Arabuko Sokoke Forest 18.11, 6 Sabaki River Mouth 19.11, 4 en route 27.11 and up to 10 Maasai Mara NR 28-30.11.

Plain-backed Pipit (LC)

Anthus leucophrys

(5) 1 Watamu Marine NP--Mida Creek 18.11 and up to 10 Maasai Mara NR 27-30.11.

Tree Pipit

Anthus trivialis trivialis

(1) 4 en route 24.11.

Red-throated Pipit (LC)

Anthus cervinus

(1) 1 Kakamega FNR--Rondo Retreat Area 26.11.

Striped Pipit (LC)

Anthus lineiventris

(1) 5 Taita Hills 21.11.

Sokoke Pipit (EN)

Anthus sokokensis

(2) 1 heard Arabuko Sokoke Forest 18.11 and 1 Arabuko Sokoke Forest 19.11.

Malindi Pipit

Anthus melindae melindae

(1) 2 Arabuko Sokoke Forest 18.11.

Finches, Euphonias Fringillidae

African Citril

Crithagra citrinelloides kikuyensis

(1) 1 en route 30.11.

Papyrus Canary (LC)

Crithagra koliensis

(1) 2 Kisumu--Papyrus 27.11.

Reichenow's Seedeater (LC)

Crithagra reichenowi

(3) 6 Kisumu--Papyrus 27.11, 1 Maasai Mara NR 28.11 and 6 Maasai Mara NR 29.11.

Yellow-fronted Canary (LC)

Crithagra mozambica

(7) 1 Shimba Hills 16.11, 1 Arabuko Sokoke Forest 18.11, 20 en route 20.11, 10 en route 27.11 and up to 5 Maasai Mara NR 28-30.11.

White-bellied Canary (LC)

Crithagra dorsostriata

(3) 4 Kisumu--Papyrus 27.11, 4 Maasai Mara NR 29.11 and 6 Maasai Mara NR 30.11.

Brimstone Canary

Crithagra sulphurata sharpii

(2) 1 Nairobi 16.11 and 2 Maasai Mara NR 27.11.

Streaky Seedeater

Crithagra striolata striolata

(4) 5 en route 24.11, 1 en route 26.11, 6 en route 27.11 and 4 en route 30.11.

Yellow-crowned Canary (LC)

Serinus flavivertex

(1) 1 en route 24.11.

Buntings *Emberizidae*

Cinnamon-breasted Bunting

Emberiza tahapisi tahapisi

(3) 1 Tsavo West NP 22.11, 1 Tsavo West NP 23.11 and 1 Maasai Mara NR 27.11.

Somali Bunting (LC)

Emberiza poliopleura

(3) 3 Tsavo East NP 20.11, 12 Tsavo West NP 22.11 and 2 Tsavo West NP 23.11.

Golden-breasted Bunting

Emberiza flaviventris kalaharica

(1) 3 Maasai Mara NR 29.11.

Mammals (49 in total: 48 seen, 1 heard)

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Hyraxes Procaviidae

Yellow-spotted Hyrax (LC)

Heterohyrax brucei

(4) 20 Tsavo West NP 22.11 and up to 4 Maasai Mara NR 27-29.11.

Elephants Elephantidae

African Elephant (VU)

Loxodonta africana

(8) 40 Tsavo East NP 20.11, up to 60 Tsavo West NP 21-23.11 and up to 200 Maasai Mara NR 27-30.11.

Elephant Shrews Macroscelididae

Golden-rumped Sengi (EN)

Rhynchocyon chrysopygus

(2) 1 Arabuko Sokoke Forest 18.11 and 7 Arabuko Sokoke Forest 19.11.

Black And Rufous Sengi (LC)

Rhynchocyon petersi

(1) 1 Shimba Hills 17.11.

Cats Felidae

Cheetah (VU) Acinonyx jubatus fearsoni

(1) 4 Maasai Mara NR 29.11.

Caracal (LC) Caracal caracal

(1) 1 Arabuko Sokoke Forest 18.11.

Serval (LC)

Leptailurus serval

(2) 1 Maasai Mara NR 28.11 and 1 Maasai Mara NR 29.11.

Lion (VU) Panthera leo leo

(3) 8 Tsavo East NP 20.11, 6 Maasai Mara NR 28.11 and 5 Maasai Mara NR 29.11.

Hyenas, Aardwolf Hyaenidae

Spotted Hyaena (LC)

Crocuta crocuta

(3) 1 Tsavo West NP 22.11, 12 Maasai Mara NR 28.11 and 30 Maasai Mara NR 29.11.

Mongooses *Herpestidae*

Common Dwarf Mongoose (LC)

Helogale parvula

(1) 6 Tsavo West NP 22.11.

Banded Mongoose (LC)

Mungos mungo

(3) 6 Tsavo West NP 22.11, 40 Maasai Mara NR 28.11 and 30 Maasai Mara NR 29.11.

Wolves, Coyote, Foxes and Jackals Canidae

Black-backed Jackal (LC)

Lupulella mesomelas

(4) Up to 5 Maasai Mara NR 27-30.11.

Zebras, Horse and Asses Equidae

Plains Zebra (NT)

Equus quagga

(8) 40 Tsavo East NP 20.11, up to 20 Tsavo West NP 21-23.11 and up to 300 Maasai Mara NR 27-30.11.

Pigs Suidae

Common Warthog (LC)

Phacochoerus africanus

(8) 1 Shimba Hills 16.11, 6 Tsavo East NP 20.11, 10 Tsavo West NP 22.11, 5 Tsavo West NP 23.11 and up to 30 Maasai Mara NR 27-30.11.

Giraffe, Okapi Giraffidae

(Maasai) Giraffe (VU)

Giraffa camelopardalis

(8) 20 Tsavo East NP 20.11, up to 15 Tsavo West NP 21-23.11 and up to 50 Maasai Mara NR 27-30.11.

Cattle, Antelopes, Sheep, Goats Bovidae

Impala (LC)

Aepyceros melampus

(8) 1 Shimba Hills 17.11, 50 Tsavo East NP 20.11, 20 Tsavo West NP 22.11, 20 Tsavo West NP 23.11 and up to 100 Maasai Mara NR 27-30.11.

(Coke's) Hartebeest

Alcelaphus buselaphus coki

Tsavo West & Maasai Mara

Harvey's Duiker (LC)

Cephalophus harveyi

(1) 1 Shimba Hills 17.11.

Common Wildebeest (LC)

Connochaetes taurinus

(4) Up to 1000 Maasai Mara NR 27-30.11.

Topi (LC)

Damaliscus lunatus

(4) Up to 200 Maasai Mara NR 27-30.11.

Thomson's Gazelle (LC)

Eudorcas thomsonii

(4) Up to 300 Maasai Mara NR 27-30.11.

Gerenuk (NT)

Litocranius walleri

(1) 6 Tsavo East NP 20.11.

Kirk's Dikdik (LC)

Madoqua kirkii

(4) 8 Tsavo East NP 20.11 and up to 40 Tsavo West NP 21-23.11.

Grant's Gazelle (LC)

Nanger granti

(2) 2 Tsavo East NP 20.11 and 2 Maasai Mara NR 29.11.

Beisa Orvx (EN)

Oryx beisa

(1) 1 Tsavo West NP 21.11.

Blue Duiker (LC)

Philantomba monticola

(2) 2 Shimba Hills 17.11 and 2 Arabuko Sokoke Forest 18.11.

Bohor Reedbuck (LC)

Redunca redunca

(1) 1 Maasai Mara NR 28.11.

African Buffalo (NT)

Syncerus caffer

(9) 1 Nairobi 16.11, 100 Tsavo East NP 20.11, up to 200 Tsavo West NP 21-23.11 and up to 400 Maasai Mara NR 27-30.11.

Lesser Kudu (NT)

Tragelaphus imberbis

(3) 6 Tsavo East NP 20.11, 5 Tsavo West NP 21.11 and 10 Tsavo West NP 22.11.

Common Eland (LC)

Tragelaphus oryx

(6) 6 Tsavo East NP 20.11, 4 Tsavo West NP 22.11 and up to 40 Maasai Mara NR 27-30.11.

(Defassa & Southern) Waterbuck

Kobus ellipsiprymnus

(7) Shimba Hills, Tsavo West & Maasai Mara.

Bushbuck (LC)

Tragelaphus scriptus

(2) 4 Shimba Hills 16.11 and 3 Shimba Hills 17.11.

Hippopotamuses Hippopotamidae

Hippopotamus (VU)

Hippopotamus amphibius

(4) 2 Tsavo East NP 21.11 and up to 5 Maasai Mara NR 27-29.11.

False Vampire Bats Megadermatidae

Yellow-winged Bat (LC)

Lavia frons

(1) 5 Tsavo West NP 22.11.

Old World Fruit Bats Pteropodidae

East African Epauletted Fruit Bat

Epomophorus minimus

(1) 1 Tsavo West NP 22.11.

Galagos Galagidae

Northern Lesser Galago (LC) (H)

Galago senegalensis

(1) 1 Tsavo East NP 20.11.

Small-eared Greater Galago (LC)

Otolemur garnettii

(1) 1 heard Shimba Hills 16.11.

Old World Monkeys Cercopithecidae

Red-tailed Monkey (LC)

Cercopithecus ascanius

(2) 20 Kakamega FNR 25.11 and 10 Kakamega FNR 26.11.

Blue Monkey (LC)

Cercopithecus mitis

(7) 10 Shimba Hills 17.11, 1 heard Arabuko Sokoke Forest 18.11, 20 Watamu 19.11, 15 Taita Hills 21.11, 30 Kakamega FNR 25.11, 10 Kakamega FNR 26.11 and 10 en route 30.11.

Vervet

Chlorocebus pygerythrus hilgerti

(8) 4 en route 18.11, 20 Tsavo East NP 20.11, up to 20 Tsavo West NP 21-23.11, 10 Kisumu--Papyrus 27.11, 20 Maasai Mara NR 29.11 and 15 Maasai Mara NR 30.11.

Angola Colobus (LC)

Colobus angolensis palliatus

(1) 6 Shimba Hills 16.11.

Guereza (LC)

Colobus guereza

(2) 10 Kakamega FNR 25.11 and 10 Kakamega FNR 26.11.

Olive Baboon (LC)

Papio anubis

(5) 50 en route 23.11, 20 en route 27.11 and up to 30 Maasai Mara NR 28-30.11.

Yellow Baboon (LC)

Papio cynocephalus ibeanus

(7) 20 Shimba Hills 16.11, 10 Shimba Hills 17.11, 20 Arabuko Sokoke Forest 18.11, 10 Arabuko Sokoke Forest 19.11, 20 Tsavo East NP 20.11, 20 Tsavo West NP 22.11 and 20 Tsavo West NP 23.11.

Rabbits, Hares Leporidae

African Savanna Hare (LC)

Lepus victoriae

(1) 3 Maasai Mara NR 27.11.

Squirrels Sciuridae

Red-legged Sun Squirrel (LC)

Heliosciurus rufobrachium

(2) 2 Kakamega FNR 25.11 and 2 Kakamega FNR 26.11.

Huet's Bush Squirrel (LC)

Paraxerus ochraceus

(2) 1 Taita Hills 21.11 and 2 Tsavo West NP 22.11.

Red Bush Squirrel (LC)

Paraxerus palliatus

(3) 2 Shimba Hills 16.11, 2 Shimba Hills 17.11 and 1 Arabuko Sokoke Forest 19.11.

Unstriped Ground Squirrel (LC)

Xerus rutilus

(3) Up to 2 Tsavo West NP 21-23.11.

Reptiles (5 in total: 4 seen)

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Agamas Agamidae

Mwanza Flat-headed Agama (LC)

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(3) 10 Tsavo West NP 22.11, 5 Maasai Mara NR 27.11 and 6 Maasai Mara NR 29.11.

Colubrid Snakes Colubridae

Boomslang (LC)

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(1) 1 Taita Hills 21.11.

Rufous Beaked Snake Rhamphiophis oxyrhynchus

1 Tsavo West 23.11.

Geckos Gekkonidae

Mercator Tropical House Gecko

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(1) 1 Shimba Hills 17.11.

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