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Worldwide Birding Adventures

Madagascar

Highlights II

12th to 26th October 2019 (15 days)

Trip Report



Helmet Vanga by David Hoddinott

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Top 10 birds as voted for by our guests:

1. Helmet Vanga
2. Rufous-headed Ground Roller
3. Sickle-billed Vanga
4. Collared Nightjar
5. White-browed Owl
6. Long-tailed Ground Roller
7. Subdesert Mesite
8. Crab-plover
9. Scaly Ground Roller
10. Madagascar Pygmy Kingfisher

Tour Summary

We started off our adventure at Lac Alarobia in the capital, Antananarivo. Here, we found huge numbers of waterfowl including several of the sought-after endemic, Meller's Duck, plus Knob-billed Duck, hundreds of Red-billed Teal and White-faced Whistling Duck. We also observed several breeding plumaged Malagasy Pond Heron, confiding White-throated Rail, Malagasy Coucal and Malagasy Kingfisher. Over a delicious dinner, we discussed the plans for the days ahead, before getting a good night's sleep.

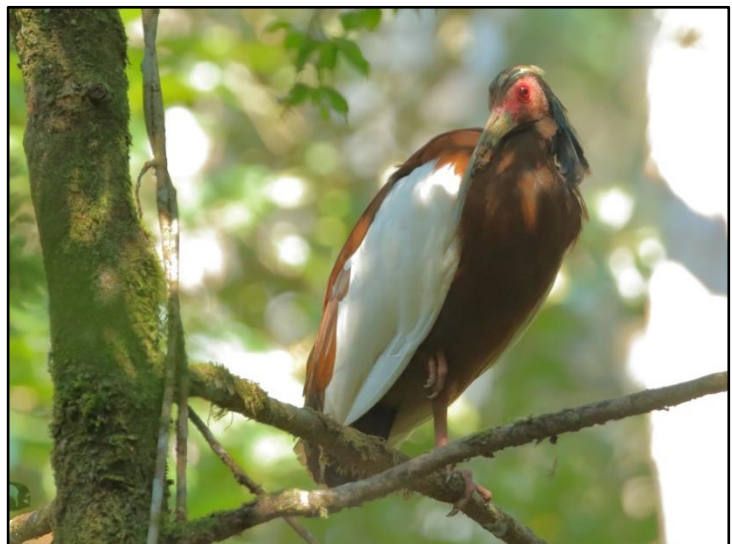


Scaly Ground Roller by David Hoddinott

The following morning excitement mounted over breakfast as we chatted about the wonderful forest birds we were going to see. We departed early to avoid the rush hour traffic and were soon on our way east, to the great rainforests of the Perinet area. En route, we observed Mascarene Martin, Malagasy Black Swift, Little Swift, and the quaint Hamerkop was seen feeding in the rice paddies.

We enjoyed a fabulous five-night stay at Perinet. Our time here was spent exploring the roads through the various forests as well as a good number of forest trails and on a few occasions, we ventured off the beaten track in search of rare and elusive forest species. Our first afternoon walk netted us a splendidly camouflaged Collared Nightjar at its day roost, elusive Madagascar Wood Rail, Madagascar Flufftail, exquisite Madagascar Blue Pigeon and a cryptic Rainforest Scops Owl plus a stunning Diademed Sifaka. A superb start indeed!

Recent rain had sparked bird activity and we set off in search of the tricky and much sought after, Ground Rollers. Venturing off track, we were soon hearing Short-legged Ground Roller and not long after we found it in the mid-level forest sitting quietly on a mossy branch. We enjoyed great scope



Madagascar Ibis by David Hoddinott

views and then a Pitta-like Ground Roller called nearby. As we sought out the Pitta-like, I caught movement in the undergrowth and to my surprise spotted a Scaly Ground Roller which after some effort showed well for all. After a little coaxing the Pitta-like obliged and came closer and suddenly there was a flurry of movement and there was not one or two Pitta-like but four. What a treat! All three ground rollers found in just twenty minutes; a tour leader's dream come true. I couldn't have scripted it

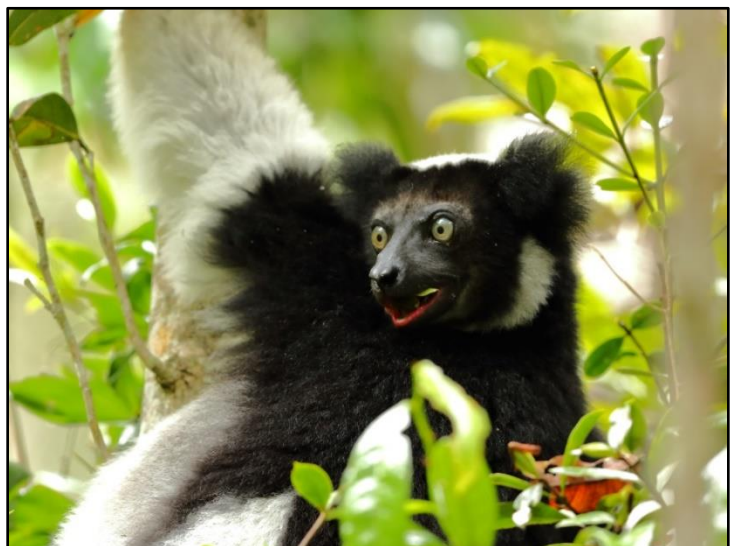


Rufous-headed Ground Roller by David Hoddinott

better. Our excitement was clearly evident and high fives went all around. A sudden hush though as Madagascan Pygmy Kingfisher darted by and luckily landed not far away, allowing for splendid scope views. Further exploration of forest trails yielded a magnificent pair of Cuckoo Roller, very vocal Tylas Vanga, Ward's Flycatcher, lovely White-throated Oxylabes, tricky Wedge-tailed Jery, Nelicourvi Weaver, fabulous Blue Coua, a splendid pair of Madagascan Ibis and a brief Madagascan Starling.

Since we'd seen many of our key forest targets already, we had the opportunity to visit the fabulous Iaroka Forest. This year we were able to drive closer to the forest and so the walk was not too long. This mossy forest is superb and a number of species seem more common here than at other forest patches around Perinet. Notable sightings included Madagascan Spinetail, migrant Broad-billed Roller, a stunning male Velvet Asity, and beautiful Common Sunbird-Asity, confiding Nuthatch Vanga, Dark Newtonia, Madagascan Cuckooshrike, Cryptic Warbler, and lovely Forest Rock Thrush. The undoubted highlight though was having fantastic views of the magnificent Helmet Vanga, one of the great birds of the World! On our return trip to Perinet, we visited a small marsh where we lucked out with splendid views of Madagascan Rail.

The next morning, we went in search of the iconic lemur, Indri, which put on a phenomenal show. We watched a small family group which was seen at eye-level and then whilst we were taking photos they proceeded to call just metres from us. It was an incredible experience that will stay with us forever. Other key species seen today included the two tricky couas, Red-fronted Coua and Red-breasted Coua which both showed very well, superb Rufous-headed Ground Roller which after some time gave good views for all, White-headed Vanga and strange Crossley's Vanga which used to be considered a babbler. In the afternoon, a few adventurous birders went in search of some swamp-dwelling species. We termed ourselves the swamp rats and after exploring the marsh where I fell in crossing a particularly muddy spot, we located some great birds.



Indri by David Hoddinott

These included Madagascar Partridge – a lucky find, Madagascar Buttonquail, several Madagascar Snipe and Grey Emutail.

On our final morning in the rainforest, we returned to Mantadia, where we enjoyed great views of the low-density Henst's Goshawk, a superb Hook-billed Vanga, Madagascar Grebe and a family of Black-and-white Ruffed Lemur. On the drive back to our lodge, we enjoyed further views of a family of Indri.



Running Coua by David Hoddinott

After lunch, those willing to head out in the rain were rewarded with a Madagascar Owl at its day roost.

Leaving the rainforest, we travelled back to Tana. En route, we stopped to photograph some rice planting and happened across a group of Greater Painted-snipe, a nice bonus! In the afternoon, we visited the Tsimbazaza Zoo. Here, we enjoyed good views of Madagascar Hoopoe, Malagasy Turtle Dove, and beautiful Malagasy Kingfisher. It was also an opportunity to see some of the mammals we were unlikely to see on the trip and take more photos of these adorable creatures.

It was then time to travel to Tulear and on to the Spiny Forest at Ifaty. Unfortunately, our flight was delayed and we were not able to get in much birding today, however, we still managed to see a flock of Lesser Flamingos just before nightfall, en route to our lovely lodge. Over dinner, we discussed plans for the exciting day ahead which was exploring the quaint and unique Spiny Forest.

Early the next morning, we drove a short distance into the forest and met up with our local guides before venturing into this wonderful area. Walking along the sandy tracks we located a splendid pair of Madagascar Sparrowhawk – actually much rarer than field guides suggest, Subdesert Mesite seen nesting, a stunning Running Coua, Madagascar Nightjar at a day roost, magnificent Long-tailed Ground Roller, Lafresnaye's and bizarre Sickle-billed Vanga, Archbold's Newtonia and Thamnornis. After a wonderful early morning birding as well as opportunities to photograph the Baobabs, Didiera and other quaint plants, we visited the local salt pans.



Madagascar Plover by David Hoddinott

Here, we found a confiding Madagascar Plover as well as several White-fronted Plover and Madagascar Lark. Returning to our hotel, we enjoyed scope views of Greater Vasa Parrot in the carpark. In the afternoon, we returned to the Spiny Forest for further photographic opportunities and

also had good scope views of Madagascan Green Pigeon. In the evening, Grey Mouse Lemurs came down to feed on bananas, right next to our dining table, giving outstanding views.

The following morning, we departed early for the drive to Tulear where upon arrival we took a boat trip out to the island of Nosy Ve. Here, we had good views of a flock of eight Crab-plovers and elegant Red-tailed Tropicbirds which were nesting. In the heat of the day, we relaxed at a beachside restaurant where we had a tasty fish & chips lunch and found yet another endemic, Littoral Rock Thrush.

Returning to Tulear, we were able to rest a little in the early afternoon. Once it cooled down, we



Verreaux's Coua by David Hoddinott

ventured out to an area of Coral rag scrub, while driving along, I spotted a Verreaux's Coua which showed well for all. Next, we tracked down a pair of Red-shouldered Vanga which proved elusive but eventually gave great views and finally, a Red-capped Coua allowed close approach as he froze in his habit of trying to avoid detection. The end of yet another fabulous day in Madagascar!

Our return flight to Tana the next day, was scheduled for midday, which allowed us time for early morning birding. We tried in vain to find Madagascan Sandgrouse but did seek out a superb Baillon's Crake, Little

Stint, Little Grebe and a flock of Grey-headed Lovebirds. Thereafter, we flew back to Tana and enjoyed another wonderful evening at our now familiar comfortable hotel.

The next morning, we were supposed to have an early flight to Fort Dauphin. As usual, there was a delay and we ended up getting to Berenty after dark. During dinner though, a pair of White-browed Owls welcomed us, and we enjoyed great views of this lovely owl. After dinner, we went on a very productive night walk where we noted Warty Chameleon, Grey Mouse Lemur, White-footed Sportive Lemur, and Torotoroka Scops Owl.

Our full day at Berenty was superb as we found the Madagascan Sandgrouse which had eluded us earlier, a superb Madagascan Cuckoo, Giant Coua, France's Sparrowhawk, day roosts of both owls and of course the lemurs. We had cracking views of "Dancing Sifaka", the Verreaux's Sifaka as they cross open areas. Ring-tailed Lemurs and Red-fronted Brown Lemurs also showed



Ring-tailed Lemur by David Hoddinott

particularly well, giving us multiple photographic opportunities. We also located a splendid Madagascan Ground Boa. The following morning, we had more time to explore the gallery forest where we found a pair of Hook-billed Vanga nest building and one of the pair was seen eating a snake,

before making our way to Fort Dauphin and then an onward flight to Tana. We returned to our hotel where we enjoyed a delicious final dinner and celebrated our wonderful adventure over a few beers and glass of wine. We reminisced our wonderful sightings over the last two weeks which seem to have flown by.

And so ended this fabulous adventure! We travelled to Tana airport in order to catch our international flights home. Thanks must go to our wonderful, enthusiastic and fun guests, great site guides, as well as a superb ground operations team. We hope to see you on another fabulous adventure soon!



Verreaux's Sifaka by David Hoddinott



Hook-billed Vanga with prey by David Hoddinott

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 (154 in total: 153 seen, 1 heard)

Nomenclature and taxonomy follows Gill, F and D Donsker (Eds). 2019. IOC World Bird List (v 9.1).

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

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

Ducks, Geese & Swans Anatidae

White-faced Whistling Duck *Dendrocygna viduata*
(3) 500 Antananarivo--Alarobia Lake 12.10, 100 Antananarivo 19.10 and 6 Ifaty--Salt pans 22.10.

Knob-billed Duck *Sarkidiornis melanotos*
(2) 2 Antananarivo--Alarobia Lake 12.10 and 3 Antananarivo 19.10.

Hottentot Teal *Spatula hottentota*
(2) 5 Antananarivo--Alarobia Lake 12.10 and 7 Antananarivo 19.10.

Meller's Duck (EN) *Anas melleri*
(1) 8 Antananarivo--Alarobia Lake 12.10.

Red-billed Teal *Anas erythrorhyncha*
(5) 1000 Antananarivo--Alarobia Lake 12.10, 7 Antananarivo--Alarobia Lake 13.10, 2 Analamazoatra SR 16.10, 2 en route 17.10 and 1000 Antananarivo 19.10.

Guineafowl Numididae

Helmeted Guineafowl *Numida meleagris*
(2) 30 Berenty Reserve 24.10 and 20 Berenty Reserve 25.10.

Pheasants, Grouse, and Allies Phasianidae

Madagascan Partridge *Margaroperdix madagarensis*
(1) 2 Analamazoatra SR 16.10.

Grebes Podicipedidae

Little Grebe *Tachybaptus ruficollis capensis*
(1) 1 Ifaty--Salt pans 22.10.

Madagascan Grebe (VU) *Tachybaptus pelzelni*
(1) 1 en route 17.10.

Flamingos Phoenicopteridae

Lesser Flamingo (NT) *Phoeniconaias minor*
(2) 30 Ifaty 19.10 and 30 Ifaty--Salt pans 22.10.

Tropicbirds Phaethontidae

Red-tailed Tropicbird *Phaethon rubricauda rubricauda*
(1) 12 Nosy Ve Is. 21.10.

Ibises, Spoonbills *Threskiornithidae***Madagascan Ibis (NT)***Lophotibis cristata*

(1) 2 en route 14.10.

Hérons, Egrets, and Bitterns *Ardeidae***Black-crowned Night Heron***Nycticorax nycticorax nycticorax*

(4) 100 Antananarivo--Alarobia Lake 12.10, 50 en route 18.10, 50 Antananarivo 19.10 and 1 Berenty Reserve 24.10.

Striated Heron*Butorides striata rutenbergi*

(4) 1 Antananarivo--Alarobia Lake 13.10, 1 en route 17.10, 2 en route 18.10 and 1 Ifaty 20.10.

Squacco Heron*Ardeola ralloides*

(3) 50 Antananarivo--Alarobia Lake 12.10, 10 en route 18.10 and 20 Antananarivo 19.10.

Malagasy Pond Heron (EN)*Ardeola idae*

(2) 3 Antananarivo--Alarobia Lake 12.10 and 3 Antananarivo 19.10.

Western Cattle Egret*Bubulcus ibis*

(8) 50 Antananarivo--Alarobia Lake 12.10, 50 Analamazoatra SR 16.10, 100 en route 18.10, 200 Antananarivo 19.10, 2 Ifaty--Salt pans 22.10 and up to 500 Berenty Reserve 23-25.10.

Humblot's Heron (EN)*Ardea humbloti*

(1) 1 Antananarivo 19.10.

Purple Heron*Ardea purpurea madagascariensis*

(3) 1 Analamazoatra SR 13.10, 1 Analamazoatra SR 16.10 and 2 en route 18.10.

Great Egret*Ardea alba melanorhynchos*

(6) 2 Antananarivo--Alarobia Lake 12.10, 2 Analamazoatra SR 13.10, 1 Analamazoatra SR 16.10, 3 en route 18.10, 2 Antananarivo 19.10 and 2 Berenty Reserve 23.10.

Black Heron*Egretta ardesiaca*

(4) 30 Antananarivo--Alarobia Lake 12.10, 10 Analamazoatra SR 13.10, 20 en route 18.10 and 20 Antananarivo 19.10.

Dimorphic Egret*Egretta dimorpha*

(8) 40 Antananarivo--Alarobia Lake 12.10, 100 en route 18.10, 200 Antananarivo 19.10, 3 Ifaty 20.10, 4 Nosy Ve Is. 21.10 and up to 10 Berenty Reserve 23-25.10.

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

(3) 4 Antananarivo 13.10, 3 en route 18.10 and 1 Berenty Reserve 23.10.

Kites, Hawks & Eagles *Accipitridae***Madagascan Harrier-Hawk***Polyboroides radiatus*

(1) 1 heard en route 15.10.

Frances's Sparrowhawk*Accipiter francesiae francesiae*

(2) 1 en route 18.10 and 2 Berenty Reserve 24.10.

Madagascan Sparrowhawk (NT)*Accipiter madagascariensis*

(1) 2 Ifaty 20.10.

Henst's Goshawk (NT)*Accipiter henstii*

(2) 1 heard Analamazoatra SR 16.10 and 1 en route 17.10.

Black Kite*Milvus migrans*

(1) 2 Berenty Reserve 24.10.

Yellow-billed Kite*Milvus aegyptius parasitus*

(6) 4 Analamazoatra SR 16.10, 1 Antananarivo 19.10, 2 Toliara (Tulear) 21.10, 2 Toliara (Tulear) 22.10, 10 Berenty Reserve 24.10 and 1 Berenty Reserve 25.10.

Madagascan Buzzard*Buteo brachypterus*

(5) 2 en route 14.10, 1 en route 15.10, 1 heard Analamazoatra SR 16.10, 1 Ifaty 20.10 and 1 Toliara--La Table 21.10.

Mesites Mesitornithidae**Subdesert Mesite (VU)***Monias benschi*

(1) 1 Ifaty 20.10.

Flufftails Sarothruridae**Madagascan Wood Rail***Canirallus kioloides*

(1) 1 Analamazoatra SR 13.10.

Madagascan Flufftail*Sarothrura insularis*

(5) 1 Analamazoatra SR 13.10, 1 heard Analamazoatra SR 14.10, 1 en route 15.10, 1 heard Analamazoatra SR 16.10 and 1 heard en route 17.10.

Rails, Crakes & Coots Rallidae**Madagascan Rail (VU)***Rallus madagascariensis*

(1) 1 en route 15.10.

White-throated Rail*Dryolimnas cuvieri cuvieri*

(5) 2 Antananarivo--Alarobia Lake 12.10, 1 Analamazoatra SR 13.10, 1 Analamazoatra SR 14.10, 2 Analamazoatra SR 16.10 and 1 Antananarivo 19.10.

Baillon's Crake*Porzana pusilla intermedia*

(1) 1 Ifaty--Salt pans 22.10.

Common Moorhen*Gallinula chloropus pyrrhorhoa*

(5) 15 Antananarivo--Alarobia Lake 12.10, 2 Analamazoatra SR 13.10, 1 Analamazoatra SR 16.10, 1 en route 17.10 and 6 Antananarivo 19.10.

Buttonquails Turnicidae**Madagascan Buttonquail***Turnix nigricollis*

(3) 2 Analamazoatra SR 16.10, 1 Berenty Reserve 24.10 and 1 Berenty Reserve 25.10.

Crab-plover Dromadidae**Crab-plover***Dromas ardeola*

(1) 8 Nosy Ve Is. 21.10.

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

(2) 12 Ifaty 19.10 and 12 Ifaty--Salt pans 22.10.

Plovers and Lapwings Charadriidae**Grey Plover***Pluvialis squatarola squatarola*

(1) 6 Nosy Ve Is. 21.10.

Common Ringed Plover*Charadrius hiaticula tundrae*

(2) 1 Ifaty 20.10 and 1 Ifaty--Salt pans 22.10.

Madagascan Plover (VU)*Charadrius thoracicus*

(1) 1 Ifaty 20.10.

Kittlitz's Plover*Charadrius pecuarius*

(4) 1 Antananarivo 19.10, 6 Ifaty 20.10, 10 Ifaty--Salt pans 22.10 and 6 Berenty Reserve 24.10.

Three-banded Plover*Charadrius tricollaris bifrontatus*

(2) 2 en route 18.10 and 1 Toliara (Tulear) 22.10.

White-fronted Plover*Charadrius marginatus tenellus*

(1) 4 Ifaty 20.10.

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

(2) 5 en route 18.10 and 1 Toliara (Tulear) 22.10.

Sandpipers and Allies Scolopacidae**Whimbrel***Numenius phaeopus*

(2) 1 Ifaty 20.10 and 5 Nosy Ve Is. 21.10.

Ruddy Turnstone*Arenaria interpres interpres*

(2) 4 Ifaty 20.10 and 20 Nosy Ve Is. 21.10.

Curlew Sandpiper*Calidris ferruginea*

(2) 8 Ifaty 20.10 and 3 Ifaty--Salt pans 22.10.

Sanderling*Calidris alba alba*

(1) 8 Nosy Ve Is. 21.10.

Little Stint*Calidris minuta*

(1) 2 Ifaty--Salt pans 22.10.

Madagascan Snipe (VU)*Gallinago macrodactyla*

(1) 5 en route 16.10.

Common Sandpiper*Actitis hypoleucos*

(2) 1 en route 18.10 and 1 Ifaty 20.10.

Common Greenshank*Tringa nebularia*

(4) 2 Ifaty 20.10, 1 Ifaty--Salt pans 22.10, 25 Berenty Reserve 24.10 and 3 Berenty Reserve 25.10.

Gulls, Terns & Skimmers Laridae**Greater Crested Tern***Thalasseus bergii thalassinus*

(1) 2 Nosy Ve Is. 21.10.

Lesser Crested Tern*Thalasseus bengalensis bengalensis*

(1) 40 Nosy Ve Is. 21.10.

Sandgrouse Pteroclididae**Madagascan Sandgrouse***Pterocles personatus*

(1) 2 Berenty Reserve 24.10.

Pigeons and Doves Columbidae**Rock Dove***Columba livia var. domestica*

(6) 3 en route 15.10, 3 Analamazoatra SR 16.10, 6 en route 18.10, 6 Toliara (Tulear) 19.10, 10 Toliara (Tulear) 21.10 and 5 Toliara (Tulear) 22.10.

Malagasy Turtle Dove*Nesoenas picturatus picturatus*

(5) 1 heard Analamazoatra SR 14.10, 5 en route 18.10, 1 Ifaty 20.10, 2 Berenty Reserve 24.10 and 2 Berenty Reserve 25.10.

Namaqua Dove*Oena capensis aliena*

(4) 8 Ifaty 20.10, 3 Nosy Ve Is. 21.10, 6 Toliara (Tulear) 22.10 and 6 Berenty Reserve 25.10.

Madagascar Green Pigeon*Treron australis*

(2) 1 Ifaty 20.10 and 3 Berenty Reserve 24.10.

Madagascar Blue Pigeon*Alectroenas madagascariensis*

(4) 2 Analamazoatra SR 13.10, 15 en route 15.10, 6 en route 17.10 and 2 Analamazoatra SR 18.10.

Cuckoos Cuculidae**Malagasy Coucal***Centropus toulou toulou*

(10) 2 Antananarivo--Alarobia Lake 12.10, 2 Analamazoatra SR 13.10, 2 en route 15.10, 2 Analamazoatra SR 16.10, 1 heard en route 17.10, 2 Ifaty 20.10, 1 Nosy Ve Is. 21.10, 1 Toliara (Tulear) 22.10, 3 Berenty Reserve 24.10 and 2 Berenty Reserve 25.10.

Crested Coua*Coua cristata*

(3) 3 Ifaty 20.10, 4 Berenty Reserve 24.10 and 2 Berenty Reserve 25.10.

Verreaux's Coua (NT)*Coua verreauxi*

(1) 1 Toliara--La Table 21.10.

Blue Coua*Coua caerulea*

(5) 1 Analamazoatra SR 13.10, 1 Analamazoatra SR 14.10, 3 en route 15.10, 1 Analamazoatra SR 16.10 and 1 heard en route 17.10.

Red-capped Coua*Coua ruficeps*

(1) 1 Toliara--La Table 21.10.

Red-fronted Coua*Coua reynaudii*

(2) 1 heard Analamazoatra SR 14.10 and 2 Analamazoatra SR 16.10.

Running Coua*Coua cursor*

(1) 1 Ifaty 20.10.

Giant Coua*Coua gigas*

(1) 3 Berenty Reserve 24.10.

Red-breasted Coua*Coua serriana*

(2) 1 heard Analamazoatra SR 14.10 and 1 Analamazoatra SR 16.10.

Madagascar Cuckoo*Cuculus rochii*

(7) 3 heard Analamazoatra SR 13.10, 1 heard Analamazoatra SR 14.10, 1 heard en route 15.10, 1 Analamazoatra SR 16.10, 1 heard en route 17.10, 1 heard Ifaty 20.10 and 1 Berenty Reserve 24.10.

Owls Strigidae**Torotoroka Scops Owl***Otus madagascariensis*

(2) 1 Berenty Reserve 23.10 and 2 Berenty Reserve 24.10.

Rainforest Scops Owl*Otus rutilus*

(2) 1 Analamazoatra SR 13.10 and 1 heard Analamazoatra SR 14.10.

White-browed Owl*Athene superciliaris*

(3) Up to 3 Berenty Reserve 23-25.10.

Madagascar Owl*Asio madagascariensis*

(1) 1 en route 17.10.

Nightjars and Allies Caprimulgidae**Collared Nightjar***Gactornis enarratus*

(1) 1 Analamazoatra SR 13.10.

Madagascan Nightjar*Caprimulgus madagascariensis madagascariensis*

(6) 2 Analamazoatra SR 14.10, 1 en route 18.10, 3 Ifaty 20.10, 1 Toliara (Tulear) 21.10, 1 Berenty Reserve 23.10 and 1 Berenty Reserve 24.10.

Swifts Apodidae**Madagascan Spinetail***Zoonavena grandidieri grandidieri*

(4) 3 Analamazoatra SR 13.10, 5 en route 15.10, 2 Analamazoatra SR 16.10 and 2 en route 17.10.

African Palm Swift*Cypsiurus parvus gracilis*

(3) 3 Analamazoatra SR 13.10, 4 en route 18.10 and 2 Ifaty 20.10.

Malagasy Black Swift*Apus balstoni balstoni*

(3) 3 Analamazoatra SR 13.10, 1 Antananarivo 19.10 and 20 Toliara (Tulear) 22.10.

Little Swift*Apus affinis affinis*

(1) 20 Analamazoatra SR 13.10.

Cuckoo-Roller Leptosomidae**Cuckoo Roller***Leptosomus discolor discolor*

(4) 2 Analamazoatra SR 14.10, 1 heard en route 15.10, 1 Analamazoatra SR 16.10 and 1 heard en route 17.10.

Rollers Coraciidae**Broad-billed Roller***Eurystomus glaucurus glaucurus*

(6) 3 en route 15.10, 1 Analamazoatra SR 16.10, 4 en route 17.10, 2 en route 18.10, 10 Berenty Reserve 24.10 and 6 Berenty Reserve 25.10.

Ground-Rollers Brachypteraciidae**Short-legged Ground Roller (VU)***Brachypteracias leptosomus*

(1) 1 Analamazoatra SR 14.10.

Scaly Ground Roller (VU)*Geobiastes squamiger*

(1) 2 Analamazoatra SR 14.10.

Pitta-like Ground Roller*Atelornis pittoides*

(2) 4 Analamazoatra SR 14.10 and 1 Analamazoatra SR 16.10.

Rufous-headed Ground Roller (NT)*Atelornis crossleyi*

(1) 1 Analamazoatra SR 16.10.

Long-tailed Ground Roller (VU)*Uratelornis chimaera*

(1) 1 Ifaty 20.10.

Kingfishers Alcedinidae**Madagascan Pygmy Kingfisher***Corythornis madagascariensis*

(2) 1 Analamazoatra SR 14.10 and 1 en route 17.10.

Malagasy Kingfisher*Corythornis vintsioides vintsioides*

(7) 3 Antananarivo--Alarobia Lake 12.10, 1 Analamazoatra SR 13.10, 1 en route 15.10, 1 Analamazoatra SR 16.10, 2 en route 18.10, 1 Antananarivo 19.10 and 1 Berenty Reserve 23.10.

Bee-eaters Meropidae**Olive Bee-eater***Merops superciliosus superciliosus*

(8) 1 Analamazoatra SR 13.10, 2 Analamazoatra SR 14.10, 2 en route 17.10, 2 en route 18.10, 3 Ifaty 20.10, 1 Toliara--La Table 21.10, 3 Toliara (Tulear) 22.10 and 1 Berenty Reserve 24.10.

Hoopoes *Upupidae***Madagascan Hoopoe***Upupa marginata*

(3) 1 en route 18.10, 1 Ifaty 20.10 and 1 Berenty Reserve 25.10.

Falcons and Caracaras *Falconidae***Malagasy Kestrel***Falco newtoni newtoni*

(8) 1 Antananarivo--Alarobia Lake 12.10, 1 Analamazoatra SR 13.10, 1 en route 17.10, 3 en route 18.10, 2 Antananarivo 19.10, 4 Ifaty 20.10, 10 Berenty Reserve 24.10 and 5 Berenty Reserve 25.10.

Old World Parrots *Psittaculidae***Greater Vasa Parrot***Coracopsis vasa*

(1) 1 Ifaty 20.10.

Lesser Vasa Parrot*Coracopsis nigra*

(6) 3 Analamazoatra SR 14.10, 6 en route 15.10, 2 Analamazoatra SR 16.10, 3 Ifaty 20.10, 6 Berenty Reserve 24.10 and 4 Berenty Reserve 25.10.

Grey-headed Lovebird*Agapornis canus*

(3) 7 Ifaty--Salt pans 22.10, 12 Berenty Reserve 24.10 and 6 Berenty Reserve 25.10.

Broadbills *Eurylaimidae***Velvet Asity***Philepitta castanea*

(1) 1 en route 15.10.

Common Sunbird-Asity*Neodrepanis coruscans*

(2) 1 en route 15.10 and 1 Analamazoatra SR 16.10.

Vangas *Vangidae***Red-tailed Vanga***Calicalicus madagascariensis*

(5) 3 Analamazoatra SR 14.10, 2 en route 15.10, 2 Analamazoatra SR 16.10, 2 en route 17.10 and 1 Ifaty 20.10.

Red-shouldered Vanga (VU)*Calicalicus rufocarpalis*

(1) 2 Toliara--La Table 21.10.

Hook-billed Vanga*Vanga curvirostris*

(3) 1 en route 17.10, 2 Ifaty 20.10 and 2 Berenty Reserve 25.10.

Lafresnaye's Vanga*Xenopirostris xenopirostris*

(1) 1 Ifaty 20.10.

Sickle-billed Vanga*Falculea palliata*

(1) 4 Ifaty 20.10.

White-headed Vanga*Artamella viridis*

(1) 1 Analamazoatra SR 16.10.

Chabert Vanga*Leptopterus chabert*

(5) 3 Analamazoatra SR 13.10, 2 Analamazoatra SR 14.10, 4 Analamazoatra SR 16.10, 2 en route 18.10 and 6 Ifaty 20.10.

Blue Vanga*Cyanolanius madagascarinus madagascarinus*

(4) 2 Analamazoatra SR 14.10, 2 en route 15.10, 2 Analamazoatra SR 16.10 and 2 en route 17.10.

Helmet Vanga (VU)*Euryceros prevostii*

(1) 2 en route 15.10.

Tylas Vanga*Tylas eduardi*

(4) 2 Analamazoatra SR 14.10, 1 heard en route 15.10, 1 Analamazoatra SR 16.10 and 1 heard en route 17.10.

Nuthatch Vanga*Hypositta corallirostris*

(2) 1 en route 15.10 and 1 heard en route 17.10.

Dark Newtonia*Newtonia amphichroa*

(1) 1 en route 15.10.

Common Newtonia*Newtonia brunneicauda*

(6) 2 Analamazoatra SR 13.10, 3 Analamazoatra SR 14.10, 2 en route 15.10, 2 en route 17.10, 4 Ifaty 20.10 and 2 Toliara--La Table 21.10.

Archbold's Newtonia*Newtonia archboldi*

(1) 1 Ifaty 20.10.

Ward's Flycatcher*Pseudobias wardi*

(3) 1 Analamazoatra SR 13.10, 1 Analamazoatra SR 14.10 and 2 en route 17.10.

Crossley's Vanga*Mystacornis crossleyi*

(1) 1 Analamazoatra SR 16.10.

Cuckoo-shrikes *Campephagidae***Madagascar Cuckooshrike***Cebilepyris cinereus*

(3) 2 Analamazoatra SR 14.10, 2 en route 15.10 and 1 Analamazoatra SR 16.10.

Drongos *Dicruridae***Crested Drongo***Dicrurus forficatus forficatus*

(12) 1 Analamazoatra SR 13.10, 1 Analamazoatra SR 14.10, 3 en route 15.10, 4 Analamazoatra SR 16.10, 3 en route 17.10, 2 en route 18.10, 4 Ifaty 20.10, 6 Toliara--La Table 21.10, 5 Toliara (Tulear) 22.10 and up to 6 Berenty Reserve 23-25.10.

Monarchs *Monarchidae***Malagasy Paradise Flycatcher***Terpsiphone mutata mutata*

(8) 1 Analamazoatra SR 13.10, 5 Analamazoatra SR 14.10, 2 en route 15.10, 2 Analamazoatra SR 16.10, 3 en route 17.10, 3 Ifaty 20.10, 6 Berenty Reserve 24.10 and 2 Berenty Reserve 25.10.

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

(7) 2 Analamazoatra SR 13.10, 6 Ifaty 20.10, 10 Toliara (Tulear) 21.10, 10 Toliara (Tulear) 22.10 and up to 20 Berenty Reserve 23-25.10.

Larks *Alaudidae***Madagascar Lark***Eremopterix hova*

(5) 2 Ifaty 20.10, 2 Toliara--La Table 21.10, 6 Toliara (Tulear) 22.10, 2 Berenty Reserve 24.10 and 2 Berenty Reserve 25.10.

Bulbuls *Pycnonotidae***Malagasy Bulbul***Hypsipetes madagascariensis madagascariensis*

(10) 10 Analamazoatra SR 13.10, 20 Analamazoatra SR 14.10, 20 en route 15.10, 10 Analamazoatra SR 16.10, 10 en route 17.10, 3 Antananarivo 19.10, 3 Ifaty 20.10, 2 Ifaty 21.10, 10 Berenty Reserve 24.10 and 3 Berenty Reserve 25.10.

Swallows *Hirundinidae***Mascarene Martin***Phedina borbonica madagascariensis*

(6) 4 Antananarivo--Alarobia Lake 12.10, 3 Analamazoatra SR 13.10, 25 en route 18.10, 10 Antananarivo 19.10, 6 Toliara (Tulear) 22.10 and 6 Antananarivo 25.10.

Brown-throated Martin*Riparia paludicola cowani*

(2) 6 en route 15.10 and 10 en route 18.10.

Reed warblers and allies *Acrocephalidae***Malagasy Brush Warbler***Nesillas typica*

(8) 1 Antananarivo--Alarobia Lake 12.10, 1 heard Analamazoatra SR 13.10, 2 Analamazoatra SR 14.10, 1 heard en route 15.10, 1 Analamazoatra SR 16.10, 1 en route 17.10, 1 heard en route 18.10 and 1 heard Antananarivo 19.10.

Subdesert Brush Warbler*Nesillas lantzii*

(2) 2 Ifaty 20.10 and 1 Anakao 21.10.

Madagascan Swamp Warbler*Acrocephalus newtoni*

(4) 1 Antananarivo--Alarobia Lake 12.10, 1 heard en route 15.10, 1 heard Antananarivo 19.10 and 1 heard Ifaty--Salt pans 22.10.

Grassbirds and allies *Locustellidae***Grey Emutail***Bradypterus seebohmi*

(1) 1 Analamazoatra SR 16.10.

Madagascan Warblers *Bernieridae***White-throated Oxylobes***Oxylobes madagascariensis*

(1) 2 Analamazoatra SR 14.10.

Long-billed Bernieria*Bernieria madagascariensis*

(3) 1 Analamazoatra SR 14.10, 2 en route 15.10 and 1 Analamazoatra SR 16.10.

Cryptic Warbler*Cryptosylvicola randrianasoloi*

(1) 3 en route 15.10.

Wedge-tailed Jery*Hartertula flavoviridis*

(1) 2 Analamazoatra SR 14.10.

Thamnornis*Thamnornis chloropetoides*

(1) 1 Ifaty 20.10.

Spectacled Tetraka*Xanthomixis zosterops*

(1) 1 Analamazoatra SR 14.10.

Rand's Warbler*Randia pseudozosterops*

(3) 1 Analamazoatra SR 14.10, 1 en route 15.10 and 1 heard Analamazoatra SR 16.10.

Cisticolas and allies *Cisticolidae***Common Jery***Neomixis tenella*

(5) 1 Antananarivo--Alarobia Lake 12.10, 1 heard en route 18.10, 8 Ifaty 20.10, 2 Toliara--La Table 21.10 and 2 Berenty Reserve 24.10.

Green Jery*Neomixis viridis*

(3) 2 Analamazoatra SR 14.10, 1 en route 15.10 and 2 Analamazoatra SR 16.10.

Stripe-throated Jery*Neomixis striatigula*

(6) 3 Analamazoatra SR 14.10, 6 en route 15.10, 2 Analamazoatra SR 16.10, 1 heard en route 17.10, 1 Ifaty 20.10 and 6 Toliara--La Table 21.10.

Madagascan Cisticola*Cisticola cherina*

(5) 6 Analamazoatra SR 16.10, 1 Toliara (Tulear) 19.10, 2 Nosy Ve Is. 21.10, 10 Toliara (Tulear) 22.10 and 1 Berenty Reserve 24.10.

White-eyes Zosteropidae**Malagasy White-eye***Zosterops maderaspatanus maderaspatanus*

(6) 1 heard Analamazoatra SR 13.10, 10 Analamazoatra SR 14.10, 2 Analamazoatra SR 16.10, 3 en route 17.10, 2 Antananarivo 19.10 and 1 heard Berenty Reserve 24.10.

Starlings Sturnidae**Common Myna***Acridotheres tristis tristis*

(12) 20 Antananarivo--Alarobia Lake 12.10, 10 Analamazoatra SR 13.10, 2 Analamazoatra SR 16.10, 2 en route 17.10, 10 en route 18.10, 10 Antananarivo 19.10, 20 Ifaty 20.10, 10 Toliara (Tulear) 21.10, 20 Toliara (Tulear) 22.10 and up to 20 Berenty Reserve 23-25.10.

Madagascan Starling*Hartlaubius auratus*

(1) 1 Analamazoatra SR 14.10.

Chats, Old World Flycatchers Muscicapidae**Madagascan Magpie-Robin***Copsychus albospecularis*

(7) 1 Analamazoatra SR 13.10, 3 Analamazoatra SR 14.10, 1 heard en route 15.10, 4 Analamazoatra SR 16.10, 2 Ifaty 20.10, 4 Berenty Reserve 24.10 and 3 Berenty Reserve 25.10.

Littoral Rock Thrush*Monticola imerina*

(1) 1 Nosy Ve Is. 21.10.

Forest Rock Thrush*Monticola sharpei*

(1) 1 en route 15.10.

Madagascan Stonechat*Saxicola sibilla*

(6) 3 Analamazoatra SR 13.10, 1 Analamazoatra SR 14.10, 1 en route 15.10, 3 Analamazoatra SR 16.10, 2 en route 18.10 and 1 Antananarivo 19.10.

Sunbirds and Spiderhunters Nectariniidae**Souimanga Sunbird***Cinnyris sovimanga*

(8) 1 Analamazoatra SR 13.10, 4 Analamazoatra SR 14.10, 8 en route 15.10, 2 Analamazoatra SR 16.10, 4 en route 17.10, 6 Ifaty 20.10, 6 Toliara--La Table 21.10 and 3 Toliara (Tulear) 22.10.

Malagasy Green Sunbird*Cinnyris notatus notatus*

(5) 1 Analamazoatra SR 13.10, 1 Analamazoatra SR 14.10, 2 en route 15.10, 2 Analamazoatra SR 16.10 and 2 Ifaty 20.10.

Weavers, Widowbirds Ploceidae**Nelicourvi Weaver***Ploceus nelicourvi*

(3) 2 Analamazoatra SR 14.10, 1 Analamazoatra SR 16.10 and 2 en route 17.10.

Sakalava Weaver*Ploceus sakalava*

(4) 20 Ifaty 20.10, 50 Anakao 21.10, 20 Berenty Reserve 24.10 and 20 Berenty Reserve 25.10.

Red Fody*Foudia madagascariensis*

(9) 6 Antananarivo--Alarobia Lake 12.10, 2 Analamazoatra SR 13.10, 1 Analamazoatra SR 14.10, 20 en route 15.10, 50 Analamazoatra SR 16.10, 20 en route 18.10, 20 Antananarivo 19.10, 10 Anakao 21.10 and 2 Berenty Reserve 25.10.

Forest Fody*Foudia omissa*

(1) 1 Analamazoatra SR 16.10.

Waxbills, Munias and allies *Estrildidae***Madagascan Mannikin***Lepidopygia nana*

(4) 2 Antananarivo--Alarobia Lake 12.10, 20 Analamazoatra SR 16.10, 2 Antananarivo 19.10 and 6 Toliara (Tulear) 22.10.

Wagtails, Pipits *Motacillidae***Madagascan Wagtail***Motacilla flaviventris*

(6) 1 Analamazoatra SR 13.10, 2 Analamazoatra SR 14.10, 2 en route 15.10, 1 Analamazoatra SR 16.10, 1 en route 17.10 and 2 en route 18.10.

Mammals (18 in total: 18 seen)

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Lemurs *Lemuridae***Brown Lemur***Eulemur fulvus*

(3) 3 Analamazoatra SR 13.10, 6 Analamazoatra SR 14.10 and 10 Analamazoatra SR 16.10.

Red Brown Lemur*Eulemur rufus*

(1) 20 Berenty Reserve 24.10.

Eastern Lesser Bamboo Lemur*Hapalemur griseus*

(2) 2 Analamazoatra SR 13.10 and 2 en route 15.10.

Ring-tailed Lemur*Lemur catta*

(1) 50 Berenty Reserve 24.10.

Black-and-white Ruffed Lemur*Varecia variegata*

(2) 1 heard Analamazoatra SR 14.10 and 3 en route 17.10.

Sportive Lemurs *Lepilemuridae***Hubbard's Sportive Lemur***Lepilemur hubbardorum*

(1) 2 Ifaty 20.10.

White-footed Sportive Lemur*Lepilemur leucopus*

(2) 3 Berenty Reserve 23.10 and 6 Berenty Reserve 24.10.

Weasel Sportive Lemur*Lepilemur mustelinus*

(1) 2 Analamazoatra SR 14.10.

Dwarf and Mouse Lemurs *Cheirogaleidae***Geoffroy's Dwarf Lemur***Cheirogaleus major*

(3) 1 Analamazoatra SR 13.10, 1 Analamazoatra SR 14.10 and 2 Analamazoatra SR 16.10.

Grey-brown Mouse Lemur*Microcebus griseorufus*

(1) 3 Berenty Reserve 24.10.

Goodman's Mouse Lemur*Microcebus lehilahytsara*

(1) 1 Analamazoatra SR 14.10.

Grey Mouse-lemur*Microcebus murinus*

(2) 4 Ifaty 20.10 and 5 Berenty Reserve 23.10.

Indrid Lemurs, Sifakas *Indriidae***Indri***Indri indri*

(4) 1 heard Analamazoatra SR 14.10, 5 Analamazoatra SR 16.10, 3 en route 17.10 and 1 en route 18.10.

Diademed Sifaka*Propithecus diadema*

(2) 1 Analamazoatra SR 13.10 and 2 en route 15.10.

Verreaux's Sifaka*Propithecus verreauxi*

(1) 50 Berenty Reserve 24.10.

Climbing Mice, Rock Mice, White-tailed Rat, Malagasy Rats and Mice *Nesomyidae***Western Tuft-tailed Rat***Eliurus myoxinus*

(1) 2 Berenty Reserve 23.10.

Oceanic Dolphins *Delphinidae***Indo-pacific Bottlenose Dolphin***Tursiops aduncus*

(1) 10 Nosy Ve Is. 21.10.

Old World Fruit Bats *Pteropodidae***Madagascan Flying Fox***Pteropus rufus*

(1) 50 Berenty Reserve 24.10.

Reptiles (13 in total: 13 seen)

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Chameleons *Chamaeleonidae***Short-horned Chameleon***Calumma brevicorne*

(1) 1 en route 15.10.

Perinet Chameleon*Calumma gastrotaenia*

(1) 1 Analamazoatra SR 16.10.

Nose-horned Chameleon*Calumma nasutum*

(1) 2 Analamazoatra SR 14.10.

Parson's Chameleon*Calumma parsonii*

(2) 1 Analamazoatra SR 16.10 and 1 Analamazoatra SR 17.10.

Oustalet's Chameleon*Furcifer oustaleti*

(1) 3 Antananarivo 19.10.

Furcifer verrucosus*Furcifer verrucosus*

(1) 7 Berenty Reserve 24.10.

Iguanas *Iguanidae***Madagascar Iguana***Chalarodon madagascariensis*

(2) 2 Ifaty 20.10 and 1 Nosy Ve Is. 21.10.

Geckos *Gekkonidae***Striped Day Gecko***Phelsuma lineata*

(1) 2 Analamazoatra SR 14.10.

Modest Day Gecko

Phelsuma modesta

(1) 1 Ifaty 20.10.

Standing's Day Gecko

Phelsuma standingi

(1) 1 Ifaty 20.10.

Plated Lizards *Gerrhosauridae*

Madagascar Girdled Lizard

Zonosaurus madagascariensis

(1) 1 en route 17.10.

Boas *Boidae*

Madagascar Ground Boa

Acrantophis madagascariensis

(1) 1 Berenty Reserve 24.10.

Lamprophiidae *Lamprophiidae*

Lateral Water Snake

Thamnosophis lateralis

(1) 1 Analamazoatra SR 13.10.

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