

Kenya

Relaxed

1st March to 13th March 2023 (13 days)

Trip Report



White-throated Bee-eater by Gretchen Locy

Trip report compiled by Tour Leader: Nigel Redman

Tour Summary

Kenya is arguably the premier birding destination in Africa. Its wealth and diversity of habitats within a comparatively small area is legendary and ensures that you can't fail to get a big species list, even on a shorter tour. This new itinerary was no exception. In just 12 days of birding, we notched up over 400 species of birds and 45 mammals. The tried and tested route took in some of Kenya's best-known protected areas including Nairobi NP, Mt Kenya NP, Samburu/Buffalo Springs/Shaba NR, Lake Nakuru NP and the jewel in the crown, Maasai Mara NR. Most of the country was very dry this year but, apart from a curious lack of estrildids and some other smaller species, the birding was as good as it usually is. The Mara, on the other hand, had already received rainfall for a few weeks, and its stunning vistas were bright green and teeming with life.

There were too many highlights to single out just a few and, unsurprisingly, the most popular birds were the usual suspects of Lilac-breasted Roller, Superb Starling, Vulturine Guineafowl and Saddle-billed Stork. Colourful species are always popular, and we saw a good number of kingfishers, bee-eaters, turacos, barbets, starlings and sunbirds. We also found some of Kenya's endemics and special birds such as Hinde's Babbler and Jackson's Francolin. But, as usual in Kenya, the mammals were a very significant part of the tour. Every day we encountered large numbers of Kenya's megafauna, providing endless photographic opportunities. Zebras, giraffes, antelopes of every description, warthogs, monkeys, rhinos, elephants and hippos – we had amazing encounters with them all. For some of us, the dancing Somali Lesser Galagos were a highlight, as well as the delightful and diminutive Rufous Sengi. And the icing on the cake? Six Cheetahs, one Leopard and many Lions, some of which were awake!

Tour in Detail

Nairobi

The tour began in style with a full day in the superb Nairobi National Park. Having had no rain for months, the park was bone dry with very little true grassland, but it was teeming with animals which had come into the park for food and water. Herds of Plains Zebras, Hartebeest, Common Wildebeest, and Impala thronged the few dams that still had water, and even Buffalo and Giraffes came to drink. It was a photographer's paradise. A single Lion and no fewer than 8 White Rhinoceroses were noteworthy, but the birding was also excellent with about 120 species recorded for the day.



Plains Zebras by Nigel Redman

Specialities included Northern Pied Babbler, Long-tailed Fiscal and Shelley's Francolin. Highlights of the day were the scores of squabbling vultures at a trio of carcasses, a Nile Crocodile catching and eating an Olive Baboon, and a Kori Bustard in full display. But the rarest bird of the day was an obliging Black-winged Pratincole, a species that has only been seen on a handful of occasions in Kenya.

Mount Kenya

Leaving Nairobi, we headed north towards Mount Kenya. A long stop at Sagana was very fruitful with many new

birds for the trip, the best of which were two male white morph African Paradise Flycatchers, several Orange-breasted Bushshrikes, a Bearded Woodpecker and, best of all, a small party of the endangered and endemic Hinde's Babblers. In the afternoon we stopped at an area of rice fields. Most were very dry, but one wet pool was particularly productive with many African Openbills, African Swamphen and a wide range of other waterbirds. Eventually we reached Castle Forest, on the lower slopes of Mount Kenya, where an initial foray produced several montane specialities.



Kori Bustard displaying by Nigel Redman

Our first morning on Mount Kenya got off to a great start for some when a group of 4 Olive Ibises flew over at first light. When the light improved, we started clocking up a good range of montane species. A Little Sparrowhawk perched obligingly on top of a nearby tree, and other good birds included several Eastern Bronze-naped Pigeons and Red-fronted Parrots. The environs of the lodge gave us spectacular views over the extensive forests, and the summit of Mount Kenya was completely clear. The highlight of the morning was undoubtedly a Doherty's Bushshrike which showed well at close range, but briefly. The afternoon was predictably quieter, and at dusk the Olive Ibises were only heard.

On our final morning at Castle Forest, three Olive Ibises flew over, but rather distantly. The highlight of the early morning was a pair of Jackson's Francolins, at an unusually low altitude. After breakfast, we made our way around Mount Kenya towards Samburu, stopping only at the Equator and in Nanyuki.

Samburu/Buffalo Springs/Shaba



Black-winged Pratincole by Nigel Redman

Our first game drive into Samburu NR was highly productive. Despite the very dry conditions, there were birds in profusion, and we added a great many species to the list. Highlights included a large group of Vulturine Guineafowl, two immaculate Buff-crested Bustards, the localised Donaldson Smith's Sparrow-Weaver, and gorgeous White-throated Bee-eaters. The mammals did not disappoint either, with Gerenuks, Reticulated Giraffes, Grevy's Zebras and Beisa Oryx. We reached our superb lodge at sunset, and during dinner a variety of mammals came to drink at the dwindling waterhole.

On our first full day in Samburu, we enjoyed many great birds. Whydahs were notable, with Long-tailed Paradise, Straw-tailed and Steel-blue all being seen. Golden-breasted Starlings were crowd-pleasers as always, as were the many hornbills and a superb Red-and-yellow Barbet. The mammals stole the show, however, with brilliant encounters with Giraffes, African Elephants and a prufusion of ungulates.

A memorable highlight were three well-grown sibling Cheetahs resting in the shade of an acacia tree – and we had them to ourselves. But it was not just the larger mammals. We also saw a gorgeous long-snouted Rufous Sengi and had an amazing encounter with a pair of dancing Somali Lesser Galagos in broad daylight. At dusk, dozens of Lichtenstein's Sandgrouse came down to drink at the lodge's waterhole, and a cute Common Genet raided the coconut cake in the restaurant.



Vulturine Guineafowl by Nigel Redman

As we headed out of Samburu, we added a few new species including Great Spotted Cuckoo, Black-faced Sandgrouse, Rosy-patched Shrike and Fischer's Starling. Most of the day was spent in the adjoining Buffalo Springs NR where we saw African Cuckoo, Spotted Thick-knee, White-headed Mousebird and Somali Bunting. Later we headed over to Shaba for a night at the luxurious Sarova Lodge. We were greeted by a herd of 20 African Elephants in the river below the lodge.

As we left Shaba, a pair of Black-bellied Sunbirds showed well before we began the long drive to Nakuru. The



Red-and-yellow Barbet by Nigel Redman

engine of our Land Cruiser overheated on the Timau escarpment, forcing an unexpected birding stop. It was a good place to break down and we added several species to the list. Eventually the problem was solved, and we carried on. We stopped for Mackinder's Eagle Owl on the way, adding Little Rock Thrush as well.

Lake Nakuru

Our first game drive in Nakuru was quite busy, with new birds coming thick and fast. The mammals were good too, with large numbers of Waterbuck and African Buffalo. Two families of tiny Warthog piglets were a particular delight for some. As the last rays of

sunshine broke through the clouds, the massed flock of flamingos positively glowed. We reached our well-appointed accommodation at dusk, while it was still light enough to appreciate the spectacular views of Lake Nakuru.

In the morning, our breakfast was enlivened by many birds coming to drink at the little puddle outside the restaurant, with a few bold individuals even venturing inside. Highlights included Abyssinian Wheatear and White-fronted Bee-eater. The morning was spent driving around Lake Nakuru NP. Amongst the many birds seen, a party of Southern Ground Hornbills and a pair of Secretarybirds were perhaps the most appreciated. At the lakeshore, the thronged masses of wading and shore birds were a delight. A single Slender-billed Gull was notable. Other highlights in the park included a party of Coqui Francolins and two groups of three White Rhinos.

Maasai Mara

The long drive to the Mara was uneventful, but a few new species were added to the list at each of the two stops. The game drive into our lodge was fairly rapid, but a group of about 20 Temminck's Coursers were our first coursers of the trip.

Our first full day in the Mara was spectacular. New birds kept coming throughout the day, including Yellow-throated Sandgrouse and more Secretarybirds, but it was the mammals that stole the show. There were large animals in every direction. Big numbers of zebras, antelopes of many kinds, elephants and giraffes were standard fare, but it was the predators that stood out. After seeing a few healthy-looking Spotted Hyaenas, we encountered a lone Cheetah sitting bolt upright, surveying the landscape from a good vantage. Then we saw at least 15 Lions fast asleep in the bushes. They included several youngsters, one of which was nursing. As if that wasn't enough, next up was a Leopard, also flat out in the bushes, below the



Secretarybird by Nigel Redman



Lesser Flamingos at Lake Nakuru by Nigel Redman

remains of his night's kill (a warthog). To see all three large cats in a single game drive is no mean feat! It's called a 'cat-trick', I believe!

In the afternoon, we spent some time in the grounds of our wooded camp, and also made another game drive. This time we concentrated on the birds, and large numbers of lapwings (of four species), many Temminck's Coursers, some obliging Coqui Francolins, and a pair of displaying White-bellied Bustards were notable.

On our second day, we slowly headed west across the Mara, eventually reaching the Mara Triangle. On the way we enjoyed many new birds including Black-bellied Bustard, Sooty Chat and Rosy-throated Longclaw. Raptors were a prominent feature of the morning, especially eagles, and we notched up three species of snake eagle. Of particular note were five species of widowbirds in full breeding plumage, the most numerous being Jackson's. We then ascended the Oloololo escarpment where we saw Schalow's Turaco and Red-throated Wryneck. On the return journey, we found three Rufous-tailed Weavers, a species that was formerly a Tanzanian endemic until it was recently found just across the border in Kenya. Mammals were present in impressive numbers as always in the Mara, and we encountered more than 130 African Elephants, several Spotted Hyaenas and a superb Lion, awake and alert at the side of the road.



Saddle-billed Storks by Nigel Redman

The rest of our time in the Mara was spent closer to our lodge. We continued to add new birds to the list, including the much-desired Silverbird. We spent time with a magnificent pair of Saddle-billed Storks, and then

got stuck in a muddy creek. It took two land cruisers to pull us out! But, once again the mammals stole the show. We chanced upon two adult male Cheetahs (brothers), and they gave us spectacular close-up views.



Lilac-breasted Roller by Gretchen Locy

Later, on our way back to the lodge, we saw the same two Cheetahs, but this time they were hungry. They were stalking a small group of zebras, keeping hidden by walking down the road right past our vehicle. Then, after carefully surveying the situation they began a high-

speed chase, singling out the two zebra foals, but although they got within inches of the foals, they did not make a kill. But it was dramatic stuff, and a treat to watch a full hunt.



Cheetah chasing zebras by Gretchen Locy

Our final drive out of the Mara did not produce much of note, but we nevertheless saw a good many species. Outside the park, in an area of whistling thorn, we found a Karamoja Apalis which was the final new bird of the trip. This species was only found relatively recently in Kenya. At our lunch site, four species of sparrows were seen feeding together, but the afternoon was spent driving back to Nairobi. After 12 spectacular days, the tour came to an end. It had been a truly successful trip, with many memorable sightings of both birds and mammals.

Acknowledgements

Gretchen Locy kindly provided some of the images for this report, all taken during the tour. A huge debt of gratitude is due to our wonderful driver and guide, Lenard. His keen eyes got us some wonderful birds and mammals that we might otherwise have missed. His driving skills were also superlative (even when we got stuck in the river!).

Annotated List of species recorded

Note: The number in brackets at the beginning of each species entry indicates the number of days on the tour the species was recorded.

Birds (420 in total: 414 seen, 6 heard)

Nomenclature and taxonomy follow Gill, F., Donsker, D. & Rasmussen, P. (eds). 2022. IOC World Bird List (v 12.1). Doi 10.14344/IOC.ML.12.1.

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

IUCN codes: CR = Critically Endangered, EN = Endangered, VU = Vulnerable, NT = Near Threatened, DD = Data Deficient. **Abbreviations:** H = Heard only; NP = National Park; NR = National Reserve

Ostriches Struthionidae

Common Ostrich *Struthio camelus*

(3) 40 Nairobi NP 2.3, 1 Lake Nakuru NP 8.3 and 4 Maasai Mara NR 11.3.

Somali Ostrich (VU) *Struthio molybdophanes*

(3) Up to 4 Samburu NR 5–7.3 and 1 Buffalo Springs NR 7.3.

Ducks, Geese & Swans Anatidae

White-faced Whistling Duck *Dendrocygna viduata*

(1) 6 Mwea Ricefields 3.3.

Egyptian Goose *Alopochen aegyptiaca*

(8) 20 Nairobi NP 2.3, 10 Mwea Ricefields 3.3, 2 Shaba NR 7.3, 30 Lake Nakuru NP 8.3, 30 Lake Nakuru NP 9.3 and up to 20 Maasai Mara NR 10–12.3.

African Black Duck *Anas sparsa leucostigma*

(1) 1 seen briefly Mount Kenya NP 3.3.

Yellow-billed Duck *Anas undulata*

(1) 1 Nairobi NP 2.3.

Red-billed Teal *Anas erythrорhyncha*

(1) 2 Nairobi NP 2.3.

Guineafowl Numididae

Helmeted Guineafowl *Numida meleagris*

(9) 30 Nairobi NP 2.3, 20 Sagana 3.3, 150 Samburu NR 6.3, 30 Samburu NR 7.3, 30 Lake Nakuru NP 8.3, 30 Lake Nakuru NP 9.3 and up to 30 Maasai Mara NR 10–12.3.

Vulturine Guineafowl *Acryllium vulturinum*

(3) Up to 200 Samburu NR 5–7.3.

Pheasants & Allies Phasianidae

Crested Francolin *Ortygornis sephaena*

(4) 1 heard Sagana 3.3, 3 Samburu NR 6.3, 1 Buffalo Springs NR 7.3 and 1 heard Maasai Mara NR 13.3.

Coqui Francolin *Campocolinus coqui*

(2) 4 Lake Nakuru NP 9.3 and 3 Maasai Mara NR 10.3.

Shelley's Francolin *Scleroptila shelleyi*

(1) 3 Nairobi NP 2.3.

Jackson's Spurfowl (E) *Pternistis jacksoni*

(2) 2 Mount Kenya NP 4.3 and 5.3, at 2075m – this is a low altitude for this endemic.

Scaly Spurfowl

Pternistis squamatus

(2) 2 seen Mount Kenya NP 4–5.3 and others heard.

Yellow-necked Spurfowl

Pternistis leucoscepus infuscatus

(3) Up to 10 Samburu NR 5–7.3.

Red-necked Spurfowl

Pternistis afer

(3) Up to 3 Maasai Mara NR 9–11.3.

Nightjars Caprimulgidae

Montane Nightjar

Caprimulgus poliocephalus poliocephalus

(2) 1 heard Mount Kenya NP 4.3 and 1 seen Lake Nakuru NP 9.3.

Slender-tailed Nightjar

Caprimulgus clarus

(2) 2 Samburu NR 5.3 and 6.3.

Swifts Apodidae

Scarce Swift

Schoutedenapus myoptilus myoptilus

(2) 10 Mount Kenya NP 4.3 and 2 Mount Kenya NP 5.3.

African Palm Swift

Cypsiurus parvus

(5) 15 Nairobi NP 2.3, up to 15 Samburu NR 5–7.3 and 2 Maasai Mara NR 11.3.

Common Swift

Apus apus

(1) About 20 Samburu NR 6.3.

Little Swift

Apus affinis

(5) 6 Nairobi NP 2.3, 1 en route from Shaba to Nakuru NR 8.3, 10 Lake Nakuru NP 9.3, 4 Maasai Mara NR 11.3 and 2 Maasai Mara NR 12.3.

White-rumped Swift

Apus caffer

(4) Up to 10 Maasai Mara NR 10–13.3.

Turacos Musophagidae

Bare-faced Go-away-bird

Crinifer personatus leopoldi

(3) Up to 4 Maasai Mara NR 11–13.3.

White-bellied Go-away-bird

Crinifer leucogaster

(4) 3 Nairobi NP 2.3, up to 4 Samburu NR 5–7.3, 2 Buffalo Springs NR 7.3 and 2 Shaba NR 7.3.

Ross's Turaco

Tauraco rossae

(1) 2 Maasai Mara NR 11.3.

Schalow's Turaco

Tauraco schalowi loitanus

(1) 2 Maasai Mara NR 11.3.

Hartlaub's Turaco (NE)

Tauraco hartlaubi

(3) Up to 6 Mount Kenya NP 3–5.3.

Bustards Otididae

Kori Bustard

Ardeotis kori struthiunculus

(2) 6 Nairobi NP 2.3 including a male in full display, and 1 Samburu NR 6.3.

White-bellied Bustard

Eupodotis senegalensis

(4) 2 each day Maasai Mara NR 10–13.3.

Buff-crested Bustard

Lophotis gindiana

(3) Up to 6 Samburu NR 5–7.3 and 1 Shaba NR 7.3.

Black-bellied Bustard

Lissotis melanogaster melanogaster

(1) 5 Maasai Mara NR 11.3.

Cuckoos Cuculidae

White-browed Coucal

Centropus superciliosus

(3) 1 Nairobi NP 2.3, 1 Lake Nakuru NP 9.3 and 1 Maasai Mara NR 11.3.

Great Spotted Cuckoo

Clamator glandarius

(1) 1 Samburu NR 7.3.

Diederik Cuckoo

Chrysococcyx caprius

(4) 1 en route Lake Nakuru to Maasai Mara 9.3, and singles Maasai Mara NR 10.3, 11.3 and 13.3.

Klaas's Cuckoo

Chrysococcyx klaas

(4) 1 Samburu NR 6.3 and up to 2 Maasai Mara NR 10–12.3.

Red-chested Cuckoo

Cuculus solitarius

(1) 1 Maasai Mara NR 11.3.

African Cuckoo

Cuculus gularis

(1) 1 Buffalo Springs NR 7.3.

Sandgrouse Pteroclidae

Chestnut-bellied Sandgrouse

Pterocles exustus olivascens

(3) Up to 30 Samburu NR 5–7.3.

Yellow-throated Sandgrouse

Pterocles gutturalis saturator

(1) 10 Maasai Mara NR 10.3.

Black-faced Sandgrouse

Pterocles decoratus

(1) 4 Samburu NR 7.3 and 2 Buffalo Springs NR 7.3.

Lichtenstein's Sandgrouse

Pterocles lichtensteinii sukensis

(1) At least 50 Samburu NR 6.3 at dusk.

Pigeons & Doves Columbidae

Rock Dove (I)

Columba livia domestica

(2) 20 en route Nairobi to Mt Kenya NP 3.3 and 2 en route--Mt Kenya to Shaba NR 5.3.

Speckled Pigeon

Columba guinea guinea

(9) Commonly encountered in small numbers, often in towns.

African Olive Pigeon

Columba arquatrix

(1) 2 Mount Kenya NP 4.3.

Eastern Bronze-naped Pigeon

Columba delegorguei sharpei

(1) 3 Mount Kenya NP 4.3.

Dusky Turtle Dove

Streptopelia lugens

(2) 1 Nairobi NP 2.3 and 1 en route Maasai Mara to Nairobi 13.3.

Mourning Collared Dove

Streptopelia decipiens

(2) 6 Samburu NR 6.3 and 1 Buffalo Springs NR 7.3.

Red-eyed Dove

Streptopelia semitorquata

(6) 6 Nairobi NP 2.3, 2 Sagana 3.3, up to 6 Mount Kenya NP 3–4.3, 10 en route Mt Kenya to Shaba NR 5.3, 2 Maasai Mara NR 12.3 and 4 en route Maasai Mara to Nairobi 13.3.

Ring-necked Dove

Streptopelia capicola

(10) Very common throughout, except on Mt Kenya.

Laughing Dove

Spilopelia senegalensis senegalensis

(8) Up to 30 Samburu NR 5–7.3 and smaller numbers elsewhere.

Emerald-spotted Wood Dove

Turtur chalcospilos

(7) 4 Sagana 3.3, up to 4 Samburu NR 6–7.3, 1 Lake Nakuru NP 8–9.3, 1 Maasai Mara NR 12–13.3.

Tambourine Dove

Turtur tympanistria

(5) 1 Mount Kenya NP 4–5.3, and up to 2 Maasai Mara NR 10–12.3.

Namaqua Dove

Oena capensis capensis

(4) 20 Samburu NR 6–7.3 and 2 Lake Nakuru NP 8–9.3.

African Green Pigeon

Treron calvus

(1) 1 Mount Kenya NP 4.3.

Rails, Crakes & Coots Rallidae

Common Moorhen

Gallinula chloropus meridionalis

(2) 1 Nairobi NP 2.3 and 1 Mwea Ricefields 3.3.

Red-knobbed Coot

Fulica cristata

(1) Several en route from Shaba to Nakuru NR 8.3.

African Swamphen

Porphyrio madagascariensis

(1) 1 Mwea Ricefields 3.3.

Black Crake

Zapornia flavirostra

(2) 1 Nairobi NP 2.3 and 1 Buffalo Springs NR 7.3.

Cranes Gruidae

Grey Crowned Crane

Balearica regulorum gibbericeps

(2) 2 Nairobi NP 2.3 and 2 Maasai Mara NR 11.3.

Grebes Podicipedidae

Little Grebe

Tachybaptus ruficollis capensis

(2) 6 Lake Nakuru NP 8.3 and 50 Lake Nakuru NP 9.3.

Flamingos Phoenicopteridae

Greater Flamingo

Phoenicopterus roseus

(2) Up to 50 Lake Nakuru NP 8–9.3.

Lesser Flamingo (NT)

Phoeniconaias minor

(2) Several hundred at Lake Nakuru NP 8–9.3.

Thick-knees Burhinidae

Water Thick-knee

Burhinus vermiculatus vermiculatus

(1) 2 Nairobi NP 2.3.

Spotted Thick-knee

Burhinus capensis

(1) 2 Buffalo Springs NR 7.3.

Stilts & Avocets Recurvirostridae

Black-winged Stilt

Himantopus himantopus

(3) 20 Nairobi NP 2.3, and up to 10 Lake Nakuru NP 8–9.3.

Plovers Charadriidae

Long-toed Lapwing	<i>Vanellus crassirostris crassirostris</i>
(1) 4 Mwea Ricefields 3.3.	
Blacksmith Lapwing	<i>Vanellus armatus</i>
(4) 30 Nairobi NP 2.3, 20 Mwea Ricefields 3.3, 10 Lake Nakuru NP 8.3 and 50 Lake Nakuru NP 9.3.	
Spur-winged Lapwing	<i>Vanellus spinosus</i>
(5) 20 Nairobi NP 2.3, 10 Mwea Ricefields 3.3, 10 Buffalo Springs NR 7.3, 10 Shaba NR 7.3, 1 Lake Nakuru NP 9.3 and 2 Maasai Mara NR 11.3.	
Senegal Lapwing	<i>Vanellus lugubris</i>
(1) At least 4 Maasai Mara NR 10.3.	
Black-winged Lapwing	<i>Vanellus melanopterus minor</i>
(3) Up to 40 Maasai Mara NR 10–12.3.	
Crowned Lapwing	<i>Vanellus coronatus coronatus</i>
(9) 15 Nairobi NP 2.3, 4 Samburu NR 6.3, 4 Buffalo Springs NR 7.3, 1 en route from Shaba to Nakuru NR 8.3 and up to 100 Maasai Mara NR 9–13.3.	
African Wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus senegallus lateralis</i>
(3) Up to 8 Maasai Mara NR 10–12.3.	
Common Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula tundrae</i>
(1) 6 Lake Nakuru NP 9.3.	
Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius curonicus</i>
(1) 3 Buffalo Springs NR 7.3.	
Kittlitz's Plover	<i>Charadrius pecuarius</i>
(4) 6 Lake Nakuru NP 9.3, 2 Maasai Mara NR 10.3, 5 Maasai Mara NR 12.3 and 1 Maasai Mara NR 13.3.	
Three-banded Plover	<i>Charadrius tricollaris tricollaris</i>
(3) 10 Nairobi NP 2.3, 1 Maasai Mara NR 11.3 and 2 Maasai Mara NR 12.3.	

Jacanas Jacanidae

African Jacana	<i>Actophilornis africanus</i>
(2) 6 Mwea Ricefields 3.3 and 5 Maasai Mara NR 11.3.	

Sandpipers & Snipes Scolopacidae

Ruff	<i>Calidris pugnax</i>
(2) 2 Nairobi NP 2.3 and 40 Lake Nakuru NP 9.3.	
Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>
(1) At least 200 Lake Nakuru NP 9.3.	
Common Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago gallinago</i>

(1) 1 Nairobi NP 2.3.

Common Sandpiper *Actitis hypoleucos*

(4) 6 Nairobi NP 2.3, 6 Buffalo Springs NR 7.3, 1 Lake Nakuru NP 9.3 and 2 Maasai Mara NR 11.3.

Green Sandpiper *Tringa ochropus*

(2) 2 Nairobi NP 2.3 and 1 Buffalo Springs NR 7.3.

Marsh Sandpiper *Tringa stagnatilis*

(1) 10 Lake Nakuru NP 9.3.

Wood Sandpiper *Tringa glareola*

(6) 10 Nairobi NP 2.3, up to 20 Lake Nakuru NP 8–9.3 and up to 4 Maasai Mara NR 10–12.3.

Common Greenshank *Tringa nebularia*

(1) 2 Lake Nakuru NP 9.3.

Coursers & Pratincoles Glareolidae

Temminck's Courser *Cursorius temminckii temminckii*

(4) Up to 30 Maasai Mara NR 9–13.3.

Collared Pratincole *Glareola pratincola fuelleborni*

(1) 2 Mwea Ricefields 3.3.

Black-winged Pratincole *Glareola nordmanni*

(1) 1 Nairobi NP 2.3. This species is a vagrant to Kenya.

Gulls, Terns & Skimmers Laridae

Slender-billed Gull *Chroicocephalus genei*

(1) 1 Lake Nakuru NP 9.3.

Grey-headed Gull *Chroicocephalus cirrocephalus pojoccephalus*

(2) Up to 50 Lake Nakuru NP 8–9.3.

Gull-billed Tern *Gelochelidon nilotica nilotica*

(2) Up to 20 Lake Nakuru NP 8–9.3.

Whiskered Tern *Chlidonias hybrida*

(1) 3 Lake Nakuru NP 9.3.

White-winged Tern *Chlidonias leucopterus*

(1) 15 Lake Nakuru NP 9.3.

Storks Ciconiidae

Yellow-billed Stork *Mycteria ibis*

(3) 30 Nairobi NP 2.3, 6 Shaba NR 7.3 and 10 Lake Nakuru NP 9.3.

African Openbill

Anastomus lamelligerus lamelligerus

(1) About 100 Mwea Ricefields 3.3.

Abdim's Stork

Ciconia abdimii

(3) 1 Nairobi NP 2.3, 50 Mwea Ricefields 3.3 and 100 en route Mt Kenya to Shaba NR 5.3.

Woolly-necked Stork

Ciconia episcopus microscelis

(1) 1 Maasai Mara NR 10.3.

White Stork

Ciconia ciconia ciconia

(3) Up to 20 Maasai Mara NR 10–12.3.

Saddle-billed Stork

Ephippiorhynchus senegalensis

(1) 2 Maasai Mara NR 12.3.

Marabou Stork

Leptoptilos crumenifer

(6) About 100 Nairobi NP 2.3, 4 Buffalo Springs NR 7.3, up to 10 Lake Nakuru NP 8–9.3, and up to 20 Maasai Mara NR 9–12.3.

Darters Anhingidae

African Darter

Anhinga rufa rufa

(2) 10 Nairobi NP 2.3 and 2 Lake Nakuru NP 9.3.

Cormorants & Shags Phalacrocoracidae

Reed Cormorant

Microcarbo africanus africanus

(4) 6 Nairobi NP 2.3, 4 Mwea Ricefields 3.3, and up to 10 Lake Nakuru NP 8–9.3.

White-breasted Cormorant

Phalacrocorax lucidus

(2) Up to 30 Lake Nakuru NP 8–9.3.

Ibises & Spoonbills Threskiornithidae

African Sacred Ibis

Threskiornis aethiopicus

(7) 12 Nairobi NP 2.3, 10 Mwea Ricefields 3.3, 15 en route Mt Kenya to Shaba NR 5.3, 1 Shaba NR 7.3, 10 en route from Shaba to Nakuru NR 8.3, 2 Lake Nakuru NP 9.3 and 2 Maasai Mara NR 11.3.

Olive Ibis

Bostrychia olivacea akeleyorum

(2) 4 Mount Kenya NP 4.3 and 3 Mount Kenya NP 5.3.

Hadada Ibis

Bostrychia hagedash brevirostris

(7) 10 Nairobi NP 2.3, 2 en route Mt Kenya to Shaba NR 5.3, 2 Shaba NR 7.3, up to 4 Lake Nakuru NP 8–9.3, 3 Maasai Mara NR 10.3 and 1 Maasai Mara NR 12.3.

Glossy Ibis

Plegadis falcinellus

(2) 1 Mwea Ricefields 3.3 and 2 Lake Nakuru NP 9.3.

African Spoonbill

Platalea alba

(4) 4 Nairobi NP 2.3, 1 Mwea Ricefields 3.3, 1 Lake Nakuru NP 8.3 and 6 Lake Nakuru NP 9.3.

Herons & Bitterns Ardeidae

Black-crowned Night Heron

Nycticorax nycticorax nycticorax

(1) 1 Nairobi NP 2.3.

Striated Heron

Butorides striata atricapilla

(1) 2 Nairobi NP 2.3.

Squacco Heron

Ardeola ralloides

(1) 1 Maasai Mara NR 10.3.

Western Cattle Egret

Bubulcus ibis

(4) 50 Nairobi NP 2.3, 100 Mwea Ricefields 3.3, 1 en route Mt Kenya to Shaba NR 5.3 and 50 en route from Shaba to Nakuru NR 8.3.

Grey Heron

Ardea cinerea cinerea

(5) 6 Nairobi NP 2.3, 3 Mwea Ricefields 3.3, 3 Lake Nakuru NP 8.3, 30 Lake Nakuru NP 9.3 and 1 Maasai Mara NR 11.3.

Black-headed Heron

Ardea melanocephala

(6) 15 Mwea Ricefields 3.3, 1 en route from Shaba to Nakuru NR 8.3 and up to 25 Maasai Mara NR 10–13.3.

Goliath Heron

Ardea goliath

(2) 1 Buffalo Springs NR 7.3 and 3 Lake Nakuru NP 9.3.

Great Egret

Ardea alba melanorhynchos

(5) 1 Nairobi NP 2.3, 4 Mwea Ricefields 3.3, 1 Lake Nakuru NP 8.3, 4 Lake Nakuru NP 9.3 and 1 Maasai Mara NR 11.3.

Intermediate Egret

Ardea intermedia brachyrhyncha

(3) 1 Nairobi NP 2.3, 10 Mwea Ricefields 3.3 and 1 Lake Nakuru NP 8.3.

Little Egret

Egretta garzetta garzetta

(2) 1 Lake Nakuru NP 8.3 and 4 Lake Nakuru NP 9.3.

Hamerkop Scopidae

Hamerkop

Scopus umbretta umbretta

(3) 1 Nairobi NP 2.3, 2 Maasai Mara NR 11.3 and 1 Maasai Mara NR 12.3.

Pelicans Pelecanidae

Great White Pelican

Pelecanus onocrotalus

(2) Many at Lake Nakuru NP 8–9.3.

Pink-backed Pelican

Pelecanus rufescens

(2) Up to 30 Lake Nakuru NP 8–9.3.

Secretarybird Sagittariidae

Secretarybird (VU)

Sagittarius serpentarius

(4) 1 Nairobi NP 2.3, 2 Lake Nakuru NP 9.3, 2 Maasai Mara NR 10.3 and 2 Maasai Mara NR 11.3.

Ospreys Pandionidae

Western Osprey

Pandion haliaetus haliaetus

(2) 1 Lake Nakuru NP 8.3 and 4 Lake Nakuru NP 9.3.

Kites, Hawks & Eagles Accipitridae

Black-winged Kite

Elanus caeruleus caeruleus

(1) 2 Maasai Mara NR 10.3.

Hooded Vulture (CR)

Necrosyrtes monachus

(1) 5 Maasai Mara NR 10.3.

White-backed Vulture (CR)

Gyps africanus

(5) About 80 Nairobi NP 2.3, 30 Samburu NR 6.3, 6 Buffalo Springs NR 7.3, 5 Maasai Mara NR 12.3 and 2 Maasai Mara NR 13.3.

Rüppell's Vulture

Gyps rueppelli rueppelli

(3) About 40 Nairobi NP 2.3, 6 Samburu NR 6.3 and 4 Buffalo Springs NR 7.3.

Lappet-faced Vulture

Torgos tracheliotos tracheliotos

(1) 1 Buffalo Springs NR 7.3.

Black-chested Snake Eagle

Circaetus pectoralis

(1) 1 Maasai Mara NR 11.3.

Brown Snake Eagle

Circaetus cinereus

(3) 1 Lake Nakuru NP 9.3, 1 Maasai Mara NR 10.3 and 1 Maasai Mara NR 11.3.

Western Banded Snake Eagle

Circaetus cinerascens

(1) 3 Maasai Mara NR 11.3.

Bateleur (NT)

Terathopius ecaudatus

(6) 4 Samburu NR 6.3, 2 Buffalo Springs NR 7.3, 1 en route from Shaba to Nakuru NR 8.3 and up to 2 Maasai Mara NR 10–12.3.

Crowned Eagle (NT) (H)

Stephanoaetus coronatus

(1) 1 heard Mount Kenya NP 4.3.

Martial Eagle (VU)

Polemaetus bellicosus

(2) 1 Maasai Mara NR 11.3 and 1 Maasai Mara NR 13.3.

Long-crested Eagle	<i>Lophaetus occipitalis</i>
(2) 1 Mount Kenya NP 4.3 and 1 Maasai Mara NR 11.3.	
Tawny Eagle (VU)	<i>Aquila rapax</i>
(7) 2 Nairobi NP 2.3, 1 en route Mt Kenya to Shaba NR 5.3, 4 Samburu NR 6.3, 4 Buffalo Springs NR 7.3 and up to 5 Maasai Mara NR 10–12.3.	
Steppe Eagle	<i>Aquila nipalensis orientalis</i>
(2) 2 Samburu NR 6.3 and 2 Buffalo Springs NR 7.3.	
Verreaux's Eagle	<i>Aquila verreauxii</i>
(1) 1 Samburu NR 6.3.	
African Hawk-Eagle	<i>Aquila spilogaster</i>
(1) 2 Maasai Mara NR 11.3.	
Gabar Goshawk	<i>Micronisus gabar aequatorius</i>
(2) 1 Nairobi NP 2.3 and 2 Samburu NR 6.3.	
Dark Chanting Goshawk	<i>Melierax metabates metabates</i>
(1) 1 Maasai Mara NR 12.3.	
Eastern Chanting Goshawk	<i>Melierax poliopterus</i>
(1) 3 Samburu NR 7.3.	
Little Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter minullus</i>
(1) 1 Mount Kenya NP 4.3.	
Black Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter melanoleucus melanoleucus</i>
(1) 1 Mount Kenya NP 4.3.	
Western Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus aeruginosus</i>
(1) 1 en route from Shaba to Nakuru NR 8.3.	
Montagu's Harrier	<i>Circus pygargus</i>
(5) Up to 2 Maasai Mara NR 9–13.3.	
Yellow-billed Kite	<i>Milvus aegyptius</i>
(6) Small numbers frequently seen, especially on journeys.	
African Fish Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus vocifer</i>
(4) 4 Nairobi NP 2.3, up to 8 Lake Nakuru NP 8–9.3, and 1 Maasai Mara NR 11.3.	
Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo vulpinus</i>
(1) 2 en route from Shaba to Nakuru NR 8.3.	
Mountain Buzzard (NT)	<i>Buteo oreophilus</i>
(1) 1 Mount Kenya NP 4.3.	
Augur Buzzard	<i>Buteo augur</i>

(7) 1 Nairobi NP 2.3, 1 en route Mt Kenya to Shaba NR 5.3, 3 en route from Shaba to Nakuru NR 8.3, 4 Lake Nakuru NP 9.3 and singles Maasai Mara NR 11–13.3.

Owls *Strigidae*

Cape Eagle-Owl

Bubo capensis mackinderi

(1) 1 en route from Shaba to Nakuru NR 8.3.

Verreaux's Eagle-Owl

Bubo lacteus

(1) 2 Samburu NR 6.3.

Mousebirds *Coliidae*

Speckled Mousebird

Colius striatus

(7) 4 Nairobi NP 2.3, 2 en route Mt Kenya to Shaba NR 5.3, 10 Lake Nakuru NP 9.3 and up to 10 Maasai Mara NR 10–13.3.

White-headed Mousebird

Colius leucocephalus

(1) 2 Samburu NR 7.3 and 1 Buffalo Springs NR 7.3.

Blue-naped Mousebird

Urocolius macrourus pulcher

(5) 6 Nairobi NP 2.3, up to 20 Samburu NR 5–7.3 and 2 Shaba NR 8.3.

Hoopoes *Upupidae*

African Hoopoe

Upupa africana

(3) 1 Buffalo Springs NR 7.3, 3 Lake Nakuru NP 9.3 and 1 Maasai Mara NR 12.3.

Wood Hoopoes *Phoeniculidae*

Green Wood Hoopoe

Phoeniculus purpureus marwitzii

(1) 3 Lake Nakuru NP 9.3.

Abyssinian Scimitarbill

Rhinopomastus minor

(1) 1 Samburu NR 5.3.

Ground Hornbills *Bucorvidae*

Southern Ground Hornbill (VU)

Bucorvus leadbeateri

(3) 3 Lake Nakuru NP 9.3, 14 Maasai Mara NR 11.3 and 2 Maasai Mara NR 12.3.

Hornbills *Bucerotidae*

Northern Red-billed Hornbill

Tockus erythrorhynchus

(4) Up to 20 Samburu NR 5–7.3 and 2 Shaba NR 8.3.

Von der Decken's Hornbill

Tockus deckeni

(3) 4 Samburu NR 5.3, 8 Samburu NR 6.3 and 2 Shaba NR 7.3.

Eastern Yellow-billed Hornbill

Tockus flavirostris

(3) 2 Samburu NR 5.3, 6 Samburu NR 6.3, 2 Buffalo Springs NR 7.3 and 2 Shaba NR 7.3.

Crowned Hornbill

Lophoceros albicularis

(1) 3 Mount Kenya NP 4.3.

African Grey Hornbill

Lophoceros nasutus

(2) 1 Sagana 3.3 and 2 Samburu NR 6.3.

Silvery-cheeked Hornbill

Bycanistes brevis

(3) Up to 13 Mount Kenya NP 3–5.3.

Rollers Coraciidae

Purple Roller

Coracias naevius naevius

(1) 1 Lake Nakuru NP 9.3.

Lilac-breasted Roller

Coracias caudatus

(7) 1 Samburu NR 5.3, 3 Samburu NR 6.3, 1 en route from Shaba to Nakuru NR 8.3, 1 Lake Nakuru NP 8.3, 4 Lake Nakuru NP 9.3, 3 Maasai Mara NR 10.3, 12 Maasai Mara NR 11.3 and 1 Maasai Mara NR 13.3.

European Roller

Coracias garrulus garrulus

(2) 1 Maasai Mara NR 9.3 and 10.3.

Kingfishers Alcedinidae

Grey-headed Kingfisher

Halcyon leucocephala

(5) 1 Nairobi NP 2.3, 2 Mwea Ricefields 3.3, 1 Samburu NR 6.3, 1 Buffalo Springs NR 7.3 and 1 Maasai Mara NR 12.3.

Striped Kingfisher

Halcyon chelicuti chelicuti

(1) 2 Nairobi NP 2.3.

Woodland Kingfisher

Halcyon senegalensis senegalensis

(2) 2 Maasai Mara NR 11.3 and 1 Maasai Mara NR 12.3.

African Pygmy Kingfisher

Ispidina picta picta

(1) 1 Maasai Mara NR 13.3.

Malachite Kingfisher

Corythornis cristatus

(4) 3 Nairobi NP 2.3, 1 Mwea Ricefields 3.3, 1 Maasai Mara NR 10.3 and 11.3.

Pied Kingfisher

Ceryle rudis rudis

(3) 4 Nairobi NP 2.3, 1 Mwea Ricefields 3.3 and 4 Lake Nakuru NP 9.3.

Bee-eaters *Meropidae*

Little Bee-eater	<i>Merops pusillus</i>
(8) 10 Nairobi NP 2.3, 2 Samburu NR 6.3, 10 Buffalo Springs NR 7.3, 2 en route from Shaba to Nakuru NR 8.3 and up to 6 Maasai Mara NR 10–13.3.	
Cinnamon-chested Bee-eater	<i>Merops oreobates</i>
(4) 4 Sagana 3.3, up to 15 Mount Kenya NP 3–5.3 and 1 en route from Shaba to Nakuru NR 8.3.	
White-fronted Bee-eater	<i>Merops bullockoides</i>
(2) 6 Lake Nakuru NP 9.3 and 3 Maasai Mara NR 13.3.	
White-throated Bee-eater	<i>Merops albicollis</i>
(5) Up to 20 Samburu NR 5–7.3, 4 Buffalo Springs NR 7.3, 2 Shaba NR 7.3, 2 Shaba NR 8.3 and 1 en route Lake Nakuru to Maasai Mara 9.3.	
European Bee-eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>
(3) 2 Sagana 3.3, 20 Maasai Mara NR 11.3 and 2 Maasai Mara NR 13.3.	

African Barbets *Lybiidae*

Yellow-rumped Tinkerbird	<i>Pogoniulus bilineatus</i>
(1) 1 Mount Kenya NP 4.3.	
Red-fronted Tinkerbird	<i>Pogoniulus pusillus affinis</i>
(2) 1 heard Sagana 3.3 and 1 seen Maasai Mara NR 12.3.	
Spot-flanked Barbet	<i>Tricholaema lacrymosa</i>
(4) 2 Nairobi NP 2.3, 1 Sagana 3.3, 1 Maasai Mara NR 11.3 and 1 Maasai Mara NR 13.3.	
Black-throated Barbet	<i>Tricholaema melanocephala stigmatotorax</i>
(2) 1 Samburu NR 6.3 and 7.3.	
White-headed Barbet	<i>Lybius leucocephalus</i>
(1) 3 Nairobi NP 2.3.	
Red-and-yellow Barbet	<i>Trachyphonus erythrocephalus</i>
(1) 1 Samburu NR 6.3.	
D'Arnaud's Barbet	<i>Trachyphonus darnaudii</i>
(1) 2 Samburu NR 7.3.	
Usambiro Barbet	<i>Trachyphonus usambiro</i>
(4) 1 en route Lake Nakuru to Maasai Mara 9.3, up to 4 Maasai Mara NR 10–13.3, and 1 en route Maasai Mara to Nairobi 13.3.	

Honeyguides *Indicatoridae*

Green-backed Honeybird	<i>Prodotiscus zambesiae ellenbecki</i>
-------------------------------	---

(1) 2 Sagana 3.3.

Lesser Honeyguide *Indicator minor teitensis*

(3) Up to 2 Maasai Mara NR 10–12.3.

Scaly-throated Honeyguide (H) *Indicator variegatus*

(2) 1 heard Lake Nakuru NP 9.3 and 1 heard Maasai Mara NR 11.3.

Greater Honeyguide *Indicator indicator*

(2) 1 heard Lake Nakuru NP 9.3 and 1 seen Maasai Mara NR 11.3.

Woodpeckers Picidae

Red-throated Wryneck *Jynx ruficollis ruficollis*

(1) 1 Maasai Mara NR 11.3.

Nubian Woodpecker *Campetherina nubica*

(2) 1 Samburu NR 6.3 and 7.3.

Bearded Woodpecker *Chloropicus namaquus*

(2) 1 Sagana 3.3 and 2 Maasai Mara NR 11.3.

Cardinal Woodpecker *Dendropicos fuscescens*

(4) 1 heard Samburu NR 5.3, 1 seen Samburu NR 6.3, 1 Maasai Mara NR 12.3 and 1 Maasai Mara NR 13.3.

Eastern Grey Woodpecker *Dendropicos spodocephalus rhodeogaster*

(2) 1 Nairobi NP 2.3 and 1 en route Maasai Mara to Nairobi 13.3.

Falcons Falconidae

Pygmy Falcon *Polihierax semitorquatus castanonotus*

(2) 2 Samburu NR 6.3 and 1 Buffalo Springs NR 7.3.

Lesser Kestrel *Falco naumanni*

(1) 25 Maasai Mara NR 11.3.

Common Kestrel *Falco tinnunculus*

(6) 2 Nairobi NP 2.3, 1 Samburu NR 5.3, 1 Buffalo Springs NR 7.3, 2 Lake Nakuru NP 9.3, 4 Maasai Mara NR 10.3 and 1 Maasai Mara NR 11.3.

Grey Kestrel *Falco ardosiaceus*

(1) 1 Maasai Mara NR 11.3.

Lanner Falcon *Falco biarmicus*

(1) 1 Samburu NR 5.3.

African & New World Parrots Psittacidae

Red-fronted Parrot *Poicephalus gulielmi massaicus*

(3) Up to 5 Mount Kenya NP 3–5.3.

Meyer's Parrot *Poicephalus meyeri saturatus*

(2) 2 Lake Nakuru NP 9.3 and 4 Maasai Mara NR 12.3.

Red-bellied Parrot *Poicephalus rufiventris rufiventris*

(3) Up to 4 Samburu NR 5–7.3 and 2 Shaba NR 7.3.

Old World Parrots Psittaculidae

Yellow-collared x Fischer's Lovebird (I) *Agapornis personatus x fischeri*

(3) 2 Nairobi NP 2.3, 2 Lake Nakuru NP 8.3 and 5 Lake Nakuru NP 9.3. All lovebirds in Kenya are now hybrids between these two Tanzanian endemics.

Wattle-eyes & Batises Platysteiridae

Chinspot Batis *Batis molitor puella*

(4) 1 Mount Kenya NP 4.3 and singles in Maasai Mara NR 10–13.3.

Pygmy Batis *Batis perkeo*

(1) 4 Samburu NR 6.3.

Black-throated Wattle-eye *Platysteira peltata*

(1) 1 Sagana 3.3.

Brown-throated Wattle-eye (H) *Platysteira cyanea nyansae*

(2) 1 heard Maasai Mara NR 11.3 and 12.3.

Bushshrikes Malaconotidae

Black-fronted Bushshrike *Chlorophoneus nigrifrons nigrifrons*

(1) 1 seen briefly Mount Kenya NP 4.3 (leader only).

Orange-breasted Bushshrike *Chlorophoneus sulfureopectus similis*

(3) 5 Sagana 3.3, 1 Maasai Mara NR 12.3 and 2 Maasai Mara NR 13.3.

Doherty's Bushshrike *Telophorus dohertyi*

(1) 1 Mt Kenya NP 4.3.

Rosy-patched Bushshrike *Telophorus cruentus*

(1) 1 Samburu NR 7.3 and 1 Buffalo Springs NR 7.3.

Brown-crowned Tchagra *Tchagra australis*

(2) 1 Nairobi NP 2.3 and 1 Lake Nakuru NP 9.3.

Black-crowned Tchagra *Tchagra senegalus*

(2) 1 Maasai Mara NR 11.3 and 12.3.

Black-backed Puffback

Dryoscopus cubla

(1) 2 Sagana 3.3.

Slate-colored Boubou

Laniarius funebris

(8) 2 Nairobi NP 2.3, 1 Sagana 3.3, 2 heard Samburu NR 6.3, 3 heard Buffalo Springs NR 7.3 and up to 4 Maasai Mara NR 10–13.3.

Tropical Boubou

Laniarius major

(6) 2 Nairobi NP 2.3, up to 4 Mount Kenya NP 3–5.3, 1 heard en route from Shaba to Nakuru NR 8.3 and 4 Lake Nakuru NP 9.3.

Brubru

Nilaus afer

(4) Up to 2 Samburu NR 5–7.3, 2 Buffalo Springs NR 7.3 and 1 heard Maasai Mara NR 12.3.

Cuckooshrikes Campephagidae

Grey Cuckooshrike

Ceblepyris caesius purus

(1) 1 Mount Kenya NP 3.3.

Shrikes Laniidae

Magpie Shrike

Urolestes melanoleucus aequatorialis

(1) 1 Maasai Mara NR 12.3.

Northern White-crowned Shrike

Eurocephalus ruppelli

(6) Up to 6 Samburu NR 5–7.3, 2 Maasai Mara NR 10.3, 6 Maasai Mara NR 12.3 and 2 Maasai Mara NR 13.3.

Red-tailed Shrike (Turkestan Shrike)

Lanius phoenicuroides

(4) 1 Nairobi NP 2.3, 10 Samburu NR 6.3, 2 Samburu NR 7.3 and 1 en route from Shaba to Nakuru NR 8.3.

Lesser Grey Shrike

Lanius minor

(1) 1 Samburu NR 6.3.

Grey-backed Fiscal

Lanius excubitoroides

(6) Up to 6 Lake Nakuru NP 8–9.3 and up to 10 Maasai Mara NR 10–13.3.

Long-tailed Fiscal

Lanius cabanisi

(2) 15 Nairobi NP 2.3 and 2 Mwea Ricefields 3.3.

Taita Fiscal

Lanius dorsalis

(2) 6 Samburu NR 6.3 and 1 Buffalo Springs NR 7.3.

Northern Fiscal

Lanius humeralis humeralis

(6) Commonly seen along roadsides in the highlands.

Orioles Oriolidae

Black-headed Oriole

Oriolus larvatus

(2) 1 Sagana 3.3 and 2 Samburu NR 7.3.

Mountain Oriole

Oriolus percivali

(2) 1sen + 3 heard Mount Kenya NP 4.3 and 1 heard Mount Kenya NP 5.3.

Drongos Dicruridae

Fork-tailed Drongo

Dicrurus adsimilis fugax

(10) Commonly seen throughout, generally singly or in pairs.

Monarchs Monarchidae

African Paradise Flycatcher

Terpsiphone viridis

(4) 2 Nairobi NP 2.3, 4 Sagana 3.3, 1 Mount Kenya NP 4.3 and 1 Lake Nakuru NP 9.3.

Crows & Jays Corvidae

Cape Crow

Corvus capensis kordofanensis

(3) 1 Lake Nakuru NP 8.3, 1 Lake Nakuru NP 9.3 and 5 en route Maasai Mara to Nairobi 13.3.

Pied Crow

Corvus albus

(6) Commonly see on journeys and especially in towns.

Fan-tailed Raven

Corvus rhipidurus rhipidurus

(2) 2 Samburu NR 5.3 and 1 Samburu NR 6.3.

Fairy Flycatchers Stenostiridae

African Blue Flycatcher

Elminia longicauda teresita

(1) 2 Maasai Mara NR 11.3.

Tits Paridae

White-bellied Tit

Melaniparus albiventris

(3) 4 Nairobi NP 2.3, 3 Lake Nakuru NP 8.3 and 1 Lake Nakuru NP 9.3.

Acacia Tit

Melaniparus thruppi

(2) 1 Samburu NR 6.3, 2 Samburu NR 7.3 and 1 Buffalo Springs NR 7.3.

Penduline Tits Remizidae

Mouse-coloured Penduline Tit

Anthoscopus musculus

(1) 4 Buffalo Springs NR 7.3.

Larks Alaudidae

Fischer's Sparrow-Lark	<i>Eremopterix leucopareia</i>
(2) 3 en route from Shaba to Nakuru NR 8.3 and 4 Maasai Mara NR 10.3.	
Pink-breasted Lark	<i>Calendulauda poecilosterna</i>
(3) Up to 30 Samburu NR 5–7.3 and 10 Buffalo Springs NR 7.3.	
Foxy Lark	<i>Calendulauda alopec intercedens</i>
(2) 3 Samburu NR 6.3 and 4 Maasai Mara NR 10.3.	
Rufous-naped Lark	<i>Mirafra africana</i>
(7) 2 Nairobi NP 2.3, 2 Lake Nakuru NP 8–9.3, and up to 50 Maasai Mara NR 9–13.3.	
Flappet Lark	<i>Mirafra rufocinnamomea</i>
(1) 1 Maasai Mara NR 12.3.	
Red-capped Lark	<i>Calandrella cinerea</i>
(6) 1 Nairobi NP 2.3, 2 en route from Shaba to Nakuru NR 8.3 and up to 10 Maasai Mara NR 10–13.3.	

Bulbs Pycnonotidae

Olive-breasted Greenbul	<i>Arizelocichla kikuyuensis</i>
(1) 4 Mount Kenya NP 4.3.	
Yellow-whiskered Greenbul	<i>Eurillas latirostris latirostris</i>
(1) 2 Mount Kenya NP 4.3.	
Northern Brownbul	<i>Phyllastrephus strepitans</i>
(1) 2 Sagana 3.3.	
Dodson's Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus dodsoni</i>
(3) Up to 10 Samburu NR 5–7.3.	
Dark-capped Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus tricolor</i>
(10) Common throughout except in Samburu/Buffalo Springs where replaced by Dodson's.	

Swallows & Martins Hirundinidae

Black Saw-wing	<i>Psalidoprocne pristoptera</i>
(5) 2 Nairobi NP 2.3, up to 20 Mount Kenya NP 3–5.3 and 1 Maasai Mara NR 13.3.	
White-headed Saw-wing	<i>Psalidoprocne albiceps albiceps</i>
(1) 2 Maasai Mara NR 11.3.	
Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia riparia</i>
(1) 1 Mwea Ricefields 3.3.	

Brown-throated Martin	<i>Riparia paludicola ducis</i>
(2) 2 Nairobi NP 2.3 and 6 Maasai Mara NR 12.3.	
Rock Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne fuligula rufigula</i>
(4) 15 Nairobi NP 2.3, up to 10 Lake Nakuru NP 8–9.3 and 2 Maasai Mara NR 11.3.	
Wire-tailed Swallow	<i>Hirundo smithii smithii</i>
(5) 1 Samburu NR 6.3, 1 Buffalo Springs NR 7.3, 2 Shaba NR 7.3, 6 Lake Nakuru NP 8.3, 6 Maasai Mara NR 10.3 and 4 Maasai Mara NR 11.3.	
Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica rustica</i>
(9) Common encountered, especially in the highlands and in the Maasai Mara.	
Angolan Swallow	<i>Hirundo angolensis</i>
(3) Up to 2 Maasai Mara NR 9–11.3.	
Common House Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum urbicum</i>
(2) At least 100 Mwea Ricefields 3.3 and many on the Timau escarpment on 8.3.	
Red-breasted Swallow	<i>Cecropis semirufa gordoni</i>
(2) 2 Maasai Mara NR 11.3 and 4 Maasai Mara NR 12.3.	
Mosque Swallow	<i>Cecropis senegalensis</i>
(3) 2 Maasai Mara NR 10.3, 1 Maasai Mara NR 12.3 and 4 Maasai Mara NR 13.3.	
Lesser Striped Swallow	<i>Cecropis abyssinica unitatis</i>
(4) Up to 20 Maasai Mara NR 10–13.3.	
Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Cecropis daurica</i>
(1) 4 Lake Nakuru NP 9.3.	

Crombecs & African Warblers *Macrosphenidae*

Moustached Grass Warbler	<i>Melocichla mentalis</i>
(1) 1 Nairobi NP 2.3.	
Red-faced Crombec	<i>Sylvietta whytii</i>
(6) 3 Nairobi NP 2.3, 1 Sagana 3.3, 3 Lake Nakuru NP 9.3, and singles Maasai Mara NR 10–13.3.	

Leaf Warblers & Allies *Phylloscopidae*

Willow Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>
(4) 2 Sagana 3.3, 2 Lake Nakuru NP 9.3, 4 Maasai Mara NR 10.3 and 1 Maasai Mara NR 12.3. Several were heard singing briefly.	
Brown Woodland Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus umbrovirens</i>
(1) 3 Mount Kenya NP 4.3.	

Reed Warblers & Allies Acrocephalidae

Eastern Olivaceous Warbler

Iduna pallida elaeica

(1) 1 Samburu NR 7.3 and 2 Buffalo Springs NR 7.3.

Grassbirds & Allies Locustellidae

Cinnamon Bracken Warbler

Bradypterus cinnamomeus cinnamomeus

(2) Singles heard Mount Kenya NP 3–4.3, and one seen briefly on 4.3 (leader only).

Cisticolas & Allies Cisticolidae

Singing Cisticola

Cisticola cantans pictipennis

(2) 1 Nairobi NP 2.3 and 1 Sagana 3.3.

Trilling Cisticola (H)

Cisticola woosnami woosnami

(1) 1 heard Maasai Mara NR 11.3.

Hunter's Cisticola

Cisticola hunteri

(4) Up to 10 Mount Kenya NP 3–5.3 and 1 en route from Shaba to Nakuru NR 8.3.

Rattling Cisticola

Cisticola chiniana

(8) 6 Nairobi NP 2.3, 1 Samburu NR 6.3, up to 10 Lake Nakuru NP 8–9.3 and up to 10 Maasai Mara NR 10–13.3.

Boran Cisticola

Cisticola bodessa bodessa

(1) 2 en route Mt Kenya to Shaba NR 5.3.

Winding Cisticola

Cisticola marginatus nyansae

(2) 2 Nairobi NP 2.3 and 1 Maasai Mara NR 10.3.

Stout Cisticola

Cisticola robustus nuchalis

(2) 4 Maasai Mara NR 10.3 and 2 Maasai Mara NR 11.3.

Long-tailed Cisticola

Cisticola angusticauda

(1) 2 Maasai Mara NR 12.3.

Zitting Cisticola

Cisticola juncidis uropygialis

(1) Several in Maasai Mara NR 11.3.

Black-backed Cisticola

Cisticola eximius eximius

(1) 1 Maasai Mara NR 11.3.

Pectoral-patch Cisticola

Cisticola brunneascens

(2) Frequent sightings in Maasai Mara NR 10–11.3.

Tawny-flanked Prinia

Prinia subflava

(4) 15 Nairobi NP 2.3, 4 Sagana 3.3, 2 en route Mt Kenya to Shaba NR 5.3 and 2 Maasai Mara NR 10.3.

Buff-bellied Warbler

Phyllolais pulchella

(3) 1 Nairobi NP 2.3, 1 Maasai Mara NR 10.3 and 3 Maasai Mara NR 12.3.

Yellow-breasted Apalis *Apalis flava*

(5) 5 Nairobi NP 2.3, 1 Sagana 3.3, 2 Lake Nakuru NP 9.3, 2 Maasai Mara NR 12.3 and 1 Maasai Mara NR 13.3.

Black-throated Apalis *Apalis jacksoni jacksoni*

(1) 2 seen briefly Mount Kenya NP 4.3.

Chestnut-throated Apalis (H) *Apalis porphyrolaema*

(2) 6 heard Mount Kenya NP 4.3 and 1 heard Mount Kenya NP 5.3.

Karamoja Apalis *Apalis karamojae stronachi*

(1) 1 seen well en route Maasai Mara to Nairobi 13.3.

Grey Apalis *Apalis cinerea cinerea*

(2) 6 Mount Kenya NP 4.3 and 2 Mount Kenya NP 5.3.

Grey-capped Warbler *Eminia lepida*

(2) 2 seen Maasai Mara NR 10.3 (leader only) and 1 heard Maasai Mara NR 13.3.

Grey-backed Camaroptera *Camaroptera brevicaudata*

(7) 6 Nairobi NP 2.3, 4 Sagana 3.3, 1 Lake Nakuru NP 8.3 and up to 2 Maasai Mara NR 10–13.3.

Grey Wren-Warbler *Calamonastes simplex*

(1) 2 Buffalo Springs NR 7.3.

Miombo Wren-Warbler *Calamonastes undosus undosus*

(1) 1 Maasai Mara NR 10.3.

Yellow-bellied Eremomela *Eremomela icteropygialis*

(1) 1 Samburu NR 6.3.

Green-capped Eremomela *Eremomela scotops*

(1) 1 Maasai Mara NR 10.3 (leader only).

Sylviid Babblers Sylviidae

Eurasian Blackcap *Sylvia atricapilla*

(1) 1 Mount Kenya NP 4.3 (leader only).

African Hill Babbler *Sylvia abyssinica abyssinica*

(1) 2 Mount Kenya NP 4.3.

Barred Warbler *Curruca nisoria*

(1) 1 Samburu NR 6.3.

Common Whitethroat *Curruca communis icterops*

(1) 2 Samburu NR 7.3.

White-eyes Zosteropidae

Kikuyu White-eye (E) *Zosterops kikuyuensis*

(2) 10 Mount Kenya NP 4.3 and 2 Mount Kenya NP 5.3.

Northern Yellow White-eye *Zosterops senegalensis jacksoni*

(3) 1 Nairobi NP 2.3, 1 Lake Nakuru NP 9.3 and 1 Maasai Mara NR 12.3.

Laughingthrushes & Allies Leiothrichidae

Hinde's Babbler (VU) (E) *Turdoides hindei*

(1) 3 Sagana 3.3.

Arrow-marked Babbler *Turdoides jardineii*

(1) 5 Lake Nakuru NP 9.3.

Northern Pied Babbler (NE) *Turdoides hypoleuca hypoleuca*

(1) 10 Nairobi NP 2.3.

Starlings Sturnidae

Wattled Starling *Creatophora cinerea*

(3) 40 Samburu NR 6.3, 6 Samburu NR 7.3 and 20 Maasai Mara NR 13.3.

Greater Blue-eared Starling *Lamprotornis chalybaeus*

(4) 6 Lake Nakuru NP 8–9.3 and up to 10 Maasai Mara NR 9–11.3.

Rüppell's Starling *Lamprotornis purpuroptera purpuroptera*

(7) 6 Nairobi NP 2.3, 2 Sagana 3.3 and up to 10 Maasai Mara NR 9–13.3.

Golden-breasted Starling *Lamprotornis regius*

(3) Up to 4 Samburu NR 5–7.3.

Superb Starling *Lamprotornis superbus*

(11) Common throughout except at Castle Forest.

Hildebrandt's Starling *Lamprotornis hildebrandti*

(3) 5 en route Lake Nakuru to Maasai Mara 9.3, 4 Maasai Mara NR 12.3 and 2 en route Maasai Mara to Nairobi 13.3.

Fischer's Starling *Lamprotornis fischeri*

(1) 10 Samburu NR 7.3.

Violet-backed Starling *Cinnyricinclus leucogaster*

(1) 1 en route from Shaba to Nakuru NR 8.3.

Red-winged Starling *Onychognathus morio*

(5) 2 Nanyuki 5.3, 2 Lake Nakuru NP 8–9.3, 2 Narok 9.3, 1 Maasai Mara NR 12.3 and 4 Maasai Mara NR 13.3.

Waller's Starling *Onychognathus walleri*

(1) 4 Mount Kenya NP 4.3.

Oxpeckers Buphagidae

Yellow-billed Oxpecker *Buphagus africanus africanus*

(3) Up to 20 Maasai Mara NR 10–12.3.

Red-billed Oxpecker *Buphagus erythrorhynchus*

(7) 10 Nairobi NP 2.3, 3 Samburu NR 5–6.3, up to 6 Lake Nakuru NP 8–9.3 and up to 4 Maasai Mara NR 9–13.3.

Thrushes Turdidae

Abyssinian Thrush (Northern Olive Thrush) *Turdus abyssinicus abyssinicus*

(3) Up to 4 Mount Kenya NP 3–5.3.

Chats & Old World Flycatchers Muscicapidae

Rufous-tailed Scrub Robin *Cercotrichas galactotes*

(2) 2 Samburu NR 6.3 and 1 Buffalo Springs NR 7.3.

White-browed Scrub Robin *Cercotrichas leucophrys*

(3) 3 Nairobi NP 2.3, 2 Samburu NR 6.3 and 1 Maasai Mara NR 12.3.

White-eyed Slaty Flycatcher *Melaenornis fischeri fischeri*

(5) 1 Nairobi NP 2.3, up to 12 Mount Kenya NP 3–5.3 and 1 Lake Nakuru NP 9.3.

Northern Black Flycatcher *Melaenornis edolioides*

(3) Up to 4 Maasai Mara NR 10–12.3.

Southern Black Flycatcher *Melaenornis pammelaina pammelaina*

(3) 4 Sagana 3.3 and 2 Samburu NR 5–6.3.

African Grey Flycatcher *Melaenornis microrhynchus*

(8) 2 Nairobi NP 2.3, up to 10 Samburu NR 5–7.3, up to 2 Lake Nakuru NP 8–9.3 and 2 Maasai Mara NR 9–10.3 and 13.3.

Silverbird *Empidornis semipartitus*

(2) 5 Maasai Mara NR 12.3 and 1 Maasai Mara NR 13.3.

Spotted Flycatcher *Muscicapa striata*

(2) 1 Maasai Mara NR 12.3 and 13.3.

African Dusky Flycatcher *Muscicapa adusta*

(4) 1 Nairobi NP 2.3 and up to 6 Mount Kenya NP 3–5.3.

Cape Robin-Chat *Cossypha caffra iolaema*

(3) 2 Nairobi NP 2.3, 1 Mount Kenya NP 3.3 and 4.3.

Rüppell's Robin-Chat (H) *Cossypha semirufa*

(3) 1 heard Nairobi NP 2.3 and 1 heard Mount Kenya NP 3.3 and 4.3.

White-browed Robin-Chat *Cossypha heuglini*

(5) 1 Lake Nakuru NP 9.3 and up to 6 Maasai Mara NR 10–13.3.

White-starred Robin *Pogonocichla stellata*

(1) 1 seen briefly Mount Kenya NP 4.3 (leader only).

Spotted Palm Thrush *Cichladusa guttata*

(3) 2 Sagana 3.3, 1 Samburu NR 6.3, 2 Samburu NR 7.3 and 1 Buffalo Springs NR 7.3.

Common Rock Thrush *Monticola saxatilis*

(1) 3 Samburu NR 6.3.

Little Rock Thrush *Monticola rufocinereus rufocinereus*

(1) 2 en route from Shaba to Nakuru NR 8.3.

Whinchat *Saxicola rubetra*

(1) 1 on the Timau escarpment, en route from Shaba to Nakuru NR 8.3.

African Stonechat *Saxicola torquatus axillaris*

(1) 5 on the Timau escarpment, en route from Shaba to Nakuru NR 8.3.

Sooty Chat *Myrmecocichla nigra*

(2) 10 Maasai Mara NR 11.3 and 2 Maasai Mara NR 12.3.

Anteater Chat *Myrmecocichla aethiops cryptoleuca*

(4) Up to 30 Lake Nakuru NP 8–9.3 and up to 10 Maasai Mara NR 9.3 and 12–13.3.

Northern Wheatear *Oenanthe oenanthe*

(8) 2 Nairobi NP 2.3, 1 Mount Kenya NP 4.3, 2 Samburu NR 5–6.3 and up to 4 Maasai Mara NR 10–13.3.

Isabelline Wheatear *Oenanthe isabellina*

(10) 5 Nairobi NP 2.3, up to 6 Samburu NR 5–6.3, 4 Buffalo Springs NR 7.3, 4 Shaba NR 7.3, 1 en route from Shaba to Nakuru NR 8.3, 2 Lake Nakuru NP 9.3 and up to 6 Maasai Mara NR 9–13.3.

Pied Wheatear *Oenanthe pleschanka*

(5) 1 Nairobi NP 2.3, up to 6 Samburu NR 5–7.3, 2 Shaba NR 7.3 and 1 en route from Shaba to Nakuru NR 8.3.

Abyssinian Wheatear *Oenanthe lugubris schalowi*

(1) 1 Lake Nakuru NP 9.3.

Sunbirds Nectariniidae

Eastern Violet-backed Sunbird *Anthreptes orientalis*

(3) Up to 2 Samburu NR 5–7.3.

Collared Sunbird *Hedydipna collaris*

(2) 1 Sagana 3.3 and 2 Maasai Mara NR 10.3.

Olive Sunbird	<i>Cyanomitra olivacea</i>
(1) 5 Mount Kenya NP 4.3.	
Amethyst Sunbird	<i>Chalcomitra amethystina</i>
(2) 2 Nairobi NP 2.3 and 2 Sagana 3.3.	
Scarlet-chested Sunbird	<i>Chalcomitra senegalensis</i>
(2) 4 Nairobi NP 2.3 and 6 Sagana 3.3.	
Hunter's Sunbird	<i>Chalcomitra hunteri</i>
(2) 4 Samburu NR 6.3 and 2 Samburu NR 7.3.	
Tacazze Sunbird	<i>Nectarinia tacazze jacksoni</i>
(3) Up to 4 Mount Kenya NP 3–5.3.	
Bronzy Sunbird	<i>Nectarinia kilimensis kilimensis</i>
(3) 2 en route Mt Kenya to Shaba NR 5.3, 1 Lake Nakuru NP 8.3 and 6 en route Lake Nakuru to Maasai Mara 9.3.	
Northern Double-collared Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris reichenowi reichenowi</i>
(1) 6 Mount Kenya NP 4.3.	
Eastern Double-collared Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris mediocris</i>
(2) 2 Mount Kenya NP 4.3 and 1 Mount Kenya NP 5.3.	
Marico Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris mariquensis</i>
(3) Up to 4 Maasai Mara NR 10–12.3.	
Black-bellied Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris nectarinioides</i>
(1) 2 Shaba NR 8.3.	
Variable Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris venustus</i>
(1) 1 Nairobi NP 2.3.	

Old World Sparrows Passeridae

Yellow-spotted Bush Sparrow	<i>Gymnoris pyrgita pyrgita</i>
(3) 1 Samburu NR 5.3 and 7.3, 1 Buffalo Springs NR 7.3, and 4 Maasai Mara NR 12.3.	
Chestnut Sparrow	<i>Passer eminibey</i>
(5) Up to 100 Samburu NR 5–7.3, 1 Maasai Mara NR 10.3 and 1 en route Maasai Mara to Nairobi 13.3.	
Kenya Sparrow	<i>Passer rufocinctus</i>
(3) 6 Nairobi NP 2.3, 1 Maasai Mara NR 9.3 and 4 en route Maasai Mara to Nairobi 13.3.	
Swahili Sparrow	<i>Passer suahelicus</i>
(3) 1 en route Lake Nakuru to Maasai Mara 9.3, 2 Maasai Mara NR 11.3 and 1 en route Maasai Mara to Nairobi 13.3.	
Parrot-billed Sparrow	<i>Passer gongonensis</i>
(4) 1 Samburu NR 5.3, 2 Samburu NR 6.3, 2 Buffalo Springs NR 7.3 and 2 Shaba NR 7–8.3.	

House Sparrow

Passer domesticus

(3) 2 Nairobi 3.3, 6 en route Lake Nakuru to Maasai Mara 9.3 and 10 en route Maasai Mara to Nairobi 13.3.

Weavers & Widowbirds Ploceidae

White-headed Buffalo Weaver

Dinemellia dinemelli

(5) Up to 20 Samburu NR 5–7.3, 4 Shaba NR 8.3 and 2 Maasai Mara NR 12.3.

White-browed Sparrow-Weaver

Plocepasser mahali melanorhynchus

(8) Common throughout except in highland forest; particularly numerous in Samburu/Buffalo Springs NR and not seen in the Maasai Mara NR.

Donaldson Smith's Sparrow-Weaver

Plocepasser donaldsoni

(3) Up to 10 Samburu NR 5–7.3 and 2 Buffalo Springs NR 7.3.

Rufous-tailed Weaver (NE)

Histurgops ruficauda

(1) 3 Maasai Mara NR 11.3.

Grey-capped Social Weaver

Pseudonigrita arnaudi arnaudi

(4) Up to 4 Maasai Mara NR 9–13.3.

Black-capped Social Weaver

Pseudonigrita cabanisi

(3) Up to 30 Samburu NR 5–7.3 and 10 Shaba NR 7.3.

Speckle-fronted Weaver

Sporopipes frontalis emini

(4) 6 Samburu NR 6.3, 2 Shaba NR 7.3, 4 Maasai Mara NR 10.3 and 6 en route Maasai Mara to Nairobi 13.3.

Baglafecht Weaver

Ploceus baglafecht reichenowi

(4) Up to 10 Mount Kenya NP 3–5.3 and 2 Lake Nakuru NP 9.3.

Little Weaver

Ploceus luteolus

(2) 1 Maasai Mara NR 12.3 and 13.3.

Spectacled Weaver

Ploceus ocularis

(4) 1 Nairobi NP 2.3, 2 Mount Kenya NP 4.3, 1 Maasai Mara NR 10.3 and 1 Maasai Mara NR 13.3.

Eastern Golden Weaver

Ploceus subaureus aureoflavus

(1) 6 Sagana 3.3.

Holub's Golden Weaver

Ploceus xanthops

(1) 1 Maasai Mara NR 11.3 (leader only).

Lesser Masked Weaver

Ploceus intermedius intermedius

(2) 6 Samburu NR 6.3 and 1 Lake Nakuru NP 8.3.

Vitelline Masked Weaver

Ploceus vitellinus uluensis

(1) 1 Maasai Mara NR 13.3 and 5 en route Maasai Mara to Nairobi 13.3.

Speke's Weaver

Ploceus spekei

(4) A large colony outside the hotel in Nairobi 2–3.3, 1 Maasai Mara NR 11.3 and 10 en route Maasai Mara to Nairobi 13.3.

Village Weaver *Ploceus cucullatus*

(3) 1 en route from Shaba to Nakuru NR 8.3, 10 en route Lake Nakuru to Maasai Mara 9.3 and 10 en route Maasai Mara to Nairobi 13.3.

Chestnut Weaver *Ploceus rubiginosus rubiginosus*

(2) 3 Sagana 3.3 and about 50 Samburu NR 6.3.

Brown-capped Weaver *Ploceus insignis*

(3) Up to 6 Mount Kenya NP 3–5.3.

Red-headed Weaver *Anaplectes rubriceps*

(2) 2 Sagana 3.3 and 1 Maasai Mara NR 11.3.

Red-billed Quelea *Quelea quelea aethiopica*

(2) 10 Buffalo Springs NR 7.3 and 4 Lake Nakuru NP 9.3.

Yellow Bishop *Euplectes capensis crassirostris*

(3) 2 Sagana 3.3, 10 Lake Nakuru NP 9.3 and 1 Maasai Mara NR 13.3.

Fan-tailed Widowbird *Euplectes axillaris*

(1) 1 Maasai Mara NR 11.3.

Yellow-mantled Widowbird *Euplectes macroura*

(1) 15 Maasai Mara NR 11.3.

White-winged Widowbird *Euplectes albonotatus eques*

(1) 2 Maasai Mara NR 11.3.

Red-collared Widowbird *Euplectes ardens suahelicus*

(1) 1 Maasai Mara NR 11.3.

Jackson's Widowbird (NT) (NE) *Euplectes jacksoni*

(1) At least 75 Maasai Mara NR 11.3.

Waxbills, Munias & Allies *Estrildidae*

Bronze Mannikin *Spermestes cucullata*

(2) 10 Mwea Ricefields 3.3 and 10 Maasai Mara NR 11.3.

Red-backed Mannikin *Spermestes nigriceps nigriceps*

(2) Up to 15 Mount Kenya NP 3–4.3.

Yellow-bellied Waxbill *Coccycygia quartinia kilimensis*

(2) 6 Mount Kenya NP 4.3 and 4 Mount Kenya NP 5.3.

Grey-headed Nigrita *Nigrita canicapillus*

(1) 1 Mount Kenya NP 4.3.

Common Waxbill

Estrilda astrild

(2) 6 Lake Nakuru NP 9.3 and 1 Maasai Mara NR 11.3.

Crimson-rumped Waxbill

Estrilda rhodopyga centralis

(1) 15 Lake Nakuru NP 9.3.

Quailfinch

Ortygospiza atricollis

(1) 3 Maasai Mara NR 11.3 (in flight only).

Cut-throat Finch

Amadina fasciata alexanderi

(2) 8 Samburu NR 6.3 and 1 Lake Nakuru NP 9.3.

Purple Grenadier

Granatina ianthinogaster

(6) 6 Nairobi NP 2.3, 2 Lake Nakuru NP 9.3 and up to 8 Maasai Mara NR 9–13.3.

Red-cheeked Cordon-bleu

Uraeginthus bengalus

(7) 2 Nairobi NP 2.3, up to 30 Lake Nakuru NP 8–9.3 and up to 20 Maasai Mara NR 10–13.3.

Blue-capped Cordon-bleu

Uraeginthus cyanocephalus

(2) 10 Samburu NR 6.3 and 4 Samburu NR 7.3.

Red-billed Firefinch

Lagonosticta senegala

(4) 1 Nairobi NP 2.3, 6 Buffalo Springs NR 7.3, 10 Lake Nakuru NP 9.3 and 4 Maasai Mara NR 10.3.

Indigobirds & Whydahs Viduidae

Village Indigobird

Vidua chalybeata

(1) 1 Mwea Ricefields 3.3.

Pin-tailed Whydah

Vidua macroura

(5) 1 Mount Kenya NP 4.3, 10 Lake Nakuru NP 9.3, 1 Maasai Mara NR 10.3, 20 Maasai Mara NR 11.3 and 1 Maasai Mara NR 13.3.

Steel-blue Whydah

Vidua hypocherina

(1) 4 Samburu NR 6.3, in flight only.

Straw-tailed Whydah

Vidua fischeri

(2) 2 Samburu NR 6.3 and 5 Samburu NR 7.3.

Long-tailed Paradise Whydah

Vidua paradisaea

(1) 2 Samburu NR 6.3.

Wagtails & Pipits Motacillidae

Western Yellow Wagtail

Motacilla flava

(6) 3 Nairobi NP 2.3, up to 4 Mount Kenya NP 3–5.3, many on the Timau escarpment 8.3 and 2 Lake Nakuru NP 9.3.

African Pied Wagtail

Motacilla aguimp vidua

(7) 4 Nairobi NP 2.3, up to 2 Mount Kenya NP 3–5.3, 4 en route Mt Kenya to Shaba NR 5.3, 2 en route Lake Nakuru to Maasai Mara 9.3, 1 Maasai Mara NR 10.3 and 2 Nairobi 13.3.

Yellow-throated Longclaw *Macronyx croceus*

(5) 2 Lake Nakuru NP 8.3, 5 Lake Nakuru NP 9.3 and up to 12 Maasai Mara NR 10–12.3.

Rosy-throated Longclaw *Macronyx ameliae wintoni*

(1) 5 Maasai Mara NR 11.3.

African Pipit *Anthus cinnamomeus*

(8) 6 Nairobi NP 2.3, 2 Buffalo Springs NR 7.3, 2 en route from Shaba to Nakuru NR 8.3, up to 2 Lake Nakuru NP 8–9.3 and up to 30 Maasai Mara NR 10–13.3.

Plain-backed Pipit *Anthus leucophrys*

(5) 2 Lake Nakuru NP 9.3, up to 2 Maasai Mara NR 10–13.3 and 1 en route Maasai Mara to Nairobi 13.3.

Tree Pipit *Anthus trivialis trivialis*

(1) 1 Maasai Mara NR 11.3, on the Oloololo escarpment.

Finches Fringillidae

Reichenow's Seedeater *Critchagra reichenowi*

(4) 6 Nairobi NP 2.3 and up to 10 Maasai Mara NR 11–13.3.

Yellow-fronted Canary *Critchagra mozambica*

(5) 3 en route Lake Nakuru to Maasai Mara 9.3 and up to 30 Maasai Mara NR 10–13.3.

White-bellied Canary *Critchagra dorsostriata*

(1) 1 Samburu NR 6.3.

Brimstone Canary *Critchagra sulphurata sharpii*

(2) 4 Nairobi NP 2.3 and 1 Lake Nakuru NP 9.3.

Thick-billed Seedeater *Critchagra burtoni*

(1) 1 Mount Kenya NP 4.3.

Streaky Seedeater *Critchagra striolata striolata*

(6) 2 Nairobi NP 2.3, up to 20 Mount Kenya NP 3–5.3, 2 en route from Shaba to Nakuru NR 8.3 and 4 Lake Nakuru NP 9.3.

Yellow-crowned Canary *Serinus flavivertex flavivertex*

(2) 6 Mount Kenya NP 4.3 and 2 Mount Kenya NP 5.3.

Buntings Emberizidae

Cinnamon-breasted Bunting *Emberiza tahapisi tahapisi*

(1) 2 en route Mt Kenya to Shaba NR 5.3.

Somali Bunting *Emberiza poliopleura*

(1) 1 Buffalo Springs NR 7.3.

Golden-breasted Bunting

Emberiza flaviventris kalaharica

(1) 1 Maasai Mara NR 12.3.

Mammals (46 in total: 45 seen, 1 heard)

Hyraxes Procaviidae

Southern Tree Hyrax

Dendrohyrax arboreus

(2) Several heard Mount Kenya NP 3–4.3.

Common Rock Hyrax

Procavia capensis

(1) 5 Shaba NR 7.3.

Elephants Elephantidae

African Elephant (VU)

Loxodonta africana

(5) 15 Samburu NR 6.3, 5 Buffalo Springs NR 7.3, 20 Shaba NR 7.3, 20 Maasai Mara NR 10.3 and 135 Maasai Mara NR 11.3.

Sengis (Elephant-Shrews) Macroscelidea

Rufous Sengi

Elephantulus rufescens

(1) 1 Samburu NR 6.3.

Cats Felidae

Cheetah (VU)

Acinonyx jubatus fearsoni

(3) 3 Samburu NR 6.3, 1 Maasai Mara NR 10.3 and 2 Maasai Mara NR 12.3.

Lion (VU)

Panthera leo leo

(3) 1 Nairobi NP 2.3, 15 Maasai Mara NR 10.3 and 4 Maasai Mara NR 11.3.

Leopard (VU)

Panthera pardus pardus

(1) 1 Maasai Mara NR 10.3.

Civets & Genets Viverridae

Common Genet

Genetta genetta

(2) 1 Samburu NR 5.3 and 6.3.

Hyenas & Aardwolf Hyaenidae

Spotted Hyaena

Crocuta crocuta

(3) Up to 7 Maasai Mara NR 10–12.3.

Mongoosees Herpestidae

Common Dwarf Mongoose *Helogale parvula*

(2) 3 Samburu NR 5.3 and 4 Samburu NR 6.3.

White-tailed Mongoose *Ichneumia albicauda*

(1) 1 Samburu NR 6.3, at night.

Banded Mongoose *Mungos mungo*

(3) Up to 60 Maasai Mara NR 9–11.3.

Wolves, Foxes and Jackals Canidae

Black-backed Jackal *Lupulella mesomelas*

(7) 1 Samburu NR 5.3 and 6.3, and up to 5 Maasai Mara NR 9–13.3.

Zebras and Asses Equidae

Grevy's Zebra (EN) *Equus grevyi*

(4) Up to 20 Samburu NR 5–7.3, 1 Buffalo Springs NR 7.3 and 1 Shaba NR 8.3.

Plains Zebra (NT) *Equus quagga*

(6) Common in Nairobi NP, Lake Nakuru NP and the Maasai Mara NR. A few were also seen outside reserves.

Rhinoceroses Rhinocerotidae

White Rhinoceros (NT) *Ceratotherium simum simum*

(2) 8 Nairobi NP 2.3 and 6 Lake Nakuru NP 9.3.

Pigs Suidae

Desert Warthog *Phacochoerus aethiopicus*

(3) Up to 20 Samburu NR 5–7.3.

Common Warthog *Phacochoerus africanus massaicus*

(8) 10 Nairobi NP 2.3, 12 Buffalo Springs NR 7.3, up to 30 Lake Nakuru NP 8–9.3 and up to 30 Maasai Mara NR 9–13.3.

Giraffes Giraffidae

Northern Giraffe (VU) *Giraffa camelopardalis*

(4) Up to 20 Samburu NR 5–7.3, 6 Buffalo Springs NR 7.3 and 3 Shaba NR 7.3 were all the Reticulated subspecies. 4 at Lake Nakuru NP 9.3 were Rothschild's Giraffe.

Maasai Giraffe (VU) *Giraffa tippelskirchi*

(6) 40 Nairobi NP 2.3 and up to 50 Maasai Mara NR 9–13.3.

Cattle & Antelopes Bovidae

Impala	<i>Aepyceros melampus melampus</i>
(9) Common in all savanna parks, notably Nairobi NP, Lake Nakuru NP and Maasai Mara NR. Fewer at Samburu/Buffalo Springs NR.	
Hartebeest	<i>Alcelaphus buselaphus</i>
(3) Many in Nairobi NP 2.3, 10 Maasai Mara NR 9.3 and 20 Maasai Mara NR 11.3.	
Common Wildebeest	<i>Connochaetes taurinus</i>
(6) Commonly encountered in Nairobi NP and Maasai Mara NR.	
Topi	<i>Damaliscus lunatus</i>
(5) Common in Maasai Mara NR.	
Thomson's Gazelle	<i>Eudorcas thomsonii</i>
(7) 20 Nairobi NP 2.3, up to 30 Lake Nakuru NP 8–9.3, and common in Maasai Mara NR 9–13.3.	
Waterbuck	<i>Kobus ellipsiprymnus</i>
(5) 2 Buffalo Springs NR 7.3, 30 Shaba NR 7.3, 50 Lake Nakuru NP 8.3, 20 Lake Nakuru NP 9.3, 10 Maasai Mara NR 11.3 and 2 Maasai Mara NR 13.3.	
Gerenuk (NT)	<i>Litocranius walleri</i>
(4) Up to 20 Samburu NR 5–7.3, 6 Buffalo Springs NR 7.3, 3 Shaba NR 7.3 and 2 Shaba NR 8.3.	
Kirk's Dikdik	<i>Madoqua kirkii</i>
(7) Up to 30 Samburu NR 5–7.3 and 2 Maasai Mara NR 10–13.3.	
Grant's Gazelle	<i>Nanger granti</i>
(2) 20 Nairobi NP 2.3 and 1 en route Maasai Mara to Nairobi 13.3.	
Bright's Gazelle	<i>Nanger notata</i>
(3) Up to 30 Samburu NR 5–7.3, 10 Buffalo Springs NR 7.3 and 10 Shaba NR 7.3. This species was formerly included in Grant's Gazelle.	
Beisa Oryx (EN)	<i>Oryx beisa</i>
(3) Up to 30 Samburu NR 5–7.3 and 2 Shaba NR 7.3.	
Bohor Reedbuck	<i>Redunca redunca</i>
(2) 5 Nairobi NP 2.3 and 4 Maasai Mara NR 10.3.	
African Buffalo (NT)	<i>Synacerus caffer</i>
(7) Common in Nairobi NP, Lake Nakuru NP and Maasai Mara NR.	
Common Eland	<i>Tragelaphus oryx</i>
(6) 10 Nairobi NP 2.3, 1 Lake Nakuru NP 9.3 and up to 30 Maasai Mara NR 10–13.3.	
Bushbuck	<i>Tragelaphus scriptus</i>
(3) 2 Nairobi NP 2.3, 1 Maasai Mara NR 9.3 and 2 Maasai Mara NR 12.3.	

Hippopotamuses Hippopotamidae

Hippopotamus (VU) *Hippopotamus amphibius*

(3) 30 Nairobi NP 2.3, 4 Lake Nakuru NP 8.3 and 15 Maasai Mara NR 11.3.

False Vampire Bats Megadermatidae

Yellow-winged Bat *Lavia frons*

(4) Up to 3 Maasai Mara NR 10–13.3.

Old World Fruit Bats Pteropodidae

Wahlberg's Epauletted Fruit Bat *Epomophorus wahlbergi*

(1) 1 Nairobi NP 2.3.

Galagos Galagidae

Somali Lesser Galago *Galago gallarum*

(1) 2 Samburu NR 6.3.

Old World Monkeys Cercopithecidae

Blue Monkey *Cercopithecus mitis*

(2) 6 Nairobi NP 2.3 and 5 Nairobi 13.3.

Vervet *Chlorocebus pygerythrus hilgerti*

(10) Commonly encountered throughout except in highland forest.

Guereza *Colobus guereza*

(3) 2 Mount Kenya NP 3–4.3 and 1 Lake Nakuru NP 8.3.

Olive Baboon *Papio anubis*

(9) Common throughout except in highland forest on Mt Kenya.

Rabbits & Hares Leporidae

African Savanna Hare *Lepus victoriae*

(1) 1 Samburu NR 6.3.

Squirrels Sciuridae

Unstriped Ground Squirrel *Xerus rutilus*

(4) 1 Nairobi NP 2.3 and up to 20 Samburu NR 5–7.3.

True Mice and Rats *Muridae*

African Grass Rat

Arvicanthis niloticus

(1) 1 Maasai Mara NR 12.3.

Rockjumper Birding Ltd

Labourdonnais Village
Mapou, Riviere du Rempart
31803, Mauritius

Tel: (USA & Canada) toll-free: 1-888-990-5552

Email: info@rockjumper.com

Website: www.rockjumperbirding.com