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Kenya Mega Tailor-made Tour

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Lichtenstein's Sandgrouse by Keith Valentine

Trip Report compiled by Tour Leader: Keith Valentine

Top 10 Birds:

1. Lichtenstein's Sandgrouse
2. Ovambo Sparrowhawk
3. Blue-shouldered Robin-Chat
4. Steel-blue Whydah
5. White-spotted Flufftail/East Coast Akalat
6. Taita Apalis/Papyrus Gonolek
7. Malindi Pipit/Cuckoo-finch
8. Kikuyu White-eye
9. Fire-fronted Bishop/Coqui Francolin
10. Blue-headed Bee-eater/Golden Palm Weaver

Tour Summary



Cuckoo-finch by Keith Valentine

What a truly remarkable country Kenya is. Few places on our planet are blessed with the sheer volume of wildlife (birds and animals) that Kenya has. Add to this it's exceptional accommodations, general infrastructure that is geared heavily towards tourism and it's no wonder that Kenya is one of the BEST possible birding and wildlife focused trips that one can do. Time and time again people concur that Africa is undoubtedly one of the great birding continents, and a trip to Kenya certainly solidifies that notion. Ours was an extremely focused tour with every member of our group a 5000+ lister so emphasis was put on spending time targeting specific species, many of which are the core specials for Kenya, rather than vast number. Even then, our impressive total of

almost 700 species in just over 3 weeks, meant that this was a tour to remember for all the right reasons! Add to this the amazing scenery, great accommodations, wonderful cultures and almost seventy mammal species, what else could you wish for when it comes to a taste of Africa and those that call it home?!

We were treated to an exceptional number of Kenyan endemics on our route, namely Jackson's Francolin, William's Lark, Sharpe's Longclaw, Aberdare Cisticola, Taita Apalis, Taita Thrush, Taita and Kikuyu White-eyes, and Hinde's Babbler, only dipping on the little-known Clarke's Weaver. Other highlights included White-spotted Flufftail, Crab-plover, Somali Courser, Lichtenstein's Sandgrouse Eastern Bronze-naped Pigeon, Fischer's, Hartlaub's and Black-billed Turaco, Ovambo Sparrowhawk, Cape (Mackinder's) Eagle-Owl, Sokoke Scops Owl, White-headed Mousebird, Bar-tailed Trogons, Somali and Blue-headed Bee-eater, Grant's and White-headed Wood Hoopoe, Jackson's Hornbill, Green Barbet, Green and Moustached Tinkerbird, Pallid Honeyguide, Mombasa Woodpecker, Forest and Pale Batis, Jameson's and Yellow-bellied Wattle-eye, Doherty's Bushshrike, Papyrus Gonolek,

Three-streaked Tchagra, Grey-crested and Chestnut-fronted Helmetshrike, Green-headed Oriole, Purple-throated Cuckooshrike, Red-throated Tit, Friedmann's Lark, Little Yellow Flycatcher, Uganda Woodland Warbler, Upcher's Warbler, Lynes's Cisticola, Miombo Wren-Warbler, Turner's Eremomela, Southern (Kakamega) Hyliota, Gambaga & Chapin's Flycatcher, Brown-chested Alethe, Blue-shouldered, Grey-winged & Snowy-headed Robin-Chats, Equatorial and East Coast Akalat, White-throated Robin, Plain-backed, Amani, Tsavo and Golden-winged Sunbirds, Magpie Starling, Donaldson Smith's Sparrow-Weaver, Golden Palm, Golden-backed, Northern Masked and Taveta Weaver, Kandt's Waxbill, Fire-fronted and Zanzibar Red Bishop, Jackson's Widowbird, Blue-capped Cordon-bleu, Grey-headed Silverbill, Steel-blue Whydah, Cuckoo-finch, Golden and Malindi Pipit and Southern Grosbeak-Canary!



Jackson's Francolin by Keith Valentine

Whilst the focus of the tour was certainly the rich assemblage of Kenyan and East African specialties, we did not neglect the amazing diversity of mammals, ending up with almost 70 species! Some of the mammalian highlights included the "big five", memorable Leopard & Cheetah sightings, Spotted Hyaena, Reticulated and Rothschild's Giraffe, Grevy's Zebra, curious Gerenuk, Lesser Kudu, (Giant) Forest Hog, Bushpig and some smaller critters such as Four-toed and Golden-rumped Sengi, Small-eared Greater Galago, Central African Large-spotted Genet and the impressive Egyptian Mongoose!



Golden-winged Sunbird by Keith Valentine

For more highlights and a detailed trip report, read on....

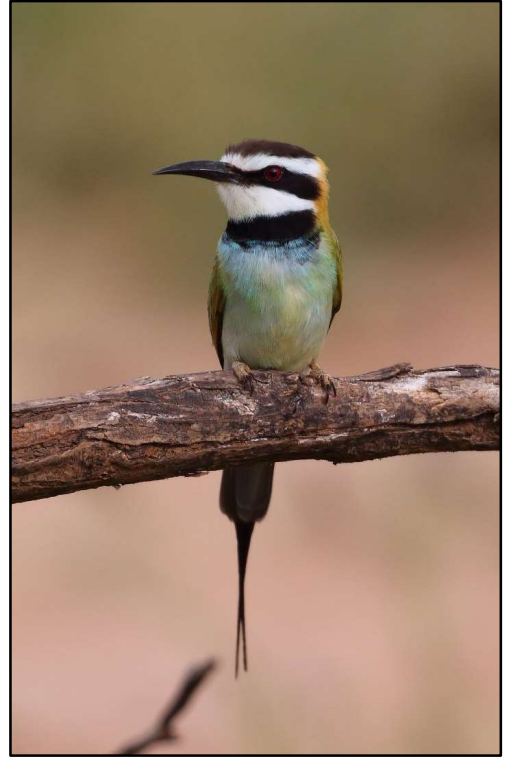
Our pre-tour lodgings were a sanctuary and while some of us arrived in a massive thunderstorm, that caused extensive flooding, others had been at the sanctuary for a few days getting prepared for the epic adventure that awaited us. The following morning, we made our way to the nearby Jomo Kenyatta Airport for a short flight to Ukunda situated on the coast to the south of Mombassa. Our flight ended up being a couple hours delayed but was no major issue. After arrival in Ukunda we met our extremely talented and friendly local driver/guide – Jack, who we got know very well over the next 3+ weeks. We then proceeded to board our comfortable 4x4 stretch Landcruiser and departed for the short drive to the Shimba Hills.

Arriving at the lodge we checked in and proceeded to enjoy a delicious lunch (our first of many memorable meals in

Kenya). The view from our lodge was simply beautiful however we dragged ourselves away for an afternoon exploration of the nearby Shimba Hills National Park. Here we found Tambourine Dove, Brown-hooded Kingfisher, Silvery-cheeked Hornbill, European and White-throated Bee-eaters, White-eared and Green Barbets, Black-crowned Tchagra, Eastern Nicator, Little Greenbul, Croaking Cisticola, Black-bellied Starling, Yellow-throated Longclaw and Tree Pipit. Evening then saw us back at the lodge for dinner in the company of some very cute Small-eared Greater Galagos.

Day two saw us back in the Shimba Hills NP where we enjoyed a fabulous mornings birding. Top honours has to go to the 3 stunning Green-headed Orioles that showed extremely well while others included an active group of Little Yellow Flycatcher, cracking Chestnut-fronted and Retz's Helmetshrikes, Black-headed Apalis, Palm-nut Vulture, Crowned Hornbill, rather showy East Coast Boubou, Flappet Lark in display flight and Short-winged Cisticola while Fischer's Turaco's were heard a few times but would not show themselves.

Thereafter we departed the wonderful area of Shimba Hills and struck out north for Mida Creek and the wonderful forests of Arabuko-Sokoke. On arrival at Mida Creek we found it to be low tide and the boardwalk out was in very poor repair. We thus decided to take a walk across the mudflats where we had some good scope views of many hundreds of Crab-plovers plus a fair selection of other shorebirds and a lone Greater Flamingo. We then moved further north and made an excellent decision to stop off at Arabuko Swamp where eventually we managed to locate a wonderful Malindi



White-throated Bee-eater by Keith Valentine



Green-headed Oriole by Keith Valentine

Pipit that posed for excellent views. The wetland itself was rather flooded and had a good bunch of emergent growth and lilies which provided excellent cover for species such as African Pygmy Goose and White-backed Duck. Other good finds at Arabuko Swamp included Black Coucal, Dwarf Bittern (unfortunately just for some of us), Knob-billed Duck, White-faced Whistling Duck and our first Coastal Cisticolas. Thereafter we retired to our comfortable beachfront resort in the nearby village of Watamu.

Over the course of the next two days we made a number of excursions into various sections of Arabuko-Sokoke Forest. In

terms of bird activity, it was typically rather quiet, which tends to be the trend in these coastal forests. The quality however more than makes up for it and by visiting various zones and working the habitat we eventually came away with an impressive list of highly desirable species. Our final morning in particular produced a number of very special birds. Highlights during our time at Arabuko-Sokoke included the very special Sokoke Scops Owl, which initially gave us a real run around, and we ended up spending a good number of hours searching known roosting sites before getting superb views of this extremely localized special. We also had good views of the extremely range restricted Amani Sunbird and others such as Fischer's Turaco, Green Tinkerbird, Plain-backed Sunbird, East Coast Akalat, Fischer's and Lowland Tiny Greenbul, Terrestrial Brownbul, Blue-mantled Crested Flycatcher, Bearded Scrub Robin, Pallid Honeyguide, Black-headed Apalis, Little Yellow Flycatcher, Eastern Nicator, Pale and Forest Batis, Mombassa Woodpecker and Red-throated Twinspot.



Malindi Pipit by Keith Valentine

During our time in the area we also ventured further north to the Sabaki River mouth where we had some great looks at a few shorebirds, Sooty and Lesser Black-backed Gulls, Saunders's, Common, Caspian, Greater and Lesser Crested Terns, Yellow-billed Stork, African Spoonbill and in the nearby reedbeds Coastal Cisticola, Zanzibar Red Bishop, Golden Palm Weaver, Sedge and Eastern Olivaceous Warbler, Rufous Chatterer, Pale White-eye and Western Marsh Harrier.



Sokoke Scops Owl by Keith Valentine

After our final super productive morning at Arabuko-Sokoke we left for the famous reserve of Tsavo East. Our afternoon drive through the park was extremely memorable and we found a huge variety of new species given the stark change in habitat from humid coastal forest to dry acacia dominated scrub. Everywhere we went however it was very evident that the little rains had been extensive and that they had yet to cease, with Tsavo East looking way wetter than I have ever seen it before. Our drive was so productive that we ended up arriving at our lodge a bit later than anticipated however it was well worth it. Highlights included Somali Ostrich, Black-faced Sandgrouse, White-bellied, Kori and Buff-crested Bustards, Black-headed Lapwing, Secretarybird, elegant male Pallid Harrier, Abyssinian Scimitarbill, Northern Carmine Bee-eater, Rosy-patched Bushshrike, Long-

tailed and Taita Fiscals, Pink-breasted and Red-winged Larks, Ashy Cisticola, Golden-breasted and Fischer's Starlings, Cut-throat Finch and the showy Long-tailed Paradise Whydah in full breeding dress. In the late afternoon were also stoked to find a lioness with her cubs sitting right on the road verge while 2 big male Lions near the park gate provided for more last-minute excitement before we arrived at our lodge for the night.

The next morning, we enjoyed another wonderful game drive through Tsavo East where we found a few more fantastic new birds to the ever-expanding list. Extremely close views of Golden-breasted Starling were a definite highlight while others such as Pangani Longclaw, Woolly-necked and Marabou Storks, Grey-headed Kingfisher, Slate-coloured Boubou, Rufous-tailed Scrub-Robin, were also much appreciated before we started our drive across to the neighboring Tsavo reserve – Tsavo West. First however was an engagement with a few extremely localized and highly threatened endemic forest species.



Green Tinkerbird by Keith Valentine

The Taita Hills forests are now mere fragments of what they once were but the 3 endemics still cling on in small patches of forest in the highest reaches of the range. The forests are far from busy but with dedication and slowly working the area the target species do reveal themselves and we were very fortunate to find all 3 endemics – Taita Thrush, Taita Apalis and Taita White-eye plus a few other goodies such as Stripe-faced and Placid Greenbuls, White-starred Robin and Lemon Dove.



Taita Apalis by Keith Valentine

Later on, in the afternoon we entered Tsavo West and were treated to some of the most memorable birding of the trip as new species were all over the place and literally dripping from the trees. It was lush and the rains were very much in evidence ensuring that there was plenty of food and thus plenty of birds. Needless to say, we once again arrived at our lodge later than we initially anticipated however our haul of species that we collected during the drive was pretty impressive. Species such as Straw-tailed Whydah were in full breeding plumage and others such as Blue-capped Cordon-bleu, Purple Grenadier and Grey-headed Silverbill showed very well at the road verge where plenty of seed was about. Other great finds included Three-

streaked Tchagra, Tsavo Sunbird, impressive numbers of Vulturine Guineafowl many groups of which had bundles of babies, Gabar Goshawk, Black-throated Barbet, Pygmy Falcon, White-crested Helmetshrike, Acacia Tit, Red-faced Crombec, Spotted Palm Thrush, Common Rock Thrush, Eastern Violet-backed Sunbird, Black-necked Weaver, White-bellied Canary and Somali Bunting. We were also treated to an exceptional Leopard sighting when just before arriving at our camp a female with 3 sub-adult cubs were watched at length as they walked and played in the road right in front of our vehicle. An incredible day with a memorable ending.

Our full day in Tsavo West NP was the most productive day from a species count point of view and naturally that also meant plenty of quality given the superb habitat. Our final total for birds seen during the day was 154 species! Through the day we navigated a large network of roads, while heading south to Lake Jipe on the Tanzanian border. Highlights seen on the drive and at the lake itself included a shy group of the scarce and seldom recorded Scaly Chatter, extremely localized Taveta Weaver, Zanzibar Red Bishop, Blue-cheeked Bee-eater, Southern Ground Hornbill, Secretarybird, Kori Bustard,

D'Arnaud's and Red-and-yellow Barbets, African Snipe, African, Jacobin and Black Cuckoos, Gull-billed Tern, Little Bittern, Squacco and Purple Herons, African Hawk-Eagle, Augur Buzzard, Pearl-



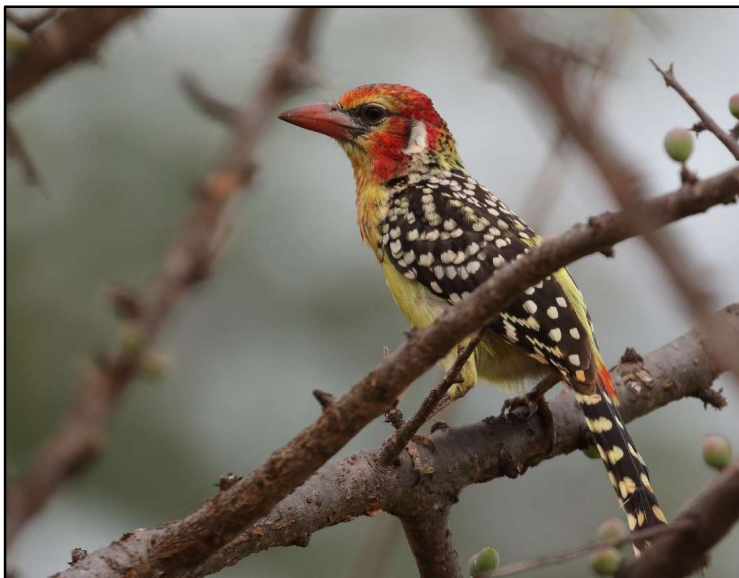
Lioness & Cubs by Keith Valentine



Golden-breasted Starling by Keith Valentine

spotted Owlet, Malachite Kingfisher, Fischer's Sparrow-Lark, Foxy Lark, Dodson's Bulbul, Lesser Swamp, Marsh and Upcher's Warblers, Tiny and Desert Cisticolas, Pale Prinia, Common Whitethroat, Hildebrandt's Starling, Yellow-billed and Red-billed Oxpeckers, Hunter's Sunbird, Black-capped social Weaver, Vitelline Masked Weaver, Crimson-rumped Waxbill, Western Yellow Wagtail and an incredible sighting of some displaying Common Ostrich who were dancing about and shaking their wings with such intensity. Something which none of us had witnessed to this degree before!

Today we had a final morning in Tsavo West and were keen to get out to an area where we had heard that the rare Friedmann's Lark had recently been reported from. It took a while to reach the area and the general birding was again excellent with new species including Hildebrandt's Francolin, Martial and Booted Eagles, Red-bellied Parrot, Brown-crowned Tchagra, Brubru and Chestnut Weaver. As we were approaching the lark zone, but still a few hundred meters short of the exact area, an interesting lark flushed at the side of the road. Luckily it perched up in clear view for everyone to get good views and confirm that what we were looking at was indeed the rare and little known Friedmann's Lark. With broad smiles we made our way to the lovely oasis of Mzima Springs where we had some wonderful views of Black-bellied Sunbird, Mountain Wagtail, Eastern Golden Weaver, Northern Brownbul and Spot-flanked Barbet while Blue Monkeys and Guereza entertained us as well before we began the drive to the park exit and back to Nairobi.



Red-and-yellow Barbet by Keith Valentine

This morning was a slightly later start to proceedings with breakfast at the lodge before we began our adventure down the Magadi Road. This famous birding road, leading south of the country's capital, passes through a range of habitats and elevations. During the day we picked up several excellent birds which kicked off at our very first stop finding the localized Lynes's Cisticola, while others included the far more common Hunter's Cisticola, Streaky Seedeater, Kenya Sparrow and Cape Robin-Chat. A little



Purple Grenadier by Keith Valentine

further down the road and we were again out of the vehicle enjoying Brown Parisoma, Golden-winged Sunbird, Eurasian Blackcap, Red-fronted Barbet, Chinspot Batis and Reichenow's Seedeater. Throughout the morning we kept on picking up great birds until it was eventually time to start making our way back to Nairobi and onwards towards Thika. Additional highlights during our time along the Magadi Road included Southern Grosbeak-Canary, Abyssinian (Schalow's) Wheatear, Bronzy, Variable and Beautiful Sunbirds, Red-fronted Tinkerbird, Eurasian Redstart, Western Citril, Anteater Chat, Pied and Capped Wheatears, Grey-capped Social Weaver,

Grey-headed Silverbill, Village Indigobird and Black-faced Waxbill. Later on, as we got closer to Thika, a few key stops produced our number one target - Northern Pied Babbler while other enjoyable species included Cinnamon-chested Bee-eater, African Yellow Warbler and Grey-capped Warbler.

Our pre-breakfast ‘potter’ the following day round the lodge gardens produced a few new species such as Black and Little Sparrowhawks, Ruppell’s Starling, Northern Black Flycatcher and highly surprisingly, a few male and female Black-bellied Sunbirds before we made our made to Kieni Forest, which offered up some fantastic birding. The road through the forest gives excellent access to the habitat and by working this area for a few hours we got excellent views of the striking Hartlaub’s Turaco, Chestnut-throated and Black-collared Apalis at close range, Lesser Cuckoo, Olive-breasted and Sombre Greenbuls, Grey-headed Nigrita, the endemic Kikuyu White-eye, Northern

Double-collared Sunbird and our first of many White-eyed Slaty Flycatcher. Driving closer to Lake Naivasha, we first stopped at the productive Simisi Dam where we enjoyed lunch in the field and also had species like Garganey, Northern Pintail, large numbers of Northern Shoveler, Yellow-billed Duck, Black-tailed Godwit, Ruff, Whiskered Tern and Red-capped Lark. Our next stop was at a well-known site in the rapidly disappearing Kinangop Grasslands where we eventually had some excellent views of 2 pairs of the highly sought-after and critically endangered Sharpe’s Longclaw. We also had close looks at Golden-winged Sunbird, Western Citril, Speke’s Weaver, Long-tailed Widowbird, Levallant’s Cisticola, African Snipe, Brimstone Canary, spectacular Purple Grenadier and Angolan Swallow before

completing the final leg of the journey to Lake Naivasha.



Moustached Tinkerbird by Keith Valentine



Southern Grosbeak-Canary by Keith Valentine

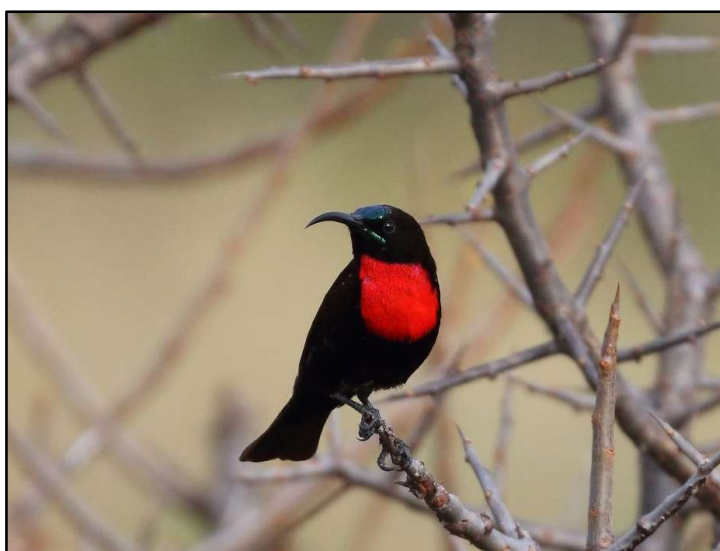
A change of pace the following day saw us begin with a morning stroll around the beautiful grounds of our lodge, which was situated right on the edge of Lake Naivasha. The birding was extremely productive as we quickly found our key targets and others such as Black-lored and Arrow-marked Babblers, Fischer’s and Yellow-collared Lovebirds, Nubian and African Grey Woodpeckers and White-bellied Tit. Thereafter we enjoyed a leisurely boat trip around the lake where birds were common and plentiful. Departing the shores of Naivasha, we then

set off for the gates of Aberdares National Park. Inside the beautiful surrounds of the park, we found impressive numbers of both Jackson's and Scaly Francolin, Mountain Buzzard, the endemic Aberdare Cisticola, Eastern Double-collared Sunbird, Waller's Starling, Moorland Chat and a stunning Doherty's Bushshrike, before bumping into a group of truly Giant Forest Hogs, in broad daylight! On the mammal front we also had a brief sighting of a Serval plus Spotted Hyaena and plenty of Bushbuck. As if that wasn't enough to take in for the day, we then made a detour to Kiganjo where we secured some good views of a group of the usually skulky Hinde's Babbler! Another great birding day in Kenya! Based at Mountain Lodge was a real treat and that evening at our lodge we had 2 Verreaux's Eagle-Owls and White-tailed Mongoose.

Pre-breakfast birding from the lodge roof gave us great views of Mt. Kenya and a host of new birds, including Eastern Bronze-naped, African Green and African Olive Pigeons, Red-fronted Parrot and Grey Apalis, before we set off through the forest and up to higher parts of the mountain. Today was one of those days where we worked hard for our birds and even though much effort was put in a few of our specific targets failed to present themselves. Highlights during our day included high numbers of Mountain Yellow Warbler and Kikuyu White-eye, brief Abyssinian Ground Thrush, Placid Greenbul, many Eastern Double-collared Sunbird, Scarce Swift, good numbers of Hartlaub's Turaco, Crowned Eagle, Brown Woodland Warbler, Cinnamon Bracken Warbler, Tacazze Sunbird, a lovely group of Kandt's Waxbill, Thick-billed Seed-eater and Yellow-crowned Canary.



Mountain Yellow Warbler by Keith Valentine



Hunter's Sunbird by Keith Valentine

The next morning we spent time birding the forest in close proximity to the lodge and towards the entrance gate, finally finding two of our prime target species from yesterday - Mountain Oriole and Moustached Tinkerbird, while also getting memorable views of Grey Cuckooshrike, Sharpe's Starling, Ruppell's Robin-Chat, African Emerald Cuckoo, Mosque Swallow and African Hill Babbler. Then, however, it was time to head back to the warm weather and dry country of Samburu/Buffalo Springs and surrounds – where, upon arriving mid-afternoon we heard that the bridge crossing the Easu Nyiro River, which connects Buffalo Springs and Samburu, had been washed away. This meant less time in

Buffalo Springs but the additional birding in Samburu was very productive. Almost immediately upon turning around at the Buffalo Springs entrance gate we found a stunning male Golden Pipit while on the Samburu side we got to grips with a host of new birds. Highlights included the uncommon Yellow-vented Eremomela, scarce Somali Bee-eater, Great Spotted Cuckoo, White-headed Mousebird, Northern Crombec and Donaldson Smith's Sparrow-Weaver. Following the theme of great accommodations on this tour, we checked into our very comfortable lodge. Dinner was followed shortly by a visit from a beautiful Central African Large-spotted Genet, only meters from the restaurant!

Our full day exploring the reserves of Samburu, Buffalo Springs and Shaba was wonderfully successful. Not only did we enjoy great birds, but the mammal-watching was excellent as well. We began birding our way down Sopa Hill where the habitat is Commophora dominated. Here we found some fantastic species such as White-throated Robin (Irania), Barred Warbler, Rufous-tailed Scrub-Robin, Golden-breasted Starling, Somali Bunting, Speckle-fronted Weaver, Black-throated Barbet and Blue-capped Cordon-bleu. We then made our way out of Samburu and around to Buffalo Springs where we eventually had great success with our main target - Grant's Wood Hoopoe, while others included Somali Ostrich, Common Quail, Chestnut-bellied Sandgrouse and Purple Roller. Moving across to Shaba in the afternoon was an



Golden Pipit by Keith Valentine



White-headed Mousebird by Keith Valentine

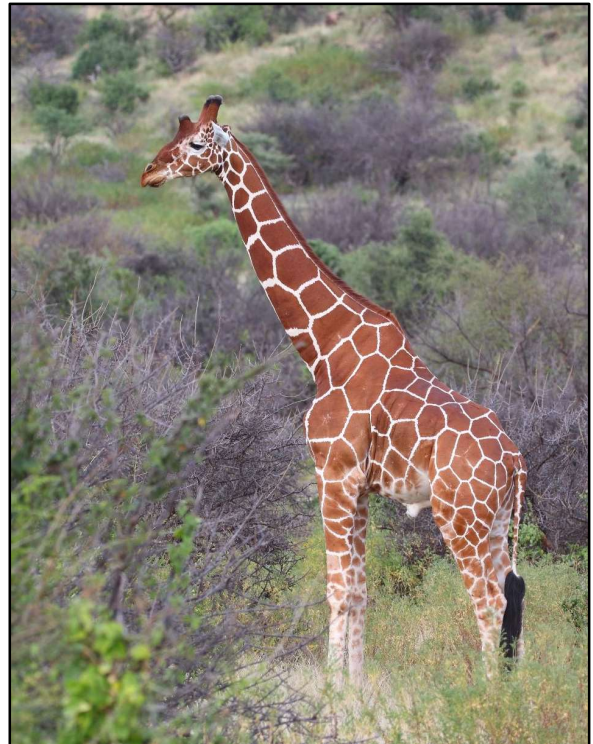
excellent move as we got to grips with a number of our most wanted species in the area such as Lichtenstein's Sandgrouse and Somali Courser while other new species such as White-backed and Ruppell's Vultures, African Silverbill and Cinnamon-breasted Bunting were also seen. On the mammal front, we enjoyed multiple views of the very attractive Reticulated Giraffe, Grevy's Zebra, Gerenuk, Beisa Oryx, Guenther's Dikdik and African Elephant.

An early breakfast the next day allowed us to get to the lava fields of Shaba GR before it was too hot. The habitat however was completely transformed due to the good rains of the past couple of months and the area was covered in long grasses and damp. The different conditions meant there were no Williams's Lark about however the extremely scarce and unpredictable Fire-fronted Bishop had pulled in while we enjoyed seeing many Harlequin Quail in the middle of the road. We had to shift to another site, just outside the park, to find Williams's Lark, which proved to be very easy and we were afforded fantastic views right from the vehicle

without having to slog through the difficult to navigate small lava rocks. We also got to see a lot of Shaba during our drive, which meant we picked up a good variety of other species as well with notable highlights including male Steel-blue Whydah, at least 7 male Golden Pipits, Bare-eyed Thrush, Common Buttonquail, Garden Warbler, Fan-tailed Raven and Chestnut Sparrow. We then enjoyed a delicious sit-down lunch at our lodge before bidding farewell to the dry country as we headed back to the highlands once more. Making just one planned stop along the way, we birded the roadside forest of Imenti, finding Kenrick's Starling, Alpine Swift, Mountain Oriole, White-eared Barbet, Brown-capped Weaver and Black-and-white Shrike-Flycatcher.

We began the day with a walk around our lodge grounds where we had some good views of Mountain Oriole, Tacazze Sunbird, Black and Purple-throated Cuckooshrikes, Northern Double-collared Sunbird and Hartlaub's Turaco before starting on our scenic drive towards Lake Nakuru. A short way into our drive we crossed the vast Solio Plain which always turns up some quality birds and we enjoyed our only Jackson's Widowbirds of the tour plus others such as Crimson-rumped Waxbill, Montagu's Harrier, Meyer's Parrot, Pectoral-patch Cisticola, . Making stops along the way, we picked up a handful of new birds for the tour; the most significant of these being Cape (Mackinder's)

Eagle-Owl at a day roost, both Nyanza and African Black Swifts and Slender-billed Starling at Thomson's Falls. Reaching Lake Nakuru, we took the direct route to our lodgings, where we had some excellent birds including Coqui Francolin, Greater Painted-Snipe, Saddle-billed Stork, Garganey,



Reticulated Giraffe by Keith Valentine

Hottentot and Cape Teals, Greater and Lesser Flamingoes, Long-toed Lapwing, Temminck's Stint, Greater Spotted Eagle, White-fronted Bee-eater, Whinchat, Mocking Cliff Chat and Red-headed Weaver.



Black Rhinoceros by Keith Valentine

Lake Nakuru is famous for its flamingo population and the fabulous wildlife on its shores and while there are still a few flamingoes in residence the numbers have shrunk considerably in the past 5 years as the levels of all the rift valley lakes have risen significantly. Through the morning we explored a sizeable portion of this beautiful reserve and notched up an impressive variety of species, including

some that are seldom recorded such as Ovambo Sparrowhawk in the reserve's southern woodlands. Other notable species that were new for us included the likes of White-winged Tern by the hundreds, Horus Swift, Scaly-throated Honeyguide, Black Stork, the scarce Grey-crested Helmetshrike, White-headed Barbet, Common Kestrel, Northern Puffback, Speke's Weaver, Bronze Mannikin, Northern Yellow White-eye and Golden-breasted Bunting. Making our way to Lake Baringo, we made a short stop at the Equator where we added Silverbird and Buff-bellied Warbler before arriving late in the afternoon at the now extensively flooded Lake Baringo, where we quickly added the highly localized Northern Masked Weaver to our now bulging list. As the sun went down the heavens opened, and a deluge of rain fell which temporarily flooded the entire area. It was incredible to see how fast tiny streams turned into raging rivers!

Fortunately, we awoke to a wonderful morning and spent the day exploring the variety of habitat in the Lake Baringo area which included dry acacia thornveld, rocky escarpment and its associated vegetation.

We also took a boat trip on Lake Baringo itself which was incredible to see as the rising water levels have reduced beautiful lodges and hotels on the lake shores to nothing but flooded buildings and piles of rubble. Extremely dramatic and it's all happened so quickly. Lake Baringo always produces a pile of fabulous birds and this time was no exception as we got to grips with the localized Jackson's Hornbill, Magpie Starling, surprise Gambaga Flycatcher, Brown-tailed Rock Chat, Verreaux's Eagle, Hemprich's Hornbill, Greyish and Spotted Eagle-Owls, Slender-tailed Nightjar, Mouse-coloured Penduline Tit, Red-fronted Warbler, Spotted Thick-knee, Three-banded Courser, Little Bittern, White-backed Night Heron,



Jackson's Hornbill by Keith Valentine



Coqui Francolin by Keith Valentine

Western Osprey, Dark Chanting Goshawk, Shikra, Giant Kingfisher, Bristle-crowned Starling, Golden-backed and Little Weavers, Yellow-crowned Bishop and Grey-headed Silverbill,

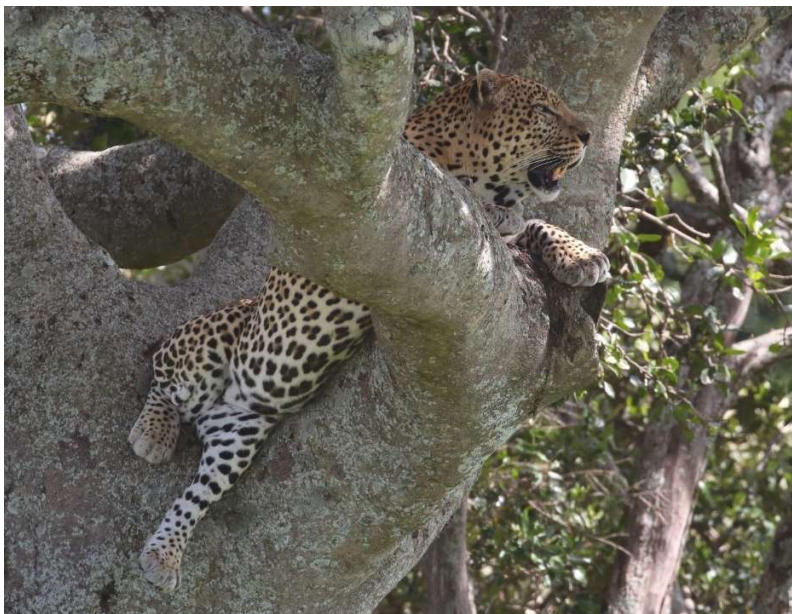
Leaving Lake Baringo behind, we aimed for the Kerio Valley where we had major success with White-crested and Ross's Turaco, Mottled Swift and the localized Boran Cisticola. Following that, we made a stop at Iten Swamp, where we found a good selection of birds, including Highland Rush Warbler, Levallant's Cisticola, African Rail and Blue-headed Coucal. We also found an incredible roadside flock of Grey

Crowned Crane and Abdim's Stork numbering over 200 for the former and 80 for the latter! Dragging ourselves away from the excellent birding, we then drove through to the Kongelai Escarpment where afternoon birding produced the likes of Green-backed Eremomela, Chestnut-crowned Sparrow-Weaver, Lesser Blue-eared Starling, Yellow-billed Shrike, Marico Sunbird and the seldom recorded (in Kenya at least) Foxy Cisticola. We then battled our way on poor roads back to Kitale in rain where we spent a wet evening, hoping that the morning would yield clear skies.

Unfortunately, the overcast, rainy weather persisted during our drive down to Kakamega Forest where we encountered squall after squall, and it wasn't much different on arrival at this famous forest site. We did however have a few breaks in the weather from time to time and during these the birding was excellent. Our initial foray this afternoon ended up being extremely successful and at one point we had a 2-hour break from any rain which yielded plenty. At the forestry station we enjoyed our first Black-and-white Casqued Hornbills and even on arrival at Rondo Retreat, our beautifully appointed accommodations, we immediately had Stuhlmann's Starling, Vieillot's Black Weaver and Grey-throated Barbet. Rondo Retreat is set right in the forest proper and short trails starting from the lodge can be extremely productive. In just a few minutes from our rooms we were enjoying quality species such as Luhder's and Bocage's Bushshrike, the very special and highly localized Turner's Eremomela, Brown-throated



Greyish Eagle-Owl by Keith Valentine



Leopard by Keith Valentine

Wattle-eye, African Blue Flycatcher, Chubb's Cisticola, Yellow-throated Leaflove and Grey-chinned and Olive-bellied Sunbird. Unfortunately, rain stopped play and we headed back for some lunch, waiting out another downpour before ducking onto one of the nearby forest trails. This proved to be an excellent move as the weather cleared up to some degree and we enjoyed several fantastic species such as the beautiful and range restricted Blue-headed Bee-eater, Brown-chested Alethe, Equatorial Akalat, Blue-shouldered Robin-Chat, Jameson's, Yellow-bellied and Chestnut Wattle-eyes, Bar-tailed Trogon, Mackinnon's Shrike, Dusky Tit, a plethora of

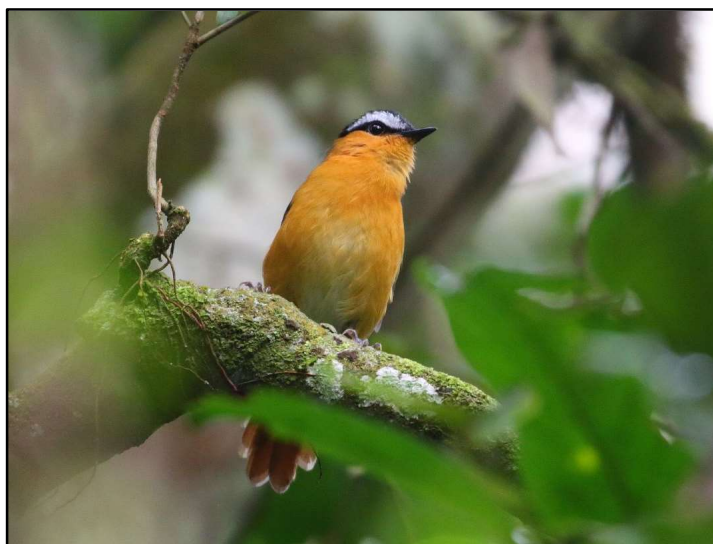
greenbuls including Kakamega, Little Grey, Cabanis's, Plain and Joyful, Uganda Woodland Warbler, Olive-green Camaroptera and the uncommon Dusky Crested Flycatcher.

During our time at Kakamega we visited a variety of zones within the forest which produced a huge volume of first-class species. We also had to do a bit of weather dodging, but it largely worked out well. Some of the undoubted highlights during our time included the scarce Chapin's Flycatcher, Southern Hyliota (occasionally split off as Kakamega Hyliota), Black-crested Turaco (A rare species in Kakamega), Black-faced Prinia, White-spotted Flufftail, Great Blue Turaco, Grey-winged and Snowy-crowned Robin-Chats, Blue Malkoha, White-headed Wood Hoopoe, Yellow-billed Barbet, Yellow-crested and Buff-spotted Woodpeckers, Pink-footed Puffback, Petit's Cuckooshrike, Western Oriole, Sharpe's Drongo, Ansorge's and Yellow-whiskered Greenbuls, Red-tailed Bristlebill, White-headed Saw-wing, White-chinned Prinia, Black-throated and Buff-throated Apalis, Black-faced Rufous Warbler, Scaly-breasted Illadopsis, White-tailed Ant Thrush, Green-headed and Green-throated Sunbirds, Black-billed Weaver, White-breasted Nigrita and brief Red-headed Bluebill for some.



Brown-chested Alethe by Keith Valentine

After our final morning birding around Kakamega we headed south for Kisumu, only a short drive away, and spent the afternoon on a boat on Lake Victoria. We had some success with our target species finding Red-chested Sunbird, Northern Brown-throated, Black-headed and Slender-billed Weavers, Greater Swamp Warbler and Carruthers's Cisticola before heading back to our very comfortable accommodations for the night.

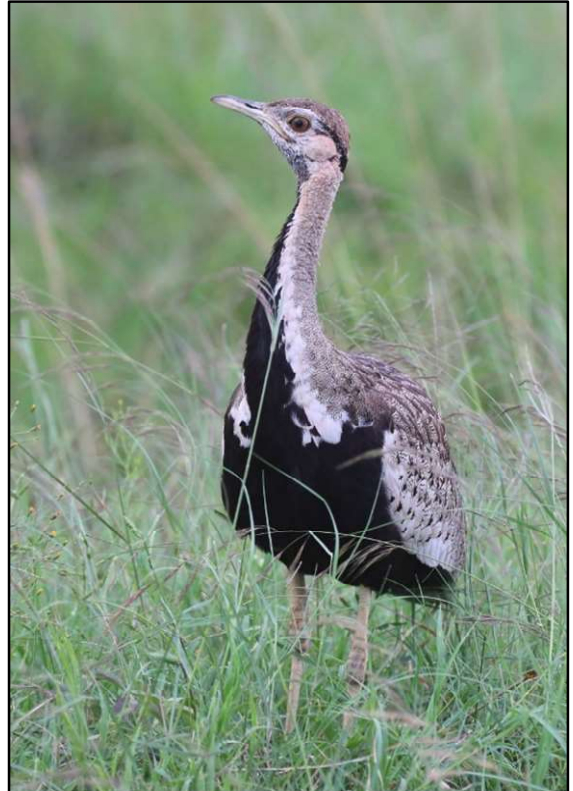


Grey-winged Robin-Chat by Keith Valentine

The following morning, we were back on Lake Victoria with specific focus on the papyrus-covered shores where we finally found our much-desired target - Papyrus Gonolek, while Black-headed Gonolek also put in a noteworthy appearance. Thereafter, we navigated a mishmash of good and bad roads plus roadworks as we struck out for the "the Mara". We did however find a few species on our drive before entering the park such as Southern Red Bishop and Long-billed Pipit. After arrival we proceeded with our afternoon game drive soaking in the rolling

grasslands and scenery of the Mara while also enjoying a few new species such as the rare Red-winged Francolin, Red-necked Spurfowl, Sooty Chat, Black-backed Cisticola, Black-bellied Bustard, African Wattled Lapwing, Hooded and Lappet-faced Vultures, Grey Kestrel, Red-breasted Swallow, Fan-tailed and Yellow-mantled Widowbird and Plain-backed Pipit. Later, we arrived at our beautiful lodge, perched atop the escarpment, offering commanding views over the scenic plains below. The Maasai Mara is rightfully regarded as one of the world's prime wildlife viewing destinations and our two-night visit certainly cemented its reputation.

Our time in “the Mara” was memorable in every way with some magnificent sightings of Lion, Leopard and Cheetah during our day traversing from the Mara Triangle in the west to the Mara Reserve in the east. We were also treated to a variety of new birds including Quailfinch on the ground, Rufous-bellied Heron, Fan-tailed Grassbird, Zitting Cisticola, Miombo Wren-Warbler and Isabelline Wheatear. The east of the reserve is dominated by acacia woodland and holds a variety of different species. On our final morning we finished off in style getting great views of a pair of Red-throated Tit, Long-tailed Cisticola, Magpie Shrike, the localized ‘Usambiro’ Barbet, Swahili Sparrow, Bare-faced Go-away-bird, Grey Penduline Tit, Violet-backed Starling, Silverbird, Purple-banded Sunbird, Buffy Pipit and even the scarce Cuckoo-finch – a male of which treated us to incredible views at point blank range.



Black-bellied Bustard by Keith Valentine

The drive back to Nairobi was mostly uneventful on the birding front. We did however make a short stop at the Manguo Ponds where we found a few waterbirds including White-backed Duck.



Red-throated Tit by Keith Valentine

What an incredible adventure, 24 days of non-stop birding and wildlife viewing and to be able to share this all with the people we did made it even more special. We really got to experience Kenya – from the famous sites such as “the Mara”, Mount Kenya, Tsavo East and West and Samburu to some of the more off the beaten track locations such as Arabuko-Sokoke Forest, the Taita Hills, the Aberderes, Magadi Road and fabulous Kakamega Forest. And finally, a massive thank you to every one of you for making it so special!



Cheetah by Keith Valentine

Annotated List of species recorded

Note: Number in brackets () indicate number of days on the tour the species was recorded. List powered through the report generator of our partner iGoTerra.

Birds (692 in total: 677 seen, 15 heard)

Nomenclature and taxonomy follows Gill, F and D Donsker (Eds). 2019. IOC World Bird List (v 9.2).

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

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

Ostriches *Struthionidae*

Common Ostrich

Struthio camelus massaicus

(4) 3 Tsavo West NP 18.1, 4 Lake Nakuru NP 28.1, 3 Masai Mara NR 3.2 and 6 Masai Mara NR 4.2.

Somali Ostrich (VU)

Struthio molybdophanes

(3) 2 Tsavo East NP 16.1, 2 Buffalo Springs NR 25.1 and 2 Shaba NR 26.1.

Guineafowl Numididae**Helmeted Guineafowl (LC)***Numida meleagris*

(12) 2 Tsavo East NP 16.1, up to 6 Tsavo West NP 17-19.1, 10 Magadi Road 20.1, 12 Samburu NR 25.1, 6 Shaba NR 26.1, 2 Lake Nakuru NP 28.1, 10 Lake Baringo 29.1 and up to 10 Masai Mara NR 3-5.2.

Vulturine Guineafowl (LC)*Acryllium vulturinum*

(5) 120 Tsavo West NP 17.1, 2 Tsavo West NP 19.1, 6 Samburu NR 24.1, 4 Samburu NR 25.1 and 2 Shaba NR 26.1.

New World Quail Odontophoridae**Stone Partridge***Ptilopachus petrosus florentiae*

(1) 1 heard Shaba NR 26.1.

Pheasants & Allies Phasianidae**Coqui Francolin (LC)***Peliperdix coqui*

(3) 1 heard Arabuko Swamp 14.1, 2 Lake Nakuru NP 27.1 and 1 heard Lake Nakuru NP 28.1. Some stunning views of this striking species!

Red-winged Francolin*Scleroptila levaillantii kikuyuensis*

(1) 1 Masai Mara NR 3.2. An extremely rare species in Kenya which we were very fortunate to bump into.

Crested Francolin (LC)*Dendroperdix sephaena*

(6) Up to 12 Tsavo West NP 17-19.1, 2 Samburu NR 25.1, 2 Lake Baringo 29.1 and 1 Masai Mara NR 4.2.

Scaly Francolin (LC)*Pternistis squamatus*

(2) 14 Aberdare NP 22.1 and 1 heard Mount Kenya NP--Serena Mountain Lodge 24.1.

Hildebrandt's Francolin (LC)*Pternistis hildebrandti*

(2) 3 Tsavo West NP 19.1 and 1 Lake Nakuru NP 28.1.

Jackson's Francolin (LC)*Pternistis jacksoni*

(2) 21 Aberdare NP 22.1 and 8 Mount Kenya NP 23.1. A Kenyan endemic that we saw extremely well at higher altitude.

Yellow-necked Spurfowl (LC)*Pternistis leucoscepus*

(7) 6 Tsavo East NP 16.1, up to 40 Tsavo West NP 17-19.1, 10 Samburu NR 24.1, 15 Samburu NR 25.1 and 6 Shaba NR 26.1.

Red-necked Spurfowl (LC)*Pternistis afer*

(2) 5 Masai Mara NR 3.2 and 2 Masai Mara NR 4.2.

Common Quail (LC)*Coturnix coturnix*

(2) 1 heard Simisi Dam 21.1 and 1 Buffalo Springs NR 25.1.

Harlequin Quail*Coturnix delegorguei delegorguei*

(1) 30 Shaba NR 26.1. Some exceptional views of this species that is usually difficult to see when on the ground.

Ducks, Geese & Swans *Anatidae***White-faced Whistling Duck (LC)***Dendrocygna viduata*

(4) 12 Arabuko Swamp 14.1, 12 Arabuko Swamp 16.1, 4 Kisumu 3.2 and 2 Masai Mara NR 4.2.

White-backed Duck*Thalassornis leuconotus leuconotus*

(2) 2 Arabuko Swamp 14.1 and 4 Limuru Ponds 5.2. Some good views of this uncommon species.

Knob-billed Duck (LC)*Sarkidiornis melanotos*

(2) 10 Arabuko Swamp 14.1 and 6 Arabuko Swamp 16.1.

Egyptian Goose (LC)*Alopochen aegyptiaca*

Observed 16 day(s) in total.

African Pygmy Goose (LC)*Nettapus auritus*

(1) 2 Arabuko Swamp 14.1. Always a good find.

Garganey (LC)*Spatula querquedula*

(3) 10 Simisi Dam 21.1, 15 Lake Nakuru NP 27.1 and 15 Lake Nakuru NP 28.1. Some of them were good-looking males in full breeding plumage.

Hottentot Teal (LC)*Spatula hottentota*

(2) 2 Lake Nakuru NP 27.1 and 2 Lake Nakuru NP 28.1.

Northern Shoveler (LC)*Spatula clypeata*

(2) 100 Simisi Dam 21.1 and 150 Lake Nakuru NP 27.1.

Yellow-billed Duck (LC)*Anas undulata*

(4) 20 Simisi Dam 21.1, 4 Lake Naivasha 22.1, 2 Lake Nakuru NP 27.1 and 4 Lake Nakuru NP 28.1.

Cape Teal (LC)*Anas capensis*

(1) 3 Lake Nakuru NP 27.1.

Red-billed Teal (LC)*Anas erythrorhyncha*

(4) 2 Tsavo West NP 19.1, 100 Simisi Dam 21.1, 6 Lake Nakuru NP 27.1 and 2 Lake Nakuru NP 28.1.

Northern Pintail (LC)*Anas acuta*

(2) 10 Simisi Dam 21.1 and 3 Lake Naivasha 22.1.

Nightjars Caprimulgidae**Sombre Nightjar (LC)***Caprimulgus fraenatus*

(1) 1 Tsavo West NP 18.1.

Montane Nightjar*Caprimulgus poliocephalus poliocephalus*

(1) 1 Naro Moru 26.1.

Slender-tailed Nightjar (LC)*Caprimulgus clarus*

(2) 1 heard Samburu NR 24.1 and 1 Lake Baringo 29.1. Nightjars were generally tough to find on our tour but we had cracking views of this one.

Swifts Apodidae**Scarce Swift***Schoutedenapus myoptilus myoptilus*

(1) 2 Mount Kenya NP 23.1.

African Palm Swift (LC)*Cypsiurus parvus*

(10) 10 Shimba Hills 13.1 and 1 Masai Mara NR 5.2.

Alpine Swift*Tachymarptis melba africanus*

(1) 2 Imenti Forest 26.1.

Mottled Swift*Tachymarptis aequatorialis aequatorialis*

(1) 20 Kerio Valley 30.1.

Common Swift (LC)*Apus apus*

Observed 3 day(s) in total.

Nyanza Swift *Apus niansae niansae*

(2) 20 Thomson Falls 27.1 and 15 Lake Nakuru NP 28.1.

African Black Swift *Apus barbatus roehli*

(2) 40 Thomson Falls 27.1 and 6 Lake Nakuru to Lake Baringo 28.1.

Little Swift (LC) *Apus affinis*

Observed 19 day(s) in total.

Horus Swift *Apus horus horus*

(2) 1 Lake Nakuru NP 28.1 and 10 Kerio Valley 30.1.

White-rumped Swift (LC) *Apus caffer*

(4) 2 Samburu NR 24.1, 6 Naro Moru 27.1, 1 Masai Mara NR 4.2 and 12 Masai Mara NR 5.2.

Turacos Musophagidae

Great Blue Turaco (LC) *Corythaeola cristata*

(1) 1 Kakamega FNR 1.2.

Black-billed Turaco *Tauraco schuettii emini*

(1) 2 Kakamega FNR 1.2. A rare species in Kenya. We enjoyed a wonderful sighting.

Fischer's Turaco *Tauraco fischeri fischeri*

(3) 1 heard Shimba Hills 13.1, 1 heard Shimba Hills 14.1 and 1 Arabuko Sokoke Forest 16.1. A fantastic find just before a rain shower!

White-crested Turaco (LC) *Tauraco leucolophus*

(1) 2 Kerio Valley 30.1. Another stunning turaco that showed extremely well!

Hartlaub's Turaco (LC) *Tauraco hartlaubi*

(6) 1 heard Ngaungau Forest, Taita-Taveta County 17.1, 1 Kieni Forest 21.1, 2 Aberdare NP 22.1, 8 Mount Kenya NP 23.1, 4 Mount Kenya NP--Serena Mountain Lodge 24.1 and 2 Naro Moru 27.1.

Ross's Turaco (LC) *Musophaga rossae*

(1) 4 Kerio Valley 30.1.

Bare-faced Go-away-bird *Corythaixoides personatus leopoldi*

(2) 2 Masai Mara NR 4.2 and 2 Masai Mara NR 5.2.

White-bellied Go-away-bird*Corythaixoides leucogaster*

(8) 2 Tsavo East NP 16.1, 4 Tsavo East NP 17.1, 10 Tsavo West NP 18.1, 10 Tsavo West NP 19.1, 1 Samburu NR 24.1, 2 Buffalo Springs NR 25.1, 2 Lake Nakuru NP 28.1 and 10 Lake Baringo 29.1.

Bustards *Otididae***Kori Bustard***Ardeotis kori struthiunculus*

(2) 2 Tsavo East NP 16.1 and 1 Tsavo West NP 18.1.

White-bellied Bustard (LC)*Eupodotis senegalensis*

(1) 4 Tsavo East NP 16.1.

Buff-crested Bustard (LC)*Lophotis gindiana*

(6) 1 Tsavo East NP 16.1, up to 1 Tsavo West NP 17-19.1, 2 Samburu NR 24.1 and 2 Buffalo Springs NR 25.1.

Black-bellied Bustard*Lissotis melanogaster melanogaster*

(2) 2 Masai Mara NR 3.2 and 3 Masai Mara NR 4.2.

Cuckoos *Cuculidae***Blue-headed Coucal (LC)***Centropus monachus*

(1) 1 Iten Swamp 30.1.

White-browed Coucal (LC)*Centropus superciliosus*

(11) 1 Arabuko Swamp 14.1, 1 Tsavo East NP 16.1, 3 Tsavo East NP 17.1, 2 Tsavo West NP 18.1, 1 Tsavo West NP 19.1, 1 Buffalo Springs NR 25.1, 1 heard Naro Moru 27.1, 1 Kongelai escarpment 30.1 and up to 2 Masai Mara NR 3-5.2.

Black Coucal (LC)*Centropus grillii*

(1) 1 Arabuko Swamp 14.1.

Blue Malkoha*Ceuthmochares aereus aereus*

(1) 1 Kakamega FNR 1.2.

Great Spotted Cuckoo (LC)*Clamator glandarius*

(2) 2 Samburu NR 24.1 and 1 Samburu NR 25.1.

Jacobin Cuckoo*Clamator jacobinus pica*

(4) 1 Tsavo West NP 18.1, 3 Tsavo West NP 19.1, 2 Samburu NR 24.1 and 4 Samburu NR 25.1.

Diederik Cuckoo (LC)*Chrysococcyx caprius*

(9) 1 Tsavo East NP 17.1, 1 Tsavo West NP 18.1, 1 heard Magadi Road 20.1, 1 Samburu NR 24.1, 1 Samburu NR 25.1, 1 Lake Baringo 29.1 and up to 1 Kakamega FNR 31-2.2.

Klaas's Cuckoo (LC)*Chrysococcyx klaas*

(11) 1 heard Shimba Hills 14.1, 1 heard Arabuko Sokoke Forest 15.1, 1 heard Tsavo West NP 18.1, 1 heard Magadi Road 20.1, 1 heard Lake Naivasha 22.1, 1 heard Mount Kenya NP--Serena Mountain Lodge 24.1, 1 Lake Nakuru NP 27.1, 1 Lake Nakuru NP 28.1, 1 heard Kakamega FNR 1.2, 1 heard Kakamega FNR 2.2 and 1 Masai Mara NR 5.2.

African Emerald Cuckoo (LC)*Chrysococcyx cupreus*

(3) 1 heard Aberdare NP 22.1, 1 Mount Kenya NP--Serena Mountain Lodge 24.1 and 1 heard Kakamega FNR 1.2.

Black Cuckoo (LC)*Cuculus clamosus*

(3) 1 Tsavo West NP 18.1, 1 heard Kakamega FNR 31.1 and 1 heard Kakamega FNR 2.2.

Red-chested Cuckoo (LC)*Cuculus solitarius*

(6) 1 Nairobi 13.1, 1 heard Tsavo West NP 18.1, 1 Nairobi 19.1, 1 Nairobi 20.1, 1 Lake Nakuru NP 28.1 and 1 heard Kakamega FNR 1.2.

Lesser Cuckoo (LC)*Cuculus poliocephalus*

(1) 1 Kieni Forest 21.1.

African Cuckoo (LC)*Cuculus gularis*

(1) 1 Tsavo West NP 18.1.

Sandgrouse Pteroclididae**Chestnut-bellied Sandgrouse***Pterocles exustus olivascens*

(2) 40 Buffalo Springs NR 25.1 and 2 Shaba NR 26.1.

Black-faced Sandgrouse (LC)*Pterocles decorates*

(6) 50 Tsavo East NP 16.1, 4 Samburu NR 24.1 and 2 Samburu NR 25.1.

Lichtenstein's Sandgrouse*Pterocles lichtensteinii sukensis*

(2) 8 Shaba NR 25.1 and 2 Shaba NR 26.1. A truly memorable encounter with this beautifully patterned sandgrouse.

Pigeons, Doves *Columbidae***Rock Dove***Columba livia domestica*

Observed 2 day(s) in total.

Speckled Pigeon*Columba guinea guinea*

(10) 10 Tsavo west NP to Nairobi 19.1, 2 Thika 21.1, 4 Aberdare NP 22.1 and 200 Limuru Ponds 5.2.

African Olive Pigeon (LC)*Columba arquatrix*

(1) 2 Mount Kenya NP--Serena Mountain Lodge 23.1.

Eastern Bronze-naped Pigeon*Columba delegorguei sharpei*

(1) 20 Mount Kenya NP--Serena Mountain Lodge 23.1. Nowhere common we had some great views from our well-appointed lodge on Mount Kenya.

Lemon Dove*Columba larvata larvata*

(1) 1 Ngaungau Forest, Taita-Taveta County 17.1. A scarce species on the route with just one sighting.

Dusky Turtle Dove (LC)*Streptopelia lugens*

(3) 2 Kinangop Plateau 21.1 and 2 Aberdare NP 22.1.

Mourning Collared Dove (LC)*Streptopelia decipiens*

(11) 2 Nairobi 13.1, 1 Tsavo West NP 18.1 and 2 Tsavo West NP 19.1.

Red-eyed Dove (LC)*Streptopelia semitorquata*

Observed 16 day(s) in total.

Ring-necked Dove (LC)*Streptopelia capicola*

Observed 16 day(s) in total.

Laughing Dove*Spilopelia senegalensis senegalensis*

(9) 2 Tsavo East NP 17.1.

Emerald-spotted Wood Dove (LC)*Turtur chalcospilos*

(12) 1 Shimba Hills 13.1, 1 heard Arabuko Sokoke Forest 16.1 and 2 Masai Mara NR 5.2.

Blue-spotted Wood Dove (LC)*Turtur afer*

(1) 1 heard Kieni Forest 21.1.

Tambourine Dove (LC)*Turtur tympanistria*

(3) 1 Shimba Hills 13.1, 1 Kakamega FNR 1.2 and 2 Kakamega FNR 2.2.

Namaqua Dove*Oena capensis capensis*

Observed 6 day(s) in total.

African Green Pigeon (LC)*Treron calvus*

(2) 2 Mount Kenya NP--Serena Mountain Lodge 23.1 and 1 Mount Kenya NP--Serena Mountain Lodge 24.1.

Flufftails Sarothruridae**White-spotted Flufftail***Sarothrura pulchra centralis*

(2) 2 Kakamega FNR 1.2 and 1 heard Kakamega FNR 2.2. Any flufftail seen well is always a treat and we got to enjoy some wonderful views of this lovely species crossing the trail a number of times.

Rails, Crakes & Coots Rallidae**African Rail (LC)***Rallus caerulescens*

(1) 1 Iten Swamp 30.1. A highly responsive individual!

Black Crake*Amaurornis flavirostra*

(2) 1 Lake Jipe 18.1 and 2 Lake Baringo 29.1.

Common Moorhen*Gallinula chloropus meridionalis*

(2) 1 Lake Naivasha 22.1 and 1 Limuru Ponds 5.2.

Red-knobbed Coot (LC)*Fulica cristata*

(3) 200 Simisi Dam 21.1, 6 Lake Nakuru NP 27.1 and 20 Limuru Ponds 5.2.

Cranes Gruidae**Grey Crowned Crane***Balearica regulorum gibbericeps*

(12) 1 Tsavo west NP to Nairobi 19.1, 2 Kinangop Plateau 21.1, 2 Lake Naivasha 22.1, 4 Samburu NR 24.1, 2 Shaba NR 25.1, 1 Shaba NR 26.1, 2 Naro Moru--Solio Plains 27.1, 3 Lake Nakuru NP 28.1, 3 Lake Baringo 29.1, 200 Iten Swamp 30.1, 1 Masai Mara NR 3.2 and 10 Masai Mara NR 4.2.

Grebes Podicipedidae

Little Grebe*Tachybaptus ruficollis capensis*

(5) 10 Arabuko Swamp 14.1, 6 Arabuko Swamp 16.1, 1 Lake Nakuru NP 27.1, 1 Lake Nakuru NP 28.1 and 6 Limuru Ponds 5.2.

Flamingos *Phoenicopteridae***Greater Flamingo (LC)***Phoenicopus roseus*

(2) 1 Watamu Marine NP--Mida Creek 14.1 and 10 Lake Nakuru NP 27.1.

Lesser Flamingo (NT)*Phoeniconaias minor*

(2) 2 Lake Naivasha 22.1 and 300 Lake Nakuru NP 27.1.

Buttonquails *Turnicidae***Common Buttonquail***Turnix sylvaticus lepurana*

(1) 2 Shaba NR 26.1.

Stone-curlews, Thick-knees *Burhinidae***Water Thick-knee***Burhinus vermiculatus vermiculatus*

(5) 3 Tsavo West NP 18.1, 1 heard Shaba NR 25.1, 1 heard Shaba NR 26.1, 3 Kisumu 2.2 and 2 Masai Mara NR 4.2.

Spotted Thick-knee (LC)*Burhinus capensis*

(1) 1 Lake Baringo 29.1.

Crab-plover *Dromadidae***Crab-plover (LC)***Dromas ardeola*

(1) 300 Watamu Marine NP--Mida Creek 14.1. Monotypic family which is always a good find. We were treated to high numbers.

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

(3) 10 Simisi Dam 21.1, 4 Lake Nakuru NP 27.1 and 1 Lake Nakuru NP 28.1.

Plovers Charadriidae**Long-toed Lapwing***Vanellus crassirostris crassirostris*

(3) 1 Lake Nakuru NP 27.1, 2 Lake Nakuru NP 28.1 and 6 Masai Mara NR 3.2.

Blacksmith Lapwing (LC)*Vanellus armatus*

(8) 2 Lake Jipe 18.1, 6 Simisi Dam 21.1 and 2 Kisumu 3.2.

Spur-winged Lapwing (LC)*Vanellus spinosus*

(10) 4 Lake Jipe 18.1, 2 Lake Naivasha 22.1, 4 Samburu NR 24.1, 2 Shaba NR 26.1, 2 Lake Nakuru NP 28.1, 2 Kisumu 2.2 and 10 Kisumu 3.2.

Black-headed Lapwing (LC)*Vanellus tectus*

Observed 2 day(s) in total.

Crowned Lapwing*Vanellus coronatus coronatus*

(5) 4 Tsavo west NP to Nairobi 19.1, 15 Samburu NR 24.1, 2 Buffalo Springs NR 25.1, 40 Naro Moru--Solio Plains 27.1 and 12 Lake Nakuru NP 28.1.

African Wattled Lapwing*Vanellus senegallus lateralis*

(2) 20 Masai Mara NR 3.2 and 10 Masai Mara NR 4.2.

Grey Plover*Pluvialis squatarola squatarola*

(2) 10 Sabaki River Mouth 15.1.

Common Ringed Plover*Charadrius hiaticula tundrae*

(6) 10 Watamu Marine NP--Mida Creek 14.1, 30 Sabaki River Mouth 15.1, 1 Simisi Dam 21.1, 8 Lake Naivasha 22.1, 2 Lake Nakuru NP 27.1 and 1 Lake Nakuru NP 28.1.

Kittlitz's Plover (LC)*Charadrius pecuarius*

(2) 8 Lake Naivasha 22.1 and 1 Lake Nakuru NP 28.1.

Three-banded Plover*Charadrius tricollaris tricollaris*

(3) 1 Lake Jipe 18.1, 1 Lake Nakuru NP 27.1 and 1 Lake Nakuru NP 28.1.

White-fronted Plover*Charadrius marginatus mehowi*

(2) 2 Watamu Marine NP--Mida Creek 14.1 and 12 Sabaki River Mouth 15.1.

Lesser Sand Plover*Charadrius mongolus pamirensis*

(1) 2 Sabaki River Mouth 15.1.

Greater Sand Plover*Charadrius leschenaultii scythicus*

(2) 1 Watamu Marine NP--Mida Creek 14.1 and 30 Sabaki River Mouth 15.1.

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

(2) 1 Lake Nakuru NP 27.1 and 1 Lake Nakuru NP 28.1. She thought she was so well hidden! Typically, shy and secretive but couldn't escape Jack. Some good views.

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

(8) 2 Lake Naivasha 22.1, 1 Lake Nakuru NP 27.1, 2 Lake Baringo 29.1, 2 Kisumu 2.2 and 2 Kisumu 3.2.

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

(2) 6 Sabaki River Mouth 15.1.

Eurasian Curlew (NT)*Numenius arquata*

(1) 1 Watamu Marine NP--Mida Creek 14.1.

Black-tailed Godwit*Limosa limosa limosa*

(1) 12 Simisi Dam 21.1.

Ruff (LC)*Calidris pugnax*

(4) 30 Simisi Dam 21.1, 1 Lake Naivasha 22.1 and 6 Lake Nakuru NP 27.1.

Curlew Sandpiper (NT)*Calidris ferruginea*

(2) 20 Sabaki River Mouth 15.1 and 1 Lake Naivasha 22.1.

Temminck's Stint (LC)*Calidris temminckii*

(1) 2 Lake Nakuru NP 27.1.

Sanderling*Calidris alba alba*

(1) 6 Sabaki River Mouth 15.1.

Little Stint (LC)*Calidris minuta*

(5) 15 Sabaki River Mouth 15.1, 20 Simisi Dam 21.1, 10 Lake Naivasha 22.1 and 40 Lake Nakuru NP 27.1.

African Snipe*Gallinago nigripennis aequatorialis*

(2) 1 Lake Jipe 18.1 and 6 Kinangop Plateau 21.1.

Common Sandpiper (LC)*Actitis hypoleucos*

(8) 1 Sabaki River Mouth 15.1, 1 Lake Jipe 18.1, 4 Lake Naivasha 22.1, 2 Samburu NR 24.1, 1 Buffalo Springs NR 25.1, 1 Lake Nakuru NP 28.1, 1 Lake Baringo 29.1 and 2 Kisumu 2.2.

Green Sandpiper (LC)*Tringa ochropus*

(7) 1 Kinangop Plateau 21.1, 2 Aberdare NP 22.1, 1 Shaba NR 25.1, 2 Shaba NR 26.1, 1 Lake Nakuru NP 27.1, 1 Lake Nakuru NP 28.1 and 2 Masai Mara NR 4.2.

Marsh Sandpiper (LC)*Tringa stagnatilis*

(1) 6 Lake Nakuru NP 27.1.

Wood Sandpiper (LC)*Tringa glareola*

(8) 1 Arabuko Swamp 16.1, 2 Lake Jipe 18.1, 1 Simisi Dam 21.1, 1 Lake Naivasha 22.1, 1 Shaba NR 25.1, 30 Lake Nakuru NP 27.1, 4 Lake Nakuru NP 28.1 and 10 Masai Mara NR 3.2.

Common Greenshank (LC)*Tringa nebularia*

(8) 1 Watamu Marine NP--Mida Creek 14.1, 8 Sabaki River Mouth 15.1, 1 Lake Jipe 18.1, 2 Simisi Dam 21.1, 4 Lake Naivasha 22.1, 1 Shaba NR 25.1, 5 Lake Nakuru NP 27.1 and 1 Lake Nakuru NP 28.1.

Coursers, Pratincoles *Glareolidae***Somali Courser***Cursorius somalensis littoralis*

(1) 10 Shaba NR 25.1. We thought this one had gone but Shaba produced the goods, some really fabulous views.

Three-banded Courser (LC)*Rhinoptilus cinctus*

(1) 3 Lake Baringo 29.1.

Gulls, Terns & Skimmers *Laridae***Black-headed Gull***Chroicocephalus ridibundus*

(1) 4 Lake Naivasha 22.1.

Grey-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus cirrocephalus poiocephalus</i>
Observed 2 day(s) in total.	
Sooty Gull	<i>Ichthyaetus hemprichii</i>
(1) 60 Sabaki River Mouth 15.1.	
Lesser Black-backed Gull (LC)	<i>Larus fuscus</i>
(1) 10 Sabaki River Mouth 15.1.	
Gull-billed Tern	<i>Gelochelidon nilotica nilotica</i>
(5) 2 Watamu Marine NP--Mida Creek 14.1, 8 Lake Jipe 18.1 and 10 Lake Nakuru NP 28.1.	
Caspian Tern (LC)	<i>Hydroprogne caspia</i>
(1) 8 Sabaki River Mouth 15.1.	
Greater Crested Tern (LC)	<i>Thalasseus bergii</i>
(2) 20 Sabaki River Mouth 15.1 and 1 Lake Naivasha 22.1.	
Lesser Crested Tern	<i>Thalasseus bengalensis bengalensis</i>
(2) 1 Watamu Marine NP--Mida Creek 14.1 and 40 Sabaki River Mouth 15.1.	
Sandwich Tern (LC)	<i>Thalasseus sandvicensis</i>
(1) 1 Lake Naivasha 22.1.	
Saunders's Tern (LC)	<i>Sternula saundersi</i>
(1) 3 Sabaki River Mouth 15.1.	
Common Tern (LC)	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>
(1) 4 Sabaki River Mouth 15.1.	
Whiskered Tern (LC)	<i>Chlidonias hybrida</i>
(5) 6 Simisi Dam 21.1, 2 Lake Naivasha 22.1, 1 Lake Nakuru NP 28.1, 30 Kisumu 2.2 and 10 Limuru Ponds 5.2.	
White-winged Tern (LC)	<i>Chlidonias leucopterus</i>
(4) 500 Lake Nakuru NP 28.1, 1 Lake Baringo 29.1, 2 Kisumu 2.2 and 10 Limuru Ponds 5.2.	

Storks Ciconiidae

Yellow-billed Stork (LC)	<i>Mycteria ibis</i>
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(4) 3 Sabaki River Mouth 15.1, 1 Lake Jipe 18.1, 4 Lake Nakuru NP 27.1 and 2 Lake Nakuru NP 28.1.

Black Stork (LC) *Ciconia nigra*

(2) 5 Lake Nakuru NP 28.1 and 2 Masai Mara NR 3.2.

Abdim's Stork (LC) *Ciconia abdimii*

(1) 80 Iten Swamp 30.1.

Woolly-necked Stork *Ciconia episcopus microscelis*

(2) 4 Tsavo East NP 17.1 and 1 Masai Mara NR 4.2.

Saddle-billed Stork (LC) *Ephippiorhynchus senegalensis*

(1) 2 Lake Nakuru NP 27.1.

Marabou Stork (LC) *Leptoptilos crumenifer*

(6) 1 Tsavo West NP 19.1.

Cormorants, Shags *Phalacrocoracidae*

Reed Cormorant *Microcarbo africanus africanus*

(8) 10 Lake Jipe 18.1, 2 Thika 20.1, 2 Simisi Dam 21.1, 4 Kisumu 2.2 and 2 Kisumu 3.2.

White-breasted Cormorant *Phalacrocorax lucidus*

(4) 1 Kisumu 2.2.

Anhingas, Darters *Anhingidae*

African Darter *Anhinga rufa rufa*

(2) 6 Lake Nakuru NP 27.1 and 6 Lake Baringo 29.1.

Ibises, Spoonbills *Threskiornithidae*

African Sacred Ibis (LC) *Threskiornis aethiopicus*

(13) 6 Tsavo East NP 17.1, 1 Samburu NR 25.1, 12 Iten Swamp 30.1, 30 Kisumu 2.2 and 6 Limuru Ponds 5.2.

Hadada Ibis *Bostrychia hagedash brevirostris*

(18) 1 Arabuko Sokoke Forest 15.1.

Glossy Ibis (LC)*Plegadis falcinellus*

(1) 100 Lake Nakuru NP 27.1.

African Spoonbill (LC)*Platalea alba*

(6) 1 Sabaki River Mouth 15.1, 1 Lake Jipe 18.1, 15 Simisi Dam 21.1, 4 Lake Naivasha 22.1, 10 Lake Nakuru NP 27.1 and 1 Kisumu 3.2.

Hérons, Bitterns *Ardeidae***Little Bittern (LC)***Ixobrychus minutus*

(2) 1 Lake Jipe 18.1 and 3 Lake Baringo 29.1.

Dwarf Bittern (LC)*Ixobrychus sturmii*

(1) 1 Arabuko Swamp 14.1.

White-backed Night Heron*Gorsachius leuconotus*

(1) 1 Lake Baringo 29.1. A new species for us on the route!

Black-crowned Night Heron*Nycticorax nycticorax nycticorax*

Observed 1 day(s) in total.

Striated Heron*Butorides striata atricapilla*

(7) 2 Mzima Springs 19.1, 1 Thika 21.1, 6 Lake Baringo 28.1, 10 Lake Baringo 29.1, 10 Kisumu 2.2, 2 Kisumu 3.2 and 1 Masai Mara NR 4.2.

Squacco Heron (LC)*Ardeola ralloides*

(3) 3 Lake Jipe 18.1, 1 Lake Naivasha 22.1 and 8 Lake Baringo 29.1.

Rufous-bellied Heron (LC)*Ardeola rufiventris*

(1) 1 Masai Mara NR 4.2. Some nice flights views of this rather uncommon species.

Western Cattle Egret (LC)*Bubulcus ibis*

(12) 10 Kisumu 3.2 and 2 Masai Mara NR 4.2.

Grey Heron*Ardea cinerea cinerea*

(7) 4 Sabaki River Mouth 15.1, 5 Lake Naivasha 22.1, 2 Samburu NR 24.1, 2 Lake Nakuru NP 27.1, 1 Lake Nakuru NP 28.1, 2 Masai Mara NR 4.2 and 2 Limuru Ponds 5.2.

Black-headed Heron (LC)*Ardea melanocephala*

(13) 1 Arabuko Swamp 14.1, 2 Sabaki River Mouth 15.1, 6 Tsavo East NP 17.1, 2 Lake Jipe 18.1, 2 Tsavo west NP to Nairobi 19.1, 4 Simisi Dam 21.1, 3 Lake Naivasha 22.1, 2 Samburu NR 24.1, 2 Shaba

NR 26.1, 2 Naro Moru--Solio Plains 27.1, 10 Kisumu 3.2, 2 Masai Mara NR 4.2 and 2 Limuru Ponds 5.2.

Purple Heron*Ardea purpurea purpurea*

(4) 2 Lake Jipe 18.1, 2 Lake Naivasha 22.1, 1 Lake Baringo 29.1 and 1 Kisumu 2.2.

Great Egret*Ardea alba melanorhynchos*

(6) 4 Simisi Dam 21.1, 2 Lake Naivasha 22.1, 1 Lake Baringo 29.1, 10 Kisumu 2.2, 2 Kisumu 3.2 and 2 Limuru Ponds 5.2.

Intermediate Egret*Ardea intermedia brachyrhyncha*

(2) 6 Lake Naivasha 22.1 and 2 Limuru Ponds 5.2.

Little Egret*Egretta garzetta garzetta*

(7) 1 Lake Jipe 18.1, 10 Lake Naivasha 22.1, 2 Lake Nakuru NP 27.1, 2 Lake Baringo 29.1, 20 Kisumu 2.2, 10 Kisumu 3.2 and 3 Limuru Ponds 5.2.

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

(9) 1 Tsavo West NP 19.1, 1 Lake Naivasha 22.1, 1 Samburu NR 25.1, 2 Shaba NR 26.1, 1 Lake Baringo 29.1, 20 Kisumu 2.2, 6 Kisumu 3.2, 3 Masai Mara NR 4.2 and 2 Masai Mara NR 5.2.

Pelicans Pelecanidae**Great White Pelican (LC)***Pelecanus onocrotalus*

(3) 60 Lake Naivasha 22.1 and 2000 Lake Nakuru NP 27.1.

Secretarybird Sagittariidae**Secretarybird (VU)***Sagittarius serpentarius*

(4) 1 Tsavo East NP 16.1, 1 Tsavo East NP 17.1, 3 Tsavo West NP 18.1 and 1 Lake Nakuru NP 28.1. So distinctive but sadly declining fast throughout its range. We enjoyed a number of superb sightings at a few national parks.

Ospreys Pandionidae**Western Osprey***Pandion haliaetus haliaetus*

(1) 2 Lake Baringo 29.1.

Kites, Hawks & Eagles *Accipitridae*

Black-winged Kite

Elanus caeruleus caeruleus

(5) 8 Tsavo West NP 17.1, 1 Lake Naivasha 22.1, 1 Mount Kenya NP 23.1 and 2 Masai Mara NR 3.2.

African Harrier-hawk

Polyboroides typus typus

(3) 1 Shimba Hills 14.1, 1 Mount Kenya NP 23.1 and 1 Samburu NR 25.1.

Palm-nut Vulture (LC)

Gypohierax angolensis

(1) 1 Shimba Hills 14.1.

Hooded Vulture (CR)

Necrosyrtes monachus

(1) 1 Masai Mara NR 3.2. Crazy to note the crash in numbers of this once widespread species. Just one bird in the mara!

White-backed Vulture (CR)

Gyps africanus

(5) 1 Shaba NR 25.1, 2 Shaba NR 26.1 and up to 6 Masai Mara NR 3-5.2. A few more around than the previous species but still shockingly low numbers of what is Africa's most widespread, once abundant vulture.

Rüppell's Vulture

Gyps rueppelli rueppelli

(1) 2 Shaba NR 25.1. Numbers sadly well reduced even in 'protected' areas.

Lappet-faced Vulture

Torgos tracheliotos tracheliotos

(2) 3 Masai Mara NR 3.2 and 1 Masai Mara NR 4.2. Another vulture species in sharp decline.

Black-chested Snake Eagle (LC)

Circaetus pectoralis

(3) 1 Magadi Road 20.1, 1 Naro Moru--Solio Plains 27.1 and 1 Masai Mara NR 5.2.

Brown Snake Eagle (LC)

Circaetus cinereus

(5) 2 Tsavo East NP 16.1, 1 Tsavo West NP 18.1, 1 Lake Nakuru NP 27.1, 1 Lake Nakuru NP 28.1 and 1 Lake Baringo 29.1.

Bateleur (NT)

Terathopius ecaudatus

(7) 2 Tsavo East NP 16.1, 1 Tsavo West NP 18.1, 2 Samburu NR 25.1, 1 Shaba NR 26.1, 1 Lake Nakuru NP 28.1, 1 Masai Mara NR 4.2 and 1 Masai Mara NR 5.2.

Crowned Eagle (NT)

Stephanoaetus coronatus

(1) 1 Mount Kenya NP 23.1.

Martial Eagle (VU)*Polemaetus bellicosus*

(6) 2 Tsavo West NP 19.1, 3 Samburu NR 24.1, 2 Buffalo Springs NR 25.1, 1 Shaba NR 26.1, 1 Masai Mara NR 4.2 and 1 Masai Mara NR 5.2. Some amazing views of this stately species.

Long-crested Eagle (LC)*Lophaetus occipitalis*

(3) 1 Ngaungau Forest, Taita-Taveta County 17.1, 2 Imenti Forest 26.1 and 2 Lake Nakuru NP 28.1.

Greater Spotted Eagle (VU)*Clanga clanga*

(1) 1 Lake Nakuru NP 27.1. A rare species this far south in its range. We enjoyed an excellent sighting.

Wahlberg's Eagle (LC)*Hieraaetus wahlbergi*

(6) 1 Tsavo West NP 18.1, 1 Tsavo West NP 19.1, 2 Samburu NR 24.1, 1 Buffalo Springs NR 25.1, 2 Shaba NR 26.1 and 1 Masai Mara NR 4.2.

Booted Eagle (LC)*Hieraaetus pennatus*

(2) 3 Tsavo West NP 19.1 and 1 Shaba NR 26.1.

Ayres's Hawk-eagle (LC)*Hieraaetus ayresii*

(1) 1 Kakamega FNR 1.2.

Tawny Eagle (VU)*Aquila rapax*

(8) Up to 3 Tsavo West NP 17-19.1, 3 Shaba NR 25.1, 2 Shaba NR 26.1, 2 Lake Nakuru NP 28.1, 1 Masai Mara NR 4.2 and 1 Masai Mara NR 5.2.

Steppe Eagle*Aquila nipalensis orientalis*

(7) 1 Ngaungau Forest, Taita-Taveta County 17.1, 1 Tsavo West NP 18.1, 1 Shaba NR 25.1, 1 Shaba NR 26.1, 1 Lake Nakuru NP 27.1, 1 Kerio Valley 30.1 and 1 Masai Mara NR 4.2.

Verreaux's Eagle (LC)*Aquila verreauxii*

(1) 2 Lake Baringo 29.1.

African Hawk-eagle (LC)*Aquila spilogaster*

(3) 1 Nairobi 13.1, 1 Tsavo West NP 18.1 and 1 Tsavo West NP 19.1.

Gabar Goshawk*Micronisus gabar aequatorius*

(2) 1 Tsavo East NP 17.1 and 2 Tsavo West NP 18.1.

Dark Chanting Goshawk*Melierax metabates metabates*

(4) 1 Lake Baringo 29.1 and up to 1 Masai Mara NR 3-5.2.

Eastern Chanting Goshawk (LC)*Melierax poliopterus*

(8) 8 Tsavo East NP 16.1, 4 Tsavo East NP 17.1, 1 Samburu NR 24.1, 2 Buffalo Springs NR 25.1 and 4

Shaba NR 26.1.

African Goshawk*Accipiter tachiro sparsimfasciatus*

(1) 1 Arabuko Sokoke Forest 15.1.

Shikra*Accipiter badius sphenurus*

(1) 1 Lake Baringo 29.1.

Little Sparrowhawk (LC)*Accipiter minullus*

(1) 2 Thika 21.1.

Ovambo Sparrowhawk (LC)*Accipiter ovampensis*

(1) 1 Lake Nakuru NP 28.1. Although widespread this is a rare species through much of its range. We were treated to an amazing sighting and were really able to soak it in.

Black Sparrowhawk*Accipiter melanoleucus melanoleucus*

(3) 1 Shimba Hills 13.1, 1 Thika 21.1 and 1 Kiganjo 22.1.

Western Marsh Harrier*Circus aeruginosus aeruginosus*

(4) 1 Sabaki River Mouth 15.1, 2 Lake Jipe 18.1, 1 Tsavo West NP 19.1 and 2 Lake Nakuru NP 27.1.

Pallid Harrier (NT)*Circus macrourus*

(4) 3 Tsavo East NP 16.1, 1 Naro Moru--Solio Plains 27.1, 1 Masai Mara NR 3.2 and 1 Masai Mara NR 4.2. Graceful as ever, and always appreciated.

Montagu's Harrier (LC)*Circus pygargus*

(2) 2 Naro Moru--Solio Plains 27.1 and 1 Masai Mara NR 4.2. As with the previous species we really enjoyed seeing a few males in excellent plumage.

Yellow-billed Kite*Milvus aegyptius*

(17) 1 Samburu NR 25.1, 2 Shaba NR 26.1, 2 Lake Nakuru to Lake Baringo 28.1, 1 Kerio Valley 30.1 and 15 Kakamega FNR 31.1.

African Fish Eagle (LC)*Haliaeetus vocifer*

(9) 2 Shimba Hills 13.1, 2 Shimba Hills 14.1, 1 Lake Jipe 18.1, 4 Lake Naivasha 22.1, 1 Samburu NR 24.1, 2 Lake Nakuru NP 27.1, 4 Lake Nakuru NP 28.1, 4 Lake Baringo 29.1 and 1 Masai Mara NR 4.2.

Common Buzzard*Buteo buteo vulpinus*

(11) 1 Tsavo East NP 17.1, 1 Tsavo West NP 18.1, 4 Tsavo West NP 19.1, 1 Magadi Road 20.1, 2 Kinangop Plateau 21.1, 1 Aberdare NP 22.1, 2 Mount Kenya NP 23.1, 2 Mount Kenya NP--Serena Mountain Lodge 24.1, 3 Naro Moru--Solio Plains 27.1, 6 Kerio Valley 30.1 and 2 Kakamega FNR 1.2.

Mountain Buzzard (NT) *Buteo oreophilus*

(2) 1 Aberdare NP 22.1 and 3 Mount Kenya NP 23.1.

Augur Buzzard (LC) *Buteo augur*

(8) 4 Tsavo West NP 18.1, 2 Kinangop Plateau 21.1, 1 Mount Kenya NP--Serena Mountain Lodge 24.1, 2 Samburu NR 25.1, 1 Shaba NR 26.1, 6 Naro Moru--Solio Plains 27.1, 4 Lake Nakuru NP 28.1 and 4 Masai Mara NR 5.2.

Barn Owls Tytonidae**Western Barn Owl** *Tyto alba poensis*

(1) 1 Tsavo East NP 16.1.

Owls Strigidae**Sokoke Scops Owl (EN)** *Otus ireneae*

(1) 1 Arabuko Sokoke Forest 16.1. This delicate near endemic gave us a real run around but in the end we got some fabulous views on a day roost.

Cape Eagle-owl *Bubo capensis mackinderi*

(1) 1 Thomson Falls 27.1. Always a great species to see.

Spotted Eagle-owl *Bubo africanus africanus*

(1) 1 Lake Baringo 29.1.

Greyish Eagle-owl (LC) *Bubo cinerascens*

(1) 1 Lake Baringo 29.1.

Verreaux's Eagle-owl (LC) *Bubo lacteus*

(6) 1 Tsavo West NP 17.1, 1 Tsavo West NP 18.1, up to 2 Mount Kenya NP--Serena Mountain Lodge 22-24.1 and 2 Lake Baringo 29.1.

Pearl-spotted Owlet *Glaucidium perlatum licua*

(2) 1 Tsavo West NP 18.1 and 2 Tsavo West NP 19.1.

Mousebirds Coliidae**Speckled Mousebird (LC)** *Colius striatus*

(14) 1 Tsavo West NP 19.1.

White-headed Mousebird (LC)

Colius leucocephalus

(1) 2 Samburu NR 24.1. A dry country special which showed really well.

Blue-naped Mousebird

Urocolius macrourus pulcher

(10) 5 Tsavo West NP 17.1, 1 Lake Naivasha 22.1 and 2 Samburu NR 24.1.

Trogons Trogonidae

Bar-tailed Trogon (LC)

Apaloderma vittatum

(2) 1 Kakamega FNR 31.1 and 1 Kakamega FNR 1.2. A stunning species that was seen very well on a couple of occasions.

Hoopoes Upupidae

African Hoopoe

Upupa africana

(6) 6 Tsavo East NP 17.1, 1 Samburu NR 24.1, 1 Buffalo Springs NR 25.1 and 1 Shaba NR 26.1.

Wood Hoopoes Phoeniculidae

White-headed Wood Hoopoe

Phoeniculus bollei jacksoni

(1) 4 Kakamega FNR 1.2. A distinctive species and big target that finally gave itself up offering some really good views.

Green Wood Hoopoe

Phoeniculus purpureus marwitzi

(4) 1 heard Arabuko Sokoke Forest 15.1, 2 Lake Naivasha 22.1, 2 Lake Nakuru NP 27.1 and 1 heard Kongelai escarpment 30.1.

Grant's Wood Hoopoe

Phoeniculus granti

(2) 4 Buffalo Springs NR 25.1 and 4 Shaba NR 26.1. Very habitat specific, we had a wonderful encounter with 2 family groups.

Common Scimitarbill

Rhinopomastus cyanomelas schalowi

(4) 1 heard Arabuko Sokoke Forest 15.1, 2 Arabuko Sokoke to Tsavo East 16.1, 3 Thika 21.1 and 1 heard Buffalo Springs NR 25.1.

Abyssinian Scimitarbill (LC)

Rhinopomastus minor

(5) 2 Tsavo East NP 16.1, 1 Tsavo East NP 17.1, 2 Samburu NR 24.1, 2 Samburu NR 25.1 and 2 Lake

Baringo 29.1.

Ground Hornbills *Bucorvidae*

Southern Ground Hornbill (VU) *Bucorvus leadbeateri*

(4) 3 Tsavo West NP 18.1, 3 Lake Nakuru NP 28.1, 4 Masai Mara NR 3.2 and 4 Masai Mara NR 4.2.

Hornbills *Bucerotidae*

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

(9) 2 Lake Baringo 29.1.

Von Der Decken's Hornbill (LC) *Tockus deckeni*

(7) 2 Masai Mara NR 5.2.

Jackson's Hornbill (LC) *Tockus jacksoni*

(1) 4 Lake Baringo 29.1. Some lovely views of this localised species at the Baringo cliffs!

Eastern Yellow-billed Hornbill (LC) *Tockus flavirostris*

(5) 2 Tsavo West NP 17.1, 6 Tsavo West NP 18.1, 1 Samburu NR 24.1, 2 Samburu NR 25.1 and 2 Shaba NR 26.1.

Crowned Hornbill (LC) *Lophoceros alboterminatus*

(3) 1 Shimba Hills 14.1, 2 Arabuko Sokoke Forest 15.1 and 1 Mount Kenya NP 23.1.

Hemprich's Hornbill (LC) *Lophoceros hemprichii*

(1) 2 Lake Baringo 29.1.

African Grey Hornbill (LC) *Lophoceros nasutus*

(5) 1 Tsavo West NP 18.1, 4 Tsavo West NP 19.1, 1 Samburu NR 25.1, 3 Lake Nakuru NP 28.1 and 1 Masai Mara NR 5.2.

Trumpeter Hornbill (LC) *Bycanistes buccinator*

(1) 1 heard Shimba Hills 13.1.

Black-and-white-casqued Hornbill *Bycanistes subcylindricus subquadratus*

(2) 2 Kakamega FNR 31.1 and 2 Kakamega FNR 1.2.

Silvery-cheeked Hornbill (LC) *Bycanistes brevis*

(4) 2 Shimba Hills 13.1, 1 Aberdare NP 22.1, 3 Mount Kenya NP 23.1 and 2 Mount Kenya NP--Serena

Mountain Lodge 24.1.

Rollers *Coraciidae*

Purple Roller

Coracias naevius naevius

(3) 3 Buffalo Springs NR 25.1, 6 Lake Nakuru NP 28.1 and 2 Lake Baringo 29.1.

Lilac-breasted Roller (LC)

Coracias caudatus

(13) 1 Lake Naivasha 22.1, 6 Samburu NR 24.1, 2 Buffalo Springs NR 25.1, 2 Shaba NR 26.1, 2 Lake Nakuru NP 27.1, 2 Lake Nakuru NP 28.1, 10 Masai Mara NR 3.2 and 6 Masai Mara NR 4.2.

European Roller

Coracias garrulus garrulus

(6) 1 Shaba NR 25.1 and 6 Shaba NR 26.1.

Broad-billed Roller (LC)

Eurystomus glaucurus

(2) 3 Kisumu 2.2 and 1 Kisumu 3.2.

Kingfishers *Alcedinidae*

Grey-headed Kingfisher (LC)

Halcyon leucocephala

(8) 1 Arabuko Sokoke Forest 15.1, 3 Tsavo East NP 17.1, 1 Mzima Springs 19.1, 2 Thika 21.1, 6 Samburu NR 24.1, 1 Shaba NR 26.1 and 1 Masai Mara NR 3.2.

Brown-hooded Kingfisher (LC)

Halcyon albiventris

(1) 2 Shimba Hills 13.1.

Striped Kingfisher

Halcyon chelicuti chelicuti

(4) 1 Arabuko Sokoke to Tsavo East 16.1, 2 Lake Nakuru NP 27.1, 2 Lake Nakuru NP 28.1 and 1 heard Masai Mara NR 5.2.

Woodland Kingfisher

Halcyon senegalensis senegalensis

(3) 1 Lake Baringo 29.1, 2 Kisumu 2.2 and 2 Kisumu 3.2.

African Pygmy Kingfisher

Ispidina picta picta

(1) 1 heard Lake Baringo 29.1.

Malachite Kingfisher (LC)

Corythornis cristatus

(5) 1 Lake Jipe 18.1, 1 Lake Nakuru NP 27.1, 6 Lake Baringo 29.1, 1 Kisumu 2.2 and 1 Kisumu 3.2.

Giant Kingfisher

Megaceryle maxima maxima

(1) 1 Lake Baringo 29.1.

Pied Kingfisher*Ceryle rudis rudis*

(8) 1 Lake Jipe 18.1, 1 Thika 20.1, 6 Lake Naivasha 22.1, 2 Lake Nakuru NP 27.1, 4 Lake Nakuru NP 28.1, 20 Lake Baringo 29.1, 6 Kisumu 2.2 and 2 Kisumu 3.2.

Bee-eaters *Meropidae***Blue-headed Bee-eater (LC)***Merops muelleri*

(1) 1 Kakamega FNR 31.1. One of Kakamegas top species and outside of Kenya has been seen by rather few international birders. We enjoyed some superb views in the scope.

Little Bee-eater (LC)*Merops pusillus*

(5) 2 Shimba Hills 14.1, 2 Tsavo West NP 19.1, 4 Samburu NR 24.1 and 2 Samburu NR 25.1.

Cinnamon-chested Bee-eater (LC)*Merops oreobates*

(9) 8 Thika 20.1, 4 Kieni Forest 21.1, 10 Aberdare NP 22.1, 4 Mount Kenya NP 23.1, 4 Imenti Forest 26.1, 4 Naro Moru 27.1 and up to 10 Kakamega FNR 31-2.2.

White-fronted Bee-eater (LC)*Merops bullockoides*

(2) 6 Lake Nakuru NP 27.1 and 5 Lake Nakuru NP 28.1.

Somali Bee-eater (LC)*Merops revoilii*

(1) 2 Samburu NR 24.1. A dry country special and very thin on the ground. We were lucky to find 2 on our first day in the area.

White-throated Bee-eater (LC)*Merops albicollis*

(8) 10 Kisumu 2.2 and 4 Kisumu 3.2.

Blue-cheeked Bee-eater*Merops persicus persicus*

(3) 15 Lake Baringo 28.1 and 25 Lake Baringo 29.1.

European Bee-eater (LC)*Merops apiaster*

Observed 4 day(s) in total.

Northern Carmine Bee-eater (LC)*Merops nubicus*

(1) 2 Tsavo East NP 16.1.

African Barbets *Lybiidae*

Grey-throated Barbet*Gymnobucco bonapartei cinereiceps*

(3) Up to 15 Kakamega FNR 31-2.2.

White-eared Barbet*Stactolaema leucotis kilimensis*

(3) 8 Shimba Hills 13.1, 1 Mount Kenya NP--Serena Mountain Lodge 24.1 and 2 Imenti Forest 26.1.

Green Barbet*Stactolaema olivacea olivacea*

(4) 2 Shimba Hills 13.1, 4 Shimba Hills 14.1, 2 Arabuko Sokoke Forest 15.1 and 1 heard Arabuko Sokoke Forest 16.1.

Green Tinkerbird (LC)*Pogoniulus simplex*

(4) Up to 1 Shimba Hills 13-15.1 and 1 Arabuko Sokoke Forest 16.1. Can be very tough to get a visual of at times. We certainly had an amazing encounter with this spritely species.

Moustached Tinkerbird (LC)*Pogoniulus leucomystax*

(2) 1 heard Ngaungau Forest, Taita-Taveta County 17.1 and 1 Mount Kenya NP--Serena Mountain Lodge 24.1. Eventually our hard work and effort paid off as we secured excellent views.

Yellow-rumped Tinkerbird (LC)*Pogoniulus bilineatus*

(9) 1 Shimba Hills 13.1, 1 Shimba Hills 14.1, 1 heard Arabuko Sokoke Forest 15.1, 1 heard Arabuko Sokoke Forest 16.1, 1 Mount Kenya NP--Serena Mountain Lodge 24.1, 1 heard Imenti Forest 26.1 and up to 1 Kakamega FNR 31-2.2.

Red-fronted Tinkerbird*Pogoniulus pusillus affinis*

(3) 1 Magadi Road 20.1, 2 Lake Baringo 29.1 and 1 heard Kongelai escarpment 30.1.

Yellow-spotted Barbet (LC)*Buccanodon duchaillui*

(3) Up to 1 Kakamega FNR 31-2.2.

Hairy-breasted Barbet*Tricholaema hirsuta ansorgii*

(1) 1 heard Kakamega FNR 1.2.

Red-fronted Barbet (LC)*Tricholaema diademata*

(3) 1 Magadi Road 20.1, 2 Lake Nakuru NP 27.1 and 1 Masai Mara NR 5.2.

Spot-flanked Barbet (LC)*Tricholaema lacrymosa*

(2) 1 Mzima Springs 19.1 and 2 Lake Baringo 29.1.

Black-throated Barbet*Tricholaema melanocephala stigmatothorax*

(3) 3 Tsavo West NP 17.1, 2 Samburu NR 25.1 and 1 Lake Baringo 29.1.

White-headed Barbet (LC)*Lybius leucocephalus*

(1) 1 Lake Nakuru NP 28.1. A distinctive species but odd we only found one during the entire trip.

Yellow-billed Barbet

Trachyphonus purpuratus elgonensis

(3) Up to 1 Kakamega FNR 31-2.2.

Red-and-yellow Barbet (LC)

Trachyphonus erythrocephalus

(1) 1 Tsavo West NP 18.1.

D'arnaud's Barbet (LC)

Trachyphonus darnaudii

(8) Up to 6 Tsavo West NP 17-19.1, 2 Samburu NR 24.1, 2 Shaba NR 25.1, 6 Lake Baringo 29.1, 2 Lake Baringo 30.1 and 6 Masai Mara NR 5.2. The birds seen in the 'Mara' are occasionally split off as a separate species – Usambiro Barbet (*S. usambiro*).

Honeyguides Indicatoridae

Pallid Honeyguide

Indicator meliphilus meliphilus

(1) 1 Arabuko Sokoke Forest 15.1. Always a good find!

Lesser Honeyguide

Indicator minor teitensis

(1) 1 Kakamega FNR 2.2.

Scaly-throated Honeyguide (LC)

Indicator variegatus

(1) 1 Lake Nakuru NP 28.1.

Greater Honeyguide (LC)

Indicator indicator

(1) 1 Arabuko Sokoke Forest 15.1.

Woodpeckers Picidae

Nubian Woodpecker (LC)

Campethera nubica

(3) 2 Lake Naivasha 22.1, 1 heard Lake Nakuru NP 27.1 and 1 Lake Baringo 29.1.

Mombasa Woodpecker (LC)

Campethera mombassica

(1) 3 Arabuko Sokoke Forest 15.1. This is a rather localised species and while they didn't ever want to perch in view for any length of time we certainly got the Mombasa Woodpecker experience!

Buff-spotted Woodpecker

Campethera nivosus herberti

(1) 2 Kakamega FNR 1.2.

Yellow-crested Woodpecker

Chloropicus xantholophus

(1) 2 Kakamega FNR 2.2.

Cardinal Woodpecker (LC)*Dendropicos fuscescens*

(6) 1 Tsavo West NP 17.1, 1 Tsavo West NP 19.1, 1 Mount Kenya NP--Serena Mountain Lodge 24.1, 1 Buffalo Springs NR 25.1, 1 heard Kakamega FNR 1.2 and 1 Kakamega FNR 2.2.

African Grey Woodpecker (LC)*Dendropicos goertae*

(1) 3 Lake Naivasha 22.1.

Caracaras, Falcons *Falconidae***Pygmy Falcon***Polihierax semitorquatus castanonotus*

(5) 1 Tsavo West NP 17.1, 1 Tsavo West NP 18.1, 1 Samburu NR 24.1, 1 Shaba NR 25.1 and 1 Lake Baringo 29.1.

Common Kestrel (LC)*Falco tinnunculus*

(2) 1 Lake Nakuru NP 28.1 and 1 Kongelai escarpment 30.1.

Grey Kestrel (LC)*Falco ardosiaceus*

(3) Up to 1 Masai Mara NR 3-5.2.

Peregrine Falcon (LC)*Falco peregrinus*

(1) 1 Mount Kenya NP 23.1.

African & New World Parrots *Psittacidae***Red-fronted Parrot***Poicephalus gulielmi massaicus*

(2) 15 Mount Kenya NP--Serena Mountain Lodge 23.1 and 10 Mount Kenya NP--Serena Mountain Lodge 24.1.

Meyer's Parrot*Poicephalus meyeri saturatus*

(3) 1 Naro Moru--Solio Plains 27.1, 2 Kongelai escarpment 30.1 and 1 Masai Mara NR 5.2.

Red-bellied Parrot*Poicephalus rufiventris rufiventris*

(3) 5 Tsavo West NP 19.1 and 8 Samburu NR 24.1.

Old World Parrots *Psittaculidae***Fischer's Lovebird (NT)***Agapornis fischeri*

(1) 2 Lake Naivasha 22.1.

Yellow-collared Lovebird (LC)

Agapornis personatus

(1) 1 Lake Naivasha 22.1.

African And Green Broadbills *Calypomenidae*

African Broadbill (LC)

Smithornis capensis

(2) 1 heard Kakamega FNR 1.2 and 1 heard Kakamega FNR 2.2.

Wattle-eyes, Batises *Platysteiridae*

Forest Batis (LC)

Batis mixta

(1) 2 Arabuko Sokoke Forest 16.1. Another fairly localised species that showed very well!

Chinspot Batis

Batis molitor puella

(5) 6 Magadi Road 20.1, 1 Mount Kenya NP 23.1, 2 Imenti Forest 26.1, 2 Kongelai escarpment 30.1 and 2 Masai Mara NR 5.2.

Pale Batis (LC)

Batis soror

(1) 1 Arabuko Sokoke Forest 15.1.

Chestnut Wattle-eye

Platysteira castanea

(1) 2 Kakamega FNR 31.1.

Brown-throated Wattle-eye

Platysteira cyanea nyansae

(3) Up to 4 Kakamega FNR 31-2.2.

Yellow-bellied Wattle-eye

Platysteira concreta graueri

(1) 1 Kakamega FNR 31.1. Always a tricky species to see well, we had some superb views on a few occasions of one bird.

Jameson's Wattle-eye

Platysteira jamesoni

(2) 1 Kakamega FNR 31.1 and 1 heard Kakamega FNR 2.2. Over an hour spent in the vicinity of this good-looker but it hardly eve sat still for long enough to get the bins on it. Shy and furtive but a real special.

Bushshrikes *Malaconotidae*

Grey-headed Bushshrike (LC)	<i>Malaconotus blanchoti</i>
(1) 1 heard Masai Mara NR 5.2.	
Bocage's Bushshrike (LC)	<i>Chlorophoneus bocagei</i>
(2) 2 Kakamega FNR 31.1 and 1 heard Kakamega FNR 1.2.	
Orange-breasted Bushshrike	<i>Chlorophoneus sulfureopectus similis</i>
(1) 1 heard Lake Baringo 29.1.	
Gorgeous Bushshrike	<i>Telophorus viridis nigricauda</i>
(1) 1 heard Arabuko Sokoke Forest 15.1.	
Doherty's Bushshrike (LC)	<i>Telophorus dohertyi</i>
(1) 1 Aberdare NP 22.1. A massive surprise was bumping into this uncommon species while it wasn't on our radar.	
Rosy-patched Bushshrike	<i>Telophorus cruentus</i>
(6) 2 Tsavo East NP 16.1, 10 Tsavo East NP 17.1, 2 Tsavo West NP 18.1, 1 Tsavo West NP 19.1, 1 Samburu NR 24.1 and 1 Shaba NR 26.1.	
Brown-crowned Tchagra (LC)	<i>Tchagra australis</i>
(5) 1 heard Arabuko Sokoke Forest 15.1, 2 Tsavo West NP 19.1, 1 Lake Nakuru NP 27.1, 1 Masai Mara NR 4.2 and 4 Masai Mara NR 5.2.	
Three-streaked Tchagra (LC)	<i>Tchagra jamesi</i>
(2) 2 Tsavo West NP 17.1 and 2 Tsavo West NP 18.1. Often a fairly localised species through its range. We enjoyed multiple good views.	
Black-crowned Tchagra (LC)	<i>Tchagra senegalus</i>
(1) 1 Shimba Hills 13.1.	
Pink-footed Puffback	<i>Dryoscopus angolensis nandensis</i>
(1) 2 Kakamega FNR 1.2.	
Black-backed Puffback (LC)	<i>Dryoscopus cubla</i>
(9) 1 heard Shimba Hills 13.1, 1 heard Shimba Hills 14.1, 1 Arabuko Sokoke Forest 15.1, 2 Tsavo West NP 19.1, 2 Thika 21.1, 1 Mount Kenya NP 23.1, 2 Imenti Forest 26.1, 2 Naro Moru 27.1 and 4 Masai Mara NR 5.2.	
Northern Puffback	<i>Dryoscopus gambensis malzacii</i>
(1) 1 Lake Nakuru NP 28.1.	

Pringle's Puffback (LC)*Dryoscopus pringlii*

(1) 1 Tsavo West NP 18.1.

Slate-colored Boubou (LC)*Laniarius funebris*

(11) 4 Tsavo East NP 17.1, 2 Samburu NR 25.1, 6 Lake Baringo 29.1, 2 Kongelai escarpment 30.1, 2 Masai Mara NR 4.2 and 2 Masai Mara NR 5.2.

Lühder's Bushshrike (LC)*Laniarius luehderi*

(3) Up to 3 Kakamega FNR 31-2.2.

Tropical Boubou*Laniarius major*

(8) 2 Magadi Road 20.1, 2 Thika 21.1, 2 Lake Naivasha 22.1, 1 heard Mount Kenya NP 23.1, 1 heard Mount Kenya NP--Serena Mountain Lodge 24.1, 1 heard Lake Nakuru NP 28.1, 1 Kongelai escarpment 30.1 and 2 Masai Mara NR 4.2.

East Coast Boubou (LC)*Laniarius sublacteus*

(4) 1 Shimba Hills 13.1, 2 Shimba Hills 14.1, 1 heard Arabuko Sokoke Forest 15.1 and 1 heard Arabuko Sokoke Forest 16.1. Can be tough to see well but we had some very good looks.

Papyrus Gonolek (NT)*Laniarius mufumbiri*

(1) 1 Kisumu 3.2. Highly localised species which was only seen by some of the group after a fair bit of effort.

Black-headed Gonolek (LC)*Laniarius erythrogaster*

(2) 1 heard Kisumu 2.2 and 6 Kisumu 3.2. We had cracking views of this one!

Brubru (LC)*Nilaus afer*

(5) 1 Tsavo West NP 19.1, 1 Samburu NR 24.1, 1 heard Buffalo Springs NR 25.1, 1 Lake Nakuru NP 27.1 and 1 Lake Baringo 29.1.

Vangas Vangidae**White-crested Helmetshrike (LC)***Prionops plumatus*

(3) Up to 6 Tsavo West NP 17-19.1.

Grey-crested Helmetshrike (NT)*Prionops poliophus*

(1) 7 Lake Nakuru NP 28.1. A memorable encounter with this highly localised species.

Retz's Helmetshrike*Prionops retzii graculinus*

(1) 4 Shimba Hills 14.1.

Chestnut-fronted Helmetshrike (LC) *Prionops scopifrons*

Observed 3 day(s) in total. Fabulous species which was seen at both Shimba Hills and Arabuko-Sokoke Forest on a few occasions.

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

(1) 2 Imenti Forest 26.1.

Cuckooshrikes Campephagidae**Grey Cuckooshrike** *Ceblepyris caesius purus*

(1) 2 Mount Kenya NP--Serena Mountain Lodge 24.1.

Black Cuckooshrike (LC) *Campephaga flava*

(3) 1 Naro Moru 27.1, 1 Masai Mara NR 4.2 and 1 Masai Mara NR 5.2.

Petit's Cuckooshrike (LC) *Campephaga petiti*

(1) 1 Kakamega FNR 1.2.

Purple-throated Cuckooshrike *Campephaga quiscalina martini*

(1) 1 Naro Moru 27.1. We gave this one a fair bit of time and finally at the 11th hour a male showed up and gave us some good views.

Shrikes Laniidae**Yellow-billed Shrike** *Corvinella corvina affinis*

(1) 1 Kongelai escarpment 30.1.

Magpie Shrike *Urolestes melanoleucus aequatorialis*

(1) 5 Masai Mara NR 5.2.

Northern White-crowned Shrike (LC) *Eurocephalus ruppelli*

(11) 2 Thika 21.1, 6 Lake Baringo 29.1, 10 Kerio Valley 30.1, 6 Masai Mara NR 4.2 and 4 Masai Mara NR 5.2.

Red-backed Shrike (LC) *Lanius collurio*

(7) 1 Sabaki River Mouth 15.1, 2 Tsavo East NP 17.1, 2 Tsavo West NP 18.1, 1 Tsavo West NP 19.1, 1 Samburu NR 24.1, 2 Buffalo Springs NR 25.1 and 2 Shaba NR 26.1.

Isabelline Shrike *Lanius isabellinus isabellinus*

(3) 2 Tsavo West NP 18.1, 6 Samburu NR 25.1 and 1 Shaba NR 26.1.

Red-tailed Shrike (LC) *Lanius phoenicuroides*

(5) 1 Tsavo East NP 16.1, 3 Tsavo East NP 17.1, 4 Tsavo West NP 18.1, 2 Tsavo West NP 19.1 and 2 Samburu NR 24.1.

Mackinnon's Shrike (LC) *Lanius mackinnoni*

(3) Up to 1 Kakamega FNR 31-2.2.

Lesser Grey Shrike (LC) *Lanius minor*

(1) 1 Tsavo West NP 18.1.

Grey-backed Fiscal (LC) *Lanius excubitoroides*

(6) 2 Lake Naivasha 22.1, 1 Lake Nakuru NP 27.1, 4 Lake Nakuru NP 28.1, 6 Kerio Valley 30.1, 2 Masai Mara NR 3.2 and 2 Masai Mara NR 4.2.

Long-tailed Fiscal (LC) *Lanius cabanisi*

(3) 3 Arabuko Sokoke to Tsavo East 16.1, 8 Tsavo West NP 18.1 and 6 Tsavo West NP 19.1.

Taita Fiscal (LC) *Lanius dorsalis*

(4) 4 Tsavo East NP 16.1, 10 Tsavo West NP 18.1, 2 Samburu NR 24.1 and 2 Samburu NR 25.1.

Northern Fiscal *Lanius humeralis humeralis*

(11) 1 Ngaungau Forest, Taita-Taveta County 17.1, 4 Magadi Road 20.1, 6 Lake Nakuru NP 28.1, 10 Iten Swamp 30.1, 2 Kisumu 2.2 and 6 Masai Mara NR 3.2.

Figbirds, Orioles *Oriolidae*

Eurasian Golden Oriole (LC) *Oriolus oriolus*

(3) 2 Arabuko Sokoke Forest 15.1, 1 Tsavo West NP 19.1 and 1 Samburu NR 24.1.

African Golden Oriole (LC) *Oriolus auratus*

(1) 4 Arabuko Sokoke Forest 15.1.

Green-headed Oriole *Oriolus chlorocephalus amani*

(1) 3 Shimba Hills 14.1. Shimba Hills was celebrated species showed up at the perfect time and posed for us for ages. Such a great memory!

Western Oriole *Oriolus brachyrynchus laetior*

(3) Up to 1 Kakamega FNR 31-2.2.

Mountain Oriole (LC) *Oriolus percivali*

(4) 1 heard Mount Kenya NP--Serena Mountain Lodge 23.1, 1 Mount Kenya NP--Serena Mountain Lodge 24.1, 2 Imenti Forest 26.1 and 2 Naro Moru 27.1.

Black-headed Oriole (LC) *Oriolus larvatus*

(6) 3 Arabuko Sokoke Forest 15.1, 1 heard Thika 21.1, 1 Lake Nakuru NP 28.1, 1 heard Lake Baringo 29.1, 2 Kerio Valley 30.1 and 1 Masai Mara NR 4.2.

Drongos *Dicruridae***Sharpe's Drongo** *Dicrurus sharpei*

(2) 12 Kakamega FNR 1.2 and 4 Kakamega FNR 2.2.

Fork-tailed Drongo *Dicrurus adsimilis fugax*

(17) 2 Masai Mara NR 3.2 and 1 Masai Mara NR 4.2.

Monarchs *Monarchidae***Blue-mantled Crested Flycatcher (LC)** *Trochocercus cyanomelas*

(2) 1 heard Arabuko Sokoke Forest 15.1 and 2 Arabuko Sokoke Forest 16.1.

African Paradise Flycatcher (LC) *Terpsiphone viridis*

(10) 1 Tsavo West NP 18.1, 1 Mzima Springs 19.1, 1 Magadi Road 20.1, 1 Naro Moru 27.1, 1 Lake Baringo 29.1, 2 Kerio Valley 30.1, up to 2 Kakamega FNR 31-2.2 and 4 Masai Mara NR 4.2.

Crows, Jays *Corvidae***House Crow** *Corvus splendens splendens*

Observed 4 day(s) in total.

Cape Crow *Corvus capensis kordofanensis*

Observed 5 day(s) in total.

Pied Crow (LC) *Corvus albus*

Observed 13 day(s) in total.

Fan-tailed Raven *Corvus rhipidurus rhipidurus*

(3) 2 Shaba NR 26.1, 2 Lake Baringo 29.1 and 6 Kerio Valley 30.1.

White-necked Raven (LC) *Corvus albicollis*

(1) 2 Ngaungau Forest, Taita-Taveta County 17.1.

Fairy Flycatchers *Stenostiridae***African Blue Flycatcher** *Elminia longicauda teresita*

(3) Up to 2 Kakamega FNR 31-2.2.

Dusky Crested Flycatcher *Elminia nigromitrata nigromitrata*

(2) 1 Kakamega FNR 31.1 and 1 Kakamega FNR 2.2.

White-tailed Crested Flycatcher *Elminia albonotata albonotata*

(1) 1 Imenti Forest 26.1.

Tits, Chickadees *Paridae***White-bellied Tit (LC)** *Melaniparus albiventris*

(6) 1 Lake Naivasha 22.1, 1 Mount Kenya NP 23.1, 1 Mount Kenya NP--Serena Mountain Lodge 24.1, 1 heard Imenti Forest 26.1, 6 Lake Nakuru NP 27.1 and 2 Lake Nakuru NP 28.1.

Dusky Tit *Melaniparus funereus funereus*

(1) 4 Kakamega FNR 31.1. Just a single group of these forest canopy tits.

Red-throated Tit (LC) *Melaniparus fringillinus*

(1) 2 Masai Mara NR 5.2. One of the ‘Mara’s’ most special species, which saved itself until the very last day. Fantastic views of a pair in the end.

Acacia Tit (LC) *Melaniparus thruppi*

(3) 1 Tsavo West NP 17.1, 1 Samburu NR 25.1 and 3 Lake Baringo 29.1.

Penduline Tits *Remizidae***Mouse-colored Penduline Tit (LC)** *Anthoscopus musculus*

(1) 4 Lake Baringo 29.1.

Grey Penduline Tit (LC) *Anthoscopus caroli*

(1) 1 Masai Mara NR 5.2. Only seen (and photographed by Jenny) on our final morning in the ‘Mara’. The subspecies found in the Serengeti biome is occasionally split off as Buff-bellied Penduline-Tit – *A.*

sylviella.

Nicators *Nicatoridae*

Eastern Nicator (LC)

Nicator gularis

(4) 1 Shimba Hills 13.1, 1 heard Shimba Hills 14.1, 1 Arabuko Sokoke Forest 15.1 and 1 heard Arabuko Sokoke Forest 16.1.

Larks *Alaudidae*

Chestnut-headed Sparrow-lark (LC)

Eremopterix signatus

(1) 20 Magadi Road 20.1.

Fischer's Sparrow-lark (LC)

Eremopterix leucopareia

(4) 2 Tsavo West NP 18.1 and 6 Samburu NR 24.1.

Pink-breasted Lark (LC)

Calendulauda poecilosterna

(6) 4 Tsavo East NP 16.1, 12 Tsavo West NP 17.1 and 4 Samburu NR 24.1.

Foxy Lark

Calendulauda alopex intercedens

(3) 6 Tsavo West NP 18.1, 4 Samburu NR 25.1 and 2 Shaba NR 26.1.

Red-winged Lark

Mirafra hypermetra hypermetra

(5) 2 Tsavo East NP 16.1, 1 Tsavo West NP 18.1, 1 Tsavo West NP 19.1, 1 Samburu NR 25.1 and 2 Shaba NR 26.1.

Rufous-naped Lark (LC)

Mirafra africana

(6) 1 Tsavo West NP 18.1, 2 Kinangop Plateau 21.1, 1 Naro Moru--Solio Plains 27.1 and 20 Masai Mara NR 3.2.

Flappet Lark (LC)

Mirafra rufocinnamomea

(2) 2 Shimba Hills 14.1 and 1 Masai Mara NR 4.2.

Williams's Lark (LC)

Mirafra williamsi

(1) 3 Shaba NR 26.1. An incredibly localised species that is still little known. Only described in 1955! We had very good views as soon as we got into the right habitat.

Friedmann's Lark (DD)

Mirafra pulpa

(1) 1 Tsavo West NP 19.1. Another extremely localised species that is little understood. We had a very good view of one that perched up on a low bush for a few minutes in Tsavo West.

Red-capped Lark (LC)*Calandrella cinerea*

(4) 2 Simisi Dam 21.1, 2 Naro Moru--Solio Plains 27.1, 6 Masai Mara NR 4.2 and 1 Masai Mara NR 5.2.

Bulbuls Pycnonotidae**Dodson's Bulbul***Pycnonotus dodsoni*

(3) 6 Tsavo West NP 18.1, 4 Tsavo West NP 19.1 and 6 Shaba NR 26.1.

Dark-capped Bulbul*Pycnonotus tricolor*

Observed 21 day(s) in total.

Kakamega Greenbul*Arizelocichla kakamegae kakamegae*

(2) 3 Kakamega FNR 31.1 and 2 Kakamega FNR 1.2.

Olive-breasted Greenbul*Arizelocichla kikuyuensis*

(3) 2 Kieni Forest 21.1, 6 Mount Kenya NP 23.1 and 4 Mount Kenya NP--Serena Mountain Lodge 24.1.

Stripe-faced Greenbul (LC)*Arizelocichla striifacies*

(1) 8 Ngaungau Forest, Taita-Taveta County 17.1. Fairly localised species that was seen rather well on a few occasions. A fairly recent split from the Stripe-cheeked Greenbul complex.

Slender-billed Greenbul (LC)*Stelgidillas gracilirostris*

(6) 2 Mount Kenya NP--Serena Mountain Lodge 24.1, 2 Imenti Forest 26.1, 2 Naro Moru 27.1 and up to 4 Kakamega FNR 31-2.2.

Little Greenbul (LC)*Eurillas virens*

(2) 1 Shimba Hills 13.1 and 1 heard Shimba Hills 14.1.

Little Grey Greenbul*Eurillas gracilis ugandae*

(2) 2 Kakamega FNR 31.1 and 1 Kakamega FNR 1.2. Still rather little known in Kenya.

Ansorge's Greenbul*Eurillas ansorgei kavirondensis*

(1) 6 Kakamega FNR 1.2.

Plain Greenbul*Eurillas curvirostris curvirostris*

(3) Up to 4 Kakamega FNR 31-2.2.

Yellow-whiskered Greenbul*Eurillas latirostris latirostris*

(5) 1 Kieni Forest 21.1, 1 heard Imenti Forest 26.1 and up to 4 Kakamega FNR 31-2.2.

Sombre Greenbul	<i>Andropadus importunus insularis</i>
(1) 1 Thika 21.1.	
Honeyguide Greenbul	<i>Baeopogon indicator indicator</i>
(1) 1 heard Kakamega FNR 1.2.	
Joyful Greenbul	<i>Chlorocichla laetissima laetissima</i>
(3) Up to 10 Kakamega FNR 31-2.2.	
Yellow-bellied Greenbul	<i>Chlorocichla flaviventris centralis</i>
(2) 2 Arabuko Sokoke Forest 15.1 and 1 Imenti Forest 26.1.	
Yellow-throated Leaflove	<i>Atimastillas flavicollis flavigula</i>
(2) 2 Kakamega FNR 31.1 and 1 heard Kakamega FNR 2.2.	
Terrestrial Brownbul	<i>Phyllastrephus terrestris suahelicus</i>
(2) 1 heard Shimba Hills 14.1 and 3 Shimba Hills 15.1.	
Northern Brownbul (LC)	<i>Phyllastrephus strepitans</i>
(3) 1 Mzima Springs 19.1, 2 Samburu NR 24.1 and 1 heard Lake Baringo 29.1.	
Fischer's Greenbul (LC)	<i>Phyllastrephus fischeri</i>
(2) 2 Arabuko Sokoke Forest 15.1 and 2 Arabuko Sokoke Forest 16.1. What a skulker, one of the toughest greenbuls to see well. We were lucky as some of us actually had pretty good views of one in the open for a few seconds.	
Cabanis's Greenbul	<i>Phyllastrephus cabanisi sucosus</i>
(2) 4 Kakamega FNR 31.1 and 3 Kakamega FNR 1.2.	
Placid Greenbul	<i>Phyllastrephus placidus</i>
(2) 2 Ngaungau Forest, Taita-Taveta County 17.1 and 2 Mount Kenya NP 23.1.	
Lowland Tiny Greenbul	<i>Phyllastrephus debilis rabai</i>
(2) 1 Arabuko Sokoke Forest 15.1 and 2 Arabuko Sokoke Forest 16.1.	
Red-tailed Bristlebill	<i>Bleda syndactylus woosnami</i>
(3) Up to 2 Kakamega FNR 31-2.2.	

Swallows, Martins *Hirundinidae*

White-headed Saw-wing	<i>Psalidoprocne albiceps albiceps</i>
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(3) 6 Kakamega FNR 1.2, 10 Kakamega FNR 2.2 and 8 Masai Mara NR 5.2.

Black Saw-wing (LC) *Psalidoprocne pristoptera*

(5) 2 Kisumu 3.2.

Brown-throated Martin *Riparia paludicola ducis*

(8) 4 Lake Jipe 18.1, 4 Lake Naivasha 22.1, 4 Kisumu 2.2 and 6 Kisumu 3.2.

Barn Swallow *Hirundo rustica rustica*

Observed 18 day(s) in total.

Angolan Swallow (LC) *Hirundo angolensis*

(1) 3 Kinangop Plateau 21.1.

Wire-tailed Swallow *Hirundo smithii smithii*

(5) 2 Lake Jipe 18.1, 2 Mzima Springs 19.1, 2 Magadi Road 20.1, 2 Simisi Dam 21.1 and 4 Masai Mara NR 4.2.

Rock Martin *Ptyonoprogne fuligula rufigula*

(6) 2 Magadi Road 20.1, 2 Kinangop Plateau 21.1, 10 Lake Nakuru NP 27.1, 6 Lake Nakuru NP 28.1 and 2 Masai Mara NR 5.2.

Common House Martin *Delichon urbicum urbicum*

(2) 30 Lake Jipe 18.1 and 20 Lake Naivasha 22.1.

Lesser Striped Swallow *Cecropis abyssinica unitatis*

(4) 6 Arabuko Sokoke to Tsavo East 16.1, 5 Tsavo West NP 18.1, 10 Masai Mara NR 4.2 and 6 Masai Mara NR 5.2.

Red-breasted Swallow *Cecropis semirufa gordonii*

(2) 2 Masai Mara NR 3.2 and 2 Masai Mara NR 4.2.

Mosque Swallow (LC) *Cecropis senegalensis*

(3) 2 Mount Kenya NP--Serena Mountain Lodge 24.1, 2 Lake Nakuru NP 27.1 and 2 Masai Mara NR 4.2.

Red-rumped Swallow (LC) *Cecropis daurica*

(6) 2 Tsavo East NP 17.1, 2 Tsavo West NP 18.1, 10 Kinangop Plateau 21.1, 6 Aberdare NP 22.1, 10 Lake Nakuru NP 27.1 and 6 Lake Nakuru NP 28.1.

Crombees, African Warblers *Macrosphenidae*

Northern Crombec (LC) *Sylvietta brachyura*

(3) 1 Samburu NR 24.1, 1 Samburu NR 25.1 and 1 Lake Baringo 29.1.

Red-faced Crombec (LC) *Sylvietta whytii*

(5) 2 Tsavo West NP 17.1, 2 Magadi Road 20.1, 1 Naro Moru 27.1, 1 Kongelai escarpment 30.1 and 2 Masai Mara NR 5.2.

Yellow Flycatchers *Erythroceridae***Little Yellow Flycatcher (LC)** *Erythrocerus holochlorus*

(2) 3 Shimba Hills 14.1 and 2 Arabuko Sokoke Forest 15.1. Lively and tiny. We had a few good views during our time on the coast.

Leaf Warblers And Allies *Phylloscopidae***Willow Warbler (LC)** *Phylloscopus trochilus*

(8) 2 Tsavo West NP 17.1, 1 Lake Naivasha 22.1, 2 Lake Nakuru NP 27.1, 6 Lake Nakuru NP 28.1, 2 Lake Baringo 29.1, 2 Masai Mara NR 4.2 and 2 Masai Mara NR 5.2.

Brown Woodland Warbler (LC) *Phylloscopus umbrovirens*

(1) 4 Mount Kenya NP 23.1.

Uganda Woodland Warbler (LC) *Phylloscopus budongoensis*

(3) Up to 2 Kakamega FNR 31-2.2. Can be so tricky to find in its namesake country however Kakamega is THE spot for this species where it was commonly heard and seen daily.

Reed Warblers And Allies *Acrocephalidae***Greater Swamp Warbler** *Acrocephalus rufescens ansorgei*

(2) 3 Kisumu 2.2 and 2 Kisumu 3.2.

Lesser Swamp Warbler (LC) *Acrocephalus gracilirostris*

(3) 3 Lake Jipe 18.1, 1 Lake Baringo 29.1 and 1 heard Iten Swamp 30.1.

Sedge Warbler (LC) *Acrocephalus schoenobaenus*

(1) 2 Sabaki River Mouth 15.1.

Marsh Warbler (LC) *Acrocephalus palustris*

(1) 1 Tsavo West NP 18.1.

African Yellow Warbler

Iduna natalensis massaica

(1) 1 Thika 20.1.

Mountain Yellow Warbler (LC)

Iduna similis

(1) 30 Mount Kenya NP 23.1.

Eastern Olivaceous Warbler

Iduna pallida elaeica

(5) 1 Sabaki River Mouth 15.1, 1 Tsavo West NP 18.1, 1 Samburu NR 24.1, 1 Buffalo Springs NR 25.1 and 1 Shaba NR 26.1.

Upcher's Warbler (LC)

Hippolais languida

(2) 1 Tsavo West NP 18.1 and 1 Tsavo West NP 19.1.

Grassbirds And Allies *Locustellidae*

Fan-tailed Grassbird

Catriscus brevirostris alexinae

(1) 1 Masai Mara NR 4.2.

Evergreen Forest Warbler (LC)

Bradypterus lopezi

(1) 1 heard Ngaungau Forest, Taita-Taveta County 17.1.

Cinnamon Bracken Warbler

Bradypterus cinnamomeus cinnamomeus

(1) 1 Mount Kenya NP 23.1.

White-winged Swamp Warbler (LC)

Bradypterus carpalis

(1) 1 heard Kisumu 2.2.

Highland Rush Warbler

Bradypterus centralis elgonensis

(1) 2 Iten Swamp 30.1. A recent split from Little Rush Warbler. Differs quite markedly by voice.

Cisticolas And Allies *Cisticolidae*

Singing Cisticola

Cisticola cantans pictipennis

(1) 1 heard Ngaungau Forest, Taita-Taveta County 17.1.

Chubb's Cisticola

Cisticola chubbi chubby

(3) Up to 6 Kakamega FNR 31-2.2.

Hunter's Cisticola (LC)	<i>Cisticola hunter</i>
(4) 4 Magadi Road 20.1 and 5 Kinangop Plateau 21.1.	
Rattling Cisticola (LC)	<i>Cisticola chiniana</i>
Observed 12 day(s) in total.	
Boran Cisticola	<i>Cisticola bodessa bodessa</i>
(1) 1 Kerio Valley 30.1. A localised species which was seen extremely well.	
Ashy Cisticola	<i>Cisticola cinereolus schillingsi</i>
(3) 3 Tsavo East NP 16.1, 1 Tsavo West NP 19.1 and 3 Samburu NR 25.1.	
Lynes's Cisticola	<i>Cisticola distinctus</i>
(1) 3 Magadi Road 20.1. Another cisticola that is rather thinly distributed. We had very good views.	
Winding Cisticola	<i>Cisticola marginatus nyansae</i>
(2) 1 Kisumu 3.2 and 1 Masai Mara NR 5.2.	
Coastal Cisticola (LC)	<i>Cisticola haematocephalus</i>
(2) 2 Arabuko Swamp 14.1 and 8 Sabaki River Mouth 15.1. Split about 15 years ago from the Winding Cisticola complex. We enjoyed good views along the coast.	
Carruthers's Cisticola (LC)	<i>Cisticola carruthersi</i>
(1) 2 Kisumu 2.2.	
Levaillant's Cisticola	<i>Cisticola tinniens oreophilus</i>
(2) 8 Kinangop Plateau 21.1 and 2 Iten Swamp 30.1.	
Stout Cisticola	<i>Cisticola robustus nuchalis</i>
(4) 1 Tsavo West NP 18.1, 5 Naro Moru--Solio Plains 27.1, 2 Masai Mara NR 3.2 and 4 Masai Mara NR 4.2.	
Aberdare Cisticola (VU)	<i>Cisticola aberdare</i>
(1) 5 Aberdare NP 22.1. A distinctive cisticola endemic to Kenya which we saw very well in the beautiful Aberdares.	
Croaking Cisticola (LC)	<i>Cisticola natalensis</i>
(2) 1 Shimba Hills 13.1 and 2 Masai Mara NR 4.2.	
Tiny Cisticola (LC)	<i>Cisticola nana</i>
(1) 1 Tsavo West NP 18.1.	

Short-winged Cisticola (LC)*Cisticola brachypterus*

(1) 4 Shimba Hills 14.1.

Foxy Cisticola*Cisticola troglodytes troglodytes*

(1) 1 Kongelai escarpment 30.1. A scarce species in Kenya and one that the local guide hadn't seen for many years!

Long-tailed Cisticola (LC)*Cisticola angusticauda*

(1) 1 Masai Mara NR 5.2.

Zitting Cisticola*Cisticola juncidis uropygialis*

(2) 1 Buffalo Springs NR 25.1 and 4 Masai Mara NR 4.2.

Desert Cisticola (LC)*Cisticola aridulus*

(1) 3 Tsavo West NP 18.1.

Black-backed Cisticola*Cisticola eximius eximius*

(1) 3 Masai Mara NR 3.2. Despite being fairly widespread it often occurs outside of typical birding routes or is simply scarce. We were fortunate to find 3 birds just after entering the 'Mara'.

Pectoral-patch Cisticola (LC)*Cisticola brunnescens*

(2) 1 Naro Moru--Solio Plains 27.1 and 1 Masai Mara NR 4.2.

Tawny-flanked Prinia (LC)*Prinia subflava*

(8) 2 Arabuko Swamp 14.1, 6 Thika 21.1, 1 heard Lake Nakuru NP 27.1, 1 Lake Nakuru NP 28.1, 2 Kongelai escarpment 30.1, 2 Kisumu 2.2, 2 Masai Mara NR 4.2 and 2 Masai Mara NR 5.2.

Pale Prinia*Prinia somalica erlangeri*

(2) 4 Tsavo West NP 18.1 and 2 Samburu NR 24.1.

Black-faced Prinia*Prinia melanops melanops*

(1) 1 Kakamega FNR 1.2.

White-chinned Prinia*Schistolais leucopogon reichenowi*

(1) 4 Kakamega FNR 1.2.

Black-collared Apalis*Oreolais pulcher pulcher*

(3) 2 Kieni Forest 21.1, 1 heard Mount Kenya NP--Serena Mountain Lodge 24.1 and 2 Kakamega FNR 1.2.

Buff-bellied Warbler (LC)*Phyllolais pulchella*

(3) 2 Nairobi 13.1, 2 Lake Nakuru to Lake Baringo 28.1 and 2 Lake Baringo 29.1.

Taita Apalis (CR)*Apalis fuscicularis*

(1) 2 Ngaungau Forest, Taita-Taveta County 17.1. Now one of Africa's rarest birds and on the brink of extinction. A fairly recent split from Bar-throated Apalis. Endemic to a few forest fragments of the Taita Hills.

Yellow-breasted Apalis (LC)*Apalis flavida*

(5) 1 Tsavo West NP 18.1, 1 Tsavo West NP 19.1, 1 Magadi Road 20.1, 2 Lake Nakuru NP 28.1 and 1 Masai Mara NR 4.2.

Black-throated Apalis*Apalis jacksoni jacksoni*

(1) 2 Kakamega FNR 1.2. We certainly played a bit of call for this species! Finally a pair showed up well at Kakamega.

Black-headed Apalis (LC)*Apalis melanocephala*

(3) 2 Shimba Hills 14.1, 1 Arabuko Sokoke Forest 15.1 and 1 Arabuko Sokoke Forest 16.1.

Chestnut-throated Apalis (LC)*Apalis porphyrolaema*

(3) 1 Kieni Forest 21.1, 2 Mount Kenya NP 23.1 and 1 heard Naro Moru 27.1.

Buff-throated Apalis*Apalis rufogularis nigrescens*

(1) 2 Kakamega FNR 1.2.

Grey Apalis*Apalis cinerea cinerea*

(4) 1 Mount Kenya NP--Serena Mountain Lodge 23.1, 2 Mount Kenya NP--Serena Mountain Lodge 24.1, 1 Imenti Forest 26.1 and 1 heard Naro Moru 27.1.

Red-fronted Warbler*Urorhipis rufifrons*

(1) 2 Lake Baringo 29.1.

Grey-capped Warbler (LC)*Eminia lepida*

(3) 2 Nairobi 13.1, 1 Thika 20.1 and 1 Kiganjo 22.1.

Green-backed Camaroptera*Camaroptera brachyura pileata*

(3) 1 heard Shimba Hills 13.1, 1 heard Arabuko Sokoke Forest 15.1 and 1 heard Arabuko Sokoke Forest 16.1.

Grey-backed Camaroptera*Camaroptera brevicaudata*

(14) 1 Tsavo West NP 19.1, 1 heard Magadi Road 20.1, 1 Thika 21.1, 1 Lake Naivasha 22.1, 1 heard Mount Kenya NP 24.1, 1 Shaba NR 26.1, 2 Lake Nakuru NP 27.1, 2 Lake Nakuru NP 28.1, 1 Lake Baringo 29.1, 1 Kerio Valley 30.1, 1 Kakamega FNR 1.2, 1 heard Kisumu 3.2, 1 Masai Mara NR 4.2

and 2 Masai Mara NR 5.2.

Olive-green Camaroptera*Camaroptera chloronota toroensis*

(3) Up to 1 Kakamega FNR 31-2.2.

Grey Wren-warbler (LC)*Calamonastes simplex*

(8) 4 Tsavo East NP 17.1, 2 Tsavo West NP 18.1, 2 Tsavo West NP 19.1, 2 Magadi Road 20.1, 2 Samburu NR 24.1, 6 Samburu NR 25.1, 4 Shaba NR 26.1 and 4 Lake Baringo 29.1.

Miombo Wren-warbler*Calamonastes undosus undosus*

(1) 1 Masai Mara NR 4.2. Generally uncommon through its range. We were fortunate to bump into one during our long drive from west to east Mara.

Black-faced Rufous Warbler*Bathmocercus rufus vulpinus*

(2) 1 heard Kakamega FNR 31.1 and 4 Kakamega FNR 1.2. Wow, this stunner put on a real show!

Yellow-bellied Eremomela (LC)*Eremomela icteropygialis*

(3) 1 Tsavo West NP 17.1, 1 Thika 21.1 and 1 Masai Mara NR 5.2.

Yellow-vented Eremomela (LC)*Eremomela flavicrissalis*

(1) 1 Samburu NR 24.1. Incredibly localised and scarce.

Green-backed Eremomela*Eremomela canescens canescens*

(1) 1 Kongelai escarpment 30.1. After a fair search we finally found a single bird in the disappearing woodlands of Western Kenya. A striking species.

Turner's Eremomela*Eremomela turneri turneri*

(2) 4 Kakamega FNR 31.1 and 6 Kakamega FNR 1.2. One of Africa's most localised species confined to just 2 forest blocks. Thankfully it is still common at Kakamega.

Fulvettas, Ground Babblers Pellorneidae**Scaly-breasted Illadopsis (LC)***Illadopsis albipectus*

(2) 1 Kakamega FNR 1.2 and 1 Kakamega FNR 2.2.

Laughingthrushes Leiotherichidae**Rufous Chatterer (LC)***Argya rubiginosa*

(5) 3 Sabaki River Mouth 15.1, up to 12 Tsavo West NP 17-19.1 and 4 Lake Baringo 29.1.

Scaly Chatterer (LC)*Argya aylmeri*

(1) 5 Tsavo West NP 18.1. A scarce species throughout its range and always a great find. A small group seen briefly.

Arrow-marked Babbler (LC)*Turdoides jardineii*

(1) 6 Lake Naivasha 22.1.

Northern Pied Babbler*Turdoides hypoleuca hypoleuca*

(1) 2 Thika 20.1. We had a wonderful encounter with a pair.

Black-lored Babbler (LC)*Turdoides sharpei*

(5) 8 Lake Naivasha 22.1, 2 Lake Nakuru NP 28.1 and up to 3 Masai Mara NR 3-5.2.

Hinde's Babbler (VU)*Turdoides hindei*

(1) 5 Kiganjo 22.1. Another Kenyan endemic that is also getting closer to extinction. Thankfully it seems to be able to handle anthropogenic environs to some degree otherwise it would almost certainly have gone. We had some surprisingly good views of what can be a rather skulking species.

Sylviid Babblers Sylviidae**African Hill Babbler***Pseudoalcippe abyssinica abyssinica*

(1) 2 Mount Kenya NP--Serena Mountain Lodge 24.1.

Eurasian Blackcap (LC)*Sylvia atricapilla*

(3) 1 Magadi Road 20.1, 2 Imenti Forest 26.1 and 1 Kakamega FNR 2.2.

Garden Warbler (LC)*Sylvia borin*

(1) 1 Shaba NR 26.1.

Barred Warbler (LC)*Sylvia nisoria*

(1) 2 Samburu NR 25.1.

Common Whitethroat*Sylvia communis icterops*

(4) Up to 100 Tsavo West NP 17-19.1 and 10 Samburu NR 25.1.

Brown Parisoma*Sylvia lugens jacksoni*

(1) 2 Magadi Road 20.1.

White-eyes Zosteropidae

Pale White-eye (LC)*Zosterops flavilateralis*

(3) 4 Sabaki River Mouth 15.1, 1 Tsavo West NP 18.1 and 1 Magadi Road 20.1.

Taita White-eye (EN)*Zosterops silvanus*

(1) 3 Ngaungau Forest, Taita-Taveta County 17.1. Another Taita Hills species that is close to extinction.

Kikuyu White-eye (LC)*Zosterops kikuyuensis*

(6) 4 Kieni Forest 21.1, 6 Aberdare NP 22.1, 30 Mount Kenya NP 23.1, 2 Mount Kenya NP--Serena Mountain Lodge 24.1, 2 Imenti Forest 26.1 and 2 Naro Moru 27.1.

Northern Yellow White-eye*Zosterops senegalensis jacksoni*

(4) 2 Lake Nakuru NP 28.1, 1 Kongelai escarpment 30.1, 1 Kakamega FNR 1.2 and 2 Masai Mara NR 5.2.

Hyliotas Hyliotidae**Southern Hyliota***Hyliota australis slatini*

(1) 1 Kakamega FNR 1.2. This one occasionally split off as Kakamega Hyliota – *H. slatini*. A rather uncommon species and here strangely a forest inhabitant!

Starlings, Rhabdornis Sturnidae**Wattled Starling (LC)***Creatophora cinereal*

Observed 7 day(s) in total.

Black-bellied Starling*Notopholia corusca corusca*

Observed 4 day(s) in total.

Greater Blue-eared Starling (LC)*Lamprotornis chalybaeus*

(6) 1 Arabuko Sokoke to Tsavo East 16.1, 2 Thika 21.1, 10 Lake Nakuru NP 27.1 and 6 Masai Mara NR 3.2.

Lesser Blue-eared Starling (LC)*Lamprotornis chloropterus*

(1) 20 Kongelai escarpment 30.1.

Rüppell's Starling*Lamprotornis purpuroptera purpuroptera*

(8) 2 Thika 21.1, 4 Lake Nakuru NP 27.1, 10 Lake Nakuru NP 28.1, 6 Lake Baringo 29.1, 20 Kongelai escarpment 30.1, 10 Kisumu 3.2 and 6 Masai Mara NR 4.2.

Golden-breasted Starling (LC)*Lamprotornis regius*

(5) 7 Arabuko Sokoke to Tsavo East 16.1, 6 Tsavo East NP 17.1, 2 Tsavo West NP 18.1, 3 Samburu NR 24.1 and 8 Samburu NR 25.1.

Superb Starling (LC) *Lamprotornis superbus*

Observed 17 day(s) in total.

Hildebrandt's Starling (LC) *Lamprotornis hildebrandti*

(2) 6 Tsavo West NP 18.1 and 4 Tsavo West NP 5.2.

Fischer's Starling (LC) *Lamprotornis fischeri*

(7) 2 Samburu NR 24.1, 10 Samburu NR 25.1 and 6 Shaba NR 26.1.

Violet-backed Starling (LC) *Cinnyricinclus leucogaster*

(1) 5 Masai Mara NR 5.2.

Red-winged Starling (LC) *Onychognathus morio*

(4) 2 Shaba NR 26.1 and 2 Lake Nakuru NP 27.1.

Slender-billed Starling *Onychognathus tenuirostris theresae*

(1) 1 Thomson Falls 27.1.

Waller's Starling (LC) *Onychognathus walleri*

(2) 6 Aberdare NP 22.1 and 2 Mount Kenya NP 23.1.

Bristle-crowned Starling (LC) *Onychognathus salvadorii*

(2) 2 Shaba NR 25.1 and 20 Lake Baringo 29.1.

Stuhlmann's Starling (LC) *Poeoptera stuhlmanni*

(1) 2 Kakamega FNR 31.1.

Kenrick's Starling *Poeoptera kenricki bensoni*

(1) 4 Imenti Forest 26.1. Rather uncommon throughout its range bar Imenti Forest where it seems to thrive.

Sharpe's Starling *Poeoptera sharpie*

(1) 6 Mount Kenya NP--Serena Mountain Lodge 24.1. this distinctive starling is always a good found.

Magpie Starling (LC) *Speculipastor bicolor*

(1) 2 Lake Baringo 29.1. A species we put in a fair bit of effort for but were well rewarded in the end!

Oxpeckers Buphagidae

Yellow-billed Oxpecker *Buphagus africanus africanus*

(2) 1 Tsavo West NP 18.1 and 1 Masai Mara NR 5.2.

Red-billed Oxpecker (LC) *Buphagus erythrorhynchus*

(7) 6 Kisumu 2.2.

Thrushes *Turdidae***White-tailed Ant Thrush** *Neocossyphus poensis praepectoralis*

(1) 1 Kakamega FNR 2.2. Can be a rather shy species usually except when ants are about. We thankfully had the latter experience!

Abyssinian Ground Thrush (LC) *Geokichla piaggiae*

(1) 1 Mount Kenya NP 23.1.

African Thrush *Turdus pelios centralis*

(7) 1 Lake Naivasha 21.1, 2 Lake Naivasha 22.1, 2 Lake Naivasha 28.1, 1 Kerio Valley 30.1, 1 Kakamega FNR 31.1, 1 Kakamega FNR 1.2 and 5 Kisumu 2.2.

Bare-eyed Thrush (LC) *Turdus tephronotus*

(1) 1 Shaba NR 26.1.

Abyssinian Thrush *Turdus abyssinicus abyssinicus*

(4) 1 Kieni Forest 21.1, 8 Aberdare NP 22.1, 4 Mount Kenya NP 23.1 and 6 Mount Kenya NP--Serena Mountain Lodge 24.1.

Taita Thrush (CR) *Turdus helleri*

(1) 2 Ngaungau Forest, Taita-Taveta County 17.1. The third endemic to the Taita Hills and another highly threatened bird. We were again super lucky to find 2 individuals, although none gave any lengthy views.

Chats, Old World Flycatchers *Muscicapidae***Bearded Scrub Robin** *Cercotrichas quadrivirgata quadrivirgata*

(1) 1 Arabuko Sokoke Forest 15.1.

Rufous-tailed Scrub Robin (LC) *Cercotrichas galactotes*

(2) 2 Tsavo East NP 17.1 and 1 Samburu NR 25.1.

White-browed Scrub Robin (LC) *Cercotrichas leucophrys*

(9) 2 Tsavo East NP 17.1, 8 Tsavo West NP 18.1, 2 Tsavo West NP 19.1, 2 Magadi Road 20.1, 3 Samburu NR 25.1, 4 Lake Baringo 29.1, 1 Kerio Valley 30.1, 1 Masai Mara NR 4.2 and 2 Masai Mara NR 5.2.

White-eyed Slaty Flycatcher*Melaenornis fischeri fischeri*

(8) 4 Kieni Forest 21.1, 14 Mount Kenya NP 23.1, 6 Mount Kenya NP--Serena Mountain Lodge 24.1, 2 Naro Moru 27.1, 6 Lake Nakuru NP 28.1, 3 Kakamega FNR 31.1, 2 Kakamega FNR 2.2 and 2 Masai Mara NR 3.2.

Northern Black Flycatcher (LC)*Melaenornis edolioides*

(2) 1 Thika 21.1 and 1 Lake Nakuru NP 27.1.

Pale Flycatcher*Melaenornis pallidus*

(4) 2 Shimba Hills 14.1 and up to 10 Masai Mara NR 3-5.2.

African Grey Flycatcher*Melaenornis microrhynchus*

(5) 2 Tsavo West NP 17.1, 4 Tsavo West NP 18.1 and 1 Samburu NR 24.1.

Silverbird*Empidonax semipartitus*

(3) 1 Lake Nakuru to Lake Baringo 28.1, 1 Masai Mara NR 4.2 and 1 Masai Mara NR 5.2.

Spotted Flycatcher (LC)*Muscicapa striata*

(4) 1 Arabuko Sokoke to Tsavo East 16.1, 2 Tsavo West NP 18.1, 3 Tsavo West NP 19.1 and 1 Samburu NR 24.1.

Gambaga Flycatcher (LC)*Muscicapa gambagae*

(1) 2 Lake Baringo 29.1. Uncommon throughout its range, this was a real surprise at Baringo!

Ashy Flycatcher*Muscicapa caerulescens*

(2) 1 Arabuko Sokoke Forest 15.1 and 1 Kakamega FNR 1.2.

Swamp Flycatcher*Muscicapa aquatica infulata*

(2) 10 Kisumu 2.2 and 2 Kisumu 3.2.

Chapin's Flycatcher*Muscicapa lendu*

(1) 2 Kakamega FNR 1.2. Very range restricted. We had some good views of a pair in the end.

African Dusky Flycatcher (LC)*Muscicapa adusta*

(4) 1 Thika 21.1, 1 Lake Naivasha 22.1, 1 Mount Kenya NP 23.1 and 1 Masai Mara NR 5.2.

Brown-chested Alethe (LC)*Chamaetylas poliocephala*

(3) Up to 6 Kakamega FNR 31-2.2. Supreme sightings of this often-skulking species but like antthrushes

when the ants are around, they can be unbelievably confiding.

Cape Robin-chat*Cossypha caffra iolaema*

(4) 1 Magadi Road 20.1, 1 Kinangop Plateau 21.1, 1 Aberdare NP 22.1 and 1 Limuru Ponds 5.2.

Grey-winged Robin-chat*Cossypha polioptera polioptera*

(2) 2 Kakamega FNR 1.2 and 1 Kakamega FNR 2.2. A wonderful sighting of another patchily distributed species.

Blue-shouldered Robin-chat*Cossypha cyanocampter bartteloti*

(2) 2 Kakamega FNR 31.1 and 2 Kakamega FNR 1.2. What an exceptional songster, but thankfully its call wasn't our only experience with this sharp bird.

Rüppell's Robin-chat (LC)*Cossypha semirufa*

(4) 1 Nairobi 20.1, 1 heard Kieni Forest 21.1, 2 Mount Kenya NP--Serena Mountain Lodge 24.1 and 2 Naro Moru 27.1.

White-browed Robin-chat (LC)*Cossypha heuglini*

(9) 2 Thika 21.1, 2 Lake Naivasha 22.1, 1 Lake Nakuru NP 27.1, 2 Lake Nakuru NP 28.1, 2 Kakamega FNR 31.1, 1 heard Kakamega FNR 2.2, 2 Kisumu 3.2, 2 Masai Mara NR 4.2 and 1 Masai Mara NR 5.2.

Snowy-crowned Robin-chat*Cossypha niveicapilla melanonota*

(2) 3 Kakamega FNR 1.2 and 4 Kakamega FNR 2.2.

White-starred Robin (LC)*Pogonocichla stellate*

(1) 2 Ngaungau Forest, Taita-Taveta County 17.1.

Equatorial Akalat*Sheppardia aequatorialis aequatorialis*

(2) 2 Kakamega FNR 31.1 and 3 Kakamega FNR 1.2. Great views of another understorey skulker.

East Coast Akalat*Sheppardia gunningi sokokensis*

(1) 2 Arabuko Sokoke Forest 16.1. Shy and furtive, we succeeded though but it was never easy!

Spotted Palm Thrush (LC)*Cichladusa guttata*

(9) Up to 6 Tsavo West NP 17-19.1, 1 Magadi Road 20.1, 1 heard Samburu NR 24.1, 2 Samburu NR 25.1, 2 Shaba NR 26.1, 2 Lake Baringo 28.1 and 2 Lake Baringo 29.1.

White-throated Robin (LC)*Irania gutturalis*

(2) 1 Samburu NR 25.1 and 1 Shaba NR 26.1. A top summer visitor which showed really well!

Common Redstart*Phoenicurus phoenicurus phoenicurus*

(1) 1 Magadi Road 20.1.

Common Rock Thrush (LC)*Monticola saxatilis*

(5) 1 Tsavo West NP 17.1, 3 Tsavo West NP 18.1, 1 Magadi Road 20.1, 4 Samburu NR 25.1 and 1 Kongelai escarpment 30.1.

Whinchat (LC)*Saxicola rubetra*

(4) 1 Lake Nakuru NP 27.1, 1 Lake Nakuru NP 28.1, 1 Masai Mara NR 3.2 and 1 Masai Mara NR 4.2.

African Stonechat*Saxicola torquatus axillaris*

(1) 6 Kinangop Plateau 21.1.

Moorland Chat*Pinarochroa sordida ernesti*

(1) 10 Aberdare NP 22.1.

Mocking Cliff Chat*Thamnolaea cinnamomeiventris subrufipennis*

(2) 1 Lake Nakuru NP 27.1 and 2 Lake Baringo 29.1.

Sooty Chat (LC)*Myrmecocichla nigra*

(3) Up to 6 Masai Mara NR 3-5.2.

Anteater Chat*Myrmecocichla aethiops cryptoleuca*

(8) 2 Magadi Road 20.1, 1 Kinangop Plateau 21.1, 1 Lake Naivasha 22.1, 2 Mount Kenya NP--Serena Mountain Lodge 24.1, 2 Naro Moru 26.1, 20 Naro Moru--Solio Plains 27.1, 15 Lake Nakuru NP 28.1 and 1 Masai Mara NR 5.2.

Northern Wheatear (LC)*Oenanthe Oenanthe*

(11) 1 Arabuko Sokoke to Tsavo East 16.1, 4 Tsavo West NP 18.1, 6 Magadi Road 20.1, 6 Samburu NR 24.1, 4 Buffalo Springs NR 25.1, 4 Shaba NR 26.1, 6 Naro Moru--Solio Plains 27.1, 2 Lake Baringo 29.1 and up to 4 Masai Mara NR 3-5.2.

Capped Wheatear*Oenanthe pileata livingstonii*

(2) 2 Magadi Road 20.1 and 2 Naro Moru--Solio Plains 27.1.

Isabelline Wheatear (LC)*Oenanthe isabelline*

(1) 1 Masai Mara NR 5.2.

Pied Wheatear (LC)*Oenanthe pleschanka*

(4) 1 Magadi Road 20.1, 1 Samburu NR 24.1, 10 Buffalo Springs NR 25.1 and 6 Shaba NR 26.1.

Brown-tailed Rock Chat*Oenanthe scotocerca turkana*

(1) 6 Lake Baringo 29.1.

Abyssinian Wheatear*Oenanthe lugubris schalowi*

(1) 2 Magadi Road 20.1. This one can be confusing when it comes to splits. Currently still lumped under Abyssinian Wheatear according to the IOC. The race we saw is often split off as Schalow's Wheatear – *O. schalowi*. Abyssinian Wheatear is however occasionally still subsumed under Mourning Wheatear – *O. lugens* but this is seldom the case these days.

Sunbirds *Nectariniidae*

Plain-backed Sunbird *Anthreptes reichenowi yokanae*

(1) 1 Arabuko Sokoke Forest 16.1. A coastal special which finally showed up after much searching.

Eastern Violet-backed Sunbird (LC) *Anthreptes orientalis*

(4) 10 Tsavo West NP 17.1, 2 Tsavo West NP 19.1, 3 Samburu NR 25.1 and 2 Lake Baringo 29.1.

Grey-chinned Sunbird *Anthreptes rectirostris tephrolaemus*

(1) 1 Kakamega FNR 31.1.

Collared Sunbird (LC) *Hedydipna collaris*

(10) 2 Mount Kenya NP--Serena Mountain Lodge 24.1, 4 Imenti Forest 26.1, 2 Naro Moru 27.1, 2 Kakamega FNR 1.2, 2 Kakamega FNR 2.2 and 1 Masai Mara NR 4.2.

Amani Sunbird (EN) *Hedydipna pallidigaster*

(1) 4 Arabuko Sokoke Forest 15.1. A super special of Sokoke. It can be tough to find at its namesake in Tanzania. We had some good views in the end.

Green-headed Sunbird *Cyanomitra verticalis viridisplendens*

(2) 2 Kakamega FNR 1.2 and 2 Kakamega FNR 2.2.

Olive Sunbird (LC) *Cyanomitra olivacea*

Observed 1 day(s) in total.

Green-throated Sunbird *Chalcomitra rubescens rubescens*

(1) 2 Kakamega FNR 1.2.

Amethyst Sunbird (LC) *Chalcomitra amethystina*

(6) 1 Magadi Road 20.1, 1 Naro Moru 27.1 and 1 Kerio Valley 30.1.

Scarlet-chested Sunbird (LC) *Chalcomitra senegalensis*

(6) 2 Magadi Road 20.1, 1 Lake Naivasha 22.1, 1 Lake Naivasha 27.1, 1 Lake Baringo 29.1, 1 Kongelai escarpment 30.1 and 3 Masai Mara NR 5.2.

Hunter's Sunbird (LC) *Chalcomitra hunteri*

(5) 8 Tsavo West NP 17.1, 1 Tsavo West NP 18.1, 2 Samburu NR 24.1, 2 Samburu NR 25.1 and 1 Shaba NR 26.1.

Tacazze Sunbird*Nectarinia tacazze jacksoni*

(2) 1 Mount Kenya NP 23.1 and 2 Naro Moru 27.1.

Bronzy Sunbird*Nectarinia kilimensis kilimensis*

(8) 2 Magadi Road 20.1, 2 Kinangop Plateau 21.1, 6 Aberdare NP 22.1, 3 Mount Kenya NP 23.1, 2 Mount Kenya NP--Serena Mountain Lodge 24.1 and up to 6 Kakamega FNR 31-2.2.

Malachite Sunbird*Nectarinia famosa cupreonitens*

(2) 1 Kinangop Plateau 21.1 and 2 Aberdare NP 22.1.

Golden-winged Sunbird (LC)*Drepanorhynchus reichenowi*

(2) 1 Magadi Road 20.1 and 2 Kinangop Plateau 21.1. What a looker, we had a couple of great views!

Olive-bellied Sunbird*Cinnyris chloropygius orphogaster*

(2) 1 Kakamega FNR 31.1 and 1 Kakamega FNR 1.2.

Northern Double-collared Sunbird*Cinnyris reichenowi reichenowi*

(2) 1 Kieni Forest 21.1 and 15 Naro Moru 27.1.

Eastern Double-collared Sunbird (LC)*Cinnyris mediocris*

(3) 1 Aberdare NP 22.1, 20 Mount Kenya NP 23.1 and 6 Mount Kenya NP--Serena Mountain Lodge 24.1.

Beautiful Sunbird (LC)*Cinnyris pulchellus*

(2) 1 Magadi Road 20.1 and 1 Lake Baringo 29.1.

Marico Sunbird (LC)*Cinnyris mariquensis*

(1) 3 Kongelai escarpment 30.1.

Red-chested Sunbird (LC)*Cinnyris erythrocerus*

(2) 6 Kisumu 2.2 and 2 Kisumu 3.2.

Black-bellied Sunbird (LC)*Cinnyris nectarinioides*

(3) 4 Mzima Springs 19.1, 4 Thika 21.1 and 1 Samburu NR 24.1. Highly localised species that showed extremely well.

Purple-banded Sunbird*Cinnyris bifasciatus microrhynchus*

(1) 2 Masai Mara NR 5.2.

Tsavo Sunbird (LC)*Cinnyris tsavoensis*

(2) 2 Tsavo West NP 17.1 and 1 Tsavo West NP 18.1. After none in Tsavo East we thankfully picked up a few in Tsavo West.

Variable Sunbird (LC)*Cinnyris venustus*

(4) 2 Nairobi 13.1 and 2 Nairobi 19.1.

Old World Sparrows, Snowfinches *Passeridae***House Sparrow (LC)***Passer domesticus*

Observed 4 day(s) in total.

Kenya Sparrow (LC)*Passer rufocinctus*

(5) 2 Masai Mara NR 5.2.

Northern Grey-headed Sparrow*Passer griseus ugandae*

(2) 2 Masai Mara NR 3.2 and 1 Masai Mara NR 4.2.

Parrot-billed Sparrow (LC)*Passer gongonensis*

(9) 1 Tsavo East NP 16.1 and 6 Tsavo East NP 17.1.

Swahili Sparrow (LC)*Passer suahelicus*

(1) 4 Masai Mara NR 5.2.

Chestnut Sparrow (LC)*Passer eminibey*

(1) 10 Shaba NR 26.1.

Yellow-spotted Bush Sparrow*Gymnoris pyrgita pyrgita*

(7) 2 Tsavo East NP 17.1, 1 Tsavo West NP 19.1, 1 Samburu NR 24.1, 20 Samburu NR 25.1, 4 Lake Baringo 29.1, 3 Masai Mara NR 4.2 and 2 Masai Mara NR 5.2.

Weavers, Widowbirds *Ploceidae***Red-billed Buffalo Weaver***Bubalornis niger intermedius*

(6) 2 Tsavo East NP 16.1, 6 Buffalo Springs NR 25.1 and 8 Shaba NR 26.1.

White-headed Buffalo Weaver (LC)*Dinemellia dinemelli*

(5) 2 Tsavo East NP 16.1.

White-browed Sparrow-weaver*Plocepasser mahali melanorhynchus*

(15) 1 Tsavo East NP 16.1.

Chestnut-crowned Sparrow-weaver (LC) *Plocepasser superciliosus*

(1) 4 Kongelai escarpment 30.1.

Donaldson Smith's Sparrow-weaver (LC) *Plocepasser donaldsoni*

(3) 6 Samburu NR 24.1, 10 Buffalo Springs NR 25.1 and 6 Shaba NR 26.1. Localised but fairly common in its restricted range, we had a few sightings of groups and individuals.

Grey-capped Social Weaver *Pseudonigrita arnaudi arnaudi*

(3) 6 Masai Mara NR 5.2.

Black-capped Social Weaver (LC) *Pseudonigrita cabanisi*

Observed 3 day(s) in total.

Speckle-fronted Weaver *Sporopipes frontalis emini*

(2) 4 Samburu NR 25.1 and 2 Masai Mara NR 5.2.

Thick-billed Weaver (LC) *Amblyospiza albifrons*

(4) 1 Lake Jipe 18.1.

Baglafecht Weaver *Ploceus baglafecht reichenowi*

Observed 9 day(s) in total.

Slender-billed Weaver *Ploceus pelzelni pelzelni*

(2) 6 Kisumu 2.2 and 2 Kisumu 3.2.

Little Weaver (LC) *Ploceus luteolus*

(3) 2 Lake Baringo 28.1, 1 Lake Baringo 29.1 and 1 Masai Mara NR 5.2.

Spectacled Weaver (LC) *Ploceus ocularis*

(4) 1 Magadi Road 20.1, 6 Mount Kenya NP--Serena Mountain Lodge 24.1, 2 Lake Nakuru NP 27.1 and 2 Lake Nakuru NP 28.1.

Black-necked Weaver (LC) *Ploceus nigricollis*

(4) 2 Tsavo West NP 17.1, 3 Tsavo West NP 19.1, 2 Kakamega FNR 31.1 and 2 Kakamega FNR 1.2.

Black-billed Weaver *Ploceus melanogaster stephanophorus*

(2) 2 Kakamega FNR 1.2 and 1 Kakamega FNR 2.2.

Eastern Golden Weaver *Ploceus subaureus aureoflavus*

(1) 4 Mzima Springs 19.1.

Holub's Golden Weaver (LC)*Ploceus xanthops*

(1) 1 Nairobi 20.1.

Golden Palm Weaver (LC)*Ploceus bojeri*

(3) 4 Sabaki River Mouth 15.1. A Kenya coast special that we saw particularly well at our hotel in Watamu.

Taveta Weaver (LC)*Ploceus castaneiceps*

(1) 6 Lake Jipe 18.1. One of Africa's most range-restricted weavers. Very small range in Kenya but we got to the zone and got the bird!

Northern Brown-throated Weaver (LC)*Ploceus castanops*

(2) 10 Kisumu 2.2 and 1 Kisumu 3.2.

Northern Masked Weaver*Ploceus taeniopterus taeniopterus*

(2) 6 Lake Baringo 28.1 and 20 Lake Baringo 29.1. Highly range restricted but fairly common around Lake Baringo.

Lesser Masked Weaver*Ploceus intermedius intermedius*

(4) 6 Samburu NR 24.1 and 20 Lake Baringo 29.1.

Vitelline Masked Weaver*Ploceus vitellinus uluensis*

(4) 1 Tsavo West NP 18.1, 1 Tsavo West NP 19.1, 2 Samburu NR 25.1 and 8 Shaba NR 26.1.

Speke's Weaver (LC)*Ploceus spekei*

(2) 2 Kinangop Plateau 21.1 and 10 Lake Nakuru NP 28.1.

Village Weaver (LC)*Ploceus cucullatus*

(6) 2 Lake Baringo 29.1 and 2 Kerio Valley 30.1.

Vieillot's Black Weaver*Ploceus nigerrimus nigerrimus*

(2) 20 Kakamega FNR 31.1.

Black-headed Weaver (LC)*Ploceus melanocephalus*

(1) 4 Kisumu 2.2.

Golden-backed Weaver (LC)*Ploceus jacksoni*

(2) 6 Lake Baringo 29.1 and 2 Kisumu 3.2.

Chestnut Weaver*Ploceus rubiginosus rubiginosus*

(5) 20 Samburu NR 24.1.

Dark-backed Weaver (LC)	<i>Ploceus bicolor</i>
(6) 3 Shimba Hills 13.1, 1 heard Arabuko Sokoke Forest 16.1 and up to 6 Kakamega FNR 31-2.2.	
Brown-capped Weaver (LC)	<i>Ploceus insignis</i>
(3) 1 Imenti Forest 26.1, 2 Kakamega FNR 1.2 and 1 Kakamega FNR 2.2.	
Red-headed Weaver (LC)	<i>Anaplectes rubriceps</i>
(4) 1 Lake Nakuru NP 27.1, 1 Lake Baringo 29.1, 2 Kongelai escarpment 30.1 and 1 Masai Mara NR 5.2.	
Red-billed Quelea	<i>Quelea quelea aethiopica</i>
(4) 4 Masai Mara NR 3.2.	
Yellow-crowned Bishop	<i>Euplectes afer ladoensis</i>
(2) 2 Nairobi 19.1 and 2 Lake Baringo 29.1.	
Fire-fronted Bishop (LC)	<i>Euplectes diadematus</i>
(1) 1 Shaba NR 26.1. One of east Africa's trickiest birds to connect with given its highly nomadic behaviour. Our trip was timed to perfection as rains had hit Shaba providing the perfect habitat.	
Zanzibar Red Bishop (LC)	<i>Euplectes nigroventris</i>
(2) 1 Sabaki River Mouth 15.1 and 5 Lake Jipe 18.1. Another special bishop that we had success with.	
Southern Red Bishop (LC)	<i>Euplectes orix</i>
(1) 12 Kisumu to Maasai Mara 3.2.	
Yellow Bishop	<i>Euplectes capensis crassirostris</i>
(4) 1 Kinangop Plateau 21.1, 2 Aberdare NP 22.1, 1 Masai Mara NR 3.2 and 1 Masai Mara NR 4.2.	
Fan-tailed Widowbird (LC)	<i>Euplectes axillaris</i>
(2) 300 Masai Mara NR 3.2 and 10 Masai Mara NR 4.2.	
Yellow-mantled Widowbird (LC)	<i>Euplectes macroura</i>
(3) Up to 6 Masai Mara NR 3-5.2.	
White-winged Widowbird	<i>Euplectes albonotatus eques</i>
(3) 1 Tsavo West NP 19.1.	
Red-collared Widowbird	<i>Euplectes ardens suahelicus</i>
(7) 1 Tsavo West NP 19.1, 1 Magadi Road 20.1, 1 Naro Moru--Solio Plains 27.1 and up to 10 Masai Mara NR 3-5.2.	

Long-tailed Widowbird*Euplectes progne delamerei*

(4) 30 Kinangop Plateau 21.1, 2 Mount Kenya NP 23.1 and 10 Naro Moru--Solio Plains 27.1.

Jackson's Widowbird (NT)*Euplectes jacksoni*

(1) 40 Naro Moru--Solio Plains 27.1. Just one sighting!

Waxbills, Munias And Allies Estrildidae**White-breasted Nigrita***Nigrita fusconotus fusconotus*

(1) 1 Kakamega FNR 1.2. Uncommon in Kenya.

Grey-headed Nigrita (LC)*Nigrita canicapillus*

(4) 1 Kieni Forest 21.1, 1 Mount Kenya NP 23.1, 1 Kakamega FNR 31.1 and 1 Kakamega FNR 1.2.

Green-winged Pytilia (LC)*Pytilia melba*

(4) 4 Tsavo East NP 17.1, 6 Tsavo West NP 18.1 and 4 Lake Baringo 29.1.

Cut-throat Finch*Amadina fasciata alexanderi*

(4) 2 Magadi Road 20.1 and 1 Samburu NR 24.1.

Red-headed Bluebill*Spermophaga ruficapilla ruficapilla*

(1) 1 Kakamega FNR 2.2.

Red-throated Twinspot*Hypargos niveoguttatus macrospilotus*

(1) 1 Arabuko Sokoke Forest 15.1.

Red-billed Firefinch (LC)*Lagonosticta senegala*

(6) 2 Arabuko Sokoke Forest 15.1, 1 Magadi Road 20.1, 2 Samburu NR 25.1, 4 Lake Baringo 29.1, 4 Kisumu 2.2 and 6 Masai Mara NR 4.2.

African Firefinch*Lagonosticta rubricata haematocephala*

(2) 1 Kiganjo 22.1 and 2 Lake Nakuru NP 28.1.

Red-cheeked Cordon-bleu (LC)*Uraeginthus bengalus*

(13) 2 Thika 21.1, 1 Lake Naivasha 22.1, 10 Lake Nakuru NP 27.1, 2 Kisumu 2.2, 4 Masai Mara NR 4.2 and 6 Masai Mara NR 5.2.

Blue-capped Cordon-bleu (LC)*Uraeginthus cyanocephalus*

(2) 2 Tsavo West NP 17.1 and 2 Samburu NR 25.1.

Purple Grenadier*Uraeginthus ianthinogaster*

(11) 2 Tsavo West NP 17.1, 2 Kinangop Plateau 21.1, 1 Samburu NR 25.1, 2 Lake Nakuru NP 28.1 and up to 10 Masai Mara NR 3-5.2.

Crimson-rumped Waxbill *Estrilda rhodopyga centralis*

(2) 2 Tsavo West NP 18.1 and 4 Naro Moru--Solio Plains 27.1.

Common Waxbill (LC) *Estrilda astrild*

(4) 3 Masai Mara NR 4.2.

Kandt's Waxbill (LC) *Estrilda kandti*

(1) 4 Mount Kenya NP 23.1. A good-looking Afro-montane forest edge species. We looked hard for them and eventually found a group that showed extremely well.

Black-faced Waxbill *Estrilda erythronotos delamerei*

(1) 1 Magadi Road 20.1.

Black-cheeked Waxbill (LC) *Estrilda chamosyna*

(1) 3 Tsavo West NP 17.1.

Quailfinch (LC) *Ortygospiza atricollis*

(1) 12 Masai Mara NR 4.2. Seeing this species on the ground is always a treat.

African Silverbill *Euodice cantans orientalis*

(1) 2 Shaba NR 25.1.

Grey-headed Silverbill *Odontospiza caniceps*

(3) 3 Tsavo West NP 17.1, 3 Magadi Road 20.1 and 1 Lake Baringo 29.1. Can be tough to pin down at times but we had a few encounters with this generally uncommon species.

Bronze Mannikin *Lonchura cucullate*

(2) 2 Lake Nakuru NP 28.1 and 25 Masai Mara NR 4.2.

Indigobirds Viduidae

Village Indigobird (LC) *Vidua chalybeate*

(4) 1 Magadi Road 20.1, 1 Samburu NR 25.1 and 1 Lake Baringo 29.1.

Pin-tailed Whydah (LC) *Vidua macroura*

(9) 1 Tsavo East NP 17.1, 2 Tsavo West NP 18.1, 1 Magadi Road 20.1, 1 Kinangop Plateau 21.1, 1 Lake Naivasha 22.1, 4 Samburu NR 25.1, 1 Lake Nakuru NP 27.1, 6 Masai Mara NR 3.2 and 10 Masai Mara NR 4.2.

Steel-blue Whydah (LC)*Vidua hypocherina*

(1) 1 Shaba NR 26.1. Beautiful and low density, this is always a desirable species on anyone's hitlist. We spent a long time looking but our efforts were eventually rewarded.

Straw-tailed Whydah (LC)*Vidua fischeri*

(4) Up to 10 Tsavo West NP 17-19.1 and 2 Shaba NR 26.1. We had some mind-blowing views and numbers of this gorgeous whydah.

Long-tailed Paradise Whydah (LC)*Vidua paradisaea*

(4) 3 Arabuko Sokoke to Tsavo East 16.1, 1 Tsavo East NP 17.1, 1 Tsavo West NP 18.1 and 2 Tsavo West NP 19.1.

Cuckoo-finch (LC)*Anomalospiza imberbis*

(1) 1 Masai Mara NR 5.2. Another challenging species to connect with that is simply scarce throughout its range. Our sighting was off the charts awesome!

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

(5) 10 Lake Jipe 18.1, 6 Lake Naivasha 22.1, 20 Naro Moru--Solio Plains 27.1, 2 Lake Nakuru NP 28.1 and 1 Lake Baringo 29.1.

Cape Wagtail*Motacilla capensis wellsi*

(2) 3 Lake Naivasha 22.1 and 2 Iten Swamp 30.1.

Grey Wagtail*Motacilla cinerea cinerea*

(3) Up to 3 Kakamega FNR 31-2.2.

Mountain Wagtail*Motacilla clara torrentium*

(2) 1 Mzima Springs 19.1 and 1 Kakamega FNR 1.2.

African Pied Wagtail*Motacilla aguimp vidua*

(14) 1 Watamu Marine NP--Mida Creek 14.1, 1 Sabaki River Mouth 15.1, 2 Arabuko Sokoke to Tsavo East 16.1, 1 Lake Jipe 18.1, 2 Lake Naivasha 22.1, 2 Mount Kenya NP--Serena Mountain Lodge 23.1, 1 Samburu NR 24.1, 2 Lake Nakuru NP 27.1, 4 Lake Nakuru NP 28.1, 1 Lake Baringo 29.1, 2 Iten Swamp 30.1, 1 Kakamega FNR 1.2, 2 Kisumu 2.2 and 2 Kisumu 3.2.

Golden Pipit (LC)*Tmetothylacus tenellus*

(3) 1 Buffalo Springs NR 24.1, 2 Shaba NR 25.1 and 7 Shaba NR 26.1. Always a top species and our trip didn't disappoint with a few sightings of males in the dry north.

Sharpe's Longclaw (EN)*Macronyx sharpei*

(1) 4 Kinangop Plateau 21.1. A Kenyan endemic that is just about hanging on. Confined to tiny fragments of natural grass on the Kinangop Plateau. We enjoyed some good views of this highly endangered species.

Yellow-throated Longclaw (LC)*Macronyx croceus*

(6) 1 Shimba Hills 13.1, 1 Kinangop Plateau 21.1, 1 Lake Nakuru NP 27.1, 1 Lake Nakuru NP 28.1, 15 Masai Mara NR 3.2 and 20 Masai Mara NR 4.2.

Pangani Longclaw (LC)*Macronyx aurantiigula*

(3) 1 Tsavo East NP 17.1, 2 Tsavo West NP 18.1 and 2 Tsavo West NP 19.1.

African Pipit (LC)*Anthus cinnamomeus*

(6) 1 Arabuko Swamp 14.1, 4 Sabaki River Mouth 15.1, 2 Kinangop Plateau 21.1, 20 Naro Moru--Solio Plains 27.1, 3 Masai Mara NR 4.2 and 4 Masai Mara NR 5.2.

Long-billed Pipit (LC)*Anthus similis*

(2) 1 Kisumu to Maasai Mara 3.2 and 1 Masai Mara NR 4.2.

Buffy Pipit (LC)*Anthus vaalensis*

(1) 1 Masai Mara NR 5.2.

Plain-backed Pipit (LC)*Anthus leucophrys*

(3) 1 Kisumu to Maasai Mara 3.2, 15 Masai Mara NR 4.2 and 6 Masai Mara NR 5.2.

Tree Pipit*Anthus trivialis trivialis*

(4) 3 Shimba Hills 13.1, 1 Tsavo West NP 19.1, 2 Magadi Road 20.1 and 1 Masai Mara NR 5.2.

Malindi Pipit*Anthus melindae melindae*

(1) 1 Arabuko Swamp 14.1. This is one localised pipit and can be a mission species to find. We were very fortunate to get some excellent views at the southern tip of its range.

Finches *Fringillidae***Oriole Finch (LC)***Linurgus olivaceus*

(1) 2 Mount Kenya NP 23.1. Seen by the leader only.

Western Citril (LC)*Crithagra frontalis*

(2) 2 Magadi Road 20.1 and 12 Kinangop Plateau 21.1.

Reichenow's Seedeater (LC)*Crithagra reichenowi*

(1) 6 Magadi Road 20.1.

Yellow-fronted Canary (LC)

Crithagra mozambica

(5) 2 Shimba Hills 13.1, 4 Kongelai escarpment 30.1, 6 Masai Mara NR 3.2 and 10 Masai Mara NR 4.2.

White-bellied Canary (LC)

Crithagra dorsostriata

(5) 10 Tsavo West NP 17.1, 4 Magadi Road 20.1, 2 Lake Baringo 28.1 and 10 Lake Baringo 29.1.

Southern Grosbeak-canary (LC)

Crithagra buchanani

(1) 2 Magadi Road 20.1. A special species with a tiny distribution. We had a very confiding pair.

Brimstone Canary

Crithagra sulphurata sharpii

(1) 2 Kinangop Plateau 21.1.

Thick-billed Seedeater (LC)

Crithagra burtoni

(3) 6 Mount Kenya NP 23.1, 2 Mount Kenya NP--Serena Mountain Lodge 24.1 and 1 Naro Moru 27.1.

Streaky Seedeater

Crithagra striolata striolata

(6) 10 Mount Kenya NP 23.1, 10 Mount Kenya NP--Serena Mountain Lodge 24.1 and 1 Naro Moru 27.1.

Yellow-crowned Canary

Serinus flavivertex flavivertex

(2) 6 Mount Kenya NP 23.1.

Old World Buntings *Emberizidae*

Cinnamon-breasted Bunting

Emberiza tahapisi tahapisi

(4) 6 Shaba NR 25.1, 4 Shaba NR 26.1, 2 Masai Mara NR 4.2 and 2 Masai Mara NR 5.2.

Somali Bunting (LC)

Emberiza poliopleura

(2) 2 Tsavo West NP 17.1 and 2 Samburu NR 25.1.

Golden-breasted Bunting

Emberiza flaviventris kalaharica

(4) 4 Lake Nakuru NP 28.1 and up to 2 Masai Mara NR 3-5.2.

Mammals (60 in total: 59 seen, 1 heard)

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

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Elephant Shrews *Macroscelididae*

Four-toed Sengi (LC) *Petrodromus tetradactylus*

(1) 2 Lake Baringo 29.1.

Golden-rumped Sengi (EN) *Rhynchocyon chrysopygus*

(2) 1 Arabuko Sokoke Forest 15.1 and 1 Arabuko Sokoke Forest 16.1.

Elephants *Elephantidae*

African Elephant (VU) *Loxodonta africana*

Observed 10 day(s) in total.

Hylaxes *Procaviidae*

Eastern Tree Hyrax (NT) *Dendrohyrax validus*

(4) Up to 1 Mount Kenya NP--Serena Mountain Lodge 22-24.1 and 1 heard Naro Moru 26.1.

Common Rock Hyrax (LC) *Procavia capensis*

(4) 1 Tsavo West NP 19.1 and 10 Lake Nakuru NP 28.1.

Galagos *Galagidae*

Small-eared Greater Galago (LC) *Otolemur garnettii*

(1) 1 Shimba Hills 13.1.

Old World Monkeys *Cercopithecidae*

Red-tailed Monkey *Cercopithecus ascanius schmidtii*

(2) 2 Kakamega FNR 1.2 and 6 Kakamega FNR 2.2.

Blue Monkey (LC) *Cercopithecus mitis*

Observed 8 day(s) in total.

Vervet (LC) *Chlorocebus pygerythrus*

Observed 11 day(s) in total.

Guereza (LC) *Colobus guereza*

(6) 4 Kieni Forest 21.1.

Olive Baboon (LC) *Papio anubis*

(12) 1 heard Kakamega FNR 1.2.

Yellow Baboon *Papio cynocephalus ibleanus*

Observed 4 day(s) in total.

Rabbits, Hares *Leporidae*

African Savanna Hare *Lepus microtis*

Observed 1 day(s) in total.

True Mice And Rats, Gerbils, Spiny Mice, Crested Rat *Muridae*

African Grass Rat (LC) *Arvicanthis niloticus*

(1) 2 Lake Baringo 29.1.

Squirrels *Sciuridae*

Huet's Bush Squirrel (LC) *Paraxerus ochraceus*

(1) 4 Mount Kenya NP--Serena Mountain Lodge 24.1.

Red Bush Squirrel (LC) *Paraxerus palliatus*

(2) 1 Shimba Hills 13.1 and 2 Shimba Hills 14.1.

Giant Forest Squirrel (LC) *Protoxerus stangeri*

(2) 1 Kakamega FNR 1.2 and 2 Kakamega FNR 2.2.

Striped Ground Squirrel (LC) *Xerus erythropus*

(1) 1 Aberdare NP 22.1.

Unstriped Ground Squirrel (LC) *Xerus rutilus*

(8) 1 Lake Baringo 29.1.

Cats *Felidae*

Cheetah *Acinonyx jubatus fearsoni*

(1) 2 Masai Mara NR 4.2.

Serval (LC) *Leptailurus serval*

(1) 1 Aberdare NP 22.1.

Lion *Panthera leo leo*

(2) 5 Tsavo East NP 16.1 and 5 Masai Mara NR 4.2.

Leopard *Panthera pardus pardus*

(2) 4 Tsavo West NP 17.1 and 2 Masai Mara NR 4.2.

Mongoose *Herpestidae*

Common Dwarf Mongoose (LC) *Helogale parvula*

(1) 1 Tsavo West NP 17.1.

Egyptian Mongoose (LC) *Herpestes ichneumon*

(1) 1 Masai Mara NR 3.2.

Slender Mongoose (LC) *Herpestes sanguineus*

(2) 1 Tsavo West NP 18.1 and 1 Tsavo West NP 19.1.

White-tailed Mongoose (LC) *Ichneumia albicauda*

(1) 2 Mount Kenya NP--Serena Mountain Lodge 22.1.

Banded Mongoose (LC) *Mungos mungo*

(3) 1 Tsavo West NP 17.1 and 8 Masai Mara NR 4.2.

Hyenas, Aardwolf *Hyaenidae***Spotted Hyaena (LC)***Crocuta crocuta*

(5) 1 Tsavo East NP 16.1, 1 Aberdare NP 22.1, 1 Mount Kenya NP--Serena Mountain Lodge 23.1, 1 Lake Nakuru NP 27.1 and 2 Masai Mara NR 4.2.

Vivets, Genets *Viverridae***Central African Large-spotted Genet (LC)***Genetta maculata*

(1) 1 Samburu NR 24.1.

Wolves, Coyote, Foxes, Jackals *Canidae***Black-backed Jackal (LC)***Canis mesomelas*

(4) 1 Tsavo East NP 16.1, 1 Tsavo West NP 19.1, 1 Shaba NR 26.1 and 3 Masai Mara NR 4.2.

Zebras, Horse, Asses *Equidae***Grevy's Zebra (EN)***Equus grevyi*

(2) 2 Buffalo Springs NR 25.1 and 12 Shaba NR 26.1.

Plains Zebra (NT)*Equus quagga*

Observed 9 day(s) in total.

Rhinceroses *Rhinocerotidae***White Rhinoceros***Ceratotherium simum simum*

(2) 10 Lake Nakuru NP 27.1 and 12 Lake Nakuru NP 28.1.

Black Rhinoceros*Diceros bicornis michaeli*

(1) 3 Lake Nakuru NP 28.1.

Pigs *Suidae***Forest Hog (LC)***Hylochoerus meinertzhageni*

(1) 8 Aberdare NP 22.1.

Common Warthog

Phacochoerus africanus massaicus

(10) 1 Shimba Hills 13.1, 4 Tsavo West NP 18.1, 3 Magadi Road 20.1, 1 Lake Naivasha 22.1, 2 Samburu NR 24.1 and 1 Masai Mara NR 3.2.

Bushpig (LC)

Potamochoerus larvatus

(1) 2 Mount Kenya NP--Serena Mountain Lodge 23.1.

Hippopotamuses *Hippopotamidae*

Hippopotamus (VU)

Hippopotamus amphibius

(6) 1 heard Lake Jipe 18.1, 1 Lake Nakuru NP 27.1 and 1 Lake Baringo 29.1.

Cattle, Antelopes, Sheep, Goats *Bovidae*

Impala

Aepyceros melampus melampus

Observed 12 day(s) in total.

Hartebeest (LC)

Alcelaphus buselaphus

Observed 3 day(s) in total.

Harvey's Duiker (LC)

Cephalophus harveyi

(1) 1 Shimba Hills 13.1.

Common Wildebeest (LC)

Connochaetes taurinus

(3) 1 Tsavo West NP 18.1.

Tsessebe (LC)

Damaliscus lunatus

Observed 2 day(s) in total.

Thomson's Gazelle (LC)

Eudorcas thomsonii

Observed 5 day(s) in total.

Waterbuck (LC)

Kobus ellipsiprymnus

(10) 1 Tsavo East NP 16.1 and 1 Tsavo West NP 18.1.

Gerenuk (NT)

Litocranius walleri

(4) 1 Tsavo East NP 17.1, 6 Samburu NR 24.1, 8 Buffalo Springs NR 25.1 and 4 Shaba NR 26.1.

Günther's Dikdik (LC)	<i>Madoqua guentheri</i>
(3) 2 Lake Nakuru NP 28.1.	
Kirk's Dikdik (LC)	<i>Madoqua kirkii</i>
(3) 6 Tsavo West NP 17.1.	
Grant's Gazelle (LC)	<i>Nanger granti</i>
(10) 1 Tsavo East NP 16.1 and 1 Tsavo East NP 17.1.	
Klipspringer (LC)	<i>Oreotragus oreotragus</i>
(1) 1 Tsavo West NP 19.1.	
Beisa Oryx (EN)	<i>Oryx beisa</i>
Observed 6 day(s) in total.	
Bohor Reedbuck (LC)	<i>Redunca redunca</i>
(1) 1 Tsavo West NP 19.1.	
Common Duiker (LC)	<i>Sylvicapra grimmia</i>
(2) 1 Shimba Hills 13.1 and 1 Mount Kenya NP--Serena Mountain Lodge 23.1.	
African Buffalo (NT)	<i>Syncerus caffer</i>
(10) 10 Tsavo East NP 17.1 and 1 Shaba NR 26.1.	
Lesser Kudu (NT)	<i>Tragelaphus imberbis</i>
(1) 1 Tsavo West NP 17.1.	
Common Eland (LC)	<i>Tragelaphus oryx</i>
(2) 1 Masai Mara NR 4.2.	
Bushbuck (LC)	<i>Tragelaphus scriptus</i>
(4) 1 Shimba Hills 14.1.	

Giraffe, Okapi Giraffidae

Giraffe (VU)	<i>Giraffa camelopardalis</i>
(12) 2 Tsavo East NP 16.1, 2 Samburu NR 24.1, 15 Buffalo Springs NR 25.1, 8 Shaba NR 26.1 and 12 Lake Nakuru NP 28.1.	

Old World Fruit Bats *Pteropodidae*

Wahlberg's Epauletted Fruit Bat (LC)

Epomophorus wahlbergi

(1) 1 Lake Baringo 30.1.

Reptiles (7 in total: 7 seen)

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Afro-american Sideneck Turtles *Pelomedusidae*

Helmeted Turtle

Pelomedusa subrufa

(1) 2 Masai Mara NR 4.2.

Agamas *Agamidae*

Common Agama

Agama agama agama

(5) 1 Samburu NR 25.1 and 1 Lake Nakuru NP 28.1.

Mwanza Flat-headed Agama (LC)

Agama mwanzae

(1) 2 Masai Mara NR 4.2.

Geckos *Gekkonidae*

Flathead Leaf-toed Gecko

Hemidactylus platycephalus

(1) 8 Shimba Hills 13.1.

Painted Dwarf Gecko (LC)

Lygodactylus picturatus

(2) 1 Watamu Marine NP--Mida Creek 14.1 and 1 Thika 20.1.

Monitor Lizards *Varanidae*

White-throated Monitor

Varanus albigularis ionidesi

(1) 1 Samburu NR 25.1.

Nile Monitor

Varanus niloticus

(4) 1 Shimba Hills 13.1, 1 Shimba Hills 14.1, 1 Lake Jipe 18.1 and 1 Buffalo Springs NR 25.1.

