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Worldwide Birding Adventures

Ghana

Mega Birding Tour I

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Trip Report



Hartlaub's Duck by Chris Lester

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Tour Summary

Ghana is considered to be home to some of the best birding in West Africa. Our tour to this fantastic destination did not disappoint in this regard. We started in the capital Accra and had a great time exploring the Upper Guinea forests such as Kalakpa, Ankasa, and Kakum with its famed canopy walkway; before making our way up north to the famed Mole National Park and the arid areas around Bolgatanga. A definite highlight was our encounter with the White-necked Rockfowl; we waited patiently at a known colony and were rewarded with absolutely mind-blowing views as they arrived to roost! Other worthy mentions go to the mythical Nkulengu Rail, White-crested Tiger Heron, Frobess's Plover, Hartlaub's Duck within touching distance, Egyptian Plover, Congo Serpent Eagle, Rufous-rumped Lark, Spot-breasted Ibis, and even Nimba Flycatchers! The people of Ghana were incredibly hospitable and friendly, a nice touch to an already great part of the world.

Top bird list (as chosen by participants):

1. White-necked Rockfowl
2. Nkulengu Rail
3. Egyptian Plover
4. White-crested Tiger Heron
5. Congo Serpent Eagle
6. Rufous-rumped Lark
7. Spot-breasted Ibis
8. Nimba Flycatcher

We started the tour off in the capital Accra, visiting Shai Hills and Lake Volta on the way to Kalakpa Forest. Shai Hills was a great introduction into Ghanaian birding and produced specials such as Violet Turaco, White-crowned Cliff Chat, Senegal Eremomela, Senegal Parrot and Red-necked Buzzard. Lake Volta region gave us incredible looks at Snowy-crowned Robin-Chat, Broad-billed Roller, Ethiopian Swallow, White-throated Bee-eater and a pair of Red-tailed Leaflove which has unfortunately become increasingly rare in Ghana. Our first visit to Kalakpa was in the morning, and although quiet, we managed to see Senegal Batis, African Wood Owl, and Blue-bellied Roller. We waited in the forest until nightfall, and were rewarded with incredible looks at a small group of the mythical Nkulengu Rail! We soaked up some great looks, relishing this fantastic find before making our way out of the forest. Long-tailed Nightjar entertained us on the way out. We revisited the forest in the morning and added Yellow-winged Pytilia, African Hobby, White-throated Greenbul and Red-cheeked Wattle-eye.

A quick night was spent in Accra once again, before heading to the Cape Coast region. We visited the Winneba Lagoon en route and added many shorebirds such as Ruddy Turnstone, Common Redshank, Marsh and



Nkulengu Rails by Chris Lester

Common Sandpipers, Western Reef Heron, Little Egret, and Royal and Caspian Terns. En route, we stopped to find the now range-restricted Slender-billed Weaver. We spent some time visiting the Cape Coast Castle and were amazed to see this peculiar place where the majority of slaves were moved out of West Africa here - *a real eye-opener as to our history.*

The Kakum region forms part of the largest forest reserve in Ghana and we had a great time exploring this region. The famed canopy walkway is a favorite as it allows for great encounters to birds restricted to the forest canopy. We also visited areas such as Abrafo and Twifo Praso. Highlights here go to Rufous-sided Broadbill, Forest Robin, Brown-cheeked Hornbill, Bates's Swift, Brown Nightjar, Rosy and Black Bee-eaters, Purple-throated Cuckooshrike, Sharpe's Apalis, Violet-backed Hylia, Red-chested Goshawk, Puvell's Illadopsis, Tit-hylia, White-bibbed Swallow, Rock Pratincole, Preuss's Weaver, Preuss's Cliff Swallow, and Fraser's Eagle-Owl. A great sighting of Pel's Flying Squirrel was had here too.



Long-tailed Hawk by Chris Lester

We ventured to another forest by the name of Nsuta and had a great two-night stay here, visiting the forest thrice! Birding here was superb and we had some exceptional sightings such as Long-tailed Hawk, Forest Penduline-Tit, Blue Cuckooshrike, Fire-bellied Woodpecker, The mega Spot-breasted Ibis, equally rare Congo Serpent Eagle, tough Yellow-throated Cuckoo and seldom seen Akun Eagle-Owl!



Bown Nightjar by Chris Lester

We visited the Brenu region and found the very rare and mysterious Baumann's Olive Greenbul, White-winged Swallow, Oriole Warbler, Marsh Tchagra, and Yellow-crowned Gonolek. We eventually arrived in Ankasa for a fantastic camping experience, well set-up by our team in this great and seldom-visited forest. Highlights here definitely go to White-crested Tiger-Heron, Hartlaub's Duck as close as a meter from us feeding away, more Spot-breasted Ibis, Great Blue Turaco, Long-tailed Hawks everywhere, Yellow-billed Turaco and even Blue-moustached Bee-eater! Some heavy downpours were also the order of most days and manoeuvring through the slush with our boots was eventful. We bid this place farewell as we headed back to the Kakum region for a one night stay.

From here, we made our way north to Kumasi, visiting Bonkro en route. A forest near Bonkro holds some colonies of the rare and iconic White-necked Rockfowl, previously Picathartes! We arrived early afternoon and positioned ourselves carefully and

waited in patience. We persevered through numbness and were rewarded greatly with close up looks of this awesome and prehistoric-looking bird! Yellow-footed Honeyguide was another extremely special addition in this forest.

From Kumasi, we headed even farther north to the arid Muslim dominated area to Mole National Park. This great and exciting park holds some mouthwatering species and was our home for the next three nights. There were many highlights here but special mention should go to Rufous-rumped Lark, Forbes's Plover, White-breasted Cuckooshrike, African Spotted Creeper, White-fronted Black Chat, Gambaga and Swamp Flycatchers, White-crowned Robin-Chat, Western Square-tailed Drongo, White-throated Francolin, Brown-rumped Bunting, Pygmy Sunbird, Bruce's Green Pigeon, and Abyssinian Ground Hornbill. Mammals were also a feature here and we had many sightings of Waterbuck, Common Warthog, Bushbuck, Kob, Green and Patas Monkey. The oldest building in Ghana, Larabanga Mosque was also a cultural highlight here.



White-necked Rockfowl by Chris Lester

We moved east from here and eventually arrived in Bolgatanga after a long drive. The Tongo Hills produced many Gosling's Bunting, Fox Kestrel, Lavender Waxbill, and Freckled Nightjar. We also made a day trip further north to the White Volta River for the extremely sought-after and monotypic Egyptian Plover. We were not disappointed and got really close to this beautiful bird. Other good species included West African Swallow, Cut-throat, Chestnut-bellied Starling and Black-headed Lapwing. We also visited Tono Dam and enjoyed some afternoon birding in the savanna getting good looks at Violet Turaco, Little Bee-eater, Brown Babbler, and Four-banded Sandgrouse.

We eventually made our way back to Kumasi and visited the Bobiri Forest Reserve en route to the Atewa area. Bobiri gave us some great species such as Preuss's Weaver, Western Nicator, African Piculet, and



Egyptian Plover by Chris Lester

Red-thighed Falcon. We then made our way to Atewa and visited this great forest the following day. The long hike up was a bit tiring but extremely rewarded as we managed to find the mythical Nimba Flycatcher! Other birds worthy of mention include Tessmann's Flycatcher, White-tailed Alethe, Many-colored Bushshrike, Fernando Po Batis, Narina Trogon, Little Green Woodpecker, Blue-moustached Bee-eater and Kemp's Longbill. Unfortunately, we had to make our way back to Accra after some final morning birding as we had to make our separate ways after a much enjoyed and memorable trip.

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 (458 in total: 447 seen, 11 heard)

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

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

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

Ducks, Geese & Swans Anatidae

- White-faced Whistling Duck** *Dendrocygna viduata*
(3) Nasia River 13.12, White Volta 14.12 and Nasia River 15.12.
- Spur-winged Goose** *Plectropterus gambensis gambensis*
(2) White Volta 14.12 and Nasia River 15.12.
- Hartlaub's Duck** *Pteronetta hartlaubii*
(1) Ankasa NP 7.12.
- African Pygmy Goose** *Nettapus auritus*
(2) en route 5.12 and Nasia River 13.12.
- Northern Pintail** *Anas acuta*
(1) Tono Dam 14.12.

Guineafowl Numididae

- Helmeted Guineafowl** *Numida meleagris galeatus*
Observed 3 day(s) in total.

New World Quail Odontophoridae

- Stone Partridge** *Ptilopachus petrosus petrosus*
Observed 5 day(s) in total.

Pheasants, Grouse, and Allies Phasianidae

- White-throated Francolin** *Peliperdix albogularis buckleyi*
(1) 1 Mole NP 12.12.
Seen very well on the airstrip.
- Double-spurred Francolin** *Pternistis bicalcaratus bicalcaratus*
Observed 6 day(s) in total.

Grebes Podicipedidae

- Little Grebe** *Tachybaptus ruficollis capensis*
(1) 4 Nsuta FR 3.12.

Storks Ciconiidae

- Marabou Stork** *Leptoptilos crumenifer*
(1) Mole NP 11.12.

Ibises, Spoonbills *Threskiornithidae***Spot-breasted Ibis***Bostrychia rara*

(2) 2 Nsuta FR 4.12 and 2 Nsuta FR 6.12.

We were very lucky to see two pairs!

Hadada Ibis*Bostrychia hagedash brevirostris*

Observed 4 day(s) in total.

Hérons, Egrets, and Bitterns *Ardeidae***White-crested Tiger Heron***Tigriornis leucolopha*

(1) 1 Ankasa NP 7.12.

We struck gold with this mega rare bird. Even raising its crest a few times.

Dwarf Bittern*Ixobrychus sturmii*

(1) 1 Ankasa NP 6.12.

Black-crowned Night Heron*Nycticorax nycticorax nycticorax*

(1) 1 Accra 30.11.

Striated Heron*Butorides striata atricapilla*

Observed 5 day(s) in total.

Squacco Heron*Ardeola ralloides*

Observed 4 day(s) in total.

Western Cattle Egret*Bubulcus ibis*

Observed 20 day(s) in total.

Grey Heron*Ardea cinerea cinerea*

Observed 6 day(s) in total.

Black-headed Heron*Ardea melanocephala*

(2) en route 10.12 and White Volta 14.12.

Purple Heron*Ardea purpurea purpurea*

Observed 4 day(s) in total.

Great Egret*Ardea alba melanorhynchos*

(1) 1 Nasia River 13.12.

Intermediate Egret*Ardea intermedia brachyrhyncha*

(1) 1 White Volta 14.12.

Little Egret*Egretta garzetta garzetta*

(2) 5 Winneba Lagoon 30.11 and 5 White Volta 14.12.

Western Reef Heron*Egretta gularis gularis*

(2) 35 Winneba Lagoon 30.11 and 1 en route 5.12.

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

Observed 4 day(s) in total.

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

Observed 6 day(s) in total.

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

(1) Brenu beach rd 5.12.

Kites, Hawks & Eagles Accipitridae

Black-winged Kite Observed 5 day(s) in total.	<i>Elanus caeruleus caeruleus</i>
African Harrier-Hawk Observed 8 day(s) in total.	<i>Polyboroides typus pectoralis</i>
Palm-nut Vulture (2) Kakum NP and surrounds 1.12 and Mole NP 11.12.	<i>Gypohierax angolensis</i>
European Honey Buzzard (2) Kakum NP and surrounds 2.12 and Ankasa NP 7.12.	<i>Pernis apivorus</i>
African Cuckoo-Hawk Observed 4 day(s) in total.	<i>Aviceda cuculoides batesi</i>
Hooded Vulture (EN) Observed 13 day(s) in total.	<i>Necrosyrtes monachus</i>
White-backed Vulture (NT) Observed 3 day(s) in total.	<i>Gyps africanus</i>
White-headed Vulture (VU) (1) 1 Mole NP 11.12.	<i>Trigonoceps occipitalis</i>
Lappet-faced Vulture (VU) (1) 1 Mole NP 11.12.	<i>Torgos tracheliotos</i>
Short-toed Snake Eagle (1) 1 Mole NP 12.12.	<i>Circaetus gallicus gallicus</i>
Beaudouin's Snake Eagle (VU) (1) 2 Mole NP 12.12.	<i>Circaetus beaudouini</i>
Western Banded Snake Eagle (1) 1 Mole NP 11.12.	<i>Circaetus cinerascens</i>
Congo Serpent Eagle (3) 1 heard Kakum NP and surrounds 1.12, 1 heard Kakum NP and surrounds 3.12 and 1 Nsuta FR 4.12. We worked extremely hard for a sighting of this mega!	<i>Circaetus spectabilis spectabilis</i>
Bateleur (NT) (2) 6 Mole NP 11.12 and 2 Mole NP 12.12.	<i>Terathopius ecaudatus</i>
Booted Eagle (1) 1 en route 13.12.	<i>Hieraaetus pennatus</i>
Ayres's Hawk-Eagle (1) 1 Atewa 17.12.	<i>Hieraaetus ayresii</i>
Cassin's Hawk-Eagle (1) 2 Kakum NP and surrounds 1.12.	<i>Aquila africana</i>
Lizard Buzzard Observed 6 day(s) in total.	<i>Kaupifalco monogrammicus monogrammicus</i>
Gabar Goshawk (1) 1 Tono Dam 14.12.	<i>Micronisus gabar niger</i>
Dark Chanting Goshawk Observed 5 day(s) in total.	<i>Melierax metabates metabates</i>
Long-tailed Hawk Observed 5 day(s) in total.	<i>Urotriorchis macrourus</i>
Red-chested Goshawk Observed 4 day(s) in total.	<i>Accipiter toussenelii macroscelides</i>

Shikra

Observed 6 day(s) in total.

*Accipiter badius sphenurus***Red-thighed Sparrowhawk**

(2) 1 Ankasa NP 6.12 and 2 Bobiri FR 16.12.

*Accipiter erythropus erythropus***Black Sparrowhawk**

(1) 1 Atewa farm bush 18.12.

*Accipiter melanoleucus temminckii***Western Marsh Harrier**

Observed 4 day(s) in total.

*Circus aeruginosus aeruginosus***Black Kite**

(1) 2 Mole NP 11.12.

*Milvus migrans migrans***Yellow-billed Kite**

Observed 20 day(s) in total.

*Milvus aegyptius parasitus***African Fish Eagle**

(1) 1 Mole NP 12.12.

*Haliaeetus vocifer***Grasshopper Buzzard**

Observed 5 day(s) in total.

*Butastur rufipennis***Red-necked Buzzard**

Observed 8 day(s) in total.

*Buteo auguralis***Flufftails *Sarothruridae*****White-spotted Flufftail**

(2) 2 Kakum NP and surrounds 3.12 and 1 heard Kakum NP and surrounds 4.12.

*Sarothrura pulchra pulchra***Finfoots *Heliornithidae*****African Finfoot**

(2) 2 Ankasa NP 6.12 and 1 Ankasa NP 7.12.

*Podica senegalensis senegalensis***Rails, Crakes & Coots *Rallidae*****Nkulengu Rail**

(1) 4 Kalakpa RR 28.11.

Himantornis haematopus

We were extremely lucky to track this mega down, on its roost at night.

Black Crake

(2) White Volta 14.12 and Nasia River 15.12.

*Amaurornis flavirostra***Common Moorhen**

(2) Nsuta FR 3.12 and Brenu beach rd 5.12.

*Gallinula chloropus meridionalis***Thick-knees *Burhinidae*****Senegal Thick-knee**

Observed 6 day(s) in total.

*Burhinus senegalensis***Spotted Thick-knee**

(1) 3 Mole NP 12.12.

*Burhinus capensis maculosus***Stilts and Avocets *Recurvirostridae*****Black-winged Stilt**

(2) 50 Winneba Lagoon 30.11 and 1 White Volta 14.12.

Himantopus himantopus

Plovers and Lapwings *Charadriidae*

Spur-winged Lapwing	<i>Vanellus spinosus</i>
(2) 5 Winneba Lagoon 30.11 and 12 White Volta 14.12.	
Black-headed Lapwing	<i>Vanellus tectus tectus</i>
(1) 2 White Volta 14.12.	
African Wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus senegallus senegallus</i>
Observed 6 day(s) in total.	
Grey Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola squatarola</i>
(1) 40 Winneba Lagoon 30.11.	
Common Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula hiaticula</i>
(1) 35 Winneba Lagoon 30.11.	
Forbes's Plover	<i>Charadrius forbesi</i>
(1) 6 Mole NP 11.12.	
We were lucky to track down this sought-after species on some open lava plains.	

Egyptian Plover *Pluvianidae*

Egyptian Plover	<i>Pluvianus aegyptius</i>
(1) 5 White Volta 14.12.	
We managed to get extremely close to this mega bird, after boarding a local taxi boat!	

Jacanas *Jacanidae*

African Jacana	<i>Actophilornis africanus</i>
Observed 7 day(s) in total.	

Sandpipers and Allies *Scolopacidae*

Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>
(1) 20 Winneba Lagoon 30.11.	
Bar-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa lapponica lapponica</i>
(1) 20 Winneba Lagoon 30.11.	
Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres interpres</i>
(1) 8 Winneba Lagoon 30.11.	
Ruff	<i>Calidris pugnax</i>
(1) 5 White Volta 14.12.	
Curlew Sandpiper	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>
(1) 25 Winneba Lagoon 30.11.	
Sanderling	<i>Calidris alba alba</i>
(2) 50 Winneba Lagoon 30.11 and 1 White Volta 14.12.	
Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>
Observed 3 day(s) in total.	
Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>
(1) 1 Mole NP 11.12.	
Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus totanus</i>
(1) 20 Winneba Lagoon 30.11.	
Marsh Sandpiper	<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>
(1) 30 Winneba Lagoon 30.11.	
Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>
(1) 1 heard White Volta 14.12.	

Common Greenshank *Tringa nebularia*
(2) 80 Winneba Lagoon 30.11 and 2 White Volta 14.12.

Pratincoles and Coursers Glareolidae

Rock Pratincole *Glareola nuchalis liberiae*
(1) 5 Pra River 2.12.

Gulls, Terns & Skimmers Laridae

Caspian Tern *Hydroprogne caspia*
(1) 1 Winneba Lagoon 30.11.

Royal Tern *Thalasseus maximus albididorsalis*
(1) 31 Winneba Lagoon 30.11.

Sandwich Tern *Thalasseus sandvicensis*
(1) 180 Winneba Lagoon 30.11.

Sandgrouse Pteroclididae

Four-banded Sandgrouse *Pterocles quadricinctus*
(2) 3 Mole NP 11.12 and 2 Tono Dam 14.12.

Pigeons and Doves Columbidae

Rock Dove *Columba livia*
Observed 15 day(s) in total.

Speckled Pigeon *Columba guinea guinea*
Observed 5 day(s) in total.

Western Bronze-naped Pigeon *Columba iriditorques*
Observed 3 day(s) in total.

Mourning Collared Dove *Streptopelia decipiens shelleyi*
(1) White Volta 14.12 and Tono Dam 14.12.

Red-eyed Dove *Streptopelia semitorquata*
Observed 17 day(s) in total.

Vinaceous Dove *Streptopelia vinacea*
Observed 8 day(s) in total.

Laughing Dove *Spilopelia senegalensis senegalensis*
Observed 19 day(s) in total.

Black-billed Wood Dove *Turtur abyssinicus*
Observed 4 day(s) in total.

Blue-spotted Wood Dove *Turtur afer*
Observed 8 day(s) in total.

Tambourine Dove *Turtur tympanistria*
Observed 11 day(s) in total.

Blue-headed Wood Dove *Turtur brehmeri infelix*
Observed 7 day(s) in total.

Bruce's Green Pigeon *Treron waalia*
Observed 3 day(s) in total.

African Green Pigeon *Treron calvus sharpei*
Observed 15 day(s) in total.

Turacos Musophagidae

Great Blue Turaco Observed 3 day(s) in total.	<i>Corythaeola cristata</i>
Guinea Turaco Observed 4 day(s) in total.	<i>Tauraco persa persa</i>
Yellow-billed Turaco Observed 10 day(s) in total.	<i>Tauraco macrorhynchus macrorhynchus</i>
Violet Turaco Observed 5 day(s) in total.	<i>Musophaga violacea</i>
Western Plantain-eater Observed 13 day(s) in total.	<i>Crinifer piscator</i>

Cuckoos Cuculidae

Black-throated Coucal Observed 7 day(s) in total.	<i>Centropus leucogaster leucogaster</i>
Senegal Coucal Observed 12 day(s) in total.	<i>Centropus senegalensis senegalensis</i>
Blue-headed Coucal Observed 3 day(s) in total.	<i>Centropus monachus occidentalis</i>
Blue Malkoha Observed 9 day(s) in total.	<i>Ceuthmochares aereus flavirostris</i>
Great Spotted Cuckoo (2) 1 Brenu beach rd 5.12 and 2 White Volta 14.12.	<i>Clamator glandarius</i>
Levaillant's Cuckoo (2) 2 Mole NP 11.12 and 1 Atewa farm bush 17.12.	<i>Clamator levaillantii</i>
Thick-billed Cuckoo (1) 1 heard Bobiri FR 16.12.	<i>Pachycoccyx audeberti brazzae</i>
Diederik Cuckoo Observed 8 day(s) in total.	<i>Chrysococcyx caprius</i>
Klaas's Cuckoo Observed 8 day(s) in total.	<i>Chrysococcyx klaas</i>
Yellow-throated Cuckoo (1) 1 Nsuta FR 4.12.	<i>Chrysococcyx flavigularis</i>
African Emerald Cuckoo Observed 9 day(s) in total.	<i>Chrysococcyx cupreus</i>
Dusky Long-tailed Cuckoo (1) 1 heard Ankasa NP 7.12.	<i>Cercococcyx mechowi</i>
Olive Long-tailed Cuckoo Observed 6 day(s) in total.	<i>Cercococcyx olivinus</i>
Black Cuckoo Observed 4 day(s) in total.	<i>Cuculus clamosus gabonensis</i>
Red-chested Cuckoo (1) 1 heard Bonkro 9.12.	<i>Cuculus solitarius</i>
African Cuckoo (2) 1 Mole NP 11.12 and 1 Mole NP 12.12.	<i>Cuculus gularis</i>

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

(1) 2 Nasia River 15.12.

Owls *Strigidae***African Scops Owl***Otus senegalensis senegalensis*

(3) 1 heard Kalakpa RR 28.11, 1 heard Mole NP 11.12 and Mole NP 12.12.

Northern White-faced Owl*Ptilopsis leucotis*

(2) 1 heard Mole NP 12.12 and 1 Bobiri FR 16.12.

A bird was seen well before breakfast at Kumasi.

Greyish Eagle-Owl*Bubo cinerascens*

(1) 1 Mole NP 13.12.

Fraser's Eagle-Owl*Bubo poensis*

(1) 1 Kakum NP and surrounds 30.11.

Akun Eagle-Owl*Bubo leucostictus*

(2) 2 Nsuta FR 3.12 and 1 Nsuta FR 4.12.

African Wood Owl*Strix woodfordii nuchalis*

(5) 2 Kalakpa RR 28.11 and 1 Kalakpa RR 29.11.

Pearl-spotted Owlet*Glaucidium perlatum perlatum*

(2) Mole NP 11.12 and 1 heard Mole NP 12.12.

Red-chested Owlet*Glaucidium tephronotum tephronotum*

(1) 1 Ankasa NP 6.12.

Nightjars and Allies *Caprimulgidae***Brown Nightjar***Veles binotatus*

(1) 1 Kakum NP and surrounds 1.12.

A bird was seen extremely well after dusk.

European Nightjar*Caprimulgus europaeus*

(1) 1 Mole NP 11.12.

Black-shouldered Nightjar*Caprimulgus nigriscapularis*

(2) 1 heard Kalakpa RR 28.11 and 1 Kakum NP and surrounds 30.11.

Freckled Nightjar*Caprimulgus tristigma sharpei*

(1) 2 Tongo Hills 13.12.

Long-tailed Nightjar*Caprimulgus climacurus*

(2) 3 Kalakpa RR 28.11 and 3 Mole NP 11.12.

Standard-winged Nightjar*Caprimulgus longipennis*

(1) 1 Mole NP 11.12.

Swifts *Apodidae***Mottled Spinetail***Telacanthura ussheri ussheri*

Observed 5 day(s) in total.

Black Spinetail*Telacanthura melanopygia*

(1) 2 Kakum NP and surrounds 1.12.

Sabine's Spinetail*Rhaphidura sabini*

(1) 4 Ankasa NP 7.12.

Cassin's Spinetail*Neafrapus cassini*

(1) 1 Ankasa NP 7.12.

African Palm Swift

Observed 17 day(s) in total.

*Cypsiurus parvus***Mottled Swift**

(1) 1 Larabanga 13.12.

*Tachymarptis aequatorialis lowei***Common Swift**

Observed 8 day(s) in total.

*Apus apus apus***Little Swift**

Observed 17 day(s) in total.

*Apus affinis aerobates***Bates's Swift**

(2) 20 Kakum NP and surrounds 3.12 and 1 Nsuta FR 4.12.

*Apus batesi***Trogon Trogonidae****Narina Trogon**

(2) 1 heard Kalakpa RR 29.11 and 1 Atewa 17.12.

*Apaloderma narina constantia***Rollers Coraciidae****Purple Roller**

(2) 2 Shai Hills 28.11 and 6 White Volta 14.12.

*Coracias naevius naevius***Abyssinian Roller**

Observed 5 day(s) in total.

*Coracias abyssinicus***Blue-bellied Roller**

Observed 4 day(s) in total.

*Coracias cyanogaster***Blue-throated Roller**

Observed 6 day(s) in total.

*Eurystomus gularis gularis***Broad-billed Roller**

Observed 7 day(s) in total.

*Eurystomus glaucurus afer***Kingfishers Alcedinidae****Chocolate-backed Kingfisher**

Observed 4 day(s) in total.

*Halcyon badia***Grey-headed Kingfisher**

Observed 3 day(s) in total.

*Halcyon leucocephala leucocephala***Striped Kingfisher**

(2) Kalakpa RR 29.11 and 1 heard Mole NP 12.12.

*Halcyon chelicuti chelicuti***Blue-breasted Kingfisher**

Observed 4 day(s) in total.

*Halcyon malimbica forbesi***Woodland Kingfisher**

Observed 11 day(s) in total.

*Halcyon senegalensis***African Pygmy Kingfisher**

Observed 9 day(s) in total.

*Ispidina picta***Malachite Kingfisher**

Observed 4 day(s) in total.

*Corythornis cristatus galeritus***Shining-blue Kingfisher**

(1) 1 Ankasa NP 6.12.

*Alcedo quadribrachys quadribrachys***Giant Kingfisher**

Observed 3 day(s) in total.

*Megaceryle maxima***Pied Kingfisher**

Observed 4 day(s) in total.

Ceryle rudis rudis

Bee-eaters *Meropidae*

Blue-moustached Bee-eater (NT) (2) 2 Ankasa NP 7.12 and 1 Atewa 17.12.	<i>Merops mentalis</i>
Black Bee-eater Observed 4 day(s) in total.	<i>Merops gularis gularis</i>
Swallow-tailed Bee-eater (2) 1 Shai Hills 28.11 and 1 Mole NP 12.12.	<i>Merops hirundineus chrysolaimus</i>
Little Bee-eater Observed 4 day(s) in total.	<i>Merops pusillus pusillus</i>
Red-throated Bee-eater Observed 3 day(s) in total.	<i>Merops bulocki bulocki</i>
White-throated Bee-eater Observed 16 day(s) in total.	<i>Merops albicollis</i>
Rosy Bee-eater (1) 25 Kakum NP and surrounds 2.12.	<i>Merops malimbicus</i>
Northern Carmine Bee-eater (2) 1 Mole NP 11.12 and 3 White Volta 14.12.	<i>Merops nubicus</i>

Wood Hoopoes *Phoeniculidae*

Forest Wood Hoopoe (2) 3 Kakum NP and surrounds 1.12 and 1 Nsuta FR 4.12.	<i>Phoeniculus castaneiceps castaneiceps</i>
Green Wood Hoopoe (1) 4 Shai Hills 28.11.	<i>Phoeniculus purpureus</i>
Black Scimitarbill (2) Mole NP 11.12 and Mole NP 12.12.	<i>Rhinopomastus aterrimus aterrimus</i>

Ground Hornbills *Bucorvidae*

Abyssinian Ground Hornbill (2) Mole NP 11.12 and Mole NP 12.12.	<i>Bucorvus abyssinicus</i>
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Hornbills *Bucerotidae*

Northern Red-billed Hornbill Observed 3 day(s) in total.	<i>Tockus erythrorhynchus</i>
African Pied Hornbill Observed 17 day(s) in total.	<i>Lophoceros fasciatus semifasciatus</i>
African Grey Hornbill Observed 11 day(s) in total.	<i>Lophoceros nasutus nasutus</i>
Red-billed Dwarf Hornbill (1) 3 Nsuta FR 4.12.	<i>Lophoceros camurus</i>
Piping Hornbill Observed 8 day(s) in total.	<i>Bycanistes fistulator fistulator</i>
Brown-cheeked Hornbill (NT) (1) 2 Kakum NP and surrounds 1.12.	<i>Bycanistes cylindricus</i>
Black-casqued Hornbill Observed 3 day(s) in total.	<i>Ceratogymna atrata</i>
Yellow-casqued Hornbill (NT) Observed 1 day(s) in total.	<i>Ceratogymna elata</i>

Black Dwarf Hornbill

(1) 1 Bobiri FR 16.12.

*Horizocerus hartlaubi hartlaubi***White-crested Hornbill**

Observed 4 day(s) in total.

*Horizocerus albocristatus macrourus***African Barbets *Lybiidae*****Bristle-nosed Barbet**

Observed 4 day(s) in total.

*Gymnobucco peli***Naked-faced Barbet**

(2) Atewa farm bush 17.12 and Atewa farm bush 18.12.

*Gymnobucco calvus calvus***Speckled Tinkerbird**

Observed 7 day(s) in total.

*Pogoniulus scolopaceus scolopaceus***Red-rumped Tinkerbird**

Observed 8 day(s) in total.

*Pogoniulus atroflavus***Yellow-throated Tinkerbird**

(4) Nsuta FR 4.12.

*Pogoniulus subsulphureus chrysopygus***Yellow-rumped Tinkerbird**

Observed 4 day(s) in total.

*Pogoniulus bilineatus leucolaimus***Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird**

Observed 4 day(s) in total.

*Pogoniulus chrysoconus chrysoconus***Yellow-spotted Barbet**

Observed 8 day(s) in total.

*Buccanodon duchaillui***Hairy-breasted Barbet**

Observed 6 day(s) in total.

*Tricholaema hirsuta hirsuta***Vieillot's Barbet**

Observed 7 day(s) in total.

*Lybius vieilloti rubescens***Double-toothed Barbet**

(3) Accra 27.11 and Lake Volta 29.11.

*Lybius bidentatus bidentatus***Bearded Barbet**

Observed 5 day(s) in total.

*Lybius dubius***Yellow-billed Barbet**

Observed 4 day(s) in total.

*Trachyphonus purpuratus goffinii***Honeyguides *Indicatoridae*****Cassin's Honeybird**

(3) 1 Lake Volta 29.11, Kakum NP and surrounds 1.12 and Atewa 17.12.

*Prodotiscus insignis flavodorsalis***Yellow-footed Honeyguide (DD)**

(1) 1 Bonkro 9.12.

Melignomon eisentrauti

We saw a bird high up in the canopy, an absolute mega.

Thick-billed Honeyguide

(2) 1 Kakum NP and surrounds 2.12 and 1 Atewa 17.12.

*Indicator conirostris ussheri***Lesser Honeyguide**

(1) 1 Mole NP 12.12.

*Indicator minor senegalensis***Greater Honeyguide**

(1) 1 Mole NP 11.12.

Indicator indicator

Woodpeckers *Picidae*

Eurasian Wryneck (1) 1 Mole NP 11.12.	<i>Jynx torquilla</i>
African Piculet (1) 2 Bobiri FR 16.12.	<i>Sasia africana</i>
Fine-spotted Woodpecker (1) 2 Mole NP 11.12.	<i>Campethera punctuligera punctuligera</i>
Little Green Woodpecker (1) 1 Atewa farm bush 18.12.	<i>Campethera maculosa</i>
Buff-spotted Woodpecker Observed 4 day(s) in total.	<i>Campethera nivosa nivosa</i>
Brown-eared Woodpecker (1) 1 heard Ankasa NP 8.12.	<i>Campethera caroli arizela</i>
Fire-bellied Woodpecker Observed 4 day(s) in total.	<i>Chloropicus pyrrhogaster</i>
Melancholy Woodpecker Observed 3 day(s) in total.	<i>Dendropicos lugubris</i>
African Grey Woodpecker Observed 5 day(s) in total.	<i>Dendropicos goertae</i>
Brown-backed Woodpecker (1) 1 Mole NP 11.12.	<i>Dendropicos obsoletus obsoletus</i>

Falcons and Caracaras *Falconidae*

Common Kestrel Observed 4 day(s) in total.	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>
Fox Kestrel Observed 1 day(s) in total.	<i>Falco alopex</i>
Grey Kestrel Observed 8 day(s) in total.	<i>Falco ardosiaceus</i>
African Hobby (2) 1 Kalakpa RR 29.11 and 1 Mole NP 12.12.	<i>Falco cuvierii</i>
Lanner Falcon Observed 8 day(s) in total.	<i>Falco biarmicus abyssinicus</i>

African & New World Parrots *Psittacidae*

Grey Parrot (NT) Observed 4 day(s) in total.	<i>Psittacus erithacus</i>
Red-fronted Parrot Observed 5 day(s) in total.	<i>Poicephalus gulielmi fantiensis</i>
Senegal Parrot Observed 5 day(s) in total.	<i>Poicephalus senegalus versteri</i>

Old World Parrots *Psittaculidae*

Rose-ringed Parakeet Observed 3 day(s) in total.	<i>Psittacula krameri krameri</i>
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Broadbills Eurylaimidae**Rufous-sided Broadbill***Smithornis rufolateralis rufolateralis*

Observed 4 day(s) in total.

Wattle-eyes, Batises Platysteiridae**Senegal Batis***Batis senegalensis*

Observed 4 day(s) in total.

Fernando Po Batis*Batis poensis occulta*

(1) 1 Atewa 17.12.

West African Wattle-eye*Platysteira hormophora*

Observed 9 day(s) in total.

Brown-throated Wattle-eye*Platysteira cyanea cyanea*

Observed 3 day(s) in total.

Red-cheeked Wattle-eye*Platysteira blissetti*

Observed 3 day(s) in total.

Bushshrikes and Allies Malaconotidae**Fiery-breasted Bushshrike***Malaconotus cruentus*

(1) 2 Opro River Forest 10.12.

Many-colored Bushshrike*Chlorophoneus multicolor multicolor*

(1) 1 Atewa 17.12.

Orange-breasted Bushshrike*Chlorophoneus sulfureopectus sulfureopectus*

Observed 3 day(s) in total.

Marsh Tchagra*Bocagia minuta minuta*

(1) 1 Brenu beach rd 5.12.

Brown-crowned Tchagra*Tchagra australis ussheri*

(2) Opro River Forest 10.12 and 1 heard Atewa farm bush 18.12.

Black-crowned Tchagra*Tchagra senegalus senegalus*

Observed 6 day(s) in total.

Sabine's Puffback*Dryoscopus sabini sabini*

Observed 5 day(s) in total.

Northern Puffback*Dryoscopus gambensis gambensis*

Observed 5 day(s) in total.

Lowland Sooty Boubou*Laniarius leucorhynchus*

(1) 1 heard Kakum NP and surrounds 3.12.

Yellow-crowned Gonolek*Laniarius barbarus barbarus*

Observed 7 day(s) in total.

Brubru*Nilaus afer afer*

(3) Up to 2 Mole NP 11-13.12.

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

(1) 20 Mole NP 12.12.

Red-billed Helmetshrike*Prionops caniceps caniceps*

(4) 3 Kakum NP and surrounds 3.12, 7 Ankasa NP 6.12, Bobiri FR 16.12 and Atewa 17.12.

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

(1) 1 Lake Volta 29.11.

Cuckoo-shrikes *Campephagidae***White-breasted Cuckooshrike***Cebblepyris pectoralis*

(1) 3 Mole NP 12.12.

Purple-throated Cuckooshrike*Campephaga quiscalina quiscalina*

(1) 1 Kakum NP and surrounds 9.12.

Blue Cuckooshrike*Cyanograucalus azureus*

(2) 2 Nsuta FR 3.12 and 1 heard Bobiri FR 16.12.

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

Observed 7 day(s) in total.

Northern Fiscal*Lanius humeralis smithii*

Observed 13 day(s) in total.

Old World Orioles *Oriolidae***African Golden Oriole***Oriolus auratus auratus*

(2) Mole NP 11.12 and Mole NP 12.12.

Western Oriole*Oriolus brachyrhynchus brachyrhynchus*

Observed 7 day(s) in total.

Black-winged Oriole*Oriolus nigripennis*

Observed 3 day(s) in total.

Drongos *Dicruridae***Western Square-tailed Drongo***Dicrurus occidentalis*

(1) 2 Mole NP 12.12.

Shining Drongo*Dicrurus atripennis*

Observed 4 day(s) in total.

Glossy-backed Drongo*Dicrurus divaricatus divaricatus*

Observed 5 day(s) in total.

Fanti Drongo*Dicrurus atactus*

Observed 9 day(s) in total.

Monarchs *Monarchidae***Blue-headed Crested Flycatcher***Trochocercus nitens reichenowi*

Observed 5 day(s) in total.

Red-bellied Paradise Flycatcher*Terpsiphone rufiventer nigriceps*

Observed 12 day(s) in total.

African Paradise Flycatcher*Terpsiphone viridis ferreti*

(2) 1 Mole NP 11.12 and 2 Tono Dam 14.12.

Crows, Jays, and Magpies *Corvidae***Piapiac***Ptilostomus afer*

Observed 5 day(s) in total.

Pied Crow*Corvus albus*

Observed 18 day(s) in total.

Rockfowl *Picathartidae***White-necked Rockfowl (VU)***Picathartes gymnocephalus*

(1) 2 Bonkro 9.12.

We had the most incredible view of this fantastic species.

Tits, Chickadees *Paridae***White-shouldered Black Tit***Melaniparus guineensis*

(3) 2 Kalakpa RR 29.11, 1 Mole NP 10.12 and 2 Mole NP 13.12.

Dusky Tit*Melaniparus funereus funereus*

(1) 1 heard Atewa 17.12.

Penduline-Tits *Remizidae***Forest Penduline Tit***Anthoscopus flavifrons waldroneae*

(1) 2 Nsuta FR 4.12.

Nicators *Nicatoridae***Western Nicator***Nicator chloris*

Observed 11 day(s) in total.

Larks *Alaudidae***Rufous-rumped Lark***Pinarocorys erythropygia*

(1) 5 Mole NP 12.12.

We worked extremely hard and eventually were rewarded!

Chestnut-backed Sparrow-Lark*Eremopterix leucotis melanocephalus*

(3) Observed Mole NP 11-13.12.

Flappet Lark*Mirafra rufocinnamomea buckleyi*

(1) 1 Shai Hills 28.11.

Sun Lark*Galerida modesta modesta*

(3) Observed Mole NP 11-13.12.

Bulbuls *Pycnonotidae***Common Bulbul***Pycnonotus barbatus inornatus*

Observed 19 day(s) in total.

Slender-billed Greenbul*Stelgidillas gracilirostris gracilirostris*

Observed 12 day(s) in total.

Little Greenbul*Eurillas virens erythroptera*

Observed 11 day(s) in total.

Little Grey Greenbul*Eurillas gracilis extrema*

(2) 3 Nsuta FR 4.12 and 1 Atewa 18.12.

Ansorge's Greenbul*Eurillas ansorgei ansorgei*

Observed 4 day(s) in total.

Plain Greenbul*Eurillas curvirostris*

Observed 9 day(s) in total.

Yellow-whiskered Greenbul*Eurillas latirostris congener*

Observed 4 day(s) in total.

Golden Greenbul*Calyptocichla serinus*

(2) 1 Nsuta FR 4.12 and 2 Atewa 17.12.

Honeyguide Greenbul

Observed 8 day(s) in total.

*Baeopogon indicator leucurus***Spotted Greenbul**

Observed 3 day(s) in total.

*Ixonotus guttatus***Simple Greenbul**

Observed 5 day(s) in total.

*Chlorocichla simplex***Yellow-throated Leaflove**

(1) 1 heard Mole NP 11.12.

*Atimastillas flavicollis flavicollis***Swamp Palm Bulbul**

Observed 7 day(s) in total.

*Thescelocichla leucopleura***Red-tailed Leaflove**

(1) 2 Lake Volta 28.11.

Phyllastrephus scandens scandens

Unfortunately this species has become really rare in Ghana.

Baumann's Olive Greenbul

(1) 2 Brenu beach rd 5.12.

Phyllastrephus baumanni

We connected well with this mythical species!

Icterine Greenbul

Observed 3 day(s) in total.

*Phyllastrephus icterinus***White-throated Greenbul**

Observed 3 day(s) in total.

*Phyllastrephus albigularis albigularis***Red-tailed Bristlebill**

Observed 5 day(s) in total.

*Bleda syndactylus syndactylus***Grey-headed Bristlebill**

Observed 10 day(s) in total.

*Bleda canicapillus canicapillus***Western Bearded Greenbul**

Observed 4 day(s) in total.

*Criniger barbatus barbatus***Red-tailed Greenbul**

Observed 7 day(s) in total.

*Criniger calurus verreauxi***Yellow-bearded Greenbul (VU)**

Observed 3 day(s) in total.

*Criniger olivaceus***Swallows *Hirundinidae*****Square-tailed Saw-wing**

Observed 5 day(s) in total.

*Psalidoprocne nitens nitens***Fanti Saw-wing**

Observed 4 day(s) in total.

*Psalidoprocne obscura***Grey-rumped Swallow**

(2) 6 Mole NP 11.12 and 50 Larabanga 13.12.

*Pseudhirundo griseopyga melbina***Barn Swallow**

Observed 14 day(s) in total.

*Hirundo rustica rustica***Red-chested Swallow**

Observed 1 day(s) in total.

*Hirundo lucida lucida***Ethiopian Swallow**

Observed 12 day(s) in total.

*Hirundo aethiopica aethiopica***Wire-tailed Swallow**

Observed 5 day(s) in total.

*Hirundo smithii smithii***White-bibbed Swallow**

(1) 4 Pra River 2.12.

Hirundo nigrita

(2) 2 Shai Hills 28.11 and 4 en route 5.12.

Common House Martin *Delichon urbicum urbicum*

(1) 1 Kakum NP and surrounds 1.12.

Lesser Striped Swallow *Cecropis abyssinica puella*

Observed 7 day(s) in total.

Red-breasted Swallow *Cecropis semirufa gordonii*

(1) 1 Brenu beach rd 5.12.

Mosque Swallow *Cecropis senegalensis*

Observed 3 day(s) in total.

West African Swallow *Cecropis domicella*

(1) 8 White Volta 14.12.

Preuss's Cliff Swallow *Petrochelidon preussi*

(2) 30 Pra River 2.12 and 1 Kakum NP and surrounds 3.12.

Crombecs, African warblers *Macrosphenidae*

Moustached Grass Warbler *Melocichla mentalis mentalis*

(1) 1 Nasia River 15.12.

Kemp's Longbill *Macrosphenus kempii kempii*

(2) 1 heard Atewa farm bush 17.12 and Atewa farm bush 18.12.

Grey Longbill *Macrosphenus concolor*

Observed 11 day(s) in total.

Northern Crombec *Sylvietta brachyura brachyura*

(2) 5 Mole NP 12.12 and 2 Mole NP 13.12.

Green Crombec *Sylvietta virens flaviventris*

Observed 10 day(s) in total.

Lemon-bellied Crombec *Sylvietta denti hardyi*

Observed 6 day(s) in total.

Yellow Flycatcher *Erythroceridae*

Chestnut-capped Flycatcher *Erythrocerus mcallii nigeriae*

(2) 5 Bobiri FR 16.12 and 8 Atewa 17.12.

Family Uncertain *Incertae Sedis*

Green Hylia *Hylia prasina prasina*

Observed 10 day(s) in total.

Tit Hylia *Pholidornis rushiae ussheri*

Observed 6 day(s) in total.

Leaf warblers and allies *Phylloscopidae*

Wood Warbler *Phylloscopus sibilatrix*

Observed 3 day(s) in total.

Willow Warbler *Phylloscopus trochilus trochilus*

Observed 7 day(s) in total.

Cisticolas and allies *Cisticolidae*

Red-faced Cisticola *Cisticola erythrops erythrops*

Observed 9 day(s) in total.

Singing Cisticola

Observed 3 day(s) in total.

*Cisticola cantans swanzii***Whistling Cisticola**

Observed 4 day(s) in total.

*Cisticola lateralis lateralis***Winding Cisticola**

(2) 1 Nasia River 13.12 and 1 Nasia River 15.12.

*Cisticola marginatus amphilectus***Croaking Cisticola**

(1) 2 Shai Hills 28.11.

*Cisticola natalensis strangei***Dorst's Cisticola**

(1) 2 Mole NP 12.12.

*Cisticola guinea***Short-winged Cisticola**

(1) 6 Shai Hills 28.11.

*Cisticola brachypterus brachypterus***Rufous Cisticola**

(1) 1 Mole NP 12.12.

*Cisticola rufus***Tawny-flanked Prinia**

Observed 12 day(s) in total.

*Prinia subflava melanorhyncha***Red-winged Warbler**

Observed 3 day(s) in total.

*Heliolais erythropterus erythropterus***Yellow-breasted Apalis**

(2) 1 heard Mole NP 11.12 and 2 Mole NP 12.12.

*Apalis flavida caniceps***Black-capped Apalis**

(1) 1 Atewa 17.12.

*Apalis nigriceps nigriceps***Sharpe's Apalis**

Observed 6 day(s) in total.

*Apalis sharpii***Oriole Warbler**

Observed 4 day(s) in total.

*Hypergerus atriceps***Grey-backed Camaroptera**

Observed 11 day(s) in total.

*Camaroptera brevicaudata***Yellow-browed Camaroptera**

Observed 8 day(s) in total.

*Camaroptera superciliaris***Olive-green Camaroptera**

Observed 3 day(s) in total.

*Camaroptera chloronota kelsalli***Senegal Eremomela**

Observed 5 day(s) in total.

*Eremomela pusilla***Rufous-crowned Eremomela**

Observed 3 day(s) in total.

*Eremomela badiceps fantiensis***Fulvettas, Ground Babblers *Pellorneidae*****Blackcap Illadopsis**

(2) Ankasa NP 6.12 and 1 heard Ankasa NP 8.12.

*Illadopsis cleaveri cleaveri***Rufous-winged Illadopsis (NT)**

(2) 1 Ankasa NP 7.12 and 1 heard Ankasa NP 8.12.

*Illadopsis rufescens***Puvel's Illadopsis**

(2) 1 Kakum NP and surrounds 3.12 and 1 Opro River Forest 10.12.

*Illadopsis puveli puveli***Brown Illadopsis**

Observed 3 day(s) in total.

Illadopsis fulvescens

Laughingthrushes *Leiothrichidae*

- Brown Babbler** *Turdoides plebejus platycirca*
(3) Mole NP 11.12, Mole NP 12.12 and 1 heard Tono Dam 14.12.
- Blackcap Babbler** *Turdoides reinwardtii stictilaema*
(1) 2 Mole NP 11.12.
- Capuchin Babbler** *Turdoides atripennis rubiginosus*
(2) 1 heard Kalakpa RR 28.11 and 1 heard Kalakpa RR 29.11.

Hyliotas *Hylotiidae*

- Yellow-bellied Hyliota** *Hyliota flavigaster flavigaster*
(1) 2 Mole NP 12.12.
- Violet-backed Hyliota** *Hyliota violacea nehrkorni*
(3) Kakum NP and surrounds 1.12, Nsuta FR 4.12 and 3 Atewa 17.12.

Treecreepers *Certhiidae*

- African Spotted Creeper** *Salpornis salvadori emini*
(1) 2 Mole NP 12.12.

Starlings *Sturnidae*

- Copper-tailed Starling** *Hylopsar cupreocauda*
(2) 2 Nsuta FR 4.12 and 10 Ankasa NP 7.12.
- Greater Blue-eared Starling** *Lamprotornis chalybaeus chalybaeus*
(2) 2 en route 13.12 and 1 Tono Dam 14.12.
- Lesser Blue-eared Starling** *Lamprotornis chloropterus*
(1) 30 Mole NP 12.12.
- Splendid Starling** *Lamprotornis splendidus chrysonotis*
Observed 10 day(s) in total.
- Purple Starling** *Lamprotornis purpureus purpureus*
Observed 6 day(s) in total.
- Long-tailed Glossy Starling** *Lamprotornis caudatus*
(3) Mole NP 10.12, Mole NP 11.12 and White Volta 14.12.
- Chestnut-bellied Starling** *Lamprotornis pulcher*
(1) 15 White Volta 14.12.
- Violet-backed Starling** *Cinnyricinclus leucogaster leucogaster*
Observed 7 day(s) in total.
- Chestnut-winged Starling** *Onychognathus fulgidus hartlaubii*
(1) 2 Kakum NP and surrounds 1.12.

Oxpeckers *Buphagidae*

- Yellow-billed Oxpecker** *Buphagus africanus africanus*
(1) 5 White Volta 14.12.

Thrushes and Allies *Turdidae*

- White-tailed Ant Thrush** *Neocossyphus poensis poensis*
(1) 2 Kakum NP and surrounds 2.12.
- Finsch's Rufous Thrush** *Stizorhina finschi*
Observed 4 day(s) in total.

African Thrush*Turdus pelios*

Observed 10 day(s) in total.

Chats, Old World Flycatchers *Muscicapidae***White-tailed Alethe***Alethe diademata*

Observed 5 day(s) in total.

Fraser's Forest Flycatcher*Fraseria ocreata prosphora*

Observed 3 day(s) in total.

White-browed Forest Flycatcher*Fraseria cinerascens cinerascens*

(1) 1 Ebi Wetland 5.12.

Grey-throated Tit-Flycatcher*Myioparus griseigularis parelii*

Observed 3 day(s) in total.

Grey Tit-Flycatcher*Myioparus plumbeus plumbeus*

(2) 1 heard Shai Hills 28.11 and 5 Kakum NP and surrounds 2.12.

Nimba Flycatcher (VU)*Melaenornis annamarulae*

(1) 2 Atewa 17.12.

A mega bird that we worked very hard for!

Northern Black Flycatcher*Melaenornis edolioides edolioides*

Observed 4 day(s) in total.

Pale Flycatcher*Melaenornis pallidus*

(2) 2 Kakum NP and surrounds 9.12 and 1 Mole NP 13.12.

Spotted Flycatcher*Muscicapa striata*

(1) 3 Shai Hills 28.11.

Gambaga Flycatcher*Muscicapa gambagae*

(1) 1 Mole NP 12.12.

Swamp Flycatcher*Muscicapa aquatica aquatica*

(1) 4 Mole NP 11.12.

Cassin's Flycatcher*Muscicapa cassini*

(1) 2 Ankasa NP 7.12.

Little Grey Flycatcher*Muscicapa epulata*

Observed 3 day(s) in total.

Dusky-blue Flycatcher*Muscicapa comitata aximensis*

(2) 2 Ankasa NP 6.12 and 2 Atewa 18.12.

Tessman's Flycatcher (DD)*Muscicapa tessmanni*

(1) 1 Atewa 17.12.

Ussher's Flycatcher*Muscicapa ussheri*

Observed 4 day(s) in total.

Snowy-crowned Robin-Chat*Cossypha niveicapilla niveicapilla*

Observed 4 day(s) in total.

White-crowned Robin-Chat*Cossypha albicapillus giffardi*

Observed 3 day(s) in total.

Forest Robin*Stiphronis erythrothorax*

Observed 3 day(s) in total.

European Pied Flycatcher*Ficedula hypoleuca*

Observed 5 day(s) in total.

Whinchat*Saxicola rubetra*

Observed 4 day(s) in total.

White-crowned Cliff Chat

(2) 4 Shai Hills 28.11 and 2 Tongo Hills 13.12.

*Thamnolaea coronata coronata***White-fronted Black Chat**

(2) 2 Mole NP 11.12 and 12 Mole NP 12.12.

*Oenanthe albifrons frontalis***Familiar Chat**

(1) 2 Mole NP 13.12.

*Oenanthe familiaris falkensteini***Sunbirds and Spiderhunters Nectariniidae****Fraser's Sunbird**

Observed 6 day(s) in total.

*Deleornis fraseri idius***Mangrove Sunbird**

(2) 1 White Volta 28.11 and 5 Ebi Wetland 5.12.

*Anthreptes gabonicus***Western Violet-backed Sunbird**

(1) 1 Mole NP 10.12.

*Anthreptes longuemarei longuemarei***Little Green Sunbird**

Observed 6 day(s) in total.

*Anthreptes seimundi kruensis***Grey-chinned Sunbird**

Observed 7 day(s) in total.

*Anthreptes rectirostris rectirostris***Collared Sunbird**

Observed 10 day(s) in total.

*Hedydipna collaris subcollaris***Pygmy Sunbird**

Observed 4 day(s) in total.

*Hedydipna platura***Reichenbach's Sunbird**

(1) 2 Ebi Wetland 5.12.

*Anabathmis reichenbachii***Green-headed Sunbird**

Observed 3 day(s) in total.

*Cyanomitra verticalis verticalis***Blue-throated Brown Sunbird**

Observed 6 day(s) in total.

*Cyanomitra cyanolaema magnirostrata***Olive Sunbird**

Observed 10 day(s) in total.

*Cyanomitra olivacea***Buff-throated Sunbird**

Observed 6 day(s) in total.

*Chalcomitra adelberti adelberti***Carmelite Sunbird**

Observed 1 day(s) in total.

*Chalcomitra fuliginosa aurea***Scarlet-chested Sunbird**

Observed 3 day(s) in total.

*Chalcomitra senegalensis senegalensis***Olive-bellied Sunbird**

Observed 4 day(s) in total.

*Cinnyris chloropygius kempii***Tiny Sunbird**

(1) 1 Kakum NP and surrounds 1.12.

*Cinnyris minullus***Beautiful Sunbird**

(1) 10 Mole NP 10.12.

*Cinnyris pulchellus pulchellus***Splendid Sunbird**

Observed 4 day(s) in total.

*Cinnyris coccinigastrus***Johanna's Sunbird**

(2) Kakum NP and surrounds 1.12 and 1 heard Bobiri FR 16.12.

*Cinnyris johannae fasciatus***Superb Sunbird**

Observed 4 day(s) in total.

Cinnyris superbus ashantiensis

Copper Sunbird*Cinnyris cupreus cupreus*

Observed 6 day(s) in total.

Old World Sparrows *Passeridae***Northern Grey-headed Sparrow***Passer griseus*

Observed 19 day(s) in total.

Sahel Bush Sparrow*Gymnoris dentata*

Observed 3 day(s) in total.

Weavers, Widowbirds *Ploceidae***White-billed Buffalo Weaver***Bubalornis albirostris*

(1) 2 White Volta 14.12.

Chestnut-crowned Sparrow-Weaver*Plocepasser superciliosus*

(2) 5 Mole NP 10.12 and 3 Mole NP 13.12.

Thick-billed Weaver*Amblyospiza albifrons capitalba*

(1) 1 Atewa farm bush 18.12.

Little Weaver*Ploceus luteolus luteolus*

Observed 3 day(s) in total.

Black-necked Weaver*Ploceus nigricollis brachypterus*

Observed 7 day(s) in total.

Orange Weaver*Ploceus aurantius aurantius*

(1) 3 en route 5.12.

Village Weaver*Ploceus cucullatus cucullatus*

Observed 15 day(s) in total.

Vieillot's Black Weaver*Ploceus nigerrimus castaneofuscus*

Observed 7 day(s) in total.

Black-headed Weaver*Ploceus melanocephalus*

(2) Nasia River 13.12 and Nasia River 15.12.

Yellow-mantled Weaver*Ploceus tricolor tricolor*

(2) 4 Kakum NP and surrounds 1.12 and 1 Nsuta FR 4.12.

Maxwell's Black Weaver*Ploceus albinucha albinucha*

(2) 2 Nsuta FR 3.12 and 4 Atewa 17.12.

Preuss's Weaver*Ploceus preussi*

(2) 1 Kakum NP and surrounds 1.12 and 2 Bobiri FR 16.12.

Red-vented Malimbe*Malimbus scutatus scutatus*

Observed 3 day(s) in total.

Blue-billed Malimbe*Malimbus nitens*

Observed 5 day(s) in total.

Red-headed Malimbe*Malimbus rubricollis bartletti*

Observed 5 day(s) in total.

Crested Malimbe*Malimbus malimbicus nigrifrons*

Observed 7 day(s) in total.

Red-billed Quelea*Quelea quelea quelea*

Observed 3 day(s) in total.

Black-winged Red Bishop*Euplectes hordeaceus hordeaceus*

Observed 4 day(s) in total.

Northern Red Bishop*Euplectes franciscanus franciscanus*

(1) Nasia River 15.12.

Yellow-mantled Widowbird*Euplectes macroura macroura*

(2) 2 Shai Hills 28.11 and 6 Brenu beach rd 5.12.

Waxbills, Munias and allies Estrildidae**White-breasted Nigrita***Nigrita fusconotus uropygialis*

Observed 3 day(s) in total.

Chestnut-breasted Nigrita*Nigrita bicolor bicolor*

Observed 7 day(s) in total.

Grey-headed Nigrita*Nigrita canicapillus emiliae*

Observed 9 day(s) in total.

Yellow-winged Pytilia*Pytilia hypogrammica*

(1) 1 Kalakpa RR 29.11.

Cut-throat Finch*Amadina fasciata fasciata*

(1) 20 White Volta 14.12.

Black-bellied Seedcracker*Pyrenestes ostrinus*

(1) 1 Brenu beach rd 5.12.

Western Bluebill*Spermophaga haematina haematina*

Observed 6 day(s) in total.

Black-bellied Firefinch*Lagonosticta rara forbesi*

(1) 2 Mole NP 12.12.

Bar-breasted Firefinch*Lagonosticta rufopicta rufopicta*

Observed 4 day(s) in total.

Red-billed Firefinch*Lagonosticta senegala senegala*

Observed 3 day(s) in total.

African Firefinch*Lagonosticta rubricata polionota*

Observed 4 day(s) in total.

Red-cheeked Cordon-bleu*Uraeginthus bengalus bengalus*

Observed 5 day(s) in total.

Lavender Waxbill*Estrilda caerulescens*

(1) 12 Tongo Hills 13.12.

Orange-cheeked Waxbill*Estrilda melpoda*

Observed 7 day(s) in total.

Black-rumped Waxbill*Estrilda troglodytes*

(2) 2 Brenu beach rd 5.12 and 30 Nasia River 13.12.

Quailfinch*Ortygospiza atricollis ansorgei*

(1) 1 Shai Hills 28.11.

African Silverbill*Euodice cantans cantans*

(2) 1 Nasia River 13.12 and 1 Nasia River 15.12.

Bronze Mannikin*Lonchura cucullata cucullata*

Observed 12 day(s) in total.

Black-and-white Mannikin*Lonchura bicolor bicolor*

Observed 8 day(s) in total.

Magpie Mannikin*Lonchura fringilloides*

Observed 3 day(s) in total.

Indigobirds Viduidae**Wilson's Indigobird***Vidua wilsoni*

(2) 1 Mole NP 11.12 and 2 Mole NP 12.12.

Pin-tailed Whydah *Vidua macroura*
(2) 4 Kakum NP and surrounds 2.12 and 2 Mole NP 13.12.

Wagtails, Pipits *Motacillidae*

Western Yellow Wagtail *Motacilla flava*

(1) 3 Brenu beach rd 5.12.

African Pied Wagtail *Motacilla aguimp vidua*

Observed 9 day(s) in total.

Plain-backed Pipit *Anthus leucophrys zenkeri*

(2) 1 Shai Hills 28.11 and 1 Nsuta FR 4.12.

Tree Pipit *Anthus trivialis trivialis*

(1) 3 Mole NP 12.12.

Finches *Fringillidae*

Yellow-fronted Canary *Crithagra mozambica caniceps*

Observed 4 day(s) in total.

Old World Buntings *Emberizidae*

Gosling's Bunting *Emberiza goslingi*

Observed 3 day(s) in total.

Brown-rumped Bunting *Emberiza affinis nigeriae*

(1) 2 Mole NP 12.12.

Mammals (23 in total: 21 seen, 2 heard)

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Hylaxes Procaviidae

Western Tree Hyrax *Dendrohyrax dorsalis*

Observed 6 day(s) in total.

Galagos *Galagidae*

Demidoff's Dwarf Galago *Galagoides demidovii*

(2) 1 heard Nsuta FR 3.12 and 1 heard Nsuta FR 4.12.

Old World monkeys *Cercopithecidae*

Mona Monkey *Cercopithecus mona*

(2) Kakum NP and surrounds 1.12 and 1 heard Ankasa NP 6.12.

Lesser Spot-nosed Monkey *Cercopithecus petaurista petaurista*

(1) Kakum NP and surrounds 1.12.

Green Monkey *Chlorocebus sabaues*

(3) Observed Mole NP 10-12.12.

Patas Monkey *Erythrocebus patas*

(2) Mole NP 11.12 and Mole NP 12.12.

Olive Baboon*Papio anubis*

(4) Shai Hills 28.11 and observed Mole NP 10-12.12.

Rabbits, Hares Leporidae**African Savanna Hare***Lepus microtis*

(2) Mole NP 11.12 and Mole NP 12.12.

Scaly-tailed Squirrels Anomaluridae**Pel's Flying Squirrel***Anomalurus pelii*

(1) 1 Kakum NP and surrounds 1.12.

We had extremely good looks at this rarely encountered mammal.

Old World Porcupines Hystricidae**Crested Porcupine***Hystrix cristata*

(1) 1 Mole NP 12.12.

Squirrels Sciuridae**Fire-footed Rope Squirrel***Funisciurus pyrropus*

Observed 3 day(s) in total.

Kintampo Rope Squirrel*Funisciurus substriatus*

(1) 1 Mole NP 12.12.

Gambian Sun Squirrel*Heliosciurus gambianus*

(1) 2 Kakum NP and surrounds 1.12.

Green Bush Squirrel*Paraxerus poensis*

Observed 5 day(s) in total.

Striped Ground Squirrel*Xerus erythropus*

Observed 3 day(s) in total.

Mongoose Herpestidae**White-tailed Mongoose***Ichneumia albicauda*

(1) 1 Mole NP 11.12.

We managed to find an individual with an all dark tail, which does tend to happen with this species.

Pigs Suidae**Common Warthog***Phacochoerus africanus africanus*

Observed 4 day(s) in total.

Cattle, Antelopes, Sheep, Goats Bovidae**Hartebeest***Alcelaphus buselaphus major*

(1) Mole NP 11.12.

Waterbuck*Kobus ellipsiprymnus defassa*

(2) Mole NP 10.12 and Mole NP 11.12.

Defassa subspecies.

Kob*Kobus kob kob*

Observed 5 day(s) in total.

Bushbuck*Tragelaphus scriptus*

Observed 4 day(s) in total.

Old World Fruit Bats *Pteropodidae***African Straw-coloured Fruit-bat***Eidolon helvum*

Observed 3 day(s) in total.

Gambian Epauletted Fruit Bat*Epomophorus gambianus*

Observed 6 day(s) in total.

Reptiles (6 in total: 6 seen)

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Monitor Lizards *Varanidae***White-throated Monitor***Varanus albigularis*

(1) Bolgatanga to Kumasi 15.12.

Agamas *Agamidae***Common Agama***Agama agama*

Observed 14 day(s) in total.

Skinks *Scincidae***Brown Flanked Skink***Trachylepis affinis*

(1) Mole NP 12.12.

Speckle-lipped Skink*Trachylepis maculilabris*

(2) Mole NP 11.12 and Mole NP 12.12.

African Five-lined Skink*Trachylepis quinquetaeniata*

Observed 3 day(s) in total.

Crocodiles and relatives *Crocodylidae***Nile Crocodile***Crocodylus niloticus chamses*

(1) Mole NP 11.12.

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