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## Madagascar

### Comprehensive II

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## Trip Report



Sickle-billed Vanga by Gareth Robbins

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## Tour Summary

A few of us landed in Antananarivo today, from Johannesburg South Africa, and this was the first day of the tour. Thankfully, the airport was very quiet, so it only took us one hour to get through



**Meller's Duck by David Krueper**

immigration and to collect our baggage before meeting our MEA personnel waiting patiently for us at the entrance terminal. We then took a drive to our exquisite hotel to check in and meet with the remainder of the group. Solohery was to be our MEA Guide for the entire tour and, after being introduced to him, we ventured forth to Lac Alarobia. Lac Alarobia is a Ramsar Site: Ramsar is a city in Iran where the treaty was signed for the conservation and sustainable use of Wetlands, signed in 1971. This lake originally belonged to the last queen of Antananarivo's family before it was sold to the wealthy Ranarivelo family.

The lake presented us with utter amazement, having driven through back to back traffic and a busy city only to find this pure gem hidden away from all the hustle and bustle on the other side. We saw numerous waterfowl, ranging from Red-billed Teals, White-faced Whistling Ducks and Knob-billed Ducks. We also experienced an unexpected close view of two Meller's Ducks sitting peacefully on a tree trunk which was lying in the water. We had spectacular sightings of Malagasy Kingfisher, along with its small fish which was ready to be devoured. Furthermore, we witnessed large numbers of white morph Dimorphic Egrets, Black Herons, Squacco Herons, Great Egrets and Black-crowned Night Herons, all nestled within the island in the middle of the lake. After studying each nesting heron, Solohery alerted us to a Malagasy Pond Heron which was in breeding plumage, and along with it came its bright blue bill! At our next stopping point, we viewed a few more Meller's Ducks and we had one brief look at a White-throated Rail. *All in all, it was a fabulous way to start the tour!*

After enjoying an early breakfast, we made our way back through the city of Antananarivo and headed in a northerly direction to the Perinet Special Reserve, also known as Andasibe. En route to the reserve, we passed a few rice paddies,



**Malagasy Pond Heron by David Krueper**

which produced sightings of Squacco Herons, Hamerkop, Dimorphic and Great Egrets, Malagasy Kingfisher and a Striated Heron. In addition, we had two Malagasy Coucals make an appearance and we managed to get decent scope views of this vocal bird. Further along this road, we stopped at a



**Malagasy Kingfisher by Gareth Robbins**

railway bridge crossing over the Mangoro River: here we got outstanding looks at a Malagasy Pratincole, as well as of three Chabert Vangas – our first Vangas of the tour! Two Malagasy Kestrels flew overhead too!

Finally, we arrived at our quaint lodge located just outside the Perinet Special Reserve. Whilst lavishing in lunch, we listened to the distant calls of the Indri and also saw Crested Drongo and Malagasy Bulbuls. We then met the famous Luc, who was to be our local guide for the next few days. We made our way to the entrance gate of the park. Due to the park closing at 4pm, we had to make the most out of our two hours. Highlights were seeing Spectacled Tetraka, Nelicourvi Weaver, female Red-tailed Vangas, Malagasy Paradise Flycatchers, Malagasy Turtle Dove and both species of Sunbirds, namely the Souimanga and Malagasy Green Sunbirds. A special highlight was seeing the Collared Nightjar roosting in a Birds Nest Fern,

as well as the impressive Collared Bright Snake – which Luc picked up, showing us and informing us that all snakes in Madagascar are non-venomous. We were in luck further on, as we saw an Eastern Woolly Lemur sleeping in a Tree Fern. Brief glimpses of a Brown Lemur were had, as well as a glimpse of a Blue Coua as it sat in its nest. We exited the park and walked up a small hill which was covered in Pine Trees: here we saw a Madagascar Owl. Before dinner, we embarked on an exciting night walk. On the walk, we successfully found four sizes of Short-horned Chameleon, which ranged from two small females to one larger female and then a huge male Chameleon. Another interesting sighting was that of a female Giraffe Weevil, posing perfectly for the cameras.

We endured a well-deserved rest after a long day of travel; and straight after breakfast, we left in the direction of Mantadia National Park. Along the way, we stopped for Malagasy Buzzard and also had an outstanding view of a Greater Bamboo Lemur. As soon as we had arrived at our destination, we had a Malagasy Blue Pigeon and a Rand's Warbler sit in a tall tree above us. Soon after, Luc



**Collared Nightjar by Gareth Robbins**

located a Red-breasted Coua which made a brief appearance. An awesome flock of Vangas immediately appeared, consisting of Blue, Hook-billed, Chabert and Tylas Vangas, as well as Ward's



Flycatcher, Madagascar Starling and Madagascar Cuckooshrike. We then climbed aboard our 4x4's and drove to our first spot to try and find our first Ground Roller. We heard a Pitta-like Ground Roller calling but, alas, we never managed to view this bird. We were lucky enough to have the opportunity to



**Short-legged Ground Roller by Gareth Robbins**

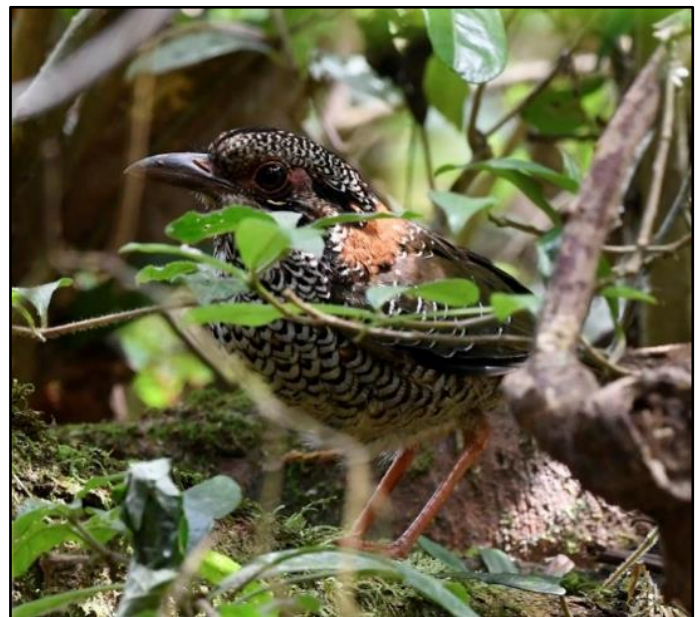
hear a Madagascar Flufftail call, and then the entire group had the chance to see this tiny bird running through the foliage. Luc then disappeared in search of more Ground Rollers and we succeeded in seeing a Common Newtonia before being summoned by Luc to follow him down to a small stream.

Here, we were welcomed by two Short-legged Ground Rollers posing beautifully for all of us to get timeless looks at them, as well as plenty of photographic moments. We continued on to a small dam, and on the way we saw another Madagascar Buzzard flying overhead with an unlucky snake in its talons. Once we reached the dam, we very happily came across Madagascar Grebe, Madagascar Swamp Warbler, Broad-billed Roller, three Madagascar Spinetails and

the awe-inspiring male Forest Fody. We stopped off for a brief lunch and took a look at the resident Striped and Peacock Day Geckos, sunning themselves on the brick walls at the picnic site.

After our lunch, we took a stroll to the nesting site of the Scaly Ground Rollers. We waited patiently until Luc called us to cross the river and here we had the most mind-blowing sightings of these normally hard to see birds. After spending close to an hour revelling in their beauty, we moved on to see a Madagascar Sparrowhawk in the sky before heading back out the park. We took a brief glance at the stunning orchids and Luc heard another Pitta-like Ground Roller call – it took us merely a minute to see our third Ground Roller for the day! We were then presented with a marvellous treat: a small family of Diademed Sifakas crossing the road, showing off their amazing acrobatic talents as they jumped from tree to tree. Furthermore, we came across Madagascar Cuckoo and a Malagasy Green Sunbird before returning to our hotel for a relaxing evening.

After yet another bright and early breakfast, we began making our way back to Mantadia National Park, and stopped for a Dark Newtonia nestled in some thick scrub along the roadside. A few metres down the road, we stopped at a small wetland, where most of us



**Scaly Ground Roller by David Krueper**

managed to get some respectable looks at a Madagascan Rail as it moved amongst the vegetation. After entering the park, we reached a river stream where some of the group were able to get a view of a female Velvet Asity. As we neared our final destination, we noticed another Madagascan Pygmy Kingfisher. We then embarked upon a new trail, where we came across some new bird species, such as



**Crossley's Vanga by Gareth Robbins**

wedge-tailed Jerry and White-throated Oxylabes. *However, the extreme highlight of the morning was yet to come!* We had heard the Crossley's Vanga calling, and after some serious perseverance, a few guests in the group saw a bird sit on a nest! Totally oblivious to us, the bird allowed us to get several photos and to enjoy a truly rare sighting!

Right after all the excitement, we had a Madagascan Flufftail

running back and forth across the path. We walked along a river stream for a while in the hope to see a Madagascan Ibis. We had no luck with the Ibis, but had generous views of a female Indri with a youngster. As we neared the picnic area, we came across another Madagascan Pygmy Kingfisher which perched itself so elegantly for everybody to see it. As soon as we finished lunch, a Lesser Vasa Parrot made an appearance and we got terrific looks at the bird. We then drove to a location where Luc knew of a Madagascan Ibis nesting, and after having fairly poor looks at the bird, it vanished out of sight. After some considerable determination and mountain climbing, the whole group managed to get some decent scope views of the Ibis. We were then in for a special and unique treat: we saw a small family of Black and White Ruffed Lemurs. *One of these lemurs poised itself extremely well for the cameras!* We then drove to Lemur Island, spotting Malagasy Black Coucal and another Lesser Vasa Parrot along the way. We briefly visited the local Lemur Island Park in order to get some up close and personal looks at a few Lemurs and Sifakas. It was before dinner that we set off on a night walk but, unfortunately, it was interrupted by some light rain. However, we still managed to see three young Parson's Chameleons, one Bright-eyed Frog and one tiny Short-horned Chameleon.

After two eventful and fruitful days in Mantadia National Park, we were certain that we wanted to re-visit the Perinet Special Reserve. We had heard the Rainforest Scops Owl call every night to date, and one of our main targets this morning was to see this bird on its day roost. Our first new bird of the day was a Long-billed Bernieria, as well as close up views of a Madagascan Brush Warbler. After searching for a few known Rainforest Scops Owl roosts, we had no



**Nelicourvi Weaver by Gareth Robbins**



luck until Luc struck gold by seeing one of these birds roost in a pandanus on the opposite side of a stream. After some intense 4x4 driving, we all managed to spot the sleepy scops owl. On our way back down towards the stream, one guest spotted a male Velvet Asity in its full glory! The rest of us all hurried back to gain outstanding views of this magnificent bird. We tried our luck for another sighting



**Madagascan Pygmy Kingfisher by Gareth Robbins**

of Indri before heading back to our lodge – *and this time we were in luck!* We were prosperous in seeing a family group of Indri as well as groups of Diademed Sifakas, Common Brown Lemurs, an Eastern Woolly Lemur and a very relaxed Bamboo Lemur.

When we arrived back at the main parking area, we got to appreciate a Tree Boa sunning itself on a tree stump. We arrived at our hotel, put a change of clothes on, packed the 4x4s and said goodbye to the friendly staff and to Luc before making the arduous drive back to Tana. We re-revisited the Mangoro Bridge, and enjoyed two Madagascan Pratincoles on a large rock in the distance. We stopped at Mandraka picnic site along a serene river and here, we enjoyed a delicious and

relaxing lunch before bracing ourselves for the traffic leading into Antananarivo. We passed a few rice paddies along the way, which offered views of Dimorphic, Great and Western Cattle Egrets, as well as Black and Squacco Herons. Eventually, we made it back to our gorgeous hotel near the airport and adored the relaxing afternoon before the next morning's new adventures.

We left Tana after a scrumptious breakfast and made our way to the airport, where we took a short flight to the seaside town of Fort Dauphin. The road to Berenty is notorious for the potholes, and it took us four hours to get to the lodge. En route to the lodge, we witnessed plenty of Pied Crows, Yellow-billed Kites, Madagascar Cisticola, Crested Coua, Dimorphic and Great Egrets, Black Heron and a Green Jery. In time, we arrived at the Berenty Lemur Reserve; and as we entered through the boom gate, we were greeted by the local Ring-tailed Lemurs. The Ring-tailed Lemurs gave us enormous entertainment whilst we had our lunch, and then we headed back out in search of more birdlife with our local guide, Mbola, in the Gallery Forest. It was incredible to be in a different type of forest plain, one that was denser as well as more open – *this made our birding a lot easier*. New birdlife we saw this afternoon included a pair of Madagascan



**Rainforest Scops Owl by David Krueper**

Hoopoes, Olive Bee-eaters and a perfect unobstructed view of a Giant Coua crossing the path right in front of all of us. As we commenced on our journey to the lodge, we heard a White-browed Hawk-Owl call, but we never managed to locate the bird. In addition, we saw Frances's Sparrowhawk and Malagasy Kestrel and then we called it a day. After an enchanting dinner, a couple of guests found a



**White-browed Hawk Owl by David Krueper**

White-browed Hawk-Owl sitting in a tree right outside their rooms. Most of the group managed to get mind blowing looks at this appealing owl.

After a very early coffee and biscuits, we hopped back into the tour bus and drove to an open piece of land, adjacent to the airstrip, as it was the best habitual ground to find Madagascan Sandgrouse in. After almost an hour of solid walking, we didn't have any luck finding the Sandgrouse; but we did, however, see Madagascan Cisticola, Kittlitz's Plover, Madagascan Buttonquail, Madagascan Lark and plenty of Grey-headed Lovebirds. Having walked back to the bus, we took a different farm road and were so excited to see three Madagascan Sandgrouse fly out of the grass. After a late, delectable breakfast, we returned to the gallery forest. We got onto a path and saw another Francis's Sparrowhawk before it flew out of sight. Along the arduous walk, we managed to get some great looks at a pair of Hook-billed Vangas mobbing a Ring-tailed Lemur that was climbing the tree. After a quick lunch, we headed to a path of Spiny Forest and saw Grey Mouse Lemur and a White-footed Sporting Lemur. We also had fine looks at a

couple of majestic Baobabs, a small scorpion and a large Warty Chameleon. This evening, we went on a night walk and saw plenty of White-footed Sportive Lemurs and another Warty Chameleon.

After breakfast, we headed to another Spiny Forest in the hope of adding a few new species to our extensive list. By luck, we saw a Madagascan Buttonquail in-between the Sisal plants. As soon as we got out of the bus, Mbula was trying so hard to find a Coua. It did not take us long at all to locate a Coua, as it wandered along the ground in the shadows of the Didierea (Octopus Plant). To the best of our ability, we followed this bird and managed to get brief glimpses of it. With some help from the local Spiny Forest Guard, the Running Coua was lured towards us and our cameras! We continued the trail and heard a Lafresnaye's Vanga calling. Before we knew it, we had some astonishing sightings of this Vanga, with its unusually large grey-blue shovel-shaped bill. We finished off the trail with outstanding views of a Common Jery and



**Hook-billed Vanga by David Krueper**





**Verreaux's Sifaka by Gareth Robbins**

excellent photographic opportunities of two Verreaux's Sifakas sitting in the *Didierea* plants.

After getting back onto the bus, we drove to the Gallery Forest near the lodge. En route to the lodge, we saw Madagascan *Cisticola*. We walked a short distance down the trail in the forest and then Mbola pointed out the previous year's nest of Madagascan Cuckoo-Hawks to us and after some time scanning, we finally spotted a large bird sitting in the nest totally obscured by branches. All of a sudden, two Madagascan Cuckoo-Hawks flew out of the tree above us and we all managed to get brief but decent looks at these two birds. We then reverted back to the lodge had some further awesome looks at Verreaux's Sifakas. After a brief but substantial lunch, we again went to the Gallery Forest where we were incredibly lucky to see Malagasy Coucal, Crested Couas and a White-browed Hawk-Owl on a roost in a broken tree trunk. We also marvelled at a Hook-billed

Vanga mobbing a female Frances's Sparrowhawk. Lastly, on our way back to the lodge, we got to view a very relaxed male Frances's Sparrowhawk.

Today we were sure that we wanted to go back to another section of Spiny Forest, in search of a few more bird species, as well as other intriguing creatures. As soon as we climbed aboard the bus and drove off, we halted for two Madagascan Green Pigeons, which were perching themselves in the branches of a tree near the parking lot. We then carried on to the spiny forest and here we got yet another view of Running Coua, as well as Madagascar Iguana (Three-eyed Lizard), White-footed Sportive Lemur and two Hissing Cockroaches.



**Giant Coua by Gareth Robbins**

We took a turn into the local museum, namely the Arembelo Berenty Museum, and here we were presented with phenomenal and fascinating knowledge on the Antandroy people who occupy this area. We then took a brief and early lunch, after which we departed Berenty Lemur Reserve and made our way back to Fort Dauphin along the bumpy potholed road. We made a stop to stretch our legs, where we got excellent glimpses of Stripe-throated Jery and a massive female Parson's Chameleon. We ultimately arrived in the busy seaside town of Fort Dauphin and stopped at a few scenic lookout points which overlooked the ocean. We saw two Greater-crested Terns and around ten playful Humpback Whales – *a perfect way to wrap up the day!*



Today, our itinerary involved leaving Fort Dauphin and flying to Tulear to drive to the small seaside town of Ifaty. Regrettably, our flight left four hours late, so this narrowed our birding time down for our afternoon. When we arrived in Tulear, we were greeted by intensely strong winds, which in turn made our birding day even more challenging. We paused at the Belalanda Wetlands, and here we caught sight of Greater Flamingos, Kittlitz's and Common Ringed Plovers, as well as Black-winged



**Long-tailed Ground Roller by Gareth Robbins**

Stilts, Madagascan Mannikins, Grey-headed Lovebirds and a multitude of Olive Bee-eaters. We then took a drive to Ifaty, where we met Mosa and his sons, and started with the marathon birding. Initially, we spotted a Madagascan Nightjar on a nest, and this was topped off with mind-blowing views of Long-tailed Ground Roller, a female Sub-desert Mesite, Green Coua and Madagascan Sparrowhawk. In addition, we came across some captivating smaller creatures, such as Tree-bark Spider, Hissing Cockroaches, Tortoise and Lesser Hedgehog Tenrec.

After an exceptionally long day the previous day, we awoke at sunrise today with an even longer day ahead! Our mission today was to locate as many new bird species as we could, and we began the day in Mosa Park (Spiny Forest), in search of Thamnornis and Archbold's Newtonia. After a full hour of birding, we had the prospect of seeing these two birds. We then took a drive to the local Ifaty (Mangily) Salt Works, and here we had some superb sightings of a variety of Plover species. We saw Kittlitz's, White-fronted, Common-ringed and Madagascan Plovers. We also had an exceptional sighting of a Humblot's Heron, dark Dimorphic Egret and Great Egret right next to one another – *this was a tremendous way to identify and compare the species!* We then drove back down to the Belalanda Wetland, but had no luck with the Greater Painted Snipe. At this point, it started to pour with rain, which was very unusual for this time of year.

We then drove to Tulear, and we arrived at the Safari Vezo dock, where we hopped onto the Zebu carts and bounced around along the seashore to the boat. As it was low tide, we had to travel quite a distance to the boat. Once aboard the boat, we ventured straight to Nosy Ve. En route, we saw absolutely nothing along the seashore. After some desperate searching, we spotted a couple of Crab Plovers. We were able to disembark off the small sandbar and get some decent scope views of two Crab Plovers. After returning to the boat, we then disembarked on the main island and here we



**Madagascan Plover by David Krueper**

strolled along the beach, spotting Red-tailed Tropicbird, Greater Sand Plover, Dimorphic Egret and Ruddy Turnstone. Having decided not to snorkel, we headed to the beach town of Anakao, where we had a mouth-watering Fish Skua meal, and we also managed to get exceptional views of a male Littoral



**Littoral Rock Thrush by David Krueper**

remaining bird to look for, and this was the Verreaux's Coua. After a bit more thorough searching, a member of the group called out a Madagascan Cuckooshrike! Taking a closer look at this bird, it was actually a Verreaux's Coua! A second bird popped out too and we also saw that it was carrying nesting material! *Amazing.*

We bid our farewells to Mosa and Freddy and made our way to Isalo, stopping at Zombitse National Park along the way. We met our two guides, Serena and Martin, and began with our walk. The first new bird we all saw was a Coquerel's Coua skirting along the forest floor. We also saw two Large Oustalet's Chameleons, one Standing's Day Gecko and the endemic Zombitse (Hubbard's) Sportive Lemur. On our stroll, we could hear a couple of Cuckoo Rollers calling. We then crossed the road and took another route and finally heard one bird that was close enough for us to try our luck. After some expert whistling, we managed to get a male Cuckoo Roller to land in a tree for an abundance of photographic and spotting scope views. We relished in a lovely lunch in the picnic spot, and were amused by a very tranquil pair of Giant Couas!

We then went ahead with our journey to the Isalo National Park. The landscape en route was rather

Rock Thrush. We took the expressway back, and once we got off our Zebu carts, we drove to La Tabla, where we met Mosa and his son Freddy. Both Mosa and Freddy tried relentlessly to seek Red-shouldered Vanga and Verreaux's Coua, but with no luck; though we at least got brilliant close up views of Sub-desert Brush Warbler before heading back to our lodge in Tulear.

We departed from our hotel in Tulear and made our way back to La Tabla with Mosa and Freddy. We were in utter amazement: within a couple of minutes of searching, we could hear the Red-shouldered Vangas calling. The entire group succeeded in seeing the male and female Red-shouldered Vangas well, and countless photographs were taken! We still had one



**Red-shouldered Vanga by Marianne Wakelin**



depressing, after learning about how much forest had been destroyed and taken away for charcoal and the likes. We also passed a few Sapphire towns, until we found ourselves travelling through the striking sandstone mountains, belonging to the Isalo National Park. After some scenic photos were taken, we drove through to our picturesque lodge, nuzzled within the mountains. We headed out for our afternoon excursion, where we got brief sightings of Madagascan Partridge, Madagascan Buttonquail and Carpet Chameleon. We returned to our luxurious lodge and continued to bird, achieving decent looks at Madagascan Hoopoe and another look at White-throated Rail.



**Cuckoo Roller by David Krueper**

the next few days. Having reached the trail, we had a delightful sighting of a Pitta-like Ground Roller calling out to us. The bird had light on its body from the sun which penetrated through the forest, enabling us to clearly see it. Etienne then called us all over, and we raced to a sighting of unperturbed Milne-Edward's Sifakas, feeding in the tree above us. In conjunction with this, a Ring-tailed Mongoose made an appearance.

We then persisted along the trail until we came across male and female Common Sunbird-Asities. The next thing, a Rufous-headed Ground-Roller was calling! It took us the remainder of the morning to get most people onto this highly secretive bird. Further along the path, a number of us saw a Brown Emutail. The next bird which was seen was a Pollen's(??) Vanga, with its enormous bill showing itself off directly above us. A couple of interesting insects and reptiles were detected, and these were O'Shaughnessy's Chameleon, Giraffe Weevils and a very well camouflaged stick insect. We then gradually made our way back to our hotel for lunch; and then after lunch, we went back out for an afternoon walk in the main section of the Ranomafana National Park.



**Pitta-like Ground Roller by Gareth Robbins**

The start of our walk involved seeing a Malagasy Green Sunbird. We then took the steep walk down and back up into the main section of the dense forest. Etienne located a few Golden Bamboo Lemurs for us, and then got us all onto the game of finding a Satanic Leaf-tailed Gecko in the trees right in front of our eyes! After some dedicated searching, we all managed to see the small cryptic Gecko. Etienne then



**Male Velvet Asity by David Krueper**

introduced us to yet another Satanic Leaf-tailed Gecko and we all were fortunate to take a few photographs of this enthralling reptile! We then took a gamble and tried to find the Brown Mesite, but unluckily we only heard the bird call. As we walked up to the night walk area, we found a Green Jery. On the actual night walk, we were very privileged to see Nose-horned, Blue-legged and a colourful O'Shaughnessy's Chameleon, as well as a Rufous Mouse-Lemur. We then called it a day – *and what an incredible day it was!*

seeing Rufous-headed Ground Roller and Cryptic Warbler. We ventured on back down the hill and investigated a female Cuckoo Roller and a Long-billed Bernieria. After a savoury lunch, we visited a wetland situated at the top of the National Park. Now that the bridge was fixed, we could enter the wetland from the main parking area. After enduring a very steep walk, we arrived at the wetland after getting proper looks at a Green Jery along the way. We were also able to see a few Grey Emutails and several Madagascar Stonechats. As the gorgeous sun started to set, we made our way back to the bus, spotting two Madagascar Starlings and two Chabert Vangas on the trail.

Today, we paid another visit to the Sahamalaoatra trail at the top of the National Park to attempt to see the birds we had not yet seen. We instigated the experience with looking for the splendid Pitta-like Ground Roller and male Velvet Asity – *we were indeed victorious!* We were also triumphant in



**Rufous-headed Ground Roller by David Krueper**

After a bright and early breakfast, we packed up the bus and made our way back to Antananarivo, the longest drive of the tour. We winded ourselves back through the Ranomafana National Park and after some serious curves and bends, we made it back up to the N7, the central highway leading back to Tana! We headed in the direction of the town of Antsirabe and spotted Pied Crow, Malagasy Kestrel and Yellow-billed Kite along the way. We searched for some innate curios in the small town, before heading back



along the road to Tana. We went past the bustling town of Antsirabe, and not too long after passing the town, we found a shaded spot to have some lunch. It was at this time that we had sightings of a few very vocal Common Jerys. We returned to the bus and we made our way into Antananarivo. As soon as



**Satanian Leaf-tailed Gecko by Rosemary Lloyd**

we saw some rice paddies, we started to see plenty of Dimorphic, Great and Western Cattle Egrets, as well as Black and Squacco Herons. After some skilled driving, we made it to our lodge near the airport, after eleven hours of driving.

Before our early lunch, we got the news that our flight was cancelled. We immediately went to plan B, which was taking a bus ride to Ankarafantsika National Park. This was by no means a short bus drive, as a nine-hour travel time was expected with minimal birding stops. However, en route, we did manage to see the usual Yellow-billed Kites and Malagasy Kestrel. After a lengthy amount of driving, we arrived at Ankarafantsika lodge; the length of the drive was eight and a half hours. We went inside for a late dinner and tried to get as much rest as possible.

After an extensive bus drive, we all met up for a cup of tea and coffee and met with our guides Jacky and Lanto. We managed to see Sickle-billed Vanga, Broad-billed Roller and Madagascan Green Pigeon. We set off into a section of the forest near the dam in the hope of finding Schlegel's Asity.

As soon as we started the trail, we had a fleeting view of a Banded Kestrel fly overhead – some guests were blessed with fantastic scopes of this bird. We then took the opening to see the Schlegel's Asity but, unluckily, only saw White-headed Vanga.

After an appetising breakfast, we went back to the parking lot, where we saw a very chilled Cuvier's Madagascar Swift sunning itself on a large tree. Here we also watched the Sickle-billed Vanga pair attempt to start building a nest in between the tree branches. Once we had walked up the back of the reserve, we spotted an impressive roosting/sleeping Totoroka Scops Owl. Moreover, we identified a Milne-Edward's Sportive Lemur which was hovering in a broken branch of a dead tree. What's more, we were lucky to get multiple views of Red-capped and Coquerel's Couas, as well as Madagascan Buttonquails. We then



**O'Shaughnessy's Chameleon by Gareth Robbins**

advanced to the lodge for lunch and a siesta, after which we endured a boat ride in the nearby dam. On the way to the boat, we were in luck with seeing Humblot's Heron, Black Heron, Three-banded Plover and one Madagascar Jacana.



**Rufous Vanga by David Krueper**

the Schlegel's Asity, but this time we only managed to hear the bird call. We went back to the lodge for some breakfast and headed back out to look for new Vanga species. Providentially, we got amazing looks at two Rufous Vangas and a few of us got a brief fly-over view of a Van Dam's Vanga, but this bird was never to be seen again. We had phenomenal sightings of Red-capped Couas and we also heard the ever-vocal Cuckoo Roller. We then went to the outstanding baobabs, which were forty metres tall, and these were the last two remaining. We had a brief lunch and then took a three-hour drive to the seaside town of Mahajanga. Here we visited a wetland but to our disappointment, it was dry.

After a quick breakfast, we took a short bus trip down to the ocean, where we met our Skipper and made our way across the ocean to the Betsiboka Delta. It was a rather wet trip towards the Peninsula with the rain falling upon us, but as the day warmed up, we started to see some birds. The first couple of birds that we saw were the dark Dimorphic Egrets, Greater-crested Tern and a

On the boat journey, we had close up views of Nile Crocodiles, Malagasy Kingfisher and both an immature and an adult Madagascar Fish Eagle. We then took a chance in finding the Schlegel's Asity site but had no luck, only finding a few more Madagascar Buttonquails instead. Before dinner, a limited number of us went out on a night walk, and what a night walk it was! We were blessed in seeing several Grey Mouse Lemurs and Golden-tailed Mouse Lemurs, as well as a sleeping Common Jery. The highpoint of our walk involved coming across a Tree Snake, after which we noticed an Oustalet's Chameleon right above the snake. We actually thought that the snake would eat the chameleon but that the chameleon was too much of a large meal for the snake. Well, on our way back, we witnessed the Madagascar Tree Snake with its mouth clenched right over the mouth of the Oustalet's Chameleon, and we watched the chameleon eventually surrender and die.

After a dash of coffee, we set out in the hopes of finding



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White-throated Rail. The tide was still high, but there were enough mud-banks for us to see some birds. *In fact, this allowed for the bird concentrations to be far larger, as they were restricted to only a few areas.* We saw our very first Madagascan Ibis perching on a branch hanging above the water. The Ibis gave us some good time to photograph it before it took off. We then went across the delta to another



Madagascar Tree Boa catching an Oustalet's Chameleon by Gareth Robbins

island, and here the fun began. We saw large numbers of Curlew and Terek Sandpipers, Common-ringed Plovers and around seventy Lesser Flamingos.

Things then progressed and got even better, when the Skipper pointed out four Bernier's Teals and then another two birds flew in from the back. At this point, a couple of small Saunders's Terns appeared on the scene and started to dive into the water near the boat. By the time we decided to head back, we had also seen a Madagascan Wagtail, Common Sandpiper and a dark Dimorphic Egret. Our boat trip back across the open water turned nasty as the wind picked up, and there was a severe chop in the water which soaked everyone. We made an alternate landing in the harbour, and after drying out in the sun our bus arrived. When we arrived back at the hotel, we received the news that our flight would leave much later than expected. The hotel very kindly permitted us to spend the rest of the day there, so we ate lunch, dried our clothes, and visited the local market to buy some souvenirs.

Today was our last day, and everyone spent some relaxing time around the lodge and then those who were staying on for the Masoala extension did some birding in and around the property. The new guests were met and we all went back to Lac Alarobia for some delightful afternoon birding.

## Annotated List of species recorded

**Note:** Number in brackets ( ) indicate number of days on the tour the species was recorded.

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### Birds (169 in total: 165 seen, 4 heard)

Nomenclature and taxonomy follows Gill, F and D Donsker (Eds). 2017. IOC World Bird List (v 7.2).

**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

### Ducks, Geese, and Waterfowl *Anatidae*

#### White-faced Whistling Duck

*Dendrocygna viduata*

(3) 1 Alarobia Lake 8.10, 1 Belalanda 18.10 and 1 Ankarafantsika NP 25.10.

#### Knob-billed Duck

*Sarkidiornis melanotos*

(1) 1 Alarobia Lake 8.10.

**Meller's Duck (EN)***Anas melleri*

(2) 1 Alarobia Lake 8.10 and 1 Ranomafana NP 22.10.

**Bernier's Teal (EN)***Anas bernieri*

(1) 1 Betsiboka delta 27.10.

**Red-billed Teal***Anas erythrorhyncha*

(4) 1 Alarobia Lake 8.10, 1 Andasibe 9.10, 1 Belalanda 17.10 and 1 Belalanda 18.10.

**Hottentot Teal***Anas hottentota*

(1) 1 Alarobia Lake 8.10.

**Guineafowl Numididae****Helmeted Guineafowl***Numida meleagris*

(3) 1 Berenty Reserve 13.10, 1 Berenty Reserve 14.10 and 1 Berenty Reserve 16.10.

**Pheasants, Grouse, and Allies Phasianidae****Madagascan Partridge***Margaroperdix madagarensis*

(1) 1 Jardin Du Roy 19.10.

**Grebes Podicipedidae****Madagascan Grebe (VU)***Tachybaptus pelzelni*

(1) 1 Mantadia NP 10.10.

**Flamingos Phoenicopteridae****Greater Flamingo***Phoenicopus roseus*

(2) 1 Belalanda 17.10 and 1 Belalanda 18.10.

**Lesser Flamingo (NT)***Phoeniconaias minor*

(1) 1 Betsiboka delta 27.10.

**Tropicbirds Phaethontidae****Red-tailed Tropicbird***Phaethon rubricauda rubricauda*

(1) 1 Belalanda 18.10.

**Ibises and Spoonbills Threskiornithidae****Malagasy Sacred Ibis (EN)***Threskiornis bernieri bernieri*

(1) 1 Betsiboka delta 27.10.

**Glossy Ibis***Plegadis falcinellus*

(1) 1 Mahajanga 26.10.

**Madagascan Ibis (NT)***Lophotibis cristata*

(1) 1 Mantadia NP 11.10.

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

(2) 1 Alarobia Lake 8.10 and 1 Berenty Reserve 13.10.

**Striated Heron***Butorides striata rutenbergi*



(3) 1 Antananarivo to Andasibe 9.10, 1 Road to Berenty 13.10 and 1 Ankarafantsika NP 25.10.

**Squacco Heron**

*Ardeola raloides*

(6) 1 Alarobia Lake 8.10, 1 Antananarivo to Andasibe 9.10, 1 Antananarivo to Andasibe 12.10, 1 Antananarivo 23.10, 1 Antananarivo 24.10 and 1 Ankarafantsika NP 25.10.

**Malagasy Pond Heron (EN)**

*Ardeola idae*

(1) 1 Alarobia Lake 8.10.

**Western Cattle Egret**

*Bubulcus ibis*

(14) 1 Alarobia Lake 8.10, 1 Antananarivo to Andasibe 9.10, 1 Antananarivo to Andasibe 12.10, 1 Road to Berenty 13.10, 1 Berenty Reserve 14.10, 1 Berenty Reserve 15.10, 1 Belalanda 17.10, 1 Belalanda 18.10, 1 Ranomafana to Isalo NP 20.10, 1 Antananarivo 23.10, 1 Antananarivo 24.10, 1 Ankarafantsika NP 25.10 and 1 Mahajanga 26.10.

**Humblot's Heron (EN)**

*Ardea humbloti*

(2) 1 Ifaty pans 18.10 and 1 Ankarafantsika NP 25.10.

**Purple Heron**

*Ardea purpurea madagascariensis*

(3) 1 Ranomafana to Isalo NP 20.10, 1 Ranomafana NP 22.10 and 1 Ankarafantsika NP 25.10.

**Great Egret**

*Ardea alba melanorhynchos*

(11) 1 Alarobia Lake 8.10, 1 Antananarivo to Andasibe 9.10, 1 Antananarivo to Andasibe 12.10, 1 Road to Berenty 13.10, 1 Ifaty pans 18.10, 1 Ranomafana to Isalo NP 20.10, 1 Antananarivo 24.10, 1 Ankarafantsika NP 25.10, 1 Mahajanga 26.10 and 1 Betsiboka delta 27.10.

**Black Heron**

*Egretta ardesiaca*

(6) 1 Alarobia Lake 8.10, 1 Antananarivo to Andasibe 9.10, 1 Antananarivo to Andasibe 12.10, 1 Road to Berenty 13.10, 1 Antananarivo 23.10 and 1 Ankarafantsika NP 25.10.

**Dimorphic Egret**

*Egretta dimorpha*

(12) 1 Alarobia Lake 8.10, 1 Antananarivo to Andasibe 9.10, 1 Antananarivo to Andasibe 12.10, 1 Road to Berenty 13.10, 1 Ifaty pans 18.10, 1 La Table 19.10, 1 Ranomafana to Isalo NP 20.10, 1 Antananarivo 23.10, 1 Antananarivo 24.10, 1 Ankarafantsika NP 25.10, 1 Ankarafantsika NP 26.10 and 1 Betsiboka delta 27.10.

### **Hamerkop Scopidae**

**Hamerkop**

*Scopus umbretta umbretta*

(4) 1 Lemur Park 8.10, 1 Antananarivo to Andasibe 9.10 and 1 Antananarivo 23.10.

### **Cormorants and Shags Phalacrocoracidae**

**Reed Cormorant**

*Microcarbo africanus pictilis*

(1) 1 Betsiboka delta 27.10.

### **Hawks, Eagles, and Kites Accipitridae**

**Madagascan Cuckoo-Hawk**

*Aviceda madagascariensis*

(1) 1 Berenty Reserve 15.10.

**Frances's Sparrowhawk**

*Accipiter francesiae francesiae*

(6) Up to 1 Berenty Reserve 13-15.10, 1 Zombitse NP 19.10, 1 Ankarafantsika NP 25.10 and 1 Ankarafantsika NP 26.10.

**Madagascan Sparrowhawk (NT)**

*Accipiter madagascariensis*

(2) 1 Mantadia NP 10.10 and 1 Parc Mosa 17.10.

**Henst's Goshawk (NT)***Accipiter henstii*

(1) 1 heard Ranomafana NP 22.10.

**Yellow-billed Kite***Milvus aegyptius parasitus*

(15) 1 Antananarivo to Andasibe 9.10, 1 Antananarivo to Andasibe 12.10, 1 Road to Berenty 13.10, up to 1 Berenty Reserve 14-16.10, 1 Fort Dauphin 17.10, 1 Anakao 18.10, 1 La Table 19.10, 1 Ranomafana to Isalo NP 20.10, 1 Antsirabe to Ranomafana 23.10, 1 Akazobe 24.10, 1 Ankarafantsika NP 25.10, 1 Mahajanga 26.10 and 1 Betsiboka delta 27.10.

**Madagascan Fish Eagle (CR)***Haliaeetus vociferoides*

(1) 1 Ankarafantsika NP 25.10.

**Madagascan Buzzard***Buteo brachypterus*

(8) 1 Mantadia NP 10.10, 1 Andasibe 12.10, 1 Berenty Reserve 16.10, 1 La Table 18.10, 1 Zombitse NP 19.10, 1 Ranomafana NP 21.10, 1 Ankarafantsika NP 25.10 and 1 Ankarafantsika NP 26.10.

**Mesites Mesitornithidae****White-breasted Mesite (VU)***Mesitornis variegatus*

(2) 1 Ankarafantsika NP 25.10 and 1 Ankarafantsika NP 26.10.

**Brown Mesite (VU)***Mesitornis unicolor*

(1) 1 heard Ranomafana NP 21.10.

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

(1) 1 Parc Mosa 17.10.

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

(1) 1 Ranomafana NP 21.10.

**Madagascan Flufftail***Sarothrura insularis*

(5) 1 Mantadia NP 10.10, 1 Mantadia NP 11.10, 1 Andasibe 12.10, 1 heard Ranomafana NP 21.10 and 1 heard Ranomafana NP 22.10.

**Rails, Gallinules, and Coots Rallidae****Madagascan Rail (VU)***Rallus madagascariensis*

(1) 1 Mantadia NP 11.10.

**White-throated Rail***Dryolimnas cuvieri cuvieri*

(7) 1 Alarobia Lake 8.10, 1 heard Andasibe 12.10, 1 Jardin Du Roy 19.10, 1 heard Jardin Du Roy 20.10, 1 heard Ankarafantsika NP 25.10, 1 heard Ankarafantsika NP 26.10 and 1 Betsiboka delta 27.10.

**Common Moorhen***Gallinula chloropus pyrrhorhoa*

(1) 1 Alarobia Lake 8.10.

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

(8) Up to 1 Berenty Reserve 14-16.10, 1 La Table 18.10, 1 Jardin Du Roy 19.10, 1 Jardin Du Roy 20.10, 1 Ankarafantsika NP 25.10 and 1 Ankarafantsika NP 26.10.

**Crab Plover Dromadidae**



**Crab-plover***Dromas ardeola*

(1) 1 Nosy Ve 18.10.

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

(2) 1 Belalanda 17.10 and 1 Ifaty pans 18.10.

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

(1) 1 Betsiboka delta 27.10.

**Common Ringed Plover***Charadrius hiaticula tundrae*

(3) 1 Belalanda 17.10, 1 Ifaty pans 18.10 and 1 Betsiboka delta 27.10.

**Madagascan Plover (VU)***Charadrius thoracicus*

(1) 1 Ifaty pans 18.10.

**Kittlitz's Plover***Charadrius pecuarius*

(3) 1 Berenty Reserve 14.10, 1 Belalanda 17.10 and 1 Ifaty pans 18.10.

**Three-banded Plover***Charadrius tricollaris bifrontatus*

(2) 1 Ifaty pans 18.10 and 1 Ankarafantsika NP 25.10.

**White-fronted Plover***Charadrius marginatus tenellus*

(1) 1 Ifaty pans 18.10.

**Greater Sand Plover***Charadrius leschenaultii scythicus*

(2) 1 Nosy Ve 18.10 and 1 Betsiboka delta 27.10.

**Jacanas *Jacanidae*****Madagascan Jacana (NT)***Actophilornis albinucha*

(1) 1 Ankarafantsika NP 25.10.

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

(2) 1 Nosy Ve 18.10 and 1 Betsiboka delta 27.10.

**Common Greenshank***Tringa nebularia*

(4) 1 Ifaty pans 18.10, 1 La Table 19.10, 1 Ankarafantsika NP 25.10 and 1 Betsiboka delta 27.10.

**Terek Sandpiper***Xenus cinereus*

(1) 1 Betsiboka delta 27.10.

**Common Sandpiper***Actitis hypoleucos*

(6) 1 Lemur Park 8.10, 1 Mangoro River 9.10, 1 Mangoro River 12.10, 1 Ifaty pans 18.10, 1 Ankarafantsika NP 25.10 and 1 Betsiboka delta 27.10.

**Ruddy Turnstone***Arenaria interpres interpres*

(1) 1 Ifaty pans 18.10.

**Curlew Sandpiper***Calidris ferruginea*

(2) 1 Belalanda 18.10 and 1 Betsiboka delta 27.10.

**Little Stint***Calidris minuta*

(1) 1 Ifaty pans 18.10.

**Pratincoles and Coursers *Glareolidae*****Madagascan Pratincole (VU)***Glareola ocularis*

(3) 1 Mangoro River 9.10, 1 Mangoro River 12.10 and 1 Akazobe 24.10.

**Gulls, Terns, and Skimmers *Laridae*****Caspian Tern***Hydroprogne caspia*

(1) 1 Ifaty pans 18.10.

**Greater Crested Tern***Thalasseus bergii thalassinus*

(3) 1 Berenty Reserve 16.10, 1 Nosy Ve 18.10 and 1 Betsiboka delta 27.10.

**Saunders's Tern***Sternula saundersi*

(1) 1 Betsiboka delta 27.10.

**Common Tern***Sterna hirundo hirundo*

(1) 1 Nosy Ve 18.10.

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

(1) 1 Berenty Reserve 14.10.

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

(15) 1 Lemur Park 8.10, 1 Antananarivo 9.10, 1 Andasibe 10.10, 1 Mantadia NP 11.10, 1 Antananarivo 12.10, 1 Road to Berenty 13.10, 1 Fort Dauphin 16.10, 1 Fort Dauphin 17.10, 1 Ranomafana to Isalo NP 20.10, 1 Ranomafana NP 22.10, 1 Antananarivo 23.10, 1 Antananarivo 24.10, 1 Mahajanga 26.10 and 1 Mahajanga 27.10.

**Malagasy Turtle Dove***Nesoenas picturatus picturatus*

(10) 1 Andasibe 9.10, 1 Andasibe 12.10, up to 1 Berenty Reserve 14-16.10, 1 Parc Mosa 17.10, 1 Parc Mosa 18.10, 1 Ranomafana NP 22.10, 1 Ankarafantsika NP 25.10 and 1 Ankarafantsika NP 26.10.

**Namaqua Dove***Oena capensis aliena*

(9) 1 Road to Berenty 13.10, up to 1 Berenty Reserve 14-16.10, 1 Belanda 17.10, 1 La Table 18.10, 1 La Table 19.10, Jardin Du Roy 20.10 and 1 Ankarafantsika NP 26.10.

**Madagascan Green Pigeon***Treron australis*

(3) 1 Berenty Reserve 16.10, 1 Ankarafantsika NP 25.10 and 1 Ankarafantsika NP 26.10.

**Madagascan Blue Pigeon***Alectroenas madagascariensis*

(5) 1 Mantadia NP 10.10, 1 Mantadia NP 11.10, 1 Andasibe 12.10, 1 Ranomafana NP 21.10 and 1 Ranomafana NP 22.10.

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

(15) 1 Antananarivo to Andasibe 9.10, 1 Mantadia NP 11.10, 1 heard Andasibe 12.10, up to 1 Berenty Reserve 13-16.10, 1 Belanda 17.10, 1 Parc Mosa 18.10, 1 La Table 19.10, 1 heard Jardin Du Roy 20.10, 1 heard Ranomafana NP 22.10, 1 heard Ranomafana NP 23.10, 1 Ankarafantsika NP 25.10 and 1 Ankarafantsika NP 26.10.

**Crested Coua***Coua cristata*

(6) 1 Road to Berenty 13.10, up to 1 Berenty Reserve 14-16.10, 1 Ankarafantsika NP 25.10 and 1



Ankarafantsika NP 26.10.

**Verreaux's Coua (NT)**

*Coua verreauxi*

(2) 1 heard La Table 18.10 and 1 La Table 19.10.

**Blue Coua**

*Coua caerulea*

(5) 1 Andasibe 9.10, 1 Mantadia NP 10.10, 1 heard Mantadia NP 11.10, 1 Andasibe 12.10 and 1 heard Ranomafana NP 22.10.

**Red-capped Coua**

*Coua ruficeps*

(3) 1 La Table 19.10, 1 Ankarafantsika NP 25.10 and 1 Ankarafantsika NP 26.10.

**Red-fronted Coua**

*Coua reynaudii*

(2) 1 Mantadia NP 10.10 and 1 Parc Mosa 17.10.

**Coquerel's Coua**

*Coua coquereli*

(3) 1 Zombitse NP 19.10, 1 Ankarafantsika NP 25.10 and 1 Ankarafantsika NP 26.10.

**Running Coua**

*Coua cursor*

(2) 1 Berenty Reserve 15.10 and 1 Berenty Reserve 16.10.

**Giant Coua**

*Coua gigas*

(2) 1 Berenty Reserve 13.10 and 1 Zombitse NP 19.10.

**Red-breasted Coua**

*Coua serriana*

(1) 1 Mantadia NP 10.10.

**Madagascan Cuckoo**

*Cuculus rochii*

(8) 1 Mantadia NP 10.10, 1 heard Andasibe 12.10, 1 Berenty Reserve 13.10, 1 Parc Mosa 18.10, 1 Ranomafana NP 21.10, 1 heard Ranomafana NP 22.10, 1 heard Ankarafantsika NP 25.10 and 1 heard Ankarafantsika NP 26.10.

### **Barn-Owls Tytonidae**

**Western Barn Owl**

*Tyto alba hypermetra*

(1) 1 heard Ankarafantsika NP 25.10.

### **Owls Strigidae**

**Torotoroka Scops Owl**

*Otus madagascariensis*

(8) Up to 1 Berenty Reserve 14-16.10, 1 heard Jardin Du Roy 19.10, 1 heard Jardin Du Roy 20.10 and up to 1 Ankarafantsika NP 24-26.10.

**Rainforest Scops Owl**

*Otus rutilus*

(4) Up to 1 Andasibe 9-12.10.

**White-browed Hawk-Owl**

*Ninox supercilialis*

(3) 1 heard Berenty Reserve 13.10, 1 Berenty Reserve 15.10 and 1 Zombitse NP 19.10.

**Madagascan Owl**

*Asio madagascariensis*

(1) 1 Andasibe 9.10.

### **Nightjars and Allies Caprimulgidae**

**Collared Nightjar**

*Gactornis enarratus*

(1) 1 Andasibe 9.10.

**Madagascan Nightjar**

*Caprimulgus madagascariensis madagascariensis*

(10) 1 heard Relais des Plateaux, Antanetibe Ivato, Antananarivo. 8.10, 1 Relais des Plateaux,

Antanetibe Ivato, Antananarivo. 9.10, 1 Relais des Plateaux, Antanetibe Ivato, Antananarivo. 12.10, 1 Berenty Reserve 14.10, 1 Parc Mosa 17.10, 1 heard Jardin Du Roy 20.10, 1 Antananarivo 23.10, 1 Relais des Plateaux, Antanetibe Ivato, Antananarivo. 24.10 and 1 heard Ankarafantsika NP 25.10.

### Swifts *Apodidae*

#### **Madagascan Spinetail**

*Zoonavena grandidieri grandidieri*

(1) 1 Mantadia NP 10.10.

#### **African Palm Swift**

*Cypsiurus parvus gracilis*

(10) 1 Fort Dauphin 16.10, 1 Jardin Du Roy 19.10, 1 Jardin Du Roy 20.10, up to 1 Ranomafana NP 21-23.10, 1 Akazobe 24.10, 1 Ankarafantsika NP 25.10, 1 Mahajanga 26.10 and 1 Mahajanga 27.10.

#### **Alpine Swift**

*Tachymarptis melba willsi*

(1) 1 Jardin Du Roy 20.10.

#### **Malagasy Black Swift**

*Apus balstoni balstoni*

(2) 1 La Table 18.10 and 1 Jardin Du Roy 20.10.

### Cuckoo-Roller *Leptosomidae*

#### **Cuckoo Roller**

*Leptosomus discolor discolor*

(6) 1 Mantadia NP 10.10, 1 Zombitse NP 19.10, 1 Ranomafana NP 21.10, 1 Ranomafana NP 22.10, 1 heard Ankarafantsika NP 25.10 and 1 Ankarafantsika NP 26.10.

### Rollers *Coraciidae*

#### **Broad-billed Roller**

*Eurystomus glaucurus glaucurus*

(8) 1 Mantadia NP 10.10, 1 heard Andasibe 12.10, 1 Berenty Reserve 13.10, 1 Berenty Reserve 15.10, 1 Berenty Reserve 16.10, 1 Jardin Du Roy 20.10, 1 Ankarafantsika NP 25.10 and 1 Ankarafantsika NP 26.10.

### Ground-Rollers *Brachypteraciidae*

#### **Short-legged Ground Roller (VU)**

*Brachypteracias leptosomus*

(1) 1 Mantadia NP 10.10.

#### **Scaly Ground Roller (VU)**

*Geobiastes squamiger*

(1) 1 Mantadia NP 10.10.

#### **Pitta-like Ground Roller**

*Atelornis pittoides*

(3) 1 Mantadia NP 10.10, 1 Ranomafana NP 21.10 and 1 Ranomafana NP 22.10.

#### **Rufous-headed Ground Roller (NT)**

*Atelornis crossleyi*

(2) 1 Ranomafana NP 21.10 and 1 Ranomafana NP 22.10.

#### **Long-tailed Ground Roller (VU)**

*Uratelornis chimaera*

(1) 1 Parc Mosa 17.10.

### Kingfishers *Alcedinidae*

#### **Madagascan Pygmy Kingfisher**

*Corythornis madagascariensis*

(1) 1 Mantadia NP 11.10.

#### **Malagasy Kingfisher**

*Corythornis vintsioides vintsioides*

(6) 1 Alarobia Lake 8.10, 1 Andasibe 9.10, 1 Andasibe 10.10, 1 heard Andasibe 12.10, 1 Ankarafantsika NP 25.10 and 1 Betsiboka delta 27.10.

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

(12) 1 Lemur Park 8.10, 1 Andasibe 9.10, 1 Mantadia NP 10.10, 1 heard Andasibe 12.10, 1 Berenty Reserve 13.10, 1 Belalanda 17.10, 1 Belalanda 18.10, 1 Jardin Du Roy 19.10, 1 Ranomafana to Isalo NP 20.10, 1 Akazobe 24.10, 1 Ankarafantsika NP 25.10 and 1 Ankarafantsika NP 26.10.

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

(7) 1 Berenty Reserve 13.10, 1 Berenty Reserve 15.10, 1 Belalanda 17.10, 1 Jardin Du Roy 19.10, 1 Jardin Du Roy 20.10, 1 Ankarafantsika NP 25.10 and 1 Ankarafantsika NP 26.10.

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

(15) 1 Mangoro River 9.10, 1 Mantadia NP 11.10, 1 Antananarivo 12.10, up to 1 Berenty Reserve 13-16.10, 1 La Table 18.10, 1 Jardin Du Roy 19.10, 1 Jardin Du Roy 20.10, 1 Ranomafana NP 21.10, 1 Ranomafana NP 22.10, 1 Antsirabe to Ranomafana 23.10, 1 Akazobe 24.10 and 1 heard Ankarafantsika NP 26.10.

**Banded Kestrel***Falco zoniventris*

(1) 1 Ankarafantsika NP 25.10.

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

(3) 1 Andasibe 9.10, 1 Andasibe 12.10 and 1 Ankarafantsika NP 25.10.

**Lesser Vasa Parrot***Coracopsis nigra*

(13) 1 heard Andasibe 9.10, 1 Mantadia NP 10.10, 1 Mantadia NP 11.10, up to 1 Berenty Reserve 14-16.10, 1 Parc Mosa 17.10, 1 Parc Mosa 18.10, 1 Jardin Du Roy 20.10, 1 Ranomafana NP 21.10, 1 heard Ranomafana NP 22.10, 1 Ankarafantsika NP 25.10 and 1 Ankarafantsika NP 26.10.

**Grey-headed Lovebird***Agapornis canus*

(7) Up to 1 Berenty Reserve 14-16.10, 1 Belalanda 17.10, 1 Parc Mosa 18.10, 1 heard Ankarafantsika NP 25.10 and 1 Ankarafantsika NP 26.10.

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

(4) 1 Mantadia NP 11.10, 1 Andasibe 12.10, 1 Ranomafana NP 21.10 and 1 Ranomafana NP 22.10.

**Schlegel's Asity (NT)***Philepitta schlegeli*

(1) 1 heard Ankarafantsika NP 26.10.

**Common Sunbird-Asity***Neodrepanis coruscans*

(1) 1 Ranomafana NP 21.10.

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

(6) 1 Andasibe 9.10, 1 heard Mantadia NP 10.10, 1 heard Mantadia NP 11.10, 1 Andasibe 12.10, 1 Ranomafana NP 21.10 and 1 heard Ranomafana NP 22.10.

**Red-shouldered Vanga (VU)***Calicalicus rufocarpalis*



Observed 1 day in total.

**Hook-billed Vanga**

*Vanga curvirostris*

(5) 1 Mantadia NP 10.10, 1 Berenty Reserve 14.10, 1 Berenty Reserve 15.10, 1 Zombitse NP 19.10 and 1 heard Ranomafana NP 21.10.

**Lafresnaye's Vanga**

*Xenopirostris xenopirostris*

(2) 1 Berenty Reserve 15.10 and 1 La Table 19.10.

**Van Dam's Vanga (EN)**

*Xenopirostris damii*

(1) 1 Ankarafantsika NP 26.10.

**Pollen's Vanga (NT)**

*Xenopirostris polleni*

(2) 1 Ranomafana NP 21.10 and 1 heard Ranomafana NP 22.10.

**Sickle-billed Vanga**

*Falculea palliata*

(2) 1 Ankarafantsika NP 25.10 and 1 Ankarafantsika NP 26.10.

**White-headed Vanga**

*Artamella viridis*

(2) 1 Ankarafantsika NP 25.10 and 1 Ankarafantsika NP 26.10.

**Chabert Vanga**

*Leptopterus chabert*

(7) 1 Mangoro River 9.10, 1 Mantadia NP 10.10, 1 Andasibe 12.10, 1 Parc Mosa 18.10, 1 Ranomafana NP 22.10, 1 Ankarafantsika NP 25.10 and 1 Ankarafantsika NP 26.10.

**Blue Vanga**

*Cyanolanius madagascarinus madagascarinus*

(3) 1 Mantadia NP 10.10, 1 Andasibe 12.10 and 1 Ranomafana NP 21.10.

**Rufous Vanga**

*Schetba rufa*

(1) 1 Ankarafantsika NP 26.10.

**Tylas Vanga**

*Tylas eduardi*

(1) 1 Mantadia NP 10.10.

**Dark Newtonia**

*Newtonia amphichroa*

(2) 1 Andasibe 11.10 and 1 heard Ranomafana NP 21.10.

**Common Newtonia**

*Newtonia brunneicauda*

(7) 1 Mantadia NP 10.10, 1 Andasibe 12.10, 1 Parc Mosa 18.10, 1 Zombitse NP 19.10, 1 heard Ranomafana NP 21.10, 1 Ankarafantsika NP 25.10 and 1 Ankarafantsika NP 26.10.

**Archbold's Newtonia**

*Newtonia archboldi*

(1) 1 Parc Mosa 18.10.

**Ward's Flycatcher**

*Pseudobias wardi*

(1) 1 Mantadia NP 10.10.

**Crossley's Vanga**

*Mystacornis crossleyi*

(2) 1 Mantadia NP 11.10 and 1 heard Ranomafana NP 22.10.

**Cuckoo-shrikes *Campephagidae***

**Madagascan Cuckooshrike**

*Coracina cinerea*

(7) 1 Mantadia NP 10.10, 1 Andasibe 12.10, 1 Berenty Reserve 14.10, 1 Parc Mosa 17.10, 1 Ranomafana NP 21.10, 1 Ankarafantsika NP 25.10 and 1 Ankarafantsika NP 26.10.

**Drongos *Dicruridae***

**Crested Drongo**

*Dicrurus forficatus forficatus*

(16) 1 Andasibe 9.10, 1 Mantadia NP 10.10, 1 Mantadia NP 11.10, 1 Andasibe 12.10, up to 1 Berenty

Reserve 13-16.10, 1 Parc Mosa 17.10, 1 La Table 18.10, 1 La Table 19.10, 1 Ranomafana to Isalo NP 20.10, 1 Ranomafana NP 22.10, 1 Relais des Plateaux, Antanetibe Ivato, Antananarivo. 24.10, 1 Ankarafantsika NP 25.10 and 1 Ankarafantsika NP 26.10.

### **Monarch Flycatchers *Monarchidae***

#### **Malagasy Paradise Flycatcher**

*Terpsiphone mutata*

(13) 1 Andasibe 9.10, 1 Mantadia NP 10.10, 1 Mantadia NP 11.10, 1 Andasibe 12.10, up to 1 Berenty Reserve 13-16.10, 1 Zombitse NP 19.10, 1 heard Ranomafana NP 21.10, 1 Ranomafana NP 22.10, 1 Ankarafantsika NP 25.10 and 1 Ankarafantsika NP 26.10.

### **Crows, Jays, and Magpies *Corvidae***

#### **Pied Crow**

*Corvus albus*

(12) 1 Road to Berenty 13.10, up to 1 Berenty Reserve 14-16.10, 1 Belalanda 17.10, 1 La Table 18.10, 1 La Table 19.10, 1 Ranomafana to Isalo NP 20.10, 1 Antsirabe to Ranomafana 23.10, 1 Akazobe 24.10, 1 Mahajanga 26.10 and 1 Betsiboka delta 27.10.

### **Larks *Alaudidae***

#### **Madagascan Lark**

*Eremopterix hova*

(10) Up to 1 Berenty Reserve 14-16.10, 1 Belalanda 17.10, 1 La Table 18.10, 1 La Table 19.10, 1 Ranomafana to Isalo NP 20.10, 1 Antsirabe to Ranomafana 23.10, 1 Akazobe 24.10 and 1 Mahajanga 26.10.

### **Bulbuls *Pycnonotidae***

#### **Malagasy Bulbul**

*Hypsipetes madagascariensis madagascariensis*

(16) 1 Andasibe 9.10, 1 Mantadia NP 10.10, 1 Mantadia NP 11.10, 1 Mangoro River 12.10, up to 1 Berenty Reserve 14-16.10, 1 Fort Dauphin 17.10, 1 Ifaty pans 18.10, 1 Jardin Du Roy 19.10, 1 Jardin Du Roy 20.10, up to 1 Ranomafana NP 21-23.10, 1 Ankarafantsika NP 25.10 and 1 Ankarafantsika NP 26.10.

### **Swallows *Hirundinidae***

#### **Mascarene Martin**

*Phedina borbonica madagascariensis*

(3) 1 Antananarivo 8.10, 1 Mantadia NP 10.10 and 1 Ranomafana NP 21.10.

#### **Brown-throated Martin**

*Riparia paludicola cowani*

(6) 1 Antananarivo 8.10, 1 Antananarivo 13.10, 1 Belalanda 17.10, 1 Belalanda 18.10, 1 Ranomafana NP 22.10 and 1 Ankarafantsika NP 26.10.

### **Reed-Warblers and Allies *Acrocephalidae***

#### **Malagasy Brush Warbler**

*Nesillas typica*

(9) 1 Lemur Park 8.10, 1 heard Antananarivo to Andasibe 9.10, 1 heard Mantadia NP 10.10, 1 heard Mantadia NP 11.10, 1 Mangoro River 12.10, 1 heard Antananarivo 13.10, 1 Ranomafana NP 21.10, 1 heard Ranomafana NP 22.10 and 1 Antananarivo 24.10.

#### **Subdesert Brush Warbler**

*Nesillas lantzii*

(2) 1 La Table 18.10 and 1 La Table 19.10.

#### **Madagascan Swamp Warbler**

*Acrocephalus newtoni*

(3) 1 Lemur Park 8.10, 1 Mantadia NP 10.10 and 1 heard Ranomafana NP 22.10.

**Grassbirds and Allies *Locustellidae*****Brown Emutail***Bradypterus brunneus*

(2) 1 Ranomafana NP 21.10 and 1 heard Ranomafana NP 22.10.

**Grey Emutail***Amphilais seebohmi*

(1) 1 Ranomafana NP 22.10.

**Malagasy Warblers *Bernieridae*****White-throated Oxylabes***Oxylabes madagascariensis*

(2) 1 Mantadia NP 11.10 and 1 heard Ranomafana NP 21.10.

**Long-billed Bernieria***Bernieria madagascariensis*

(4) 1 Andasibe 12.10, 1 Ranomafana NP 22.10, 1 Ankarafantsika NP 25.10 and 1 Ankarafantsika NP 26.10.

**Cryptic Warbler***Cryptosylvicola randrianasoloi*

(1) 1 Ranomafana NP 22.10.

**Wedge-tailed Jery***Hartertula flavoviridis*

(1) 1 Mantadia NP 11.10.

**Thamnornis***Thamnornis chloropetoides*

(1) 1 Parc Mosa 18.10.

**Spectacled Tetraka***Xanthomixis zosterops*

(5) 1 Andasibe 9.10, 1 Mantadia NP 10.10, 1 Andasibe 12.10, 1 Ranomafana NP 21.10 and 1 heard Ranomafana NP 22.10.

**Rand's Warbler***Randia pseudozosterops*

(4) 1 Mantadia NP 10.10, 1 heard Mantadia NP 11.10, 1 heard Ranomafana NP 21.10 and 1 heard Ranomafana NP 22.10.

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

(11) 1 Lemur Park 8.10, 1 Road to Berenty 13.10, up to 1 Berenty Reserve 14-16.10, 1 Parc Mosa 18.10, 1 Zombitse NP 19.10, 1 Ranomafana NP 21.10, 1 heard Ranomafana NP 22.10, 1 Antsirabe to Ranomafana 23.10 and 1 Ankarafantsika NP 25.10.

**Green Jery***Neomixis viridis*

(2) 1 Ranomafana NP 21.10 and 1 Ranomafana NP 22.10.

**Stripe-throated Jery***Neomixis striatigula*

(4) 1 heard Andasibe 9.10, 1 Mantadia NP 11.10, 1 heard Andasibe 12.10 and 1 Berenty Reserve 16.10.

**Madagascan Cisticola***Cisticola cherina*

(10) 1 Road to Berenty 13.10, up to 1 Berenty Reserve 14-16.10, 1 Belalanda 17.10, 1 Ifaty pans 18.10, 1 Jardin Du Roy 19.10, 1 Jardin Du Roy 20.10, 1 Akazobe 24.10 and 1 Mahajanga 26.10.

**Yuhinas, White-eyes, and Allies *Zosteropidae*****Malagasy White-eye***Zosterops maderaspatanus maderaspatanus*

(13) 1 Relais des Plateaux, Antanetibe Ivato, Antananarivo. 8.10, 1 Relais des Plateaux, Antanetibe Ivato, Antananarivo. 9.10, 1 Mantadia NP 10.10, 1 Mantadia NP 11.10, 1 Andasibe 12.10, 1 Berenty Reserve 13.10, 1 heard Berenty Reserve 15.10, 1 Berenty Reserve 16.10, 1 Ranomafana NP 21.10, 1



Ranomafana NP 22.10, 1 heard Antsirabe to Ranomafana 23.10, 1 Relais des Plateaux, Antanetibe Ivato, Antananarivo. 24.10 and 1 Ankarafantsika NP 25.10.

### **Starlings *Sturnidae***

#### **Common Myna**

*Acridotheres tristis tristis*

(18) 1 Alarobia Lake 8.10, 1 Antananarivo 9.10, 1 Andasibe 10.10, 1 Andasibe 11.10, 1 Antananarivo 12.10, 1 Road to Berenty 13.10, up to 1 Berenty Reserve 14-16.10, 1 Belalanda 17.10, 1 Anakao 18.10, 1 Jardin Du Roy 19.10, 1 Jardin Du Roy 20.10, 1 Ranomafana NP 22.10, 1 Antsirabe to Ranomafana 23.10, 1 Antananarivo 24.10, 1 Mahajanga 26.10 and 1 Mahajanga 27.10.

#### **Madagascan Starling**

*Hartlaubius auratus*

(2) 1 Mantadia NP 10.10 and 1 Ranomafana NP 22.10.

### **Old World Flycatchers *Muscicapidae***

#### **Madagascan Magpie-Robin**

*Copsychus albospecularis*

(15) 1 Relais des Plateaux, Antanetibe Ivato, Antananarivo. 8.10, 1 Andasibe 9.10, 1 Mantadia NP 10.10, up to 1 Berenty Reserve 13-16.10, 1 La Table 18.10, 1 La Table 19.10, 1 Jardin Du Roy 20.10, 1 Ranomafana NP 21.10, 1 Ranomafana NP 22.10, 1 Ankarafantsika NP 25.10 and 1 Ankarafantsika NP 26.10.

#### **Littoral Rock Thrush**

*Monticola imerina*

(1) 1 La Table 18.10.

#### **Forest Rock Thrush**

*Monticola sharpei*

(2) 1 Ranomafana NP 21.10 and 1 heard Ranomafana NP 22.10.

#### **Madagascan Stonechat**

*Saxicola sibilla*

(9) 1 Relais des Plateaux, Antanetibe Ivato, Antananarivo. 8.10, 1 Relais des Plateaux, Antanetibe Ivato, Antananarivo. 9.10, 1 Mantadia NP 10.10, 1 Mantadia NP 11.10, 1 Andasibe 12.10, 1 Antananarivo 13.10, 1 heard Ranomafana NP 22.10, 1 Antananarivo 23.10 and 1 Akazobe 24.10.

### **Sunbirds and Spiderhunters *Nectariniidae***

#### **Souimanga Sunbird**

*Cinnyris sovimanga*

(17) 1 Lemur Park 8.10, 1 Andasibe 9.10, 1 Mantadia NP 10.10, 1 Mantadia NP 11.10, 1 Andasibe 12.10, 1 Road to Berenty 13.10, up to 1 Berenty Reserve 14-16.10, 1 Parc Mosa 17.10, 1 La Table 18.10, 1 Zombitse NP 19.10, 1 heard Ranomafana NP 21.10, 1 Ranomafana NP 22.10, 1 Relais des Plateaux, Antanetibe Ivato, Antananarivo. 24.10, 1 Ankarafantsika NP 25.10 and 1 Ankarafantsika NP 26.10.

#### **Malagasy Green Sunbird**

*Cinnyris notatus notatus*

(6) 1 Andasibe 9.10, 1 Mantadia NP 10.10, 1 Ranomafana NP 21.10, 1 heard Ranomafana NP 22.10, 1 Ankarafantsika NP 25.10 and 1 Ankarafantsika NP 26.10.

### **Old World Sparrows *Passeridae***

#### **House Sparrow**

*Passer domesticus*

(2) 1 Mahajanga 26.10 and 1 Mahajanga 27.10.

### **Weavers and Allies *Ploceidae***

#### **Nelicourvi Weaver**

*Ploceus nelicourvi*

(5) 1 Andasibe 9.10, 1 heard Mantadia NP 11.10, 1 Andasibe 12.10, 1 Ranomafana NP 21.10 and 1

Ranomafana NP 22.10.

**Sakalava Weaver**

*Ploceus sakalava*

(7) 1 Road to Berenty 13.10, up to 1 Berenty Reserve 14-16.10, 1 Parc Mosa 17.10, 1 Parc Mosa 18.10 and 1 La Table 19.10.

**Red Fody**

*Foudia madagascariensis*

(7) 1 Relais des Plateaux, Antanetibe Ivato, Antananarivo. 8.10, 1 Relais des Plateaux, Antanetibe Ivato, Antananarivo. 9.10, 1 Relais des Plateaux, Antanetibe Ivato, Antananarivo. 12.10, 1 Antananarivo 13.10, 1 Fort Dauphin 17.10, 1 Antananarivo 23.10 and 1 Relais des Plateaux, Antanetibe Ivato, Antananarivo. 24.10.

**Forest Fody**

*Foudia omissa*

(1) 1 Mantadia NP 10.10.

**Waxbills and Allies *Estrildidae***

**Madagascan Mannikin**

*Lepidopygia nana*

(8) 1 Relais des Plateaux, Antanetibe Ivato, Antananarivo. 8.10, 1 Andasibe 9.10, 1 Mantadia NP 11.10, 1 Belalanda 17.10, 1 Belalanda 18.10, 1 Relais des Plateaux, Antanetibe Ivato, Antananarivo. 24.10, 1 Mahajanga 26.10 and 1 Mahajanga 27.10.

**Wagtails and Pipits *Motacillidae***

**Madagascan Wagtail**

*Motacilla flaviventris*

(11) 1 Relais des Plateaux, Antanetibe Ivato, Antananarivo. 8.10, 1 Andasibe 9.10, 1 Mantadia NP 10.10, 1 Andasibe 12.10, 1 Antananarivo 13.10, up to 1 Ranomafana NP 20-22.10, 1 Antananarivo 23.10, 1 Relais des Plateaux, Antanetibe Ivato, Antananarivo. 24.10 and 1 Betsiboka delta 27.10.

**Mammals (26 in total: 26 seen)**

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**Tenrecs *Tenrecidae***

**Lesser Hedgehog Tenrec**

*Echinops telfairi*

(1) 1 Parc Mosa 17.10.

**Lemurs *Lemuridae***

**Brown Lemur**

*Eulemur fulvus*

(11) 1 Andasibe 9.10, 1 Andasibe 11.10, 1 Andasibe 12.10, up to 1 Berenty Reserve 13-16.10, 1 Ranomafana NP 21.10 and up to 1 Ankarafantsika NP 24-26.10.

**Red-bellied Lemur**

*Eulemur rubriventer*

(1) 1 Ranomafana NP 22.10.

**Red-fronted Brown Lemur**

*Eulemur rufifrons*

(4) Up to 1 Berenty Reserve 13-16.10.

**Golden Bamboo Lemur**

*Haplemur aureus*

(1) 1 Ranomafana NP 21.10.

**Ring-tailed Lemur**

*Lemur catta*

(4) Up to 1 Berenty Reserve 13-16.10.

**Greater Bamboo Lemur**

*Prolemur simus*

(2) 1 Mantadia NP 10.10 and 1 Andasibe 12.10.

**Black-and-white Ruffed Lemur**

*Varecia variegata*

(3) 1 heard Mantadia NP 10.10, 1 heard Mantadia NP 11.10 and 1 Ranomafana NP 21.10.

**Sportive Lemurs *Lepilemuridae***

**Milne-Edwards's Sportive Lemur**

*Lepilemur edwardsi*

(1) 1 Ankarafantsika NP 25.10.

**Hubbard's Sportive Lemur**

*Lepilemur hubbardorum*

(1) 1 Zombitse NP 19.10.

**White-footed Sportive Lemur**

*Lepilemur leucopus*

(3) 1 Berenty Reserve 13.10, 1 Berenty Reserve 14.10 and 1 Berenty Reserve 16.10.

**Dwarf and Mouse Lemurs *Cheirogaleidae***

**Western Fat-tailed Dwarf Lemur**

*Cheirogaleus medius*

(1) 1 Ankarafantsika NP 25.10.

**Grey Mouse-lemur**

*Microcebus murinus*

(2) 1 Berenty Reserve 14.10 and 1 Ankarafantsika NP 25.10.

**Golden-brown Mouse Lemur**

*Microcebus ravelobensis*

(1) 1 Ankarafantsika NP 25.10.

**Rufous Mouse Lemur**

*Microcebus rufus*

(1) 1 Ranomafana NP 21.10.

**Indrid Lemurs, Sifakas *Indriidae***

**Eastern Woolly Lemur**

*Avahi laniger*

(2) 1 Andasibe 9.10 and 1 Andasibe 12.10.

**Indri**

*Indri indri*

(4) 1 heard Andasibe 9.10, 1 heard Mantadia NP 10.10, 1 heard Mantadia NP 11.10 and 1 Andasibe 12.10.

**Coquerel's Sifaka**

*Propithecus coquereli*

(2) 1 Ankarafantsika NP 25.10 and 1 Ankarafantsika NP 26.10.

**Diademed Sifaka**

*Propithecus diadema*

(3) 1 Mantadia NP 10.10, 1 heard Mantadia NP 11.10 and 1 Andasibe 12.10.

**Milne-edward's Sifaka**

*Propithecus edwardsi*

(1) 1 Ranomafana NP 21.10.

**Verreaux's Sifaka**

*Propithecus verreauxi*

(5) Up to 1 Berenty Reserve 13-16.10 and 1 Zombitse NP 19.10.

**Climbing Mice, Rock Mice, White-tailed Rat, Malagasy Rats and Mice *Nesomyidae***

**Eastern Red Forest Rat**

*Nesomys rufus*



(1) 1 Mantadia NP 11.10.

### **Malagasy Carnivores Eupleridae**

**Malagasy Ring-tailed Mongoose**

*Galidia elegans*

(1) 1 Ranomafana NP 21.10.

### **Rorquals Balaenopteridae**

**Humpback Whale**

*Megaptera novaeangliae*

(1) 1 Fort Dauphin 16.10.

### **Old World Fruit Bats Pteropodidae**

**Madagascan Flying Fox**

*Pteropus rufus*

(2) 1 Berenty Reserve 14.10 and 1 Berenty Reserve 15.10.

## **Reptiles (25 in total: 25 seen)**

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### **Tortoises Testudinidae**

**Radiated Tortoise**

*Astrochelys radiata*

(3) 1 Parc Mosa 17.10, 1 Jardin Du Roy 19.10 and 1 Jardin Du Roy 20.10.

### **Chameleons Chamaeleonidae**

**Short-horned Chameleon**

*Calumma brevicorne*

(2) 1 Andasibe 9.10 and 1 heard Andasibe 11.10.

**Blue-legged chameleon**

*Calumma crypticum*

(1) 1 Ranomafana NP 21.10.

**Nose-horned Chameleon**

*Calumma nasutum*

(1) 1 Ranomafana NP 21.10.

**O'Shaughnessy's Chameleon**

*Calumma oshaughnessyi*

(1) 1 Ranomafana NP 21.10.

**Parson's Chameleon**

*Calumma parsonii*

(2) 1 Andasibe 11.10.

**Carpet Chameleon**

*Furcifer lateralis*

Observed 1 day in total.

**Oustalet's Chameleon**

*Furcifer oustaleti*

(4) 1 Zombitse NP 19.10, 1 Ranomafana to Isalo NP 20.10, 1 Ankarafantsika NP 25.10 and 1 Mahajanga 26.10.

**Furcufer verrucosus**

*Furcifer verrucosus*

(1) 1 Berenty Reserve 14.10.

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

(4) 1 Berenty Reserve 14.10, 1 Berenty Reserve 16.10, 1 Nosy Ve 18.10 and 1 Zombitse NP 19.10.

**Cuvier's Madagascar Swift***Oplurus cuvieri*

(2) 1 Ankarafantsika NP 25.10 and 1 Ankarafantsika NP 26.10.

**Duméril's Madagascar Swift***Oplurus quadrimaculatus*

(1) 1 Jardin Du Roy 20.10.

**Geckos *Gekkonidae****Blaesodactylus sakalava*

(1) 1 Ankarafantsika NP 26.10.

**House Gecko***Hemidactylus mabouia*

(8) 1 Andasibe 9.10, 1 Fort Dauphin 17.10, up to 1 Ranomafana NP 20-23.10, 1 Ankarafantsika NP 24.10 and 1 Ankarafantsika NP 25.10.

**Grandidier's Dwarf Gecko***Lygodactylus tolampyae*

(2) 1 Berenty Reserve 15.10 and 1 Zombitse NP 19.10.

**Striped Day Gecko***Phelsuma lineata*

(6) 1 Andasibe 9.10, 1 Mantadia NP 10.10, 1 Mantadia NP 11.10, 1 Berenty Reserve 16.10, 1 Ranomafana NP 21.10 and 1 Ranomafana NP 22.10.

**Peacock Day Gecko***Phelsuma quadriocellata*

(1) 1 Mantadia NP 10.10.

**Standing's Day Gecko***Phelsuma standingi*

(4) 1 Zombitse NP 19.10 and up to 1 Ankarafantsika NP 24-26.10.

*Uroplatus phantasticus*

(1) 1 Ranomafana NP 21.10.

**Plated Lizards *Gerrhosauridae*****Western Girdled Lizard***Zonosaurus laticaudatus*

(1) 1 Ankarafantsika NP 26.10.

**Boas *Boidae*****Madagascar Tree Boa***Sanzinia madagascariensis volontany*

(2) 1 Andasibe 12.10 and 1 Berenty Reserve 14.10.

**Lamprophiidae *Lamprophiidae*****Bright Collared Snake***Liophidium torquatum*

(2) 1 Mantadia NP 9.10 and 1 Mantadia NP 10.10.

**Mahafaly Sand Snake***Mimophis mahfalensis madagascariensis*

(1) 1 Ankarafantsika NP 25.10.

**Tree Snakes *Lycodryas*****Madagascar Tree Snake***Lycodryas granuliceps*

(1) 1 Ankarafantsika NP 25.10.

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### Crocodiles and relatives *Crocodylidae*

**Nile Crocodile***Crocodylus niloticus madagascariensis*

(1) 1 Ankarafantsika NP 25.10.

### **Amphibians (3 in total: 2 seen, 1 heard)**

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### Madagascar frogs *Mantellidae*

*Boophis luteus*

(1) 1 heard Andasibe 9.10.

**Madagascar Bright-eyed Frog***Boophis madagascariensis*

(2) 1 heard Andasibe 11.10 and 1 Ranomafana NP 21.10.

*Mantella baroni*

(1) 1 Mantadia NP 11.10.

### **Insects (3 in total: 3 seen)**

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### Leaf-rolling beetles *Attelabidae*

**Giraffe Weevil***Trachelophorus giraffa*

(4) 1 Andasibe 9.10, 1 Mantadia NP 10.10, 1 Ranomafana NP 21.10 and 1 Ankarafantsika NP 25.10.

### Giant Cockroaches *Blaberidae*

**Madagascar Hissing Cockroach***Gromphadorhina portentosa*

(2) 1 Berenty Reserve 16.10 and 1 Parc Mosa 17.10.

### Swallowtails and Parnassians *Papilionidae*

**Madagascar Birdwing***Pharmacophagus antenor*

(4) 1 Road to Berenty 13.10, Parc Mosa 16.10, 1 Parc Mosa 17.10 and 1 Ifaty pans 18.10.

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