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African Pitta I

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Trip Report



African Pitta by Adam Riley

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Tour Summary

Within the Zambezi River delta lays Coutada's 11 & 12. This roughly 1,2 million hectare wilderness is so vast and under-birded that it certainly warrants some serious attention on the avian tourism front. Upon arrival, one can truly see and sense the excitement that this area holds. This dynamic landscape, with huge tracts of sand forest, lowland forest, vast floodplains with papyrus swamps and a mosaic of small seasonal pans, plays host to bird and mammal species that are simply mouth-watering. A total of 7 days were spent here with a total of 248 bird and 29 mammalian species recorded. African Pitta, White-chested Alethe, Livingstone's Flycatcher, East Coast Akalat, Wattled Crane,



Coutada 11 by Andre Bernon

Green Sandpiper and Bohm's Bee-eater are just a few of the mouth-watering specials that we managed to record. This great cast was accompanied by a massive amount of plains game too, such as the rare Lichtenstein's subspecies of Hartebeest, the rare Selous' subspecies of Plains Zebra, Oribi, Sable Antelope and rare creatures such as Selous' Mongoose.

The Tour in Detail

As we neared the wilderness on our small chartered flight from Beira, we could almost immediately see how vast this place is. We were greeted by the friendly smiles of the lodge staff on the runway, chanting to the beat of a traditional drum. After familiarising ourselves with the lodge and our accommodation, we decided to explore the surrounding area on foot and were rewarded with some great species. Mangrove Kingfisher was the first gem, when we found a pair at eye-level, close to our lodge. A pair of Green-backed Woodpecker proved to be exciting, as well as Black-and-white Shrike-flycatcher and Purple-banded Sunbird. Crested Guinea fowl, Red-necked Spurfowl, Crested Francolin (of which this *kirkii* subspecies should be split from the nominate race fairly soon) scurried around on the ground. Green Woodhoopoe and the colourful Broad-billed Roller were also seen on some dead trees. A Flappet Lark was observed on the ground, feeding, whilst a flock of Black-winged Red Bishop fed around us, with Red-faced Cisticola and Green-winged Pytilia overlooking. Red-throated Twinspot and both Red-billed & African Firefinches were found feeding along the path. A small flock of Brown-necked Parrots flew overhead as the sun disappeared and this is when we decided to head back for a drink at the fireplace before dinner. The nocturnal creatures around camp proved interesting and we managed to get a view of the resident pair of African Wood Owl!

An early start on our first full day was in order. We headed to the territory of our main target of the tour, the African Pitta. En route we found a stunning Southern Banded Snake Eagle perched in a dead tree and watched as it proceeded to call a few times. As we reached our spot, we continued to search the section of dry forest and managed to find the highly sought-after East Coast Akalat and White-chested Alethe! Fantastic views were had of both! Other targets such as Woodward's Batis, Lowland Tiny and the much larger Yellow-streaked Greenbul, Grey Tit-Flycatcher, Blue-mantled Crested Flycatcher, Black-headed Apalis and Livingstone's Flycatcher were also enjoyed by all. As we birded in silence, we finally heard the displaying call note of an African Pitta.



We then skillfully manoeuvred through the thick vegetation towards the displaying bird, carefully, so as not to make any noise or disturbance. We reached the area just in time. The bird had just dropped to the forest floor and we proceeded to have fantastic views as it foraged between the leaf litter. We made our way back after losing visual and bumped into what we presumed to be a second bird, possibly a breeding pair! Even better views were had, noting the electric blue spots that seem to illuminate through the forest floor. White-chested Alethes proved to be a slight distraction overhead as we viewed this rare Pitta species! Soon after, we heard an African Broadbill and managed to locate a bird as it foraged unusually high up. To our surprise, a stunning male Plain-backed Sunbird popped into view and gave great views as these two specials foraged alongside one another.



White-chested Alethe by Adam Riley

A flock of Chestnut-fronted Helmetshrikes showed themselves after we enjoyed a view of a pair of Square-tailed Nightjar roosting on the edge of a small pan. Many Little Bee-eaters hawked insects for their next meals on the edges of all forests. A huge Bushpig boar was seen erupting from the centre of this clearing, whilst Livingstone's Suni, Natal Red Duiker, Blue Monkey and both Red Bush and Mutable Sun Squirrels were enjoyed in the thicker vegetation. After the midday heat had subsided, we jumped into our safari vehicle for another birding adventure. This time we headed toward the edge of the floodplain, which is absolutely huge. The persisting drought and the effects thereof could be seen with the lack of surface water being evident. Luckily, some rain had recently fallen and we noted a massive influx of Orange-breasted Waxbill. Other species we managed to see on the edge of the floodplain, particularly in the palm savannah, were Lemon-breasted Canary, Short-winged, Croaking & Rufous-winged Cisticolas, Swallow-tailed, Little, European & Blue-cheeked Bee-eaters, Trumpeter, Crowned and Silvery-cheeked Hornbills, European Roller, Lesser Honeyguide and Livingstone's Turaco. Raptors were plentiful and the cast included many Bateleur, White-backed Vulture, Wahlberg's Eagle and Black-chested Snake Eagle, and even a quick fly-by of a Eurasian Hobby. A small body of water on the edge of the floodplain produced our first sighting of the magnificent Saddle-billed Stork, as well as many Marabou and Woolly-necked Storks. A Great Egret



East Coast Akalat by Adam Riley

put in an appearance, as well as a flock of Wood Sandpiper and African Openbill in the distance. We retired to bed to the call of our African Wood Owls after a much-deserved dinner and a successful first day.

A ritualistic early morning start, after some coffee, saw us heading for a patch of the *Brachystegia* dominated miombo woodland. Soon after we left camp we found some action around a small fruiting *Ficus* tree. Species around included White-eared Barbet, Yellow-rumped Tinkerbird, Black-bellied Starling, Black-and-white



Shrike-Flycatcher, Black Cuckoo and both Golden-tailed and Cardinal Woodpeckers. We continued and were surprised with a Common Cuckoo of the rare hepatic form, as well as a good view of an African Hawk Eagle. The sought-after Pale Batis was heard and we quickly managed to find a calling male soon after.

An area of taller grass was searched and produced our target, the Red-winged Warbler, as well as a stunning Grey-hooded Kingfisher. A White-headed Vulture and African Goshawk showed well and as we continued into a small patch of “dry or sand” forest, we were surprised to hear the call of yet another African Pitta! African Wattled Lapwing and Yellow-throated Longclaw showed well at a small forest clearing. We proceeded to bird another section of miombo and managed to locate many mixed flocks of bird species. We stopped and scanned through each of these flocks and were rewarded with sightings of Stierling’s Wren-Warbler, Tropical Boubou,



Mangrove Kingfisher by David Hoddinott

Grey Waxbill, Eurasian Golden Oriole, a small flock of Green-capped Eremomela and Red-faced Crombec. On our way back to camp we stopped at a pan with some papyrus and were lucky to have a brief visual of a Black Coucal. Other species encountered were Eastern Golden Weaver, Rufous-winged Cisticola, Tawny-flanked Prinia and Black Crake. Our afternoon outing saw us heading further west toward the border of Coutada 12, where we had some fantastic birding around a small pan which had a little water. As we neared the pan we passed through a section of taller grass and were surprised when we flushed a large Crake with bright rufous wings - Corn Crake! A small family of Long-toed Lapwing looked on in hesitation as well as the larger African Wattled Lapwing. An African Fish Eagle sat at the edge of the water, as well as a single Purple Heron. Thick-billed and Eastern Golden Weavers were plentiful in the reeds. After some sundowners, we brought out the torch instantly found a Square-tailed Nightjar. A few more were seen along the way, as well as a special mammal sighting in the form of a single Bushy-tailed Mongoose with a few Common Genets and Suni here and there. We were pleasantly surprised with the quantity of European Nightjar sightings as we headed away from the floodplain.



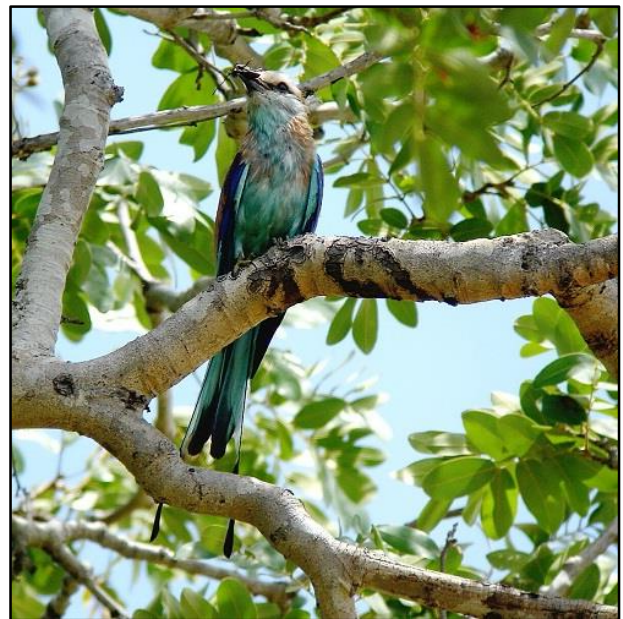
Red-winged Warbler by Glen Valentine

Today, we decided to head further west into neighbouring Coutada 12. We found some pristine miombo to be teeming with bird life. En route we had many Tambourine Doves and a single Mourning Collared Dove. Our first stop was at the camp in Coutada 12 where we had a short walk and managed to find the stunning Red-headed Weaver alongside many Lesser Masked and Village Weavers. Brown-headed Parrots flew overhead, whilst many Southern Ground Hornbill were seen closer to the ground. A small flock of Bohm’s Spinetail in a clearing were welcomed and enjoyed thoroughly as they moved around



with their fast wing-beats. Also worth noting was a spot where we had three species of Helmetshrikes, namely White-crested, Retz’s and the surprisingly common Chestnut-fronted. We stopped for some breakfast and could not believe what we were hearing: yet another African Pitta. We charged off, leaving our breakfast behind, only to have a few, all too brief, glimpses of this shy species.

We continued birding the miombo and got lucky with a small group of the sought-after Racket-tailed Rollers! We enjoyed great views as a pair were feeding a youngster. More Stierling’s Wren-Warblers and Red-winged Warblers were enjoyed, and one member of the party even managed to spot a roosting European Nightjar high-up in a tree. Amethyst Sunbird, Jameson’s Firefinch, Common Scimitarbill and Klaas’s Cuckoo were all new additions. A pair of the attractive White-breasted Cuckooshrike were enjoyed right above our heads. On our way back to camp we passed through another section of miombo that was absolutely buzzing with activity. The first few species noted were about a dozen African Hoopoe and also a large flock of the tough-to-find Miombo Blue-eared Starling. Another pair of White-breasted Cuckooshrike flitted above in the canopy, a Greater Honeyguide looked on as we found an Icterine Warbler amongst a few Willow Warbler. An afternoon outing towards a local village produced the usual suspects, alongside a great sighting of a male Copper Sunbird. Other noteworthy species were Orange-breasted Bushshrike, Yellow Bishop, Brown-necked Parrot and a Red-winged Warbler. As the sun set, we got lucky with a very responsive African Barred Owlet which came and sat a few metres from us.



Racket-tailed Roller by Lee Gutteridge

Today was set aside to try our luck in finding the rare Bohm’s Bee-eater, which had only recently been discovered as a population south of the mighty Zambezi River. This bird is otherwise restricted to the Shire River valley in southern Malawi. We left early and had European Nightjar and Four-toed Sengi before the sun had risen. A Southern Banded Snake Eagle perched up in a dead tree and whilst we viewed it, a young African Cuckoo Hawk darted across and landed too. Lesser Striped Swallow,



Bohm’s Bee-eater by Tony Ridl

African Paradise Flycatcher, Blue Waxbill, Crowned Hornbill, Rattling Cisticola, Black-winged Kite, Black Sparrowhawk, Yellow-streaked Greenbul, more Bohm’s Spinetail and Ring-necked Dove were seen en route. As we passed the town of Caia and headed further north-west on the edge of the Zambezi River, we noted many European and Lilac-breasted Rollers, as well as both European and Blue-cheeked Bee-eaters. We arrived at our spot for the target on the shores of the river and were immediately rewarded with a small group of Western Yellow Wagtail alongside an African Pipit. Copper Sunbird, Great Reed



Warbler, Striped Kingfisher and Black-winged Red Bishop were found as we searched carefully for our main target. Sifting through many Little Bee-eaters, we finally found a pair of Bohm's Bee-eaters, along with a youngster, tucked away in some thicker vegetation. We enjoyed these birds for a fair amount of time whilst a pod of Hippopotamus watched on carefully and curiously.

A Striated Heron flew past, as well as many Western Cattle and a few Great Egrets. We continued after a very successful morning and explored some nearby wetlands along the Zambezi River. The first bird to draw our attention was a hiding Rufous-bellied Heron. Also evident were many Southern Brown-throated Weaver, Malachite Kingfisher, Lesser Swamp Warbler, Short-winged Cisticola, Common Sandpiper, Reed Cormorant and a single Little Bittern. We stopped for lunch along the river, yet again, and this time we were surprised with a huge thunderstorm. Not long after it passed, hundreds of Common House Martins flew



Rufous-bellied Heron by Markus Lilje

south, following the storm. Amongst them were a few Grey-rumped Swallow, which is always nice to see. African Jacana lined the water's edge and a quick sighting of a Greater Painted Snipe was also had. We made our way back to the place we now called home. A quick stop along the Zangue River produced many Orange-breasted Waxbill, a Long-crested Eagle, a stunning Pink-backed Pelican, many African Openbill, Squacco Heron and both Purple and Grey Herons. We stopped for a leg stretch on the border of Coutada 12 and couldn't believe it: another African Pitta calling right next to us. We slowly headed into the thick bush and we were extremely lucky to find the bird displaying about 3 metres off the ground. We watched this fantastic bird displaying several times! A truly remarkable sight as he makes a single call note accompanied by a mechanical wing beat, whilst simultaneously jumping about 15-20 centimetres off of a lateral branch. In doing so, the bright electric blue tail and wing coverts are shown off and upon landing, the tail moves up and down very slowly. Close to "home", we stopped to visit the grave of Mary Moffatt - who was married to the famous David Livingstone, after whom so many bird species are named after. A flock of Common Swift was observed following the storm and a pair of Senegal Coucal were viewed enjoying a freshly made puddle of water. We retired to sundowners around the fire with great stories from a fantastic day!



Saddle-billed Stork by Markus Lilje

On the sixth day, we headed to the floodplain to explore some of the seasonal pans on its edge. The first pan we visited held Saddle-billed and Marabou Storks. We had some of the best views that anyone could want of a pair of Rufous-bellied Heron. A Livingstone's Turaco passed through some of the trees on the fringe of the pan. We moved on and had a sighting of about 20 Woolly-necked Storks, the monotypic Hamerkop and also a Palm-nut Vulture and Lesser Spotted Eagle. A drying watercourse gave us a regional rarity in the form of, not one, but a pair of Green Sandpipers. Mungaya Camp, with



its extensive Illala Palms, was also explored and we were rewarded with great sightings of some Collared Palm Thrush, a White-browed Robin-Chat, Collared Sunbird, Green Malkoha and more Pale Batis. The afternoon's excursion saw us heading deep into the floodplain - as it wasn't possible before because of muddy roads. This area was teeming with birds. Lemon-breasted Canary, Orange-breasted Waxbill, Black-chested Snake Eagle, both male and female Montagu's Harriers, African Marsh Harrier, some Collared Pratincoles and even a flock of Temminck's Courser! The amount of game was absolutely incredible. Hundreds of Southern Reedbuck, Oribi, Waterbuck, (Lichtenstein's) Hartebeest and Sable Antelope were seen, as well as the rare Selous' subspecies of the Plains Zebra and also a few Livingstone's Eland. We neared the moister interior and happened upon 3 pairs of Wattled Crane! They even flew past us as the sun set and experiencing them calling was very memorable. A sundowner was enjoyed watching the sunset and we had great views of at least two Marsh Owls. After sunset, we got extremely lucky with fantastic views of a confiding and very rare Selous' Mongoose!

Our last morning was spent exploring the open areas around camp. A sighting of two European Honey Buzzard was had, along with more Southern Ground Hornbill, Hooded Vulture, African Hawk Eagle, Red-backed Shrikes, African and Jameson's Firefinches and Red-faced Crombec. We had to head back for breakfast in order to catch our small chartered flight out of this magnificent wilderness and back to reality, unfortunately. Great memories were made and fantastic sightings were enjoyed. The great thing about this area is that it is protected, and this protection entrenches the possibility for us to return one day, and for future generations to enjoy the magnificence that is the Coutadas within the Zambezi Delta!

Annotated List of species recorded

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

List powered through the report generator of our partner iGoTerra.

Birds (248 in total: 236 seen, 12 heard)

Nomenclature and taxonomy follows Gill, F and D Donsker (Eds). 2016. IOC World Bird List (v 6.3).

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

Spur-winged Goose

Plectropterus gambensis gambensis

(1) 20 Coutada 11 2.12.

Guineafowl Numididae

Helmeted Guineafowl

Numida meleagris mitratus

(3) 1 Coutada 11 1.12, 5 Coutada 11 4.12, 5 Villa De Senna 5.12 and 5 en route 5.12.

Crested Guineafowl

Guttera pucherani

Observed 7 days in total.



Pheasants, Grouse, and Allies Phasianidae**Crested Francolin** *Dendroperdix sephaena*

(2) 2 Coutada 11 1.12 and 2 Coutada 11 3.12.

The kirkii subspecies of the Crested Francolin.

Red-necked Spurfowl *Pternistis afer*

(4) 1 Coutada 11 1.12, 2 Coutada 11 3.12, 3 Coutada 11 4.12 and 1 heard Coutada 11 7.12.

Swainson's Spurfowl *Pternistis swainsonii*

(1) 1 heard Coutada 11 6.12.

Storks Ciconiidae**African Openbill** *Anastomus lamelligerus*

(2) 12 Coutada 11 2.12 and 10 Caia 5.12.

Woolly-necked Stork (VU) *Ciconia episcopus microscelis*

(2) 5 Coutada 11 2.12 and 20 Coutada 11 6.12.

Flocks were seen nearer to the floodplain.

White Stork *Ciconia ciconia ciconia*

(1) 5 Coutada 11 2.12.

Saddle-billed Stork *Ephippiorhynchus senegalensis*

(2) 1 Coutada 11 2.12 and 4 Coutada 11 6.12.

Marabou Stork *Leptoptilos crumenifer*

(4) 3 Coutada 11 1.12, 10 Coutada 11 2.12, 12 Coutada 11 6.12 and 6 Coutada 11 7.12.

Ibises and Spoonbills Threskiornithidae**African Sacred Ibis** *Threskiornis aethiopicus*

(1) 4 Caia 5.12.

A small group was observed on the Zangue River.

Hadada Ibis *Bostrychia hagedash*

(5) 2 Coutada 11 2.12, 4 Coutada 11 4.12, 8 en route 5.12, 5 Coutada 11 6.12 and 2 Coutada 11 7.12.

Hérons, Egrets, and Bitterns Ardeidae**Little Bittern** *Ixobrychus minutus payesii*

(1) 1 Villa De Senna 5.12.

A young bird was seen near the town of Sena in a wetland.

Black-crowned Night Heron *Nycticorax nycticorax nycticorax*

(1) 5 Coutada 11 6.12.

A small flock was seen flying over the floodplain near sunset.

Striated Heron *Butorides striata*

(1) 1 Villa De Senna 5.12.

A single bird was seen flying over the Zambezi River.

Squacco Heron *Ardeola ralloides*

(1) 8 Caia 5.12.

8 birds in total observed on the Zangue River near Caia.

Rufous-bellied Heron *Ardeola rufiventris*

(2) 1 Caia 5.12 and 2 Coutada 11 6.12.

A single bird near Sena in some wetlands and an additional pair on a small pan near the floodplain in Coutada 11.

Western Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis*

(1) 40 Caia 5.12.



Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea cinerea</i>
(1) 1 Caia 5.12.	
Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea purpurea</i>
(2) 1 Coutada 11 3.12 and 3 Villa De Senna 5.12.	
Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba melanorhynchos</i>
(3) 1 Coutada 11 2.12, 3 Caia 5.12 and 2 Coutada 11 6.12.	
Intermediate Egret	<i>Ardea intermedia brachyrhyncha</i>
(1) 1 Coutada 11 6.12.	

Hamerkop Scopidae

Hamerkop	<i>Scopus umbretta umbretta</i>
(1) 1 Coutada 11 6.12.	

Pelicans Pelecanidae

Pink-backed Pelican	<i>Pelecanus rufescens</i>
(1) 1 Caia 5.12.	
Great flight views of an adult in flight over the Zangue River.	

Cormorants and Shags Phalacrocoracidae

Reed Cormorant	<i>Microcarbo africanus africanus</i>
(1) 2 Caia 5.12.	

Hawks, Eagles, and Kites Accipitridae

Black-winged Kite	<i>Elanus caeruleus caeruleus</i>
(1) 1 Caia 5.12.	
African Harrier-Hawk	<i>Polyboroides typus typus</i>
(2) 1 Coutada 11 2.12 and 1 Coutada 11 4.12.	
Palm-nut Vulture	<i>Gypohierax angolensis</i>
(1) 1 Coutada 11 6.12.	
European Honey Buzzard	<i>Pernis apivorus</i>
(1) 2 Coutada 11 7.12.	
African Cuckoo-Hawk	<i>Aviceda cuculoides verreauxii</i>
(1) 1 en route 5.12.	
A single bird was seen en route to Caia.	
Hooded Vulture (EN)	<i>Necrosyrtes monachus</i>
(2) 1 Coutada 11 6.12 and 2 Coutada 11 7.12.	
White-backed Vulture (NT)	<i>Gyps africanus</i>
Observed 1 day in total.	
White-headed Vulture (VU)	<i>Trigonoceps occipitalis</i>
(3) 1 Coutada 11 3.12, 1 Coutada 11 6.12 and 2 Coutada 11 7.12.	
Black-chested Snake Eagle	<i>Circaetus pectoralis</i>
Observed 5 days in total.	
Southern Banded Snake Eagle (NT)	<i>Circaetus fasciolatus</i>
(3) 1 Coutada 11 2.12, 1 Coutada 11 4.12 and 1 en route 5.12.	
Bateleur (NT)	<i>Terathopius ecaudatus</i>
Observed 3 days in total.	
Long-crested Eagle	<i>Lophaetus occipitalis</i>
(2) 1 Caia 5.12 and 1 Coutada 11 6.12.	
Lesser Spotted Eagle	<i>Clanga pomarina</i>
(1) 1 Coutada 11 6.12.	



Wahlberg's Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus wahlbergi</i>
(3) Up to 2 Coutada 11 2-4.12.	
African Hawk-Eagle	<i>Aquila spilogaster</i>
(2) 1 Coutada 11 4.12 and 1 Coutada 11 7.12.	
Lizard Buzzard	<i>Kaupifalco monogrammicus meridionalis</i>
(3) 1 heard Coutada 11 4.12, 1 Coutada 11 6.12 and 1 Coutada 11 7.12.	
African Goshawk	<i>Accipiter tachiro</i>
(3) 1 heard Coutada 11 2.12, 1 Coutada 11 3.12 and 1 Coutada 11 7.12.	
Black Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter melanoleucus</i>
(1) 1 en route 5.12.	
An adult bird was seen in flight en route to Caia.	
Montagu's Harrier	<i>Circus pygargus</i>
(1) 2 Coutada 11 6.12.	
Yellow-billed Kite	<i>Milvus aegyptius parasitus</i>
Observed 2 days in total.	
African Fish Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus vocifer</i>
(2) 1 Coutada 11 2.12 and 3 Coutada 11 6.12.	
Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo vulpinus</i>
(3) 1 Coutada 11 2.12, 2 Coutada 11 4.12 and 2 Coutada 11 6.12.	

Bustards *Otididae*

Black-bellied Bustard	<i>Lissotis melanogaster</i>
(1) 3 Coutada 11 6.12.	

Rails, Gallinules, and Coots *Rallidae*

Corn Crake	<i>Crex crex</i>
(1) 1 Coutada 11 3.12.	
A surprise find when a single bird was flushed from some rank grass.	
Black Crake	<i>Amaurornis flavirostra</i>
(2) 3 Coutada 11 3.12 and 2 Coutada 11 5.12.	

Cranes *Gruidae*

Wattled Crane	<i>Grus carunculata</i>
(1) 6 Coutada 11 6.12.	
3 pairs were seen on the edge of the floodplain.	

Plovers and Lapwings *Charadriidae*

Long-toed Lapwing	<i>Vanellus crassirostris leucopterus</i>
(1) 3 Coutada 11 3.12.	
3 birds were seen at a pan with some remaining water.	
Senegal Lapwing	<i>Vanellus lugubris</i>
(1) 3 Coutada 11 6.12.	
A small group was seen on the edge of the floodplain in some short grass.	
African Wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus senegallus lateralis</i>
Observed 3 days in total.	
Three-banded Plover	<i>Charadrius tricollaris</i>
(1) 1 Caia 5.12.	



Jacanas Jacanidae**African Jacana***Actophilornis africanus*

(2) 30 Caia 5.12 and 5 Coutada 11 6.12.

Sandpipers and Allies Scolopacidae**Green Sandpiper***Tringa ochropus*

(1) 2 Coutada 11 6.12.

A pair was seen near Mungaya camp on the edge of a drying river.

Wood Sandpiper*Tringa glareola*

(3) 9 Coutada 11 2.12, 1 Coutada 11 4.12 and 15 Caia 5.12.

Common Sandpiper*Actitis hypoleucos*

(1) 1 Villa De Senna 5.12.

Pratincoles and Coursers Glareolidae**Temminck's Courser***Cursorius temminckii ruvanensis*

(1) 7 Coutada 11 6.12.

A large flock was seen briefly in flight on the edge of the floodplain.

Collared Pratincole*Glareola pratincola fuelleborni*

(1) 6 Coutada 11 6.12.

Pigeons and Doves Columbidae**Rock Dove***Columba livia livia*

(1) 12 Caia 5.12.

Mourning Collared Dove*Streptopelia decipiens*

(1) 1 Coutada 11 4.12.

Red-eyed Dove*Streptopelia semitorquata*

(6) Up to 5 Coutada 11 1-4.12, 2 en route 5.12 and 2 Coutada 11 7.12.

Ring-necked Dove*Streptopelia capicola tropica*

(1) 5 en route 5.12.

Emerald-spotted Wood Dove*Turtur chalcospilos*

(7) Up to 5 Coutada 11 1-4.12, 40 en route 5.12, 12 Coutada 11 6.12 and 10 Coutada 11 7.12.

Tambourine Dove*Turtur tympanistria*

(3) Up to 3 Coutada 11 3-5.12.

Namaqua Dove*Oena capensis capensis*

(1) 1 Caia 5.12.

African Green Pigeon*Treron calvus*

(5) Up to 3 Coutada 11 2-5.12 and 1 Coutada 11 7.12.

Turacos Musophagidae**Livingstone's Turaco***Tauraco livingstonii*

(3) 1 Coutada 11 2.12, 1 Coutada 11 6.12 and 1 heard Coutada 11 7.12.

Purple-crested Turaco*Tauraco porphyreolophus*

(1) 1 heard Coutada 12 4.12.

Cuckoos Cuculidae**Senegal Coucal***Centropus senegalensis*

(1) 2 en route 5.12.

Burchell's Coucal*Centropus burchellii*

(3) 1 Coutada 11 3.12, 1 heard Coutada 11 4.12 and 1 heard Coutada 11 6.12.



Black Coucal*Centropus grillii*

(1) 1 Coutada 11 3.12.

A single bird was flushed in some papyrus within a small pan.

Green Malkoha*Ceuthmochares australis*

(4) 1 heard Coutada 11 1.12, 1 Coutada 11 2.12, 1 heard Coutada 11 4.12 and 1 Coutada 11 6.12.

Diederik Cuckoo*Chrysococcyx caprius*

(3) 1 Coutada 11 3.12, 1 heard Coutada 11 4.12 and 5 Villa De Senna 5.12.

Klaas's Cuckoo*Chrysococcyx klaas*

(2) 1 Coutada 11 4.12 and 1 heard Villa De Senna 5.12.

African Emerald Cuckoo*Chrysococcyx cupreus*

(3) 1 heard Coutada 11 3.12, 1 heard Coutada 11 4.12 and 1 heard Coutada 11 7.12.

Black Cuckoo*Cuculus clamosus*

(3) 1 Coutada 11 3.12, 1 heard Coutada 11 4.12 and 1 heard Coutada 11 7.12.

Red-chested Cuckoo*Cuculus solitarius*

(7) Up to 1 Coutada 11 1-7.12.

African Cuckoo*Cuculus gularis*

(2) 1 heard Coutada 11 3.12 and 1 heard Coutada 12 4.12.

Common Cuckoo*Cuculus canorus*

(1) 1 Coutada 11 3.12.

A hepatic bird was seen briefly.

Owls Strigidae**African Wood Owl***Strix woodfordii woodfordii*

(6) Up to 1 Coutada 11 1-6.12.

African Barred Owllet*Glaucidium capense*

(1) 1 Coutada 11 4.12.

Marsh Owl*Asio capensis capensis*

(1) 2 Coutada 11 6.12.

2 different birds were seen in flight on the edge of the floodplain.

Nightjars and Allies Caprimulgidae**European Nightjar***Caprimulgus europaeus*

(4) Up to 5 Coutada 11 3-6.12.

Square-tailed Nightjar*Caprimulgus fossii welwitschii*

(3) Up to 2 Coutada 11 2-4.12.

Swifts Apodidae**Böhm's Spinetail***Neafrapus boehmi sheppardi*

(2) 4 Coutada 12 4.12 and 6 en route 5.12.

African Palm Swift*Cypsiurus parvus*

(6) Up to 5 Coutada 11 2-4.12, 5 Caia 5.12, 6 Coutada 11 6.12 and 3 Coutada 11 7.12.

Common Swift*Apus apus apus*

(1) 40 en route 5.12.

A large flock of these birds were found after a big thunderstorm had passed.

Little Swift*Apus affinis affinis*

(1) 20 en route 5.12.

White-rumped Swift*Apus caffer*

(1) 8 en route 5.12.



Mousebirds Coliidae**Speckled Mousebird***Colius striatus*

(1) 5 Villa De Senna 5.12.

Trogon Trogonidae**Narina Trogon***Apaloderma narina*

(5) Up to 2 Coutada 11 2-4.12, 1 Coutada 11 6.12 and 1 heard Coutada 11 7.12.

Fantastic views were had every day of resident pairs within the camp.

Rollers Coraciidae**Racket-tailed Roller***Coracias spatulatus*

(1) 3 Coutada 12 4.12.

A pair were found in some miombo along with a young bird.

Lilac-breasted Roller*Coracias caudatus caudatus*

(1) 5 Caia 5.12.

European Roller (NT)*Coracias garrulus garrulus*

(2) 1 Coutada 11 2.12 and 2 Caia 5.12.

Broad-billed Roller*Eurystomus glaucurus suahelicus*

(7) Up to 40 Coutada 11 1-7.12.

Kingfishers Alcedinidae**Grey-headed Kingfisher***Halcyon leucocephala*

(3) 1 Coutada 11 3.12, 1 heard Coutada 11 4.12 and 1 heard Coutada 11 7.12.

Brown-hooded Kingfisher*Halcyon albiventris*

(5) 1 Coutada 11 1.12, 1 Coutada 11 3.12, 1 Coutada 11 4.12, 1 heard Coutada 11 6.12 and 1 heard Coutada 11 7.12.

Striped Kingfisher*Halcyon chelicuti chelicuti*

(5) Up to 3 Coutada 11 1-5.12.

Woodland Kingfisher*Halcyon senegalensis cyanoleuca*

(3) 1 heard Coutada 11 3.12, 5 Coutada 12 4.12 and 1 en route 5.12.

Mangrove Kingfisher*Halcyon senegaloides*

(6) Up to 2 Coutada 11 1-4.12, 1 Coutada 11 6.12 and 1 heard Coutada 11 7.12.

African Pygmy Kingfisher*Ispidina picta*

(5) 1 heard Coutada 11 2.12 and up to 1 Coutada 11 4-7.12.

Malachite Kingfisher*Corythornis cristatus cristatus*

(3) 1 Coutada 11 3.12, 2 Coutada 11 5.12 and 2 Coutada 11 6.12.

Pied Kingfisher*Ceryle rudis rudis*

(1) 3 Caia 5.12.

Bee-eaters Meropidae**Swallow-tailed Bee-eater***Merops hirundineus furcatus*

(3) 2 Coutada 11 2.12, 5 Coutada 11 3.12 and 2 Coutada 11 6.12.

Little Bee-eater*Merops pusillus meridionalis*

(7) Up to 40 Coutada 11 1-7.12.

Böhm's Bee-eater*Merops boehmi*

(1) 3 Villa De Senna 5.12.

A pair with a young bird were seen.

Blue-cheeked Bee-eater*Merops persicus persicus*

(3) 2 Coutada 11 2.12, 2 Coutada 11 4.12 and 10 Coutada 11 5.12.



European Bee-eater*Merops apiaster*

(2) 1 Coutada 11 2.12 and 3 Coutada 11 4.12.

Hoopoes Upupidae**African Hoopoe***Upupa africana*

(1) 10 Coutada 12 4.12.

A large flock was seen within a mixed flock in some miombo woodland.

Woodhoopoes and Scimitar-bills Phoeniculidae**Green Wood Hoopoe***Phoeniculus purpureus marwitzi*

(4) 5 Coutada 11 1.12, 3 Coutada 11 3.12, 2 Coutada 11 4.12 and 1 Coutada 11 7.12.

Common Scimitarbill*Rhinopomastus cyanomelas schalowi*

(3) 1 Coutada 11 3.12, 5 Coutada 11 4.12 and 4 Coutada 11 6.12.

Ground Hornbills Bucorvidae**Southern Ground Hornbill (VU)***Bucorvus leadbeateri*

(5) 1 heard Coutada 11 2.12, 9 Coutada 11 3.12, 5 Coutada 12 4.12, 1 Coutada 11 6.12 and 4 Coutada 11 7.12.

Hornbills Bucerotidae**Crowned Hornbill***Lophoceros alboterminatus*

(6) Up to 2 Coutada 11 2-7.12.

Trumpeter Hornbill*Bycanistes bucinator*

(6) Up to 25 Coutada 11 2-7.12.

Silvery-cheeked Hornbill*Bycanistes brevis*

(5) 5 Coutada 11 2.12, 2 Coutada 11 3.12 and up to 3 Coutada 11 5-7.12.

African Barbets Lybiidae**White-eared Barbet***Stactolaema leucotis leucotis*

(2) 2 Coutada 11 3.12 and 1 Coutada 11 7.12.

Yellow-rumped Tinkerbird*Pogoniulus bilineatus bilineatus*

(5) Up to 1 Coutada 11 2-4.12, 1 Coutada 11 6.12 and 1 Coutada 11 7.12.

Black-collared Barbet*Lybius torquatus*

(3) Up to 2 Coutada 11 2-4.12.

Honeyguides Indicatoridae**Pallid Honeyguide***Indicator meliphilus angolensis*

(1) 1 heard Coutada 11 2.12.

Lesser Honeyguide*Indicator minor*

(1) 1 Coutada 11 2.12.

Greater Honeyguide*Indicator indicator*

(1) 1 Coutada 11 4.12.

Woodpeckers Picidae**Golden-tailed Woodpecker***Campethera abingoni*

(2) 2 Coutada 11 3.12 and 1 Coutada 11 4.12.

Green-backed Woodpecker*Campethera cailliautii loveridgei*

(2) 2 Coutada 11 1.12 and 2 Coutada 11 3.12.

Bearded Woodpecker*Chloropicus namaquus*

(3) 1 heard Coutada 11 3.12, 1 Coutada 11 4.12 and 1 heard Coutada 11 7.12.



Cardinal Woodpecker *Dendropicos fuscescens hartlaubii*
 (4) 2 Coutada 11 1.12, 7 Coutada 11 3.12, 4 Coutada 11 4.12 and 1 Coutada 11 7.12.

Falcons and Caracaras *Falconidae*

Eurasian Hobby *Falco subbuteo subbuteo*
 (1) 1 Coutada 11 2.12.

African & New World Parrots *Psittacidae*

Brown-necked Parrot *Poicephalus fuscicollis suahelicus*
 (4) 4 Coutada 11 1.12, 5 Coutada 11 4.12, 2 Coutada 11 5.12 and 1 Coutada 11 7.12.

Brown-headed Parrot *Poicephalus cryptoxanthus*
 (2) 2 Coutada 11 1.12 and 5 Coutada 11 4.12.

Broadbills *Eurylaimidae*

African Broadbill *Smithornis capensis*
 (5) Up to 2 Coutada 11 2-5.12 and 1 heard Coutada 11 7.12.

Pittas *Pittidae*

African Pitta *Pitta angolensis longipennis*
 (4) Up to 1 Coutada 11 2-4.12 and 1 Coutada 12 5.12.

This main target was seen twice. The first bird was seen foraging on the ground whilst the second sighting was of a bird displaying!

Wattle-eyes and Batises *Platysteiridae*

Black-and-white Shrike-flycatcher *Bias musicus*
 (1) 1 Coutada 11 1.12.

Woodward's Batis *Batis fratrum*
 (1) 3 Coutada 11 2.12.

Pale Batis *Batis soror*
 (3) 2 Coutada 11 3.12, 3 Coutada 11 6.12 and 1 heard Coutada 11 7.12.

Helmetsrikes and Allies *Prionopidae*

White-crested Helmetshrike *Prionops plumatus poliocephalus*
 (1) 12 Coutada 12 4.12.

Retz's Helmetshrike *Prionops retzii tricolor*
 (2) 10 Coutada 12 4.12 and 15 en route 5.12.

Chestnut-fronted Helmetshrike *Prionops scopifrons scopifrons*
 (4) Up to 20 Coutada 11 2-4.12 and 6 Coutada 11 7.12.

Bushshrikes and Allies *Malaconotidae*

Orange-breasted Bushshrike *Chlorophoneus sulfureopectus similis*
 (4) Up to 1 Coutada 11 2-4.12 and 1 Coutada 11 7.12.

Gorgeous Bushshrike *Telophorus viridis*
 (2) 1 heard Coutada 11 1.12 and 1 heard Coutada 11 7.12.

Brown-crowned Tchagra *Tchagra australis*
 (4) 1 heard Coutada 11 3.12, 2 Coutada 11 4.12, 2 Coutada 11 6.12 and 2 Coutada 11 7.12.

Black-crowned Tchagra *Tchagra senegalus armenus*
 (4) Up to 3 Coutada 11 2-4.12 and 2 Coutada 11 6.12.

Black-backed Puffback *Dryoscopus cubla hamatus*
 (6) Up to 15 Coutada 11 2-7.12.



Tropical Boubou *Laniarius major mossambicus*

(6) 1 heard Coutada 11 1.12 and up to 2 Coutada 11 3-7.12.

Brubru *Nilaus afer*

(2) 1 Coutada 11 2.12 and 1 Coutada 11 3.12.

Cuckoo-shrikes Campephagidae

White-breasted Cuckooshrike *Coracina pectoralis*

(1) 4 Coutada 12 4.12.

Black Cuckooshrike *Campephaga flava*

(4) 1 Coutada 11 1.12, 1 Coutada 11 3.12, 1 Coutada 11 4.12 and 1 Coutada 11 7.12.

Old World Orioles Oriolidae

Eurasian Golden Oriole *Oriolus oriolus*

(3) 4 Coutada 11 3.12, 8 Coutada 12 4.12 and 1 en route 5.12.

Black-headed Oriole *Oriolus larvatus*

(4) Up to 5 Coutada 11 2-4.12 and 1 heard Coutada 11 7.12.

Drongos Dicruridae

Square-tailed Drongo *Dicrurus ludwigii*

(7) Up to 4 Coutada 11 1-4.12, 1 en route 5.12, 1 Coutada 11 6.12 and 1 Coutada 11 7.12.

Fork-tailed Drongo *Dicrurus adsimilis fugax*

(4) 1 Coutada 11 1.12, 1 Coutada 11 3.12, 5 Coutada 11 4.12 and 2 en route 5.12.

Monarch Flycatchers Monarchidae

Blue-mantled Crested Flycatcher *Trochocercus cyanomelas megalolophus*

(1) 1 Coutada 11 2.12.

African Paradise Flycatcher *Terpsiphone viridis plumbeiceps*

(3) 2 Coutada 11 3.12, 3 Coutada 11 4.12 and 5 en route 5.12.

Crows, Jays, and Magpies Corvidae

Pied Crow *Corvus albus*

(1) 20 Caia 5.12.

Chickadees and Tits Paridae

Southern Black Tit *Melaniparus niger*

(2) 1 Coutada 11 1.12 and 1 heard Coutada 11 7.12.

Nicators Nicatoridae

Eastern Nicator *Nicator gularis*

(5) Up to 1 Coutada 11 2-4.12, 1 Coutada 11 6.12 and 1 heard Coutada 11 7.12.

Larks Alaudidae

Flappet Lark *Mirafra rufocinnamomea*

(5) Up to 2 Coutada 11 1-3.12, 1 Coutada 11 6.12 and 2 Coutada 11 7.12.

Bulbuls Pycnonotidae

Dark-capped Bulbul *Pycnonotus tricolor*

(6) Up to 10 Coutada 11 1-3.12, 20 en route 5.12, 5 Coutada 11 6.12 and 12 Coutada 11 7.12.

Sombre Greenbul *Andropadus importunus*

(1) 1 Coutada 11 2.12.



- Yellow-bellied Greenbul** *Chlorocichla flaviventris*
 (6) Up to 2 Coutada 11 1-3.12, 2 Coutada 12 4.12, 4 en route 5.12 and 2 Coutada 11 7.12.
- Terrestrial Brownbul** *Phyllastrephus terrestris*
 (4) 1 heard Coutada 11 1.12, 1 Coutada 12 4.12, 1 Coutada 11 5.12 and 1 Coutada 11 7.12.
- Yellow-streaked Greenbul** *Phyllastrephus flavostriatus*
 (2) 1 Coutada 11 2.12 and 1 Coutada 11 5.12.
- Lowland Tiny Greenbul** *Phyllastrephus debilis debilis*
 (1) 4 Coutada 11 2.12.

Swallows *Hirundinidae*

- Grey-rumped Swallow** *Pseudhirundo griseopyga griseopyga*
 (1) 3 Caia 5.12.
 A small group was seen on the Zambezi River near Caia.
- Barn Swallow** *Hirundo rustica rustica*
 Observed 7 days in total.
- Wire-tailed Swallow** *Hirundo smithii smithii*
 (1) 15 Caia 5.12.
- Common House Martin** *Delichon urbicum*
 (1) 100 Caia 5.12.
 A large flock was seen on the Zambezi River following a thunderstorm.
- Lesser Striped Swallow** *Cecropis abyssinica unitatis*
 (1) 20 Caia 5.12.

Crombecs, African warblers *Macrosphenidae*

- Moustached Grass Warbler** *Melocichla mentalis orientalis*
 (1) 1 heard Caia 5.12.
- Red-faced Crombec** *Sylvietta whytii whytii*
 (4) 3 Coutada 12 3.12, 1 heard Coutada 11 4.12, 2 Coutada 11 5.12 and 1 Coutada 11 7.12.

Yellow Flycatcher *Erythroceridae*

- Livingstone's Flycatcher** *Erythrocerus livingstonei*
 (2) 5 Coutada 11 2.12 and 1 heard Coutada 11 3.12.

Leaf-Warblers *Phylloscopidae*

- Willow Warbler** *Phylloscopus trochilus*
 (3) 5 Coutada 11 3.12, 6 Coutada 12 4.12 and 3 Villa De Senna 5.12.

Reed-Warblers and Allies *Acrocephalidae*

- Lesser Swamp Warbler** *Acrocephalus gracilirostris gracilirostris*
 (1) 1 Villa De Senna 5.12.
- Great Reed Warbler** *Acrocephalus arundinaceus*
 (1) 1 Villa De Senna 5.12.
- Sedge Warbler** *Acrocephalus schoenobaenus*
 (1) 1 heard Coutada 11 3.12.
- Icterine Warbler** *Hippolais icterina*
 (1) 1 Coutada 12 4.12.

Grassbirds and Allies *Locustellidae*

- Little Rush Warbler** *Bradypterus baboecala tongensis*
 (1) 1 Coutada 11 3.12.



Cisticolas and Allies Cisticolidae

- Red-faced Cisticola** *Cisticola erythrops nyasa*
(4) 2 Coutada 11 1.12, 1 Coutada 11 3.12, 2 Coutada 11 4.12 and 1 heard Coutada 11 7.12.
- Rattling Cisticola** *Cisticola chiniana*
(1) 1 Caia 5.12.
- Rufous-winged Cisticola** *Cisticola galactotes*
(4) 3 Coutada 11 2.12, 6 Coutada 11 3.12, 2 Coutada 11 5.12 and 10 Caia 6.12.
- Croaking Cisticola** *Cisticola natalensis natalensis*
(4) 2 Coutada 11 2.12, 1 heard Coutada 11 3.12, 2 Coutada 11 6.12 and 2 Coutada 11 7.12.
- Short-winged Cisticola** *Cisticola brachypterus isabellinus*
(2) 3 Coutada 11 2.12 and 1 Villa De Senna 5.12.
- Zitting Cisticola** *Cisticola juncidis terrestris*
(1) 1 heard Coutada 11 6.12.
- Tawny-flanked Prinia** *Prinia subflava*
(5) 1 Coutada 11 3.12, 3 Coutada 12 4.12, 2 Caia 5.12, 2 Coutada 11 6.12 and 2 Coutada 11 7.12.
- Red-winged Warbler** *Heliolais erythropterus rhodopterus*
(3) 1 Coutada 11 3.12, 3 Coutada 12 4.12 and 1 Coutada 11 7.12.
- Yellow-breasted Apalis** *Apalis flavida neglecta*
(3) 2 Coutada 12 4.12, 2 Coutada 11 5.12 and 1 Coutada 11 6.12.
- Black-headed Apalis** *Apalis melanocephala*
(2) 5 Coutada 11 2.12 and 1 heard Coutada 11 7.12.
- Grey-backed Camaroptera** *Camaroptera brevicaudata beirensis*
(3) 1 heard Coutada 11 2.12, 1 Coutada 11 3.12 and 1 heard Coutada 11 7.12.
- Stierling's Wren-Warbler** *Calamonastes stierlingi*
(3) 2 Coutada 11 3.12, 1 Coutada 11 4.12 and 1 heard Coutada 11 7.12.
- Green-capped Eremomela** *Eremomela scotops scotops*
(1) 10 Coutada 11 3.12.

Yuhinas, White-eyes and Allies Zosteropidae

- African Yellow White-eye** *Zosterops senegalensis*
(1) 3 Coutada 11 3.12.

Starlings Sturnidae

- Black-bellied Starling** *Notopholia corrusca*
Observed 5 days in total.
- Miombo Blue-eared Starling** *Lamprotornis elisabeth*
(1) 7 Coutada 12 4.12.
A flock of including youngsters were seen amongst a mixed flock of birds in some miombo woodland.
- Violet-backed Starling** *Cinnyricinclus leucogaster verreauxi*
(3) 1 Coutada 11 1.12, 3 Coutada 11 3.12 and 2 Coutada 11 4.12.

Oxpeckers Buphagidae

- Red-billed Oxpecker** *Buphagus erythrorhynchus*
(2) 5 Coutada 11 2.12 and 10 Coutada 11 6.12.

Thrushes and Allies Turdidae

- Kurrichane Thrush** *Turdus libonyana*
(2) 3 Coutada 11 3.12 and 8 Coutada 12 4.12.



Old World Flycatchers *Muscicapidae*

- Bearded Scrub Robin** *Cercotrichas quadrivirgata quadrivirgata*
(5) Up to 1 Coutada 11 1-4.12 and 1 Coutada 11 7.12.
- White-browed Scrub Robin** *Cercotrichas leucophrys*
(2) 1 heard Coutada 11 3.12 and 1 heard Coutada 11 7.12.
- Grey Tit-Flycatcher** *Myioparus plumbeus orientalis*
(1) 1 Coutada 11 2.12.
- Southern Black Flycatcher** *Melaenornis pammelaina pammelaina*
(5) Up to 2 Coutada 11 1-3.12, 5 Coutada 12 4.12 and 1 Coutada 11 7.12.
- Pale Flycatcher** *Melaenornis pallidus*
(1) 2 Coutada 11 6.12.
- Spotted Flycatcher** *Muscicapa striata striata*
(1) 1 Coutada 11 1.12.
- White-chested Alethe** *Pseudaethe fuelleborni*
(2) 2 Coutada 11 2.12 and 1 heard Coutada 11 7.12.
- White-browed Robin-Chat** *Cossypha heuglini intermedia*
(2) 1 Villa De Senna 5.12 and 1 Coutada 11 6.12.
- Red-capped Robin-Chat** *Cossypha natalensis intensa*
(3) 1 heard Coutada 11 1.12, 1 heard Coutada 11 2.12 and 1 heard Coutada 11 4.12.
- East Coast Akalat (NT)** *Sheppardia gunningi gunningi*
(4) Up to 1 Coutada 11 1-4.12.
- Collared Palm Thrush** *Cichladusa arquata*
(1) 2 Coutada 11 6.12.

Sunbirds and Spiderhunters *Nectariniidae*

- Plain-backed Sunbird (NT)** *Anthreptes reichenowi reichenowi*
(1) 2 Coutada 11 2.12.
- Collared Sunbird** *Hedydipna collaris*
(4) 5 Coutada 11 2.12, 2 Coutada 11 4.12, 4 Coutada 11 6.12 and 3 Coutada 11 7.12.
- Olive Sunbird** *Cyanomitra olivacea*
(1) 1 heard Coutada 11 3.12.
- Amethyst Sunbird** *Chalcomitra amethystina*
(1) 1 Coutada 12 4.12.
- Scarlet-chested Sunbird** *Chalcomitra senegalensis gutturalis*
(2) 1 Coutada 11 3.12 and 1 Coutada 11 7.12.
- Purple-banded Sunbird** *Cinnyris bifasciatus microrhynchus*
(5) Up to 5 Coutada 11 1-4.12 and 10 Coutada 11 7.12.
- Copper Sunbird** *Cinnyris cupreus*
(2) 1 Coutada 11 4.12 and 1 Villa De Senna 5.12.

Old World Sparrows *Passeridae*

- House Sparrow** *Passer domesticus indicus*
(1) 10 Caia 5.12.
- Yellow-throated Petronia** *Gymnoris superciliaris*
(2) 4 Coutada 11 3.12 and 4 Coutada 11 4.12.

Weavers and Allies *Ploceidae*

- Thick-billed Weaver** *Amblyospiza albifrons woltersi*
(2) 200 Coutada 11 3.12 and 1 Coutada 11 5.12.



Spectacled Weaver	<i>Ploceus ocularis</i>
(3) 1 heard Coutada 11 1.12, 1 Coutada 11 4.12 and 1 Coutada 11 5.12.	
Eastern Golden Weaver	<i>Ploceus subaureus</i>
(1) 50 Coutada 11 3.12.	
Southern Brown-throated Weaver	<i>Ploceus xanthopterus</i>
(1) 15 Caia 5.12.	
Lesser Masked Weaver	<i>Ploceus intermedius</i>
(1) 10 Coutada 11 4.12.	
Village Weaver	<i>Ploceus cucullatus</i>
(3) 5 Coutada 12 4.12, 3 Caia 5.12 and 1 Coutada 11 6.12.	
Dark-backed Weaver	<i>Ploceus bicolor</i>
(5) Up to 5 Coutada 11 1-3.12, 3 Coutada 12 4.12 and 2 en route 5.12.	
Red-headed Weaver	<i>Anaplectes rubriceps rubriceps</i>
(1) 5 Coutada 12 4.12.	
Red-billed Quelea	<i>Quelea quelea lathamii</i>
(2) 10 Coutada 11 3.12 and 3 Coutada 12 4.12.	
Black-winged Red Bishop	<i>Euplectes hordeaceus</i>
(4) 15 Coutada 11 1.12, 12 Coutada 11 3.12, 10 Villa De Senna 5.12 and 5 Coutada 11 7.12.	
Yellow Bishop	<i>Euplectes capensis</i>
(2) 10 Coutada 11 4.12 and 2 Coutada 11 7.12.	

Waxbills and Allies Estrildidae

Green-winged Pytilia	<i>Pytilia melba</i>
(1) 1 Coutada 11 1.12.	
Red-throated Twinspot	<i>Hypargos niveoguttatus niveoguttatus</i>
(5) Up to 2 Coutada 11 1-3.12, 3 Coutada 12 4.12 and 2 Coutada 11 7.12.	
Red-billed Firefinch	<i>Lagonosticta senegala rendalli</i>
(3) 1 Coutada 11 1.12, 1 Coutada 11 4.12 and 2 Coutada 11 6.12.	
African Firefinch	<i>Lagonosticta rubricata</i>
(5) 2 Coutada 11 1.12, 5 Coutada 12 4.12 and up to 2 Coutada 11 5-7.12.	
Jameson's Firefinch	<i>Lagonosticta rhodopareia</i>
(2) 2 Coutada 12 4.12 and 1 Coutada 11 7.12.	
Blue Waxbill	<i>Uraeginthus angolensis niassensis</i>
(2) 3 Coutada 11 3.12 and 10 Villa De Senna 5.12.	
Grey Waxbill	<i>Estrilda perreini incana</i>
(1) 2 Coutada 11 3.12.	
Common Waxbill	<i>Estrilda astrild cavendishi</i>
(4) 20 Coutada 11 3.12, 5 Caia 5.12, 6 Coutada 11 6.12 and 1 Coutada 11 7.12.	
Orange-breasted Waxbill	<i>Amandava subflava clarkei</i>
(4) 20 Coutada 11 2.12, 30 Coutada 11 3.12, 20 Caia 5.12 and 40 Coutada 11 6.12.	
Bronze Mannikin	<i>Lonchura cucullata scutata</i>
(4) 15 Coutada 11 3.12, 10 Villa De Senna 5.12, 5 Coutada 11 6.12 and 20 Coutada 11 7.12.	
Red-backed Mannikin	<i>Lonchura nigriceps</i>
(2) 10 Coutada 11 3.12 and 6 Coutada 11 4.12.	

Indigobirds Viduidae

Pin-tailed Whydah	<i>Vidua macroura</i>
(3) 3 Coutada 11 1.12, 2 en route 5.12 and 1 Coutada 11 7.12.	



Wagtails and Pipits *Motacillidae***Western Yellow Wagtail***Motacilla flava*

(1) 3 Villa De Senna 5.12.

A small flock was seen feeding amongst a herd of cattle near the Zambezi River.

African Pied Wagtail*Motacilla aguimp vidua*

(1) 2 Caia 5.12.

Yellow-throated Longclaw*Macronyx croceus vulturinus*

(4) 4 Coutada 11 2.12, 1 en route 5.12, 2 Coutada 11 6.12 and 1 Coutada 11 7.12.

African Pipit*Anthus cinnamomeus*

(3) 1 Coutada 11 2.12, 1 Villa De Senna 5.12 and 2 Coutada 11 6.12.

Finches, Euphonias *Fringillidae***Lemon-breasted Canary***Crithagra citrinipectus*

(2) 2 Coutada 11 2.12 and 3 Coutada 11 6.12.

Yellow-fronted Canary*Crithagra mozambica*

(5) Up to 10 Coutada 11 2-4.12, 5 en route 5.12 and 1 heard Coutada 11 7.12.

Brimstone Canary*Crithagra sulphurata*

(1) 1 Villa De Senna 5.12.

Mammals (29 in total: 28 seen, 1 heard)**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 DeficientElephant Shrews *Macroscelididae***Four-toed Sengi***Petrodromus tetradactylus*

(3) Up to 1 Coutada 11 3-5.12.

Galagos *Galagidae***Grant's Lesser Galago***Galagoides granti*

(1) 3 Coutada 11 4.12.

Thick-tailed Greater Galago*Otolemur crassicaudatus kirkii*

(1) 1 heard Coutada 11 3.12.

Old World monkeys *Cercopithecidae***Blue Monkey***Cercopithecus mitis erythrarchus*

Observed 7 days in total.

Vervet*Chlorocebus pygerythrus*

(1) 5 en route 5.12.

Yellow Baboon*Papio cynocephalus cynocephalus*

Observed 6 days in total.

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

(4) Up to 1 Coutada 11 2-4.12 and 2 Coutada 11 6.12.

Cane Rats *Thryonomyidae***Greater Cane Rat***Thryonomys swinderianus*

(1) 2 Coutada 11 3.12.



Squirrels Sciuridae

- Mutable Sun Squirrel** *Heliosciurus mutabilis*
 (1) 1 Coutada 11 2.12.
Red Bush Squirrel *Paraxerus palliatus*
 (1) 2 Coutada 11 2.12.

Mongoose Herpestidae

- Bushy-tailed Mongoose** *Bdeogale crassicauda*
 (1) 1 Coutada 11 3.12.
 A single animal was seen briefly on a night drive on the edge of some forest.
Banded Mongoose *Mungos mungo*
 (1) 2 Coutada 12 4.12.
Selous' Mongoose *Paracynictis selousi*
 (1) 1 Coutada 11 6.12.

Vivets, Genets Viverridae

- Common Genet** *Genetta genetta*
 (2) 1 Coutada 11 4.12 and 1 Coutada 11 6.12.

Zebras, Horse, Asses Equidae

- Plains Zebra** *Equus quagga crawshayi*
 (2) 4 Coutada 12 4.12 and 30 Coutada 11 6.12.
 This is the rare Selous sub-species.

Pigs Suidae

- Common Warthog** *Phacochoerus africanus sundevallii*
 (5) Up to 12 Coutada 11 2-4.12, 20 Coutada 11 6.12 and 10 Coutada 11 7.12.
Bushpig *Potamochoerus larvatus*
 (1) 1 Coutada 11 2.12.
 A big bore was flushed from one of the pans.

Hippopotamuses Hippopotamidae

- Hippopotamus** *Hippopotamus amphibius*
 (1) 4 Villa De Senna 5.12.
 A small pod was seen in the Zambezi River.

Cattle, Antelopes, Sheep, Goats Bovidae

- Impala** *Aepyceros melampus*
 (2) 10 Coutada 12 4.12 and 15 Coutada 11 6.12.
Hartebeest *Alcelaphus buselaphus lichtensteinii*
 (2) 10 Coutada 11 1.12 and 50 Coutada 11 6.12.
Natal Red Duiker *Cephalophus natalensis*
 (6) Up to 30 Coutada 11 2-7.12.
Sable Antelope *Hippotragus niger*
 (3) 12 Coutada 11 2.12, 1 Coutada 11 3.12 and 60 Coutada 11 6.12.
 Refreshing to see huge herds on the floodplain.
Waterbuck *Kobus ellipsiprymnus ellipsiprymnus*
 (2) 1 Coutada 11 2.12 and 80 Coutada 11 6.12.
Suni *Nesotragus moschatus*
 (5) Up to 5 Coutada 11 1-4.12 and 4 Coutada 11 6.12.



Oribi	<i>Ourebia ourebi</i>
(4) 10 Coutada 11 2.12, 4 Coutada 11 3.12, 20 Coutada 11 6.12 and 10 Coutada 11 7.12.	
Blue Duiker	<i>Philantomba monticola</i>
(1) 1 Coutada 11 2.12.	
Southern Reedbuck	<i>Redunca arundinum</i>
(5) Up to 40 Coutada 11 2-4.12, 200 Coutada 11 6.12 and 20 Coutada 11 7.12.	
Common Duiker	<i>Sylvicapra grimmia</i>
(1) 1 Coutada 12 4.12.	
Nyala	<i>Tragelaphus angasii</i>
(4) Up to 15 Coutada 11 2-4.12 and 20 Coutada 11 7.12.	
Bushbuck	<i>Tragelaphus scriptus</i>
(4) Up to 1 Coutada 11 1-3.12 and 1 Coutada 12 4.12.	

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