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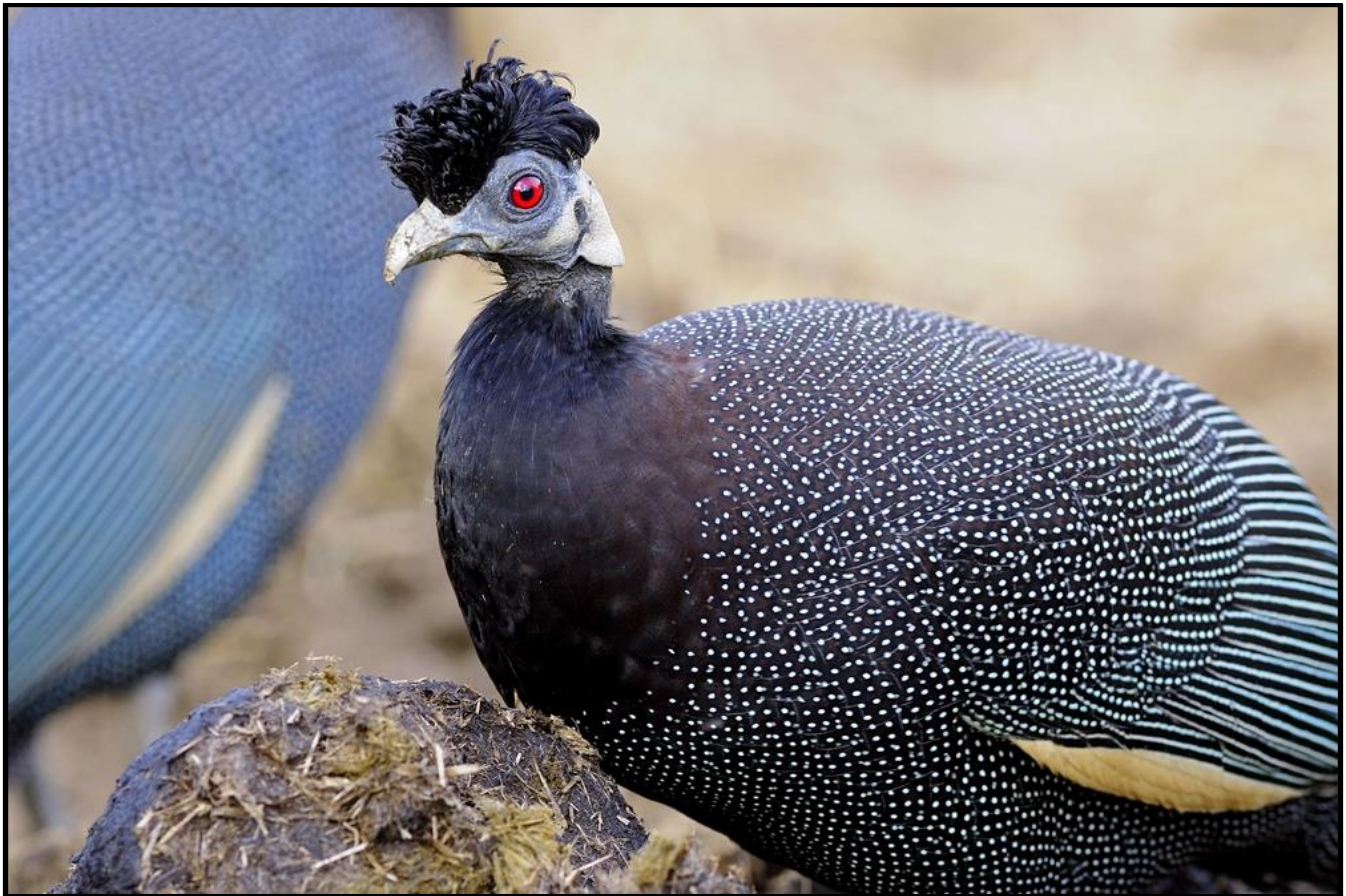
Worldwide Birding Adventures

Mozambique

African Pitta III

11th to 17th December 2018 (7 days)

Trip Report



Crested Guinea fowl by Rich Lindie

Trip report compiled by Tour Leader: Greg de Klerk

Tour Summary

Within the Zambezi River delta lie Coutadas 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 188 bird and 20 mammalian species recorded. Livingstone's Flycatcher, East Coast Akalat, Pallid Honeyguide and Black-and-white Flycatcher were just a few of the mouth-watering specials that we managed to record. This great cast was accompanied by some good numbers of plains game too, such as the rare Lichtenstein's subspecies of Hartebeest, Oribi and graceful Sable Antelope.



East Coast Akalat by Adam Riley

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 enjoy 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; while also connecting with Greater Thick-tailed and Grant's Galagos!



Broad-billed Roller by Keith Valentine

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 Helmeted and Crested Guineafowls, Hadada Ibis, Southern Banded Snake Eagle, Yellow-billed Kite, Red-eyed, Ring-necked and Tambourine Doves, and Broad-billed Roller before arriving in the area to search for the African Pitta. 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; while also adding Mangrove Kingfisher, Green Malkoha, Livingstone's Turaco and Cardinal Woodpecker. Displaying African Broadbill

and Woodward's Batis were also enjoyed by all. Try as we might, the African Pitta remained silent as we birded, and we returned to camp for a late morning breakfast collecting Pale Batis, Square-tailed

Drongo, Yellow-bellied Greenbul, and Lemon-breasted and Yellow-fronted Canaries en route. In camp, we were treated to views of Black-backed Puffback, Village, Dark-backed and Red-headed Weavers, Green-backed Woodpecker and Lowland Tiny Greenbul.

Having missed the opportunity to explore the wetlands the evening before, we headed out with the intention of adding a few wetland species to our lists. We drove out, collecting African Palm Swift, Black-bellied Bustard, Thick-billed Weaver, Croaking Cisticola, Crested Francolin of the *kirkii* subspecies, Grey Heron and just as a storm broke nearby, a pair of Saddle-billed Storks. Sadly, the storm scuppered our chances of wetland birding and so we decided to bird a small forest patch. Here we added Silvery-cheeked and Trumpeter Hornbills, Livingstone's Flycatcher, White-eared Barbet, Crowned Eagle, Narina Trogon, Cardinal Woodpecker, Purple-banded Sunbird, Emerald-spotted Wood Dove, European Nightjar, Scaly-throated Honeyguide and Grey-headed Bushshrike. Determined to squeeze in a few more species, in defiance of the impending rain, we embarked on a short loop-walk near camp, adding



Yellow-bellied Greenbul by Adam Riley



African Barred Owlet by Adam Riley

Bearded Scrub Robin, Grey Waxbill, Red-throated Twinspot, Red-billed Firefinch, Bronze Mannikin, Black and Red-chested Cuckoos, Green Wood Hoopoe, Common Scimitarbill, Pin-tailed Whydah, Little and Swallow-tailed Bee-eaters, Brown-hooded Kingfisher, a feeding flock of Brown-necked Parrots, a displaying pair of Black-and-white Flycatchers, Brown-crowned Tchagra, Black Cuckooshrike, African Paradise Flycatcher, Black-bellied Starling, Spectacled Weaver and Grey-backed Camaroptera before returning to camp for a night's rest.

A ritualistic early morning start, after some coffee, saw us heading for a patch of the *Brachystegia* dominated miombo woodland bordering a pristine patch of riverine forest. It did not take long before we had managed to locate Red-necked Spurfowl, Woolly-necked Stork, White-backed Vulture, Bateleur, Lesser Spotted Eagle, African Hawk-Eagle, Little Sparrowhawk, Namaqua Dove, African Green Pigeon, African Barred Owlet, Southern Ground Hornbill, Lesser Honeyguide, Eurasian Hobby, Retz's and Chestnut-fronted Helmetshrikes, Tropical Boubou, White-breasted Cuckooshrike, Flappet Lark, African Reed Warbler, Tawny-flanked Prinia, Stierling's Wren-Warbler, Red-billed

Oxpecker, Pale Flycatcher, large flocks of Black-winged Red Bishops, Yellow-throated Longclaw, and Rattling and Croaking Cisticolas, all before we returned to camp at midday.

A short while later, the heavens opened in a torrential storm and after waiting out a large part of it, we departed for a second attempt at the wetland area, encountering Orange-breasted Waxbill, Plain-backed Sunbird and Collared Sunbird before we reached an unpassable section of clay-soiled roads. Unable to change our fortunes, we birded a nearby pan, locating Grey Crowned Crane, Burchell's Coucal, African Jacana, Long-crested Eagle and a Jacobin Cuckoo. As we began our return trip to camp, heavy rain began to fall, setting in for the entire night. We prepared for our opportunity to chase a few new species along the Zambezi River early the following morning.

Today was set aside to try our luck in finding the rare Bohm's Bee-eater, as a population south of the mighty Zambezi River had only recently been discovered. This bird is otherwise restricted to the Shire River valley in southern Malawi. We left early, stopping once the sun had risen to watch a large feeding flock of Common, Little and White-rumped Swifts mixed with Common House Martins, and Lesser Striped and Wire-tailed Swallows before a lovely Southern Banded Snake Eagle sat out in the open for all to see. Violet-backed Starling, Crowned Hornbill, Lizard Buzzard, Southern Grey-headed Sparrow, Blue Waxbill, European Roller, Southern Carmine Bee-eater, and Southern Red and Yellow Bishops were seen en route to Caia. As we passed the town of Caia, we added Moustached Grass Warbler, Marabou Stork, Western Cattle Egret, Black-headed Heron and Southern Masked Weaver. We then headed further north-west on the edge of the Zambezi River, where it became apparent that the previous night of rainfall had severely affected the area with the roads being almost impassable. We noted many new species, including Great Egret, Striated Heron, Little Egret, Black-winged Kite, Brown and Black-chested Snake Eagles, Ovambo Sparrowhawk, African Fish Eagle, Wood Sandpiper, and Thick-billed and Diederik Cuckoos before arriving at the Bohm's Bee-eater site. We were immediately rewarded with a small group of Western Yellow Wagtail alongside an African Pied Wagtail. Copper Sunbird, Black-winged Red Bishop, Speckled and Red-faced Mousebirds, Grey-rumped Swallow, Eastern Golden Weaver, Common Waxbill, White-crowned Lapwing, African Hoopoe, and Little, Blue-cheeked and White-fronted Bee-eaters were found as we searched carefully for our main target. Unfortunately, we were unable to locate our quarry. As the storm clouds began to gather, we made our way back to the camp, locating Senegal Coucal and Black Crane before



Burchell's Coucal by Greg de Klerk



Diederik Cuckoo by Adam Riley

finding a few Square-tailed Nightjars as dusk fell! We arrived back in camp as the menacing storm broke overhead and settled in for the night.

We woke to a torrential storm still at full force that morning, which put a pause to any plans we had in mind for the early morning. When the opportunity arose and the rain had slackened, we ventured out for a walk, collecting all the usual suspects including Grey-tit Flycatcher, Yellow-rumped Tinkerbird, African Emerald Cuckoo, Sombre Greenbul, White-browed Scrub Robin, White-bellied and Amethyst Sunbirds and a Pallid Honeyguide. After lunch, we took a chance as the weather cleared marginally and found some pristine miombo teeming with bird life. En route we had many Tambourine Doves and a single Mourning Collared Dove. We managed to locate Retz's and the surprisingly common Chestnut-fronted Helmetshrikes, Stierling's Wren-Warbler, a roosting European Nightjar high-up in a tree, Red-faced Crombec, Short-winged Cisticola, Green-capped Eremomela collecting Lichen for nesting material, Kurrichane Thrush, Collared Palm Thrush, a Striped Kingfisher, a very responsive African Barred Owlet, and African Golden and Black-headed Orioles, which came and sat a few metres from us before we returned to camp for dinner and another good night's rest.



Retz's Helmetshrike by Glen Valentine

On the sixth day, we attempted to once again locate the African Pitta. An early departure from the hotel saw us arrive in the forest as all the species became active. We chased and had the briefest glimpses of White-chested Alethe; while Terrestrial Brownbul, Golden-tailed Woodpecker, and Yellow-breasted and Black-headed Apalises also showed very well. Sadly, the Pitta remained silent despite our vicinity to its last-known location. We returned to camp for a midday break before heading out to a nearby pan to try our luck in another environment. Here we managed views of Spur-winged Goose but very little else. We then ventured toward a patch of Miombo Woodland, collecting Hooded and White-headed Vultures, Natal Spurfowl, Wahlberg's Eagle and Southern Black Flycatcher before returning to camp for our final evening in Mozambique.

Our last morning was sadly an early departure for the group, and we left without the opportunity to bird any further. We left the area pleased with what we had managed to find, although slightly disappointed by our main attraction's notable absence. 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 () indicate number of days on the tour the species was recorded.

List powered through the report generator of our partner iGoTerra.

Birds (188 in total: 188 seen)

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

- Spur-winged Goose** *Plectropterus gambensis gambensis*
 (2) Villa De Senna 14.12 and Coutada 11 16.12.
- Egyptian Goose** *Alopochen aegyptiaca*
 (1) 1 Coutada 11 13.12.

Guineafowl Numididae

- Helmeted Guineafowl** *Numida meleagris mitratus*
 (4) Observed Coutada 11 12-14.12 and Coutada 12 16.12.
- Crested Guineafowl** *Guttera pucherani*
 (5) Observed Coutada 11 12-16.12.

Pheasants, Grouse, and Allies Phasianidae

- Crested Francolin** *Dendroperdix sephaena*
 (2) Coutada 11 12.12 and Coutada 11 15.12.
- Natal Spurfowl** *Pternistis natalensis neavei*
 (1) Coutada 11 16.12.
- Red-necked Spurfowl** *Pternistis afer*
 (2) Coutada 11 13.12 and Coutada 11 16.12.

Storks Ciconiidae

- Abdim's Stork** *Ciconia abdimii*
 (1) Villa De Senna 14.12.
- Woolly-necked Stork (VU)** *Ciconia episcopus microscelis*
 (1) Coutada 11 13.12.
- Saddle-billed Stork** *Ephippiorhynchus senegalensis*
 (1) Coutada 11 13.12.
- Marabou Stork** *Leptoptilos crumenifer*
 (1) Villa De Senna 14.12.

Ibises and Spoonbills Threskiornithidae

- Hadada Ibis** *Bostrychia hagedash*
 (5) Coutada 11 12.12, Coutada 11 13.12, Caia 14.12, 1 Coutada 11 15.12 and Coutada 12 16.12.

Hérons, Egrets, and Bitterns Ardeidae

- Striated Heron** *Butorides striata atricapilla*
 (1) Villa De Senna 14.12.
- Western Cattle Egret** *Bubulcus ibis*
 (2) Coutada 11 11.12 and Villa De Senna 14.12.
- Grey Heron** *Ardea cinerea cinerea*

(2) Coutada 11 12.12 and Coutada 11 13.12.

Black-headed Heron*Ardea melanocephala*

(1) Villa De Senna 14.12.

Great Egret*Ardea alba melanorhynchos*

(1) Villa De Senna 14.12.

Little Egret*Egretta garzetta garzetta*

(1) Villa De Senna 14.12.

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

(1) Coutada 11 11.12.

Hawks, Eagles, and Kites *Accipitridae***Black-winged Kite***Elanus caeruleus caeruleus*

(1) Caia 14.12.

Hooded Vulture (EN)*Necrosyrtes monachus*

(1) Coutada 11 16.12.

White-backed Vulture (NT)*Gyps africanus*

(1) Coutada 11 13.12.

White-headed Vulture (VU)*Trigonoceps occipitalis*

(1) Coutada 11 16.12.

Black-chested Snake Eagle*Circaetus pectoralis*

(2) Villa De Senna 14.12 and Coutada 11 16.12.

Brown Snake Eagle*Circaetus cinereus*

(3) Caia 14.12, Coutada 11 15.12 and Coutada 11 16.12.

Southern Banded Snake Eagle (NT)*Circaetus fasciolatus*

(5) Coutada 11 12.12, Coutada 11 13.12, Caia 14.12, Coutada 11 15.12 and Coutada 12 16.12.

Bateleur (NT)*Terathopius ecaudatus*

(4) Coutada 11 13.12, Caia 14.12, Coutada 11 15.12 and Coutada 12 16.12.

Crowned Eagle (NT)*Stephanoaetus coronatus*

(1) Coutada 11 12.12.

Long-crested Eagle*Lophaetus occipitalis*

(1) Coutada 11 13.12.

Lesser Spotted Eagle*Clanga pomarina*

(2) Coutada 11 13.12 and Villa De Senna 14.12.

Wahlberg's Eagle*Hieraaetus wahlbergi*

(1) Coutada 11 16.12.

African Hawk-Eagle*Aquila spilogaster*

(2) Coutada 11 13.12 and Coutada 11 16.12.

Lizard Buzzard*Kaupifalco monogrammicus meridionalis*

(1) Caia 14.12.

Little Sparrowhawk*Accipiter minullus tropicalis*

(2) Coutada 11 13.12 and Villa De Senna 14.12.

Ovambo Sparrowhawk*Accipiter ovampensis*

(1) Villa De Senna 14.12.

Yellow-billed Kite*Milvus aegyptius parasitus*

(4) Coutada 11 11.12, Coutada 11 12.12, Villa De Senna 14.12 and Coutada 11 16.12.

African Fish Eagle*Haliaeetus vocifer*

(2) Villa De Senna 14.12 and Coutada 11 16.12.

Bustards Otididae**Black-bellied Bustard***Lissotis melanogaster*

(1) Coutada 11 12.12.

Rails, Gallinules, and Coots Rallidae**Black Crake***Amaurornis flavirostra*

(1) Villa De Senna 14.12.

Cranes Gruidae**Grey Crowned Crane (VU)***Balearica regulorum gibbericeps*

(1) Coutada 11 13.12.

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

(1) Coutada 11 13.12.

Sandpipers and Allies Scolopacidae**Wood Sandpiper***Tringa glareola*

(1) Villa De Senna 14.12.

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

(1) Coutada 11 16.12.

Red-eyed Dove*Streptopelia semitorquata*

(5) Coutada 11 12.12, Coutada 11 13.12, Caia 14.12, Coutada 11 15.12 and Coutada 11 16.12.

Ring-necked Dove*Streptopelia capicola tropica*

(3) Coutada 11 12.12, Coutada 11 13.12 and Villa De Senna 14.12.

Emerald-spotted Wood Dove*Turtur chalcospilos*

(5) Coutada 11 12.12, Coutada 11 13.12, Caia 14.12, Coutada 11 15.12 and Coutada 11 16.12.

Tambourine Dove *Turtur tympanistria*

(5) Observed Coutada 11 12-15.12 and Coutada 12 16.12.

Namaqua Dove *Oena capensis capensis*

(1) Coutada 11 13.12.

African Green Pigeon *Treron calvus*

(1) Coutada 11 13.12.

Turacos *Musophagidae*

Livingstone's Turaco *Tauraco livingstonii*

(3) Coutada 11 12.12, Coutada 11 15.12 and Coutada 11 16.12.

Purple-crested Turaco *Tauraco porphyreolophus*

(1) 1 Coutada 11 14.12.

Cuckoos *Cuculidae*

Senegal Coucal *Centropus senegalensis*

(1) Villa De Senna 14.12.

Burchell's Coucal *Centropus burchellii*

(3) Coutada 11 13.12, Villa De Senna 14.12 and Coutada 11 15.12.

Green Malkoha *Ceuthmochares australis*

(1) Coutada 11 12.12.

Jacobin Cuckoo *Clamator jacobinus*

(1) Coutada 11 13.12.

Thick-billed Cuckoo *Pachycoccyx audeberti validus*

(1) Coutada 11 14.12.

Diederik Cuckoo *Chrysococcyx caprius*

(1) Villa De Senna 14.12.

Klaas's Cuckoo *Chrysococcyx klaas*

(1) 1 Coutada 11 14.12.

African Emerald Cuckoo *Chrysococcyx cupreus*

(1) Coutada 11 15.12.

Black Cuckoo *Cuculus clamosus clamosus*

(2) Coutada 11 12.12 and Coutada 11 13.12.

Red-chested Cuckoo *Cuculus solitarius*

(2) Coutada 11 12.12 and 1 Coutada 11 15.12.

Owls *Strigidae*

African Wood Owl *Strix woodfordii woodfordii*

(1) Coutada 11 11.12.

African Barred Owlet

Glaucidium capense

(1) Coutada 11 13.12.

Nightjars and Allies Caprimulgidae

European Nightjar

Caprimulgus europaeus

(3) Coutada 11 12.12, Coutada 11 14.12 and Coutada 11 15.12.

Square-tailed Nightjar

Caprimulgus fossii welwitschii

(2) Coutada 11 14.12 and Coutada 11 15.12.

Swifts Apodidae

African Palm Swift

Cypsiurus parvus

(4) Coutada 11 12.12, Caia 14.12, Coutada 11 15.12 and Coutada 11 16.12.

Common Swift

Apus apus apus

(3) Villa De Senna 14.12, Coutada 11 15.12 and Coutada 11 16.12.

Little Swift

Apus affinis affinis

(1) Caia 14.12.

White-rumped Swift

Apus caffer

(1) Caia 14.12.

Mousebirds Coliidae

Speckled Mousebird

Colius striatus

(1) Villa De Senna 14.12.

Red-faced Mousebird

Urocolius indicus

(1) Villa De Senna 14.12.

Trogons Trogonidae

Narina Trogon

Apaloderma narina

(4) Observed Coutada 11 12-15.12.

Rollers Coraciidae

European Roller (NT)

Coracias garrulus garrulus

(2) Caia 14.12 and Coutada 11 15.12.

Broad-billed Roller

Eurystomus glaucurus suahelicus

(5) Coutada 11 12.12, Coutada 11 13.12, Caia 14.12, Coutada 11 15.12 and Coutada 11 16.12.

Kingfishers Alcedinidae

Brown-hooded Kingfisher

Halcyon albiventris

(4) Coutada 11 12.12, Coutada 11 13.12, Coutada 11 15.12 and Coutada 11 16.12.

Striped Kingfisher

Halcyon chelicuti chelicuti

(3) 1 Coutada 11 13.12, Coutada 11 15.12 and Coutada 11 16.12.

Woodland Kingfisher *Halcyon senegalensis cyanoleuca*

(1) 1 Coutada 11 13.12.

Mangrove Kingfisher *Halcyon senegaloides*

(4) Coutada 11 12.12, Coutada 11 13.12, Villa De Senna 14.12 and Coutada 11 16.12.

Bee-eaters *Meropidae*

Swallow-tailed Bee-eater *Merops hirundineus furcatus*

(2) Coutada 11 12.12 and Villa De Senna 14.12.

Little Bee-eater *Merops pusillus meridionalis*

(5) Coutada 11 12.12, Coutada 11 13.12, Villa De Senna 14.12, Coutada 11 15.12 and Coutada 11 16.12.

White-fronted Bee-eater *Merops bullockoides*

(1) Villa De Senna 14.12.

Blue-cheeked Bee-eater *Merops persicus persicus*

(1) Villa De Senna 14.12.

Hoopoes *Upupidae*

African Hoopoe *Upupa africana*

(3) Caia 14.12, Coutada 11 15.12 and Coutada 12 16.12.

Woodhoopoes and Scimitar-bills *Phoeniculidae*

Green Wood Hoopoe *Phoeniculus purpureus marwitzi*

(4) Coutada 11 12.12, Villa De Senna 14.12, Coutada 11 15.12 and Coutada 12 16.12.

Common Scimitarbill *Rhinopomastus cyanomelas schalowi*

(4) Coutada 11 12.12, Coutada 11 13.12, Caia 14.12 and Coutada 11 15.12.

Ground Hornbills *Bucorvidae*

Southern Ground Hornbill (VU) *Bucorvus leadbeateri*

(2) Coutada 11 13.12 and Coutada 11 16.12.

Hornbills *Bucerotidae*

Crowned Hornbill *Lophoceros alboterminatus*

(2) Caia 14.12 and Coutada 11 15.12.

Trumpeter Hornbill *Bycanistes bucinator*

(5) Coutada 11 12.12, Coutada 11 13.12, Caia 14.12, Coutada 11 15.12 and Coutada 12 16.12.

Silvery-cheeked Hornbill *Bycanistes brevis*

(3) Coutada 11 12.12, Coutada 11 13.12 and Coutada 11 15.12.

African Barbets *Lybiidae*

White-eared Barbet *Stactolaema leucotis leucotis*

(3) Coutada 11 12.12, Coutada 11 13.12 and Coutada 11 15.12.

Yellow-rumped Tinkerbird *Pogoniulus bilineatus bilineatus*

(2) 1 Coutada 11 13.12 and Coutada 11 15.12.

Honeyguides *Indicatoridae*

Pallid Honeyguide *Indicator meliphilus angolensis*

(1) Coutada 11 15.12.

Lesser Honeyguide *Indicator minor*

(1) Coutada 11 13.12.

Woodpeckers *Picidae*

Golden-tailed Woodpecker *Campethera abingoni*

(1) Coutada 11 16.12.

Green-backed Woodpecker *Campethera cailliautii loveridgei*

(4) Coutada 11 12.12, Coutada 11 13.12, Coutada 11 15.12 and Coutada 11 16.12.

Cardinal Woodpecker *Dendropicos fuscescens hartlaubii*

(4) Coutada 11 12.12, Villa De Senna 14.12, Coutada 11 15.12 and Coutada 12 16.12.

Falcons and Caracaras *Falconidae*

Dickinson's Kestrel *Falco dickinsoni*

(1) Caia 14.12.

Eurasian Hobby *Falco subbuteo subbuteo*

(2) Coutada 11 13.12 and Coutada 11 15.12.

African & New World Parrots *Psittacidae*

Brown-necked Parrot *Poicephalus fuscicollis suahelicus*

(4) Coutada 11 12.12, Caia 14.12, Coutada 11 15.12 and Coutada 11 16.12.

Broadbills *Eurylaimidae*

African Broadbill *Smithornis capensis*

(2) Coutada 11 12.12 and Coutada 11 16.12.

Wattle-eyes and Batises *Platysteiridae*

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

(1) Coutada 11 12.12.

Woodward's Batis *Batis fratrum*

(2) Coutada 11 12.12 and Coutada 11 13.12.

Pale Batis *Batis soror*

(3) Coutada 11 12.12, Coutada 11 15.12 and Coutada 12 16.12.

Helmetshrikes and Allies *Prionopidae*

Retz's Helmetshrike *Prionops retzii tricolor*
 (3) Coutada 11 13.12, 1 Coutada 11 15.12 and Coutada 12 16.12.

Chestnut-fronted Helmetshrike *Prionops scopifrons scopifrons*
 (3) Coutada 11 13.12, Coutada 11 15.12 and Coutada 12 16.12.

Bushshrikes and Allies *Malaconotidae*

Grey-headed Bushshrike *Malaconotus blanchoti hypopyrrhus*
 (1) Coutada 11 12.12.

Brown-crowned Tchagra *Tchagra australis*
 (2) Coutada 11 12.12 and Coutada 11 16.12.

Black-crowned Tchagra *Tchagra senegalus armenus*
 (1) Coutada 11 13.12.

Black-backed Puffback *Dryoscopus cubla hamatus*
 (4) Coutada 11 12.12, Coutada 11 13.12, Coutada 11 15.12 and Coutada 12 16.12.

Tropical Boubou *Laniarius major mossambicus*
 (3) Coutada 11 13.12, Caia 14.12 and Coutada 11 15.12.

Cuckoo-shrikes *Campephagidae*

White-breasted Cuckooshrike *Coracina pectoralis*
 (3) Coutada 11 13.12, Coutada 11 15.12 and Coutada 12 16.12.

Black Cuckooshrike *Campephaga flava*
 (4) Coutada 11 12.12, Coutada 11 13.12, Coutada 11 15.12 and Coutada 12 16.12.

Old World Orioles *Oriolidae*

African Golden Oriole *Oriolus auratus notatus*
 (1) Coutada 11 15.12.

Black-headed Oriole *Oriolus larvatus*
 (3) 1 Coutada 11 13.12, Coutada 11 15.12 and Coutada 12 16.12.

Drongos *Dicruridae*

Square-tailed Drongo *Dicrurus ludwigii*
 (4) Coutada 11 12.12, Coutada 11 13.12, Coutada 11 15.12 and Coutada 11 16.12.

Fork-tailed Drongo *Dicrurus adsimilis fugax*
 (1) Caia 14.12.

Monarch Flycatchers *Monarchidae*

Blue-mantled Crested Flycatcher *Trochocercus cyanomelas megalolophus*
 (1) 1 Coutada 11 13.12.

African Paradise Flycatcher *Terpsiphone viridis plumbeiceps*

(5) Coutada 11 12.12, Coutada 11 13.12, Caia 14.12, Coutada 11 15.12 and Coutada 12 16.12.

Crows, Jays, and Magpies *Corvidae*

Pied Crow

Corvus albus

(2) Coutada 11 11.12 and Caia 14.12.

Nicators *Nicatoridae*

Eastern Nicator

Nicator gularis

(1) 1 Coutada 11 13.12.

Larks *Alaudidae*

Flappet Lark

Mirafra rufocinnamomea

(4) 1 Coutada 11 12.12, Coutada 11 13.12, Coutada 11 15.12 and Coutada 11 16.12.

Bulbuls *Pycnonotidae*

Dark-capped Bulbul

Pycnonotus tricolor

(5) Observed Coutada 11 12-16.12.

Sombre Greenbul

Andropadus importunus

(2) 1 Coutada 11 13.12 and Coutada 11 15.12.

Yellow-bellied Greenbul

Chlorocichla flaviventris

(4) Observed Coutada 11 12-15.12.

Terrestrial Brownbul

Phyllastrephus terrestris

(2) 1 Coutada 11 15.12 and Coutada 12 16.12.

Lowland Tiny Greenbul

Phyllastrephus debilis debilis

(3) Coutada 11 12.12, Coutada 11 13.12 and Coutada 11 16.12.

Swallows *Hirundinidae*

Grey-rumped Swallow

Pseudhirundo griseopyga griseopyga

(1) Villa De Senna 14.12.

Barn Swallow

Hirundo rustica rustica

(4) Coutada 11 12.12, Coutada 11 13.12, Villa De Senna 14.12 and Coutada 11 16.12.

Wire-tailed Swallow

Hirundo smithii smithii

(1) Caia 14.12.

Common House Martin

Delichon urbicum

(1) Caia 14.12.

Lesser Striped Swallow

Cecropis abyssinica unitatis

(1) Caia 14.12.

Crombees, African warblers *Macrosphenidae*

Moustached Grass Warbler

Melocichla mentalis orientalis

(1) Villa De Senna 14.12.

Red-faced Crombec

Sylvietta whytii whytii

(1) Coutada 11 15.12.

Yellow Flycatcher *Erythroceridae*

Livingstone's Flycatcher

Erythrocerus livingstonei

(3) Coutada 11 12.12, Coutada 11 13.12 and Coutada 12 16.12.

Reed-Warblers and Allies *Acrocephalidae*

African Reed Warbler

Acrocephalus baeticatus

(1) Coutada 11 13.12.

Cisticolas and Allies *Cisticolidae*

Rattling Cisticola

Cisticola chiniana

(4) Coutada 11 13.12, Caia 14.12, Coutada 11 15.12 and Coutada 11 16.12.

Croaking Cisticola

Cisticola natalensis natalensis

(3) Coutada 11 13.12, Coutada 11 15.12 and Coutada 11 16.12.

Short-winged Cisticola

Cisticola brachypterus isabellinus

(2) Coutada 11 15.12 and Coutada 12 16.12.

Tawny-flanked Prinia

Prinia subflava

(3) Coutada 11 13.12, Coutada 11 15.12 and Coutada 12 16.12.

Yellow-breasted Apalis

Apalis flavida neglecta

(2) 1 Coutada 11 13.12 and Coutada 12 16.12.

Black-headed Apalis

Apalis melanocephala

(1) Coutada 11 16.12.

Grey-backed Camaroptera

Camaroptera brevicaudata beirensis

(2) Coutada 11 12.12 and Coutada 11 15.12.

Stierling's Wren-Warbler

Calamonastes stierlingi

(2) 1 Coutada 11 13.12 and Coutada 11 15.12.

Green-capped Eremomela

Eremomela scotops scotops

(1) Coutada 11 15.12.

Starlings *Sturnidae*

Black-bellied Starling

Notopholia corrusca

(5) Coutada 11 12.12, Coutada 11 13.12, Caia 14.12, Coutada 11 15.12 and Coutada 11 16.12.

Violet-backed Starling

Cinnyricinclus leucogaster verreauxi

(2) Coutada 11 14.12 and Coutada 11 15.12.

Oxpeckers *Buphagidae*

Red-billed Oxpecker*Buphagus erythrorhynchus*

(2) Coutada 11 13.12 and Coutada 11 16.12.

Thrushes and Allies Turdidae**Kurrichane Thrush***Turdus libonyana*

(2) 1 Coutada 11 13.12 and Coutada 11 15.12.

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

(1) Coutada 11 12.12.

White-browed Scrub Robin*Cercotrichas leucophrys*

(1) Coutada 11 15.12.

Grey Tit-Flycatcher*Myioparus plumbeus orientalis*

(1) Coutada 11 15.12.

Southern Black Flycatcher*Melaenornis pammelaina pammelaina*

(1) Coutada 12 16.12.

Pale Flycatcher*Melaenornis pallidus*

(3) Coutada 11 13.12, Coutada 11 15.12 and Coutada 12 16.12.

White-chested Alethe*Pseudalethe fuelleborni*

(1) 1 Coutada 11 16.12.

White-browed Robin-Chat*Cossypha heuglini intermedia*

(1) 1 Villa De Senna 14.12.

East Coast Akalat (NT)*Sheppardia gunningi gunningi*

(3) Observed Coutada 11 12-14.12.

Collared Palm Thrush*Cichladusa arquata*

(1) Coutada 11 15.12.

Sunbirds and Spiderhunters Nectariniidae**Plain-backed Sunbird (NT)***Anthreptes reichenowi reichenowi*

(1) Coutada 11 13.12.

Western Violet-backed Sunbird*Anthreptes longuemarei nyassae*

(4) Observed Coutada 11 13-16.12.

Olive Sunbird*Cyanomitra olivacea*

(2) Coutada 11 15.12 and Coutada 11 16.12.

Scarlet-chested Sunbird*Chalcomitra senegalensis gutturalis*

(3) Coutada 11 12.12, Coutada 11 13.12 and Coutada 11 15.12.

Copper Sunbird*Cinnyris cupreus chalceus*

(1) Villa De Senna 14.12.

Old World Sparrows *Passeridae*

- House Sparrow** *Passer domesticus indicus*
(1) Villa De Senna 14.12.
- Southern Grey-headed Sparrow** *Passer diffusus*
(1) Villa De Senna 14.12.

Weavers and Allies *Ploceidae*

- Thick-billed Weaver** *Amblyospiza albifrons woltersi*
(1) Coutada 11 12.12.
- Spectacled Weaver** *Ploceus ocularis*
(1) Coutada 11 12.12.
- Eastern Golden Weaver** *Ploceus subaureus*
(2) Villa De Senna 14.12 and Coutada 11 16.12.
- Village Weaver** *Ploceus cucullatus*
(2) Coutada 11 12.12 and Caia 14.12.
- Dark-backed Weaver** *Ploceus bicolor*
(1) Coutada 11 12.12.
- Red-headed Weaver** *Anaplectes rubriceps rubriceps*
(1) Coutada 11 12.12.
- Black-winged Red Bishop** *Euplectes hordeaceus*
(4) Coutada 11 13.12, Villa De Senna 14.12, Coutada 11 15.12 and Coutada 12 16.12.
- Southern Red Bishop** *Euplectes orix*
(1) Villa De Senna 14.12.
- Yellow Bishop** *Euplectes capensis crassirostris*
(1) Caia 14.12.

Waxbills and Allies *Estrildidae*

- Red-throated Twinspot** *Hypargos niveoguttatus niveoguttatus*
(4) Coutada 11 12.12, Coutada 11 13.12, Coutada 11 15.12 and Coutada 12 16.12.
- Red-billed Firefinch** *Lagonosticta senegala rendalli*
(3) Coutada 11 12.12, Caia 14.12 and Coutada 11 15.12.
- Blue Waxbill** *Uraeginthus angolensis niassensis*
(1) Villa De Senna 14.12.
- Grey Waxbill** *Estrilda perreini incana*
(1) Coutada 11 12.12.
- Common Waxbill** *Estrilda astrild cavendishi*
(1) Villa De Senna 14.12.
- Orange-breasted Waxbill** *Amandava subflava clarkei*

(1) Coutada 11 13.12.

Bronze Mannikin

Lonchura cucullata scutata

(4) Coutada 11 12.12, Caia 14.12, Coutada 11 15.12 and Coutada 11 16.12.

Indigobirds Viduidae

Pin-tailed Whydah

Vidua macroura

(4) Coutada 11 12.12, Coutada 11 13.12, Caia 14.12 and Coutada 11 16.12.

Wagtails and Pipits Motacillidae

Western Yellow Wagtail

Motacilla flava

(1) Villa De Senna 14.12.

African Pied Wagtail

Motacilla aguimp vidua

(2) Coutada 11 11.12 and Villa De Senna 14.12.

Yellow-throated Longclaw

Macronyx croceus vulturinus

(2) Coutada 11 13.12 and Coutada 12 16.12.

African Pipit

Anthus cinnamomeus

(1) Villa De Senna 14.12.

Finches, Euphonias Fringillidae

Lemon-breasted Canary

Crithagra citrinipectus

(3) Coutada 11 12.12, Coutada 11 13.12 and Coutada 12 16.12.

Yellow-fronted Canary

Crithagra mozambica

(3) Coutada 11 12.12, Coutada 11 13.12 and Villa De Senna 14.12.

Brimstone Canary

Crithagra sulphurata

(1) Coutada 11 12.12.

Mammals (20 in total: 20 seen)

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Elephant Shrews Macroscelididae

Four-toed Sengi

Petrodromus tetradactylus

(1) Coutada 12 14.12.

Galagos Galagidae

Grant's Lesser Galago

Galagoides granti

(1) Coutada 11 11.12.

Thick-tailed Greater Galago

Otolemur crassicaudatus kirkii

(1) Coutada 11 11.12.

Old World monkeys Cercopithecidae

Blue Monkey

Cercopithecus mitis erythrarchus

(5) Coutada 11 12.12, Coutada 12 13.12, Coutada 12 14.12, Coutada 11 15.12 and Coutada 11 16.12.

Yellow Baboon

Papio cynocephalus cynocephalus

(3) Coutada 11 13.12, Coutada 12 14.12 and Coutada 11 16.12.

Rabbits, Hares Leporidae

African Savanna Hare

Lepus microtis

(3) Coutada 11 13.12, Coutada 11 15.12 and Coutada 11 16.12.

Cane Rats Thryonomyidae

Greater Cane Rat

Thryonomys swinderianus

(1) Coutada 11 14.12.

Squirrels Sciuridae

Mutable Sun Squirrel

Heliosciurus mutabilis

(1) Coutada 12 14.12.

Red Bush Squirrel

Paraxerus palliatus

(1) Coutada 12 14.12.

Pigs Suidae

Common Warthog

Phacochoerus africanus sundevallii

(4) Coutada 11 13.12, Coutada 12 14.12, Coutada 11 15.12 and Coutada 11 16.12.

Hippopotamuses Hippopotamidae

Hippopotamus

Hippopotamus amphibius

(1) Villa De Senna 14.12.

Cattle, Antelopes, Sheep, Goats Bovidae

Natal Red Duiker

Cephalophus natalensis

(5) Coutada 11 12.12, Coutada 11 13.12, Coutada 12 14.12, Coutada 11 15.12 and Coutada 11 16.12.

Sable Antelope

Hippotragus niger

(2) Coutada 12 14.12 and Coutada 11 16.12.

Waterbuck

Kobus ellipsiprymnus ellipsiprymnus

(1) Coutada 12 14.12.

Suni

Nesotragus moschatus

(4) Coutada 11 12.12, Coutada 11 13.12, Coutada 12 14.12 and Coutada 11 15.12.

Oribi *Ourebia ourebi*

(3) Coutada 11 13.12, Coutada 11 15.12 and Coutada 11 16.12.

Blue Duiker *Philantomba monticola*

(2) Coutada 11 12.12 and Coutada 12 14.12.

Southern Reedbuck *Redunca arundinum*

(5) Coutada 11 12.12, Coutada 11 13.12, Coutada 12 14.12, Coutada 11 15.12 and Coutada 11 16.12.

Nyala *Tragelaphus angasii*

(3) Coutada 11 12.12, Coutada 11 13.12 and Coutada 12 14.12.

Bushbuck *Tragelaphus scriptus*

(1) Coutada 11 15.12.

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