

TEN DAYS PRIMATES TREKKING AND BIRDING IN RWANDA

Visited Sites: Volcanoes and Nyungwe National Parks, Umusambi Village (Kigali) and
Gashora wetland (Bugesera)



Picture 1: Rwenzori Turaco (*Rwenzorornis johnstoni*); photo by Stefan Hirsch

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Known as the land of a thousand hills, Rwanda's stunning scenery and warm, friendly people offer unique experiences in one of the most remarkable countries in the world. It is blessed with extraordinary biodiversity, with incredible wildlife living throughout its volcanoes, montane rainforest, sweeping plains and wetlands. The country is renowned for its Mountain Gorillas in the Volcanoes National Park, but it is also home to other primates such as Chimpanzees, Golden Monkey, L'Hoest's Monkey, Black and White Colobus Monkey, Blue-Monkeys, Olive Baboons, etc. along with a high density of birdlife.

Despite being one of the smallest countries in Africa, Rwanda offers arguably the best African Montane Birding anywhere with 709 bird species. Among the resident species are 29 Albertine Rift Endemics and several Lake Victoria Basin Endemics, which should be on any birder's wish list. The prime birdwatching destinations are Nyungwe National Park, the easiest site to see Albertine Rift Endemics, Akagera NP, with a mixed habitat ranging from savanna to wetlands, as well as wetlands of Kigali and Bugesera, the easiest places to see **White-collared Oliveback** (*Nescocharis ansorgei*) and **Papyrus Gonolek** (*Laniarius mufumbiri*).

Within ten days, we tracked Mountain Gorillas and Golden Monkeys in Volcanoes NP, then we went to Nyungwe NP to see Albertine Rift Endemics birds. The last 2 days we visited Umusambi Village and Gashora wetlands in Bugesera. In total **253** bird species were sighted among them **25 endemics to the Albertine Rift** and many more unexpected animals like L'Hoesty Monkey, Mona Monkey, Black and White Colobus Monkeys along with species of Squirrels i.e Carruther's Mountain, Rwenzori African Giant, Flying and Fire-footed Squirrels.

Arrival and transfer to Musanze Town

On arrival in the evening of 26th March, clients had a PCR test at the airport and were driven at the quarantine's hotel, where they waited the negative results until 12.00 of the next day. At 1pm, after an introduction on the 10 days ahead of exploring the natural beauty, birds and nice people of Rwanda, we had a short City Tour in Kigali, the cleanest City in Africa and then we drove northwards to Musanze, a town of Mountain Gorillas and Golden Monkeys. On the way, we saw **Yellow-billed Kite, Pied Crow, Hooded Vulture, Common Kestrel, Sacred Ibis, Northern Gray-headed Sparrow, Angola Swallow, Cattle Egret and Speckled Mousebird**. We had a brief stop at Mukungwa, a river outing from Ruhondo Lake, and we saw some

common and widespread African birds as well as some migrants, among other **Barn Swallow**, **White-tailed Blue Flycatcher**, **Red-billed Firefinch**, **Common Sandpiper**, **Chubb's Cisticola**, **Fan-tailed Widowbird**, **Black-headed Weaver**, **African Yellow Warbler**, **Speckled Mousebird**, **Chin-spot Batis**, **Gray-crowned Crane**, **Bronze Sunbird**, **Western Citril**, **Yellow-fronted Canary**, **Dusky Flycatcher**, **White-eyed Slaty Flycatcher**, **Augur Buzzard**. The accommodation was at *DAVINCI Gorilla Lodge*, a medium tourist accommodation on the foothill of Sabyinyo.



Picture 2: Chubb's Cisticola (*Cisticola chubbii*), photo by Stefan Hirsch

Trekking Mountain Gorilla and afternoon birding

The unique opportunity to see gorillas in their natural habitat is unforgettable, some even say life changing. Encounters with gorillas as they go about their daily lives are carefully managed, with expert trackers and guides leading small groups of tourists up bamboo-covered slopes to spend a precious and awe-inspiring hour just a few feet away from the gentle creatures. There are twelve gorilla families living in the Volcanoes National Park, which are fully habituated, with a few

others habituated solely for scientific research. The groups, or troops, consist of at least one silverback along with several females and youngsters.

We arrived at the Volcanoes National Park headquarters in Kinigi at 7am (as it is required), and were allocated a family group according to fitness levels, as well as being briefed on protocols and rules for visiting the gorillas; our clients tracked **Agashya** Group (means **SPECIAL**). The group has about 25 individuals with one silverback, 12 females, 7 babies and 3 juveniles.

From the park HQ the driving it took us 30 minutes and client hiked up from the car parking. The hike took 1.5 hour (one way), one hour of tracking and then 1 hour to come down. The clients appreciated to see about 20 individuals of Gorillas and some come closer for posing pictures! The trekking went until 12.00pm and we drove to the lodge for lunch.



Picture 3: The Eastern Mountain Gorillas (*Gorilla berengei berengei*), by Stefan Hirsch

In the afternoon, before we head to the birding place, around the park HQ, we saw a group of **European Bee-eater**, **Baglafaecht Weaver** and **Black-crowned Waxbill**. We had 2 hours birding around the HQ of Volcanoes NP, 15 minutes drive from our lodge. This was a rewarding

afternoon with common birds around the mountain areas including **Speckled Pigeon, Red-eyed Dove, Hadada Ibis, Yellow-billed kite, Augur Buzzard, Northern Fiscal, White-tailed Blue Flycatcher, Chubb's Cisticola, Mountain Yellow-Warbler, Plain Martin, Rock Martin, Red-rumped Swallow, Black Saw-wing, Abyssinian Thrush, White-eyed Slaty-Flycatcher, Cape Robin-Chat, White-browed Robin-Chat, African Stonechat, Collared Sunbird, Bronze Sunbird, Baglafaecht Weaver, Holub's Golden-Weaver, Yellow Bishop (with many Sub-adults), Black-crowned Waxbill, Bronze Mannikin, Pin-tailed Whydah, Northern Gray-headed Sparrow, Cape Wagtail, African Pied Wagtail, African Pipit, Yellow-fronted Canary and Streaky Seedeater**

Tracking Golden Monkey and transfer to Nyungwe

All activities at Volcanoes NP start at 7am with reporting at the office and after briefing on tracking of Golden Monkeys we drove the foot hill of Sabyinyo Volcanoes, at Kabatwa Hill, which give the name to this group of Golden Monkeys; the drive was about 20 minutes.



Picture 4: Golden Monkey (*Cercopithecus mitis kandti*); photo by Stefan Hirsch

It took about 30 minutes to our client to reach the group of Golden Monkey. The monkeys were easily found where they were swinging from the bamboo trees in the forest while others were collecting the remaining of Irish potatoes in the recently harvested farms. Clients stayed with monkeys for 1 hour taking pictures, learning the family behaviours and ecology of these endemics primates to the Albertine Rift, from guides. The trekking ended by 11am when we started our drive to Nyungwe NP.

On our drive, we had a brief stop at **Nyirakiguhu Pond**, 45 minutes drive from Volcanoes, to try Palearctic migrants and resident waterbirds. The target was Hottentot Teal (*Annas hottentota*) that we failed at this site but we finally saw it in Bugesera. We spent one hour at this place, as we were rushing for lunch in Gusenyi/Rubavu. At this pond we saw **Yellow-billed Duck, Little Grebe, Red-knobbed Coot, Three-banded Plover, Common Sandpiper, Wood Sandpiper, Great Cormorant, Pink-backed Pelican, Hamerkop, Gray Heron, African Sacred Ibis, African Spoonbill, Yellow-billed Kite (Black Kite), Pied Kingfisher and Mackinnon's Shrike**. We had a brief stop for lunch in Rubavu before we proceed to Nyungwe NP via KIVU Belt road and we reached *Ken Barham Guest House* at 6.30

Four consecutive days birding in Nyungwe NP

Nyungwe National Park is a tropical montane rainforest, in South-Western of Rwanda. The park is home to 322 bird species as well as 13 species of primate and numerous endemic plant species. So far 29 Albertine Rift Endemics (ARE) bird species have been found here. The star attraction is undoubtedly the **Red-collared Mountain Babbler** (*Kupeornis rufocinctus*) and Nyungwe is the only safe place to see this stunning bird. Other specialties include **Rwenzori Turaco, Handsome Francolin, Rwenzori Nightjar, Grauer's Warbler, Regal, Blue-headed and Purple Breasted Sunbirds, Grauer's Swamp Warbler, Neumann's Warbler and Red-throated Alethe**. All of these and more can be seen easily from a well-maintained network of trails with the help of the park's expert bird guides.

On the first day in Nyungwe National Park we focused on finding the Endemics birds to the Albertine Rift. Our morning birding was on **Umuyove trail and Rangiroad** and we saw 43 species including **Black-billed Turaco, Rwenzori Turaco, Barred Long-tailed Cuckoo, White-headed Wood-hoopoe, Yellow-rumped Tinkerbird, Gray Cuckoo-shrike, Black-**

tailed Oriole, Rwenzori Batis, Chinspot Batis, Lühder's Bush-shrike, Albertine Boubou, Doherty's Bush-shrike, African Paradise-Flycatcher, Stripe-breasted Tit, Grauer's Warbler, Rwenzori Apalis, Black-throated Apalis, Black-faced Apalis, Kungwe Apalis, Chestnut-throated Apalis, Banded Prinia, Chubb's Cisticola, Black Saw-wing, Shelley's Greenbul (Kakamega), Eastern Mountain Greenbul, Yellow-whiskered Greenbul, Yellow-streaked Greenbul, Common Bulbul (Dark-capped), Red-faced Woodland-Warbler, Rwenzori Hill Babbler, Abyssinian Thrush, African Dusky Flycatcher, White-eyed Slaty-Flycatcher, Red-throated Alethe, Collared Sunbird, Blue-headed Sunbird, Olive Sunbird, Purple-breasted Sunbird, Northern Double-collared Sunbird, Regal Sunbird, Strange Weaver, Forest Weaver, Dusky Crimsonwing.



Picture 5: Doherty's Bush-shrike (*Telophorus dohertyi*) photo by Stefan Hirsch

We had our packed lunch at Uwinka Reception and information Center with our camera and binoculars opened. We have seen stunning birds like **Black-tailed Oriole, Stripe-breasted Tit, White-eyed Slaty Flycatcher, White-napped Raven, Rwenzori Turaco** along with

Carruthers's Mountain Squirrel. In the afternoon, we walked along the main road toward the western side (to the guest house) to see the Handsome Francolin (*Francolinus nobilis*). On the road we saw also the attractive L'Hoest's Monkeys feeding along the road edge before we arrive at Ken Barham Guest House.



Picture 6: Carruthers's Mountain Squirrel (*Funisciurus carruthersi*); picture by Stefan Hirsch

The second day in Nyungwe NP, after a well appreciated breakfast, we had our birding near the reception of Gisakura Reception. We took **Ndambarare**, a trail adjacent to the tea plantation where we were welcomed by a group of **Great Blue Turaco** (*Corythaeola cristata*). We continued our birding and with the help of the park guide we saw again the famous **Red-collared Mountain-Babbler**, **Black-billed Turaco**, **African Emerald Cuckoo**, **Black-and-white-casqued Hornbill**, **European Bee-eater**, **Elliot's Woodpecker**, **Yellow-bellied Wattle-eye**, **Rwenzori Batis**, **Willard's Sooty Boubou**, **White-tailed Blue Flycatcher**, **White-browed Crombec**, **Black-throated Apalis**, **Black-faced Apalis**, **Chestnut-throated Apalis**, **Gray Apalis**, **Black-faced Rufous-Warbler**, **Chubb's Cisticola**, **Black Saw-wing**, **Yellow-streaked**

Greenbul, Common Bulbul (Dark-capped), Neumann's Warbler, Rwenzori Hill Babbler, Mountain Illadopsis, Waller's Starling, Stuhlmann's Starling, African Dusky Flycatcher, Yellow-eyed Black-Flycatcher, White-bellied Robin-Chat, Blue-headed Sunbird, Scarlet-chested Sunbird, Purple-breasted Sunbird, Northern Double-collared Sunbird, Variable Sunbird (Orange-chested), Black-billed Weaver, Forest Weaver, White-breasted Nigrita, Fawn-breasted Waxbill, Black-crowned Waxbill and Streaky Seedeater. On this trail we have also encountered the rare primates of the forest; Grey-checked Mangabey and Mona Monkey along with the Rwenzori Sun Squirrel.



Picture 7: Great Blue Turaco (*Corythaeola cristata*); photo by Stefan Hirsch

After a lunch break at the Guest House, we headed to **Karamba trail**, a few minute driving from the western entrance of the forest. Our main target was the **Blue Malkoha** and **White-headed Wood-hoopoe** which we easily saw at some meters from the main road. We saw also **Willard's Sooty Boubou, African Paradise-Flycatcher, Dusky Tit, White-browed Crombec, Grauer's Warbler, Black-faced Apalis, Yellow-streaked Greenbul, Red-faced Woodland-Warbler, Mountain Illadopsis, Waller's Starling, Stuhlmann's Starling, Archer's Robin-Chat, Red-**

throated Alethe, Blue-headed Sunbird, Purple-breasted Sunbird, Northern Double-collared Sunbird, Regal Sunbird, Gray-headed Nigrita, White-breasted Nigrita, Thick-billed Seedeater, Chubb's Cisticola and Purple-breasted Sunbird; the accommodation was again at Ken Barham Guest House.



Picture 8: Willard's Sooty Boubou (*Laniarius willardi*), photo by Stefan Hirsch

On the morning of our third day in Nyungwe, we went to **Pindura-Bweyeye road** to try again **Handsome Francolin**. We stopped at the camp-base of the park rangers at Pindura and we heard Handsome Francolin but no clear picture. At this location we saw **Abyssinian Thrush, Regal Sunbird, Rwenzori and Black-billed Turacos**. After, we went to Bweyeye Road and along the road we saw **Rwenzori Turaco, Rwenzori Batis, Willard's Sooty Boubou, Albertine Boubou, Doherty's Bush-shrike, Mackinnon's Shrike, White-necked Raven, Black-throated Apalis, Chubb's Cisticola, Cinnamon Bracken-Warbler, Black Saw-wing, Eastern Mountain Greenbul, Common Bulbul (Dark-capped), African Yellow White-eye, African Dusky Flycatcher, Yellow-eyed Black-Flycatcher, White-eyed Slaty-Flycatcher, Red-throated Alethe, Purple-breasted Sunbird, Northern Double-collared Sunbird, Regal Sunbird,**

Strange and **Forest Weaver**. We also saw raptors in this area including **European Honey-buzzard**, **Black Kite** and **Mountain Buzzard** which were on their migration way and **Cassin's Hawk-Eagle**. When photographing the Strange Weaver we also enjoyed the presence of Boehm's Squirrel.



Picture 9: Strange Weaver (*Ploceus alienus*), by Stefan Hirsch

After a packed lunch at Uwinka reception and information Center, we headed at **Rangiro road** and the target was the **Dwarf Honeyguide** that we have easily seen in few minutes. We saw also groups of **European Honey-buzzard**, **Black Kite** and many individuals of **European Bee-eater** in a group as if they were on their northern migration way. We saw also **Black-tailed Oriole**, **Northern Puffback**, **Albertine Boubou**, **Rwenzori Apalis**, **Black-throated Apalis**, **Black-faced Apalis**, **Chestnut-throated Apalis**, **Cinnamon Bracken-Warbler**, **Eastern Mountain Greenbul**, **Yellow-whiskered Greenbul**, **African Yellow White-eye**, **Archer's Robin-Chat**, **White-starred Robin**, **Purple-breasted Sunbird**, **Regal Sunbird**, **Variable Sunbird**. We stayed 2 hours at Rangiro road then we drove to the office of Gisakura reception, on the western exit of the park and we have seen a group of **African Green-Pigeon** and many more species

including **Green-headed Sunbird, Black-billed Weaver, Black-crowned Waxbill, Thick-billed Seedeater, Black-billed Turaco, Barred Long-tailed Cuckoo, Rwenzori Batis, couple of White-chinned Prinia, Yellow-whiskered Greenbul, Waller's Starling, White-eyed Slaty-Flycatcher** and **Variable Sunbird**. Our day ended up with searching **Rwenzori Nightjar** in a farm where we heard two individuals replying to our call-back.

Our last day in Nyungwe NP, was unfortunate that our birding in paradise birdy jungle comes to an end; we went to Waterfall trail, where you can really see how Nyungwe NP is an indigenous forest. As you take a different direction in Nyungwe, you can't miss new birds and more attractive species! At this trail we have seen new birds among others **Lemon Dove, White-bellied Robin-Chat, Many-collared Bush-shrike, Siffling Cisticola, Elliot's Woodpecker, White-bellied Crested-Flycatcher**. We have also seen the species that we have seen before including **African Green-Pigeon, Great Blue Turaco, Barred Long-tailed Cuckoo, Mountain Buzzard, European Bee-eater, Rwenzori Batis, etc.**



Picture 10: White-bellied Robin-Chat (*Cossyphicula roberti*), photo by Stefan Hirsch

On our way back to the guest house for lunch, we encountered a group of Black and White Colobus Monkey busy in their parade movements feeding on forest leaves. After lunch we

headed to Kigali and on the way we stop at Uwasenkoko wetlands to try Grauer's Swamp Warbler (*Bradypterus graueri*). After a short waiting and play-back, three individuals showed up with a noise and parade jumps. In this wetland we have also seen the Black-faced Duiker, a forest antelope which was busy grazing on the *Carex* vegetation and allowing our guests the chance to see it and take pictures.



Picture 11: Grauer's Swamp Warbler (*Bradypterus graueri*); photo by Claudien Nsabagasani

Our birding in Nyungwe was ended by the searching of **Kandt's Waxbill** (*Estrilda kandti*) on the eastern exit of the forest. After sighting this nice bird, we separated with our park guide, Mr Claver, he headed back to his working location and we continued our way to Kigali. The journey back to Kigali was pleasant with some birds on ponds of rice like **Gray-crowned Crane**, **Black-headed Heron**, **Sacred Ibis** and **Hadada Ibis**.

Birding in Kigali and Bugesera

On the 9th day of our tour, we spent a morning at **Umusambi Village**, a restored wetlands, providing a sanctuary for over 50 endangered **Grey Crowned Cranes** saved from the illegal pet trade. The village is an enjoyable birdwatching and relaxing place with well designed walking trails. This morning we have seen briefly the stunning **White-collared Oliveback** and our list of the day includes **Spur-winged Goose**, **Yellow-billed Duck**, **Red-eyed Dove**, **Emerald-spotted**

Wood-Dove, Bare-faced Go-away-bird, Blue-headed Coucal, Klaas's Cuckoo, Black Crake, Gray Crowned-Crane, Hamerkop, Black-headed Heron, Cattle Egret, Hadada Ibis, African Harrier-Hawk, Long-crested Eagle, Black Kite (Yellow-billed), Common Buzzard (Steppe), Augur Buzzard, Speckled Mousebird, Woodland Kingfisher, Spot-flanked Barbet, Tropical Boubou, Black-headed Gonolek, African Paradise-Flycatcher, Gray-backed Fiscal, Pied Crow, Yellow-breasted Apalis, Tawny-flanked Prinia, Winding Cisticola, Eurasian Reed Warbler, Greater Swamp Warbler, Red-rumped Swallow, Lesser Striped Swallow, Common Bulbul (Dark-capped), Willow Warbler, Rüppell's Starling, African Thrush, Swamp Flycatcher, White-browed Robin-Chat, Scarlet-chested Sunbird, Red-chested Sunbird, Copper Sunbird, Baglafecht Weaver, Spectacled Weaver, Holub's Golden-Weaver, Village Weaver, Village Weaver (Black-headed), Fan-tailed Widowbird, Grosbeak Weaver, Fawn-breasted Waxbill, Red-cheeked Cordon-bleu, Red-billed Firefinch, Yellow-fronted Canary and Thick-billed Seed-eater.



Picture 12: Grey Crowned-Crane (*Balearica regulorum*), by Stefan Hirsch

After a coffee and compilation of check list at Umusambi Coffeee shop, we went for our lunch at a local dish restaurant at Africa Bite before we drive to Bugesera Lodge. After checking in, we had our afternoon birding and the main target was the **Miombo Wren-Warbler, Ruhuaha Chat and Sooty Chat**.



Picture 13: Miombo Wren-Warbler (*Calamonastes undosus*), photo by Stefan Hirsch

We saw also other numerous savannah species this area **Brown-backed Scrub-robin, Ring-necked Dove, Laughing Dove, White-browed Coucal, Klaas's Cuckoo, Red-chested Cuckoo, Little Swift, Hamerkop, African Harrier-Hawk, Long-crested Eagle, Wahlberg's Eagle, Black Kite (Yellow-billed), Blue-naped Mousebird, African Pygmy-Kingfisher, European Bee-eater, African Paradise-Flycatcher, Red-faced Crombec, Tawny-flanked Prinia, Trilling Cisticola, Yellow-throated Greenbul, Common Bulbul (Dark-capped), Willow Warbler, Arrow-marked Babbler, Violet-backed Starling, Rüppell's Starling, African Thrush, Spotted Flycatcher, Brown-backed Scrub-Robin, Scarlet-chested Sunbird, Red-chested Sunbird, Copper Sunbird, Holub's Golden-Weaver, Village Weaver (Black-headed), Southern Red Bishop, Green-winged Pytilia, Pin-tailed Whydah, Yellow-throated Longclaw, Yellow-fronted Canary, Western Citril, Brimstone Canary.**

Birding at Gashora Wetland: The last day of our tour was at Gashora Wetland where we welcomed by a fabulous call of **Payrus Gonoleck**. We had time to see very well and taking pictures of some individuals which stayed with us for some minute.



Picture 14: Papyrus Gonolek (*Laniarius mufumbiri*); Photo by Stefan Hirsch

We continued our birding and we saw very well other rare species in Rwanda and in region among other **White-winged Wetland Warbler** and **Carruter's Cisticola**. The population of these species is reducing in the region due to disappearance of the suitable habitat (Papyrus) which is replaced by survival faming activities.

At this site we have also seen **White-faced Whistling-Duck, Fulvous Whistling-Duck, Spur-winged Goose, Hottentot Teal, Yellow-billed Duck, Emerald-spotted Wood-Dove, Levillant's Cuckoo, Eurasian Moorhen, Red-knobbed Coot, Black Crake, Long-toed Lapwing, Wattled Lapwing, African Jacana, Wood Sandpiper, Long-tailed Cormorant, Pink-backed Pelican, Little Bittern, Gray Heron, Black-headed Heron, Purple Heron, Intermediate Egret, Little Egret, Cattle Egret, Squacco Heron, Black-crowned Night-Heron, African Sacred Ibis, Long-crested Eagle, African Marsh-Harrier, Black Kite**

(Yellow-billed), Malachite Kingfisher, Pied Kingfisher, Little Bee-eater, European Bee-eater, Lilac-breasted Roller, Eurasian Kestrel, Papyrus Gonolek, Winding Cisticola, Carruthers's Cisticola, Eurasian Reed Warbler, Banded Martin, Common Bulbul (Dark-capped), Swamp Flycatcher, Red-capped Robin-Chat, Red-chested Sunbird, Holub's



Golden-Weaver, Lesser Masked-Weaver, Red-billed Quelea, Southern Red Bishop.

Picture 15: Carruthers's Cisticola (*Cisticola carruthersi*); photo by Stefa Hirsch

We continued birding along the papyrus wetland, on one side and the farm of rice on the other side and we recorded **White-winged Widowbird, Fan-tailed Widowbird, Grosbeak Weaver, Common Waxbill, Red-billed Firefinch, Western Yellow Wagtail, African Pied Wagtail, Yellow-fronted Canary.**

Our last picture was the **Papyrus Canary** which was moving in both papyrus and the adjacent farm of rice. Our birding in Bugesera went up to lunch time offered at Palast Rock Hotel in Nyamata town.



Picture 16: Papyrus Canary (*Crithagra koliensis*); picture by Stefan Hirsch

When having our lunch, we compiled the list; we evaluated briefly the tour which in general was successful more than expected. We have recorded 25 Albertine Rift Endemics out of 29 in Nyungwe NP, we only missed Kivu Ground Thrush, Rwenzori nightjar and other hard species which generally need a confirmation namely Rokefeller's Sunbird, Shelley's Crimsonwing. Later afternoon we drove to the airport to capture with the evening flight with Bruxelles airlines.

List of sighted species

Pelican *Pelecanidae*

1. Pink-backed Pelican *Pelecanus rufescens*

Grebe *Podicipedidae*

2. Little Grebe *Tachybaptus ruficollis*

Cormorant *Phalacrocoracidae*

3. Great Cormorant *Phalacrocorax carbo*
4. Long-tailed Cormorant *Microcarbo africanus*

Hérons, Egrets and Bitterns *Ardeidae*

5. Black-crowned Night-Heron *Nycticorax nycticorax*
6. Black-headed Heron *Ardea melanocephala*
7. Gray Heron *Ardea cinerea*
8. Purple Heron *Ardea purpurea*
9. Squacco Heron *Ardeola ralloides*
10. Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis*
11. Intermediate Egret *Ardea intermedia*
12. Little Egret *Egretta garzetta*
13. Little Bittern *Ixobrychus minutus*

Hamerkop *Scopidae*

14. Hamerkop *Scopus umbretta*

Openbill and allies *Ciconiidae*

15. African Openbill *Anastomus lamelligerus*
16. Yellow-billed Stork *Mycteria ibis*

Ibises and Spoonbills *Threskiornithidae*

17. Hadada Ibis *Bostrychia hagedash*
18. African Sacred Ibis *Threskiornis aethiopicus*
19. African Spoonbill *Platalea alba*

Ducks *Anatidae*

20. Fulvous Whistling-Duck *Dendrocygna bicolor*
21. White-faced Whistling-Duck *Dendrocygna viduata*
22. Hottentot Teal *Spatula hottentota*

23. Spur-winged Goose *Plectropterus gambensis*
24. Yellow-billed Duck *Anas undulata*

Hawks, Eagles, and Kites *Accipitridae*

25. African Harrier-Hawk *Polyboroides typus*
26. Black Kite *Milvus migrans*
27. Cassin's Hawk-Eagle *Aquila africana*
28. Long-crested Eagle *Lophaetus occipitalis*
29. Yellow-billed Kite *Milvus aegyptius parasites*
30. African Marsh-Harrier *Circus ranivorus*
31. Augur Buzzard *Buteo augur*
32. Common Buzzard (Steppe) *Buteo buteo*
33. European Honey-buzzard *Pernis apivorus*
34. Mountain Buzzard *Buteo oreophilus*
35. Tawny Eagle *Aquila rapax*
36. Wahlberg's Eagle *Hieraetus wahlbergi*
37. African Fish-Eagle *Haliaeetus vocifer*
38. Hooded Vulture *Necrosyrtes monachus*

Falcons and Caracaras *Falconidae*

39. Eurasian (Common) Kestrel *Falco tinnunculus*

Pheasants, Grouse, and Allies *Phasianidae*

40. Handsome Francolin *Pternistis nobilis* (AR)

Crake *Rallidae*

41. Black Crake *Zapornia flavirostra*
42. Common Moorhen *Gallinula chloropus*
43. Red-knobbed Coot *Fulica cristata*

Jacana *Jacanidae*

44. African Jacana *Actophilornis africanus*

Crane *Gruidae*

45. Grey Crowned-Crane *Balearica regulorum*

Lapwing *Charadriidae*

46. Long-toed Lapwing *Vanellus crassirostris*

47. Wattled Lapwing *Vanellus senegallus*

Sandpiper Scolopacidae

48. Common Sandpiper *Actitis hypoleucos*

49. Wood Sandpiper *Tringa glareola*

Tern Laridae

50. White-winged Black Tern *Chlidonias leucopterus*

Pigeons and Doves Columbidae

51. African Green-Pigeon *Treron calvus*

52. Speckled Pigeon *Columba guinea*

53. Emerald-spotted Wood-Dove *Turtur chalcospilos*

54. Dusky Turtle Dove *Streptopelia lugens*

55. Laughing Dove *Spilopelia senegalensis*

56. Lemon Dove *Columba larvata*

57. Red-eyed Dove *Streptopelia semitorquata*

58. Ring-necked Dove *Streptopelia capicola*

59. Tambourine Dove *Turtur tympanistria*

Turacos Musophagidae

60. Black-billed Turaco *Tauraco schuettiemini*

61. Great Blue Turaco *Corythaeola cristata*

62. Rwenzori Turaco *Ruwenzorornis johnstoni* (AR)

63. Bare-faced Go-away-bird *Corythaixoides personatus*

Cuckoos Cuculidae

64. African Emerald Cuckoo *Chrysococcyx cupreus*

65. Barred Long-tailed Cuckoo *Cercococcyx montanus*

66. Blue Malkoha *Ceuthmochares aereus*

67. Klaas's Cuckoo *Chrysococcyx klaas*

68. Levaillant's Cuckoo *Clamator levaillantii*

69. Red-chested Cuckoo *Cuculus solitaries*

70. Blue-headed Coucal *Centropus monachus*

71. White-browed Coucal *Centropus superciliosus*

Nightjars and Allies *Caprimulgidae*

72. Rwenzori Nightjar *Caprimulgus ruwenzorii* (AR)

Swifts *Apodidae*

73. Little Swift *Apus affinis*

Mousebirds *Coliidae*

74. Blue-naped Mousebird *Urocolius macrourus*

75. Speckled Mousebird *Colius striatuskiwuensis*

Trogon *Trogonidae*

76. Bar-tailed Trogon *Apaloderma vittatum*

Kingfisher *Alcedinidae*

77. African Pygmy-Kingfisher *Ispidina picta*

78. Woodland Kingfisher *Halcyon senegalensis*

79. Malachite Kingfisher *Corythornis cristatus*

80. Pied Kingfisher *Ceryle rudis*

Bee-eaters *Meropidae*

81. European Bee-eater *Merops apiaster*

82. Little Bee-eater *Merops pusillus*

83. Cinnamon-chested Bee-eater *Merops oreobates*

Roller and Allies *Coraciidae*

84. Lilac-breasted Roller *Coracias caudatus*

Woodhoopoe *Phoeniculidae*

85. White-headed Woodhoopoe *Phoeniculus bollei*

Hornbills *Bucerotidae*

86. Black-and-white-casqued Hornbill *Bycanistes subcylindricus*

87. Crowned Hornbill *Lophoceros alboterminatus*

Barbet *Lybiidae*

88. Spot-flanked Barbet *Tricholaema lacrymosa*

89. Yellow-rumped Tinkerbird *Pogoniulus bilineatus*

Honeyguide *Indicatoridae*

90. Dwarf Honeyguide *Indicator pumilio* (AR)

Woodpeckers *Picidae*

91. Elliot's Woodpecker *Mesopicos elliotii*

Wagtails and Pipits *Motacillidae*

92. African Pied Wagtail *Motacilla aguimp*

93. Cape Wagtail *Motacilla capensis*

94. Western Yellow Wagtail *Motacilla flava*

95. African Pipit *Anthus cinnamomeus*

96. Yellow-throated Longclaw *Macronyx croceus*

Swallows, Martin and Saw-wing *Hirundinidae*

97. Angola Swallow *Hirundo angolensis*

98. Barn Swallow *Hirundo rustica*

99. Lesser Striped Swallow *Cecropis abyssinica*

100. Red-rumped Swallow *Cecropis daurica*

101. Wire-tailed Swallow *Hirundo smithii*

102. White-headed Sawwing *Psalidoprocne albiceps*

103. Banded Martin *Riparia cincta*

104. Plain Martin *Riparia paludicola*

105. Rock Martin *Ptyonoprocne fuligula*

106. Black Saw-wing *Psalidoprocne pristoptera*

Cuckoo-shrikes *Campephagidae*

107. Gray Cuckoo-shrike *Coracina caesiapura*

108. Mackinnon's Shrike *Lanius mackinnoni*

Bulbuls *Pycnonotidae*

109. Common Bulbul (Dark-capped) *Pycnonotus tricolor*

110. Eastern Mountain Greenbul *Arizelocichla nigriceps*

111. Shelley's Greenbul (Kakamega) *Arizelocichla masukuensis*

112. Yellow-streaked Greenbul *Phyllastrephus flavostriatus*

113. Yellow-throated Greenbul *Atimastillas flavicollis*

114. Yellow-whiskered Greenbul *Eurillas latirostris*

Old World Flycatchers *Muscicapidae*

115. Ruhuaha Chat *Myrmecocichla collaris*

116. Sooty Chat *Myrmecocichla nigra*

- 117. Familiar Chat *Oenanthe familiaris*
- 118. Archer's Robin-Chat *Cossypha archeri* (AR)
- 119. Brown-backed Scrub-Robin *Erythropygia hartlaubi*
- 120. Cape Robin-Chat *Cossypha caffra*
- 121. White-bellied Robin-Chat *Cossyphicula roberti*
- 122. White-browed Robin-Chat *Cossypha heuglini*
- 123. White-starred Robin *Pogonocichla stellate*
- 124. Red-throated Alethe *Pseudalethe poliophrys* (AR)
- 125. African Dusky Flycatcher *Muscicapa adusta*
- 126. Spotted Flycatcher *Muscicapa striata*
- 127. Swamp Flycatcher *Muscicapa aquatica*
- 128. White-bellied Crested-Flycatcher *Elminia albiventris*
- 129. White-eyed Slaty-Flycatcher *Melaenornis fischeri*
- 130. Yellow-eyed Black-Flycatcher *Melaenornis ardesiacus* (AR)
- 131. African Stonechat *Saxicola torquatus*
- 132. Equatorial Akalat *Sheppardia aequatorialis*

Monarch Flycatchers *Monarchidae*

- 133. African Paradise-Flycatcher *Terpsiphone viridis*

Fairy Flycatchers *Stenostiridae*

- 134. White-tailed Blue Flycatcher *Elminia albicauda*
- 135. White-tailed Crested-Flycatcher *Elminia albonotata*

Thrushes and Allies *Turdidae*

- 136. Abyssinian Thrush *Turdus abyssinicus*
- 137. African Thrush *Turdus pelios*

Bush-Warblers and Allies *Cettiidae*

- 138. Neumann's Warbler *Urosphena naumanni* (AR)

Grass warblers, grassbirds and bush warblers *Locustellidae*

- 139. Cinnamon Bracken-Warbler *Bradypterus cinnamomeus*
- 140. Grauer's Warbler *Graueria vittata* (AR)
- 141. Grauer's Swamp Warbler *Bradypterus graueri* (AR)
- 142. White-winged Swamp Warbler *Bradypterus carpalis*

Leaf-Warblers *Phylloscopidae*

- 143. Red-faced Woodland-Warbler *Phylloscopus laetus* (AR)
- 144. Willow Warbler *Phylloscopus trochilus*

Reed-Warblers and Allies *Acrocephalidae*

- 145. Mountain Yellow-Warbler *Iduna similis*
- 146. African Yellow-Warbler *Iduna natalensis*
- 147. Eurasian Reed Warbler *Acrocephalus scirpaceus*
- 148. Greater Swamp Warbler *Acrocephalus rufescens*

Crombecs, warblers and allies *Macrosphenidae*

- 149. Red-faced Crombec *Sylvietta whytii*
- 150. White-browed Crombec *Sylvietta leucophrys*

Cisticolas and Allies *Cisticolidae*

- 151. Tawny-flanked Prinia *Prinia subflava*
- 152. Banded Prinia *Prinia bairdii*
- 153. White-chinned Prinia *Schistolais leucopogon*
- 154. Black-faced Apalis *Apalis personata* (AR)
- 155. Kungwe Apalis *Apalis Argentea* (AR)
- 156. Yellow-breasted Apalis *Apalis flavida*
- 157. Chubb's Cisticola *Cisticola chubby*
- 158. Rwenzori Apalis *Oreolais ruwenzorii* (AR)
- 159. Black-throated Apalis *Apalis jacksoni*
- 160. Chestnut-throated Apalis *Apalis porphyrolaema*
- 161. Grey Apalis *Apalis cinerea*
- 162. Carruthers's Cisticola *Cisticola carruthersi*
- 163. Winding Cisticola *Cisticola marginatus*
- 164. Siffling Cisticola *Cisticola brachypterus*
- 165. Trilling Cisticola *Cisticola woosnami*
- 166. Black-faced Rufous-Warbler *Bathmocercus rufus*
- 167. Miombo Wren-Warbler *Calamonastesundusus*
- 168. Grey-capped Warbler *Eminia lepida*

Wattle-eyes and Batises *Platysteiridae*

- 169. Yellow-bellied Wattle-eye *Platysteira concreta*
- 170. Chinspot Batis *Batis molitor*
- 171. Rwenzori Batis *Batis diops* (AR)

Fulvettas and Ground Babblers *Pellorneidae*

- 172. Mountain Illadopsis *Illadopsis pyrrhoptera*

Babbler and Allies *Leiothrichidae*

- 173. Arrow-marked Babbler *Turdoides jardineii*
- 174. Black-lored Babbler *Turdoides sharpie*
- 175. Red-collared Mountain-Babbler *Kupeornis rufocinctus* (AR)
- 176. Rwenzori Hill Babbler *Sylvia atriceps*

Chickadees and Tits *Paridae*

- 177. Dusky Tit *Melaniparus funereus*
- 178. Stripe-breasted Tit *Melaniparus fasciiventer* (AR)

White-eyes, and Allies *Zosteropidae*

- 179. African Yellow White-eye *Zosterops senegalensis*

Sunbirds and Spiderhunters *Nectariniidae*

- 180. Blue-headed Sunbird *Cyanomitra alinae* (AR)
- 181. Bronze Sunbird *Nectarinia kilimensis*
- 182. Collared Sunbird *Hedydipna collaris*
- 183. Copper Sunbird *Cinnyris cupreus*
- 184. Green-headed Sunbird *Cyanomitra verticalis*
- 185. Purple-breasted Sunbird *Nectarinia purpureiventris* (AR)
- 186. Olive Sunbird *Cinnyris jugularis*
- 187. Northern Double-collared Sunbird *Cinnyris reichenowi*
- 188. Red-chested Sunbird *Cinnyris erythrocerus*
- 189. Regal Sunbird *Cinnyris regius* (AR)
- 190. Scarlet-chested Sunbird *Chalcomitra senegalensis*
- 191. Variable Sunbird *Cinnyris venustus*
- 192. Stuhlmann's Sunbird *Cinnyris stuhlmanni* (AR)

Fiscal Laniidae

- 193. Northern Fiscal *Lanius humeralis*
- 194. Gray-backed Fiscal *Lanius excubitoroides*

Bushshrikes and Allies Malaconotidae

- 195. Doherty's Bush-shrike *Telophorus dohertyi*
- 196. Lühder's Bush-shrike *Laniarius luehderi*
- 197. Many-coloured Bush-shrike *Chlorophoneus multicolor*
- 198. Lagden's Bush-shrike *Malaconotus lagdeni*
- 199. Northern Puffback *Dryoscopus gambensis*
- 200. Albertine Boubou *Laniarius holomelas* (AR)
- 201. Tropical Boubou *Laniarius major*
- 202. Willard's Sooty Boubou *Laniarius willardi* (AR)
- 203. Papyrus Gonolek *Laniarius mufumbiri*
- 204. Black-headed Gonolek *Laniarius erythrogaster*

Drongo Dicruridae

- 205. Fork-tailed Drongo *Dicrurus adsimilis*

Old World Orioles Oriolidae

- 206. Black-tailed Oriole *Oriolus percivali*

Crows, Jays, and Magpies Corvidae

- 207. Pied Crow *Corvus albus*
- 208. White-necked Raven *Corvus albicollis*

Starlings Sturnidae

- 209. Rüppell's Starling *Lamprotornis purpuroptera*
- 210. Stuhlmann's Starling *Poeoptera stuhlmanni*
- 211. Violet-backed Starling *Cinnyricinclus leucogaster*
- 212. Waller's Starling *Onychognathus walleri*
- 213. Slender-billed Starling *Onychognathus tenuirostris*

Buntings, Sparrows and Allies Emberizidae

- 214. House Sparrow *Passer domesticus*
- 215. Northern Gray-headed Sparrow *Passer griseus*
- 216. Golden-breasted Bunting *Emberiza flaviventris*

Weavers and Allies Ploceidae

- 217. Baglafaecht Weaver *Ploceus baglafaecht*
- 218. Black-billed Weaver *Ploceus melanogaster*
- 219. Forest Weaver *Ploceus bicolor*
- 220. Lesser Masked-Weaver *Ploceus intermedius*
- 221. Grosbeak Weaver *Amblyospiza albifrons*
- 222. Holub's Golden-Weaver *Ploceus xanthops*
- 223. Slender-billed Weaver *Ploceus pelzelni*
- 224. Spectacled Weaver *Ploceus ocularis*
- 225. Strange Weaver *Ploceus alienus* (AR)
- 226. Black-headed Weaver *Ploceus melanocephalus*
- 227. Red-billed Quelea *Quelea quelea*
- 228. Village Weaver *Ploceus cucullatus*
- 229. Southern Red Bishop *Euplectes orix*
- 230. Fan-tailed Widowbird *Euplectes axillaris*
- 231. White-winged Widowbird *Euplectes albonotatus*
- 232. Yellow Bishop *Euplectes capensis*

Whydah Viduidae

- 233. Pin-tailed Whydah *Vidua macroura*

Waxbills and Allies Estrildidae

- 234. Black-crowned Waxbill *Estrilda nonnula*
- 235. Common Waxbill *Estrilda astrild*
- 236. Kandt's Waxbill *Estrilda kandti*
- 237. Fawn-breasted Waxbill *Estrilda paludicola*
- 238. Gray-headed Nigrita *Nigrita canicapillus*
- 239. White-breasted Nigrita *Nigrita fusconotus*
- 240. Green-winged Pytilia *Pytilia melba*
- 241. Red-billed Firefinch *Lagonosticta senegala*
- 242. Black-and-white Mannikin *Spermestes bicolor*
- 243. Bronze Mannikin *Lonchura cucullata*

- 244. Red-cheeked Cordon-bleu *Uraeginthus bengalus*
- 245. Dusky Crimsonwing *Cryptospiza jacksoni* (AR)
- 246. African Firefinch *Lagonosticta rubricate*
- 247. White-collared Oliveback *Nesocharis ansorgei*

Finches, Euphonias Fringillidae

- 248. Western Citril *Crithagra frontalis*
- 249. Brimstone Canary *Crithagra sulphurata*
- 250. Papyrus Canary *Crithagra koliensis*
- 251. Yellow-fronted Canary *Crithagra mozambica*
- 252. Streaky Seedeater *Crithagra striolata*
- 253. Thick-billed Seedeater *Serinus burtoni*

