



**THE BEST OF MADAGASCAR  
AND BERENTY EXTENSION**

**TRIP REPORT**

**6 November - 24 November 2016**

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**White-browed Hawk-Owl - *Ninox superciliaris***

## ITINERARY

Day	Date	Start	Finish
1	6 November 2016	Antananarivo	Andasibe
2	7 November 2016	Andasibe	Andasibe
3	8 November 2016	Andasibe	Andasibe
4	9 November 2016	Andasibe	Antsirabe
5	10 November 2016	Antsirabe	Ranomafana NP
6	11 November 2016	Ranomafana NP	Ranomafana NP
7	12 November 2016	Ranomafana NP	Ranomafana NP
8	13 November 2016	Ranomafana NP	Isalo
9	14 November 2016	Isalo	Ifaty
10	15 November 2016	Ifaty	Ifaty
11	16 November 2016	Ifaty	Toliara
12	17 November 2016	Toliara	Toliara
13	18 November 2016	Toliara	Antananarivo
14	19 November 2016	Antananarivo	Fort Dauphin
15	20 November 2016	Fort Dauphin	Berenty Reserve
16	21 November 2016	Berenty Reserve	Berenty Reserve
17	22 November 2016	Berenty Reserve	Berenty Reserve
18	23 November 2016	Berenty - Fort Dauphin	Antananarivo
19	24 November 2016	Antananarivo	Depart

**Day 1: 6 November 2016**

Coming together at breakfast as a group for the first time, meets and greets took place. The car was packed, and we were on the road in no time, Sunday traffic being no issue in the capital city - a true blessing if ever there was one. En route to our destination in the east we picked up **Madagascan Stonechat, Common Myna, Madagascan Wagtail, Black Heron, Dimorphic, Great, and Western Cattle Egrets, Mascarene Martin, Olive Bee-eater, Hamerkop**, and a number of others.

A few hours later and we were sitting down for another meal. This time lunch produced wonderful views of the handsome **Madagascan Blue Pigeon**, its red tail, legs, and eye ring contrasting brilliantly with the blue of its body. **Green Jery** also put in an appearance, while indri was heard calling in the distance. An afternoon hike around the secondary forest in

Andasibe yielded great views of eastern lesser bamboo and brown lemurs. Birds were active after the rain, and we enjoyed **Madagascan Magpie-Robin**, **Malagasy Bulbul**, **Spectacled Tetraka**, **Long-billed Bernieria**, **White-throated Oxylabes**, **Madagascan Wood Rail**, **Rand's Warbler**, **Malagasy Coucal**, **Malagasy Kingfisher**, roosting **Rainforest Scops Owl**, **Greater Vasa Parrot**, **Madagascan Cuckooshrike**, and a few others. Occasional feeding flocks also generated **Blue**, **Tylas**, **Red-tailed**, and **White-headed Vangas**, while **Crested Drongo**, **Malagasy Paradise Flycatcher**, **Nelicourvi Weaver**, **Red Fody**, and **Madagascan Swamp Warbler** were quickly outshone by the elusive **Red-breasted Coua** and its close relative, **Blue Coua**. After a failed attempt at locating Madagascan Flufftail we enjoyed our first dinner of the trip and prepped for a long day in the field in the morning.



Madagascan Magpie-Robin - *Copsychus albospecularis*

### Day 2: 7 November 2016

Leaving fairly early, we commenced the lengthily drive to Mantadia National Park, the primary forest in the area. Here we swiftly picked up black-and-white ruffed lemur as well as the likes of **Greater Vasa Parrot**, **Tylas Vanga**, **Malagasy Paradise Flycatcher** (white-morph male on the nest), **Blue Coua**, **Madagascan Blue Pigeon**, **Red-tailed Vanga**, and the most cryptic of all the islands fauna, mossy leaf-tailed gecko, which had everyone stunned for some time. Lunch was served at a small lake tucked away in the forest, and here we enjoyed **Madagascan Swamp Warbler**, **Malagasy White-eye**, **Common Moorhen**, **Madagascan Grebe**, **Broad-billed Roller**, **Chabert Vanga**, **Mascarene Martin**, **Meller's Duck**, **Ward's Flycatcher**, and a handful of others. Sneaking back into the forest itself we added the unique **Scaly** and **Short-legged Ground Rollers** as well as **Madagascan Pygmy Kingfisher**. While exiting the reserve we enjoyed **Madagascan Rail** and an unexpected **Little Bittern** in the wetter marshlands.

A brief night walk within the town of Andasibe produced two-striped, short-horned, and Parson's chameleons as well as Madagascar tree boa and green bright-eyed frogs. Goodman's mouse lemur and furry-eared dwarf lemur also put in a brief appearance before we headed back for dinner, listening to **Rainforest Scops Owl** and **Madagascan Nightjar**.

**Day 3: 8 November 2016**

Returning to the secondary forest we made a quick detour to enjoy a roosting **Madagascan Owl** and picking up **Malagasy Turtle Dove** at the same time. We then worked the matrix of paths the reserve has on offer and picked up **Blue Coua**, **Rand's Warbler**, **Spectacled Tetraka**, **Malagasy Brush Warbler**, **Ward's Flycatcher**, **Tylas**, **Red-tailed**, and **Nuthatch Vangas**, **Malagasy Coucal**, **Malagasy Paradise Flycatcher**, **Greater Vasa Parrot**, and fantastic views of both **Madagascan Flufftail**, one of the ultimate forest skulkers, and **Red-fronted Coua**. Lemurs were not in short supply, and we ran into groups of diademed sifaka, brown lemur, and eastern woolly lemur, as well as a heart-stopping vocal performance from a group of indri right above our heads. A large Madagascan tree boa sunning itself in a tree was also one of the morning's many highlights.

After lunch we set off to explore a new habitat in the area, an extensive marshland located within one of the many nearby valleys. Along the way we locked onto **Madagascan Buzzard**, **Madagascan Spinetail**, **Chabert Vanga**, and **Madagascan Stonechat**. At the wetland itself we added **Madagascan Mannikin**, **Red Fody**, **Madagascan Cisticola**, and great views of **Grey Emutail** and **Madagascan Snipe**, the two main targets, before picking up another **Red-fronted Coua** in good light on the way back to the vehicle.

**Day 4: 9 November 2016**

Today being set aside as a travel day, we left the hotel after enjoying **Greater Vasa Parrot**, **Madagascan Stonechat**, **Malagasy Kingfisher**, and a number of the usual species. We then traveled west back towards the capital, adding **Great Egret**, **Striated Heron**, **Hamerkop**, **Mascarene Martin**, **Common Myna**, **Rock Dove**, and **Yellow-billed Kite**. We then detoured past the usual city traffic and started on the journey south, through countless terraced rice paddies and other scenic landscapes, until we arrived at our lunch spot. Overlooking a river, birds were present but sporadic, and we added **Red Fody**, **Western Cattle Egret**, **Malagasy Green Sunbird**, **Madagascan Mannikin**, and **Malagasy Brush Warbler** before continuing toward our stopover for the evening. The journey to the next national park was to commence after a good night's rest.

**Day 5: 10 November 2016**

Our second consecutive travel day commenced with a buffet breakfast and a cultural morning, where we went to visit, enjoy, and better understand the intricacies behind the manufacturing of objects from recycled tin and Zebu (cattle) horn, a really interesting and appreciated change before we headed for lunch. Here we enjoyed some local musical entertainment and then continued south, breaking east to Ranomafana National Park. Birds were in short supply, but we did get **Malagasy Kingfisher**, **African Palm Swift**, **Pied Crow**, **Rock Dove**, **Great Egret**, **Dimorphic Egret** (both color morphs), **Hamerkop** mating, and a couple of others, as well as least shrew tenrec, a really uncommonly encountered mammal. This was a very unexpected surprise indeed. We then settled for dinner and then fell asleep to the sound of rain beating down on the roof.

**Day 6: 11 November 2016**

A full morning in the secondary forest was the plan for early in the day. Things started off well with **Rand's Warbler**, **Madagascan Starling**, **Souimanga Sunbird**, **Malagasy White-eye**, **Malagasy Bulbul**, and both eastern lesser bamboo and golden bamboo lemurs, followed shortly thereafter by red-fronted brown lemur and Milne-Edwards's sifaka. Birds were very vocal and active, and we enjoyed good views of many **Pitta-like Ground Rollers**, **Madagascan Wood Rail**, **Dark Newtonia**, **White-headed Vanga**, **Rufous Vanga**, and **Velvet Asity**, to name but a few.



A short afternoon visit to the primary forest yielded very little due to an approaching storm. However, we did pick up small-toothed sportive lemurs hiding out in a dead tree as well as two family groups of Milne-Edward's sifaka. **Malagasy Black Swift** and a calling **Forest Rock Thrush** were the two avian highlights for all the effort. A night walk produced wonderful sightings of rufous mouse lemur as well as Madagascar bright-eyed frog and cryptic, O'Shaughnessy's, two-striped, and nose-horned chameleons in a very short space of both time and distance. We then worked out way back down to the hill for dinner and a much-deserved rest.



Milne-Edwards's sifaka - *Propithecus edwardsi*

#### Day 7: 12 November 2016

Breakfast at dawn was soon followed by a winding road up to the primary forest of Ranomafana. Along the road we picked up an obliging **Forest Rock Thrush**, **Forest Fody**, and **Malagasy Black Swift**. We then entered the forest shortly afterwards and ran into red-bellied and red-fronted brown lemurs as well as bird such as **Blue Coua**, **Tylas Vanga**, **Dark Newtonia**, **Hook-billed Vanga**, **Madagascan Blue Pigeon**, **Lesser Vasa Parrot**, calling **Madagascan Yellowbrow**, **Cuckoo Roller**, **Madagascan Sparrowhawk**, and a diminutive **Yellow-bellied Sunbird-Asity** building its nest. **Green Jery**, **Stripe-throated Jery**, and

**Rand's Warbler** entertained us, as did **Pitta-like Ground Roller** and **Souimanga** and **Malagasy Green Sunbirds**.



Hook-billed Vanga - *Vanga curvirostris*

Returning in the afternoon after lunch we again picked up species like **Blue Coua**, **Tylas Vanga**, **Mascarene Martin**, **Green Jery**, calling **Pollen's Vanga**, **Brown Emutail**, **Common Sunbird-Asity**, and a couple of others, but the highlight most certainly went to a greater hedgehog tenrec that came tumbling down a hill slope and landed a little dazed at our feet.

#### Day 8: 13 November 2016

Leaving Ranomafana immediately after breakfast, we already had picked up the likes of **Madagascan Blue Pigeon**, **Red Fody**, **Madagascan Magpie-Robin**, **Madagascan Mannikin**, **Malagasy Bulbul**, and a great view of **Madagascan Harrier-Hawk** being mobbed by a pair of **Broad-billed Rollers**. We then continued our journey towards the southwest, where we stopped to view **Madagascan Lark**, **Pied Crow**, **Yellow-billed Kite**, and **Alpine Swift**, as well as to enjoy Oustalet's chameleon and ring-tailed lemur at a local community reserve, where we stopped for a lunch break before heading back to the national road.

After arriving late in the afternoon at the most beautiful of hotels at Isalo, tucked deep within sandstone, we took a quick walk before sunset. Here we looked at **Souimanga Sunbird**, **African Palm Swift**, **Common Myna**, **Broad-billed Roller**, **Yellow-billed Kite**, and our main target, **Forest Rock Thrush** (the subspecies split by some as Benson's Rock Thrush).

#### Day 9: 14 November 2016

Prior to breakfast a morning walk added our main targets to our list, **Madagascan Hoopoe** and **Madagascan Partridge**, of which a brilliant male was seen feeding on a nearby road verge. We then commenced our journey southwest, where we picked up **Pied Crow**, **Yellow-billed Kite**, and a few others before arriving at Zombitse Forest. Here **Cuckoo Roller**, **Madagascan Buzzard**, **Common Newtonia**, **Long-billed Bernieria**, the localized celebrity



**Appert's Tetraka, Lesser Vasa Parrot, Coquerel's Coua, Malagasy Paradise Flycatcher.** Standing's day gecko, Verreaux's sifaka, and the cute nocturnal Hubbard's sportive lemur all showed well before we made our way to Ifaty.



Verreaux's sifaka - *Propithecus verreauxi*

A quick visit to a nearby lake produced **Namaqua Dove** and **Malagasy Kestrel**, while the water body itself added **Kittlitz's Plover**, **Common Ringed Plover**, **Curlew** and **Common Sandpipers**, **Black-winged Stilt**, **Hottentot Teal**, **Purple Heron**, **Western Cattle Egret**, **Little Grebe**, **Madagascan Cisticola**, and a few others before we returned to dinner and a good number of **Madagascan Nightjars**.

#### **Day 10: 15 November 2016**

A light breakfast started the day well before sunrise this morning, which we enjoyed while three grey-brown mouse lemurs came back to their day roosts, using the support beams of the restaurant roof as a shortcut. We then headed to the famous spiny desert of the southwest, where in record time we picked up the likes of **Sakalava Weaver**, **Red Fody**, **Thamnornis**, **Souimanga Sunbird**, **Malagasy Turtle Dove**, **Grey-headed Lovebird**, **Common** and **Archbold's Newtonias**, **Malagasy Kestrel**, **Common Jery**, **Stripe-throated Jery**, **Malagasy Bulbul**, **Crested Drongo**, and really good views of **Madagascan Sparrowhawk**, **Madagascan Harrier-Hawk**, and **Madagascan Cuckoo-Hawk**, all within the space of minutes. Down the myriad of baobab-littered paths we found **Crested**, **Red-capped** (split occasionally as **Green-capped**), and **Running Couas**. **Sickle-billed**, **Chabert**, and **Lafresnaye's Vangas** showed well, as did the unique **Subdesert Mesite** and the legendary **Long-tailed Ground Roller**. White-footed sportive lemur as well as a potentially not-yet-described species of sportive lemur were enjoyed by all. A quick stop at the salt pans added **Common Greenshank**, **Kittlitz's Plover**, **Curlew Sandpiper**, and **Madagascan Plover**.

Lunch was had at the beach, where we picked up **Common Myna**, **Grey Plover**, **Whimbrel**, and **Ruddy Turnstone** before we headed for the plateau just north of Toliara. Here we enjoyed **Madagascan Lark**, **Namaqua Dove**, **Subdesert Brush Warbler**, and both the recently described **Red-shouldered Vanga** and **Verreaux's Coua** in a short span of time.

Then we went back to the hotel to celebrate one of the most fruitful days of the tour.



Sakalava Weaver - *Ploceus Sakalava*

#### Day 11: 16 November 2016

Birding around the hotel this morning produced **Madagascan Nightjar**, **Madagascan Mannikin**, **Crested Drongo**, and **Madagascan Magpie-Robin**, but it was the mangrove swamps we visited that added the likes of **Common Ringed**, **Three-banded**, and **Kittlitz's Plovers**, **Common** and **Curlew Sandpipers**, **Whimbrel**, **Ruddy Turnstone**, **Common Greenshank**, **Dimorphic** and **Great Egrets**, **Madagascan Swamp Warbler**, and the best views yet of **Madagascan Rail**, completely in the open for all to enjoy.

In the afternoon after a filling meal a quick visit to nearby grasslands yielded **Namaqua Dove**, **Pied Crow**, **Yellow-billed Kite**, **Madagascan Cisticola**, **Madagascan Lark**, **Common Myna**, **Sakalava Weaver**, **Red Fody**, **Olive Bee-eater**, **Grey-headed Lovebird**, and two much-needed additions, **Greater Painted-snipe** and **White-throated Rail**, a pair of which gave us a beautiful duet right out on the open mud banks as if it were a well-rehearsed performance.

#### Day 12: 17 November 2016

An early departure had us riding zebu (ox) carts out into the Indian Ocean to board our boat, which was to take us to the island of Nosy Ve. En route we picked up **Greater Crested Tern** and either **Sooty** or **Bridled Tern** out in the distance. Some time later we approached the vegetated island, where we quickly picked up **Sanderling**, **Grey Plover**, **White-fronted Plover**, **Ruddy Turnstone**, **Whimbrel**, and a tern roost made up of **Lesser** and **Greater Crested Terns** and a single **Common Tern**. A flock of 30 or so **Crab-plovers** was an absolute highlight, as were good numbers of **Red-tailed Tropicbirds**, for which this island is the southern-most breeding site. **Grey Heron**, **Dimorphic Egret**, and **Madagascan Cisticola** also put in an appearance before we headed to the mainland for lunch and to successfully seek out the endemic **Littoral Rock Thrush** in the dune vegetation.

We then made our way back to Toliara to enjoy the rest of the afternoon and **Madagascan Nightjar** hawking over the swimming pool at dusk.



**Day 13: 18 November 2016**

With very little left to search for in the area we set off to try and locate Madagascan Sandgrouse. The area was alive with birds such as **Madagascan Cisticola**, **Madagascan Lark**, **Grey-headed Lovebird**, **Pied Crow**, **Yellow-billed Kite**, **Kittlitz's Plover**, **Namaqua Dove**, **Mascarene Martin**, **Olive Bee-eater**, **Malagasy Coucal**, **Subdesert Brush Warbler**, and a few others, but after over two hours we had had no sign of the sandgrouse and returned back to the hotel for breakfast. Fully fed we then packed our luggage and departed for the return flight to the capital Antananarivo, as the set departure tour had come to a truly successful end.

**Day 14: 19 November 2016**

This morning we began our Berenty extension tour with a relaxed breakfast in the capital before departing for the airport to catch our mid-morning flight out to the southern tip of the island, Fort Dauphin. Within the limits of this coastal town we picked up very little en route to the hotel, just **Red Fody**, **Common Myna**, **Rock Dove**, **Yellow-billed Kite**, **Pied Crow**, **Malagasy Kestrel**, **Madagascan Mannikin**, and a few others. The remainder of the afternoon was a drizzly one, and we rested in preparation for our busy schedule in the morning.

**Day 15: 20 November 2016**

After breakfast the vehicles were packed and we started heading west towards the Berenty Reserve. The 90-kilometer road, which has remained untouched for the last 60 years, was quite an experience and took a good portion of the morning. Flooded rice paddies and lush roadsides produced **Pied Crow**, **Red Fody**, **Yellow-billed Kite**, **Striated Heron**, **Hamerkop**, **Great Egret**, **Dimorphic Egret**, and some others before we reached Berenty Reserve itself. Here we were greeted by ring-tailed and red-fronted brown lemurs and the likes of **Crested Drongo**, **Sakalava Weaver**, **Common Jery**, and a few others.



Warty chameleon - *Furcifer verrucosus*

A late-afternoon walk produced a couple of warty chameleons, a large roost of Madagascan flying fox, **Pied Crow**, **Black** and **Yellow-billed Kites**, **Madagascan Green Pigeon**,

**Crested and Giant Couas, Madagascan and Frances's Sparrowhawks, Hook-billed Vanga, White-browed Hawk-Owl, Western Barn Owl, Rainforest Scops Owl, Helmeted Guineafowl, Common Greenshank, Lesser and Greater Vasa Parrots, and a few of the commoner specials. Verreaux's sifaka performed their characteristic dance for us before we headed for a night walk to enjoy grey-brown mouse lemur, white-footed sportive lemur, warty chameleon, and a couple of roosting Madagascan Magpie-Robins.**



Verreaux's sifaka - *Propithecus verreauxi*

#### **Day 16: 21 November 2016**

Heading out at first light we worked our way through neighboring sisal plantations in search of Madagascan Sandgrouse, which again proved unsuccessful. We did, however, pick up **Madagascan Lark, Madagascan Cisticola, Crested Drongo, Pied Crow, Western Cattle Egret, Sakalava Weaver, Yellow-billed Kite, Crested Coua, Red Fody**, and good numbers of the diminutive **Madagascan Buttonquail** that frequented the ploughed fields for feeding. After breakfast we then set off for the spiny forest, and here among the unique desert-adapted vegetation we saw **Malagasy Kestrel** and **Rainforest Scops Owl** (the arid-habitat western subspecies) as well as a roosting **Madagascan Nightjar**, white-footed sportive lemur, and Verreaux's sifaka.

In the afternoon we tried once again to locate the elusive Madagascan Sandgrouse, coming up empty-handed once more. **Madagascan Buttonquail** was the only notable bird, which we

picked up in the road on the way back to camp, and we saw Dumeril's boa.



Dumeril's boa - *Acrantophis dumerili*

**Day 17: 22 November 2016**

Again, Madagascan Sandgrouse was our only target, and again it eluded us. The recent rains may have kick-started nesting cycles, and the birds were no longer visiting their usual feeding grounds. **Black Kite, Yellow-billed Kite, Malagasy Coucal, Western Cattle Egret, Crested Coua, Crested Drongo**, and a few other species were present in the sisal fields as well as a pair of uncommon migrants in the form of **Harlequin Quail**.



Crested Coua - *Coua cristata*



A post-breakfast walk added **White-browed Hawk-Owl** at the roost, **Crested Coua**, **Common Newtonia**, **Madagascan Magpie-Robin**, **Malagasy White-eye**, **Broad-billed Roller**, and specials such as **Madagascan Cuckoo-Hawk** and a few pairs of **Giant Coua**, one of which proudly displayed its catch of the morning, a jeweled chameleon. Verreaux's sifaka and ring-tailed, brown, and white-footed sportive lemurs all showed well before we packed our bags, filled up on lunch, and headed east back to Fort Dauphin.

#### Day 18: 23 November 2016

Today started with breakfast in the dark, as we were due to visit Andohahela National Park, just north of Fort Dauphin. The drive, however, was a rough one under the best of circumstances, and the area had just received good rainfall the day before. So sliding our way there we eventually covered the necessary ground and entered the forest. **Malagasy Pond Heron** greeted us at its edge, as did **Malagasy Kestrel** and a brilliant **Eleonora's Falcon**. Within the forest itself we encountered little bird activity but did pick up **Spectacled Tetraka**, **Madagascan Blue Pigeon**, **Common Newtonia**, **Madagascan Magpie-Robin**, **Malagasy White-eye**, **Souimanga Sunbird**, **Malagasy Turtle Dove**, **Lesser Vasa Parrot**, and the target of the day, **Red-tailed Newtonia**, a bird that is missing on many an avid birder's list.

We made our afternoon flight back to the capital in good time and picked up an obliging **Sooty Falcon** sitting on the terminal building upon our departure before making our way to the hotel.



Red-tailed Newtonia - *Newtonia fanovanae*

#### Day 19: 24 November 2016

Today marked the end of the tour for half of the participants. Some of the group lucky enough to continue touring the island headed off to the northwest to experience the beauty of the Masoala peninsula, while the others boarded either the afternoon or late night flights back to South Africa or France, respectively, after they had concluded a wonderful tour full of unique species of both fauna and flora.

MADAGASCAR BIRD LIST NOVEMBER 2016		
Bold = country endemic Status: NT = Near-threatened, VU = Vulnerable, EN = Endangered		
Common name (IOC 6.4)	Scientific name (IOC 6.4)	Trip
	<b>ANSERIFORMES</b>	
<b><u>Ducks, Geese and Swans</u></b>	<b><u>Anatidae</u></b>	
White-faced Whistling Duck	<i>Dendrocygna viduata</i>	1
<b>Meller's Duck - EN</b>	<i>Anas melleri</i>	1
Hottentot Teal	<i>Anas hottentota</i>	1
	<b>GALLIFORMES</b>	
<b><u>Guineafowl</u></b>	<b><u>Numididae</u></b>	
Helmeted Guineafowl	<i>Numida meleagris</i>	1
<b><u>Pheasants and allies</u></b>	<b><u>Phasianidae</u></b>	
<b>Madagascan Partridge</b>	<i>Margaroperdix madagarensis</i>	1
Harlequin Quail	<i>Coturnix delegorguei</i>	1
	<b>PODICIPEDIFORMES</b>	
<b><u>Grebes</u></b>	<b><u>Podicipedidae</u></b>	
Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>	1
Madagascan Grebe - VU	<i>Tachybaptus pelzelni</i>	1
	<b>PHAETHONTIFORMES</b>	
<b><u>Tropicbirds</u></b>	<b><u>Phaethontidae</u></b>	
Red-tailed Tropicbird	<i>Phaethon rubricauda</i>	1
	<b>PELECANIFORMES</b>	
<b><u>Herons, Bitterns</u></b>	<b><u>Ardeidae</u></b>	
Little Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus minutus</i>	1
Striated Heron	<i>Butorides striata</i>	1
Malagasy Pond Heron - EN	<i>Ardeola idae</i>	1
Western Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	1
Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	1
Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>	1
Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>	1
Black Heron	<i>Egretta ardesiaca</i>	1
Dimorphic Egret	<i>Egretta dimorpha</i>	1
<b><u>Hamerkop</u></b>	<b><u>Scopidae</u></b>	
Hamerkop	<i>Scopus umbretta</i>	1
	<b>ACCIPITRIFORMES</b>	
<b><u>Kites, Hawks and Eagles</u></b>	<b><u>Accipitridae</u></b>	
<b>Madagascan Harrier-Hawk</b>	<i>Polyboroides radiatus</i>	1
<b>Madagascan Cuckoo-Hawk</b>	<i>Aviceda madagascariensis</i>	1
Frances's Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter francesiae</i>	1
<b>Madagascan Sparrowhawk</b>	<i>Accipiter madagascariensis</i>	1

Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>	1
Yellow-billed Kite	<i>Milvus aegyptius</i>	1
<b>Madagascan Buzzard</b>	<i>Buteo brachypterus</i>	1
	<b>MESITORNITHIFORMES</b>	
<b>Mesites</b>	<b>Mesitornithidae</b>	
<b>Brown Mesite - VU</b>	<i>Mesitornis unicolor</i>	1
<b>Subdesert Mesite - VU</b>	<i>Monias benschi</i>	1
	<b>GRUIFORMES</b>	
<b>Flufftails</b>	<b>Sarothruridae</b>	
<b>Madagascan Wood Rail</b>	<i>Canirallus kioloides</i>	1
<b>Madagascan Flufftail</b>	<i>Sarothrura insularis</i>	1
<b>Rails, Crakes and Coots</b>	<b>Rallidae</b>	
<b>Madagascan Rail - VU</b>	<i>Rallus madagascariensis</i>	1
White-throated Rail	<i>Dryolimnas cuvieri</i>	1
Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	1
	<b>CHARADRIIFORMES</b>	
<b>Buttonquail</b>	<b>Turnicidae</b>	
<b>Madagascan Buttonquail</b>	<i>Turnix nigricollis</i>	1
<b>Crab-plover</b>	<b>Dromadidae</b>	
Crab-plover	<i>Dromas ardeola</i>	1
<b>Stilts, Avocets</b>	<b>Recurvirostridae</b>	
Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>	1
<b>Plovers</b>	<b>Charadriidae</b>	
Grey Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>	1
Common Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>	1
<b>Madagascan Plover - VU</b>	<i>Charadrius thoracicus</i>	1
Kittlitz's Plover	<i>Charadrius pecuarius</i>	1
Three-banded Plover	<i>Charadrius tricollaris</i>	1
White-fronted Plover	<i>Charadrius marginatus</i>	1
<b>Painted-snipes</b>	<b>Rostratulidae</b>	
Greater Painted-snipe	<i>Rostratula benghalensis</i>	1
<b>Sandpipers, Snipes</b>	<b>Scolopacidae</b>	
<b>Madagascan Snipe - VU</b>	<i>Gallinago macrodactyla</i>	1
Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>	1
Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>	1
Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	1
Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>	1
Sanderling	<i>Calidris alba</i>	1
Curlew Sandpiper - NT	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>	1
<b>Coursers, Pratincoles</b>	<b>Glareolidae</b>	
Madagascan Pratincole - VU	<i>Glareola ocularis</i>	1
<b>Gulls, Terns and Skimmers</b>	<b>Laridae</b>	



Greater Crested Tern	<i>Thalasseus bergii</i>	1
Lesser Crested Tern	<i>Thalasseus bengalensis</i>	1
Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>	1
	<b>COLUMBIFORMES</b>	
<b><u>Pigeons, Doves</u></b>	<b><u>Columbidae</u></b>	
Rock Dove	<i>Columba livia</i>	1
Malagasy Turtle Dove	<i>Nesoenas picturatus</i>	1
Namaqua Dove	<i>Oena capensis</i>	1
<b>Madagascan Green Pigeon</b>	<i>Treron australis</i>	1
<b>Madagascan Blue Pigeon</b>	<i>Alectroenas madagascariensis</i>	1
	<b>CUCULIFORMES</b>	
<b><u>Cuckoos</u></b>	<b><u>Cuculidae</u></b>	
Malagasy Coucal	<i>Centropus toulou</i>	1
<b>Crested Coua</b>	<i>Coua cristata</i>	1
<b>Verreaux's Coua - NT</b>	<i>Coua verreauxi</i>	1
<b>Blue Coua</b>	<i>Coua caerulea</i>	1
<b>Red-fronted Coua</b>	<i>Coua reynaudii</i>	1
<b>Coquerel's Coua</b>	<i>Coua coquereli</i>	1
<b>Running Coua</b>	<i>Coua cursor</i>	1
<b>Giant Coua</b>	<i>Coua gigas</i>	1
<b>Red-breasted Coua</b>	<i>Coua serriana</i>	1
<b>Red-capped Coua</b>	<i>Coua ruficeps</i>	1
Madagascan Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus rochii</i>	1
	<b>STRIGIFORMES</b>	
<b><u>Barn Owls</u></b>	<b><u>Tytonidae</u></b>	
Western Barn Owl	<i>Tyto alba</i>	1
<b><u>Owls</u></b>	<b><u>Strigidae</u></b>	
<b>Torotoroka Scops Owl</b>	<i>Otus madagascariensis</i>	1
<b>Rainforest Scops Owl</b>	<i>Otus rutilus</i>	1
<b>White-browed Hawk-Owl</b>	<i>Ninox supercilialis</i>	1
<b>Madagascan Owl</b>	<i>Asio madagascariensis</i>	1
	<b>CAPRIMULGIFORMES</b>	
<b><u>Nightjars</u></b>	<b><u>Caprimulgidae</u></b>	
<b>Collared Nightjar</b>	<i>Gactornis enarratus</i>	1
Madagascan Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus madagascariensis</i>	1
	<b>APODIFORMES</b>	
<b><u>Swifts</u></b>	<b><u>Apodidae</u></b>	
Madagascan Spinetail	<i>Zoonavena grandidieri</i>	1
African Palm Swift	<i>Cypsiurus parvus</i>	1
Alpine Swift	<i>Tachymarptis melba</i>	1
Malagasy Black Swift	<i>Apus balstoni</i>	1
Little Swift	<i>Apus affinis</i>	

	<b>LEPTOSOMIFORMES</b>	
<b><u>Cuckoo Roller</u></b>	<b><u>Leptosomidae</u></b>	
Cuckoo Roller	<i>Leptosomus discolor</i>	1
	<b>CORACIIFORMES</b>	
<b><u>Rollers</u></b>	<b><u>Coraciidae</u></b>	
Broad-billed Roller	<i>Eurystomus glaucurus</i>	1
<b><u>Ground Rollers</u></b>	<b><u>Brachypteraciidae</u></b>	
Short-legged Ground Roller - VU	<i>Brachypteracias leptosomus</i>	1
Scaly Ground Roller - VU	<i>Geobiastes squamiger</i>	1
Pitta-like Ground Roller	<i>Atelornis pittoides</i>	1
Rufous-headed Ground Roller - NT	<i>Atelornis crossleyi</i>	H
Long-tailed Ground Roller - VU	<i>Uratelornis chimaera</i>	1
<b><u>Kingfishers</u></b>	<b><u>Alcedinidae</u></b>	
Madagascan Pygmy Kingfisher	<i>Corythornis madagascariensis</i>	1
Malagasy Kingfisher	<i>Corythornis vintsioides</i>	1
<b><u>Bee-eaters</u></b>	<b><u>Meropidae</u></b>	
Olive Bee-eater	<i>Merops superciliosus</i>	1
	<b>BUCEROTIFORMES</b>	
<b><u>Hoopoes</u></b>	<b><u>Upupidae</u></b>	
Madagascan Hoopoe	<i>Upupa marginata</i>	1
	<b>FALCONIFORMES</b>	
<b><u>Caracaras, Falcons</u></b>	<b><u>Falconidae</u></b>	
Malagasy Kestrel	<i>Falco newtoni</i>	1
Eleonora's Falcon	<i>Falco eleonora</i>	1
Sooty Falcon - NT	<i>Falco concolor</i>	1
Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	1
	<b>PSITTACIFORMES</b>	
<b><u>Old World Parrots</u></b>	<b><u>Psittaculidae</u></b>	
Greater Vasa Parrot	<i>Coracopsis vasa</i>	1
Lesser Vasa Parrot	<i>Coracopsis nigra</i>	1
Grey-headed Lovebird	<i>Agapornis canus</i>	1
	<b>PASSERIFORMES</b>	
<b><u>Broadbills</u></b>	<b><u>Eurylaimidae</u></b>	
Velvet Asity	<i>Philepitta castanea</i>	1
Common Sunbird-Asity	<i>Neodrepanis coruscans</i>	1
Yellow-bellied Sunbird-Asity - VU	<i>Neodrepanis hypoxantha</i>	1
<b><u>Vangas</u></b>	<b><u>Vangidae</u></b>	
Red-tailed Vanga	<i>Calicalicus madagascariensis</i>	1
Red-shouldered Vanga - VU	<i>Calicalicus rufocarpalis</i>	1
Hook-billed Vanga	<i>Vanga curvirostris</i>	1
Lafresnaye's Vanga	<i>Xenopirostris xenopirostris</i>	1
Pollen's Vanga - NT	<i>Xenopirostris polleni</i>	1

<b>Sickle-billed Vanga</b>	<i>Falco pinnatus</i>	1
<b>White-headed Vanga</b>	<i>Artamella viridis</i>	1
<b>Chabert Vanga</b>	<i>Leptopterus chabert</i>	1
<b>Blue Vanga</b>	<i>Cyanolanius madagascarinus</i>	1
<b>Rufous Vanga</b>	<i>Schetba rufa</i>	1
<b>Tylas Vanga</b>	<i>Tylas eduardi</i>	1
<b>Nuthatch Vanga</b>	<i>Hypositta corallirostris</i>	1
<b>Dark Newtonia</b>	<i>Newtonia amphichroa</i>	1
<b>Common Newtonia</b>	<i>Newtonia brunneicauda</i>	1
<b>Archbold's Newtonia</b>	<i>Newtonia archboldi</i>	1
<b>Red-tailed Newtonia - VU</b>	<i>Newtonia fanovanae</i>	1
<b>Ward's Flycatcher</b>	<i>Pseudobias wardi</i>	1
<b>Crossley's Vanga</b>	<i>Mystacornis crossleyi</i>	1
<b>Cuckooshrikes</b>	<b>Campephagidae</b>	
<b>Madagascan Cuckooshrike</b>	<i>Coracina cinerea</i>	1
<b>Drongos</b>	<b>Dicruridae</b>	
<b>Crested Drongo</b>	<i>Dicrurus forficatus</i>	1
<b>Monarchs</b>	<b>Monarchidae</b>	
<b>Malagasy Paradise Flycatcher</b>	<i>Terpsiphone mutata</i>	1
<b>Crows, Jays</b>	<b>Corvidae</b>	
<b>Pied Crow</b>	<i>Corvus albus</i>	1
<b>Larks</b>	<b>Alaudidae</b>	
<b>Madagascan Lark</b>	<i>Eremopterix hova</i>	1
<b>Bulbuls</b>	<b>Pycnonotidae</b>	
<b>Malagasy Bulbul</b>	<i>Hypsipetes madagascariensis</i>	1
<b>Swallows, Martins</b>	<b>Hirundinidae</b>	
<b>Mascarene Martin</b>	<i>Phedina borbonica</i>	1
<b>Barn Swallow</b>	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	1
<b>Reed Warblers and allies</b>	<b>Acrocephalidae</b>	
<b>Malagasy Brush Warbler</b>	<i>Nesillas typica</i>	1
<b>Subdesert Brush Warbler</b>	<i>Nesillas lantzii</i>	1
<b>Madagascan Swamp Warbler</b>	<i>Acrocephalus newtoni</i>	1
<b>Grassbirds and allies</b>	<b>Locustellidae</b>	
<b>Brown Emutail</b>	<i>Bradypterus brunneus</i>	H
<b>Grey Emutail</b>	<i>Amphilaus seebohmi</i>	1
<b>Malagasy Warblers</b>	<b>Bernieridae</b>	
<b>White-throated Oxylabes</b>	<i>Oxylabes madagascariensis</i>	1
<b>Long-billed Bernieria</b>	<i>Bernieria madagascariensis</i>	1
<b>Thamnornis</b>	<i>Thamnornis chloropetoides</i>	1
<b>Spectacled Tetraka</b>	<i>Xanthomixis zosterops</i>	1
<b>Appert's Tetraka - VU</b>	<i>Xanthomixis apperti</i>	1
<b>Madagascan Yellowbrow - NT</b>	<i>Crossleyia xanthophrys</i>	H



<b>Rand's Warbler</b>	<i>Randia pseudozosterops</i>	1
<b><u>Cisticolas and allies</u></b>	<b><u>Cisticolidae</u></b>	
<b>Common Jery</b>	<i>Neomixis tenella</i>	1
<b>Green Jery</b>	<i>Neomixis viridis</i>	1
<b>Stripe-throated Jery</b>	<i>Neomixis striatigula</i>	1
Madagascar Cisticola	<i>Cisticola cherina</i>	1
<b><u>White-eyes</u></b>	<b><u>Zosteropidae</u></b>	
Malagasy White-eye	<i>Zosterops maderaspatanus</i>	1
<b><u>Starlings, Rhabdornis</u></b>	<b><u>Sturnidae</u></b>	
Common Myna	<i>Acridotheres tristis</i>	1
<b>Madagascar Starling</b>	<i>Hartlaubius auratus</i>	1
<b><u>Chats, Old World Flycatchers</u></b>	<b><u>Muscicapidae</u></b>	
<b>Madagascar Magpie-Robin</b>	<i>Copsychus albospecularis</i>	1
<b>Littoral Rock Thrush</b>	<i>Monticola imerina</i>	1
Forest Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola sharpei</i>	1
Madagascar Stonechat	<i>Saxicola sibilla</i>	1
<b><u>Sunbirds</u></b>	<b><u>Nectariniidae</u></b>	
Souimanga Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris sovimanga</i>	1
Malagasy Green Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris notatus</i>	1
<b><u>Weavers, Widowbirds</u></b>	<b><u>Ploceidae</u></b>	
<b>Nelicourvi Weaver</b>	<i>Ploceus nelicourvi</i>	1
<b>Sakalava Weaver</b>	<i>Ploceus sakalava</i>	1
<b>Red Fody</b>	<i>Foudia madagascariensis</i>	1
<b>Forest Fody</b>	<i>Foudia omissa</i>	1
<b><u>Waxbills, Munias and allies</u></b>	<b><u>Estrildidae</u></b>	
<b>Madagascar Mannikin</b>	<i>Lepidopygia nana</i>	1
<b><u>Wagtails, Pipits</u></b>	<b><u>Motacillidae</u></b>	
<b>Madagascar Wagtail</b>	<i>Motacilla flaviventris</i>	1
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>156</b>

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	<b>CHIROPTERA</b>	
	<b>Pteropodidae</b>	
Madagascar flying fox	<i>Pteropus rufus</i>	1
	<b>AFROSORICIDA</b>	
	<b>Tenrecidae</b>	
Common tenrec	<i>Tenrec ecaudatus</i>	1
Greater hedgehog tenrec	<i>Setifer setosus</i>	1
Least shrew tenrec	<i>Microgale pusilla</i>	1

	<b>PRIMATES</b>	
	<b>Chirogaleidae</b>	
Grey mouse lemur	<i>Microcebus murinus</i>	1
Rufous mouse lemur	<i>Microcebus rufus</i>	1
Grey-brown mouse lemur	<i>Microcebus griseorufus</i>	1
Goodman's mouse lemur	<i>Microcebus lehilahytsara</i>	1
Furry-eared dwarf lemur	<i>Cheirogaleus crossleyi</i>	1
	<b>Lepilemuridae</b>	
White-footed sportive lemur	<i>Lepilemur leucopus</i>	1
Hubbard's sportive lemur	<i>Lepilemur hubbardorum</i>	1
Small-toothed sportive lemur	<i>Lepilemur microdon</i>	1
'Unknown'" sportive lemur	<i>Lepilemur sp.</i>	1
	<b>Lemuridae</b>	
Eastern lesser bamboo lemur	<i>Hapalemur griseus griseus</i>	1
Eastern lesser bamboo lemur	<i>Hapalemur griseus ranomafanensis</i>	x
Golden bamboo lemur	<i>Hapalemur aureus</i>	1
Ring-tailed lemur	<i>Lemur catta</i>	1
Black-and-white ruffed lemur	<i>Varecia variegata</i>	1
Brown lemur	<i>Eulemur fulvus</i>	1
Red-fronted brown lemur	<i>Eulemur rufifrons</i>	1
Red-bellied lemur	<i>Eulemur rubriventer</i>	1
	<b>Indriidae</b>	
Diademed sifaka	<i>Propithecus diadema</i>	1
Milne-Edwards's sifaka	<i>Propithecus edwardsi</i>	1
Verreaux's sifaka	<i>Propithecus verreauxi</i>	1
Eastern woolly lemur	<i>Avahi laniger</i>	1
Indri	<i>Indri indri</i>	1
	<b>RODENTIA</b>	
	<b>Nesomyidae</b>	
Eastern red forest rat	<i>Nesomys rufus</i>	1
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>26</b>