

Tanzania: 19-day Birding Safari – Savanna Birds, Wildebeest Migration, and Eastern Arc Mountains Trip Report April 2015

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Superb Starling



Tanzania is quintessential Africa - a tour that we highly recommend for every type of nature lover and birder. This exciting birding safari, which began in coastal Dar es Salaam and ended in the breathtaking Serengeti National Park, was most certainly enjoyed by our participants. I was fortunate enough to oversee this tour and ensure that birding was to be A-grade! We enjoyed fantastic weather throughout this tour and were spoiled with some outstanding bird and mammal sightings on each and every single day of the tour.

Day 1, 4 April. Dar es Salaam to Mikumi National Park

A 6:00 a.m. start to the first day of the trip after the tedious flights, connections, and delays was exactly what was needed to get our adrenaline rushing! The beach-side hotel in Dar es Salaam gave us a few excellent sightings before breakfast and before our departure for Mikumi National Park. Both **Dimorphic** and **Little Egrets** were on display on the shore as well as **Common, Lesser Crested,** and the diminutive **Saunders's Tern**. The gardens held the gorgeous **White-browed Robin-Chat, Yellow-breasted Apalis, Blue Waxbill,** and **Striped Kingfisher**.

So with a couple of species under the belt we met up with our excellent local guide and driver and started the journey. Our first stop was alongside the road at a marshy floodplain area. Here we got our first looks at **Zanzibar Red Bishop**, **Coastal Cisticola**, and **Eastern Golden Weaver**.

After lunch we arrived at Mikumi and managed visuals of **Black-bellied Bustard**, the stunning **Beautiful Sunbird**, **Eurasian Hobby**, and **Pale-billed Hornbill**. After a fairly long day's travel we were happy to arrive at our accommodation for the evening and prepare for the next day's birding.



Beautiful Sunbird

Day 2, 5 April. Mikumi National Park

Our second day of the tour was spent birding in a Miombo woodland area as well as in the open woodland and plains of Mikumi National Park. The Miombo woodland was the first destination on the itinerary, which meant an early start to get the morning activity in full song! Miombo woodland birding can offer many species at one time, often in large 'bird parties' – we weren't disappointed! Our morning's birds included Yellow-fronted Canary, Arnot's Chat, Cinnamon-breasted Tit, Grey Penduline Tit, the ever-active Green-capped Eremomela, White-crested Helmetshrike, Short-winged Cisticola, Common Scimitarbill, Green Wood Hoopoe, Yellow-bellied Hyliota, and Black Cuckoo. Some also managed visuals of Crimson-rumped Waxbill and Cardinal Woodpecker. A very productive morning, with some bird-parties numbering nine species!

On the way back to the hotel for breakfast we managed to see **Dark Chanting Goshawk**, **Broad-tailed Paradise** and **Pin-tailed Whydahs**, and **Dusky Indigobird**.

Mikumi National Park delivered some fantastic birding for the rest of the day – we got our first looks at the starling of the trip no doubt, **Superb Starling!** Other species that greeted us at the entrance were



White-browed Sparrow-Weaver, another glimpse ay Beautiful Sunbird, and some oxpeckers flying overhead searching out large game. It didn't take long before we were in the midst of that large game; African elephant, common eland, Masai giraffe, and African buffalo were all in close proximity in the open plains. What was very noticeable were the numbers of larger non-passerine bird species too; these included Marabou Stork, White-backed and Palm-nut Vultures, and the impressive Martial Eagle. The last treat for the day was the terrestrial passerine Fischer's Sparrow-Lark. As are most sparrow-larks, this bird is sexually dimorphic, with the male showing a black line right down the breast and belly and a rich rufous coloration to the crown and nape.

Day 3, 6 April, Mikumi National Park to Kilombero Floodplain and Udzungwa Mountain National Park

Today we managed to see the Kilombero Floodplain endemics. A long morning's drive towards the Udzungwa Mountains meant we didn't have much time for stopping. We did, however, stop at one point after noticing some aerial activity. There was an insect emergence, and this had attracted some of the smaller falcons and hobbies. Species here included **Eurasian Hobby, Amur Falcon**, and **Dickinson's** and **Lesser Kestrels**. Our "honorary raptor" was a **Crowned Hornbill** that also decided to join in on the fun.

We stopped again later in the morning as we were nearing the Kilombero Floodplain to try for **Marsh Tchagra** as well as **Moustached Grass Warbler**. We were successful and got excellent views of both species.

We had lunch as we arrived at the floodplain and soon afterwards we had connected with the endemic **Kilombero Weaver**. The current status of both **'White-tailed'** and **'Kilombero' Cisticolas** is that they are not officially good species yet, and therefore are both *Cisticola sp.* at the moment. Nevertheless, good views of both were had by the whole group. Some other good species seen at the floodplain included **African Openbill, Giant Kingfisher, Orange-breasted Waxbill**, and **African Marsh Harrier.**



Kilombero Weaver



Moustached Grass Warbler

Our day ended on a high with the first colobus monkey of the trip in the form of the endemic Udzungwa red colobus.



Udzungwa red colobus

Day 4, 7 April. Udzungwa Mountain National Park

Day four was spent birding the Udzungwa Mountains National Park, our first taste of Eastern Arc Mountains forest birding. Before entering the reserve we managed to notch up a good number of species on a short walk from the hotel to the reserve gate. These included the likes of **Black-and-white Shrike-flycatcher**, **Red-rumped Swallow**, **Tropical Boubou**, **Blue-spotted Wood Dove**, **Speckled Mousebird**, **Black-backed Puffback**, **Magpie Mannikin**, and **Little Bee-eater**. As we arrived at the gate the heavens opened, but this luckily only delayed our birding for about 45 minutes.

Dark-backed Weaver was the first species to greet us after the rain delay, followed soon afterwards by an amazing sighting of the sought-after **Green Malkoha**. We worked hard in the afternoon session and managed decent looks at **Red-capped Robin-Chat, Collared Sunbird,** and **Black Sparrowhawk**, while **Scarce Swift** and **Mottled Spinetail** came cruising by overhead. This national park is definitely worth



seeing; it has some beautiful scenery, Udzungwa red colobus and blue monkey are not uncommon, the forest trails are beautiful, and some of them lead towards scenic waterfall spots!



Speckled Mousebird

The reserve also has more than 400 species of butterflies, some of which are absolutely gorgeous. Many an hour can be spent wandering the forests here in the Udzungwa Mountain National Park.



Forest glade nymph, one of many extraordinary butterfly species seen during our two days in the park.

Day 5, 8 April. Udzungwa Mountain National Park to Morogoro

We spent another morning's birding in the Udzungwa Mountains National Park before we started a long trip to Morogoro. After breakfast, as we were loading the vehicle, we noticed movement in the tree alongside us; a **Lizard Buzzard** with its breakfast was sitting watching us – a great way to start the day! In the park the birding was once again fairly slow, but the call of **Livingstone's Turaco** in the distance drove us onward. Some of the morning's top birds included **Uluguru Violet-backed Sunbird**, **Thick-billed Seedeater**, **Olive Sunbird**, **Retz's Helmetshrike**, and **Crested Guineafowl**. Some of the group managed decent visuals of the small, beautiful, and hyperactive **Livingstone's Flycatcher**. Unfortunately none of the group managed to see the stunning **Livingstone's Turaco**, and we had to settle for a heard only.

Our lunch stop en route to Morogoro added a few species, not the least of which were **Emerald-spotted Wood Dove** and **Collared Palm Thrush**. Only one stop was made after lunch, which produced a few species. These were a majestic female **Bateleur**, **Brown Snake Eagle**, **Bronze Mannikin**, and **Pin-tailed Whydah**.



Both today and tomorrow would largely be travel days; we would cover about 550km in the two days to get from Udzungwa Mountains National Park to Amani Nature Reserve in the East Usambara Mountains.

Day 6, 9 April. Morogoro to Amani Nature Reserve, East Usambara Mountains

This was a travel day from Morogoro to Amani in the East Usambaras that would include a couple stops closer to Amani. The vegetation along the drive changed from lush green woodland to a drier open country with many sisal plantations. It changed once again as we started to gain altitude towards Amani – true forest patches started to become apparent, and soon we were driving in the lower forest of the East Usambaras.

We stopped here to try for a couple of lower forest species and found **Black-headed Apalis, Green Barbet**, and **Green-headed Oriole**. We were also successful with two mammal species at this stop, Angola colobus and black and red bush squirrel, which both gave excellent views. The day ended with the call of an **African Wood Owl** when we were sauntering back to our cabins. Needless to say, the dawn wouldn't come quickly enough as the excitement of the next morning's birding was drawing closer!



Angola colobus

Day 7, 10 April. Amani Nature Reserve, East Usambara Mountains

Birding started early with a walk on some of the roads in Amani, both forest and birdsong were all-encompassing! The first few species that made it onto our day list were Cabanis's Bunting, Kenrick's Starling, Silvery-cheeked Hornbill, Speckled Mousebird, Southern Citril, Rock Martin, and Green Barbet. A couple of minutes later and only 100 meters down the path we were in the middle of another large bird party, this time the species included the endemic Banded Green Sunbird, Moustached Tinkerbird, Red-tailed Ant Thrush, Black-and-white Mannikin, a family of Montane White-eyes, Mombasa Woodpecker, and both Shelley's and Grey-olive Greenbuls. What a treat, and this was all before breakfast!

An hour later we were on the go again with some more greenbul species, this time we managed to get Montane Tiny, Fischer's, and Mountain Greenbuls. Other species we picked up in the midday session included Mottled Spinetail, Common Waxbill, Black-throated Wattle-eye, and the extraordinary Fischer's Turaco! This is the only turaco species in the East Usambara Mountains: an all-green turaco with a brilliantly red crest and bill.

The last birding session for the day was largely frustrating – while we did manage to get good sightings of quite a number of birds, such as **Baglafecht Weaver**, **Plain-backed Sunbird**, and **Stripe-faced Greenbul**, our main target, the **Amani Sunbird**, wasn't playing along. All we could manage was hearing the call and seeing the bird fly past us into the distance, never to be seen again. At least we knew the bird was around, and we had a hope for it in the morning.





Baglafecht Weaver

The forests surrounding Amani here in the East Usambaras are also home to a number of absolutely fascinating endemic chameleons. A very productive walk into the forest at night, specifically looking for chameleons and Usambara Eagle-Owl, was enjoyed by some. Whilst we did not find the owl, we did manage to find a few fascinating chameleons.



Usambara three-horned chameleon



West Usambara blade-horned chameleon





Usambara spiny pygmy chameleon

Day 8, 11 April. Amani, East Usambara Mountains to Lushoto, West Usambara Mountains

Today we drove from Amani to Lushoto in the West Usambara Mountains. The difference between the two mountain chains is remarkably different, even though the distance between the two – as the turaco flies – is really not too far. Compared to the East Usambaras Lushoto is cold and misty, with a fair amount of drizzle in the mornings. The birding also differs greatly, and both sites have species that the other does not have – spending a couple of nights at both locations is crucial.

We started off the morning with a quick walk into the deep forest, targeting Long-billed Forest Warbler as well as a few other forest species we had missed up until this point. White-chested Alethe calling in the distance kicked things off, while Red-tailed Ant Thrush showed off over the trail in front of us. A fair distance on and after seeing both Square-tailed Drongo and the smart little Forest Batis we could hear Long-billed Forest Warbler call. Unfortunately, just the call up the hillside and a possible glimpse of movement were all we could muster. The drive down the mountain was productive, with both Mountain Wagtail as well as the beautiful forest stream species, Half-collared Kingfisher, showing very well. The road leading up to Lushoto was built by the German colonialists in about 1913 and makes the steep drive very comfortable. The roadside birding here also offered us Augur as well as Mountain Buzzards, Red-throated Twinspot, and Mocking Cliff Chat.

In the afternoon the rain came down and left us to settle into our rooms at the fantastic Mullers Mountain Lodge.

Day 9, 12 April. Lushoto, West Usambara Mountains

The morning started off with some **Red-winged Starlings** and **Baglafecht Weavers** around the cabins, as well as a family of **Silvery-cheeked Hornbills** muttering among themselves as they flew overhead. We took a short drive to a nearby forest patch called Magamba Forest, and as we stepped out of the car we could hear birdsong all around us. We knew we were in for an excellent morning. The first few species at this spot included **White-tailed Crested Flycatcher**, **Red-capped Forest Warbler**, **Black-headed Apalis**, and **Fülleborn's Boubou**, as well as six **Eastern Bronze-naped Pigeons** perched on the top of a dead tree. We ambled along the quiet track to another productive area; this time we were pleased to see **Yellow-throated Woodland Warbler**, the *usambarae* subspecies of **Mountain Greenbul**, **Montane White-eye**, and a glimpse of **Cinnamon Bracken Warbler** clambering through the undergrowth.

After lunch we headed to a different forest patch and had great views of the endemic **Usambara Thrush**. Other highlights here included **Cinnamon-chested Bee-eater**, **Terrestrial Brownbul**, **Stripe-faced Greenbul**, and a Flash of **Hartlaub's Turaco**. Unfortunately, both **White-chested Alethe** and **Spot-throat** were happy staying hidden and calling away in the thickets – our luck had run out for the day, no visuals were had.





Fülleborn's Boubou



Red-capped Forest Warbler

Day 10, 13 April. Lushoto, West Usambara Mountains to Same

Before we packed up and headed onward to the Elephant Motel in Same, we snuck in about an hour's forest birding near the lodge. Once again there was a lot going on in terms of activity, and, in addition to **White-tailed Crested Flycatcher** and **Black Saw-wing** nipping by, we had good visuals of **Black Sparrowhawk**, **Yellow-bellied Waxbill**, and the ever-elusive **African Hill Babbler**. Some of us also had a quick look at a fairly rare forest Mammal, a mall elephant shrew – black and rufous sengi – as it clambered across the path.

After a good breakfast at Mullers Mountain Lodge we transferred to the properly dry area of Same town. The first few dry-country indicator species for us were **D'Arnaud's** and **Spot-flanked Barbets** as well as the fantastic **Rosy-patched Bushshrike**. A little further on, just before we arrived at the Elephant Motel in Same, we managed very good visuals of **Slate-colored Boubou** and an **Eastern Chanting Goshawk** perched nicely on a telephone pole.

The bombardment of new trip birds didn't stop there for the day, though, as directly after lunch we headed out to the north of town to find a few more. The vegetation here is dominated by low acacia scrub about head-high, mixed in with some larger trees, and the soil is reddish brown and quite rocky. A quick passing shower delayed progress slightly, but it also meant that everything became very active in the last two hours of the day. Highlights included the sexually dimorphic **Purple Grenadier** male and female, **Nubian Woodpecker**, the prinia-like **Red-fronted Warbler**, **Black-necked Weaver**, **Eastern Violet-backed Sunbird**, **Eastern Black-headed Batis**, and the absolutely stunning **Red-and-yellow Barbet**. A day worth celebrating with a good meal and a local beverage!





Rosy-patched Bushshrike

Day 11, 14 April. Same to Arusha

We had a couple of stops planned for the morning before heading on to our destination for the evening, the bustling town of Arusha.

The first stop certainly didn't disappoint us, and at one stage we were in such a horde of activity it left us wondering where we should look first. This spot really produced; the species we saw included Whiteheaded Mousebird, Hunter's Sunbird, Somali Bunting, Pygmy Batis, our first looks at Red-bellied Parrot, and a lovely Grey Wren-Warbler display. The calls of Pink-breasted Lark were ringing in the background – we managed excellent views of it. A short walk slightly further into the bush yielded an interesting surprise, a family of Fiery-necked Nightjars blending in really nicely with the soil color. Other highlights for the morning included Blue-naped Mousebird, Blue-capped Cordon-bleu, Chestnut Weaver, Pale Prinia, Vitelline Masked Weaver, White-bellied Canary, Southern Grosbeak-Canary, and a flock of Fischer's Starlings – which were a fantastic surprise!

Our second stop of the morning was at the Nyumba ya Mungu Reservoir, where we were able to add some waterfowl and shorebirds to our species list. The dam was extensive, and we were only able to bird one productive area due to our time constraints. This site produced African Skimmer, African Darter, Reed and White-breasted Cormorants, Grey-headed Gull, White-winged and Gull-billed Terns, and a distant Western Osprey that was enjoyed through scope views, as well as a couple of shorebirds such as Spur-winged Lapwing, Little Stint, Black-winged Stilt, and Water Thick-knee.

Our day had one more surprise in store for us; the incredible Straw-tailed Whydah perched up on the side of the dirt track as we were making our way back to the main road. With our tails up we headed on to Arusha and settled into our guest house.



Blue-capped Cordon-bleu



Day 12, 15 April. Arusha to Tarangire National Park

Today included a quick search for Brown-breasted Barbet before heading on to Tarangire National Park, a much-anticipated park for the whole group! We seemed to have run out of Brown-breasted Barbet luck, however, as the morning's search in the northern parts of Arusha only yielded **Red-fronted Barbet**.

On the outskirts of town we managed a 'hit-and-run' sighting of **Pangani Longclaw** just after the airport area to the west of Arusha.

The scenery started to change as we approached the park; the trees were bigger, the bush was incredibly green and lush, and the birding was hoped to be wonderful.

We found out as soon as we stepped out of the vehicle that the birding was to be great, as we were greeted by Northern White-crowned Shrike, Ashy Starling, Yellow-collared Lovebird, White-headed Buffalo-Weaver, Emerald-spotted Wood Dove, Swahili and Chestnut Sparrows, and Bearded Woodpecker clambering up and down some of the acacia trees at the entrance gate. A few hundred meters into the park, and we had already had awesome visuals of White-bellied Go-away-bird, the near-endemic Rufous-tailed Weaver, African Cuckoo, Silverbird, and many, many Superb Starlings – an amazing treat!



Yellow-collared Lovebird



Ashy Starling

Day 13, 16 April. Tarangire National Park

A full day's birding and game viewing in Tarangire National Park was just what we needed. One of the day's highlights came really early on, a gorgeous male **Pygmy Falcon** that was perched at eye level alongside the track. The falcon sat in the open and wasn't too perturbed by our presence, allowing us to



get saturation looks at him. Some of the other species that we found today included a couple of families of **Southern Ground Hornbill, Von der Decken's Hornbill, Black-faced Sandgrouse, Grey Kestrel** – one of my personal favorites, **Northern Pied Babbler, Foxy Lark**, and the cute **Pearl-spotted Owlet**.

Today we also found one of the biggest African elephant herds that the whole group had ever experienced, well over one hundred elephants, from really young calves all the way up to big, old, male tuskers. While enjoying the elephants we also noticed both **Red-necked** and **Yellow-necked Spurfowls** running around among the herd. **Freckled Nightjar** was heard calling at the lodge, and a quick burst of playback allowed us to see this fantastic little creature as it came in, perched on a nearby rock, and sang for us – a special way to end the day!

There is surely incredible avian diversity in Tarangire National Park, but it also offers incredible scenery! One of my personal favorite scenes was experiencing the magical baobab trees. These trees are literally littered all over the park – some of them truly gigantic!



Von der Decken's Hornbill

Day 14, 17 April. Tarangire National Park to Ngorongoro Crater

Today was to be a truly fantastic day with too many highlights to even recall – an early start in Tarangire National Park and then traveling through to the must-see Ngorongoro Crater.

The game drive in the park started off with finally getting a visual of **Coqui Francolin**; a small francolin that had been calling non-stop for the past two days. After catching up with this species we just knew it was going to be a good day! It was a beautiful morning after some rain the night before, and the birds were out in force. We found the likes of **Hildebrandt's Starling**, **Jacobin Cuckoo**, **Gabar Goshawk**, breeding-plumaged flocks of **Wattled Starling**, a perched juvenile **Martial Eagle** that was clearly soaked to the bone after the rain, **Double-banded Courser**, and a pair of **Knob-billed Ducks** flying by.

Some of the mammal highlights during our time at Tarangire National Park were olive baboon, Kirk's dik-dik, banded and common dwarf mongooses, and Coke's hartebeest.





Hildebrandt's Starling

At the entrance to the Ngorongoro Conservation Area we managed to get a Brown-headed Apalis into the open and then started our drive up to the lookout point – what an extraordinary view!

The drive down into the crater after lunch offered us a few decent birds, including White-eved Slatvflycatcher, Purple Grenadier, Hildebrandt's Francolin, the east-African endemic Mourning Wheatear, Augur Buzzard, Kenya Sparrow, and Wailing Cisticola.

The spectacle inside the crater is one of those things that just needs to be experienced, no words or even photographs can do it justice. The number of animals including large game, large birds, small game, small birds, waterfowl, and of course thousands of Flamingos, both Lesser and Greater, that span the shallow water body in the center is just magnificent.

The mammals that we encountered while in the crater were Grant's and Thomson's gazelles, plains zebra, black rhinoceros, common warthog, blue wildebeest, hippopotamus, common eland, lion, and both blackbacked and golden jackals.



Mourning Wheatear





Plains zebra

Some of the bird species we encountered were Common Ostrich, Grey Crowned Crane, Kori and Black-bellied Bustards, Lappet-faced Vulture, Yellow-throated Sandgrouse, Red-capped Lark, Rosy-throated Longclaw, and African Pipit. The waterbirds were also in full swing around the pan; these included African Sacred and Glossy Ibis, three Teal species, Cape, Hottentot, and Red-billed, Pied Avocet, Ruff, Spur-winged and Egyptian Geese, and a large flock of Great White Pelicans overhead.

The day ended sooner that we wanted it to, but we still managed to sneak in some amazing sightings of **Golden-winged** and **Tacazze Sunbirds** as well as a **Montane Nightjar** around the lodge just after dark – almost the perfect day!



Grey Crowned Crane



Black-bellied Bustard



Day 15, 18 April. Ngorongoro Crater to Serengeti National Park

We left the Ngorongoro Crater this morning for the Serengeti National Park, with the hope and an anticipation of seeing the spectacle of the great wildebeest migration. We had heard some news that the rains were late, but the migration was on the go in the area we were passing through – the best news we could have hoped for.

We made sure to quickly pick up one or two species for the day before we left the lodge. **Hunter's Cisticola, Speckled Pigeon**, and **Golden-winged Sunbird** made it onto the list, and before we knew it we were on the road again. Before getting to the migration area we made sure to add a few more plains species to our lists, which included **Temminck's Courser**, **Fischer's Sparrow-Lark**, **Chestnut-bellied Sandgrouse**, and **Taita Fiscal**.

As we moved on towards the start of the Serengeti National Park the numbers of plains game started to increase slowly but surely, and before we could say 'brindled gnu' five times we could see tens of thousands of blue wildebeest in the distance. We made our way towards them and witnessed parts of the migration – how incredible! Some of them grazing, some of them running in single-file lines with dust all around, many young were in this area, and we were told that these are the calving plains. Two things were for sure, though, they were all moving in the same direction, and estimating their numbers was nearly impossible.



Chestnut-bellied Sandgrouse

After spending some time with the wildebeest and taking as many photos as possible to somehow try and capture the spectacle, we headed on to the main Serengeti National Park entrance for lunch. The lunch stop was very birdy and produced Black-lored Babbler, Buff-bellied Warbler, Rufous-tailed Weaver, Black-faxed Waxbill, Banded Parisoma, both Rüppell's Vulture and Marabou Stork cruising overhead, and some great looks at Speckle-fronted Weaver. The east-African endemic Fischer's Lovebird and the two Tanzanian endemics, Grey-breasted Spurfowl and Tanzanian Red-billed Hornbill, followed soon after driving into the park; we also were to have excellent sightings of all three of these species in the days to follow.





Grey-breasted Spurfowl

Day 16, 19 April. Serengeti National Park

A very relaxed day with some local Serengeti game viewing and birding was enjoyed by everyone today. We did have one main target for the day, though, the sought-after Grey-crested Helmetshrike. We spent a good part of the morning birding suitable habitat for the helmetshrike, but we did not have any luck finding it during the morning birding session. We did see **Red-throated Tit**, **Yellow-spotted Petronia**, **Chinspot Batis**, **Grey-headed Kingfisher**, **Grey Kestrel**, **Grey Wren-Warbler**, **Rufous-tailed Weaver**, **Orange-breasted Bushshrike**, and a few waders at one of the close-by pans.

Two of the best birds for the day came much later in the afternoon. Having spent much of the day trying for the helmetshrike, we had resigned ourselves to the fact that this species wasn't around and we might just have to try again tomorrow, but we were so pleasantly surprised when our vehicle hit the brakes and cries of "There they are" rung throughout the Serengeti. Three **Grey-crested Helmetshrikes**, clambering low down in a small tree, gave decent views for about a minute before heading off deeper into the bush – a real cracker of a species for us.

We arrived back at the lodge and spent a few moments outside looking over the plains as a couple of localized storms approached. These storms also sent the swifts, swallows, and martins into a frenzy, and some of the group were able to pick out a **Nyanza Swift** cruising by among the usual suspects.



Rufous-tailed Weaver

Day 17, 20 April. Central Serengeti National Park

An early start allowed us to travel to the central parts of the Serengeti in search of a couple of trip species and with the hope of coming home with a few more big cats in the bag. The morning got underway with a few **Fischer's Lovebirds** as well as a smart little **Silverbird** perched a couple of meters from our vehicle.



Soon after that in the taller grassland plains we picked up the likes of **Black-bellied** and **White-bellied Bustards**, **Quailfinch**, **Pectoral-patch Cisticola**, and **White-tailed Lark** in full display song above us.

The whole group was hoping to get either a leopard or a cheetah today and, boy oh boy, were we spoiled! Not only did we get a leopard lazing about with a full stomach in a nearby tree, but we were also treated to a pair of cheetah, which walked right by the leopard and further up past one of the joining roads. We rushed around in order to get the best looks possible – what an incredible sighting!

And so after that amazing experience of both leopard and cheetah our birding venture to the central Serengeti continued. A couple-hours' drive through some very scenic areas led us to an area in which we picked out the sought-after **Karamoja Apalis** as well as **Grey-capped Social Weaver**, the *usambiro* subspecies of **D'Arnaud's Barbet**, **Three-banded** and **Temminck's Coursers**, **Kenya Sparrow**, and **Blue-capped Cordon-bleu**. A leisurely drive back to our lodge was just what we needed to process the last two days spent in the Serengeti paradise.



Cheetah in the Serengeti's "endless plains"



Grey-capped Social Weaver

Day 18, 21 April. Serengeti National Park to Arusha/Kilimanjaro International Airport

A slow drive from the lodge allowed us to take in the beauty of Serengeti National Park one more time, as we headed back to Arusha and, for some, a flight from Kilimanjaro International Airport to start their journey home from there.

The travel day was interrupted, very pleasantly I might add, by a wonderful lunch stop at the famous Gibbs Farm, which offered us some fantastic birds both before and after lunch, such as **White-tailed Blue Flycatcher**, **Grey-capped Warbler**, **Rüppell's Robin-Chat**, which we only heard and caught glimpses of, **Bronzy Sunbird**, **Thick-billed and Streaky Seedeaters**, **Usambara Thrush**, and **Mottled Swift**.





Bronzy Sunbird

We arrived safely in Arusha and after a few goodbyes' here and there we made our way to the airport for an evening departure. A big thanks to everyone who was on the tour, and I trust it was one of the best tours you have experienced.

TANZANIA 2015 BIRDLIST		
H = hears only, bold = country endemic		
Common Name (IOC 5.2)	Scientific Name (IOC 5.2)	Trip
STRUTHIONIFORMES		
Ostriches	Struthionidae	
Common Ostrich	Struthio camelus	1
ANSERIFORMES	•	
Ducks, Geese and Swans	<u>Anatidae</u>	
Spur-winged Goose	Plectropterus gambensis	1
Knob-billed Duck	Sarkidiornis melanotos	1
Egyptian Goose	Alopochen aegyptiaca	1
Cape Teal	Anas capensis	1
Red-billed Teal	Anas erythrorhyncha	1
Hottentot Teal	Anas hottentota	1



GALLIFORMES		
<u>Guineafowl</u>	<u>Numididae</u>	
Helmeted Guineafowl	Numida meleagris	1
Crested Guineafowl	Guttera pucherani	1
Pheasants and allies	Phasianidae Phasianidae	
Coqui Francolin	Peliperdix coqui	1
Crested Francolin	Dendroperdix sephaena	1
Hildebrandt's Francolin	Pternistis hildebrandti	1
Yellow-necked Spurfowl	Pternistis leucoscepus	1
Grey-breasted Spurfowl	Pternistis rufopictus	1
Red-necked Spurfowl	Pternistis afer	1
PODICIPEDIFORMES		
Grebes	<u>Podicipedidae</u>	
Little Grebe	Tachybaptus ruficollis	1
Great Crested Grebe	Podiceps cristatus	1
PHOENICOPTERIFORMES		
<u>Flamingos</u>	Phoenicopteridae	
Greater Flamingo	Phoenicopterus roseus	1
Lesser Flamingo	Phoeniconaias minor	1
CICONIIFORMES		
Storks	<u>Ciconiidae</u>	
Yellow-billed Stork	Mycteria ibis	1
African Openbill	Anastomus lamelligerus	1
Black Stork	Ciconia nigra	1
Abdim's Stork	Ciconia abdimii	1
Woolly-necked Stork	Ciconia episcopus	1
White Stork	Ciconia ciconia	1
Marabou Stork	Leptoptilos crumenifer	1
PELECANIFORMES		
Ibises, Spoonbills	Threskiornithidae	
African Sacred Ibis	Threskiornis aethiopicus	1
Hadada Ibis	Bostrychia hagedash	1
Glossy Ibis	Plegadis falcinellus	1
African Spoonbill	Platalea alba	1
Herons, Bitterns	<u>Ardeidae</u>	
Western Cattle Egret	Bubulcus ibis	1
Grey Heron	Ardea cinerea	1
Black-headed Heron	Ardea melanocephala	1
Goliath Heron	Ardea goliath	1



Purple Heron	Ardea purpurea	1
Great Egret	Ardea alba	1
Intermediate Egret	Egretta intermedia	1
Black Heron	Egretta ardesiaca	1
Little Egret	Egretta garzetta	1
Dimorphic Egret	Egretta dimorpha	1
<u>Hamerkop</u>	Scopidae	
Hamerkop	Scopus umbretta	1
Pelicans	<u>Pelecanidae</u>	
Great White Pelican	Pelecanus onocrotalus	1
SULIFORMES		
Cormorants. Shags	Phalacrocoracidae	
Reed Cormorant	Microcarbo africanus	1
White-breasted Cormorant	Phalacrocorax lucidus	1
Anhingas, Darters	Anhingidae	
African Darter	Anhinga rufa	1
ACCIPITRIFORMES		
Secretarybird	<u>Sagittariidae</u>	
Secretarybird	Sagittarius serpentarius	1
Ospreys	Pandionidae	
Western Osprey	Pandion haliaetus	1
Kites, Haws and Eagles	<u>Accipitridae</u>	
African Harrier-Hawk	Polyboroides typus	1
Palm-nut Vulture	Gypohierax angolensis	1
White-backed Vulture	Gyps africanus	1
Rüppell's Vulture	Gyps rueppelli	1
Lappet-faced Vulture	Torgos tracheliotos	1
Black-chested Snake Eagle	Circaetus pectoralis	1
Brown Snake Eagle	Circaetus cinereus	1
Southern Banded Snake Eagle	Circaetus fasciolatus	1
Bateleur	Terathopius ecaudatus	1
Crowned Eagle	Stephanoaetus coronatus	1
Martial Eagle	Polemaetus bellicosus	1
Long-crested Eagle	Lophaetus occipitalis	1
Lesser Spotted Eagle	Clanga pomarina	1
Tawny Eagle	Aquila rapax	1
Steppe Eagle	Aquila nipalensis	1
African Hawk-Eagle	Aquila spilogaster	1
Lizard Buzzard	Kaupifalco monogrammicus	1



Gabar Goshawk	Micronisus gabar	1
Dark Chanting Goshawk	Melierax metabates	1
Eastern Chanting Goshawk	Melierax poliopterus	1
African Goshawk	Accipiter tachiro	1
Shikra	Accipiter badius	1
Little Sparrowhawk	Accipiter minullus	1
Black Sparrowhawk	Accipiter melanoleucus	1
Western Marsh Harrier	Circus aeruginosus	1
African Marsh Harrier	Circus ranivorus	1
Yellow-billed Kite	Milvus aegyptius	1
African Fish Eagle	Haliaeetus vocifer	1
Mountain Buzzard	Buteo oreophilus	1
Augur Buzzard	Buteo augur	1
OTIDIFORMES		
Bustards	<u>Otididae</u>	
Kori Bustard	Ardeotis kori	1
White-bellied Bustard	Eupodotis senegalensis	1
Buff-crested Bustard	Lophotis gindiana	1
Black-bellied Bustard	Lissotis melanogaster	1
GRUIFORMES		
Rails, Crakes and Coots	Rallidae	
African Crake	Crex egregia	1
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Black Crake	Amaurornis flavirostra	1
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Black-winged Lapwing	Vanellus melanopterus	1
Crowned Lapwing	Vanellus coronatus	1
Kittlitz's Plover	Charadrius pecuarius	1
Three-banded Plover	Charadrius tricollaris	1
<u>Jacanas</u>	<u>Jacanidae</u>	
African Jacana	Actophilornis africanus	1
Sandpipers, Snipes	Scolopacidae	
Common Greenshank	Tringa nebularia	1
Green Sandpiper	Tringa ochropus	1
Wood Sandpiper	Tringa glareola	1
Common Sandpiper	Actitis hypoleucos	1
Little Stint	Calidris minuta	1
Curlew Sandpiper	Calidris ferruginea	1
Ruff	Philomachus pugnax	1
Coursers, Pratincoles	<u>Glareolidae</u>	
Temminck's Courser	Cursorius temminckii	1
Double-banded Courser	Rhinoptilus africanus	1
Three-banded Courser	Rhinoptilus cinctus	1
Gulls, Terns and Skimmers	Laridae	
African Skimmer	Rynchops flavirostris	1
Grey-headed Gull	Chroicocephalus	1
	cirrocephalus	
Gull-billed Tern	Gelochelidon nilotica	1
Lesser Crested Tern	Thalasseus bengalensis	1
Saunders's Tern	Sternula saundersi	1
Common Tern	Sterna hirundo	1
White-winged Tern	Chlidonias leucopterus	1
PTEROCLIFORMES		
Sandgrouse	Pteroclidae	
Chestnut-bellied Sandgrouse	Pterocles exustus	1
Yellow-throated Sandgrouse	Pterocles gutturalis	1
Black-faced Sandgrouse	Pterocles decoratus	1
COLUMBIFORMES		
Pigeons, Doves	<u>Columbidae</u>	
Rock Dove	Columba livia	1
Speckled Pigeon	Columba guinea	1
Eastern Bronze-naped Pigeon	Columba delegorguei	1
Mourning Collared Dove	Streptopelia decipiens	1
Red-eyed Dove	Streptopelia semitorquata	1
Ring-necked Dove	Streptopelia capicola	1



Laughing Dove	Spilopelia senegalensis	1
Emerald-spotted Wood Dove	Turtur chalcospilos	1
Blue-spotted Wood Dove	Turtur afer	1
Tambourine Dove	Turtur tympanistria	1
Namaqua Dove	Oena capensis	1
African Green Pigeon	Treron calvus	1
MUSOPHAGIFORMES		
Turacos	<u>Musophagidae</u>	
Livingstone's Turaco	Tauraco livingstonii	Н
Schalow's Turaco	Tauraco schalowi	1
Fischer's Turaco	Tauraco fischeri	1
Hartlaub's Turaco	Tauraco hartlaubi	1
Purple-crested Turaco	Tauraco porphyreolophus	1
Bare-faced Go-away-bird	Corythaixoides personatus	1
White-bellied Go-away-bird	Corythaixoides leucogaster	1
CUCULIFORMES		
Cuckoos	<u>Cuculidae</u>	
White-browed Coucal	Centropus superciliosus	1
Black Coucal	Centropus grillii	1
Green Malkoha	Ceuthmochares australis	1
Great Spotted Cuckoo	Clamator glandarius	1
Jacobin Cuckoo	Clamator jacobinus	1
Diederik Cuckoo	Chrysococcyx caprius	1
Klaas's Cuckoo	Chrysococcyx klaas	1
African Emerald Cuckoo	Chrysococcyx cupreus	1
Black Cuckoo	Cuculus clamosus	1
Red-chested Cuckoo	Cuculus solitarius	1
African Cuckoo	Cuculus gularis	1
Common Cuckoo	Cuculus canorus	1
STRIGIFORMES		
Owls	<u>Strigidae</u>	
African Scops Owl	Otus senegalensis	1
African Wood Owl	Strix woodfordii	Н
Pearl-spotted Owlet	Glaucidium perlatum	1
CAPRIMULGIFORMES		
<u>Nightjars</u>	<u>Caprimulgidae</u>	
Fiery-necked Nightjar	Caprimulgus pectoralis	1
Montane Nightjar	Caprimulgus poliocephalus	1
Freckled Nightjar	Caprimulgus tristigma	1



APODIFORMES		
Swifts	<u>Apodidae</u>	
Scarce Swift	Schoutedenapus myoptilus	1
Mottled Spinetail	Telacanthura ussheri	1
African Palm Swift	Cypsiurus parvus	1
Alpine Swift	Tachymarptis melba	1
Mottled Swift	Tachymarptis aequatorialis	1
Common Swift	Apus apus	1
Nyanza Swift	Apus niansae	1
Little Swift	Apus affinis	1
White-rumped Swift	Apus caffer	1
COLIIFORMES	1	
Mousebirds	<u>Coliidae</u>	
Speckled Mousebird	Colius striatus	1
White-headed Mousebird	Colius leucocephalus	1
Blue-naped Mousebird	Urocolius macrourus	1
Red-faced Mousebird	Urocolius indicus	1
TROGONIFORMES		
Trogons	<u>Trogonidae</u>	
Narina Trogon	Apaloderma narina	1
CORACIIFORMES		
Rollers	<u>Coraciidae</u>	
Purple Roller	Coracias naevius	1
Lilac-breasted Roller	Coracias caudatus	1
European Roller	Coracias garrulus	1
<u>Kingfishers</u>	<u>Alcedinidae</u>	
Grey-headed Kingfisher	Halcyon leucocephala	1
Brown-hooded Kingfisher	Halcyon albiventris	1
Striped Kingfisher	Halcyon chelicuti	1
Woodland Kingfisher	Halcyon senegalensis	1
African Pygmy Kingfisher	Ispidina picta	1
Malachite Kingfisher	Corythornis cristatus	1
Half-collared Kingfisher	Alcedo semitorquata	1
Giant Kingfisher	Megaceryle maxima	1
Pied Kingfisher	Ceryle rudis	1
Bee-eaters	<u>Meropidae</u>	
Little Bee-eater	Merops pusillus	1
Cinnamon-chested Bee-eater	Merops oreobates	1
White-fronted Bee-eater	Merops bullockoides	1



Blue-cheeked Bee-eater	Merops persicus	1
European Bee-eater	Merops apiaster	1
BUCEROTIFORMES		
<u>Hoopoes</u>	<u>Upupidae</u>	
African Hoopoe	Upupa africana	1
Wood Hoopoes	<u>Phoeniculidae</u>	
Green Wood Hoopoe	Phoeniculus purpureus	1
Common Scimitarbill	Rhinopomastus cyanomelas	1
Abyssinian Scimitarbill	Rhinopomastus minor	1
Ground Hornbills	<u>Bucorvidae</u>	
Southern Ground Hornbill	Bucorvus leadbeateri	1
<u>Hornbills</u>	<u>Bucerotidae</u>	
Tanzanian Red-billed Hornbill	Tockus ruahae	1
Northern Red-billed Hornbill	Tockus erythrorhynchus	1
Von der Decken's Hornbill	Tockus deckeni	1
Crowned Hornbill	Lophoceros alboterminatus	1
African Pied Hornbill	Lophoceros fasciatus	1
African Grey Hornbill	Lophoceros nasutus	1
Pale-billed Hornbill	Lophoceros pallidirostris	1
Trumpeter Hornbill	Bycanistes bucinator	1
Silvery-cheeked Hornbill	Bycanistes brevis	1
PICIFORMES		
African Barbets	<u>Lybiidae</u>	
White-eared Barbet	Stactolaema leucotis	1
Green Barbet	Stactolaema olivacea	1
Moustached Tinkerbird	Pogoniulus leucomystax	1
Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird	Pogoniulus chrysoconus	1
Red-fronted Barbet	Tricholaema diademata	1
Spot-flanked Barbet	Tricholaema lacrymosa	1
Black-throated Barbet	Tricholaema melanocephala	1
White-headed Barbet	Lybius leucocephalus	1
Red-faced Barbet	Lybius rubrifacies	1
Crested Barbet	Trachyphonus vaillantii	1
Red-and-yellow Barbet	Trachyphonus	1
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D'Arnaud's Barbet	Trachyphonus darnaudii	1
<u>Honeyguides</u>	<u>Indicatoridae</u>	
Lesser Honeyguide	Indicator minor	1
Scaly-throated Honeyguide	Indicator variegatus	1
Greater Honeyguide	Indicator indicator	1



Woodpeckers	<u>Picidae</u>	
Nubian Woodpecker	Campethera nubica	1
Mombasa Woodpecker	Campethera mombassica	1
Cardinal Woodpecker	Dendropicos fuscescens	1
Bearded Woodpecker	Dendropicos namaquus	1
African Grey Woodpecker	Dendropicos goertae	1
Eastern Grey Woodpecker	Dendropicos spodocephalus	1
FALCONIFORMES		
Caracaras, Falcons	<u>Falconidae</u>	
Pygmy Falcon	Polihierax semitorquatus	1
Common Kestrel	Falco tinnunculus	1
Lesser Kestrel	Falco naumanni	1
Grey Kestrel	Falco ardosiaceus	1
Dickinson's Kestrel	Falco dickinsoni	1
Amur Falcon	Falco amurensis	1
Eurasian Hobby	Falco subbuteo	1
Lizard Buzzard	Falco monogrammicus	1
Lanner Falcon	Falco biarmicus	1
PSITTACIFORMES		
<u>Parrots</u>	<u>Psittacidae</u>	
Fischer's Lovebird	Agapornis fischeri	1
Yellow-collared Lovebird	Agapornis personatus	1
Brown-necked Parrot	Poicephalus fuscicollis	1
Meyer's Parrot	Poicephalus meyeri	1
Brown-headed Parrot	Poicephalus cryptoxanthus	1
Red-bellied Parrot	Poicephalus rufiventris	1
PASSERIFORMES		
Wattle-eyes, Batises	<u>Platysteiridae</u>	
Black-and-white Shrike-flycatcher	Bias musicus	1
Forest Batis	Batis mixta	1
Chinspot Batis	Batis molitor	1
Pale Batis	Batis soror	1
Eastern Black-headed Batis	Batis minor	1
Pygmy Batis	Batis perkeo	1
Black-throated Wattle-eye	Platysteira peltata	1
<u>Helmetshrikes</u>	Prionopidae	
White-crested Helmetshrike	Prionops plumatus	1
Grey-crested Helmetshrike	Prionops poliolophus	1
Retz's Helmetshrike	Prionops retzii	1



Chestnut-fronted Helmetshrike	Prionops scopifrons	1
Bushshrikes	Malaconotidae	
Grey-headed Bushshrike	Malaconotus blanchoti	1
Black-fronted Bushshrike	Chlorophoneus nigrifrons	1
Orange-breasted Bushshrike	Chlorophoneus	1
	sulfureopectus	
Rosy-patched Bushshrike	Telophorus cruentus	1
Marsh Tchagra	Bocagia minuta	1
Brown-crowned Tchagra	Tchagra australis	1
Black-crowned Tchagra	Tchagra senegalus	1
Black-backed Puffback	Dryoscopus cubla	1
Pringle's Puffback	Dryoscopus pringlii	1
Fülleborn's Boubou	Laniarius fuelleborni	1
Slate-colored Boubou	Laniarius funebris	1
Tropical Boubou	Laniarius major	1
Brubru	Nilaus afer	1
Cuckooshrikes	<u>Campephagidae</u>	
Grey Cuckooshrike	Coracina caesia	1
Shrikes	<u>Laniidae</u>	
Magpie Shrike	Urolestes melanoleucus	1
Northern White-crowned Shrike	Eurocephalus ruppelli	1
Red-backed Shrike	Lanius collurio	1
Red-tailed Shrike	Lanius phoenicuroides	1
Lesser Grey Shrike	Lanius minor	1
Grey-backed Fiscal	Lanius excubitoroides	1
Long-tailed Fiscal	Lanius cabanisi	1
Taita Fiscal	Lanius dorsalis	1
Northern Fiscal	Lanius humeralis	1
Figbirds, Orioles	<u>Oriolidae</u>	
Eurasian Golden Oriole	Oriolus oriolus	1
African Golden Oriole	Oriolus auratus	1
Green-headed Oriole	Oriolus chlorocephalus	1
Black-headed Oriole	Oriolus larvatus	1
Drongos	<u>Dicruridae</u>	
Square-tailed Drongo	Dicrurus ludwigii	1
Fork-tailed Drongo	Dicrurus adsimilis	1
Monarchs	Monarchidae	
Blue-mantled Crested Flycatcher	Trochocercus cyanomelas	1
African Paradise Flycatcher	Terpsiphone viridis	1
Crows, Jays	<u>Corvidae</u>	





Barn Swallow	Hirundo rustica	1
Wire-tailed Swallow	Hirundo smithii	1
Rock Martin	Ptyonoprogne fuligula	1
Common House Martin	Delichon urbicum	1
Lesser Striped Swallow	Cecropis abyssinica	1
Mosque Swallow	Cecropis senegalensis	1
Red-rumped Swallow	Cecropis daurica	1
Crombecs, African Warblers	<u>Macrosphenidae</u>	
Moustached Grass Warbler	Melocichla mentalis	1
Northern Crombec	Sylvietta brachyura	1
Red-faced Crombec	Sylvietta whytii	1
Yellow Flycatchers	Erythrocercidae	
Livingstone's Flycatcher	Erythrocercus livingstonei	1
Leaf Warblers and allies	Phylloscopidae	
Yellow-throated Woodland Warbler	Phylloscopus ruficapilla	1
Willow Warbler	Phylloscopus trochilus	1
Reed Warblers and allies	<u>Acrocephalidae</u>	
Lesser Swamp Warbler	Acrocephalus gracilirostris	1
Great Reed Warbler	Acrocephalus arundinaceus	1
Sedge Warbler	Acrocephalus schoenobaenus	1
African Reed Warbler	Acrocephalus baeticatus	1
Grassbirds and allies	<u>Locustellidae</u>	
Cinnamon Bracken Warbler	Bradypterus cinnamomeus	1
Cisticolas and allies	<u>Cisticolidae</u>	
Red-faced Cisticola	Cisticola erythrops	1
Hunter's Cisticola	Cisticola hunteri	1
Rattling Cisticola	Cisticola chiniana	1
Wailing Cisticola	Cisticola lais	1
Winding Cisticola	Cisticola marginatus	1
Coastal Cisticola	Cisticola haematocephalus	1
Chirping Cisticola	Cisticola pipiens	1
Croaking Cisticola	Cisticola natalensis	1
Short-winged Cisticola	Cisticola brachypterus	1
Neddicky	Cisticola fulvicapilla	1
Zitting Cisticola	Cisticola juncidis	1
Desert Cisticola	Cisticola aridulus	1
Pectoral-patch Cisticola	Cisticola brunnescens	1
"White-tailed Cisticola"	Cisticola sp. nov.	1
	(unconfirmed)	
"Kilombero Cisticola"	Cisticola sp. nov.	1





Hildebrandt's Starling	Lamprotornis hildebrandti	1
Ashy Starling	Lamprotornis unicolor	1
Fischer's Starling	Lamprotornis fischeri	1
Violet-backed Starling	Cinnyricinclus leucogaster	1
Red-winged Starling	Onychognathus morio	1
Kenrick's Starling	Poeoptera kenricki	1
<u>Oxpeckers</u>	Buphagidae	
Yellow-billed Oxpecker	Buphagus africanus	1
Red-billed Oxpecker	Buphagus erythrorhynchus	1
Thrushes	<u>Turdidae</u>	
Red-tailed Ant Thrush	Neocossyphus rufus	1
Usambara Thrush	Turdus roehli	1
Chats, Old World Flycatchers	Muscicapidae	
White-browed Scrub Robin	Cercotrichas leucophrys	1
White-eyed Slaty Flycatcher	Melaenornis fischeri	1
Southern Black Flycatcher	Melaenornis pammelaina	1
Pale Flycatcher	Melaenornis pallidus	1
African Grey Flycatcher	Melaenornis microrhynchus	1
Silverbird	Empidornis semipartitus	1
Spotted Flycatcher	Muscicapa striata	1
Ashy Flycatcher	Muscicapa caerulescens	1
African Dusky Flycatcher	Muscicapa adusta	1
White-chested Alethe	Pseudalethe fuelleborni	Н
Cape Robin-Chat	Cossypha caffra	1
Rüppell's Robin-Chat	Cossypha semirufa	Н
White-browed Robin-Chat	Cossypha heuglini	1
Red-capped Robin-Chat	Cossypha natalensis	1
Collared Palm Thrush	Cichladusa arquata	1
Spotted Palm Thrush	Cichladusa guttata	1
African Stonechat	Saxicola torquatus	1
Mocking Cliff Chat	Thamnolaea	1
	cinnamomeiventris	
Anteater Chat	Myrmecocichla aethiops	1
Arnot's Chat	Myrmecocichla arnotti	1
Capped Wheatear	Oenanthe pileata	1
Mourning Wheatear	Oenanthe lugens	1
Sunbirds	<u>Nectariniidae</u>	
Plain-backed Sunbird	Anthreptes reichenowi	1
Eastern Violet-backed Sunbird	Anthreptes orientalis	1
Uluguru Violet-backed Sunbird	Anthreptes neglectus	1



Banded Green Sunbird	Anthreptes rubritorques	1
Collared Sunbird	Hedydipna collaris	1
Amani Sunbird	Hedydipna pallidigaster	1
Green-headed Sunbird	Cyanomitra verticalis	1
Olive Sunbird	Cyanomitra olivacea	1
Amethyst Sunbird	Chalcomitra amethystina	1
Scarlet-chested Sunbird	Chalcomitra senegalensis	1
Hunter's Sunbird	Chalcomitra hunteri	1
Tacazze Sunbird	Nectarinia tacazze	1
Bronzy Sunbird	Nectarinia kilimensis	1
Golden-winged Sunbird	Drepanorhynchus reichenowi	1
Miombo Double-collared Sunbird	Cinnyris manoensis	1
Eastern Double-collared Sunbird	Cinnyris mediocris	1
Usambara Double-collared Sunbird	Cinnyris usambaricus	1
Beautiful Sunbird	Cinnyris pulchellus	1
Marico Sunbird	Cinnyris mariquensis	1
Purple-banded Sunbird	Cinnyris bifasciatus	1
White-bellied Sunbird	Cinnyris talatala	1
Variable Sunbird	Cinnyris venustus	1
Old World Sparrows	<u>Passeridae</u>	
White-browed Sparrow-Weaver	Plocepasser mahali	1
Rufous-tailed Weaver	Histurgops ruficauda	1
Grey-capped Social Weaver	Pseudonigrita arnaudi	1
House Sparrow	Passer domesticus	1
Kenya Sparrow	Passer rufocinctus	1
Northern Grey-headed Sparrow	Passer griseus	1
Swahili Sparrow	Passer suahelicus	1
Chestnut Sparrow	Passer eminibey	1
Yellow-throated Petronia	Gymnoris superciliaris	1
Yellow-spotted Petronia	Gymnoris pyrgita	1
Weavers, Widowbirds	<u>Ploceidae</u>	
Red-billed Buffalo Weaver	Bubalornis niger	1
White-headed Buffalo Weaver	Dinemellia dinemelli	1
Speckle-fronted Weaver	Sporopipes frontalis	1
Thick-billed Weaver	Amblyospiza albifrons	1
Baglafecht Weaver	Ploceus baglafecht	1
Spectacled Weaver	Ploceus ocularis	1
Black-necked Weaver	Ploceus nigricollis	1
Eastern Golden Weaver	Ploceus subaureus	1





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Common Name (IUCN)	Scientific Name (IUCN)	Trip		
PRIMATES				
Old World monkeys	<u>Cercopithecidae</u>			
Vervet	Cercopithecus pygerythrus	1		
Blue monkey	Cercopithecus mitis	1		



Angola colobus	Colobus angolensis	1
Udzungwa red colobus	Procolobus gordonorum	1
Yellow baboon	Papio cynocephalus	1
Olive baboon	Papio anubis	1
MACROSCELIDEA		
Elephant shrews	<u>Macroscelididae</u>	
Black and rufous sengi	Rhynchocyon petersi	1
LAGOMORPHA		
Rabbits, hares	<u>Leporidae</u>	
Cape hare	Lepus capensis	1
RODENTIA		
Squirrels	Sciuridae	
Black and red bush squirrel	Paraxerus lucifer	1
Swynnerton's bush squirrel	Paraxerus vexillarius	1
Unstriped ground squirrel	Xerus rutilus	1
CARNIVORA		
Dogs, wolves and allies	<u>Canidae</u>	
Golden jackal	Canis aureus	1
Black-backed jackal	Canis mesomelas	1
Mongooses	<u>Herpestidae</u>	
Common dwarf mongoose	Helogale parvula	1
Banded mongoose	Mungos mungo	1
<u>Hyaenas</u>	<u>Hyaenidae</u>	
Spotted hyaena	Crocuta crocuta	1
Genets, civets	<u>Viverridae</u>	_
Common genet	Genetta genetta	1
African civet	Civettictis civetta	1
Cats	<u>Felidae</u>	
Serval	Leptailurus serval	1
Leopard	Panthera pardus	1
Lion	Panthera leo	1
Cheetah	Acinonyx jubatus	1
HYRACOIDEA		
Hyraxes	<u>Procaviidae</u>	
Black-necked rock hyrax	Procavia johnstoni	1
Yellow-spotted bush hyrax	Heterohyrax brucei	1
PROBOSCIDEA		
Elephants	Elephantidae	
African elephant	Loxodonta africana	1



PERISSODACTYLA		
Horses and allies	Equidae	
Plains zebra	Equus quagga	1
Rhinoceroses	Rhinocerotidae	
Black rhinoceros	Diceros bicornis	1
ARTIODACYTLA		
<u>Hippopotamuses</u>	<u>Hippopotamidae</u>	
Hippopotamus	Hippopotamus amphibius	1
Pigs	Suidae	
Common warthog	Phacochoerus africanus	1
Giraffe, okapi	<u>Giraffidae</u>	
Giraffe	Giraffa camelopardalis	1
Cattle, antelope and allies	Bovidae	
African buffalo	Syncerus caffer	1
Bushbuck	Tragelaphus scriptus	1
Common eland	Tragelaphus oryx	1
Harvey's duiker	Cephalophus harveyi	1
Kirk's dik-dik	Madoqua kirkii	1
Bohor reedbuck	Redunca redunca	1
Common waterbuck	Kobus ellipsiprymnus ellipsiprymnus	1
Defassa waterbuck	Kobus ellipsiprymnus defassa	0
Thomson's gazelle	Eudorcas thomsonii	1
Grant's gazelle	Nanger granti	1
Impala	Aepyceros melampus	1
Topi	Damaliscus lunatus jimela	1
Coke's hartebeest	Alcelaphus buselaphus cokei	1
Common wildebeest	Connochaetes taurinus	1
TOTAL		43

