

Madagascar's Lemurs

Naturetrek Tour Report

29 September - 11 October 2013



Velvet Gecko



Long-tailed Ground-Roller



Ring-tailed Lemur



Verraux's Sifaka

Report compiled by Andy Smith
Images courtesy of Chris Vernon-Parry



Naturetrek Cheriton Mill Cheriton Alresford Hampshire SO24 0NG England

T: +44 (0)1962 733051

F: +44 (0)1962 736426

E: info@naturetrek.co.uk

W: www.naturetrek.co.uk

Tour Leader:	Andy Smith Rivo Rarivosoa
Participants:	Geoff White Jacky White Chris Vernon-Parry Julie Vernon-Parry Anne Dawnay Liz Gibbs Kate Crawford Morag Ewing Lisa Hilton Lynda Berrington John Berrington

Day 1

Sunday 29th September

The group arrived at Tana airport at 11pm local time and after negotiating the airport and meeting up with local guide Rivo, transferred to the nearby Orchid Hotel for an overnight stay.

Day 2

Monday 30th September

Breakfast was at the Orchid Hotel, Tana. The weather was sunny with scattered cloud, warm and breezy. Fody's, Wagtails, White-eyes, Stonechats and Mascarene Martins were seen around the terrace and gardens. We departed at 9.30am and drove across Tana, past rice paddies and brick kilns to the Lemur Park at Katsoka. A pleasant stroll through riverside scrub and ornamental woodland brought us into close contact with a range of habituated "reconstituted" Lemurs and various common birds such as Souimanga Sunbird, Madagascar Bulbul, Madagascar Brush Warbler and Plain Martin.

In the afternoon we continued south along the RN7 through some classic highland scenery, noted Hammerkops, various herons and egrets and Madagascar Kestrels and arrived at our comfortable guest-house in the large city of Antsirabe just after dark.

Day 3

Tuesday 1st October

We left Antsirabe just after 8am and stopped a few miles south of town in an extensive area of rice paddies backed by low, scrubby hills. It was a cool, overcast morning. People were out in the fields planting and weeding. Cattle and Great Egrets stalked around, Plain Martins hawked overhead, two Madagascar Cuckoos sat up in some riverside trees and a pair of dazzling Malachite Kingfishers posed beautifully, close to our roadside viewpoint.

Continuing on, noting Kestrels, Kites, Bee-eaters and a stunning male Long-billed Sunbird en-route, we arrived in the lively town of Ambositra in the late morning and visited some of the wood-carving shops for which the town is famous. A little further on we made a picnic stop by a small marsh flanked by a patch of primary forest. Birds here included Brush and Swamp Warblers, a fine red male Madagascar Fody and a Madagascar Snipe. The weather closed in as we drove on through the afternoon, precluding any useful wildlife watching and we arrived at Ranomafana in low cloud and steady light rain at the end of the afternoon.

Day 4

Wednesday 2nd October

Cool with rain, drizzle and shifting low cloud and mist all day – not ideal! A long morning session in the Ranomafana National Park showed us just how wet a rainforest can be but was productive for wildlife nonetheless, with good views for all of three lovely Golden Bamboo Lemurs (grooming each other and then feeding; eating fresh slender bamboo shoots after carefully stripping off and discarding the leaves) and then four acrobatic Milne-Edward's Sifakas. Birds activity was definitely low because of the weather but a nice mixed flock early on included Ward's, Tylas and Red-tailed Vangas, Green Jery, Common Newtonia and Paradise Flycatcher, whilst a stunning Pitta-Like Ground Roller, seen by an alert few out on the trails, was a clear highlight.

A late afternoon walk along the road by the Namorona Waterfall produced a couple of extraordinary Giraffe-necked Weevils and two small Nose-horned Chameleons and we finished the day at dusk with close views of Brown Mouse Lemurs coming out to feed on banana smeared on roadside branches by the local guides.

Day 5

Thursday 3rd October

Another wet day at Ranomafana... A morning walk in the forest brought us good views of a Greater Bamboo Lemur eating bamboo, a female Velvet Asity building its delicate, well-camouflaged, hanging nest and a Broad-billed Roller perched in the top of a tall riverside tree.

A brief break in the weather at lunchtime at Setam Lodge encouraged a burst of bird activity with Madagascar Coucal, Blue Coua, Chabert's Vanga, Nelicourvi Weaver and Magpie Robin all making appearances in a fast and furious little session. A wet late afternoon walk along the river by the entrance to Vohiparara sadly produced nothing of note.

Day 6

Friday 4th October

We departed from Ranomafana and drove to Fianarantsoa stopping for coffee and fuel then continuing on to the interesting little paper factory at Ambavalao. At Anja, in welcome sunshine, we ate our picnic lunch, admired the dramatic granite inselberg scenery, explored the small transitional dry forest reserve and enjoyed sensational close encounters with two large troops of wonderful Ring-tailed Lemurs. Over 50 animals were seen including tiny infants – very cute! A supporting cast of birds included a Hoopoe, some Namaqua Doves and several neat Grey-headed Lovebirds. Our journey then took us through some stunning scenery (looking all the better in the warm sunshine) to Ihosy and then up and over the wide open grasslands of the Horombe Plateau. Bird's en-route included a Peregrine, a few Kestrels and Kites and lots of Madagascar Larks. We arrived at the Relais de la Reine near Isalo National Park at sunset and enjoyed a good dinner followed by a fantastic star studded sky!

Day 7

Saturday 5th October

We enjoyed a lovely sunny dawn at Relais de la Reine, saw a singing male Benson's Rock Thrush, had breakfast and then went off into the nearby Isalo National Park. We walked up a beautiful wooded valley, found a range of birds highlighted by Bee-eaters, Hoopoes, a Buttonquail, two Chabert's Vangas and a singing male White-headed Vanga, admired Oustalet's Chameleons and Spiny-tailed Iguanids, and found, after a considerable searching, two handsome Verraux's Sifakas. These we watched at close range as they fed of clusters of tiny red berries in the tops of some trailside trees – lovely!

A late afternoon exploration around the lodge area concluded at a small lake where we found two Madagascar Pond Herons, a Purple Heron, two Red-Billed Teals, several Cisticolas, dozens of Mannikins and good numbers of Bee-eaters.

Day 8

Sunday 6th October

We were up and away from Isalo just before dawn with Madagascar Cuckoo, Nightjar and Coucal creating an atmospheric soundscape as we left. It was another lovely still, clear, morning and we reached Zombitse Forest by 7am. A walk through the dense dry forest here brought some wonderful sightings. Among the highlights were two Hubbard's Sportive Lemurs eyeing us from the safety of their tree crevice roosts, a pair of Verraux's Sifakas (much darker than yesterday's animals), several colourful Standing's Day Geckos and an exciting range of birds that included a displaying Cuckoo Roller (wow!), a Coquerel's Coua, a male Rufous Vanga and a number of engaging little Appert's Greenbuls.

Leaving Zombitse in the mid-morning as the heat of the day began to build we headed onwards through a rather ravaged and impoverished landscape to Tulear and had lunch at the arboretum. From here we drove northwards along the coast through sandy scrublands and mud-hut villages and made one lengthy stop by a mangrove flanked creek overlooking distant mudflats and sandbars...all very pretty with the azure sea beyond. The tide was rising fast and fortuitously pushed an excellent range of shorebirds towards us. In an exciting half hour or so we noted 30 Greenshanks, 35 Grey Plovers, 4 Common Sandpipers, one Terek Sandpiper, three Turnstones, single White-fronted and Ringed Plovers and 15 Whimbrel – not bad! Out on the sandbank a flock 200 White-faced Whistling Ducks presented an impressive sight whilst a mixed group of Swift and Lesser-crested Terns completed the picture.

We arrived at our beachside hotel just south of Ifaty a little later and after settling in enjoyed a late afternoon exploration of our immediate surroundings. Sub-desert Brush Warblers ticked in the scrub, Nightjars began calling at dusk and after dark we found Terrestrial Hermit Crabs and a lovely little Grey Mouse Lemur.

Day 9

Monday 7th October

Another pre-dawn start found us out in Reniala Forest Reserve at Ifaty shortly after first light. Here we walked through the wonderful spiny forest in the cool of the early morning and had excellent views of some truly amazing birds including Long-tailed Ground Roller, Sub-desert Mesite, Crested and Running Couas, Greater and Lesser Vasa Parrots, Sickle-billed and Lafresnaye's Vangas, Sakalava Weaver and Archbold's Newtonia – wow!

Back to the hotel for a late breakfast then a morning at leisure during which most took a walk along the beach where birds to be seen included both Greater Sand Plovers and the rare endemic Madagascar Plover. In the late afternoon we took a local stroll that continued after dark and produced enjoyable encounters with Grey Mouse Lemurs, Madagascar Nightjars and a Big-headed Gecko.

Day 10

Tuesday 8th October

Another lovely sunny morning was spiced up by an immaculate white male Paradise Flycatcher hawking around the gardens. Away just after breakfast back down the bumpy road to Tulear and so out to the arboretum again, this time for a proper look around. We admired the extensive collection of weird and wonderful spiny forest plants and enjoyed close views of a Madagascar Nightjar roosting on the ground, and then a Chabert's Vanga on its neat little nest in the fork of a small tree (a very typical site for a Vanga). Spiny-tailed Iguanids, a Changeable Emerald Day Gecko and a Warty Chameleon added to the interest here before we returned to the arboretum's restaurant for lunch. After lunch we proceeded to Tulear airport for our afternoon flight back up to Tana. Everything went according to plan and we were safely installed back in the hotel in Tana in time for dinner.

Day 11

Wednesday 9th October

Leaving Tana after an early breakfast we drove down to Andasibe and so to Vakona Lodge in time for lunch. In the afternoon we set out to explore the trails in the Andasibe Special Reserve in the company of expert local guide Patrice. There were very few people about and we had an excellent three hour session highlighted by a fantastic close encounter with three Indri leaping about and eating leaves - what amazing animals they are! Other goodies included five Common Brown Lemurs (including a female with a tiny infant), a pair of Madagascar Sparrowhawks mating (the female called in the much smaller male with persistent high pitched cheeping calls), a superb Red-fronted Coua creeping around on the forest floor, two noisy Blue Couas, a rather smart Spectacled Greenbul and both Short-horned and Long-nosed Chameleons – not bad!

Day 12

Thursday 10th October

Up at dawn, breakfast and away along the bumpy track to Mantadia. Ward's Vangas were in the car park as we left, Grey Bamboo Lemurs were in some bamboo at the roadside, Rand's Warblers were singing from the tree-tops and then a Madagascar Pygmy Kingfisher perched up close for all to see – very nice!

Finally we reached the trail head at Mantadia and began walking. With sunshine and scattered cloud and a pleasant temperature, it was a perfect morning for exploring this fabulous tract of forest and we were not to be disappointed. First we saw a pair of Red-bellied Lemurs eating figs high in a tall tree, then a troop of Brown Lemurs and then after a bit of a scramble, was a group of five superb Diademed Sifakas – fantastic! Indris were frequently to be heard in the background and an exciting range of birds included a pair of Pitta-like Ground Rollers (stunning as ever!), three Blue Couas, a female Cuckoo Roller, Tylas and Red-tailed Vangas, two Long-billed Greenbuls and a pair of Forest Fodies. Emerging from the forest we finished the morning at an old mining pond where we found a pair of Madagascar Little Grebes, a Meller's Duck, two Swamp Warblers and a Spine-tailed Swift.

Lunch and a siesta back at Vakona followed. Thundery rain started up in the mid-afternoon and rumbled on into the evening as we set off for a short night walk at the Mitjingo Reserve at Andasibe. Madagascar and Collared Nightjars hawked overhead as we arrived (the two species separable in flight by the presence or absence of white in the wings and tail), whilst out on the trails we found a roosting Pygmy Kingfisher, various chameleons, a range of interesting invertebrates and a brief Eastern Woolly Lemur.

Day 13

Friday 11th October

A relatively leisurely breakfast and then back to the Andasibe Special Reserve for a last blast of rainforest before heading back to Tana. It was another pleasant morning and we had an enjoyable walk during which we found a range of special birds including a gang of Madagascar Wood Rails, two Crested Ibis, a Cuckoo Hawk, another Red-fronted Coua and a smart Hook-billed Vanga. Lunch at Fyon Nyala was thoroughly enlivened by the appearance of some Indris in the trees at the forest edge across the river. There was an adult male and two females, one carrying a tiny infant. We were able to watch them at leisure as we ate our lunch and they theirs. Lovely views of three Green Pigeons and then a pair of Blue Pigeons completed the scene here and with the Indris made for a perfect finale before we began the long drive back to Tana.

We arrived back in the capital in good time, visited the craft market and then proceeded to our hotel and a last dinner together before heading off to the airport for our late night flight back to France. Everything went smoothly enough and we all arrived home safely at various stages the following day.

Acknowledgements

Thanks to Rivo for his excellent guiding throughout! Also to all our drivers, driver's mates, local guides and hotel and lodge staff for all their efforts to ensure our time in Madagascar was a success. Thanks also to all the various members of the group for their interest and good humour - it was a very enjoyable and interesting trip!

Receive our e-newsletter

Join the Naturetrek e-mailing list and be the first to hear about new tours, additional departures and new dates, tour reports and special offers. Visit www.naturetrek.co.uk to sign up.

Naturetrek Facebook

We are delighted to launch the Naturetrek Facebook page so that participants of Naturetrek tours can remain in touch after the holiday and share photos, comments and future travel plans.

Setting up a personal profile at www.facebook.com is quick, free and easy. The [Naturetrek Facebook page](#) is now live; do please pay us a visit!

Species List

Lemurs (h = heard only)

	Common name	Scientific name	September/October											
			30	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
1	Grey-brown Mouse Lemur	<i>Microcebus griseorufus</i>								1	2	2		
2	Brown (Rufous) Mouse Lemur	<i>Microcebus rufus</i>			2									
3	Hubbard's Sportive Lemur	<i>Lepilemur hubbardorum</i>								2				
4	Eastern Grey Bamboo Lemur	<i>Hapalemur griseus</i>										1	3	
5	Golden Bamboo Lemur	<i>Hapalemur aureus</i>			4	2								
6	Greater Bamboo Lemur	<i>Hapalemur simus</i>			1	1								
7	Ring-tailed Lemur	<i>Lemur catta</i>					50	7						
8	Common Brown Lemur	<i>Eulemur fulvus</i>										6	8	
9	Red-fronted Brown Lemur	<i>Eulemur rufus</i>			9									
10	Red-bellied Lemur	<i>Eulemur rubriventer</i>				1							2	
11	Black and White Ruffed Lemur	<i>Varecia variegata variegata</i>												1
12	Eastern Woolly Lemur	<i>Avahi laniger</i>												1
13	Verreaux's Sifaka	<i>Propithecus verreauxi</i>						2	2					
14	Diademmed Sifaka	<i>Propithecus diadema</i>											10	
15	Milne-Edwards' Sifaka	<i>Propithecus edwardsi</i>			4									
16	Indri	<i>Indri indri</i>										3	h	7

Other Mammals

1	Lowland Streaked Tenrec	<i>Hemicentetes semispinosus</i>												1	
2	Eastern Red Forest Rat	<i>Nesomys rufus</i>				1									

Birds

1	Madagascar Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus pelzelinii</i>												2	
2	Madagascar Pond Heron	<i>Ardeola idae</i>						3							
3	Common Squacco Heron	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>	5	5											
4	Black-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>													2
5	Green-backed Heron	<i>Butorides striatus</i>		2					1			1			3

	Common name	Scientific name	September/October											
			30	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
6	Great White Egret	<i>Egretta alba</i>	5	25							1	5		2
7	Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	20	30			50	20			2	10		10
8	Black Egret	<i>Egretta ardesiaca</i>	20	1										2
9	Dimorphic Heron	<i>Egretta dimorpha</i>	25	50			15					10		1
10	Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>		1			2	2					1	
11	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>							1					
12	Hamerkop	<i>Scopus umbretta</i>	2	2			2							1
13	Madagascar Crested Ibis	<i>Lophotibis cristata</i>											1	2
14	Red-billed Teal	<i>Anas erythrorhyncha</i>						2						
15	Meller's Duck	<i>Anas melleri</i>											1	
16	White-faced Duck	<i>Dendrocygna viduata</i>						2	200					
17	Henst's Goshawk	<i>Accipiter henstii</i>											1h	
18	Madagascar Harrier- Hawk	<i>Polyboroides radiatus</i>								1h				
19	Madagascar Buzzard	<i>Buteo brachypterus</i>					1					2		1
20	Madagascar Cuckoo Hawk	<i>Aviceda madagascariensis</i>												1
21	Yellow-billed Kite	<i>Milvus aegyptus</i>	1	6		1	20	35	15	4	3			
22	Madagascar Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter madagascariensis</i>										2		
23	Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>					1			1				
24	Madagascar Kestrel	<i>Falco newtoni</i>	3	5			4	5	2	3	2			1
25	Madagascar Wood Rail	<i>Canirallus kiolooides</i>												7
26	Sub-desert Mesite	<i>Monias benschi</i>								7				
27	Madagascar Button-quail	<i>Turnix nigricollis</i>	1					1		2	1			
28	White-throated Rail	<i>Dryolimnas cuvieri</i>						2h				2h		
29	Madagascar Flufftail	<i>Sarothrura insularis</i>		2h									1h	
30	Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>											1	
31	Madagascar Snipe	<i>Gallinago macrodactyla</i>		1										
32	Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>							2	4				
33	Grey Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>							35	5				
34	Common Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>							1	7				
35	Madagascar Plover	<i>Gallinago macrodactyla</i>								2				
36	Kittlitz's Plover	<i>Charadrius pecuarius</i>							4					

	Common name	Scientific name	September/October											
			30	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
37	White-fronted Plover	<i>Charadrius marginatus</i>								1				
38	Three-banded Plover	<i>Charadrius tricollaris</i>								1				
39	Greater Sand Plover	<i>Charadrius leschenaultii</i>									3			
40	Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>								15	5	1h		
41	Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>								30	4			
42	Terek Sandpiper	<i>Xenus cinereus</i>								1				
43	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	2			3				3			1	
44	Sanderling	<i>Calidris alba</i>									4			
45	Curlew Sandpiper	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>								1	1	1		
46	Greater Crested Tern	<i>Sterna bergii</i>								2	1			
47	Lesser Crested Tern	<i>Sterna bengalensis</i>								10				
48	Feral Pigeon	<i>Columba livia</i>	15	10			5							
49	Namaqua Dove	<i>Oena capensis</i>					2	5	10	15	10			
50	Madagascar Blue Pigeon	<i>Alectroenas madagascariensis</i>										1		3
51	Madagascar Green Pigeon	<i>Treron australis</i>												3
52	Madagascar Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia picturata</i>				1		2	5	10	2	4		
53	Grey-headed Lovebird	<i>Agapornis canus</i>					8	5	2	h				
54	Greater Vasa Parrot	<i>Coracopsis vasa</i>			h			2		4		1	2	
55	Lesser Vasa Parrot	<i>Coracopsis nigra</i>						3	2	2		5	6	3
56	Madagascar Coucal	<i>Centropus toulou</i>				1	1	6	3	5		2	2	4
57	Madagascar Lesser Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus rochii</i>		2+1h	2h	3h				1h			1h	1h
58	Green-capped Coua	<i>Coua olivaceiceps</i>									1			
59	Coquerel's Coua	<i>Coua coquereli</i>								1				
60	Running Coua	<i>Coua cursor</i>									2			
61	Giant Coua	<i>Coua gigas</i>									1			
62	Red-breasted Coua	<i>Coua serriana</i>											1+1h	1h
63	Red-fronted Coua	<i>Coua reynaudii</i>										1		1
64	Blue Coua	<i>Coua caerulea</i>				1							3	3
65	Crested Coua	<i>Coua cristata</i>									7			
66	Barn Owl	<i>Tyto alba</i>	1h											
67	Collared Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus enarratus</i>												2

	Common name	Scientific name	September/October												
			30	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
68	Madagascar Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus madagascariensis</i>	1h							3h	2+2h	1		3	
69	Madagascar Black Swift	<i>Apus balstoni</i>			3										
70	Madagascar Spine-tailed Swift	<i>Zoonavena grandidieri</i>									1		2	1	
71	African Palm Swift	<i>Cypsiurus parvus</i>					5	15							
72	Brown-throated Sand Martin	<i>Riparia paludicola</i>	20	100			2					2			
73	Mascarene Martin	<i>Phedina borbonica</i>	15	5	15	7	10	5	5		2	10	5	10	
74	Madagascar Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo vintsioides</i>		4		1	1	2	1		1	3	1	1	
75	Madagascar Pygmy Kingfisher	<i>Ceyx madagascariensis</i>											3		
76	Madagascar Bee-eater	<i>Merops superciliosus</i>	1	6			3	20	5	7	6	h	10	4	
77	Broad-billed Roller	<i>Eurystomus glaucurus</i>				1									
78	Madagascar Cuckoo-Roller	<i>Leptosomus discolor</i>			2+1h				1			1h	1+1h	1+1h	
79	Pitta-like Ground-Roller	<i>Atelornis pittoides</i>			1								2		
80	Long-tailed Ground-Roller	<i>Uratelornis chimaera</i>								1					
81	Velvet Asity	<i>Philepitta castanea</i>				4									
82	Madagascar Bulbul	<i>Hypsipetes madagascariensis</i>	10	4	5	6	5	25	15	15	10	10	20	12	
83	Long-billed Tetraka	<i>Bernieria madagascariensis</i>							5			1	2	3	
84	Spectacled Tetraka	<i>Bernieria zosterops</i>			1+3h							1	3	1h	
85	Appert's Tetraka	<i>Xanthomoxis apperti</i>							7						
86	White-throated Oxylabes	<i>Oxylabes madagascariensis</i>			1h										
87	Madagascar Magpie Robin	<i>Copsychus albospecularis</i>			1	4	2	1	5	8	6	3	5	3	
88	Madagascar Hoopoe	<i>Upupa marginata</i>	1h				1	7		3	1				
89	Benson's Rock-Thrush	<i>Monticola sharpei bensoni</i>						1							
90	Common Stonechat	<i>Saxicola torquata</i>	5	10		2		1				2	1	1	
91	Madagascar Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flaviventris</i>	5	10	3	7	2	5				5	2		
92	Madagascar Paradise Flycatcher	<i>Terpsiphone mutata</i>			2	3	1	3	3	2	1		3	3	
93	Ward's Flycatcher	<i>Pseudobias wardi</i>			2								2		
94	Common Newtonia	<i>Newtonia brunneicauda</i>			2	2			2	2		3	3	2	
95	Dark Newtonia	<i>Newtonia amphichroa</i>			1h										
96	Archbold's Newtonia	<i>Newtonia archboldi</i>								3					
97	Madagascar Cisticola	<i>Cisticola cherina</i>		4h			2	5	8	1h	5			1h	
98	Madagascar Bush Lark	<i>Mirafra hova</i>		10			25	2	90	10	12	1			

	Common name	Scientific name	September/October											
			30	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
99	Madagascar Swamp Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus newtoni</i>	1	2									2	
100	Madagascar Brush Warbler	<i>Nesillas typica</i>	10	4	1	2						2	5	3
101	Sub-desert Brush Warbler	<i>Nesillus lantzii</i>							9	4	4			
102	Common Jery	<i>Neomixis tenella</i>		2	5	4	2	15	7	10	8	5	3	1
103	Stripe-throated Jery	<i>Neomixis striatigula</i>										3h	1+5h	5h
104	Green Jery	<i>Neomixis viridis</i>			1	1						1	3h	4h
105	Rand's Warbler	<i>Randia pseudozosterops</i>											3	
106	Madagascar White-eye	<i>Zosterops maderaspatanus</i>	12	5	8	10		2					1	1
107	Madagascar Green Sunbird	<i>Nectarinia notata</i>		1	3					1				
108	Souimanga Sunbird	<i>Nectarinia sovimanga</i>	7	5	8	7	4	12	10	15	5	6	10	5
109	White-headed Vanga	<i>Artamella viridis</i>						1		2				
110	Chabert's Vanga	<i>Leptopterus chabert</i>			2	6		2	2	3	3			2
111	Madagascar Blue Vanga	<i>Cyanolanius madagascarinus</i>											2	
112	Sickle-billed Vanga	<i>Falculea palliata</i>								1+1h				
113	Rufous Vanga	<i>Schetba rufa</i>							1					
114	Red-tailed Vanga	<i>Calicalicus madagascariensis</i>			3	2			1	1h		1h	3	3
115	Lafresnaye's Vanga	<i>Xenopirostris xenopirostris</i>								4				
116	Hook-billed Vanga	<i>Vanga curvirostris</i>			1					1h				2
117	Tylas Vanga	<i>Tylas eduardi</i>			1	2							1	
118	Madagascar Cuckoo Shrike	<i>Coracina cinerea</i>			1									2
119	Madagascar Starling	<i>Saroglossa aurata</i>										1		
120	Common Myna	<i>Acridotheres tristis</i>	30	40			20	20	50	20	20	25		10
121	Crested Drongo	<i>Dicrurus forficatus</i>		2	2	5		6	10	8	4	5	2	5
122	Pied Crow	<i>Corvus albus</i>		10			75	30	50	10	20			
123	Madagascar Fody	<i>Foudia madagascariensis</i>	12	20		1	50	10	10	1	3	5		10
124	Forest Fody	<i>Foudia eminentissima</i>											2	
125	Sakalava Weaver	<i>Ploceus sakalava</i>								50	10			
126	Nelicourvi Weaver	<i>Ploceus nelicourvi</i>			2	1						2	2	2
127	Madagascar Mannikin	<i>Lonchura nana</i>		20	1			50			10			10

	Common name	Scientific name	September/October										
			30	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

Reptiles

1	Short-horned Chameleon	<i>Calumma brevicornis</i>										2	1	
2	Short-nosed Chameleon	<i>Calumma gastrotaenia</i>											3	
3	Nose-horned Chameleon	<i>Calumma nasuta</i>			2	1						1	1	
4	Spiny-backed Chameleon	<i>Furcifer verrucosus</i>									1			
5	Oustalet's Chameleon	<i>Furcifer oustaleti</i>					2	4						
6	Three-eyed Lizard	<i>Chalerodon madagascariensis</i>								5	2			
7	Spiny-tailed Iguanid	<i>Oplurus cyclurus</i>						1	1	2	4			
8	Four-lined Iguanid	<i>Oplurus quadrimaculatus</i>						10						
9	Large-headed Gecko	<i>Paroedura pictus</i>								1				
10	Satanic Leaf-tailed Gecko	<i>Uroplatus phantasticus</i>			1	1								
11	Velvet Gecko	<i>Blaesodactylus sakalensis</i>								2				
12	Lined Day Gecko	<i>Phelsuma lineata bifasciata</i>										2	4	
13	Marbled Emerald Day Gecko	<i>Phelsuma standingi</i>							5					
14	Changeable Emerald Day Gecko	<i>Phelsuma mutabilis</i>						1		1	1			
15	House Gecko	<i>Hemidactylus frenatus</i>					1	1	1	h				
16	Skink sp.	<i>Mabuya elegans</i>						2						
17	Madagascar Girdled Lizard	<i>Zonosaurus madagascariensis</i>										1	1	
18	Big-eyed Grass Snake	<i>Mimophis mahafalensis</i>									1			

