

Madagascar's Lemurs

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Brown Mouse Lemur



Ring-tailed Lemur



O'Shaughnessy's Chameleon



Indri

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Day 1

Saturday 12th October

LHR to Paris

From Heathrow it was a fairly straight forward transfer to Paris arriving on time in the mid afternoon. After a short shuttle journey we were checked into our hotel. While some of the group opted to venture out into Paris for the evening, most opted to rest for the afternoon. Some of us met up for dinner in the evening before opting for an early night ready for our early morning departure from Paris to Tana.

Day 2

Sunday 13th October

Arrive Tana

After an early start and a long flight from Paris we eventually touched down in a mild but humid Tana, a little after 10pm. We made our way slowly through customs and waited for the arrival of our bags. Fortunately our friendly faced local guide 'Claude' was waiting for us and as the group gathered ourselves, a few of us set about doing a few essential things, like changing our Euros into huge wads of local currency. Once organised, we were quickly ushered us to our bus and taken on to our comfortable hotel not 10 minutes drive from the airport.

Day 3

Monday 14th October

Lemurs Park - Drive to Antsirabe

It was a reasonable start to the day with warm temperatures but hazy sunshine over Tana. After a leisurely breakfast in the hotel restaurant, where we spent a little time watching the flocks of Madagascar White-eyes and Madagascar Fody flitting between the bougainvilleas around the hotel, we checked out of the hotel and boarded our bus ready for an exciting day of travel ahead.

Our journey took us south, through bustling street scenes and past rice paddies where we spotted plenty of Squacco Herons, Cattle, Great and Dimorphic Egrets. By late morning we arrived at Lemurs Park and spent the

middle of the day exploring the park and cooing over the semi tame lemurs that had been rescued from captivity around Madagascar. The beautiful Coquerels Sifaka, Black and White Ruffed Lemur and Crowned Sifaka were among the favourites of the morning and there were plenty of opportunities to take some lovely photos too. Our time in the park also provided us with some nice views of Madagascar Bubul, Mascarene Martin, more White-eyes and a lovely Souimanga Sunbird that posed nicely for a photo or two. Oustalet's Chameleon catching flies from their perches, Radiated Tortoises and Lined Day Geckos added to the rapidly growing list of wonderful species we were seeing, and rounded the morning off nicely.

After a leisurely lunch in the park we boarded the bus once more and continued our long drive to Antsirabe, passing through more busy streets and market towns and wide expanses of ochre coloured rice paddies where great stacks of freshly made clay bricks were being fired. Claude entertained us throughout the journey, telling us all about the scenery and the landscape as well as giving us all a valuable insight into the details of Malagasy life. At a roadside stop to stretch our legs, we scanned the rice paddies and surrounding trees for birds, much to the curiosity of local children. This provided us with some nice views of Madagascar Green Sunbird and Common Sandpiper too. We arrived in our lovely hotel a little after 6pm and, after a little time to freshen up, we enjoyed a relaxed meal before heading off to bed ready for our earlier start and long journey to Ranomafana the next day.

Day 4

Tuesday 15th October

Drive to Ranomafana

Early risers enjoyed a little time watching the White-eyes and Fodies in the garden before breakfast. It was a beautiful sunny morning and after breakfast we checked out of our hotel and set off for the long days drive. More travel through bustling streets and working rice paddies, we made several stops along the way to watch Hammerkop, Herons and Egrets as well as a nice colony of Madagascar Bee-eaters. A leisurely lunch stop near an area of marsh provided us with nice views of Leaf-litter Frog, colourful Dog Locusts as well as Madagascar Kingfisher, Purple Heron, Swamp Warbler, Lesser Cuckoo and Stonechat.

We continued on, stopping for a break to look at woodcarvings and local crafts but essentially travelling all afternoon until we arrived in our hotel near Ranomafana National Park shortly after 5pm. A quick check in at the hotel and we headed out for a pre-dinner nocturnal walk along the road. Unfortunately, a recent change in the prevailing weather meant there was little to be found on our walk but, after a long day in the bus, it provided a very welcome chance to stretch our legs.

Day 5

Wednesday 16th October

Ranomafana

We made an early start and were waiting at the reserve entrance before opening at 7am. It was misty and wet but there were plenty of birds to be seen while we waited and we had views of Crested Drongo, Cuckoo Roller and White-headed Vanga before we even entered the reserve. After some tough walking on the rainforest trails it was not long before we were watching a small troop of Golden Bamboo Lemurs...and it was only 9am!

Having watched the troop feeding high up in the canopy of tall bamboo we eventually moved on to explore more of the forest trails. The weather remained misty and wet making some of the trails hard work, but our local

guides remained vigilant and we soon found ourselves staring into the huge eyes of a small group of Milne Edwards Sifakas, that watched us with a level of complete indifference as they went about their morning in the trees above us. Having watched them for a little while, we were lucky enough to have the troop of 4 animals bounce through the canopy just a few feet above our heads. We continued to explore the forest trails for the remainder of the morning, taking the odd break along the way before encountering Greater Bamboo Lemurs (the last two Greater Bamboo Lemurs left in the reserve) and some very sleepy Red-bellied Lemurs before we eventually returned to the hotel for lunch.

After lunch we took a little time to recover from the mornings activities. Most of the group rested for a while. Others spent some time birding, watching the Madagascar Wagtails and Madagascar Coucals around the hotel. By mid-afternoon we ventured out again. Our planned afternoon walk was disrupted a little by encountering a nice troop of Red-fronted Lemurs feeding in a tree alongside the road and we stopped on a bend in the road to take a closer look. The stop provided us all with some fantastic watching opportunities, with the Lemurs at eye level. There was plenty of bird activity too, with Forest Rockthrush and a nice male Paradise Flycatcher showing off nicely. Giant Millipedes and a few Chameleons found crawling through the branches of nearby bushes just added to the wonderful mix of wildlife.

We eventually headed on from impromptu stop to look for Giraffe-necked Weevils by a small river. Despite the onset of light rain, we had great fun photographing them before heading back to the road to start our evening's nocturnal walk. This proved far more successful than our previous nights venture and we spotted Red Forest Rats, Brown Mouse Lemurs, plenty more Chameleons and Tree Frogs too; a startling and very welcome contrast to the night before. It was a great way to end an action packed day.

Day 6

Thursday 17th October

Ranomafana

It was another great day in the Ranomafana National Park with a slightly overcast start to the day but brightening in the afternoon and clouding over for some mist in the evening. We started the day exploring some of the more gentle trails on the outskirts of the park. Some nice Red-bellied Lemurs performed well for us (3 different troops in fact) and there was plenty of bird life along the trails too, with nice views of Velvet Asity, Crossleys Babbler and singing Rand's Warblers, Long-billed Tetraka, and Grey-headed Tetraka within just a few hundred yards of the car park.

Heading on from our walk along the trails, we stopped to look for Painted Frogs in an area of marsh and nobody could resist spending a bit of time photographing these beautiful little amphibians. However the site turned out to be good for bird-watching too and we watched Blue Coua and had nice views of both Chabert's and Tylas Vangas before moving on to photograph the waterfalls and heading back to the hotel for lunch.

After lunch we headed out to explore the trails in the main park once again to try for some better views of the lemurs. A troop of Golden Bamboo Lemurs put on a good show, and some of the group even managed to watch from just a few feet away as a few lemurs climbed down from the canopy.

The lemurs started eating soil (which they do to neutralise the natural cyanides that are concentrated in the bamboo on which they feed) from a shallow and well used pit in the ground. This was an amazing experience for

all of those privileged enough to be in just the 'right place' at very much the 'right time'. We continued exploring the park trails for the remainder of the afternoon, our amazing local spotters and guides finding us Ranomafana Bamboo Lemurs and an amazing Satanic Leaf-tailed Gecko, before we eventually headed back to the hotel.

After a quick turnaround back at the hotel we were out again for another nocturnal walk where, despite the unusually large crowds of people (who had all had the same idea), we got some more nice (albeit fleeting) views of Brown Mouse Lemur, some amazing Chameleons (including Oshaunessy's, Blue-legged and Nose-horned) as well as plenty of frogs and a magnificent Golden Orb-web Spider too.

Day 7

Friday 18th October

Ranomafana to Isalo via Anja Reserve

We packed up and set off early, leaving the misty rainforests of Ranomafana behind us and heading southwest along Madagascar's route 7. It was a beautiful sunny day and we all settled ourselves in for the long day of travel ahead. Our day was broken up nicely with a stop at the Anja Community Reserve, a beautiful reserve that is run and managed entirely by local people; a nice example of sustainable and beneficial ecotourism. The reserve was set up primarily to protect habitats of Ring-tailed Lemur and we spent a couple of hours with our local guides exploring the reserves dry forests in the company of a wonderfully indifferent (and insanely photogenic) troop of Lemurs. A leisurely lunch spent exploring the delightful paper factory at Ambalavao provided another welcome break in the days travel before we eventually arrived at our stylish hotel close to the Isalo National Park.

Day 8

Saturday 19th October

Isalo NP and Namaza Forest

With a beautiful sunrise and the promise of a glorious day ahead, a few of us start the day early with a little pre-breakfast bird watching around the hotel. This proved to be quite a delight with Benson's Rock-thrush, Broad-billed Roller, Cuckoo-Roller and Grey-headed Lovebird amongst the highlights of the mornings short walk.

After breakfast, a walk into the dry Canyons of the Isalo National Park provided us with more wonderfully intimate encounters with troops of Ring-tailed and Red-fronted Brown Lemurs, birds such as White-throated Rail, the impressive Four-lined Girdled Lizard and the spectacular Madagascar Swallowtail Butterfly too.

We returned to the hotel for lunch and took the opportunity to rest during the hottest part of the day. However, by late afternoon we were ready to head out once again and a walk out through the canyons close to the hotel provided us with the opportunity to take a closer look at some of the rare endemic plants of the region as well as curious looking Flatid Leaf Bugs. The highlight of the afternoon was undoubtedly watching a female Lesser Vasa Parrot displaying noisily from rocky perch high up in the canyon. We ended the day watching the sun set slowly over the deserts spectacular rocky outcrops and watching the Madagascar Nightjars swooping around the lights above the hotel swimming pool...magic!

Day 9

Sunday 20th October

Zombitse – Toliara - Ifaty

Our mid morning arrival at the Zombitse dry forest reserve was heralded by the calls of displaying Madagascar Cuckoo Rollers overhead and the songs of Common Jery and Common Newtonia emanating from the treetops. A short walk along the trails through the dry, deciduous forest and we found ourselves staring through the tangled canopy at a delightfully relaxed looking Hubbard's Sportive Lemur that was casually sunning itself at the entrance to its day roost. Continuing along the trails Bark Geckos, Standing's Day Geckos and Oustalet's Chameleons stared at us from seemingly every branch, and we soon found ourselves captivated by the rich amber gaze of a troop of Verraux's Sifakas. We were even lucky enough to see two different colour forms of these beautiful Lemurs during our stay in the reserve.

A stop for lunch at Toliara Arboretum provided the opportunity to learn more of the wonderful plants that dominate the dry spiny forest habitats of south west Madagascar and some lovely views of roosting Madagascar Nightjar, some very friendly Magpie Robins and our first views of Sakalava Weavers too. Our arrival on the coast at Ifaty provided welcome relief from the hot dusty roads and we time spent exploring the spiny scrub in search of Grey Brown Mouse Lemurs, reading by the hotel pool, or simply walking along the beautiful sandy beach in search of shells.

Day 10

Monday 21st October

Ifaty – Reniala

We had a more leisurely start to the day with a little light birding around the spiny coastal scrub near the hotel and a walk out to the coastal marshes. This proved to be quite a pleasant way to start the day with some lovely views of Kittlitz's, White-fronted and Three-banded Plover and both Lesser and Greater Vasa Parrots and plenty of Grey-headed Lovebirds around too.

A relaxed afternoon gave everyone a chance to explore a little and to avoiding the searing heat of the midday sun, but by late afternoon we were all suitably rested and ready to go out and explore again. An afternoon and evening spent in the Reniala Baobab Reserve provided the opportunity to admire the glorious *Adansonia rubrostipa* baobabs in the evening sunlight, listen to the White-headed Vanga's scold us from their roosts, watch the Hissing Cockroaches emerging from their daytime refuges and catch the bright glowing eyes of Grey-brown Mouse Lemurs in our torchlight as they zipped between the tangled branches above our heads.

Day 11

Tuesday 22nd October

Ifaty – Flight back to Tana

A very early start to a day is always worth it when you find yourself gazing through branches into the staring eyes of a communal roost of Subdesert Mesites at dawn's first light - our morning trip back to Reniala provided exactly that! Coupled with some wonderful views of Running Coua, Long-tailed Ground-roller, White-headed, Chabert's, Sickle-billed, Lafresnaye's and Hook-billed Vangas... and some slightly comedic moments trying to see a Madagascar Button-quail...we were all more than satisfied with our mornings efforts.

After such a productive morning it seemed only fitting that we made best use of final hours on the coast with an afternoon spent relaxing around the wonderful Hotel Paradisier, watching the bustling beach scenes as local fishermen returned to shore with their mornings catch, watching the Three-eyed Lizards and Hermit Crabs scuttling over the hot sand and photographing Mouse Lemurs as they gazed bleary-eyed into the bright sun at the entrance to their day roosts.

Our late flight gave us plenty of time to relax and have dinner in a hotel close to the airport before our departure. After an uneventful flight we touched down in Tana once again and were quickly settled back into the familiar environs of the Orchid Hotel for the night.

Day 12

Wednesday 23rd October

Tana - Andasibe – Mitsinjo Reserve

We set off from Tana after a leisurely breakfast, heading east to Andasibe and our final adventure into Madagascar's wonderful rainforests. We made good time and a leisurely stop for lunch at a restaurant with a commanding view across the rainforest canopy provided a welcome break from the heat of the midday and the chance to watch Madagascar Blue Pigeons feeding in the tree tops and listen to the haunting howls of Indri echoing through the valley.

Checking into the comfortable Vakona Lodge we quickly set about readying ourselves for an afternoons walk in the reserve where we made the acquaintance of a very handsome Tree Boa and the most spectacularly camouflaged Mossy Leaf-tailed Gecko whilst all around us the forest resonated to calls of Indri and Black and White Ruffed Lemurs. Unfortunately for us, both species eluded us on our walk but some lovely views of Red-Bellied Lemurs adequately satiated our desire for the cute and fluffy.

Having returned to the lodge it was another quick turnaround (for those with enough energy remaining) to go out again for a nocturnal walk and for those of us that did intrepidly venture out into the night...the going was heavy! Nonetheless, the rewards of catching a fleeting glimpse of Peyrieria's Woolly Lemur and gazing into the tiny, rotating eyes of the diminutive Pygmy Stump-tailed and Broad-Browed Chameleons was more than enough to make our walk completely worthwhile.

Day 13

Thursday 24th October

Mantadia National Park – Lemurs Park

Our early morning visit to the national park was a whirlwind of wonderful sightings. The bird activity was particularly outstanding with great views of Nuthatch and Madagascar Blue Vanga's, Madagascar Long-eared Owl, Barn Owl and Rainforest Scops Owl too. Even a short stop at a small reservoir rewarded us with Meller's Duck, Madagascar Little Grebe and Broad-billed Roller. However, despite all this, it was coming face to face with Eastern Grey Bamboo Lemurs, Common Brown Lemurs and of course Indri that made the morning so special. A relaxed afternoon at the lodge provided everyone with some time to recuperate from the mornings activities and prepare for the fun and games that commenced when we all ventured over to Lemur Island to visit the lemurs that had been rescued from the illegal pet trade.

Ending a beautiful day with a gentle nocturnal walk where Crossley's Dwarf Lemurs, both Peyrieras' and Eastern Woolly Lemurs and Goodman's Mouse Lemur all put on a wonderful show simply couldn't have rounded the day off better.

Day 14

Friday 25th October

Andasibe - Tana (for late flight back to the UK)

Our last morning in the reserve and it wasn't to be wasted as we made a concerted effort to catch up with a troop of Diademed Sifakas that our guides and spotters had found before we had even arrived at the reserve. Once again our excellent guides placed us in the perfect position to get the best views of these beautiful animals as they bounded through the canopy just above our heads.

It would have been rude not to have spent our final hours in the reserve cooing over Indri while they tucked into their mid-morning snacks, and how could any of us have not stopped to gaze just one last time into the eyes of an Eastern Bamboo Lemur that decided that the tastiest bamboo shoots lay just a few feet from where we stood? Well we certainly couldn't... All too soon it was time to leave behind Madagascar's wonderful leafy rainforests and make our way back to Tana for our night flight home.

Day 15

Saturday 26th October

Arrived back in the UK

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Painted Mantella



Satanic Leaf-tailed Gecko

Species List

Lemurs (✓ = recorded but not counted; C = captive; h = heard only)

	Common name	Scientific name	October														
			12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	
1	Grey-brown Mouse Lemur	<i>Microcebus griseorufus</i>										✓	✓	✓			
2	Grey Mouse Lemur	<i>Microcebus murinus</i>				C											
3	Brown (Rufous) Mouse Lemur	<i>Microcebus rufus</i>					✓	✓									
4	Goodman's Mouse Lemur	<i>Microcebus lehilahytsara</i>												✓	✓		
5	Crossley's (Furry-eared) Dwarf Lemur	<i>Cheirogalus crossleyi</i>												✓	✓		
6	Hubbard's Sportive Lemur	<i>Lepilemur hubbardorum</i>										✓					
7	Eastern Grey Bamboo Lemur	<i>Hapalemur griseus</i>				✓		✓						✓	✓		
8	Golden Bamboo Lemur	<i>Hapalemur aureus</i>					✓	✓									
9	Greater Bamboo Lemur	<i>Hapalemur simus</i>					✓										
10	Ring-tailed Lemur	<i>Lemur catta</i>				C			✓	✓					C		
11	Common Brown Lemur	<i>Eulemur fulvus</i>				✓								✓	✓		
12	Red-fronted Brown Lemur	<i>Eulemur rufus</i>					✓	✓		✓							
13	Red-bellied Lemur	<i>Eulemur rubriventer</i>				✓	✓	✓					✓				
14	Black and White Ruffed Lemur	<i>Varecia variegata variegata</i>				C									h	h	
15	Eastern Woolly Lemur	<i>Avahi laniger</i>													✓		
16	Peyrieras' Woolly Lemur	<i>Avahi peyrierasi</i>												✓	✓		
17	Verreaux's Sifaka	<i>Propithecus verreauxi</i>									✓						
18	Diademed Sifaka	<i>Propithecus diadema</i>															✓
19	Milne-Edwards' Sifaka	<i>Propithecus edwardsi</i>					✓										
20	Indri	<i>Indri indri</i>													✓	✓	

Other Mammals

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

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Birds

1	Madagascar Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus pelzelinii</i>															✓		
2	Common Squacco Heron	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>			✓													✓	
3	Black-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>																✓	
4	Green-backed Heron	<i>Butorides striatus</i>				✓	✓			✓							✓	✓	
5	Great White Egret	<i>Egretta alba</i>			✓	✓							✓				✓	✓	
6	Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>			✓	✓				✓	✓							✓	
7	Black Egret	<i>Egretta ardesiaca</i>																✓	
8	Dimorphic Heron	<i>Egretta dimorpha</i>			✓	✓				✓								✓	
9	Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>				✓													
10	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>												✓					
11	Hamerkop	<i>Scopus umbretta</i>				✓				✓								✓	
12	Red-billed Teal	<i>Anas erythrorhyncha</i>			✓	✓				✓								✓	
13	Meller's Duck	<i>Anas melleri</i>																✓	
14	Madagascar Buzzard	<i>Buteo brachypterus</i>				✓	✓					✓	✓					✓	✓
15	Yellow-billed Kite	<i>Milvus aegyptus</i>			✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓				✓				✓
16	Frances's Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter francesiae</i>							✓									✓	
17	Madagascar Kestrel	<i>Falco newtoni</i>			✓	✓			✓	✓	✓							✓	✓
18	Madagascar Button-quail	<i>Turnix nigricollis</i>															✓		
19	White-throated Rail	<i>Dryolimnas cuvieri</i>											✓						
20	Madagascar Rail	<i>Rallus madagascariensis</i>																✓	
21	Ruff	<i>Philomachus pugnax</i>												✓	✓				
22	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>											✓						
23	Grey Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>											✓	✓	✓				
24	Common Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>												✓	✓				
25	Madagascar Plover	<i>Gallinago macrodactyla</i>												✓	✓				
26	Kittlitz's Plover	<i>Charadrius pecuarius</i>											✓	✓	✓				
27	White-fronted Plover	<i>Charadrius marginatus</i>												✓					
28	Three-banded Plover	<i>Charadrius tricollaris</i>												✓	✓				

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29	Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>										✓	✓				
30	Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>										✓	✓	✓			
31	Terek Sandpiper	<i>Xenus cinereus</i>										✓	✓				
32	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>			✓							✓	✓				
33	Curlew Sandpiper	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>										✓					
34	Kelp Gull	<i>Larus dominicanus</i>										✓	✓				
35	Lesser Crested Tern	<i>Sterna bengalensis</i>										✓					
36	Bridled Tern	<i>Sterna anaethetus</i>										✓					
37	Feral Pigeon	<i>Columba livia</i>		✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓			✓		✓	
38	Namaqua Dove	<i>Oena capensis</i>									✓	✓	✓	✓			
39	Madagascar Blue Pigeon	<i>Alectroenas madagascariensis</i>						✓							✓	✓	✓
40	Madagascar Green Pigeon	<i>Treron australis</i>								✓							
41	Madagascar Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia picturata</i>						h			✓		✓	✓			
42	Grey-headed Lovebird	<i>Agapornis canus</i>								✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
43	Greater Vasa Parrot	<i>Coracopsis vasa</i>						✓				✓	✓			✓	✓
44	Lesser Vasa Parrot	<i>Coracopsis nigra</i>							✓		✓	✓				✓	✓
45	Madagascar Coucal	<i>Centropus toulou</i>			✓			✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
46	Thick-billed Cuckoo	<i>Pachycoccyx audeberti</i>															
47	Madagascar Lesser Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus rochii</i>			h			✓	✓	h	h	h	✓	✓	✓	h	✓
48	Green-capped Coua	<i>Coua olivaceiceps</i>											h				
49	Red-capped Coua	<i>Coua ruficeps</i>															h
50	Running Coua	<i>Coua cursor</i>											✓	✓			
51	Blue Coua	<i>Coua caerulea</i>							✓						✓	✓	✓
52	Crested Coua	<i>Coua cristata</i>												✓			
53	Madagascar Long-eared Owl	<i>Asio madagascariensis</i>										✓				✓	
54	Barn Owl	<i>Tyto alba</i>														✓	
55	African Marsh Owl	<i>Asio capensis</i>								✓							
56	Rainforest Scops Owl	<i>Otus rutilus</i>														✓	
57	Collared Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus enarratus</i>						✓									
58	Madagascar Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus madagascariensis</i>								✓	✓	✓	✓				

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59	Madagascar Black Swift	<i>Apus balstoni</i>								✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓
60	Madagascar Spine-tailed Swift	<i>Zoonavena grandidieri</i>										✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
61	African Palm Swift	<i>Cypsiurus parvus</i>				✓	✓	✓			✓	✓					
62	Brown-throated Sand Martin	<i>Riparia paludicola</i>															
63	Mascarene Martin	<i>Phedina borbonica</i>			✓	✓		✓	✓					✓	✓	✓	✓
64	Madagascar Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo vintsioides</i>				✓		✓	✓					✓	✓	✓	✓
65	Madagascar Pygmy Kingfisher	<i>Ceyx madagascariensis</i>														✓	
66	Madagascar Bee-eater	<i>Merops superciliosus</i>			✓	✓				✓	✓		✓	✓		✓	
67	Broad-billed Roller	<i>Eurystomus glaucurus</i>									✓	✓			✓	✓	✓
68	Madagascar Cuckoo-Roller	<i>Leptosomus discolor</i>				h	✓	h				✓					
69	Short-legged Ground-Roller	<i>Brachypteracias leptosomus</i>						h									
70	Long-tailed Ground-roller	<i>Uratelornis chimaera</i>												✓			
71	Velvet Asity	<i>Philepitta castanea</i>							✓								
72	Madagascar Bulbul	<i>Hypsipetes madagascariensis</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
73	Grey-crowned Tetraka	<i>Bernieria cinereiceps</i>							✓								
74	Long-billed Bernieria (Tetraka)	<i>Bernieria madagascariensis</i>							✓							✓	
75	Spectacled Tetraka	<i>Bernieria zosterops</i>						✓	✓								
76	Crossley's Babbler	<i>Mystacornis crossleyi</i>						✓									
77	Madagascar Magpie Robin	<i>Copsychus albospectularis</i>						✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
78	Madagascar Hoopoe	<i>Upupa marginata</i>									✓	✓	✓				
79	Forest Rock-Thrush	<i>Monticola sharpei</i>						✓									
80	Benson's Rock-Thrush	<i>Monticola sharpei bensoni</i>									✓						
81	Common Stonechat	<i>Saxicola torquata</i>			✓	✓	✓			✓	✓						
82	Madagascar Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flaviventris</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓			✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
83	Madagascar Paradise Flycatcher	<i>Terpsiphone mutata</i>						✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
84	Ward's Flycatcher	<i>Pseudobias wardi</i>						✓									
85	Common Newtonia	<i>Newtonia brunneicauda</i>						✓	✓			✓		✓	✓	h	✓
86	Madagascar Cisticola	<i>Cisticola cherina</i>								✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		
87	Madagascar Bush Lark	<i>Mirafraga hova</i>				✓				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
88	Madagascar Swamp Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus newtoni</i>				✓										✓	

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89	Madagascar Brush Warbler	<i>Nesillas typica</i>			✓		✓	✓				✓	✓			✓
90	Common Jery	<i>Neomixis tenella</i>				✓		✓		✓	✓		✓	h	✓	✓
91	Stripe-throated Jery	<i>Neomixis striatigula</i>										✓	✓	✓		
92	Green Jery	<i>Neomixis viridis</i>					✓							✓	✓	
93	Rand's Warbler	<i>Randia pseudozosterops</i>						✓						✓	✓	
94	Cryptic Warbler	<i>Cryptosylvicola randrianasoloi</i>						✓								
95	Madagascar White-eye	<i>Zosterops maderaspatanus</i>			✓	✓		✓	✓					✓	✓	✓
96	Madagascar Green Sunbird	<i>Nectarinia notata</i>			✓		✓			✓					✓	
97	Souimanga Sunbird	<i>Nectarinia sovimanga</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
98	Subdesert Mesite	<i>Monias benschi</i>											✓			
99	Nuthatch Vanga	<i>Hypositta corallirostris</i>												✓	✓	
100	White-headed Vanga	<i>Artamella viridis</i>					✓				✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
101	Chabert's Vanga	<i>Leptopterus chabert</i>						✓				✓	✓	h	✓	
102	Madagascar Blue Vanga	<i>Cyanolanius madagascarinus</i>													✓	
103	Sickle-billed Vanga	<i>Falculea palliata</i>						h					✓	✓		
104	Red-tailed Vanga	<i>Calicalicus madagascariensis</i>					h	h							✓	✓
105	Lafresnaye's Vanga	<i>Xenopirostris xenopirostris</i>						h						✓		✓
106	Hook-billed Vanga	<i>Vanga curvirostris</i>												✓		
107	Pollen's Vanga	<i>Xenopirostris polleni</i>					h								h	
108	Tylas Vanga	<i>Tylas eduardi</i>						✓							✓	✓
109	Madagascar Cuckoo Shrike	<i>Coracina cinerea</i>					✓	✓								
110	Madagascar Starling	<i>Saroglossa aurata</i>													✓	
111	Common Myna	<i>Acridotheres tristis</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
112	Crested Drongo	<i>Dicrurus forficatus</i>					✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
113	Pied Crow	<i>Corvus albus</i>			✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓
114	Madagascar Fody	<i>Foudia madagascariensis</i>			✓	✓						✓	✓		✓	✓
115	Sakalava Weaver	<i>Ploceus sakalava</i>									✓	✓	✓	✓		
116	Nelicourvi Weaver	<i>Ploceus nelicourvi</i>						✓								
117	Madagascar Mannikin	<i>Lonchura nana</i>													✓	

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Reptiles & Amphibians

1	Madagascar Jumping Frog	<i>Aglypodactylus madagascariensis</i>				✓											
2	a Tree Frog	<i>Boophis madagascariensis</i>					✓	✓									
3	Painted Golden Tree Frog	<i>Mantella madagascariensis</i>					✓										
4	Brook Frog	<i>Mantydactylus grandidieri</i>														✓	
5	Broad-browed Chameleon	<i>Brookesia superciliaris</i>														✓	
6	Pygmy Stump-tailed Chameleon	<i>Brookesia peyrierasi</i>														✓	
7	O'Shaughnessy's Chameleon	<i>Calumma oshaughnessyi</i>							✓								
8	Short-horned Chameleon	<i>Calumma brevicornis</i>														✓	
9	Short-nosed Chameleon	<i>Calumma gastrotaenia</i>															✓
10	Nose-horned Chameleon	<i>Calumma nasuta</i>						✓	✓								
11	Spiny-backed Chameleon	<i>Furcifer verrucosus</i>									✓	✓					
12	Oustalet's Chameleon	<i>Furcifer oustaleti</i>			✓	✓			✓	✓	✓						
13	Blue-legged Chameleon	<i>Calumma crypticum</i>							✓								
14	Three-eyed Lizard	<i>Chalerodon madagascariensis</i>										✓	✓	✓			
15	Satanic Leaf-tailed Gecko	<i>Uroplatus phantasticus</i>						✓									
16	Leaf-tailed Gecko	<i>Uroplatus fimbriatus</i>														✓	

Butterflies

Antenor Butterfly, *Atrophaneura latreillei* Kite Swallowtail, *Graphium polices* Citrus Swallowtail, *Papilio demodocus* Blue Pansy, *Junonia orythia*
 African Monarch, *Danaus chrysippus*

Moths

Harlequin' Hawk Moth, *Batocnema coquereli* Comet Moth, *Argema mittrei* Sunset Moth, *Urania ripheus*

Other Invertebrates

Dragonfly (Red), *Trithemis selika* Dragonfly, *Orthetrum julia* Dragonfly, *Palpopleura lucia*
 Dragonfly (Dark wing marks), *Thermodthemis* Emperor Dragonfly, *Anax imperator* Desert Locust, *Schistocerca gregaria*

*madagascariensis*Praying Mantis, *Mantis sp.*Cicada, *Tibicinidae sp.*Rhinoceros Beetle, *Oryctes sp.*Pill Millipede (Green), *Sphaerotherium sp.*Golden Orb-web Spider, *Nephila madagascariensis*Thorn Spider (Yellow / Black), *Gasteracanthinae sp*Scorpion, *Opisthacanthus madagascariensis*

Cockroach (Black), -

Stick Insect, -

Flatid Leaf-bug, *Phromnia rosea*

Giant Black Millipede, -

Orb-web Spider, *Nephila sp.*Lynx Spider, *Peuceitia madagascariensis*Forest Land Crab, *c.f. Cardisoma sp.*Hissing Cockroach, *Gromphadorhina portentosa*Giraffe-necked Weevil, *Trachelophorus giraffa*Firefly, *Lampyridae sp.*Madagascar Fire Millipede, *Aphistogoniulus sp.*Thorn Spider (Orange), *Gasteracanthinae sp*Huntsman' Spider, *Holconia sp.*

Giraffe-necked Weevil



Running Coua