

Mali

Naturetrek Tour Report

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A pirogue on the Niger



Egyptian Plover



A mosque near Djenne



A market at Samadougou near Mopti

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Day 1

Wednesday 12th November

The group arrived on time in Bamako late in the evening and after clearing the airport and meeting our local guide Mohammed and our drivers we drove the short distance to our comfortable hotel in the heart of the city.

Day 2

Thursday 13th November

Hot and sunny

After a leisurely breakfast we drove up to Point G for a view over the city and then to the impressive National Museum. We finished the morning in the bustling and colourful recycling market and then returned to the hotel for lunch. In the late afternoon we went for a short walk in the wooded botanic gardens and then watched the sunset from the riverside terrace of the hotel Mande, beer in hand. A surprisingly wide range of birds during this interesting and relaxing day provided a useful introduction to the Malian avifauna and included a few species that we didn't see elsewhere in the country. Among the highlights were Western Grey Plantain-eater, Senegal Parrot, African Thrush, Yellow-crowned Gonolek, Yellow-billed Shrike, Grey-headed Bush Shrike, Bronze-tailed Glossy Starling and Beautiful Sunbird.

Day 3

Friday 14th November

Sunny and hot with scattered high cloud

A pair of Long-tailed Purple Starlings on the hotel lawn got the day off to a good start and then, with breakfast completed, we left Bamako and headed north towards Segou. Travelling through a gently rolling landscape of maize and millet fields, farmsteads, woodland and scrub we made various short birding stops. By some wooded sandstone kopjes not far out of the city we found our first Fox Kestrels, a Black-shouldered Kite, several Preuss's Cliff Swallows, a Lesser Honeyguide and a superb Lanner Falcon; whilst at the Faya River a little further on we enjoyed great views of Green Wood-Hoopoes, Piapiacs and a trio of impressive Bearded Barbets. Colourful Abyssinian Rollers sat sentinel on roadside vantage points as we continued and other notable sightings during an enjoyable morning included Grasshopper Buzzards, Red-billed Hornbills and Rose-ringed Parakeets.

After lunch and a short siesta at the auberge in Segou we boarded a small pirogue and set off up the mighty Niger to the nearby village of Kalabougou. The birding along the river was excellent, beginning with good views of our first Egyptian Plovers and continuing with Green-backed and Squacco Herons, Spur-winged and White-headed Plovers, Senegal Thick-knee, Double-spurred Francolin, Pied Kingfisher, Senegal Coucal and dozens of elegant African Swallow-tailed Kites.

After an hour or so we arrived at Kalabougou and were met by a large gang of children who escorted us, with much hilarity, to where some of the women were making the clay pots for which the village is famous. These large pots, which are of a very uniform and excellent quality, are finished in a massive weekly open-air firing and sold far and wide up and down river. We unfortunately missed the firing, but the friendly people and the ambience of the village made our visit worthwhile. A flock of Bruce's Green Pigeons and some Senegal Parrots completed a satisfying afternoon as we returned to our boat and set off back down-river to Segou.

Day 4

Saturday 15th November

Sunny and hot with scattered high cloud

We ate our breakfast out in the auberge garden with an Olivaceous Warbler and a Yellow White-eye for company and then packed up and continued our journey. Our first stop a little to the north of Segou was by a small roadside waterhole. Standing quietly in the cover of some bushes we were able to watch at our leisure as a host of small birds came down to drink. Large numbers of Grey-headed Sparrows and Vitelline Masked Weavers were joined by dozens of Sudan Golden Sparrows, including several stunning bright yellow males, several Cut-throat Finches, a few delicate Blue-cheeked Cordon-bleus, some Namaqua Doves and three or four handsome Black-billed Wood-Doves. A Gabar Goshawk dashed overhead and disturbed the whole lot and then a small flock of Chestnut-bellied Sandgrouse came in to land a little distance away. One good bird very often leads to another and as we approached the Sandgrouse for a better look we were further distracted by a distant Short-toed Eagle which in turn led us to a fine Rufous-crowned Roller, a large troop of noisy Brown Babblers, two Speckle-fronted Weavers and our first Grey Hornbills. Elated with this great little session we returned to the vehicles and continued our journey.

A little further on we stopped at the bridge over the Bani River where we found a Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird in the roadside scrub and over 40 superb Egyptian Plovers scattered in small groups on the sandbanks below. These iconic and hugely attractive birds were remarkably confiding and we were able to enjoy some really wonderful views of them. From the Bani we continued through a mosaic of typical Sahel countryside dotted with small mud brick villages each with its unique mud mosque. Sahel Paradise Whydahs indulging in their conspicuous bounding courtship flights high over the scrubland enlivened the journey and other birds noted en-route included Dark Chanting Goshawk and Grey Kestrel.

We ate lunch at a campement (campsite) in San town and then continued on our way through the afternoon heat. Our route took us across country on dirt tracks through a striking landscape of Baobab-studded parkland and past a series of picturesque villages. Flocks of Chestnut-bellied and Long-tailed Purple Starlings, a Woodchat Shrike or two and a couple of Black-headed Plovers added some bird interest before we finally rolled into the medieval mayhem of Djenne just as the sun was setting. It had been another great day!

Day 5

Sunday 16th November

Sunny and hot with scattered high cloud

Shortly after first light, with Village Indigobirds and Red-billed Firefinches at every turn we set off for a walking tour of Djenne. The Grand Mosque was as impressive as we had anticipated and the timeless mud brick buildings, the quiet, dusty, early morning streets and the calm, friendly people created an extraordinary and memorable impression. After breakfast at the campement we continued on our way to Mopti. Notable birds along the way included five Hamerkops near the Bani river crossing and a handsome Red-necked Buzzard soaring over the scrubland some way further on. We stopped briefly to walk through the colourful street market in the village of Samadougou and arrived at Mopti in good time for lunch. The bustling market and harbour area presented an extraordinary scene and was considerably more colourful and lively than any of us had expected: the assault on our senses was almost overwhelming! With lunch completed we drove the short distance to our comfortable riverside hotel and took a short siesta.

In the late afternoon the group split into two parties. One went for a walking tour of the town, visiting the Grand Mosque, the market and the harbour area, whilst others went on a birding drive through the rice paddies and marshes a little out of town. A good time was had by all, with the birders finding a satisfying range of birds including Spur-winged Goose, Black-headed Plover, Red-throated Pipit Subalpine Warbler, Zitting Cisticola, Yellow-crowned Bishop and a dashing Red-necked Falcon.

Day 6

Monday 17th November

Sunny and hot

After an early breakfast and a chance to admire the Straw-coloured and Epauletted Fruit Bats roosting in the trees outside the hotel we left Mopti and headed east towards Dogon country. A brief birding stop in a wooded valley a short distance out of town proved very productive and in a short space of time we saw lots of Senegal Parrots and Rose-ringed Parakeets, several Grey Plantain-eaters and Red-billed Hornbills, a small flock of vocal Green Wood-Hoopoes, a brief Striped Cuckoo and a pair of Senegal Eremomelas. A little further on an impromptu roadside stop for a Booted Eagle led us to a pair of scraggy looking Hooded Vultures and then to two Superb Lanners, which proceeded to perform some dramatic aerobatics overhead.

As we continued eastwards so the scenery changed and dramatic sandstone bluffs began to appear. At Songo, our first Dogon village, we took a walk through the haphazard streets amongst the houses and granaries up to the famous circumcision rock to see the colourful paintings on the cliff face. Rock Martins and Little Swifts cruised around above us, Neumann's Starlings whistled noisily from the crags, House Buntings flitted in the shadows and best of all, a little group of Kulikoro Firefinches, a Malian endemic, foraged unobtrusively amongst the boulders. From Songo we drove a little further to Bandiagara and ate lunch at a comfortable inn on the outskirts of town where a leaking tap attracted a group of finches that included Village Indigo Birds, Red-billed Firefinches, White-rumped Seed-eaters and several handsome little African Silverbills.

In the afternoon we continued along a picturesque river valley past Dogon onion fields and attractive villages and mosques. Notable birds along the way included Black Wood-Hoopoe, Bearded Barbet, Yellow-billed Oxpecker and a pair of confiding Sun Larks.

In the late afternoon we reached Sangha and then descended the dramatic “snake road” to the base of the Bandiagara escarpment and the heart of Dogon Country. We stopped mid-descent to admire the spectacular views and the Telem ruins hewn out of the rock faces and then continued to the village of Koundou and its welcoming campement.

Day 7

Tuesday 18th November

Sunny and hot

Some pre-breakfast birding at Koundou produced a range of interesting birds including a couple of Black-eared Wheatears, a Familiar Chat, a few Yellow-spotted Petronias and a fine male Cinnamon-Breasted Rock Bunting. After breakfast we proceeded along the base of the escarpment to the village of Ireli and spent an enjoyable hour or so exploring this classic Dogon village. Our local guide explained as much as he could about the history of the village and of Dogon customs and as we picked our way along the rough pathways we marvelled at both the Dogon architecture and the ancient Telem structures carved out of the rock face high above.

At nearby Amani we stopped to look at a pool full of sacred crocodiles and then we concluded the morning at Tireli village where we watched a sensational traditional Dogon dance performed especially for us. A satisfying range of birds that included Lanner Falcon, Fox Kestrel, Rock Dove, Little Green Bee-eater, Fork-tailed Drongo, Northern Anteater Chat and Brown-necked Raven completed a thoroughly enjoyable morning.

After lunch and a siesta back at the campement at Koundou we set out for some late afternoon birding and enjoyed good views of Broad-billed Rollers, Grey Hornbills and a Red-necked Falcon. A Greyish Eagle Owl flashing through the headlight beam as we drove home to Koundou provided a great finish to the day.

Day 8

Wednesday 19th November

Sunny and hot. Breezy in the morning

In the morning we went for a satisfying hike up to the isolated village of Youga Dougourou with its impressive Telem ruins, across a high rocky plateau with breathtaking views over the tree studded plains below and then down through a jumble of massive sandstone boulders to the dramatically positioned village of Younga Piri. Birds along the way included four handsome Cliff Chats, a trio of Kulikoro Firefinches, several Cinnamon-breasted Rock Buntings and dozens of singing House Buntings.

After lunch back at Koundou we drove north out of Dogon country, away from the escarpment and into more open and increasingly arid country. One short stop by some shady ponds produced a Wood Warbler and several colourful Pygmy Sunbirds and other good birds as we progressed included a male Montagu's Harrier, a couple of Red-necked Buzzards, several Chestnut-backed Sparrow-Larks, a handful of Woodchat Shrikes and scores of Speckle-fronted Weavers.

A last stop just at sunset at some extensive marsh-fringed ponds produced African Jacanas, Black-winged Stilts, Ferruginous Ducks and a superb Black-shouldered Kite and provided a perfect conclusion to the day before we drove the last few miles into Douentza.

Day 9

Thursday 20th November

Sunny and hot with scattered high cloud. Breezy

Leaving Douentza after an early breakfast we headed north on dirt roads towards Timbuctou. The scenery was magnificent, with ruggedly dramatic sandstone mountains giving way to vast golden grasslands dotted with scattered acacias. Vehicles and settlements were few and we saw little sign of human activity other than occasional Fulani herdsmen with their herds of donkeys. Birds were exciting too and during the course of the morning we saw Black-crowned Sparrow-Larks, Red-chested Swallows, Isabelline Wheatears, Southern Grey Shrikes, Brown-necked Ravens and Greater Blue-eared Starlings. One stop to explore an area of acacias produced a pair of Black Scrub Robins, a Sennar Penduline Tit and a trio of quirky little Cricket Warblers and at another we were treated to wonderful views of a superbly graceful Swallow-tailed Kite. We ate lunch in the shade of an acacia where we were entertained by a Striped Ground Squirrel and then drove the last bone-crunching stretch to the Niger. Suddenly the dried out savannah gave way to vivid green marshland and sheets of dazzling blue floodwater and we rolled up to the quay to wait our turn on the ferry across the floods.

The half hour ferry journey was a welcome change of gear and we all enjoyed the varied scenes of river life going on a round us. Caspian and Gull-billed Terns, dazzling Yellow-crowned Bishops and swirling flocks of Red-billed Queleas kept the avian interest until we arrived at bustling and colourful Kabara and drove the last few kilometres to Timbuctou itself. In no time we were settled into our hotel in the centre of town and enjoying a cool beer... lovely!

Day 10

Friday 21st November

Sunny and hot

Dusty and a little run-down it may be, but there is something indefinably timeless and exciting about Timbuctou and we all enjoyed our morning city tour. Winding our way along the narrow, sandy streets past beehive bread ovens and communal wells we admired the sturdily ornamented doors of the merchants' houses and visited the Grand Mosque, the infidel explorers' houses and various other points of interest. By the end of it all we felt that we had got something of a taste of what life is like in this extraordinary place and it was a satisfied group that returned to the hotel for lunch.

In the afternoon we took a drive out into the desert to the north of town. Great golden sand dunes gave way to an endless vista of sparse, parched, yellow grassland. Birds were few but nicely Saharan in character and included lots of Southern Grey Shrikes, several engaging Fulvous Babblers, a few more Cricket Warblers and a large flock of beautiful Chestnut-bellied Sandgrouse that circled around us in the golden evening sunshine.

Day 11

Saturday 22nd November

Sunny and hot with scattered cloud.

After breakfast in Timbuctou we headed back to Kabara and by mid-morning we were installed on our comfortable pirogue and chugging sedately up the Niger through an endless wide-open tapestry of water, sky, marshland and desert regularly punctuated by neat little villages and mud mosques.

The human activity around the villages, the various small fishing boats and the larger pirogues ferrying people and goods up and down stream provided us with endless interest and as the day progressed we sank easily into the comfortable slow rhythm of the river. The birding was good too and a wide range of species along the way included Purple Heron, White Stork, Marsh Harrier, Spur-winged Goose, White-winged, Whiskered and Caspian Terns, Egyptian and Spur-winged Plovers, Senegal Thick-knee and dozens of Pied Kingfishers.

At one point we went ashore to explore an area of dried out mudflats and marshy pools and found dozens of handsome Collared Pratincoles, several neat little Kittlitz's Plovers, a skulking Lesser Moorhen and a trio of delightful Sand Foxes that broke cover from their shady den under an isolated thicket. A little further on, we noted a small group of Hippopotamus loafing in the shallows at the tip of a low, reedy island – a fine sight! Finally, towards the end of the afternoon, we selected a suitable campsite on the riverbank, set up the tents, watched a stunning sunset and then ate dinner under a beautiful star-lit sky.

Day 12

Sunday 23rd November

Sunny and hot with scattered cloud. Breezy

Another relaxing day on the river watching the world and the birds go by. In the morning we stopped for a short walk in a promising area of scrub and enjoyed some good views of a couple of Hoopoes, a Black Scrub Robin, several Sudan Golden Sparrows, some nest-building Namaqua Doves and a couple of striking Great Spotted Cuckoos. Other notable birds as we continued on up-river included Dark Chanting Goshawk, White-faced and Fulvous Whistling Ducks, Fan-tailed Widowbirds and a trio of attractive Yellow-breasted Barbets perched up on a large termite mound.

In the afternoon we stopped at the town of Niafounke, home of the famous musician Ali Farke Toure, where we procured a vital supply of beer and soaked up the colourful harbour-side scene. Towards sunset we selected another riverside campsite and, with Long-tailed Nightjars flitting around in the fading light, we settled down for another night under the stars.

Day 13

Monday 24th November

Sunny and hot with scattered cloud. Breezy in the middle of the day

We started the day with a walk through the scrub behind our campsite and were rewarded with some wonderful views of Blue-naped Mousebirds, Little Green Bee-eaters and duetting Yellow-breasted Barbets. Then, having packed up, we set off again, chugging steadily upstream through the peaceful landscape. The regular human activity along the river continued to amuse us and a steady trickle of good birds included several Ospreys and a couple of Red-necked Falcons harrying a swirling flock of Red-billed Queleas.

In the mid-afternoon we entered the vast open expanse of Lake Debo. The water was mirror calm and merged with the distant horizon so that we seemed to be sailing into a blue void; a magical scene that was nicely completed by the Whiskered and White-winged Terns that hawked daintily over the water around us.

We set up camp at the far end of the lake a few kilometres beyond the small town of Guidio Sare. The dunes above our chosen site provided a perfect vantage point from which to watch the sun set out over the lake.

Flights of White-faced Whistling Ducks and Black-crowned Night Herons passed overhead, a Common Jackal put in a brief appearance and as we sat down to dinner with Jupiter and Venus shining brightly above us, a couple of Red-necked Nightjars began to call in the distance. Lovely!

Day 14

Tuesday 25th November

Sunny and hot

We were up and away shortly after first light and then, after eating breakfast on board the boat with Whiskered and White-winged Terns hawking all around us, we entered the long, narrow, marshy channel at the southern end of Lake Debo. An early morning ornithological extravaganza ensued and for a couple of hours as we sailed past scenic little Bozo fishing villages on their reed-fringed islands, we were treated to excellent views of a host of notable birds. The highlights included hundreds of Reed Cormorants, several African Darters, flocks of Glossy Ibis and Ferruginous Ducks, numerous African Jacanas, dozens of Marsh Harriers, lots of Senegal Coucals, 40 dazzling Northern Carmine Bee-eaters and good numbers of River Prinias, Fan-tailed Widowbirds, Black-headed Weavers and stunning Black-winged Bishops.

Leaving the marsh behind we cruised on and enjoyed our last few hours on the river. Some Green Monkeys moving around in the riverside vegetation and an African Fish Eagle soaring high overhead provided exciting diversions, but on the whole we just sat back and absorbed the slowly unfolding landscape, the picturesque villages and mosques and the regular human activity both on the banks and on the water until we finally arrived in Mopti in the late afternoon.

Day 15

Wednesday 26th November

Sunny and hot

Leaving Mopti after an early breakfast we began the drive back to Segou. We made one good stop among the rocky hills near Samadougou, found Booted Eagles, Stone Partridges, Cliff Chats and a surprise Blue Rock Thrush and then, with the usual roadside birds to enliven the journey, we continued to San for lunch. In the afternoon we made a lengthy stop at the Bani river bridge a little beyond Bla. We counted an impressive total of 55 Egyptian Plovers in various flocks on the mud banks, enjoyed some great views of a Hamerkop foraging in a muddy pool and encountered an excellent range of small birds that included Yellow-rumped Tinkerbird, Grey-backed Camaroptera, Yellow-crowned Gonolek, Black-rumped Waxbill and our first Little Bee-eaters. From here we continued the short distance to Segou and after a brief stop at a celebrated textile-dyeing workshop we arrived at the comfortable auberge and settled in for the night.

Day 16

Thursday 27th November

Sunny and hot

After breakfast at Segou we set off on the last leg of our journey. Notable roadside birds along the way included the usual Rollers, Hornbills and Grasshopper Buzzards plus a superb male Montagu's Harrier, a couple of Black-shouldered Kites and a pair of Grey Woodpeckers.

At the wooded Faya River we made one last stop and found a couple of Shikras, a pair of Senegal Wattled Plovers, a Giant Kingfisher, two male Paradise Flycatchers, a small flock of pretty little Yellow-fronted Canaries and an exquisite Red-throated Bee-eater. Delighted with this excellent finale we drove the last miles to Bamako and our lunch.

Our adventure had come full circle and in the afternoon some of the group went to explore the markets whilst others stayed in the comfort of the day rooms at our hotel. Then, after a pleasant last dinner together, we headed off to the airport. The check-in went smoothly, our flight was on time and we all arrived safely back in the UK next morning.

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Species Lists

Birds (h = heard only)

	Common name	Scientific name	November														
			13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
1	Long-tailed Cormorant	<i>Haliastur africanus</i>				10						3	2	6	300+		
2	African Darter	<i>Anhinga rufa</i>													10		
3	Black-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>												11	1		
4	Green-backed Heron	<i>Butorides striatus</i>	1	5	1									2			1
5	Squacco Heron	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>		10	3	30	5							1	15		1
6	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>		1		3			4	6		10	8	10	20		
7	Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>								2		2	3	2	5		
8	Great White Egret	<i>Egretta alba</i>											2	5	50		
9	Intermediate Egret	<i>Egretta intermedia</i>		1										5	50		
10	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	1	1	2	100's				3		50	30	30	50	5	
11	Western Reef Heron	<i>Egretta gularis</i>												1	3		
12	Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	70	70	100+	100+	20	15	100+	100's		100+	100+	300+	100's	50	50
13	Hamerkop	<i>Scopus umbretta</i>				5			1	1							1
14	Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>													22		
15	White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>										300	5				
16	White-faced Whistling Duck	<i>Dendrocygna viduata</i>			1							100	500+				
17	Fulvous Whistling Duck	<i>Dendrocygna bicolor</i>											30		12		
18	Spur-winged Goose	<i>Plectropterus gambensis</i>				6	2					50	6	5	7	1	
19	Knob-billed Duck	<i>Sarkidiornis melanotus</i>										1	1				
20	Northern Pintail	<i>Anas acuta</i>												30			
21	Garganey	<i>Anas querquedula</i>										2					
22	Ferruginous Duck	<i>Aythya nyroca</i>							6						35		
23	Hooded Vulture	<i>Neophron monachus</i>				1	2										4
24	African Fish Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus vocifer</i>													1		
25	Short-toed Eagle	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>			1			1		1					1	2	1
26	Booted Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus pennatus</i>	1			3	1		2	3			1			3	
27	Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>		5	5	3	1		1	3		20	12	10	45	2	4
28	Montagu's Harrier	<i>Circus pygargus</i>							1					1	1		2
29	Pallid/Montagu's Harrier	<i>Circus macrourus/pygargus</i>															2

30	Black-shouldered Kite	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>		1		2			3							2	
31	African Swallow-tailed Kite	<i>Chelictinia riocourii</i>		50	6					1							
32	Yellow-billed Kite	<i>Milvus aegyptius</i>		2	200	50+	30		3	7		2	2	4	30	10	1
33	Dark Chanting Goshawk	<i>Melierax metabates</i>		2									3		2		1
34	Gabar Goshawk	<i>Micronisus gabar</i>			4	2	2	3	3	2				3		5	1
35	Shikra	<i>Accipiter badius</i>														1	2
36	Grasshopper Buzzard	<i>Butastur rufipennis</i>		6	5												10
37	Red-necked Buzzard	<i>Buteo auguralis</i>		1		1	1	1	3							1	1
38	Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>		2									1	4		1	1
39	Rock Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>					2	4	4	1	2					2	2
40	Lesser Kestrel	<i>Falco naumanni</i>							2								
41	Fox Kestrel	<i>Falco alopex</i>		3			8	15	15	5						2	
42	Grey Kestrel	<i>Falco ardosiaceus</i>			1												
43	Red-necked Falcon	<i>Falco chicquera</i>		2	1	1		2					1	3	4		
44	Lanner Falcon	<i>Falco biarmicus</i>		1			4	2	2	2							
45	Stone Partridge	<i>Ptilopachus petrosus</i>							h							2	
46	Double-spurred Francolin	<i>Francolinus bicalcaratus</i>		2			1										1
47	Lesser Moorhen	<i>Gallinula angulata</i>										1					
48	African Jacana	<i>Actophilornis africanis</i>		20		3	2		10	10		5	5	10	15	1	
49	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>			50	1			20	12		25	30	15	30	10	
50	Senegal Thick-knee	<i>Burhinus senegalensis</i>		10								15	35	h	2h	2h	
51	Egyptian Plover	<i>Pluvianus aegyptius</i>		4	42	5						8	6	2	5	55	7
52	Collared Pratincole	<i>Glareola pratincola</i>										100's	50+	1	300		
53	Black-winged Pratincole	<i>Glareola nordmanni</i>										1+					
54	Common Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>										1					
55	Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>										5	1	1	6		
56	Kittlitz's Plover	<i>Charadrius pecuarius</i>										10	2				
57	Senegal Wattled Plover	<i>Vanellus senegallus</i>															2
58	White-headed Plover	<i>Vanellus albiceps</i>		1													
59	Spur-winged Plover	<i>Vanellus spinosus</i>		20	15	8				1		35	30	35	30	2	5
60	Black-headed Plover	<i>Vanellus tectus</i>			2	12				3				4			
61	Ruff	<i>Philomachus pugnax</i>										100's	100's	30	30		
62	Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>				6				1		10	5	2	4		
63	Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>								4		30	10	2			

64	Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>							1	4				2	1		
65	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>		2	2	1						5	5	2	5	4	1
66	Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>								1							
67	Common Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>										2	1				
68	Black-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa limosa</i>										300					
69	Gull-billed Tern	<i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i>	3	20						2		1		15	40		2
70	Whiskered Tern	<i>Chlidonias hybrida</i>										50	50	50	100+		
71	White-winged Black Tern	<i>Chlidonias leucopterus</i>										6+		10+			
72	Caspian Tern	<i>Hydroprogne caspia</i>								2		5	2	1	25		
73	Lesser Black-backed Gull	<i>Larus fuscus</i>											2	8	1		
74	Chesnut-bellied Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles exustus</i>			6		40		6		50						1
75	Bruce's Green Pigeon	<i>Treron waalia</i>		10													
76	Rock Dove	<i>Columba livia</i>					3	6									
77	Speckled Pigeon	<i>Colomba guinea</i>	2	10	25	15	20			6	5	8	10	2	15	20	8
78	Vinaceous Dove	<i>Streptopelia vinacea</i>	h	5	50+	5	10	30	30	15				5+		20	20+
79	African Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia roseogrisea</i>									3+	5	6				
80	African Mourning Dove	<i>Streptopelia decipiens</i>		5	5	1+	5			1h			2	2	15	1h	5
81	Laughing Dove	<i>Streptopelia senegalensis</i>	50	50	100+	10	50	50	50	20	10	10	50	25	20	40	50+
82	Namaqua Dove	<i>Oena capensis</i>		6	10	6	4	6	15	20	1	3	10	6		6	4
83	Black-billed Wood Dove	<i>Turtur abyssinicus</i>			10		1			2						1	5
84	Great Spotted Cuckoo	<i>Clamator glandarius</i>		2									2	1			
85	Levaillant's Cuckoo	<i>Oxylophus levaillantii</i>					1										
86	Didric Cuckoo	<i>Chrysococcyx caprius</i>						1									
87	Senegal Coucal	<i>Centropus senegalensis</i>		5		2		2	2	3			1	2	7	1	
88	Greyish Eagle Owl	<i>Bubo cinerascens</i>						1									
89	Barn Owl	<i>Tyto alba</i>			1h	1h			1h	1h	1h			1h	1h	2h	
90	Long-tailed Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus climacurus</i>											5	3			
91	Red-necked Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus ruficollis</i>												2	3		
92	Senegal Parrot	<i>Poicephalus senegalus</i>	3+	12	15		10		2	2							12
93	Rose-ringed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula krameri</i>	5+	10	20	2	20	20	10	10						5	10
94	Western Plantain-eater	<i>Crinifer piscator</i>	6	4	2		6							1		2	4
95	African Palm Swift	<i>Cypsiurus parvus</i>		12	20	50	30	30	50+					2	5	20	10
96	Alpine Swift	<i>Tachymartia melba</i>						5+									
97	Pallid Swift	<i>Apus pallidus</i>						20+									

98	African Little Swift	<i>Apus affinis</i>	100's	100+	100's	50	100+	50+			50				50	70+
99	Blue-naped Mousebird	<i>Urocolius macrourus</i>									2		7	5	2	
100	Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>					2	4		3			2	3	1	1
101	Green Wood-Hoopoe	<i>Phoeniculus purpureus</i>		3	3		8	2	9	6						4
102	Black Wood-Hoopoe	<i>Rhinopomastus aterrimus</i>					2	2								
103	Grey-headed Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon leucocephala</i>		1												
104	Pied Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle rudis</i>	1	12						12		50	35	15	100	2
105	Malachite Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo cristata</i>		1												
106	Giant Kingfisher	<i>Megaceryle maxima</i>														1
107	Abyssinian Roller	<i>Coracias abyssinica</i>	2	10	50	4	10	12	10	6		2	5	5	4	10
108	Rufous-crowned Roller	<i>Coracias naevia</i>		1	5											2
109	Broad-billed Roller	<i>Eurystomus glaucurus</i>						5								
110	Little Bee-eater	<i>Merops pusillus</i>													2	5
111	Little Green Bee-eater	<i>Merops orientalis</i>						4	5				2	5	6	2
112	Northern Carmine Bee-eater	<i>Merops nubicus</i>										2			40	
113	Red-throated Bee-eater	<i>Merops bullocki</i>		1												2
114	African Grey Hornbill	<i>Tockus nasutus</i>			8		1h	7	2					2		2
115	Red-billed Hornbill	<i>Tockus erythrorhynchus</i>	2	10	12	3	12	8	7	5						8
116	Vieillot's Barbet	<i>Lybius vieilloti</i>										1				
117	Bearded Barbet	<i>Lybius dubius</i>		3			6									
118	Yellow-breasted Barbet	<i>Trachyphonus margaritatus</i>												3	4	
119	Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird	<i>Pogoniulus Chrysoconus</i>			1											1
120	Lesser Honeyguide	<i>Indicator minor</i>		1												
121	Grey Woodpecker	<i>Dendropicops goertae</i>	2													2
122	Sun Lark	<i>Galerida modesta</i>					2									
123	Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>										2	2	2	2	1
124	Black-crowned Sparrow Lark	<i>Eremopterix nigriceps</i>									100+	25		1		
125	Chestnut-backed Sparrow Lark	<i>Ermopterix leucotis</i>		1	5	2	3		10	5		5	2	5		8
126	Red-chested Swallow	<i>Hirundo lucida</i>				10			5	100		30	6	30	3	1
127	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>		1												
128	Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Hirundo daurica</i>		1			1		2							
129	Wire-tailed Swallow	<i>Hirundo smithii</i>				1										
130	Preuss's Cliff Swallow	<i>Hirundo preussi</i>		15												
131	House Martin	<i>Delichon urbica</i>				2										4

132	European Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>											15		50		
133	African Rock Martin	<i>Hirundo fuligula</i>				5	25	25	20							12	
134	Plain Martin	<i>Riparia paludicola</i>							1								
135	Red-throated Pipit	<i>Anthus cervinus</i>				2h											1h
136	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>			2		2				1	4			2	3	
137	Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>			1	1				2		100+	100+	100+	50+		1
138	Common Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus barbatus</i>	40	25	20			h	h		h			1	h	5	6
139	Brown Babbler	<i>Turdoides plebejus</i>	5	5	8											h	h
140	Fulvous Babbler	<i>Turdoide fulva</i>												12	5		
141	African Yellow White-eye	<i>Zosterops senegalensis</i>			1												1
142	African Thrush	<i>Turdus pelios</i>	3	1													
143	Blue Rock-Thrush	<i>Monticola solitarius</i>															1
144	Black Scrub Robin	<i>Cercotrichas podobe</i>								6		3	4	5	2		
145	Common Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus</i>						1									
146	Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>						2	2	4	8			1			
147	Isabelline Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe isabellina</i>								1	3				1		
148	Black-eared Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe hispanica</i>							2			2					
149	Northern Anteater-chat	<i>Myrmecocichla aethiopus</i>							3								
150	Cliff Chat	<i>Myrmecocichla cinnamomeiventris</i>	2	2				1		4							3
151	Familiar Chat	<i>Cercomela familiaris</i>							2								
152	Great Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus arundinaceus</i>															1h
153	African/European Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus baeticatus/scirpaceus</i>										1h	1h	2h	50+		
154	Sedge Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus schoenobaenus</i>													2		
155	Olivaceous Warbler	<i>Hippolais pallida</i>		3	4	4	3			1		1	3	1	3	1	3
156	Subalpine Warbler	<i>Sylvia cantillans</i>				2	1	1			3	3	6	10	2h		
157	Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>										1					
158	Wood Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus sibilatrix</i>					1			2					1	2	
159	Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybitis</i>			3	1h						2	1		1		
160	Bonelli's Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus bonelli</i>					1	1			3		1				
161	Senegal Eremomela	<i>Eremomela pusilla</i>					2	2								2	
162	Tawny-flanked Prinia	<i>Prinia subflava</i>		5													
163	River Prinia	<i>Prinia fluviatilis</i>														15	
164	Grey-backed Camaroptera	<i>Camaroptera brachyura</i>	3	2			1	1			1			1	1	5	3

165	Cricket Warbler	<i>Spiloptila clamans</i>								5	6		2	1			
166	Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>				2						3	1		3		
167	African Paradise Flycatcher	<i>Terpsiphone viridis</i>															2
168	Yellow-crowned Gonolek	<i>Laniarius barbatus</i>	2	3	4	h	3	2	1						1	7	3
169	Southern Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius meridionalis</i>							1	6	20		2				
170	Woodchat Shrike	<i>Lanius senator</i>			1			1	5	1			2	3			
171	Yellow-billed Shrike	<i>Corvinella corvina</i>	10	1	3											3	4
172	Grey-headed Bush-Shrike	<i>Malaconotus blanchoti</i>	1														
173	Northern Puffback	<i>Dryoscopus gambensis</i>															1
174	Fork-tailed Drongo	<i>Dicrurus adsimilis</i>			2			3									
175	Piapiac	<i>Ptilostomus afer</i>		10	10	50	15			5						25	
176	Brown-necked Raven	<i>Corvus ruficollis</i>						2	2	6							
177	Pied Crow	<i>Corvus albus</i>	1		50	25	40	30	25	50	4	5	8	2	10	25	10
178	Neumann's Starling	<i>Onychognathus neumanni</i>	4	1			20	80	75							2	5
179	Purple Glossy Starling	<i>Lamprotornis purpureus</i>					1+			5+						2+	3+
180	Bronze-tailed Glossy Starling	<i>lamprotornis chalcurus</i>	100	100+													125
181	Greater Blue-eared Starling	<i>Lamprotornis chalybaeus</i>			2+			20	20	60			20			20	
182	Long-tailed Purple Starling	<i>Lamprotornis mevesii</i>	6	20	50	12	25	5	20	15						15	15
183	Chestnut-bellied Starling	<i>Lamprotornis pulcher</i>		1	40	15	20	25	70	50			2	12		25	
184	Yellow-billed Oxpecker	<i>Buphagus africanus</i>			1		6	2	6							1	4
185	Sennar Penduline Tit	<i>Anthoscopus punctifrons</i>								1							
186	Pygmy Long-tailed Sunbird	<i>Anthreptes platurus</i>			1	2	2	2	5	1	1	1	3	5	1	3	
187	Beautiful Sunbird	<i>Nectarinia pulchella</i>	2	1	1												
188	Copper Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris cupreus</i>	4	1													
189	Scarlet-chested Sunbird	<i>Chalcomitra senegalensis</i>							1							1	
190	Grey-headed Sparrow	<i>Passer griseus</i>			100+	100+	100+	100+	100+	50+	10	10				10	10
191	Sudan Golden Sparrow	<i>Passer luteus</i>			60+					50+	6		20	5			
192	Bush Petronia	<i>Petronia dentata</i>	12	6													
193	Yellow-spotted Petronia	<i>Petronia pyrgita</i>					2	6	10	6			3	2			1
194	White-billed Buffalo-Weaver	<i>Bubalornis albirostris</i>		15	100's	100's	5	15	50	50				20		30	35
195	Speckle-fronted Weaver	<i>Sporopipes frontalis</i>			2		4	6	100+	20							
196	Village Weaver	<i>Ploceus cucullatus</i>	2			2+			3	10			1	2+		3	
197	Vitelline Masked Weaver	<i>Ploceus vitellinus</i>			30+			5+					20	20	3		
198	Black-headed Weaver	<i>Ploceus melanocephalus</i>		20		20	10					40	40	25	50+		

199	Little Weaver	<i>Ploceus luteolus</i>	2	15+	10+	6	25	40+	20	25				5	10+	5+	
200	Red-billed Quelea	<i>Quelea quelea</i>			100's	100+	100+	100+	100+	150+		1000+	1000's	1000's	100's	25	50
201	Yellow-crowned Bishop	<i>Euplectes afer</i>				5				6		50	50	25	25		
202	Black-winged Red Bishop	<i>Euplectes hordaceus</i>							7			2			10		
203	Fan-tailed Widowbird	<i>Euplectes axillaris</i>											6		20		
204	Red-billed Firefinch	<i>Lagonosticta senegala</i>	20	25	12	25	15	30	50	15	40	5	5		10	10	15
205	Kulikoro Firefinch	<i>Lagonosticta virata</i>					5	1	3								
206	Black-rumped Waxbill	<i>Estrilda troglodytes</i>		20			6						6			5	
207	Red-cheeked Cordon-bleu	<i>Uraeginthus bengalus</i>	1	1	6	2	2	20	35	15		1	8	5	5	10	6
208	African Silverbill	<i>Lonchura cantans</i>			10		20	15	15	15	10		3	6	5		
209	Bronze Mannikin	<i>Lonchura cucullata</i>	1														
210	Cut-throat Finch	<i>Amadina fasciata</i>			10	2		1		30			3			3	
211	Sahel Paradise Whydah	<i>Vidua oreintalis</i>		2	25	1			2	3		1				5	4
212	Pin-tailed Whydah	<i>Vidua macroura</i>														10+	
213	Village Indigobird	<i>Vidua chalybeata</i>			1	6	40	12	10	1	5	2				2	1
214	White-rumped Seedeater	<i>Serinus leucopygius</i>		1	2	2		10	15	4			2	1			
215	Yellow-fronted Canary	<i>Serinus mozambicus</i>															10
216	House Bunting	<i>Emberiza striolata</i>					6	10	30							3	
217	Cinnamon-breasted Rock Bunting	<i>Emberiza tahapisi</i>						1	15								

Mammals

Green Monkey, Straw-coloured Fruit Bat, Epauletted Fruit Bat, Scrub Hare, Striped Ground Squirrel, Gambian Sun Squirrel, Sand Fox, Common Jackal, Rock Hyrax and Hippopotamus.

Amphibians and Reptiles

Few specifically identified but included: Nile Crocodile, Water Monitor, Agama spp. Gecko spp. Chameleon spp and Mauritanian Toad.