

Uganda

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Introduction

Naturetrek organised a birding trip that ran between October 21st –30th 2005 and eleven participants joined it.

There were several highlights though not all of them were birds. Some of the mammals that did excite the participants were: Lions, Spotted Hyena, Elephant that were seen in Queen Elizabeth National Park, Chimpanzee (not all participants saw them) in Kibale National Park, and Alexander's Squirrel seen both in Kibale National Park and Budongo forest.

However it was a birding trip and so the highlights were more than expected. Shoebill Stork seen at Mabamba swamp was voted the bird of the trip. Rufous-bellied Heron seen in Lake Mburo National Park, Pallid Harrier a nice male was seen in Queen Elizabeth National Park, Dark Chanting Goshawk, White-spotted Flufftail seen in Budongo forest, unfortunately we missed Nahan's Francolin having been attacked by army ants as we were trying to call it in, 7 species of Plovers among them Brown-chested Plover in Lake Mburo National Park, Kentish Plover was seen in Queen Elizabeth National Park, Heuglin's Gull seen at the Kazinga Channel where it is very rare, 9 species of Doves, among them the Venacious Dove which was seen near Budongo forest. White-crested Turaco, Bare-faced go-away Bird, 10 species of Cuckoo/Coucal, Gabon, Slender-tailed, Black-shouldered Nightjars, 10 species of kingfishers including Chocolate-backed and Dwarf, 5 species of Bee-eaters including Black-eater, Lilac-breasted Roller, Blue-throated Roller, Eurasian Hoopoe, 11 species of Barbets, 6 species of Woodpeckers including Buff-spotted, Brown-eared and Yellow-crested, White-tailed Lark, 11 species of Swallows including Mosque and White-headed Saw-wing, Mountain Wagtail, Cassin's Grey Flycatcher, Semi-collared Flycatcher, 7 species of Warblers including African Moustached, Broad-tailed, Dark-capped and Grey-capped, 13 species of Cisticolas including Curruther's, Fox Cisticola, Masked Apalis, Brown-crowned and Green-backed Eremomela, White-winged and White Shouldered Tits, Chestnut-capped Flycatcher, Chestnut and Jameson's Wattle-eye, Marsh Tchagra, Bushshrikes like Bocage's, Sulphur-breasted, Luhder's, Cuckoo-shrikes, Orioles, Starlings, 13 species of Sunbirds including Grey-headed, Green-throated, Western violet-backed 16 species of Weavers including , Black-billed, Yellow-mantled, Red-headed, Rufous-crowned sparrow, Yellow-mantled Widowbird, Hartlaub's Marsh Widowbird, Cinnamon-breasted Rock Bunting.

Outline itinerary

Day 1 Friday 21st October

The clients arrived at the Entebbe International Airport early morning with British Airways, dropped their bag at Sophie's Motel and proceeded to Mabamba Swamp. Overnight at Sophie's Motel.

Day 2 Saturday 22nd October

Left for Lake Mburo National park birding en-route. Overnight at Mantana Tented Camp.

Day 3 Sunday 23rd October

Morning birding in Lake Mburo and then in the afternoon we transferred to Queen Elizabeth National Park. Overnight at Mweya Safari Lodge which is a hotel in the wilderness.

Day 4 Monday 24th October

Whole day birding Queen Elizabeth National Park. Overnight at Mweya Safari Lodge.

Day 5 Tuesday 25th October

Birded Queen Elizabeth in the morning and then left for Fort portal in the afternoon overnight at the Rwenzori Guest House where we found a very friendly owner who welcomed us by telling us that bird watchers are Bonkers!

Day 6 Wednesday 26th October

Birded Kibale and Bigodi Swamp overnight at the Rwenzori Guest House.

Day 7 Thursday 27th October

Morning birding Kibale before proceed to Masindi with a lunch stop at the Kolping House in Hoima overnight at Masindi Hotel.

Day 8 Friday 28th October

Whole day birding Busingiro area overnight at Masindi Hotel.

Day 9 Saturday 29th October

Whole day birding the Royal Mile overnight at Masindi Hotel.

Day 10 Sunday 30th October

Morning birding at the Royal Mile before proceeding for the drive to Entebbe.

Day 11 31st October: Dropped the clients at the Airport in time for their flight.

Sites visited

Mabamba Swamp and Botanical Gardens.

At Mabamba swamp we found the target species-Shoebill. The other birds they saw were Pink-backed Pelican, Long-tailed Cormorant, Cattle Egret, Squacco Heron, Little Egret, Goliath Heron, Black-headed Heron, Hamerkop, African Open-billed Stork, Yellow-billed Duck, African Fish Eagle, Palm-nut Vulture, Osprey, Long crested eagle, Grey Kestrel, Black Crake, African Jacana, African Mourning Dove, Ross's Turaco, Malachite Kingfisher, Blue-breasted Bee-eater, Double-toothed Barbet, Stout Cisticola, Winding Cisticola, Grey-capped Warbler, Spotted Flycatcher, Mash Tchagra among others.

Lake Mburo NP

Usually a highlight of a birding trip, we started recording immediately we turned off the main road till we left the park. We recorded species like, Rufous-bellied Heron, Crested Francolin, Brown-chested Plover, Emerald-spotted Wood Dove, Brown Parrot, great views of red headed Red-headed Lovebird, Bare-faced Go-away Bird, Levillant's Cuckoo, Black and White Cuckoo, African Cuckoo, Red-chested Cuckoo, stunning views of African Scops Owl, Blue-necked Mousebird, African Pygmy Kingfisher, Little Bee-eater, Eurasian Hoopoe, Common Scimitarbill, African grey Hornbill, Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird, Spot-flanked Barbet, White-headed Barbet, White-browed Robin Chat, White-browed Scrub Robin, Lead-coloured Flycatcher, this is where Trilling Cisticola are seen every where any minute, Long-tailed Cisticola, Yellow-breasted Apalis, Northern Crombec, Red-faced Crombec, White-winged Tit, Chin-spot Batis, Sulphur-breasted Bush Shrike, Black Cuckoo Shrike, African Black-headed Oriole, Greater Blue-eared Starling, Red-headed Weaver among others. We had great views of Lilac-breasted Roller on our way in. The mammals we saw here included hundreds of Zebras, hundreds of Impalas, Topi, Bushbuck, Defassa Waterbuck, Warthog, Vervet Monkey, Buffalo, Olive Baboon, Spotted Hyena, Hippo among others.

Queen Elizabeth NP

A great place to stay with superb views at a Hotel like Mweya Safari Lodge. Queen Elizabeth NP a list of 600+ species and I may have added on another bird to the list. Bedford's paradise Flycatcher only that it needs to be researched but I've recorded it twice in the same area. The evening we arrived, we saw our first Woolly-necked Stork, Bateleur, Black-rumped Button-quail, African Crake, Square-tailed Nightjar, Slender-tailed Nightjar, Flappet lark, Southern Red Bishop among others, with game like Warthog, Buffalo, Defassa Waterbuck, Bushbuck, Olive Baboon, Elephant and the Uganda Grass Hare among others.

The following day, we had a morning game drive, afternoon boat ride before and evening drive. We managed to get ourselves birds like Squacco Heron again, tens of Hamerkops, our first magnificent Saddle-billed Stork, Yellow-billed Stork, African Spoonbill, African White-backed Vulture, White-headed Vulture, Several Brown Snake eagles, Bateleur, Eurasian Mash Harrier, Palm-nut Vulture, Eurasian Hobby, Common Button-quail, Ringed Plover, Kitlitz's Plover, Spur-winged Plover, Crowned Plover, Kentish Plover, Little Stint, Curlew Sandpiper, Ruff, Heuglin's Gull, Lesser Black-backed Gull, Grey-headed Gull, Black Coucal, Grey-headed Kingfisher, Black-shouldered Nightjar, Eurasian Hoopoe, White-tailed Lark, Rufous-naped Lark, Rufous-chested Swallow, Grassland Pipit, African Moustached Warbler, Broad-tailed Warbler, Red-faced Cisticola,

Croaking Cisticola, Wing-snapping Cisticola, Pawny-tanked Frinia, Isabelline Shrike, Lesser Grey Shrike, Common Fiscal, Grosbeak Weaver, Compact Weaver, Red-billed Quelea, African Firefinch, Fawn-breasted Waxbill, Village Indigobird among others and game like Lion, Spotted Hyena, Warthog, Buffalo, Defassa Waterbuck, Bushbuck, Olive Baboon, Elephant, Nile Crocodile, Nile Monitor Lizard, Uganda Kob, Blue Agama Lizard, Hippo among others.

The following day, we managed to get some more birds before we left the Park. These included African Finfoot, Greater Flamingo, Lesser Flamingo, Osprey, Black-chested Snake Eagle, Martial Eagle, African Hobby, Pied Avocet, Black-tailed Godwit, African Emerald Cuckoo, Narina Trogon, Blue-breasted Kingfisher, Shining Blue kingfisher, our first African Dwarf Kingfisher, the beautiful Black Bee-eater, Yellow-rumped Tinkerbird, Hairy-breasted Barbet, Cardinal Woodpecker, Grey Woodpecker, Little Greenbul, Slender-billed Greenbul, Buff-throated Apalis, Green Crombec, Chestnut Wattle-eye, Jameson's Wattle-eye, Black Bishop, Red-collared Widowbird among others. Uganda Kob, Vervet Monkey, Black and white Colobus, Banded Mongoose, Hippo, Warthog, Buffalo, Defassa Waterbuck, Bushbuck among others.

Bigodi swamp

This small wetland six kilometres after Kanyanchu visitors centre in Kibale Forest NP can be rewarding sometimes only that it was quite dry during our trip. However we managed to record some species like African Green Pigeon, our first Tambourine Dove, Great Blue Turaco, our only Black-billed Turaco, Yellowbill, Yellow-spotted Barbet, Yellow-billed Barbet, Brown-eared Woodpecker, Western Nicator, our only White-tailed Ant Thrush, our first Dusky blue Flycatcher, Dark-capped Yellow Warbler, Grey-capped Warbler, Black and white Shrike Flycatcher, Brown-throated Wattle-eye, our first Bocage's Bush Shrike, Papyrus Gonolek, Green-headed Sunbird, Black-crowned Waxbill, Brimstone Canary, a pair of Cassin's Grey Flycatcher was seen at the bridge and a Mountain Wagtail was seen after the bridge in Kibale forest.

Sebitoli (Kibale Forest NP)

One other superb birding site if one spent some reasonable time only that it is on the main Fort Portal – Kampala road and can mean to be busy. The forest is on both sides of the road; one-side gives you an eye-level view while the other is a neck breaking one. Here we managed to get ourselves some good bird like, Grey-throated Barbet, Cardinal Woodpecker, Superb views of Joyful Greenbul, African Dusky Flycatcher, Ashy Flycatcher, Dusky Blue Flycatcher, Grey-throated Flycatcher, Chubb's Cisticola, Masked Apalis, good views of Bocage's Bushshrike, Luhder's Bushshrike responded well to my call, a female Petit's Cuckooshrike also came in handy, Narrow-tailed Starling, Yellow-mantled Weaver, Red-headed Malimbe, White-breasted Negrofinch among others.

A swamp between Kagadi and Hoima

At this swamp, I only stopped for two species which we successfully got. The white-winged Warbler responded to my call quite easily, it is the Carruther's Cisticola that refused to seat still and kept flying over us.

Busingiro (Budongo Forest Reserve) and the surroundings

Yes, we did bird some forests like Imaramagambo and Kibale but like I had briefed the team members that were doing the Budongo extension, it was a different experience of forest birding that results in neck-pains. During our birding we managed to see White-spotted Flufftail, Tambourine Dove for those who had missed before, Vinaceous Dove, Blue-breasted Kingfisher, White-thighed Hornbill, Yellow-rumped Tinkerbird, Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird, Yellow-crested Woodpecker, Western Nicator, Brown-backed Scrub-robin, Rufous Flycatcher-Thrush, Spotted Flycatcher, Semi-coloured Flycatcher, Green Hylia, Whistling Cisticola, Black-throated Apalis, Northern Crombec, Rufous-crowned Eremomela, Green-backed Eremomela, Foxy Cisticola, Chestnut-capped Flycatcher, Red-bellied Paradise Flycatcher, Greater Blue-eared Starling, Lesser-Blue Eared Starling, White-shouldered Tit, Sliverbird, Purple-banded Sunbird, Black Bishop, Black-winged Red Bishop, Yellow-mantled Widowbird, Western violet-backed Sunbird, Rufous-crowned Sparrow Weaver, Cinnamon-breasted Rock Bunting, Black-bellied Firefinch among others.

The Royal Mile (Budongo Forest Reserve)

When it is active, the Royal Mile can be a memorable birding site. The mile long strait road is wide since it was meant for the Bunyoro King to pass through to get to the river to perform his rituals and so gives good access to the tall trees. We spend the whole day here, with a lunch break that we had at the Nyabyeya Guest House. We managed to get flying Grey Parrot, though not all the team members saw them but got them the following morning. White-crested Turaco during our lunch break at the Guest House. Red-chested Cuckoo, Chocolate-backed Kingfisher, African Dwarf Kingfisher, Blue-throated Roller, Yellow-throated Tinkerbird, Willcock's Honeyguide, Yellow-crested Woodpecker, Brown-eared Woodpecker, Spotted Greenbul, Scaly-breasted Illadopsis, Rufous Flycatcher-Thrush, Forest Flycatcher, African Moustached Warbler, Siffling Cisticola, Buff-throated Apalis, Rufous-crowned Eremomela, Dusky Tit, Chestnut-capped Flycatcher, Chestnut Wattle-eye, Red-backed Shrike, Western Black-headed Oriole, Grey-headed Sunbird, Green Sunbird, Superb Sunbird, Red-headed Malimbe, Red-headed Bluebill, Village Indigobird among others.

Luwero swamp

On our way from Masindi (Budongo Forest) on 30th October back to Entebbe, we stopped at the swamp a few kilometres before Luwero town where I tend to get Hartlaub's Mash Widowbird. We struggled for almost an hour since I didn't want to miss it and it was quite hot. We kept seeing the Fan tailed but finally the bird appeared, and while there we saw Saddle-billed Stork, Wahlberg's Eagle, White-browed Robin Chat, Compact Weavers.

Species lists

Birds

1. Great White Pelican (*Pelecanus onocrotalus*).

Over 20 were seen during the boat trip on Kazinga Channel on 24th October.

2. Pink Backed Pelican (*Pelecanus rufescens*)

This was recorded on four different days with the highest count seen during the boat trip on Kazinga Channel on 24th October where we saw over 50 right at the spot where the Channel enters Lake Edward. Small numbers were also recorded at Mabamba, Lake Mburo, and Lake Munyanyange in Queen Elizabeth.

3. Little Grebe (*Tachybaptus ruficollis*)

Recorded twice with good views on 25th October at Lake Nyamusingiri where we had gone to look for the Shining blue Kingfisher.

4. Great Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax carbo*)

Recorded twice that is on 23rd October flying over and 24th October during a boat trip on Kazinga Channel where we saw up to 100 birds.

5. Long-tailed Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax africanus*)

These were recorded thrice at Mabamba on 21st October on the way to Lake Mburo and Queen Elizabeth on the Kazinga Channel on 24th October.

6. African Finfoot (*Podica senegalensis*)

On 25th October at Lake Nyamusingiri as we were looking for the Shining blue Kingfisher one was sited at one end of the Lake which was seen feeding along the vegetation.

7. Cattle Egret (*Bubulcus ibis*)

This species was seen on six dates in different numbers all the times. These are birds that you always see easily either flying or in the company of cows, Buffaloes and Antelopes.

8. Squacco Heron (*Ardeola ralloides*)

The first sighting, where the highest numbers of the trip were recorded was at Mabamba on 21st October and then a few in Queen Elizabeth on the Kazinga Channel on 24th October.

9. Rufous-bellied Heron (*Ardeola rufiventris*)

Recorded at a wetland in Lake Mburo National Park on the morning of 23rd October. This species is scarce and usually seen only in wetlands.

10. Little Egret (*Egretta garzetta*)

Recorded on five dates at Mabamba swamp, Kaku swamp, Lake Mburo National Park and Queen Elizabeth National Park.

11. Great White Egret (*Ardea Alba*)

Though a fairly common bird, there were only two records at Kaku swamp on 22nd October and Queen Elizabeth on the Kazinga Channel on 24th October.

12. Goliath Heron (*Ardea goliath*)

Recorded on three different dates at Mabamba on the way to Lake Mburo and Queen Elizabeth on the Kazinga Channel on 24th October.

13. Purple Heron (*Ardea purpurea*)

A single in flight recorded between Masindi and Kafo River on the way back to Entebbe.

14. Grey Heron (*Ardea cinerea*)

Recorded in small numbers in Queen Elizabeth on the Kazinga Channel on 24th October.

15. Black-headed Heron (*Ardea melanocphala*)

This species was recorded on all days apart from the 29th October.

16. Hamerkop (*Scopus umbretta*)

This species is fairly common and we managed to record it on all the dates.

17. Yellow-billed Stork (*Mytheria ibis*)

Seen in good numbers in Queen Elizabeth on the Kazinga Channel on 24th October and three seen flying from Lake Edward to the Kazinga Channel on the morning of 25th October.

18. Abdim's Stork (*Ciconia abdimii*)

Large flocks of 100+ were seen on 22nd October after Lyantonde town on the way to Lake Mburo and on 23rd October soaring near Kashaka trading centre.

19. Woolly-necked Stork (*Ciconia episcopus*)

This bird that looks like it has cotton on its neck and head was recorded once on 23rd October.

20. African Open-billed Stork (*Anastomus lamelligerus*)

It is a common bird, though this freshwater mussel specialist was seen only on three dates.

21. Saddle-billed Stork (*Ephippiorhynchus senegalensis*)

This magnificent bird with the Ugandan flag colours was recorded only twice in Queen Elizabeth on the Kazinga Channel on 24th October and two at the swamp near Luwero town on 30th October as we were looking for the Marsh Widowbird.

22. Marabou Stork (*Leptoptilos crumeniferus*)

This is a common bird though it was recorded only on 7 dates.

23. Shoebill (*Belaeniceps rex*)

Good views of this pre-historic bird were had on 21st and all the team members rated it the bird of the trip and John Raby took a very nice photo.

24. Sacred Ibis (*Threskiornis aethiopicus*)

Recorded on four dates at Kaku swamp, Lake Mburo N P and Queen Elizabeth N P.

25. Hadada Ibis (*Bostrychia hagedash*)

To prove that this is a common bird, it was recorded on all dates of the trip in different numbers.

26. Glossy Ibis (*Plegadis falcinellus*)

Recorded on three dates at Kaku swamp, Lake Mburo N P and Queen Elizabeth N P.

27. African Spoonbill (*Platalea alba*)

About ten birds were recorded in Queen Elizabeth on the Kazinga Channel on 24th October on a boat ride.

28. Greater Flamingo (*Phoenicopterus ruber*)

About 10+ birds were recorded in Queen Elizabeth on Lake Munyanyange in the afternoon of 25th October feeding with the lesser Flamingos.

29. Lesser Flamingo (*Phoenicopterus minor*)

About 50+ birds were recorded in Queen Elizabeth on Lake Munyanyange in the afternoon of 25th October feeding with the Greater ones.

30. Egyptian Goose (*Alopochen aegyptiacus*)

A common water bird that was first recorded at Kaku Swamp on 22nd October and then good numbers of about 50 were recorded in Queen Elizabeth on the Kazinga Channel on 24th October on a boat ride.

31. Spur-winged Goose (*Plectropterus gambensis*)

This massive wildfowl was recorded on 22nd October at Kaku swamp with about eight birds seen.

32. White-faced Whistling-Duck (*Dendrocygna viduata*)

Surprisingly this widespread bird was seen only on two sites, at Kaku swamp and in Queen Elizabeth on the Kazinga Channel on 24th October on a boat ride.

33. Yellow-billed Duck (*Anas undulata*)

Good numbers were seen at Mabamba on 21 October and a few more on the way to Lake Mburo NP and on our way out of Lake Mburo NP.

34. Black Kite (*Milvus migrans*)

This fork-tailed raptor is usually seen in good numbers all over the country though we only recorded on seven dates.

35. Black-shouldered Kite (*Elanus caeruleus*)

Singles were recorded as they hovered and some perched on electric wires on six different dates, in Lake Mburo NP, Queen Elizabeth NP, between Masindi and Budongo forest and Masindi to Entebbe.

36. African Fish Eagle (*Haliaeetus vocifer*)

It is always referred to as the sounds of Africa whenever it calls, first recorded at Mabamba on day one, then Kaku swamp on day two, then Lake Mburo NP and good numbers being recorded on Kazinga Channel on 24th October.

37. Palm-nut Vulture (*Gypohierax angolensis*)

This good-looking Vulture was first seen in the Botanical gardens and it was recorded on two more dates while in Queen Elizabeth NP.

38. Osprey (*Pandion haliaetus*)

Two singles were seen one at Mabamba area and another in Queen Elizabeth.

39. Hooded Vulture (*Necrosyrtes monachus*)

Quite a common bird though we recorded it only twice while still in Kampala.

40. African White-backed Vulture (*Gyps africanus*)

This is a common vulture in savannah areas, although 10+ were recorded only once in Queen Elizabeth during a game drive on 24th October.

41. White-headed Vulture (*Trigonoceps occipitalis*)

This attractive vulture was recorded on twice in Queen Elizabeth during a game drive two on 24th and 25th October.

42. Black-chested Snake-Eagle (*Circaetus beaudouini*)

A single bird was recorded in Queen Elizabeth during a game drive on 25th October.

43. Brown Snake-Eagle (*Circaetus cinereus*)

One could say that this is the commonest snake eagle in Uganda, between one and four were recorded on four dates in Lake Mburo NP, Queen Elizabeth NP and on the way to Masindi.

44. Western-banded Snake-Eagle (*Circaetus cinerascens*)

A single was seen on day one 21st October around Mabamba area. This is an uncommon raptor though the numbers seem to be increasing.

45. African Marsh Harrier (*Circus ranivorus*)

This widespread bird was only recorded on four dates, at Mabamba Swamp, Kaku swamp, Queen Elizabeth NP and on the way to Masindi.

46. Eurasian Marsh Harrier (*Circus aeruginosus*)

This is another common bird when they are here but it was recorded on only once in Queen Elizabeth National Park.

47. Pallid Harrier (*Circus macrourus*)

A nice male was seen at Kaku Swamp on 22nd October and in Queen Elizabeth National Park on 24th October.

48. Dark Chanting-Goshawk (*Melietrax metabates*)

We had good view of this species towards Luwero on our way to Entebbe on 30th October.

49. Gabar Goshawk (*Micronisus gabar*)

This beautiful but rare bird was only recorded on 21st October, which was the first day of the trip.

50. Lizard Buzzard (*Kaupifalco mnogrammicus*)

Good view on different sites having been recorded on six different dates.

51. Shikra (*Accipiter badius*)

Recorded only three times, in the Botanical gardens on 21st October, on 22nd October on the way to Lake Mburo NP and on 28th October at Masindi Hotel.

52. Great Sparrowhawk (*Accipiter melanoleucus*)

Recorded only once on 30th October at the Royal mile having been sported by John Armitage just as we were heading out of the forest for the return journey back to Entebbe.

53. African Harrier-Hawk (*Polyboroides typus*)

Singles were recorded on four dates that's on 21st October, 25th October and twice in the cultivated area near the Royal mile on 29th and 30th October.

54. Augur Buzzard (*Buteo augur*)

Though a common bird from Lake Mburo NP down southwestern Uganda, it was recorded only once on the way from Mabamba to Entebbe.

55. Common Buzzard (*Buteo buteo*)

Recorded twice on 23rd October on the way to Queen Elizabeth NP and on 25th October in Queen Elizabeth NP.

56. Tawny Eagle (*Aquila rapax*)

Recorded on five dates, between 22nd and 26th October in Lake Mburo NP and Queen Elizabeth NP.

57. Steppe Eagle (*Aquila nipalensis*)

Tens of them were seen flying like on migration as we drove to Lake Mburo NP and while in Queen Elizabeth NP.

58. Wahlberg's Eagle (*Aquila wahlbergi*)

This bird was seen almost in the savannah and any open habitat throughout the trip with records in Lake Mburo NP, Queen Elizabeth, and Masindi-Budongo area and between Masindi and Entebbe.

59. Bateleur (*Terathopius ecaudatus*)

This beautiful large raptor was recorded in Lake Mburo NP, Queen Elizabeth NP and out of the Busingiro part of Budongo forest.

60. Long-crested Eagle (*Lophaetus occipitalis*)

This is a very common bird but always seen in singles. It was recorded on eight dates with about 20 birds recorded.

61. Martial Eagle (*Polemaetus bellicosus*)

We had real good views of an immature perched close to the Mweya – Kabatoro track in Queen Elizabeth NP on 25th October.

62. Grey Kestrel (*Falco ardosiaceus*)

First recorded on day one and then several seen on electric pole on the way to Lake Mburo NP and in Queen Elizabeth NP.

63. African Hobby (*Falco cuvierii*)

We had only one sighting from on our way from Queen Elizabeth NP to Fort portal.

64. Eurasian Hobby (*Falco subbuteo*)

Our first sighting was in Queen Elizabeth NP and we recorded it on four dates, in Queen Elizabeth NP, Kibale and Budongo areas.

65. Helmeted Guineafowl (*Numida meleagris*)

This is a very common game bird that we recorded in good numbers at different sites on five dates. Good numbers of about 15 in Queen Elizabeth NP both on 24th and 25th October.

66. Crested Francolin (*Fringillus sephaena*)

We recorded several on 22nd and 23rd October in Lake Mburo National Park.

67. Red-necked Spurfowl (*Fringillus afer*)

This is probably the most commonly seen francolin. First recorded on day one but several seen in Lake Mburo NP and good numbers seen on both days in Queen Elizabeth NP.

68. Common Button-Quail (*Turnix sylvatica*)

About five recorded in Queen Elizabeth NP on the Kasenyi track on 24th October.

69. Black-rumped Button-Quail (*Turnix hottentota*)

Two or three were recorded in Queen Elizabeth NP on Channel truck as we drove to the Mweya Safari Lodge on 23rd October.

70. White-spotted Flufftail (*Sarothrura pulchra*)

This secretive bird was most heard than seen though some of the team members saw it at Busingiro. Our next chance was ruined when some whites claiming to be researchers started shouting at us telling us to leave as we called it out.

71. African Crake (*Crecopsis egregia*)

We got bad views on 23rd October but at least got some good views on 25th October both times in Queen Elizabeth NP.

72. Black Crake (*Amauornis flavirostra*)

This is our commonly seen wetland crake, a few were seen at Mabamba on 21st October, three or so seen in Lake Mburo NP and 20+ seen on Kazinga Channel on 24th October.

73. African Jacana (*Actophilornis africanus*)

A widespread wader sometimes called a lily-trotter was seen in almost all the wetlands on four dates. First recorded on 21st October with numbers going over 50+ at Mabamba swamp and more good numbers were recorded on Kazinga Channel on 24th October.

74. Grey-crowned Crane (*Balearica regulorum*)

Uganda's National bird is meant to be common throughout the country although we recorded it on four dates, about 100 were seen at Kaku swamp on 22nd October and then a few pairs seen in Lake Mburo, Queen Elizabeth and then the swamp near Luwero on 30th October.

75. Black-bellied Bustard (*Lissotis melanogaster*)

We had good views on all occasions that we saw this bird. On 22nd, 23rd, 25th and 28th October.

76. Black-winged Stilt (*Himantopus himantopus*)

First seen at Mabamba on 21st October. More birds were seen in Queen Elizabeth on Kazinga Channel on 24th October.

77. Pied Avocet (*Recurvirostra avosetta*)

Four were seen on Lake Munyanyange on 25th October.

78. Water Thick-knee (*Burhinus vermiculatus*)

Recorded on four dates, as it was common at water and muddy areas in Lake Mburo NP and Queen Elizabeth NP.

79. Spur-winged Plover (*Vanellus sipnosus*)

Recorded only on 24th October in Queen Elizabeth NP where 40+ were seen during the boat ride.

80. Long-toed Plover (*Vanellus crassirostris*)

This species was only recorded once with good numbers and seen with good views at Mabamba swamp on 21st October.

81. African Wattled Plover (*Vanellus senegallus*)

This grassland-dwelling bird was mostly seen in pairs though once in a while we found small numbers on five dates, with the first sighting at Kaku swamp on 22nd October where about ten were seen.

82. Crowned Plover (*Vanellus coronatus*)

This nice looking plover was seen twice in Queen Elizabeth National Park on 24th and 25th October.

83. Brown-chested Plover (*Vanellus superciliosus*)

Eight were seen about 6km off the main road as you drive to the Nshara gate of Lake Mburo NP on 22nd October.

84. Kittlitz's Plover (*Charadrius pecuarius*)

Good numbers were seen at the Kasenyi track but the best was to come in the afternoon of 24th October on Kazinga Channel where 50+ could have been recorded.

85. Common Ringed Plover (*Charadrius hiaticula*)

About six of this species were seen on Kazinga Channel in Queen Elizabeth on 24th October.

86. Kentish Plover (*Charadrius alexandrinus*)

A few team members recorded this species on a boat trip on Kazinga Channel in Queen Elizabeth on 24th October.

87. Ruff (*Philomachus pugnax*)

About 6 were seen on Kazinga Channel in Queen Elizabeth on 24th October and 10+ were seen on 25th October at Lake Munyanyange.

88. Common Sandpiper (*Actitis hypoleucos*)

Recorded on four dates at Mabamba swamp, Lake Mburo NP and Queen Elizabeth with a good numbers of 15+ in Queen Elizabeth NP.

89. Wood Sandpiper (*Tringa glareola*)

Recorded on five dates at Mabamba swamp, Lake Mburo NP and Queen Elizabeth NP where we might have seen 20+ birds.

90. Green Sandpiper (*Tringa ochropus*)

This species that was seen in few numbers was first recorded at Mabamba swamp and then again in Lake Mburo National Park.

91. Common Greenshank (*Tringa nebularia*)

First recorded at Mabamba swamp on 21st October then Kaku swamp on 22nd October and then 4+ were observed in Queen Elizabeth NP on 24th October on the Kazinga Channel.

92. Marsh Sandpiper (*Tringa stagnatilis*)

First recorded at Mabamba swamp on 21st October and then 10+ were observed in Queen Elizabeth NP on 24th October on the Kazinga Channel.

93. Little Stint (*Calidris minuta*)

First recorded on Kazinga Channel in Queen Elizabeth where 6 were seen on 24th October and 20+ were seen on 25th October at Lake Munyanyange.

94. Curlew Sandpiper (*Calidris ferruginea*)

First recorded on Kazinga Channel in Queen Elizabeth where 2 were seen on 24th October and 6+ were seen on 25th October at Lake Munyanyange.

95. Black-tailed Godwit (*Limosa limosa*)

We were lucky and found 20+ at Lake Munyanyange in the Katwe area in Queen Elizabeth NP on 25th October.

96. Common Snipe (*Gallinago gallinago*)

This species was recorded only once in Lake Mburo on 23rd October.

97. Grey-headed Gull (*Larus cirrocephalus*)

40+ were seen along the Kazinga Channel in Queen Elizabeth NP on 24th October.

98. Lesser Black-backed Gull (*Larus fuscus*)

20+ were seen along the Kazinga Channel in Queen Elizabeth NP on 24th October.

99. Heuglin's Gull (*Larus heuglini*)

Only one was seen among Lesser Black-backed Gulls along the Kazinga Channel in Queen Elizabeth NP on 24th October.

100. Gull-billed Tern (*Sterna nilotica*)

First recorded at Mabamba Swamp on 21st October and then 10+ were seen along the Kazinga Channel in Queen Elizabeth NP on 24th October among White-winged Black Terns.

101. White-winged Tern (*Chlidonias leucopterus*)

20+ first recorded at Mabamba Swamp on 21st October and then up to 50+ were seen along the Kazinga Channel in Queen Elizabeth NP on 24th October.

102. African Green Pigeon (*Treron calva*)

This is a common pigeon that we record for seven dates. The first views being on day one after Mabamba swamp and Botanical Gardens on 21st October.

103. Speckled Pigeon (*Columba guinea*)

Small numbers (10-15) were seen at Biharwe trading centre and after Ishaka town on 23rd October as we headed down to Queen Elizabeth NP.

104. Emerald-spotted Wood Dove (*Turtur chalcospilos*)

This species was only recorded in Lake Mburo NP since it is restricted in the eastern and southern savannah woodland.

105. Blue-spotted Wood Dove (*Turtur afer*)

The most widespread wood-dove in Uganda and recorded on at least eight days of the trip though seen only in a few numbers at different spots with most recorded in Queen Elizabeth NP.

106. Tambourine Dove (*Turtur tympanistria*)

The forest dweller version of the wood Doves, and therefore widespread and common in Uganda though it took sometime for some group members to see this bird, we saw a few on five dates and heard lots calling.

107. Ring Necked Dove (*Streptopelia capicola*)

This is a common dove in the open savannah that was recorded on six dates of the trip. Small numbers were seen in Lake Mburo NP and good numbers were seen in Queen Elizabeth NP on both days there.

108. Red-eyed Dove (*Streptopelia semitorquata*)

May be Uganda's commonest dove, inhabiting a wide range of moist woodland and forest habitats, and was recorded with good numbers on all the dates throughout the trip.

109. African Mourning Dove (*Streptopelia decipiens*)

Another fairly common savannah dove, but commonly heard than seen was only seen once on 21st October.

110. Vinaceous Dove (*Streptopelia vinacea*)

This species replaces the much more widespread Ring-necked Dove in the drier savannah areas in the Murchison Falls NP area but we managed to get two somewhere out of Busingiro.

111. Laughing Dove (*Streptopelia senegalensis*)

The first bird was seen in Lukaya town on our way to Lake Mburo NP on 22nd October and then we got 40+ in Queen Elizabeth NP both on 24th and 25th October.

112. Brown Parrot (*Poicephalus meyeri*)

This is a moister savannah woodland parrot we first had our best views as we were getting close to the Nshara gate of Lake Mburo NP on 22nd October and got more the following day. More good views were at Masindi Hotel on 29th and 30th October.

113. Grey Parrot (*Psittacus erithacus*)

About four seen flying over Budongo forest at the Royal Mile both on 29th and 30 October.

114. Red-headed Lovebird (*Agapornis pullarius*)

We got the best of views in about 6 metres from well behaved birds at the spot near where we got the Brown-chested Plover on 22nd October then a few flew over us in Queen Elizabeth on 25th October and 29th October between Budongo and Masindi.

115. Great Blue Turaco (*Corythaeola cristata*)

This species is probably one of Uganda's most spectacular birds according to most birders though I tend to think that the White-crested is the most beautiful Turaco, and it is common though we recorded it only on six dates.

116. Ross's Turaco (*Musophaga rossae*)

This one is also a cracker and good enough, it was first recorded on day one and then again on 27th October somewhere on our way to Masindi.

117. White-crested Turaco (*Tauraco leucolophus*)

We got the best of views of beautiful Turaco when I called and two came right in front of us atop an acacia tree below the restaurant at the Nyabyeya Guest House on 29th October.

118. Black-billed Turaco (*Tauraco schuettii*)

This is a Turaco that is commonly seen in forests though; we recorded it only on 26th October during the Bigodi swamp walk.

119. Bare-faced Go-away Bird (*Corythaixoides personatus*)

We had great views of this species in Lake Mburo NP both on 22nd and 23rd October.

120. Eastern Grey Plantain-eater (*Crinifer zonurus*)

This species was recorded on seven days of the trip and it is one of those common birds in Uganda.

121. Levillant's Cuckoo (*Oxylophus levaillantii*)

2 were seen after we turned off the main road to Lake Mburo NP on 22nd October, about 4+ were recorded in Queen Elizabeth NP on 24th October and another was seen some where on 26th October.

122. Black & White Cuckoo (*Oxylophus jacobinus*)

A single was seen in Lake Mburo NP on 23rd October.

123. African Cuckoo (*Cuculus gularis*)

A single one was seen in Lake Mburo NP as it has always happened to me.

124. Red-chested Cuckoo (*Cuculus solitarius*)

This bird was heard calling throughout the trip but was seen only on four days. Single birds were seen in Lake Mburo NP on 22nd and 23rd October and then again both on 29th and 30th October at the Royal mile.

125. Diederik Cuckoo (*Chrysococcyx caprius*)

Though cuckoos are known to be shy, this widespread species was seen on six days right from day one.

126. Klaas's Cuckoo (*Chrysococcyx klaas*)

Although we heard this species a lot during the tour, we saw one male.

127. African Emerald Cuckoo (*Chrysococcyx cupreus*)

Cuckoos are known to be generally shy and indeed we got views of one male of this species in Queen Elizabeth on 25th October and were heard on several occasions during the trip.

128. Yellowbill (*Ceuthmochares aereus*)

This peculiar, cuckoo was surprisingly only seen once on 26th October in Kibale though its usually a common site.

129. White-browed Coucal (*Centropus superciliosus*)

The commonest coucal, though we recorded in only on six days. We first saw it on our way to Lake Mburo NP on 22nd October and from then on it seen almost every day with big numbers in Queen Elizabeth NP on all the days we were there.

130. Black Coucal (*Centropus grillii*)

We were very lucky to get two individuals in Queen Elizabeth NP on 24th October between Kabatoro gate and Lake Nyamunuka.

131. African Scops-Owl (*Otus senegalensis*)

We had superb views of this tiny owl at Lake Mburo NP on 22nd October when they responded to my call and from then we could hear them from all directions.

132. Square-tailed Nightjar (*Caprimulgus fossii*)

Having tried without success in Lake Mburo NP, we got about four on the evening of 23rd October in Queen Elizabeth.

133. Slender-tailed Nightjar (*Caprimulgus clarus*)

We happened to get one on the evening of 23rd October in Queen Elizabeth.

134. Black-shouldered Nightjar (*Caprimulgus nigriscapularis*)

One responded to my call on 24th October in Queen Elizabeth NP and flew over or should I say between us several times till we all agreed that we were happy.

135. Little Swift (*Apus affinis*)

First recorded on day one, this species was recorded on seven days of the trip. Big numbers of over 100 were seen over Kotonga river on 22nd October and over 300 birds we recorded on Kazinga Channel on 24th October in Queen Elizabeth NP.

136. White-rumped Swift (*Apus caffer*)

First recorded on day one but good numbers of up to 50 were seen in Queen Elizabeth NP flocking with the little swift.

137. African Palm Swift (*Cypsiurus parvus*)

Recorded on seven days during the trip and in good numbers.

138. Mottled Spinetail (*Apus aequatorialis*)

This species was recorded somewhere in Kibale on 26th October.

139. Speckled Mousebird (*Colius striatus*)

When it comes to being common, this species could compete with neibough (yellow-vented Bulbul). This species was recorded every day of the trip.

140. Blue-napped Mousebird (*Urocolius macrourus*)

We recorded this species first in Lake Mburo NP area where we saw more 10 on 22nd October and was seen again with double numbers the following day. We saw 50+ in Queen Elizabeth NP on 24th October.

141. Narina Trogon (*Apaloderma narina*)

One wouldn't miss the hooting of this magnificent bird and indeed we were attracted when we heard it in Imaramagambo forest in Queen Elizabeth NP 25th October.

142. Pied Kingfisher (*Ceryle rudis*)

Probably the world's commonest Kingfisher was seen almost in all the wetlands we passed by with peak numbers of over 100 along the Kazinga Channel on 24th October.

143. Striped Kingfisher (*Halcyon chelicuti*)

Recorded on six days and first seen o day one. Good numbers of over 10 recorded in Lake Mburo NP.

144. Grey-headed Kingfisher (*Halcyon leucocephala*)

We had good of this beautiful woodland Kingfisher was seen on two dates Queen Elizabeth NP on 24th October on electric wires above Lake Nyamunuka as we enjoyed our packed breakfast and 25th October at different spots like one that is always at the junction off katunguru trading centre and then somewhere on 28th October.

145. Woodland Kingfisher (*Halcyon senegalensis*)

One of the many calls you will hear every now and then among the common birds you will see, we recorded it on six days of our trip.

146. Blue-breasted Kingfisher (*Halcyon malimbica*)

This forest equivalent of the Woodland Kingfisher was first seen at Imaramagambo in Queen Elizabeth NP on 25th October, one seen on 28th October at Busingiro and over six were seen at the Royal mile on 29th October.

147. Chocolate-backed Kingfisher (*Halcyon badia*)

First heard at Busingiro on 28th October but which we frustratingly heard calling right above us for about an hour at the Royal mile where we finally saw 2+.

148. Malachite Kingfisher (*Alcedo cristata*)

The common small aquatic Kingfisher was only recorded on three days at Mabamba swamp and 20+ along the Kazinga Channel on 24th October.

149. African Pygmy Kingfisher (*Ispidina picta*)

This small Kingfisher was only recorded on 23rd October in Queen Elizabeth NP.

150. African Dwarf Kingfisher (*Ispidina lecontei*)

This is an elusive forest tiny Kingfisher. We first saw one that came and patched above us as we waited for the shining blue at Lake Nyamusingiri on the morning of 25th October. We had great views at the Royal mile in about 6 metres on the 29th October.

151. Shining-blue Kingfisher (*Alcedo quadribrachys*)

This was one of the birds that took us to Lake Nyamusingiri and indeed as we waited patiently having scope views of the African Finfoot at one end of the Lake, the bird appeared from the nearby trees and they finally become two and started flying about.

152. Little Bee-eater (*Merops pusillus*)

They first appeared on our morning walk in Lake Mburo NP on 23rd October and then we recorded over 20 in Queen Elizabeth NP the following two days.

153. Blue-breasted Bee-eater (*Merops variegatus*)

This species was only recorded at Mabamba on day one 21st October.

154. White-throated Bee-eater (*Merops albicollis*)

Small flocks of this species were seen on eight days of the trip.

155. Black Bee-eater (*Merops gularis*)

This is magnificent forest Bee-eater that I would have given a different name. We had real good views of four at Imaramagamba forest on 25th October.

156. Eurasian Bee-eater (*Merops apiaster*)

We recorded about 10+ flying over on our way to Lake Mburo NP on 22nd October and then another flock on 30th October.

157. Broad-billed Roller (*Eurystomus glaucurus*)

This is a common roller throughout the country. This species was first recorded on day one and was seen on six days of the trip.

158. Blue-throated Roller (*Eurystomus gularis*)

This is a forest dwelling roller that responded to my call on 29th October at the Royal mile.

159. Lilac-breasted Roller (*Coracias caudata*)

We first recorded 10+ between Lukaya and Lyantonde towns on our way to Lake Mburo NP on 22nd October and then one was recorded on 23rd October just out of Lake Mburo NP towards Sanga trading centre.

160. Euresian Hoopoe (*Upupa Epops*)

We managed to see three of these unique birds in Lake Mburo NP on 23rd and 24th October.

161. Common Scimitarbill (*Rhinopomastus cyanomelas*)

This species is widespread but surprisingly, it is not easy to see. Indeed we saw two in Lake Mburo NP on 23rd October.

162. African Grey Hornbill (*Tockus nasutus*)

We recorded it in Lake Mburo NP both on 22nd and 23rd October and then again on 28th October somewhere at a location a few kilometres out of Busingiro.

163. Crowned Hornbill (*Tockus alboterminatus*)

Two – six were seen on five days being recorded first on day one. Other sights were between 26th and 30th October between Kibale and the Royal mile.

164. African Pied Hornbill (*Tockus fasciatus*)

This species is more localised than the crowned and we only recorded it twice on the first day, and 6+ were seen at Busingiro on 28th October.

165. Black & White casqued Hornbill (*Ceratogymna subcylindricus*)

This is a common bird that you can't miss; we recorded the species on seven days at many locations. Big numbers were recorded in the Budongo area between 28th and 30th October.

166. White-thighed Hornbill (*Ceratogymna albotibialis*)

We only saw this species in Budongo Forest, where we suffered to get on our first four at Busingiro on 28th October. The following two days, they were easy at the Royal mile where we could have recorded 20+.

167. Yellow-rumped Tinkerbird (*Pogoniulus bilineatus*)

This species occur both in the savannah and forest and can be heard almost throughout the day though we saw it only on four days between 25th and 28th October.

168. Yellow-throated Tinkerbird (*Pogoniulus subsulphureus*)

Although missed on thrice, this species was finally seen at the Royal mile on 29th October.

169. Speckled Tinkerbird (*Pogoniulus scolopaceus*)

Recorded on three dates with the first one at Bigodi swamp on 26th October, good views at Sebitoli on 27th October and then 10+ at the Royal mile.

170. Grey-throated Barbet (*Gymnobucco bonaparti*)

We recorded it only once about two kilometres after Sebitoli on 27th October.

171. Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird (*Pogoniulus chrysoconus*)

This savannah species was first recorded on 23rd October in Lake Mburo NP and then again on 28th October somewhere near Busingiro.

172. Spot-flanked Barbet (*Trycholaema lacrymosa*)

We had superb views of pairs and singles of this savannah dweller in Lake Mburo NP where we had 20+ on 23rd October.

173. Hairy-breasted Barbet (*Trycholaema hirsuta*)

Only two were recorded at Imaramagambo Forest in Queen Elizabeth NP on 25th October.

174. Yellow-spotted Barbet (*Buccanodon duchaillui*)

We had great views at Bigodi swamp on 26th October and the Royal Mile on 29th October.

175. White-headed Barbet (*Lybius leucocephalus*)

This localised and somehow elusive Barbet was only seen in Lake Mburo NP during our morning walk on 23rd October.

176. Double toothed Barbet (*Lybius bidentatus*).

First recorded on the first day 21st October, on 25th October and during the Bigodi swamp on 26th October.

177. Yellow-billed Barbet (*Trachyphonus purpuratus*)

This elusive forest Barbet is always heard than seen. We were lucky and got one during our Bigodi swamp walk where we got good views of this beauty on 26th October.

178. Willcock's Honeyguide (*Indicator willcocksi*)

We only recorded this elusive and rarely seen honeyguide once at the Royal Mile on 29th October.

179. Buff-spotted Woodpecker (*Campethera nivosa*)

This forest pecker was first recorded on 25th October at Imaramagambo Forest in Queen Elizabeth NP and again 26th October at the Bigodi swamp.

180. Brown-eared Woodpecker (*Campethera caroli*)

First recorded on 26th October at the Bigodi swamp and then again on 30th October at the Royal Mile where those who missed it at Bigodi got to see it.

181. Nubian Woodpecker (*Campethera nubica*)

This savannah dweller was first recorded on day one 21st October and then 22nd October on our way to Lake Mburo NP.

182. Cardinal Woodpecker (*Dendropicos fuscescens*)

This widespread pecker was first recorded on 25th October at Imaramagambo Forest in Queen Elizabeth NP and again 27th October at Sebitoli.

183. Yellow-crested Woodpecker (*Dendropicos xantholophus*)

This forest pecker that one has to struggle to see the yellow crest was seen twice at the Royal mile on 28th and 29th October.

184. Grey Woodpecker (*Dendropicos goertae*)

We first saw it at Imaramagambo Forest in Queen Elizabeth NP on 25th October and again 27th October at the Masindi Hotel.

185. Rufous-napped Lark (*Mirafra africana*)

Single birds as usual were seen atop shrubs singing their heart out on 24th October and we could have seen 10+.

186. Flappet Lark (*Mirafra rufocinnamomea*)

This is the most widespread Lark that was recorded on four dates, the three being between 23rd and 25th October in Queen Elizabeth and then 28th October somewhere near Busingiro.

187. White-tailed Lark (*Mirafra albicauda*)

We recorded this species twice in Queen Elizabeth NP both on 24th and 25th October.

188. Plain Martin (*Riparia paludicola*)

Quite few were seen in Queen Elizabeth NP on 24th October.

189. Sand Martin (*Riparia riparia*)

Good numbers of this common hirundine were recorded right from the first day, in open country throughout the trip with records for at least eight days of the trip. Our highest numbers were in Queen Elizabeth NP, where up to 2,000 were estimated flying over.

190. Banded Martin (*Riparia cincta*)

First recorded on 23rd October and in very good numbers the following two days in Queen Elizabeth NP.

191. Red-rumped Swallow (*Hirundo daurica*)

This is an uncommon species, which was recorded only on three dates of the trip the first being on 21st October around Mabamba area.

192. Mosque Swallow (*Hirundo senegalensis*)

We had only two records, on 27th October somewhere after Hoima and then 30th October in the cultivated area near the Royal Mile.

193. Rufous-chested Swallow (*Hirundo semirufa*)

This is another hirundine that we recorded only on two dates, the first being in Queen Elizabeth NP on 24th October and on 29th October at Nyabyeya Guest House.

194. Lesser Striped Swallow (*Hirundo abyssinica*)

This is a widespread and common hirundine, though we recorded it only on four days of the trip.

195. Barn Swallow (*Hirundo rustica*)

This species was recorded on five day of the trip but in very few numbers.

196. Angola Swallow (*Hirundo angolensis*)

This is another common hirundine; indeed it was missed only once during the whole trip and it was seen in good numbers.

197. White-headed Saw-wing (*Psalidoprocne albiceps*)

This species was first seen on 26th October around Bigodi, then from 28th to 30th October between Masindi and the Royal Mile.

198. Grey-rumped Swallow (*Pseudhirundo griseopyga*)

This species was recorded only on the first day, as you get closer to Mabamba swamp.

199. African Pied Wagtail (*Motacilla aguimp*)

A common bird seen almost at any court yard and was recorded everyday of the trip

200. Mountain Wagtail (*Motacilla clara*)

A single bird of these forest stream dwellers was seen a few metres after the main bridge in Kibale Forest NP on 26th October.

201. Yellow Wagtail (*Motacilla flava*)

These were found mostly in open country, with good numbers being recorded in Queen Elizabeth NP on both days.

202. Yellow-throated Longclaw (*Macronyx croceus*)

This is a common bird although it recorded on five day from 21st to 25th October in small numbers or pairs in different spot during the trip.

203. Grassland Pipit (*Anthus cinnamomeus*)

About 4 were recorded on 24th October in Queen Elizabeth NP.

204. Black Cuckooshrike (*Campephaga flava*)

We had good views of a pair in Lake Mburo NP on 23rd October.

205. Petit's Cuckooshrike (*Campephaga petiti*)

We were lucky and got a female after Sebitoli on 27th October.

206. Western Nicator (*Nicator caesia*)

A few members saw it at Bigodi swamp walk on 26th October and then we all struggled for about 15 minutes but finally saw one at Busingiro on 28th October.

207. Common Bulbul (*Pycnonotus barbatus*)

This species that will be found in any habitat was recorded on everyday of the trip, with daily counts going over 30 some days.

208. Little Greenbul (*Andropadus virens*)

This is a common forest Greenbul that is most heard than seen. We recorded it on five days of the trip, the first being at Imaramagambo Forest, Bigodi and then Budongo Forest respectively.

209. Slender-billed Greenbul (*Andropadus gracilirostris*)

We first recorded this species at Imaramagambo Forest on 25th October and the up at the Royal Mile in the Budongo Forest.

210. Joyful Greenbul (*Chlorocichla laetissima*)

A pair responded to my call and came in a few metres and we had good views on 27th October after Sebitoli on our way to Masindi.

211. Yellow-throated Greenbul (*Chlorocichla flavicollis*)

This species was recorded on 27th October after Sebitoli on our way to Masindi.

212. Spotted Greenbul (*Ixonotus guttatus*)

This distinctive Greenbul with white spots on the wings and rump was recorded only once on 29th October at the Royal Mile.

213. White-browed Robin-chat (*Cossypha heuglini*)

We recorded this species on five days of the trip both in Lake Mburo NP and Queen Elizabeth NP. We could have got over 40 in Queen Elizabeth NP as they called and sang atop Euphorbias and in the Lodge compound.

214. African Thrush (*Turdus pelios*)

The commonest Thrush, individuals were recorded on six dates of the trip.

215. White-tailed Ant-thrush (*Neocossyhus poensis*)

Though not good views as we would have wanted, we saw one fly off the road in Kibale Forest National Park.

216. Rufous Flycatcher-thrush (*Neocossyhus fraseri*)

This forest dweller was recorded only twice during the trip at Busingiro on 28th October and the Royal Mile on 29th October.

217. Sooty Anteater Chat (*Myrmecocichla nigra*)

These were recorded on six dates at different locations like Queen Elizabeth NP.

218. Common Stonechat (*Saxicola tarquata*)

This widespread species in high altitude areas was recorded only twice, on 23rd October in Lake Mburo NP and on 27th October several on electric wires between Fort portal and Kyenjojo.

219. Whinchat (*Saxicola rubetra*)

First recorded on day one but good number were recorded in the open country like in Queen Elizabeth NP

220. White-browed Scrub-robin (*Cercotrichas leucophrys*)

This species was recorded on the Bigodi swamp walk on 26th October.

221. Brown-backed Scrub-robin (*Cercotrichas hartlaubi*)

This species was recorded on three days of the trip with good views of 5 metres on 28th October at a spot out of Busingiro.

222. Dark-capped Yellow Warbler (*Chloropeta natalensis*)

This species was first recorded on 23rd October about a kilometre to main road at Sanga as you drive from Lake Mburo NP. It was again recorded on 25th October in Queen Elizabeth NP and 26th October at the Bigodi swamp.

223. White-winged Warbler (*Bradypterus carpalis*)

This highly localised and strange looking swamp-dweller responded to my call at papyrus swamp between Kagadi and Hoima towns on 27th October.

224. Willow Warbler (*Phylloscopus trochilus*)

This species is usually seen in small numbers but, surprisingly this trip it was recorded only twice on day one and on the last day.

225. Green Hylia (*Hylia prasina*)

The calls of this species were commonly heard in the forests but were only seen on two dates, on 28th October at Busingiro and 30th October at the Royal Mile.

226. Green Crombec (*Sylvietta virens*)

This species is the commonest forest Crombec though it was recorded only once at Imaramagambo Forest in Queen Elizabeth NP on 25th October.

227. Northern Crombec (*Sylvietta brachyura*)

This acacia woodland dweller was first recorded on 23rd October in Lake Mburo NP. We also saw two pairs at a location a few kilometres after Busingiro.

228. Red-faced Crombec (*Sylvietta whytii*)

This is another acacia woodland dweller that we only recorded on 23rd October in Lake Mburo NP.

229. Green-backed Eremomela (*Eremomela pusilla*)

This localised species is found in open bush and woodland, we recorded 4+ at a location a few kilometres after Busingiro on 28th October.

230. Rufous-crowned Eremomela (*Eremomela badiceps*)

We first recorded this quite attractive species at Busingiro where we saw 4+ on 28th October; we also saw 8+ at the Royal Mile on 29th October.

231. Broad-tailed Warbler (*Schoenicola brevirostris*)

We had superb views of this uncommon species, in the rank grass in Queen Elizabeth NP between Kabatoro gate and Lake Nyamunuka on 24th October.

232. African Moustached Warbler (*Melodcichla mentalis*)

We got good views of this attractive darling of rank grass Warbler twice in Queen Elizabeth between Kabatoro gate and Lake Nyamunuka on 24th and 25th October.

233. Zitting Cisticola (*Cisticola juncidis*)

The most widespread and common cisticola although we only recorded it only on four dates. This was on 23rd October in Lake Mburo NP, 24th and 25th October in Queen Elizabeth and on 28th October near Busingiro.

234. Wing-snapping Cisticola (*Cisticola ayresii*)

Only one of these tiny Cisticola was recorded in Queen Elizabeth on 24th October.

235. Stout Cisticola (*Cisticola robustus*)

This species was only recorded on 21st October.

236. Crocking Cisticola (*Cisticola natalensis*)

We had good views of this species on both days we were in Queen Elizabeth NP and then again on 28th October just after Busingiro.

237. Winding Cisticola (*Cisticola galactotes*)

First recorded on 21st October at Mabamba swamp with number over 30+ and the following four days in Lake Mburo and Queen Elizabeth.

238. Carruther's Cisticola (*Cisticola carruthersi*)

This species takes over from the winding in the centre of papyrus swamps and so not easy to see. A pair responded at the same swamp where we saw the White-winged Warbler on 27th October.

239. Singing Cisticola (*Cisticola cantans*)

This species was recorded only on 30th October in the cultivated area out of the Royal Mile.

240. Red-faced Cisticola (*Cisticola erythroptus*)

This is a common and vocal species, which recorded on 24th and 25th October in Queen Elizabeth NP, 26th October at the Bigodi swamp and on 27th and 30th October.

241. Chubb's Cisticola (*Cisticola chubbi*)

This species is good at duetting when singing, and they responded to my call and came in about 5 metres and started duetting at Sebitoli on 27th October.

242. Trilling Cisticola (*Cisticola woosnami*)

Over 30 were seen on 23rd and 24th October in Lake Mburo NP, and a few more were recorded in Queen Elizabeth NP on 24th October.

243. Whistling Cisticola (*Cisticola lateralis*)

We had good views of this species with numbers totalling to 20+ individuals some in a distance of 5 metres in the surrounding of Budongo Forest

244. Siffiling Cisticola (*Cisticola brachypterus*)

We had good views of this species in the cultivated area adjacent to the Royal Mile.

245. Foxy Cisticola (*Cisticola troglodytes*)

We had superb views of this dry acacia savannah bird in good numbers of over 15 on 28th October somewhere near Busingiro.

246. Long-tailed Cisticola (*Cisticola angusticaudus*)

We saw a pair of this uniquely long-tailed Cisticola that is not supposed to be in Uganda according to the distribution map in Lake Mburo NP on 23rd October.

247. Tawny-flanked Prinia (*Prinia subflava*)

This is a very common bird that you even see in the middle of Cities and towns. It was recorded on six dates of the trip the first recording having been on day one.

248. White-chinned Prinia (*Prinia leucopogon*)

Eight at Bigodi swamp on 26th October, four at Sebitoli on 27th October the first recording having been on day one.

249. Grey-capped Warbler (*Eminia lepid*)

First recorded on day one and then had good views on 24th October in Queen Elizabeth NP, and again on 26th October at the Bigodi swamp.

250. Grey-backed Camaroptera (*Camaroptera brachyura*)

We could hear the calls of this bleating warbler everyday of the trip at all the locations we visited and we had recorded it on five days of the trip.

251. Yellow-breasted Apalis (*Apalis flavida*)

Though this woodland apalis is meant to be widespread, we recorded it only in Lake Mburo NP where we had 6+ individuals on 23rd October.

252. Buff-throated Apalis (*Apalis rufogularis*)

This is another common but canopy dwelling apalis that we first recorded at Imaramagambo forest on 25th October and then again on 29th October at the Royal Mile.

253. Black-throated Apalis (*Apalis jacksoni*)

This is one of the commonest forest apalises though we recorded it only once at Busingiro on 28th October.

254. Masked Apalis (*Apalis binotata*)

This species is largely restricted to Kibale Forest NP, and this is where we had superb views when a pair responded to my call and behaved by staying for sometime at Sebitoli.

255. Northern Black Flycatcher (*Melaenornis edolioides*)

First recorded on day one and then, on 23rd 6+ were recorded in Lake Mburo NP, 10+ recorded in Queen Elizabeth NP and on 27th and 30th October somewhere as we travelled.

256. Semi-collared Flycatcher (*Ficedula semitorquata*)

This species was recorded only on 28th October at a spot after Busingiro.

257. Ashy Flycatcher (*Muscicapa caerulescens*)

As we were looking at petit's cuckooshrike, masked apalis and others at Sebitoli on 27th October, Keith Fisher saw a pair at eye level.

258. Spotted Flycatcher (*Muscicapa striata*)

This widespread Palearctic migrant September – April was recorded on four dates from 21st, 22nd, 23rd and on 28th October,

259. African Dusky Flycatcher (*Muscicapa adusta*)

A common forest edge species was only recorded on 27th October at Sebitoli.

260. Lead-coloured Flycatcher (*Myioparus plumbeus*)

We saw this species in Lake Mburo NP on 23rd October.

261. Grey-throated Flycatcher (*Myioparus griseigularis*)

This cousin of the Lead-coloured Flycatcher is a forest dweller, and was recorded on 27th October at Sebitoli and 30th October at the Royal Mile.

262. Swamp Flycatcher (*Muscicapa aquatica*)

5+ seen at Mabamba on 21st October, 20+ recorded on 24th October along Kazinga Channel and it was recorded on four dates.

263. Cassin's Grey Flycatcher (*Muscicapa cassini*)

We stopped at the main bridge near Kanyanchu in Kibale Forest NP for it and we got a pair there on 26th October.

264. Dusky-blue Flycatcher (*Muscicapa comitata*)

Two pairs were recorded at Bigodi swamp on 26th October and then another pair on 27th October at Sebitoli.

265. Forest Flycatcher (*Fraseria ocreata*)

This Puffback shaped flycatcher was recorded only on 29th October at the Royal Mile.

266. Chin-spot Batis (*Batis molitor*)

This widespread species was only recorded in Lake Mburo NP on 23rd October.

267. Black-headed Batis (*Batis minor*)

This dry savannah species was recorded at a location a few kilometres after Busingiro on 28th October.

268. Black-&-white Shrike- Flycatcher (*Bias musicus*)

We saw two pairs during the Bigodi swamp walk, where we got good views of both a male and a female.

269. Brown-throated Wattle-eye (*Platysteira cyanea*)

This is a common wattle-eye only that we saw it once though we heard its whistle like call almost everyday of the trip.

270. Chestnut Wattle-eye (*Platysteira castanea*)

Six were seen at Imaramagambo Forest on 25th October, and then a pair was seen at the Royal Mile on 29th October.

271. Jameson's Wattle-eye (*Dyaphorophyia jamesoni*)

After hearing it call, we went for a serious search and this when I was stung by a stinging nettle but still continued till we got it at Imaramagambo Forest on 25th October and only heard it call at the Royal Mile because it refused to respond to my call.

272. Red-bellied Paradise-Flycatcher (*Terpsiphone rufiventer*)

This stunning mid level forest dweller was recorded on three dates with good views at Busingiro on 28th October and Royal Mile on 30th October.

273. Sliverbird (*Empidonis semipartitus*)

We had superb views of this stunning flycatcher at a location a few kilometres after Busingiro on 28th October.

274. African Blue-Flycatcher (*Elminia longicauda*)

4+ individuals were recorded during our walk at Bigodi swamp on 26th October; it also recorded the following day at Sebitoli.

275. Chestnut-capped Flycatcher (*Erythrocercus mcallii*)

Budongo forest being the only site you can find this species in Uganda, 6+ were recorded at Busingiro on 28th October and 10+ were seen at the Royal Mile.

276. Scaly-breasted Illadopsis (*Illadopsis albipecyus*)

Having tried with no success at Busingiro on 28th October, we managed to see them at the beginning of the Royal Mile.

277. Brown Illadopsis (*Illadopsis fulvescens*)

A few responded to my call but still only one was seen and by a few members on 30th October at the Royal Mile.

278. Arrow-marked Babbler (*Turdoides jardineii*)

We recorded this species on a daily for three days of the trip only in Queen Elizabeth NP from 23rd to 25th October.

279. Black-lored Babbler (*Turdoides sharpei*)

We recorded this species on three days of the trip in Lake Mburo NP and Queen Elizabeth NP respectively.

280. White-winged Tit (*Parus leucomelas*)

We had good views of 4+ of this species in Lake Mburo NP on 23rd October.

281. White-shouldered Tit (*Parus guineensis*)

We had superb views of a pair of this species at a location a few kilometres after Busingiro on 28th October.

282. Dusky Tit (*Melaniparus funereus*)

We had good views of four perched on bare branches at the Royal Mile at Budongo on 29th October.

283. African Yellow White-eye (*Zosterops senegalensis*)

This is the only white eye in Uganda and is a common bird in woodland habitat though we only recorded it on four days of the trip.

284. Bronze Sunbird (*Nectarinia kilimensis*)

Recorded both on 26th and 27th October in the flower at Rwenzori Guest House.

285. Green-headed Sunbird (*Nectarinia verticalis*)

We recorded one in Lake Mburo NP on 23rd October and another one during the Bigodi Swamp walk on 26th October.

286. Olive-bellied Sunbird (*Nectarinia chloropygi*)

First recorded on day one, and then at Imaramagambo Forest on 25th October, Bigodi Swamp walk on 26th October and then on somewhere on 27th October.

287. Green-throated Sunbird (*Chalcomitra rubescens*)

First recorded on day one and then again right at the beginning of the Bigodi Swamp walk on 26th October.

288. Green Sunbird (*Anthreptes rectirostris*)

This species was seen at the Royal Mile on 29th October.

289. Grey-headed Sunbird (*Anthreptes axillaris*)

This Warbler looking like Sunbird was only recorded once at the Royal Mile on 29th October.

290. Copper Sunbird (*Nectarinia cuprea*)

We had good views of only males on six days of the trip, in Lake Mburo NP, Queen Elizabeth NP, Colonel Blimp's House and some other sites.

291. Superb Sunbird (*Nectarinia superba*)

We had good views of a male at the Royal Mile on 29th October.

292. Purple-banded Sunbird (*Nectarinia bifasciata*)

We recorded one on 28th October at Busingiro.

293. Scarlet-chested Sunbird (*Nectarinia verticalis*)

This is a common species, though we recorded it on six days of the trip at places like Botanical Gardens, Lake Mburo NP, Q. E. N. P and others.

294. Red-chested Sunbird (*Nectarinia erythrocerca*)

This is another common sunbird that I wouldn't have given a different name. We recorded it everyday from 21st October up to 25th October.

295. Variable Sunbird (*Nectarinia venusta*)

The first record was at the Bigodi swamp on 26th October and then again on 27th October.

296. Collared Sunbird (*Anthreptes collaris*)

I take it to be the commonest anthreptes, and indeed we recorded in on seven days of the trip.

297. Western Violet-backed Sunbird (*Anthreptes longuemarei*)

We had good views of a male a location near Busingiro on 28th October.

298. Common Fiscal (*Anius collaris*)

This species is not as common as its name suggests though, in some places it may be seen frequently. We only recorded it only on 24th and 25th October in Queen Elizabeth NP.

299. Grey-backed Fiscal (*Lanius excubitoroides*)

This is the commonest fiscal that can be seen all over the country but was recorded on six dates during the trip.

300. Lesser Grey Shrike (*Lanius minor*)

An individual was only recorded in Queen Elizabeth NP on 24th October.

301. Isabelline Shrike (*Lanius isabellinus*)

This was another species that we recorded an individual in Queen Elizabeth NP on 24th October.

302. Red-backed Shrike (*Lanius collurio*)

We had good views in Queen Elizabeth NP on 23rd and 24th October and then again on 29th October somewhere out of Busingiro.

303. Tropical Boubou (*Laniarius aethiopicus*)

First recorded below the Mantana Tented Camp kitchen on the morning of 23rd October and then in Queen Elizabeth NP.

304. Ludher's Bush-shrike (*Laniarius leuhderi*)

A good view of only one that I called in was recorded on 27th October in Kibale forest on the main Fort portal-Kampala road.

305. Black-headed Gonolek (*Laniarius erythrogaster*)

First recorded on day one and recorded on six dates. Good views in Queen Elizabeth National Park with numbers that could go to twenty individuals.

306. Papyrus Gonolek (*Laniarius mufumbiri*)

One of Uganda's papyrus specialities, we had closer views of this colourful bird at the boardwalk in Bigodi swamp that I called in on 26th October.

307. Brubru (*Nilaus afer*)

We recorded this species during our morning birding in Lake Mburo NP on 23rd October.

308. Black-crowned Tchagra (*Tchagra senegala*)

This species was recorded on three dates in Lake Mburo NP on 23rd October and 24th and 25th October in Queen Elizabeth NP.

309. Brown-crowned Tchagra (*Tchagra australis*)

The first sighting was on 23rd October about 6km out of Lake Mburo NP while looking at the Cinnamon-breasted Rock Bunting with another sighting on the Bigodi swamp walk.

310. Marsh Tchagra (*Tchagra minuta*)

First recorded on day one 21st October at Mabamba and then had good views in the cultivated area out of the Royal mile on 30th October.

311. Sulphur-breasted Bush-shrike (*Elophorus sulfureopectus*)

We recorded this species only in Lake Mburo NP on 22nd October.

312. Bocage's Bush-shrike (*Telophorus bocagei*)

We saw single birds well at the Bigodi swamp and one at a close range that I called in on 27th October in Kibale forest on the main Fort portal-Kampala road.

313. Fork-tailed Drongo (*Dicrurus adsimilis*)

This common bird in savannah area was only recorded on three dates in Lake Mburo NP and Queen Elizabeth NP with good number of over 20+ being got in Lake Mburo.

314. Piapiac (*Ptilostomus afer*)

This small crow was recorded on four dates with big numbers in the Masindi area.

315. Pied Crow (*Corvus albus*)

A common bird, recorded on nine day of the trip, in good numbers peaks going to over 100 on some days.

316. African Black-headed Oriole (*Oriolus larvatus*)

This species was only recorded on 22nd October in Lake Mburo NP.

317. Western Black-headed Oriole (*Oriolus brachyrhynchus*)

This forest dwelling species was seen in small numbers at the Royal mile both on 29th and 30th October.

318. Yellow-billed Oxpecker (*Buphagus africanus*)

About six seen on Buffaloes on 22nd October in Lake Mburo NP, about twenty recorded on 23rd October both in Lake Mburo NP and Queen Elizabeth NP, also recorded on 24th and 25th October.

319. Narrow-tailed Starling (*Poeyoptera lugubris*)

6+ of this species were seen at Sebitoli on the morning of 27th October.

320. Greater Blue-eared Starling (*Lamprotornis chalybaeus*)

First recorded on 23rd October as we drove out of Lake Mburo NP with our second sighting on 28th October at a site a few kilometres out of Busingiro.

321. Lesser Blue-eared Starling (*Lamprotornis chloropterus*)

We recorded a small flock of about 10+ birds on 28th October at a site a few kilometres out of Busingiro.

322. Ruppell's Long-tailed Starling (*Lamprotornis purpureopterus*)

This is one common Starling in the whole country. It was recorded on nine dates numbers of up to 50 could have been recorded on some days.

323. Purple-headed Starling (*Lamprotornis purpureiceps*)

This forest Starling was first seen on 23rd October, then good views were had on 26th October at the Bigodi swamp, 27th October in Kibale forest on the main Fort portal-Kampala road and 28th October at Busingiro.

324. Splendid Glossy Starling (*Lamprotornis splendidus*)

First seen on 21st October in the Botanical gardens, 22nd October on our way to Lake Mburo NP, 26th October at Bigodi swamp, 27th October in Kibale forest on the main Fort portal-Kampala road and 30th October at the Royal mile.

325. Wattled Starling (*Creatophora cinerea*)

This species was only recorded as we entered Lake Mburo NP on 22nd October and was seen by a few team members.

326. Grey-headed Sparrow (*Passer griseus*)

This is the commonest sparrow that you can't miss daily and was recorded on all dates apart from the 25th October.

327. Chestnut-crowned Sparrow-Weaver (*Plocepasser superciliosus*)

The species is uncommon though we got more than 20 at a site I had promised the team members on 28th October.

328. Black-headed Weaver (*Ploceus cucullatus*)

This is the commonest Weaver, with large colonies seen in villages and trading centres. First seen at Entebbe International Airport, as it's the first one to welcome you before the Red-chested Sunbird comes in and was recorded on eight days.

329. Lesser-masked Weaver (*Ploceus intermedius*)

We recorded this species in Queen Elizabeth NP where we saw a male on 24th October.

330. Spectacled Weaver (*Ploceus ocularis*)

First recorded on day one and then on 24th October while on a game drive in Queen Elizabeth NP.

331. Black-necked Weaver (*Ploceus nigricollis*)

These were recorded in small numbers on 21st, 26th at Kibale and 29th October.

332. Baglafaecht Weaver (*Ploceus baglafaecht*)

These were recorded on the morning of 26th and 27th October in the garden at Rwenzori Guest House and then on 30th October as we drove from the Royal mile.

333. Grosbeak Weaver (*Amblyospiza albifrons*)

We first recorded on 24th October and then on 26th October during the Bigodi swamp walk

334. Slender-billed Weaver (*Ploceus pelzelni*)

These tiny species are very common and in Queen Elizabeth NP like the Yellow-backed, individuals come in good numbers up to the tables.

335. Golden-backed Weaver (*Ploceus jacksoni*)

This species with a bright yellow back was recorded only twice, in the Botanical gardens on day one and at Kaku swamp on our way to Lake Mburo.

336. Yellow-backed Weaver (*Ploceus melanocephalus*)

First recorded on day one and then good numbers got in Queen Elizabeth NP as individuals come up to the tables to feed on anything during any meal outside the restaurant at Mweya Safari Lodge and other sites as it was recorded on six dates.

337. Northern brown-throated Weaver (*Ploceus castanops*)

First recorded at Mabamba swamp on day one and then about 6 individuals on the morning of 26th and 27th October in the garden at Rwenzori Guest House.

338. Compact Weaver (*Pachyphantes superciliosus*)

A few individuals of this grassland dwelling species, were observed while on a game drive in Queen Elizabeth NP on 24th October and then again on 30th October at the swamp near Luwero.

339. Holub's Golden Weaver (*Ploceus xanthops*)

Our first sight was on our way to Queen Elizabeth NP on 23rd October, one while on a game drive in Queen Elizabeth NP on 24th October and one at Bigodi swamp on 26th October.

340. Yellow-mantled Weaver (*Ploceus tricolor*)

This forest dwelling species was seen only once on 27th October in Kibale forest on the main Fort portal-Kampala road

341. Vieillot's Black Weaver (*Ploceus nigerrimus*)

First recorded on day one and only recorded on four dates though it's a wide spread species.

342. Red-billed Quelea (*Quelea quelea*)

Several flocks of between 50+ and 200+ were seen in Queen Elizabeth NP all the days we were there.

343. Red-headed Weaver (*Anaplectes rubriceps*)

During our morning walk in Lake Mburo NP on 23rd October, John Armitage had the first sighting of a female that he could not figure out what it was and it disappeared before I could see it but, I got a pair in the acacia trees near by which settled him down.

344. Red-headed Malimbe (*Malimbus rubricollis*)

A pair was found at Bigodi swamp on 26th October, another pair on 27th October in Kibale forest on the main Fort portal-Kampala road and another on 28th October at Royal mile.

345. Red-collared Widowbird (*Euplectes ardens*)

First recorded on 25th October as we drove to Lake Nyamusingiri in Queen Elizabeth and the rest were seen around Budongo forest area.

346. Fan-tailed Widowbird (*Euplectes axillaris*)

This is a common bird and we recorded it on seven dates on some dates seeing 15+ daily. They were the ones we could see at the swamp near Luwero as we looked for Hartlaub's Mash Widowbird.

347. Hartlaub's Mash Widowbird (*Euplectes hartlaubi*)

On our way back to Entebbe, we struggled to get one at the swamp near Luwero because it was extremely hot but we finally did get it.

348. Black Bishop (*Euplectes diereon*)

First recorded on 25th October but, good views were got on 28th October a few kilometres after Busingiro and 30th October on our way back to Masindi from the Royal mile.

349. Yellow Bishop (*Euplectes capensis*)

One was recorded on 22nd, as we got closer to the Queen Elizabeth NP in the cultivated area.

350. Yellow Mantled Widowbird (*Euplectes macrourus*)

Two were seen on 28th October a few kilometres after Busingiro and then a few more were seen on 30th October between the Royal mile and Masindi.

351. White-winged Widowbird (*Euplectes albonotatus*)

This species was recorded in Lake Mburo NP on 22nd October and good numbers were seen in Queen Elizabeth NP 24th October.

352. Southern Red Bishop (*Euplectes orix*)

This species was recorded in Queen Elizabeth NP where about 15+ were seen daily on 23rd, 24th and 25th October.

353. Black-winged Red Bishop (*Euplectes hordeaceus*)

Two were seen on 28th October a few kilometres after Busingiro and then 4 on 30th October a few kilometres out of the Royal mile respectively.

354. Grey-headed Negrofinch (*Nigrita canicapilla*)

This is another common bird but was recorded only on three dates. This was on 26th October during the walk at Bigodi swamp walk, 27th October in Kibale forest on the main Fort portal-Kampala road and on 28th October at Busingiro.

355. White-breasted Negrofinch (*Nigrita fusconota*)

Though commonly seen in forest canopies, we only managed to get about 8+ only on one date the 27th October in Kibale forest on the main Fort portal-Kampala road.

356. Red-headed Bluebill (*Spermophaga ruficapilla*)

This is a beautiful but a very slippery seedeater. A few of the team members quickly saw one in Kibale on 26th and a male at the royal mile on 29th October.

357. Red-cheeked Cordon-blue (*Uraeginthus bengalus*)

About eight recorded as we drove out of Lake Mburo on 23rd October and then 10+ recorded both on 28th and 30th October a few kilometres after Busingiro and a few kilometres out of the Royal mile respectively.

358. Red-billed Firefinch (*Lagonosticta senegala*)

The commonly recorded firefinch, and most found around homesteads though we recorded it only five dates.

359. African Firefinch (*Lagonosticta rubricata*)

This species that I missed as I got water was recorded on 24th October at Katunguru in Queen Elizabeth NP.

360. Black-bellied Firefinch (*Lagonosticta rara*)

A pair was seen a few kilometres after Busingiro on 28th October and then another pair recorded on 30th October out of the Royal mile.

361. Common Waxbill (*Estrilda astrild*)

Recorded on day one 21st October at Mabamba and on day ten 30th October.

362. Fawn-breasted Waxbill (*Estrilda paludicola*)

Recorded in Queen Elizabeth on 24th October on a game drive.

363. Black-crowned Waxbill (*Estrilda nonnula*).

A few of this beautiful waxbill were seen on the Bigodi swamp walk on the morning of 26th October.

364. Bronze Mannikin (*Lonchura cucullata*)

Though recorded on eight dates, we should have seen this species on all the ten dates as it very common always seen feeding on grass seeds.

365. Black-&-white Mannikin (*Lonchura bicolor*)

Recorded on six dates with the first sight being on day one 21st October and seen in flocks of 10+ flying or feeding on grass seeds.

366. Pin-tailed Whydah (*Vidua macroura*)

This fairly common species was recorded on 9 dates with good views almost all the times, missing it only on day one.

367. Village Indigobird (*Vidua chalybeata*)

Recorded on four dates but with good views in Queen Elizabeth on 24th October and 29th October in the village before the Royal mile on an electric wire where I have always seen it.

368. Brimstone Canary (*Serinus sulphuratus*)

Recorded on the Bigodi swamp walk on the morning of 26th October and another one seen on Morning of 30th October in the sugar plantation a few kilometres before the Royal mile.

369. Yellow-fronted Canary (*Serinus mozambicus*)

Recorded on four dates with the first sighting on day one the 21st October Mabamba area and then again on 23rd, 24th and 25th October.

370. African Citril (*Serinus citrinelloides*)

One was seen on the Bigodi swamp walk on the morning of 26th October.

371. Cinnamon-breasted Rock Bunting (*Emberiza tahapisi*)

Four birds were seen very well on our way to Queen Elizabeth NP about 6km out of Lake Mburo NP feeding in rocks with Arrow marked Babblers.

Mammals

1. Chimpanzee (*Pan troglodytes*)

Two team members Indra Jackson and Judith Macklin went to trek our closet relatives on 26th October and were successful.

2. Red Colobus (*procolobus oustaleti*)

This rare species was recorded in Kibale on 26th October.

3. Black & White Colobus (*Colobus guereza*)

This beautiful monkey was seen on 21st October in the Botanical gardens, 25th October at Imaramagambo forest, 26th October and Bigodi swamp and 29th and 30th October at the Royal Mile.

4. Olive Baboon (*Papio anubis*)

This is a common primate that can be found both in the forest and in woodland. First recorded in Lake Mburo NP, Queen Elizabeth NP and Kibale.

5. Vervet Monkey (*Cercopithecus pygerythrus*)

Like the Olive Baboon, this is also quite a common monkey. They used to inhabit papyrus but moved to savannah woodland habitats when the papyrus started being harvested. They were recorded on six days.

6. Blue Monkey (*Cercopithecus mitis*)

This long tailed monkey was recorded on 28th October at Busingiro and then the following 29th October at the Royal Mile.

7. Red Tailed Monkey (*Cercopithecus ascanius*)

Sometimes called the white-nosed Monkey, it is one common monkey in forests and forests edges. We saw these in Kibale (Kanyanchu) on 26th October, (Sebitoli) on 27th October and the Royal Mile on 30th October.

8. Uganda Grass Here (*Poelagus marjorita*)

Three were seen on 23rd October on Channel truck in Queen Elizabeth as we drove towards Mweya Safari Lodge.

9. Striped Ground Squirrel (*Xerus erythropus*)

It was recorded on 21st October near Mabamba swamp and again somewhere else.

10. Boehm's Squirrel (*Paraxerus boehmi*)

One of the tiny squirrels, it was recorded on 26th October during the Bigodi swamp walk.

11. Alexander's Squirrel (*Paraxerus alexandri*)

Probably smaller than Boehm's, we were lucky and got it on the last day 30th October at the Royal Mile.

12. Red-legged Sun Squirrel (*Heliosciurus rufobrachium*)

We first saw it at Busingiro on 28th October, then on 29th and 30th October at the Royal Mile.

13. Banded Mongoose (*Mungos mungo*)

One would be unlucky to miss this one at Mweya Safari Lodge. We first saw four crossing the truck near Lake Mburo NP on 22nd October and on 25th October in Queen Elizabeth where some are being researched on.

14. Spotted Hyena (*Crocuta crocuta*)

We first saw this creature on 22nd October in Lake Mburo NP and then got good views of five in a distance of three meters in Queen Elizabeth NP on 24th October during our night drive.

15. Lion (*Panthera Leo*)

We had good views of eight at a distance of about 20 meters, about five kilometers from Mweya Safari Lodge on the Kabatoro road on 24th October.

16. African Elephant (*Loxodonta africana*)

We had close views of these big creatures on 23rd, 24th and 25th October in Queen Elizabeth NP.

17. Burchells Zebra (*Equus burchelli*)

We could have seen more than one hundred in Lake Mburo NP.

18. Hippopotamus (*Hippopotamus amphibius*)

We first saw these creatures in Lake Mburo NP on 22nd October and then again on 24th October in Queen Elizabeth where you find several schools on the banks of Kazinga Channel.

19. Warthog (*Phacochoerus africanus*)

This is a common savannah animal that we saw in Lake Mburo NP and Queen Elizabeth NP from 22nd to 25th October.

20. Buffalo (*Syncerus caffer*)

This vicious looking cow was recorded in Lake Mburo NP and Queen Elizabeth NP from 22nd to 25th October.

21. Bushbuck (*Tragelaphus scriptus*)

This elegant antelope and traditionally my totem, was recorded in Lake Mburo NP and Queen Elizabeth NP from 22nd to 24th October.

22. Oribi (*Ourebia ourebi*)

This tiny antelope was recorded on 28th October at a location near Busingiro.

23. Uganda Kob (*Kobus kob*)

This handsome antelope can be seen in plenty at the Kob lekking (read mating) ground in the Kasenyi area in Queen Elizabeth NP. We could have seen more than 400 hundred of these antelope on 24th and 25th October.

24. Topi (*Damaliscus lunatus*)

This antelope was recorded in good numbers in Lake Mburo NP on 22nd and 23rd October.

25. Defassa Waterbuck (*Kobus ellipsiprymnus*)

This is one beautiful antelope that likes staying near water, we recorded them in Lake Mburo NP and Queen Elizabeth NP from 22nd to 25th October.

26. Impala (*Aepyceros melampus*)

We recorded this close relative of Grant's gazelle in quite big numbers in Lake Mburo NP on 22nd and 23rd October.

27. Nile Crocodile (*Crocodylus niloticus*)

About four of the vicious reptiles were seen along Kazinga Channel in Queen Elizabeth NP.

28. Nile Monitor Lizard (*Varanus niloticus*)

We saw two during our game drives in Queen Elizabeth NP on 24th and 25th October.

29. Blue-headed Agama Lizard (*Acanthocerus atricollis*)

We saw several but one was in close views of four meters in front of us on an acacia tree at Lake Nyamunuka as we enjoyed our breakfast.