

Uganda - Mammals and Mountains

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Elephants



Gorilla



Impala herd



Banded Mongoose



Cob

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Day 1

Friday 15th January

London Heathrow to Entebbe (via Amsterdam Schipol)

Weather: Grey & cold at Heathrow, dry and humid at Entebbe

Four of us departed an icy London Heathrow very early in the morning and met up with David and Helen at Schipol where we boarded our daytime flight to Entebbe. Arriving after dark, we met up with Emmy, our local guide and driver, changed some money and drove the short distance to our hotel, the Boma. We all got an early night.

Day 2

Saturday 16th January

Entebbe to Lake Mburo National Park (Mantana Camp)

Weather: Thunderstorms overnight, clearing, then dry and sunny

We awoke to some heavy showers but these soon cleared. Breakfast on the verandah was soon interrupted by our first bird, a Pied Crow. Packing and preparing to leave became a rather drawn out affair, as the garden was alive with birds including: Splendid Starling, Purple-banded Sunbird, African Hobby, White-browed Robin Chat and Red-eyed Dove.

Hitting the road we had our first glimpse of Lake Victoria, with a shoreline Hamerkop. Once out of the suburbs of Kampala, we had a series of roadside stops including photos at the Equator and views of choice birds, the first of which were a gaggle of stunning Great Blue Turacos (a strong contender for “bird of the trip”). Other birds seen en route included Long-crested Eagle, Speckled Pigeon, Black and White Casqued Hornbill, 2 Wahlberg’s Eagles at a nest and lovely Grey Crowned Cranes.

Entering Lake Mburo National Park, our first mammal of the trip was Impala, closely followed by Olive Baboon. We pressed on to a late lunch at our tented camp (which was interrupted by a fly-past of Lappet-faced Vultures). Lunch was followed by a game drive which gave us views of Burchell’s Zebra, Topi, Defassa Waterbuck, numerous Common Warthogs and an elusive Bohor Reedbuck. A host of birds were also spotted including the very smart Ross’s Turaco, Bare-faced Go-away Bird and the stunning Black-headed Gonolek (which soon became a trip favourite). A fine dinner was followed by an early night.

Day 3

Sunday 17th January

Lake Mburo National Park to Lake Bunyonyi (Nature's Island Camp)

Weather: Sunny intervals, warm

An early start and during the short drive to the shores of Lake Mburo we managed to spot Broad-billed Roller, Green Wood-hoopoe and a fine Double-toothed Barbet. There were also good views of Vervet Monkey (with young). On the lake shore there were Grey Wagtail and Dideric Cuckoo along with Black-headed and Lesser Masked Weavers and magnificent African Fish Eagles. Out on the lake, we were soon amongst large numbers of semi-submerged Hippopotamus and almost immediately spotted the rare and elusive African Finfoot. Other birds amongst the papyrus were Swamp Flycatcher, Slender-billed Weaver and the dainty & dazzling Malachite Kingfisher. Moving to more open areas of the shore, many more birds were to be seen, including numerous African Fish Eagles and Pied Kingfishers, Water Thick-knee, Common Sandpiper, Common Squacco Heron and a rather hidden, Giant Kingfisher.

All too soon it was time to leave the lake and head towards the park exit. We made a small detour to attempt to see Eland but instead got excellent views of Impala, Defassa Waterbuck, Warthog, Bushbuck and a lovely Saddle-billed Stork. Lunch was a buffet where we were able to sample several local dishes (the local peanut sauce proved particularly popular, the matoke - mashed plantain, less so!) and a stop at one of the many roadside fruit markets had us tasting 3 types of local banana. A narrow winding road brought us to Bunyonyi lakeside at sunset and enjoyed a short boat ride to our island based camp.

Day 4

Monday 18th January

Lake Bunyonyi to Buhoma – Gorilla Resort (Bwindi Impenetrable Forest) via Kabale

Weather: Sunny am and early pm, thunderstorms late pm

Another interrupted breakfast on a veranda - this time the culprits were Blue-headed Coucals and Black-lored Babblers. A post-breakfast walk around the island added a fine handful of new birds including Augur Buzzard, Cape Wagtail, Mackinnon's Fiscal, Red-chested Cuckoo and many splendid Red-chested Sunbirds.

Arriving back on the 'mainland' and into bustling lakeside market, we popped into Kabale to post some cards. Outside the Post Office we were charmingly sold a variety of fruit by some enterprising teenagers. Then it was off on the bumpy track to the Bwindi Impenetrable Forest with brief roadside stops to admire the scenery (fascinating steep cultivated terraces and distant views of the Virunga Volcanoes) and the birds (African Stonechat, Black Saw-wing, Pin-tailed Wydah).

Once in the forest we almost immediately stumbled upon a couple of L'Hoests Monkeys, a troupe of Guereza Colobus and a Carruthers' Mountain Squirrel along with a 'hoest' of forest birds which included Chubb's Cisticola, Black-headed Weaver, Cinnamon-breasted Bee-eater and two Black Bee-eaters (Emmys favourite) perched only a few metres away from us close to their nest hole.

Lunch was at a quaint hilltop restaurant and then it was on, skirting the forest, tea plantations and smallholdings full of cabbages and waving children, arriving at the Gorilla Resort in the late afternoon (accompanied by a heavy rain storm). Conversations at dinner were very much centred on the prospect of Gorillas and the day ahead!

Day 5

Tuesday 19th January

Bwindi Impenetrable Forest

Weather: Sunny, overnight thunderstorms

Today was the much-anticipated “Gorilla Day”. Strolling down the bumpy track lined with gorilla-themed curio shops we wondered what experiences lay ahead. At the park entrance we sorted the paperwork and listened to a briefing on what to expect and how to behave. We were split equally into two groups; John, David and Helen (along with 6 others) were allotted to the ‘R’ group, a 19 strong clan, which the previous day had been an easy 30 minute walk away. Sue, Gill and Rob were placed with ‘M’ group of 5 individuals, which required a 15 minute drive and then a predicted hour and a half’s steep trekking.

Some two hours later, on the edge of the forest and with many a precipitous and muddy slope behind us, we saw the first signs of ‘M’ group – a large green poo and then a black shape in a tree. Leaving all but our essentials with our porters we slowly approached and then followed the group as they moved to the forest edge and out into the open. It is hard to convey what the next hour or so with these 5 gentle creatures was like. They did what gorillas do: eat, play, belch and pass wind and we did what we do: watch fascinated and take countless photos and videos. The ‘keep 7m away’ and ‘avoid eye contact’ rules went out of the window as the gorillas approached us and one adult black back (Kanyonyi) decided he wanted to have a feel of Gill’s arm!

Meanwhile ‘R’ group had indeed been a relatively easy 30 minute walk away. They were mostly up in trees in dense forest and John had the dubious honour of being the target for gorilla waste! Back at the briefing point, still somewhat ‘light-headed’ from our excursion, we all received a certificate and were encouraged to spread the word about this amazing experience. We also enjoyed some good views of Black and White Shrike on its nest. Dave headed straight off on a long guided walk through the forest while the rest of us took our time to return to Earth and then, in late afternoon, went on a short bird walk around a self-guided trail and were rewarded with views of Yellow-rumped Tinkerbird, White-tailed Antbird and White-headed Bee-eater, as well as a rather lovely Red-tailed Monkey.

Conversation at dinner was, predictably, largely Gorilla based with everyone agreeing the experience had exceeded all expectations. Our discussions were cut short however by the approach of a thunderstorm and we all dived back to our tents just in time to avoid a complete soaking.

Day 6

Wednesday 20th January

Bwindi Impenetrable Forest

Weather: Sunny am, partly cloudy but dry pm

This morning we split three ways: Dave and Sue were off on a second Gorilla trek to view the 'R' group; Rob, Gill, John and Emmy were off on the long "waterfall walk" through the forest; while Helen was guided around the self-guided trail by Fred (a local guide).

'R' group were in much the same location and up to much the same fascinating activities. The large silverback came down from the trees and gathered his extended family around him, which meant one of the sub adult members had to wander through the onlookers.

The forest on the way to the scenic waterfalls was incredibly beautiful with the sun streaming through the greenery and alive with sound, although the source of the sound was usually deep in the shade and obscured by foliage. We did manage to see a Lüehder's Bush-Shrike, stand right under a stunning Bar-tailed Trogon and avoid standing on the impressive trail of safari ants. The return walk had us surrounded by L'Hoest's Monkeys who seemed quite happy for us to get remarkably close.

Helen also had a close encounter with these monkeys, saw a variety of birds and still had some time to catch up on a good book!

In the afternoon we all re-grouped for a community based 'Village Walk.' We started by finding out how the local banana juice, beer (or wine) and gin are made and had a taste of each (the gin appeared to go down best!). Then we spoke with the local healer (sporting a jaunty goat skin hat and bib) who seemed to have a wilted plant available to treat most ailments but wasn't averse to sending patients he couldn't treat to the local hospital (where he also works). After dancing with the Batwa (Pygmies), we visited the hospital and had an insight into how healthcare works in this part of the world. It was encouraging to see how the local community were benefiting from the cash generated by the neighbouring gorillas.

Day 7

Thursday 21st January

Bwindi Impenetrable Forest to Queen Elizabeth National Park (Mweya Lodge)

Leaving the Impenetrable Forest, we headed north and drove through numerous villages where we saw local activities such as threshing millet, drying maize and brick making. A stop for fuel at Kahihi took a little longer than expected when the attendant broke the van's ignition key but typically for Africa there was a solution at hand – the broken section was extracted and another one cut within an hour!

We were soon in the Queen Elizabeth National Park observing our first Elephants and Uganda Kob - both very numerous. The southern end of the park (Ishasha) is also famous for its tree climbing Lions. They prefer fig trees and, given the paucity of fig trees in this area, it was not long before we found one lion some 3m up a rather bare tree doing what lions do very well....very little.

Lunch was a picnic by a river overlooking the Democratic Republic of Congo on the opposite bank and in the company of Giant Forest Hog (glimpsed), Hippos (including a memorable very young calf) and Guereza Colobus. Birds for the day were plentiful and highlights were Palm Nut Vulture, Black-shouldered Kite, Martial Eagle, Grey-Crowned Cranes (with young), Violet-backed Starling, Southern Red Bishop and a cracking Verreaux's Eagle Owl.

We approached the Mweya Safari Lodge (our accommodation for the next three nights) late in the afternoon. A head in the long grass to our left turned out to be a female Leopard with two well grown cubs. Emmy crept the van up and down the track to get quite reasonable views of these elusive cats for a good five minutes before they disappeared into the undergrowth. Arriving elated, we scribbled our sighting onto the sightings board, settled into our rooms and thoroughly enjoyed our buffet dinner and the luxury of the lodge.

Day 8

Friday 22nd January

Queen Elizabeth National Park

Weather: Sunny am, showers around lunch, dry but cloudy pm

Pre-dawn, it was a wake-up coffee and muffins and then into the Land Cruiser ready for gate opening at 06.30. As the sun rose and the day warmed we watched numerous vultures flying in to some of the distinctive Candelabra Euphorbias, mostly White-backed but the odd Hooded amongst them. Plenty of other birdlife greeted the dawn too, including the some would say rather 'brown' Grassland Pipit, Red-naped Lark and Zitting Cisticola and the not so 'brown' Yellow-throated Longclaw and White-throated Bee-eater.

A packed breakfast was taken at a scenic spot overlooking a soda lake circled by a Montague's Harrier. Then it was off and a distant view of a lion in a thicket. Other wildlife seen included a Common Quail and a Yellow-winged Bat along with many Buffalo, Elephants and Kob.

Lunch was on the lodge veranda with Yellow-backed and Slender-billed Weavers at the bird table and Swamp Flycatchers clearing our crumbs. After a siesta, it was a short drive down to the landing stage and an incredible two hour boat trip along the Kazinga Channel between Lake Edward and Lake George. Within minutes it was clear that this experience was to be the second major highlight of the holiday. The variety of life was hugely impressive; at one point we were encircled by Hippos in the water, with more Hippos, Buffalo and Nile Crocodiles on the shore, whilst above us wheeled hundreds of Gull-billed Terns and African Skimmers. Also scattered all along the shore were Yellow-billed Storks, African Spoonbills, Little Egrets, Black-winged Stilts and Common, Wood and Marsh Sandpipers. As we chugged slowly up the shoreline there were more birds to enjoy: Kittlitz's, Ringed and Three-banded Plover and Malachite and African Dwarf Kingfisher, along with countless Pied Kingfishers. There were also several Elephants taking a drink, a large Nile Monitor, a troupe of Vervet Monkeys and yet more Hippos and Buffalo. At the far end of the channel was another bird overload to marvel at. Here, a huge throng of Great Cormorants were joined by strolling Maribou and Yellow-billed Storks and a scattering of Pink-backed and Great White Pelican, Sacred Ibis and Grey-headed and Lesser Black-backed Gulls. Just before the end of this incredible ride we spotted a Goliath Heron, which flew off across the front of the boat.

Returning to the landing stage, Emmy suggested there was just time to seek out some nightjars near the lodge – so we did and were rewarded with views of African White-tailed (Swamp) and Gabon (Square-tailed) Nightjars. We were also joined by a family of around 20 very friendly and entertaining Banded Mongoose - another highlight of the trip for at least one member of the group! Pre-dinner drinks in the bar were in the company of the regular visitors - a Swamp Flycatcher and a chunky "miscellaneous" bat.

Day 9

Saturday 23rd January

Queen Elizabeth National Park

Weather: Sunny

A second pre-dawn coffee and muffins and out before dawn. The sunrise was stunning but the wildlife a touch sparse, although we saw plenty of Uganda Kob and Buffalo along with several Black-bellied Bustards, Red-chested Swallows, Holub's Golden Weaver, Black Headed Gonolek (always a pleasure) and had time to have a good long look at (and listen to) several Cisticolas including Zitting, Stout and Siffling! An unusual spot was a large African Rock Python.

Breakfast was again overlooking the soda lake. This was followed by a quick drive around a fishing village, one of a handful that is allowed to continue fishing, but not grow crops, within the park – clearly a hard life. The drive back to the lodge was punctuated by a herd of Elephant (including a tiny youngster) crossing the road, a Hippo (unusually out in the day and which took offence to our van and thought about charging) and a young Spitting Cobra that also briefly 'threatened' our van.

Lunch and a short siesta and/or swim were followed by a very scenic drive around the edges of several 'explosion craters', some lined with woodland, some with grassland, some swamp and some water-filled. As well as great views of a relatively tame Blue-Headed Agame, lots of new birds were seen, including African Crake, African Hoopoe, Black-crowned Tchagra, Black-headed Oriole, Northern Black Flycatcher, Grey Woodpecker and Red-shouldered Cuckoo Shrike.

In the evening we all celebrated Dave's birthday and enjoyed sharing his birthday cake!

Day 10

Sunday 24th January

Queen Elizabeth National Park to Kibale (Ndali Lodge)

Weather: Light rain am, sunny intervals pm

A leisurely and expansive buffet breakfast at the Lodge was followed by a final stroll around the grounds. The nightjars were again seen, along with Wire-tailed Swallow, Grey-backed Cameroptera and Yellow-fronted Canary. Then it was time to hit the road again (but not before the Banded Mongoose family had come to say goodbye). As the first part of the journey was through the National Park, there was still plenty to see including a shy Bushbuck that stood still long enough for us to admire its spots. The Pallid Harrier was probably the top bird spot, followed by the Lizard Buzzard, with the Winding Cisticola probably third....? Leaving the Park we stopped for photos as we crossed the equator for the second time. Other quick stops included one to sample the local peanuts and to photo a man with a bike unfeasibly laden with bananas.

We arrived at Ndali Lodge, with its scenic views (the Rwenzori Mountains to one side and Crater Lake Nyinambuga to the other) to be greeted by the owner, Aubrey in time for a late lunch.

After a delicious lunch and short rest to admire the many birds in the garden including Cinnamon-chested Bee-eater., we had an afternoon walk down to and around the hotel plantation which mainly grows vanilla but also avocado, cocoa, coffee, guava, eucalyptus and has some native forest. The complex process of vanilla production was explained to us and we saw a fair few birds including African White-eye, Dark Blue Flycatcher, Great Blue Turaco, Little Sparrowhawk and some lovely views of an African Paradise Flycatcher that we followed up the hill and an Eastern Grey Plantain-eater. On returning, well-earned sundowners were taken watching the sun set and thunder storms over the Rwenzoris. Supper was a candle-lit affair in the amazing lodge joined by a number of other travellers with interesting tales to tell.

Day 11

Monday 25th January

Kibale

Weather: Sunny am, partly cloudy pm

“Chimp Day”! After a fine early breakfast we had a slippery drive to Kibale National Park (ticking off Crested Guineafowl on the way). On arrival at the park HQ, we had a briefing and then the six of us and our local guide, Ronald, set off back up the track to search for the Chimps. Some half an hour into the walk (including having stopped admire Black Bee-eater, Yellow-billed Barbet, Red-tailed Monkey, Central African Red Colobus and Grey-cheeked Mangabey) we detoured into the forest and within minutes we were ensconced under a large fig tree sporting a large group of Chimps, of which we could see about a dozen. As with the Gorillas, we spent about an hour watching the chimps go about their business, which largely consisted of lying around, picking and eating the occasional choice fig (Roman dignitary like), scratching, and grooming each other. After some time it became clear the Chimps weren’t about to move so we took a short trek through the dense undergrowth to see if there were other members of the group in another fig tree nearby. Having confirmed that all the family were in that one tree, we returned in time to hear them starting to move off and were treated to some very loud vocalizations.

We wandered back to the park HQ, and tucked into our packed lunches in the small café. Then a short walk through the forest. As always, forest bird-watching proved challenging, especially given the time of day, but most got good views of Hairy-breasted Barbet, Green Hylia and Yellowbill. Afterwards we returned to Ndali Lodge, where we all relaxed and had a well earned rest/swim/read before another display of storms and sunset over the Rwenzori and another candlelit dinner.

Day 12

Tuesday 26th January

Kibale to Entebbe

Weather: Sunny, warm and humid

Today it was time for the long drive back to Entebbe, though with a few stops on the way. As the road cut through a small corner of the Kibale National Park, we stopped by a river and were rewarded with some cracking views of 5 monkey species - Central African Red Colobus, Guereza Colobus, Grey-cheeked Mangabey, Gentle (Blue) Monkey and Red-tailed Monkey.

Picnic lunch was under a shady acacia on the edge of a wetland but there were surprisingly few birds to see. We arrived at Entebbe with plenty of time to refresh ourselves at a hotel, add a few final excellent bird sightings (Double toothed-barbet and Eastern Grey Plantain-eater) and a mammal - Egyptian Fruit Bat to the list and have a final drink/meal together as a group.

Saying goodbye to Emmy at the airport was somewhat emotional as we had become such a close group ("his Naturetrek family") and had had such an amazing time together.

Our overnight flight left a touch late and at least some of us managed to get some sleep.

Day 13

Wednesday 27th January

London Heathrow (via Amsterdam Schipol)

Weather: Grey

Sadly, this was the end of our excellent trip. We bade each other farewell and made our ways home, each of us with very fond memories of the people, scenery and wildlife that make Uganda such an African gem.

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Species Lists

Mammals (H = heard only)

	Common name	Scientific name	Date												
			16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	
1	Chimpanzee	<i>Pan troglodytes</i>										10			
2	Mountain Gorilla	<i>Gorilla gorilla beringei</i>				24	17								
3	Central African Red Colobus	<i>Piliocolobus oustaleti</i>										20		12	
4	Guereza Colobus	<i>Colobus guereza</i>			12			10				4		6	
5	Olive Baboon	<i>Papio anubis</i>	40	40				20		2	1	1			
6	Grey-cheeked Mangabey	<i>Lophocebus albigena</i>										6		1	
7	Vervet Monkey	<i>Cercopithecus (a.) pygerythrus</i>	12	20				✓	✓	2					
8	L'Hoest's Monkey	<i>Cercopithecus (l'h.) l'hoesti</i>			2		16					1			
9	Gentle (Blue) Monkey	<i>Cercopithecus mitis</i>												4	
10	Red-tailed Monkey	<i>Cercopithecus (c.) ascanius</i>				1						1		1	
11	Egyptian Fruit Bat	<i>Rousettus aegyptiacus</i>												1	
12	A Fruit Bat	-									4				
13	Yellow-winged Bat	<i>Lavia frons</i>							1						
14	Carruthers' Mountain Squirrel	<i>Funisciurus carruthersi</i>			4		1								
15	Banded Mongoose	<i>Mungos mungo</i>								20		14			
16	Leopard	<i>Panthera pardus</i>							3						
17	Lion	<i>Panthera leo</i>	H						1	1					
18	African Elephant	<i>Loxodonta africana</i>					40	12	13	13					
19	Burchell's Zebra	<i>Equus quagga</i>	8	4											
20	Hippopotamus	<i>Hippopotamus amphibius</i>		20+			40+	100+	12						
21	Giant Hog	<i>Hylochoerus meinertzhageni</i>					1								
22	Common Warthog	<i>Phacochoerus africanus</i>	20	15			15	15	20	5					
23	African Buffalo	<i>Syncerus caffer</i>	15				200+	100+	40	20					
24	Bushbuck	<i>Tragelaphus scriptus</i>	1	2						1					
25	Bohor Reedbuck	<i>Redunca redunca</i>	1												
26	Uganda Kob	<i>Kobus kob thomasi</i>						200+	✓	✓	✓				
27	Defassa Waterbuck	<i>Kobus ellipsiprymnus defassa</i>	20	20				20	20	✓					
28	Impala	<i>Aepyceros melampus</i>	50	50											
29	Topi	<i>Damaliscus lunatus</i>	8					4							

Birds (H = heard only)

	Common name	Scientific name	Date										
			16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
1	Great White Pelican	<i>Pelecanus onocrotalus</i>								20			
2	Pink-backed Pelican	<i>Pelecanus rufescens</i>								40	1		
3	Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>								100+			
4	Long-tailed Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax africanus</i>								2			
5	Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	20	20						6	15	10	4
6	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	2	15						3	1		1
7	Common Squacco Heron	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>		4				1	10				
8	Green-backed Heron	<i>Butorides striata</i>		1									
9	Intermediate Egret	<i>Ardea intermedia</i>		3						7	1		
10	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>								8			
11	Goliath Heron	<i>Ardea goliath</i>								1			
12	Black-headed Heron	<i>Ardea melanocephala</i>	4	5	2		1	2	2	1	1		1
13	Hamerkop	<i>Scopus umbretta</i>	4	6				6	12	2	1		1
14	Woolly-necked Stork	<i>Ciconia episcopus</i>		1									
15	Saddle-billed Stork	<i>Ephippiorhynchus senegalensis</i>		1						1	1		
16	Marabou Stork	<i>Leptoptilos crumeniferus</i>	50+	15				5	5	4	3		15
17	African Open-billed Stork	<i>Anastomus lamelligerus</i>						10			2		1
18	Yellow-billed Stork	<i>Mycteria ibis</i>	1							10	3		
19	Sacred Ibis	<i>Threskiornis aethiopicus</i>	4	4				4	6	7			
20	Hadada Ibis	<i>Bostrychia hagedash</i>	2	5	2			1	7		2		2
21	African Spoonbill	<i>Platalea alba</i>								9			
22	Egyptian Goose	<i>Alopochen aegyptiacus</i>	1	1						20	3		
23	Black-shouldered Kite	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>	1					1	1				
24	Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>	40+	40+	2						2		7
25	Hooded Vulture	<i>Necrosyrtes monachus</i>								6	1		1
26	African White-backed Vulture	<i>Gyps africanus</i>								40+	4		
27	Lappet-faced Vulture	<i>Torgos tracheliotus</i>								2			
28	White-headed Vulture	<i>Trigonoceps occipitalis</i>									1		
29	Short-toed Snake Eagle	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>											
30	Black-chested Snake Eagle	<i>Circaetus pectoralis</i>								1			
31	Brown Snake Eagle	<i>Circaetus cinereus</i>									1		
32	Bateleur	<i>Terathopius ecaudatus</i>		2					1	4	3		
33	African Harrier Hawk	<i>Polyboroides typus</i>							1				1

	Common name	Scientific name	Date										
			16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
34	Pallid Harrier	<i>Circus macrourus</i>										1	
35	Montagu's Harrier	<i>Circus pygargus</i>								4	4		
36	African Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus ranivorus</i>	1								2		2
37	Eurasian Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>	1	1					2	2	3		
38	Gabar Goshawk	<i>Micronisus gabar</i>									1		
39	Little Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter minullus</i>										1	
40	Lizard Buzzard	<i>Kaupifalco monogrammicus</i>							1			1	
41	Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>								1			
42	Augur Buzzard	<i>Buteo augur</i>	1		4								
43	African Fish Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus vocifer</i>	1	30+					2	13	1	2	
44	Palm-nut Vulture	<i>Gypohierax angolensis</i>							1		2		
45	Wahlberg's Eagle	<i>Aquila wahlbergi</i>	2	1					2	1			
46	African Hawk-Eagle	<i>Aquila spilogaster</i>							1				
47	Long-crested Eagle	<i>Lophaetus occipitalis</i>	3	1					2		1	1	3
48	Martial Eagle	<i>Polemaetus bellicosus</i>							1				1
49	African Hobby	<i>Falco cuvierii</i>	1										
50	Grey Kestrel	<i>Falco ardosiaceus</i>	1	1						1		1	
51	Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>									1		
52	Common Quail	<i>Coturnix coturnix</i>								1	1		
53	Red-necked Spurfowl	<i>Francolinus afer</i>	2	1					✓	✓	✓	✓	
54	Helmeted Guineafowl	<i>Numida meleagris</i>											
55	Crested Guineafowl	<i>Guttera pucherani</i>											4
56	White-spotted Flufftail	<i>Sarothrura pulchra</i>											H
57	Red-chested Flufftail	<i>Sarothrura rufa</i>											
58	African Crake	<i>Crecopsis egregia</i>									2		
59	Black Crake	<i>Amaurornis flavirostris</i>	1							7			
60	Grey Crowned Crane	<i>Balearica regulorum</i>	8	4	2				3				2
61	African Finfoot	<i>Podica senegalensis</i>		3									
62	Black-bellied Bustard	<i>Lissotis melanogaster</i>								1	8		
63	African Jacana	<i>Actophilornis africanus</i>	2							9			
64	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>	3	1						14	4		
65	Water Thick-knee	<i>Burhinus vermiculatus</i>		6					2	19		1	
66	Temminck's Courser	<i>Cursorius temminckii</i>								6			
67	Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>								4			

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68	Kittlitz's Plover	<i>Charadrius pecuarius</i>								2				
69	Three-banded Plover	<i>Charadrius tricollaris</i>	1											
70	Long-toed Lapwing	<i>Vanellus crassirostris</i>	4											
71	Spur-winged Lapwing	<i>Vanellus spinosus</i>								25	5			
72	Senegal Lapwing	<i>Vanellus lugubris</i>								15	15			
73	Crowned Lapwing	<i>Vanellus coronatus</i>							2					
74	African Wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus senegallus</i>	2	2					6	5	5			
75	Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>								1				
76	Curlew Sandpiper	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>								14				
77	Ruff	<i>Philomachus pugnax</i>								1				
78	Common Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>							1					
79	African Snipe	<i>Gallinago nigripennis</i>								1				
80	Black-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa limosa</i>								2				
81	Marsh Sandpiper	<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>	2							6				
82	Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>	1							12	1			
83	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>		2						14	1			
84	Lesser Black-backed Gull	<i>Larus fuscus</i>								100+				
85	Grey-headed Gull	<i>Larus cirrocephalus</i>								100+				
86	Gull-billed Tern	<i>Sterna nilotica</i>								100+				
87	African Skimmer	<i>Rynchops flavirostris</i>								100+				
88	African Green Pigeon	<i>Treron calva</i>		1										
89	Blue-spotted Wood Dove	<i>Turtur afer</i>							18					
90	Emerald-spotted Wood Dove	<i>Turtur chalcospilos</i>	4	2										
91	Speckled Pigeon	<i>Columba guinea</i>	2	2										
92	Red-eyed Dove	<i>Streptopelia semitorquata</i>	20+	✓	✓				✓	✓		✓		
93	African Mourning Dove	<i>Streptopelia decipiens</i>							2	6				
94	Ring-necked Dove	<i>Streptopelia capicola</i>	4	✓					✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
95	Laughing Dove	<i>Streptopelia senegalensis</i>								1	1			
96	Brown Parrot	<i>Poicephalus meyeri</i>		2										
97	Red-headed Lovebird	<i>Agapornis pullarius</i>	2											
98	Great Blue Turaco	<i>Corythaecola cristata</i>	8		2			1				4		8
99	Ross's Turaco	<i>Musophaga rossae</i>	1	3										
100	Black-billed Turaco	<i>Tauraco schuettii</i>						H						
101	Bare-faced Go-away-bird	<i>Corythaixoides personatus</i>	5	4					1					

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102	Eastern Grey Plantain-eater	<i>Crinifer zonurus</i>										1		2
103	Levaillant's Cuckoo	<i>Clamator levaillantii</i>		1					1					
104	Black Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus clamosus</i>			H	H								
105	Red-chested Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus solitarius</i>			1			1						
106	Dusky Long-tailed Cuckoo	<i>Cercococcyx mechowi</i>					H	H						
107	African Emerald Cuckoo	<i>Chrysococcyx cupreus</i>									H			
108	Dideric Cuckoo	<i>Chrysococcyx caprius</i>		1										
109	Yellowbill	<i>Ceuthmochares aereus</i>										1		
110	White-browed Coucal	<i>Centropus superciliosus</i>	1	1					4	6	12	4		
111	Black Coucal	<i>Centropus grillii</i>							2		4			
112	Blue-headed Coucal	<i>Centropus monachus</i>			2									
113	Verreaux's Eagle-Owl	<i>Bubo lacteus</i>							1	2				
114	African White-tailed (Swamp) Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus natalensis</i>								1		1		
115	Gabon (Square-tailed) Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus fossii</i>								3	2	1		
116	Slender-tailed Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus clarus</i>												
117	White-rumped Swift	<i>Apus caffer</i>							20	20		✓		✓
118	Little Swift	<i>Apus affinis</i>	30						20			✓		
119	African Palm Swift	<i>Cypsiurus parvus</i>												1
120	Speckled Mousebird	<i>Colius striatus</i>	7		15				✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
121	Blue-naped Mousebird	<i>Urocolius macrourus</i>							6		12			
122	Narina Trogon	<i>Apaloderma narina</i>	1											
123	Bar-tailed Trogon	<i>Apaloderma vittatum</i>						5						
124	Grey-headed Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon leucocephala</i>								1	1			
125	Woodland Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon senegalensis</i>	2	4						1	1	1		
126	Striped Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon chelicuti</i>	4	2										
127	Malachite Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo cristata</i>		4						12				
128	African Pygmy Kingfisher	<i>Ispidina picta</i>								3				
129	Giant Kingfisher	<i>Megaceryle maxima</i>		1										
130	Pied Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle rudis</i>	2	20	5				40+	100+	1			2
131	Eurasian Bee-eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>												
132	Blue-cheeked Bee-eater	<i>Merops persicus</i>		8										
133	Madagascar (Olive) Bee-eater	<i>Merops superciliosus</i>	4								3	2	4	
134	White-throated Bee-eater	<i>Merops albicollis</i>				5			2	2	2			
135	Black Bee-eater	<i>Merops gularis</i>			2								1	

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136	Little Bee-eater	<i>Merops pusillus</i>							2	4	2			
137	Cinnamon-chested Bee-eater	<i>Merops oreobates</i>		25								2		3
138	Lilac-breasted Roller	<i>Coracias caudata</i>	5											
139	Broad-billed Roller	<i>Eurystomus glaucurus</i>		4										
140	African Hoopoe	<i>Upupa aficana</i>								2				
141	Green Wood-Hoopoe	<i>Phoeniculus purpureus</i>		4							3			
142	Crowned Hornbill	<i>Tockus alboterminatus</i>	2											1
143	African Grey Hornbill	<i>Tockus nasutus</i>	2	5					1					
144	Black & white casqued Hornbill	<i>Ceratogymna subcylindricus</i>	1						1					3
145	Yellow-rumped Tinkerbird	<i>Pogoniulus bilineatus</i>				2							1	
146	Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird	<i>Pogoniulus chrysoconus</i>				1								
147	Yellow-spotted Barbet	<i>Buccanodon duchaillui</i>											1	
148	Hairy-breasted Barbet	<i>Tricholaema hirsuta</i>											3	
149	Spot-flanked Barbet	<i>Tricholaema lachrymosa</i>	1	1										
150	Double-toothed Barbet	<i>Lybius bidentatus</i>		2						1				2
151	Lesser Honeyguide	<i>Indicator minor</i>										1		
152	Nubian Woodpecker	<i>Campethera nubica</i>	1						1					
153	Grey Woodpecker	<i>Dendropicos goertae</i>									1			
154	Rufous-naped Lark	<i>Mirafra africana</i>							1	13	12			
155	Flappet Lark	<i>Mirafra rufocinnamomea</i>									15	10		
156	Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>							10					
157	Wire-tailed Swallow	<i>Hirundo smithii</i>								2		1		
158	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
159	Angola Swallow	<i>Hirundo angolensis</i>		1				✓	✓	✓				
160	Mosque Swallow	<i>Hirundo senegalensis</i>								2				2
161	Rufous-chested Swallow	<i>Hirundo semirufa</i>									2			
162	Lesser Striped-Swallow	<i>Hirundo abyssinica</i>		20					2					
163	White-headed Saw-wing	<i>Psalidoprocne albiceps</i>		3										
164	Black Saw-wing	<i>Psalidoprocne holomelas</i>			6	12	4							
165	African Pied Wagtail	<i>Motacilla aguimp</i>	2	2	1	4	5	6	2	1	2	4	2	
166	Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>		1										
167	Cape Wagtail	<i>Motacilla capensis</i>			1									
168	Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>						18	✓	✓	✓			✓
169	Grassland Pipit	<i>Anthus cinnamomeus</i>								4	12			

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170	Yellow-throated Longclaw	<i>Macronyx croceus</i>								40	20	10		
171	Slender-billed Greenbul	<i>Andropadus gracilirostris</i>				1								
172	Cabanis's Greenbul	<i>Phyllastrephus cabanisi</i>					1							
173	Common Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus barbatus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
174	Black-lored Babbler	<i>Turdoides sharpei</i>			4									
175	Arrow-marked Babbler	<i>Turdoides jardineii</i>									1			
176	White-browed Robin-Chat	<i>Cossypha heuglini</i>	1		1			4	5	6	6			
177	Blue-shouldered Robin-Chat	<i>Cossypha cyanocampter</i>				H							H	
178	Red-throated Alethe	<i>Alethe poliophrys</i>					H							
179	White-tailed Ant Thrush	<i>Neocossyphus poensis</i>				1								
180	African Stonechat	<i>Saxicola axillaris</i>			1									1
181	Whinchat	<i>Saxicola rubetra</i>						1	1	10	2			
182	Isabelline Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe isabellina</i>							1					
183	Sooty Chat	<i>Myrmecocichla nigra</i>	2	1				20	20	6	12			5
184	Olive Thrush	<i>Turdus olivaceus</i>			1		1							
185	African Thrush	<i>Turdus pelios</i>					1	2			1			1
186	African Dusky Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa adusta</i>					2	1						
187	Swamp Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa aquatica</i>		3						20+	6	15		
188	Cassin's Grey Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa cassini</i>												1
189	Dusky-blue Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa comitata</i>									1			
190	White-eyed Slaty Flycatcher	<i>Melaenornis fischeri</i>				1								
191	Northern Black Flycatcher	<i>Melaenornis edolioides</i>								1	1			
192	African Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus baeticatus</i>							2					
193	Red-faced Woodland Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus laetus</i>						2						
194	Green Hylia	<i>Hylia prasina</i>											1	
195	Black-faced Rufous Warbler	<i>Bathmocercus rufus</i>					1							
196	African Moustached Warbler	<i>Melocichla mentalis</i>												
197	Broad-tailed Warbler	<i>Schoenicola brevirostris</i>								2	2			
198	Trilling Cisticola	<i>Cisticola woosnami</i>	1	1										
199	Chubb's Cisticola	<i>Cisticola chubbi</i>			2									
200	Winding Cisticola	<i>Cisticola galactotes</i>									1			
201	Stout Cisticola	<i>Cisticola robustus</i>								4				
202	Croaking Cisticola	<i>Cisticola natalensis</i>						1	1					
203	Siffling Cisticola	<i>Cisticola brachypterus</i>						1		2				

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204	Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>								4	1			
205	Tawny-flanked Prinia	<i>Prinia subflava</i>									1			
206	White-chinned Prinia	<i>Prinia leucopogon</i>				1	1							
207	Grey-backed Camaroptera	<i>Camaroptera brachyura</i>										1		
208	Yellow White-eye	<i>Zosterops senegalensis</i>										2		
209	White-tailed Blue Flycatcher	<i>Elminia albicauda</i>			3	2	1							
210	African Paradise Flycatcher	<i>Terpsiphone viridis</i>										2		
211	African Shrike-flycatcher	<i>Megabyas flammulatus</i>											1	
212	Black-and-white Flycatcher	<i>Bias musicus</i>				2							1	
213	Common Wattle-eye	<i>Platysteira cyanea</i>								1				
214	Mackinnon's Fiscal	<i>Lanius mackinnoni</i>			4									
215	Grey-backed Fiscal	<i>Lanius excubitoroides</i>		5					7	10	10			
216	Common Fiscal	<i>Lanius collaris</i>							2		8	2	1	
217	Black-crowned Tchagra	<i>Tchagra senegala</i>									1			
218	Marsh Tchagra	<i>Tchagra minuta</i>										1		
219	Sulphur-breasted Bush-Shrike	<i>Telophorus sulfureopectus</i>		1										
220	Lüehder's Bush-Shrike	<i>Laniarius luehderi</i>					1							
221	Tropical Boubou	<i>Laniarius aethiopicus</i>		1										1
222	Black-headed Gonolek	<i>Laniarius erythrogaster</i>	2							2	4	4		
223	Papyrus Gonolek	<i>Laniarius mufumbiri</i>		H										
224	Red-shouldered Cuckoo-Shrike	<i>Campephaga phoenicea</i>									1			
225	Common Drongo	<i>Dicrurus adsimilis</i>	1	4					✓	✓	✓			✓
226	Black-headed Oriole	<i>Oriolus larvatus</i>									1			
227	Pied Crow	<i>Corvus albus</i>	20	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
228	White-naped Raven	<i>Corvus albicollis</i>		3										
229	Splendid Starling	<i>Lamprotornis splendidus</i>	1	1										
230	Rüppell's Long-tailed Starling	<i>Lamprotornis purpuropterus</i>	30	✓					✓	✓	✓	✓		
231	Violet-backed Starling	<i>Cinnyricinclus leucogaster</i>							6					
232	Yellow-billed Oxpecker	<i>Buphagus africanus</i>							5	10				
233	Green Sunbird	<i>Anthreptes rectirostris</i>					1							
234	Green-headed Sunbird	<i>Cyanomitra verticalis</i>					1					2		
235	Scarlet-chested Sunbird	<i>Chalcomitra senegalensis</i>					1					1		1
236	Variable Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris venustus</i>			1	1								
237	Olive-bellied Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris chloropygius</i>			1	1								

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238	Purple-banded Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris bifasciatus</i>	1										
239	Red-chested Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris erythrocerca</i>			6					15	3	4	
240	Bronze Sunbird	<i>Nectarinia kilimensis</i>			2	1						1	
241	Grey-headed Sparrow	<i>Passer griseus</i>	4	✓				✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
242	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>		2									
243	Compact Weaver	<i>Pachyphantes superciliosus</i>									1		
244	Baglafaecht Weaver	<i>Ploceus baglafaecht</i>											1
245	Slender-billed Weaver	<i>Ploceus pelzelni</i>		1						20	10	5	
246	Black-necked Weaver	<i>Ploceus nigricollis</i>				1							
247	Holub's Golden Weaver	<i>Ploceus xanthops</i>						1		1			
248	Brown-throated Weaver	<i>Ploceus castanops</i>											4
249	Yellow-backed Weaver	<i>Ploceus melanocephalus</i>			1					100+	✓	✓	
250	Lesser Masked Weaver	<i>Ploceus intermedius</i>		2									
251	Black-headed Weaver	<i>Ploceus cucullatus</i>		40+	20							20	
252	Vieillot's Black Weaver	<i>Ploceus nigerrimus</i>			20			2				100+	✓
253	Red-headed Weaver	<i>Anaplectes rubriceps</i>		1									✓
254	Red-billed Quelea	<i>Quelea quelea</i>								2	1	3	
255	Black Bishop	<i>Euplectes gierowii</i>										1	
256	Southern Red Bishop	<i>Euplectes orix</i>						1		1			
257	Yellow Bishop	<i>Euplectes capensis</i>			1								
258	Fan-tailed Widowbird	<i>Euplectes axillaris</i>	2	2	2								
259	Red-billed Firefinch	<i>Lagonosticta senegala</i>				2							
260	African Firefinch	<i>Lagonosticta rubricata</i>								13	12		5
261	Yellow-bellied Waxbill	<i>Estrilda quartinia</i>			1								
262	Common Waxbill	<i>Estrilda astrild</i>										3	
263	Bronze Mannikin	<i>Spermestes cucullatus</i>								2	3		
264	Black-and-white Mannikin	<i>Spermestes bicolor</i>			1								
265	Pin-tailed Whydah	<i>Vidua macroura</i>			2							2	
266	Yellow-fronted Canary	<i>Serinus mozambicus</i>									6	2	
267	Streaky Seedeater	<i>Serinus striolatus</i>		1									

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African Rock Python	<i>Python sebae</i>								1			
A Spitting Cobra	<i>Naja sp.</i>				1				1			
Blue-headed Agama	<i>Acanthocerus atricollis</i>				1				1	4	2	1
Nile Monitor	<i>Varanus niloticus</i>							3	1			
Nile Crocodile	<i>Crocodylus niloticus</i>							20				