

# **Birding Safari to the Usambaras, Ulugurus, Udzungwas and Selous Game Reserve**

## **Tanzania**

**With**

**SANDWICH BIRD TOURS**

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and Sven Liebchen and Niven from Authentic Tanzania

### Day 1: ARRIVAL 20 Sept

We left Sandwich at 04.30 for London Heathrow for our 10.20 flight to Nairobi. All went smoothly until we got to Nairobi where we discovered we were not on the manifest for the flight to Dar es Salaam. However we got it sorted and arrived on time at our final destination.

Arrived Dar es Salaam KQ6719 from Nairobi at 2315 and were met by a couple of taxi drivers who took us to the Palm Beach Hotel where we quickly checked in and were shown to our rooms. Despite the anticipation of the next few days to come I think most of dozed off very quickly.

### Day 2. 21 September

Up for breakfast for 7.30 after which we met Sven our guide for the tour and Niven our other driver. We left the hotel just after 8 in two safari landrovers for Lushoto. Birds en route were African Golden Weavers, Mottled Swift, Mottled Spinetail, juvenile Bateleur and Wahlberg's Eagle.

A long journey of about 6 hours broken by a nice lunch somewhere along the road where we found a small colony of Black-headed Weavers and a small group of Red-billed Queleas.

We eventually arrived at Mullers Lodge in the Usambara Mountains. After checking in and dumping our luggage in our comfortable rooms we managed a little birding in the grounds. Birds noted included Yellow-fronted Canary, Black Flycatcher, African Grey Flycatcher, Cardinal Woodpecker, Cabanis's Bunting, Eastern Double-collared and Miombo Double-collared Sunbird, Black Cuckooshrike and White-naped Ravens.

Mullers Lodge is a very nice modern lodge set in large manicured grounds. Food good, facilities excellent, all en-suite and also known as Little Switzerland. Recommended as a nice place to stay for a

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couple days. Friendly and efficient staff.

#### Day 2. 22 Sept

After an early night we got up just before 5am in time for a 5.30 breakfast. It was a cloudy morning as we set off in our two landrovers which are going to be our transport for the trip. We drove into the Magamba Forest Reserve and started birding. It was very quiet for the first two hours and I wondered if we had come to the right place. However by about 8 o'clock we started seeing some birds. It was all extremely frustrating and quite difficult as it appeared that our guides were not really geared up to a full-on birding tour. Sven had hired a birdguide, a nice lad called Steven but he did not know really know anything about birds. It looked like we were on our own. Fine, but we don't know any of the calls or songs and most forest species do not sit out in the open. No tapes either.

Nevertheless we managed a few nice species such a perched juv Long-crested Eagle, African Tailorbird, some Weavers and the same sunbirds as yesterday. A Greater Honeyguide put in appearance, some Black Sawwings, a few Cinnamon-breasted Bee-eaters, and a few other bits and pieces. A group of about 4 Blue Monkeys were a nice bonus but unfortunately only half the group saw them.

Got back for lunch at about 12.30. A short siesta and out again for another forest walk at 3 o'clock. Birds of interest included 3 Plain Martins amongst the Red-rumped Swallows, White-tailed Crested Flycatchers, a couple of Trumpeter Hornbills, an African Harrier Hawk, another Wahlberg's Eagle and two Usambara Thrushes, which is a recent split from Olive Thrush which some of us have seen in West Africa.

#### Day 3: 23 Sept

Road transfer to Amani Reserve (approx 5 hours). Overnight at Emau Hill

Arrived about lunchtime at this beautiful lodge set in the forest where we were greeted by our hosts Pia and Steven and Martin our guide for our stay here. Happily he has been persuaded to join us for the rest of the trip which will be a great relieve to us and Sven as well. He may well become part of the Authentic Tanzania team in the future. Birds all around including Silvery-cheeked Hornbills, Pin-tailed Whydahs in plumage, White-eared Barbets, Sunbirds included Amani, Banded Green, Usambara Violet-backed and Olive, whilst Half-collared and Brown-hooded Kingfishers were also seen well. Little Greenbul was found but the star of the show were two pairs of Crowned Eagles.

A very nice meal and a beer or two before retiring to bed quite early again.

#### Day 4: 24 Sept

Full day in Amani Reserve. Overnight at Emau Hill Campsite.

Currently three tents without any en-suite facilities. Plans are afoot to re-build the tents with their own facilities. At present the showers are bush-showers (bucket and jug). When the new tents are installed things will be much improved and will be highly recommended. The owners are delightful and the food terrific. The service was great.

Breakfast at 7, which was very civilised, was followed by a drive into the forest and a walk for about 4 hours. Not many species but our target was the very rare and endemic Long-billed Tailorbird which we duly saw. A recent survey revealed no more than 150 birds in existence. Martin managed to tape it out so we all had a good look of this bird which refused to sit still for more than a split second.

A Square-tailed Drongo was new for the trip as was Spectacled Weaver. Shelley's Greenbull, Black-fronted Bushshrike, Grey Cuckooshrike, Tamborine and Blue-spotted Wood Dove, a pair of Mountain Wagtails, Green-headed Orioles, and another Yellow-throated Woodland Warbler.

Back for lunch which was followed another walk in the forest. We had not long left the lodge when we chanced upon a fantastic Fisher's Turaco which gave stunning views. Two African Golden Orioles

were nice too. The rest were much as this morning.

Another lovely meal was followed by yet another relatively early night even if most people were disturbed by the two local cats at some time during the night.

#### Day 5: 25 Sept

Breakfast was followed by a drive to the gates of the reserve and slightly beyond where we spent the morning doing some lower elevation birding. It was quite successful with such nice species as Peters's Twinspot, Kretschmer's Longbill, two species of Helmetshrike, Ruddy-tailed Antthrush which unfortunately did not hang around long enough for all to see. Trumpeter Hornbill was caught up by some of us and a Mombasa Woodpecker was part of a small bird feeding flock involving seven species. A Forest Batis was also new for all, as was Bronze-naped Pigeon.

We returned for lunch again and after a bucket shower, a new experience for me, we set off to a higher altitude forest for the afternoon. Not many birds but they were good ones. An Usambara Thrush was seen well and Jim even found the nest. Some difficult views of Sharps' Akalat were obtained but eventually everybody managed to get a view.

A lovely meal again this evening followed by a nice gin and tonic finished our stay off at this delightful lodge. One more night hopefully without cats.

#### Day 6: 26 Sept

Left the lodge at 07.30 as planned and spent the day driving with a couple of stops to Vuma Lodge at Mikumi NP. At one of the stops we saw a couple of Crowned Hornbills, a Brown-headed Parrot, a Green-capped Eremomela and some Southern Blue-eared Starlings.

At one stage there appeared to be a traffic jam in the forest. On investigation it turned out that a lorry had had a breakdown and was being repaired on a downward hairpin bend which was not only muddy and rutted but also had roadworks on it. There was just no way past for anybody. As usual there were locals and some workers and Sven persuaded them to cut a new piece of road by cutting the bend off. It left a very steep decline which had to be negotiated very carefully and although our vehicles made it, the small minibuses behind us stood no chance. How long they were delayed is anyone's guess.

On approaching our final destination we had some Elephants, Zebras, Yellow Baboons, Impala, Bohor Reedbuck and Giraffes. A waterhole produced a male Painted Snipe and some White-backed and Hooded Vultures and a smart Lappet-faced Vulture on the deck. An excellent start to our new home for the next two nights.

During and after dinner we saw a Greater Galago which comes down to food by the bar. A little later a Common Genet made a brief appearance.

#### Day 7: 27 Sept

Full day game drive in Mikumi N.P. Overnight Mikumi Wildlife Camp.

A fantastic day covering several circuits of this wonderful reserve supposedly specialising on mammals but seeing a lot of birds in the process. We had a lucky day with two groups of lions (three, a male and two females) and a pair. The first group had just eaten and spent the time we were there asleep and the second pair were resting for a different reason. We got really close and good photos were possible.

Then Mike spotted a tail hanging out of a tree by the side of the road which was attached to a spotted body. We reversed the vehicles and realised that he had found Leopard. We had great views although the head was not generally visible. Eventually it climbed out of the tree and ran down the road.

Unfortunately I think we spooked it. (see front report cover)

Other interesting mammals today included Eland, many Masai Giraffes, Hippos, Warthogs, Elephants, Burchell's Zebras, Bohor Reedbuck, Blue (White-bearded) Wildebeest. Just before dinner we were

treated to yesterday's Galago and superb views of three Honey Badgers which came down to food put down by the lodge staff.

Birds were good today also, with Yellow-billed and Marabou Storks, Southern Pochard, Gabar Goshawk, lots of Bateleurs, a superb Martial Eagle, Helmeted Guineafowl, Coqui and Crested Francolins, Red-necked Spurfowl and five Black-bellied Bustards. Waders included Greater Painted Snipe, Spotted and Water Thick-knee and two Temminck's Coursers as well as Blacksmith, Crowned and Senegal Lapwings. Brief views of a Verreaux Eagle Owl were appreciated too.

A selection of Cisticolas presented us with interesting problems but Martin, our guide, seemed to sort most of them out. I think it takes more than just a few days to get the hang of these. A positive identification was a small party of Northern Pied Babblers which appear well out of range according to the book.

An early night again which was to be disrupted by wild Elephants entering the lodge compound and breaking the water supply pipe in order to get a drink resulting in some guests having a flood in their tent in the early hours of the morning. Some of our party were awoken by the rustle of vegetation probably caused by our visitors trashing some solar panels.

#### Day 8: 28 Sept

A morning game drive resulted in about four Purple-crested Turacos being added to the list. Otherwise it was much as yesterday including the continuous unwanted attention of Tsetse flies which quite happily bite through ones shirt.

After our last lunch at Vuma Lodge we set off for a two hour drive to Udzungwa NP and the rather basic Udzungwa Mountain View Hotel. Still it was comfortable enough for just the two nights, but the Ritz it was not.

A late afternoon walk reminded us how hot the next section of the holiday is going to be, and here we are in the mountains. A Black and White Shrike Flycatcher was added to the list and some briefly saw a Giant Kingfisher. A new monkey endemic to this area, namely the Udzungwa Red Colobus (*Inga Red Colobus*) was seen near the entrance to the park.

The evening meal for some consisted of Goat and chips which I gather was a little chewy while my Chicken Curry lacked the curry element but did have two legs and two wings. I think the "chef" kept the breast for himself. This was supposed to be the curry with "no bones". Despite the rather primitive "Cell block H" appearance I believe all slept well.

#### Day 9: 29 Sept

A pre-breakfast walk in the park was very pleasant with Black-throated Wattle-eye being new for the list and Livingstone's Turaco heard but unfortunately not seen. A pair of Peters's Twinspots on the path made a mockery of our last attempt to see them in the deep undergrowth at Usambara.

After breakfast Keith, Jim and Mike decided to attempt the climb to the top of the mountain. I thought it madness in this heat so stayed behind with Julie. This gave me a chance to catch up on my diary while Brian set off with his camera to try and get some monkey photos. He soon returned rather disappointed as the beasts were hiding from the sun in the deep foliage. However he and Julie went off to visit a local village with Sven which apparently proved very interesting. I preferred the shade of the lodge. Mike returned having achieved the first of two waterfalls which in this heat was no mean feat. It was several hours before the other two arrived back having seen Livingstone's Turaco but little else.

A late afternoon outing produced very little but was pleasant nevertheless and included another walk through a different village. Very interesting to see how people live and how different it is to our way of life in the west. I still find it amazing that in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century people still live in mud huts with grass roofs and no facilities.

## Day 10: 30 Sept

Retrace our steps to Morogoro and overnight at Kola Hill Guest House.

We set off early after breakfast to the Uluguru mountains and finally arrived at Kola Hill guest House only to find the place was rather run down apparently since Sven's last visit and the service had hit rock bottom. The rooms were rubbish but fortunately it was just a one night stop. We ordered some sandwiches but when it became obvious they were not going to arrive we scarpered and tried to get some lunch in a nearby restaurant..They too were not serving food. Jim and Keith did find a Spotted Morning Thrush while we were having a drink. Bananas from the local market had to suffice. So we decided to go birding instead and ended up in a patch of degraded woodland. There did not appear to be much there but then it was lunchtime. I persuaded Sven to drive us to the top of the mountain from where we could walk down birding as we went. This proved a little more interesting with great views of a Lanner, a couple of White-browed Scrub Robins, a pair of Scaly Chatterers, some Bertram's Weavers, Red-faced Crombec, Red-faced Cisticola, Tropical Boubou and some were able to catch up on Yellow Bishop.

We returned to Cell Block H mark 2 and had a shower. Much to my surprise there was hot water. We returned to the restaurant which by now was serving food. Very unimpressed by the rump steak which was virtually unrecognisable but this did not detract from a very pleasant evening.

## Day 11: 01 October

Jim and Keith were up early and were joined by Mike while I bumped into Brian in the hotel gardens. The others had found a superb Spotted Eagle Owl and a handful of Spotted Morning Thrushes. We had really close views of the Owl and this sure was a bonus for a crap hotel which could not even provide coffee for breakfast. The scrambled egg was very unappetizing. Actually breakfast is not a word I should use in this instance. I believe the sparrows had a better deal in the sugarbowl than we did with our anemic scrambled egg on our warm bread (supposed to be toast). The shopping for the breakfast arrived just as we were leaving. I don't think the bar bill was ever settled.

A scenic drive through the Uluguru Mountains to the border of Selous Game Reserve followed. A few stops were made and a few more birds added to the list. It was a very hot day and as we were traveling south it was going to get hotter still and more humid. Birds of interest were Southern Banded Snake-Eagle, Bohm's Spinetail, Bearded Woodpecker, another pair of Cliff Chats, allowing some to catch up on the species, and a Brown-crowned Tchagra.

At one stage we arrived at a bridge only to find our way was blocked by a lorry which had gone through the wooded road surface of the structure. There was no way this vehicle was going to move for days. Sven sized up the situation and decided to take the vehicles down the steep river bank, through the river and up the other equally steep side. It required a whole gang of locals to physically build a road surface with rocks from the river to gain some purchase. A few dollars and half an hour later we were on our way again. Very impressive indeed.

We eventually arrived at Sable Mountain Lodge which is a quite delightful place to stay. The banders (cottages) were very comfortable with four poster beds covered in mosquito netting and very arty and unusual bathrooms en suite. A little rest and a shower and we were ready for a drink and eventually a lovely meal. Unfortunately we had only one night here and had to leave early in the morning for our long drive through Selous Game Reserve and out the other side to Mgenba Lodge where we were to stay the next two nights.

## Day 12: 02 October

After a hearty breakfast of yet more egg we set off to our next destination. A long day driving through Selous resulted in yet more new birds mostly waterfowl but here the emphasis tends to be on mammals

and many were seen although most were duplicates of what Mikumi had to offer. We added Dark Chanting Goshawk to the list as well as a beautiful Dickinson's Kestrel and an African Hawk Eagle. We watched a dead Hippo being devoured by huge number of Crocodiles. They were even able to turn this massive and very heavy animal round although it must be quite buoyant in the water. The other Hippos just wandered around totally unconcerned at the fate of one their own.

There were good birds here too including our first sightings of African Skimmers which was our target species for this lake. There were a number of waders including Ruff, Little Stints, Greenshanks, Black-winged Stilts etc, species which will have passed through western Europe just a week or two since. The best wader of the day has to be the most amazing White-crowned Lapwing which is absolutely gorgeous.

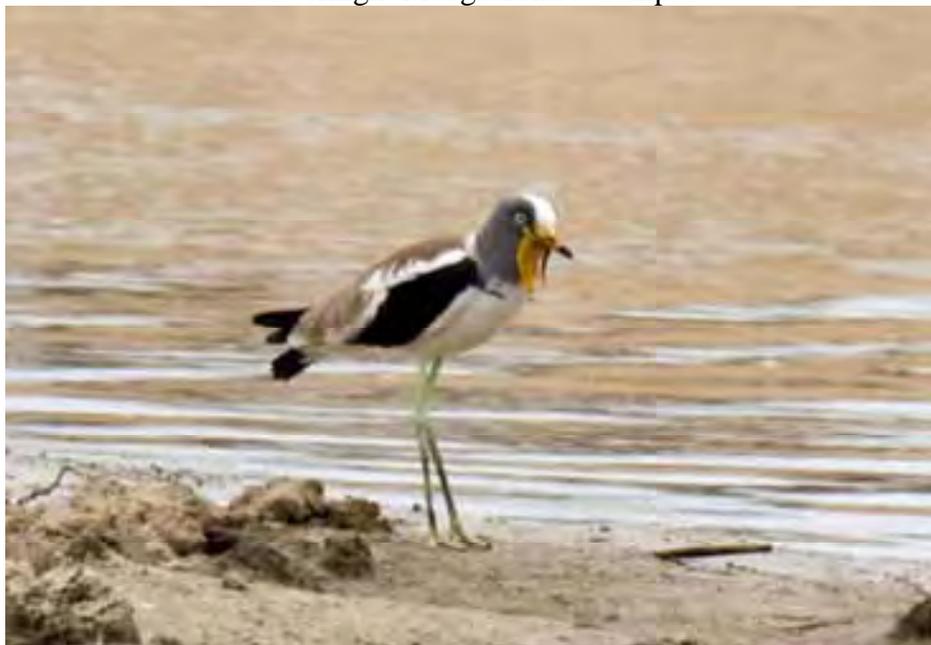
We moved on to another lake where we had our picnic lunch. We noted some Black Crakes here but little else new.

We continued on our way and it was not long after that it appeared we had lost our second vehicle. We turned round to see what had happened to them and it soon became obvious as all were out of the car that they had had a breakdown. A U bolt had sheered off and dropped the rear leafsprings to the ground. There was no way this vehicle was moving. Again Sven with his experience and ingenuity came to the rescue. Niven and himself drove to the nearest camp and returned with a mechanic, a new U bolt and a bunch of basic tools. This job was going to take three hours.

When they drove off to get the help they and we were unaware that 150 yards away lay a female Lion under a copse of Palm trees. She had her beady eye on us continuously. We were able to get some photos but generally people retired to the safety of the vehicle. It turned out that this beast was one of a pride of 11 Lions, the rest of which were probably watching us although we could not see them. We thought they had eaten and it was far too hot for them to even consider a hunt. Well hmmm perhaps! We all got into one vehicle and left a number of people's luggage behind. It was the intention to bring this along later. In the event it turned up the next day. A long story but we did not see that vehicle again that night.

Further birds of interest included Bohm's and White-fronted Bee-eaters. On arrival at our camp on the Rufiji River we found a huge Saddle-billed Stork and three Lesser Sand Plovers while more Skimmers were taking advantage of the last bit of light as the sun dropped behind the horizon. Despite the mishap with our vehicle, it had been a fantastic day.

Overnight Mbega Tented Camp.



Day 13: 03 October

A pre-breakfast walk produced Terrestrial Brownbul and Eastern Bearded Scrub-Robin new and it made us realize how close you are to wildlife in these parts. There were Hippo tracks not many yards away from the camp and I think walking out at night could prove very dodgy indeed.

After breakfast we decided on a boat safari which gave us the opportunity for some close-up photography of Kingfishers and the like, all the time being watched by the herd of Hippos. Good views of African Fish-Eagles and a European Honey Buzzard was one of the few Western Palearctic migrants noted on the whole tour. Close views of Nile Crocodiles and Monitors were obtained.

The afternoon was spent in a safari lorry which was fun and Grey-Go-Away-Bird, Black-collared Barbet, Croaking Cisticola, Red-headed Weaver and Red-billed Firefinch were all new. The same but still splendid mammals too.

We returned to the camp for dinner and the evening log and prepared ourselves for the journey back to Dar es Salaam tomorrow morning.

Day 14: 04 October

We drove back to Dar es Salaam, a journey of about 5-6 hours and checked in at our last accommodation- the Mediterraneo Hotel. A pond on the way held some African Openbill Storks, a Glossy Ibis some Hadada Ibis, Purple Herons and for some lucky people a Lesser Jacana.

On arrival a beer on the terrace overlooking the sea was called for. Some interesting new species for the trip included Dimorphic Egrets, Greater and Lesser Crested Terns, and a few waders including Bar-tailed Godwit and Grey Plover. Brian had a Saunders's Tern.

We all showered and had a lovely last supper overlooking the Indian Ocean. What a finish to a wonderful trip.

Day 15: 05 October

Transfer to airport for international flight KQ6711 at 0540 to Nairobi via and unexpected stop for 15 minutes in Zanzibar. We arrived in London on time and our bus was eventually located to take us back home.

Another successful tour of a new location with lots of birds and for once many new mammals for some of us.

### SYSTEMATIC LIST

The nomenclature and order of species closely follow that used in Birds of East Africa by Stevenson and Fanshawe published by Helm 2004. Some references will refer to Birds of Africa, south of the Sahara by Sinclair and Ryan, Struik Publishers 2003.

Great Cormorant

Cattle Egret

Squacco Heron

Striated Heron

Little Egret

Dimorphic Egret

Black Heron

Intermediate Egret  
Great Egret  
Goliath Heron  
Purple Heron  
Grey Heron  
Black-headed Heron  
Hamerkop  
Yellow-billed Stork  
African Open-billed Stork  
Saddle-billed Stork  
Marabou Stork  
Sacred Ibis  
Hadada Ibis  
Glossy Ibis  
African Spoonbill  
Egyptian Goose  
Spur-winged Goose  
Knob-billed Duck  
White-faced Whistling Duck  
Southern Pochard  
Black Kite  
Yellow-billed Kite  
Black-winged Kite  
African Fish-Eagle  
Palm-nut Vulture  
Hooded Vulture  
White-headed Vulture  
African White-backed Vulture  
Ruppell's Griffon  
Lappet-faced Vulture

Black-chested Snake-Eagle  
Brown Snake-Eagle  
Southern Banded Snake-Eagle

Dark Chanting-Goshawk  
Gabar Goshawk  
Lizard Buzzard  
Shikra  
African Goshawk  
African Harrier Hawk  
European Honey Buzzard  
Augur Buzzard  
Mountain Buzzard  
Wahlberg's Eagle  
African Hawk Eagle  
Booted Eagle  
Bateleur  
Long-crested Eagle  
Martial Eagle  
African Crowned Eagle  
Grey Kestrel  
Dickinson's Kestrel  
Lanner Falcon  
Helmeted Guineafowl  
Coqui Francolin  
Crested Francolin  
Chestnut-naped Francolin  
Red-necked Spurfowl  
Black Crake  
African Jacana  
Lesser Jacana  
Black-bellied Bustard  
Black-winged Stilt  
Greater Painted Snipe  
Spotted Thick-knee  
Water Thick-knee  
Temminck's Courser  
Blacksmith Lapwing

Spur-winged Plover  
White-crowned Lapwing  
Crowned Lapwing  
Senegal Lapwing  
Kittlitz's Plover  
Common Ringed Plover  
Lesser Sand Plover  
Grey Plover  
Ruff  
Common Sandpiper  
Wood Sandpiper  
Green Sandpiper  
Common Greenshank  
Marsh Sandpiper  
Common Redshank  
Little Stint  
Curlew Sandpiper  
Bar-tailed Godwit  
Lesser Crested Tern  
Great Crested Tern  
Sandwich Tern  
Common Tern  
Saunders's Tern  
African Skimmer  
African Green Pigeon  
Eastern Bronze-naped Pigeon  
Speckled Pigeon (Nairobi Airport)  
Emerald-spotted Wood-Dove  
Blue-spotted Wood-Dove  
Tambourine Dove  
Namaqua Dove  
Ring-necked Dove  
Red-eyed Dove  
African Mourning Dove

Laughing Dove  
 Dusky Turtle Dove  
 Brown-headed Parrot  
 Purple-crested Turaco  
 Livingstone's Turaco  
 Fisher's Turaco  
 Grey Go-Away-Bird  
 Red-chested Cuckoo  
 Barred Long-tailed Cuckoo  
 Yellowbill  
 White-browed Coucal  
 Verreaux's Eagle Owl  
 Spotted Eagle Owl  
 Little Swift  
 White-rumped Swift  
 Mottled Swift  
 African Palm Swift



Bohm's Spinetail  
 Mottled Spinetail  
 Speckled Mousebird  
 (Bar-tailed Trogon) heard only  
 Pied Kingfisher  
 Striped Kingfisher  
 Grey-headed Kingfisher  
 Brown-hooded Kingfisher  
 Giant Kingfisher  
 Half-collared Kingfisher  
 Malachite Kingfisher  
 African Pygmy Kingfisher  
 Little Bee-eater  
 Cinnamon-chested Bee-eater  
 Bohm's Bee-eater  
 European Bee-eater

White-fronted Bee-eater  
Broad-billed Roller  
Lilac-breasted Roller  
Green Wood-Hoopoe  
Common Scimitar-bill  
Eastern Yellow-billed Hornbill  
Von Der Decken's Hornbill  
African Grey Hornbill  
Pale-billed Hornbill  
Crowned Hornbill  
Trumpeter Hornbill  
Silvery-cheeked Hornbill  
Southern Ground-Hornbill  
Eastern Green Tinkerbird  
Moustached Green Tinkerbird  
Green Barbet  
White-eared Barbet  
Red-fronted Tinkerbird  
Black-collared Barbet  
Brown-breasted Barbet  
Greater Honeyguide  
Lesser Honeyguide  
Speckle-throated Woodpecker  
Mombasa Woodpecker  
Cardinal Woodpecker  
Bearded Woodpecker  
Flappet Lark  
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Rock Martin  
Plain Martin  
House Martin  
Red-rumped Swallow  
Mosque Swallow  
Lesser Striped Swallow

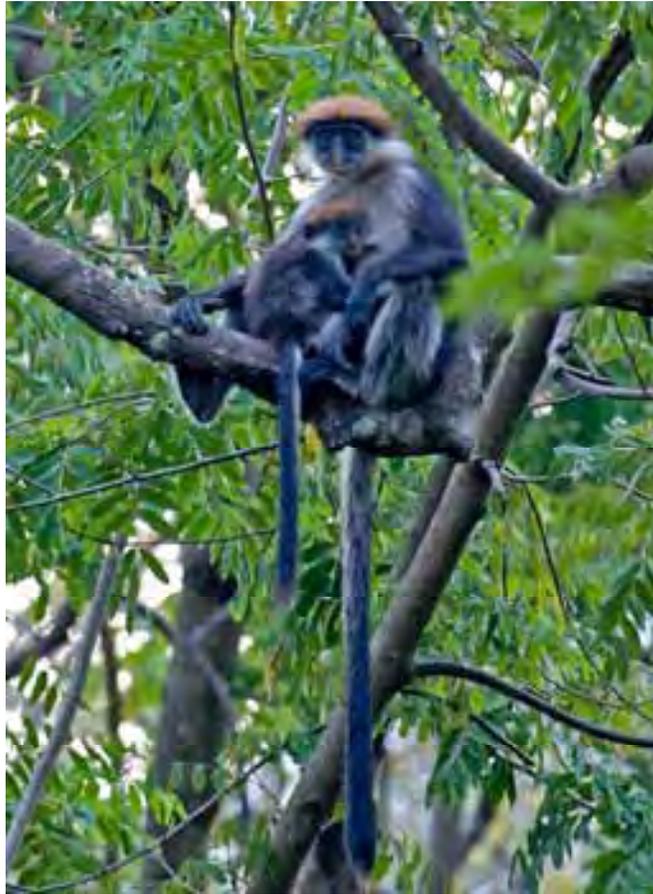
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Yellow-throated Longclaw  
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Grey Cuckoo-Shrike  
Eastern Nicator  
Common Bulbul  
Little Greenbul  
Mountain Greenbul  
Shelley's Greenbul  
Stripe-cheeked Greenbul  
Yellow-streaked Greenbul  
Terrestrial Brownbul  
Tiny Greenbul  
Zanzibar Sombre Greenbul  
Yellow-bellied Greenbul  
Cabanis's Greenbul  
Sharpe's Akalat  
Usambara Akalat  
White-chested Alethe  
Cape Robin-chat  
White-browed Robin-Chat  
Red-capped Robin-Chat  
Red-tailed Ant-Thrush  
Cliff Chat  
African Stonechat  
Northern Wheatear  
White-browed Scrub-Robin  
Eastern Bearded Scrub-Robin  
Spotted Morning-Thrush

Usambara Thrush *Turdus roehli*  
Collared Palm-Thrush  
Cinnamon Bracken Warbler  
Yellow-throated Woodland-Warbler  
Kretschmer's Longbill  
Red-faced Crombec  
Green-capped Eremomela  
African Tailorbird  
Pectoral-Patch Cisticola  
Zitting Cisticola  
Croaking Cisticola  
Rattling Cisticola  
Wailing Cisticola  
Winding Cisticola  
Red-faced Cisticola  
Piping Cisticola  
Grey-backed Camaroptera  
Tawny-flanked Prinia  
Yellow-breasted Apalis  
Long-billed Tailorbird  
(Black-headed Apalis) heard only  
Southern Black Flycatcher  
African Grey Flycatcher  
Ashy Flycatcher  
African Dusky Flycatcher  
Lead-coloured Flycatcher  
Chinspot Batis  
Pale Batis  
Forest Batis  
Black-and-white Shrike-Flycatcher  
Black-throated Wattle-eye  
African Paradise Flycatcher  
Blue-mantled Crested Flycatcher  
White-tailed Crested Flycatcher

Little Yellow Flycatcher  
African Hill Babbler  
Northern Pied Babbler  
Scaly Chatterer  
Arrow-marked Babbler  
Rufous-bellied Tit  
African Penduline Tit  
Montane White-eye  
Yellow-White-eye  
Eastern Double-collared Sunbird  
Miombo Double-collared Sunbird  
Amethyst Sunbird  
Banded Green Sunbird  
Olive Sunbird  
Purple-banded Sunbird  
Scarlet-chested Sunbird  
Variable Sunbird  
Collared Sunbird  
Amani Sunbird  
Western Violet-backed Sunbird  
Uluguru Violet-backed Sunbird  
Common Fiscal  
Long-tailed Fiscal  
Tropical Boubou  
Black-backed Puffback  
Black-crowned Tchagra  
Brown-crowned Tchagra  
Sulphur-breasted Bushshrike  
Grey-headed Bushshrike  
Black-fronted Bushshrike  
White-crested Helmetshrike  
Chestnut-fronted Helmetshrike  
Retz's Helmetshrike  
Fork-tailed Drongo

Square-tailed Drongo  
House Crow  
Pied Crow  
White-naped Raven  
African Black-headed Oriole  
Green-headed Oriole  
African Golden Oriole  
Eurasian Golden Oriole  
Yellow-billed Oxpecker  
Red-billed Oxpecker  
Kenrick's Starling  
Red-winged Starling  
Southern Blue-eared Starling  
Black-bellied Starling  
Violet-backed Starling  
Superb Starling  
Wattled Starling  
House Sparrow  
Grey-headed Sparrow  
Southern Grey-headed Sparrow  
Yellow-spotted Petronia  
Yellow-throated Petronia  
White-browed Sparrow-Weaver  
Red-billed Buffalo-Weaver  
Black-headed Weaver  
Spectacled Weaver  
Baglafecht Weaver  
Bertram's Weaver  
African Golden Weaver  
Dark-backed Weaver  
Red-billed Quelea  
Red-headed Weaver  
Fan-tailed Widowbird  
Yellow Bishop

White-winged Widowbird  
Green-winged Pytilia  
Peters's Twinspot  
(Green-backed Twinspot) heard only  
Southern Cordonblue  
Red-billed Firefinch  
Jameson's Firefinch  
Yellow-bellied Waxbill  
Common Waxbill  
Bronze Mannikin  
Black-and-white Mannikin  
Broad-tailed Paradise Whydah  
Pin-tailed Whydah  
Yellow-fronted Canary  
African Citril  
Yellow-rumped Seedeater  
Streaky Seedeater  
Cabanis's Bunting



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Black-and-Rufous Elephant - Shrew	Rhynchocyon petersi
Zanj Sun Squirrel	Heliosciurus undulatus
Striped Bush Squirrel	Paraxerus flavovittis
Black-and-red-Bush Squirrel	Paraxerus lucifer
Leopard	Panthera pardus
Common Genet	Genetta genetta
Lion (Asiatic)	Panthera leo
Common Slender Mongoose	Herpestes sanguineus
Marsh Mongoose	Atilax paludinosus
Dwarf Mongoose	Helogale parvula
Banded Mongoose	Mungos mungo
Honey Badger	Mellivora capensis
Northern Greater Galago	Otolemur garnettii
Angola Pied Colobus	Colobus angolensis
Udzungwa Red Colobus	Piliocolobus gordonorum
Yellow Baboon	Papio cynocephalus
Blue Monkey	Cercopithecus mitis
Vervet Monkey	Chlorocebus pygerythrus
Warthog	Phacochoerus africanus
Hippopotamus	Hippopotamus amphibius
Giraffe	Giraffa camelopardalis
African Buffalo	Syncerus caffer
Bushbuck	Tragelaphus scriptus
Eland	Taurotragus oryx
Bohor Reedbuck	Redunca redunca

Waterbuck	<i>Kobus ellipsiprymnus</i>
Blue Wildebeest	<i>Connochaetes taurinus</i>
Lichtenstein's Hartebeest	<i>Sigmoceros lichtensteinii</i>
Impala	<i>Aepyceros melampus</i>
Blue Duiker	<i>Cephalophus monticola</i>
Burchell's Zebra	<i>Equus burchellii</i>
African Savanna Elephant	<i>Loxodonta africana</i>

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