

The Gambia - In Style

Naturetrek Tour Report

24 - 31 March 2017



Little Green Bee-eater



Red-bellied Flycatcher



Pied Kingfisher



Rufous-crowned Roller

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Day 1

Friday 24th March

After flying from the UK, the group arrived on time in Banjul where, after negotiating the security and porters, we were soon loaded into the tour bus to take us to Mandina Lodge, our accommodation for the week. During the journey little of note was seen apart from the common mix of doves, vultures and crows, all of which we would become familiar with during the coming week.

After a welcome from our host Linda, we were escorted to our rooms to freshen up before dinner.

Day 2

Saturday 25th March

We all met for an early cup of tea and biscuits before boarding the canoes for our first excursion. We started with a pleasant canoe trip along the Red Mangrove-lined creek during which we saw some of the familiar birds of this habitat such as African Darter, Long-tailed Cormorant and Pied Kingfisher. A distant Goliath Heron was spotted perched at the top of the mangroves.

Next was a walk to the Kembujeh rice fields. As we landed on the shallow beach we were soon seeing a host of bird species, such that most of the group were having difficulty keeping up, with binoculars trained in all directions! We were all quickly admiring a pair of stunning Yellow-Crowned Goleks in the riverbank scrub, joined by a party of Brown Babblers. Nearby the nest of a pair of Beautiful Sunbirds was spotted, allowing us to train the telescope on the youngster just visible at the mouth of the woven basket as it's parents regularly came to feed it. Buzzing from the sandy ground was a mix of Red-billed Firefinches, Red-cheeked Cordon Bleus and Orange-cheeked Waxbills, all of which allowed excellent extended views. A couple of iridescent Long-tailed Glossy Starlings were next in line to be admired, followed by Western Red-billed Hornbill. Pausing to catch our breath, we finally began our walk through the open savannah woodland. It was not long before a diminutive Pearl-spotted Owlet was picked out in a nearby large tree. After enjoying good views through the telescope, we continued on and entered the cultivated rice fields although, as it was the dry season, there was a completely different range of crops being raised in the numerous small beds. A different range of birds were present, most commonly the flocks of White-billed Buffalo Weavers joined by a couple of handsome Blue-bellied Rollers.

We then returned to the canoes to be paddled back to the lodge for our breakfast, after which we had ample time to relax by the pool or in our rooms before meeting up once more in the late afternoon for our second walk of the day. Thus time we set out on foot, passing through the thick canopy forest and on out through a cashew plantation and the 'Mudflat' area. As we had passed through the initial forest area we had caught glimpses of the skulking and ever elusive Snowy-crowned Robin-Chats, which continued to provide fleeting views throughout the trip. A flowering Gumbar Tree had attracted a mix of Sunbirds to feed that included a rare Pygmy Sunbird.

As we reached the open mudflats we were met with an attractive mix of bird species that included Black-winged Kite, African Jacana, Black Crake, African Sacred Ibis and several others. Taking our time and enjoying the cooling day as the sun began to drop, a trio of Grey Kestrels put on an aerial display before we retraced our steps back to the lodge.

Whilst the majority of the group had been enjoying this walk, the first of our three Sunset Cruises had taken four group members out through the minor creeks to reach the River Gambia and culminate on the return leg with a visit to a large heron roost. It is quite a spectacle to sit quietly at the mangrove edge as the groups of egrets and herons passed overhead to create an ever-larger spectacle of squabbling birds competing for the best perch.

Day 3

Sunday 26th March

Today was spent on the first of our coach excursions away from the lodge; a visit to Kartong Bird Observatory on the coast to the south of Gambia close to the Senegal border. The journey there took us through some typical Gambian town developments allowing us to witness the hive of tradesmen and small shops along the way.

On arrival at the flooded ex-sand mine, we were soon viewing a rich range of birds. Whilst not a 'stunner' to look at, the highlight was an African Crake, feeding in the lush vegetation alongside the wetland pools. Crowd-pleasers were the numerous African Purple Swampheens and African Jacanas that fed unconcernedly nearby. Attention was then diverted to a handsome Abyssinian Roller that posed for photographs on some nearby fencing, shortly followed by a Rufous-crowned Roller in a similar pose. Making our way around the periphery of the flooded pits, several other notable bird species were seen such as Squacco Heron, Spur-winged Goose and small numbers of White-faced Whistling Ducks that were keeping well within the lush wetland vegetation. The last pool had almost dried out but held a mix of migrant Yellow Wagtails and Woodchat Shrike.

We then boarded the bus to drive the short remaining stretch to the sea, where we disembarked to walk along the beach to a river mouth on the lookout for roosting gulls and terns. We did not have to go far before encountering good numbers of terns of various species. The majority were the large yellow-billed Royal Terns with their slightly larger relatives, the red-billed Caspian Terns also well represented. Roosting among them were smaller numbers of Lesser Crested and Sandwich Terns, all of which dwarfed the diminutive Little Terns. Wading birds were rather more familiar from home, mainly comprising Oystercatcher, Ruddy Turnstone and Whimbrel. We continued our walk along the beach in search of any plovers with no luck, only succeeding in spotting a few Crested Larks as compensation. The river mouth was also pretty quiet with little of note. We returned to the minibus to make our way to our lunch destination. We paused before boarding to enjoy a cooling soft drink in the shade of a large tree, provided from a local entrepreneur's cool box!

Once on board, we set out north to a beachside restaurant for lunch. En route we stopped briefly to admire a Dark Chanting Goshawk spotted by our driver on a roadside telegraph pole (ten points to Baba!). Once at the lunch destination, we were able to relax after our meal before making our way back to the lodge.

Day 4

Monday 27th March

Today our morning walk was spent mainly in an area of savannah woodland with more open vistas. The walk got off to a good start with the sighting of a pair of scarce Ahanta Francolins crossing the track ahead of the group. During the course of our walk we enjoyed good views of a range of savannah birds, among which three species of hornbill, Bearded Barbet, Klaas's Cuckoo and a quartet of punky White-crested Helmetshrikes stood out. Pausing to carefully scan a large climber-covered tree, we picked out a roosting Verreaux's Eagle Owl. It's slumbers were being interrupted by a trio of mobbing Pied Crows causing the owl to change position a couple of times, ultimately resting clearly visible in the top of the tree. We were able to admire the heavy pink eyelids of

this sleepy and non-too-happy bird as it studiously attempted to ignore its rather unwelcoming and mischievous neighbours! Moving on, we were passing a couple of overflowing water troughs being fed from a hose when we heard the local Guinea Baboons approaching. We paused nearby as the large noisy and boisterous troop, after giving us a quick glance to satisfy their safety, came for a drink. There followed an array of squabbling, playing and gambolling as they had a brief drink before continuing on their way.

Our walk then led to the Cultural Visitor Centre where we next paused to scan the upper branches of a grove of eucalyptus trees. Our local guides soon found their target, with the sighting of a trio of Northern White-faced Owls, similarly sleepy with an occasional open eye to check their surroundings. Pleased with a successful morning walk, we made our way back to our breakfast and midday siesta.

Our afternoon excursion found us back in the canoes to travel upstream to the Bufaloto area. Before boarding the canoes, one of the group was fortunate in sighting a Marsh Mongoose near the jetty on a feeding foray in the low tide, which could not be re-found by the main group.

Once underway, our local guide managed to spot a roosting White-backed Night Heron within the fringing mangroves, that we were able to approach closely to obtain good views of this elusive bird. On dry land, we were firstly welcomed by the local women who were processing the Mangrove Oysters that they laboriously harvest from the arching mangrove roots from their dugout canoes. We next walked the short distance to a large quarry area within which a fine Baobab specimen had been preserved, from which a pair of Lanner Falcons surveyed their territory. The larger female was in the process of finishing her meal of a small bird.

Returning to the canoes, we began our return but were soon interrupted with the sighting of another Marsh Mongoose on the mangrove edge. This quickly ducked among the roots, peering out at us before vanishing entirely, leaving most of the group with a brief view at least.

Day 5

Tuesday 28th March

Today was spent on our second coach excursion, this time firstly visiting the Brufut Forest. Upon arrival we were met by a local guide who knew the area well, with some choice birds to show us. Having walked a short distance and looking into a small unprepossessing fenced compound, a rich and surprising range of birds was seen that included a female Northern Puffback, Lavender Waxbill and Senegal Parrots.

On reaching the forest boundary, we were led to an open clear area fringed by several large mature trees, where the guide pointed out another roosting Verreaux's Eagle Owl. After being able to admire this charismatic bird through the telescope, we moved on to be led to a couple of roosting Long-tailed Nightjars. So confident were these birds of their cryptic camouflage that we were able to approach within eight feet as they slept with a quarter eye open, just in case! Elated by such wonderful views of these incredible birds, our next stop was for a further pair of White-faced Owls before reaching the small 'bar area' where we could purchase a refreshing soft drink from the cool box as temperatures began to reach uncomfortable levels. Nearby in a small clearing, a few bowls and dishes of water were kept full, attracting several species of bird including both species of bishop, weavers and doves, with even a thirsty Agama Lizard tempted down for a quick mouthful!

Our minibus met us here so, after saying our thanks to our local guide, we boarded and drove on to next visit Bijilo Forest (Monkey Park). This coastal jewel of threatened forest had very recently been vandalised by the bulldozing of a large area near the entrance for a proposed development, that it is hoped will now be stopped by the new Government. Notwithstanding the rather trashed condition of the spot, we were at least still able to view the threatened Western Colobus Monkeys with ease, partly as the result of another problem of the site, namely the feeding of peanuts by ignorant tourists with their 'guides'. This mainly attracts the Green Vervet Monkeys for which the site is also known, but on our arrival we encountered a mixed troop of monkeys gathered around a couple of Dutch tourists. Once they had moved on, leading a collection of Vervet Monkeys with them, the Colobus settled back into a more natural mode of behaviour, allowing us to enjoy them at close quarters as a couple of youngsters played around our feet whilst several of the adults slept in the branches above us.

We next moved on to a pleasant relaxing restaurant on the coast for lunch, with a table situated overlooking a freshwater pool with several West African Crocodiles basking on the edge and a varied selection of birds on offer as we ate a pleasant meal.

Having finished our meal, our last stop of the day was spent with a visit to the local craft market where the group could practise their bartering skills with the locals!

Day 6

Wednesday 29th March

Today was back to our early morning walk schedule, with a trip out towards the Baobab grove area. Once again we got off to a good start with the sighting of a couple of Violet-backed Starlings on top of a large Gumbar Tree (*Gmelina arborea*). Nearby a singing Variable Sunbird was joined by both Beautiful and Scarlet-chested Sunbirds feeding on the flowers of the African Locust Bean Tree (*Parkia biglobosa*). Further on, a Black-crowned Tchagra made a couple of display flights from within the scrubby grassland.

As we neared the grove of large mature Baobabs (*Adansia digitata*), several other new birds were spotted. Feeding high in one Strangler Fig-engulfed tree were a few Willow Warblers and remaining out of sight but singing strongly was a Western Bonelli's Warbler. As a small herd of local cattle made their way past us, a single Yellow-billed Oxpecker was spotted high in a tree seeking out its hosts. A pair of small woodpeckers were identified as Cardinal Woodpeckers, showing their rather diminutive stature. Another pair of Lanner Falcons held a territory among these impressive trees, which no doubt provide a wonderful vantage point to survey their realm.

Having begun our return journey and having almost given up on finding it, we were finally successful in picking out an unobtrusive Striped Kingfisher perched immobile on a nearby tree. Excellent views were obtained of this rather shy species. After another encounter with the local baboons, we completed the return to the lodge and breakfast.

Having completed our customary midday rest period, we met up once more for another canoe trip, this time to Bufaloto Jetty. Once more we were able to pick out a pair of White-backed Night Herons in the mangroves alongside the creek before reaching the jetty and disembarking. Our walk then led into the village where we were met by a boisterous group of young boys eager to have a look through our binoculars! An excellent spot was another Pearl-spotted Owlet showing clearly above us. A nearby Sycamore Fig (*Ficus sycamores*) was laden with

fruit that were raining down, to be eagerly devoured by a group of cattle. This bounty had proved irresistible to the Green Pigeons of the area, among which were a few of the yellow-bellied Bruce's Green Pigeons.

At the centre of the village stood a huge Kapok Tree around which a small group of Green Wood Hoopoes were investigating any holes and crevices. We continued our walk around the village area, getting an interesting window into the lives of the locals. We tasted a few of the strange cashew apples that were full of juice and proved to be delicious!

Day 7

Thursday 30th March

This morning's walk led through some savannah woodland and on through an area of cultivation being busily tended. After spotting probably the same two Ahanta Francolins seen earlier in the week, we proceeded to encounter small numbers of familiar birds through the open woodland. A notable addition was a pair of Green-headed Sunbirds that remained high above us, feeding on the flowering trees and difficult to pin down for the group.

We were next fortunate in finding a small group of the normally terrestrial Patas Monkeys resting in some distant trees; the black shaded eyes and black nose of the adults giving them a rather skull-like appearance at a distance. A couple of the females were nursing dark haired infants in comparison to the orange tawny colouring of the adults.

Reaching the fenced cultivation we were met with a different range of species, most notably an elusive White-crowned Robin-Chat that kept close within cover. We were somewhat distracted by the rather heated discussion between one of our guides and one of the working women which hopefully was not too serious! Passing through the fence, we re-entered the savannah woodland where we soon spotted a pair of Pearl-spotted Owlets and Fork-tailed Drongo. A rapidly passing Gabar Goshawk landed out of sight before shooting away and only being seen by a few.

After our midday rest we took a shorter walk, returning to the mudflat area. This was rather quieter than our previous visit with nothing notably new for the trip although as ever with a large group, the walk allowed repeat views of species group members may have missed previously.

Day 8

Friday 31st March

With our return flight not due to leave till late afternoon, we still had an opportunity for one final walk before our departure. For this we made our way back to the Cultural Centre and Craft Market and then, via the Base Camp, through some thick tangled jungle back to the lodge.

Our patient scanning throughout the trip of the small numbers of sunbirds attracted to the flowering trees paid dividends with the finding of our only Copper Sunbird, and we rediscovered the Violet-backed Starlings and Ahanta Francolins seen previously. After another slow spell we experienced a 'purple patch' with firstly a couple of Little Weavers and Melodious Warblers that were rapidly overshadowed by a group of six Bearded Barbets sitting close together, allowing for some wonderful views. This was closely followed by an African Golden

Oriole that, after moving around a little, did sit in the open very close by allowing the whole group to admire this strikingly coloured bird.

Back at the Cultural Centre we had another look at the Northern White-faced Owls before heading on through the base camp and through some thick tangled vegetation to eventually reach the water towers on the main track. A pause here allowed the discovery of a Red-chested Goshawk (sometimes split from African Goshawk) perched in the shadows and viewable only from an acute angle.

Back at the Lodge all that then remained was for the group to freshen up and change out of their 'bush' clothes before our pick-up and transfer to the airport, where our flight left on time, returning us to the UK.

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Species Lists

Birds (✓=recorded but not counted; H = heard only)

	Common name	Scientific name	March							
			24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
1	Stone Partridge	<i>Ptilopachus petrosus</i>		2						
2	Double-spurred Francolin	<i>Pternistis bicalcaratus</i>		1			15		1	
3	Ahanta Francolin	<i>Pternistis achantensis</i>				2			2	2
4	White-faced Whistling Duck	<i>Dendrocygna viduata</i>			8			8		
5	Spur-winged Goose	<i>Plectropterus gambensis</i>			1					
6	Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>			2					
7	Yellow-billed Stork	<i>Mycteria ibis</i>		2						
8	African Sacred Ibis	<i>Threskiornis aethiopicus</i>		2				6		
9	African Spoonbill	<i>Platalea alba</i>		1	2			2	3	1
10	White-backed Night Heron	<i>Gorsachius leuconotus</i>		1		2		4		
11	Striated Heron	<i>Butorides striata</i>		1				2		
12	Squacco Heron	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>		1	4	1	1	2	1	
13	Western Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
14	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>		1		3		4		
15	Black-headed Heron	<i>Ardea melanocephala</i>		2				1		
16	Goliath Heron	<i>Ardea goliath</i>		2		3		2		
17	Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>		1	1	1		2		
18	Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>		20	2	R	1	R	2	
19	Intermediate Egret	<i>Egretta intermedia</i>			3		3	2		
20	Black Heron	<i>Egretta ardesiaca</i>		2		2		2		
21	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>			1					
22	Western Reef Heron	<i>Egretta gularis</i>		R	2	R	1	R	1	
23	Hamerkop	<i>Scopus umbretta</i>		1		1		2	1	1
24	Pink-backed Pelican	<i>Pelecanus rufescens</i>		6	20	4		5		
25	Reed Cormorant	<i>Microcarbo africanus</i>		R	1	R		R		
26	African Darter	<i>Anhinga rufa</i>		R	1	R	2	R	1	
27	Western Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>		5	4	5		4		
28	Black-winged Kite	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>		2			1	1		
29	Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>				1		1		
30	Yellow-billed Kite	<i>Milvus aegyptius</i>	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
31	Palm-nut Vulture	<i>Gypohierax angolensis</i>		1	3	1		8		
32	Hooded Vulture	<i>Necrosyrtes monachus</i>	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
33	Beaudouin's Snake Eagle	<i>Circaetus beaudouini</i>		1				1		
34	African Harrier-Hawk	<i>Polyboroides typus</i>		2	5	1		3	1	
35	Dark Chanting Goshawk	<i>Melierax metabates</i>			1					
36	Gabar Goshawk	<i>Micronisus gabar</i>							1	
37	Red-chested Goshawk	<i>Accipiter toussenellii</i>								1
38	Shikra	<i>Accipiter badius</i>			2		1			2
39	Lizard Buzzard	<i>Kaupifalco monogrammicus</i>		1					1	
40	Grey Kestrel	<i>Falco ardosiaceus</i>		3						
41	Lanner Falcon	<i>Falco biarmicus</i>				2		3		
42	Black Crake	<i>Amaurornis flavirostra</i>		2					2	
43	African Crake	<i>Crex egregia</i>			1					
44	African Purple Swampphen	<i>Porphyrio madagascariensis</i>			30					
45	Allen's Gallinule	<i>Porphyrio allenii</i>			1					
46	Senegal Thick-Knee	<i>Burhinus senegalensis</i>				1				
47	Eurasian Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus ostralegus</i>			12					

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			24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
48	Spur-winged Lapwing	<i>Vanellus spinosus</i>		2	12	2	5	2	R	
49	African Wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus senegallus</i>		2					3	
50	Grey Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>		2	2	1		2		
51	Common Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>			6	3		1		
52	African Jacana	<i>Actophilornis africanus</i>		2	20				2	
53	Bar-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa lapponica</i>		2						
54	Whimbrel	<i>Numerius phaeopus</i>		R	R	R		R	R	
55	Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>				5		1		
56	Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>		2	3	4		2		
57	Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>		1	1					
58	Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>			1					
59	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>		4		6		5	1	
60	Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>			15					
61	Grey-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus cirrocephalus</i>			R		6	1		
62	Gull-billed Tern	<i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i>			1	1	1			
63	Caspian Tern	<i>Hydroprogne caspia</i>		2	15	1	6			
64	Royal Tern	<i>Thalasseus maximus</i>			25					
65	Lesser Crested Tern	<i>Thalasseus bengalensis</i>			6			1		
66	Sandwich Tern	<i>Thalasseus sandvicensis</i>			6					
67	Little Tern	<i>Sternula albifrons</i>			6					
68	Rock Dove	<i>Columba livia</i>	R		R		R			
69	Speckled Pigeon	<i>Columba guinea</i>		2	30	R	R	R	R	R
70	Laughing Dove	<i>Streptopelia senegalensis</i>		R	R	R	R	R	R	
71	Mourning Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decipiens</i>	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
72	Red-eyed Dove	<i>Streptopelia semitorquata</i>	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
73	Vinaceous Dove	<i>Streptopelia vinacea</i>			R	R	R	R	R	R
74	Black-billed Wood Dove	<i>Turtur abyssinicus</i>			R	R	R	R	R	R
75	Blue-spotted Wood Dove	<i>Turtur afer</i>		R	R	R	R	R	R	R
76	Namaqua Dove	<i>Oena capensis</i>						1		
77	Bruce's Green Pigeon	<i>Treron waalia</i>						3		
78	African Green Pigeon	<i>Treron calvus</i>					2	R		
79	Rose-ringed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula krameri</i>		3	10	10	R	R	12	
80	Senegal Parrot	<i>Poicephalus senegalus</i>		4		6	12	R	20	4
81	Guinea Turaco	<i>Tauraco persa</i>		2				1		
82	Violet Turaco	<i>Musophaga violacea</i>		3		2	1	3	10	
83	Western Plantain-Eater	<i>Crinifer piscator</i>	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
84	Senegal Coucal	<i>Centropus senegalensis</i>			1	1	3		1	
85	Klaas's Cuckoo	<i>Chrysococcyx klaas</i>				1	1			
86	Verreaux's Eagle Owl	<i>Bubo lacteus</i>				1	1			
87	Northern White-faced Owl	<i>Ptilopsis leucotis</i>				3	2			2
88	Pearl-spotted Owlet	<i>Glaucidium perlatum</i>		1				1	2	
89	Long-tailed Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus climacurus</i>					2			
90	Mottled Spinetail	<i>Telacanthura ussheri</i>		2						
91	African Palm Swift	<i>Cypsiurus parvus</i>	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
92	Little Swift	<i>Apus affinis</i>			1	1				
93	Rufous-crowned Roller	<i>Coracias naevius</i>			1					
94	Abyssinian Roller	<i>Coracias abyssinicus</i>			4	1				
95	Blue-bellied Roller	<i>Coracias cyanogaster</i>		2	2	1		2	2	
96	Broad-billed Roller	<i>Eurystomus glaucurus</i>			2		1			
97	Striped Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon chelicuti</i>						1		
98	Blue-breasted Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon malimbica</i>		1		3		4		

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99	African Pygmy Kingfisher	<i>Ispidina picta</i>		1						
100	Malachite Kingfisher	<i>Corythornis cristatus</i>			2	2				
101	Giant Kingfisher	<i>Megaceryle maxima</i>		1		1		1		
102	Pied Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle rudis</i>	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
103	Swallow-tailed Bee-eater	<i>Merops hirundineus</i>		2		4			6	4
104	Little Bee-eater	<i>Merops pusillus</i>		2		6	2	2	2	
105	White-throated Bee-eater	<i>Merops albicollis</i>		20		R		R	R	4
106	Blue-cheeked Bee-eater	<i>Merops persicus</i>		4		R	2	R		
107	West African Hoopoe	<i>Upupa senegalensis</i>					1			
108	Green Wood Hoopoe	<i>Phoeniculus purpureus</i>			1			2	3	
109	African Pied Hornbill	<i>Tockus fasciatus</i>				2		2		
110	African Grey Hornbill	<i>Tockus nasutus</i>				1	2	4	6	4
111	Western Red-billed Hornbill	<i>Tockus kemp</i>		12	12	6	R	R	R	R
112	Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird	<i>Pogoniulus chrysoconus</i>				1		1	1	1
113	Bearded Barbet	<i>Lybius dubius</i>				3				6
114	Lesser Honeyguide	<i>Indicator minor</i>		1					1	
115	Greater Honeyguide	<i>Indicator indicator</i>		1		1			1	
116	Cardinal Woodpecker	<i>Dendropicos fuscesens</i>						2		2
117	Fine-spotted Woodpecker	<i>Campethera punctuligera</i>		2						
118	African Grey Woodpecker	<i>Dendropicos goertae</i>		1			1	4	2	
119	Brown-throated Wattle-Eye	<i>Platysteira cyanea</i>		4				R	R	R
120	White-crested Helmetshrike	<i>Prionops plumatus</i>				4			6	
121	Black-crowned Tchagra	<i>Tchagra senegalus</i>						1		
122	Northern Puffback	<i>Dryoscopus gambensis</i>					1		1	1
123	Yellow-crowned Gonolek	<i>Laniarius barbarus</i>		3		1	1	6	4	2
124	Yellow-billed Shrike	<i>Corvinella corvina</i>		6		2	6	4	4	
125	Woodchat Shrike	<i>Lanius senator</i>			1					
126	African Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus auratus</i>								1
127	Fork-tailed Drongo	<i>Dicrurus adsimilis</i>		2	2			2	1	
128	Red-bellied Paradise Flycatcher	<i>Terpsiphone rufiventer</i>		1					1	
129	African Paradise Flycatcher	<i>Terpsiphone viridis</i>		1		1	2	1		
130	Piapiac	<i>Ptilostomus afer</i>				1	20	20	1	2
131	Pied Crow	<i>Corvus albus</i>	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
132	Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>			2					
133	Common Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus barbatus</i>	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
134	Little Greenbul	<i>Eurillas virens</i>		2				2		1
135	Grey-headed Bristlebill	<i>Bleda canicapillus</i>		1						1
136	Yellow-throated Leaflove	<i>Atimastillas flavicollis</i>		2						
137	Fanti Saw-Wing	<i>Psalidoprocne obscura</i>		2	1	4	4	2	2	1
138	Red-chested Swallow	<i>Hirundo lucida</i>		4	20	R	R	R		R
139	Wire-tailed Swallow	<i>Hirundo smithii</i>			1					
140	Pied-winged Swallow	<i>Hirundo leucosoma</i>		1	3	2		3	4	
141	Mosque Swallow	<i>Cecropis senegalensis</i>			2					
142	Northern Crombec	<i>Sylvietta brachyura</i>			1			4		
143	Willow Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>			4	1		2	2	
144	Common Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>						2		
145	Western Bonelli's Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus bonelli</i>						H		
146	Melodious Warbler	<i>Hippolais polyglotta</i>								2
147	Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>			1					
148	Tawny-flanked Prinia	<i>Prinia subflava</i>		1		1				
149	Grey-backed Camaroptera	<i>Camaroptera brevicaudata</i>		1		1	1		1	1

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			24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
150	Senegal Eremomela	<i>Eremomela pusilla</i>				1	1	6		2
151	Blackcap Babbler	<i>Turdoides reinwardtii</i>					20			
152	Brown Babbler	<i>Turdoides plebejus</i>		12	10	R	R	R		4
153	Greater Blue-eared Starling	<i>Lamprotornis chalybaeus</i>						4		
154	Purple Starling	<i>Lamprotornis purpureus</i>		6			1	3	2	3
155	Long-tailed Glossy Starling	<i>Lamprotornis caudatus</i>		4	12	4	R	R	R	
156	Violet-backed Starling	<i>Cinnyricinclus leucogaster</i>						2		3
157	Yellow-billed Oxpecker	<i>Buphagus africanus</i>						1		
158	African Thrush	<i>Turdus pelios</i>		1	1	2	6	R	R	
159	Snowy-crowned Robin-Chat	<i>Cossypha niveicapilla</i>		2		1	1		2	
160	White-crowned Robin-Chat	<i>Cossypha albicapillus</i>							1	
161	Northern Black Flycatcher	<i>Melaenornis edoloides</i>				1	1	1		
162	Mangrove Sunbird	<i>Anthreptes gabonicus</i>		1		1				
163	Green-headed Sunbird	<i>Cyanomitra verticalis</i>							2	
164	Pygmy Sunbird	<i>Hedydipna platura</i>		1						
165	Scarlet-chested Sunbird	<i>Chalcomitra senegalensis</i>				6		2	4	2
166	Beautiful Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris pulchellus</i>		12	R	R	R	R	R	R
167	Splendid Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris coccinigastrus</i>		6					6	
168	Variable Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris venustus</i>				R	1	6	2	
169	Copper Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris cupreus</i>								1
170	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>			1					
171	Northern Grey-headed Sparrow	<i>Passer griseus</i>		2		2	6	15		
172	White-billed Buffalo Weaver	<i>Bubalornis albirostris</i>		R			R		R	
173	Little Weaver	<i>Ploceus luteolus</i>								2
174	Black-necked Weaver	<i>Ploceus nigricollis</i>					8			2
175	Village Weaver	<i>Ploceus cucullatus</i>		R	R	R	R	R	R	R
176	Black-winged Red Bishop	<i>Euplectes hordeaceus</i>					R			
177	Northern Red Bishop	<i>Euplectes franciscanus</i>					R			
178	Red-billed Firefinch	<i>Lagonosticta senegala</i>		R		R	R	R	R	R
179	Red-cheeked Cordon-Bleu	<i>Uraeginthus bengalus</i>		6		R	R	R	R	R
180	Lavender Waxbill	<i>Estrilda caerulescens</i>				2	6		2	
181	Orange-cheeked Waxbill	<i>Estrilda melpoda</i>		6		R			15	4
182	Bronze Mannikin	<i>Lonchura cucullata</i>	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
183	Pin-tailed Whydah	<i>Vidua macroura</i>				4		1		
184	Iberian Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava iberiae</i>			8					
185	Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava flavissima</i>			3					
186	Yellow-fronted Canary	<i>Crithagra mozambica</i>				2	6	4		

Mammals

1	Western Red Colobus Monkey	<i>Procolobus badius</i>					25			
2	Guinea Baboon	<i>Papio papio</i>			30	200		R	R	
3	Green Vervet/Callithrix Monkey	<i>Chlorocebus sabaeus</i>		1	1	20	50	R	1	
4	Patas Monkey	<i>Erythrocebus patas</i>							7	
5	Gambian Epauletted Fruit Bat	<i>Epomophorus gambianus</i>	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
6	Peter's Dwarf Epauletted Fruit Bat	<i>Micropteropus pusillus</i>				R		R	R	
7	Striped Ground Squirrel	<i>Xerus erythropus</i>		1					1	
8	Gambian Sun Squirrel	<i>Heliosciurus gambianus</i>		1		2		3	3	
9	Gambian Pouched Rat	<i>Cricetomys gambianus</i>				1				
10	Marsh Mongoose	<i>Atilax paludinosus</i>				1				

Reptiles

Brown-flanked Skink, <i>Mabuya affinis</i>	Nile Monitor Lizard, <i>Varanus niloticus</i>
Agama Lizard, <i>Agama agama</i>	Fig Tree Gecko, <i>Tarantola ephippiata</i>
Diurnal Dwarf Gecko, <i>Lygodactylus gutturalis</i>	West African Crocodile, <i>Crocodylus suchus</i>

Butterflies

Narrow-banded Green Swallowtail, <i>Papilio nireus</i>	Citrus Swallowtail, <i>Papilio demodocus</i>
Small Grass Yellow, <i>Eurema brigatta</i>	Common Grass Yellow, <i>Eurema hecabe</i>
African Emigrant, <i>Catopsilia florella</i>	Tiny Orange Tip, <i>Colotis evagore antigone</i>
Zebra White, <i>Pinacopteryx eriphia tritogenia</i>	African Spirit, <i>Leptosia alcesta</i>
African Albatross, <i>Appias epaphia epaphia</i>	Common Dotted Border, <i>Mylothris chloris</i>
Common Scarlet, <i>Axiocerses harpax</i>	Pea Blue/Long-tailed Blue, <i>Lampides boeticus</i>
African Tiger, <i>Danaus chrysippus</i>	African Grass Blue, <i>Zizeeria knysna</i>
Small Orange Acraea, <i>Acraea serena</i>	River Sailor, <i>Neptis serena</i>
Lang's Short-tailed Blue/Common Zebra Blue, <i>Leptotes pirithous</i>	

Others

African Giant Snail, <i>Achatina sp.</i>	West African Mangrove Oyster, <i>Crassostrea tulipa</i>
Antlion, <i>Myrmeleon sp.</i>	Weaver Ants, <i>Oecophylla longinoda</i>
Driver Ants, <i>Dorylus sp.</i>	West African Fiddler Crab, <i>Uca tangeri</i>
Atlantic Mudskipper, <i>Periophthalmus papillo</i>	Guinean Tilapia, <i>Tilapia guineensis</i>

Plants

Common Name	Scientific Name
FLOWERING PLANTS	ANGIOSPERMS
<i>Magnoliidae (Dicotyledons)</i>	
Acanthus Family	Acanthaceae
Black Mangrove	<i>Avicennia germinans</i>
Blue Pussyleaf/Rice Farm Grass	<i>Nelsonia canescens</i>
Cashew Family	Anacardiaceae
Cashew Tree	<i>Anacardium occidentale</i>
Mango	<i>Mangifera indica</i>
Dogbane Family	Apocynaceae
Sodom Apple	<i>Calotropis procera</i>
Senegal Saba/Kaba	<i>Saba senegalensis</i>
Monkey's Shuttle	<i>Strophanthus sarmentosus</i>
Daisy Family	Asteraceae
Goatweed	<i>Ageratum conyzoides</i>
a Knapweed	<i>Centaurea perrottetii</i>
	<i>Grangea maderaspatana</i>
	<i>Sphaeranthus senegalensis</i>
Catalpa Family	Bignoniaceae
Akoko Tree/Kunjunborong	<i>Newbouldia laevis</i>

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Caper Family Crocodile's Tooth/Woolly Caper Bush	Capparaceae <i>Capparis tomentosa</i>
Cocoplum Family Gingerbread Plum	Chrysobalanaceae <i>Neocarya macrophylla</i>
Bushwillow Family Burning Bush	Combretaceae <i>Combretum paniculatum</i>
Bindweed Family Beach Morning Glory	Convolvulaceae <i>Ipomoea pes-caprae</i>
Pea Family Groundnut/Peanut Camel's-foot Tree/Napoleon's Plume West African Laburnum/Drumstick Tree Rattlepod Velvet Tamarind Bell-flowered Mimosa Coral Tree Winter Thorn African Locust Bean Tree	Fabaceae <i>Arachis hypogaea</i> <i>Bauhinia monandra</i> <i>Cassia sieberiana</i> <i>Crotalaria retusa</i> <i>Dialium guineense</i> <i>Dichrostachys cinerea</i> <i>Erythrina senegalensis</i> <i>Faidherbia albida</i> <i>Parkia biglobosa</i>
Deadnettle Family Gumbar Tree/Gamhar Bushmint	Lamiaceae <i>Gmelina arborea</i> <i>Hyptis suaveolens</i>
Mallow Family Baobab Kapok Tree	Malvaceae <i>Adansia digitata</i> <i>Ceiba petandra</i>
Mulberry Family Strangler Fig Sycamore Fig	Moraceae <i>Ficus craterostoma?</i> <i>Ficus sycamorus</i>
Four O'clock Family Bourgainvillea	Nyctaginaceae <i>Bourgainvillea spectabilis</i>
Water-lily Family Egyptian Lotus White Water-lily	Nymphaeaceae <i>Nymphaea lotus</i> <i>Nymphaea micrantha</i>
Willowherb Family Mexican Primrose-willow	Onograceae <i>Ludwigia octovalvis</i>
Bedstraw Family Shrubby False Buttonweed	Rubiaceae <i>Spermacoce verticillata</i>
Mangrove Family Red Mangrove	Rhizophoraceae <i>Rhizophora mangle</i>

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Liliidae (Monocotyledons)

Palm Family

Arecaceae

Black Rhun Palm/African Fan Palm

Borassus aethiopum

Coconut

Cocos nucifera

African Oil Palm

Elaeis guineensis

Senegal Date Palm

Phoenix reclinata



Baboon



White-helmeted Shrike