

The Gambia in Style

Naturetrek Tour Report

3rd – 10th December 2021



Caspian Tern



White-throated Bee-eaters



Mangrove Sunbird



Blue-breasted Kingfisher

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Summary

For all of the group this was a first return to the tropics and to Africa after nearly two years of travel restrictions and it was absolutely as exciting and enjoyable as we all hoped. Warm sun, exotic surroundings, comfortable lodgings and a riotous pageant of birds was our reality, and in the course of the week we saw a wonderful array of Kingfishers, Bee-eaters, Rollers, Sunbirds and lots more. Whether we were exploring locally around Mandina or travelling further afield, there was always a fantastic range of birds to see and we were frequently delighted with the dazzling colours of so many. From Violet Turacos, African Golden Orioles and Bearded Barbets to Yellow-crowned Gonoleks and Senegal Parrots, we enjoyed them all. There were some surprises too including a couple of Painted Snipe at Kartong, a lively troop of White-crested Helmet Shrikes close to the lodge, and even an immature Martial Eagle perched up in a Baobab. And then there were the Baboons... It was quite a week.

Day 1

Friday 3rd December

We arrived at Yundum international airport on time in the mid-afternoon and after meeting up with our bus and driver we headed off towards Mandina Lodge. In welcome tropical sunshine we passed through Yundum town and then Brikama and had our first taste of Gambian street scenes, rich with people and activity. Just past Brikama, we turned off on to a sand track through fields and scrub towards the Makasutu Forest and Mandina itself. Birds along the way included lots of Hooded Vultures, Yellow-billed Kites and Pied Crows, a range of Doves, some Green Wood-Hoopoes and a pair of Red-billed Hornbills. Soon enough we arrived at Mandina.

Being back in the tropics, in Africa, in a place so exotic after nearly two years of restricted travel was intoxicating and it was difficult to listen to our hostess Linda's brief introduction to the lodge when there were so many vivid distractions all around us. Mudskippers and Fiddler Crabs potted around on the low tide mudflat just beyond the terrace, sunbirds and bulbuls flicked through the mangroves, gawky Plantain-eaters chuckled away in the treetops and a gang of gloriously colourful Senegal Parrots shrieked across the sky. Cor!

As the evening closed in and with our briefing completed, we went off to our rooms to settle in prior to dinner.

Day 2

Saturday 4th December

We met on the terrace by the swimming pool at dawn, drank coffee, soaked up the morning dove chorus, watched Senegal Parrots and Plantain-eaters in the trees around us and enjoyed the sunrise. Then at 7.30 we set off in a couple of canoes with local guides AJ, Lamin and Amadou. We paddled slowly along the creek past mangrove lined shores and absorbed more of the morning unfolding around us. Interesting sightings came thick and fast: first a Giant Kingfisher, then a couple of Pied Kingfishers and a trio of Broad-billed Rollers, next a Brown Sunbird, a Striated Heron and three fly-by Wattled Plovers, then a large Nile Crocodile loafing in the shadows - it was exciting stuff!

We disembarked at a beach by the village of Bufaloto as a sizeable group of Grey Hornbills squeaked their follow-my-leader way through the nearby trees and a Harrier Hawk circled low overhead. Senegal Thick-knees lurked amongst the mangrove roots and a small group of exquisite Little Bee-eaters hawked from the tops of some low bushes. We took a short stroll along a track through patches of scrub and small fields. The action continued and in a short space of time we saw Fine-spotted and Grey Woodpeckers, Red-billed Hornbills, a dazzling Yellow-crowned Gonolek, several Long-tailed Glossy Starlings and a Blue-breasted Kingfisher.

A Lizard Buzzard perching in a tall tree attracted the agitated attentions of a series of smaller birds which included a Fork-tailed Drongo, two Bearded Barbets, a Yellow-throated Leaflove and some Black-necked Weavers. Meanwhile noisy gangs of Senegal Parrots and Ring-necked Parakeets passed overhead, a Pygmy Kingfisher appeared in the shadowy depths of a trackside bush and then just as quickly disappeared, a Snowy-crowned Robin-Chat put in an equally brief appearance and a noisy troop of Black-capped Babblers crashed around in the leaf litter. There frequently seemed to be too much to look at all at once and the whole scene was topped off by close-up views of Red Cheeked Cordon-blues and Orange-cheeked Waxbills in a patch of scrub and then a Violet Turaco being chased around by a pair of Plantain-eaters – wow!

Brunch beckoned however and so we headed back to the beach and the canoes. The short paddle back to Mandina brought us views of an Osprey, a Grey Kestrel, a Palm-nut Vulture and a Malachite Kingfisher and then it was food and a break. What a morning!

A flock of about 50 White-throated Bee-eaters drinking and bathing in the swimming pool in the mid-afternoon enlivened our siesta time before we set off on a late afternoon walk. We made our way to the so-called “Mudflat” and back and concluded the day with sightings of Beautiful and Splendid Sunbirds, Pin-tailed Whydahs, Red-billed Hornbills, Spur-winged Plovers and some brief Double-spurred Francolins.

Day 3

Sunday 5th December

Up at dawn again we left Mandina after an early breakfast on the first of our “break-out” days. A flock of handsome White Helmetshrikes working their way through some trackside trees and scrub made for an excellent start to the day as we bumped our way out to the main road. Our main destination was Kartong, an area of coastal wetlands near the Senegalese border. Our route took us through Gunjur and on the way we made a series of roadside stops which brought us great sightings of Blue-bellied Roller, Yellow-billed Shrike, Senegal Coucal, African Golden Oriole, Black-crowned Tchagra, Black Scimitarbill and lots more.

A first principal stop on the way into Kartong itself, ostensibly to get a good view of some Pink-backed Pelicans perched in a distant tree, led us to a rapid and exciting procession of birds that included various Herons and Egrets, some African Spoonbills, lots of White-faced Whistling Ducks, several species of Sandpipers, a confiding Malachite Kingfisher, both Yellow and White Wagtails and, excitingly, two Painted Snipe.

A little further on we took a longer walk. We followed the main track which is raised and affords great views over the surrounding pools, marshes, fields and scrub. Good birds came thick and fast and once again, there often seemed to be too much to look at all at once. On the pools we found Squacco, Black, Purple and Black Headed Herons, African Darters, a Hamerkop, Purple Swampheens, African Jacanas, Black-winged Stilts and a huge Nile Crocodile (with, at one stage, a Jacana on its back!). In the trackside scrub we enjoyed great views of a

Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird, several Little Bee-eaters, a Yellow-crowned Gonolek, another two Black-crowned Tchagras and a superb Grey-headed Kingfisher. We finished the walk with a trio of Yellow-billed Oxpeckers attending a small herd of cattle and some stunning views of Blue-cheeked and Northern Carmine Bee-eaters. Not bad!

We ate lunch at a quiet beachside restaurant a little up the coast then continued on towards the fishing port of Tanji. Here we walked along the beach and took in the bustling and colourful human scene of people, nets and boats and enjoyed some very close views of Bar-tailed Godwits, Sanderlings, Turnstones and Grey-headed Gulls along the strand-line and Caspian and Royal Terns in the air overhead. Making our way back through the fish-smoking sheds above the beach (a rich sensory experience!), we re-joined our bus and made our way back to Mandina. It had been another full and enjoyable day.

Day 4

Monday 6th December

Up at first light again and coffee by the pool at sunrise. Senegal Parrots in the big baobab, a Giant Kingfisher from the jetty, a Shikra in the palms and the usual dove chorus. Then it was into the canoes again and out on the river. Purple Heron, Reed Cormorant, Senegal Thick-knee and lovely views of both Blue-breasted and Pied Kingfishers. Putting into the shore, we walked a short way into an area of rice fields. A Harrier Hawk drifted overhead and as we paused to enjoy some Sunbirds around a flowering shrub a gang of Brown Babblers took us by surprise as they exploded noisily out of a patch of scrub and flew across the track. A Black-billed Wood Dove posed beautifully for a minute or two, a couple of Violet Turacos flashed tantalisingly through the trees and a range of other notable sightings included a Blue-bellied Roller, several Yellow-billed Shrikes, a couple of Senegal Coucals and a lively posse of White-billed Buffalo Weavers. All too soon it was time to return to Mandina.

Brunch and a break followed and then once again we headed out for a walk in the late afternoon. Lavender Waxbills and a Green headed Sunbird at the water tanks kicked things off nicely and as we continued we enjoyed good views of a Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird, a couple of Senegal Eremomelas, an African Paradise Flycatcher, a Greater Honeyguide and two Lanners, a clean looking adult and a more strongly marked immature. We finished the day with prolonged views of a Green Turaco, a striking looking thing that was expertly spotted by local guide Amadou.

Day 5

Tuesday 7th December

After an early breakfast we set off from Mandina for our second breakout day. Driving through Brikama and Yundum, our first stop was at Lamin, an area of rice fields, scrub and palms. A pleasant stroll around here in the morning sunshine brought a number of good sightings. Among the highlights were two Grey Kestrels, a dashing Red-necked Falcon, some close Little Bee-eaters, a good sized flock of Piapiacs, several Senegal Coucals and lots of Village Weavers. The rice crop was quite high and open water limited but wetland birds were in evidence too with Squacco and Green-backed Herons, Hamerkop, Spur-winged Lapwing, African Jacana and Senegal Thick-knee all seen. Three Black Crakes that appeared at the edge of one rice field were a real bonus and a fly-by Painted Snipe pleased those who had missed the two seen at Kartong earlier in the week.

In the late morning we crossed the busy dual carriageway adjacent to the rice fields and entered the famous Abuko Forest Reserve and immediately found ourselves immersed in a different world. The traffic noise faded

and we were surrounded by the sights, sounds and smells of old-growth Guinea forest and awarded an insight into what much of this part of West Africa must have been like before large scale human settlement. As it was late morning the forest was fairly quiet but during the course of our walk we had great views of Pied Hornbill, Red-bellied Paradise Flycatcher, Fanti Saw-wing, Broad-billed Roller and Violet Turaco. Abuko is noted for its Western Red Colobus Monkeys and we were keen to see some. Sure enough, quite early on in our walk we found a small group, including a female with a baby, in loose company with a larger group of Green Vervets. The Vervets were active on the forest floor but the Colobus, already into their siesta, were resting up in the trees.

Leaving Abuko we drove on through sprawling Serekunda town to a beachside restaurant at Cape Point. The restaurant garden overlooked a reed-lined pool just in from the beach and so entertainment was assured and as we relaxed over a lengthy lunch we watched Caspian Terns, Blue-cheeked Bee-eaters, Broad-billed Roller, Red-chested Swallows, Pied Kingfishers, Black Crake, Namaqua Doves and lots more. Two distant Abyssinian Rollers in some sparse scrub out on the beach were a good sighting and a sizeable Nile Monitor pottering around the garden added some reptile class to the occasion.

From Cape Point we made our way to Kotu Beach, a noted birding spot, where we saw a range of waders on the exposed mud and a good mix of other species before beginning the drive back to Mandina. The roads were busy and our journey slow but we eventually reached Brikama and turned off onto our now familiar dirt track. It had been a long but very rewarding day.

Day 6

Wednesday 8th December

Another lovely dawn and some great early action in the form of a Shikra chasing doves out of the poolside trees and a Harrier Hawk working its way through the palm crowns looking for its breakfast. Walking out along the track towards the Makusutu Forest “Base Camp” in the early morning cool, we enjoyed great views of a pair of Grey-headed Bristlebills skulking in the undergrowth, a gorgeous male Red-bellied Paradise Flycatcher, a noisy pack of Black-capped Babblers and a smart Lizard Buzzard perched out in the full sun. Other goodies included a brief pair of Cardinal Woodpeckers and a rather skulking Northern Puffback but perhaps best of all was on our way back when we met the local Baboon troop. They came out of the woodland on our right and crossed the track all around us. We estimated over 200 hundred in all, a huge group, with animals off all ages and sizes from tiny babes in arms to formidably large adult males. They very largely ignored us as we stood watching quietly, and interestingly, on the move as they were, they too were almost silent. It was a thrilling and entrancing few minutes to be so closely surrounded by such a large group of animals like these and not to feel threatened at all.

Serene as they were at that stage of the morning, the same Baboons presented a very different picture when they visited the fruiting acacia trees in the lodge car park during siesta time. Squabbling, shrieking, squealing and roaring, they set the dogs off barking (it's their job to keep the Baboons out of the grounds) and the gardener had to loose a few stones with his sling shot (very skilfully!) to ensure the Baboons kept on the right side of the fence. With all the noise and all the debris of leaves, twigs and discarded acacia pods raining down they felt like an invading army! It was all very exciting and deliciously chaotic!

We gathered as usual for an afternoon walk and after watching a Subalpine Warbler in the mangroves by the bar and the daily White-throated Bee-eaters over the swimming pool, we set off towards an area known as the “Peanut Fields”. A delightful group of Swallow-tailed Bee-eaters started things off well and then we hit the

jackpot with great views of an immature Martial Eagle sitting up in a large Baobab tree. It was simply enormous, majestic in the extreme and a real bonus bird, being quite uncommon in western Gambia. At the Peanut Fields, as the afternoon closed in, we saw a lovely range of birds including a Black-shouldered Kite and a Gabar Goshawk, two Grey Hornbills, a Fork-tailed Drongo, a pair of Bearded Barbets, three brief fly-over Vieillot's Barbets and a lots of Senegal Parrots. We arrived back at the lodge a little before sunset; it had been another very satisfying day.

Day 7

Thursday 9th December

Up at first light as usual, we were away in the canoes shortly after sunrise. The river was as beautiful as ever and the birding kicked off with Blue-breasted and Pied Kingfishers, an Osprey, some Pied Hornbills and a superb Goliath Heron. We put in at the village of Kabuneh and took a short walk to a stand of huge Silk Cotton (Kapok) trees. Birds as we walked included a Shikra, some Long-tailed Glossy Starlings, lots of Ring-necked Parakeets and Senegal Parrots, two Grey Woodpeckers and a couple of Tawny-flanked Prinias. We spent some time watching the activity in a fruiting fig tree and were rewarded with good sightings of both African and Bruce's Green Pigeons, Violet Turaco, African Golden Oriole, Grey Hornbill and a Greater Honeyguide which was being chased by a bunch of suspicious Bulbuls.

The canoe ride back to Mandina was sensational too with a stunning Baudouin's Snake Eagle low over our heads, a close Giant Kingfisher, an adult Purple Heron standing at the edge of the mangroves, a Palm-nut Vulture perched in a treetop and finally, as we pulled into the key at Mandina, a Dark Chanting Goshawk soaring in the distance.

In the late afternoon a reduced team took a second walk to the area known as The Mudflats and saw a satisfying range of birds including the first Yellow White-eyes of the trip, a pair of Grey Kestrels at their broken-off palm top nest, a rowdy group of Brown Babblers and a Northern Black Flycatcher. Another showy Yellow-crowned Gonolek was a welcome bonus and the evening chorus from a pair of Stone Partridges was an atmospheric treat to listen to, but top encounter was a dazzling little African Pygmy Kingfisher that perched in the open for a minute or two and allowed us all some great views.

Day 8

Friday 10th December

Our last morning at Mandina and a spectacularly beautiful dawn. A final walk brought a range of exciting sightings which included a Gabar Goshawk, two Violet Turacos, a pair of duetting Grey-headed Bristlebills, another Greater Honeyguide, several Variable Sunbirds and a pair of Yellow-crowned Canaries. A column of Driver Ants were an impressive sight as they snaked their way across the ground in a dense and busy stream, and a fitting finale was provided by the sight of a White Faced Owl roosting quietly high up in a trackside tree.

After breakfast we packed up and then at noon, said our goodbyes and thankyou's and boarded the bus to take us back to the airport. The check-in and other formalities went smoothly, the flight was on time and we all arrived safely back at Gatwick later that evening.

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Checklists

Birds

Common name	Scientific name	Date:							
		3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
Stone Partridge	<i>Ptilopachus petrosus</i>				2	2	2	h	
Double-spurred Francolin	<i>Pternistis bicalcaratus</i>		4		3	10	10	6	
White-faced Whistling Duck	<i>Dendrocygna viduata</i>			300			25		
African Sacred Ibis	<i>Threskiornis aethiopicus</i>			1					
African Spoonbill	<i>Platalea alba</i>			8					
Striated Heron	<i>Butorides striata</i>		1	3		10			
Squacco Heron	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>		1	10		10			
Western Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	100	50	100	25	50	30	50	10
Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>				2	3			
Black-headed Heron	<i>Ardea melanocephala</i>		1	2	1	1			
Goliath Heron	<i>Ardea goliath</i>							1	
Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>			3		1		1	
Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>	1	2	50	3	10	1	3	
Black Heron	<i>Egretta ardesiaca</i>			15					
Western Reef Heron	<i>Egretta gularis</i>		2	30	1	5	1	2	
Hamerkop	<i>Scopus umbretta</i>			3		4			
Pink-backed Pelican	<i>Pelecanus rufescens</i>			50	1				
Reed Cormorant	<i>Microcarbo africanus</i>	1	10	40	1	10		2	

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		3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
African Darter	<i>Anhinga rufa</i>			10	1				
Western Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>		1	8				1	
Yellow-billed Kite	<i>Milvus aegyptius</i>	10	10	100	30	100	25	25	30
Palm-nut Vulture	<i>Gypohierax angolensis</i>		1					1	
Hooded Vulture	<i>Necrosyrtes monachus</i>	100's	100	100's	100	100's	50	50	50
Beaudouin's Snake Eagle	<i>Circaetus beaudouini</i>							2	
African Harrier-Hawk	<i>Polyboroides typus</i>		1		1		3	1	1
Dark Chanting Goshawk	<i>Melierax metabates</i>			1				1	
Gabar Goshawk	<i>Micronisus gabar</i>						1		1
Shikra	<i>Accipiter badius</i>			1	2	2	1	1	
Lizard Buzzard	<i>Kaupifalco monogrammicus</i>		2	3	1		1	2	
Martial Eagle	<i>Polemaetus bellicosus</i>						1		
Grey Kestrel	<i>Falco ardosiaceus</i>		2	1		2		2	
Red-necked Falcon	<i>Falco chicquera</i>			1		1			
Lanner Falcon	<i>Falco biarmicus</i>				2		2		
Black Crake	<i>Amauornis flavirostra</i>					4		1	
African Purple Swamphen	<i>Porphyrio madagascariensis</i>			3					
Senegal Thick-Knee	<i>Burhinus senegalensis</i>	1	2	25	2	12	1	h	
Eurasian Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus ostralegus</i>			4					
Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>			5		15			
Spur-winged Lapwing	<i>Vanellus spinosus</i>		2	50		20		12	
African Wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus senegallus</i>		3			5	25	1	
Grey Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>			2	1	1			
Common Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>			12		9			
Greater Painted Snipe	<i>Rostratula benghalensis</i>			2		1			
African Jacana	<i>Actophilornis africanus</i>			7		6			
Common Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>			1					
Bar-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa lapponica</i>			15					
Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>	1	12	15	8	4	1	4	
Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>			4	1	2		2	
Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>			4	1			h	
Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>		2	1		2			
Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>			2					
Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	1	12	8	5	2		2	
Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>			2					
Grey-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus cirrocephalus</i>			100's		1			
Lesser Black-backed Gull	<i>Larus fuscus</i>			1					
Gull-billed Tern	<i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i>					1			
Caspian Tern	<i>Hydroprogne caspia</i>			20	1	4		1	
Royal Tern	<i>Thalasseus maximus</i>			10					
Sandwich Tern	<i>Thalasseus sandvicensis</i>			10					
Four-banded Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles quadricinctus</i>			2					
Speckled Pigeon	<i>Columba guinea</i>	150	150	100's	100	50	50	70	30
Laughing Dove	<i>Streptopelia senegalensis</i>	20	5	15	10		5	6	2
Mourning Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decipiens</i>	8	50	25	25	5	5	30	20
Red-eyed Dove	<i>Streptopelia semitorquata</i>	2	50	10	30	20	25	30	20
Vinaceous Dove	<i>Streptopelia vinacea</i>		2	15	25	20	15	20	10
Black-billed Wood Dove	<i>Turtur abyssinicus</i>	2	10	2	2		5	5	7

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Blue-spotted Wood Dove	<i>Turtur afer</i>		10	2	6	1	15	10	8
Namaqua Dove	<i>Oena capensis</i>			1		5			
Bruce's Green Pigeon	<i>Treron waalia</i>							2	
African Green Pigeon	<i>Treron calvus</i>				1			2	
Rose-ringed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula krameri</i>		5	15	20	20		20	
Senegal Parrot	<i>Poicephalus senegalus</i>	10	15	25	20	5	20	15	10
Guinea Turaco	<i>Tauraco persa</i>				1				
Violet Turaco	<i>Musophaga violacea</i>		2		4	2		1	2
Western Plantain-Eater	<i>Crinifer piscator</i>	5	15	25	30	25	20	20	10
Senegal Coucal	<i>Centropus senegalensis</i>			2	1	7		1	
Northern White-faced Owl	<i>Ptilopsis leucotis</i>						1		1
African Palm Swift	<i>Cypsiurus parvus</i>	10	20	20	20	25	10	10	
Little Swift	<i>Apus affinis</i>	5		25	6	8	5		12
Abyssinian Roller	<i>Coracias abyssinicus</i>	1				2			
Blue-bellied Roller	<i>Coracias cyanogaster</i>			15	5				
Broad-billed Roller	<i>Eurystomus glaucurus</i>	1	3			3	1	1	
Grey-headed Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon leucocephala</i>			1					
Blue-breasted Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon malimbica</i>		2	h	2	h	h	3	
African Pygmy Kingfisher	<i>Ispidina picta</i>		1					1	
Malachite Kingfisher	<i>Corythornis cristatus</i>		3	2	1	1	1	1	
Giant Kingfisher	<i>Megaceryle maxima</i>		2		2	2	1	3	2
Pied Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle rudis</i>	7	5	15	12	12	3	10	2
Swallow-tailed Bee-Eater	<i>Merops hirundineus</i>						5		
Little Bee-Eater	<i>Merops pusillus</i>		6	5		15	10	2	
White-throated Bee-Eater	<i>Merops albicollis</i>	20	50		20		50	30	
Blue-cheeked Bee-Eater	<i>Merops persicus</i>			30		50			
Northern Carmine Bee-eater	<i>Merops nubicus</i>			3					
Green Wood Hoopoe	<i>Phoeniculus purpureus</i>	3			3	4			
Black Scimitarbill	<i>Rhinopomastus aterrimus</i>			2					
African Pied Hornbill	<i>Tockus fasciatus</i>		1	1		1		4	2
African Grey Hornbill	<i>Tockus nasutus</i>		10		3	2	3	4	
Western Red-billed Hornbill	<i>Tockus kemp</i>	2	6	12	10	12	10	15	10
Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird	<i>Pogoniulus chrysoconus</i>		1 +1h	1+1h	1+2h	1	5h	2	1h
Vieillot's Barbet	<i>Lybius vieilloti</i>						3		
Bearded Barbet	<i>Lybius dubius</i>		2	2			2		
Greater Honeyguide	<i>Indicator indicator</i>				1		1	1	1
Fine-spotted Woodpecker	<i>Campethera punctuligera</i>		1						
Golden-tailed Woodpecker	<i>Campethera abingoni</i>		1						
Cardinal Woodpecker	<i>Dendropicos fuscescens</i>						2		2
African Grey Woodpecker	<i>Dendropicos goertae</i>		1					2	
Brown-throated Wattle-Eye	<i>Platysteira cyanea</i>	h	8	h	4	2	8	h	
White-crested Helmetshrike	<i>Prionops plumatus</i>			7					
Black-crowned Tchagra	<i>Tchagra senegalus</i>			3					
Northern Puffback	<i>Dryoscopus gambensis</i>					1	1		1
Yellow-crowned Gonolek	<i>Laniarius barbarus</i>		1	2+1h	3h	2+2h	1+3h	2+2h	2h
Grey-headed Bush-Shrike	<i>Malaconoyus blanchoti</i>		1						
Sulphur-breasted Bush-	<i>Chlorophoneus</i>								1h

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Shrike	<i>sulphureopectus</i>								
Yellow-billed Shrike	<i>Corvinella corvina</i>			8	6			5	
African Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus auratus</i>		1	2		1		1	
Fork-tailed Drongo	<i>Dicrurus adsimilis</i>		1	1		1	1	2	
Red-bellied Paradise Flycatcher	<i>Terpsiphone rufiventer</i>				1	1	2		
African Paradise Flycatcher	<i>Terpsiphone viridis</i>		3		2				
Piapiac	<i>Ptilostomus afer</i>			3		20			
Pied Crow	<i>Corvus albus</i>	10	30	50	30	30	40	40	20
Common Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus barbatus</i>	12	25	30	30	50	50	50	25
Little Greenbul	<i>Eurillas virens</i>		1			2	1		
Grey-headed Bristlebill	<i>Bleda canicapillus</i>				1		2		2
Fanti Saw-Wing	<i>Psolidoprocne obscura</i>				2	3			
Red-chested Swallow	<i>Hirundo lucida</i>		20	25		25	5		
Wire-tailed Swallow	<i>Hirundo smithii</i>	1		1		3			
Pied-winged Swallow	<i>Hirundo leucosoma</i>						3		
Mosque Swallow	<i>Cecropis senegalensis</i>			2					
Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Cecropis daurica</i>			10					
European Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>			1h		1+1h			
Melodious Warbler	<i>Hippolais polyglotta</i>		1			1	1		2
Western Olivaceous Warbler	<i>Hippolais opaca</i>			1	1h			1h	
Common Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia communis</i>			2					
Subalpine Warbler	<i>Sylvia cantillans</i>	1					1		
Tawny-flanked Prinia	<i>Prinia subflava</i>			1+1h				4	
Yellow-breasted Apalis	<i>Apalis flavida</i>		1		2		1		
Grey-backed Camaroptera	<i>Camaroptera brevicaudata</i>		4h		2 +1h	1h	1h		2h
Senegal Eremomela	<i>Eremomela pusilla</i>				2				3
Blackcap Babbler	<i>Turdoides reinwardtii</i>		5			4	10	15	
Brown Babbler	<i>Turdoides plebejus</i>		h	5	15			8	
Lesser Blue-eared Starling	<i>Lamprotornis chloropterus</i>			15+		3+			
Purple Starling	<i>Lamprotornis purpureus</i>			40+					
Long-tailed Glossy Starling	<i>Lamprotornis caudatus</i>		2	15	4	8	2	7	
Yellow-billed Oxpecker	<i>Buphagus africanus</i>			3					
African Thrush	<i>Turdus pelios</i>	3	15		8	3	8	5	
Snowy-crowned Robin-Chat	<i>Cossypha niveicapilla</i>		4		2+2h	1	1+1h		1h
Northern Black Flycatcher	<i>Melaenornis edolioides</i>							1	
Mangrove Sunbird	<i>Anthreptes gabonicus</i>	1	6	1	6		2	1	
Western Violet-backed Sunbird	<i>Anthreptes longuemarei</i>				1				
Green-headed Sunbird	<i>Cyanomitra verticalis</i>		2		2		1		
Pygmy Sunbird	<i>Hedydipna platura</i>								1
Scarlet-chested Sunbird	<i>Chalcomitra senegalensis</i>				1				
Beautiful Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris pulchellus</i>		5	10	20	10	25	15	5
Splendid Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris coccinigastrus</i>		4		6		6	8	
Variable Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris venustus</i>				1				10
House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>			2					1
Northern Grey-headed Sparrow	<i>Passer griseus</i>							2	

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White-billed Buffalo Weaver	<i>Bubalornis albirostris</i>			50	30				
Little Weaver	<i>Ploceus luteolus</i>								1
Black-necked Weaver	<i>Ploceus nigricollis</i>		8		4	6	5	2	4
Village Weaver	<i>Ploceus cucullatus</i>		20	30	10	100+	100+	100's	15
Black-winged Red Bishop	<i>Euplectes hordeaceus</i>			2+					
Red-billed Firefinch	<i>Lagonosticta senegala</i>		10	10	5	1	8	6	2
Red-cheeked Cordon-Bleu	<i>Uraeginthus bengalus</i>		3	1	5		2		
Lavender Waxbill	<i>Estrilda caerulescens</i>		10		3		3	5	
Orange-cheeked Waxbill	<i>Estrilda melpoda</i>		10						
Bronze Mannikin	<i>Lonchura cucullata</i>	10	15	4	10	20	30	30	15
Pin-tailed Whydah	<i>Vidua macroura</i>		2				10		
Western Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>			5		h			
White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>			2					
Yellow-fronted Canary	<i>Crithagra mozambica</i>								2