

# The Gambia in Style

Naturetrek Tour Report

1st – 8th December 2023

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Shining-blue Kingfisher



Swallow-tailed Bee-eaters



Bearded Barbet



Green Turaco

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## Day 1

**Friday 1st December**

Sunny and warm

We arrived in Banjul on time in the mid-afternoon and after clearing the airport and meeting up with our bus driver we headed off into the bustle of roadside Gambia. Little Swifts sweeping around the roof of the airport as we arrived kicked off the birding and as we drove through Brikama and on towards Mandina we noted Yellow-billed Kites and Pied Crows, Red-eyed and Vinaceous Doves, Speckled Pigeons, lots of Hooded Vultures and a lone Grey Hornbill.

Once at Mandina we enjoyed a welcome drink and a brief introduction from our hostess Linda before heading off to our various quarters to settle in before dinner. Wildlife is always evident at Mandina and during that last hour of the day we collectively noticed a nice little range of things including Broad-billed Roller, Senegal Thick-Knee, Western Plantain-eater, White-throated Bee-eater and lots of Gambian Epauletted Fruit-Bats.

## Day 2

**Saturday 2nd December**

Sunny and hot

After tea and coffee by the pool at 7am first light we set off in the canoes towards the little oyster fishing village of Bufaloto. The creek was gorgeously peaceful as we slowly paddled along. Good birds came thick and fast and included Giant, Pied and Malachite Kingfishers, two distant Goliath Herons, four Swallow-tailed Bee-eaters perched shoulder to shoulder, a couple of Broad-billed Rollers, a few Whimbrel and several Senegal Thick-knees. Once ashore at Bufaloto we took a short walk and had some good views of Red-billed and Grey Hornbills, Senegal Parrots, Long-tailed Glossy Starlings, Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird, Beautiful and Variable Sunbirds, Red-cheeked Cordon-bleus and a perched Lanner Falcon. A Hamerkop, a fleeting Violet Turaco and a distant Blue-bellied Roller added to the action and on the way back in the canoes we added Spur-winged Plover and Osprey to an impressive range of sightings.

Back at Mandina we had a leisurely brunch then took a break before reconvening in the late afternoon. Half the group went on the "Sunset Cruise" whilst others took a walk to the so-called "Mudflat". The Cruisers, who boated right out to the mighty Gambia River itself, saw Goliath and Purple Herons, African Darters, a Harrier Hawk, a Caspian Tern, Blue-cheeked Bee-eaters, Red-chested Swallows and a trio of Kingfisher species. The Mudflatters meanwhile told of an enjoyable walk headlined by sightings of a Grey Kestrel, a Pied Hornbill and some Stone Partridge plus a close encounter with the local Guinea Baboons - hundreds of them!

## Day 3

**Sunday 3rd December**

Sunny, hot and breezy.

Up at first light, breakfast soon after and then away on the first of our two "break-out days". Our destination this morning was Kartong down by the Senegalese border, but we made a couple of stops along the way. The first was

at a scrub and tree lined, water filled gravel pit where we found a juvenile Harrier Hawk checking out some old weaver nests, lots of Senegal Thick-knees, Wattled and Spur-winged Plovers, a Giant Kingfisher, some Little Bee-eaters and three Yellow-crowned Gonoleks. The second was an ad-hoc stop for a pair of Rufous-crowned Rollers in a tree in a rough field which led to sightings of several Senegal Parrots and Ring-necked Parakeets, a flock of Greater-Blue-eared and Bronze-tailed Glossy Starlings, some Grey-headed Sparrows and a gang of engaging Green Wood-Hoopoes.

Finally we reached Kartong itself, an area of pools marsh, scrub and agricultural fields where we spent the rest of the morning on foot working our way along a track that neatly bisects the area. There was lots to see. On the various pools we saw Black-headed, Black and Squacco Herons, Great, Little and Intermediate Egrets, Hamerkops, African Jacanas, Purple Swamphens, African Darters and Long-tailed Cormorants. Careful scrutiny revealed a couple of large West African Crocodiles lurking in quiet corners and amongst the noisy throngs of White-faced Whistling Ducks we found a juvenile Spur-winged Goose, an odd looking thing. Pink-backed Pelicans were constantly in the air soaring around and raptors included two Beaudouin's Snake Eagles, a Long-crested Eagle and several Ospreys. This extravaganza was rounded off by fabulous views of an Abyssinian Roller and a large flock of Blue-cheeked Bee-eaters – not bad!

After a short break at a little beach bar with Caspian and Sandwich Terns hawking over the surf we left Kartong and drove up the coast to Sanyang where we ate a delicious lunch at a beachside restaurant. A short stroll here produced Grey-headed and Lesser-Black Backed Gulls, some Turnstones and offshore, a number of leaping Yellow-finned Tuna. From Sanyang we returned to Mandina and enjoyed a relaxed late afternoon before reconvening later for dinner.

## Day 4

## Monday 4th December

Sunny and hot.

Another beautiful dawn. Coffee and the morning dove chorus by the pool again and then off in the canoes, this time upstream to the Kembujeh rice fields, noting a dazzling Shining Blue Kingfisher and a brief Pied Hornbill along the way. At Kembujeh we had a nice little walk and enjoyed some great sightings including two Pearl-spotted Owlets, a Lizard Buzzard, a Fine-spotted Woodpecker, a troop of Brown Babblers (up to no good as usual!), a distant pair of Grey Kestrels and outstandingly, a trio of Oriole Warblers. These last, an unusual species and a hard bird to find, were typically skulking but eventually showed well enough for us to see them well. The paddle back was productive too, bringing lovely views of Blue-breasted, Pied and Malachite Kingfishers, a Green-backed Heron and two stunning Wattled Lapwings (with their amazing long yellow legs!).

Brunch and some free time followed and then we reconvened again in the late afternoon. The second half of the group went on their sunset cruise and came back with reports of Goliath and Purple Herons, Ospreys and Darters, a Beaudouin's Snake Eagle and Blue-cheeked Bee-eaters. The rest of us went out for a local walk and after a slow, hot start found a Fine-spotted Woodpecker, two Grey and three Pied Hornbills, a Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird and best of all, both Violet and Green Turacos.

## Day 5

## Tuesday 5th December

Sunny and hot. Breezy in the afternoon.

Tea and coffee by the pool at first light again then away on a walk to the Peanut Fields. It was a lovely morning, full of promise, and on our way to the fields we encountered lots of good birds. Top of the bill were excellent views of both Green and Violet Turacos but a sumptuous supporting cast included both Pied and Red-billed Hornbills, a Cardinal Woodpecker, Swallow-tailed and White-throated Bee-eaters, a singing Black-crowned Tchagra, a Greater Honeyguide, a dashing Pied-winged Swallow and lots of the ubiquitous but characterful Western Plantain-eaters. Out in the open at the peanut fields we found a Lizard Buzzard, a Long-crested Eagle, two Northern Black Flycatchers and a superb Striped Kingfisher, and spent a little time watching a pair of Vieillot's Barbets, an unobtrusive and infrequently seen species, as they attended a nest hole in a dead tree. On the way back the action continued with a Harrier Hawk, a Fine-Spotted Woodpecker, an African Green Pigeon, a few Melodious Warblers and a couple of Yellow-fronted Canaries. It had been a good morning!

In the late afternoon some of us set off for another walk. We headed down the entrance track to an area known as Paul's Fields and had a lovely little session with great views of Blue-bellied Roller, Woodland Kingfisher, Lizard Buzzard, Senegal Coucals, Grey Hornbills, Long-tailed Glossy Starlings and a sensational Black-winged Kite that hovered right above us.

## Day 6

## Wednesday 6th December

Hot and sunny.

After an early breakfast we set off from Mandina on the second of our break-out days. First stop was at a place called Pirang where we explored an area of embanked ponds with variable amounts of water and mud. Among the highlights during a productive hour and a half here were some close Gull-billed Terns, a range of waders including Black-winged Stilts and Curlew Sandpipers, at least three Palm-nut Vultures, several Pink-backed Pelicans, a distant perched Red-necked Falcon, a Long-crested Eagle and some sensational views of Wire-tailed and Red-rumped Swallows. Small birds in the scrub along the tracks included Northern Crombec, Subalpine Warbler, Common Whitethroat and a surprise Woodchat Shrike, whilst in the more open areas we found Crested Larks, Yellow Wagtails and Zitting Cisticolas

From Pirang we transferred the short distance to Bonto Forest, a relic section of old-growth Guinea forest. Here we enjoyed a walk in the shade under the big trees and found a Rufous-bellied Paradise Flycatcher, a Grey Woodpecker, a Pied Hornbill, a couple of Brown-necked Parrots and a perched Palm-nut Vulture. At one stage we came across a large troop of Guinea Baboons moving through the trees. They didn't seem at all pleased to see us: the big males barked and postured alarmingly whilst the youngsters peered at us timidly from around branches and the females moved quietly on. This excellent little session had started with views of a Northern White-faced Owl asleep in a patch of scrub by the parking lot and finished, amazingly, with a pair of mighty Verreaux's Eagle Owls peering down at us from their roost high up in a huge forest tree – not bad!

From Bonto we headed back to Mandina for lunch and a short break and then in the afternoon we drove out in the other direction to a place called Marakissa. Here we explored some scrubby and marshy areas along the river

and finished a rich and full day with good sightings of a Harrier Hawk, a Black-headed Heron, some African Jacanas, a Yellow-billed Shrike and three stunning little Black Crakes.

## Day 7

Thursday 8th December

Sunny and hot.

Up at first light again, we had our customary tea and coffee by the pool then set off in the canoes for the last time. This morning we were bound for another little village called Kabuneh. A very pleasant walk around the village here produced a satisfying range of birds and amongst other things we enjoyed great views of a Bearded Barbet perched at the top of a fig tree, a Grey Woodpecker, a Shikra, a Village Indigobird, a few Yellow-billed Shrikes, a trio of Fanti Saw-wings and a very smart White-crowned Robin Chat. The canoe ride back produced the usual Senegal Thick-knees plus a Malachite Kingfisher, a Palm-nut Vulture and a nice pack of Palm and Little Swifts low over the lodge.

Brunch and a break ensued as usual and then in the late afternoon some of us set off on foot towards the mudflat. A Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird and a covey of Stone Partridges enlivened the walk out and at the Mudflat itself we were delighted to find two stunning Painted Snipe (expertly spotted by Jon) lurking in the shadows under the mangroves. Two Red-necked Falcons dashing around at exocet speed added further spice whilst other bits and pieces included Wattled and Spur-winged Plovers, Pied and Giant Kingfishers, Broad-billed Roller and Yellow-billed Shrike. On the way back we added sightings of all three species of Hornbill, lots of Plantain-eaters and a surprise European Turtle Dove foraging on the track ahead of us with a couple of Blue-spotted Wood-Doves

## Day 8

Friday 9th December

Hot and sunny.

Another beautiful sunrise over the mangroves and a then a final morning walk at Mandina which brought us fabulous views of a Green Turaco, five Swallow-tailed Bee-eaters and a singing Black-crowned Tchagra plus a perched Double-spurred Francolin, a Blue-bellied Roller and our last Violet Turaco – pretty good!

Back for brunch we were soon packed up and ready to go and after saying our thankyou's and goodbyes we set off for the airport. Everything went smoothly and we arrived back at Gatwick later that evening.

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## Species lists

Birds (H = Heard only)

Common name	Scientific name	December 2023							
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
White-faced Whistling Duck	<i>Dendrocygna viduata</i>			200			30		
Spur-winged Goose	<i>Plectropterus gambensis</i>			1					
Stone Partridge	<i>Ptilopachus petrosus</i>		2		h	h		5	h
Double-spurred Spurfowl	<i>Pternistis bicalcaratus</i>		1	2	5	3	2	h	2
African Palm Swift	<i>Cypsiurus parvus</i>		25	25	15	15		15	10
Little Swift	<i>Apus affinis</i>	2	4	1	1			30	
Western Plantain-eater	<i>Crinifer piscator</i>	1	5	4	15	20	25	25	15
Violet Turaco	<i>Tauraco violaceus</i>		2		2	7			4
Guinea Turaco	<i>Tauraco persa</i>				1	1			2
Senegal Coucal	<i>Centropus senegalensis</i>			1		2	3		
Speckled Pigeon	<i>Columba guinea</i>	5	5	10	30	50	50	50	30
European Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia turtur</i>							1	
Mourning Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decipiens</i>	5	10	10	15	15	20	30	5
Red-eyed Dove	<i>Streptopelia semitorquata</i>	5	10	10	15	20	30	30	20
Vinaceous Dove	<i>Streptopelia vinacea</i>	10	10	10	10	10	20	20	5
Laughing Dove	<i>Spilopelia senegalensis</i>	2	5	10	10	5	5	10	5
Black-billed Wood Dove	<i>Turtur abyssinicus</i>		5	5	5	10	5	5	10
Blue-spotted Wood Dove	<i>Turtur afer</i>		5	5		5	5	5	10
Namaqua Dove	<i>Oena capensis</i>			1			1		
African Green Pigeon	<i>Treron calvus</i>					1	5		
Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>						1		
African Swampphen	<i>Porphyrio madagascariensis</i>			4					
Black Crake	<i>Zapornia flavirostra</i>						3		

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Greater Flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus roseus</i>						15		
Senegal Thick-knee	<i>Burhinus senegalensis</i>	1	10	35	15	3	10	12	1
Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>			15			20		
Spur-winged Lapwing	<i>Vanellus spinosus</i>		8	100	4	4	12	50	
African Wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus senegallus</i>			1	2	2		2	
Grey Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>		3		2	1	3	2	
Common Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>			2	6		10		
Greater Painted-snipe	<i>Rostratula benghalensis</i>			1				2	
African Jacana	<i>Actophilornis africanus</i>			10			4		
Eurasian Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>	1	10		13		2	2	1
Bar-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa lapponica</i>				2				
Black-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa limosa</i>			1			30		
Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>			30			1		
Curlew Sandpiper	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>						3		
Common Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>			1					
Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>		12	1	4		3	2	
Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>						1		
Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>		2	2	1	1	4	3	
Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>			8			1		
Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>	1	5	3	2		6	3	
Slender-billed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus genei</i>						10 0		
Grey-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus cirrocephalus</i>			100					
Lesser Black-backed Gull	<i>Larus fuscus</i>			5					
Gull-billed Tern	<i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i>			2			5		
Caspian Tern	<i>Hydroprogne caspia</i>		1	5	1		1	2	
Sandwich Tern	<i>Thalasseus sandvicensis</i>		1	10	2				
Little Tern	<i>Sternula albifrons</i>						50		
African Darter	<i>Anhinga rufa</i>		3	2	2		2		
Reed Cormorant	<i>Microcarbo africanus</i>		5	10	4	1	10		
Eurasian/African Spoonbill	<i>Platalealeucorodia/alba</i>						3		
Black-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>						3		
Striated Heron	<i>Butorides striata</i>			1	2		2		
Squacco Heron	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>			8			3		
Western Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	3	20	30	10	10	15 0		3
Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>		3	20			2	1	
Black-headed Heron	<i>Ardea melanocephala</i>			15		1	4		
Goliath Heron	<i>Ardea goliath</i>		3		4				
Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>		4	3	4			1	
Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>		8	6	2		2		
Intermediate Egret	<i>Ardea intermedia</i>			10	1	1	2		
Black Heron	<i>Egretta ardesiaca</i>			25			5		
Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>			2	1	1			
Western Reef Heron	<i>Egretta gularis</i>		5	15	5	1	10		
Hamerkop	<i>Scopus umbretta</i>		1	3	1	1	1	2	1
Pink-backed Pelican	<i>Pelecanus rufescens</i>		1	50			15		
Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>		5	12	3	2		1	
Black-winged Kite	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>					2			
African Harrier-Hawk	<i>Polyboroides typus</i>		1	3	1	1	3	1	2
Palm-nut Vulture	<i>Gypohierax angolensis</i>				1	1	6	1	

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		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Hooded Vulture	<i>Necrosyrtes monachus</i>	30	20	100	40	30	70	100	50
Beaudouin's Snake Eagle	<i>Circaetus beaudouini</i>			3	1				
Western Banded Snake Eagle	<i>Circaetus cinerascens</i>						1		
Long-crested Eagle	<i>Lophaetus occipitalis</i>			1		1	1		
Lizard Buzzard	<i>Kaupifalco monogrammicus</i>			1	1	1	2		1
Shikra	<i>Accipiter badius</i>		1	1	2	1		2	
Western Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>			1			3		
Yellow-billed Kite	<i>Milvus aegyptius</i>	10	15	100	30	50	50	40	15
Pearl-spotted Owlet	<i>Glaucidium perlatum</i>				2				
Northern White-faced Owl	<i>Ptilopsis leucotis</i>						1		
Verreaux's Eagle-Owl	<i>Bubo lacteus</i>						2		
Green Wood Hoopoe	<i>Phoeniculus purpureus</i>			6	2		4		
Western Red-billed Hornbill	<i>Tockus kemp</i>		4	3	5	8	7	10	8
African Pied Hornbill	<i>Lophoceros fasciatus</i>		2		4	2	2	5	2
African Grey Hornbill	<i>Lophoceros nasutus</i>	1	7		2	5	4	3	1
Purple Roller	<i>Coracias naevius</i>			2					
Abyssinian Roller	<i>Coracias abyssinicus</i>			3			2		
Blue-bellied Roller	<i>Coracias cyanogaster</i>		1	5		1			2
Broad-billed Roller	<i>Eurystomus glaucurus</i>	2	3	1	1	3	2	3	
Striped Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon chelicuti</i>					2			
Blue-breasted Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon malimbica</i>		1+3 h		2	1		1	
Woodland Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon senegalensis</i>					1			
Malachite Kingfisher	<i>Corythornis cristatus</i>		4		3	1	1	2	
Shining Blue Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo quadribachys</i>				1				
Giant Kingfisher	<i>Megaceryle maxima</i>		4	2	2	2	1	4	
Pied Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle rudis</i>	1	10	8	10	3	7	10	2
Swallow-tailed Bee-eater	<i>Merops hirundineus</i>		4			6			5
Little Bee-eater	<i>Merops pusillus</i>		6	12	4			1	
White-throated Bee-eater	<i>Merops albicollis</i>	15	5	2	100	100	10	30	30
Blue-cheeked Bee-eater	<i>Merops persicus</i>		15	50	15		2		
Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird	<i>Pogoniulus chrysoconus</i>	1h	1+1 h		1	1+1 h	1h	1	2h
Vieillot's Barbet	<i>Lybius vieillot</i>					2			
Bearded Barbet	<i>Lybius dubius</i>			1				3	
Lesser Honeyguide	<i>Indicator minor</i>		1			1			
Greater Honeyguide	<i>Indicator indicator</i>					1		2	1
Fine-spotted Woodpecker	<i>Campethera punctuligera</i>		1		2	2		1	
Cardinal Woodpecker	<i>Dendropicos fuscescens</i>					1			
African Grey Woodpecker	<i>Dendropicos goertae</i>						1	1	
Grey Kestrel	<i>Falco ardosiaceus</i>		1		2				
Red-necked Falcon	<i>Falco chicquera</i>						1	2	
Lanner Falcon	<i>Falco biarmicus</i>		2			1			
Brown-necked Parrot	<i>Poicephalus fuscicollis</i>						2		
Senegal Parrot	<i>Poicephalus senegalus</i>		10	5	10	5	2	10	2
Rose-ringed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula krameri</i>	2	10	5	10	3	2	8	
Brown-throated Wattle-eye	<i>Platysteira cyanea</i>		2	3	4	1	2	h	2
Black-crowned Tchagra	<i>Tchagra senegalus</i>					2			1
Northern Puffback	<i>Dryoscopus gambensis</i>					1			
Yellow-crowned Gonolek	<i>Laniarius barbarus</i>		1+3 h	3+1 h	1+3 h	1+2 h	1	3+2 h	1+2 h
Yellow-billed Shrike	<i>Corvinella corvina</i>			2	1	3	1	5	



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		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Woodchat Shrike	<i>Lanius senator</i>						1		
Glossy-backed Drongo	<i>Dicrurus divaricatus</i>			3			1	1	
Red-bellied Paradise Flycatcher	<i>Terpsiphone rufiventer</i>			1	1		1	1	
African Paradise Flycatcher	<i>Terpsiphone viridis</i>		1					1	
Piapiac	<i>Ptilostomus afer</i>			3					5
Pied Crow	<i>Corvus albus</i>	30	10	20	20	10	20	10	25
Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>						2		
Grey-headed Bristlebill	<i>Bleda canicapillus</i>				1			2	
Little Greenbul	<i>Eurillas virens</i>		1				h		h
Common Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus barbatus</i>		15	25	25	20	25	20	15
Fanti Saw-wing	<i>Psaldiprocne obscura</i>							5	
Pied-winged Swallow	<i>Hirundo leucosoma</i>					1			1
Wire-tailed Swallow	<i>Hirundo smithii</i>		2	2			10		
Red-chested Swallow	<i>Hirundo lucida</i>	4	30	20	20			6	
Common House Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>						1		
Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Cecropis daurica</i>			2			10		
Northern Crombec	<i>Sylvietta brachyura</i>		1			1	2	1	1
Common Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>		1						
Eurasian Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>						2h		
Western Olivaceous Warbler	<i>Iduna opaca</i>		1						
Melodious Warbler	<i>Hippolais polyglotta</i>					1+3 h			
Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>						2		
Tawny-flanked Prinia	<i>Prinia subflava</i>					1h			2
Yellow-breasted Apalis	<i>Apalis flavida</i>						1		
Oriole Warbler	<i>Hypergerus atriceps</i>				3				
Grey-backed Camaroptera	<i>Camaroptera brevicaudata</i>		1		4	2		1	
Western Subalpine Warbler	<i>Curruca iberiae</i>						1		
Common Whitethroat	<i>Curruca communis</i>					1	1		
Brown Babbler	<i>Turdoides plebejus</i>			1/+h	10	2/+h			h
Blackcap Babbler	<i>Turdoides reinwardtii</i>		2	2				h	
Greater Blue-eared Starling	<i>Lamprotornis chalybaeus</i>			3+					
Lesser Blue-eared Starling	<i>Lamprotornis chloropterus</i>				1		20		
Bronze-tailed Starling	<i>Lamprotornis chalcurus</i>			1+					
Purple Starling	<i>Lamprotornis purpureus</i>	1		6	5				
Long-tailed Glossy Starling	<i>Lamprotornis caudatus</i>		7	10	5	3	5	1	
African Thrush	<i>Turdus pelios</i>		4		4	1	1	4	3
Northern Black Flycatcher	<i>Melaenornis edoloides</i>					3			
Snowy-crowned Robin-Chat	<i>Cossypha niveicapilla</i>		2		1+2 h	1+3 h		h	3
White-crowned Robin-Chat	<i>Cossypha albicapillus</i>							1	
Mangrove Sunbird	<i>Anthreptes gabonicus</i>		7	2	5	3	2	3	
Green-headed Sunbird	<i>Cyanomitra verticalis</i>				1	1			
Scarlet-chested Sunbird	<i>Chalcomitra senegalensis</i>		1			1			
Beautiful Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris pulchellus</i>	4	15	10	12	25	5	15	10
Splendid Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris coccinigastrus</i>		3			1	1	1	
Variable Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris venustus</i>		2		1	1		1	1
Northern Grey-headed Sparrow	<i>Passer griseus</i>			5					
White-billed Buffalo Weaver	<i>Bubalornis albirostris</i>			30					
Black-necked Weaver	<i>Ploceus nigricollis</i>		15		12	5	6	10	

Common name	Scientific name	December 2023							
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Village Weaver	<i>Ploceus cucullatus</i>		30	30	15	50	10 0	200	10
Black-winged Red Bishop	<i>Euplectes hordeaceus</i>		1						
Northern Red Bishop	<i>Euplectes franciscanus</i>					10	10		
Bronze Mannikin	<i>Spermestes cucullata</i>		5	5	20	15	10	30	
Lavender Waxbill	<i>Glaucostrelda caerulea</i>					2		2	
Red-cheeked Cordon-bleu	<i>Uraeginthus bengalus</i>	1	4	5	5	1	1	2	
Red-billed Firefinch	<i>Lagonosticta senegala</i>		10	5	12	15	10	15	5
Village Indigobird	<i>Vidua chalybeata</i>		2	1			7	1	
Pin-tailed Whydah	<i>Vidua macroura</i>		2		1				
Western Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>						5		
White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>			1					
Yellow-fronted Canary	<i>Crithagra mozambica</i>					2			

## Mammals

P = present, not counted		December 2023							
Common name	Scientific name	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
<b>Mammals</b>									
Green Monkey	<i>Chlorocebus sabaeus</i>		20		15	25	20	20	
Guinea Baboon	<i>Papio papio</i>		200		30	3	15		
Gambian Sun Squirrel	<i>Heliosciurus gambianus</i>					1	1	5	
Striped Ground Squirrel	<i>Xerus erythropus</i>						1		
Gambian Epauletted Fruit Bat	<i>Epomophorus gambianus</i>		P	P	P	P	P	P	

## Butterflies

		December 2023						
Common Name	Scientific Name	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Narrow-banded Green Swallowtail	<i>Papilio nireus</i>				1			
Citrus Swallowtail	<i>Papilio demodocus</i>	✓			✓	✓	5+	
Veined Swallowtail	<i>Graphium leondias leondias</i>		1					
Small Grass Yellow	<i>Eurema brigitta</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Common Grass Yellow	<i>Eurema hecabe</i>	✓				✓		
African Emigrant	<i>Catopsilia florella</i>					✓		
Red (Scarlet) Tip	<i>Colotis antevippe</i>	✓						
Zebra White	<i>Pinacopteryx eriphia</i>					✓		
African Spirit						✓		
Common Dotted Border	<i>Mylothris agathina</i>	✓			✓	✓		
African Caper White	<i>Belenois aurota</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Creamy Small White	<i>Dixeia orbona</i>						✓	✓
Mediterranean Tiger Blue (Pierrot)	<i>Tarucus rosacea</i>							✓
African Grass Blue	<i>Zizeeria knysna</i>	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
African Tiger (Monarch)	<i>Danaus chrysippus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Common Evening Brown	<i>Melanitis leda</i>	✓						
Painted Lady	<i>Vanessa cardui</i>		1					

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		2	3	4	5	6	7	8
River Sailor	<i>Neptis serena</i>		1			✓	✓	
Savannah Pied Pierrot	<i>Tuxentius cretosus nodieri</i>				1			
Sky Blue Cupid	<i>Chilades eleusis Demaison</i>				1			
Untailed Blue Giant Cupid	<i>Lepidochrysops synchrematiza</i>				1			
Leaden Ciliate bBue	<i>Anthene amarah</i>				1			
Large Orange Tip	<i>Colotis antevippe antevippe</i>				1			
Widespread Forrester	<i>Euphaedra medon pholus</i>					✓		
Clouded Flat	<i>Tagiades flesus</i>						1	
Common Leopard Fritillary	<i>Phalanta phalantha aethiopica</i>		✓					
Small Orange Acraea	<i>Acraea eponina</i>	10+	10+	10+	10+	10+	10+	10+
Grizzled Skipper	<i>Spialia Spio Linné</i>				2	✓		
<b>Moths</b>								
Crimson Speckled	<i>Utetheisa pulchella</i>					10+		
	<i>Misa memnonia</i>					1		