

The Gambia in Style

Naturetrek Tour Report

29th November – 6th December 2025



Abyssinian Roller



Hooded Vulture



Palm-nut Vulture



Little Bee-eater

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Day 1

Saturday 29th November

London to Gambia

The group assembled at Gatwick, where the chilly wet weather made us all the more excited for the warmth and sunny skies of West Africa. Our somewhat delayed flight eventually took off, and we landed in the Gambian capital of Banjul around 6.00pm, to be greeted by a large flock of Little Swifts. After clearing passport control, we battled some heavy traffic, before arriving at Mandina Lodge in time for a late dinner.

Day 2

Sunday 30th November

Mandina Lodge and surrounds

Dawn gave us our first daylight look at the stunning Mandina Lodge setting. While sipping our morning coffees, Malachite and Giant Kingfishers showed nicely. We then set off on the canoes, quickly encountering Osprey, and both Pied and Blue-breasted Kingfishers. Disembarking close to the village of Bafuloto, we were met by several Spur-winged Lapwings and Senegal Thick-knees. We enjoyed a short walk here, finding a number of wonderful species that would make regular appearances during the course of the week: Western Plantain-eater, Western Red-billed and West African Pied Hornbills, Hooded and Palm-nut Vultures, Blue-bellied Roller, Long-tailed Glossy Starling, Western Reef Heron, Beautiful Sunbird and Red-cheeked Cordon-bleu. Also seen were Hamerkop, African Harrier-Hawk, Lizard Buzzard, Black-crowned Tchagra, and both Little and Swallow-tailed Bee-eaters. At times, it was hard to know where to look!

The heat of the day was passed in the comfort of the lodge, where we occasionally shared the pool with the resident Pied Kingfisher. Most of the group set off on foot in the late afternoon into the surrounding Makasutu Forest, where we saw the local 200-strong troop of Guinea Baboons, and enjoyed scope views of Violet Turaco. The others took their turn on the sunset cruise beyond the mangroves, which produced highlights of Caspian Tern, Yellow-billed Stork, and the towering Goliath Heron.

Day 3

Monday 1st December

Kartong Wetlands and Tanji Village

Before breakfast, a couple of Mauritian Tomb Bats were seen roosting in a poolside palm tree. We then set off by bus towards the Kartong Wetlands, in the far south-western corner of The Gambia. Here, we racked up an impressive list in the marshy habitat. Our first stop by a small pond gave us White-faced Whistling Ducks, Black-winged Stilt, African Wattled Lapwing, Grey-headed Kingfisher, Orange-cheeked Waxbill, and magical views of a gaudy Yellow-crowned Gonolek singing from an open branch. The main wetland, where a wide track wound its way towards the sea, was even more productive, giving us numerous African Jacanas, abundant herons including Black-headed Heron and Yellow-billed Egrets, point-blank Blue-cheeked Bee-eaters, Piapiac, Vieillot's Barbet, hunting Western Marsh Harrier, Double-spurred Spurfowl, and both African Darter and Pink-backed Pelican soaring overhead.

Reaching the beach, we relished some cold drinks while Sandwich and West African Crested Terns passed offshore. Sanderlings, Ruddy Turnstones and White-fronted Plovers were feeding along the strandline, and a spectacular Abyssinian Roller sat in all its azure glory above the sands. After a welcome buffet lunch at the charming Rainbow Beach Bar, we visited the bustling fishing village of Tanji. Here, among dozens of multicoloured vessels, were flocks of Grey-headed Gulls, hoping to capitalise on any discarded catch. A small group of Bar-tailed Godwits were busily probing the shallows.

Day 4

Tuesday 2nd December

Mandina Lodge and surrounds

Today again started with a canoe trip, during which we were extremely fortunate to encounter an often-elusive species roosting in the mangroves: White-backed Night Heron. An adult gave brief glimpses through the dense vegetation, but a juvenile showed well in flight. Disembarking at the Kembujeh Rice Fields area, we were met by a pair of Fine-spotted Woodpeckers; our walk subsequently produced Northern Puffback, Fanti Saw-wing, Bronze-tailed Starling, Northern Black Flycatcher and Green-headed Sunbird.

Some more excellent birds were seen over the course of the day at the lodge, including Mangrove Sunbird, African Paradise Flycatcher, Northern Crombec, and a small group of striking Common Wattle-eyes. Our afternoon walk into the forest was once again wonderful, with Shikra, Little Greenbul, Blackcap Babbler and Scarlet-chested Sunbird all on show. The highlight, however, was a single flowering shrub, in front of which we stood for almost an hour, watching the intimate comings and goings of a mixed feeding flock, featuring jewel-like Beautiful and Western Violet-backed Sunbirds, Olive-naped Weavers and adorable Senegal Eremomelas.

Day 5

Wednesday 3rd December

Mandina Lodge and surrounds

With the tide too low for the canoes, this morning's outing was another walk. Despite the initially grey (and even slightly rainy) conditions, we soon hit the jackpot in the form of a tree containing all three Gambian turacos: Western Plantain-eater, Violet Turaco and (most excitingly) the localised Guinea Turaco. They were all feeding on flowers, and we were able to study each species' intricate and impressive plumage at length. Nearby woodland revealed Mottled Spinetail, Green Wood Hoopoe, Black Scimitarbill, Cardinal Woodpecker and Red-bellied Paradise Flycatcher, while a more open, farmed area had Striped Kingfisher, Grey Kestrel and Fork-tailed Drongo. As we wandered back towards the lodge, we were entertained by a flock of 'punk-haired' White-crested Helmetshrikes.

Our afternoon excursion produced further views of many now-familiar species, as well as Lesser Honeyguide and African Pygmy Kingfisher for our continually-swelling bird list.

Day 6

Thursday 4th December

Pirang Wetlands, Bonto and Farasutu Forests, and Marakissa

Breakfast this morning was momentarily disturbed by the appearance of a skulking Snowy-crowned Robin-chat, which showed reasonably well for most. We then set off for our second day trip away from the lodge, spotting a roadside Long-crested Eagle on the journey. Our first destination was the former shrimp farm of Pirang, where shallow salt pans held an abundance of waders and other waterbirds. Many of these were familiar from back home (Common Ringed Plover, Wood, Green and Curlew Sandpipers, Ruff, Dunlin, Little Stint and Pied Avocet), but Marsh Sandpiper, African Sacred Ibis, African Spoonbill, Yellow-billed Stork, Slender-billed Gull, Greater Flamingo and Pink-backed Pelican ensured that our birding experience retained a distinctively exotic flavour. Numerous Wire-tailed and African Red-rumped Swallows swooped around us, Western Yellow Wagtails foraged at the water's edge, and a Woodchat Shrike perched in a prominent young baobab; Crested Lark and Northern Wheatear also made cameo appearances.

With the day beginning to heat up, we moved on to the adjacent Bonto Forest, the best remaining area of primary gallery forest in The Gambia. Here, we encountered a small mixed feeding flock of birds; although their position high in the canopy demanded some straining of necks, we did catch glimpses of Northern Yellow White-eye, African Paradise Flycatcher, Western Olivaceous Warbler and Yellow-breasted Apalis. The real prize, however, was found a few minutes later, in the form of a roosting Verreaux's Eagle Owl. Our initial vantage point was disappointing, with just the lower half of the bird visible, but a few minutes of mad scrambling and furious repositioning of the scope paid off, generating a face-on view of this magnificent creature, including its fabulous pink eyelids. The return walk to the bus then took us past a gorgeous troop of Western Red Colobus monkeys; this stately, sage-looking primate has its greatest stronghold in the coastal forests of The Gambia.

All this birding was hungry work, but we still had one more stop to make before lunch: Farasutu Forest, where we enjoyed watching a busy bird bath being visited by a flock of Black-rumped Waxbills and several marvellously-iridescent Splendid Sunbirds. The ultimate new species of a dizzyingly speciose morning was Greyish Eagle Owl: a pair helpfully roosted at eye-level.

A restorative lunch and a restful couple of hours back at the lodge were welcome. Most of the group then ventured out again in the late afternoon to the Marakissa area, where African Green Pigeon, Woodland Kingfisher and Black Heron (battling a small fish) were new for the tour. We also enjoyed our best views of Black Crake, African Grey Hornbill, Yellow-billed Shrike and Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird. Returning home, we felt that our cold beers and delicious dinners were especially well-deserved today.

Day 7

Friday 5th December

Mandina Lodge and surrounds

Our last full day in The Gambia started with a final canoe trip towards the Kubeneh area, where we took a short walk. Great views of Yellow-crowned Gonolek were had, and a White-crowned Robin-chat showed well. A major target here was Pearl-spotted Owlet, which had so far proved elusive; after a lengthy search, we eventually picked

one out in the canopy. Happily, it was obliging once found, perching quietly (and often glaring intensely down at us) while we studied it through the scope.

In the afternoon, we walked back to the mudflats area which we had first visited on our first full day at Mandina; the highlight was watching an African Harrier-Hawk being mobbed by a White-crested Helmetshrike. A pair of Broad-billed Rollers also buzzed about over our heads, entertaining us with their strangled, gargling calls. Before dinner, some of the group came out on a short bat hunt, during which we watched a Gambian Epauletted Fruit Bat emitting its extraordinary, frog-like beeps. The smaller Lesser (or Peter's) Epauletted Fruit Bat was also seen.

Day 8

Saturday 6th December

Mandina Lodge to London

This morning, we took one last wander through Makasutu Forest, finding Woodland Kingfisher and White-crested Helmetshrike, and enjoying our closest views yet of Scarlet-chested Sunbird and Guinea Turaco. An obligingly-perched adult Black Kite was our only confirmed sighting of the tour. Perhaps most engaging of all, though, was one more encounter with the Guinea Baboons. A large portion of the troop, comprising huge males, adolescents, and mothers with tiny babies, came within a few metres of us, allowing us to appreciate the fascinating behaviours of these highly social primates.

Our flight home wasn't until the early evening, so we had plenty of time to relax and take lunch before departing for the airport. We left The Gambia behind and arrived back at Gatwick in the early hours of Sunday morning, with plenty of memories of a wonderful week of West African birding.

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Species lists

Birds (H = Heard only)

| Common name | Scientific name | November - December 2025 | | | | | | |
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| | | 30 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| White-faced Whistling Duck | <i>Dendrocygna viduata</i> | | ✓ | | | | | |
| Northern Shoveler | <i>Spatula clypeata</i> | | | | | ✓ | | |
| Stone Partridge | <i>Ptilopachus petrosus</i> | H | | | | | | |
| Ahanta Spurfowl | <i>Pternistis achantensis</i> | H | | | | | | |
| Double-spurred Spurfowl | <i>Pternistis bicalcaratus</i> | | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | |
| Mottled Spinetail | <i>Telacanthura ussheri</i> | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | |
| African Palm Swift | <i>Cypsiurus parvus</i> | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Little Swift | <i>Apus affinis</i> | ✓ | ✓ | | | | ✓ | ✓ |
| Western Plantain-eater | <i>Crinifer piscator</i> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Violet Turaco | <i>Tauraco violaceus</i> | ✓ | | | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ |
| Guinea Turaco | <i>Tauraco persa</i> | | | | ✓ | | | ✓ |
| Senegal Coucal | <i>Centropus senegalensis</i> | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| Klaas's Cuckoo | <i>Chrysococcyx klaas</i> | | | ✓ | | | | |
| African Cuckoo | <i>Cuculus gularis</i> | | | | ✓ | | | |
| Rock Dove | <i>Columba livia</i> | | | | | ✓ | | ✓ |
| Speckled Pigeon | <i>Columba guinea</i> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Mourning Collared Dove | <i>Streptopelia decipiens</i> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Red-eyed Dove | <i>Streptopelia semitorquata</i> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Vinaceous Dove | <i>Streptopelia vinacea</i> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Laughing Dove | <i>Spilopelia senegalensis</i> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Black-billed Wood Dove | <i>Turtur abyssinicus</i> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | | |
| Blue-spotted Wood Dove | <i>Turtur afer</i> | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Namaqua Dove | <i>Oena capensis</i> | | ✓ | | | | | |
| African Green Pigeon | <i>Treron calvus</i> | | | | | ✓ | | |
| African Swampphen | <i>Porphyrio madagascariensis</i> | | ✓ | | | | | |
| Black Crake | <i>Zapornia flavirostra</i> | | ✓ | | | ✓ | | |
| Senegal Thick-knee | <i>Burhinus senegalensis</i> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | |
| Black-winged Stilt | <i>Himantopus himantopus</i> | | ✓ | | | ✓ | ✓ | |
| Pied Avocet | <i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i> | | | | | ✓ | | |
| Grey Plover | <i>Pluvialis squatarola</i> | ✓ | ✓ | | | ✓ | | |
| Common Ringed Plover | <i>Charadrius hiaticula</i> | | | | | ✓ | | |
| Spur-winged Lapwing | <i>Vanellus spinosus</i> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | |
| African Wattled Lapwing | <i>Vanellus senegallus</i> | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| White-fronted Plover | <i>Anarhynchus marginatus</i> | | ✓ | | | | | |
| African Jacana | <i>Actophilornis africanus</i> | | ✓ | | | ✓ | | |
| Eurasian Whimbrel | <i>Numenius phaeopus</i> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Bar-tailed Godwit | <i>Limosa lapponica</i> | | ✓ | | | | | |
| Common Snipe | <i>Gallinago gallinago</i> | | ✓ | | | | | |
| Common Sandpiper | <i>Actitis hypoleucos</i> | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| Green Sandpiper | <i>Tringa ochropus</i> | | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | | |
| Marsh Sandpiper | <i>Tringa stagnatilis</i> | | | | | ✓ | | |
| Wood Sandpiper | <i>Tringa glareola</i> | ✓ | | | | ✓ | | |
| Common Redshank | <i>Tringa totanus</i> | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| Common Greenshank | <i>Tringa nebularia</i> | | | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | |
| Ruddy Turnstone | <i>Arenaria interpres</i> | | ✓ | | | | | |
| Ruff | <i>Calidris pugnax</i> | | | | | ✓ | | |
| Curlew Sandpiper | <i>Calidris ferruginea</i> | | | | | ✓ | | |

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| Sanderling | <i>Calidris alba</i> | | ✓ | | | ✓ | | |
| Dunlin | <i>Calidris alpina</i> | | | | | ✓ | | |
| Little Stint | <i>Calidris minuta</i> | | | | | ✓ | | |
| Gull-billed Tern | <i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i> | ✓ | | | | ✓ | | |
| Caspian Tern | <i>Hydroprogne caspia</i> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | |
| Sandwich Tern | <i>Thalasseus sandvicensis</i> | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | |
| West African Crested Tern | <i>Thalasseus albididorsalis</i> | | ✓ | ✓ | | | | |
| Slender-billed Gull | <i>Chroicocephalus genei</i> | | | | | ✓ | | |
| Grey-headed Gull | <i>Chroicocephalus cirrocephalus</i> | | ✓ | | | | | |
| Lesser Black-backed Gull | <i>Larus fuscus</i> | | ✓ | | | | | |
| Yellow-billed Stork | <i>Mycteria ibis</i> | ✓ | | | | ✓ | ✓ | |
| African Darter | <i>Anhinga rufa</i> | | ✓ | | ✓ | | | |
| Reed Cormorant | <i>Microcarbo africanus</i> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Great (White-breasted) Cormorant | <i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i> | | ✓ | | | | | |
| African Sacred Ibis | <i>Threskiornis aethiopicus</i> | ✓ | | | | ✓ | | |
| Hadada Ibis | <i>Bostrychia hagedash</i> | ✓ | | | | | | |
| African Spoonbill | <i>Platalea alba</i> | | | | | ✓ | | |
| Black Heron | <i>Egretta ardesiaca</i> | | | | | ✓ | | |
| Western Reef Heron | <i>Egretta gularis</i> | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| White-backed Night Heron | <i>Calherodius leuconotus</i> | | | ✓ | | | | |
| Little Heron | <i>Butorides atricapilla</i> | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | |
| Squacco Heron | <i>Ardeola ralloides</i> | ✓ | ✓ | | | ✓ | | |
| Great Egret | <i>Ardea alba</i> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| Yellow-billed Egret | <i>Ardea brachyrhyncha</i> | | ✓ | | | | | |
| Western Cattle Egret | <i>Ardea ibis</i> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Grey Heron | <i>Ardea cinerea</i> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | | |
| Purple Heron | <i>Ardea purpurea</i> | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| Black-headed Heron | <i>Ardea melanocephala</i> | ✓ | ✓ | | | ✓ | | |
| Goliath Heron | <i>Ardea goliath</i> | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | | | |
| Hamerkop | <i>Scopus umbretta</i> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | |
| Pink-backed Pelican | <i>Pelecanus rufescens</i> | | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | | |
| Osprey | <i>Pandion haliaetus</i> | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | | |
| Black-winged Kite | <i>Elanus caeruleus</i> | | | | ✓ | | | |
| African Harrier-Hawk | <i>Polyboroides typus</i> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| Palm-nut Vulture | <i>Gypohierax angolensis</i> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Hooded Vulture | <i>Necrosyrtes monachus</i> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Long-crested Eagle | <i>Lophaetus occipitalis</i> | | | | | ✓ | | |
| Lizard Buzzard | <i>Kaupifalco monogrammicus</i> | ✓ | | | | | | |
| Shikra | <i>Tachyspiza badia</i> | | | ✓ | | | | |
| Western Marsh Harrier | <i>Circus aeruginosus</i> | | ✓ | | | | | |
| Black Kite | <i>Milvus migrans</i> | | | | | | | ✓ |
| Yellow-billed Kite | <i>Milvus aegyptius</i> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Pearl-spotted Owllet | <i>Glaucidium perlatum</i> | | | | | | ✓ | |
| Greyish Eagle-Owl | <i>Bubo cinerascens</i> | | | | | ✓ | | |
| Verreaux's Eagle-Owl | <i>Ketupa lactea</i> | | | | | ✓ | | |
| Green Wood Hoopoe | <i>Phoeniculus purpureus</i> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| Black Scimitarbill | <i>Rhinopomastus aterrimus</i> | | | | ✓ | | | |
| Western Red-billed Hornbill | <i>Tockus kemp</i> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| West African Pied Hornbill | <i>Lophoceros semifasciatus</i> | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| African Grey Hornbill | <i>Lophoceros nasutus</i> | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| Abyssinian Roller | <i>Coracias abyssinicus</i> | | ✓ | | | | | |

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| Blue-bellied Roller | <i>Coracias cyanogaster</i> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| Broad-billed Roller | <i>Eurystomus glaucurus</i> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| Grey-headed Kingfisher | <i>Halcyon leucocephala</i> | | ✓ | | | | | |
| Striped Kingfisher | <i>Halcyon chelicuti</i> | | | | ✓ | | | |
| Blue-breasted Kingfisher | <i>Halcyon malimbica</i> | ✓ | | ✓ | | | ✓ | |
| Woodland Kingfisher | <i>Halcyon senegalensis</i> | | | | | ✓ | | ✓ |
| African Pygmy Kingfisher | <i>Ispidina picta</i> | | | | ✓ | | | |
| Malachite Kingfisher | <i>Corythornis cristatus</i> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | |
| Giant Kingfisher | <i>Megaceryle maxima</i> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | |
| Pied Kingfisher | <i>Ceryle rudis</i> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Swallow-tailed Bee-eater | <i>Merops hirundineus</i> | ✓ | ✓ | | | | ✓ | ✓ |
| Little Bee-eater | <i>Merops pusillus</i> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | |
| White-throated Bee-eater | <i>Merops albicollis</i> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| Blue-cheeked Bee-eater | <i>Merops persicus</i> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird | <i>Pogoniulus chrysoconus</i> | | | | ✓ | ✓ | | |
| Vieillot's Barbet | <i>Lybius vieillotii</i> | | ✓ | | | | | |
| Bearded Barbet | <i>Pogonornis dubius</i> | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | |
| Lesser Honeyguide | <i>Indicator minor</i> | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| Fine-spotted Woodpecker | <i>Campethera punctuligera</i> | | | ✓ | | | | |
| Cardinal Woodpecker | <i>Dendropicos fuscescens</i> | | | | ✓ | | | |
| African Grey Woodpecker | <i>Dendropicos goertae</i> | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| Grey Kestrel | <i>Falco ardosiaceus</i> | ✓ | | | ✓ | | | |
| Lanner Falcon | <i>Falco biarmicus</i> | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | |
| Senegal Parrot | <i>Poicephalus senegalus</i> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Rose-ringed Parakeet | <i>Psittacula krameri</i> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ |
| Brown-throated Wattle-eye | <i>Platysteira cyanea</i> | | | ✓ | | | | ✓ |
| Black-crowned Tchagra | <i>Tchagra senegalus</i> | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | |
| Northern Puffback | <i>Dryoscopus gambensis</i> | | | ✓ | | | | |
| Yellow-crowned Gonolek | <i>Laniarius barbarus</i> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| White-crested Helmetshrike | <i>Prionops plumatus</i> | | | | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ |
| Fork-tailed Drongo | <i>Dicrurus adsimilis</i> | | | | ✓ | | | |
| Red-bellied Paradise Flycatcher | <i>Terpsiphone rufiventer</i> | | | | ✓ | | | |
| African Paradise Flycatcher | <i>Terpsiphone viridis</i> | | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | |
| Yellow-billed Shrike | <i>Lanius corvinus</i> | ✓ | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| Woodchat Shrike | <i>Lanius senator</i> | | | | | ✓ | | |
| Piapiac | <i>Ptilostomus afer</i> | | ✓ | | | ✓ | | |
| Pied Crow | <i>Corvus albus</i> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Crested Lark | <i>Galerida cristata</i> | | | | | ✓ | | |
| Little Greenbul | <i>Eurillas virens</i> | | | ✓ | | | | |
| Common Bulbul | <i>Pycnonotus barbatus</i> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Fanti Saw-wing | <i>Psalidoprocne obscura</i> | | ✓ | ✓ | | | | |
| Barn Swallow | <i>Hirundo rustica</i> | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | |
| Red-chested Swallow | <i>Hirundo lucida</i> | ✓ | | | | | | |
| Wire-tailed Swallow | <i>Hirundo smithii</i> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | |
| African Red-rumped Swallow | <i>Cecropis melanocrissus</i> | | | | | ✓ | | |
| Northern Crombec | <i>Sylvietta brachyura</i> | | | ✓ | | | | |
| Western Olivaceous Warbler | <i>Iduna opaca</i> | | | | | ✓ | | |
| Tawny-flanked Prinia | <i>Prinia subflava</i> | ✓ | | | ✓ | | | |
| Yellow-breasted Apalis | <i>Apalis flavida</i> | | | | | ✓ | | |
| Grey-backed Camaroptera | <i>Camaroptera brevicaudata</i> | | | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| Senegal Eremomela | <i>Eremomela pusilla</i> | | | ✓ | | | ✓ | |

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| Northern Yellow White-eye | <i>Zosterops senegalensis</i> | | | | | ✓ | | |
| Brown Babbler | <i>Turdoides plebejus</i> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Blackcap Babbler | <i>Turdoides reinwardtii</i> | | | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | |
| Greater Blue-eared Starling | <i>Lamprotornis chalybaeus</i> | | ✓ | | | | | |
| Lesser Blue-eared Starling | <i>Lamprotornis chloropterus</i> | | ✓ | | | | | |
| Bronze-tailed starling | <i>Lamprotornis chalcurus</i> | ✓ | | ✓ | | | | |
| Purple Starling | <i>Lamprotornis purpureus</i> | ✓ | | | | | | |
| Long-tailed Glossy Starling | <i>Lamprotornis caudatus</i> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | |
| African Thrush | <i>Turdus pelios</i> | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| Northern Black Flycatcher | <i>Melaenornis edolioides</i> | | | ✓ | | | ✓ | |
| White-crowned Robin-Chat | <i>Cossypha albicapillus</i> | | | | | | ✓ | |
| Snowy-crowned Robin-Chat | <i>Cossypha niveicapilla</i> | | | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | |
| Northern Wheatear | <i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i> | | | | | ✓ | | |
| Mangrove Sunbird | <i>Anthreptes gabonicus</i> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Western Violet-backed Sunbird | <i>Anthreptes longuemarei</i> | | | ✓ | ✓ | | | |
| Green-headed Sunbird | <i>Cyanomitra verticalis</i> | | | ✓ | | | ✓ | |
| Scarlet-chested Sunbird | <i>Chalcomitra senegalensis</i> | | | ✓ | | | | ✓ |
| Beautiful Sunbird | <i>Cinnyris pulchellus</i> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Splendid Sunbird | <i>Cinnyris coccinigastrus</i> | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| Variable Sunbird | <i>Cinnyris venustus</i> | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | |
| Northern Grey-headed Sparrow | <i>Passer griseus</i> | ✓ | | | | ✓ | | |
| White-billed Buffalo Weaver | <i>Bubalornis albirostris</i> | | | ✓ | | | | |
| Olive-naped Weaver | <i>Ploceus brachypterus</i> | | | ✓ | | | ✓ | |
| Village Weaver | <i>Ploceus cucullatus</i> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Northern Red Bishop | <i>Euplectes franciscanus</i> | ✓ | | | | | | |
| Bronze Mannikin | <i>Spermestes cucullata</i> | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Orange-cheeked Waxbill | <i>Estrilda melpoda</i> | | ✓ | | | | | |
| Black-rumped Waxbill | <i>Estrilda troglodytes</i> | | | | | ✓ | | |
| Red-cheeked Cordon-bleu | <i>Uraeginthus bengalus</i> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Red-billed Firefinch | <i>Lagonosticta senegala</i> | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Western Yellow Wagtail | <i>Motacilla flava</i> | | | | | ✓ | | |
| Yellow-fronted Canary | <i>Crithagra mozambica</i> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | |

Mammals

| Common name | Scientific name | November - December 2025 | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | 30 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| Green Monkey | <i>Chlorocebus sabaeus</i> | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| Guinea Baboon | <i>Papio papio</i> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Upper Guinea (Western) Red Colobus | <i>Piliocolobus badius</i> | | | | | ✓ | | |
| Gambian Sun Squirrel | <i>Heliosciurus gambianus</i> | | | ✓ | | | | |
| Striped Ground Squirrel | <i>Euxerus erythropus</i> | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | |
| Mauritian Tomb Bat | <i>Taphozous mauritanus</i> | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| Gambian Epauletted Fruit Bat | <i>Epomophorus gambianus</i> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| Lesser (Peter's) Epauletted Fruit Bat | <i>Epomophorus pusillus</i> | | | | | | ✓ | |