

Laikipia - Kenya's Heartland

Naturetrek Tour Report

15th – 25th September 2025



Black Rhinos



Cheetah



Lion



Wild Dogs

Species lists compiled by Kate Dixon, photos by David Huntbatch



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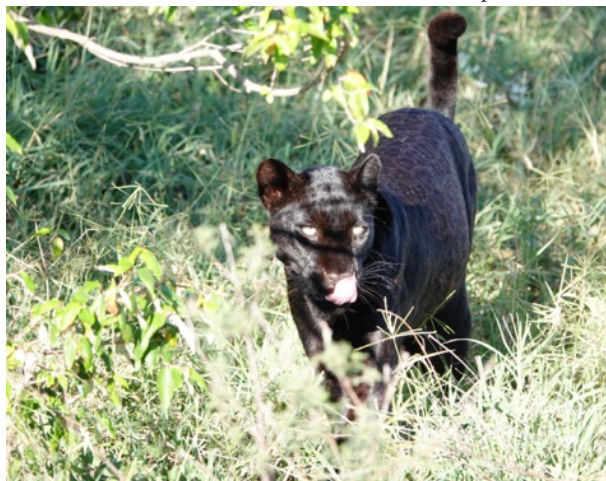
D'Arnaud's Barbet



Black Leopard "Giza"



Lion cubs



Black Leopard "Giza" by Kate Dixon

Species lists

Birds

N=Near-endemic, I=Introduced		September 2025						
Common name	Scientific name	16	17-19	20	21	22	23	24
Common Ostrich	<i>Struthio camelus</i>		✓					
Egyptian Goose	<i>Alopochen aegyptiaca</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
African Black Duck	<i>Anas sparsa</i>	✓						
Helmeted Guinea fowl	<i>Numida meleagris</i>		✓			✓		
Vulturine Guinea fowl	<i>Acryllium vulturinum</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	
Shelley's Francolin	<i>Scleroptila shelleyi</i>		✓					
Jackson's Spur fowl - N	<i>Pternistis jacksoni</i>	✓						
Yellow-necked Spur fowl	<i>Pternistis leucoscepus</i>		✓			✓		
Donaldson Smith's Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus donaldsoni</i>			✓			✓	
White-bellied Go-away-bird	<i>Crinifer leucogaster</i>		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
Hartlaub's Turaco	<i>Tauraco hartlaubi</i>	✓						

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White-bellied Bustard	<i>Eupodotis senegalensis</i>	✓	✓				✓	
Buff-crested Bustard	<i>Lophotis gindiana</i>				✓			
White-browed Coucal	<i>Centropus superciliosus</i>		✓					
Ring-necked Dove	<i>Streptopelia capicola</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Namaqua Dove	<i>Oena capensis</i>					✓		
Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>		✓					
Grey Crowned Crane	<i>Balearica regulorum</i>	✓	✓					
Spotted Thick-knee	<i>Burhinus capensis</i>			✓				
Blacksmith Lapwing	<i>Vanellus armatus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓		
Spur-winged Lapwing	<i>Vanellus spinosus</i>				✓			
Crowned Lapwing	<i>Vanellus coronatus</i>		✓	✓				
Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>						✓	
Three-banded Courser	<i>Rhinoptilus cinctus</i>		✓					
African Openbill	<i>Anastomus lamelligerus</i>		✓					
Marabou Stork	<i>Leptoptilos crumenifer</i>	✓	✓					
Yellow-billed Stork	<i>Mycteria ibis</i>	✓						
Hadada Ibis	<i>Bostrychia hagedash</i>	✓	✓					
African Spoonbill	<i>Platalea alba</i>		✓				✓	
Western Cattle Egret	<i>Ardea ibis</i>	✓	✓					
Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	✓				✓		
Black-headed Heron	<i>Ardea melanocephala</i>	✓						
Goliath Heron	<i>Ardea goliath</i>		✓				✓	
Hamerkop	<i>Scopus umbretta</i>					2		
Black-winged Kite	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>						✓	
African Harrier-Hawk	<i>Polyboroides typus</i>	✓						
White-backed Vulture	<i>Gyps africanus</i>			9				
Crowned Eagle	<i>Stephanoaetus coronatus</i>	1						
Martial Eagle	<i>Polemaetus bellicosus</i>				1			
Long-crested Eagle	<i>Lophaetus occipitalis</i>	✓						
Verreaux's Eagle	<i>Aquila verreauxii</i>						✓	
Eastern Chanting Goshawk	<i>Melierax poliopterus</i>				✓	✓	✓	
Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>	✓						
Augur Buzzard	<i>Buteo augur</i>			✓		✓		
Northern White-faced Owl	<i>Ptilopsis leucotis</i>		✓					
Greyish Eagle-Owl	<i>Bubo cinerascens</i>			✓				
Speckled Mousebird	<i>Colius striatus</i>	✓						
Blue-naped Mousebird	<i>Urocolius macrourus</i>						✓	
Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>		✓	✓	✓			
Northern Red-billed Hornbill	<i>Tockus erythrorhynchus</i>				✓	✓		
Von der Decken's Hornbill	<i>Tockus deckeni</i>				✓		✓	
Purple Roller	<i>Coracias naevius</i>					✓		
Lilac-breasted Roller	<i>Coracias caudatus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓		
Grey-headed Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon leucocephala</i>		✓			✓		
Malachite Kingfisher	<i>Corythornis cristatus</i>		✓					
Pied Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle rudis</i>				✓	✓		
Little Bee-eater	<i>Merops pusillus</i>						✓	
Cinnamon-chested Bee-eater	<i>Merops oreobates</i>		✓					
D'Arnaud's Barbet	<i>Trachyphonus darnaudii</i>			✓				

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Rosy-patched Bushshrike	<i>Telophorus cruentus</i>						✓	
Fork-tailed Drongo	<i>Dicrurus adsimilis</i>		✓			✓	✓	
Northern White-crowned Shrike	<i>Eurocephalus ruppelli</i>	✓			✓		✓	
Cape Crow	<i>Corvus capensis</i>	✓						
Pied Crow	<i>Corvus albus</i>	✓						
Common Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus barbatus</i>			✓				
Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>		✓			✓	✓	
Wattled Starling	<i>Creatophora cinerea</i>				✓			
Superb Starling	<i>Lamprotornis superbus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Hildebrandt's Starling - N	<i>Lamprotornis hildebrandti</i>			✓	✓			
Red-winged Starling	<i>Onychognathus morio</i>					✓		
Yellow-billed Oxpecker	<i>Buphagus africanus</i>	✓						
Red-billed Oxpecker	<i>Buphagus erythrorhynchus</i>	✓	✓					
Cape Robin-Chat	<i>Dessonornis caffer</i>	✓						
Moorland Chat	<i>Pinarochroa sordida</i>	✓						
Bronze Sunbird	<i>Nectarinia kilimensis</i>	✓						
White-browed Sparrow-Weaver	<i>Plocepasser mahali</i>		✓		✓			
Grey-capped Social Weaver	<i>Pseudonigrita arnaudi</i>						✓	
Black-capped Social Weaver	<i>Pseudonigrita cabanisi</i>						✓	
Baglafaecht Weaver	<i>Ploceus baglafaecht</i>	✓						
Vitelline Masked Weaver	<i>Ploceus vitellinus</i>				✓	✓		
Red-billed Quelea	<i>Quelea quelea</i>		✓					
Red-cheeked Cordon-bleu	<i>Uraeginthus bengalus</i>				✓	✓		
Pin-tailed Whydah	<i>Vidua macroura</i>				✓			
Straw-tailed Whydah	<i>Vidua fischeri</i>				✓	✓		
African Pied Wagtail	<i>Motacilla aguimp</i>	✓						
Sharpe's Longclaw - E	<i>Macronyx sharpei</i>	✓						
Streaky Seedeater	<i>Crithagra striolata</i>	✓						

Mammals

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Common name	Scientific name	16	17-19	20	21	22	23	24
Bush Hyrax	<i>Heterohyrax brucei</i>		✓					
Rock Hyrax	<i>Procavia capensis</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
African Savanna Elephant	<i>Loxodonta africana</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cheetah	<i>Acinonyx jubatus</i>		✓					
African Wildcat	<i>Felis lybica</i>						✓	
Lion	<i>Panthera leo</i>		✓			✓	✓	
Leopard	<i>Panthera pardus</i>		1	1	1	✓	2	1
Common Genet	<i>Genetta genetta</i>	✓					✓	
Spotted Hyena	<i>Crocuta crocuta</i>	✓	✓				✓	
Striped Hyena	<i>Hyaena hyaena</i>		✓		✓		✓	
Common Dwarf Mongoose	<i>Helogale parvula</i>				✓		✓	
Common Slender Mongoose	<i>Herpestes sanguineus</i>				✓		✓	
White-tailed Mongoose	<i>Ichneumia albicauda</i>	✓	✓		✓		✓	
Black-backed Jackal	<i>Lupulella mesomelas</i>		✓	✓		✓	✓	
African Wild Dog	<i>Lycaon pictus</i>						6	

Grevy's Zebra	<i>Equus grevyi</i>			✓		✓	✓	✓
Plains Zebra	<i>Equus quagga</i>		✓		✓	✓		
White Rhinoceros	<i>Ceratotherium simum</i>		✓					
Black Rhinoceros	<i>Diceros bicornis</i>		✓					
Giant Forest Hog	<i>Hylochoerus meinertzhageni</i>	✓						
Common Warthog	<i>Phacochoerus africanus</i>	✓	✓				✓	
Northern Giraffe	<i>Giraffa camelopardalis</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Impala	<i>Aepyceros melampus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Hartebeest	<i>Alcelaphus buselaphus</i>		✓					
Thomson's Gazelle	<i>Eudorcas thomsonii</i>		✓					
Grant's Gazelle	<i>Nanger granti</i>		✓					
Waterbuck	<i>Kobus ellipsiprymnus</i>		✓			✓		
Guenther's Dik-dik	<i>Madoqua guentheri</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cape Buffalo	<i>Syncerus caffer</i>	✓	✓			✓	✓	
Common Eland	<i>Tragelaphus oryx</i>		✓			✓		
Northern Bushbuck	<i>Tragelaphus scriptus</i>	✓	✓					
Greater Kudu	<i>Tragelaphus strepsiceros</i>						✓	✓
Common Hippopotamus	<i>Hippopotamus amphibius</i>		✓	✓		✓		
Guereza (Colobus Monkey)	<i>Colobus guereza</i>	✓						
Blue (Sykes') Monkey	<i>Cercopithecus mitis</i>	✓						
Vervet Monkey	<i>Chlorocebus pygerythrus</i>			✓				
Olive Baboon	<i>Papio anubis</i>	✓	✓	✓				
Cape Hare	<i>Lepus capensis</i>	✓						
African Savanna Hare	<i>Lepus victoriae</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	
Striped Ground Squirrel	<i>Xerus erythropus</i>				✓			
Unstriped Ground Squirrel	<i>Xerus rutilus</i>					✓	✓	

Reptiles

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Common name	Scientific name	16	19	20	21	22	23	24
Leopard Tortoise	<i>Stigmochelys pardalis</i>				✓		✓	✓
Red-eared Rock Agama	<i>Agama lionotus</i>					✓		
a yellow-headed agama	<i>Agama</i> sp.						✓	
Striped Skink	<i>Trachylepis striata</i>	✓						

Spiders

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Common name	Scientific name	16	19	20	21	22	23	24
a golden orb weaver spider	<i>Nephila</i> sp.				✓			

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