

# Madagascar

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Collared Iguana



Indri



Short-legged Ground Roller



White-fronted Plover

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## Day 1

**Tuesday 1st November**

After a day in flight we arrived at Tana airport late in the evening. With formalities completed we met up with Desi and transferred to our nearby airport hotel.

## Day 2

**Wednesday 2nd November**

After a leisurely breakfast we drove across the city to Tana Zoo and spent an enjoyable hour or so getting close up to a range of Madagascan mammals and birds that we later hoped to see in the wild. A large and lively mixed heronry in the trees around the zoo's various ponds provided us with further interest and we also found a couple of Madagascar Kingfishers and our first Madagascar White-eyes, Madagascar Wagtail, Madagascar Kestrel and Madagascar Turtle Doves.

We left the city shortly after noon, ate lunch at a pleasant restaurant in Ambatolampy and then continued south through the hills past rice paddies, herds of Zebu, brick kilns and picturesque villages of two storey brick houses with wooden shutters and rice thatch roofs. We noted a couple of Hamerkops, an Eleonora's Falcon and our first Souimanga Sunbirds en-route and arrived at prosperous Antsirabe at the end of the afternoon.

## Day 3

**Thursday 3rd November**

We left Antsirabe after breakfast and began the long drive through the highlands to Ranomafana. A short stop at a small marsh a little south of the town produced a Madagascar Snipe, a pair of Red-billed Teals, several Plain Martins and both Brush and Swamp Warblers and at the river bridge at Andriamamovoka we enjoyed superb views of several Madagascar Bee-eaters excavating their nest burrows in a roadside cutting. Arriving in bustling Ambositra at the end of the morning we had time to look at some of the various wood-carving shops before eating lunch at a very comfortable restaurant.

Continuing south, our next stop, near the village of Ankazomivady, was at another small marsh flanked by a patch of relict rain-forest. In a short space of time here we saw our first Lemurs, a quartet of Red-fronted Browns, plus a range of birds that included Madagascar Buzzard, White-throated Rail, Madagascar Coucal, Madagascar Bulbul and Long-billed Green Sunbird. From here we drove on through the afternoon and arrived at our lodge near Ranomafana National Park in the rain a little after dark.

## Day 4

Friday 4th November

Undaunted by continuing rain a hardy few were out at dawn exploring the secondary forest and gardens around our lodge and found our first Chabert's Vangas, Crested Drongos, Paradise Flycatchers, Magpie Robins and Forest Fodies.

With breakfast completed and the full group assembled we drove up through Ranomafana village, picked up our local guides, Fidi and Jean-Chrys and set off into the depths of Ranomafana rainforest. A rich time ensued. During the course of the morning we saw Golden and Greater Bamboo Lemurs, Milne-Edwards Sifakas, a Ring-tailed Mongoose, a Satanic Leaf-tailed Gecko and a range of birds that included Cuckoo Roller, White-throated Oxylabes, Wedge-tailed Jery and a wonderful Pitta-like Ground Roller.

At the end of the morning we checked into Setam Lodge close to the park entrance and our home for the rest of our stay at Ranomafana. Siesta time here was punctuated by two Blue Couas, some Lesser Vasa Parrots and a wonderful Comet Moth which, disturbed by an over-enthusiastic photographer, took to the wing and was sadly taken in mid-air by a Crested Drongo.

We finished the day with a walk along the road up from the lodge and found a Giraffe-necked Weevil, a nice *Boophis madagascariensis* Tree-Frog, four Blue-legged Chameleons (*Calumna crypticum*) and as the night drew in, two Rufous Mouse Lemurs which came out to eat banana smeared on roadside branches by our guides.

## Day 5

Saturday 5th November

This morning we explored the higher altitude rain forest at Vohiparara. Splitting into two groups, the highlights of the morning included Red-bellied, Red-fronted Brown and Small-toothed Sportive Lemurs, O'Shaughnessy's Chameleon and a couple of tiny, almost transparent *Mantydactylus pulcher* Tree-Frogs at home amongst the fronds of their stream-side Pandanus. Whilst the much sought after but secretive Rufous-headed Ground Rollers remained heard but not seen, a satisfying range of other birds included Red-fronted Coua, Grey-crowned Greenbul, Blue, Tylas and Red-tailed Vangas and Velvet Asity.

After lunch and a siesta back at the lodge which was interrupted by a group of Grey Bamboo Lemurs foraging in trees at the edge of the clearing, we headed off to a distant area of the park near the village of Amboditanimena. Here, in an area of marsh, thicket and river pools set amongst rolling scrub-covered hills we found Meller's Ducks, Grey Emu-tails, Swamp Warblers and a Madagascar Flufftail. A final highlight to round off an excellent day was a superb Baron's Painted Frog (*Mantella baroni*) expertly found at the roadside by Jean-Chrys.

## Day 6

Sunday 6th November

Back into the Ranomafana rainforest after an early breakfast we again split into two groups, one concentrating on birds and the other with a more general focus. The birders hit something of a jackpot with sensational views of a pair of Brown Mesites, whilst other goodies shared between the groups included a Madagascar Wood Rail, Paradise Flycatchers on the nest, a pair of Spectacled Greenbuls, a Crossley's Babbler, some Red-fronted Brown Lemurs, another Leaf-tailed Gecko and three Red Forest Rats.

A flock of Greater Vasa Parrots eating figs and a splendid Blue Pigeon interrupted our lunch and siesta today before we headed back up to Vohiparara for a late afternoon walk. Some roadside Madagascar Starlings started things well and then at Vohiparara one group enjoyed a fantastic close encounter with a confiding group of Milne-Edwards Sifakas whilst the others found some more Grey Bamboo Lemurs. Birds included a Red-Fronted and Blue Couas, Ashy Cuckoo Shrike and Long-billed Greenbul. We finished the day at the nearby waterfall where we saw a smart male Forest Rock Thrush.

## Day 7

Monday 7th November

We left Ranomafana after breakfast and began the drive to Isalo. Our route took us back up to the main highland road and on through Fianarantsoa, Madagascar's second city. Notable wildlife en-route included a Madagascar Harrier Hawk perched in a roadside tree and a couple of Hamerkops. We stopped for lunch at the community run nature reserve at Anja, a little beyond the town of Ambilavao. The reserve comprises an area of transitional forest set amongst impressive granite inselbergs and is noted for its Ring-tailed Lemurs which, with the help of local guides, we rapidly located and enjoyed a prolonged close encounter with. Other wildlife interest here included several Oustalet's Chameleons and a mighty Humblot's Heron fishing in an extensive pond.

As we continued on through the afternoon we gradually left the mountains behind and entered more arid country. We passed through a spectacular rain-storm as we approached Ihosy and then, as we crossed the bleak Horombe Plateau in the late afternoon, we were treated to fantastic views of a series of Marsh Owls, 10 in all! We stopped for the first two and some of us had the wonderful experience of one of these superb creatures circling around above us at little more than arm's reach giving us a thorough inspection – lovely! We finally reached our luxurious hotel, Relais de la Reine, shortly after dark.

## Day 8

Tuesday 8th November

The early birders were up at dawn exploring in the grounds of the hotel, a mixture of gardens, scrub and woodland set amongst the massive sandstone outcrops for which the Isalo area is celebrated. It was a beautiful, still, sunny morning and we enjoyed excellent views of Benson's Rock Thrushes, our principal target, along with Grey-headed Lovebirds, Madagascar Bee-eaters, a Broad-billed Roller, a calling Madagascar Hoopoe and a Long-billed Green Sunbird.

After breakfast, with the whole group assembled, we headed off into Isalo National Park itself and spent the morning walking one of the trails up into a beautiful wooded canyon.

Despite the rapidly soaring temperature we still encountered a good range of wildlife including two confiding Verraux's Sifakas, a troop of Ring-tailed Lemurs, three Oustalet's Chameleons, a cluster of pink Flatid Leaf Bugs and a wonderful range of dragonflies and butterflies.

We returned to Relais de la Reine for lunch and a siesta. The local Bee-eaters remained active throughout the heat of the afternoon, drifting around twittering to each other, and chunky *Oplurus quadrimaculatus* Lizards basked on the rocks. As it cooled a little towards the end of the afternoon we went for another stroll around the grounds and finished a relaxing and enjoyable day with Lesser Vasa Parrots, Palm Swifts, a final Benson's Rock Thrush, various interesting plants and insects and a lovely sunset.

## Day 9

## Wednesday 9th November

We left Relais de la Reine before dawn in order to reach Zombitse Forest, some 90 kilometres distant, as soon after first light as possible. We witnessed a beautiful sunrise and passed through the sapphire mining settlements around Ranohira before arriving in perfect time at Zombitse a little before 6am. Zombitse is noted as just about the only known site for the charming little Appert's Greenbul. We were keen to see some and with persistence we succeeded, finding a little group pottering around in the leaf litter. We also found two Verraux's Sifakas that allowed a very close approach and a range of other birds that included Giant Coua, Cuckoo Roller, Common Newtonia, Common Jery and Paradise Flycatcher. An unfamiliar bird call led us to two separate sightings of male Red-shouldered Vangas, complete with the striking yellow iris that separates them from the common and widespread Red-tailed Vanga. These were remarkable sightings given that this fairly recently discovered species is only known from a few sites around St Agustin near Tulear, considerably further south-west.

We ate a picnic breakfast back in the car-park whilst Spine-tailed Swifts zoomed across the sky and then finished our time at Zombitse with a last little dip into the forest that brought lovely views of a roosting White-browed Owl and a Red-tailed Sportive Lemur watching us from its comfortable tree-hole.

We drove on to the city of Tulear eating our picnic lunch en-route and then proceeded north along the coast to Ifaty, arriving at our beautifully appointed beachside hotel in the mid-afternoon. After a quick turn-around, several of us set off for a spiny forest extravaganza. The forest itself was as amazing as we had all anticipated but we were in pursuit of special birds too and our mission was clear to us. Following hot on the heels of our local guide we found one after another of the rare, localised and charismatic species that we sought. After a break-neck two hours we had enjoyed excellent views of a pair of Banded Kestrels, a Sub-desert Mesite, a Green-capped Coua, three Archbold's Newtonias and best of all, a superb Long-tailed Ground-Roller. Flushed with our success we returned to the hotel and made ready for dinner as Madagascar Nightjars hawked over the swimming pool.

## Day 10

## Thursday 10th November

We were up a little before dawn with a lovely pink moon setting out over the Mozambique Channel and set off for another session in the spiny forest. We had repeat encounters with some of the birds that we had seen the previous evening but added good sightings of a few more including both Sickle-billed and White-headed Vangas, Thamnornis Warblers and nest-building Sakalava Weavers.

After breakfast back at the hotel we retraced our steps to Tulear and transferred from our bus to a series of ox-carts that conveyed us across low-tide sand-flats to the waiting speed-boat that was to take us along the coast to Anakao. An hour or so later after an exhilarating journey hurtling across the azure blue sea we arrived at Anakao and settled into our beachside chalets.

Then, in the mid-afternoon, after lunch and a siesta, we returned to the boat for the short crossing to the offshore island of Nosy Ve. This is a proper desert island, about a kilometre long, dry and uninhabited and covered in rough, low scrub and thickets of Euphorbia trees. Nosy Ve is the only known nesting site in Madagascar for Red-tailed Tropicbirds and we were soon enjoying close encounters with well-grown juveniles in their nest scrapes under bushes and elegant snow-white adults in the air above us. We stayed on the island for a couple of hours. Some people swam whilst others walked the shoreline and found a satisfying range of birds that included a lone Crab Plover, good numbers of White-fronted Plovers and a sizeable flock of Greater and Lesser Crested Terns. All in all this was a lovely interlude much enjoyed by all.

Back on the mainland, the day closed with Madagascar Nightjars calling from the scrub around us and a full moon rising in counterpoise with the setting sun.

## Day 11

## Friday 11th November

The early birders were out again shortly after first light exploring the dune scrub behind our chalets. A small range of species observed included a Madagascar Buttonquail, several Littoral Rock Thrushes, a few Sub-desert Brush Warblers and a pair of Madagascar Coucals. Two Grey Mouse Lemurs in the rafters of the hotel's massage area at breakfast time provided a last bit of wildlife interest before we took our leave of Anakao and headed back to Tulear. Some Greater Sand Plovers amongst the waders feeding out on the mudflats were a new bird for our list and further enlivened the already exciting ox-cart ride back to the quay.

From the landing stage we drove into town and checked into our very pleasant family run hotel. A lengthy lunch-break and siesta ensued and then, in the late afternoon, we drove out to the Tulear arboretum where we enjoyed an expertly guided tour of the extensive collection of spiny forest plants. As we walked around we had great views of another Buttonquail, a female Paradise Flycatcher on its nest, a few Spiny-tailed Iguanids, three Warty Chameleons and a couple of tiny Reddish-Grey Mouse Lemurs fast asleep in the thorny depths of a small tree.

## Day 12

## Saturday 12th November

After a leisurely breakfast we drove the short distance to Tulear airport for our late morning flight to Fort Dauphin. Everything went smoothly and we arrived in breezy Fort Dauphin a little before noon. We ate lunch at the Dauphin Hotel and then set off towards Berenty. Our journey took us first through a lush mosaic of rice-paddies and sweet potato plots backed by rugged forested mountains and then into flatter, drier country covered in thorny scrub and areas of spiny forest. We stopped at bustling Ambosoary Sud to walk over the river bridge there and finally made it to Berenty in the late afternoon. After settling in there was time for a brief exploration of our immediate surroundings and between us we enjoyed close encounters with Verraux's Sifakas, Ring-tailed, Red-fronted Brown and White-footed Sportive Lemurs, Giant and Crested Couas, Lesser Vasa Parrots and a White-browed Owl.

## Day 13

## Sunday 13th November

A full day at Berenty started with an early morning walk through the gallery forest where we enjoyed some lovely views of Brown Lemurs with tiny babies and several Verraux's Sifakas. Birds included four Madagascar Sandgrouse out on the river sandflats plus a singing Hook-billed Vanga and excellent views in perfect light of Grey-headed Lovebirds, Giant and Crested Couas, three Green Pigeons and a male Frances's Sparrowhawk. We came back via a Flying Fox roost in a large Tamarind tree and spent some time admiring these impressive beasts as they settled down for the day after a night out foraging.

We arrived back at the lodge in time for a late breakfast and then relaxed our way through the middle of the day as the temperature soared to 41 degrees in the shade. In the late afternoon we took a walk through a nearby area of spiny forest. The vegetation was impressive but wildlife activity was limited by the heat to several neat little Three-eyed Lizards and a roosting Madagascar Nightjar.

After dark, with the moon rising and Venus and Jupiter visible in the clear sky, we strolled through another patch of spiny forest and had great fun lamping a series of highly acrobatic Reddish-Grey Mouse Lemurs and White-footed Sportive Lemurs.

## Day 14

## Monday 14th November

Up again at first light with a Magpie Robin singing sweetly, we set off for a distant and undisturbed area of spiny forest. The vegetation was again bizarre and impressive and during the course of an enjoyable walk we saw Verraux's Sifakas leaping nimbly amongst the impossibly spiny Dideraceae trunks, several Ring-tailed and White-footed Sportive Lemurs, a neat little Spider Tortoise and a range of birds that included several Crested Couas, a singing Stripe-throated Jery, a Lesser Cuckoo and a lovely grey morph Torotoroka Scops Owl.

We sat out the heat of the day again back at the lodge and then in the late afternoon we went back to the gallery forest. We had more close encounters with the three diurnal lemur species and enjoyed good views of a pair of Hook-billed Vangas attending two fledglings, a roosting Barn Owl, several Giant Couas and a Paradise Flycatcher at its nest. We ended up down by the river where we found a Cuckoo Hawk taking a drink and a group of local young women taking a bath. The Hawk flew away but the girls seized an opportunity and put on an impromptu dance for us. Great stuff! A Cuckoo Hawk and some dancing girls; what a splendid way to end the afternoon!

After dark an intrepid few took a short night walk back into the forest and finished a satisfying day with a couple White-footed Sportive Lemurs, several very smart Large-headed Painted Geckos scuttling noisily through the leaf litter and a very brief Indian Striped Civet.

## Day 15

## Tuesday 15th November

A last early morning walk at Berenty brought us excellent views of a Green-capped Coua eating ants, another Hook-billed Vanga, some Lesser Vasa Parrots, a brief Buttonquail, a Broad-billed Roller and two lovely Frances's Sparrowhawks perched in a high tree top. After breakfast we set off on the long, hot, bumpy ride back to Fort Dauphin.



We broke the journey at a colourful roadside market and arrived back at the Dauphin hotel in time for lunch. A relaxed afternoon revolved around a walk along the shore where we saw some Kelp Gulls, a few Greater Crested Terns and outstandingly, a Humpback Whale that surfaced and blew a few times out in the bay below us.

## Day 16

## Wednesday 16th November

After a leisurely breakfast we drove the short distance to Fort Dauphin Airport and awaited our flight back up to Tana. Some of the group explored along the approach road and found a few Madagascar Cisticolas and an obliging Malachite Kingfisher, whilst others relaxed in the bustling little airport. Our mid-morning flight departed on time and a couple of hours later we were safely settled in at our hotel near Tana airport.

In the mid-afternoon we drove across town to Lake Alarobia and finished the day with a little birding. Herons, egrets and ducks were the principal attraction and amongst throngs of the commoner species we found at least three Madagascar Pond Herons, a drake Knob-billed Duck and two neat Hottentot Teals.

## Day 17

## Thursday 17th November

We were up very early and away back to the airport for our flight up to Mahajanga. We touched down just after 6am (!) and after eating a very welcome breakfast at a hotel with a fine view out over the bay we set off on the three hour bus journey to Ampijoroa. Once we cleared town the journey took us across empty, rolling hills covered in dry, coarse, grass and occasional isolated palm clumps. This was a ravaged landscape, destroyed by deforestation and over grazing and largely devoid of wildlife interest. Apart from the ubiquitous Kites, Crows and Kestrels all we saw in over two hours was a few Bee-eaters, Bush-Larks and Palm Swifts and one lone Eleonora's Falcon.

We broke the journey briefly at Ambromalandy Lake where we saw a Madagascar Little Grebe, a Humblot's Heron and a few Glossy Ibis, and finally arrived at Ampijoroa a little before noon. It was lovely indeed to be in the forest and even as we arrived at the car park/reception area we were greeted by a confiding troop of Coquerel's Sifakas, several noisy Lesser Vasa Parrots and a smart White-headed Vanga. The excitement continued through our lunchtime and siesta with a pair of Sickle-billed Vangas in the trees around the open air restaurant and Ampijoroa's resident pair of Madagascar Fish Eagles showing well, perched in a high tree-top across the lake from our chalets.

In the late afternoon we assembled for a walk and after a thorough photo-shoot with the car-park Sifakas, we set off into the forest proper. The afternoon heat precluded much visible wildlife activity but the forest itself was lovely and quite different to anything else we had experienced. Good views of three Red-capped Couas kept the birders happy and a group of Mongoose Lemurs moving around in the trees by the lodge as we returned at dusk were a notable sighting. We concluded the day with a short night walk during which we saw a rather shy Fat-tailed Dwarf lemur.

## Day 18

## Friday 18th November

The early birders were up at dawn and out in the car park where White-headed Vangas, Ashy Cuckoo Shrikes, Green Pigeons and both Greater and Lesser Vasa Parrots all put on a good show.

Then we set off to the forest at the far end of the lake and in an exciting couple of hours enjoyed some sensational views of a pair of White-breasted Mesites and a male Schlegel's Asity.

After breakfast we went back into the forest in two groups and enjoyed a productive morning during which we saw a couple of Brown Hog-nosed Snakes, several Oustalet's Chameleons and an impressive range of birds which included a Cuckoo Roller, a few Crested Couas, both Rufous and Van Dam's Vangas, a pair of Long-billed Greenbills and some more White-breasted Mesites.

In the afternoon, after enjoying a nesting Hook-billed Vanga, two Hoopoes and a roosting Mauritanian Tomb Bat in the car park we went for a boat trip around the lake. This relaxing interlude brought us good views of several Crocodiles, the two Fish Eagles and a wide range of water birds including various herons and egrets, a few Madagascar Jacanas, a couple of Little Bitterns, a surprise Openbill Stork and several dazzlingly blue Allen's Gallinules.

## Day 19

Saturday 19th November

Another morning in the forest in two groups proved as productive and enjoyable as ever. Between us we saw Brown Lemurs, Coquerel's Sifakas, Coquerel's and Red-capped Couas, Blue, Rufous and Van Dam's Vangas and a roosting Madagascar Nightjar.

In the afternoon we drove to Ambromalandy Lake and spent a very pleasant couple of hours as the temperature dropped watching an interesting range of birds that included several Pygmy Geese, 25 Hottentot Teal, over 50 Black Egrets, a couple of Kittlitz's Plovers and a surprise Sooty Falcon that finished the day for us in fine fashion as it wafted gracefully across the evening sky.

## Day 20

Sunday 20th November

After a leisurely breakfast we left Ampijoroa and drove back to Mahajanga in good time for our early afternoon flight to Tana. Everything went smoothly and we arrived back in the capital on schedule and more or less immediately set off on the drive to Andasibe. Our journey took us through some fine highland scenery and in and out of a series of rain showers. We made one principal stop at the Mangare river bridge and enjoyed reasonable views of four Madagascar Pratincoles and a flock of five Chabert's Vangas. We arrived at the very comfortable Vakona Lodge a little after dark and after settling in, enjoyed a good dinner full of anticipation for our trip to Mantadia in the morning.

## Day 21

Monday 21st November

We set off to Mantadia at dawn and enjoyed a fabulous morning exploring this wonderful area of rainforest with expert local guide Maurice. Highlights included a troop of Black-and-white Ruffed Lemurs with acrobatic babies chasing through the tree-tops, a pair of Eastern Woolly Lemurs, a very smart Baron's Painted Frog and the thrilling and evocative sound of distant Indri. The birds were outrageous too: a roosting Collared Nightjar confident in its perfect camouflage; a very close Blue Pigeon; two stunningly colourful Pitta-like Ground-Rollers perched in full sun on a stream-side log; a pair of Scaly Ground-Rollers at their nest burrow amongst the leaf litter and a Short-legged Ground-Roller sitting calmly on a branch 20 feet above the trail. Wow!

Add to this a supporting cast of Meller's Duck, Spine-tailed Swift, Tylas and Red-tailed Vangas, Ward's Flycatcher, Blue Coua, Long-billed Greenbul and an astonishing and bizarre Amphiglossis skink swimming along a crystal clear stream and you can appreciate what a great morning this was!

In the afternoon we set out again. Firstly we stopped at a small marsh where we saw a pair of Madagascar Rails, then we proceeded to a pine plantation at the back of Andasibe village and found two well-grown juvenile Madagascar Long-eared Owls high up in one of the trees. We finished the day with a walk along the road that runs along the edge of the Perinet reserve. Persistent drizzle meant that we saw little beyond some Brown Lemurs and a couple of Chabert's Vangas but we enjoyed the walk all the same. After dark we found a rather nice Greater Dwarf Lemur, a fitting finale to a satisfying and enjoyable day.

## Day 22

Tuesday 22nd November

We spent the morning in the Perinet reserve and concluded our Madagascar wildlife watching with wonderful close-up encounters with a group of four Indri and then a family of Diademed Sifakas; a fitting finale for everyone. Other notable sightings on this last morning included a huge Parson's Chameleon, a Madagascar Tree Boa, a roosting Rainforest Scops Owl and over lunch, a brief Nuthatch Vanga and two confiding Blue Couas.

In the afternoon we drove back to Tana. We visited the craft markets, ate a last dinner together then proceeded to the airport for our late night flight back to Europe. Everything went smoothly, our flight left on time and we arrived safely back in Paris eleven hours later.

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	Common name	Scientific name	November																					
			2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	
19	Pygmy Goose	<i>Nettapus auritus</i>																	7					
20	Red-billed Teal	<i>Anas erythrorhyncha</i>		8	1	30		90	50						4	100								
21	Hottentot Teal	<i>Anas hottentota</i>													2				25					
22	Meller's Duck	<i>Anas melleri</i>				3															2			
23	White-faced Duck	<i>Dendrocygna viduata</i>	30					2	30							100	30	30	25	6				
24	Knob-billed Duck	<i>Sarkidiornis melanotos</i>														1								
25	Madagascar Fish Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus vociferoides</i>															1	2	1	1				
26	Madagascar Harrier- Hawk	<i>Polyboroides radiatus</i>				1h		1		1h	1			1h										
27	Madagascar Buzzard	<i>Buteo brachypterus</i>	2	2	2	1	2	2										1				1h		
28	Madagascar Cuckoo Hawk	<i>Aviceda madagascariensis</i>													1									
29	Yellow-billed Kite	<i>Milvus aegyptus</i>		1		1		10	30	20		1	12	20	25	20	10	10	3	10	10			
30	Banded Kestrel	<i>Falco zoniventris</i>									2													
31	Frances's Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter francesiae</i>												1		2			1					
32	Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>																				1		
33	Madagascar Kestrel	<i>Falco newtoni</i>	3	10			1	6	4	4	2	2	4	6	5	6	5	3		1	2	1		
34	Eleonora's Falcon	<i>Falco eleonorae</i>	1										1					1						
35	Sooty Falcon	<i>Falco concolor</i>																		1		1		
36	Madagascar Partridge	<i>Margaroperdix madagascariensis</i>		2																				
37	Helmeted Guineafowl	<i>Numida meleagris</i>											9		20	12								
38	Madagascar Wood Rail	<i>Canirallus kiolooides</i>						1																
39	Brown Mesite	<i>Mesitornis unicolor</i>						2																
40	White-breasted Mesite	<i>Mesitornis variegata</i>																	5					
41	Subdesert Mesite	<i>Monias benschi</i>								1														
42	Madagascar Button-quail	<i>Turnix nigricollis</i>								1		2		1	4	3								
43	White-throated Rail	<i>Dryolimnas cuvieri</i>		1					4h													3h		
44	Madagascar Rail	<i>Rallus madagascariensis</i>																				2		
45	Madagascar Flufftail	<i>Sarothrura insularis</i>				1	1h															1		
46	Lesser Gallinule	<i>Porphyryla alleni</i>																6	2					
47	Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>														3			5					
48	Madagascar Snipe	<i>Gallinago macrodactyla</i>		1																				
49	Madagascar Jacana	<i>Actophilornis albinucha</i>																3	3	3	1			
50	Madagascar Pratincole	<i>Glareola ocularis</i>																			4			

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51	Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>								2	40	15												
52	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>								7	5													
53	Crab Plover	<i>Dromas ardeola</i>									1													
54	Grey Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>									12	5												
55	Greater Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>								3	1													
56	Kittlitz's Plover	<i>Charadrius pecuaris</i>								7	1									2				
57	White-fronted Plover	<i>Charadrius marginatus</i>									10													
58	Greater Sand Plover	<i>Charadrius leschenaultii</i>										10												
59	Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>									20	20				1								
60	Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>								2	2	2		25	1									
61	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>		1						1	1					1		1	1	1				
62	Sanderling	<i>Calidris alba</i>									5	3												
63	Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>									3													
64	Curlew Sandpiper	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>								30										2				
65	Kelp Gull	<i>Larus dominicanus</i>														3								
66	Whiskered Tern	<i>Chlidonias hybridus</i>																		10				
67	Greater Crested Tern	<i>Sterna bergii</i>									20					8								
68	Lesser Crested Tern	<i>Sterna bengalensis</i>									10	1												
69	Little / Saunders's Tern	<i>Sterna albifrons / saundersi</i>									1	1												
70	Madagascar Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles personatus</i>												4										
71	Feral Pigeon	<i>Columba livia</i>	20	10								40												
72	Namaqua Dove	<i>Oena capensis</i>						1	3	20	20	6	20	2	20	8	1	3	4	2	6			
73	Madagascar Blue Pigeon	<i>Alectroenas madagascariensis</i>			2	2	1														2	4		
74	Madagascar Green Pigeon	<i>Treron australis</i>												5	2		1		5	4	6	1		
75	Madagascar Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia picturata</i>	2	1	2	2	2		3	4	3	2	4	15	20	10	3	4	15	15		5		
76	Grey-headed Lovebird	<i>Agapornis canus</i>						2	2		3		2	50	20	30			1	5	3			
77	Greater Vasa Parrot	<i>Coracopsis vasa</i>				h	5		1						1			2	3		4	3		
78	Lesser Vasa Parrot	<i>Coracopsis nigra</i>			4	5			2	10			3	h	6	6		10	8	6	5	5		
79	Madagascar Coucal	<i>Centropus toulou</i>		3	4	3	2	1	2	3	5	4	2	5	4	2	1	3	3	4		3 3		
80	Madagascar Lesser Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus rochii</i>		3	3	3	4	1	2	1	1			1	3	1		2	2	2		1		
81	Green-capped Coua	<i>Coua olivaceiceps</i>								1						1								
82	Red-capped Coua	<i>Coua ruficeps</i>																4		5				



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83	Running Coua	<i>Coua cursor</i>										1	1h										
84	Giant Coua	<i>Coua gigas</i>								2		3	2	10	4								
85	Coquerel's Coua	<i>Coua coquereli</i>															3	1	3				
86	Red-fronted Coua	<i>Coua reynaudii</i>			1h	1	1														2h		
87	Blue Coua	<i>Coua caerulea</i>			2	10	3	1													3	3	
88	Crested Coua	<i>Coua cristata</i>								3	1	1	8	12	5		5	5	4				
89	Madagascar Long-eared Owl	<i>Asio madagascariensis</i>																			2	2	
90	Barn Owl	<i>Tyto alba</i>												1									
91	White-browed Owl	<i>Ninox supercilialis</i>								1		3	1	4	1								
92	African Marsh Owl	<i>Asio capensis</i>						10		1													
93	Rainforest Scops Owl	<i>Otus rutilus</i>																			1h	1	
94	Torotoroka Owl	<i>Otus madagascariensis</i>										1h	1h	1			1h	1h	1h				
95	Collared Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus enarratus</i>																			1		
96	Madagascar Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus madagascariensis</i>								4	5	1	2	4	1	1		1		1	1	1	
97	Madagascar Black Swift	<i>Apus balstoni</i>					4	4		1	2	2						5			2	2	
98	Madagascar Spine-tailed Swift	<i>Zoonavena grandidieri</i>		2						6	3										4		
99	African Palm Swift	<i>Cypsiurus parvus</i>			2		4		10		1		1		4	4	30	2	10	15			
100	Brown-throated Sand Martin	<i>Riparia paludicola</i>		20		4	5					1				6						3	
101	Mascarene Martin	<i>Phedina borbonica</i>	20	5	10	5	10	8	10			8				8					50	30	
102	Madagascar Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo vintsioides</i>	4	2		1		5	1				1		1	5	1	3	3	1	3	2	
103	Madagascar Bee-eater	<i>Merops superciliosus</i>		20	1	3		4	25	20	10	10		1			6	7	3	5	3		
104	Broad-billed Roller	<i>Eurystomus glaucurus</i>							3	2				2	3	4		2	5	4	2	1	
105	Madagascar Cuckoo-Roller	<i>Leptosomus discolor</i>			3	2	4			3								1	2	2		1	
106	Scaly Ground-Roller	<i>Brachypteracias squamigera</i>																				2	
107	Short-legged Ground-Roller	<i>Brachypteracias leptosomus</i>																				1	
108	Pitta-like Ground-Roller	<i>Atelornis pittoides</i>			1		1h															2	
109	Rufous-headed Ground-Roller	<i>Atelornis crossleyi</i>				3h																	
110	Long-tailed Ground Roller	<i>Uratelornis chimaera</i>								1	1												
111	Velvet Asity	<i>Philepitta castanea</i>			1	4	4																
112	Schlegel's Asity	<i>Philepitta schlegeli</i>																2					
113	Common Sunbird-Asity	<i>Neodrepanis coruscans</i>				1h																	
114	Madagascar Bulbul	<i>Hypsipetes madagascariensis</i>		6		20	20	12	40	100	30	3	5	8	8	6		15	25	10	5	25	15

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115	Appert's Greenbul	<i>Bernieria apperti</i>								5														
116	Grey-crowned Greenbul	<i>Bernieria cinereiceps</i>				2																		
117	Long-billed Greenbul	<i>Bernieria madagascariensis</i>			1	3	1			2								3	2		4			
118	Spectacled Greenbul	<i>Bernieria zosterops</i>					2																	
119	White-throated Oxylabes	<i>Oxylabes madagascariensis</i>			2																			
120	Crossley's Babbler	<i>Mystacornis crossleyi</i>				1h	1																	
121	Madagascar Magpie Robin	<i>Copsychus albospectularis</i>			8	7	6	8	5	2	3	3	2	5	6	5	1	5	8	10	2	5	3	
122	Madagascar Hoopoe	<i>Upupa marginata</i>							2	4	5	2	1	3	1	1		2	5	6				
123	Forest Rock-Thrush	<i>Monticola sharpei</i>					1																	
124	Littoral Rock-Thrush	<i>Monticola imerinus</i>									5	8												
125	Benson's Rock-Thrush	<i>Monticola sharpei bensoni</i>							3	1														
126	Common Stonechat	<i>Saxicola torquata</i>	2	15		1	2		4													1		
127	Madagascar Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flaviventris</i>	3	8	5	5	6	5	2												4	2		
128	Madagascar Paradise Flycatcher	<i>Terpsiphone mutata</i>			1	3	4		3	4	4	2		4	6	5		4	6	5	1	6	7	
129	Ward's Flycatcher / Vanga	<i>Pseudobias wardi</i>																				1	1	
130	Common Newtonia	<i>Newtonia brunneicauda</i>			7	6	4	1		5	3			2	2	2		1	4	2		3	3	
131	Archbold's Newtonia	<i>Newtonia archboldi</i>								3	2													
132	Madagascar Cisticola	<i>Cisticola cherina</i>		5		1		2	8	3	5	3	3		5	1	4			2	2	2		
133	Madagascar Bush Lark	<i>Mirafra hova</i>						10		20	10		2					10			5			
134	Madagascar Swamp Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus newtoni</i>		2	1	1										1						2		
135	Madagascar Brush Warbler	<i>Nesillas typica</i>		10	8	9	4		1	1						1					1	5	4	
136	Thamnornis Warbler	<i>Thamnornis chloropetoides</i>									5													
137	Subdesert Brush Warbler	<i>Nesillas lantzii</i>								3	10	12		2										
138	Grey Emu-tail	<i>Amphilais seebohmi</i>				3																		
139	Brown Emu-tail	<i>Dromaeocercus brunneus</i>				1h																		
140	Common Jery	<i>Neomixis tenella</i>		5	1	7	4		5	6	7	3	7	4	8	10			2					
141	Stripe-throated Jery	<i>Neomixis striatigula</i>									5				1							1		
142	Green Jery	<i>Neomixis viridis</i>					1																	
143	Wedge-tailed Jery	<i>Neomixis flavoviridis</i>			2																		1	
144	Rand's Warbler	<i>Randia pseudozosterops</i>			1	5	5															3	2	
145	Madagascar White-eye	<i>Zosterops maderaspatanus</i>	2	6	10	8	10	3	1						8	2	1					6	5	
146	Madagascar Green Sunbird	<i>Nectarinia notata</i>		2		1	1	1	1	1								2			1	1	3	

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147	Souimanga Sunbird	<i>Nectarinia sovimanga</i>	3	5	15	20	10	5	5	15	10	10	4	5	2	5	3	6	15	8		6	2
148	Nuthatch Vanga	<i>Hypositta corallirostris</i>																					1
149	White-headed Vanga	<i>Artamella viridis</i>									1						1	5	1	3			
150	Chabert's Vanga	<i>Leptopterus chabert</i>			3	1	2			1		1						3		5	4	4	
151	Madagascar Blue Vanga	<i>Cyanolanius madagascarinus</i>				2	2										1		4				
152	Sickle-billed Vanga	<i>Falcolea palliata</i>									3		1				2	3	3	2			
153	Rufous Vanga	<i>Schetba rufa</i>				2h											2	2	4				
154	Red-shouldered Vanga	<i>Calicalicus rufocarpalis</i>								3													
155	Red-tailed Vanga	<i>Calicalicus madagascariensis</i>			2	3	4		1		1											2	2
156	Hook-billed Vanga	<i>Vanga curvirostris</i>			1								1	4	1		1	3	1	1	1		
157	Van Dam's Vanga	<i>Xenopirostris damii</i>																3	2				
158	Tylas Vanga	<i>Tylas eduardi</i>			3	2	2															2	1
159	Madagascar Cuckoo Shrike	<i>Coracina cinerea</i>				2	2											2					
160	Madagascar Starling	<i>Saroglossa aurata</i>					8	1														6	
161	Common Myna	<i>Acridotheres tristis</i>	20	50	5			25	10	25	30	30	20	8	10	25	30			6	15		15
162	Crested Drongo	<i>Dicrurus forficatus</i>			4	2	2		4	8	4	2	4	6	12	8		6	12	10	5	5	5
163	Pied Crow	<i>Corvus albus</i>	4	20		3		50	30	30	10	10	25	20	25	30	3	6	2		8		
164	Madagascar Fody	<i>Foudia madagascariensis</i>	25	15					25	10	70	20		5	10	10	15	4		100	5		1
165	Forest Fody	<i>Foudia eminentissima</i>			6	12																4	
166	Sakalava Weaver	<i>Ploceus sakalava</i>								12	20	20	5	2	10	25		1	1				
167	Nelicourvi Weaver	<i>Ploceus nelicourvi</i>			2		2															2	2
168	Madagascar Mannikin	<i>Lonchura nana</i>			2	7		2	5						8			2		2		2	1

Amphibians identified

1	Tree Frog	<i>Boophis madagascariensis</i>			1																		
2	Baron's Painted Frog	<i>Mantella baroni</i>				1																1	
3	Pandanus Frog	<i>Mantydactylus pulcher</i>				2	3																

