

Madagascar's Lemurs

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Diademed Sifaka by Andy Smith



Lesser Hedgehog Tenrec by Martin Miller



Giant Coua by Martin Miller

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Day 1

Saturday 20th October

We arrived at Antananarivo (Tana) airport on time late in the evening and after clearing the airport and meeting up with our local guide Parson we transferred to our hotel for the night.

Day 2

Sunday 21st October

We awoke to a bright sunny morning and after breakfast we boarded our bus and set off across the city to the Lemur Park at Katsoka. The journey took us through the sprawling patchwork of urban districts, rice paddies and brick kilns that is Tana and along the way we had our first real introduction to the flavour of Madagascar. Roadside birds included Great and Dimorphic Egrets, Black Heron and Mascarene Martin. At the Lemur Park we strolled through riverside scrub and ornamental woodland and encountered a range of habituated lemurs plus a couple of Oustalet's Chameleons, a Spiny-tailed Iguanid and a variety of common birds that included Souimanga Sunbird, Madagascar Bulbul, Madagascar White-eye and Madagascar Bee-eater.

After lunch at the park we back-tracked across the city then headed out on the famous Route 7 which winds its way southwards through the scenic (if sadly deforested) highland plateau. A short stop at a roadside lake produced a number of Red-billed Teals and some Black Swifts and other roadside birds along the way included Yellow-billed Kite, Pied Crow and Hamerkop. After an interesting drive we arrived at our comfortable guesthouse in Antsirabe a little after dark.

Day 3

Monday 22nd October

Another lovely sunny morning. We set off directly after breakfast and continued our journey south through the bare, granite hills that make up the highland spine of Madagascar. We drove through quaint villages of two-storey brick houses and past countless well-tended rice paddies in various stages of production. We made a number of short stops to admire the scenery and saw a variety of birds including Striated Heron, Madagascar Kestrel, Madagascar Kingfisher, Brown-throated Martin and Madagascar Stonechat. We visited a wood-carving shop in the town of Ambositra and stopped for lunch at an area of marsh and secondary forest where we saw two Madagascar Snipe, a Madagascar Hoopoe and a couple of superb Jewel Chameleons. Late on in the afternoon we turned off Route 7 and descended eastwards through increasingly forested country towards Ranomafana National Park where we arrived a little before sunset and in good time to settle in before dinner.

Day 4

Tuesday 23rd October

We were up just after dawn on a sunny, warm and breezy morning. We enjoyed breakfast at our hotel and had some nice views of Palm Swifts, a couple of Chabert's Vangas and a smart Lesser Vasa Parrot. Joined by local guide Jean-Chrys and his capable assistants, we made our way into Ranomafana National Park and had our first taste of Malagasy rainforest where we spent a full morning on the trails. Top targets were the lemurs and in a short space of time and with a little bit of scrambling around we enjoyed excellent views of Golden and Greater Bamboo Lemurs, Milne-Edwards Sifakas and Red-fronted Brown Lemur. A Nose-horned Chameleon and a

couple of superb Satanic Leaf-tailed Geckos added to the quality whilst a satisfying range of birds included White-headed, Tylas and Blue Vangas, Crested Drongo, Nelicourvi Weaver, Spectacled Tetraka and a perched Harrier-Hawk.

After lunch and a short siesta back at the hotel we headed out again. A huge male Parson's Chameleon in a roadside garden diverted us for a while and we then spent some time walking down the road below the impressive Namarona waterfall. Here we saw a pair of Madagascar Coucals, a Common Newtonia, a couple of Ward's Vangas, a Long-billed Tetraka, a brief Pitta-like Ground Roller and an amazing Giraffe-necked Weevil. At dusk we made our way back towards the hotel and stopped at a point on the roadside where the local guides smear the branches of shrubs with bananas. This acts as an apparently irresistible lure for Rufous Mouse Lemurs and we were in luck: as the light faded, we all enjoyed some excellent views of one of these wonderful little animals.

Day 5

Wednesday 24th October

Today was overcast at first with some light rain and drizzle but becoming drier and sunnier as the morning progressed. Today we visited a quieter section of the park known as Vohiparara. The forest was beautiful and in the course of the morning walking the trails we saw a trio of Red-bellied Lemurs, some Malagasy Glass Frogs and an exciting range of birds that included Rufous-headed and Pitta-like Ground Rollers, Blue Coua, Velvet Asity, Pollen's Vanga, Madagascar Cuckoo Shrike and displaying Cuckoo Rollers. An unexpected highlight late on in the morning was the sight of a Ring-tailed Mongoose foraging high up in a tall tree. We were on a steep slope and the mongoose was almost at eye level allowing us to appreciate both its agility and its beautiful colours and patterning.

After lunch and a siesta back at the hotel we made a return visit to Vohiparara and saw the Red-bellied Lemurs again plus another Pitta-Like Ground Roller, a Chabert's Vanga and a superb little Baron's Mantella Frog.

Day 6

Thursday 25th October

On a sunny, warm and breezy morning we left Ranomafana after an early breakfast, drove back out to Route 7 and then proceeded on through the city of Fianarantsoa to the small town of Ambalavao where we visited a traditional paper making factory and collected our picnic lunches. Some little way further on we stopped at the community run nature reserve by the village of Anja.

This little stretch of transitional dry forest set amongst huge granite inselberg made for a great stop. With the help of a very effective team of local guides we enjoyed fantastic close encounters with a large troop of engaging Ring-tailed Lemurs alongside a supporting cast that included Oustalet's Chameleons, a Golden-striped Frog, some Flatid Leaf Bugs, a Hoopoe or two and several neat little Grey-headed Lovebirds. We ate our picnic lunch here whilst a Harrier-Hawk soared overhead and then got back on the road again.

We stopped in Ihosy for fuel and then crossed the bleak Horombe Plateau (lots of roadside Bush Larks!) before dropping down into Isalo town. We reached our luxurious hotel, which lay a little further on, at dusk and settled into our rooms to the sound of Madagascar Nightjars calling from the rocky outcrops around us.

Day 7

Friday 26th October

A sunny, hot and breezy morning saw some of us up at first light exploring the hotel grounds and in a rewarding hour or so we had great views of Madagascar Bee-eater, Broad-billed Roller, Madagascar Hoopoe, Lesser Vasa Parrot and Namaqua Dove. After breakfast we drove back through Isalo town and out into the National Park where we spent an enjoyable morning walking up a wooded valley and into a scenic gorge. We encountered an exciting range of wildlife along the way too, including a troop of Ring-tailed Lemurs, a lone Verraux's Sifaka, several Forest Rock Thrushes, a roosting Madagascar Scops Owl, a male Madagascar Buttonquail with a fledgling in tow, a couple of Oustalet's Chameleons and an excellent range of colourful butterflies.

After lunch and a siesta back at the hotel we went for a walk around the grounds, following a trail that took us through some rocky outcrops and back through an area of marshy woodland along a stream. A pair of White-headed Vangas put in an appearance and we managed to get distant views of a White-throated Rail by the stream before the evening closed in and we headed back to the hotel.

Day 8

Saturday 27th October

We were on the road at first light (5.00am) and reached the wonderful Zombitse Forest by 6.45am. A walk around the trails here in the company of an excellent team of local guides proved exciting and productive. In an action-packed couple of hours we enjoyed excellent views of a group of Verraux's Sifakas, a roosting Sportive Lemur, a Standing's Day Gecko and a superb range of birds including White-browed Owl, Cuckoo Roller, Giant Coua, Frances's Sparrowhawk, Rufous Vanga, Blue Vanga and Appert's Tetraka.

From Zombitse we continued on our way in hot, sunny weather and reached Tulear Arboretum in time for lunch and a short, guided tour. The collection of spiny forest plants was as impressive as ever and as we walked around we saw Red Fodies and Sakalava Weavers, Sub-desert Brush Warbler, a Madagascar Kestrel at its nest under the eaves of one of the buildings and a Green-capped Coua drinking from a leaky tap.

Post lunch we drove on through Tulear town and then up the coast to Ifaty, where a strong breeze was blowing, and arrived at our comfortable beach-side hotel. After a relaxed afternoon we met for a short night walk and saw a Grey Mouse Lemur emerging from its roost in the thatched roof of a shed and an impressively large Commerson's Leaf-nosed Bat hawking up and down its hunting beat.

Day 9

Sunday 28th October

Shortly after dawn we were out on the trails in the Reniala spiny forest reserve. It was a beautiful morning and we enjoyed another rewarding walk during which we saw a Lesser Hedgehog Tenrec, a Velvet Gecko and a range of exciting birds including Sub-desert Mesite, Long-tailed Ground Roller, Sickie-billed Vanga, Hook-billed Vanga, Archbold's Newtonia and Thamnornis Tetraka.

As the morning heated up we returned to the hotel for a late breakfast and a day at leisure. We met up again in the late afternoon and headed out to the local saltpans where, in a brisk wind, we saw a Madagascar Plover, a few Kittlitz's Plovers, some Black-winged Stilts and a range of other waders. Escaping the brisk wind, we returned to

the shelter of the spiny forest around the hotel and finished the day with repeat views of yesterday's Grey Mouse Lemur emerging from its roost plus a neat Madagascar Scops Owl.

Day 10

Monday 29th October

A travelling day. We left Ifaty after an early breakfast and drove to Tuléar airport. Our flight left on time and we arrived back in Tana in the late morning. We ate lunch at a restaurant and then drove out of the city, eastwards and down, through Moramanga to Andasibe and our very comfortable hotel on the outskirts of the village. We arrived a little after dark but in good time to settle in before dinner.

Day 11

Tuesday 30th October

After breakfast we set off for the famous Analamazaotra reserve where we spent the morning exploring the trails in the company of local guide Maurice. We had a very productive time headlined by good sightings of Indri, Diademed Sifaka, Common Brown Lemur and Eastern Grey Bamboo Lemur. Birds were good too and included Red-tailed Vanga, Spine-tailed Swift, Madagascar Long-eared Owl and two superbly camouflaged Collared Nightjars.

In the late afternoon we visited the community reserve on the edge of the village and as night fell we enjoyed the extraordinary vocalizations of Brown Lemurs as they settled down to sleep plus close encounters with a large Madagascar Tree Boa, a Mossy Leaf-tailed Gecko and three delightful Goodman's Mouse Lemurs.

Day 12

Wednesday 31st October

Today we headed out from Andasibe up to the rather wilder Mantadia National Park. We explored a beautiful area of primary rainforest with impressively large trees and had some great views of both Black-and-white Ruffed Lemurs and Diademed Sifakas. It was a hot, sunny morning and it hadn't rained for some days so bird activity was low but with a little perseverance we found a superb Scaly Ground Roller hopping around on the forest floor and at a picturesque abandoned quarry pond we saw some Madagascar Little Grebes, a pair of Broad-billed Rollers and a nest-building Nelicourvi Weaver.

We returned to our hotel in the mid-afternoon and then in the evening we made a second visit to the Andasibe community reserve where we found a couple of Nose-horned Chameleons and enjoyed some really fantastic views of a couple of Goodman's Mouse Lemurs.

Day 13

Thursday 1st November

Another very warm, mainly sunny day, with some scattered cloud. After breakfast we went back into Analamazaotra. In the course of the morning we enjoyed some lovely encounters with both Indris and Diademed Sifakas and had a brief sighting of a pair of Crested Ibis foraging on the forest floor. At the nearby Orchid Park we finished the morning with Chameleons large and small; first a huge male Parson's Chameleon then a diminutive Brown Leaf Chameleon, one of the amazing *Brookesia* genus. After lunch on the riverside terrace of a restaurant where we saw a Striated Heron and a couple of Chabert's Vangas we began the long drive back to Tana.

We reached the city in the late afternoon and after a brief stop at a craft market we checked into our hotel, ate dinner and prepared for our overnight journey. All went well at the airport, our overnight flight left on time and we all arrived safely in Paris ready for our connecting flights home some several hours later.

Day 14

Friday 2nd November

End of tour, back in the UK

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Two, Collared Nightjars by Andy Smith



Jewel Chameleon by Martin Miller

Species Lists

Lemurs (✓=recorded but not counted; h = heard only)

	Common name	Scientific name	October/November											
			21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	1
1	Grey Mouse Lemur	<i>Microcebus murinus</i>							1	1				
2	Brown (Rufous) Mouse Lemur	<i>Microcebus rufus</i>			3									
3	Goodman's Mouse Lemur	<i>Microcebus lehilahytsara</i>										3	4	
4	Zombitse Sportive Lemur	<i>Lepilemur hubbardorum</i>							1					
5	Eastern Grey Bamboo Lemur	<i>Haplemur griseus</i>										1		
6	Golden Bamboo Lemur	<i>Haplemur aureus</i>			3									
7	Greater Bamboo Lemur	<i>Haplemur simus</i>			2									
8	Ring-tailed Lemur	<i>Lemur catta</i>					35	15						
9	Common Brown Lemur	<i>Eulemur fulvus</i>										1+h	h	
10	Red-fronted Brown Lemur	<i>Eulemur rufus</i>			2									
11	Red-bellied Lemur	<i>Eulemur rubriventer</i>				3								
12	Black and White Ruffed Lemur	<i>Varecia variegata variegata</i>			1								2	
13	Peyrieras' Woolly Lemur	<i>Avahi peyrierasi</i>										1	1	
14	Verreaux's Sifaka	<i>Propithecus verreauxi</i>						1	9					
15	Diademed Sifaka	<i>Propithecus diadema</i>										5	9	6
16	Milne-Edwards' Sifaka	<i>Propithecus edwardsi</i>			2	4	1							
17	Indri	<i>Indri indri</i>										6		5

Other Mammals

1	Commerson's Leaf-nosed Bat	<i>Hipposideros commersoni</i>								1				
2	Ring-tailed Mongoose	<i>Galidia elegans</i>				1								
3	Lesser Hedgehog Tenrec	<i>Echinops telfairi</i>								1				
4	Eastern Red Forest Rat	<i>Nesomys rufus</i>				1								
5	Brown Rat	<i>Rattus norvegicus</i>	1											

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Birds

1	Madagascar Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus pelzelinii</i>											5	
2	Common Squacco Heron	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>	1											
3	Black-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>		8										
4	Striated Heron	<i>Butorides striata</i>		1						1	1			1
5	Great Egret	<i>Egretta alba</i>	✓	✓							✓			✓
6	Western Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	✓	✓			1				✓			✓
7	Black Egret	<i>Egretta ardesiaca</i>	8											1
8	Dimorphic Heron	<i>Egretta dimorpha</i>	✓	✓			5	7	5	5	✓			✓
9	Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>						1						
10	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>						1						
11	Hamerkop	<i>Scopus umbretta</i>	2	6			2		1					2
12	Madagascar Crested Ibis	<i>Lophotibis cristata</i>												2
13	Red-billed Teal	<i>Anas erythrorhyncha</i>	80					15			1			
14	White-faced Duck	<i>Dendrocygna viduata</i>							3					
15	Henst's Goshawk	<i>Accipiter henstii</i>				1h								1h
16	Frances's Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter francesiae</i>							1					
17	Madagascar Harrier- Hawk	<i>Polyboroides radiatus</i>			1		1	1		1		1		
18	Madagascar Buzzard	<i>Buteo brachypterus</i>			2		1				1	2		1
19	Madagascar Cuckoo Hawk	<i>Aviceda madagascariensis</i>				1								
20	Yellow-billed Kite	<i>Milvus aegyptus</i>	2	3	2		10	10	10		1	3		
21	Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>		1			1							
22	Madagascar Kestrel	<i>Falco newtoni</i>	2	5	1		3	4	3	3	1		2	
23	Sub-desert Mesite	<i>Monias benschi</i>								1				
24	Madagascar Partridge	<i>Margaroperdix madagacariensis</i>				1								
25	Madagascar Button-quail	<i>Turnix nigricollis</i>				1		2	2	4				
26	White-throated Rail	<i>Dryolimnas cuvieri</i>					1	1+1h					1h	1h
27	Madagascar Flufftail	<i>Sarothrura insularis</i>										1h	2h	
28	Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>											2	

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			21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	1	
29	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>							1	20	1				
30	Madagascar Snipe	<i>Gallinago macrodactyla</i>		2											
31	Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>								7					
32	Madagascar Plover	<i>Gallinago macrodactyla</i>								1					
33	Kittlitz's Plover	<i>Charadrius pecuarius</i>								10					
34	Three-banded Plover	<i>Charadrius tricollaris</i>								1					
35	Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>								2					
36	Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>								13	1				
37	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	1		2				1		1				
38	Curlew Sandpiper	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>								26					
39	Feral Pigeon	<i>Columba livia</i>	10												
40	Namaqua Dove	<i>Oena capensis</i>						2	5	8					
41	Madagascar Green Pigeon	<i>Treron australis</i>										1			
42	Madagascar Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia picturata</i>		1	1	3		4	1	8		3	3	1	
43	Grey-headed Lovebird	<i>Agapornis canus</i>		4			12	1	2	10					
44	Greater Vasa Parrot	<i>Coracopsis vasa</i>											1h		
45	Lesser Vasa Parrot	<i>Coracopsis nigra</i>			2			2	1	3	1	4	8	5	
46	Madagascar Coucal	<i>Centropus toulou</i>			2+1h	2h	2h	3+3h	2	2+4h	2	1+2h	1+1h	1h	
47	Madagascar Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus rochii</i>	2h	2h	2h	5h	1h	1			1	2h	2h	1h	
48	Green-capped Coua	<i>Coua olivaceiceps</i>							2	3					
49	Running Coua	<i>Coua cursor</i>								2					
50	Giant Coua	<i>Coua gigas</i>							1						
51	Blue Coua	<i>Coua caerulea</i>				1+2h						3h	2+2h	2h	
52	Crested Coua	<i>Coua cristata</i>							1	2					
53	Madagascar Scops Owl	<i>Otus rutilus</i>						1+1h	1h	1			2h		
54	Madagascar Long-eared Owl	<i>Asio Madagascariensis</i>										1			
55	White-browed Owl	<i>Ninox superciliaris</i>							2						
56	Collared Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus enarratus</i>										3			
57	Madagascar Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus madagascariensis</i>	1				2h	1h			1h	1h	1h		
58	Madagascar Black Swift	<i>Apus balstoni</i>	7		10		5		5			5			

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			21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	1
59	Madagascar Spine-tailed Swift	<i>Zoonavena grandidieri</i>										1	1	
60	African Palm Swift	<i>Cypsiurus parvus</i>	1	6	10	12	20	15	10		1	2		5
61	Little Swift	<i>Apus affinis</i>	10											
62	Madagascar Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo vintsioides</i>		1			1	1	2			1	1	1
63	Madagascar Bee-eater	<i>Merops superciliosus</i>	4	4			2	8	5	5	1	2	5	
64	Broad-billed Roller	<i>Eurystomus glaucurus</i>			1h			4				2h	2+1h	2h
65	Madagascar Cuckoo-Roller	<i>Leptosomus discolor</i>			1h	4			4			1h	1h	1h
66	Pitta-like Ground-Roller	<i>Atelornis pittoides</i>			1	3								
67	Rufous-headed Ground-Roller	<i>Atelornis crossleyi</i>				1								
68	Scaly Ground-Roller	<i>Geobiastes squamiger</i>											1	
69	Long-tailed Ground-Roller	<i>Uratelornis chimaera</i>								1				
70	Madagascar Hoopoe	<i>Upupa marginata</i>		1			1	5	1	3	2			
71	Velvet Asity	<i>Philepitta castanea</i>				1								
72	Madagascar Bulbul	<i>Hypsipetes madagascariensis</i>	10	6	8	12	12	25	8	10	5	12	15	10
73	Long-billed Tetraka	<i>Bernieria madagascariensis</i>			3				2			1	1	
74	Spectacled Tetraka	<i>Bernieria zosterops</i>			3							1	1	4
75	Appert's Tetraka	<i>Xanthomoxis apperti</i>							3					
76	Thamnornis (Sub-desert) Tetraka	<i>Thamnornis chloropetoides</i>								2				
77	Madagascar Magpie Robin	<i>Copsychus albospectularis</i>		1	1	3		1	5	6	2	4	3	
78	Forest Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola sharpei</i>						4						
79	Madagascar Stonechat	<i>Saxicola sibilla</i>		5			1	2			1	2	2	
80	Madagascar Bush Lark	<i>Mirafraga hova</i>		2			40		2					
81	Madagascar Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flaviventris</i>	2	3	3	1	2	2	2			3	4	4
82	Brown-throated Sand Martin	<i>Riparia paludicola</i>		15										
83	Mascarene Martin	<i>Phedina borbonica</i>	10	10	20	10	10				5		8	2
84	Madagascar Paradise Flycatcher	<i>Terpsiphone mutata</i>			2	1	1	6		2		5	4	5
85	Common Newtonia	<i>Newtonia brunneicauda</i>			2	2+3h			2h	3h		3+5h	1+2h	1+1h
86	Archbold's Newtonia	<i>Newtonia archboldi</i>								1+1h				
87	Madagascar Cisticola	<i>Cisticola cherina</i>	1	2			1	2	2	2	1	1h	1	
88	Madagascar Brush Warbler	<i>Nesillas typica</i>	1h	1+3h	2+2h	1+4h	1h	1h				1+2h		1

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89	Sub-desert Brush Warbler	<i>Nesillus lantzii</i>							1+1h	6	3			
90	Common Jery	<i>Neomixis tenella</i>		1			6	1	7	8				
91	Stripe-throated Jery	<i>Neomixis striatigula</i>				1+5h				2+2h		5h	5h	
92	Green Jery	<i>Neomixis viridis</i>			2	3							1	1+3h
93	Rand's Warbler	<i>Randia pseudozosterops</i>			1									
94	Madagascar White-eye	<i>Zosterops maderaspatanus</i>	5		6	7			1			3		
95	Madagascar Green Sunbird	<i>Nectarinia notata</i>		3				2		1		1	3	1
96	Souimanga Sunbird	<i>Nectarinia sovimanga</i>	6	5	5	12	3	6	5	10		5	5	3
97	White-headed Vanga	<i>Artamella viridis</i>			1			2						
98	Chabert's Vanga	<i>Leptopterus chabert</i>			2	1		1		2		1	3	2
99	Madagascar Blue Vanga	<i>Cyanolanius madagascarinus</i>			2				1					
100	Sickle-billed Vanga	<i>Falculea palliata</i>								1+1h				
101	Rufous Vanga	<i>Schetba rufa</i>							2					
102	Red-tailed Vanga	<i>Calicalicus madagascariensis</i>			2h							5+3h	1	
103	Pollen's Vanga	<i>Xenopirostris polleni</i>				2								
104	Hook-billed Vanga	<i>Vanga curvirostris</i>							1		1h		1h	
105	Tylas Vanga	<i>Tylas eduardi</i>			1	2						3	4	1
106	Ward's Vanga	<i>Pseudobias wardi</i>			2									
107	Madagascar Cuckoo Shrike	<i>Coracina cinerea</i>			1	2								
108	Madagascar Starling	<i>Saroglossa aurata</i>			1								2	
109	Common Myna	<i>Acridotheres tristis</i>	20	30	5	2	30	20	30	30	20	2		15
110	Crested Drongo	<i>Dicrurus forficatus</i>			2	3		5	4	5	3	2	1	1
111	Pied Crow	<i>Corvus albus</i>		10			30	30	50	10	5			
112	Madagascar Fody	<i>Foudia madagascariensis</i>	15	2			1	25	15	10	4			10
113	Sakalava Weaver	<i>Ploceus sakalava</i>							2	15				
114	Nelicourvi Weaver	<i>Ploceus nelicourvi</i>			3	1						2	1	2
115	Madagascar Mannikin	<i>Lonchura nana</i>		10	4	2		4				2		4

	Common name	Scientific name	October/November											
			21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	1

Reptiles

1	Short-horned Chameleon	<i>Calumma brevicornis</i>											1	
2	Nose-horned Chameleon	<i>Calumma nasuta</i>			1									2
3	Paeson's Chameleon	<i>Calumma parsonii</i>			2									1
4	Jewel Chameleon	<i>Furcifer lateralis</i>		3										
5	Oustalet's Chameleon	<i>Furcifer oustaleti</i>	3				2	2	1					
6	Spiny-tailed Iguanid	<i>Oplurus cyclurus</i>	1					1	1					
7	Satanic Leaf-tailed Gecko	<i>Uroplatus phantasticus</i>			2									
8	Mossy Leaf-tailed Gecko	<i>Uroplatus sikorae</i>										1		
9	Velvet Gecko	<i>Blaesodactylus sakalensis</i>								1				
10	Four-lined Day Gecko	<i>Phelsuma lineata</i>											2	4
11	Standing's Day Gecko	<i>Phelsuma standingi</i>							1					
12	Peacock Day Gecko	<i>Phelsuma quadriocellata</i>			5	1								
13	House Gecko	<i>Hemidactylus frenatus</i>		1	7	5								
14	Gravenhorst's Skink	<i>Trachylepis gravenhorstii</i>						1						
15	Ornate Girdled Lizard	<i>Zonosaurus ornatus</i>		1						2				
16	Madagascar Girdled Lizard	<i>Zonosaurus madagascariensis</i>				1								1
17	Madagascar Tree Boa	<i>Sanzinia madagascariensis</i>			1	2						2		
18	Big-eyed Grass Snake	<i>Mimophis mahafalensis</i>						1		1				



One of a pair of Tree Boas, resting by Martin Miller