

Madagascar's Endemic Birds

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Day 1

Tuesday 27th September

Tana

This was the day that Michael, Danny, Martin and David arrived in Madagascar at 3.05 at the Antananarivo (Tana) airport and met with Parson, our local guide, and Toavina, our driver for the first part of the trip. We changed money and loaded our baggage onto our waiting bus.

As we had a free afternoon, Parson suggested that we could go to Lac Tsarasaotra to see some local and rare endemic waterbird. Arriving there, we saw lots of Red-billed Teal and White-faced Whistling Duck and after that David and Danny saw a Pond Heron. Martin and Michael saw one Meller's Duck and we saw another Pond Heron and then again Meller's Duck and Hottentot Teal. Nearby we saw many Black-crowned Night Heron, Cattle Egret, Great Egret, Black Heron and Squacco Heron. While we walked around the lake Danny saw a Madagascar White-eye and we saw Indian Myna, Madagascar Red Fody, Madagascar Bulbul and Yellow-billed Kite. From the lake, we transferred to the Hotel Combava. When we arrived at the hotel, we saw Fody again, Malagasy Bulbul and Madagascar Wagtail.

Day 2

Wednesday 28th September

Tana - Ranomafana

We awoke to a fresh morning and a 5.30 breakfast. After breakfast we loaded the luggage onto the roof of the bus, we watched Madagascar Fody and Buleuls and started driving at 6.05. Today's long but exciting drive to Ranomafana along the backbone of Madagascar's mountainous interior was punctuated by ever-changing scenes from village life. Zebu, a humped species of cattle, play a pivotal role, both in providing transport and in breaking up the hard-baked clay of the rice paddies, which are stacked up in terraces.

Stopping several times to watch and photograph birds, we found Madagascar Kestrel, Madagascar Kingfisher, Madagascar Sandpiper, Madagascar Brush Warbler, Madagascar Stonechat, Madagascar Mannikin, Olive Bee-eater, Great Egret and Cattle Egret plus flocks of Mascarene Martins. Introduced Common Myna and Feral Pigeon are ubiquitous around towns and villages. We arrived in one place named Andriamamovoka, which is a good place to see the nest of Olive Bee-eater, and we also saw both species of sunbird: Green Sunbird and Souimanga Sunbird as well as a lovely Citrus Swallowtail, Brilliant Blue and Grass Yellow butterflies.

We arrive in Ambositra, a famous place for the wood carving, where we had lunch at the Artisan Hotel. After lunch we continued driving a little further and arrived at Ankazomivady where there is a fragment of rainforest and a small pond and marsh. The area is a community reserve, run by local villagers, and it is the best place to see

Madagascar Snipe and Parson saw one. Around the place we saw four Red-billed Teal and some bulbuls and a Madagascan Buzzard flew overhead. Later we arrived at Ranomafana, met our Local Forest Guide Jean-Chrys and stayed for the next three nights at Setam Lodge.

Day 3

Thursday 29th September

Ranomafana National Park

Mascarene Martins were flying over the hotel as we enjoyed an early breakfast. From the dining room window, we got great views of Madagascar Wagtail. Before we left, we saw Crested Drongo and Souimanga Sunbird.

We drove to the Talataky (the name translates as Little Tuesday) entrance to Ranomafana National Park and our forest guide Jean-Chrys sent the spotters Bako and Delor ahead while we took advantage of the open views around the car park to look for birds. We saw a pair of Madagascar Starlings perched on a Travelers Palm, a flock of Malagasy White-eye were feeding in an avocado tree, and we also found Malagasy Bulbul, Rand's Warbler, Madagascar Magpie Robin, Malagasy Green Sunbird and African Palm Swift. Charbert Vanga were also noted. A few minutes later Jean-Chrys showed us a Pygmy Kingfisher and later we continued to the park, crossing a bridge and passing by the forest of bamboo (the habitat for Golden Bamboo Lemur, a species recognised by scientists in 1986, whose scarcity prompted the founding of the National Park). Delor and Jean-Chrys heard Velvet Asity and try to find it but we were out of luck.

The 40,000 hectare Ranomafana National Park is spread over several steep hills of interlinked ridges and deep valleys. Though the paths are usually well-maintained, the lemurs do not follow them, and we found we often needed to go off-trail to view them, which involved some difficult terrain. Luckily, when needed there was usually a hand or tree trunk to grasp. We next made our way to a group of Milne Edwards Sifaka and Red-bellied Lemurs feeding on flower buds and Red-fronted Brown Lemur were also seen. We spent about four hours looking for birds at the park and we saw Brown Mesite, Madagascar Wood Rail, Pitta-like Ground Roller, Malagasy Bulbul, Malagasy Brush Warbler, Brown Emutail, White-throated Oxylabes, Nelicourvi Weaver, Crossley's Vanga and Crested Drongo.

Around 11.00am we went back slowly to the car and then the guides found a lizard and fantastic geckos named Satanic Leaf-tailed Gecko and after we crossed the bridge again the guides showed us the fabulous Giraffe-necked Weevil. Arriving at the car park we saw a Madagascar Buzzard on his nest and later we drove to the hotel for lunch and on the way we had a stop to see the incredible camouflage of the Mossy Leaf-tailed Gecko. We had lunch at the hotel and before we left David saw a raptor flying in the sky which was identified as a Madagascar Cuckoo Hawk.

At 3pm we met the Guide again and we went to a different palace named Vohiparara and there, Jean-Chrys and the spotters tried to find the Rufous-headed Ground Roller but we couldn't go much further because the path was not yet maintained by the park manager.

After a while we saw a Blue Coua, Stripe-throated Jery, Souimanga Sunbird, Cryptic Warbler and heard Malagasy Yellowbrow. As the guide had planned, after we visited Vohiparara we went directly to the night walk and we saw Rufous Mouse Lemur and then later in the same place Tanala Tuft-tailed Rats were together with the mouse lemurs

licking the sap of a tree. We walked down to the road and we saw some important numbers of the endemic chameleons of Madagascar like O'Shaughnessy's Chameleon, Nose-horned Chameleon, Blue-legged Chameleon, Glaw's Chameleon, Belted Chameleon and a frog named Madagascar Bright-eyed Frog or *Boophis madagascariensis*.

Day 4

Friday 30th September

Ranomafana National Park

After another early breakfast we decided to head for the Vohiparara section of the National Park. Before boarding the car, we saw Madagascar Wagtail, Mascarene Martin and Martin saw a couple of Lesser Vasa Parrots. After the group members went to see a sunbird, Parson saw a Red-fronted Brown Lemur and later he heard a song of Cuckooshrike and Mike found it perching on a tree with a Crested Drongo.

After that good start our forest guide arrived and went back to the forest of Vohiparara as before. At the park entrance, spotters Bako and Delor went ahead to look for birds while the Jean-Chrys tried to find the Forest Rock Thrush, but we heard it only. Arriving at the forest we saw Souimanga Sunbird and Grey-crowned Tetraka. The hotel garden produced African Palm Swift, Common Myna and Madagascar Wagtail.

Day 5

Saturday 1st October

Ranomafana-Anja Reserve-Ranohira

Following breakfast at 6am, our bags were loaded onto the bus, as it was time to leave Ranomafana on the next leg of the journey, to Isalo. Before we departed, we saw Madagascan Wagtail. Our first scheduled stop was in the city of Fianarantsoa, where we filled up the bus with fuel, bought some snacks and stretched our legs. The next leg of the journey took us to Ambalavao the second largest zebu market in Madagascar and we had a quick stop at Tienimparihy Lodge to pick up our picnic lunch. A further 14 kilometres south of the town brought us to the community reserve of Anja.

On our arrival, Parson arranged the day tickets and picked up the Guide Victor and a trainee guide plus two spotters and we then set off. Before starting the hike, we saw Grey-headed Lovebird and just about 40 metres away we saw Ring-ailed Lemur. Anja has a population of in the region of 850 of these enigmatic primates comprising some 20 families, and many of the females had babies. We also saw a several Oustalet's Chameleon and Dumeril's Madagascar Swift (an iguana, not a bird) and also some butterflies and moths including Blue Pansy, Orange Tip, Citrus Swallowtail, Banded Blue Swallowtail, Brilliant Blue, Acreas Hova, White-dotted Border, African Monarch, Grass Yellow.

The spotters had gone ahead to find the Madagascar Barn Owl and Victor took us to go to see it but it was difficult to reach the place as it's very rocky and only Dave and Martin went to see it. On our way back we saw another group of Ring-tailed Lemur and they came to the path and were eating soil to neutralize the toxin from the leaves and fruit they eat, as Victor explained to us.

We had our Picnic lunch and afterwards took Route National 7 and to Ranohira, where we met our Forest Guide Nirina and we arrived at Jardin du Roy for another two nights.

Day 6

Sunday 2nd October

Isalo national Park

Today was our second visit to a National Park and as we are in the south it was hot, so we decided to have an early start and have breakfast on the way back. At 5.00am after a quick snack and drinks we set off and drove to Ranohira to pick up our forest Guide Nirina. We arrived at the car park where Nirina pointed out Chabert Vanga and later we saw Hoopoe, Namaqua Dove, Malagasy Fody, Souimanga Sunbird and Malagasy Bulbul. After a short briefing from Nirina, we set off slowly along the path to the park, where we found some very diverse wildlife as we went.

The path we were on went through the National Park and along the way we heard White-fronted Rail and Nirina went down to the stream and try to find it. During the time we waited for our guide, Martin and Parson saw a local endemic bird of the area, Benson's Rock Thrush (a male) and later we saw both male and female. Olive Bee-eater, Madagascar Cisticola, Pied Crow, Kite, Malagasy Kestrel, Crested Drongo and Madagascar Cuckoo-shrike were also seen.

We continued our hike and arrived at the forest and Parson and Danny saw a Oustalet's Chameleon and later we arrived at camp site and there we saw couple of White-browed Owl, Madagascar Buttonquail, Torotoroka Scops Owl, Madagascar Fody, Malagasy Coucal, Turtle Dove, a group of Ring-tailed Lemur, Red-fronted Brown Lemur and one Verreaux's Sifaka. Before we left the National Parc, Nirina try to call one more time the White-fronted Rail but we missed it again.

The sun started getting high and we decide to back slowly to the car park and on the way we saw White-headed Vanga, Malagasy Cisticola and nymphs of Flatid Leaf Bug. We drove from the car park and we said goodbye to Nirina and went straight to breakfast on our arrival at the hotel. In the afternoon we had a little tour around the hotel grounds and we saw some birds like Hoopoe, Souimanga Sunbird, Malagasy Coucal, Madagascar Kestrel and a Thick-tailed Day Gecko.

Day 7 October

Monday

3rd

Isalo-Zombitse- Antsokay Arboretum

This morning we took an early breakfast in our rooms at 4.30 am, in order to be on the road at 5 am, en route to the Zombitse National Park, where we arrived at 6: 45 am. As we went, as it became lighter, we passed Bismarckia nobilis (Bismarck Palm) and we recorded Pied Crow, African Palm Swift, Yellow-billed Kite and Madagascar Lark. After about one hour driving, we had a stop and walked along a bridge and there we found Squacco Heron, Cattle Egret, Souimanga Sunbird and Malagassy Coucal.

When we arrived at Zombitse, we spent a wonderful two hours wandering along small trails and enjoyed the sights of Common Jery, Cuckoo Roller, Paradise Flycatcher, Giant Coua, Crested Coua, Green-capped and Coquerel's

Couas, White-browed Owl (also known as White-browed Hawk-Owl), Common Newtonia, Rufous Vanga, Crested Drongo, Long-billed Tetraka and finally the local endemic Appert's Tetraka and we saw too the Hubbard's Sportive Lemur, another endemic to this forest. We went back to the car and drove a bit to a place where Randria said it was possible to see sandgrouse but it was too late in the day.

After 3½ hours driving we arrived at Arboretum where we had lunch by the pool while watching Olive Bee-eaters sweeping across the pool for a drink, Red Fodys fluttering around in the trees, along with Sakalava Weaver, Souimanga Sunbirds, Namaqua Dove and Magpie-Robin. After lunch we met our guide Jeantou and we went visiting the unique collection of spiny forest plants which was set up in 1980 by a Swiss botanist Herman Petignat; it encompasses 40 hectares with some 900 plants, many of them endangered. Today it works in collaboration with Kew Gardens, the Missouri Botanical Gardens and the World Wide Fund for Nature. During our tour we saw Magpie-Robins, Souimanga Sunbird, Thick-tailed Day Geckos, Spiny-tailed Iguana, Gold-spotted Mabuya and captive Radiated Tortoises. After lunch we continued and arrived at Paradisier Hotel for two nights and there we met our guide Dabe and planned our visit to Reniala reserve.

Day 8

Tuesday 4th October

Ifaty - Reniala community Reserve

After having a cup of coffee or tea we left the hotel at 5am to visit the Reniala Reserve. This area of 0.57 square kilometres consists of native spiny forest and is home to very interesting birds and plants. Along the visit we saw Subdesert Mesite and the Long-tailed Ground Roller, both iconic birds of the area which gave us excellent views during our visit. A Subdesert Brush Warbler was seen, along with Harrier-hawk, Sickle-billed Vanga, Running Coua, Magpie-Robins, Stripe-throated Jery, Namaqua Doves, Mynas, Yellow-billed Kites, Pied Crow and Crested Drongos. There are also some spectacular baobab trees in the reserve, both Za Baobabs and Bottle Baobabs. We just had time to visit another place to find the Archbold's Newtonia, where we saw a Green-capped coua and also a Malagasy Scops Owl. We drove for about 12 minutes to try to find the Archbold's Newtonia and tried it again in the afternoon, but sadly we didn't see it.

We went back to the hotel for breakfast and at 3.00 pm we went out again to look for waders and we went near the sail pond and there we saw the Madagascar Plover and also Humboldt's Heron, Kittlitz's Plover Black-winged Stilt. After that we were back again to the place to look the Archibold Newtonia again and there we saw Green Pigeon, Lafresnaye's Vanga, Crested Drongo, Yellow-billed Kite, Common Newtonia, Common Jery and Running Coua.

After seeing the Lafresnaye's Vanga we went back to the hotel and packed for the next day for a boat trip to Anakao.

Day 9

Wednesday 5th October

Ifaty-Tulear-Anakao-Nosy Ve

Breakfast this morning was a little later at 6.30am, and we were on the road to Tulear at 7am. As we traveled south we saw Kittlitz's Plover, Black-winged Stilt, Common Greenshank and Curlew Sandpiper. Once in Tulear, we went

to the Victory Hotel to leave our luggage because we would be staying only one night in Anakao. Then we drove to Safari Vezo, the office of the boat that would take us on the next stage of the journey, to Anakao. A number of Whimbrels were seen on the tidal mud. We loaded ourselves onto Zebu carts, which took us out to the waiting boat. The Anakao Express boat journey took approximately one hour, and we arrived at Safari Vezo hotel, ordered our lunch and got ready to take another boat to Nosy Ve.

Arriving at the small island we made our way south and we saw one Red-tailed Tropic Bird and continuing along the west side of the island we saw Grey Heron and then went to the eastern part to try to find the Crab Plover but we didn't see it so we returned to the southern part where we saw Great Egret, Dimorphic Egret (both dark and white morphs), Humboldt's Heron and Drongo. We continued our hike, and we went to see a Red-tailed Tropic Bird nesting under a bush and also saw about five of them flying around us.

We returned to the boat and went from the south to the western side, and we saw Greater Crested Tern but no Crab Plover again, so we went back to the hotel for lunch. At 4pm we met again and walked to the forest behind the hotel where we saw a male Littoral Rockthrush feeding a young one and then we continued and Repaky showed us a place where Buttonquail was nesting and had three eggs. After that we went back and we saw a full-size adult size of a snake named *Dromicodrias bernieri*, and also *Thamnornis Tretraka* and Subdesert Brush Warbler were seen. At 7.30, we had dinner and ended the day by doing the checklist.

Day 10

Thursday 6th October

Anakao-Tulear-The Table-Tana

After an early breakfast, we had a quick birding session behind the restaurant to try to find the female Littoral Rock Thrush but we saw the male again and also Subdesert Brush Warbler. At 6.30 the boat arrived and we spent about an hour crossing the bay with Rambo (!), the boat man. When we arrived in Tulear we went directly to the table mountain, met our guide Andre and drove to the the south part of the Table Forest. Walking along the scrub we saw a Cicada, Souimanga Sunbird, Common Jery and Stripe-throated Jery and Namaqua Dove. Andre heard the Red-shouldered Vanga and replayed the call and we tried to see it. Although it was very shy Parson and Mike saw it briefly twice. After that we went back to the car and drove to the Victory Hotel for lunch and then drove to the airport and said thank you and goodbye to our driver Toavina. On arriving in Tana we had a night at the Combava Hotel again.

Day 11

Friday 7th October

Tana-Tsarasaotra lac-Mahajanga-Ankarafantsika

After a breakfast, we met our new driver Antsa and set off back to Tsarasaotra Lake to try to find water birds that we missed previously. Arriving there we saw Red-billed Teal, White-faced Whistling Duck, Meller's Duck, Hottentot Teal, Humboldt's Heron, Common Moorhen, female Knob-billed Duck, Striated Heron, Squacco Heron, Black Heron, Dimorphic Egret, Great Egret, Madagascar White eye, Myna, Madagascar Kingfisher. After this we went back to the hotel and had lunch and transferred to the airport at 12.30 for the flight to Mahajanga. We arrived in Mahajanga at 4.28 pm and met our driver Eric and we arrived at Ankarafantsika Lodge at 8.40 met Olga, our Local guide for this part of the tour, had a briefing and then had dinner.

Day 12

Saturday 8th October

Ankarafantsika National park

Today we had an earlier start at 5.30. At the car park we saw Broad-billed Roller, Sickle-billed Vanga and Crested Drongo. And most of the group had Western Bright-eyed Frog in the bathroom. We drove for just five minutes and arrived at Retendrika. Rapra, one of Olga's team, went ahead to locate our target species today. Before getting to the forest Justin saw a White-headed Vanga and we all had a great view of it.

After Olga had a call on the walkie talkie that Rapra had found an interesting species – White-breasted Mesite – and we all had a good view of it and we saw them crossing the path. Long-billed Tetraka, Souimanga Sunbird, Madagascar Drongo, Madagascar Bulbul and Common Newtonia were also seen. We encountered our first target species, Schlegel's Asity, a male high in a tree, and moving on, we found a pair. The male did not linger long, but the female showed well. Our only lemur of the morning was one group of Mongoose Lemur. Justin found another male of Asity and called us to see it but he was too fast and we missed it. After that we went back slowly to the car park and had our breakfast.

After having breakfast, we continued our morning excursion and we saw a Blond or Brown Hognose Snake, Coquerel's Coua, Cuckoo-shrike, Red-capped Coua, Crested Coua, Myna, Madagascar Bee-eater, Crested Drongo, Rufous Vanga, Common Newtonia and Long-billed Tetraka. Spiny-tailed Iguana and Western Plated Lizard were also seen.

After a couple of hours, Justin found the local endemic and near-threatened species, Van Dam's Vanga, a very beautiful bird. We went back slowly to the lodge and had lunch, after which Danny and Mike went to take a picture of the Sickle-billed Vanga around the trees behind the restaurant.

After a little rest we started our afternoon visit. We had a trip on nearby Lake Ravelobe on a small flat-bottomed boat that potted around the lake. This is a great way to see the waterbirds on the lake, of which we saw kingfisher, a white morph of the Dimorphic Egret, Squacco Herons, Striated and Purple Heron, Broad-billed Rollers, Crested Drongos, Cattle Egret, Great Egret, White-faced Whistling Duck and Grey Heron. About halfway through the tour of the lake we saw two Nile Crocodiles and just after that we saw a female of the critically endangered eagle species, Madagascar Fish Eagle on its nest. After this boat trip we walked back to our rooms and relaxed before going out again for the night walk.

After ordering dinner we started our nocturnal visit at 6.15 and we saw Golden-brown Mouse Lemur, Grey Mouse Lemur, Western Woolly Lemur and Milne Edward's Sportive Lemur. Dwarf Geckos and Rhinoceros Chameleon were also seen.

Day 13

Sunday 9th October

Ankarafantsika National Park

After an early start we went back to the Coquerel's site and we saw Greater and Lesser Vasa Parrot, Chabert Vanga, Paradise Flycatcher, Broad-billed Roller, Van Dam's Vanga, Coquerel's Coua and Madagascar Buttonquail, plus great views of Rufous Vanga. Broad-tailed Girdled Lizard and Spiny-tailed Iguana were seen. After this good start to the day we went back and had breakfast.

Just after breakfast we went directly back to Retendrika again. There we saw Common Newtonia, Common Jery, Madagascar Whiteeye, Souimanga Sunbird, Long-billed Tetraka and Koch's Giant Day Geckos. After this visit we went back to the lodge for lunch.

After lunch, we met again and got ready to drive to a marsh at Ambondromamy and before we left Parson saw France's Sparrowhawk chased by a Drongo after catching an insect named Jerusalem Cricket or Potato Insect and he perched on a Eucalyptus tree and gave us a great view. The drive to the marsh took about an hour and on arriving there we saw local people fishing and doing laundry. After looking around we saw a bird flying and it was Malagasy Jacana and five minutes after watching them we saw three African Pygmy Goose and one more Jacana. After this we went back to our hotel.

Day 14

Monday 10th October

Ankarafantsika -Ambondromamy-Betsiboka river-Andranofeno Nord

Today we had another long drive back to Tana and we had a stop at Ambondromamy again, but at a different place. On the lake we saw the African Pygmy Goose and Mike found a Allen's Gallinule. Arriving in Maevatanana we had lunch and then had a stop at Andranofeno Nord and there Parson saw a Madagascar Cuckoo eating an insect. After that break and driving about 10 minutes Parson and Dave saw a raptor so we got out quick to see it and it was a lovely Malagasy Harrier.

After this long journey we arrived at Combava Hotel and had our last night in Madagascar.

Day 15

Tuesday 11th October

Antananarivo - Addis Ababa - England

After exploring the forest, the mountains, the lakes and marshes, today it was time to say goodbye to our guide Parson go back home.

During this trip we saw 140 birds including the brief views of Oxylabis, Emutail, Yellowbrow and Red-shouldered Vanga.

I would like to give sincere thanks to all drivers, boatmen and all the forest guides and spotters who made a great success of this trip and also to my lovely group members.

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Species lists

Birds (H = Heard only)

VANGA FAMILY: Chabert's Vanga, White-headed Vanga, Blue Vanga, Tylas Vanga, Red-tailed Vanga, White-headed Vanga, Rufous Vanga, Sickle-billed Vanga, Lafresnaye's Vanga, Hook-billed Vanga, Red-shouldered Vanga, Van Dam's Vanga, Crossley's Vanga.

There are 17 Vanga and we saw 13 and heard one - Pollen's Vanga

JERY: Common Jery, Stripe-throated Jery, Wedge-tailed Jery.
3 of the 4 species found

WARBLER: Malagasy Brush Warbler, Subdesert Brush Warbler
2 of the 3 species were found

TETRAKA: Rand's Tetraka, Wedge-tailed Tetraka, Cryptic Tetraka, Grey-crowned Tetraka, Spectacled Tetraka, Apert's Tetraka, Subdesert Tetraka, Long-billed Tetraka
8 of 9 species found

ROCK THRUSH: Benson's Rock Thrush, Littoral Rock Thrush
2 of the 4 species found

SUNBIRD: Souimanga Sunbird, Green Sunbird
Both the two species found

GROUND ROLLER: Pitta-like Ground Roller, Long-tailed Ground Roller
2 of the 5 species found

PARROT : Lesser Vasa Parrot, Greater Vasa Parrot, Grey-headed Lovebird
All the three species seen

WATER BIRDS

White-faced Whistling Duck, Meller's Duck, Red-billed Teal, Hottentot Teal, Knob-billed Duck, African Pygmy Goose.

5 species of Ducks and 1 Goose were found

HERONS AND EGRETS: Black-crowned Night Heron, Squacco Heron, Malagasy Pond Heron, Great Egret, Cattle Egret, Dimorphic Egret, Little Egret, Black Heron, Hamerkop, Striated Heron, Humblot's Heron, Grey Heron, Purple Heron

WADERS : Black-winged Stilt, Malagasy Plover, Kittlitz's Plover, Common Ringed Plover, White-fronted Plover, Ruddy Turnstone, Sanderling, Ruff, Grey Plover, Eurasian Curlew, Curlew Sandpiper, Common Sandpiper, Common Greenshank, Whimbrel.

SEA BIRDS : Red-tailed Tropicbird, Greater Crested Tern

COUA: Blue Coua, Crested Coua, Green-capped Coua, Red-capped Coua, Giant Coua, Running Coua, Cocquerel's Coua.

7 of the 10 species found

MESITE: Brown Mesite, Subdesert Mesite, White-breasted Mesite.

All 3 species Found

HAWKS AND FALCONS: Madagascar Kestrel, Madagascar Cuckoo Hawk, Madagascar Harrier-hawk, Yellow-billed Kite, France's Sparrowhawk, Malagasy Harrier.

WEAVER: Nelicourvi Weaver, Sakalava Weaver

PIGEON AND DOVES: Blue Pigeon, Green Pigeon, Turtle Dove, Namaqua Dove, Rock Dove

OWL: Barn Owl, Madagascar Scops Owl, Malagasy Owl, White-browed Owl,

Magpie Robin, Madagascar Wagtail, Mascarene Martin, Pied Crow, Crested Drongo, Brown-throated Martin, White-throated Oxylopes, Madagascar Starling, Malagasy Fody, Malagasy Bulbul, Madagascar Mannekin, Bush Lark, Madagascar Cisticola, Common Myna, Grey Emutail, Madagascar White-eye, Malagasy Stonechat, Madagascar Cuckoo, Malagasy Cuckooshrike, Malagasy Kingfisher, Pygmy Kingfisher, Malagasy Jacana, Allen's Gallinule.

ASITTES: Velvet Asity, Common Sunbird-asity, Schlegel's Asity

3 of the 4 species found

SWIFT: Madagascar Spinetail, African Palm Swift, Malagasy Black Swift, Little Swift.

LEMURS

LEMURIDAE FAMILY: Red-fronted Brown Lemur, Red-bellied Lemur, Ring-tailed Lemur, Common Brown Lemur

INDRIDAE FAMILY: Milne Edward's Sifaka, Verreaux's Sifaka, Coquerel's Sifaka, Western Woolly Lemur

CHEIROGALEIDAE FAMILY: Rufous Mouse Lemur, Grey Mouse Lemur, Golden-brown Lemur

LEPILEMURIDAE FAMILY: Zombitse Sportive Lemur, Milne Edward's Sportive Lemur

BUTTERFLIES

Citrus Swallowtail, Banded Blue Swallowtail, Spotted Blue Swallowtail, African Map Butterfly, Grass Yellow, Small Grass Yellow, Green Lady, Orange Tip, Common Leopard, Brilliant Blue, Blue Pansy, Madagascar Satyr, African Monarch, White-dotted Border, Madagascar Commodore, African Wood White, Broad-bordered Grass Yellow, Marsh Grass Yellow

LIZARDS

Four-lined Iguana, Spiny-tailed Iguana, Three-eyed Lizard, Satanic leaf-tailed Gecko, Mossy leaf-tailed Gecko, Common House Gecko, Gold-spotted Mabuya, Thick-tailed Day Gecko, Broad-tailed Girdled Lizard, Madagascar Girdled Lizard, Koch's day Gecko.

O'Shaughnessy's Chameleon, Nose-horned Chameleon, Blue-legged Chameleon, Glaw's Chameleon, Belted Chameleon, Oustalet's Chameleon

FROGS

Betsileo Reed Frog, Madagascar Bright-eyed Frog, Western Bright-eyed Frog, Starry-night Reed Frog

SNAKE

Berniers Striped Snake, Brown or Blond Hognose Snake