

Mali

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Friday 11th November

The group arrived on time in Bamako late in the evening and after clearing the airport and meeting our local guide Soliman and drivers Mala and Adama we drove the short distance to our comfortable hotel in the heart of the city.

Saturday 12th November

Sunny with scattered cloud, hot and humid.

After a leisurely breakfast we drove up to Point G for a view over the city and then to the impressive National Museum. We finished the morning in the bustling and colourful city centre markets and then returned to the hotel for lunch. In the late afternoon we went for a short walk in the wooded botanic gardens and then watched the sunset from the riverside terrace of the hotel Mande, beer in hand. A surprisingly wide range of birds during this interesting and relaxing day provided a useful introduction to the Malian avifauna and included, a few species that we didn't see elsewhere in the country. Among the highlights were Lizard Buzzard, Shikra, Grey Plantain-eater, Senegal Parrot, Grey-headed Kingfisher, Sun Lark, Wire-tailed Swallow, Brown Babbler, Bronze-tailed Glossy Starling and Beautiful Sunbird.

Sunday 13th November

Sunny, hot and humid.

A flock of Yellow White-eyes in the hotel garden got the day off to a good start and then after an early breakfast we left Bamako and headed north towards Segou. Travelling through a gently rolling landscape of maize and millet fields, farmsteads, woodland and scrub we made various short birding stops. By some wooded sandstone kopjes not far out of the city we found our first Grasshopper Buzzard, Grey and Red-billed Hornbills, an African Cuckoo, a trio of bizarre Piapiacs and, outstandingly, a superb Violet Turaco which gave us a spectacular close fly-by. Colourful Abyssinian Rollers sat sentinel on roadside vantage points as we continued on our way and other notables included a fine Brown Snake Eagle perched on a pylon and a quintet of handsome Fox Kestrels.

After lunch and a short siesta at the auberge at Segou we boarded a small pirogue and set off up the lordly Niger to the nearby village of Kalabougou. The birding along the river was excellent, beginning with close views of a pair of exquisite Egyptian Plovers on a sandy shore and continuing with Green-backed Heron, Spur-winged and

African Wattled Plovers, Senegal Thick-knee, African Jacana, Double-spurred Francolin, Pied Kingfisher and a flock of dazzling Northern Carmine Bee-eaters. Raptors included Black-shouldered and African Swallow-tailed Kites, Osprey and Grey Kestrel. A large Nile Monitor skulking amongst some bank-side vegetation completed the picture.

After an hour or so we arrived at Kalabougou and were met by a large gang of children and escorted, with much hilarity, through the village to witness the final stages of a massive open-air pottery firing. The scene was fantastic, with dozens of local women raking through a huge pile of smoking ashes hauling out and dusting off hundreds of large clay pots of a very uniform and excellent quality. We were told that it was a weekly happening, a traditional village cooperative and that the pots, made from local clay, are sold far and wide up and down the river. We arrived back at Segou shortly after sunset under a beautiful star-studded sky.

Monday 14th November

Sunny and hot with a breeze in the late afternoon.

We ate our breakfast out in the Auberge garden with an African Thrush and an Olivaceous Warbler for company and then packed up and continued our journey. Our first stop a little to the north of Segou was by a small roadside waterhole. A tall acacia tree nearby held a large White-billed Buffalo Weaver colony, their untidy stick nests being a common feature throughout this region of Mali. In amongst the Buffalo Weavers we discovered a couple of handsome Cut-throat Finches and in the trees just across the road we found half a dozen Grey Hornbills, several Little Green Bee-eaters, a pair of Fork-tailed Drongos and lots of Long-tailed Glossy Starlings. Senegal Parrots and Rose-ringed Parakeets flew noisily overhead and a small flock of Yellow-billed Oxpeckers were an unexpected bonus. A little further on we stopped at the bridge over the Bani river where we enjoyed both the colourful human scene and the large numbers of Egyptian Plovers that allowed us all some truly excellent views. We counted over 30 in all, in small, scattered groups on the sand banks.

From here we continued through a mosaic of typical sahel countryside dotted with small mud brick villages each with its little mud mosque. Short stops were made for more birds and by the end of the morning we had added Dark Chanting Goshawk, Short-toed Eagle, Rufous-crowned Roller and Vitelline Masked Weaver to the list. We ate lunch at a campement in San town and then continued on our way through the afternoon heat. A dramatic pale-phase Booted Eagle, a Grey Kestrel and several bizarre Sahel Paradise Whydahs indulging in their conspicuous bounding courtship flights high over the scrubland enlivened the journey until we finally reached the turn off for Djenne.

The last stretch of the journey, along a raised bund across drying floodlands proved very interesting. We made another short village stop, found some Chestnut-bellied Sandgrouse on the ground, crossed the Bani again, this time on a small ferry, and then rolled into the medieval mayhem of Djenne just as the sun was setting. It had been another good day!

Tuesday 15th November

Overcast and very warm in the morning; sunny, hot and breezy in the afternoon

Shortly after first light, with Village Indigobirds and Red-billed Firefinches at every turn we set off for a walking tour of Djenne. The Grand Mosque was as impressive as we had anticipated and the timeless mud brick buildings, the quiet, dusty, early morning streets and the calm, friendly people created an extraordinary and memorable impression. After breakfast at the campement we drove back towards the Bani. A short roadside stop en-route produced several Chestnut-bellied Starlings, a small group of Speckle-fronted Weavers, a distant Pallid Harrier and three smart Black-headed Plovers. At the ferry we had to wait a while. Some of the group amused themselves with the ever-engaging human scene whilst others focused on the birds. Several Egyptian Plovers put on an excellent show at the side of the road, a Hooded Vulture and a Swallow-tailed Kite drifted slowly overhead, a small flock of Purple Herons flew purposefully down river, Black-rumped Waxbills and Red-cheeked Cordon-bleus flicked through the scrub and a female Grey Woodpecker tapped unobtrusively in one of the acacia trees.

Once across the Bani we drove fast to Mopti and arrived in time for lunch. The bustling market and harbour area presented an extraordinary scene and was far more colourful and lively than any of us had expected: the assault on the senses was almost overwhelming! With lunch completed we drove the short distance to our comfortable riverside hotel and took a short siesta. In the late afternoon most of the group went for a walking tour of the town, visiting the Grand Mosque and returning to the markets and the harbour area. An impressively large roost of Yellow-billed Kites assembling in the trees by the hotel signalled sunset and the end of another rewarding day.

Wednesday 16th November

Hot and sunny.

We left Mopti after an early breakfast and headed east towards Dogon country. A brief birding stop in a wooded valley a little out of Mopti proved very productive and in a short space of time we saw a pair of Gabar Goshawks, our first Red-necked Buzzard, lots of Senegal Parrots and Rose-ringed Parakeets, several Grey Plantain-eaters, a small flock of vocal Red-billed Hornbills, both Vieillot's and Bearded Barbets, three Little Green Bee-eaters and a Subalpine Warbler. As we continued eastwards so the scenery changed and dramatic sandstone bluffs began to appear. Approaching Songo village we passed a flock of sheep with a group of Piapiacs in attendance. Some of these strange little long tailed corvids were perched on the backs of the sheep and, teetering precariously, presented a highly comical image.

Songo itself was our first Dogon village and we took a walk through the haphazard streets amongst the houses and granaries up to the famous circumcision rock to view the colourful paintings on the cliff face. Rock Martins and Little Swifts cruised around above us, a Booted Eagle passed by low overhead, Neumann's Starlings whistled noisily from the crags and House Buntings flitted in the shadows. Lunch was eaten at a comfortable inn on the outskirts of Bandiagara town where a leaking water tower attracted a confiding group of finches that included Indigo Birds, Firefinches, White-rumped Seed-eaters and several handsome little African Silverbills.

In the afternoon we continued along a picturesque river valley past Dogon onion fields and attractive villages and mosques. New birds along the way included Northern Anteater Chat, Isabelline Wheatear and Green Wood-hoopoe. In the late afternoon we reached Sangara and then descended the dramatic “snake road” to the base of the Bandiagara escarpment and the heart of Dogon Country. Stopping mid-descent we admired the spectacular views, saw our first Telem ruins hewn out of the rock face and enjoyed a pair of smart Cliff Chats. Finally, in the late afternoon we arrived at the village of Ireli and set up our camp in the sand dunes nearby.

Thursday 17th November

Hot and sunny with a breeze in the afternoon.

Some pre-breakfast birding shortly after first light in the valley bottom woodland below Ireli produced a range of notable birds including several Green Wood-hoopoes, a small flock of Red-cheeked Cordon-bleus feeding on the ground, Melodious, Wood and Bonelli’s Warblers in the trees and a superb pair of Fine-spotted Woodpeckers. After breakfast back at the camp we proceeded into Ireli itself and spent an enjoyable couple of hours exploring this classic Dogon village. Our local guide did his best to explain as much as he could about the history of the village and of Dogon customs and as we picked our way along the rough pathways we marvelled at both the Dogon architecture and the ancient Telem structures carved out of the rock face high above. Alpine and Pallid Swifts joined the now familiar Rock Martins cruising around the cliff top, Rock Doves flashed across the cliff face, two Lanners and then three Brown-necked Ravens drifted slowly along the escarpment and in amongst the trees a Lavender Waxbill and a pair of the highly localised Kulikoro Firefinches put in brief appearances.

After lunch at the campement we drove the short distance back to the valley bottom woods for a siesta and enjoyed a relaxing time in the cool breezy shade of the trees. Pygmy Sunbirds, Grey Woodpeckers and a colourful Senegal Eremomela provided avian diversions until it was time to move on. A cross country drive through more stunning scenery interspersed with picturesque Dogon villages and sentinel Fox Kestrels brought us to a wide grassy plain a couple of kilometres from the escarpment and the village of Younga Piri. Here we set up camp. A short late afternoon birding walk turned up Woodchat Shrike, Black-eared Wheatear, Familiar Chat and a flock of 20 White Storks passing high overhead.

Friday 18th November

Hot and sunny.

An early morning scramble up to the village of Younga Piri gave us superb views across the tree-studded plains below. Birds were active in the early morning cool and included several stunning Cliff Chats, lots of House Buntings, a brief but dazzling Yellow-crowned Gonolek, another Lanner, two more Kulikoro Firefinches and three furtive Stone Partridges scrambling nimbly over the boulders. After a late breakfast out on the plains we packed up and began the long drive to Douentza. We drove north out of Dogon country away from the escarpment and into more open and increasingly arid country. Dogon settlements gave way to Fulani. A roadside picnic produced a superb singing Black Scrub Robin and later in the afternoon we stopped to look at a flock of neat little Chestnut-backed Finchlarks. The small Dogon museum at Fombori provided another brief diversion

and then we proceeded the last few kilometres into Douentza arriving with plenty of time to freshen up and settle in before dinner.

Saturday 19th November

Hot and sunny with some cloud in the afternoon.

Leaving Douentza after an early breakfast we headed north on dirt roads towards Timbuctou. The scenery was magnificent, with ruggedly dramatic sandstone mountains giving way to vast golden grasslands dotted with scattered acacias. Vehicles and settlements were few and we saw little sign of human activity other than the occasional herds of donkeys being driven south by tall Fulani herdsman. Birds were exciting and during the course of the morning we saw Chestnut-bellied Sandgrouse, masses of Black-crowned and Chestnut-bellied Finchlarks, dozens of Southern Grey and Woodchat Shrikes, Northern, Black-eared and Isabelline Wheatears and a couple of Brown-necked Ravens. One impromptu stop produced a pair of striking and quirky little Cricket Warblers and another a Yellow-crowned Gonolek and a surprise female Sudan Golden Sparrow in with a flock of African Silverbills. We ate lunch in the shade of an acacia thicket and added Black-headed Plover, Hoopoe and Black Scrub Robin to the list before we drove the last bone-crunching stretch to the Niger. Suddenly the desert savannah gave way to vivid green marshland and sheets of dazzling blue floodwater. Waders stalked the margins and terns hawked overhead as we rolled up to the quay to wait our turn on the ferry.

The half hour ferry journey across the river was a welcome change of gear and we all enjoyed the varied scenes of river life going on around us. A Red-necked Falcon flashing through a huge flock of Red-billed Queleas and vivid Yellow-crowned Bishops displaying over the marshes kept the avian interest going until we arrived at bustling and colourful Kabara and drove the last few kilometres to Timbuctou itself.....

Poor, dusty and run-down it may be, but there is something indefinably timeless and exciting about Timbuctou and we all enjoyed our late afternoon city tour. Winding our way along the narrow, sandy streets past beehive bread ovens and communal wells we admired the sturdily ornamented doors of the merchants' houses and visited the Grand Mosque, the various infidel explorers' houses and the markets. By the end of it all we felt that we had got something of a taste of what life is like in this extraordinary place and it was a satisfied group that returned to the hotel for dinner.

Sunday 20th November

Hot and sunny with scattered cloud and a breeze in the afternoon.

Breakfast in Timbuctou and then away to Kabara with a little birding en-route. A wader workshop at some roadside floods produced Ruff, Wood Sandpiper, Little Stint, Curlew Sandpiper, Black-tailed Godwit, Snipe, Little Ringed Plover, Black-winged Stilt and Senegal Thick-knee – not bad! By late morning we were installed on our comfortable pirogue and chugging sedately up the Niger through an endless wide open tapestry of water, sky, marshland and desert regularly punctuated by neat mud brick villages and mosques. The human activity around the villages, the various small fishing boats and the larger pinnaces ferrying people and goods up and down stream provided us with endless interest and as the afternoon progressed we easily sunk into the comfortable slow rhythm of the river. A brief stop at a small village with a large group of friendly children gave

us further insight into local village life. Birds during the afternoon were many and varied and included several Marsh Harriers, an Osprey or two, lots of herons and egrets, a couple of Kittlitz's Plovers, regular Gull-billed, White-winged, Whiskered and Caspian Terns, dozens of Pied Kingfishers, a lively colony of colourful Black-headed Weavers and many thousands of Red-billed Queleas. Towards the end of the afternoon we selected a suitable campsite on the riverbank, set up the tents and enjoyed a good dinner under a beautiful star-lit sky.

Monday 21st November

Hot, sunny and breezy.

Another relaxing day on the river watching the world and the birds go by. In the morning we stopped to climb some dunes for a view of the desert to the north and found a superb Dark Chanting Goshawk perched in a treetop. In the afternoon we stopped at the town of Niakounke, home of the famous musician Ali Farke Toure. Towards sunset we selected another riverside campsite and, with Freckled Nightjars calling in the darkness, settled down for another night under the stars.

Tuesday 22nd November

Hot, sunny and breezy.

On the river again, chugging steadily upstream through the developing landscape. A morning birding walk by some scrub-bordered floods produced a good range of waders plus Great Spotted Cuckoo, Black Scrub Robin and Cricket Warbler. A little later, as we passed a large Eucalyptus plantation we were treated to excellent views of a pair of African Fish Eagles, huge and majestic, soaring against the dazzling azure sky. In the afternoon we entered the vast open expanse of Lake Debo and saw a range of new birds including African Darter, Western Reef Egret, Spur-winged Goose, Northern Pintail and Purple Swamphen. We set up camp at the far end of the lake a few kilometres from the small town of Guidio Sare. The dunes above our chosen spot overlooked vast floods covered in birds. In the distance we could see thousands of Ruff and Garganey and hundreds of Black-tailed Godwits. Returning to camp we flushed a Scrub Hare and as we sat down to dinner a Freckled Nightjar wafted past, Pratincoles hawked against the darkening sky and a flock of White-faced Whistling Ducks flew noisily overhead.

Wednesday 23rd November

Cool and overcast at first, becoming hot and sunny by mid-morning.

Close views of Long-tailed Nightjars in the scrub behind our tents started the day in grand style and then, after breakfast on board the boat with Whiskered and White-winged Terns hawking all around us, we entered the long, narrow, marshy channel at the southern end of lake Debo. An early morning ornithological extravaganza ensued and for a couple of hours as we sailed past picturesque little Bozo fishing villages on their reed-fringed islands, we were treated to excellent views of a host of notable birds. The highlights included lots of Reed Cormorants and Squacco Herons, several Intermediate Egrets, three Glossy Ibis, a flock of 40 Ferruginous Ducks, numerous African Jacanas, a pair of Red-necked Falcons, two Great Spotted Cuckoos, several Senegal

Coucals, a large flock of Northern Carmine Bee-eaters, and good numbers of River Prinias, Yellow-crowned Bishops and Fan-tailed Widowbirds.

Leaving the marsh behind we cruised on and enjoyed our last few hours on the river. Some Green Monkeys eyeing us cautiously from the riverside vegetation provided an exciting diversion and then we settled down to enjoy the slowly unfolding landscape, the picturesque villages and mosques and the regular human activity both on the banks and on the water until we finally arrived in Mopti in the late afternoon.

Thursday 24th November

Hot and sunny

A long drive took us from Mopti all the way back to Bamako. We passed through a huge variety of countryside and made various stops including San town with its impressive mosque in the mid-morning and Segou for lunch. Birds during the course of the day included Gabar Goshawk, Red-necked Falcon, Double-spurred Francolin, Black-billed Wood Dove, Rufous-crowned Roller, Grey Woodpecker, Senegal Eremomela, Sahel Paradise Whydah and another stunning Violet Turaco. We finally arrived in the bustling capital in the late afternoon and our exciting adventure had come full circle. A brief spell in day rooms at the Grand Hotel and a last restaurant dinner and then we were off to the airport. The check-in was quick and simple and our flight on time and thus we all arrived safely back at Heathrow early the next morning.

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			November 2006												
	Common name	Scientific name	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
1	Long-tailed Cormorant	<i>Halietor africanus</i>			1		6				1	40	25	100+	
2	African Darter	<i>Anhinga rufa</i>										2	5	5	
3	Black-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>				1						2		1	
4	Green-backed Heron	<i>Butorides striatus</i>	3	5	1									1	
5	Squacco Heron	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>		7			1				1		2	30	2
6	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>		5	6	1			18		100	20	70	50	
7	Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>				5			2	2	50	70	50	50	
8	Great White Egret	<i>Egretta alba</i>												7	
9	Intermediate Egret	<i>Egretta intermedia</i>		1						2				35	
10	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	4	6	20	5	20			10	30	50	50	100+	1
11	Western Reef Heron	<i>Egretta gularis</i>											2		
12	Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>		50	150	20	10	5	50+	10	20	100+	100+	100+	15
13	Hamerkop	<i>Scopus umbretta</i>		1	1										1
14	Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>												3	
15	White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>			1			20	2						
16	White-faced Whistling Duck	<i>Denrocygna viduata</i>											50		
17	Spur-winged Goose	<i>Plectropterus gambensis</i>											2	3	
18	Northern Pintail	<i>Anas acuta</i>										1	25+		
19	Garganey	<i>Anus querquedula</i>											500+	50+	
20	Ferruginous Duck	<i>Aythya nyroca</i>												40	
21	Hooded Vulture	<i>Neophron monachus</i>				1	2							1	
22	African Fish Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus vocifer</i>											2	2	
23	Short-toed Eagle	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>			2	2							1		
24	Brown Snake-Eagle	<i>Circaetus cinereus</i>		1											

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25	Booted Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus pennatus</i>			1	3	1								1
26	Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>		5	5	7	3				10	30	20	50	
27	Pallid/Montagu's Harrier	<i>Circus macrourus/pygargus</i>			1	1							1		1
28	Black-shouldered Kite	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>		7		2	1	1						1	1
29	African Swallow-tailed Kite	<i>Chelictinia riocourii</i>		2		1									
30	Black/Yellow-billed Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>	1	3	25	300+	50+		1	15		1		100	30
31	Lizard Buzzard	<i>Kaupifalco monogrammicus</i>	1												
32	Dark Chanting Goshawk	<i>Melierax metabates</i>		2	1							1	3		1
33	Gabar Goshawk	<i>Micronisus gabar</i>	1	3	1	1	3								2
34	Shikra	<i>Accipiter badius</i>	2												
35	Grasshopper Buzzard	<i>Butastur rufipennis</i>		10	1										1
36	Red-necked Buzzard	<i>Buteo auguralis</i>					2	3	1						1
37	Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>		1							1	3	3		
38	Rock Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	2	1	2		2	5	2		1				1
39	Lesser Kestrel	<i>Falco naumanni</i>		1?			1							1	
40	Fox Kestrel	<i>Falco alopex</i>		5			5	20	12	4					
41	Grey Kestrel	<i>Falco ardosiaceus</i>		2	1		1	2							
42	Red-necked Falcon	<i>Falco chicquera</i>								1				2	2
43	Lanner Falcon	<i>Falco biarmicus</i>			1	2		2	1					1	
44	Stone Partridge	<i>Ptilopachus petrosus</i>							3						
45	Double-spurred Francolin	<i>Francolinus bicalcaratus</i>		3											5
46	African Jacana	<i>Actophilornis africanis</i>		20	5		1		3		1	5	3	10	2
47	Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>									1			4	
48	Purple Swamphen	<i>Porphyrio porphyrio</i>											2		
49	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>			12					15	20	15	25	40	3

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50	Senegal Thick-knee	<i>Burhinus senegalensis</i>		8	1h						20	5	30	3	
51	Egyptian Plover	<i>Pluvianus aegyptius</i>		10	40	15					1	2	4	10	6
52	Collared Pratincole	<i>Glareola pratincola</i>		10											
53	Collared/Black-winged Pratincole	<i>Glareola pratincola/nordmanni</i>									15		20	30	
54	Common Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>									1	1	2		
55	Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>								2	5		4		
56	Kittlitz's Plover	<i>Charadrius pecuarius</i>								2	2	2	4		
57	Senegal Wattled Plover	<i>Vanellus senegallus</i>		3											
58	Spur-winged Plover	<i>Vanellus spinosus</i>	2	25	25	25			1	6	40	30	40	30	1
59	Black-headed Plover	<i>Vanellus tectus</i>				3	3			4				2	
60	Ruff	<i>Philomachus pugnax</i>								10	100's	100's	5000+	250+	
61	Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>			2						3+	4	10+	15	
62	Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>			4						5	4	10		
63	Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>			1	2			1	2		2	1	1	
64	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>		3	1	1				2	3	2	3	10	
65	Curlew Sandpiper	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>									2		10		
66	Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>									3	2	10		
67	Common Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>		1							2				
68	Black-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa limosa</i>								2	5		100+		
69	Gull-billed Tern	<i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i>		2	30					3	25	40	10	5	
70	Whiskered Tern	<i>Chlidonias hybrida</i>								5	20	40+	50	30+	
71	White-winged Black Tern	<i>Chlidonias leucopterus</i>									12	50+	50+	30+	
72	Caspian Tern	<i>Hydroprogne caspia</i>								1	3	2	2	2	
73	Lesser Black-backed Gull	<i>Larus fuscus</i>									1		26	1	
74	Chesnut-bellied Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles exustus</i>			8	h	30			20		5	14		20

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75	Rock Dove	<i>Columba livia</i>						20	10	10					
76	Speckled Pigeon	<i>Colomba guinea</i>	5	5	12	8	5			6	12	15		5	15
77	Red-eyed Dove	<i>Streptopelia semitorquata</i>	15										5	4	
78	Vinaceous Dove	<i>Streptopelia vinacea</i>		5	15+		10	100+	50+	30+			5	5	50+
79	African Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia roseogrisea</i>									2		2		
80	African Mourning Dove	<i>Streptopelia decipiens</i>		5	3	2	2			2	1+			30	1+
81	Laughing Dove	<i>Streptopelia senegalensis</i>	100	70	100	50	25	25	50	50	25	30	25	30	50
82	Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia turtur</i>			50+										
83	Namaqua Dove	<i>Oena capensis</i>		20	30			1	12	30	3	6	2	5	20
84	Black-billed Wood Dove	<i>Turtur abyssinicus</i>													3
85	African Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus gularis</i>		1											
86	Great Spotted Cuckoo	<i>Clamator glandarius</i>								1			1	2	1
87	Jacobin Cuckoo	<i>Oxylophus jacobinus</i>													1
88	Senegal Coucal	<i>Centropus senegalensis</i>	2	2			3		4				2	12	
89	Barn Owl	<i>Tyto alba</i>		1										1h	
90	Pearl-spotted Owlet	<i>Glaucidium perlatum</i>					1h								
91	Freckled Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus tristigma</i>										1h	1		
92	Long-tailed Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus climacurus</i>												3	
93	Senegal Parrot	<i>Poicephalus senegalus</i>	6	2	5		20	2							4
94	Rose-ringed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula krameri</i>	6	35	10		40	25					5		12
95	Violet Turaco	<i>Musophaga violacea</i>		1											1
96	Western Plantain-eater	<i>Crinifer piscator</i>	8	12	5		8		5						2
97	African Palm Swift	<i>Cypsiurus parvus</i>	10	30+	50	50	50						2	50+	30
98	Alpine Swift	<i>Tachymarptis melba</i>						10							
99	Pallid Swift	<i>Apus pallidus</i>						40							

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100	African Little Swift	<i>Apus affinis</i>	100+	50+	100	150+	50	25	50+	50+	25	12		20	
101	Blue-naped Mousebird	<i>Urocolius macrourus</i>			1				1					4	
102	Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>						1	3	3			1		
103	Green Wood-hoopoe	<i>Phoeniculus purpureus</i>					3	10							2
104	Grey-headed Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon leucocephala</i>	1											1	
105	Pied Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle rudis</i>		6	2	3	1			4	100+	70+	70+	75	
106	Malachite Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo cristata</i>		2										1	
107	Abyssinian Roller	<i>Coracias abyssinica</i>	1	15	20	6	15	10	15	6	1	2	4	5	25
108	Rufous-crowned Roller	<i>Coracias naevia</i>		1	6	1									5
109	Little Bee-eater	<i>Merops pusillus</i>	2	1	1									12	
110	Little Green Bee-eater	<i>Merops orientalis</i>			5	1	3				2	5	1	6	
111	Northern Carmine Bee-eater	<i>Merops nubicus</i>		70									10	25	
112	African Grey Hornbill	<i>Tockus nasutus</i>	2	6	2		1	3	2						1
113	Red-billed Hornbill	<i>Tockus erythrorhynchus</i>		3	4	2	10	3	8	4					8
114	Vieillot's Barbet	<i>Lybius vieillotii</i>					1								
115	Bearded Barbet	<i>Lybius dubius</i>					2								
116	Fine-spotted Woodpecker	<i>Campethera punctuligera</i>						2							
117	Grey Woodpecker	<i>Dendropicos goertae</i>				1		3							1
118	Sun Lark	<i>Galerida modesta</i>	2												
119	Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>								1	3	6	2	4	
120	Singing Bush Lark	<i>Mirafr cantillans</i>								1+					
121	Black-crowned Sparrow Lark	<i>Eremopterix nigriceps</i>			1	3				70+					
122	Chestnut-backed Sparrow Lark	<i>Ermopterix leucotis</i>		5	2+				8	100+					5
123	Red-chested Swallow	<i>Hirundo lucida</i>	1			20					15+	10+	2		
124	Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Hirundo daurica</i>		4											

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125	Wire-tailed Swallow	<i>Hirundo smithii</i>	5												
126	European Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>				20					30+	70+	30+	50+	
127	African Rock Martin	<i>Hirundo fuligula</i>					6	15	5						
128	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>	1		5						8				
129	Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>		3						25	70+	40+	30+	40+	
130	Plain-backed Pipit	<i>Anthus leucophrys</i>									1?				
131	Common Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus barbatus</i>	10	20	5			5	5		2			h	5
132	Brown Babbler	<i>Turdoides plebejus</i>	7												3
133	Fulvous Babbler	<i>Turdoide fulva</i>								2		2	h		
134	African Yellow White-eye	<i>Zosterops senegalensis</i>		20											
135	African Thrush	<i>Turdus pelios</i>	1		1										
136	Black Scrub Robin	<i>Cercotrichas podobe</i>							3	3	3		2	1	
137	Whinchat	<i>Saxicola rubetra</i>												1	
138	Bluethroat	<i>Luscinia svecica</i>												1	
139	Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>					3			30			1		
140	Isabelline Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe isabellina</i>					1		1	2					
141	Black-eared Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe hispanica</i>						1		2					
142	Northern Anteater-chat	<i>Myrmecocichla aethiopus</i>					5	3							
143	Cliff Chat	<i>Myrmecocichla cinnamomeiventris</i>					6	1	7						
144	Familiar Chat	<i>Cercomela familiaris</i>						1		1					
145	Great Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus arundinaceus</i>												1h	
146	African/European Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus baeticatus/scirpaceus</i>									2			7+	
147	Sedge Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus schoenobaenus</i>												10	
148	Olivaceous Warbler	<i>Hippolais pallida</i>		1	2	5	1	2	1						1
149	Melodious Warbler	<i>Hippolais polyglotta</i>						2							

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150	Subalpine Warbler	<i>Sylvia cantillans</i>				1	1			3	3+	3	6	3	
151	Lesser Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia curruca</i>									1				
152	Wood Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus sibilatrix</i>						1							1
153	Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybitis</i>		1	1	4								1	
154	Bonelli's Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus bonelli</i>				2		3	1	1					1
155	Senegal Eremomela	<i>Eremomela pusilla</i>						2							1
156	Yellow-bellied Eremomela	<i>Eremomela icteropygialis</i>								6					
157	River Prinia	<i>Prinia fluviatilis</i>												5	
158	Cricket Warbler	<i>Spiloptila clamans</i>								8			4		
159	Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>												5	
160	Winding Cisticola	<i>Cisticola galactotes</i>		1											
161	Yellow-crowned Gonolek	<i>Laniarius barbatus</i>					2h	1h	1+1h	1+2h					1+2h
162	Southern Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius meridionalis</i>								20	2	2	2	3	
163	Woodchat Shrike	<i>Lanius senator</i>		1	2			2		10		2	1	5	1
164	Fork-tailed Drongo	<i>Dicrurus adsimillus</i>			4			2							3
165	Piapiac	<i>Ptilostomus afer</i>		2		18	15		2					10	5
166	Brown-necked Raven	<i>Corvus ruficollis</i>						3		2	1	2			
167	Pied Crow	<i>Corvus albus</i>	1		40	100+	100+	100+	50+	100	10			7	25
168	African Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus auratus</i>	2					1							
169	Neumann's Starling	<i>Onychognathus neumanni</i>	5				12	100	5						
170	Purple Glossy Starling	<i>Lamprotornis purpureus</i>		50	50										30
171	Bronze-tailed Glossy Starling	<i>Lamprotornis chalcurus</i>	50												2
172	Greater Blue-eared Starling	<i>Lamprotornis chalybaeus</i>					20	25	25	25					
173	Lesser Blue-eared Starling	<i>Lamprotornis chloropterus</i>													1
174	Long-tailed Purple Starling	<i>Lamprotornis mevesii</i>	12	25	40	15	25	20	12					1	30

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175	Chestnut-bellied Starling	<i>Lamprotornis pulcher</i>			1	8	10		3	25		6	4		25
176	Yellow-billed Oxpecker	<i>Buphagus africanus</i>			6		1			2					
177	Pygmy Long-tailed Sunbird	<i>Anthreptes platurus</i>		1	4	1	2	5	5	2	2	2	1	1	2
178	Beautiful Sunbird	<i>Nectarinia pulchella</i>	1												
179	Grey-headed Sparrow	<i>Passer griseus</i>	3	2	25+	100+	100+	25	40	70	50			5	1
180	Sudan Golden Sparrow	<i>Passer luteus</i>								1					
181	Bush Petronia	<i>Petronia dentata</i>		3				1+							
182	White-billed Buffalo-Weaver	<i>Bubalornis albirostris</i>		50+	100+	200+	50		25						100+
183	Speckle-fronted Weaver	<i>Sporopipes frontalis</i>				5		2	8	10					
184	Village Weaver	<i>Ploceus cucullatus</i>	50	100+	50+	100+			10				10	1+	
185	Vitelline Masked Weaver	<i>Ploceus vitellinus</i>			10+		5								
186	Black-headed Weaver	<i>Ploceus melanocephalus</i>									25			100's	
187	Little Weaver	<i>Ploceus luteolus</i>				25	5		2+				1		2
188	Red-billed Quelea	<i>Quelea quelea</i>		50	50+	20		30	30	200+	1000's	1000+	100's	500+	
189	Yellow-crowned Bishop	<i>Euplectes afer</i>				2				5	20	25	10	10	
190	Black-winged Red Bishop	<i>Euplectes hordaceus</i>												1	
191	Fan-tailed Widowbird	<i>Euplectes axillaris</i>									1	1	1	20	
192	Red-billed Firefinch	<i>Lagonosticta senegala</i>	2	6	10	40	30	15	30	30	20		2	5	2
193	Kulikoro Firefinch	<i>Lagonosticta virata</i>						2	2						
194	Black-rumped Waxbill	<i>Estrilda troglodytes</i>		2		1									
195	Lavender Waxbill	<i>Estrilda caerulea</i>						1	1						
196	Red-cheeked Cordon-bleu	<i>Uraeginthus bengalus</i>		1	1	2	4	25	30						4
197	African Silverbill	<i>Lonchura cantans</i>					15	8		15		10	2		
198	Cut-throat Finch	<i>Amadina fasciata</i>			5	5	2								
199	Sahel Paradise Whydah	<i>Vidua oreintalis</i>			4	1		1		3					10

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200	Village Indigobird	<i>Vidua chalybeata</i>		3	3	10	8	6	5		3	2			1
201	White-rumped Seedeater	<i>Serinus leucopygius</i>			2	5	8	2	1		1	1	1	2	
202	House Bunting	<i>Emberiza striolata</i>					3	12	20						
203	Cinnamon-breasted Rock Bunting	<i>Emberiza tahapisi</i>	1				4								