

Uganda - A Birdwatching Tour

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Summary:

There were several highlights though not all of them were birds. Some of the mammals that did excite the participants were the Chimpanzees seen on both days in Budongo for those that went for extension.

Birding highlights included a Shoebill Stork seen at Mabamba swamp at a close range, Red-necked Falcon seen on the way from the escarpment, White-crested Turaco seen on Kigulya hill; Bare-faced go-away Bird in Lake Mburo NP Swamp, Slender-tailed, Long-tailed and Black-shouldered Nightjars; 8 species of kingfishers; 6 species of Bee-eaters including Swallow-tailed Bee-eater, Lilac-breasted Roller, Broad-billed Roller; 7 species of Barbets; 5 species of Woodpeckers including Brown-eared and Yellow-crested; 8 species of Swallows including Mosque and White-headed Saw-wing; Cassin's Grey Flycatcher; 4 species of Warblers including African Moustached and Broad-tailed; 10 species of Cisticolas including Whistling, Long-tailed and Foxy Cisticola; Masked Apalis; Brown-crowned Eremomela; Chestnut-capped Flycatcher; Chestnut Wattle-eye; Marsh Tchagra; Ituri Batis; Many-coloured Bush-Shrike; Starlings; 13 species of Sunbirds including Grey-headed, Green and Superb; Cabanis's Bunting. The team members were happy with what they saw during the trip. The rest is how the trip went in detail.

Summary of Sites visited

Entebbe Botanical Gardens

Only a short drive from Entebbe airport these gardens will give you an introduction to African birds. It is mostly open woodland type habitat with tall trees where Hadada Ibis can be seen strolling around. The best areas were along the shore on Lake Victoria in the scrub and bushes. These bushes hold Orange Weaver, a species that used to be easily seen here than anywhere else in Uganda, various heron species, kingfishers and other weavers. Primates are represented here by Black-and-white Colobus monkeys.

Mabamba Swamp

Mabamba is an extensive Papyrus swamp on the shore of Lake Victoria a short drive west of Entebbe Airport. Access to the swamp is by canoe which gives you a very good chance of seeing Shoebills. The area where you

park by the Mabamba village just teams with birds. The swamp has a number of channels passing through it where a selection of good species were encountered, such as Blue-breasted Bee-eater, herons, African and Lesser Jacana, African Marsh Harriers, Malachite Kingfishers and Cisticola species. There is also a raised island that is a haven for birds just a short walk away. Birds here included Black-and-white Shrike Flycatcher, Diederick Cuckoo among others. Half a day should be sufficient to find the best birds at the swamp.

Lake Mbuoro

Mid way between Kampala and Queen Elizabeth or Bwindi, Lake Mbuoro is a convenient stop off point. We spent only an evening and most of a morning here and still managed to get a fair selection of species. The park is rather small and is acacia thorn scrub and scattered grassland habitats as well as the large lake. The park has an affinity with species found in the Mara/Serengeti complex further east with highlights being Black-bellied Bustard, Lilac Breasted Roller, Emerald-spotted Wood Dove, Brown Parrot, Bare-faced Go-away Bird, Levillant's Cuckoo, Long-tailed Cisticola and striped Kingfisher. The game present here is not found elsewhere in Uganda such as Burchell's Zebra and Impala which are relatively abundant. The park has a good number of African Finfoot present on the lake though a boat is needed to stand a real chance of seeing one. We had a morning boat trip and managed to nail four within 30 minutes!

Mihingo Lodge tents are nicely placed in the bush so birding is right on your doorstep whilst the view from the park restaurant over the lake is excellent. Without doubt this is the best accommodation of the whole trip with a stupendous view point from each tent. This camp is situated only a short distance from the edge of the park, and has some excellent birding within its grounds. There is a campfire spot and a swimming pool on a rock, yes on a rock! Their tents are comfortable with large beds with mosquito nets. Within each tent, there are sockets but recharging can only be done at the reception because the lodge is run on solar power. The en-suite bathroom has flush toilet and a hot shower. Excellent food is taken in the main restaurant area with a fine view, in daylight, towards Lake Kakyera on one side and the park on the other. The bar operates on either a room tab that can be paid up when you leave or pay as you go service. There are various beers and soft drinks as well as tea or coffee.

Queen Elizabeth National Park

This large National Park produced what I considered to be the best birding of the trip with the highlight being the boat trip along the Kazinga Channel. The park is a mix of thorn acacia scrub, savannah, wetlands and lakes and has a good cross section of birds and mammals. The northern section is more thorn scrub than the less tourist visited southern section, which is grassland that is more open. Large animals are present in good numbers with Elephant seen everyday though surprisingly some species, such as Giraffe and Zebra, are noticeably absent and are present only at Murchison and Lake Mbuoro respectively. We stayed 2 nights at the luxurious Mweya Safari Lodge with its commanding views of the Kazinga Channel with African Skimmers seen from the balcony. Despite the time spent here, it did not seem enough to even scratch the surface of the bird life here!

This Lodge was also amongst the best accommodation of the whole trip and it felt like an indulgence. Each room was immaculate with very comfortable beds, large mosquito nets, ample plug sockets, overhead fan, and pristine bathroom. The bathroom was excellent with a bath/shower combination, the water being hot almost as soon as you turn it on. There is a laundry service at a reasonable price.

The main lodge has a large reception area where early morning coffee is served before you head out into the park with a souvenir shop that does have post cards and stamps. There is large and well stocked bar whilst a central fireplace which makes for a relaxing setting to catch up on notes or checklists. The restaurant is excellent with

inside and outside dining and some evening's meals are ordered from a menu while others there is a buffet where there is so much to choose from. There is a swimming pool with its own bar that has a commanding view over the Kazinga Channel whilst several weavers and Swamp Flycatchers are nesting in bushes nearby.

Birding is good around the camp. Some fine birds here included Black-headed Gonolek and babblers, Grey-capped Warbler and this is where we got three different Nightjars. A lunchtime return visit to the lodge will allow you to bird around here for a few hours before going back out into the park.

Kibale Forest

Most of our birding here was done along the main road outside the main gate or directly around the Bandas. The birding along the main track was productive with good forest on either side producing numerous interesting species such as Great Sparrowhawk, Yellow-spotted Barbet, Hairy-breasted Barbet, Cassin's Grey Flycatcher, Velvet-mantled Drongo, and several primates. Indeed Kibale is well known for its primate list and is a reliable place to see Chimpanzees. Around the Bandas, we had several fine birds with Red-capped Robin Chat being the pick of the bunch. The tents here are set in the forest and are basic but comfortable. You order for the shower and the camp staff will fill it up for you. Here an African Wood Owl comes in as soon as it is called in.

Busingiro, Budongo Forest

From the visitor centre birding is along the main road where most birding is spent craning upwards to search the canopy of the tall roadside trees. Excellent views, however, of Blue-breasted Kingfisher, Yellowbill, White-thighed Hornbill, Hairy-breasted Barbet, Cameroon Sombre Greenbul, Rufous Thrush, Grey Longbill, Brown-crowned Eremomela, Ituri Batis and Superb Sunbird were obtained. Several primate species were encountered though perhaps the best was Chimpanzee that was seated on a branch feeding a young one.

Butiaba Escarpment

Situated midway between Murchison Falls National Park and the town of Masindi this area is good for Cliffchat at the switch back by the old ruins, Foxy Cisticola, Red-winged Pytilia, Chestnut-crowned Sparrow Weaver and Cinnamon-breasted Bunting. There is a spectacular view over the huge Lake Albert with DR Congo in the distance.

The Royal Mile, Budongo Forest

This broad track cuts through some superb primary forest and a number of excellent species were found here. From the Masindi, you pass through sugar cane plantations; open habitats before reaching the forest with some quality birds found en-route with Yellow-mantled Widowbird, and Red-collared Widowbird being amongst the most memorable. The forest produced a family group of Chimpanzee and quality birds in the form of African Crowned Eagle, Chocolate-backed Kingfisher, Chestnut-capped Flycatcher and Red-headed Bluebill. The butterflies are well worth a look along the trail with many spectacular specimens being seen. A morning visit is best and you will be here for a good few hours.

This hotel is still under renovation but the rooms had comfortable beds, mosquito nets, ample plug sockets, and bathroom with hot water. There is a well stocked bar. All meals are ordered from a set menu.

Day 1

Wednesday 31st October

Overnight flight from London Heathrow arrived at Entebbe early morning. We then transferred to the nearby Entebbe Botanical Gardens where Black-and-white Casqued Hornbills, Great Blue Turaco, Ross's Turaco and Orange Weavers topped the list of birds seen. From here, we drove to Golf Gardens for lunch and this is where we spent the night.

Day 2

Thursday 1st November

After an early breakfast, we drove to Mabamba Wetlands where we used four boats searching the swamp for the mighty Shoebill that ended with excellent views of one a few metres away. Many good wetland species were found here that included two Lesser Jacanas, tens of African Jacanas, Blue-headed Coucals and numerous herons and egrets. Our mid afternoon lunch stop was at the Highway Takeaway on our way to Lake Mburo National Park.

Day 3

Friday 2nd November

Morning birding around Lake Mburo National Park with the highlight being the boat trip for the African Finfoot with four being seen very well and then in the afternoon we transferred to Queen Elizabeth National Park for an overnight stay at Mweya Safari Lodge.

Day 4

Saturday 3rd November

The whole morning we birded Queen Elizabeth National Park where so many good birds were seen, such as Common Kestrel, Common Buttonquail, Crowned Plover, Levillant's Cuckoo, Verraux's Eagle Owl, Broad-tailed Warbler, Mash Tchagra, Village Indigo Bird - whilst game was abundant with Uganda Kob being common.

After lunch back at the lodge we had a fantastic boat trip on the Kazinga Channel for two hours where a good number of African Skimmers was recorded, Yellow-billed Stork, Sacred Ibis, Black Crake, Ringed Plover, Kittlitz's Plover, Three-banded Plover, Black-tailed Godwit, Heuglin's Gull, Whiskered Tern, Pink-backed and Great White Pelicans were amongst the avian highlights.

In the evening we birded around the vicinity of the lodge as we waited for the right time to see Nightjars. Here we got three; African White-tailed, Gabon and Slender-tailed.

Day 5

Sunday 4th November

We had an early morning direct drive to the papyrus across the bridge on Kazinga Channel, as we were on a mission to get the Papyrus Gonolek. We arrived right on time because they started calling before we even came out of the vehicles. We were rewarded almost immediately with stunning views of a pair. We spent the next couple of hours birding the Kasenyi area which was fruitful in giving us stunning Temminck's Courser, Lesser Flamingos, Palm-nut Vulture, Tawny Eagle, Martial Eagle, Shot-toed Snake Eagle, Lanner Falcon, Black-rumped Button-quail, Stunning views of African Crake, Senegal Plover, African Black Swift, White-throated Bee-eater, White-tailed Lark and Lesser Grey Shrike among others. After a mid afternoon lunch break at the Lodge, we left for Kibale area in the afternoon to overnight at Mantana Tented Camp.

Day 6

Monday 5th November

The morning produced Snowy-headed Robin Chat around the bandas near the visitor centre. We embarked on a morning walk that lasted a good number of hours along the main road and the afternoon was spent birding around the camp that produced some excellent birds like Great Sparrowhawk, African Crowned Eagle, Tambourine Dove, Great Blue Turaco, Red-chested Cuckoo, Yellowbill, Blue-breasted Kingfisher, Tinkerbirds, Yellow-spotted and Hairy-breasted, Double-toothed and Yellow-billed Barbets, Lesser Honeyguide, Cardinal Woodpecker, Mountain Wagtail, Greenbuls, White-tailed Ant Thrush, Cassin's Grey Flycatcher, Black-and-white Shrike Flycatcher among others. Overnight was again at Mantana Tented Camp.

Day 7

Tuesday 6th November

After breakfast, we went back at the bridge on the main road to try to see the Shining Blue Kingfisher since Heath thought it would be there again. Paul Tipler left for Bwindi, and the rest of the members went to another part of Kibale for more birding before proceeding to Masindi. One other superb birding site is on the main Fort Portal – Kampala road. The forest is on both sides of the road; one-side gives you an eye-level view while the other is a neck breaking one. This area produced thousands of Abdim's Storks soaring over the forest. Douglas Jackson and I saw a Black Bee-eater well while others got only a glimpse. We saw Cinnamon-chested Bee-Eater, Grey-throated Barbet, Brown-backed Scrub Robin, African Stone Chat, Sooty Flycatcher, White-chinned Prinia, Masked Apalis, Mackinnon's Fiscal, Luhder's Bush Shrike, Many-coloured Bush Shrike, Velvet-mantled Drongo, Narrow-tailed, Waller's and Splendid Glossy Starlings, Bronze and Superb Sunbirds amongst others. Paul Lewis, Heath Green, Roy and Margaret Goldsmith, Peter and Hilary Smith, and Marilyn Smith started their return journey to Entebbe. Douglas and Norma Jackson, Richard Bradford, Stephen Laycock and I started our long journey to Masindi. Since most of the roads were flooded, we had to drive up to Mityana only 69 kms from Kampala and then rejoin the Hoima road only 52kms from Kampala. We stayed overnight at Masindi Hotel.

Day 8

Wednesday 7th November

The morning was spent birding Busingiro area where we had good views of Chimpanzees and the afternoon was at the escarpment. We got good birds included Lizard Buzzard, Venacious Dove, White-thighed Hornbill, Yellow-crested Woodpecker, Grassland Pipit, Cameroon Sombre Greenbul, Singing Cisticola, Buff-throated Apalis, Foxy Cisticola, Brown-crowned Eremomela, Tit Hylia, Ituri Batis, Northern Red Bishop, Yellow-mantled widowbird, Red-winged Pytilia and Cinnamon-breasted Rock Bunting to the increasing list. Overnight again at Masindi Hotel.

Day 9

Thursday 8th November

Whole day birding the Royal Mile and late afternoon at Kigulya hill with many good birds seen along the broad forest trail with highlights, amongst others, being Ross's and White-crested Turacos, Long-tailed Nightjar, Chocolate-backed Kingfisher, Brown-eared Woodpecker, Red-headed Lovebird, Forest Robin, Black-throated Apalis, Lemon-bellied Crombec, Chestnut-capped Flycatcher, Red-collared Widowbird, Red-headed Bluebill and Cabanis's Bunting. As for Norma the highlight was the family group of Chimpanzees that we found feeding on fruit right next to the road. Overnight once more at Masindi Hotel.

Day 10**Friday 9th November**

We had a morning birding at the Royal Mile with highlights, amongst others, being Grey Parrot, Whistling Cisticola, and Brown Twinspot, before proceeding for the drive to Entebbe.

Day 11**Saturday 10th November**

Clients left for their return journey back to England.

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Species List

1 Great White Pelican (*Pelecanus onocrotalus*).

This was recorded only once in Q. E. N. P on November 3rd 2007.

2 Pink Backed Pelican (*Pelecanus rufescens*)

This species was recorded on five different days that is at Botanical Gardens, Mabamba, in Queen Elizabeth and the Escarpment above L. Albert.

3 Great Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax carbo*)

Recorded once on 3rd November during a boat trip on Kazinga Channel.

4 Long-tailed Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax africanus*)

These were recorded twice in the Botanical Gardens on October 31st and at Mabamba on November 1st 2007.

5 African Finfoot (*Podica senegalensis*)

Four were seen November 2nd on Lake Mburo, which is the best place for this bird.

6 Cattle Egret (*Bubulcus ibis*)

This species was seen on five dates in different numbers all the times. These are birds that you always see easily either flying or in the company of cows, Buffaloes and Antelopes.

7 Squacco Heron (*Ardeola ralloides*)

The first sighting, where the highest numbers of the trip were recorded was at Mabamba on 1st November and a few in Queen Elizabeth on the Kazinga Channel on November 3rd .

8 Little Egret (*Egretta garzetta*)

Recorded on four dates at the Botanical Gardens, Mabamba swamp, Lake Mburo National Park and Queen Elizabeth National Park.

9 Yellow-billed Egret (*Mesophoyx intermedia*)

About three were seen during the boat trip on the Kazinga Channel on November 3rd.

10 Great White Egret (*Egretta Alba*)

We had two records the first one being at Mabamba and in Queen Elizabeth on the Kazinga Channel.

11 Goliath Heron (*Ardea goliath*)

This big heron that I think got the name from that Bible giant that was brought down by a small boy David, was recorded only once in Queen Elizabeth on the Kazinga Channel on 3rd.

12 Purple Heron (*Ardea purpurea*)

Recorded only once on day two of the trip at Mabamba swamp.

13 Grey Heron (*Ardea cinerea*)

Recorded on 2 days of the trip in small numbers at Mabamba swamp and in Queen Elizabeth on the Kazinga Channel.

14 Black-headed Heron (*Ardea melanocphala*)

This species was recorded on 6 days of the trip.

15 Hamerkop (*Scopus umbretta*)

This species is fairly common though we only recorded it on 6 days and missed it on November 5th, 6th and 8th.

16 White Stork (*Ciconia ciconia*)

This European species was only recorded once on November 1st 2007.

17 Yellow-billed Stork (*Myteria ibis*)

Seen in Queen Elizabeth on the Kazinga Channel on November 3rd.

18 Abdim's Stork (*Ciconia abdimi*)

Thousands were recorded on November 2nd 7 kilometres out of Mbarara town and on November 6th above Kibale Forest (Sebitoli area) Over 2000 were recorded.

19 African Open-billed Stork (*Anastomus lamelligerus*)

It is a common bird, though this freshwater mussel specialist was seen only once at the Botanical Gardens on October 31st.

20 Saddle-billed Stork (*Ephippiorhynchus senegalensis*)

This species with the Ugandan flag colours on its bill was only recorded on November 1st 2007.

21 Marabou Stork (*Leptoptilos crumeniferus*)

This is a common bird though we managed to miss it on November 5th and 6th.

22 Shoebill (*Belaeniceps rex*)

Good views of this pre-historic bird were had on November 1st and all the team members had good views though we were in four different boats.

23 Sacred Ibis (*Threskiornis aethiopicus*)

A single was recorded on November 3rd on a boat trip in Queen Elizabeth N P.

24 Hadada Ibis (*Bostrychia hagedash*)

This is a common bird, though it was recorded on 7 days of the trip in different numbers.

25 African Spoonbill (*Platalea alba*)

A single was recorded in Queen Elizabeth on the Kazinga Channel on November 3rd.

26 Lesser Flamingo (*Phoeniconaias minor*)

Recorded only on November 4th on Lake Nyamunuka in Queen Elizabeth National Park.

27 Egyptian Goose (*Alopochen aegyptiacus*)

A common water bird though it was recorded only four times at the Botanical Gardens on November 31st and in Queen Elizabeth on November 2nd, 3rd and 4th.

28 Spur-winged Goose (*Plectropterus gambensis*)

This massive wildfowl was recorded on November 1st at Kaku swamp with about 3 birds seen.

29 Yellow-billed Duck (*Anas undulata*)

Recorded at the Botanical Gardens on November 31st and at Mabamba swamp on November 1st.

30 Black Kite (*Milvus migrans*)

This fork-tailed raptor is usually seen in good numbers all over the country and we recorded it on all days of the trip.

31 Black-shouldered Kite (*Elanus caeruleus*)

Singles were recorded as they hovered and some perched on electric wires on five different dates, on October 31, November 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th.

32 African Fish Eagle (*Haliaeetus vocifer*)

It is always referred to as the sounds of Africa whenever it calls, first recorded at the Botanical Gardens on October 31st and the Mabamba on November 1st, and then Kaku swamp on day two, then Lake Mburo NP and good numbers being recorded on Kazinga Channel.

33 Palm-nut Vulture (*Gypohierax angolensis*)

This good-looking Vulture was first seen in the Botanical gardens and it was recorded on three more dates.

34 Osprey (*Pandion haliaetus*)

A single was seen on our way from Queen Elizabeth to Kibale.

35 Hooded Vulture (*Necrosyrtes monachus*)

Quite a common bird though we recorded it only on November 1st.

36 African White-backed Vulture (*Gyps africanus*)

This is a common vulture in savannah areas, recorded on November 1st and 2nd in Lake Mburo and more were recorded in Queen Elizabeth during a game drive on November 3rd and 4th.

37 Black-chested Snake-Eagle (*Circaetus beaudouini*)

Singles were recorded on November 1st and 2nd in Lake Mburo and in Queen Elizabeth on November 4th.

38 Beaudouin's Snake Eagle (*Circaetus beaudouini*)

A single was recorded on November 4th on a game drive in Queen Elizabeth NP.

39 Brown Snake-Eagle (*Circaetus cinereus*)

One commonest snake eagle in Uganda it was only recorded on five days of the trip.

40 Western-banded Snake-Eagle (*Circaetus cinerascens*)

A single was recorded on November 4th in Kasenyi area of Queen Elizabeth N P. This is an uncommon raptor though the numbers seem to be increasing in the Northwest part of the country.

41 African Marsh Harrier (*Circus ranivorus*)

This widespread bird was only recorded on four dates of the trip that is on October 31st, November 1st, 3rd and 4th.

42 Eurasian Marsh Harrier (*Circus aeruginosus*)

This is another common bird when they are here but it was recorded only on two different days. That is on November 3rd and 4th.

43 Montagu's Harrier (*Circus pygargus*)

Singles both Male and Females were recorded on November 3rd and 4th in Queen Elizabeth National Park.

44 Dark Chanting-Goshawk (*Melierax metabates*)

This species was recorded in Lake Mburo National Park on November 2nd.

45 Lizard Buzzard (*Kaupifalco mnogrammicus*)

Singles of his common bird were only recorded on 4 days. This being on November 1st, 7th, 8th and 9th.

46 Shikra (*Accipiter badius*)

This widespread bird was only recorded on November 2nd.

47 Great Sparrowhawk (*Accipiter melanoleucus*)

A single of this big Accipiter was only recorded in Kibale on November 5th at the bridge.

48 African Harrier-Hawk (*Polyboroides typus*)

Singles were recorded on five dates that is on November 1st, 5th 7th, 8th and 9th.

49 Common Buzzard (*Buteo buteo*)

Recorded only twice in Lake Mburo on November 2nd and in Queen Elizabeth on November 4th.

50 Lesser-spotted Eagle (*Aquila pomarina*)

This species was recorded in Lake Mburo among other raptors.

51 Tawny Eagle (*Aquila rapax*)

Recorded only on November 4th in Queen Elizabeth National Park.

52 Wahlberg's Eagle (*Aquila wahlbergi*)

This bird was recorded on six dates of the trip, Lake Mburo NP and Queen Elizabeth NP being some of the areas it was seen.

53 Bateleur (*Terathopius ecaudatus*)

This beautiful large tailless raptor was recorded on four days of the trip. On 2nd in Lake Mburo NP, on 3rd and 4th in Queen Elizabeth NP and one was recorded November 7th soaring above the escarpment.

54 Long-crested Eagle (*Lophaetus occipitalis*)

This is a very common bird but always seen in singles. It was recorded on five dates of the trip.

55 African Crowned Eagle (*Stephanoeatus coronatus*)

Singles of this big eagle were recorded on 4 days this being on November 5th and 6th in Kibale and 7th and 8th in Budongo forest.

56 Martial Eagle (*Polemaetus bellicosus*)

One was recorded in Lake Mburo National Park on November 1st and in Queen Elizabeth on 4th.

57 Red-necked Falcon (*Falco chicquera*)

Recorded in singles on two days of the trip, it was first recorded on March 16th at Masindi Hotel and on March 18th within Kinyara sugar plantations.

58 Grey Kestrel (*Falco ardosiacus*)

Recorded on four days of the trip the first being on November 1st as we drove to Lake Mburo NP, on November 3rd and 4th in Queen Elizabeth and on November 7th near Kinyara Sugar works.

59 Common Kestrel (*Falco tinnunculus*)

Recorded only once in Queen Elizabeth on November 3rd.

60 Eurasian Hobby (*Falco subbuteo*)

Recorded on three different days, November 2nd in Lake Mburo, and in Queen Elizabeth NP on November 3rd and 5th.

61 African Hobby (*Falco cuvieri*)

Recorded only twice on October 31st and November 1st.

62 Red-necked Falcon (*Falco chicquera*)

A single was recorded on the way from the escarpment.

63 Lanner Falcon (*Falco biarmicus*)

A single was recorded in Kasenyi area perched in an acacia tree.

64 Crested Guineafowl (*Guttera pucherani*)

A few were seen crossing the road in Kibale forest on November 4th.

65 Helmeted Guineafowl (*Numida meleagris*)

This is a very common game bird that we recorded in good numbers at different sites like Lake Mburo NP and Queen Elizabeth on five dates.

66 Crested Francolin (*Francolinus sephaena*)

We recorded this species on November 1st and 2nd in Lake Mburo National Park.

67 Red-necked Spurfowl (*Francolinus afer*)

This is probably the most commonly seen francolin. First recorded on November 1st, 2nd in Lake Mburo NP, and seen on both days in Queen Elizabeth NP.

68 Common Button-Quail (*Turnix sylvatica*)

This small chicken was seen on two days in Queen Elizabeth on November 3rd and 4th.

69 Black-rumped Button-Quail (*Turnix hotentota*)

This species was seen only on November 4th.

70 African Crake (*Crecopsis egregia*)

We got good views of this shy but beautiful bird in four different spots on November 4th in Queen Elizabeth NP.

71 Black Crake (*Amaurornis flavirostra*)

This is our commonly seen wetland crake, a few were seen at Mabamba on November 1st, and then lots more on Kazinga Channel in Queen Elizabeth National Park on November 3rd and 4th.

72 African Jacana (*Actophilornis africanus*)

A widespread wader sometimes called a lily-trotter or Jesus Bird was seen in almost all the wetlands on three dates. First recorded on day one November 1st with numbers going over 30+ at Mabamba swamp, a few more were seen on our way to Lake Mburo on 2nd and more good numbers were recorded on Kazinga Channel on 3rd November.

73 Lesser Jacana (*Microparra capensis*)

Three of this uncommon bird were recorded at Mabamba on day one November 1st.

74 Grey-crowned Crane (*Balearica regulorum*)

Uganda's National bird is meant to be common throughout the country only that its habitat has been disturbed seriously. We recorded it on four days, on November 1st, 2nd, 4th and 7th.

75 Black-bellied Bustard (*Lissotis melanogaster*)

We had good views on all occasions that we saw this bird. Three were seen in Lake Mburo National Park on November 2nd, in Queen Elizabeth National Park on November 4th and while birding Kigulya hill on November 7th.

76 Black-winged Stilt (*Himantopus himantopus*)

First seen at the shores of Lake Victoria while birding the Botanical Gardens on October 31st. More birds were seen in Queen Elizabeth on Kazinga Channel on 3rd.

77 Water Thick-knee (*Burhinus vermiculatus*)

Recorded on four dates November 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th, as it was common at water and muddy areas in Lake Mburo NP and Queen Elizabeth NP.

78 Temminck's Courser (*Cursorius temminckii*)

Four of this beautiful bird, which Douglas Jackson confirmed were seen on a game, drive in Kasenyi area.

79 Spur-winged Plover (*Vanellus sipnosus*)

Recorded on three days of the trip. On November 1st in Lake Mburo, 2nd and 3rd in Queen Elizabeth NP where good numbers were seen during the boat ride on Kazinga Channel.

80 Long-toed Plover (*Vanellus crassirostris*)

This species was only recorded once but good numbers and seen with good views at Mabamba swamp on November 1st.

81 African Wattled Plover (*Vanellus senegallus*)

This grassland-dwelling bird was mostly seen in pairs though once in a while we found small numbers on four dates, in Lake Mburo and Queen Elizabeth from November 1st to 4th .

82 Crowned Plover (*Vanellus coronatus*)

Two pairs of nice looking plover were seen on two on November 2nd and 3rd in Queen Elizabeth.

83 Senegal Plover (*Vanellus lugubris*)

30+ birds were recorded on November 4th in Queen Elizabeth.

84 Brown-chested Plover (*Vanellus superciliosus*)

Over 50 birds were seen in Lake Mburo both on November 1st and 2nd.

85 Kittlitz's Plover (*Charadrius pecuarius*)

Good numbers were seen on Kazinga Channel where 50+ could have been recorded on November 3rd.

86 Three-banded Plover (*Charadrius tricollris*)

This species was recorded on November 3rd and 4th in Queen Elizabeth National Park.

87 Common Ringed Plover (*Charadrius hiaticula*)

This species was only recorded on November 3rd on Kazinga Channel in Queen Elizabeth National Park.

88 Ruff (*Philomachus pugnax*)

About 3 were recorded on November 3rd on Kazinga Channel in Queen Elizabeth National Park.

89 Common Sandpiper (*Actitis hypoleucos*)

Recorded on four dates at the Botanical Gardens, Mabamba swamp, Lake Mburo NP and Queen Elizabeth with a good numbers of 20+ in Queen Elizabeth NP.

90 Wood Sandpiper (*Tringa glareola*)

This common water bird was recorded on three dates at the shores of Lake Vic in the Botanical gardens, Mabamba swamp and Queen Elizabeth NP where we might have seen 20+ birds.

91 Green Sandpiper (*Tringa ochropus*)

This species that was seen in few numbers was only recorded on November 1st.

92 Common Greenshank (*Tringa nebularia*)

Only recorded on November 3rd in Queen Elizabeth NP on the Kazinga Channel.

93 Marsh Sandpiper (*Tringa stagnatilis*)

First recorded at the shores of Lake Vic in the Botanical gardens on October 31st and then several were observed in Queen Elizabeth NP on November 3rd on the Kazinga Channel.

94 Little Stint (*Calidris minuta*)

A few recorded on November 3rd on Kazinga Channel in Queen Elizabeth.

95 Curlew Sandpiper (*Calidris ferruginea*)

Only recorded on Kazinga Channel in Queen Elizabeth November 3rd on a boat trip.

96 Black-tailed Godwit (*Limosa limosa*)

One was seen along the Kazinga Channel in Queen Elizabeth National Park on November 3rd.

97 Grey-headed Gull (*Larus cirrocephalus*)

100+ were seen along the Kazinga Channel in Queen Elizabeth National Park on November 3rd.

98 Lesser Black-backed Gull (*Larus fuscus*)

20+ were seen along the Kazinga Channel in Queen Elizabeth National Park on November 3rd.

99 Heuglin's Gull (*Larus heuglini*)

At least one was seen along the Kazinga Channel in Queen Elizabeth National Park on November 3rd.

100 Gull-billed Tern (*Sterna nilotica*)

First recorded at the shores of Lake Vic in the Botanical gardens on October 31st and then more were seen along the Kazinga Channel in Queen Elizabeth NP on November 3rd and 4th.

101 White-winged Tern (*Chlidonias leucopterus*)

100+ were recorded along the Kazinga Channel in Queen Elizabeth NP on November 3rd and 4th.

102 Whiskered Tern (*Chlidonias hybridus*)

This species was only recorded along the Kazinga Channel in Queen Elizabeth NP on November 3rd.

103 African Skimmer (*Rynchops flavirostris*)

This species was seen in good numbers of about 60+ along the Kazinga Channel in Queen Elizabeth NP on March 3rd.

104 African Green Pigeon (*Treron calva*)

This is a common pigeon though we only recorded it on six dates at different sites.

105 Speckled Pigeon (*Columba guinea*)

This species was recorded on two days November 1st at Kinoni on our way to Lake Mburo and November 2nd on our way to Queen Elizabeth.

106 Feral Pigeon (*Columba livia*)

This urban dwelling species was recorded on two days October 31st and on November 1st on our way to Lake Mburo

107 Emerald-spotted Wood Dove (*Turtur chalcospilos*)

This species was only recorded in Lake Mburo NP on November 2nd since it is restricted in the eastern and southern savannah woodland.

108 Blue -spotted Wood Dove (*Turtur afer*)

The most widespread wood-dove in Uganda and recorded on at least six days of the trip though seen only in a few numbers at different spots.

109 Tambourine Dove (*Turtur tympanistris*)

The forest dweller version of the wood Doves, and therefore widespread and common in Uganda was only recorded on three days. November 5th and 6th in Kibale forest and on 8th in Budongo.

110 Ring Necked Dove (*Streptopelia capicola*)

This is a common dove in the open savannah that was recorded on seven dates of the trip. Small numbers were seen in Lake Mburo NP and good numbers were seen in Queen Elizabeth NP on both days there and a few in the masindi-Budongo area.

111 African Mourning Dove (*Streptopelia decipiens*)

Singles were recorded on November 3rd and 4th in Queen Elizabeth National Park.

112 Red-eyed Dove (*Streptopelia semitorquata*)

May be Uganda's commonest dove, inhabiting a wide range of moist woodland and forest habitats, and was recorded with good numbers on all the dates throughout the trip.

113 Laughing Dove (*Streptopelia senegalensis*)

This species was recorded on seven days during the trip

114 Vinaceous Dove (*Streptopelia vinacea*)

This species was recorded on November 7th at the Escarpment over looking Lake Albert.

115 Brown Parrot (*Poicephalus meyeri*)

This is a moister savannah woodland parrot that we recorded on October 31st in the Botanical Gardens and in Lake Mburo NP on November 1st and 2nd. We heard them every morning at Masindi Hotel.

116 Grey Parrot (*Psittacus erithacus*)

The clever and talking Parrot was only recorded on November 31st in the Botanical Gardens.

117 Red-headed Lovebird (*Agapornis pullarius*)

Two of these beautiful small Parrots were first recorded on November 1st and two again on 2nd in Lake Mburo National Park and on November 8th, we saw eleven.

118 Great Blue Turaco (*Corythaeola cristata*)

This species is probably one of Uganda's most spectacular birds according to most birders though I tend to think that the White-crested is the most beautiful Turaco, and it is common though we recorded it only on five dates with superndous views being on October 31st in the Botanical Gardens.

119 Ross's Turaco (*Musophaga rossae*)

This one is also a cracker and good enough, it was first recorded with stupendous views on October 31st in the Botanical Gardens. Then again, on November 2nd in Lake Mburo and then on 8th as I was calling in the White-crested Turaco on Kigulya hill, they called and when I called back, they came in.

120 White-crested Turaco (*Tauraco leucolophus*)

On November 8th, we struggled see these beautiful Turacos though they responded to my calls as they kept flying over us and landing far away.

121 Bare-faced Go-away Bird (*Corythaeoides personatus*)

We had great views of this species in Lake Mburo National Park both on November 1st and 2nd

122 Eastern Grey Plantain-eater (*Crinifer zonurus*)

This species was recorded on seven days of the trip and it is one of those common birds in Uganda.

123 Levillant's Cuckoo (*Oxylophus levillantii*)

A single was first seen on November 2nd and a second one was recorded in Queen Elizabeth on November 3rd.

124 African Cuckoo (*Cuculus gularis*)

A single was recorded on November 2nd.

125 Red-chested Cuckoo (*Cuculus solitarius*)

This bird was heard calling throughout the trip but was seen only once on November 5th in Kibale NP.

126 Diederik Cuckoo (*Chrysococcyx caprius*)

Though a common bird, we managed to record this species only on two days of the trip.

127 Klaas's Cuckoo (*Chrysococcyx klaas*)

Although we heard this species a lot during the tour, we saw only one male on October 31st in the Botanical Gardens.

128 Yellowbill (*Centromochares aereus*)

This peculiar, cuckoo was recorded on four days of the trip the three being at Budongo.

129 White-browed Coucal (*Centropus superciliosus*)

The commonest coucal and we managed to record on six days of the trip.

130 Blue-headed Coucal (*Centropus monachus*)

This nice looking Coucal was recorded only on November 1st at Mabamba.

131 Verraux's Eagle Owl (*Bubo lacteus*)

We had superndous views of this bird a few meters from Kabatoro gate in acacia trees that I tend to find it most of the time.

132 African Wood Owl (*Strix woodfordii*)

We had superb views when I called them in at Mantana Camp in Kibale on November 5th and she came in ASAP.

133 Swamp nightjar (*Caprimulgus natalensis*)

We recorded it on the evening or should I say night of March 3rd in Queen Elizabeth National Park.

134 Square-tailed Nightjar (*Caprimulgus fossii*)

We got several on the evening or should I say night of March 3rd in Queen Elizabeth National Park.

135 Slender-tailed Nightjar (*Caprimulgus clarus*)

We happened to get a few on the evening of March 3rd in Queen Elizabeth on the same spot for all the three.

136 Long-tailed Nightjar (*Caprimulgus climacurus*)

One came in as I was calling the standard winged and we all agreed that we were happy though we had dipped on the standard winged.

137 Cassin's Spintail (*Neafrapus cassini*)

A few of this species were recorded at the river at the end of the Royal Mile in Budongo forest.

138 Scarce Swift (*Schoutedenapus myoptilus*)

This scarce species was only recorded on November 1st.

139 Little Swift (*Apus affinis*)

First recorded on day two but, day three and day gave us over 700 birds on Kazinga Channel on November 3rd in Queen Elizabeth NP.

140 White-rumped Swift (*Apus caffer*)

First recorded on day two and days three and four gave us good numbers of up 500 in Queen Elizabeth NP feeding on the Kazinga Channel flocking with the little swift.

141 African Black Swift (*Apus barbatus*)

Recorded only once, in Kibale on November 4th.

142 African Palm Swift (*Cypsiurus parvus*)

This common bird was only recorded on three days during the trip but in good numbers.

143 Speckled Mousebird (*Colius striatus*)

When it comes to being common, this species could compete with neibough (yellow-vented Bulbul). This species was recorded every day of the trip.

144 Blue-napped Mousebird (*Urocolius macrourus*)

We recorded this species first in Lake Mburo NP area in good numbers and was seen again with double numbers in Queen Elizabeth NP.

145 Pied Kingfisher (*Ceryle rudis*)

Probably the world's commonest Kingfisher was seen on five days almost in all the wetlands we passed by with peak numbers of over 300 along the Kazinga Channel.

146 Striped Kingfisher (*Halcyon chelicuti*)

Recorded on three days two in Lake Mburo NP on November 1st and 2nd and on November 7th at the escarpment.

147 Grey-headed Kingfisher (*Halcyon leucocephala*)

This beautiful woodland Kingfisher was seen on November 3rd and 4th in Queen Elizabeth NP.

148 Woodland Kingfisher (*Halcyon senegalensis*)

One of the many calls you will hear every now and then among the common birds you will see, we recorded it on five days of the trip.

149 Blue-breasted Kingfisher (*Halcyon malimbica*)

This forest equivalent of the Woodland Kingfisher was only seen on November 5th in Kibale forest.

150 Chocolate-backed Kingfisher (*Halcyon badia*)

A million views at the Royal Mile on November 8th and we were lucky that it came and perched low that we did not have to break our necks as always.

151 Malachite Kingfisher (*Alcedo cristata*)

The common small aquatic Kingfisher was recorded on four days. First at the shores of L. Vic as we birded the Botanical Gardens on October 31st, then Mabamba swamp on November 1st and then good numbers were got along the Kazinga Channel.

152 African Pygmy Kingfisher (*Ispidina picta*)

This small Kingfisher was recorded on four days, first on day one in the Botanical Gardens, and then they replace the Dwarf at the Royal Mile.

153 Little Bee-eater (*Merops pusillus*)

Recorded only twice on November 2nd in Lake Mburo NP and on 3rd in Queen Elizabeth NP.

154 Cinnamon-chested Bee-eater (*Merops oreobates*)

This species was only recorded on November 6th on our way from Kibale area to Budongo.

155 Blue-breasted Bee-eater (*Merops variegatus*)

This species was only recorded at Mabamba on day one November 1st.

156 White-throated Bee-eater (*Merops albicollis*)

Small flocks of this species were recorded on five days of the trip.

157 Black Bee-eater (*Merops gularis*)

Ummmh! What can I say! This magnificent forest Bee-eater was seen well by D. Jackson on his scope, the rest of the members had glimpse on November 6th at Sebitoli on our way to Masindi.

158 Eurasian Bee-eater (*Merops apiaster*)

This species was recorded on five days of the trip the first being on day one in the Botanical Gardens.

159 Broad-billed Roller (*Eurystomus glaucurus*)

This is a common roller throughout the country but it was only recorded on four days of the trip.

160 Eurasian Roller (*Coracias garrulus*)

This sky blue bird could not be missed whenever it showed and was recorded on three days of the trip first in Lake Mburo on November 2nd and then in Queen Elizabeth.

161 Lilac-breasted Roller (*Coracias caudata*)

This species was first recorded on November 1st on our way to Lake Mburo NP and then the following day in Lake Mburo NP.

162 Common Scimitarbill (*Rhinopomastus cyanomelas*)

This species is widespread but surprisingly, it is not easy to see. Indeed a single was recorded on November 2nd in Lake Mburo and two on November 3rd in Queen Elizabeth.

163 Green Wood Hoopoe (*Phoeniculus purpureus*)

This species was recorded only on November 2nd in Lake Mburo National Park.

164 African Grey Hornbill (*Tockus nasutus*)

We recorded it in Lake Mburo NP on November 1st in Queen Elizabeth NP on November 2nd and on November 7th at the escarpment.

165 Crowned Hornbill (*Tockus alboterminatus*)

This species was recorded only on three days of the trip, the first being on day one October 31st in the Botanical Gardens.

166 African Pied Hornbill (*Tockus fasciatus*)

This species is more localised than the crowned and we only recorded it twice on the first and second.

167 Black & White casqued Hornbill (*Ceratogymna subcylindricus*)

We recorded this species on seven days at many locations. Big numbers were recorded in the Budongo area.

168 White-thighed Hornbill (*Ceratogymna albotibialis*)

We only saw this species in Budongo Forest, where we easily got them having records for three days.

169 Yellow-rumped Tinkerbird (*Pogoniulus bilineatus*)

This species occur in both the savannah and forest and can be heard almost throughout the day though we saw it only on two days October 31st in the Botanical Gardens and November 5th in Kibale forest.

170 Yellow-throated Tinkerbird (*Pogoniulus subsulphureus*)

This species was only recorded on November 5th as we birded the main road in Kibale.

171 Speckled Tinkerbird (*Pogoniulus scolopaceus*)

Recorded on five dates two being in Kibale and then November 7th, 8th and 9th in Budongo forest.

172 Grey-throated Barbet (*Gymnobucco bonaparti*)

We recorded species only on November 6th about two kilometres after Sebitoli.

173 Spot-flanked Barbet (*Trycholaema lacrymosa*)

We recorded this savannah dweller only in Lake Mburo NP on November 2nd.

174 Hairy-breasted Barbet (*Trycholaema hirsuta*)

First recorded on November 5th a few metres away from Kanyanchu Visitors centre and then on 6th at Sebitoli and superndous views at Busingiro.

175 Yellow-spotted Barbet (*Buccanodon ducbaillui*)

We first recorded this species Kanyanchu visitors Centre on November 5th and then at Sebitoli on November 6th.

176 White-headed Barbet (*Lybius leucocephalus*)

This localised and somehow elusive Barbet was only recorded on October 31st.

177 Double toothed Barbet (*Lybius bidentatus*).

This beautiful bird with a beak that looks like a saw was only recorded on November 5th.

178 Yellow-billed Barbet (*Trachyphonus purpuratus*)

This elusive forest Barbet is always heard than seen. We were lucky when it called at Mantana camp during lunchtime. I called back and there it was and every group member left the table and in a split of a second, wow! What a beauty! Is what they all said.

179 Lesser Honeyguide (*Indicator minor*)

This species was recorded once on November 5th being chased by a grey-backed cameraoperator.

180 Brown-eared Woodpecker (*Campethera caroli*)

Only recorded at the Royal Mile on November 8th and 9th.

181 Nubian Woodpecker (*Campethera nubica*)

This savannah dweller was only recorded on November 2nd in Lake Mburo National Park.

182 Yellow-crested Woodpecker (*Dendropicos xantholophus*)

A forest pecker that one has to struggle to see the yellow crest, was first seen at Busingiro on November 7th and again on 9th at the Royal mile.

183 Grey Woodpecker (*Dendropicos goertae*)

We first saw it at the Botanical Gardens on October 31st, and was recorded again on November 1st.

184 Rufous-napped Lark (*Mirafra africana*)

First recorded on November 1st on our way to Lake Mburo and single birds as usual were seen in Queen Elizabeth NP atop shrubs singing their heart out on November 3rd and 4th.

185 Flappet Lark (*Mirafra rufocinnamomea*)

This is the most widespread Lark though it was recorded only on three days November 2nd, 3rd and 4th in Queen Elizabeth NP.

186 White-tailed Lark (*Mirafra albicauda*)

We recorded this species only on one day in Queen Elizabeth NP on November 4th.

187 Sand Martin (*Riparia riparia*)

Good numbers of this common hirundine were recorded on November 3rd in Queen Elizabeth NP.

188 Banded Martin (*Riparia cincta*)

First recorded on November 1st and then again in Queen Elizabeth NP on 3rd.

189 Mosque Swallow (*Hirundo senegalensis*)

We only records this raptor like swallow once on November 1st.

190 Rufous-chested Swallow (*Hirundo semirufa*)

This is another hirundine that we recorded only on tow dates, in Queen Elizabeth NP.

191 Red-rumped Swallow (*Hirundo daurica*)

Recorded on November 3rd and 4th in Queen Elizabeth National Park.

192 Lesser Striped Swallow (*Hirundo abyssinica*)

This is a widespread and common hirundine, but surprisingly we recorded in only on November 1st, 3rd and 4th.

193 Barn Swallow (*Hirundo rustica*)

This species was recorded on six days of the trip on wires and some times flocking with Angola Swallows.

194 Angola Swallow (*Hirundo angolensis*)

This is another common hirundine; indeed it was missed only twice during the whole trip and it was seen in good numbers.

195 White-headed Saw-wing (*Psalidoprocne albiceps*)

First seen on October 31st, and then more records came in on November 6th and 8th.

196 Black Saw-wing (*Psalidoprocne holomelas*)

This species was first recorded on November 2nd and then again 8th as they drunk water at the end of the Royal Mile.

197 African Pied Wagtail (*Motacilla aguimp*)

A common bird seen almost at any court yard and was recorded everyday of the trip

198 Mountain Wagtail (*Motacilla clara*)

This species was needed by all group members apart from me of course and good views were had on November 5th and 6th at the bridge in Kibale forest.

199 Yellow Wagtail (*Motacilla flava*)

These were found mostly in open country and forest. We recorded them on all days of the trip.

200 Yellow-throated Longclaw (*Macronyx croceus*)

This is a common bird although it was recorded only on three days of the trip in Lake Mburo and Queen Elizabeth National Park.

201 Grassland Pipit (*Anthus cinnamomeus*)

We only recorded on November 7th in the Budongo area.

202 Plain-backed Pipit (*Anthus leucophrys*)

This common bird was only recorded on November 2nd and 3rd in Queen Elizabeth National Park.

203 Western Nicator (*Nicator caesia*)

Recorded near Kanyanchu visitors centre on November 5th and then again 6th at Sebitoli.

204 Common Bulbul (*Pycnonotus barbatus*)

This species that will be found in any habitat was recorded on everyday of the trip, with daily counts going over 30 some days.

205 Little Greenbul (*Andropadus virens*)

This is a common forest Greenbul that is most heard than seen. We recorded it on three days of the trip, November 5th, 6th and 8th.

206 Slender-billed Greenbul (*Andropadus gracilirostris*)

We first recorded this species on November 5th at Kanyanchu area, then on 6th at Sebitoli, Busingiro and on 9th at the Royal Mile in the Budongo Forest.

207 Little Grey Greenbul (*Andropadus gracilis*)

One of the small greenbuls, was recorded only on November 8th at the Royal Mile.

208 Cameroon Sombre Greenbul (*Andropadus curvirostris*)

This nondescript greenbul was recorded only once the Royal Mile on November 7th.

209 Yellow-whiskered Greenbul (*Andropadus latirostris*)

This an unmistakable greenbul because of the bright yellow whiskers on it throat, was recorded only on November 8th at the Royal Mile.

210 Yellow-throated Greenbul (*Chlorocichla flavicollis*)

First recoded on October 31st and then again on November 2nd.

211 Honeyguide Greenbul (*Baeopogon indicator*)

This honeyguide like greenbul was recorded only once during our walk on the main road below Kanyanchu on November 5th.

212 Forest Robin (*Stiphrornis erythrobirax*)

This small Robin was only recorded on November 8th during the walk at Royal Mile.

213 White-browed Robin-chat (*Cossypha heuglini*)

We recorded this species on three days of the trip on November 1st and on both day in Queen Elizabeth NP. We could have got 40+ in Queen Elizabeth NP as they called and sang atop Euphorbias during the morning and evening drives and in the Lodge compound.

214 Snowy-headed Robin-chat (*Cossypha niveicapilla*)

This mimicking Chat was recorded only on November 5th in Kibale.

215 African Thrush (*Turdus pelios*)

The commonest Thrush, individuals were recorded on six dates of the trip right from day one.

216 White-tailed Ant-thrush (*Neocossyphus poensis*)

This unmistakable bird when seen well since you see the white outer tail feathers well, was recorded on November 5th in Kibale.

217 Rufous Flycatcher-thrush (*Neocossyphus fraseri*)

This forest dweller was recorded only on November 7th at Busingiro in Budongo forest.

218 Sooty Anteater Chat (*Myrmecocichla nigra*)

These were recorded on five dates of the trip at different locations like Mabamba area, lake Mburo NP, Queen Elizabeth NP and Kibale.

219 Common Stonechat (*Saxicola tarquata*)

This widespread species in high altitude areas was recorded only once, on November 6th on electric wires between Fort portal and Kyenjojo on our way to Masindi.

220 Whinchat (*Saxicola rubetra*)

First recorded on day two but good number were recorded in the open country for four more days in Queen Elizabeth NP and Bunyoro area.

221 Northern Wheatear (*Oenanthe oenanthe*)

This species was only recorded on November 2nd and 4th in Queen Elizabeth National Park.

222 Brown-backed Scrub-robin (*Cercotrichas hartlaubi*)

This species was recorded on November 6th as we drove from Mantana camp to sebitoli in Kibale forest.

223 Willow Warbler (*Phylloscopus trochilus*)

This species is usually seen in small numbers and it was recorded on three days of the trip from day one.

224 Green Hylia (*Hylia prasina*)

The calls of this species were commonly heard in the forests but were only seen once on November 7th at Busingiro.

225 Green Crombec (*Sylvietta virens*)

This species is the commonest forest Crombec though it was recorded only on November 5th in Kibale.

226 Lemon-bellied Crombec (*Sylvietta denti*)

We were lucky to record this uncommon species both on November 8th at the Royal Mile.

227 Grey Longbill (*Macrosphenus concolor*)

This species was recorded on November 7th at Busingiro in Budongo forest.

228 Rufous-crowned Eremomela (*Eremomela badiceps*)

We first recorded this quite attractive species at Busingiro on November 7th and more on November 8th at the Royal Mile.

229 African Moustached Warbler (*Melodichla mentalis*)

We first recorded this attractive darling of rank grass Warbler on the way to Lake Mburo on November 1st and then in Queen Elizabeth NP on November 3rd .

230 Broad-tailed Warbler (*Schoenicola platyura*)

A bird that seems to have difficulty with flying due to the broad tail was recorded on November 3rd in Queen Elizabeth.

231 Zitting Cisticola (*Cisticola juncidis*)

The most widespread and common cisticola although we only recorded it on November 3rd, 4th and 7th.

232 Chubb's Cisticola (*Cisticola chubbii*)

This species was only recorded on November 6th at sebitoli in Kibale Forest.

233 Crocking Cisticola (*Cisticola natalensis*)

We had good views of this species on November 3rd in Queen Elizabeth National Park.

234 Winding Cisticola (*Cisticola galactotes*)

First recorded on November 1st at Mabamba swamp with number over 30+ and then on November 3rd and 4th in Queen Elizabeth.

235 Singing Cisticola (*Cisticola cantans*)

This was recorded on November 8th while birding the Kigulya hill.

236 Red-faced Cisticola (*Cisticola erythrops*)

This is a common and vocal species, but was only recorded thrice during the whole trip on November 5th, 6th and 7th.

237 Trilling Cisticola (*Cisticola woosnami*)

A good number was recorded in Lake Mburo NP both on November 1st and 2nd, and more were heard in Queen Elizabeth NP.

238 Whistling Cisticola (*Cisticola lateralis*)

A single was recorded on November 8th with a few more on November 9th.

239 Siffiling Cisticola (*Cisticola brachypterus*)

We recorded this species only on November 3rd in Queen Elizabeth National Park.

240 Foxy Cisticola (*Cisticola troglodytes*)

We had superb views of this dry acacia savannah Cisticola at the escarpment on November 7th after struggling to it.

241 Long-tailed Cisticola (*Cisticola angusticaudus*)

A single of this uniquely long-tailed Cisticola that is not supposed to be in Uganda according to the distribution map was seen in Lake Mburo NP on November 2nd.

242 Tawny-flanked Prinia (*Prinia subflava*)

This is a very common bird that you even see in the middle of Cities and towns, but it was only recorded on five dates of the trip.

243 White-chinned Prinia (*Prinia leucopogon*)

This species was only recorded on November 6th at Sebitoli in Kibale forest.

244 Grey-capped Warbler (*Eminia lepid*)

First recorded on day one at the shores of Lake Victoria in the Botanic Gardens and then had good views on November 3rd in Queen Elizabeth NP.

245 Grey-backed Camaroptera (*Camaroptera brachyura*)

We could hear the calls of this bleating warbler everyday of the trip at all the locations we visited and we recorded it on seven days of the trip.

246 Yellow-breasted Apalis (*Apalis flavida*)

Though this woodland apalis is meant to be widespread, we recorded it only in Lake Mburo NP on November 2nd.

247 Buff-throated Apalis (*Apalis rufogularis*)

This is another common but canopy dwelling apalis that we only recorded on November 7th and Busingiro and on 8th at the Royal Mile.

248 Black-throated Apalis (*Apalis jacksoni*)

This is one of the commonest forest apalises though we recorded it only once at the Royal Mile on November 8th.

249 Masked Apalis (*Apalis binotata*)

This species is largely restricted to Kibale Forest NP at Sebitoli site, and this is where we had superb views when they responded to my call on November 6th.

250 Black-capped Apalis (*Apalis nigriceps*)

This species was only recorded at the Royal Mile on November 8th.

251 Northern Black Flycatcher (*Melaenornis edolioides*)

First recorded on day one and then on three more days with good numbers being recorded in Queen Elizabeth NP.

252 Ashy Flycatcher (*Muscicapa caerulescens*)

Recorded on November 1st and 2nd in Lake Mburo National Park.

253 Spotted Flycatcher (*Muscicapa striata*)

This widespread Palearctic migrant September – April was recorded on three dates. Three seen on October 31st in the Botanical Gardens and on November 4th and 7th.

254 African Dusky Flycatcher (*Muscicapa adusta*)

A common forest edge species was only recorded on November 5th in Kibale forest.

255 Grey-throated Flycatcher (*Myioparus griseigularis*)

This cousin of the Lead-coloured Flycatcher is a forest dweller, and was recorded on November 5th and 6th in Kibale and then again at the Royal Mile.

256 Swamp Flycatcher (*Muscicapa aquatica*)

First seen at the shores of Lake Victoria on October 31st and then on November 2nd, 3rd and 4th in Queen Elizabeth where they even welcome you at the Lodge reception.

257 Cassin's Grey Flycatcher (*Muscicapa cassini*)

We first recorded this species at the bridge passed Kanyanchu in Kibale Forest NP on November 5th and 6th.

258 Sooty Flycatcher (*Muscicapa fuliginosa*)

First recorded at Sebitoli on November 6th and on 7th at Busingiro in Budongo forest.

259 Chin-spot Batis (*Batis molitor*)

This widespread species was only recorded on November 7th at the escarpment.

260 Ituri Batis (*Batis ituriensis*)

This difficult to get species was in the canopy as usual but we managed to get it on the scope and every one saw it.

261 African Shrike-Flycatcher (*Bias flammulatus*)

This striking black and white bird with a striking female was first recorded on November 5th at the bridge in Kibale and then 8th at the Royal Mile.

262 Black-&-white Shrike- Flycatcher (*Bias musicus*)

We only recorded this species during the swamp walk at Mantana camp, where we got good views of both a male and a female.

263 Chestnut Wattle-eye (*Platysteira castanea*)

We recorded this species on November 5th in Kibale Forest and then on November 7th at Busingiro.

264 Common Wattle-eye (*Platysteira cyanea*)

This species was recorded on three dates of the trip, November 1st, 3rd and 5th.

265 African Paradise Flycatcher (*Terpsiphone viridis*)

This highly variable species with two distinct colour morphs, rufous, white and many other variation was recorded only on October 31st and November 2nd.

266 Red-bellied Paradise-Flycatcher (*Terpsiphone rufiventer*)

This stunning mid level forest dweller was recorded on November 5th near Kanyanchu and at Sebitoli on November 6th.

267 African Blue-Flycatcher (*Elminia longicauda*)

First recorded on October 31st in the Botanical Gardens and then again on November 1st and 5th.

268 Chestnut-capped Flycatcher (*Erythrocerus mccallii*)

Budongo forest being the only site you can find this species in Uganda, one was recorded at the Royal Mile on November 8th.

269 Arrow-marked Babbler (*Turdoides jardineii*)

We recorded this species only on November 1st on our way to Lake Mburo.

270 Black-lored Babbler (*Turdoides sharpei*)

We recorded this species on four days of the trip that is in Lake Mburo and Queen Elizabeth National Park.

271 Dusky Tit (*Parus funereus*)

272 This species was only recorded on November 7th at Busingiro in Budongo forest.

273 Tit-Hylia (*Pholidornis rufibae*)

This species was seen foraging in the canopy at Busingiro in Budongo forest on November 7th.

274 African Yellow White-eye (*Zosterops senegalensis*)

This is the only white eye in Uganda and is a common bird in woodland habitat though we only recorded it on October 31st, November 1st and 5th.

275 Bronze Sunbird (*Nectarinia kilimensis*)

Recorded only on November 6th between Kiko tea estate and Sebitoli on our way to Masindi.

276 Green-headed Sunbird (*Nectarinia verticalis*)

One other common sunbird though only recorded on October 31st in the Botanical Gardens.

277 Olive-bellied Sunbird (*Nectarinia chloropygi*)

First recorded on day one in the Botanical Gardens on October 31st and on other days like November 5th in Kibale forest.

278 Green Sunbird (*Anthreptes rectirostris*)

This species was only recorded in Kibale. Along the main road near Kanyanchu on November 5th and Sebitoli on 6th.

279 Olive Sunbird (*Nectarinia olivacea*)

This is a common bird though it was recorded only in Kibale. Along the main road near Kanyanchu on November 5th and Sebitoli on 6th.

280 Grey-headed Sunbird (*Anthreptes axillaris*)

This Warbler like Sunbird was only recorded at the Busingiro site in Budongo forest on November 7th.

281 Copper Sunbird (*Nectarinia cuprea*)

We had good views of males at different locations on November 2nd, 3rd and 4th in Queen Elizabeth and Budongo area on November 8th and 9th.

282 Superb Sunbird (*Nectarinia superba*)

We got superb views first on October 31st and on November 6th at Sebitoli and Busingiro on 7th.

283 Marico Sunbird (*Nectarinia bifasciata*)

This purple-banded look alike, was first recorded on day one October 31st and then on November 2nd and 3rd.

284 Scarlet-chested Sunbird (*Nectarinia verticalis*)

This is a common species, though we recorded it only on four days of the trip at places like Botanical Gardens, Lake Mburo NP, Queen Elizabeth NP and others.

285 Red-chested Sunbird (*Nectarinia erythrocerca*)

This is another common sunbird that I keep thinking has got a wrong name. We only recorded it on four days of the trip.

286 Collared Sunbird (*Anthreptes collaris*)

I take it to be the commonest anthreptes, though we recorded it only twice during the trip.

287 Blue-throated Sunbird (*Nectarinia chanaolaema*)

This dark sunbird with a striking blue throat was recorded on November 5th and 6th in Kibale forest.

288 Common Fiscal (*Anius collaris*)

This species is not as common as its name suggests though, in some places it may be seen frequently. We managed to record it on two days of the trip in Queen Elizabeth.

289 Grey-backed Fiscal (*Lanius excubitoroides*)

This is the commonest fiscal that can be seen all over the country but was recorded on four dates during the trip.

290 Mackinnon's fiscal (*Lanius mackinnoni*)

A single was recorded on November 6th on an electric wire as we drove towards Sebitoli.

291 Lesser Grey Shrike (*Lanius minor*)

This species was recorded in Queen Elizabeth on November 4th.

292 Isabelline Shrike (*Lanius isabellinus*)

This was recorded as we drove towards the escarpment over looking Lake Albert.

293 Red-backed Shrike (*Lanius collurio*)

We had good views of this species in Lake Mburo on November 2nd and in Queen Elizabeth on 3rd and 4th.

294 Luhder's Bush-shrike (*Laniarius luehderi*)

Four individuals were recorded at Sebitoli on November 6th at the same spot where we got the many-coloured Bush-shrike.

295 Black-headed Gonolek (*Laniarius erythrogaster*)

Recorded on November 2nd, 3rd and 4th with good views in Queen Elizabeth National Park with numbers that could go to 20+ pairs.

296 Papyrus Gonolek (*Laniarius mufumbiri*)

One of Uganda's papyrus specialities, we had closer views of a pair of this colourful birds at the Kazinga Channel bridge that I called in on November 4th and all the members saw them when they responded to my call.

297 Northern Puffback (*Dryoscopus gambensis*)

Only recorded on day one in the Botanical Gardens.

298 Black-crowned Tchagra (*Tchagra senegala*)

This species was recorded on two dates in Queen Elizabeth NP on November 3rd and 4th.

299 Marsh Tchagra (*Tchagra minuta*)

A pair of this cracker was recorded on November 3rd a kilometre out of Kabatoro gate in Queen Elizabeth NP.

300 Many-coloured Bush-shrike (*Malaconotus multicolor*)

We recorded this species at Sebitoli on November 6th when it responded to my whistle (call).

301 Fork-tailed Drongo (*Dicrurus adsimilis*)

This common bird in savannah areas was only recorded on four dates with good number of over 20+ being got in Lake Mburo and Queen Elizabeth NP.

302 Velvet-mantled Drongo (*Dicrurus modestus*)

A single was recorded in Kibale as we waited for the Shining Blue Kingfisher at the bridge and it took off as soon as the Great sparrowhawk perched in the same tree.

303 Piapiac (*Ptilostomus afer*)

A couple of this small crow were recorded on November 7th as we were driving out of Masindi Hotel for Busingiro.

304 Pied Crow (*Corvus albus*)

A common bird, but recorded only on five days of the trip.

305 African Black-headed Oriole (*Oriolus larvatus*)

This species was only recorded once on November 2nd in Lake Mburo NP.

306 Western Black-headed Oriole (*Oriolus brachyrhynchus*)

This forest dwelling species was recorded on November 5th and 6th in Kibale and then were again seen in small numbers in Budongo forest both at Busingiro and the Royal mile from November 7th –9th.

307 Yellow-billed Oxpecker (*Buphagus africanus*)

Seen on Buffaloes November 1st and 2nd in Lake Mburo NP, and a good number recorded in Queen Elizabeth NP both on November 3rd and 14th.

308 Narrow-tailed Starling (*Poeyoptera lugolris*)

This slim Starling with a graduated tail was recorded on November 6th at Sebitoli in Kibale National Park.

309 Waller's Starling (*Onychognathus walleri*)

This species was recorded on November 6th at Sebitoli in Kibale National Park.

310 Greater Blue-eared Starling (*Lamprotornis chalybaeus*)

Recorded only in Lake Mburo National Park on November 2nd.

311 Lesser Blue-eared Starling (*Lamprotornis chalcurus*)

This Starling that is similar to Greater Blue-eared Starling, including blue ear-coverts and yellow eyes but a little brighter was recorded on November 7th at the escarpment.

312 Ruppell's Long-tailed Starling (*Lamprotornis purpuropterus*)

This is one common Starling in the whole country. Recorded on all days, numbers of up to 50 could have been recorded on some days.

313 Purple-headed Starling (*Lamprotornis purpureiceps*)

This forest Starling was first seen on November 5th as we birded the main road in near Kanyanchu and then again on November 6th at Sebitoli in Kibale forest on the main Fort portal-Kampala road.

314 Splendid Glossy Starling (*Lamprotornis splendidus*)

First seen on day one in the Botanical gardens and on November 2nd in Lake Mburo NP.

315 Wattled Starling (*Creatophora cinerea*)

This species was recorded in Lake Mburo NP on November 1st and 2nd.

316 Grey-headed Sparrow (*Passer griseus*)

This is the commonest sparrow that you cannot miss daily and was recorded on all days of the trip.

317 Chestnut-crowned Sparrow-Weaver (*Plocepasser superciliosus*)

The species is uncommon but we managed to nail them at the escarpment on November 7th.

318 Black-headed Weaver (*Ploceus cucullatus*)

This is the commonest Weaver, with large colonies seen in villages and trading centres. First seen at Entebbe International Airport, as it is the first one to welcome you before the Red-chested Sunbird comes in and was recorded on nine days.

319 Lesser-masked Weaver (*Ploceus intermedius*)

We first recorded this species in Lake Mburo NP on November 2nd and everyday we were in Queen National NP.

320 Spectacled Weaver (*Ploceus ocularis*)

The only record we had was on November 2nd at the shores of Lake Mburo.

321 Black-necked Weaver (*Ploceus nigricollis*)

This is a common forest edge weaver that we recorded only on November 5th in Kibale and 7th at Busingiro.

322 Baglafaecht Weaver (*Ploceus baglafaecht*)

These were first recorded on day one in the Botanical Gardens and the then again on November 3rd in Queen Elizabeth and 8th near Budongo forest.

323 Grosbeak Weaver (*Amblyospiza albifrons*)

Flocks we seen flying over us on November 5th as we walked near the Mantana camp and then again 7th and 8th in Budongo area.

324 Slender-billed Weaver (*Ploceus pelzelni*)

These tiny species are very common and were first recoded on day one, and in Queen Elizabeth NP where like the Yellow-backed, individuals come in good numbers up to the tables share with you the meals and again in Kibale on November 5th.

325 Yellow-backed Weaver (*Ploceus melanocephalus*)

We got good numbers in Queen Elizabeth NP as individuals come up to the tables to feed on anything during any meal outside the restaurant at Mweya Safari Lodge.

326 Northern brown-throated Weaver (*Ploceus castanops*)

Only recorded at Mabamba swamp on November 1st.

327 Compact Weaver (*Pachyphantes superciliosus*)

A few individuals of this grassland dwelling species, were observed in the cultivated area near the Royal Mile on November 9th.

328 Orange Weaver (*Ploceus xanthops*)

Recorded only on October 31st in the Botanical Gardens.

329 Vieillot's Black Weaver (*Ploceus nigerrimus*)

This is another common weaver but was only recorded on four days of the trip.

330 Red-billed Quelea (*Quelea quelea*)

Several flocks of between 50+ and 200+ were seen in Queen Elizabeth NP all the days we were there.

331 345. Red-collared Widowbird (*Euplectes ardens*)

Flocks were recorded on November 8th and 9th as we drove passed the sugar cane plantations towards Budongo.

332 Fan-tailed Widowbird (*Euplectes axillaris*)

This is a common bird though we recorded it only on three dates on some dates seeing over 20 daily.

333 Black Bishop (*Euplectes diervii*)

First recorded on November 5th near Mantana camp and we got it again on November 7th.

334 Yellow-mantled Widowbird (*Euplectes macrourus*)

Singles were recorded on November 7th as we drove passed the sugar cane plantations towards Budongo.

335 Southern Red Bishop (*Euplectes Orix*)

This species was recorded in Queen Elizabeth NP where they were seen daily on November 3rd and 4th.

336 Northern Red Bishop (*Euplectes franciscanus*)

This cousin to the Southern red was recorded near the escarpment on November 7th.

337 Black-winged Red Bishop (*Euplectes bordeaceus*)

This species was recorded on November 7th near the escarpment.

338 Grey-headed Negrofinch (*Nigrita canicapilla*)

This is another common bird but was recorded only on November 5th during the walk on the main road near Kanyanchu and on November 7th at Busingiro.

339 White-breasted Negrofinch (*Nigrita fusconota*)

Though commonly seen in forest canopies, we managed to record it on two days. November 5th and 6th in Kibale.

340 Red-winged Pytilia (*Pytilia phoenicoptera*)

Good views of this beautiful finch was got on November 7th at the escarpment when a pair landed right in front of us.

341 Brown Twinspot (*Olytospiza monteiri*)

On November 9th as we were looking at the Compact weaver, this beautiful Twinspot called. I called back and I happened to hear one responding and there they were in the cultivated area near the Royal Mile.

342 Red-headed Bluebill (*Spermophaga ruficapilla*)

This is a beautiful but a very slippery seedeater. We managed to record it at the royal mile on November 8th.

343 Red-cheeked Cordon-blue (*Uraeginthus bengalus*)

This species was only recorded on November 7th.

344 Red-billed Firefinch (*Lagonosticta senegala*)

The commonly recorded firefinch, and most found around homesteads and we recorded it on three days.

345 Common Waxbill (*Estrilda astrild*)

Recorded on November 1st Mabamba swamp and again on 4th in Queen Elizabeth NP.

346 Black-crowned Waxbill (*Estrilda nonnula*).

A few of this beautiful waxbill were seen as we walked near Mantana tented Camp.

347 Bronze Mannikin (*Lonchura cucullata*)

Though recorded on only five dates, we should have seen this species on all the ten dates as it is very common always seen feeding on grass seeds.

348 Black-&-white Mannikin (*Lonchura bicolor*)

This species was first recorded on day one in the Botanical Gardens and then again on November 5th and 8th.

349 Pin-tailed Whydah (*Vidua macroura*)

This fairly common species was recorded on five dates with good views almost all the times.

350 Village Indigobird (*Vidua chalybeata*)

This small black widowfinch was recorded on November 3rd and 7th.

351 Yellow-fronted Canary (*Serinus mozambicus*)

Recorded on three dates with the first being on October 31st and November 3rd and 4th.

352 Cinnamon-breasted Rock Bunting (*Emberiza tahapisi*)

A few of this rufous brown Bunting were recorded as we birded the escarpment on November 7th.

353 Golden-breasted Bunting (*Emberiza flaviventris*)

This species was also recorded on November 7th while birding the escarpment.

354 Cabani's Bunting (*Emberiza cabanisi*)

I heard this beautiful Bunting calling and it responded to my call as we birded Kigulya hill.