Uganda's Mammals and Mountains

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Day 1

Sunday 8th October

Our overnight flight from London Heathrow to Entebbe took off just a little later than scheduled and as luck would have it three of us were upgraded to Club Class. No argument from us there then.

Day 2 Monday 9th October

We landed at Entebbe airport more or less on time and after the usual red tape that seems par for the course these days we collected our baggage and were warmly welcomed by our guides Johnnie and Brighton and a delightful young lady with the charming name of Peace. Johnnie and Brighton were to be our guides for the duration of the trip and after dropping Peace off at the office headquarters in Kampala we made our way south west along the shores of Lake Victoria to the Lake Mburo National Park. It was a very pleasant seven hour drive with lots of varied sightings along the way giving us a good introduction to Uganda. By the time we reached the Mantana Tented Camp we were pretty travel weary but spirits were high as we settled into our comfortable traditional African safari type tents.

There was ample time to wind down and relax before going out on a late afternoon game drive and it was with great excitement and anticipation that we set off along the narrow dusty red trails of the reserve. It's always thrilling to get the first glimpses of the local wildlife and we were not disappointed with good views of Hippo, lots of Warthog, Impala, the delicate Oribi and the long-faced Topi which is a sort of Hartebeest. It was also interesting to see the domesticated Ankole cattle with their massive horns and rich mahogany colouring.

There were plenty of birds to delight and confuse us including Rüppell's Long-Tailed Starling which seemed to be everywhere, Grey-backed Fiscal Shrike, Speckled Mousebird, Go-away Bird, Crowned Crane and Fan-tailed Widowbird which seemed to have a penchant for riding the dancing papyrus stems. Birds of prey were in excellent numbers especially Black Kite and Common (Steppe) Buzzard but the more spectacular Wahlberg's Eagle, African Fish Eagle, Marshall's Eagle and a stunning pair of Bateleur Eagles were all there to admire.

Discussion over dinner was lively and entertaining and although we were all pretty shattered by the time we turned in there was high expectation about all the new things we may encounter as the week wears on.

Day 3

Tuesday 10th October

Breakfast was at seven o'clock and we were all eager to get out on our boat trip on Lake Mburo which is just one of fifteen small lakes within the park making a superb wetland habitat for both birds and mammals. Our boatman, a sharp eyed chap named Moses, did an excellent job and almost from the word go there was so much to see from the tiny Malachite Kingfisher to its very much larger cousin the Giant Kingfisher. There was the secretive White-backed Night Heron and the more familiar Squacco Heron. There were Common, Wood, and Green Sandpipers, and an unexpected Yellowbill which looked as if it had come straight out of a Disney cartoon, but the icing on the cake was the elusive African Finfoot which to some people is almost akin to the Holy Grail. So we were more than pleased with our first proper birdwatching jaunt and when we got back to the lakeside shore we thanked Moses for his valuable expertise and then as we were preparing to get into the vehicles a dapper African Pied Wagtail perched very obligingly on one of the vans as if to say 'Hey, don't forget about me' as it posed rather cheekily for our cameras.

We then set off on the four hour journey to the picturesque Lake Bunyoni which is at an altitude of about 2,000m in the western hills and we certainly did notice the drop in temperature and gradual change of habitat as we climbed steadily higher.

We stopped off in the town of Kabale to have a spot of lunch and most of the group sensibly played safe and opted for the omelettes. As always it is a bit of an eye-opener when travelling through the villages of rural Africa which to our western eyes seem run down and shabby but the people are full of smiles and warmth so any lack of monetary wealth is certainly made up for by their sheer exuberance for life.

We drove the short distance to the White Horse Lodge and arrived just after four o'clock and settled into our very comfortable rooms which enjoy terrific elevated views over the town and surrounding tiered agricultural fields. We had a couple of hours to relax as we'd decided not to take the afternoon boat trip because of some heavy showers and while some of us just chilled out others wandered around the immediate garden area trying to get to grips with some of the smaller avian delights which flitted enticingly among the shrubbery. There was one tree that seemed to be cloaked in a sort of hairy bark but on closer examination it turned out to be a colony of some sort of fruit bat which, obviously, evoked much interest.

We met up around seven o'clock to go through the very long checklist which seems to be bulking up very nicely indeed, a lot of this due to the fact that Johnnie is proving to be an excellent birding guide and once again a very convivial meal was enjoyed with plenty to talk about and discuss before we eventually turned in around ten thirty

Day 4

Wednesday 11th October

We were packed and ready to go straight after breakfast and after leaving the lodge made for the lake where we were to have our morning boat ride. The weather, today, was just perfect with clear blue skies affording great visibility across the lake and as we made our way over to a small island a couple of the group briefly spotted an otter but, unfortunately, it were just too fast for most of us to get on to. However we enjoyed a smashing walk around the island which was fringed with the feathery heads of papyrus and stunning pink water lilies shimmered in the clear morning light. A few new birds were noted as we walked including Bronze Sunbird, Black-crowned Waxbill and Rufous-chested Bee-eater.

All too soon it was time to get back on the road again for another four hours of extremely bone-shaking roads as we made our way into the heart of Uganda's rainforest highlands and the wonderfully named Bwindi Impeneratable Forest.

We arrived at Bwindi camp in the late afternoon and although it was typical rainforest weather, i.e. chucking it down, we were welcomed into the camp with some hot coffee, umbrellas and big warm smiles. The tents are; I think the word I need is 'basic' but adequate, and everyone is extremely buoyed up in anticipation of tomorrow and the group as a whole is really getting on famously. Hopefully everybody has got fully charged camera batteries as the camp runs on solar power and it is tilly lamps that will light our way tonight which all adds to the ambience and excitement.

Day 5

Thursday 12th October

There was a great buzz in the camp this morning as we were split up into three different groups and given our briefing about what to expect from the day. We were told that there are, in fact, three habituated groups of gorilla, the groups being named 'H' 'M' and 'R'. Most of our party were allocated 'R' group which luckily for us involved the least arduous trek. Tom and Paul were put into a different group which would require a bit more stamina, but then we knew they were up to it! We were then allocated our own individual 'bearers' who would look after all our needs such as carrying our packs or aiding us up and down the sometimes slippery terrain. We then set off and within a little more than half an hour there we were some 5 metres away from a family group of fifteen gorillas. We'd already been told that there were fourteen individuals in the 'R' group but during the night a new little baby had been born. How lucky were we?

We watched in hushed reverence, hardly daring to breathe as we looked upon this family group of one amazing 'silverback', his five wives and gaggle of children of all ages. They threw us a few half interested glances but just making the briefest of eye contact with these, our nearest cousins, was an experience so special that words just seem inadequate. Reluctantly we eventually had to leave knowing that we'd never ever forget this wonderful experience, it had been everything that we'd hoped for and much, much more.

We got back to the camp around two-thirty and had a spot of lunch followed by a leisurely stroll around the camp trying to photograph the abundance of butterflies and birdlife that surrounded us. There were several good birds to observe including Red-capped Robin-Chat, Paradise Flycatcher, Yellow-whiskered Bulbul, Blue-spotted Ground Dove, Red Wattle-eye, Brown-capped Weaver, Black Saw-wing and African Harrier Hawk.

While most of us were happy just to mooch around the camp and nearby surroundings Phil decided to hire one of the bird guides and go for a two and a half hour trek in search of even more birds. However, we were mightily pleased to see the return of Tom and Paul who had been gone for the best part of eight hours. Apparently they had quite an arduous hike but unfortunately one of their party had become rather unwell and eventually had to be stretchered off the mountain. This sort of incident brings it home just how important it is to have some level of fitness before embarking on one of these trips.

Anyway, our little group was all safe and sound and totally fired up with what a great day it had been. There was lots of laughter and joviality over dinner and a few after-dinner beers were consumed at the bar to conclude what had turned out to be a very special day indeed.

Day 6

Friday 13th October

After our seven o'clock breakfast we departed the camp apart from Avis and Steve who'd booked for an extra gorilla trip. The rest of us went with Johnnie for a morning's birdwatching and enjoyed a terrific variety of birds including a particularly nice Emerald Cuckoo. There was also a wonderful display of butterflies and insects, in fact, quite enough to keep us occupied for a good few hours. Although the morning had started off pleasantly cool, as it approached midday it became very sticky and humid so just after eleven o'clock we sauntered back to camp. The rest of the afternoon was left to our own devices and while some relaxed in the cool shade others wandered to the little 'shopping mall' to purchase a few more souvenirs.

When Steve and Avis returned they were more than happy with their second gorilla safari which had turned out every bit as successful as the previous day.

We all met up to do the checklist before dinner and spent forty-five minutes or so bringing it all up to date and then after another very convivial dinner we were joined by Clara, a young Australian woman who'd been on one of the gorilla treks. We all then swapped our gorilla stories and viewed the photos that she'd taken that day.

Day 7

Saturday 14th October

We left Bwindi shortly after breakfast for the long drive to Mweya Lodge in the Queen Elizabeth National Park. Once again the journey was an endless succession of bumpy teeth-jarring roads and the weather was particularly hot and humid especially as we are now astride the equator. We did make a lunch stop and Phil had left his packed lunch back at Bwindi so being the caring lot that we are, we all shared our lunches with him. It wasn't until we'd reached our destination that Phil found his lunch, rotting and fermenting, in the overheated glove box. Doh!

As we neared the park and were driving along the perimeter of the reserve things began to liven up with a sighting of six to eight lions stalking through the long grass probably looking for their favourite prey item, the Ugandan Kob which is the endemic antelope around here. Again there were lots of bird species to keep us on our toes and Long-tailed Widowbird, White-throated Bee-eater and Yellow-throated Longclaw were just three crackers among many.

We eventually arrived at the very luxurious Mweya Lodge around four o'clock and boy, is it luxurious. Talk about going from one extreme to another. Visitors are welcomed by an incredible life size statue of a magnificent bull elephant, whose trunk, by the way, seems to be a favourite perch for the resident African Pied Wagtail! We shall certainly recharge our batteries here and not only in the literal sense.

Catherine, Paul, Steven and Avis had opted to go on the five o'clock game drive which they thoroughly enjoyed especially as they came across a group of eight Giant Forest Hogs which can grow up to two metres in length

and unlike the hairless skin of most pigs and hogs they are covered in black hair. They have also got a reputation of being rather grumpy, so they are very formidable creatures indeed.

Day 8

Sunday 15th October

We were all up bright eyed and bushy tailed ready for our early morning game drive and we set off after some coffee and buns just as it was beginning to get light. The day had dawned rather overcast and cool but the game drive was good and we enjoyed viewing the Elephant, Ugandan Kob, Spotted Hyenas and bad tempered Water Buffalo. There were several birds of prey in evidence along with some Lesser Flamingos and Great White Pelicans.

We got back to the lodge around eleven o'clock and were more than ready to get stuck into a delicious late breakfast. As we were eating I spotted a Peregrine Falcon outside and yelled "Peregrine", and we all rushed over to the side to try and get a glimpse of the bird much to the bemusement of our fellow guests who were obviously not very au fait with the little foibles of keen birdwatchers.

After breakfast we all took it easy for a few hours until we met up around three o'clock for a boat ride up the Kazingo Channel. We'd expected the trip to be rather touristy but, in fact, it turned out to be a fantastic ride. Because the channel is not too wide we were able to get terrific close views of the creatures along the river bank and the cameras were going into frenzied overdrive. Apart from the Water Buffalo, Elephants, Bushbuck and other mammals, there were an amazing variety of birds to be seen. There were plenty of familiar migrant waders on show along with the not so familiar Spur-winged Plovers, Water Thick-knees, Hamerkop, Yellow-billed Stork, African Spoonbills and even a stunning Martial Eagle. Many of the birds were taking advantage of the disturbance made by the mammals and enjoying the profusion of insects that were being uncovered. On one particular spit of land there was such a profusion of water birds that the noise, smell and constant activity was an assault on the senses. Fantastic stuff!

As well as the great concentration of birds there were several huge Nile Crocs sunning themselves on the muddy banks while in the river itself there were lots of hippos grunting and snorting in mock aggression as we passed them by.

All too soon the trip came to an end and while some of us took advantage of the Land Cruiser to get back to the lodge others decided to walk and get their land legs back again.

After completing our ever-growing checklist we made our way into dinner just as a massive thunderstorm was making its way towards us. There were some spectacular dramatic skies and some seriously impressive sheet lightning and then the rain fell in absolute torrents. The resident White-rumped Swifts saw the storm out by riding head on into it and then almost as quickly as it had started the storm abated leaving us to enjoy our dinner under ever clearing skies.

Day 9

Monday 16th October

It was another early start this morning as we headed for the Kyambura Gorge in search of Chimpanzees. The gorge, an 18k long extremely deep riverine chasm is a really unique place and looked so incongruous as we

approached it, an isolated slash of verdant greenery set in the dry African Savannah. The almost vertical slopes thickly cloaked with dense tropical forest are home to a multitude of mammals and birds but the biggest draw is the group of habituated chimpanzees.

This was a fairly strenuous hike but all concerned thoroughly enjoyed themselves, even though there were a few hairy moments slipping and sliding down the slopes and crossing dodgy bridges. The five chimpanzees in the dense forest were seen mostly in silhouette, but everyone returned safely, if rather muddy (especially Paul), and extremely happy.

We returned to the lodge for lunch then the afternoon was left to our own devices. While some decided to take it easy around the lodge some of the others decided to take the boat trip to the Kazingo Channel again and enjoyed it just as much the second time around.

We had planned a late afternoon bird walk for those that fancied it but we hadn't got very far when we realised that another threatening looking storm was headed our way. We thought it prudent to head back to the lodge but not before nailing two very nice Black-headed Gonoleks. We also couldn't resist taking some photos of the 30 or so Mongoose that'd kept us very much entertained during our stay here and were also hurrying along to find shelter from the storm

We made it back just in time before the heavens opened and again we were treated to a superb 'son et lumiere' in the sky.

We shall be reluctant to leave this superb lodge tomorrow and after dinner when we went out onto the veranda we were pleased to see a Hippo grazing there on the lawn as if it was the most natural thing in the world, which I suppose that for him it was. This made a very fitting end to a smashing day.

Day 10

Tuesday 17th October

Some of us joined Johnnie for an early morning bird walk and we managed to get some much better views of the stunning Black-headed Gonolek; one of the bush shrikes, this bird looks so dapper with its black and red plumage and piercing yellow eye, it's always a treat to see. We were now getting more familiar with the commoner birds and a lot more confident in having a stab at identifying the trickier species although the cisticolas are still causing a lot of head-scratching.

After breakfast it was time to pack up and head off to our next destination which is the Ndali Lodge on the edge of the Kibale Forest. On the journey we were really fortunate to spot a Leopard briefly, but luck was really on our side when we managed to relocate the creature and get some wonderful close views and photographs of this, probably the most elusive of all the big cats in Africa.

Ndali Lodge is a charming simple place set in a most beautiful location. There are stunning views from every direction and the surrounding countryside is made up of agricultural fields, forests and volcanic lakes. The gardens of the lodge are an abundance of flowering shrubs which attract many creatures including the handsome Red-tailed Monkey. Most of the group were staying in bungalows apart from Steve and myself who are staying

in the rather eccentric owner's house as there are not quite enough bungalows to go round. Again there is no electricity so we shall find our way about using oil lamps.

We enjoyed an excellent curry for our evening meal along with a few drinks at the candlelit bar.

Day 11

Wednesday 18th October

It was an early start again this morning and we were away just after seven o'clock for the hour's drive to the Kibale Forest. We thought we'd be clever and make a short cut down a side road but it had been raining rather heavily overnight making the ground just a tad boggy. Usually our Toyota Landcruisers cope with just about any type of adverse conditions but I think we were expecting just a bit too much from them on this occasion and we paid the penalty by getting one of the vehicles well and truly stuck. We rallied some of the local people to give us some extra muscle power and eventually after much wheel-spinning and pushing and pulling we, at last, got the truck free from the gelatinous, gooey mud which had covered most of us from head to toe. The most annoying part of the whole experience was that Catherine who was standing on the sidelines didn't even think to record the whole sorry incident on camera. We would have made such pretty pictures too!

Thankfully the rest of the day went very smoothly and the group were extremely satisfied with lots of species sighted and particularly good views of the Great Blue Turaco, Red Colobus Monkeys and a group of fifteen Chimpanzees. We boarded the vehicles for the return trip back to the lodge exhausted and sweaty but very happy indeed.

Another convivial evening was spent by candlelight with much laughter and joviality especially recalling our mud bath earlier in the day.

Day 12

Thursday 19th October

After a real slap up breakfast we got ourselves ready for the long seven hour drive back to Lake Victoria. We made a couple of stops along the way and after our lunch Johnnie and Brighton insisted we stop off at a fish skinning village where we could get excellent views of Marabou Storks. After a few minutes viewing the storks we politely suggested that perhaps we should move on as it was now the hottest part of the day and we were all in danger of keeling over due to the stench of rotting fish. Heaven on earth for Marabou's perhaps, but definitely not for us!

We eventually arrived at the rather grandly named Imperial Botanical Beach Hotel in the afternoon and it was a typical colonial sort of building with its neatly mown lawns patrolled by almost tame Hadada Ibises. Although perhaps being a bit faded and having seen better days the service and attention is still second to none and it is much loved by American Presidents both past and present, so I know that our short stay here will be extremely comfortable.

Although most of us were just happy to relax in our rooms watching birds like Broad-billed Roller swoop by our balconies, Phil and Paul were men on a mission. They just could not go home without, at least, attempting to see probably Uganda's most wanted bird, the Shoebill. They and Johnnie set off on their quest. I must admit, I thought they were whistling in the wind.

Hours later and after a hair-raising ride back in the dark the boys arrived at the hotel triumphant. They had seen and, indeed, photographed no less than two Shoebills. I did my level best to smile and congratulate them. Grrrrrrrrr.

We all decided to eat at the hotel rather than venture into Kampala as was suggested by our guides and our last meal together was spent reliving all the terrific incidents we'd experienced during this last couple of weeks. Everybody had their own special memories but I think that far and above anything else it was the Gorillas that occupied that special place in everyone's hearts.

Day 13

Friday 20th October

We awoke to a gorgeous dawn and the beautiful light over Lake Victoria just begged to have a few last pictures taken. This done, it was breakfast and then away to Entebbe Airport for our morning flight back to the UK. Everything went smoothly and by late afternoon we were saying our fond farewells at the carousel in Heathrow Airport.

Species lists

Mammals

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	Common name	Scientific name	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
1	Chimpanzee	Pan troglodytes				h	h	h		5		15	
2	Mountain Gorilla	Gorilla gorilla beringei			15	9							
3	Central African Red Colobus	Piliocolobus oustaleti										10	
4	Guereza Colobus	Colobus guereza			8					15		2	
5	Olive Baboon	Papio anubis	6	12				8		20	6	30	
6	Grey-cheeked Mangabey	Lophocebus albigena										2	
7	Vervet Monkey	Cercopithecus (a.) pygerythrus	8	10						25	6	5	25
8	L'Hoest's Monkey	Cercopithecus (l'h.) l'hoesti			5	1					5	6	
9	Gentle (Blue) Monkey	Cercopithecus mitis			8	4							
10	Red-tailed Monkey	Cercopithecus (c.) ascanius					5			1		18	
11	Straw-coloured Fruit Bat	Eidolon helvum		500+	500+								
12	Yellow-winged Bat	Lavia frons								1	1		
13	Uganda Grass-Hare	Poelagus marjorita	2										
14	Carruthers' Mountain Squirrel	Funisciurus carruthersi			1								
15	Boehm's Squirrel	Paraxerus boehmi										1	
16	Red-legged Sun Squirrel	Heliosciurus rufobrachium										1	
17	Spot-necked Otter	Lutra maculicollis			1								
18	Ichneumon (Egyptian) Mongoose	Herpestes ichneumon						1			2		
19	Banded Mongoose	Mungos mungo	1					10	40	35	20		
20	Spotted Hyaena	Crocuta crocuta							2	1			
21	Leopard	Panthera pardus									1		
22	Lion	Panthera leo						10	1				
23	African Elephant	Loxondonta africana						1	30	32			
24	Hippopotamus	Hippopotamus amphibius							150+	200+	20+		

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	Common name	Scientific name	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
25	Giant Hog	Hylochoerus meinertzhageni						8			7		
26	Common Warthog	Phacochoerus africanus	30	25				30	60	30	40		
27	African Buffalo	Syncerus caffer	2	15				40	200+	250+	30		
28	Bushbuck	Tragelaphus scriptus	2					3	30	2			
29	Eland	Taurotragus oryx	2										
30	Rwenzori Red Duiker	Cephalophus rubidus			2								
31	Oribi	Ourebia ourebi	4										
32	Bohor Reedbuck	Redunca redunca	2										
33	Uganda Kob	Kobus kob thomasi						300	500	200	500		
34	Defassa Waterbuck	Kobus ellipsiprymnus defassa	15					28	10	30			
35	Impala	Aepyceros melampus	200+	100									
36	Торі	Damaliscus lunatus	5					10					

Reptiles

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	Common name	Scientific name	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
1	Nile Crocodile	Crocodylus niloticus							10					
2	Monitor Lizard	Varanus ?					1		3					
3	Agama	Agama ?				1			9					

Birds

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	Common name	Scientific name	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
1	Great White Pelican	Pelecanus onocrotalus							300	350			
2	Pink-backed Pelican	Pelecanus rufescens							1	20			
3	Great Cormorant	Phalacrocorax carbo			50				300	250			6
4	Long-tailed Cormorant	Phalacrocorax africanus	1		4				25	10			
5	Shoebill	Balaeniceps rex											2
6	Black-crowned Night-Heron	Nycticorax nycticorax		6									
7	Cattle Egret	Bubulcus ibis	20+	2					50				40
8	Little Egret	Egretta garzetta	20	4				2	10	12			12
9	Common Squacco Heron	Ardeola ralloides		10					12	6			
10	Green-backed Heron	Butorides striata		5									
11	Great Egret	Ardea alba							1	1			
12	Grey Heron	Ardea cinerea							4	2			
13	Purple Heron	Ardea purpurea	1						1				
14	Goliath Heron	Ardea goliath	3	4					3	2			
15	Black-headed Heron	Ardea melanocephala				1	1	3					
16	Hamerkop	Scopus umbretta	2	4				2	20	25	20	10	20
17	Saddle-billed Stork	Ephippiorhynchus senegalensis	2						3	3			
18	Marabou Stork	Leptoptilos crumeniferus	2	3				6	5	10	8		40
19	African Open-billed Stork	Anastomus lamelligerus	5										
20	Yellow-billed Stork	Mycteria ibis	2						20	22			
21	Sacred Ibis	Threskiornis aethiopicus	6	10	2				6	3			
22	Hadada Ibis	Bostrychia hagedash	5	2	3			2	8	10	6	3	12
23	African Spoonbill	Platalea alba							4	2			
24	Lesser Flamingo	Phoenicopterus minor							250		200		
25	White-faced Whistling-Duck	Dendrocygna viduata	4										
26	Spur-winged Goose	Plectropterus gambensis	6	2									

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	Common name	Scientific name	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
27	Egyptian Goose	Alopochen aegyptiacus		12				8	200	50			
28	Yellow-billed Duck	Anas undulata			1								
29	Black-shouldered Kite	Elanus caeruleus	2					1			1		
30	Black Kite	Milvus migrans	100+	100+	30	2				1			30
31	Hooded Vulture	Necrosyrtes monachus						1		4	8		1
32	African White-backed Vulture	Gyps africanus	20							30			2
33	Rüppell's Griffon Vulture	Gyps rueppellii	1										
34	Short-toed Snake Eagle	Circaetus gallicus								1			
35	Black-chested Snake Eagle	Circaetus pectoralis			1				1		2		
36	Brown Snake Eagle	Circaetus cinereus	2						2				
37	Banded Snake Eagle	Circaetus cinerascens	3										
38	Bateleur	Terathopius ecaudatus	4					6	2	2	2		
39	African Harrier Hawk	Polyboroides typus	1	1		2							1
40	Montagu's Harrier	Circus pygargus						1					
41	African Marsh Harrier	Circus ranivorus	1										
42	African Goshawk	Accipiter tachiro	1										
43	Great Sparrowhawk	Accipiter melanoleucus									1		
44	Lizard Buzzard	Kaupifalco monogrammicus	2					1					
45	Common Buzzard	Buteo buteo	20+	20+	20	1		20	30	12	6		2
46	Mountain Buzzard	Buteo oreophilus			30		1						
47	Augur Buzzard	Buteo augur	2		4								
48	African Fish Eagle	Haliaeetus vocifer	1	6	2			8	6	8	4	2	10
49	Palm-nut Vulture	Gypohierax angolensis							2	1	1	1	
50	Tawny Eagle	Aquila rapax	3					2					
51	Wahlberg's Eagle	Aquila wahlbergi	2								1		
52	Long-crested Eagle	Lophaetus occipitalis	2	1				1		3	4	3	4
53	African Crowned Eagle	Stephanoaetus coronatus					1						
54	Martial Eagle	Polemaetus bellicosus	1					1		1			

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	Common name	Scientific name	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
55	Peregrine Falcon	Falcoperegrinus							1	1			
56	Eurasian Hobby	Falco subbuteo	1					1				2 LO	
57	African Hobby	Falco cuvierii						1	1	2	1		
58	Grey Kestrel	Falco ardosiaceus	2							2			
59	Crested Francolin	Francolinus sephaena	1									h	
60	Scaly Francolin	Francolinus squamatus											
61	Red-necked Spurfowl	Francolinus afer	5	2				25	20	15	20		
62	Helmeted Guineafowl	Numida meleagris	8	24				18	35	20	30		
63	Common Button-Quail	Turnix sylvatica								1			
64	White-spotted Flufftail	Sarothrura pulchra					h			h		h	
65	Buff-spotted flufftail	Sarothrura elegans					h						
66	Black Crake	Amaurornis flavirostris		6					3				
67	Grey Crowned Crane	Balearica regulorum	12	6	20		4	4					
68	African Finfoot	Podica senegalensis		2									
69	Black-bellied Bustard	Lissotis melanogaster	2	1				2	1	2			
70	African Jacana	Actophilornis africanus							1	3			
71	Black-winged Stilt	Himantopus himantopus							16	14			
72	Water Thick-knee	Burhinus vermiculatus							32	25			
73	Temminck's Courser	Cursorius temminckii								3LO			
74	Ringed Plover	Charadrius hiaticula							6	4			
75	Long-toed Plover	Vanellus crassirostris	2										
76	Spur-winged Plover	Vanellus spinosus							18	22	20		
77	Crowned Plover	Vanellus coronatus							6				
78	African Wattled plover	Vanellus senegallus	4	6					8	10	2		
79	Brown-chested Plover	Vanellus superciliosus	16						2				
80	Little Stint	Calidris minuta							2	8			
81	Sanderling	Calidris alba							1				
82	Curlew Sandpiper	Calidris ferruginea							4	3			

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83	Ruff	Philomachus pugnax							15				
84	Marsh Sandpiper	Tringa stagnatilis							2	2			
85	Common Greenshank	Tringa nebularia							15	12			
86	Green Sandpiper	Tringa ochropus		1									
87	Wood Sandpiper	Tringa glareola		4					6	8	1		
88	Common Sandpiper	Actitis hypoleucos		3					11	10			1
89	Lesser Black-backed Gull	Larus fuscus							36	42			
90	Grey-headed Gull	Larus cirrocephalus							60	80			4
91	Gull-billed Tern	Sterna nilotica							100	85			
92	White-winged Tern	Chlidonias leucopterus							20	1			
93	African Green Pigeon	Treron calva	4	30			2			3		1	
94	Tambourine Dove	Turtur tympanistria					1			1		6	1
95	Blue-spotted Wood Dove	Turtur afer			1	4	2	2	8	6	2	10	3
96	Emerald-spotted Wood Dove	Turtur chalcospilos	1	2									
97	White-naped Pigeon	Columba albinucha											1
98	Speckled Pigeon	Columba guinea	1										
99	Afep Pigeon	Columba unicincta											5
100	Feral Pigeon	Columba livia									8		
101	Red-eyed Dove	Streptopelia semitorquata	12	10				3	4	3	2	4	4
102	African Mourning Dove	Streptopelia decipiens									2		
103	Ring-necked Dove	Streptopelia capicola	10	12	2			10	20		10	20	10
104	Laughing Dove	Streptopelia senegalensis		1				4	20+				
105	Brown Parrot	Poicephalus meyeri	6	2									
106	Great Blue Turaco	Corythaeola cristata	5			3	2		3	3		15	1
107	Ross's Turaco	Musophaga rossae	6		1	1		2	2	2	1	h	
108	Black-billed Turaco	Tauraco schuettii					4						
109	Bare-faced Go-away-bird	Corythaixoides personatus		10				4					
110	Eastern grey Plantain-eater	Crinifer zonurus	10					5			2		

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111	Black Cuckoo	Cuculus clamosus									h	h	
112	Red-chested Cuckoo	Cuculus solitarius	h	h	h					h	h	h	h
113	African Cuckoo	Cuculus gularis						1		6	1		
114	Dusky Long-tailed Cuckoo	Cercococcyx mechowi					h						
115	African Emerald Cuckoo	Chrysococcyx cupreus					1	h					
116	Klaas's Cuckoo	Chrysococcyx klaas			1		h	h		1			
117	Dideric Cuckoo	Chrysococcyx caprius					h						
118	Yellowbill	Ceuthmochares aereus		1								1LO	
119	White-browed Coucal	Centropus superciliosus		1				1	4	4	4		
120	Blue-headed Coucal	Centropus monachus										1	
121	Red-chested Owlet	Glaucidium tephronotum					h						
122	Gabon Nightjar	Caprimulgus fossii									1		
123	Eurasian Swift	Apus apus		2									
124	African Palm Swift	Cypsiurus parvus					1	10	6	10			
125	Alpine Swift	Tachymarptis melba										6	4
126	White-rumped Swift	Apus caffer		20	10				40	60			100+
127	Horus Swift	Apus horus	20	20	3							100+	
128	Little Swift	Apus affinis							300	200	100+		300+
129	Speckled Mousebird	Colius striatus	5	10	15	6	12	10	25	100	35	15	
130	Blue-naped Mousebird	Urocolius macrourus	1					4		15	4	2	
131	Bar-tailed Trogon	Apaloderma vittatum					3			h			
132	Grey-headed Kingfisher	Halcyon leucocephala							1	3			
133	Woodland Kingfisher	Halcyon senegalensis	3	2				2	1		1	1	
134	Blue-breasted Kingfisher	Halcyon malimbica								h		1	
135	Striped Kingfisher	Halcyon chelicuti	2	3									
136	Malachite Kingfisher	Alcedo cristata		3	1				8	10	1		
137	African Pygmy Kingfisher	Ispidina picta							1		1		
138	Giant Kingfisher	Megaceryle maxima		1									

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139	Pied Kingfisher	Ceryle rudis		30	20				35	30			
140	Eurasian Bee-eater	Merops apiaster	30	1				40	15	60	30	20	12
141	White-throated Bee-eater	Merops albicollis					24	8	10	20	6	6	
142	Black Bee-eater	Merops gularis				2	4						
143	Little Bee-eater	Merops pusillus		1	1								
144	Cinnamon-chested Bee-eater	Merops oreobates			12	3	2				4	5	
145	Lilac-breasted Roller	Coracias caudata	2	3									
146	Broad-billed Roller	Eurystomus glaucurus	30										10
147	Common Scimitarbill	Rhinopomastus cyanomelas						3		2			
148	African Pied Hornbill	Tockus fasciatus	4										
149	African Grey Hornbill	Tockus nasutus	2							3			
150	Black & white casqued Hornbill	Ceratogymna subcylindricus	1							6	1	3	6
151	Grey-throated Barbet	Gymnobucco bonapartei			10		3					1	3
152	Western Green Tinkerbird	Pogoniulus coryphaeus					1						
153	Yellow-rumped Tinkerbird	Pogoniulus bilineatus			4	3	2						2
154	Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird	Pogoniulus chrysoconus						h			1		
155	Yellow-spotted Barbet	Buccanodon duchaillui					h						
156	Hairy-breasted Barbet	Tricholaema hirsuta					h						
157	Spot-flanked Barbet	Tricholaema lachrymosa						1					
158	White-headed Barbet	Lybius leucocephalus		2				12		4			
159	Double-toothed Barbet	Lybius bidentatus										2	
160	Yellow-billed Barbet	Trachyphonus purpuratus					1					2	
161	Lesser Honeyguide	Indicator minor					h						
162	Nubian Woodpecker	Campethera nubica						4					
163	Grey Woodpecker	Dendropicos goertae						1		1	1		3
164	Rufous-naped Lark	Mirafra africana		1					1	3	2		
165	Flappet Lark	Mirafra rufocinnamomea	1						2	2	3		
166	White-tailed lark	Mirafra albicauda						1	4				

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167	Banded Martin	Riparia cincta		5		6		6			30		
168	Sand Martin	Riparia riparia							1000	1000	40		
169	Grey-rumped Swallow	Hirundo griseopyga		3									
170	Barn Swallow	Hirundo rustica		500				50	500	200	100	150	150
171	Angola Swallow	Hirundo angolensis	200		30	50	50+	100+	400	300	100	200	100
172	Red-rumped Swallow	Hirundo daurica							50				
173	Mosque Swallow	Hirundo senegalensis						2					
174	Rufous-chested Swallow	Hirundo semirufa	30								12		
175	Lesser Striped-Swallow	Hirundo abyssinica						6		2			25
176	White-headed Saw-wing	Psalidoprocne albiceps						1		2	8	4	
177	Black Saw-wing	Psalidoprocne holomelas			10	35	20						
178	African Pied Wagtail	Motacilla aguimp	20	25	4	6	6	12	20	10	6	8	4
179	Grey Wagtail	Motacilla cinerea						1	1				
180	Mountain Wagtail	Motacilla clara			2							3	
181	Cape Wagtail	Motacilla capensis			1	1		2	4	1			
182	Yellow Wagtail	Motacilla flava		1				3	6	6	6		
183	Plain-backed Pipit	Anthus leucophrys									1		
184	Tree Pipit	Anthus trivialis			1								
185	Yellow-throated Longclaw	Macronyx croceus		1				1	4	15	40		
186	Little Greenbul	Andropadus virens					2					1	
187	Yellow-whiskered Greenbul	Andropadus latirostris				2	4						
188	Slender-billed Greenbul	Andropadus gracilirostris			1		4			1			
189	White-throated Greenbul	Phyllastrephus albigularis										1	
190	Honeyguide Greenbul	Baeopogon indicator											1
191	Joyful Greenbul	Chlorocichla laetissima											h
192	Yellow-throated Leaflove	Chlorocichla flavicollis			1		2						
193	Common Bulbul	Pycnonotus barbatus	25	30	12	15	20	30	25	50	20	30	50
194	Red-tailed Bristlebill	Bleda syndactyla					h						

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195	Western Nicator	Nicator chloris										1	
196	Black-lored Babbler	Turdoides sharpei								1	6		
197	Arrow-marked Babbler	Turdoides jardineii		5				8	6	10			
198	Scaly-breasted Illadopsis	Illadopsis albipectus										1	
199	White-browed Robin-Chat	Cossypha heuglini		4	3			1	1	6	6	4	2
200	Blue-shouldered Robin-Chat	Cossypha cyanocampter										1	
201	Snowy-headed Robin-Chat	Cossypha niveicapilla										1	
202	Fire-crested Alethe	Alethe diademata										1	
203	White-tailed Ant Thrush	Neocossyphus poensis										1	
204	White-browed Scrub Robin	Cercotrichas leucophrys										h	
205	African Stonechat	Saxicola axillaris			1				3				
206	Whinchat	Saxicola rubetra								6	1		
207	Sooty Chat	Myrmecocichla nigra	1					30+	10	12	6	1	
208	Rufous Thrush	Neocossyphus fraseri				1							
209	Red-caped Robin-Chat	Cossypha natalensis				1						1	
210	African Thrush	Turdus pelios	1	5	4		6	4	3	3	2	4	3
211	Spotted Flycatcher	Muscicapa striata	1					1		2	2		
212	African Dusky Flycatcher	Muscicapa adusta			3	3	1						
213	Swamp Flycatcher	Muscicapa aquatica		4				12	10	6	10		
214	Dusky-blue Flycatcher	Muscicapa comitata			2		2	2					
215	Sooty Flycatcher	Muscicapa infuscata					1						
216	White-eyed Slaty Flycatcher	Melaenornis fischeri		6	6	2	2	3					
217	Northern Black Flycatcher	Melaenornis edolioides			1				2	4	4		2
218	Willow Warbler	Phylloscopus trochilus							LO	LO	1		
219	Uganda Woodland Warbler	Phylloscopus budongoensis					1						
220	Red-faced Woodland Warbler	Phylloscopus laetus					1						
221	Green Hylia	Hylia prasina					h						
222	Black-faced Rufous Warbler	Bathmocercus rufus		1			3						

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223	African Moustached Warbler	Melocichla mentalis						1						
224	Red-faced Cisticola	Cisticola erythrops						h				1		
225	Trilling Cisticola	Cisticola woosnami						h	2					
226	Chubb's Cisticola	Cisticola chubbi		1	2					1				
227	Winding Cisticola	Cisticola galactotes						1		1	1			
228	Carruthers's Cisticola	Cisticola carruthersi		1										
229	Croaking Cisticola	Cisticola natalensis						h	1	1				
230	Zitting Cisticola	Cisticola juncidis						1	2	2	2			
231	Wing-snapping Cisticola	Cisticola ayresii										1		
232	Tawny-flanked Prinia	Prinia subflava								2	2	2		
233	Banded Prinia	Prinia bairdii					2							
234	White-chinned Prinia	Prinia leucopogon					1					2		
235	Grey-backed Camaroptera	Camaroptera brachyura				1	1	h	h		1	1		
236	Yellow-breasted Apalis	Apalis flavida								1LO				
237	Chestnut-throated Apalis	Apalis porphyrolaema			h									
238	Buff-throated Apalis	Apalis rufogularis					1					3		
239	Grey Apalis	Apalis cinerea			1									
240	Grey-capped Warbler	Eminia lepida					1	h			2	1		
241	Short-tailed Warbler	Hemitesia neumanni					1							
242	Red-faced Crombec	Sylvietta whytii							1					
243	Green Crombec	Sylvietta virens										1		
244	Buff-bellied Warbler	Phyllolais pulchella									2			
245	Yellow White-eye	Zosterops senegalensis			5	20	18							
246	Dusky Tit	Melaniparus funereus					2							
247	African Blue Flycatcher	Elminia longicauda			1							2		
248	White-tailed Blue Flycatcher	Elminia albicauda			5		2							
249	African Paradise Flycatcher	Terpsiphone viridis			2	2					1	1		
250	African Shrike-flycatcher	Megabyas flammulatus										1		

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251	Black-and-white Flycatcher	Bias musicus				2	1				1			
252	Chin-spot Batis	Batis molitor			1		1			2	1			
253	Common Wattle-eye	Platysteira cyanea			2	4		h			1			
254	Mackinnon's Fiscal	Lanius mackinnoni			3		2							
255	Grey-backed Fiscal	Lanius excubitoroides	3	4				1	6	6	8			
256	Common Fiscal	Lanius collaris	2	3	1	1	2	8	10	12	6	6	10	
257	Black-crowned Tchagra	Tchagra senegala						1			2			
258	Brown-crowned Tchagra	Tchagra australis										3		
259	Bocage's Bush-Shrike	Telophorus bocagei					2							
260	Sulphur-breasted Bush-Shrike	Telophorus sulfureopectus	1											
261	Lüehder's Bush-Shrike	Laniarius luehderi					1							
262	Tropical Boubou	Laniarius aethiopicus			1					8		h		
263	Black-headed Gonolek	Laniarius erythrogaster	1	1				1	1		6			
264	Northern Puffback	Dryoscopus gambensis			1									
265	Pink-footed Puffback	Dryoscopus angolensis					1							
266	Black Cuckoo-shrike	Campephaga flava					1							
267	Petit's Cuckoo-Shrike	Campephaga petiti			1		1							
268	Common Drongo	Dicrurus adsimilis	1	1				1		4	3			
269	Black-headed Oriole	Oriolus larvatus	1	1			1	1		2				
270	Montane Oriole	Oriolus percivali			h									
271	Western Black-headed Oriole	Oriolus brachyrhynchus					1							
272	Pied Crow	Corvus albus	200	500	100+	12	2	1		1	4		6	
273	Narrow-tailed Starling	Poeoptera lugubris					20+							
274	Waller's Starling	Onychognathus walleri					16							
275	Slender-billed Starling	Onychognathus tenuirostris											4	
276	Purple-headed Starling	Lamprotornis purpureiceps											2	
277	Splendid Starling	Lamprotornis splendidus	3	4										
278	Greater Blue-eared Starling	Lamprotornis chalybaeus	20	40										

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279	Rüppell's Long-tailed Starling	Lamprotornis purpuropterus	20	15				20	6	15	6	4	6		
280	Wattled Starling	Creatophora cinerea						3		6					
281	Yellow-billed Oxpecker	Buphagus africanus		5				5	24	10					
282	Little Green Sunbird	Anthreptes seimundi					1								
283	Collared Sunbird	Hedydipna collaris					2	6				6			
284	Green-headed Sunbird	Cyanomitra verticalis			1						1	3	1		
285	Green-throated Sunbird	Chalcomitra rubescens					1						1		
286	Scarlet-chested Sunbird	Chalcomitra senegalensis	2	2				6	2	3	4				
287	Variable Sunbird	Cinnyris venustus	2	3								2			
288	Olive-bellied Sunbird	Cinnyris chloropygius				3	1						2		
289	Northern Double-collared Sunbird	Cinnyris preussi			2	2	1								
290	Marico Sunbird	Cinnyris mariquensis											2		
291	Purple-banded Sunbird	Cinnyris bifasciatus										1			
292	Red-chested Sunbird	Cinnyris erythrocerca	1	3				8	12	10	6		3		
293	Copper Sunbird	Cinnyris cupreus						1		1	2	4	2		
294	Purple-breasted Sunbird	Nectarinia purpureiventris					1								
295	Bronze Sunbird	Nectarinia kilimensis	1	3	6							2	1		
296	Grey-headed Sparrow	Passer griseus		5		6	10		14	6	6	12	10		
297	Grosbeak Weaver	Amblyospiza albifrons									4	6			
298	Baglafecht Weaver	Ploceus baglafecht			12			3		4			2		
299	Slender-billed Weaver	Ploceus pelzelni	2		8			50	30	12	30				
300	Black-necked Weaver	Ploceus nigricollis					2			2		12			
301	Spectacled Weaver	Ploceus ocularis		2	6										
302	Black-billed Weaver	Ploceus melanogaster				1	4								
303	Holub's Golden Weaver	Ploceus xanthops						6							
304	Brown-throated Weaver	Ploceus castanops		3											
305	Yellow-backed Weaver	Ploceus melanocephalus						4	8	6	30				
306	Black-headed Weaver	Ploceus cucullatus		100+	30			25	40	30	40	20	25		

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307	Vieillot's Black Weaver	Ploceus nigerrimus				3	10				10	50	30		
308	Brown-capped Weaver	Ploceus insignis				6	1								
309	Red-headed Malimbe	Malimbus rubricollis					4					1	2		
310	Red-billed Quelea	Quelea quelea	4					30	50+	30	25				
311	Black-winged Red Bishop	Euplectes hordeaceus								2		1			
312	Southern Red Bishop	Euplectes orix								5	20	1			
313	Yellow Bishop	Euplectes capensis			1			2							
314	Fan-tailed Widowbird	Euplectes axillaris	3	4	2			1							
315	White-winged Widowbird	Euplectes albonotatus								2					
316	Red-collared Widowbird	Euplectes ardens						12							
317	Grey-headed Negrofinch	Nigrita canicapilla					2					1			
318	White-breasted Negrofinch	Nigrita fusconota					1					3			
319	Dusky Twinspot	Euschistospiza cinereovinacea			6										
320	Red-billed Firefinch	Lagonosticta senegala		1	10	12	10		30	25	40	20	15		
321	Fawn-breasted Waxbill	Estrilda paludicola						4							
322	Common Waxbill	Estrilda astrild			6										
323	Black-crowned Waxbill	Estrilda nonnula			2										
324	Black-headed Waxbill	Estrilda atricapilla			6	2									
325	Red-cheeked Cordonbleu	Uraeginthus bengalus	1												
326	Bronze Mannikin	Spermestes cucullatus						25	6	8	20	10	15		
327	Black-and-white Mannikin	Spermestes bicolor		15								12			
328	Village Indigobird	Vidua chalybeata										6			
329	Pin-tailed Whydah	Vidua macroura	1		2	1		12	10	6	12	4	4		
330	Yellow-crowned Canary	Serinus canicollis						1							
331	African Citril	Serinus citrinelloides	1												
332	Yellow-fronted Canary	Serinus mozambicus		2				6	10	4	50	20			
333	Brimstone Canary	Serinus sulphuratus			2										
334	Streaky Seedeater	Serinus striolatus		6	4							2			

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335	Golden-breasted Bunting	Emberiza flaviventris				4	5	3					