

Uganda – A Photography Tour

Naturetrek Tour Report

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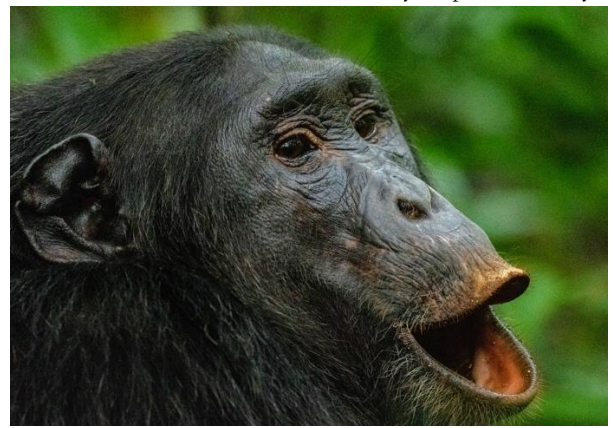
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Summary

Uganda truly is the *Pearl of Africa*, from its special wildlife to its delicious produce and delightfully friendly people, this is a wonderful country to visit. Our circular adventure would take us into some of the most beautiful parts of this lush and green land-locked place, bordered and intertwined by lakes, mountains and savannah. It is home to some 340 species of mammal and 1090 species of bird. The tour would take in just a fraction of this, but would include some of the most charismatic and sought-after species on the planet. Highlights of this inaugural photographic tour included Gorillas, Chimpanzees, Hippos, tree-climbing Lions, Leopards, Ugandan Kob, Nile Crocodiles, Shoebill, eagles, hornbills, barbets, kingfishers and a total of 301 species of bird and 27 species of mammal during our twelve night stay.

Day 1

Tuesday 27th September

Our journey was long but thankfully uneventful and the overnight flight and connection via Nairobi to Entebbe went smoothly. A little jaded we made quick progress through all the necessary requirements in the airport before being collected by Gerald Tumwekwase, our Ugandan guide and driver for the duration of the trip.

We rendezvoused at the 2 Friends Beach Hotel along Lake Victoria with the other members of the group, and had an introduction to the trip from our tour leader Oliver Smart and local guide. We set out the plans for 13 fabulous days in this enchanting country, with a magnificent array of wildlife. After a gentle stroll to the local shopping centre, we picked up some new birds including Tawny-flanked Prinia, Northern Yellow White-eye, Splendid Starling, Northern Black Flycatcher and Grey-headed Nigrita.

For the evening we headed out for a walk with Gerald to Entebbe Botanical Gardens. We soon became accustomed to the African Massing Road! This wonderfully quiet site with its extraordinarily large trees gave host to a number of super species including Eastern Plantain-eater, Black-and-white Casqued Hornbill, Great Blue Turaco, Lizard Buzzard, African Harrier-Hawk, Broad-billed Roller, White-throated Bee-eater, Woodland Kingfisher, Northern Puffback and some mammals including Red-tailed Monkey and Red-legged Sun Squirrel. The highlight for some was the amazing 70+ Pied Kingfishers going to roost in a lakeside tree! Little did we realise what was in store later in the trip!

Day 2

Wednesday 28th September

Following a tiring first day of travel, we were up before sunrise and leaving the hotel at 06:20 to catch the local ferry to Mabamba Swamp. We were met by local guide Ismail and boarded large outboard canoes for our navigation through this wonderful wetland.

Yellow-billed Duck, Winding Cisticola, Squacco Heron, African Jacana, Malachite Kingfisher and Northern Brown-throated Weaver were all abundant through the papyrus swamp. We were in search of an enigmatic species on a large scale, the Shoebill! We were absolutely thrilled therefore to be shown not one, but two birds. The first was a juvenile still at its nest site and we spent over an hour sitting in the canoes watching it preen, stretch and play

with various plants in its immediate vicinity. The second bird was deeper in lily covered marsh and again we enjoyed prolonged views before the bird eventually took flight allowing us to capture some airborne images.

We also spotted Osprey, Long-toed Lapwing, Blue-breasted Bee-eater, Swamp Flycatcher, Lesser Striped Swallow, Wood Sandpiper, Black Crake and Purple Heron.

We then continued our ultimate journey for the day towards Lake Mbuho National Park. We stopped at the Equator on the way for lunch and to enjoy selfies at the tourist sign! Little Swifts flew in number overhead and Angola Swallow and a Mosque Swallow seen earlier added to the hirundine tally. Along the road we also picked up a number of super species including Long-crested Eagle, Grey-crowned Crane, Fan-tailed Widowbird and Saddle-billed Stork; many of which were photographable.

As we left the main highway, we started to enter a slightly more diverse habitat of open acacia scrub, grassland and pools. Mammals started to emerge with Bushbuck, Waterbuck, Slender Mongoose and Plains Zebra. Birds were starting to improve too with some super species including Black-headed Gonolek, Red-necked Spurrow, Red-chested Cuckoo, Brown-chested Lapwing, Bare-faced Go-away-bird, African Pygmy Kingfisher and Pin-tailed Whydah. Grey-capped Warbler and Trilling Cisticola were heard but unfortunately not seen today.

We arrived at the Rwakobo Rock lodge and after our welcoming, we had a short rest before a great dinner and completing our checklists for the day.

Day 3

Thursday 29th September

Another very early start as we headed out into the Lake Mbuho National Park. It took us over an hour to get to the gate which is five minutes' drive away as we encountered lots of excellent species including Crested Francolin, Black-headed Gonolek, Trilling Cisticola, Spot-flanked Cisticola, Little Bee-eater and Red-faced Barbet. Whilst we waited for our park ranger we connected with Red-headed, Lesser Masked and Village Weavers all nesting by the entrance gate. A pair of Grey-crowned Crane and a fly-in Black-bellied Bustard added some additional interest.

As we entered the park the vegetation changed with the lack of cattle but plenty of game including Zebra, Buffalo, Impala, Waterbuck and Topi. We took a short walk to cover some ground on foot and spotted Grey and Cardinal Woodpecker, Scarlet-chested and Marico Sunbird and a fabulous Pearl-spotted Owlet. We listened to the bird calling as other species continually mobbed it. A pair of Green Woodhoopoe flew in too, but not good enough to photograph.

We enjoyed a few wallowing pools where Zebras frequented, and our first Water Thick-knee and several African Wattled Lapwing were seen. As the light was getting harsher, we carried on around the loop drive and returned for lunch and a couple of hours rest and a swim in the hotel pool.

The afternoon was very special as we took a covered boat around Lake Mbuho and spotted several Swamp Flycatcher and Malachite Kingfisher with dozens of Pied Kingfisher. A Rufous-bellied Heron was a bonus and a difficult to see White-backed Night Heron was good to see. We were amazed at the number of African Fish Eagles including several juveniles and they posed for close photographs. Buffalo cooled off in the water and dozens of

Hippos loafed around almost entirely submerged. Finfoot was another speciality species we wanted to target and we located two females a male and each were pretty photographable.

The light was glorious, and it was a fine evening spent wildlife watching and of course taking lots of images, a key component of this tour was to engage in the best light with stunning wildlife. With memory cards full and batteries drained, we headed back to the lodge seeing a roosting pair of Tawny Eagles on the way, a shot which actually converts nicely into black and white.

Our last night at Rwakobo Rock with a superb dinner and entertaining conversation before completing the ever-growing checklists and heading to bed for a well-deserved rest.

Day 4

Friday 30th September

It's never easy getting used to very early starts but today we were all woken by cattle munching outside our lodges! The strange noises of mammals, insects and birds alike all make for an interesting cacophony in the early hours.

We had breakfast as dark gave way to light and after a lovely cooked meal, we loaded the vehicle and departed for the long drive to Bwindi Impenetrable Forest. We started birding immediately with Arrow-marked Babbler in the car parking area, before we photographed Spot-flanked Barbet and Striped Kingfisher on the rough road to the main highway. Close to an open area of grasses and scrub we encountered a decent flock of smaller passerines including Green-winged Pytilia, Black-faced Waxbill, Village Indigobird, Blue-naped Mousebird, Red-billed Quelea, Variable and Copper Sunbird and a skulking and frustratingly unshowy Levallant's Cuckoo.

The journey continued for some miles before we stopped by a large papyrus swamp area and within a few minutes had two Papyrus Gonolek posing for photographs! These stunning black and red birds with a bright golden cap are really a sight to behold. A short while later we stopped for a comfort break and enjoyed watching Wire-tailed Swallows visiting nests in the covered car wash building.

The next part of the journey over several hours was brutal as we bumped and swerved and rocked and rolled as we took the African Massage Road to Bwindi. A deluge confronted us for the last half an hour of the drive but despite this it was a fairly easy run as it happened. At Mahogany Springs resort we were welcomed with flannels and juice and introduced to our accommodation for the next three nights. We had a very nice lunch overlooking the edge of the forest reserve and then made our way to our rooms to settle in.

Our tour leader took a few of those keen to bird around the grounds and soon we were picking up plenty of new and exciting birds despite the gloomy conditions. The light had dropped dramatically so photography was not the prime agenda and we simply enjoyed identifying new birds including Cinnamon-chested Bee-eater, Western Nicator, African Blue Flycatcher, Bronzy Sunbird, Olive-bellied Sunbird, Snowy-crowned Robin Chat feeding a youngster, Fanti Saw-wing, Mackinnon's Shrike, Double-toothed Barbet, Tambourine Dove and Grey-capped Warbler.

After dinner we caught up with our lists and preparations for the expected highlight of the trip; a trek into the dense forest for Mountain Gorilla.

Day 5

Saturday 1st October

With nervous excitement and anticipation, we woke early for breakfast and the conversation was definitely more subdued as we were all probably a little tentative about the trek into the impenetrable forest. Of course, we needn't have been, but you never know what it'll be like until you've experienced it.

The short five-minute drive was followed by some health protocol guidance in advance of sending time with the Gorillas. We sat and enjoyed a dance by a local women's organisation. After a debriefing by staff, we were allocated our guide, guards and porters and off we went, into the unknown. We followed the main trail which headed towards the volcanoes, where villagers come to sell their wares in the local markets. It's a 16km trek for them with their produce so we shouldn't have been worried.

We encountered some nice birds along the way including Black-and-white Shrike Flycatcher and Black-faced Rufous Warbler as well as hearing Black-throated Apalis and Black-billed Turaco. We'd heard that the trackers who'd been searching for our troupe of Gorillas, the Rushegura group, had found them and they had been moving down into the valley.

After a 90-minute walk into the forest on an easy track we saw them, just in front on the side of the verge enjoying some rest and relaxation! We couldn't quite believe it, that not only did we not need to clamber into the dense forest, but they were the most relaxed animals we could possibly have seen. We had an incredible experience enjoying their company and taking plenty of images, as well as just watching their antics and marvelling at their size and similarity to us!

Once our time was up, we made our way back to the main base and marvelled at butterflies along the way including Green-banded Swallowtail, Constantine's Swallowtail, White-barred Charaxes, Black and Orange, Pea Blue, Mountain Pied Pierrot, Common Albatross and

Uranothauma delatorum.

We had lunch with delicious vegetable or meat samosas and watched birds from the meeting area where we picked up Brown-capped Weaver, Blue-throated Brown Sunbird and Northern Double-collared Sunbird. A Red-legged Sun Squirrel also made an appearance.

Back at Mahogany Springs we had a couple of hours rest to ourselves before venturing out with our tour leader to check for local birds with our cameras along the road into Nkinga. White-eyed Slaty Flycatcher, Streaky Seedeater, Vieillot's Black Weaver, Black-necked Weaver, African Dusky Flycatcher, Red-rumped Swallow and several very confiding African Blue Flycatcher were some of the highlights and virtually all making for nice images.

Our second wonderful dinner was followed with the checklist and discussions about our magical experience in the forest. What will tomorrow bring?

Day 6

Sunday 2nd October

Following our epic encounter with Gorillas, today was no less exciting. The group wanted to split to achieve different aspirations with some visiting local cultural spots and the others went photographic birding. The cultural

group enjoyed visiting a local hospital, herbal doctor, traditional healer and visited the Batwa village, a forest tribe which have mostly been relocated to the outside of the forest. The group also experienced some distilled banana juice, wine and gin and the general consensus was positive! The final stop was to the Ride 4 A Woman organisation, which helps women reskill and help others in need.

For the other group members, we entered into the Bwindi Forest looking for birds. The early light was hitting the tree tops and birds were becoming active in the warming sunshine. During our excursion we walked little more than 400m from the park entrance as we encountered so many birds it was hard to keep track of them all! Starting off we spotted Petit's Cuckoo-shrike, Cardinal and Yellow-crested Woodpecker, Cassin's Honeybird, Montane Oriole, Cinnamon-chested Bee-eater and Little Greenbul. We stopped again shortly inside the park and spent a good 90 minutes enjoying a large roving flock of over two dozen species with some highlights including Grey-winged Robin Chat, Dusky Tit, Dusky-blue Flycatcher, Brown-capped Weaver, Yellow-whiskered Bulbul, Many-coloured Bushshrike, Green Malkoha and Elliot's Woodpecker. It was relentless and capturing images of the many birds was highly challenging. Butterflies also perked up as the sun warmed the group and the muddy pools along the track with a new favourite in Blue Mother-of-pearl. In the more open scrub Lüdher's Bushshrike, Toro Olive Greenbul, Plain Greenbul, White-chinned Prinia, Buff-throated Apalis, Grey Apalis and Grey-capped Warbler appeared. Our final super find was a Red-throated Alethe, an Albertine Rift endemic. It was amazing how it responded to our guide Solomon's vocal call and posed nicely, albeit briefly for an image!

After lunch where we reconnected with the whole group, we had a couple of hours to ourselves before heading out again into the forest. The weather had clouded over with dark skies bringing torrential rains later, however before they arrived, we connected with a number of new species including Ross's Turaco, Brown-throated Wattle-eye, Bocage's Bushshrike, African Shrike-flycatcher, Slender-billed Greenbul, Chubb's Cisticola and White-breasted Nigrita.

Our last dinner together at the wonderful Mahogany Springs resort was sad in many ways as the productivity of this superb corner of Uganda would be behind us no sooner had it arrived!

Day 7

Monday 3rd October

Our last breakfast before saying goodbye to the truly wonderful staff at Mahogany Springs, we headed rapidly towards Queen Elizabeth National Park. We crossed large tea and coffee plantations and arrived 90-minutes later in the large savannah and acacia strewn wilderness. We started strongly with good photo opportunities with Fan-tailed, Yellow-mantled, White-winged and Red-collared Widowbird. An African Moustached Warbler was a nice spot and African Elephant started to emerge in the distance. Little did we know how many we might see later.

As we continued our drive, we spotted countless cisticolas, Fawn-breasted Waxbill, Pin-tailed Whydah and hundreds, if not thousands of hirundines hawking over the road and savannah grassland. The highlight though was a pair of Lions resting in trees, quite a unique behaviour. We stayed with them for other an hour, with one of them climbing down the tree at one point. Afterwards we continued along at haste towards the main gate. We stopped a few times enjoying Uganda Kob, African Buffalo, Waterbuck, Yellow-billed Oxpecker, Black-chested Snake Eagle, Western Banded Snake Eagle, Grey Kestrel and a Black and a Sooty Chat.

The final super sighting was from our tour leader who called out when we passed a derelict building alongside some large trees. It was exciting to spot two Verreaux's Eagle Owls perched in the trees which posed for some lovely images.

Once we arrived at Mweya Lodge, we enjoyed lunch whilst overlooking a fantastic scene of water birds and mammals in the Kazinga Channel below. The channel links Lake George and Lake Edward and we'd see plenty of the wildlife here in much closer detail over the next couple of days. We all enjoyed the family of Swamp Flycatchers living inside the atrium of the hotel, quite different to their usual haunts! We also spotted Woodland Kingfisher, Yellow-backed Weaver, European Bee-eater, White-headed Saw-wing, Northern Black Flycatcher and a Yellow-crowned Canary.

For our afternoon game drive, we headed back out into the park and began enjoying plenty of superb birds including Red-necked Spurfowl, Crested Francolin, Black-crowned Tchagra, Purple-banded Sunbird, Green-winged Pytilia, lots of White-browed Robin Chat, Long-crested Eagle and Blue-naped Mousebird. A herd of over 40 African Elephant was a real treat close to the track and sunset ended a fabulous day in this part of Uganda.

Day 8

Tuesday 4th October

Wildlife photography is all about opportunity and being in the right place at the right time. We started our day early to ensure we were in the park before sun-up to maximise shooting into the rising sun or silhouette against a beautiful orange sky. Our first success was with a Long-crested Eagle, which has a lovely profile in backlighting with its vertically pointed crest feathers. There were thousands of hirundines passing through and huge volumes of small insects so we had to try avoid lots of background distractions.

After spotting a few other nice birds we made tracks to the main road leading out of the park gate. We stopped to enjoy wonderful views of Compact Weaver, Holub's Golden Weaver and Southern Red Bishop, which posed perfectly, and the Compact Weaver was perched alongside its immaculate nest. We also caught up with a handsome Uganda Kob and spotted a Common Buttonquail disappearing over the grasses.

On to the main section of the park for game and we were very fortunate to locate a Leopard resting in a cactus. Unfortunately, we were not that close, and the light was a little harsher than we would have liked, but it was a great sighting nonetheless. Before this though we enjoyed some super birdlife and mammals along the track including Flappet, Rufous-naped and Red-capped Lark, Kittlitz's Plover, African Pipit, Banded Martin, Collared Pratincole, Yellow-throated Longclaw, Ugandan Kob, Lion, Buffalo and Warthog.

On our return journey before lunch, we confronted a large 150-herd of Buffalo and enjoyed them crossing the road with an assortment of Cattle Egret and Yellow-billed Oxpeckers riding on their backs.

Following an amazing thunderstorm, with extreme rainfall and heavy winds, we were thinking the afternoon excursion might be cancelled, however after an hour it cleared and a beautiful setting was revealed. We took a flat-bottomed boat out on the Kazinga Channel and drifted and snuck into the floating hyacinth vegetation to get close views of a huge range of species. Apart from a few mammals that remained after the storm there were large numbers of birds, with hundreds of Pied Kingfisher, Grey-headed Gull, Gull-billed Tern and African Skimmer. Smaller numbers of Yellow-billed Stork, Grey Heron, Squacco Heron, African Jacana, Kittlitz's and Common

Ringed Plover, Water Thick-knee, Black Crake, Marsh and Common Sandpiper, Spur-winged Lapwing and Greenshank were also seen and mostly photographed. We continued along the edge of the channel, enjoyed a huge weaver colony and also admired flocks of Pink-backed and Great White Pelican, Great Cormorant and Grey-headed Kingfisher. Again, all these birds with a backdrop of hundreds of hirundines hawking over the channel. As the sun set, we headed back to dock and for another super dinner overlooking the vast QE National Park.

Day 9

Wednesday 5th October

Today started almost in complete contrast to the previous day with overcast conditions and slightly cooler. The afternoon also was in complete contrast, without thunderstorms, heavy rain and with glorious sunshine and blue skies instead.

We left the lodge at 06:30 and headed more quickly today due to the conditions to the main area of the QE National Park. We wanted to repeat the day before as we enjoyed the experience so much and this is where the majority of wildlife could be found. We started off with a confiding Tawny Eagle perched and then lots of larks and longclaws all singing and showing very nicely. Mammals appeared a little scarcer today and a Bushbuck was the only new animal seen in the park.

The sun slowly burned through the cloud but not before we'd enjoyed soft light whilst photographing Red-necked Spurfowl, African Wattled Lapwing, Crowned Lapwing, Senegal Lapwing and White-browed Coucal. We also sighted or heard Spot-flanked Barbet, Black-bellied Bustard, Rattling Cisticola, African Pipit, Banded Martin and Fan-tailed Warbler.

The highlight though for the morning was the relocation of the female Leopard we had seen the day before but we also sighted a male with her too. They were about 75m away but just about photographable. What was interesting was the behaviour of five Common Warthog (including a young one) that passed the female and then proceeded to taunt it for about 20 minutes. Eventually the female had enough and loped off into the undergrowth, leaving the hogs to continue to feed. An African Savannah Hare was a new find too along with a couple of White-tailed Lark.

Following another fine lunch, heavily influenced with some beautiful Asian cuisine, served overlooking the most stunning view of Lake George and Kazinga Channel, we went our separate ways to enjoy some rest, a swim or to simply relax in the peace and quiet. African Fish Eagles flew overhead and a group of Banded Mongoose weaved in and out of the tables and foliage looking for food. One found and dug up a large stag beetle, which it proceeded to devour underneath the dining of a pair of American ladies! Afterwards the cheeky little mongooses ventured into the kitchen and seemed to enjoy harassing the chef and kitchen staff!

Following the brilliant boat trip on the channel the previous day, we had all decided to repeat the trip and we struck gold with the weather. Blue skies and fantastic light were just what we wanted in our search for flying shots of kingfishers, terns, skimmers and gulls, whilst sightings of a dozen wader species was brilliant fun. Nile Crocodiles, which were scarce previously due to the cooler temperatures were now enjoying themselves, lazing on the sunny banks. We were able to approach them incredibly closely and they did not flinch! Venturing further towards Lake Edward, we enjoyed the colonies of pelicans, cormorants and gulls, along with African Buffalo wallowing in the shallow muddy edges to the channel.

As the sun set on another fine day's photography and wildlife watching, we headed back to the hotel for our final meal at Mweya Lodge. Tomorrow we'd be heading to Kibale and for another adventure to start once more.

Day 10

Thursday 6th October

Our transitional day as we headed to Kibale was fairly uneventful. We passed through a number of small settlements and some tea and banana plantations. The views of craters as we headed towards the National Park were very impressive and a small number of birds were spotted including Black-crowned Waxbill, Lizard Buzzard, Black-and-white Casqued Hornbill, and a small troupe of Olive Baboon.

We arrived at Turaco Treetops by 12 noon and after a quick settling in, we had our first lunch, engrossed more in the wildlife around us than we were in the food! Green Crombec, Olive-bellied Sunbird and Vieillot's Black Weaver being the main highlights.

After lunch we had a couple of hours to ourselves, which was very nice to relax in our beautiful lodges, whilst listening to the birds and insects in the forest. Another storm had rolled in and although it rained for a while, the heaviest thunder was a little way off.

We still managed to head out for a short walk despite the weather and picked up Black Sparrowhawk, a very confiding Lizard Buzzard, Tawny-flanked Prinia, Snowy-crowned Robin Chat and a few Willow Warbler. We wondered where they had spent their breeding season.

Dinner followed as it began to get dark and an open fire was a nice backdrop as the temperature dropped. The main focus for Kibale are Chimpanzees, so our hope was to track them in the morning. Fingers crossed this would be the case.

Day 11

Friday 7th October

Today was our second exciting mammal tracking challenge and to explore Kibale National Park. With 13 species of monkey, over 70 species of mammal and some 370 species of bird, this truly is a very special place. We had a briefing at 08:00 from Alex at the park HQ and then were allocated guides. The Chimpanzees live in communities so we would expect to find them and enjoy time with them with other visiting nature watching groups.

We were allocated Justice as our guide, a specialist in birds as well as mammal tracking. We left HQ to drive closer to the drop off point and on the way enjoying our best views to date of Great Blue Turaco and briefly two Purple-headed Starling. We captured shots of the turacos perched on the edge of the forest as well as in flight as they crossed the road.

As we entered the beautiful forest the sounds of insects and birds broke the silence, the anticipation of seeing chimps was very exciting. It was only after 10-15 minutes into the walk that we heard our first chimps calling, an excitable howling. It was not long before we were standing beneath huge fig trees, admiring them feeding in the canopy. You certainly needed a long lens at this point but that was soon to change. One had to be careful with the

falling fruits so we kept away from standing directly beneath them! At one point two members of our group were hit with a showering of one kind or other, both from the chimps above!

As the animals became more restless, they started moving through the canopy and then climbing down to the ground. The chimps weaved in and out of the human onlookers and quite remarkably were not afraid of us at all. This is quite normal and we were in awe of these large apes, much like ourselves in many ways. As we enjoyed videoing, photographing and watching the individuals and mothers with babies, we tracked them as they moved through the understorey. They certainly moved quicker than we did, but still a wonderful experience.

After our time with the Chimpanzees, Justice offered us one last treat. We trekked back through the forest to an unmarked area where we located a Green-breasted Pitta foraging on the ground. It hopped up onto a vine and buttress of a large tree giving everyone amazing views and a chance for a very special image.

Following lunch back at Turaco Treetops, we ventured out in the late afternoon to meet Ben, a local guide who works at the Bigodi Wetland Sanctuary close to the park. He took us on a guided walk around the perimeter of the swamp and we enjoyed more mammals with lots of Uganda Red Colobus monkeys, two Boehm's Squirrel and some really nice avian species. White-spotted Flufftail initially eluded us before we managed to entice one very close, it hiding in the shadows of the swampy vegetation. We also spotted further turacos, Little Greenbul, African Pygmy Kingfisher, Red-bellied Paradise Flycatcher and best of all a wonderful Yellow-billed Barbet in more open forest edge habitat.

Our day was complete and our final dinner at the lodge. With checklists completed and our final plans made for the return to Entebbe, we signed off for the night.

Day 12

Saturday 8th October

Our final morning and not to miss out on some birding, we headed after breakfast to Bigodi Campsite close to Turaco Treetops lodge. It was a cooler start with light cloud cover and dew on the ground; a perfect morning for wildlife watching and photography with beautiful soft light. We birded a short walk around the gardens and picked up quite a few new species for the trip and some very pleasant images to go alongside. Black Bee-eater was perhaps the star of the show as it took some time for one to arrive at their regular feeding spots. Black and White Mannikin, Hairy-breasted Barbet, Speckle-breasted Woodpecker and White-tailed Ant Thrush were all excellent finds too. Other nice images included Blue-spotted Wood Dove, Vieillot's Black and Slender-billed Weaver and White-chinned Prinia.

We departed and drove the road through Kibale National Park, stopping a few times to enjoy our last special birds including Sooty Flycatcher, Black Bishop, Red-headed Malimbe and very briefly Crowned Eagle. Lunch was taken in Fort Portal and a brief stop at a supermarket to stock up on local tea and coffee products!

The final part of our journey was a long six-hour cross-country journey on mainly good roads with a little African Massage thrown in for good measure. Woodland Kingfisher, Speckled Pigeon, Grey-crowned Crane and a few commoner species were the best we managed.

We arrived back at 2 Friends Beach Hotel for a final freshen up, dinner and quick snooze before we departed at 01:00 for the airport. The stories, experiences and photographs will live long in our memories and show what a stunning part of the world Uganda is. It will take a lot of alternatives not to want to return to explore even more in the future.



Uganda Kob by Oliver Smart



Pied Kingfisher by Oliver Smart

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Species lists

Mammals

Common name	Scientific name	September – October 2022											
		27	28	29	30	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Chimpanzee	<i>Pan troglodytes</i>											Y	
Mountain Gorilla	<i>Gorilla gorilla beringei</i>					17							
Guereza Colobus	<i>Colobus guereza</i>	Y									Y	Y	
Olive Baboon	<i>Papio anubis</i>		Y	Y	Y		H				Y	Y	
Vervet Monkey	<i>Cercopithecus (a.) pygerythrus</i>	Y	Y	Y	Y			Y	Y				
Gentle (Blue) Monkey	<i>Cercopithecus mitis</i>						H						
Red-tailed Monkey	<i>Cercopithecus (c.) ascanius</i>	Y				Y	Y					Y	
Boehm's Squirrel	<i>Paraxerus boehmi</i>											Y	Y
Red-legged Sun Squirrel	<i>Heliosciurus rufobrachium</i>	Y				Y							Y
Banded Mongoose	<i>Mungos mungo</i>								Y	Y	Y		
Leopard	<i>Panthera pardus</i>								Y	Y			
Lion	<i>Panthera leo</i>							Y	Y	H			
African Elephant	<i>Loxondonta africana</i>							Y	Y	Y	Y		
Burchell's Zebra	<i>Equus quagga</i>		Y	Y	Y								
Hippopotamus	<i>Hippopotamus amphibius</i>			Y				Y	Y	Y	H		
Common Warthog	<i>Phacochoerus africanus</i>		Y	Y	Y			Y	Y	Y	Y		
Rothschild's Giraffe	<i>Giraffe camelopardalis</i>			Y									
African Buffalo	<i>Syncerus caffer</i>			Y				Y	Y	Y	Y		
Bushbuck	<i>Tragelaphus scriptus</i>		Y	Y						Y			
Black-fronted Duiker	<i>Cephalophus nigrifrons</i>						Y						
Uganda Kob	<i>Kobus kob thomasi</i>							Y	Y	Y			
Defassa Waterbuck	<i>Kobus ellipsiprymnus defassa</i>		Y	Y	Y			Y	Y	Y	Y		
Impala	<i>Aepyceros melampus</i>		Y	Y	Y								
Topi	<i>Damaliscus lunatus</i>			Y									
Common Slender Mongoose	<i>Herpestes sanguineus</i>		Y		Y								
African Savannah Hare	<i>Lepus victoriae</i>									Y			
Peters' Dwarf Epauletted Fruit Bat	<i>Micropteropus pusillus</i>						Y						

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Great White Pelican	<i>Pelecanus onocrotalus</i>								✓	✓			
Pink-backed Pelican	<i>Pelecanus rufescens</i>							✓	✓	✓			
Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>								✓	✓			
Long-tailed Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax africanus</i>		✓					✓					
Shoebill	<i>Balaeniceps rex</i>		✓										
Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓			
Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>		✓	✓					✓	✓			
Intermediate Egret	<i>Mesophyx intermedia</i>	✓											
Squacco Heron	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>		✓						✓	✓			
Rufous Bellied Heron	<i>Ardeola rufiventris</i>			✓									
White-backed Night Heron	<i>Gorsachius leuconotus</i>			✓									
Green-backed Heron	<i>Butorides striata</i>	✓		✓					✓				
Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>								✓	✓			
Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	✓	✓						✓	✓	✓		
Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>	✓	✓										
Black-headed Heron	<i>Ardea melanocephala</i>	✓	✓					✓	✓			✓	
Hamerkop	<i>Scopus umbretta</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Saddle-billed Stork	<i>Ephippiorhynchus senegalensis</i>		✓										
Marabou Stork	<i>Leptoptilos crumeniferus</i>	✓	✓		✓			✓	✓	✓			
African Open-billed Stork	<i>Anastomus lamelligerus</i>		✓										
Yellow-billed Stork	<i>Mycteria ibis</i>							✓	✓	✓			
Sacred Ibis	<i>Threskiornis aethiopicus</i>		✓		✓				✓	✓			
Hadada Ibis	<i>Bostrychia hagedash</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓			H	✓	✓	✓	H	✓
African Spoonbill	<i>Platalea alba</i>								✓				
White-faced Whistling-Duck	<i>Dendrocygna viduata</i>		✓						✓	✓			
Egyptian Goose	<i>Alopochen aegyptiacus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓			
Yellow-billed Duck	<i>Anas undulata</i>		✓	✓	✓						✓		
Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>		✓										
Black-shouldered Kite	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>							✓					
Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓			✓
Hooded Vulture	<i>Necrosyrtes monachus</i>	✓		✓				✓					✓
African White-backed Vulture	<i>Gyps africanus</i>			✓				✓	✓				

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Black-breasted Snake Eagle	<i>Circaetus pectoralis</i>							✓					
Banded Snake Eagle	<i>Circaetus cinerascens</i>							✓					
Bateleur	<i>Terathopius ecaudatus</i>			✓				✓	✓	✓			
African Harrier Hawk	<i>Polyboroides typus</i>	✓											✓
African Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus ranivorus</i>		✓										
Little Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter minullus</i>											✓	
Black Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter melanoleucus</i>										✓		
Lizard Buzzard	<i>Kaupifalco monogrammicus</i>	✓	✓					✓			✓		✓
Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>	✓					✓						✓
Augur Buzzard	<i>Buteo augur</i>				✓								
Palm-nut Vulture	<i>Gypohierax angolensis</i>		✓					✓	✓				
African Fish Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus vocifer</i>	✓		✓				✓	✓	✓			
Tawny Eagle	<i>Aquila rapax</i>			✓					✓	✓	✓		✓
Long-crested Eagle	<i>Lophaetus occipitalis</i>		✓		✓			✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
African Crowned Eagle	<i>Stephanoaetus coronatus</i>												✓
Grey Kestrel	<i>Falco ardosiaceus</i>	✓	✓					✓					
Crested Francolin	<i>Francolinus sephaena</i>		H	✓	H			✓	✓	✓			
Red-necked Francolin	<i>Pternis afer</i>		✓	✓	H			✓	✓	✓			
Helmeted Guineafowl	<i>Numida meleagris</i>		✓	✓	✓				✓	✓			
Common Button-Quail	<i>Turnix sylvatica</i>								✓				
White-spotted Flufftail	<i>Sarothrura pulchra</i>											✓	
African Crane	<i>Crex egregia</i>								✓				
Black Crane	<i>Amaurornis flavirostris</i>		✓	H					✓	✓			
Grey Crowned Crane	<i>Balearica regulorum</i>		✓	✓	✓			✓					✓
African Finfoot	<i>Podica senegalensis</i>			✓									
Black-bellied Bustard	<i>Lissotis melanogaster</i>			✓						✓			
African Jacana	<i>Actophilornis africanus</i>		✓	✓				✓	✓	✓			
Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>								✓	✓			
Water Thick-knee	<i>Burhinus vermiculatus</i>			✓					✓	✓			
Collared Pratincole	<i>Glareola pratincola</i>								✓	✓			
Common Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>								✓	✓			
Kittlitz's Plover	<i>Charadrius pecuarius</i>								✓	✓			
Three-banded Plover	<i>Charadrius tricollaris</i>								✓				
Long-toed Lapwing	<i>Vanellus crassirostris</i>		✓					✓					

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Spur-winged Lapwing	<i>Vanellus spinosus</i>							✓	✓	✓			
Senegal Lapwing	<i>Vanellus lugubris</i>									✓			
Crowned Lapwing	<i>Vanellus coronatus</i>									✓			
Wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus senegallus</i>			✓					✓	✓			
Brown-chested Lapwing	<i>Vanellus superciliosus</i>		✓		✓								
Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>								✓	✓			
Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>									✓			
Marsh Sandpiper	<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>								✓	✓			
Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>								✓	✓			
Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>			✓						✓			
Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>		✓		✓					✓			
Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	✓		✓					✓	✓			
Grey-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus cirrocephalus</i>		✓					✓	✓	✓			
Gull-billed Tern	<i>Sterna nilotica</i>								✓	✓			
African Skimmer	<i>Rynchops flavirostris</i>							✓	✓	✓			
African Green Pigeon	<i>Treron calvus</i>	✓					✓	✓			✓		
Tambourine Dove	<i>Turtur tympanistria</i>				✓		✓	✓				✓	✓
Blue-spotted Wood Dove	<i>Turtur afer</i>			✓				✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
Emerald-spotted Wood Dove	<i>Turtur chalcospilos</i>			✓									
Speckled Pigeon	<i>Columba guinea</i>												✓
Rock Dove	<i>Columba livia</i>		✓										
Red-eyed Dove	<i>Streptopelia semitorquata</i>	H	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
Ring-necked Dove	<i>Streptopelia capicola</i>			✓	✓				✓	✓			
Laughing Dove	<i>Streptopelia senegalensis</i>		✓	✓				✓	✓	✓			
Grey Parrot	<i>Psittacus erithacus</i>	✓											
Brown Parrot	<i>Poicephalus meyeri</i>			✓									
Red-headed Lovebird	<i>Agapornis pullarius</i>			✓									
Great Blue Turaco	<i>Corythaeola cristata</i>	✓										✓	✓
Ross's Turaco	<i>Musophaga rossae</i>					H	✓					H	
Black-billed Turaco	<i>Tauraco schuettii</i>					H							
Bare-faced Go-away-bird	<i>Corythaixoides personatus</i>		✓	✓									
Eastern Plantain-eater	<i>Crinifer zonurus</i>	✓									✓		✓
Levaillant's Cuckoo	<i>Clamator levaillantii</i>				✓			✓					
Red-chested Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus solitarius</i>		✓	✓						H			

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African Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus gularis</i>			✓						✓			
Diederick Cuckoo	<i>Chrysococcyx caprius</i>			✓	✓					✓	H		
White-browed Coucal	<i>Centropus superciliosus</i>			✓				✓	✓	✓	✓	H	
Blue-headed Coucal	<i>Centropus monachus</i>		✓										
Green Malkoha	<i>Ceuthmochares australis</i>						✓						
Verreaux's Eagle-Owl	<i>Bubo lacteus</i>							✓	✓	✓			
Pearl Spotted Owlet	<i>Glaucidium perlatum</i>			✓									
Eurasian Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>			✓									
White-rumped Swift	<i>Apus caffer</i>									✓			✓
Mottled Swift	<i>Tachymarptis aequatorialis</i>								✓				
African Palm-Swift	<i>Cypsiurus parvus</i>	✓											
Little Swift	<i>Apus affinis</i>		✓						✓	✓			
Speckled Mousebird	<i>Colius striatus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Blue-naped Mousebird	<i>Urocolius macrourus</i>				✓			✓					
Grey-headed Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon leucocephala</i>								✓	✓			
Woodland Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon senegalensis</i>	✓	✓	✓				✓					✓
Striped Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon chelicuti</i>			✓	✓								
Malachite Kingfisher	<i>Corythornis cristatus</i>		✓	✓					✓	✓			
African Pygmy Kingfisher	<i>Ispidina picta</i>		✓	✓				✓		✓		✓	✓
Pied Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle rudis</i>	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓			
European Bee-eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>							✓				✓	
White-throated Bee-eater	<i>Merops albicollis</i>	✓					✓					✓	✓
Black Bee-eater	<i>Merops gularis</i>												✓
Little Bee-eater	<i>Merops pusillus</i>			✓						✓			
Blue-breasted Bee-eater	<i>Merops variegatus</i>		✓										
Cinnamon-chested Bee-eater	<i>Merops oreobates</i>				✓	✓	✓						
Lilac-breasted Roller	<i>Coracias caudatus</i>		✓	✓									
Broad-billed Roller	<i>Eurystomus glaucurus</i>	✓	✓	✓									
Green Wood-Hoopoe	<i>Phoeniculus purpureus</i>			✓									
Common Scimitarbill	<i>Rhinopomastus cyanomelas</i>							✓					
Crowned Hornbill	<i>Tockus albotoxerminatus</i>	✓						✓					✓
African Pied Hornbill	<i>Tockus fasciatus</i>	✓		✓									
Black-and-white Casqued Hornbill	<i>Bycanistes subcylindricus</i>	✓	✓								✓	✓	
Speckled Tinkerbird	<i>Pogoniulus scolopaceus</i>						✓						

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Yellow-throated Tinkerbird	<i>Pogoniulus subsulphureus</i>												H
Yellow-rumped Tinkerbird	<i>Pogoniulus bilineatus</i>	H		✓		✓	✓				✓		✓
Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird	<i>Pogoniulus chrysoconus</i>	H						H					
Hairy-breasted Barbet	<i>Tricholaema hirsuta</i>												✓
Spot-flanked Barbet	<i>Tricholaema lachrymosa</i>			✓						✓			
Red-faced Barbet	<i>Lybius rubrifacies</i>			✓									
Double-toothed Barbet	<i>Lybius bidentatus</i>				✓			✓		✓			
Yellow-billed Barbet	<i>Trachyphonus purpuratus</i>											✓	
Crested Barbet	<i>Trachyphonus vaillantii</i>			✓									
Cassin's Honeybird	<i>Prodotiscus insignis</i>						✓						
Lesser Honeyguide	<i>Indicator minor</i>						✓						
Cardinal Woodpecker	<i>Dendropicos fuscescens</i>			✓			✓						
Yellow-crested Woodpecker	<i>Dendropicos xantholophus</i>						✓						
Speckle-breasted Woodpecker	<i>Dendropicos poecilolaemus</i>												✓
Elliot's Woodpecker	<i>Dendropicos elliotii</i>						✓						
Olive Woodpecker	<i>Dendropicos griseocephalus</i>			✓									
Green-breasted Pitta	<i>Pitta reichenowi</i>											✓	
Rufous-naped Lark	<i>Mirafra africana</i>								✓	✓			
Flappet Lark	<i>Mirafra rufocinnamomea</i>								✓	✓			
White-tailed Lark	<i>Mirafra albicauda</i>									✓			
Red-capped Lark	<i>Calandrella cinerea</i>								✓	✓			
Banded Martin	<i>Riparia cincta</i>								✓	✓			
Wire-tailed Swallow	<i>Hirundo smithii</i>				✓								
Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Angola Swallow	<i>Hirundo angolensis</i>		✓		✓	✓							
Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Cecropis daurica</i>					✓	✓	✓			✓		
Mosque Swallow	<i>Cecropis senegalensis</i>		✓					✓					
Lesser Striped-Swallow	<i>Cecropis abyssinica</i>		✓			✓		✓			✓		
White-headed Saw-wing	<i>Psaldiprocne albiceps</i>			✓				✓	✓	✓			
Black Saw-wing	<i>Psaldiprocne pristoptera</i>				✓	✓	✓						
African Pied Wagtail	<i>Motacilla aguimp</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
African Pipit	<i>Anthus cinnamomeus</i>								✓	✓			
Yellow-throated Longclaw	<i>Macronyx croceus</i>			✓					✓	✓			
Cameroon Sombre Greenbul	<i>Andropadus curvirostris</i>						✓						

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Little Greenbul	<i>Eurillas virens</i>						✓					✓	
Yellow-whiskered Greenbul	<i>Andropadus latirostris</i>						✓						
Slender-billed Greenbul	<i>Stelgidillas gracilirostris</i>						✓						
Toro Olive Greenbul	<i>Phyllastrephus hypochloris</i>						✓						
Yellow-throated Leaflove	<i>Chlorocichla flavicollis</i>				✓	✓							
Common Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus barbatus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓								✓
Red-tailed Greenbul	<i>Criniger calurus</i>						✓						
Western Nicator	<i>Nicator chloris</i>				✓								H
Black-lored Babbler	<i>Turdoides sharpei</i>								✓				
Arrow-marked Babbler	<i>Turdoides jardineii</i>				✓			✓					
Grey-winged Robin	<i>Cossypha polioptera</i>						✓						
White-browed Robin-Chat	<i>Cossypha heuglini</i>			✓				✓	✓	✓			
Snowy-crowned Robin-Chat	<i>Cossypha niveicapilla</i>				✓		✓				✓		✓
Red-throated Alethe	<i>Alethe poliophrys</i>						✓						
White-tailed Ant Thrush	<i>Neocossyphus poensis</i>												✓
Brown-backed Scrub Robin	<i>Cercotrichas hartlaubi</i>									H			
Sooty Chat	<i>Myrmecocichla nigra</i>							✓					
African Thrush	<i>Turdus pelios</i>	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓		✓			✓
Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>							✓					
African Dusky Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa adusta</i>					✓	✓						
Swamp Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa aquatica</i>		✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓			
Dusky-blue Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa comitata</i>						✓						
Sooty Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa infuscata</i>												✓
White-eyed Slaty Flycatcher	<i>Melaenornis fischeri</i>					✓							
Northern Black Flycatcher	<i>Melaenornis edolioides</i>	✓						✓	✓		✓		
Willow Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>										✓		
Green Hylia	<i>Hylia prasina</i>					H							
African Moustached Warbler	<i>Melocichla mentalis</i>							✓					
Red-faced Cisticola	<i>Cisticola erythrops</i>							✓					
Trilling Cisticola	<i>Cisticola woosnami</i>		H	✓				✓					
Chubb's Cisticola	<i>Cisticola chubbi</i>						✓						
Winding Cisticola	<i>Cisticola galactotes</i>		✓										
Croaking Cisticola	<i>Cisticola natalensis</i>							✓					
Rattling Cisticola	<i>Cisticola chiniana</i>									✓			

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Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>								✓	✓			
Tawny-flanked Prinia	<i>Prinia subflava</i>	✓			✓	✓					✓		
Banded Prinia	<i>Prinia bairdii</i>						✓						
White-chinned Prinia	<i>Prinia leucopogon</i>						✓						✓
Buff-throated Apalis	<i>Apalis rufogularis</i>						✓						
Grey Apalis	<i>Apalis cinerea</i>						✓						
Black-throated Apalis	<i>Apalis jacksoni</i>					H							
Grey-capped Warbler	<i>Eminia lepida</i>		H		✓		✓			H			
Green-backed Camaroptera	<i>Camaroptera brachyura</i>	✓		H		✓	✓						
Green Crombec	<i>Sylvietta virens</i>										✓		✓
Buff-bellied Warbler	<i>Phyllolais pulchella</i>			✓									
African Yellow White-eye	<i>Zosterops senegalensis</i>	✓				✓	✓						✓
Dusky Tit	<i>Melaniparus funereus</i>						✓						
Dark-eyed Black-Tit	<i>Melaniparus leucomelas</i>			✓									
African Blue Flycatcher	<i>Elminia longicauda</i>				✓	✓					✓		
African Paradise Flycatcher	<i>Terpsiphone viridis</i>			✓		✓	✓						
Red-bellied Paradise Flycatcher	<i>Terpsiphone rufiventer</i>											✓	
African Shrike-flycatcher	<i>Megabyas flammulatus</i>						✓						
Black-and-white Flycatcher	<i>Bias musicus</i>					✓	✓						✓
Chin-spot Batis	<i>Batis molitor</i>						✓						
Brown-throated Wattle-eye	<i>Platysteira cyanea</i>				H	✓	✓	H			✓	H	
Mackinnon's Fiscal	<i>Lanius mackinnoni</i>				✓		✓						
Grey-backed Fiscal	<i>Lanius excubitoroides</i>		✓	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓		
Common Fiscal	<i>Lanius collaris</i>							✓		✓			
Black-crowned Tchagra	<i>Tchagra senegala</i>							✓					
Brown-crowned Tchagra	<i>Tchagra australis</i>								✓				
Bocage's Bush-Shrike	<i>Telophorus bocagei</i>						✓						
Many-colored Bush-Shrike	<i>Telophorus multicolor</i>						✓						
Lüehder's Bush-Shrike	<i>Laniarius luehderi</i>						✓						
Tropical Boubou	<i>Laniarius aethiopicus</i>			H	H								
Black-headed Gonolek	<i>Laniarius erythrogaster</i>		✓	✓				✓	✓	✓			
Papyrus Gonolek	<i>Laniarius mufumbiri</i>				✓								
Northern Puffback	<i>Dryoscopus gambensis</i>	✓					✓				✓		
Pink-footed Puffback	<i>Dryoscopus angolensis</i>						✓						

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Petit's Cuckoo-Shrike	<i>Campephaga petiti</i>						✓						
Fork-tailed Drongo	<i>Dicrurus adsimilis</i>			✓				✓		✓			
Montane Oriole	<i>Oriolus percivali</i>						✓						
Western Black-headed Oriole	<i>Oriolus brachyrhynchus</i>				✓								
Pied Crow	<i>Corvus albus</i>	✓	✓		✓		✓		✓				✓
Purple-headed Starling	<i>Lamprotornis purpureiceps</i>											✓	
Splendid Starling	<i>Lamprotornis splendidus</i>	✓											
Rüppell's Long-tailed Starling	<i>Lamprotornis purpureopterus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Lesser Blue-eared Starling	<i>Lamprotornis chloropterus</i>	✓											
Wattled Starling	<i>Creatophora cinerea</i>									✓			
Yellow-billed Oxpecker	<i>Buphagus africanus</i>			✓				✓	✓	✓			
Grey-headed Sunbird	<i>Deleornis axillaris</i>										✓		✓
Collared Sunbird	<i>Hedydipna collaris</i>						✓	✓					
Blue-throated Brown Sunbird	<i>Cyanomitra cyanolaema</i>					✓							
Green-throated Sunbird	<i>Chalcomitra rubescens</i>						✓						
Scarlet-chested Sunbird	<i>Chalcomitra senegalensis</i>			✓	✓			✓			✓		
Variable Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris venustus</i>				✓								
Olive-bellied Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris chloropygius</i>	✓			✓	✓	✓						✓
Northern Double-collared Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris reichenowi</i>					✓	✓						
Marico Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris mariquensis</i>			✓									
Purple-banded Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris bifasciatus</i>							✓					
Red-chested Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris erythrocerca</i>	✓							✓	✓			
Copper Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris cupreus</i>				✓			✓					
Bronze Sunbird	<i>Nectarinia kilimensis</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓					
Grey-headed Sparrow	<i>Passer griseus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓		✓	
Grosbeak Weaver	<i>Amblyospiza albifrons</i>											✓	✓
Compact Weaver	<i>Pachyphantes superciliosus</i>								✓				
Baglaffeht Weaver	<i>Ploceus baglaffeht</i>				✓	✓	✓						
Slender-billed Weaver	<i>Ploceus pelzelni</i>			✓									✓
Black-necked Weaver	<i>Ploceus nigricollis</i>					✓	✓						
Black-billed Weaver	<i>Ploceus melanogaster</i>						✓						
Holub's Golden Weaver	<i>Ploceus xanthops</i>								✓				
Northern Brown-throated Weaver	<i>Ploceus castanops</i>		✓										
Yellow-backed Weaver	<i>Ploceus melanocephalus</i>							✓	✓	✓			

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Lesser Masked Weaver	<i>Ploceus intermedius</i>			✓					✓				
Village Weaver	<i>Ploceus cucullatus</i>	✓	✓	✓				✓			✓		
Vieillot's Black Weaver	<i>Ploceus nigerrimus</i>					✓	✓				✓		✓
Brown-capped Weaver	<i>Ploceus insignis</i>						✓						
Red-headed Malimbe	<i>Malimbus rubricollis</i>												✓
Red-headed Weaver	<i>Anaplectes rubriceps</i>			✓									
Red-billed Quelea	<i>Quelea quelea</i>				✓			✓		✓			
Black Bishop	<i>Euplectes gierowii</i>												✓
Black-winged Red Bishop	<i>Euplectes hordeaceus</i>										✓	✓	
Southern Red Bishop	<i>Euplectes orix</i>								✓	✓			
Fan-tailed Widowbird	<i>Euplectes axillaris</i>		✓		✓			✓					
White-winged Widowbird	<i>Euplectes albonotatus</i>							✓					
Red-collared Widowbird	<i>Euplectes ardens</i>							✓					
Grey-headed Nigrita	<i>Nigrita canicapillus</i>	✓				✓							
White-breasted Nigrita	<i>Nigrita fusconota</i>						✓						
Green-winged Pytilia	<i>Pytilia melba</i>				✓			✓					
Red-headed Bluebill	<i>Spermophaga ruficapilla</i>					✓							
Red-billed Firefinch	<i>Lagonosticta senegala</i>			✓	✓			✓	✓	✓			
Fawn-breasted Waxbill	<i>Estrilda paludicola</i>							✓					
Common Waxbill	<i>Estrilda astrild</i>							✓		✓			
Black-crowned Waxbill	<i>Estrilda nonnula</i>										✓		✓
Black-faced Waxbill	<i>Brunhilda erythronotos</i>				✓								
Red-cheeked Cordonbleu	<i>Uraeginthus bengalus</i>		✓	✓	✓								
African Quailfinch (Black-chinned)	<i>Ortygospiza atricollis gabonensis</i>								✓				
Bronze Mannikin	<i>Spermestes cucullatus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		
Black-and-white Mannikin	<i>Spermestes bicolor</i>												✓
Village Indigobird	<i>Vidua chalybeata</i>			✓	✓			✓					
Pin-tailed Whydah	<i>Vidua macroura</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Yellow-crowned Canary	<i>Serinus flavivertex</i>							✓					✓
African Citril	<i>Serinus citrinelloides</i>					✓							
Yellow-fronted Canary	<i>Serinus mozambicus</i>					✓					✓		
Streaky Seedeater	<i>Serinus striolatus</i>					✓	✓						
Thick-billed Seedeater	<i>Serinus burtoni</i>					✓	✓						
Yellow-mantled Widowbird	<i>Euplectes macroura</i>							✓					

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House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>				✓			✓					

Others

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Butterflies													
Green-banded Swallowtail	<i>Papilio nireus</i>					✓	✓						
Constantine's Swallowtail	<i>Papilio constantinus</i>					✓	✓						
White-barred Charaxes	<i>Papilio brutus</i>					✓	✓						
Pea Blue	<i>Lampides boeticus</i>					✓	✓						
Common Albatross	<i>Appias albina</i>					✓	✓						
Black and Orange	<i>Vanessula milca</i>					✓	✓						
<i>Uranothauma delatorum</i>	<i>Uranothauma delatorum</i>					✓	✓						
Mountain Pied Pierrot	<i>Tuxentius margaritaceus</i>					✓	✓						
Blue Mother-of-pearl	<i>Protonotaria temora</i>						✓						
Reptiles													
Nile Crocodile	<i>Crocodylus niloticus</i>			✓						✓			
cameleon sp.							✓						
Agama Lizard	<i>Agama sp.</i>									✓			