

## **A blitz through Central and Western Kenya: Seven days and 450+ species (29 Mar – 4 Apr 2017)**

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This was a privately organized and somewhat spontaneous tour arranged for a good friend and chair of the British Columbia Rarities Committee Nathan Hentze. Due to scheduling circumstances, only seven days were available for the trip, which was to start in Kakamega Forest on 29 March. All in all we covered around 900kms with each night at a different location. The pace was fast but a tremendous number of birds were seen well. To complement the terrific birding all of the big five mammals were seen, the food and accommodations were good, and our vehicle was fast and reliable.

### **29 March 2017**

The entirety of the first day was to be devoted to Kakamega Forest, and we started with bang at the forest station compound with a male Pied Flycatcher!!! Only a third Kenya record, dutifully studied, photographed and submitted to the rarities committee. Onwards into the Isecheno plot and birds were added to the list rapidly... Joyful, Plain, Yellow-whiskered, Anson's and Cabanis's Greenbuls, Red-tailed Bristlebill and Scaly-breasted Illadopsis were all ubiquitous in the lower levels. Higher up were Yellow-billed and Hairy-breasted Barbets, Golden-crowned Woodpecker and Bocage's Bushshrike. After several hours wandering the trails, and starting to get dizzy from peering into the high canopy, we head back to camp for a relaxing lunch and some birding by chair! The afternoon was no less impressive as we added more greenbuls, Petit's Cuckooshrike, Jameson's Wattle-eye, Luehder's Bushshrike and Grey-chested Illadopsis on the nearby pumphouse trail. As evening turned to night, we tallied our day list to the sounds of piping Red-chested Owlet and the fog horn of Buff-spotted Flufftail. There is nowhere else in Kenya like the Kakamega Forest and we knew that we were only scratching the surface of what was on offer.

### **30 March 2017**

We were up early to a cacophony of sound and following a strong cup of coffee we immediately set off for the grounds of Rondo Retreat, well known as some of the best birding Kenya has to offer. After more coffee in the spectacular grounds we slowly wandered the perimeter and down the trail to the ponds, all the while adding new birds to the list. White-spotted Flufftail was gradually coaxed out onto the path with an imitation of its whistled song. Olive-bellied, Green-headed, Northern Double-collared and Green Sunbirds flitted from flower to flower all around us, while Black-billed Weaver, Buff-spotted Woodpecker and Banded Prinias passed through quickly in a mixed flock. Reluctantly tearing ourselves away from the action, we left to pack our gear and head east to the Rift Valley and Lake Elementaita. En route we added a suite of high forest birds to the list at Timboroa, including magnificent Golden-winged and Tacazze Sunbirds, before arriving at our plush hotel shortly after dark for a much needed evening meal.

### **31 March 2017**

Today was mostly a transit day with several stops en route for sought after birds of the region. Before heading out, however, we completed a thorough sweep of the near shore, fringing woodlands and cliffs to find a few specialties. First on the list was Lesser Flamingo which was the last of the seven species worldwide that Nathan needed to see. In short order, a few distant birds were found in the scope, and Nathan had his Flamingo sweep! Picking up Abyssinian Wheatear, Buffy Pipit and White-fronted Bee-eater was similarly quick, and with those under our belts we moved on to Gatwamba Forest and duly

found the target Black-fronted Bushshrike and Black-throated Apalis. So far so good! At the next stop, Manguo Pond, an array of new ducks, shorebirds and marsh birds were found while Hunter's Cisticola duetted from adjacent scrub. The variety seemed endless and it was again with reluctance that we moved on. After a fairly rapid transit around the periphery of Nairobi, we arrived at Swara Acacia Camp on the Athi Plains by 1630hrs. Here we met two local birders, Simon Carter and David Guarnieri, and we spent a couple of productive hours wandering the local wooded grasslands. New birds were steadily found, among them Ruppell's Griffon, Pearl-spotted Owlet, Northern Red-billed Hornbill and Striped Kingfisher. Dinner was delicious, and we were horizontal and snoring shortly afterwards!

### **1 April 2017**

After a brief pre-breakfast stroll around camp, adding Red-throated Tit, Banded Warbler and Abyssinian Scimitarbill, we head off for some nearby arid scrubland in search of reported Three-banded Coursers. Try as we might, we couldn't find them, but we did find plenty of other new birds. Foxy Larks and White-bellied Canaries were common. African Bare-eyed Thrush and Sombre Greenbul sang clearly but were difficult to see in the thickets. Northern White-crowned Shrikes posed obligingly on the wires while a Namaqua Dove came down to drink from a puddle. The trip list continued to grow at a steady rate and saying our goodbyes to Simon and David we head off to the south and the lowlands of Kiboko and Tsavo. Arriving at the historic Hunter's Lodge by 2pm, we were pleased to find the recent renovations complete and the lodge in good shape. The birding here is very enjoyable, the price was reasonable and the food and accommodations surprisingly good. Getting good views of Pallid Honeyguide, Crowned Hornbill, Black-bellied Sunbird and a family of Ashy Flycatchers was a great way to wind down a relaxing afternoon. A couple of hours searching nearby roads for nightjars after dinner was also a success, with Plain, Eurasian and Donaldson-Smith's seen and photographed in the torchlight, and a well heard Slender-tailed Nightjar also worthy of a tick.

### **2 April 2017**

After an early breakfast, we quickly departed Hunter's Lodge for the Kibwezi Forest. Starting here before the heat of the day is critical and we arrived to a flurry of activity. Shikra and Lizard Buzzard were foraging from the edge of a break in the woodland, a superb Red and Yellow Barbet posed atop a small Acacia tree, while Jameson's Firefinches fed on the ground under some Lantana shrubs. Entering the forest we quickly added Trumpeter Hornbill, Bearded Scrub Robin and Eastern Black-headed Batis, while some more diligent searching turned up a spectacular Eastern Nicator and a pair of Retz's Helmetshrikes. Buoyed by our success, we head off to Mtito Andei and the entrance to Tsavo West National Park. Passing through the gate by 1230hrs we slowly meandered towards Mzima Springs and then our accommodations at Ngulia Safari Lodge seeing some spectacular Golden Pipits en route. Keeping track of birds seen from this point almost became too difficult, as the variety was astonishing. By the end of the afternoon, and following superb looks at Freckled and Eurasian Nightjars on the last kilometer before the lodge, we had tallied over 150 species since entering the park six hours earlier. We watched a leopard eating the bait put out by the lodge as we ate our own evening meal, while also trying to mentally digest the content of our last five days.

### **3 April 2017**

An early breakfast in the open air dining room at Ngulia is memorable. Red-winged Starlings perch on the chairs, whistling their soft melodic notes, Crested and Hildebrandt's Francolins cackle raucously from the bushy slopes, and one never knows what might come to the water hole. Today it was a scruffy looking Eastern Paradise-Whydah; the only one of the trip. Heading out shortly after eating to take advantage of the cool morning air, we wasted no time in getting down into the arid Commiphora forest below the lodge to search for specialties of the Somali biome. Golden-breasted Starlings and Black-

capped Social-Weavers perched in small groups on the tops of small trees, African Hawk and Brown Snake Eagles were up in the leafless baobabs, while Yellow-necked Spurfowl scurried along the roadsides. Stopping in a particularly busy area, we spent 15 minutes canvassing the surrounding bush until we found our quarry: Red-naped Bushshrike, which permitted crippling views and photos. Alongside were vocal African Bare-eyed Thrush and White-browed Scrub Robin, as well as a party of White Helmetshrikes and a Pair of blue-capped Cordonbleu. As the heat of the day intensified we made a dash for the Park Gate so as to be out before our 24 hour permit expired. A stop at a known site en route turned up the hoped for pair of Verreaux's Eagle Owls, while a singing Pygmy Batis graced our exit from the park. From here it was comparatively dull birding as we slowly made our way northwards through a steady trail of truck traffic. We stopped at a rocky cliff site called Lukenya for an hour once closer to Nairobi, adding a some delightful Spotted Thicknees to the list, before the final push to our accommodations. A good meal and a very comfortable sleep at the Wildebeest Ecocamp was exactly what we needed as we dragged ourselves into camp at dusk.

#### 4 April 2017

Our last day was to be spent in Nairobi National Park in search of mammals and a handful of "loose end" birds that it would be horrendous to leave the country without seeing. In the end, we found over 170 species over the day, and had cracking looks at lions, buffalo, black rhinoceros and a suite of antelopes and gazelles. Birding highlights were the much sought after Kittlitz's Plover, which was present at Athi Dam as expected, along with a surprise Lesser Sandplover. Along the Mbagathi River, we found the only Striated Heron of the trip, a pair of African Firefinch and a flock of African Citrils which had somehow been missed up to now. In the grasslands, Northern Pied Babblers, Kori Bustard, Pangani Longclaw and Pectoral-patch Cisticolas were easily seen, while the reed-lined Nagoloman Dam turned up the hoped for Little Bittern and African Swamphen. A superb adult Martial Eagle also posed for us here, and as we departed the park for our evening flight from the airport, a White-starred Robin flit across the road to cap off a very fine trip.

#### Bird Species List

*Site Abbreviations* (**Kak**: Kakamega Forest, **Tim**: Timboroa and Narusha Dam, **El**: Lake Elementaita, **MP**: Manguo Pond, **Gat**: Gatwamba Forest, **AR**: Athi River and Swara Acacia Camp, **HL**: Hunter's Lodge, **Kib**: Kibwezi Forest, **TsE**: Tsavo East National Park, **Luk**: Lukenya, **NNP**: Nairobi National Park)

1 Common Ostrich ( <i>Struthio camelus</i> ) AR, NNP	7 Hottentot Teal ( <i>Spatula hottentota</i> ) MP	14 Crested Francolin ( <i>Dendroperdix sephaena</i> ) AR, HL, TsE
2 White-faced Whistling-Duck ( <i>Dendrocygna viduata</i> ) MP, NNP	8 Yellow-billed Duck ( <i>Anas undulata</i> ) Tim, MP	15 Little Grebe ( <i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i> ) Tim, El, MP
3 Fulvous Whistling-Duck ( <i>Dendrocygna bicolor</i> ) MP	9 Cape Teal ( <i>Anas capensis</i> ) El	16 Eared Grebe ( <i>Podiceps nigricollis</i> ) El
4 Egyptian Goose ( <i>Alopochen aegyptiaca</i> ) Widespread	10 Red-billed Duck ( <i>Anas erythrorhyncha</i> ) MP, NNP	17 Greater Flamingo ( <i>Phoenicopterus roseus</i> ) El
5 Spur-winged Goose ( <i>Plectropterus gambensis</i> ) roadside en route @ Nakuru	11 Helmeted Guineafowl ( <i>Numida meleagris</i> ) Widespread	18 Lesser Flamingo ( <i>Phoeniconaias minor</i> ) El
6 Garganey ( <i>Spatula querquedula</i> ) MP	12 Hildebrandt's Francolin ( <i>Pternistis hildebrandti</i> ) Kib, TsE	19 Black Stork ( <i>Ciconia nigra</i> ) NNP
	13 Yellow-necked Francolin ( <i>Pternistis leucoscepus</i> ) AR, TsE, NNP	20 White Stork ( <i>Ciconia ciconia</i> ) TsE, NNP

- 21 Saddle-billed Stork (*Ephippiorhynchus senegalensis*) NNP
- 22 Marabou Stork (*Leptoptilos crumenifer*) Widespread
- 23 Yellow-billed Stork (*Mycteria ibis*) El, Luk, NNP
- 24 Long-tailed Cormorant (*Microcarbo africanus*) Widespread
- 25 Great Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax carbo*) El
- 26 African Darter (*Anhinga rufa*) AR, TsE, NNP
- 27 Great White Pelican (*Pelecanus onocrotalus*) El
- 28 Pink-backed Pelican (*Pelecanus rufescens*) El, AR
- 29 Hamerkop (*Scopus umbretta*) NNP
- 30 Little Bittern (*Ixobrychus minutus*) NNP
- 31 Gray Heron (*Ardea cinerea*) Tim, Luk, NNP
- 32 Black-headed Heron (*Ardea melanocephala*) Widespread
- 33 Purple Heron (*Ardea purpurea*) HL
- 34 Great Egret (*Ardea alba*) El, NNP
- 35 Intermediate Egret (*Ardea intermedia*) Tim, MP, NNP
- 36 Little Egret (*Egretta garzetta*) El
- 37 Cattle Egret (*Bubulcus ibis*) AR, NNP
- 38 Squacco Heron (*Ardeola ralloides*) HL
- 39 Striated Heron (*Butorides striata*) NNP
- 40 Black-crowned Night-Heron (*Nycticorax nycticorax*) NNP
- 41 Glossy Ibis (*Plegadis falcinellus*) MP
- 42 Sacred Ibis (*Threskiornis aethiopicus*) Tim, Luk, NNP
- 43 Hadada Ibis (*Bostrychia hagedash*) Widespread
- 44 African Spoonbill (*Platalea alba*) Widespread
- 45 Secretarybird (*Sagittarius serpentarius*) TsE, NNP
- 46 Black-shouldered Kite (*Elanus caeruleus*) TsE, NNP
- 47 White-headed Vulture (*Trigonoceps occipitalis*) TsE
- 48 Lappet-faced Vulture (*Torgos tracheliotos*) TsE, NNP
- 49 White-backed Vulture (*Gyps africanus*) AR, TsE, NNP
- 50 Rüppell's Griffon (*Gyps rueppelli*) AR, TsE, NNP
- 51 Bateleur (*Terathopius ecaudatus*) TsE, NNP
- 52 Brown Snake-Eagle (*Circaetus cinereus*) TsE
- 53 Banded Snake-Eagle (*Circaetus cinerascens*) Kak
- 54 Martial Eagle (*Polemaetus bellicosus*) Kak, TsE, NNP
- 55 Tawny Eagle (*Aquila rapax*) AR, TsE, NNP
- 56 African Hawk-Eagle (*Aquila spilogaster*) AR, TsE
- 57 Lizard Buzzard (*Kaupifalco monogrammicus*) Kib
- 58 Eastern Chanting-Goshawk (*Melierax poliopterus*) TsE
- 59 Gabar Goshawk (*Micronisus gabar*) TsE
- 60 African Goshawk (*Accipiter tachiro*) HL, Kib, TsE
- 61 Shikra (*Accipiter badius*) Kib
- 62 Black Kite (*Milvus migrans*) Widespread
- 63 African Fish-Eagle (*Haliaeetus vocifer*) Widespread
- 64 Augur Buzzard (*Buteo augur*) Tim, TsE
- 65 Kori Bustard (*Ardeotis kori*) NNP
- 66 White-bellied Bustard (*Eupodotis senegalensis*) NNP
- 67 Buff-crested Bustard (*Eupodotis gindiana*) TsE
- 68 Black-bellied Bustard (*Lissotis melanogaster*) en route @ Nakuru
- 69 Black Crake (*Zapornia flavirostra*) Tim, TsE, NNP
- 70 African Swamphen (*Porphyrio madagascariensis*) NNP
- 71 Eurasian Moorhen (*Gallinula chloropus*) Tim, HL
- 72 White-spotted Flufftail (*Sarothrura pulchra*) Kak
- 73 Buff-spotted Flufftail (*Sarothrura elegans*) Kak
- 74 Gray Crowned-Crane (*Balearica regulorum*) Tim
- 75 Spotted Thick-knee (*Burhinus capensis*) Luk
- 76 Black-winged Stilt (*Himantopus himantopus*) El, NNP
- 77 Long-toed Lapwing (*Vanellus crassirostris*) NNP
- 78 Blacksmith Lapwing (*Vanellus armatus*) Widespread
- 79 Spur-winged Lapwing (*Vanellus spinosus*) NNP
- 80 Crowned Lapwing (*Vanellus coronatus*) AR, Luk, NNP
- 81 Lesser Sand-Plover (*Charadrius mongolus*) NNP
- 82 Kittlitz's Plover (*Charadrius pecuarius*) NNP
- 83 Common Ringed Plover (*Charadrius hiaticula*) El, NNP
- 84 Three-banded Plover (*Charadrius tricollaris*) El, NNP
- 85 African Jacana (*Actophilornis africanus*) HL, NNP
- 86 Ruff (*Calidris pugnax*) El, NNP
- 87 Little Stint (*Calidris minuta*) El, NNP
- 88 Common Sandpiper (*Actitis hypoleucos*) El, AR, NNP
- 89 Green Sandpiper (*Tringa ochropus*) NNP
- 90 Common Greenshank (*Tringa nebularia*) El, NNP
- 91 Marsh Sandpiper (*Tringa stagnatilis*) NNP
- 92 Wood Sandpiper (*Tringa glareola*) NNP
- 93 Gray-hooded Gull (*Chroicocephalus cirrocephalus*) El
- 94 Gull-billed Tern (*Gelochelidon nilotica*) El
- 95 White-winged Tern (*Chlidonias leucopterus*) El
- 96 African Skimmer (*Rynchops flavirostris*) El
- 97 Black-faced Sandgrouse (*Pterocles decoratus*) TsE
- 98 Speckled Pigeon (*Columba guinea*) El, AR
- 99 Rameron Pigeon (*Columba arquatrix*) Gat
- 100 Dusky Turtle-Dove (*Streptopelia lugens*) NNP

101 Mourning Collared-Dove (*Streptopelia decipiens*) TsE  
 102 Red-eyed Dove (*Streptopelia semitorquata*) Widespread  
 103 Ring-necked Dove (*Streptopelia capicola*) Widespread  
 104 Laughing Dove (*Streptopelia senegalensis*) Widespread  
 105 Emerald-spotted Wood-Dove (*Turtur chalcospilos*) Widespread  
 106 Tambourine Dove (*Turtur tympanistria*) Kak  
 107 Namaqua Dove (*Oena capensis*) AR, TsE  
 108 African Green-Pigeon (*Treron calvus*) Kib, TsE, NNP  
 109 Hartlaub's Turaco (*Tauraco hartlaubi*) Gat  
 110 Ross's Turaco (*Musophaga rossae*) Kak  
 111 White-bellied Go-away-bird (*Corythaixoides leucogaster*) Widespread  
 112 White-browed Coucal (*Centropus superciliosus*) Widespread  
 113 Dideric Cuckoo (*Chrysococcyx caprius*) TsE  
 114 Klaas's Cuckoo (*Chrysococcyx klaas*) Kak, TsE, NNP  
 115 African Emerald Cuckoo (*Chrysococcyx cupreus*) Kak, Gat  
 116 Red-chested Cuckoo (*Cuculus solitarius*) Kak, TsE  
 117 Spotted Eagle-Owl (*Bubo africanus*) TsE  
 118 Verreaux's Eagle-Owl (*Bubo lacteus*) TsE  
 119 Pearl-spotted Owlet (*Glaucidium perlatum*) AR, TsE  
 120 Red-chested Owlet (*Glaucidium tephronotum*) Kak  
 121 Eurasian Nightjar (*Caprimulgus europaeus*) HL, TsE  
 122 Donaldson-Smith's Nightjar (*Caprimulgus donaldsoni*) TsE  
 123 Plain Nightjar (*Caprimulgus inornatus*) HL  
 124 Freckled Nightjar (*Caprimulgus tristigma*) TsE  
 125 Slender-tailed Nightjar (*Caprimulgus clarus*) HL  
 126 Donaldson-Smith's Nightjar (*Caprimulgus donaldsoni*) HL  
 127 Mottled Spinetail (*Telacanthura ussheri*) Kib  
 128 Bat-like Spinetail (*Neafrapus boehmi*) Kib  
 129 Common Swift (*Apus apus*) Tim  
 130 African Swift (*Apus barbatus*) El  
 131 Little Swift (*Apus affinis*) Widespread  
 132 White-rumped Swift (*Apus caffer*) TsE  
 133 African Palm-Swift (*Cypsiurus parvus*) AR, NNP  
 134 Speckled Mousebird (*Colius striatus*) Widespread  
 135 Blue-naped Mousebird (*Urocolius macrourus*) Widespread  
 136 Eurasian Hoopoe (*Upupa epops*) El, AR, TsE  
 137 Violet Woodhoopoe (*Phoeniculus damarensis*) AR  
 138 Abyssinian Scimitarbill (*Rhinopomastus minor*) AR, TsE  
 139 Crowned Hornbill (*Lophoceros alboterminatus*) HL, Kib  
 140 African Gray Hornbill (*Lophoceros nasutus*) AR, TsE, NNP  
 141 Eastern Yellow-billed Hornbill (*Tockus flavirostris*) TsE  
 142 Von der Decken's Hornbill (*Tockus deckeni*) AR, HL, TsE  
 143 Northern Red-billed Hornbill (*Tockus erythrorhynchus*) AR, TsE  
 144 Black-and-white-casqued Hornbill (*Bycanistes subcylindricus*) Kak  
 145 Trumpeter Hornbill (*Bycanistes bucinator*) Kib  
 146 Malachite Kingfisher (*Corythornis cristatus*) HL, NNP  
 147 African Pygmy-Kingfisher (*Ispidina picta*) Kak, AR  
 148 Gray-headed Kingfisher (*Halcyon leucocephala*) AR, HL, TsE  
 149 Striped Kingfisher (*Halcyon chelicuti*) AR, NNP  
 150 Pied Kingfisher (*Ceryle rudis*) Widespread  
 151 Blue-headed Bee-eater (*Merops muelleri*) Kak  
 152 White-fronted Bee-eater (*Merops bullockoides*) El  
 153 Little Bee-eater (*Merops pusillus*) Widespread  
 154 Cinnamon-chested Bee-eater (*Merops oreobates*) Kak, NNP  
 155 Madagascar Bee-eater (*Merops superciliosus*) TsE  
 156 European Bee-eater (*Merops apiaster*) Widespread  
 157 European Roller (*Coracias garrulus*) Widespread  
 158 Lilac-breasted Roller (*Coracias caudatus*) TsE  
 159 Rufous-crowned Roller (*Coracias naevius*) TsE  
 160 Broad-billed Roller (*Eurystomus glaucurus*) Kib  
 161 Yellow-billed Barbet (*Trachyphonus purpuratus*) Kak  
 162 Red-and-yellow Barbet (*Trachyphonus erythrocephalus*) HL, Kib  
 163 D'Arnaud's Barbet (*Trachyphonus darnaudii*) Widespread  
 164 Gray-throated Barbet (*Gymnobucco bonapartei*) Kak  
 165 Moustached Tinkerbird (*Pogoniulus leucomystax*) Gat  
 166 Yellow-rumped Tinkerbird (*Pogoniulus bilineatus*) Kak, Tim, Gat  
 167 Red-fronted Tinkerbird (*Pogoniulus pusillus*) Kib, TsE, Luk  
 168 Yellow-spotted Barbet (*Buccanodon duchaillui*) Kak  
 169 Hairy-breasted Barbet (*Tricholaema hirsuta*) Kak  
 170 Red-fronted Barbet (*Tricholaema diademata*) AR, HL, Luk  
 171 Spot-flanked Barbet (*Tricholaema lacrymosa*) HL, Kib, NNP  
 172 Black-throated Barbet (*Tricholaema melanocephala*) TsE  
 173 White-headed Barbet (*Lybius leucocephalus*) HL, Luk, NNP

174 Least Honeyguide (*Indicator exilis*) Kak  
 175 Lesser Honeyguide (*Indicator minor*) TsE  
 176 Nubian Woodpecker (*Campethera nubica*) AR, TsE, NNP  
 177 Buff-spotted Woodpecker (*Campethera nivosa*) Kak  
 178 Cardinal Woodpecker (*Dendropicos fuscescens*) Widespread  
 179 Golden-crowned Woodpecker (*Dendropicos xantholophus*) Kak  
 180 Mountain Gray Woodpecker (*Dendropicos spodocephalus*) AR, NNP  
 181 Pygmy Falcon (*Polihierax semitorquatus*) TsE  
 182 Eurasian Kestrel (*Falco tinnunculus*) NNP  
 183 Eurasian Hobby (*Falco subbuteo*) Luk  
 184 Fischer's x Yellow-collared Lovebird (hybrid) (*Agapornis fischeri* x *personatus*) AR, NNP  
 185 Red-bellied Parrot (*Poicephalus rufiventris*) HL, TsE  
 186 Brown-throated Wattle-eye (*Platysteira cyanea*) Kak  
 187 Black-throated Wattle-eye (*Platysteira peltata*) Kak, Tim  
 188 Chestnut Wattle-eye (*Platysteira castanea*) Kak  
 189 Jameson's Wattle-eye (*Platysteira jamesoni*) Kak  
 190 Chinspot Batis (*Batis molitor*) Widespread  
 191 Black-headed Batis (*Batis minor*) Kib  
 192 Pygmy Batis (*Batis perkeo*) TsE  
 193 White Helmetshrike (*Prionops plumatus*) TsE  
 194 Retz's Helmetshrike (*Prionops retzii*) Kib  
 195 African Shrike-flycatcher (*Megabyas flammulatus*) Kak  
 196 Brubru (*Nilaus afer*) AR, TsE, NNP  
 197 Pringle's Puffback (*Dryoscopus pringlii*) TsE  
 198 Black-backed Puffback (*Dryoscopus cubla*) Kib, TsE, NNP  
 199 Pink-footed Puffback (*Dryoscopus angolensis*) Kak  
 200 Black-crowned Tchagra (*Tchagra senegalus*) TsE  
 201 Brown-crowned Tchagra (*Tchagra australis*) Widespread  
 202 Red-naped Bushshrike (*Laniarius ruficeps*) TsE  
 203 Lühder's Bushshrike (*Laniarius luehderi*) Kak  
 204 Tropical Boubou (*Laniarius major*) Gat, NNP  
 205 Slate-colored Boubou (*Laniarius funebris*) Widespread  
 206 Rosy-patched Bushshrike (*Rhodophoneus cruentus*) TsE  
 207 Gray-green Bushshrike (*Telophorus bocagei*) Kak  
 208 Sulphur-breasted Bushshrike (*Telophorus sulfureopectus*) Widespread  
 209 Black-fronted Bushshrike (*Telophorus nigrifrons*) Gat  
 210 Gray-headed Bushshrike (*Malaconotus blanchoti*) HL, Kib  
 211 Black Cuckooshrike (*Campephaga flava*) Kib, TsE, NNP  
 212 Petit's Cuckooshrike (*Campephaga petiti*) Kak  
 213 Red-backed Shrike (*Lanius collurio*) TsE, NNP  
 214 Red-tailed Shrike (*Lanius phoenicuroides*) AR, TsE, NNP  
 215 Red-tailed/Isabelline Shrike (*Lanius phoenicuroides/isabellinus*) NNP  
 216 Lesser Gray Shrike (*Lanius minor*) TsE  
 217 Long-tailed Fiscal (*Lanius cabanisi*) Widespread  
 218 Mackinnon's Shrike (*Lanius mackinnoni*) Kak  
 219 Northern Fiscal (*Lanius humeralis*) Kak, Tim, NNP  
 220 White-rumped Shrike (*Eurocephalus ruppelli*) AR, HL, TsE  
 221 Eurasian Golden Oriole (*Oriolus oriolus*) Widespread  
 222 African Black-headed Oriole (*Oriolus larvatus*) HL, Kib, TsE  
 223 Black-tailed Oriole (*Oriolus percivali*) Gat  
 224 Square-tailed Drongo (*Dicrurus ludwigii*) Kak  
 225 Fork-tailed Drongo (*Dicrurus adsimilis*) Widespread  
 226 African Paradise-Flycatcher (*Terpsiphone viridis*) Widespread  
 227 Pied Crow (*Corvus albus*) NNP  
 228 Eastern Nicator (*Nicator gularis*) Kib  
 229 Fischer's Sparrow-Lark (*Eremopterix leucopareia*) AR, TsE  
 230 Pink-breasted Lark (*Calendulauda poecilosterna*) TsE  
 231 Foxy Lark (*Calendulauda alopex*) AR, Luk, NNP  
 232 Rufous-naped Lark (*Mirafra africana*) AR, NNP  
 233 Red-capped Lark (*Calandrella cinerea*) NNP  
 234 Plain Martin (*Riparia paludicola*) Widespread  
 235 Rock Martin (*Ptyonoprogne fuligula*) El, NNP  
 236 Barn Swallow (*Hirundo rustica*) Widespread  
 237 Wire-tailed Swallow (*Hirundo smithii*) El, AR, TsE  
 238 Red-rumped Swallow (*Cecropis daurica*) AR, NNP  
 239 Lesser Striped-Swallow (*Cecropis abyssinica*) Widespread  
 240 Common House-Martin (*Delichon urbicum*) Kak  
 241 White-headed Sawwing (*Psalidoprocne albiceps*) Kak, Tim  
 242 Black Sawwing (*Psalidoprocne pristoptera*) Kak, Tim, NNP  
 243 African Blue Flycatcher (*Elminia longicauda*) Kak  
 244 Dusky Crested-Flycatcher (*Elminia nigromitrata*) Kak  
 245 White-tailed Crested-Flycatcher (*Elminia albonotata*) Gat  
 246 White-bellied Tit (*Melaniparus albiventris*) Widespread  
 247 Dusky Tit (*Melaniparus funereus*) Kak

- 248 Red-throated Tit (*Melaniparus fringillinus*) AR, NNP
- 249 Sombre Greenbul (*Andropadus importunus*) Widespread
- 250 Slender-billed Greenbul (*Stelgidillas gracilirostris*) Kak, Tim
- 251 Red-tailed Bristlebill (*Bleda syndactylus*) Kak
- 252 Shelley's Greenbul (*Arizelocichla masukuensis*) Kak
- 253 Yellow-bellied Greenbul (*Chlorocichla flaviventris*) Kib
- 254 Joyful Greenbul (*Chlorocichla laetissima*) Kak
- 255 Honeyguide Greenbul (*Baeopogon indicator*) Kak
- 256 Anson's Greenbul (*Eurillas ansorgei*) Kak
- 257 Plain Greenbul (*Eurillas curvirostris*) Kak
- 258 Yellow-whiskered Greenbul (*Eurillas latirostris*) Kak, Tim, Gat
- 259 Little Greenbul (*Eurillas virens*) Kak
- 260 Northern Brownbul (*Phyllastrephus strepitans*) Kib, TsE
- 261 Toro Olive-Greenbul (*Phyllastrephus hypochloris*) Kak
- 262 Cabanis's Greenbul (*Phyllastrephus cabanisi*) Kak, Gat
- 263 Common Bulbul (*Pycnonotus barbatus*) Widespread
- 264 Northern Crombec (*Sylvietta brachyura*) TsE
- 265 Red-faced Crombec (*Sylvietta whytii*) Widespread
- 266 Moustached Grass-Warbler (*Melocichla mentalis*) AR, TsE, NNP
- 267 Green Hylia (*Hylia prasina*) Kak
- 268 Uganda Woodland-Warbler (*Phylloscopus budongoensis*) Kak
- 269 Brown Woodland-Warbler (*Phylloscopus umbrovirens*) Gat
- 270 Willow Warbler (*Phylloscopus trochilus*) Widespread
- 271 Eastern Olivaceous Warbler (*Iduna pallida*) AR, TsE
- 272 African Yellow-Warbler (*Iduna natalensis*) NNP
- 273 Mountain Yellow-Warbler (*Iduna similis*) Tim
- 274 Upcher's Warbler (*Hippolais languida*) TsE, Luk
- 275 Eurasian Reed Warbler (*Acrocephalus scirpaceus*) NNP
- 276 African Reed Warbler (*Acrocephalus baeticatus*) Tim
- 277 Lesser Swamp Warbler (*Acrocephalus gracilirostris*) HL, NNP
- 278 Evergreen-forest Warbler (*Bradypterus lopezi*) Gat
- 279 Cinnamon Bracken-Warbler (*Bradypterus cinnamomeus*) Tim, Gat
- 280 Black-collared Apalis (*Apalis pulchra*) Kak, Gat
- 281 Black-throated Apalis (*Apalis jacksoni*) Gat
- 282 Yellow-breasted Apalis (*Apalis flavida*) AR, Luk, NNP
- 283 Buff-throated Apalis (*Apalis rufogularis*) Kak
- 284 Chestnut-throated Apalis (*Apalis porphyrolaema*) Gat
- 285 Gray Apalis (*Apalis cinerea*) Tim, Gat
- 286 Green-backed Camaroptera (*Camaroptera brachyura*) Widespread
- 287 Olive-green Camaroptera (*Camaroptera chloronota*) Kak
- 288 Gray Wren-Warbler (*Calamonastes simplex*) HL, TsE
- 289 White-chinned Prinia (*Schistolais leucopogon*) Kak
- 290 Singing Cisticola (*Cisticola cantans*) NNP
- 291 Chubb's Cisticola (*Cisticola chubbi*) Kak
- 292 Hunter's Cisticola (*Cisticola hunteri*) Tim
- 293 Rattling Cisticola (*Cisticola chiniana*) Widespread
- 294 Ashy Cisticola (*Cisticola cinereolus*) TsE
- 295 Wailing Cisticola (*Cisticola lais*) El
- 296 Winding Cisticola (*Cisticola galactotes*) NNP
- 297 Levaillant's Cisticola (*Cisticola tinniens*) Tim
- 298 Stout Cisticola (*Cisticola robustus*) Kak, NNP
- 299 Croaking Cisticola (*Cisticola natalensis*) NNP
- 300 Tiny Cisticola (*Cisticola nana*) TsE
- 301 Desert Cisticola (*Cisticola aridulus*) AR, TsE, NNP
- 302 Pectoral-patch Cisticola (*Cisticola brunnescens*) NNP
- 303 Gray-capped Warbler (*Eminia lepida*) NNP
- 304 Black-faced Rufous-Warbler (*Bathmocercus rufus*) Kak
- 305 Buff-bellied Warbler (*Phyllolais pulchella*) AR, NNP
- 306 Tawny-flanked Prinia (*Prinia subflava*) Widespread
- 307 Banded Prinia (*Prinia bairdii*) Kak
- 308 Turner's Eremomela (*Eremomela turneri*) Kak
- 309 African Hill Babbler (*Sylvia abyssinica*) Gat
- 310 Garden Warbler (*Sylvia borin*) AR
- 311 Banded Warbler (*Sylvia boehmi*) AR, NNP
- 312 Greater Whitethroat (*Sylvia communis*) AR, TsE, NNP
- 313 African Yellow White-eye (*Zosterops senegalensis*) Kak, Tim
- 314 Broad-ringed White-eye (*Zosterops poliogastrus*) Gat, NNP
- 315 White-breasted White-eye (*Zosterops abyssinicus*) Widespread
- 316 Pale-breasted Illadopsis (*Illadopsis rufipennis*) Kak
- 317 Mountain Illadopsis (*Illadopsis pyrrhoptera*) Kak
- 318 Scaly-breasted Illadopsis (*Illadopsis albipectus*) Kak
- 319 Scaly Chatterer (*Turdoides aylmeri*) TsE
- 320 Rufous Chatterer (*Turdoides rubiginosa*) TsE
- 321 Northern Pied-Babbler (*Turdoides hypoleuca*) NNP
- 322 Arrow-marked Babbler (*Turdoides jardineii*) El
- 323 Gray-chested Babbler (*Kakamega poliothorax*) Kak

324 Dusky-brown Flycatcher (*Muscicapa adusta*) Kak, Tim  
325 Spotted Flycatcher (*Muscicapa striata*) Widespread  
326 Grayish Flycatcher (*Bradornis microrhynchus*) Widespread  
327 Ashy Flycatcher (*Fraseria caerulescens*) HL, Kib  
328 Northern Black-Flycatcher (*Melaenornis edolioides*) Kak  
329 Southern Black-Flycatcher (*Melaenornis pammelaina*) Widespread  
330 White-eyed Slaty-Flycatcher (*Melaenornis fischeri*) Kak, Tim, Gat  
331 Bearded Scrub-Robin (*Cercotrichas quadrivirgata*) Kib  
332 Red-backed Scrub-Robin (*Cercotrichas leucophrys*) Widespread  
333 Cape Robin-Chat (*Cossypha caffra*) Tim  
334 Blue-shouldered Robin-Chat (*Cossypha cyanocampter*) Kak  
335 Gray-winged Robin-Chat (*Cossypha polioptera*) Kak  
336 Rüppell's Robin-Chat (*Cossypha semirufa*) NNP  
337 Red-capped Robin-Chat (*Cossypha natalensis*) Kib  
338 Snowy-crowned Robin-Chat (*Cossypha niveicapilla*) Kak  
339 Spotted Morning-Thrush (*Cichladusa guttata*) AR, TsE  
340 White-starred Robin (*Pogonocichla stellata*) Gat, NNP  
341 Brown-chested Alethe (*Pseudalethe poliocephala*) Kak  
342 Equatorial Akalat (*Sheppardia aequatorialis*) Kak  
343 White-throated Robin (*Irania gutturalis*) TsE  
344 Common Nightingale (*Luscinia megarhynchos*) Widespread  
345 European Pied Flycatcher (*Ficedula hypoleuca*) Kak  
346 Rufous-tailed Rock-Thrush (*Monticola saxatilis*) Widespread  
347 Whinchat (*Saxicola rubetra*) NNP  
348 African Stonechat (*Saxicola torquatus*) Kak, Tim  
349 Northern Wheatear (*Oenanthe oenanthe*) AR  
350 Abyssinian Wheatear (*Oenanthe lugubris*) El  
351 Pied Wheatear (*Oenanthe pleschanka*) TsE, NNP  
352 Isabelline Wheatear (*Oenanthe isabellina*) NNP  
353 White-tailed Ant-Thrush (*Neocossyphus poensis*) Kak  
354 Abyssinian Thrush (*Turdus abyssinicus*) Tim, NNP  
355 African Thrush (*Turdus pelios*) Kak  
356 African Bare-eyed Thrush (*Turdus tephronotus*) TsE, Luk  
357 Wattled Starling (*Creatophora cinerea*) TsE  
358 Violet-backed Starling (*Cinnyricinclus leucogaster*) AR, TsE  
359 Red-winged Starling (*Onychognathus morio*) TsE  
360 Stuhlmann's Starling (*Poeoptera stuhlmanni*) Kak  
361 Hildebrandt's Starling (*Lamprotornis hildebrandti*) AR, TsE, NNP  
362 Rüppell's Starling (*Lamprotornis purpuroptera*) AR, TsE, NNP  
363 Golden-breasted Starling (*Lamprotornis regius*) TsE  
364 Superb Starling (*Lamprotornis superbus*) Widespread  
365 Fischer's Starling (*Lamprotornis fischeri*) TsE  
366 Greater Blue-eared Starling (*Lamprotornis chalybaeus*) Tim  
367 Red-billed Oxpecker (*Buphagus erythrorhynchus*) AR, TsE, NNP  
368 Yellow-billed Oxpecker (*Buphagus africanus*) NNP  
369 Kenya Violet-backed Sunbird (*Anthreptes orientalis*) TsE  
370 Green Sunbird (*Anthreptes rectirostris*) Kak  
371 Collared Sunbird (*Hedydipna collaris*) Widespread  
372 Green-headed Sunbird (*Cyanomitra verticalis*) Kak, Gat  
373 Olive Sunbird (*Cyanomitra olivacea*) Kak  
374 Amethyst Sunbird (*Chalcomitra amethystina*) HL  
375 Scarlet-chested Sunbird (*Chalcomitra senegalensis*) El, AR, NNP  
376 Hunter's Sunbird (*Chalcomitra hunteri*) TsE  
377 Tacazze Sunbird (*Nectarinia tacazze*) Tim  
378 Bronze Sunbird (*Nectarinia kilimensis*) Kak, Tim, NNP  
379 Golden-winged Sunbird (*Drepanorhynchus reichenowi*) Tim  
380 Olive-bellied Sunbird (*Cinnyris chloropygius*) Kak  
381 Northern Double-collared Sunbird (*Cinnyris reichenowi*) Kak, Gat  
382 Eastern Double-collared Sunbird (*Cinnyris mediocris*) Tim  
383 Mariqua Sunbird (*Cinnyris mariquensis*) AR, Luk  
384 Black-bellied Sunbird (*Cinnyris nectarinioides*) HL, TsE  
385 Tsavo Sunbird (*Cinnyris tsavoensis*) TsE  
386 Variable Sunbird (*Cinnyris venustus*) Widespread  
387 Western Yellow Wagtail (*Motacilla flava*) MP, AR, NNP  
388 Cape Wagtail (*Motacilla capensis*) Tim  
389 African Pied Wagtail (*Motacilla aguimp*) Widespread  
390 African Pipit (*Anthus cinnamomeus*) AR, NNP  
391 Long-billed Pipit (*Anthus similis*) Luk  
392 Buffy Pipit (*Anthus vaalensis*)  
393 Tree Pipit (*Anthus trivialis*) Kak, Kib, NNP  
394 Golden Pipit (*Tmetothylacus tenellus*) TsE  
395 Pangani Longclaw (*Macronyx aurantiigula*) TsE, NNP  
396 Somali Bunting (*Emberiza poliopleura*) TsE  
397 African Citril (*Crithagra citrinelloides*) AR, NNP  
398 Reichenow's Seedeater (*Crithagra reichenowi*) Widespread



399 White-bellied Canary (*Crithagra dorsostriata*) AR, NNP  
 400 Brimstone Canary (*Crithagra sulphurata*) El  
 401 Streaky Seedeater (*Crithagra striolata*) Kak, Tim  
 402 Thick-billed Seedeater (*Crithagra burtoni*) Tim  
 403 House Sparrow (*Passer domesticus*) El  
 404 Kenya Rufous Sparrow (*Passer rufocinctus*) El, AR, NNP  
 405 Parrot-billed Sparrow (*Passer griseus*) El  
 406 Parrot-billed Sparrow (*Passer gongonensis*) HL, TsE  
 407 Yellow-spotted Petronia (*Petronia pyrgita*) AR, TsE  
 408 Red-billed Buffalo-Weaver (*Bubalornis niger*) TsE  
 409 White-headed Buffalo-Weaver (*Dinemellia dinemelli*) TsE  
 410 Speckle-fronted Weaver (*Sporopipes frontalis*) AR, Luk, NNP  
 411 White-browed Sparrow-Weaver (*Plocepasser mahali*) Widespread  
 412 Gray-headed Social-Weaver (*Pseudonigrita arnaudi*) AR  
 413 Black-capped Social-Weaver (*Pseudonigrita cabanisi*) TsE  
 414 Red-headed Malimbe (*Malimbus rubricollis*) Kak  
 415 Red-headed Weaver (*Anaplectes rubriceps*) TsE  
 416 Baglafaecht Weaver (*Ploceus baglafaecht*) Tim, El, NNP  
 417 Black-necked Weaver (*Ploceus nigricollis*) Kak, Kib  
 418 Spectacled Weaver (*Ploceus ocularis*) Gat, NNP  
 419 Black-billed Weaver (*Ploceus melanogaster*) Kak, Tim  
 420 African Golden-Weaver (*Ploceus subaureus*) HL, TsE  
 421 Holub's Golden-Weaver (*Ploceus xanthops*) NNP  
 422 Lesser Masked-Weaver (*Ploceus intermedius*) AR, NNP  
 423 Vitelline Masked-Weaver (*Ploceus vitellinus*) AR, TsE  
 424 Speke's Weaver (*Ploceus spekei*) El  
 425 Vieillot's Weaver (*Ploceus nigerrimus*) Kak  
 426 Village Weaver (*Ploceus cucullatus*) TsE  
 427 Chestnut Weaver (*Ploceus rubiginosus*) HL, Kib  
 428 Forest Weaver (*Ploceus bicolor*) Kak  
 429 Brown-capped Weaver (*Ploceus insignis*) Kak  
 430 Red-billed Quelea (*Quelea quelea*) Widespread  
 431 White-winged Widowbird (*Euplectes albonotatus*) AR  
 432 Grosbeak Weaver (*Amblyospiza albifrons*) Kak, AR, NNP  
 433 Gray-headed Nigrita (*Nigrita canicapillus*) Kak  
 434 White-breasted Nigrita (*Nigrita fusconotus*) Kak  
 435 Yellow-bellied Waxbill (*Coccygia quartinia*) Tim  
 436 Crimson-rumped Waxbill (*Estrilda rhodopyga*) Kib  
 437 Common Waxbill (*Estrilda astrild*) El, HL  
 438 Black-crowned Waxbill (*Estrilda nonnula*) Kak  
 439 Black-faced Waxbill (*Estrilda erythronotos*) AR, TsE  
 440 Red-headed Bluebill (*Spermophaga ruficapilla*) Kak  
 441 Red-cheeked Cordonbleu (*Uraeginthus bengalus*) Widespread  
 442 Blue-capped Cordonbleu (*Uraeginthus cyanocephalus*) TsE  
 443 Purple Grenadier (*Granatina ianthinogaster*) Widespread  
 444 Green-winged Pytilia (*Pytilia melba*) TsE  
 445 Red-billed Firefinch (*Lagonosticta senegala*) Widespread  
 446 African Firefinch (*Lagonosticta rubricata*) NNP  
 447 Jameson's Firefinch (*Lagonosticta rhodopareia*) Kib, TsE  
 448 Bronze Mannikin (*Spermestes cucullata*) Kak, HL, NNP  
 449 Black-and-white Mannikin (*Spermestes bicolor*) Kak  
 450 Pin-tailed Whydah (*Vidua macroura*) Kak  
 451 Eastern Paradise-Whydah (*Vidua paradisaea*) TsE