

Comprehensive Angola

2019 Tour Report



Swierstra's Francolin

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SUMMARY

With camping on Angolan bird tours now ancient history, our fourth all-hotel-accommodated bird tour of Angola was an overwhelming success both for birds and comfort. Thanks to new hotels opening up and a second wave of road renovations almost complete, Angola now offers some of the most comfortable travel conditions on the African continent, although longer drives are needed to get to certain of the birding sites.



Brazza's Martin

Besides the logistics running very smoothly we fared exceptionally well on the birds, with all participants again enjoying good views of all Angola's endemics, plus most BirdLife splits, among the 559 species logged. Our top ten birds was rounded out by the smart Gabela Bushshrike that gave good views on the central escarpment. A secretive Finsch's Francolin on Mt Moco came in at number nine, just behind the country's bright and beautiful national bird, Red-crested Turaco. Incredible views of the usually-skulking Forest Scrub Robin at Muxima put it firmly in seventh place, following the snazzy little Black-necked Eremomela that impressed us in the diverse Mt Moco region. Good views of Swierstra's Francolin at Tundavala again put this localised endemic in our top five, with the bright and beautiful Yellow-bellied Wattle-eye narrowly missing out on a podium finish. A dazzling Pennant-winged Nightjar that danced around us in the Kalandula area took bronze, and point-blank views of Egyptian Plover on the banks of the Kwanza River, silver. This year the gold medal went to the fantastic White-headed Robin-Chat, which gave exceptional views and impressed with its unusual colour combination in the Kalandula area.

There were many other great birds seen too, and the impressive diversity of habitats meant that we logged an impressive total of species in 18 days. We started off near Caxito with Monteiro's Bushshrike, followed by Braun's Bushshrike and Black-collared Bulbul along the northern escarpment. The Kalandula area was home to Anchieta's Barbet, Black-backed Barbet, Broad-tailed Paradise Whydah, Thick-billed Cuckoo and Anchieta's Sunbird. Next, Muxima held Gabela Helmetshrike, Angola Batis, Grey-striped Francolin and White-fronted Wattle-eye. Kumbira and surrounds produced Gabela Akalat, Pale-throated Barbet, Gabon Coucal and Pulitzer's Longbill, followed by Brazza's Martin, Angola Lark, Huambo Cisticola, Miombo Pied Barbet, Souza's Shrike Locust Finch, Bocage's Sunbird, Ludwig's Double-collared Sunbird, Dusky Twinspot, Bocage's Akalat, Black-and-rufous Swallow and Margaret's Batis in the Mt Moco area. Inland of Benguela we found Hartlaub's Spurfowl, Monteiro's Hornbill, Rüppell's Parrot, Rockrunner and White-tailed Shrike. On the Namibe Day trip we were treated to Rüppell's Korhaan, Ludwig's Bustard, Benguela Long-billed Lark, and Bare-cheeked Babbler and, finally, Tundavala was home to Angola Cave Chat.

ESSENTIAL DETAILS

DATES

12-29 August 2019

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ITINERARY

12 Aug : Luanda to Uíge.

13 Aug : Northern escarpment forest near Uíge.

14 Aug : Uíge to Kalandula.

15 Aug : Woodlands and gallery forests north of Kalandula.

16 Aug : Kalandula to N'dalatando.

17 Aug : N'dalatando to Muxima via northern escarpment forests of Tombinga Pass.

18 Aug : Dry forests in Muxima area.

19 Aug : Muxima to Kwanza River mouth.

20 Aug : Kwanza River to Conda.

21 Aug : Central escarpment forest at Kumbira.

22 Aug : Conda to Mount Moco region.

23 Aug : Grasslands and montane forest at Mount Moco.

24 Aug : Dambos and miombo woodlands in the Mount Moco region.

25 Aug : Margaret's Batis hike at Mount Moco.

26 Aug : Mount Moco to Benguela area via wetlands of Lobito.

27 Aug : Benguela to Lubango via rocky hillsides and arid savannas.

28 Aug : Day trip to Namibe via arid savannas and coastal deserts.

29 Aug : Montane forests and grasslands at Tundavala. Fly to Luanda.



Braun's Bushshrike

REPORT

We started off in Luanda, Angola's colossal and chaotic capital city, with our first stop to have a look at the large, dark **Mottled Swifts** that breed in buildings along the 'marginal' (they have been called Fernando Po Swift in the past). However, we didn't pause for long as we wanted to escape the growing mass of traffic before it swallowed us. Our first real stop was in some dry thickets near Caxito on our way north to Uíge, where a productive walk turned up good views of **Monteiro's Bushshrike**, along with **Hartert's Camaroptera**, **African Goshawk**, **Little Sparrowhawk** and **Angola Batis**. Lunch, further north, produced **Red-rumped Tinkerbird** and our first **Naked-faced Barbet**, a roadside stop at a police check **Cassin's Grey Flycatcher**, and our final stop of the day near Quitexe rewarded us with excellent views of the striking endemic **Braun's Bushshrike**, along with the first **Willcocks's Honeyguide** for Angola. Not bad for a first day of birding in Angola!

The following day-and-a-half in the northern scarp forests of Uíge province produced an impressive list of species. We managed to track down **Angola White-throated Greenbul** for the second time on a bird tour, but unlike last year it wouldn't sit still for long enough for anyone to see properly. Other highlights included **Brown-backed Scrub Robin**, **African Yellow Warbler**, **Brown Twinspot**, **Blue-headed Coucal**, **Bubbling Cisticola**, **Black-collared Bulbul** and good views of **Orange-tufted Sunbird** in mesic savannas bordering forest, and a good variety of forest species such as **White-collared Oliveback**, **Piping Hornbill**, **African Pied Hornbill**, **Bristle-nosed Barbet**, **Hairy-breasted Barbet**, **Speckled Tinkerbird**, **Red-rumped Tinkerbird**, **Great Blue Turaco**, **Guinea Turaco**, **Forest Chestnut-winged Starling**, **Swamp Palm Bulbul**, **Yellow-mantled Weaver**, **Yellow-browed Camaroptera**, **Rufous-crowned Eremomela**, **Buff-throated Apalis**, **Black-throated Apalis**, **Chestnut-**



Monteiro's Bushshrike



Red-crested Turaco

breasted Nigrita, **Dusky-blue Flycatcher**, **Banded Prinia**, **White-chinned Prinia**, **Velvet-mantled Drongo**, **Green Hylia**, **Black-winged Oriole**, **Black Bee-eater**, **Purple-throated Cuckooshrike**, **Grey-throated Tit-Flycatcher**, **Pink-footed Puffback**, **Blue-headed Crested Flycatcher**, **Scaly-breasted Illadopsis** (glimpsed), **perched Afep Pigeon**, **Dark-backed Weaver**, **Red-headed Malimbe**, **Crested Malimbe**, **Chestnut Wattle-eye**, **Yellow-crested Woodpecker**, **Buff-spotted Woodpecker**, **Red-fronted Parrot**, **Narrow-tailed Starling**, **Blue-throated Roller**, **Bocage's Bushshrike**, **Green-backed Woodpecker**, **Yellow-billed Barbet**, **Olive-bellied Sunbird**, **Blue-throated Brown Sunbird**, **Narina Trogon**, **Rufous-vented Paradise Flycatcher**, **Blue Malkoha**, **Sooty Flycatcher**, **Carmelite Sunbird**, **Yellow-throated Nicator**, **Black Sparrowhawk**, **White-bellied Kingfisher** (glimpsed), **Fraser's Rufous Thrush** and **Lowland Masked Apalis**.

From the northern-most point of the trip, near Uíge, we turned south-eastwards to the Kalandula Falls area with its broad-leafed woodlands and gallery forests. En route we did well to find **Anchieta's Sunbird**, **Retz's Helmetshrike**, **Ross's Turaco**, **Pale-billed Hornbill**, **Brown-headed Apalis**, **Square-tailed Drongo**, **Dusky Long-tailed**

Cuckoo, **Gorgeous/Perrin's Bushshrike** and our first **Red-crested Turaco**. The main birding area at Kalandula is 40 km to the north of the falls themselves, near Kinjila Village, and we spent the better part of a day and half here. The gallery forests held the star attraction, and this year **White-headed Robin-Chat** showed itself especially well, treating us to superb, prolonged views. The supporting cast included **Black-backed Barbet** (a mixed pair of *minor* **Brown-faced Barbet** and *macclounii* **White-faced Barbet**), **Black-throated Wattle-eye**, **Grey-winged Robin-Chat/Akalat**, **Cabanis's Greenbul**, **Bates's Sunbird**, **Landana Firefinch** and **African Broadbill**. **Bannerman's Sunbird** was very tricky this year, and was greatly outnumbered by the very similar **Green-headed Sunbird**; we only spotted one that didn't sit still for long. Surrounding woodlands were home to **Sharp-tailed Starling**, **Miombo Wren-Warbler**, **Orange-winged Pytilia**, **Meyer's Parrot**, **Red-capped Crombec**, **White-breasted Cuckooshrike**, **Red-throated Wryneck**, **Yellow-bellied Hyliota**, **Bennett's Woodpecker**, **Cabanis's Bunting**, **African Barred Owlet**, **African Cuckoo**, **Thick-billed Cuckoo**, breeding-plumaged **Broad-tailed Paradise Whydah** and **Whistling Cisticola**. After dark a male **Pennant-winged Nightjar** dazzled us and we also found **Fiery-necked Nightjar**.

We broke our journey to Muxima with an overnight stay at N'dalatando, finding **Rock Pratincole** and **Compact Weaver** en route. The next morning we birded the northern escarpment forests near N'dalatando at Tombinga pass. The open forest was quite birdy and we notched up **Brown-eared Woodpecker**, **Narina Trogon**, **Superb Sunbird**, **Yellow-billed Barbet**, **Cassin's Honeybird** and **Yellow Longbill**.

Moving on, in the Muxima area we had a day-and-a-half to bird the endemic-rich dry forests of the area. Several **Grey-striped Francolin** were found and some seen on the deck, non-breeding **Golden-backed Bishop** was studied in detail, a party of **Gabela Helmetshrike** was admired at length, **Monteiro's Bushshrike** was seen again, **Rufous-tailed Palm Thrush** put in several appearances, **Red-backed Mousebird** was numerous, a female **White-fronted Wattle-eye** was coaxed from the thickets and **Forest Scrub Robin** and **Pale-olive Greenbul** showed exceptionally well. More widespread highlights included **Olive Bee-eater**, **African Barred Owlet**, **Mottled Spinetail**, **Böhm's Spinetail**, **Scaly-throated Honeyguide**, **Swamp Boubou**, **Red-necked Spurfowl** (*cranchii*

Cranch's Spurfowl), **Long-billed Crombec** (of the distinctive *ansorgei* race), **African Mourning Dove** (nearby), **Western Banded Snake Eagle**, **Purple-banded Sunbird** and **Angola Batis**, among a diversity of other savanna and woodland species. Along the river **Egyptian Plover** was enjoyed at point-blank range, here right at the southern edge of its distribution, and other wetland birds included **Goliath Heron**, **African Openbill** and **Knob-billed Duck**. After dark an **African Scops Owl** gave great views.

Leaving Muxima for the Kwanza River mouth, we made several roadside stops on our drive through Kissama National Park for **Gabar Goshawk**, **Southern White-crowned Shrike**, **Desert Cisticola**, **Southern Yellow-billed Hornbill** and **Swallow-tailed Bee-eater**. At the river mouth we found **Mangrove/Brown Sunbird**, **Long-legged Pipit**, **Ayres's Hawk-Eagle**, **Western Osprey**, **Collared Pratincole** and a tern roost at the river mouth that included **Royal Tern** and a single **Damara Tern**. An afternoon visit to the nearby Mussulo Bay turned up a good selection of Palearctic waders, plus **Greater Flamingo**, **Lesser Flamingo**, **Kittlitz's Plover** and **White-fronted Plover**.



Gabela Helmetshrike



Forest Scrub Robin

From the Kwanza River mouth we made our way down the coast (seeing **Black-bellied Bustard** and **Temminck's Courser** en route) and then inland to the central escarpment. The Kumbira area and surrounding central escarpment near Conda village is arguably the highest priority for conservation in Angola, but is also one of the most rapidly disappearing areas of habitat thanks to slash-and-burn cultivation. We started off at our site for **Gabela Bushshrike** used for the last two years, and even before finishing lunch could hear them calling nearby. Within 15 minutes we were watching a pair of highly threatened **Gabela Bushshrike** calling from some dry tangles, which gave repeated views. **Pulitzer's Longbill** was also found nearby, and was seen again the next day, and **Gabela Akalat** was persuaded to leave its thickets after a couple of attempts. Other species of interest along the central escarpment included **Falkenstein's Greenbul**, two lovely **Yellow-bellied Wattle-eye**, the distinctive

endemic form of **Naked-faced Barbet** (split by BirdLife as **Pale-throated Barbet**), **Crowned Eagle**, a female **Petit's Cuckooshrike**, the curious local form of **Southern Hyliota** (*slatini*), **Dusky Tit**, **Buff-throated Apalis**, **Black-faced Canary**, **Green Twinspot**, **Yellow-throated Nicator**, **Brown-chested Alethe**, **African Wood Owl**, **Black-collared Bulbul**, **Brown Twinspot** and **Gabon Coucal**.

Moving on to the highlands of Huambo province, we were now headed for the Mount Moco region. The greater Mount Moco area holds a diverse array of habitats. Most of the area is blanketed in miombo woodland, unfortunately quite degraded now by clearing for agriculture and charcoal production, but significant areas of montane grassland can also be found, numerous rivers and associated dambo grasslands criss cross the area, and very small patches of montane forest exist on Mount Moco itself.

Miombo Pied Barbet



In these forests we first turned our attention to the small patch of forest and scrubby habitat above the village of Kanjonde, which is the main focus of a forest rehabilitation project that I run at the mountain. It was pleasing to see that the firebreaks installed earlier in the year had successfully stopped a fire from entering the forest patch, and that the trees in it were growing well. Forest and forest-edge birds here included **Huambo Cisticola** (not related to Rock-loving Cisticola, with which previously lumped), **White-tailed Blue Flycatcher**, **Ludwig's Double-collared Sunbird**, **Angola Sweet Waxbill**, **Angola Slaty Flycatcher**, **African Hill Babbler**, **Grey Apalis**, **Olive Woodpecker**, **Bronzy Sunbird**, **Dusky Twinspot** and **Evergreen Forest Warbler**. **Swierstra's Francolin** was also present, and although I saw one well it remained hidden for the group. Also around this forest patch we enjoyed good views of **Black-chinned Weaver**. On our second day at the mountain the fit and brave made the big hike to the largest forest patch on the mountain. En route we paused for the local race of **Mountain Wheatear** (*nigricauda*) and **Long-billed Pipit** (*moco*), plus **Wing-snapping Cisticola**, **Striped Pipit** and **Miombo Rock Thrush**. At our target destination we quickly heard and then, after some tense moments and scrambling down steep mountainsides, found **Margaret's Batis**, which gave good views before melting back into the forest.

Other highlights here and on top of the mountain included **Thick-billed Seedeater**, **African Spotted Creeper**, **Yellow-crowned Canary**, **Western Green Tinkerbird**, **Black-backed Barbet** (*minor Brown-faced Barbet*) and, best of all, a secretive **Finsch's Francolin** that gave prolonged views in the scope.

The rest of our time was spent in the habitats around the base of the mountain and further afield across the greater region. Grassland and shrubland species included **Tinkling Cisticola**, **Oustalet's Sunbird**, **Capped Wheatear** and **Angola Lark**. In damper areas of dambo grassland (dry at this time of the year) we found several **Fülleborn's Longclaw**, good numbers of **Locust Finch** that showed well in low flight, **Quail-finch** on the ground (if split, **African Quail-Finch**) and the sought-after **Black-and-rufous Swallow**. Areas of rank growth, mostly around rivers, held **Fan-tailed Grassbird**, **Half-collared Kingfisher** (glimpsed), **Brown Firefinch**, **Chirping Cisticola**, **Harlequin Quail**, **Coppery-tailed Coucal**, **Hartlaub's Babbler**, **Schalow's Turaco**, **Orange-breasted Waxbill**, **Fawn-breasted Waxbill**, **Marsh Widowbird**, **Greater Swamp Warbler**, **Blue-breasted Bee-eater** and **Bocage's Weaver** in full breeding plumage. A pair of **Brazza's Martin** gave excellent views near their nest, including one that perched, and this year **Bocage's Sunbird** played along nicely and we saw two lovely

males very well. We also enjoyed good views of two African Black Swift-types, which are assumed to be **Fernando Po Swift** based on the only specimen from the region.

The miombo woodlands also turned up some good birds, including **Anchieta's Barbet**, three African Cuckoo-Hawk, **Salvadori's Eremomela**, **Souza's Shrike**, **Western Miombo Sunbird**, **Miombo Scrub Robin**, **Wood Pipit**, the snazzy **Black-necked Eremomela**, **Miombo Pied Barbet**, **Pearl-breasted Swallow**, *affinis* race of **Brubru**, **Red-throated Cliff Swallow**, **Rufous-bellied Tit**, **Western Violet-backed Sunbird**, **Black Cuckoo**, **African Golden Oriole**, **Green-backed Honeybird**, **Dark Chanting Goshawk**, **White-fronted Bee-eater**, **Green-capped Eremomela**, **Grey Penduline Tit** (of the green *ansorgei* race) and **Miombo Wren-Warbler**. After dark **Square-tailed Nightjar** showed at point-blank range. A special mention should be made of the fourteen species of swallows seen in the area.

Heading back to the coast again, the Lobito-Benguela area was our next major focus. The coastal wetlands at Lobito allowed us to do some list

padding, with more interesting species including **Cape Teal**, **Lesser Flamingo**, **Greater Flamingo**, **Yellow-billed Stork**, **Great White Pelican** and **Black Heron**. However, most of our time was spent in an area of arid hills and scrubland some 40 kilometres inland of Benguela, with several species characteristic of the Namibian escarpment found here. A male **Hartlaub's Spurfowl** was persuaded to sit up on a rock for superb views, **White-tailed Shrike** was quite conspicuous and we also enjoyed good views of **Rockrunner**, **Rüppell's Parrot**, **Cape Penduline Tit**, **Pririt Batis**, **Grey Go-away-bird**, **Acacia Pied Barbet**, **Carp's Tit**, **Southern White-crowned Shrike**, **Violet-eared Waxbill**, **Damara Red-billed Hornbill**, **Southern Yellow-billed Hornbill**, **Monteiro's Hornbill**, **Barred Wren-Warbler**, **Yellow-bellied Eremomela**, **White-throated Canary**, **Black-chested Prinia**, **Rosy-faced Lovebird** and **Kalahari Scrub Robin**. More open areas held **Sabota Lark**, **Double-banded Courser**, **Stark's Lark**, **White-browed Sparrow-Weaver**, **Great Sparrow**, **Ashy Tit**, **Lark-like Bunting**, **Common Scimitarbill**, **Scaly-feathered Finch** and **Chestnut-vented Tit-Babbler**.



Margaret's Batis

Finally we moved on to the Lubango area, where we birded two rather different habitats, separated by the spectacular southern escarpment. On our first full day around Lubango we descended the escarpment at Leba Pass, running a transect across the ever-drier landscape towards the coast. Our first stop failed to turn up the hoped-for Cinderella Waxbill, but in the same general area we found the *benguellensis* race of **Meves's Starling** (now split by BirdLife as **Benguela Starling**), **Bare-cheeked Babbler**, **Little Sparrowhawk**, distinctive nominate race of **Red-necked Spurfowl** and distinctive *capricorni* subspecies of **Bennett's Woodpecker**. Further towards the coast the habitat became drier and we found **Crimson-breasted Shrike**, **Karoo Chat**, **Chat Flycatcher**, **Pale Chanting Goshawk**, **Pale-winged Starling**, **Benguela Long-billed Lark**, **Monteiro's Hornbill** and **Dusky Sunbird**. In the

sparser areas still we found two groups of **Rüppell's Korhaan**, a relaxed **Ludwig's Bustard**, a single **Tractrac Chat** and **Spike-heeled Lark**.

Our first afternoon and second morning at Lubango was spent at Tundavala at the top of the escarpment, where montane grasslands and shrublands and remnant patches of Afromontane forest produced some of the best birding of the trip in impressive surrounds. **Swierstra's Francolin** was seen well for the seventh time on one of our tours, with a smart male sitting out on a rock. Rocky areas were home to **Rockrunner**, striking **Angola Cave Chat**, **Miombo Rock Thrush** and **Short-toed Rock Thrush**, and other goodies included **Jameson's Firefinch** (*ansorgei* **Ansorge's Firefinch**), **Buffy Pipit**, **Angolan Slaty Flycatcher**, **Rufous-cheeked Nightjar**, **Angola Sweet Waxbill**, **Bradfield's Swift**, **Schalow's Turaco** and **Verreaux's Eagle**.



Double-banded Courser



Black-necked Eremomela



Black-chinned Weaver



Souza's Shrike



African Barred Owlet

Angola Cave Chat



Egyptian Plover



Black-backed Barbet



Ludwig's Double-collared Sunbird



Rüppell's Korhaan



ANNOTATED SPECIES LIST

Ducks, Geese & Swans Family Anatidae

White-faced Whistling Duck *Dendrocygna viduata* - Seen along the Kwanza River

Knob-billed Duck *Sarkidiornis melanotos* - One near Muxima

Cape Teal *Anas capensis* - Several seen at Lobito

Yellow-billed Duck *Anas undulata* - Two on a wetland near Huambo (*undulata*)

Red-billed Teal *Anas erythrorhyncha* - Seen at Tundavala

Pheasants, Fowl & Allies Family Phasianidae

Coqui Francolin *Peliperdix coqui* - Flushed in the Mt Moco region (*coqui*)

Finsch's Francolin *Scleroptila finschi* - Good views of a calling bird at Mt Moco

Grey-striped Francolin *Pternistis griseostriatus* - Seen quite well, including on the ground, near Muxima (endemic)

Swierstra's Francolin *Pternistis swierstrai* - Good views of a male for everyone at Tundavala (endemic)

Hartlaub's Spurfowl *Pternistis hartlaubi* - Super views of a male inland of Benguela (*hartlaubi*, endemic)

Red-necked Spurfowl *Pternistis afer* - Seen below Leba Pass (*afer*), and at Mt Moco (*cranchii*, **Cranch's Spurfowl**)

Harlequin Quail *Coturnix delegorguei* - A male and female were flushed and seen well in the Mt Moco region (*delegorguei*)

Grebes Family Podicipedidae

Little Grebe *Tachybaptus ruficollis* - Good number at Lobito (*capensis*)

Flamingos Family Phoenicopteridae

Greater Flamingo *Phoenicopterus roseus* - Seen at Lobito, Benguela and Mussulo

Lesser Flamingo *Phoeniconaias minor* - Seen at Lobito, Benguela and Mussulo

Storks Family Ciconiidae

Yellow-billed Stork *Mycteria ibis* - Two at Lobito

African Openbill *Anastomus lamelligerus* - Seen on the Kwanza and Keve Rivers (*lamelligerus*)

Ibises, Spoonbills Family Threskiornithidae

African Sacred Ibis *Threskiornis aethiopicus* - Seen at Lobito

African Spoonbill *Platalea alba* - Seen at Lobito and Mussulo

Hérons, Bitterns Family Ardeidae

Little Bittern *Ixobrychus minutus* - One seen by Michael at the Lucala River near Kalandula (probably *payesii*)

Black-crowned Night Heron *Nycticorax nycticorax* - Seen at the Kwanza River mouth (*nycticorax*)

Striated Heron *Butorides striata* - Seen at Lobito and Muxima (*atricapilla*)

Squacco Heron *Ardeola ralloides* - Seen a few times

Western Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis* - Seen often

Grey Heron *Ardea cinerea* - Seen quite often (*cinerea*)

Black-headed Heron *Ardea melanocephala* - Seen several times

Goliath Heron *Ardea goliath* - Seen near Muxima

Purple Heron *Ardea purpurea* - Seen along the Kwanza River (*purpurea*)

Great Egret *Ardea alba* - Fairly common in coastal wetlands (*melanorhynchos*)

Black Heron *Egretta ardesiaca* - Seen at Lobito

Little Egret *Egretta garzetta* - Seen in coastal wetlands (*garzetta*)

Hamerkop Family Scopidae

Hamerkop *Scopus umbretta* - Two sightings (*umbretta*)

Pelicans Family Pelecanidae

Great White Pelican *Pelecanus onocrotalus* - Good numbers at Lobito and Mussulo

Cormorants, shags Family Phalacrocoracidae

Reed Cormorant *Microcarbo africanus* - Seen mainly along the coast (*africanus*)

Cape Cormorant *Phalacrocorax capensis* - Seen in Luanda Bay before the official start of the tour

White-breasted Cormorant *Phalacrocorax lucidus* - Seen at Lobito and Mussulo

Anhingas, darters Family Anhingidae

African Darter *Anhinga rufa* - Seen at Lobito (*rufa*)

Ospreys Family Pandionidae

Western Osprey *Pandion haliaetus* - One at the Kwanza River mouth (*haliaetus*)

Kites, Hawks & Eagles Family Accipitridae

Black-winged Kite *Elanus caeruleus* - Seen regularly (*caeruleus*)

African Harrier-Hawk *Polyboroides typus* - Seen quite often (*typus*)

Palm-nut Vulture *Gypohierax angolensis* - The most commonly-seen raptor

African Cuckoo-Hawk *Aviceda cuculoides* - Seen well in the Mt Moco region (*verreauxii*)

Black-chested Snake Eagle *Circaetus pectoralis* - Seen twice

Brown Snake Eagle *Circaetus cinereus* - Seen twice

Western Banded Snake Eagle *Circaetus cinerascens* - Fantastic views of a pair near Muxima

Bateleur *Terathopius ecaudatus* - Seen a few times in the Kalandula area

Crowned Eagle *Stephanoaetus coronatus* - One on the northern escarpment and one at Kumbira

Martial Eagle *Polemaetus bellicosus* - One seen on the drive from Benguela to Lubango

Long-crested Eagle *Lophaelus occipitalis* - A few sightings

Ayres's Hawk-Eagle *Hieraaetus ayresii* - A pale-morph bird seen at the Kwanza River mouth

Wahlberg's Eagle *Hieraaetus wahlbergi* - Seen in the Mt Moco region and en route to Lubango

Verreaux's Eagle *Aquila verreauxii* - Great views of two at Tundavala

Gabar Goshawk *Micronisus gabar* - Good views of a pair in Kissama (probably *aequatorius*)

Lizard Buzzard *Kaupifalco monogrammicus* - Seen a few times (*meridionalis*)

Dark Chanting Goshawk *Melierax metabates* - A couple were seen in the Mt Moco area (*mechowi*)

Pale Chanting Goshawk *Melierax canorus* - Seen on the Namibe Day Trip

African Goshawk *Accipiter tachiro* - A couple of sightings (*sparsimfasciatus*)

Shikra *Accipiter badius* - A couple of sightings (*polyzonoides*)

Little Sparrowhawk *Accipiter minullus* - Seen near Caxito and below Leba Pass (*minullus*)

Black Sparrowhawk *Accipiter melanoleucus* - Seen a few times in the north (*temminckii*)

African Marsh Harrier *Circus ranivorus* - Seen at Kalandula and in the Mt Moco region

Yellow-billed Kite *Milvus aegyptius* - Seen at Kalandula and between Benguela and Lubango (*parasitus*)

African Fish Eagle *Haliaeetus vocifer* - Seen along the Kwanza River

Red-necked Buzzard *Buteo auguralis* - A few good sightings

Augur Buzzard *Buteo augur* - Seen several times from Mt Moco southwards

Bustards Family Otididae

Ludwig's Bustard *Neotis ludwigii* - One watched at length while foraging in the coastal deserts

Rüppell's Korhaan *Eupodotis rueppellii* - Four seen well in the coastal deserts (*rueppellii*)

Black-bellied Bustard *Lissotis melanogaster* - Seen five times (*melanogaster*)

Flufftails Family Sarothruridae

White-spotted Flufftail *Sarothrura pulchra* - Heard at Kalandula (*centralis*)

Red-chested Flufftail *Sarothrura rufa* - Heard at Kalandula (*rufa*)

Rails, Crakes & Coots Family Rallidae

African Rail *Rallus caerulescens* - Heard distantly in the Mt Moco region

Black Crake *Amaurornis flavirostra* - Very brief views a couple of times

Common Moorhen *Gallinula chloropus* - Seen at Lobito (*meridionalis*)

Red-knobbed Coot *Fulica cristata* - Seen at Lobito and Tundavala

Buttonquails Family Turnicidae

Common Buttonquail *Turnix sylvaticus* - One flushed in the Quitexe area

Stone-curlews, Thick-knees Family Burhinidae

Water Thick-knee *Burhinus vermiculatus* - Seen at Muxima and Lobito (*vermiculatus*)

Stilts, Avocets Family Recurvirostridae

Pied Avocet *Recurvirostra avosetta* - Seen at Mussulo, Kwanza River mouth and Lobito

Black-winged Stilt *Himantopus himantopus* - Seen a few times

Plovers Family Charadriidae

African Wattled Lapwing *Vanellus senegallus* - Heard in the Mt Moco region (*lateralis*)

Grey Plover *Pluvialis squatarola* - Seen along the coast (*squatarola*)

White-fronted Plover *Charadrius marginatus* - Seen at Mussulo (probably *mechowi*)

Kittlitz's Plover *Charadrius pecuarius* - Seen along the coast

Three-banded Plover *Charadrius tricollaris* - Seen a few times (*tricollaris* **African Three-banded Plover**)

Egyptian Plover Family Pluvianidae

Egyptian Plover *Pluvianus aegyptius* - Fantastic views along the Kwanza River

Jacanas Family Jacanidae

African Jacana *Actophilornis africanus* - Several

Sandpipers, Snipes Family Scolopacidae

Whimbrel *Numenius phaeopus* - Seen along the coast (*phaeopus*)

Eurasian Curlew *Numenius arquata* - Seen at Mussulo

Bar-tailed Godwit *Limosa lapponica* - Seen at Mussulo (*limosa*)

Ruddy Turnstone *Arenaria interpres* - Seen at Mussulo

Ruff *Calidris pugnax* - One seen by Michael at Benguela

Sanderling *Calidris alba* - Seen at Mussulo

Marsh Sandpiper *Tringa stagnatilis* - Seen along the coast

Common Greenshank *Tringa nebularia* - Seen along the coast

Wood Sandpiper *Tringa glareola* - Seen at Lobito

Common Sandpiper *Actitis hypoleucos* - Seen a few times

Ruddy Turnstone *Arenaria interpres* - Seen at Lobito (*interpres*)

Little Stint *Calidris minuta* - Seen at Lobito

Curlew Sandpiper *Calidris ferruginea* - Seen at Lobito

Courasers, Pratincoles Family Glareolidae

Temminck's Courser *Cursorius temminckii* - Two seen well in Kissama

Double-banded Courser *Rhinoptilus africanus* - Fantastic views inland of Benguela (*bisignatus*)

Collared Pratincole *Glareola pratincola* - Seen along the Kwanza River (*riparia*)

Rock Pratincole *Glareola nuchalis* - Seen on the Lucala River (*nuchalis*)

Gulls, Terns & Skimmers Family Laridae

Grey-headed Gull *Chroicocephalus cirrocephalus* - Seen at Lobito (*poiocephalus*)

Kelp Gull *Larus dominicanus* - Seen along the coast (*vetula*)

Sandwich Tern *Thalasseus sandvicensis* - Seen along the coast

Caspian Tern *Hydroprogne caspia* - Seen along the coast

Royal Tern *Thalasseus maximus* - Seen along the coast (*albidorsalis* **African Royal Tern**)

Damara Tern *Sternula balaenarum* - One at the Kwanza River mouth

Common Tern *Sterna hirundo* - Seen along the coast

White-winged Tern *Chlidonias leucopterus* - One at the Kwanza River mouth

Pigeons, Doves Family Columbidae

Rock Dove *Columba livia* - Feral Pigeons were common in the towns and villages

Afep Pigeon *Columba unicincta* - Good views of perched birds on the northern escarpment

African Olive Pigeon *Columba arquatrix* - One seen at Tundavala

Western Bronze-naped Pigeon *Columba iriditorques* - Heard on the northern escarpment

African Mourning Dove *Streptopelia decipiens* - Seen along the Kwanza River (*ambigua*)

Red-eyed Dove *Streptopelia semitorquata* - Common

Ring-necked Dove *Streptopelia capicola* - Common; *damarensis* in the south-west and *tropica* elsewhere

Laughing Dove *Spilopelia senegalensis* - Seen regularly (*senegalensis*)

Emerald-spotted Wood Dove *Turtur chalcospilos* - Common in the drier areas

Blue-spotted Wood Dove *Turtur afer* - Common in the moister areas

Tambourine Dove *Turtur tympanistria* - Seen in the northern forests

Namaqua Dove *Oena capensis* - Seen a few times (*capensis*)

African Green Pigeon *Treron calvus* - Seen on several dates (*calvus* and *ansorgei*)

Turacos Family Musophagidae

Great Blue Turaco *Corythaeola cristata* - Seen in the northern scarp forests

Guinea Turaco *Tauraco persa* - Seen in the northern scarp forests (*zenkeri*)

Schalow's Turaco *Tauraco schalowi* - Good views in the Mt Moco region and at Tundavala

Red-crested Turaco *Tauraco erythrolophus* - Great views en route to and at Kalandula

Ross's Turaco *Musophaga rossae* - Seen well en route to Kalandula

Grey Go-away-bird *Corythaixoides concolor* - Seen along the coastal plain (*pallidiceps*)

Cuckoos Family Cuculidae

Gabon Coucal *Centropus anselli* - Everyone enjoyed brief but good views at Kumbira

Blue-headed Coucal *Centropus monachus* - Seen along the northern escarpment (*fischeri*)

Coppery-tailed Coucal *Centropus cupreicaudus* - Seen well in the Mt Moco region (*cupreicaudus*)

White-browed Coucal *Centropus superciliosus* - Several were seen (*loandae*)

Blue Malkoha *Ceuthmochares aereus* - Seen in the northern forests (*aereus*)

Thick-billed Cuckoo *Pachycoccyx audeberti* - Good perched views at Kalandula

African Emerald Cuckoo *Chrysococcyx cupreus* - Heard in the northern scarp forests

Klaas's Cuckoo *Chrysococcyx klaas* - Seen and heard on several dates

Dusky Long-tailed Cuckoo *Cercococcyx mechowi* - Good flight views en route to Kalandula

Black Cuckoo *Cuculus clamosus* - Seen briefly in the Mt Moco region (*clamosus*)

Red-chested Cuckoo *Cuculus solitarius* - Heard at Kalandula

African Cuckoo *Cuculus gularis* - Seen in the Mt Moco area and at Kalandula

Barn Owls Family Tytonidae

Western Barn Owl *Tyto alba* - Good views at our hotel near Huambo (*affinis*)

Owls Family Strigidae

African Scops Owl *Otus senegalensis* - Superb views near Muxima (*senegalensis*)

African Wood Owl *Strix woodfordii* - Excellent views near Conda (*nuchalis*)

Pearl-spotted Owlet *Glaucidium perlatum* - A few good sightings during the day (*licua*)

African Barred Owlet *Glaucidium capense* - Prolonged day-time views at Muxima and also seen at Kalandula (*ngamiense*)

Nightjars Family Caprimulgidae

Rufous-cheeked Nightjar *Caprimulgus rufigena* - Seen near Tundavala as it was getting light (*rufigena*)

Fiery-necked Nightjar *Caprimulgus pectoralis* - Good views at Kalandula (*fervidus*)

Square-tailed Nightjar *Caprimulgus fossii* - Point-blank views near Huambo (*welwitschii*)

Pennant-winged Nightjar *Caprimulgus vexillarius* - A displaying male danced around us at Kalandula

Swifts Family Apodidae

Mottled Spinetail *Telacanthura ussheri* - Some good views along the coastal plain (*benguellensis*)

Böhm's Spinetail *Neafrapus boehmi* - Great views at Muxima where birds were drinking in the evening (*boehmi*)

African Palm Swift *Cypsiurus parvus* - Common (*hyphaenes*)

Alpine Swift *Tachymarptis melba* - Seen en route to Lubango (*africanus*)

Mottled Swift *Tachymarptis aequatorialis* - Seen regularly (*aequatorialis*), including in Luanda

Fernando Po Swift *Apus sladeniae* - Two "African Black Swift" types in the Mt Moco region were seen well, and presumably belong to this taxon

Bradfield's Swift *Apus bradfieldi* - Seen at Tundavala (*bradfieldi*)

Little Swift *Apus affinis* - Seen a few times (*theresae*)

Horus Swift *Apus horus* - Seen at Mt Moco (*horus*)

White-rumped Swift *Apus caffer* - Seen a few times

Mousebirds Family Coliidae

Speckled Mousebird *Colius striatus* - Seen near Quitexe and at Kalandula (*nigricollis*)

Red-backed Mousebird *Colius castanotus* - Seen mostly along the coastal plain

Red-faced Mousebird *Urocolius indicus* - Seen along the coastal plain (*lactefrons*)

Trogons Family Trogonidae

Narina Trogon *Apaloderma narina* - Seen in the northern scarp forests and at Kumbira (*narina*)

Rollers Family Coraciidae

Purple Roller *Coracias naevius* - Seen a couple of times along the coast (*mosambicus*)

Lilac-breasted Roller *Coracias caudatus* - Seen en route to Kalandula, at Mt Moco and along the coast (*caudatus*)

Blue-throated Roller *Eurystomus gularis* - Perched views near Quitexe

Broad-billed Roller *Eurystomus glaucurus* - Seen at Kalandula (*suahelicus*)

Kingfishers Family Alcedinidae

Chocolate-backed Kingfisher *Halcyon badia* - Heard on the northern escarpment

Grey-headed Kingfisher *Halcyon leucocephala* - Seen a few times (*pallidiventris*)

Brown-hooded Kingfisher *Halcyon albiventris* - Seen at the bottom of Leba Pass (*prentissgrayi*)

Striped Kingfisher *Halcyon chelicuti* - Seen a few times (*chelicuti*)

Blue-breasted Kingfisher *Halcyon malimbica* - Heard along the Kwanza River (*malimbica*)

Woodland Kingfisher *Halcyon senegalensis* - Seen on the Kwanza River (*fuscopileus*)

White-bellied Kingfisher *Corythornis leucogaster* - Very brief views near Quitexe (*leucogaster*)

African Pygmy Kingfisher *Ispidina picta* - Brief views of one near the Kwanza River (*ferrugina*)

Malachite Kingfisher *Corythornis cristatus* - Seen along the Kwanza River (*galeritus*)

Half-collared Kingfisher *Alcedo semitorquata* - Seen briefly at Coqueta

Giant Kingfisher *Megaceryle maxima* - Seen at Coqueta

Pied Kingfisher *Ceryle rudis* - Several sightings (*rudis*)

Bee-eaters Family Meropidae

Black Bee-eater *Merops gularis* - Seen in the northern scarp forests (*australis*)

Swallow-tailed Bee-eater *Merops hirundineus* - Seen near Cabo Ledo and in the Mt Moco region (*hirundineus*)

Little Bee-eater *Merops pusillus* - Seen regularly (*meridionalis*)

Blue-breasted Bee-eater *Merops variegatus* - Seen well in the Mt Moco region (*variegatus*)

White-fronted Bee-eater *Merops bullockoides* - A couple of sightings in the Mt Moco region and at Tundavala

Olive Bee-eater *Merops superciliosus* - Seen breeding along the Kwanza River (*alternans*)

European Bee-eater *Merops apiaster* - Heard twice

Hoopoes Family Upupidae

African Hoopoe *Upupa africana* - Seen a few times

Wood Hoopoes Family Phoeniculidae

Green Wood Hoopoe *Phoeniculus purpureus* - Seen near Muxima (*angolensis*)

Black Scimitarbill *Rhinopomastus aterrimus* - Seen at Kalandula (*anchietae*)

Common Scimitarbill *Rhinopomastus cyanomelas* - Seen a couple of times in the south (*cyanomelas*)

Hornbills Family Bucerotidae

Damara Red-billed Hornbill *Tockus damarensis* - Seen well in the south-west

Monteiro's Hornbill *Tockus monteiri* - Seen well in the south-west

Southern Yellow-billed Hornbill *Tockus leucomelas* - Seen several times along the coastal plain (*elegans*)

Crowned Hornbill *Lophoceros alboterminatus* - Seen several times (*alboterminatus*)

African Pied Hornbill *Lophoceros fasciatus* - Seen in the northern scarp forests (*fasciatus* **Congo Pied Hornbill**)

Pale-billed Hornbill *Lophoceros pallidirostris* - Good views en route to Kalandula (*pallidirostris*)

Piping Hornbill *Bycanistes fistulator* - Seen in the northern scarp forests (*sharpii* **Eastern Piping Hornbill**)

Black-casqued Hornbill *Ceratogymna atrata* - Heard near Quitexe

African barbets Family Lybiidae

Bristle-nosed Barbet *Gymnobucco peli* - Seen well in the northern scarp forests

Naked-faced Barbet *Gymnobucco calvus* - Seen in the northern escarpment forests (*congicus*) and at Kumbira (*vernayi* **Angola Naked-faced Barbet/Pale-throated Barbet**, endemic)

Anchieta's Barbet *Stactolaema anchietae* - Several good sightings at Kalandula and two at Mt Moco (*rex*)

Speckled Tinkerbird *Pogoniulus scolopaceus* - Seen in the northern scarp forests (*flavisquamatus*)

Western Tinkerbird *Pogoniulus coryphaea* - Seen well at Mt Moco and again at Tundavala (*angolensis*, endemic)

Red-rumped Tinkerbird *Pogoniulus atroflavus* - Seen in the northern scarp forests

Yellow-rumped Tinkerbird *Pogoniulus bilineatus* - Seen in the northern forests (all *leucolaimus*)

Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird *Pogoniulus chrysoconus* - Seen a few times (*extoni* **Miombo Tinkerbird**)

Hairy-breasted Barbet *Tricholaema hirsuta* - Seen in the northern scarp forests (*angolensis*)

Miombo Pied Barbet *Tricholaema frontata* - Great views in the Mt Moco region

Acacia Pied Barbet *Tricholaema leucomelas* - Several sightings along the coastal plain (*centralis*)

Black-collared Barbet *Lybius torquatus* - Seen at Kalandula (*congicus*) and below Leba Pass (*bocagei*)

Black-backed Barbet *Lybius minor* - A mixed pair of *minor* (**Western Black-backed Barbet/Brown-faced Barbet**) and *macclounii* (**Eastern Black-backed Barbet/White-faced Barbet**) were seen side-by-side at Kalandula, and another of *minor* was seen at Mt Moco

Yellow-billed Barbet *Trachyphonus purpuratus* - Seen well near Quitexe and at Tombinga (*purpuratus* **Eastern Yellow-billed Barbet**)

Honeyguides Family Indicatoridae

Cassin's Honeybird *Prodotiscus insignis* - Seen at Tombinga (*insignis*)

Green-backed Honeybird *Prodotiscus zambesiae* - Two good sightings in the Moco region (*zambesiae*)

Willcocks's Honeyguide *Indicator willcocksii* - Seen quite well near Quitexe. A new country record

Lesser Honeyguide *Indicator minor* - Seen a couple of times

Scaly-throated Honeyguide *Indicator variegatus* - Good views at Muxima

Greater Honeyguide *Indicator indicator* - Seen a couple of times

Woodpeckers Family Picidae

Red-throated Wryneck *Jynx ruficollis* - Nice looks at Kalandula and heard at Mt Moco (*ruficollis*)

Bennett's Woodpecker *Campethera bennettii* - Seen well at Kalandula (*bennettii*) and below Leba Pass (*capricorni* **Capricorn Woodpecker**)

Golden-tailed Woodpecker *Campethera abingoni* - See a few times (*abingoni*), including below Leba Pass (*anderssoni*)

Green-backed Woodpecker *Campethera cailliautii* - Seen a few times in the north (*permista*)

Buff-spotted Woodpecker *Campethera nivosa* - Seen along the northern escarpment (*nivosa*)

Brown-eared Woodpecker *Campethera caroli* - Brief views at Tombinga (*caroli*)

Bearded Woodpecker *Chloropicus namaquus* - Seen at Muxima and Kalandula

Yellow-crested Woodpecker *Chloropicus xantholophus* - Seen in the northern scarp forests

Cardinal Woodpecker *Dendropicos fuscescens* - Seen regularly

Olive Woodpecker *Dendropicos griseocephalus* - Seen at Mt Moco and Tundavala (*ruwenzori*)

Falcons Family Falconidae

Rock Kestrel *Falco rupicolus* - Seen a few times

African Hobby *Falco cuvierii* - Good views of a perched sub-adult in the Mt Moco region

Grey Kestrel *Falco ardosiacus* - Seen well near Muxima

Lanner Falcon *Falco biarmicus* - Seen in the Mt Moco region (*biarmicus*)

Peregrine Falcon *Falco peregrinus* - A pair seen at Mt Moco (*minor*)

African & New World Parrots Family Psittacidae

Grey Parrot *Psittacus erithacus* - Feral birds seen in Luanda before the official start of the tour

Red-fronted Parrot *Poicephalus gulielmi* - Good views in the northern scarp forests (*gulielmi*)

Meyer's Parrot *Poicephalus meyeri* - Seen well at Kalandula and in the Mt Moco region (*reichenowi*)

Rüppell's Parrot *Poicephalus rueppellii* - Good views inland of Benguela and below Leba Pass

Old World Parrots Family Psittaculidae

Rosy-faced Lovebird *Agapornis roseicollis* - Scope views inland of Benguela after seeing several at the Kwanza River mouth (*catumbella*)

Broadbills Family Eurylaimidae

African Broadbill *Smithornis capensis* - Great views at Kalandula and Kumbira (*albigularis*)

Wattle-eyes, Batises Family Platysteiridae

African Shrike-flycatcher *Megabyas flammulatus* - Heard in the northern scarp forests (*aequatorialis*)

Margaret's Batis *Batis margaritae* - Fantastic views of two males at Mt Moco (*margaritae*)

Chin-spot Batis *Batis molitor* - Seen a few times (*pintoi*)

Pririt Batis *Batis pririt* - Good views inland of Benguela and below Leba Pass (*affinis*)

Angolan Batis *Batis minulla* - Seen near Quitexe and at Muxima and Kumbira

White-tailed Shrike *Lanioturdus torquatus* - Good looks in the Benguela and Leba areas

Chestnut Wattle-eye *Platysteira castanea* - Seen well in the scarp forests

Black-throated Wattle-eye *Platysteira peltata* - Seen at Kalandula and Mt Moco (*mentalis*)

White-fronted Wattle-eye *Platysteira albifrons* - A female was seen at Muxima (endemic)

Yellow-bellied Wattle-eye *Platysteira concreta* - Fantastic views at Kumbira (*ansorgei*, endemic)

Helmetshrikes Family Prionopidae

White-crested Helmetshrike *Prionops plumatus* - Seen several times (*poliocephalus*)

Retz's Helmetshrike *Prionops retzii* - Seen in the Kalandula area (*nigricans*)

Gabela Helmetshrike *Prionops gabela* - Good views at Muxima (endemic)

Bushshrikes Family Malaconotidae

Monteiro's Bushshrike *Malaconotus monteiri* - Seen well at Quitexe and Muxima (endemic)

Grey-headed Bushshrike *Malaconotus blanchoti* - Seen at Kalandula and in the Mt Moco region (*interpositus*)

Many-colored Bushshrike *Chlorophoneus multicolor* - Heard distantly in the northern escarpment (*batesi*)

Bocage's Bushshrike *Chlorophoneus bocagei* - Seen in the northern scarp forests (*bocagei*)

Orange-breasted Bushshrike *Chlorophoneus sulfureopectus* - Heard, and seen by Michael at Tundavala (*similis*)

Gorgeous Bushshrike *Telophorus viridis* - Nice views en route to Kalandula and at Kumbira (*viridis* **Perrin's Bushshrike**)

Brown-crowned Tchagra *Tchagra australis* - Seen a few times (*ansorgei* in the south and *souzae* in the north)

Black-crowned Tchagra *Tchagra senegalus* - Seen a few times (*armenus*)

Pink-footed Puffback *Dryoscopus angolensis* - Seen a few times in the scarp forests (*angolensis*)

Black-backed Puffback *Dryoscopus cubla* - Seen regularly (*hamatus*)

Braun's Bushshrike *Laniarius brauni* - Fantastic views in the Quitexe area (endemic)

Gabela Bushshrike *Laniarius amboimensis* - Good views of a pair along the central escarpment (endemic)

Tropical Boubou *Laniarius major* - Seen at Kalandula (*major*)

Swamp Boubou *Laniarius bicolor* - Seen a few times on the coastal plain (*guttatus* **Gabon Boubou**)

Crimson-breasted Shrike *Laniarius atrococcineus* - Seen on the Namibe Day Trip

Brubru *Nilava afer* - Good views of the unusual *affinis* subspecies in the Mt Moco area and at Kalandula, and *brubru* along the coastal plain

Cuckooshrikes Family Campephagidae

White-breasted Cuckooshrike *Coracina pectoralis* - Seen at Kalandula and in the Mt Moco region

Black Cuckooshrike *Campephaga flava* - Seen a few times

Petit's Cuckooshrike *Campephaga petiti* - One female seen at Kumbira

Purple-throated Cuckooshrike *Campephaga quiscalina* - Seen in the northern scarp forests (*quiscalina*)

Mackinnon's Shrike *Lanius mackinnoni* - Good views in the Quitexe area

Shrikes Family Laniidae

Southern White-crowned Shrike *Eurocephalus anguitimens* - Seen a couple of times along the coastal plain (*anguitimens*)

Souza's Shrike *Lanius souzae* - One seen well in the Mt Moco region (*souzae*)

Northern Fiscal *Lanius humeralis* - Seen regularly on the plateau (*capelli*)

Southern Fiscal *Lanius collaris* - Seen in the south-west (*aridicolus*)

Orioles Family Oriolidae

African Golden Oriole *Oriolus auratus* - Some good looks in miombo woodlands (*notatus*)

Black-headed Oriole *Oriolus larvatus* - Seen several times (*angolensis*)

Black-winged Oriole *Oriolus nigripennis* - Seen in the northern scarp forests

Drongos Family Dicruridae

Square-tailed Drongo *Dicrurus ludwigii* - Seen at Kalandula (*saturnus* **Sharpe's Drongo**)

Fork-tailed Drongo *Dicrurus adsimilis* - Seen regularly (*apivorus*)

Velvet-mantled Drongo *Dicrurus modestus* - Seen along the northern escarpment and at Muxima (*coracinus*)

Monarchs Family Monarchidae

Blue-headed Crested Flycatcher *Trochocercus nitens* - Seen near Quitexe (*nitens*)

Rufous-vented Paradise Flycatcher *Terpsiphone rufocinerea* - Seen in the northern scarp

African Paradise Flycatcher *Terpsiphone viridis* - Seen regularly (*plumbeiceps*)

Crows Family Corvidae

Cape Crow *Corvus capensis* - Seen at Mt Moco

Pied Crow *Corvus albus* - Common

Fairy Flycatchers Family Stenostiridae

African Blue Flycatcher *Elminia longicauda* - Seen in the scarp forests (*teresita*)

White-tailed Blue Flycatcher *Elminia albicauda* - Seen at Mt Moco

Tits Family Paridae

White-winged Black Tit *Melaniparus leucomelas* - Seen at Kalandula (*insignis*)

Carp's Tit *Melaniparus carpi* - Seen inland of Benguela

Dusky Tit *Melaniparus funereus* - Seen at Kumbira (*gabela*, endemic)

Rufous-bellied Tit *Melaniparus rufiventris* - Seen at Kalandula and in the Mt Moco region (*rufiventris*)

Ashy Tit *Melaniparus cinerascens* - Seen well inland of Benguela (*benguellensis*)

Penduline Tits Family Remizidae

Grey Penduline Tit *Anthoscopus caroli* - Seen in the Mt Moco area (*ansorgei* **African Penduline Tit**)

Cape Penduline Tit *Anthoscopus minutus* - Good views inland of Benguela (*damarensis*)

Nicators Family Nicatoridae

Yellow-throated Nicator *Nicator vireo* - Several good sightings along the escarpment

Larks Family Alaudidae

Spike-heeled Lark *Chersomanes albofasciata* - Seen on the Namibe Day Trip (*obscurata*)

Benguela Long-billed Lark *Certhilauda benguelensis* - Several good sightings in the coastal deserts (*benguelensis*)

Grey-backed Sparrow-Lark *Eremopterix verticalis* - Just two in flight inland of Benguela (*damarensis*)

Sabota Lark *Calendulauda sabota* - Seen in the coastal deserts (*ansorgei*)

Rufous-naped Lark *Mirafra africana* - Seen at Tundavala (*occidentalis*)

Angolan Lark *Mirafra angolensis* - Great views in the Mt Moco region (*angolensis*)

Stark's Lark *Spizocorys starki* - Excellent views inland of Benguela

Red-capped Lark *Calandrella cinerea* - Seen in the Mt Moco region (*spleniata*)

Bulbuls Family Pycnonotidae

African Red-eyed Bulbul *Pycnonotus nigricans* - Seen in the south-west (*nigricans*)

Dark-capped Bulbul *Pycnonotus tricolor* - Common (*tricolor*)

Slender-billed Greenbul *Stelgidillas gracilirostris* - Seen in the northern scarp forests (*gracilirostris*)

Little Greenbul *Eurillas virens* - Seen in the north (*virens*)

Plain Greenbul *Eurillas curvirostris* - Seen in the northern scarp and heard at Kumbira (*curvirostris*)

Yellow-whiskered Greenbul *Eurillas latirostris* - Heard in the scarp forests (*latirostris*)

Honeyguide Greenbul *Baeopogon indicator* - Brief views in the north (*indicator*)

Yellow-bellied Greenbul *Chlorocichla flaviventris* - Several good views (*occidentalis*)

Falkenstein's Greenbul *Chlorocichla falkensteini* - Seen at Kumbira and along the northern escarpment

Simple Greenbul *Chlorocichla simplex* - Heard on the northern escarpment

Yellow-throated Leaflove *Atimastillas flavicollis* - Seen at Kalandula and Mt Moco (*flavigula* **Pale-throated Leaflove**)

Swamp Palm Bulbul *Thescelocichla leucopleura* - Seen well near Quitexe

Pale-olive Greenbul *Phyllastrephus fulviventris* - Seen well in Kissama and again below Leba Pass

Cabanis's Greenbul *Phyllastrephus cabanisi* - Seen at Kalandula (*cabanisi*)

White-throated Greenbul *Phyllastrephus albigularis* - Glimpsed near Quitexe (*viridiceps* **Angola White-throated Greenbul/Angola Greenbul**)

Red-tailed Bristlebill *Bleda syndactylus* - Heard only (*woosnami*)

Brown-throated Martin *Riparia paludicola* - Seen in the Mt Moco region

Black-collared Bulbul *Neolestes torquatus* - Seen near Quitexe and Conda

Swallows, martins Family Hirundinidae

Black Saw-wing *Psaldoprocne pristopectera* - Several sightings (*reichenowi*)

Grey-rumped Swallow *Pseudhirundo griseopyga* - Several good views, especially in the Mt Moco area (*griseopyga*)

Brazza's Martin *Phedina brazzae* - Excellent views, including of a perched bird, in the Mt Moco area

Angolan Swallow *Hirundo angolensis* - Common

White-throated Swallow *Hirundo albigularis* - Seen in the highlands

Wire-tailed Swallow *Hirundo smithii* - Seen along the coast (*smithii*)

Black-and-rufous Swallow *Hirundo nigrorufa* - Some good looks in the Mt Moco region

Pearl-breasted Swallow *Hirundo dimidiata* - Seen in the Mt Moco area (*marwitzi*)

Rock Martin *Ptyonoprogne fuligula* - Seen south-west and at Mt Moco (*anderssoni* **Southern Rock Martin/Large Rock Martin**)

Greater Striped Swallow *Cecropis cucullata* - Seen in the Mt Moco region

Lesser Striped Swallow *Cecropis abyssinica* - Common (*unitatis*)

Mosque Swallow *Cecropis senegalensis* - Seen at Mt Moco (*monteiri*)

Red-throated Cliff Swallow *Petrochelidon rufigula* - Many seen on the plateau

Crombecs, African warblers Family Macrospheidae

Moustached Grass Warbler *Melocichla mentalis* - A few good sightings (*mentalis*)

Rockrunner *Achaetops pycnopygius* - Good views inland of Benguela and at Tundavala (*spadix*)

Yellow Longbill *Macrospheus flavicans* - Seen well along the northern scarp (*flavicans*)

Pulitzer's Longbill *Macrospheus pulitzeri* - Two good sightings along the central escarpment (endemic)

Long-billed Crombec *Sylvietta rufescens* - Seen near Muxima (*ansorgei*) and at Tundavala (*flecki*)

Red-capped Crombec *Sylvietta ruficapilla* - Nice looks at Kalandula (*ruficapilla*)

Green Crombec *Sylvietta virens* - Common along the escarpment (*tando*)

Hylia Family Hyliidae

Green Hylia *Hylia prasina* - Seen along the escarpment (*prasina*)

Reed warblers and allies Family Acrocephalidae

Greater Swamp Warbler *Acrocephalus rufescens* - Seen well in the Mt Moco region (*ansorgei*)

Lesser Swamp Warbler *Acrocephalus gracilirostris* - Heard along the Lucala River near Kalandula (*winterbottomi*)

African Yellow Warbler *Iduna natalensis* - Seen near Quitexe and at Mt Moco (*major*)

Grassbirds and allies Family Locustellidae

Little Rush Warbler *Bradypterus baboecala* - Heard at the Lucala River near Kalandula and in the Mt Moco region (*benguellensis*)

Evergreen Forest Warbler *Bradypterus lopezi* - Good views at Mt Moco (*boultoni*)

Fan-tailed Grassbird *Schoenicola brevirostris* - Seen well in the Mt Moco region (*alexinae*)

Cisticolas and allies Family Cisticolidae

Red-faced Cisticola *Cisticola erythrops* - Seen a few times (*lepe* **Lepe Cisticola**)

Whistling Cisticola *Cisticola lateralis* - Seen at Kalandula (*modestus*)

Bubbling Cisticola *Cisticola bulliens* - Seen along the coastal plain and escarpment (*septentrionalis* and *bulliens*)

Rock-loving Cisticola *Cisticola emini* - The endemic **Huambo Cisticola** *Cisticola bailunduensis* was seen well at Mt Moco. It is not related to Rock-loving Cisticola, although this is not yet widely recognised

Rattling Cisticola *Cisticola chiniana* - Seen below Leba Pass (*smithersi*)

Tinkling Cisticola *Cisticola rufilatus* - Seen well in the Mt Moco region and again at Tundavala (*ansorgei*)

Grey-backed Cisticola *Cisticola subruficapilla* - Heard on the Namibe Day Trip (*newtoni*)

Wailing Cisticola *Cisticola lais* - Seen at Mt Moco (*namba*)

Chirping Cisticola *Cisticola pipiens* - Seen twice in the Mt Moco region (*pipiens*)

Stout Cisticola *Cisticola robustus* - Heard in the Mt Moco region (*angolensis*)

Croaking Cisticola *Cisticola natalensis* - Heard in the Mt Moco region (*huambo*)

Short-winged Cisticola *Cisticola brachypterus* - Common on the plateau (*loanda*)

Neddicky *Cisticola fulvicapilla* - Seen on the plateau (*dispar*)

Zitting Cisticola *Cisticola juncidis* - Seen in the Mt Moco region (*terrestris*)

Desert Cisticola *Cisticola aridulus* - Seen along the coastal plain (*lobito*)

Wing-snapping Cisticola *Cisticola ayresii* - Seen at Mt Moco (*ayresii*)

Tawny-flanked Prinia *Prinia subflava* - Widespread (*graueri* and *bechuanae*)

Black-chested Prinia *Prinia flavicans* - Seen in the south-west (*ansorgei*)

Banded Prinia *Prinia bairdii* - Good looks in the northern scarp forests (*heinrichi*, endemic)

White-chinned Prinia *Schistolais leucopogon* - Seen en route to Kalandula (*leucopogon*)

Yellow-breasted Apalis *Apalis flavida* - Seen a couple of times along the coastal plain (*flavida*)

Lowland Masked Apalis *Apalis binotata* - Seen well near Quitexe

Black-throated Apalis *Apalis jacksoni* - Seen along the northern escarpment and at Kumbira (*jacksoni*)

Buff-throated Apalis *Apalis rufogularis* - Seen along the central (*brauni*) and northern escarpment (*angolensis*)

Grey Apalis *Apalis cinerea* - Seen at Mt Moco and Tundavala (*grandis*)

Brown-headed Apalis *Apalis alticola* - Seen en route to and at Kalandula (*alticola*)

Grey-backed Camaroptera *Camaroptera brevicaudata* - Seen in the south (*sharpei*)

Hartert's Camaroptera *Camaroptera harterti* - Seen several times (endemic)

Yellow-browed Camaroptera *Camaroptera superciliaris* - Seen well in the northern scarp forests

Miombo Wren-Warbler *Calamonastes undosus* - Good sightings at Kalandula (*cinereus*) and in the Mt Moco region (*huilae*)

Barred Wren-Warbler *Calamonastes fasciolatus* - Seen inland of Benguela (*pallidior*, endemic)

Yellow-bellied Eremomela *Eremomela icteropygialis* - Seen in the south-west (*puellula*)

Salvadori's Eremomela *Eremomela salvadorii* - Seen a few times in the Mt Moco region

Green-capped Eremomela *Eremomela scotops* - Seen several times in miombo (*pulchra*)

Rufous-crowned Eremomela *Eremomela badiceps* - Good looks in the northern scarp forests

Black-necked Eremomela *Eremomela atricollis* - Good views of this smart species in the Mt Moco region

Ground-Babblers Family Pellorneidae

Scaly-breasted Illadopsis *Illadopsis albipectus* - Heard and seen briefly along the northern escarpment (*trensei*, endemic)

Brown Illadopsis *Illadopsis fulvescens* - Seen en route to and at Kalandula (*dilutior*, endemic)

Typical Babblers Family Leiothrichidae

Arrow-marked Babbler *Turdoides jardineii* - Seen at Kalandula (*hyposticta*)

Hartlaub's Babbler *Turdoides hartlaubii* - Seen in the Mt Moco region (*hartlaubii*)

Bare-cheeked Babbler *Turdoides gymnogenys* - Seen well below Leba pass (*gymnogenys*, endemic)

Sylviid Babblers Family Sylviidae

African Hill Babbler *Pseudoalcippe abyssinica* - Seen well at Mt Moco (*ansorgei*)

Chestnut-vented Warbler *Sylvia subcaerulea* - Seen inland of Benguela (*ansorgei*, endemic)

White-eyes Family Zosteropidae

African Yellow White-eye *Zosterops senegalensis* - Many seen (*heinrichi* in Uíge, *quanzae* at Kumbira and *anderssoni* at Lubango)

Hyliotas Family Hyliotidae

Yellow-bellied Hyliota *Hyliota flavigaster* - Three sightings in Miombo (*barbozae*)

Southern Hyliota *Hyliota australis* - Seen at Kumbira (*slatini*, **Forest Hyliota**)

Treecreepers Family Certhiidae

African Spotted Creeper *Salpornis salvadori* - Seen at Mt Moco (*salvadori*)

Starlings Family Sturnidae

Wattled Starling *Creatophora cinerea* - Seen twice along the coastal plain

Cape Starling *Lamprotornis nitens* - Common along the coastal plain (*nitens*)

Splendid Starling *Lamprotornis splendidus* - Seen along the northern escarpment (*splendidus*)

Meves's Starling *Lamprotornis mevesii* - Seen below Leba Pass (*benguelensis* **Benguela Long-tailed Starling**, endemic)

Sharp-tailed Starling *Lamprotornis acuticaudus* - Many good sightings in the miombo woodlands, at Kalandula and in the Mt Moco region (*acuticaudus*)

Violet-backed Starling *Cinnyricinclus leucogaster* - Seen at Kalandula, the Mt Moco region and Tundavala (*verreauxi*)

Chestnut-winged Starling *Onychognathus fulgidus* - Some good views along the northern escarpment (*intermedius*)

Pale-winged Starling *Onychognathus naboroupp* - Seen on the Namibe Day Trip

Narrow-tailed Starling *Poeoptera lugubris* - Seen in the northern scarp forests

Oxpeckers Family Buphagidae

Yellow-billed Oxpecker *Buphagus africanus* - A few seen in the south-west (*langi*)

Thrushes Family Turdidae

White-tailed Ant Thrush *Neocossyphus poensis* - Heard in northern scarp forests (*praepectoralis*)

Fraser's Rufous Thrush *Stizorhina fraseri* - Seen a few times in the scarp forests (*rubicunda*)

Groundscraper Thrush *Turdus litsitsirupa* - Seen below Leba Pass (*pauciguttatus*)

African Thrush *Turdus pelios* - Seen several times, including at Mt Moco (*bocagei*)

Kurrichane Thrush *Turdus libonyana* - Seen at Kalandula and the Mt Moco region (*verreauxii*)

Chats, Old World Flycatchers Family Muscipidae

Forest Scrub Robin *Cercotrichas leucosticta* - Superb views at Muxima (*reichenowi*, endemic)

Miombo Scrub Robin *Cercotrichas barbata* - Nice views in the Mt Moco region, and seen briefly at Kalandula

Kalahari Scrub Robin *Cercotrichas paena* - Seen inland of Benguela (*benguellensis*)

Brown-backed Scrub Robin *Cercotrichas hartlaubi* - Seen near Quibaxe

White-browed Scrub Robin *Cercotrichas leucophrys* - Seen a few times, including near Quitexe (*munda*) and inland of Benguela (*ovamboensis*)

Grey-throated Tit-Flycatcher *Myioparus griseigularis* - Seen in the northern scarp forests

Grey Tit-Flycatcher *Myioparus plumbeus* - Seen at Muxima and Kalandula (*catoleucus*)

Angolan Slaty Flycatcher *Melaenornis brunneus* - Good looks at Tundavala and Mt Moco (endemic)

Southern Black Flycatcher *Melaenornis pammelaina* - Seen a couple of times (*pammelaina*)

Pale Flycatcher *Melaenornis pallidus* - Seen a couple of times (*murinus*)

Chat Flycatcher *Melaenornis infuscatus* - Common in the south-west (*benguellensis*)

African Dusky Flycatcher *Muscicapa adusta* - Seen in the Mt Moco region

Ashy Flycatcher *Muscicapa caerulescens* - Seen along the escarpment (*impavida*)

Cassin's Flycatcher *Muscicapa cassini* - Seen on the drive to Uíge

Dusky-blue Flycatcher *Muscicapa comitata* - Seen in the Quitexe area (*comitata*)

Sooty Flycatcher *Muscicapa infuscata* - Seen in the northern scarp forests (*infuscata*)

Brown-chested Alethe *Pseudaethe poliocephala* - Seen at Kumbira (*halla*, endemic)

Angolan Cave Chat *Cossypha ansorgei* - Superb views at Tundavala

Grey-winged Robin-Chat *Cossypha polioptera*

- Seen well at Kalandula (*polioptera*). Now called Grey-winged Akalat.

White-browed Robin-Chat *Cossypha heuglini* - Heard often and seen occasionally (*subrufescens*)

White-headed Robin-Chat *Cossypha heinrichi* - Excellent views at Kalandula

Bocage's Akalat *Sheppardia bocagei* - Good views at Mt Moco (*bocagei*)

Gabela Akalat *Sheppardia gabela* - Good views along the central escarpment

Rufous-tailed Palm Thrush *Cichladusa ruficauda* - A few good sightings along the coastal plain

Short-toed Rock Thrush *Monticola brevipes* - Nice looks on the Namibe Day Trip and at Tundavala (*brevipes*)

Miombo Rock Thrush *Monticola angolensis* - Nice views at Tundavala and Mt Moco (*angolensis*)

African Stonechat *Saxicola torquatus* - Regular in the highlands (*stonei*)

Karoo Chat *Emarginata schlegelii* - Several seen in on the Namibe Day Trip (*benguellensis*). May prove to be a distinct species from the South African birds

Tractrac Chat *Emarginata tractrac* - One seen on the Namibe Day Trip (*hoeschi*)

Sooty Chat *Myrmecocichla nigra* - Seen in the Mt Moco region

Mountain Wheatear *Myrmecocichla monticola* - Seen on the Namibe Day Trip (*albipileata*, endemic) and at Mt Moco (*nigricauda*, endemic)

Capped Wheatear *Oenanthe pileata* - Seen at Mt Moco (*neseri*)

Familiar Chat *Oenanthe familiaris* - Seen at Mt Moco (*angolensis*)

Sunbirds Family Nectariniidae

Anchieta's Sunbird *Anthreptes anchietae* - Several excellent sightings en route to and at Kalandula, and seen again in the Mt Moco region

Mangrove Sunbird *Anthreptes gabonicus* - Seen at the Kwanza River mouth

Western Violet-backed Sunbird *Anthreptes longuemarei* - Seen a few times (*angolensis*)

Little Green Sunbird *Anthreptes seimundi* - Seen at Kumbira and in the northern escarpment (*minor*)

Grey-chinned Sunbird *Anthreptes rectirostris* - Seen in the northern scarp forests and at Kalandula (*tephrolaemus*)

Collared Sunbird *Hedydipna collaris* - Seen along the escarpment (*somereni*)

Green-headed Sunbird *Cyanomitra verticalis* - Seen along the escarpment and at Kalandula (*cianocephala*)

Bannerman's Sunbird *Cyanomitra bannermani* - Just one seen fairly briefly at Kalandula, where it was well outnumbered by Green-headed Sunbird

Blue-throated Brown Sunbird *Cyanomitra cyanolaema* - Seen in the northern scarp forests and at Kalandula (*octaviae*)

Olive Sunbird *Cyanomitra olivacea* - Common in forest (*cephaelis*)

Carmelite Sunbird *Chalcomitra fuliginosa* - Nice looks near Quitexe and females were also seen at Kumbira (*fuliginosa*)

Green-throated Sunbird *Chalcomitra rubescens* - Seen in the northern scarp forests (*rubescens*)

Amethyst Sunbird *Chalcomitra amethystina* - Seen in miombo (*deminuta*)

Scarlet-chested Sunbird *Chalcomitra senegalensis* - Several seen (*saturation*)

Bocage's Sunbird *Nectarinia bocagei* - Good views in the Mt Moco region of three different males

Bronzy Sunbird *Nectarinia kilimensis* - Good views at Mt Moco (*gadawi*, endemic)

Olive-bellied Sunbird *Cinnyris chloropygius* - Seen along the escarpment (*orphogaster*)

Western Miombo Sunbird *Cinnyris gertrudis* - Good views in the Mt Moco region (*pinto*, **Western Miombo Sunbird**)

Ludwig's Double-collared Sunbird *Cinnyris ludovicensis* - Seen well at Tundavala and Mt Moco (endemic)

Purple-banded Sunbird *Cinnyris bifasciatus* - Seen along the length of the coastal plain (*bifasciatus*)

Orange-tufted Sunbird *Cinnyris bouvieri* - Good views near Quibaxe and en route to Kalandula

Superb Sunbird *Cinnyris superbus* - Several seen along the escarpment (*superbus*)

Oustalet's Sunbird *Cinnyris oustaleti* - Seen in the Mt Moco region (*oustaleti*)

White-bellied Sunbird *Cinnyris talatala* - Seen inland of Benguela and on the Namibe Day Trip (*talatala*)

Variable Sunbird *Cinnyris venustus* - Seen at Mt Moco and Tundavala (*falkensteini*)

Dusky Sunbird *Cinnyris fuscus* - Seen inland of Benguela and on the Namibe Day Trip (*inclusus*)

Bates's Sunbird *Cinnyris batesi* - Seen at Kalandula

Copper Sunbird *Cinnyris cupreus* - A few seen (*chalceus*)

Old World Sparrows Family Passeridae

White-browed Sparrow-Weaver *Plocepasser mahali* - Seen inland of Benguela and below Leba Pass (*ansorgei*)

House Sparrow *Passer domesticus* - In many towns and villages

Great Sparrow *Passer motitensis* - A pair seen well inland of Benguela (*benguellensis*)

Cape Sparrow *Passer melanurus* - Seen on the Namibe Day Trip (*damarensis*)

Northern Grey-headed Sparrow *Passer griseus* - Seen from Muxima northwards (*ugandae*)

Southern Grey-headed Sparrow *Passer diffusus* - Seen in the south (*diffusus*)

Yellow-throated Petronia *Gymnoris superciliaris* - Seen in miombo (*rufitergum*)

Weavers, Widowbirds Family Ploceidae

Red-billed Buffalo Weaver *Bubalornis niger* - Seen by some inland of Benguela (*niger*)

Scaly-feathered Weaver *Sporopipes squamifrons* - Seen inland of Benguela (*squamifrons*)

Thick-billed Weaver *Amblyospiza albifrons* - Seen near Quitexe (*tandae*)

Black-chinned Weaver *Ploceus nigrimentus* - Great views at Mt Moco

Spectacled Weaver *Ploceus ocularis* - Seen at Mt Moco (*crocatus*)

Black-necked Weaver *Ploceus nigricollis* - Seen along the escarpment (*nigricollis*)

Bocage's Weaver *Ploceus temporalis* - Great of males and females around their nests in the Mt Moco region

Holub's Golden Weaver *Ploceus xanthops* - Several sightings

Southern Masked Weaver *Ploceus velatus* - One non-breeding bird seen below Leba Pass (*velatus*)

Village Weaver *Ploceus cucullatus* - Fairly common and seen in breeding plumage in the north (*collaris*)

Vieillot's Black Weaver *Ploceus nigerrimus* - Seen in the northern areas (*nigerrimus*)

Yellow-mantled Weaver *Ploceus tricolor* - Seen in the northern scarp forests (*interscapularis*)

Compact Weaver *Ploceus superciliosus* - Seen near N'dalatando

Dark-backed Weaver *Ploceus bicolor* - Seen in the scarp forests (*amaurocephalus*)

Red-headed Malimbe *Malimbus rubricollis* - Seen well in the scarp forests (*praedi*)

Crested Malimbe *Malimbus malimbicus* - Seen by most of the group along the northern escarpment (*malimbicus*)

Red-billed Quelea *Quelea quelea* - Seen along the coastal plain (*lathamii*)

Black-winged Red Bishop *Euplectes hordeaceus* - Seen once (*hordeaceus*)

Golden-backed Bishop *Euplectes aureus* - Non-breeding birds seen well at Muxima

Yellow Bishop *Euplectes capensis* - Quite common in the highlands (*angolensis*)

Fan-tailed Widowbird *Euplectes axillaris* - A few seen in the highlands (*bocagei*)

Yellow-mantled Widowbird *Euplectes macroura* - Non-breeding males seen along the northern escarpment (*macroura*)

Marsh Widowbird *Euplectes hartlaubi* - Several non-breeding males seen well in the Mt Moco region (*hartlaubi*)

White-winged Widowbird *Euplectes albonotatus* - Non-breeding males seen at Muxima (*asymmetrurus*)

Red-collared Widowbird *Euplectes ardens* - Seen at Mt Moco

Waxbills, Munias & Allies Family Estrildidae

Chestnut-breasted Nigrita *Nigrita bicolor* - Seen fairly briefly along the northern escarpment

Pale-fronted Nigrita *Nigrita luteifrons* - Heard along the northern escarpment

White-breasted Nigrita *Nigrita fusconotus* - Common along the northern scarp (*fusconotus*)

Grey-headed Nigrita *Nigrita canicapillus* - Seen along the escarpment (*angolensis*)

Green Twinspot *Mandingoa nitidula* - Seen fairly well along the central escarpment (*schlegeli*)

White-collared Oliveback *Nesocharis ansorgei* - A male was seen in the Quibaxe area

Orange-winged Pytilia *Pytilia afra* - Seen well at Kalandula

Green-winged Pytilia *Pytilia melba* - Seen along the coastal plain (*melba*)

Red-headed Finch *Amadina erythrocephala* - Seen at the Kwanza River mouth

Red-headed Bluebill *Spermophaga ruficapilla* - Seen fairly briefly at Kumbira and along the northern escarpment (*ruficapilla*)

Brown Twinspot *Clytospiza monteiri* - Seen near Quitexe, at Kalandula and at Conda

Dusky Twinspot *Euschistospiza cinereovinacea* - Several seen at Mt Moco (*cinereovinacea*, endemic)

Brown Firefinch *Lagonosticta nitidula* - Good views in the Mt Moco region

Red-billed Firefinch *Lagonosticta senegala* - Seen at Lubango (*rendalli*)

Landana Firefinch *Lagonosticta landanae* - Seen in the Mt Moco region and at Kalandula and Kumbira

Jameson's Firefinch *Lagonosticta rhodopareia* - Seen at Tundavala (*ansorgei*, **Ansorge's Firefinch**)

Blue Waxbill *Uraeginthus angolensis* - Common along the coastal plain (*angolensis*)

Violet-eared Waxbill *Uraeginthus granatinus* - Seen inland of Benguela and at Tundavala (*siccatus*)

Angolan Waxbill *Coccygia bocagei* - Nice looks at Mt Moco and Tundavala (endemic)

Grey Waxbill *Estrilda perreini* - Seen a few times in the north, but never for very long

Fawn-breasted Waxbill *Estrilda paludicola* - Several sightings (*benguellensis*)

Orange-cheeked Waxbill *Estrilda melpoda* - Seen along the northern escarpment and at Kumbira (*melpoda*)

Common Waxbill *Estrilda astrild* - Several sightings (*angolensis* in the north, *jagoensis* in the south)

Orange-breasted Waxbill *Amandava subflava* - A couple of sightings in the Mt Moco region (*niethammeri*)

Quailfinch *Ortygospiza atricollis* - Seen well in the Mt Moco region (*muelleri* **African Quailfinch**)

Locust Finch *Paludipasser locustella* - Good views in low flight in the Mt Moco region (*uelensis*)

Bronze Mannikin *Lonchura cucullata* - Seen several times (*scutata*)

Black-and-white Mannikin *Lonchura bicolor* - Seen along the escarpment (*woltersi*)

Indigobirds, Whydahs Family Viduidae

Dusky Indigobird *Vidua funerea* - Seen at Kalandula and Mt Moco (*nigerrima*). Identification based on it being the only indigobird there

Pin-tailed Whydah *Vidua macroura* - Only non-breeding birds seen

Broad-tailed Paradise Whydah *Vidua obtusa* - Good views of breeding-plumaged males en route to and at Kalandula

Wagtails, Pipits Family Motacillidae

Cape Wagtail *Motacilla capensis* - Seen in the Mt Moco region

African Pied Wagtail *Motacilla aguimp* - Seen along the Lucala River (*vidua*)

Fülleborn's Longclaw *Macronyx fuelleborni* - Seen a few times in the Mt Moco area and at Tundavala (*ascensi*)

African Pipit *Anthus cinnamomeus* - Seen a few times (*bocagei*)

Long-billed Pipit *Anthus similis* - Seen on top of Mt Moco (*moco*)

Wood Pipit *Anthus nyassae* - Seen once in the Mt Moco region (*schoutedeni*)

Buffy Pipit *Anthus vaalensis* - Seen at Tundavala (*neumanni*)

Plain-backed Pipit *Anthus leucophrys* - Several sightings, especially in the Mt Moco region (*bohndorffi*)

Long-legged Pipit *Anthus pallidiventris* - Seen at the Kwanza River mouth

Striped Pipit *Anthus lineiventris* - Seen very well at Mt Moco

Finches Family Fringillidae

Black-faced Canary *Crithagra capistrata* - Good sightings at Kumbira, Mt Moco and Tundavala (*hildegardae* at Moco, *capistratus* elsewhere)

Black-throated Canary *Crithagra atrogularis* - Seen in the Mt Moco region (*lwenarum*)

Yellow-fronted Canary *Crithagra mozambica* - Several sightings (*tando* in the north, *samaliyae* in the south)

Brimstone Canary *Crithagra sulphurata* - Seen a few times (*sharpii*)

White-throated Canary *Crithagra albogularis* - Seen inland of Benguela and on the Namibe Day Trip (*crocopygia*)

Thick-billed Seedeater *Crithagra burtoni* - Seen by some at Mt Moco (*tanganjicae*)

Yellow-crowned Canary *Serinus flavivertex* - Seen at Tundavala and Mt Moco (*huillensis*, endemic)

Buntings Family Emberizidae

Lark-like Bunting *Emberiza impetuani* - Seen inland of Benguela and at Tundavala (*eremica*)

Cinnamon-breasted Bunting *Emberiza tahapisi* - Seen at Tundavala and Mt Moco (*nivenorum*)

Golden-breasted Bunting *Emberiza flaviventris* - Seen at Kalandula and Mt Moco (*princeps*)

Cabanis's Bunting *Emberiza cabanisi* - Seen at Kalandula (*orientalis*)



Cape Penduline Tit



Stark's Lark



Hartlaub's Spurrow

Rockrunner



White-tailed Shrike



White-headed Robin-Chat



Bare-cheeked Babbler