

Angola

September 2022 Tour Report



White-headed Robin-Chat © Björn Anderson - iGoTerra.com

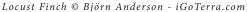
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SUMMARY

Angola made a much-awaited return to our birding calendar; most participants had waited an extra two years to set foot in this spectacular birding destination. We spent 18 days visiting the key birding sites, recording all endemics (including BirdLife splits) —a feat only ever achieved twice previously— and amassing a total of 569 species.

Our journey took us first to the northern escarpment, with our very first stop producing White-fronted Wattle-eye, Monteiro's Bushshrike and Golden-backed Bishop. Next on the cards was Braun's Bushshrike, White-collared Oliveback and Angolan White-throated Greenbul, alongside a host of Congo Basin forest species. In the Kalandula region we found White-headed Robin-Chat, Perrin's Bushshrike, Anchieta's Barbet and Thick-billed Cuckoo, before moving onto Muxima where Grey-striped Francolin, Gabela Helmetshrike and Egyptian Plover were seen very well. Continuing to the arid south we found Hartlaub's Spurfowl, Orange River Francolin, White-tailed Shrike, Bare-cheeked Babbler, Rockrunner and Caspian Plover in the Benguela area, before moving on to Lubango. Here, a day at Tundavala turned up White-bellied Barbet

and Ludwig's Double-collared Sunbird, and a day visiting Namibe province, Rüppell's Korhaan, Cinderella Waxbill, Benguela Long-tailed Starling and Benguela Long-billed Lark. After this we visited the Moco region for the better part of four days. Here, miombo woodlands produced Black-necked Eremomela, Sousa's Shrike, Bohm's Flycatcher and Miombo Pied Barbet, grasslands and dambos held Locust Finch, Black-and-rufous Swallow, Black-collared Bulbul, Bocage's Sunbird, Brazza's Martin, Bocage's Weaver, Blue Quail, Cuckoo-finch and Finsch's Francolin, and montane forest turned up Margaret's Batis and Angola Slaty Flycatcher. We returned to Luanda via the central escarpment at Kumbira, seeing Gabela Akalat, Pulitzer's Longbill, Angolan Naked-faced Barbet and Gabela Bushshrike.







Cinderella Waxbill © Björn Anderson - iGoTerra.com

FSSENTIAL DETAILS

DATES

1-19 September 2022

ITINERARY

1 Sep: Arrive Luanda.

2 Sep: Luanda to Uíge.

3 Sep: Northern escarpment forests.

4 Sep: Uíge to Kalandula.

5 Sep: Kalandula area.

6 Sep: Kalandula to N'dalatando.

7 Sep: N'dalatando to Muxima.

8 Sep: Muxima area.

9 Sep: Muxima to Benguela.

10 Sep: Benguela to Lubango.

11 Sep: Tundavala.

12 Sep: Namibe day trip.

13 Sep: Lubango to Huambo.

14-16 Sep: Mount Moco and surrounds.

17 Sep: Huambo to Conda.

18 Sep: Kumbira forest.

19 Sep: Conda to Luanda.

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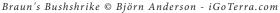
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REPORT

We gathered in Luanda, Angola's colossal and chaotic capital city. Early the next morning we escaped the growing mass of traffic before it swallowed us, striking out on our 18-day loop across western Angola. Our first stop was in some unassuming dry forests near Caxito, surprisingly rich in endemics. A productive walk got proceedings off to a rapid start with good views of Monteiro's Bushshrike, followed by other specials such as Angola Batis, White-fronted Wattle-eye, Black-faced Canary, Bubbling Cisticola, Rufoustailed Palm Thrush, Hartert's Camaroptera, Golden-backed Bishop, Swamp Boubou, Grey Waxbill and a surprise Carp's Tit (the most northern record). After a few hours we continued our way to Uíge, pausing thrice on route. Braun's Bushshrike was the highlight of the afternoon, giving good views, but the biggest surprise came in the form of Forest Swallow, and other goodies included Cassin's Grey Flycatcher, Johanna's Sunbird and White-throated Blue Swallow. It had been a great first day!

During the following day-and-a-half we visited various sites along the northern escarpment of Uíge province, amassing an impressive list of species. Highlights included Angolan Whitethroated Greenbul, Brown-backed Scrub Robin, Forest Scrub Robin, Black-collared Bulbul, Orangetufted Sunbird and some great views of Whitecollared Oliveback. Ample backup was provided by Eastern Piping Hornbill, Congo Pied Hornbill, Hairy-breasted Barbet, Speckled Tinkerbird, Great Blue Turaco, Guinea Turaco, Forest Chestnutwinged Starling, Yellow-mantled Weaver, Yellow-browed Camaroptera, Rufous-crowned Eremomela, Buff-throated Apalis, Compact Weaver, Chestnut-breasted Nigrita, Gabon Coucal, Dusky-blue Flycatcher, Banded Prinia, Whitechinned Prinia, Velvet-mantled Drongo, Blackwinged Oriole, Black Bee-eater, Blue-throated Roller, Purple-throated Cuckooshrike, Pink-footed Puffback, Blue-headed Crested Flycatcher, perched Afep Pigeon and Western Bronze-naped Pigeon, Ayres's Hawk-Eagle, Dark-backed Weaver, Red-







White-collared Oliveback © Björn Anderson - iGoTerra.com

headed Malimbe, Crested Malimbe, Chestnut Wattle-eye, Red-fronted Parrot, Narrow-tailed Starling, Bocage's Bushshrike, Simple Greenbul, Green-backed Woodpecker, Eastern Yellow-billed Barbet, Olive-bellied Sunbird, Rufous-vented Paradise Flycatcher, Blue Yellowbill, Sooty Flycatcher, Yellow-throated Nicator, Red-rumped Tinkerbird, Rufous Flycatcher-Thrush, Lowland Masked Apalis, Cassin's Honeybird, Willcocks's Honeyguide and African Shrike-Flycatcher.

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. On route we enjoyed good views of Western Black-backed Barbet.

At Kalandula, the main birding area is 40 km to the north of the falls and town, around Kinjila Village. The gallery forests hold the star attraction, and this time White-headed Robin-Chat showed itself especially well, but only after repeated attempts. The supporting cast included Eastern Black-backed Barbet, Brown-headed Apalis, Bannerman's Sunbird, Black-throated Wattle-eye, Petit's Cuckooshrike, Red-crested Turaco, Dusky

Long-tailed Cuckoo, Black Cuckoo, Red-headed Lovebird, Green Twinspot, Grey-chinned Green Sunbird, Gorgeous Bushshrike, Grey-winged Robin-Chat, Cabanis's Greenbul, Bates's Sunbird, Landana Firefinch and African Broadbill. Rank areas on the edge of forest and wetlands were home to Brown Twinspot, Red-headed Quelea, Moustached Grass Warbler, Broad-tailed Warbler and Marsh Tchagra. We also spent a significant amount of time scouring the surrounding woodlands, which held a complimentary set of species. More memorable sightings included Sharp-tailed Starling, Miombo Wren-Warbler, Meyer's Parrot, Northern Red-headed Weaver, Red-capped Crombec, Brubru, White-breasted Cuckooshrike, Yellow-bellied Hyliota, Pale-billed Hornbill, Bennett's Woodpecker, Miombo Scrub Robin, African Barred Owlet, Retz's Helmetshrike, Cabanis's Bunting and Thick-billed Cuckoo. Redthroated Cliff Swallow milled around the bridge over the Lucala River, where Marsh Owl was seen hunting. And a male Broad-tailed Paradise Whydah in full breeding plumage was the first one I'd seen in that condition in September.



Egyptian Plover © Michael Mills

Moving on, we over-nighted at N'dalatando (seeing Rock Pratincole on the Lucala River along the way) where drizzly conditions the next morning meant that our final stops on the northern escarpment produced little of interest, although we did see White-spotted Flufftail very well. Instead, we arrived in the Muxima area early and enjoyed some extra birding near our lodge. Wetlands proved rather productive, and we saw Long-toed Lapwing, good numbers of Fulvous Whistling Duck and various other species, and African Mourning Dove and Long-legged Pipit were found nearby. Our successful stop near Caxito, several days previously, had taken the pressure off our day in the dry forests of the Muxima area and left us with just two major targets. Fortunately, it didn't take long to find a pair of Grey-striped Francolin

feeding in the track, which allowed excellent views before finally melting into the dense undergrowth. Gabela Helmetshrike took a bit longer, but after a few hours we tracked down a couple of groups for excellent views. Many of the key birds were the same as around Caxito—Golden-backed Bishop, Pale-olive Greenbul, Purple-banded Sunbird, Angola Batis and Rufous-tailed Palm Thrush—but we also saw Red-backed Mousebird, Brownbacked Honeybird, Olive Bee-eater, Mottled Spinetail, Böhm's Spinetail, Little Sparrowhawk and Scaly-throated Honeyguide. At our lodge we found Long-billed Crombec. And along the mighty Kwanza River we enjoyed point-blank views of Egyptian Plover, here right at the southern edge of its range.

Leaving Muxima, we had a long drive ahead of us and so made our way quickly to the coast through Quiçama National Park and continued south on to Lobito for lunch in the company of a variety of waterbirds, including Cape Teal, Lesser Flamingo, Water Thick-knee, African Royal Tern, Greater Flamingo, Gull-billed Tern, Great White Pelican and Black Heron. Our 24 hours in the Benguela area turned up some good records, starting with Chestnut-banded Plover and Great Crested Tern (a real Angolan rarity) along the coast. However, the arid areas inland were the main focus of our time, where Hartlaub's Spurfowl was persuaded to sit up on a rock for superb views, Orange River Francolin was seen incredibly well, White-tailed Shrike was quite conspicuous and we enjoyed good views of Rockrunner, Rüppell's Parrot, African Hawk-Eagle, Pririt Batis, Grey Go-away-bird, Acacia Pied Barbet, Carp's Tit, Southern White-crowned Shrike, Barred Wren-Warbler, Yellow-bellied Eremomela and White-throated Canary. More

open areas held Double-banded Courser, Caspian Plover (a country tick for Michael), Kalahari Scrub Robin and Red-crested Korhaan.

Next, we moved on to the Lubango area where we birded two rather different habitats, separated by the spectacular southern escarpment. Our first day was spent at Tundavala, above the escarpment, where montane grasslands and remnant patches of Afromontane forest produced some of the best birding of the trip in impressive surrounds. Rocky areas were home to striking Angola Cave Chat, and Short-toed Rock Thrush, and other goodies included Jameson's Firefinch (ansorgei), Buffy Pipit, Rufous-cheeked Nightjar, Angolan Swee Waxbill, Bradfield's Swift, the very rare White-bellied Barbet, Freckled Nightjar, Whitefronted Bee-eater, Western Green Tinkerbird, Violet-eared Waxbill, Rufous-naped Lark, Bocage's Akalat, White-tailed Blue Flycatcher and Tinkling Cisticola.

Miombo Rock Thrush © Björn Anderson - iGoTerra.com





White-tailed Shrike @ Björn Anderson - iGoTerra.com

On our second day we descended the escarpment at Leba Pass, running a transect across the ever-drier landscape towards the coast. Our first stop turned up Benguela Long-tailed Starling, Monteiro's Hornbill, Damara Red-billed Hornbill, Bare-cheeked Babbler, White-tailed Shrike, Rosyfaced Lovebird and Bennett's Woodpecker. Further towards the coast the habitat became sparser and drier, and we encountered Karoo Chat, Chat Flycatcher, Cape Penduline Tit, Black-chested Prinia, Grey-backed Cisticola, Great Sparrow, Pale Chanting Goshawk, Benguela Long-billed Lark and Dusky Sunbird. And out on the barren plains we located a pair of Rüppell's Korhaan and Tractrac Chat, before making an early turn towards Lubango. My regular site for Cinderella Waxbill had completely dried out and I wanted to check some other sites, so we needed extra time. By lunch time we were back near the escarpment, enjoying

our picnic lunch in a shady spot beside some streams. I heard some faint calls from the nearby bush, and soon everyone was dropping sandwiches and grabbing their bins to look at a lovely Cinderella Waxbill, which stayed to give prolonged views. We happily made our way back up the escarpment to our comfortable base in Lubango.

Aside from the escarpment, the unique biodiversity of Angola can be found in the adjacent highlands, and it was to this region that we next turned our efforts. The long drive from Lubango to Huambo was broken up with a few good stops, the first producing Harlequin Quail and African Quailfinch, and the last Angola Lark, Black-and-rufous Swallow, female Bocage's Sunbird, breeding Bocage's Weaver and a small flock of Cuckoo-finch, a first on our Angola tours. This meant that we arrived with a few key species already under our belts.

The highlands reach their pinnacle at Mount Moco, the core of a region that holds a diverse array of habitats. Most of the area is blanketed in miombo woodland, now unfortunately mostly quite degraded due to clearing for agriculture and charcoal production. 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 in the gullies on Mount Moco itself. We divided our time fairly evenly between these habitats, each with its own specials.

In the forests we focused our attention on patches on the top of the mountain, where our fit group made two visits, a return visit being required to find the tricky Margaret's Batis. Other birds seen

included Huambo Cisticola, White-tailed Blue Flycatcher, Spotted Creeper, Ludwig's Doublecollared Sunbird, Angola Slaty Flycatcher, African Hill Babbler, Grey Apalis, Black-chinned Weaver, Olive Woodpecker, Bronzy Sunbird, Red-throated Wryneck, Dusky Twinspot and Evergreen Forest Warbler. Swierstra's Francolin crowed from the dense undergrowth but remained well hidden. Horus Swift and Ross's Turaco were seen nearby. In the surrounding grasslands and rocky slopes we found the local race of Mountain Wheatear (nigricauda), Striped Pipit, Yellow-crowned Canary, Wing-snapping Cisticola, Nicholson's Pipit (moco) and, best of all, Finsch's Francolin, which we flushed twice for good flight views. Flushing an adult and chick Ruwenzori Nightjar was certainly a bonus.

Brazza's Martin © Björn Anderson - iGoTerra.com



The rest of our time was spent in the mosaic of habitats across the greater region. Grassland and shrubland species included 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, a pair of Locust Finch that were seen well on the ground, and more Black-and-rufous Swallow. Areas of rank growth, mostly around rivers, held Brown Firefinch, Chirping Cisticola, Blue Quail, Stout Cisticola, Coppery-tailed Coucal, Hartlaub's Babbler, Orange-breasted Waxbill, Fawn-breasted Waxbill, Hartlaub's Marsh Widowbird, Greater Swamp Warbler and a pair of Bocage's Sunbird. A pair of Brazza's Martin gave excellent views near their nest, perching nearby.

The miombo woodlands also turned up some good birds, with well-chosen stops producing African Cuckoo-Hawk, Salvadori's Eremomela, Sousa's Shrike, Western Miombo Sunbird, Wood Pipit, Black-necked Eremomela, Miombo Pied Barbet, African Spotted Creeper, Böhm's Flycatcher, Miombo Rock Thrush, Orange-winged Pytilia, Pearl-breasted Swallow, Rufous-bellied Tit, Miombo Tit, Western Violet-backed Sunbird, Anchieta's Sunbird, African Golden Oriole, Dark Chanting Goshawk, Green-capped Eremomela and Grey Penduline Tit.

The central escarpment (focused on Kumbira) is arguably the highest priority for conservation in Angola, but is also one of the most rapidly disappearing areas of habitat due to slash-and-burn cultivation. Some of the rarer endemics cling to the last uncleared patches of suitable habitat, and it was to this important habitat that we last turned to find regional specialties. We wasted no time in commencing our birding near Seles, where Gabela Akalat showed well and we also found Southern Hyliota and Black-throated Apalis. Our day at Kumbira started well with good views of Pulitzer's Longbill, and we kept our momentum going with choice stops to find Angolan Naked-faced Barbet and the tricky Gabela Bushshrike almost immediately. The early successes gave us plenty of time to explore some of the more intact forest at Kumbira, and during the day we saw Falkenstein's Greenbul, Carmelite Sunbird, Eastern Yellowbellied Wattle-eye, Dusky Tit, Buff-throated Apalis, Yellow-throated Nicator, Bates's Paradise Flycatcher and Brown Illadopsis.

On our final day we had an easy drive back to Luanda, making various wetland stops and enjoying a prolonged lunch at the Kwanza River Lodge. During the day we added a good variety of species to our lists. Highlights included Marabou Stork, Yellow-billed Stork, a single Rufous-bellied Heron (quite a surprise here), Arctic Tern, Hadeda Ibis (another country tick for Michael), Western Osprey and a variety of waders at Mussulo Bay.

Black-and-rufous Swallow and Grey-striped Francolin © Björn Anderson - iGoTerra.com





ANNOTATED LIST OF BIRDS RECORDED

Numididae

Helmeted Guineafowl *Numida meleagris* — Seen a few times (*marungensis*)

Phasianidae

 ${\bf Coqui\ Francolin\ } \textit{Peliperdix\ } \textit{coqui\ } - \text{Flushed\ in\ the} \\ \textit{Moco\ region}$

Finsch's Francolin *Scleroptila finschi* — Good flight views of seven birds flushed, one at a time, at Moco. Also flushed at Tundayala

Orange River Francolin Scleroptila [gutturalis] levalliantoides — Incredible views in the Benguela area

Hartlaub's Spurfowl *Pternistis hartlaubi* — Good views in the Benguela area

Swierstra's Francolin Pternistis swierstrai — Two crowing birds found at Moco. Neil flushed another

Grey-striped Francolin *Pternistis griseostriatus* — Seen very well at Muxima

Red-necked Spurfowl *Pternistis afer* — Good views in the Kalandula region (*cranchii*), and some of us saw it in Quiçama NP (*afer*)

Harlequin Quail *Coturnix delegorguei* — Several birds flushed repeatedly, and even seen on the ground briefly, between Lubango and Huambo

Blue Quail *Excalfactoria adansonii* — A male was flushed twice in the Moco region

Anatidae

White-faced Whistling Duck Dendrocygna viduata — Seen on the Kwanza floodplain

Fulvous Whistling Duck *Dendrocygna bicolor* — Seen on the Kwanza floodplain

Spur-winged Goose *Plectropterus gambensis* — Seen in the Moco region

Cape Teal Anas capensis — Several seen at Lobito

Red-billed Teal *Anas erythrorhyncha* — Seen at Lobito and Tundavala

Caprimulgidae

Rufous-cheeked Nightjar *Caprimulgus rufigena* — Seen well at Tundavala (*rufigena*)

Fiery-necked Nightjar *Caprimulgus* [*p.*] *pectoralis* — Good views in the Kalandula region, and heard elsewhere (*fervidus*)

Freckled Nightjar *Caprimulgus tristigma* — Good views at Tundavala (*lentiginosus*)

Square-tailed Nightjar *Caprimulgus fossii* — Seen briefly near the Kwanza River (*welwitschii*), and heard in the Moco region

Pennant-winged Nightjar *Caprimulgus vexillarius* — One seen by some of the group, and another heard distantly

Apodidae

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

Böhm's Spinetail *Neafrapus boehmi* — Some good views along the coastal plain (*boehmi*)

African Palm Swift *Cypsiurus* [p.] parvus — Seen regularly (hyphaenes)

Alpine Swift *Tachymarptis melba* — Seen at Tundavala (*africanus*)

Mottled Swift *Tachymarptis aequatorialis* — Seen a few times (*aequatorialis*)

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

Little Swift *Apus affinis* — Seen regularly (*theresae*)

Horus Swift *Apus horus* — One dark-rumped bird ('toulsoni') was seen among the normal white-rumped birds at Moco (horus)

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

Musophagidae

Great Blue Turaco *Corythaeola cristata* — Seen on the northern scarp

Guinea Turaco *Tauraco persa* — Seen on the northern scarp (*zenkeri*)

Schalow's Turaco *Tauraco schalowi* — Good views in the Moco region

Red-crested Turaco *Tauraco erythrolophus* — Seen in the Kalandula region and at Kumbira

Ross's Turaco Musophaga rossae — Seen at Moco

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

Otididae

Rüppell's Korhaan *Eupodotis rueppelii* — Excellent views of two in the coastal deserts (*rueppelii*)

 $\begin{tabular}{ll} \bf Red-crested\ Korhaan\ Lophotis\ ruficrista - Two\\ good\ sightings\ near\ Benguela \end{tabular}$

Black-bellied Bustard *Lissotis melanogaster* — Heard in the Moco region

Cuculidae

Gabon Coucal *Centropus anselli* — Fairly good views for all on the northern scarp

Senegal Coucal *Centropus senegalensis* — Seen on our last day

Blue-headed Coucal *Centropus monachus* — Seen in the Kalandula region

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

White-browed Coucal Centropus [s.] superciliosus
— Seen several times

Blue Yellowbill [Yellowbill] Ceuthmochares [a.] aereus — Seen a few times in forest (aereus)

Levaillant's Cuckoo *Clamator levaillantii* — Seen near Uíge and Kalandula

Thick-billed Cuckoo *Pachycoccyx audeberti* — Good views in the Kalandula region

Diederik Cuckoo *Chrysococcyx caprius* — Heard near the Kwanza River

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

African Emerald Cuckoo *Chrysococcyx cupreus* — Great views on the northern scarp

Dusky Long-tailed Cuckoo *Cercococcyx* [m.] mechowi — Good flight views in the Kalandula region

Black Cuckoo *Cuculus clamosus* — Seen well twice (*clamosus*)

Red-chested Cuckoo *Cuculus solitarius* — Seen in the Kalandula region

African Cuckoo *Cuculus gularis* — Seen well in the Kalandula region

Columbidae

Rock Dove or Feral Pigeon *Columba livia* — Feral Pigeons were common in the towns and villages

Afep Pigeon *Columba unicincta* — Good views on the northern scarp

Western Bronze-naped Pigeon *Columba iriditorques* — Good views on the northern scarp

African Mourning Dove *Streptopelia decipiens* — Seen on the Kwanza River floodplain

Red-eyed Dove Streptopelia semitorquata — Common

Ring-necked Dove / Cape Turtle Dove Streptopelia capicola — Common; damarensis in the south-west and tropica elsewhere

Laughing Dove *Spilopelia senegalensis* — Seen several times (*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 a few times in forest

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

African Green Pigeon *Treron* [c.] calvus — Seen on several dates (calvus)

Sarothruridae

White-spotted Flufftail Sarothrura pulchra — Seen on the northern scarp and heard in the Kalandula region (*centralis*)

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Red-chested Flufftail *Sarothrura rufa* — Heard in the Kalandula region (*rufa*)

Rallidae

African Swamphen [Swamphen] *Porphyrio* [porphyrio] madagascariensis — Seen at Lobito and on the Kwanza floodplain

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

Red-knobbed Coot *Fulica cristata* — Two seen by Michael near Lobito

Podicipedidae

Little Grebe *Tachybaptus* [r.] ruficollis — Seen a few times

Phoenicopteridae

Greater Flamingo *Phoenicopterus roseus* — Seen along the coast several times

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

Turnicidae

Common Buttonquail *Turnix sylvaticus* — A few flushed sightings

Burhinidae

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

Recurvirostridae

Black-winged Stilt *Himantopus* [h.] himantopus — Seen a few times

Pied Avocet *Recurvirostra avosetta* — Seen at Lobito and Mussulo

Charadriidae

Long-toed Lapwing *Vanellus crassirostris* — Seen on the Kwanza River floodplain

Senegal Lapwing *Vanellus lugubris* — Seen distantly, in flight, near Caxito

African Wattled Lapwing *Vanellus senegallus* — Seen in the Moco region (*lateralis*)

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

Common Ringed Plover *Charadrius hiaticula* — Seen along the coast (*tundrae*)

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

Three-banded Plover Charadrius [t.] tricollaris — Seen a few times

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

Chestnut-banded Plover *Charadrius pallidus* — Good views at Benguela (*pallidus*)

Caspian Plover *Charadrius asiaticus* — Two seen in the Benguela region

Pluvianidae

Egyptian Plover *Pluvianus aegyptius* — Superb views of two at Muxima

Rostratulidae

Greater Painted-snipe *Rostratula benghalensis* — Alan saw one on the Kwanza River floodplain

Iacanidae

African Jacana *Actophilornis africanus* — Several sightings

Scolopacidae

Eurasian Whimbrel *Numenius* [p.] phaeopus — Seen along the coast (phaeopus)

Eurasian Curlew *Numenius arquata* — Seen at Mussulo (*orientalis*)

Bar-tailed Godwit *Limosa lapponica* — Seen along the coast (*lapponica*)

Ruddy Turnstone *Arenaria interpres* — Seen along the coast (*interpres*)

Ruff Calidris pugnax — Seen along the coast

Curlew Sandpiper *Calidris ferruginea* — Seen along the coast

Sanderling Calidris alba — Seen along the coast

Little Stint Calidris minuta — Seen along the coast

Common Sandpiper *Actitis hypoleucos* — Seen a few times

Marsh Sandpiper *Tringa stagnatilis* — Seen along the coast

Wood Sandpiper *Tringa glareola* — Seen several times

Common Greenshank *Tringa nebularia* — Seen along the coast

Glareolidae

Double-banded Courser *Rhinoptilus africanus* — Excellent views near Benguela

Collared Pratincole *Glareola pratincola* — Seen on the Keve and Kwanza floodplains

Rock Pratincole *Glareola nuchalis* — Good views on the Lucala River

Laridae

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

Gull-billed Tern *Gelochelidon* [n.] nilotica — One seen at Lobito

Caspian Tern *Hydroprogne caspia* — Seen along the coast

Greater Crested Tern *Thalasseus bergii* — One found by Björn at Benguela was the second record for Angola

African Royal Tern [Royal Tern] Thalasseus [maximus] albididorsalis — Seen along the coast in good numbers (albididorsalis)

Sandwich Tern *Thalasseus sandvicensis* — Seen along the coast

Common Tern *Sterna hirundo* — Seen along the

Arctic Tern *Sterna paradisaea* — A couple were seen at Mussulo

Ciconiidae

Yellow-billed Stork *Mycteria ibis* — One at Lobito, many on our last day

African Openbill *Anastomus lamelligerus* — Seen on the Keve and Kwanza River floodplains (*lamelligerus*)

Marabou Stork *Leptoptilos crumenifer* — Good numbers seen on our last day

Sulidae

Cape Gannet *Morus capensis* — Seen offshore from Mussulo

Phalacrocoracidae

Reed Cormorant *Microcarbo africanus* — Seen several times, including along the coast (*africanus*)

White-breasted Cormorant [Great Cormorant]
Phalacrocorax [carbo] lucidus — Seen along the
coast

Anhingidae

African Darter *Anhinga rufa* — A couple of sightings along the coast (*rufa*)

Threskiornithidae

African Sacred Ibis *Threskiornis aethiopicus* — Most conspicuous at Lobito

Hadada Ibis *Bostrychia hagedash* — A surprise sighting on the last day was a country tick for Michael

African Spoonbill *Platalea alba* — Several seen along the coast

Ardeidae

Little Bittern *Ixobrychus* [m.] minutus — Three sightings

Squacco Heron *Ardeola ralloides* — Seen a few times

Rufous-bellied Heron *Ardeola rufiventris* — Seen well on our last day

Western Cattle Egret [Cattle Egret] Bubulcus [i.] ibis — Seen often

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

Black-headed Heron *Ardea melanocephala* — Seen a few times

Purple Heron *Ardea purpurea* — Seen a few times (*purpurea*)

African Great Egret [Great Egret] Ardea [alba] melanorhynchos — Seen in coastal wetlands (melanorhynchos)

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Yellow-billed Egret [Intermediate Egret] *Ardea* [intermedia] brachyrhyncha — Seen in coastal wetlands

Black Heron *Egretta ardesiaca* — Seen at Lobito

Little Egret *Egretta* [*g*.] *garzetta* — Seen in coastal wetlands (*garzetta*)

Scopidae

Hamerkop *Scopus umbretta* — Two sightings in the south (*umbretta*)

Pelecanidae

Great White Pelican Pelecanus onocrotalus — Good numbers at Lobito and Mussulo

Pandionidae

Western Osprey [Osprey] Pandion [h.] haliaetus — Seen at the Kwanza River

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 at Muxima and in the Moco region (*verreauxii*)

Black-chested Snake Eagle Circaetus pectoralis — Seen twice

Brown Snake Eagle *Circaetus cinereus* — One seen in the south

Western Banded Snake Eagle *Circaetus cinerascens* — Seen distantly in the Kalandula region

 $\begin{tabular}{ll} \bf Bateleur \it{ Terathopius ecaudatus} - One of the more commonly-seen raptors \end{tabular}$

 ${\bf Long\text{-}crested} \ {\bf Eagle} \ Lophaetus \ occipitalis -- \ {\bf A} \ {\bf few} \\ {\bf sightings}$

Ayres's Hawk-Eagle *Hieraaetus ayresii* — Good views near Uíge

African Hawk-Eagle *Aquila spilogaster* — Seen in the Benguela area

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

Gabar Goshawk *Micronisus gabar* — Seen a few times (*gabar*)

Dark Chanting Goshawk *Melierax metabates* — Seen in the Moco region (*mechowi*)

Pale Chanting Goshawk *Melierax canorus* — Seen on the Namibe day trip

African Goshawk *Accipiter* [t.] tachiro — A couple of sightings (sparsimfasciatus)

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

Little Sparrowhawk Accipiter minullus — Seen at Muxima

African Marsh Harrier *Circus ranivorus* — Seen a few times

Yellow-billed Kite [Black Kite] *Milvus* [migrans] aegyptius — Seen in the Kalandula area (parasitus)

African Fish Eagle *Haliaeetus vocifer* — Seen a few times

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

Augur Buzzard *Buteo* [a.] augur — Seen from Moco southwards

Strigidae

African Scops Owl *Otus* [s.] senegalensis — Seen well in the Kalandula region

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

African Barred Owlet Glaucidium [c.] capense — Seen in the Kalandula region and heard at Muxima (ngamiense)

Marsh Owl *Asio capensis* — Seen during the day along the Lucala River

Coliidae

Speckled Mousebird *Colius striatus* — Seen on the northern scarp (*nigricollis*)

 $\begin{tabular}{ll} \textbf{Red-backed Mousebird $Colius$ $castanotus-$Seen}\\ \textbf{quite often} \end{tabular}$

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

Upupidae

African Hoopoe [**Hoopoe**] *Upupa* [*epops*] *africana* — Seen a few times

Phoeniculidae

Green Wood Hoopoe *Phoeniculus purpureus* — Seen at Muxima (*angolensis*)

Black Scimitarbill *Rhinopomastus aterrimus* — Seen in the north (*anchietae*)

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

Bucerotidae

Damara Red-billed Hornbill [Red-billed Hornbill] Tockus [erythrorhynchus] damarensis — Seen well in the south

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

Southern Yellow-billed Hornbill *Tockus leucomelas* — The endemic subspecies was seen several times along the coastal plain (*elegans*)

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

Congo Pied Hornbill [African Pied Hornbill] *Lophoceros* [f.] fasciatus — Seen on the northern scarp (fasciatus)

African Grey Hornbill *Lophoceros nasutus* — Heard en route to Lubango

Pale-billed Hornbill Lophoceros pallidirostris

— Excellent views in the Kalandula region
(pallidirostris)

Eastern Piping Hornbill [Piping Hornbill] *Bycanistes* [fistulator] sharpii — Seen on the northern scarp (sharpii)

Trumpeter Hornbill *Bycanistes bucinator* — Seen at Kumbira

Coraciidae

Purple Roller *Coracias naevius* — Seen on the last day (*mosambicus*)

Lilac-breasted Roller *Coracias caudatus* — Seen several times (*caudatus*)

Blue-throated Roller *Eurystomus gularis* — Seen on the northern scarp

Broad-billed Roller *Eurystomus glaucurus* — Seen on the northern scarp and in the Kalandula area (*suahelicus*)

Alcedinidae

Grey-headed Kingfisher *Halcyon leucocephala* — Seen a couple of times (*pallidiventris*)

Brown-hooded Kingfisher *Halcyon albiventris* — A couple of sightings (*prentissgrayi*)

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

Woodland Kingfisher Halcyon senegalensis — Seen a few times (probably fuscopileus and cyanoleuca)

African Pygmy Kingfisher *Ispidina picta* — Seen a few times

Malachite Kingfisher Corythornis [c.] cristatus — Seen on the last day

Giant Kingfisher *Megaceryle maxima* — Two good sightings

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

Meropidae

Black Bee-eater *Merops gularis* — Seen on the northern scarp (*australis*)

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

White-fronted Bee-eater Merops bullockoides — Seen at Tundavala

Olive Bee-eater *Merops superciliosus* — Good views on the coastal plain (*alternans*)

European Bee-eater *Merops apiaster* — Heard at Moco and in the Kalandula region

Lybiidae

Bristle-nosed Barbet *Gymnobucco peli* — Heard on the northern scarp

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(Common) Naked-faced Barbet *Gymnobucco* [c.] calvus — Seen in the northern escarpment forests (congicus)

Angola Naked-faced Barbet [Naked-faced Barbet] Gymnobucco [calvus] vernayi — Seen well at Kumbira

Anchieta's Barbet *Stactolaema anchietae* — Several good sightings in the Kalandula and Moco regions (*rex*)

Speckled Tinkerbird *Pogoniulus scolopaceus* — Seen on the northern scarp (*flavisquamatus*)

Western Green Tinkerbird Pogoniulus coryphaea — An excellent sighting of the endemic subspecies at Tundavala (angolensis)

Red-rumped Tinkerbird *Pogoniulus atroflavus* — Seen on the northern scarp

Yellow-rumped Tinkerbird *Pogoniulus* [b.] *bilineatus* — Seen in the northern forests (*leucolaimus*)

Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird Pogoniulus chrysoconus
— Seen a couple of times (extoni)

Hairy-breasted Barbet *Tricholaema hirsuta*— Seen at Kumbira and on the northern scarp (*angolensis*)

Miombo Pied Barbet *Tricholaema frontata* — Seen well in the Moco region

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

White-bellied Barbet [White-headed Barbet] Lybius [leucocephalus] leucogaster — Excellent views at Tundavala, the third bird tour to ever see this taxon!

Black-collared Barbet *Lybius torquatus* — Seen a few times

Western Black-backed Barbet Lybius [m.] minor
— Seen well en route to Kalandula

Eastern Black-backed Barbet [Black-backed Barbet] *Lybius [minor] macclounii* — Good views in the Kalandula region

Eastern Yellow-billed Barbet [Yellow-billed Barbet] *Trachyphonus [p.] purpuratus* — Good views on the northern scarp

Indicatoridae

Cassin's Honeybird *Prodotiscus insignis* — Seen on the northern scarp (*insignis*)

Brown-backed Honeybird *Prodotiscus regulus* — Seen at Muxima and Kumbira

Willcocks's Honeyguide *Indicator willcocksi* — Seen on the northern scarp

Least Honeyguide *Indicator exilis* — Heard on the northern scarp

Thick-billed Honeyguide [Lesser Honeyguide] Indicator [minor] conirostris — Heard on the northern scarp

Lesser Honeyguide *Indicator* [*m*.] *minor* — Heard only

Scaly-throated Honeyguide Indicator variegatus
— Seen at Muxima and heard at Kumbira

Greater Honeyguide *Indicator indicator* — Seen at Muxima

Picidae

Red-throated Wryneck *Jynx ruficollis* — Seen at Moco (*ruficollis*)

Bennett's Woodpecker Campethera [b.] bennettii — Seen at Leba (capricorni) and Kalandula (bennetti)

Golden-tailed Woodpecker Campethera abingoni
— Seen a few times

Green-backed Woodpecker *Campethera* [cailliautii] *permista* — Seen on the northern scarp (*permista*)

Buff-spotted Woodpecker *Campethera nivosa* — Heard at Kumbira (*nivosa*)

Brown-eared Woodpecker *Campethera caroli* — Seen at few times (*caroli*)

Bearded Woodpecker *Chloropicus namaquus* — Seen a couple of times

Yellow-crested Woodpecker *Chloropicus xantholophus* — Seen on the northern scarp

Cardinal Woodpecker *Dendropicos fuscescens* — Seen regularly

Elliot's Woodpecker *Dendropicos* [e.] elliotii — Seen briefly near Quitexe (gabela)

Olive Woodpecker *Dendropicos griseocephalus* — Seen at Moco (*ruwenzori*)

Falconidae

Rock Kestrel [Common Kestrel] Falco [tinnunculus] rupicolus — Seen at Moco and Tundavala

Grey Kestrel *Falco ardosiaceus* — Seen a couple of times

African Hobby *Falco cuvierii* — Seen four times

Lanner Falcon *Falco biarmicus* — Seen several times (*biarmicus*)

Peregrine Falcon *Falco* [p.] *peregrinus* — Seen at Kalandula Falls (*minor*)

Psittacidae

Red-fronted Parrot *Poicephalus gulielmi* — Flight views on the northern scarp (*gulielmi*)

Meyer's Parrot *Poicephalus meyeri* — Seen in the Kalandula region (*reichenowi*)

Rüppell's Parrot *Poicephalus rueppellii* — Good views in the Benguela and Leba areas

Psittaculidae

Red-headed Lovebird *Agapornis pullarius* — Flight views in the Kalandula region

Rosy-faced Lovebird *Agapornis roseicollis* — Some great looks at Leba (*catumbella*)

Calyptomenidae

African Broadbill *Smithornis capensis* — Great looks in the Kalandula region (*albigularis*)

Platysteiridae

Margaret's Batis Batis margaritae — Good views at Moco after much effort (margaritae)

Chinspot Batis *Batis molitor* — Seen a few times (*pintoi*)

Pririt Batis *Batis pririt* — Good views in the arid south (*affinis*)

Angola Batis *Batis minulla* — Several good sightings

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

Chestnut Wattle-eye *Platysteira* [c.] castanea — Seen well in the scarp forests

Black-throated Wattle-eye *Platysteira peltata* — Seen at Moco (*mentalis*)

White-fronted Wattle-eye *Platysteira albifrons* — Great looks at Caxito

Eastern Yellow-bellied Wattle-eye [Yellow-bellied Wattle-eye] Platysteira [concreta] ansorgei — Good views at Kumbira (ansorgei)

Malaconotidae

Monteiro's Bushshrike *Malaconotus monteiri* — Good views at Caxito

Grey-headed Bushshrike *Malaconotus blanchoti* — Heard a couple of times in miombo (*interpositus*)

Bocage's Bushshrike *Chlorophoneus bocagei* — Seen on the northern scarp (*bocagei*)

Orange-breasted Bushshrike *Chlorophoneus sulfureopectus* — Seen a few times (*similis*)

Gorgeous Bushshrike *Telophorus viridis* — Nice looks in the Kalandula region (*viridis*)

Marsh Tchagra *Bocagia minuta* — Nice views in the Kalandula region (*anchietae*)

Brown-crowned Tchagra *Tchagra australis* — Seen a few times (*ansorgei*)

Black-crowned Tchagra *Tchagra senegalus* — Seen a few times

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

Black-backed Puffback *Dryoscopus cubla* — Seen regularly

Braun's Bushshrike [Lühder's Bushshrike] Laniarius [luehderi] brauni — Good looks near Quitexe

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Gabela Bushshrike [Lühder's Bushshrike]

Laniarius [luehderi] amboimensis — Good views at Kumbira

Tropical Boubou *Laniarius* [aethiopicus] major — Seen on the plateau (major)

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

Brubru *Nilaus afer* — Good views in the Kalandula region (*affinis*) and near Benguela (*brubru*)

Vangidae

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

Retz's Helmetshrike *Prionops retzii* — Seen in the Kalandula region (*nigricans*)

Gabela Helmetshrike *Prionops gabela* — Great views at Muxima

African Shrike-flycatcher Megabyas flammulatus — Seen on the northern scarp

Black-and-white Shrike-flycatcher Bias musicus
— Heard on the northern scarp

Campephagidae

White-breasted Cuckooshrike Ceblepyris pectoralis — A couple of sightings in miombo woodland

Black Cuckooshrike Campephaga flava — Seen once

Petit's Cuckooshrike *Campephaga petiti* — Seen well in the Kalandula region

Purple-throated Cuckooshrike Campephaga quiscalina — Seen on the northern scarp (quiscalina)

Laniidae

Southern White-crowned Shrike *Eurocephalus anguitimens* — Seen near Leba (*anguitimens*)

Sousa's Shrike *Lanius souzae* — Great views in the Moco region

Northern Fiscal [Common Fiscal] *Lanius* [collaris] humeralis — Seen regularly on the plateau (capelli)

Southern Fiscal [Common Fiscal] *Lanius* [c.] *collaris* — Seen in the south-west (*aridicolus*)

Oriolidae

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

Black-winged Oriole *Oriolus nigripennis* — Seen on the northern scarp

African Golden Oriole *Oriolus auratus* — Some good looks in miombo woodland (*notatus*)

Dicruridae

Common Square-tailed Drongo [Square-tailed Drongo] Dicrurus [l.] ludwigii — Seen near Conda

Sharpe's Drongo [Square-tailed Drongo] Dicrurus [ludwigii] sharpei — Seen in the Kalandula region (saturnus)

Southern Fork-tailed Drongo [Fork-tailed Drongo] Dicrurus [a.] adsimilis — Seen regularly (apivorus)

Velvet-mantled Drongo Dicrurus [m.] modestus
— Seen along the northern escarpment (coracinus)

Monarchidae

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

Rufous-vented Paradise Flycatcher [African Paradise Flycatcher] Terpsiphone [viridis] rufocinerea — Seen at Uige

Bates's Paradise Flycatcher *Terpsiphone batesi* — Seen at Kumbira

African Paradise Flycatcher *Terpsiphone* [v.] *viridis* — Seen regularly (*plumbeiceps*)

Corvidae

Cape Crow *Corvus capensis* — Seen in the Moco region

Pied Crow Corvus albus — Common

Stenostiridae

African Blue Flycatcher *Elminia longicauda* — Seen along the central and northern scarp (*teresita*)

White-tailed Blue Flycatcher Elminia albicauda — Seen at Moco and Tundavala

Paridae

White-winged Black Tit Melaniparus leucomelas
— Seen a few times on the plateau (insignis)

Carp's Tit *Melaniparus carpi* — Seen near Caxito and Benguela

Dusky Tit *Melaniparus funereus* — Seen at Kumbira (*gabela*)

Rufous-bellied Tit *Melaniparus* [r.] rufiventris — Great views in the Moco region (rufiventris)

Miombo Tit *Melaniparus griseiventris* — Seen in the Moco region

Remizidae

Grey Penduline Tit *Anthoscopus* [c.] caroli — Seen well in the Moco region (ansorgei)

Cape Penduline Tit *Anthoscopus minutus* — Seen on the Namibe day trip

Nicatoridae

Yellow-throated Nicator *Nicator vireo* — Seen well on the northern scarp and at Kumbira

Alaudidae

Benguela Long-billed Lark [Karoo Long-billed Lark] Certhilauda [subcoronata] benguelensis — Good views on the Namibe day trip (benguelensis)

Grey-backed Sparrow-Lark *Eremopterix verticalis* — A female was seen near Benguela

Sabota Lark *Calendulauda sabota* — Seen near Benguela and on the Namibe day trip (*ansorgei*)

Rufous-naped Lark *Mirafra* [a.] *africana* — Seen at Tundavala (*occidentalis*)

Flappet Lark *Mirafra rufocinnamomea* — Seen in the Moco region (*fischeri*)

Angola Lark *Mirafra angolensis* — Seen well at Moco (*angolensis*)

Southern Red-capped Lark [Red-capped Lark] Calandrella [c.] cinerea — Seen en route to Lubango and in the Moco region

Pycnonotidae

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

Dark-capped Bulbul [Common Bulbul]

Pycnonotus [barbatus] tricolor — Common (tricolor)

Slender-billed Greenbul Stelgidillas gracilirostris

— Seen on the northern scarp (gracilirostris)

Little Greenbul *Eurillas virens* — Seen in the Kalandula region (*virens*)

Plain Greenbul *Eurillas curvirostris* — Heard on the northern scarp (*curvirostris*)

Yellow-whiskered Greenbul *Eurillas latirostris* — Seen at Kumbira (*latirostris*)

Honeyguide Greenbul *Baeopogon indicator* — Heard along the northern scarp (*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* — Good views on the northern scarp

Pale-throated Leaflove [Yellow-throated Leaflove] Atimastillas [flavicollis] flavigula — Seen a few times (flavigula)

Swamp Palm Bulbul *Thescelocichla leucopleura* — Seen on the northern scarp

Pale-olive Greenbul *Phyllastrephus fulviventris* — Seen well a few times

Cabanis's Greenbul *Phyllastrephus* [c.] cabanisi — Seen in the Kalandula region (cabanisi)

Angola White-throated Greenbul [White-throated Greenbul] *Phyllastrephus [albigularis] viridiceps* — Seen by everyone on the northern scarp

Red-tailed Bristlebill *Bleda syndactylus* — Heard at Kumbira

Black-collared Bulbul *Neolestes torquatus* — Seen on the northern scarp and in the Kalandula region

Hirundinidae

Black Saw-wing *Psalidoprocne pristoptera* — Several sightings (*reichenowi*)

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Grey-rumped Swallow *Pseudhirundo griseopyga* — Several good views, especially in the Moco region

Brazza's Martin *Phedina brazzae* — Excellent views in the Moco region

Brown-throated Martin *Riparia* [p.] paludicola — Seen in the Moco region (paludicola)

Banded Martin *Riparia cincta* — Seen in the Moco region (*xerica*)

Barn Swallow *Hirundo rustica* — Seen in the Moco region

Angola Swallow *Hirundo angolensis* — Seen regularly in small numbers

White-throated Swallow *Hirundo albigularis* — Seen on the plateau

Wire-tailed Swallow *Hirundo smithii* — Seen along the coastal plain (*smithii*)

White-throated Blue Swallow Hirundo nigrita — Good views en route to Uíge

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

Pearl-breasted Swallow *Hirundo dimidiata* — Seen in the Moco region (*marwitzi*)

Large Rock Martin [**Rock Martin**] *Ptyonoprogne* [f.] fuligula — Seen at Tundavala (anderssoni)

Red-throated Rock Martin [Rock Martin]
Ptyonoprogne [fuligula] rufigula — Seen at Moco (rufigula)

Common House Martin *Delichon* [*urbicum*] *urbicum* — A couple seen at Moco

Greater Striped Swallow *Cecropis cucullata* — Seen in the Moco region

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

Mosque Swallow *Cecropis senegalensis* — Seen in the Kalandula and Moco regions

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

Forest Swallow *Petrochelidon fuliginosa* — Excellent views en route to Uíge

Macrosphenidae

Moustached Grass Warbler Melocichla mentalis — Nice views in the Kalandula region (mentalis)

Rockrunner *Achaetops pycnopygius* — Good views near Benguela (*spadix*)

Yellow Longbill *Macrosphenus flavicans* — Seen on the northern scarp (*flavicans*)

Pulitzer's Longbill *Macrosphenus pulitzeri* — An excellent sighting at Kumbira

Long-billed Crombec *Sylvietta rufescens* — Seen near Muxima (*ansorgei*) and in the south-west (*flecki*)

Red-capped Crombec *Sylvietta ruficapilla* — Nice looks in the Kalandula region (*ruficapilla*)

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

Hyliidae

Green Hylia *Hylia prasina* — Seen along the scarp (*prasina*)

Acrocephalidae

Greater Swamp Warbler *Acrocephalus rufescens* — Seen in the Moco region

Lesser Swamp Warbler Acrocephalus gracilirostris
— Seen en route to Huambo (winterbottomi)

African Yellow Warbler *Iduna natalensis* — Seen a couple of times (*major*)

Locustellidae

Broad-tailed Warbler *Catriscus brevirostris* — Nice looks in the Kalandula and Moco regions (*alexinae*)

Evergreen Forest Warbler *Bradypterus lopezi* — Seen at Moco (*boultoni*)

Little Rush Warbler *Bradypterus* [b.] baboecala — Seen in the Moco region (benguellensis)

Cisticolidae

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

Whistling Cisticola *Cisticola lateralis* — Seen in the Kalandula region (*modestus*)

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

Huambo Cisticola [Rock-loving Cisticola]
Cisticola [aberrans] bailunduensis — Seen at Moco

Tinkling Cisticola *Cisticola rufilatus* — Seen well near Lubango (*ansorgei*)

Grey-backed Cisticola *Cisticola subruficapilla* — Seen on the Namibe day trip (*newtoni*)

Wailing Cisticola Cisticola [l.] lais — Common at Tundavala and Moco (namba)

Chirping Cisticola *Cisticola pipiens* — Seen in the Kalandula and Moco regions (*pipiens*)

Levaillant's Cisticola *Cisticola tinniens* — Seen in the Moco region

Stout Cisticola *Cisticola robustus* — Good views in the Moco region (*angolensis*)

Short-winged Cisticola Cisticola brachypterus — Seen a few times (loanda)

Neddicky *Cisticola fulvicapilla* — Seen a few times *(dispar)*

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

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

 ${\bf Tawny-flanked\ Prinia\ } {\it Prinia\ subflava} - \\ {\bf Widespread}$

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

Banded Prinia *Prinia* [b.] bairdii — Seen on the northern scarp (heinrichi)

White-chinned Prinia Schistolais leucopogon — Seen on the northern scarp (leucopogon)

Yellow-breasted Apalis *Apalis* [f.] flavida — Seen a couple of times along the coastal plain (flavida)

Lowland Masked Apalis *Apalis binotata* — Seen near Quitexe and at Kumbira

Black-throated Apalis *Apalis jacksoni* — Seen on the central scarp (*jacksoni*)

Buff-throated Apalis *Apalis* [r.] rufogularis — Seen along the central (*brauni*) and northern escarpment (*angolensis*)

Grey Apalis *Apalis* [c.] cinerea — Seen at Tundavala and Moco (grandis)

Brown-headed Apalis [Grey Apalis] *Apalis* [cinerea] alticola — Seen in the Kalandula region (alticola)

Grey-backed Camaroptera [Bleating Camaroptera] Camaroptera [brachyura] brevicaudata — Seen several times in the south

Hartert's Camaroptera [Bleating Camaroptera] Camaroptera [brachyura] harterti — Seen on the northern and central scarp

Yellow-browed Camaroptera *Camaroptera superciliaris* — Seen well on the northern scarp

Miombo Wren-Warbler [Pale Wren-Warbler] Calamonastes [u.] undosus — Several sightings in miombo woodland (huilae)

Barred Wren-Warbler *Calamonastes fasciolatus* — Seen near Benguela

Yellow-bellied Eremomela *Eremomela [i.] icteropygialis* — Seen in the arid south-west (*puellula*)

Salvadori's Eremomela [Yellow-bellied Eremomela] Eremomela [icteropygialis] salvadorii — Seen in the Moco region

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

Rufous-crowned Eremomela *Eremomela badiceps* — Good looks on the northern scarp

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

Pellorneidae

Scaly-breasted Illadopsis *Illadopsis albipectus* — Heard on the northern scarp

Brown Illadopsis *Illadopsis fulvescens* — Seen at Kumbira (*dilutior*)

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Leiothrichidae

Bare-cheeked Babbler Turdoides gymnogenys — Great views near Benguela (gymnogenys)

Arrow-marked Babbler *Turdoides jardineii* — Seen en route to Conda (*hyposticta*)

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

Sylviidae

African Hill Babbler *Pseudoalcippe* [a.] abyssinica — Seen well at Moco (ansorgei)

Chestnut-vented Tit-Babbler Sylvia subcoerulea
— Seen on the Namibe day trip

Zosteropidae

Southern Yellow White-eye [African Yellow White-eye] Zosterops [senegalensis] anderssoni — Seen on the northern scarp (heinrichi) and at Moco and Kumbira (kwanzae)

Hyliotidae

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

Southern Hyliota *Hyliota* [a.] australis — Seen at Kumbira

Certhiidae

African Spotted Creeper Salpornis salvadori — A couple of good sightings in the Moco region (salvadori)

Sturnidae

 $\begin{tabular}{ll} \textbf{Wattled Starling} \ Creatophora \ cinerea -- Seen \ on \\ the \ Kwanza \ floodplain \end{tabular}$

Cape Starling Lamprotornis nitens — Common along the coastal plain (nitens)

Splendid Starling *Lamprotornis splendidus* — Seen in the north (*splendidus*)

Benguela Long-tailed Starling [Meves's Long-tailed Starling] Lamprotornis [mevesii] benguelensis — Seen near Leba (benguelensis)

Sharp-tailed Starling *Lamprotornis acuticaudus* — Seen well in the Kalandula region (*acuticaudus*)

Violet-backed Starling Cinnyricinclus leucogaster
— Many seen (verreauxi)

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

Pale-winged Starling Onychognathus nabouroup
— Seen on the Namibe day trip

Narrow-tailed Starling *Poeoptera lugubris* — Seen on the northern scarp

Buphagidae

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

Turdidae

Rufous Flycatcher-Thrush *Stizorhina* [f.] fraseri — Seen on the northern scarp (rubicunda)

Common Groundscraper Thrush [Groundscraper Thrush] Turdus [l.] litsitsirupa — Seen in the south (paucigu)

African Thrush *Turdus pelios* — Seen several times (*bocagei*)

Kurrichane Thrush *Turdus libonyana* — Seen at Kalandula

Muscicapidae

Forest Scrub Robin *Cercotrichas leucosticta* — Great views on the northern scarp

Miombo Scrub Robin *Cercotrichas barbata* — Nice views in the Kalandula region

Kalahari Scrub Robin *Cercotrichas paena* — Seen near Benguela (*benguellensis*)

Brown-backed Scrub Robin Cercotrichas hartlaubi — Seen along the northern scarp

White-browed Scrub Robin Cercotrichas leucophrys — Seen a few times

Grey-throated Tit-Flycatcher *Myioparus griseigularis* — Heard along the northern scarp

Grey Tit-Flycatcher *Myioparus plumbeus* — Heard a couple of times

Angola Slaty Flycatcher Melaenornis brunneus — Seen at Tundavala and Moco (bailunduensis)

Southern Black Flycatcher *Melaenornis* pammelaina — Several sightings (pammelaina)

Pale Flycatcher *Melaenornis pallidus* — Seen in the Moco region (*murinus*)

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

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

Cassin's Flycatcher *Muscicapa cassini* — Seen en route to Uíge

African Dusky Flycatcher *Muscicapa adusta* — Seen en route to Kalandula

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

Sooty Flycatcher *Muscicapa infuscata* — Seen on the northern scarp (*infuscata*)

Böhm's Flycatcher *Muscicapa boehmi* — Good views in the Moco region

Brown-chested Alethe Chamaetylas poliocephala — Heard at Kumbira

Angola Cave Chat *Cossypha ansorgei* — Superb views at Tundavala, and also seen at Moco

Grey-winged Robin-Chat *Cossypha polioptera* — Seen well in the Kalandula region (*polioptera*)

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

Red-capped Robin-Chat Cossypha natalensis — Heard only (larischi)

White-headed Robin-Chat Cossypha heinrichi — Good views of this smart bird in the Kalandula region

Bocage's Akalat *Sheppardia* [b.] bocagei — Seen at Tundavala and Moco (bocagei)

Gabela Akalat *Sheppardia gabela* — Good views at Bango and Kumbira

Rufous-tailed Palm Thrush *Cichladusa ruficauda*— Several good views

Short-toed Rock Thrush *Monticola brevipes* — Nice looks at Tundavala (*brevipes*)

Miombo Rock Thrush *Monticola angolensis* — Nice views at Tundavala (*angolensis*)

African Stonechat [Common Stonechat] Saxicola [t.] torquatus — Regular in the highlands (stonei)

Karoo Chat *Emarginata schlegelii* — Quite common in the south-west

Tractrac Chat *Emarginata tractrac* — One seen well in the south-west (*hoeschi*)

 ${\bf Sooty\ Chat\ } {\it Myrmecocichla\ nigra} - {\bf Several\ seen}$ on the plateau

Mountain Wheatear Myrmecocichla monticola — Seen in the south-west (albipileata) and at Moco (nigricauda)

Capped Wheatear *Oenanthe pileata* — Seen at Moco (*neseri*)

Familiar Chat *Oenanthe familiaris* — Seen a few times (*angolensis*)

Nectariniidae

Anchieta's Sunbird *Anthreptes anchietae* — Seen well in the Moco region

Western Violet-backed Sunbird Anthreptes longuemarei — Seen a few times in miombo (angolensis)

Little Green Sunbird *Anthreptes seimundi* — Seen at Kumbira and on the northern scarp (*minor*)

Grey-chinned Sunbird *Anthreptes* [rectirostris] *tephrolaemus* — Seen well on the northern scarp (*tephrolaemus*)

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

Green-headed Sunbird *Cyanomitra verticalis* — Seen along the escarpment (*cyanocephala*)

Bannerman's Sunbird *Cyanomitra bannermani* — Seen well in the Kalandula region

Blue-throated Brown Sunbird Cyanomitra cyanolaema — Seen on the northern scarp (octaviae)

Olive Sunbird Cyanomitra olivacea — Common in forest (cephaelis)

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Carmelite Sunbird *Chalcomitra fuliginosa* — Seen well at Kumbira (*fuliginosa*)

Green-throated Sunbird Chalcomitra rubescens — Seen on the northern scarp (rubescens)

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

Scarlet-chested Sunbird Chalcomitra senegalensis
— Several seen (saturatior)

Bocage's Sunbird *Nectarinia bocagii* — Fantastic views in the Moco region

Bronzy Sunbird *Nectarinia kilimensis* — Seen at Moco (*gadowi*)

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

Western Miombo Sunbird [Miombo Double-collared Sunbird] Cinnyris [manoensis] gertrudis — Good views in the Moco region (pintoi)

Ludwig's Double-collared Sunbird *Cinnyris* [l.] *ludovicensis* — Seen well at Tundavala and Moco (*ludovicensis*)

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

Orange-tufted Sunbird *Cinnyris bouvieri* — Seen well on the northern scarp

Johanna's Sunbird *Cinnyris johannae* — Seen on the northern scarp

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

Oustalet's Sunbird Cinnyris oustaleti — Nice looks at Tundavala and in the Moco region (oustaleti)

White-bellied Sunbird *Cinnyris talatala* — Seen in the south (*talatala*)

Variable Sunbird *Cinnyris venustus* — Seen a couple of times (*falkensteini*)

Dusky Sunbird *Cinnyris fuscus* — Seen in the coastal deserts (*inclusus*)

Bates's Sunbird *Cinnyris batesi* — Seen in the Kalandula region

Copper Sunbird *Cinnyris cupreus* — Seen a few times (*chalceus*)

Passeridae

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

Great Sparrow *Passer motitensis* — Seen on the Namibe day trip (*benguellensis*)

Cape Sparrow *Passer melanurus* — Seen in the south-west (*damarensis*)

Northern Grey-headed Sparrow Passer [g.] griseus — Seen from Muxima northwards (ugandae)

Southern Grey-headed Sparrow *Passer diffusus* — Seen from Muxima southwards (*diffusus*)

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

Ploceidae

Red-billed Buffalo Weaver *Bubalornis niger* — Seen along the coastal plain (*niger*)

White-browed Sparrow-Weaver Plocepasser mahali — Seen in the south-west (ansorgei)

Scaly-feathered Finch *Sporopipes squamifrons* — Seen near Benguela

Thick-billed Weaver *Amblyospiza albifrons* — Seen at Kumbira (*tandae*)

Black-chinned Weaver *Ploceus nigrimentus* — Good views at Moco

Slender-billed Weaver *Ploceus pelzelni* — Seen on the Kwanza floodplain

Spectacled Weaver *Ploceus ocularis* — Seen at Moco (*crocatus*)

Black-necked Weaver *Ploceus* [*n.*] *nigricollis* — Several sightings (*nigricollis*)

Bocage's Weaver *Ploceus temporalis* — Great views of a lovely male in the Moco region

Holub's Golden Weaver *Ploceus xanthops* — Quite common

Village Weaver *Ploceus cucullatus* — Fairly common (*collaris*)

Vieillot's Black Weaver *Ploceus* [n.] nigerrimus — Seen in the northern areas (nigerrimus)

Yellow-mantled Weaver *Ploceus tricolor* — Seen on the northern scarp (*interscapularis*)

Compact Weaver *Ploceus superciliosus* — Seen on the northern scarp

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

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

Northern Red-headed Weaver [Red-headed Weaver] Anaplectes [rubriceps] leuconotos — Seen in the Kalandula and Moco regions

Red-headed Quelea *Quelea erythrops* — Seen at Kalandula

Red-billed Quelea *Quelea quelea* — Seen a few times (*lathamii*)

Black-winged Red Bishop *Euplectes hordeaceus* — Seen at Kalandula

Golden-backed Bishop *Euplectes aureus* — Nonbreeding birds seen well at Muxima and Caxito

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 on the northern scarp and in the Kalandula region (macroura)

Hartlaub's Marsh Widowbird Euplectes hartlaubi — Several non-breeding males seen well in the Moco region (hartlaubi)

White-winged Widowbird Euplectes albonotatus
— Seen a few times (asymmetrurus)

Red-collared Widowbird *Euplectes* [a.] ardens — Seen a few times

Estrildidae

White-breasted Nigrita Nigrita fusconotus — Common on the northern scarp (fusconotus)

Chestnut-breasted Nigrita *Nigrita bicolor* — Good views on the northern scarp

Pale-fronted Nigrita *Nigrita luteifrons* — Seen briefly on the northern scarp

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

White-collared Oliveback *Nesocharis ansorgei* — Seen well on the northern scarp

Orange-winged Pytilia *Pytilia afra* — Good views in the Moco region

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

 $\label{eq:Green Twinspot} \begin{tabular}{l} \textbf{Green Twinspot} \begin{tabular}{l} \textbf{Mandingoa nitidula} - \textbf{Seen in} \\ \textbf{the Kalandula region} \end{tabular}$

Black-bellied Seedcracker *Pyrenestes ostrinus* — Seen by Michael on the northern scarp

Red-headed Bluebill Spermophaga ruficapilla — Seen briefly at Kumbira and Uíge (ruficapilla)

Brown Twinspot *Clytospiza monteiri* — Quite good views in the Kalandula region

Dusky Twinspot *Euschistospiza cinereovinacea* — Good looks at Moco (*cinereovinacea*)

Brown Firefinch *Lagonosticta nitidula* — Seen a few times in the Moco region

Landana Firefinch [African Firefinch]

 ${\it Lagonosticta~[rubricata]~landanae--- Several~good~sightings}$

Jameson's Firefinch *Lagonosticta rhodopareia* — Seen well at Lubango (*ansorgei*)

Blue Waxbill *Uraeginthus angolensis* — Common (angolensis)

Violet-eared Waxbill *Uraeginthus granatinus* — Seen at Tundavala and on the Namibe day trip (*siccatus*)

Angola Swee Waxbill [Swee Waxbill] *Coccopygia [melanotis] bocagei* — Nice looks at Moco and Tundavala

Grey Waxbill *Estrilda perreini* — Several good sightings in the north (*perreini*)

Cinderella Waxbill *Estrilda thomensis* — Good views at the foot of the southern escarpment

Fawn-breasted Waxbill *Estrilda* [p.] paludicola — Several sightings (benguellensis)

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Orange-cheeked Waxbill Estrilda melpoda — Seen on the northern scarp (melpoda)

Common Waxbill *Estrilda* [a.] astrild — Several sightings (subspecies not identified)

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

African Quailfinch [Quailfinch] Ortygospiza [atricollis] fuscocrissa — Seen en route to Huambo

Locust Finch *Paludipasser locustella* — Superb views of a pair on the ground in the Moco region (uelensis)

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

Black-and-white Mannikin Lonchura [b.] bicolor — Seen along the escarpment (woltersi)

Viduidae

Pin-tailed Whydah Vidua macroura — Only nonbreeding birds seen

Broad-tailed Paradise Whydah Vidua obtusa — One male in full breeding plumage was seen in the Kalandula area

Cuckoo-finch Anomalospiza imberbis — A surprise sighting en route to Huambo was very welcome

Motacillidae

Cape Wagtail *Motacilla capensis* — Seen in the Moco region

African Pied Wagtail *Motacilla aguimp* — Seen en route to Uíge

Fülleborn's Longclaw Macronyx fuelleborni — Seen a few times in the Moco region (ascensi)

African Pipit Anthus cinnamomeus — Seen a few times (subspecies not determined)

Nicholson's Pipit [Long-billed Pipit] Anthus [similis] nicholsoni — Seen on top of Moco (moco) **Wood Pipit** *Anthus nyassae* — Seen in the Moco region (schoutedeni)

Buffy Pipit Anthus vaalensis — Seen at Tundavala (neumanni)

Plain-backed Pipit *Anthus leucophrys* — Seen in the Moco region (bohndorffi)

Long-legged Pipit Anthus pallidiventris — Seen along the Kwanza River

Striped Pipit *Anthus lineiventris* — Great views at Moco

Fringillidae

Black-faced Canary Crithagra capistrata — Good sightings on several occasions (hildegardae)

Black-throated Canary Crithagra atrogularis — Seen in the Moco region

Yellow-fronted Canary Crithagra mozambica — Several sightings

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

White-throated Canary Crithagra albogularis — Seen in the south-west (*crocopygia*)

Thick-billed Seedeater *Crithagra burtoni* — Seen by Michael at Moco

Yellow-crowned Canary Serinus flavivertex — Seen at Tundavala and Moco (huillensis)

Emberizidae

Cinnamon-breasted Bunting *Emberiza* [t.] tahapisi — Seen at Tundavala and Moco (nivenorum)

Golden-breasted Bunting Emberiza flaviventris — Seen a few times

Cabanis's Bunting Emberiza cabanisi — Seen in the Kalandula region (orientalis)







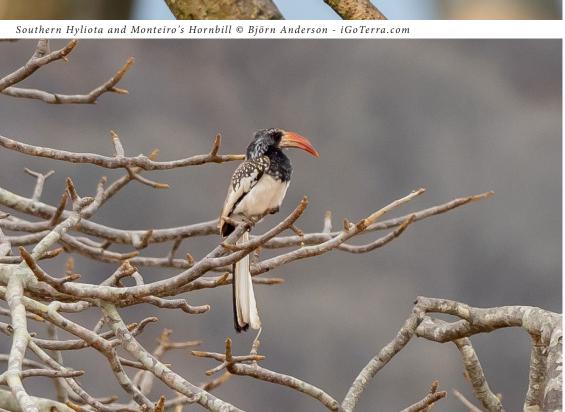
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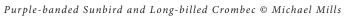














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