

# Angola 2024 Trip Report



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# SUMMARY

Angola continues to impress as a top birding destination, with a record 584 species logged in 18 days. We visited all key birding sites, in the process covering habitats from lowland tropical rainforest to desert. Top birds seen included specials and endemics such as Grimwood's Longclaw, Congo Moor Chat, White-headed Robin-Chat, White-bellied Barbet, Braun's Bushshrike, Gabela Helmetshrike, Pulitzer's Longbill, Bocage's Weaver, Bocage's Sunbird, Rüppell's Korhaan and Swierstra's Francolin.

Our journey through Angola commenced on the northern escarpment, with our very first stop producing Gabela Helmetshrike, White-fronted Wattle-eye and Monteiro's Bushshrike. Next on the cards was Braun's Bushshrike, Forest Swallow and Angolan White-throated Greenbul, alongside a host of more widespread Congo Basin forest species. In the Kalandula region we found Whiteheaded Robin-Chat and Anchieta's Barbet, before visiting the Muxima area where Grey-striped Francolin and Golden-backed Bishop were seen. Much further south, a productive morning was spent inland of Benguela, seeing Hartlaub's Spurfowl, Whitetailed Shrike and Rockrunner. At Lubango we found Swierstra's Francolin and Whitebellied Barbet at Tundavala, before spending

a day in the coastal deserts of Namibe with Cinderella Waxbill, Rüppell's Korhaan, Barecheeked Babbler and Benguela Long-billed Lark. A new addition to our usual itinerary was a loop through Cuando Cubango, which added top birds such as Grimwood's Longclaw, Congo Moor Chat, Dickinson's Kestrel and Chestnut-backed Sparrow-Weaver, with Bocage's Weaver and Bocage's Sunbird seen too. Moco and the Namba mountains added Margaret's Batis, Blackchinned Weaver, Angola Slaty Flycatcher and Laura's Woodland Warbler, with Brazza's Martin in the greater region. Finally, the main targets at Kumbira-Pulitzer's Longbill, Gabela Akalat and Gabela Bushshrike-fell in quick succession.



# ITINERARY

21 Aug: Arrive Luanda.
22 Aug: Luanda to Uíge via Caxito.
23 Aug: Northern escarpment.
24 Aug: Uíge to Kalandula.
25 Aug: Kalandula area.
26 Aug: Kalandula to Muxima.
27 Aug: Muxima to Cabo Ledo.
28 Aug: Cabo Ledo to Benguela.
29 Aug: Benguela to Lubango.
30 Aug: Namibe Day Trip.

Grimwood's Longclaw © Mark Harper

31 Aug: Tundavala.
1 Sep: Lubango to Cuando Cubango.
2 Sep: Cuando Cubango.
3 Sep: Cuando Cubango to Huambo area.
4 Sep: Mount Moco.
5 Sep: Huambo area to Conda.
6 Sep: Kumbira Forest.
7 Sep: Namba Mountains.
8 Sep: Conda to Luanda.

White-headed Robin-Chat © Michael Mills



# **BIRDS RECORDED**

# Numididae

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

# Phasianidae

**Coqui Francolin** *Campocolinus coqui*—Seen in south-east (*coqui*)

**Finsch's Francolin** *Scleroptila finschi*—Heard at close range at Moco, but remained hidden in tall vegetation

Hartlaub's Spurfowl Pternistis hartlaubi—Seen in the Benguela area (hartlaubi)

**Swierstra's Francolin** *Pternistis swierstrai*— Scoped views of a crowing male at Tundavala

**Grey-striped Francolin** *Pternistis griseostriatus*—One party seen at Muxima

**Red-necked Spurfowl** *Pternistis afer*—Seen both on the plateau (*cranchii*), and along the coastal plain (*afer*)

Harlequin Quail Coturnix delegorguei—Heard at Kalandula (*delegorguei*); not normally vocal at this time of the year

(African) Blue Quail Synoicus adansonii— Flushed at Kalandula

# Anatidae

White-faced Whistling Duck Dendrocygna viduata—Seen

**Spur-winged Goose** *Plectropterus gambensis*— Seen (*gambensis*)

African Black Duck Anas sparsa—Seen (leucostigma)

Cape Teal Anas capensis—Seen

Red-billed Teal Anas erythrorhyncha—Seen

# Caprimulgidae

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

Fiery-necked Nightjar Caprimulgus [p.] pectoralis—Seen well at Tundavala (fervidus) **Freckled Nightjar** *Caprimulgus tristigma*—Good views at Tundavala (*lentiginosus*)

**Square-tailed Nightjar** *Caprimulgus fossii—* Seen well near the Kwanza River (*welwitschii*)

# Apodidae

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

**Böhm's Spinetail** *Neafrapus boehmi*—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*)

African Black Swift *Apus* [b.] barbatus—A surprise sighting near Kalandula, where one bird was drinking (*roehli*)

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

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

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 highlands

**Red-crested Turaco** *Tauraco erythrolophus*—Seen well at Kalandula

Ross's Turaco Tauraco rossae—Seen well

**Grey Go-away-bird** *Crinifer concolor*—Seen well (*pallidiceps*)

# Otididae

**Rüppell's Korhaan** Heterotetrax rueppelii— Excellent views in Namibe (rueppelii)

# Cuculidae

Gabon Coucal Centropus anselli—Reasonable views at Kumbira

**Senegal Coucal** Centropus senegalensis—Seen (senegalensis)

**Blue-headed Coucal** Centropus monachus— Seen (fischeri)

**Coppery-tailed Coucal** *Centropus cupreicaudus*—Seen in the south-east (*cupreicaudus*)

**White-browed Coucal** *Centropus* [s.] *superciliosus*—Seen (*loandae*)

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

Diederik Cuckoo Chrysococcyx caprius—Seen

Klaas's Cuckoo Chrysococcyx klaas—Seen

African Emerald Cuckoo Chrysococcyx cupreus—Seen

**Dusky Long-tailed Cuckoo** *Cercococcyx* [m.] *mechowi*—Brief views

Black Cuckoo Cuculus clamosus—Heard

**Red-chested Cuckoo** *Cuculus solitarius*— Heard

African Cuckoo Cuculus gularis—Heard

# Columbidae

**Rock Dove or Feral Pigeon** *Columba livia*—Common

Afep Pigeon Columba unicincta—Seen on the northern scarp

African Olive Pigeon Columba arquatrix— Seen

Western Bronze-naped Pigeon Columba iriditorques—Seen on the northern scarp

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

Red-eyed Dove Streptopelia semitorquata— Common

**Cape Turtle Dove | Ring-necked 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

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 well at Kalandula (*centralis*)

**Red-chested Flufftail** *Sarothrura rufa*—Heard (*rufa*)

# Rallidae

Black Crake Zapornia flavirostra—Seen

**African Purple Swamphen** *Porphyrio* [porphyrio] madagascariensis—Seen at Lobito

**Allen's Gallinule** *Porphyrio alleni*—Seen at the Keve River

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

Lesser Moorhen Paragallinula angulata—One seen in coastal wetlands

# Podicipedidae

**Little Grebe** *Tachybaptus* [*r.*] *ruficollis*—Seen (*capensis*)

# Phoenicopteridae

**Greater Flamingo** *Phoenicopterus roseus*—Seen in coastal wetlands

**Lesser Flamingo** *Phoeniconaias minor*—Seen at Lobito

# Turnicidae

**Common Buttonquail** *Turnix sylvaticus*—A couple of flushed sightings (*lepurana*)

## Burhinidae

Water Thick-knee Burhinus vermiculatus— Seen (vermiculatus)

## Recurvirostridae

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

Pied Avocet Recurvirostra avosetta—Seen

#### Charadriidae

**Blacksmith Lapwing** *Vanellus armatus*—Seen on the Keve floodplain

Crowned Lapwing Vanellus coronatus—Seen near Benguela (xerophilus)

African Wattled Lapwing Vanellus senegallus— Seen (lateralis)

**Grey Plover | Black-bellied 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—* One at Benguela (*pallidus*)

**Caspian Plover** *Charadrius asiaticus*—Seen well in the Benguela area

#### Pluvianidae

**Egyptian Plover** *Pluvianus aegyptius*— Fantastic views at Muxima

# Rostratulidae

**Greater Painted-snipe** *Rostratula benghalensis*—Good views in coastal wetlands

#### Jacanidae

**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*)

**Black-tailed Godwit** *Limosa limosa*—One at Benguela was a first for Angola

**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

African Snipe Gallinago nigripennis—Seen in the south-east

**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

**Temminck's Courser** *Cursorius temminckii*—Seen in the south-east

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

**Collared Pratincole** *Glareola pratincola*—Seen on the Keve floodplain (*riparia*)

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

#### Laridae

**Grey-headed Gull** *Chroicocephalus cirrocephalus*—Seen along the coast (*poiocephalus*)

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

**Caspian Tern** *Hydroprogne caspia*—Seen along the coast

Sandwich Tern *Thalasseus sandvicensis*—Seen along the coast

**Common Tern** *Sterna hirundo*—Seen along the coast

White-winged Tern *Chlidonias leucopterus*— One seen in coastal wetlands

**Black Tern** *Chlidonias niger*—Seen along the coast (*niger*)

#### Ciconiidae

Yellow-billed Stork *Mycteria ibis*—Seen at the Keve River

African Openbill Anastomus lamelligerus— Seen in coastal wetlands (lamelligerus)

#### Phalacrocoracidae

**Reed Cormorant | Long-tailed Cormorant** *Microcarbo africanus*—Seen several times (*africanus*)

White-breasted Cormorant Phalacrocorax [carbo] lucidus—Seen along the coastal plain

#### Anhingidae

African Darter Anhinga rufa—Several sightings (rufa)

## Threskiornithidae

African Sacred Ibis Threskiornis aethiopicus— Seen

African Spoonbill Platalea alba—Seen

# Ardeidae

Little Bittern Ixobrychus [m.] minutus—Seen (payesii)

**Black-crowned Night Heron** *Nycticorax nycticorax*—Seen (*nycticorax*)

**Striated Heron** *Butorides* [s.] *striata*—Seen (*atricapilla*)

**Squacco Heron** *Ardeola ralloides*—Seen a few times

**Rufous-bellied Heron** *Ardeola rufiventris*—Good views in the south-east

Western 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*)

**Great Egret** *Ardea alba*—Seen (*melanorhynchos*)

**Yellow-billed Egret** *Ardea* [intermedia] *brachyrhyncha*—Seen

**Black Heron** *Egretta ardesiaca*—Seen at the Keve River

Little Egret Egretta [g.] garzetta—Seen (garzetta)

#### Scopidae

Hamerkop Scopus umbretta—Seen (umbretta)

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# Pelecanidae

Great White Pelican Pelecanus onocrotalus— Seen

# 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 once (verreauxii)

**Brown Snake Eagle** *Circaetus cinereus*—Seen a few times

**Bateleur** *Terathopius ecaudatus*—Seen a couple of times

**Crowned Eagle** *Stephanoaetus coronatus*—Seen on the northern scarp

Martial Eagle Polemaetus bellicosus—Seen in the south

**Long-crested Eagle** *Lophaetus occipitalis*—A few sightings

**Wahlberg's Eagle** *Hieraaetus wahlbergi*—Seen in the south

**Booted Eagle** *Hieraaetus pennatus*—Two sightings

**Ayres's Hawk-Eagle** *Hieraaetus ayresii*—Seen on the northern scarp

**Verreaux's Eagle** *Aquila verreauxii*—Seen once in the highlands

African Hawk-Eagle Aquila spilogaster—Seen once

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

Gabar Goshawk Micronisus gabar—Seen (gabar)

**Dark Chanting Goshawk** Melierax metabates— Seen (mechowi) **Pale Chanting Goshawk** *Melierax canorus*—Seen in the south-east (*argentior*)

**African Goshawk** *Accipiter* [*t.*] *tachiro*—Seen (*sparsimfasciatus*)

Shikra Accipiter badius—Seen (polyzonoides)

**Ovambo Sparrowhawk** Accipiter ovampensis— Good views at Moco

Black Sparrowhawk Accipiter melanoleucus— Seen once (temminckii)

African Marsh Harrier Circus ranivorus—Seen

Yellow-billed Kite Milvus [migrans] aegyptius— Seen (parasitus)

African Fish Eagle Icthyophaga vocifer—Seen

Red-necked Buzzard Buteo auguralis—Seen

Augur Buzzard Buteo [a.] augur—Seen

# Strigidae

African Scops Owl Otus [s.] senegalensis—Seen well at Kalandula (senegalensis)

Spotted Eagle-Owl Bubo [a.] africanus—Seen at Namba

African Wood Owl Strix woodfordii—Seen near Conda (nuchalis)

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

African Barred Owlet Glaucidium [c.] capense—Heard (ngamiense)

# Coliidae

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

Red-backed Mousebird Colius castanotus— Seen quite often

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

#### Trogonidae

Narina Trogon Apaloderma narina—Heard (narina)

# Upupidae

African Hoopoe Upupa [epops] africana—Seen

# Phoeniculidae

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

**Black Scimitarbill** *Rhinopomastus aterrimus*— Seen at Kalandula and in the Huambo highlands (*anchietae*)

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

#### Bucerotidae

**Damara Red-billed Hornbill** *Tockus* [*erythrorhynchus*] *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 along the coastal plain (*elegans*)

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

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

African Grey Hornbill Lophoceros nasutus— Seen in the south (epirhinus)

**Pale-billed Hornbill** *Lophoceros pallidirostris*— Seen well at Kalandula and in the south-east (*pallidirostris*)

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

**Trumpeter Hornbill** *Bycanistes bucinator*— Seen at Kalandula and Kumbira

**Black-casqued Hornbill** *Ceratogymna atrata*—Heard

# Coraciidae

Rufous-crowned Roller | (African) Purple Roller Coracias naevius—Seen (mosambicus)

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

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

**Broad-billed Roller** *Eurystomus glaucurus*—Seen in the north (*suahelicus*)

## Alcedinidae

**Grey-headed Kingfisher** Halcyon *leucocephala*—Seen (*pallidiventris*)

**Brown-hooded Kingfisher** *Halcyon albiventris*—Seen (*prentissgrayi*)

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

**Blue-breasted Kingfisher** *Halcyon malimbica*—Heard (*malimbica*)

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

African Pygmy Kingfisher Ispidina picta— Seen a few times (ferrugina)

**Malachite Kingfisher** *Corythornis* [c.] *cristatus*—Seen (*cristatus*)

**Giant Kingfisher** *Megaceryle maxima*—Seen well

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

# Meropidae

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

**Swallow-tailed Bee-eater** *Merops hirundineus*—Seen in the south-east (*hirundineus*)

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

**Blue-breasted Bee-eater** *Merops* [v.] *variegatus*—Seen in the south-east (*variegatus*)

White-fronted Bee-eater Merops bullockoides— Seen a few times

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

**European Bee-eater** *Merops apiaster*—Seen in the north

#### Lybiidae

**Bristle-nosed Barbet** *Gymnobucco peli*—Seen on the northern escarpment

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

Pale-throated Barbet *Gymnobucco* [calvus] vernayi—Seen at Kumbira and Namba

Anchieta's Barbet *Stactolaema anchietae*—Seen several times (*rex*)

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

Western Green Tinkerbird Pogoniulus coryphaea—Good views at Tundavala and Namba (angolensis)

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

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

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

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

**Miombo Pied Barbet** *Tricholaema frontata*—Good views in the south-east

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

White-bellied Barbet Lybius [leucocephalus] leucogaster—Excellent views at Tundavala

**Black-collared Barbet** *Lybius torquatus*—Seen (*congicus*)

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

**Crested Barbet** *Trachyphonus vaillantii*—Seen in the south-east (*vaillantii*)

#### Indicatoridae

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

**Green-backed Honeybird** *Prodotiscus zambesiae*—Seen in miombo (*zambesiae*)

**Brown-backed Honeybird** *Prodotiscus regulus*—Good views at Kalandula (*regulus*)

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

**Lesser Honeyguide** *Indicator* [*m.*] *minor*— Seen twice

**Scaly-throated Honeyguide** *Indicator variegatus*—Seen at Muxima

**Greater Honeyguide** *Indicator indicator*— Heard

#### Picidae

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

African Piculet Verreauxia africana—Amazing views on the northern scarp

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

**Golden-tailed Woodpecker** *Campethera abingoni*—Seen at Leba (*anderssoni*)

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

**Buff-spotted Woodpecker** *Pardipicus nivosus*— Seen at Kalandula (*nivosa*)

**Brown-eared Woodpecker** *Pardipicus caroli*—Seen well (*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

Olive Woodpecker Dendropicos griseocephalus—Seen at Moco (ruwenzori)

#### Falconidae

**Rock Kestrel** *Falco* [*tinnunculus*] *rupicolus*— Seen a few times

**Grey Kestrel** *Falco ardosiaceus*—Seen a few times

**Dickinson's Kestrel** *Falco dickinsoni*—Seen well in the south-east

African Hobby Falco cuvierii—Seen

**Peregrine Falcon** *Falco* [*p.*] *peregrinus*—Good views (*minor*)

#### Psittacidae

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

**Meyer's Parrot** *Poicephalus meyeri*—Seen (*reichenowi*)

**Rüppell's Parrot** *Poicephalus rueppellii*—Good views at Kissama and Leba

#### Psittaculidae

**Rosy-faced Lovebird** *Agapornis roseicollis*— Seen near Benguela (*catumbella*)

#### Calyptomenidae

African Broadbill Smithornis capensis—Seen at Kalandula (*albigularis*)

#### Platysteiridae

Margaret's Batis Batis margaritae—Incredible views at Moco (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 castanea*—Seen along the escarpment

**Black-throated Wattle-eye** *Platysteira peltata*—Seen several times (*mentalis*)

White-fronted Wattle-eye Platysteira albifrons—Seen at Caxito

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

#### Malaconotidae

Monteiro's Bushshrike Malaconotus monteiri— Good views at Caxito and Muxima

**Grey-headed Bushshrike** *Malaconotus blanchoti*—Seen (*interpositus*)

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

Sulphur-breasted Bushshrike | Orangebreasted Bushshrike Chlorophoneus sulfureopectus—Seen a few times (similis)

**Gorgeous Bushshrike** *Telophorus viridis*—Nice looks at Muxima (*viridis*)

**Bokmakierie** *Telophorus zeylonus*—Seen in the south-west (*phanus*)

Marsh Tchagra Bocagia minuta—Nice views at Kalandula (anchietae)

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

Black-crowned Tchagra Tchagra senegalus— Seen

**Pink-footed Puffback** *Dryoscopus angolensis*— Seen in scarp forests (*angolensis*)

**Black-backed Puffback** *Dryoscopus cubla*—Seen regularly

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

Gabela Bushshrike Laniarius [luehderi] amboimensis—Good views at Kumbira

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

**Brubru** *Nilaus afer*—Good views on the plateau (*affinis*) and on the coastal plain (*brubru*)

#### Vangidae

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

**Retz's Helmetshrike** *Prionops retzii*—Seen at Kalandula (*nigricans*)

**Gabela Helmetshrike** *Prionops gabela*—Great views at Caxito and Muxima

**Black-and-white Flycatcher** *Bias musicus*— Seen on the northern scarp (*musicus*)

#### Campephagidae

White-breasted Cuckooshrike Ceblepyris pectoralis—Seen

**Black Cuckooshrike** *Campephaga flava*—Seen a few times

**Petit's Cuckooshrike** *Campephaga petiti*—Seen at Kalandula and Kumbira

**Purple-throated Cuckooshrike** *Campephaga quiscalina*—Seen on the northern scarp and at Namba (*quiscalina*)

#### Laniidae

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

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

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

#### Oriolidae

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

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

African Golden Oriole Oriolus auratus—Seen (notatus)

#### Dicruridae

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

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

**Southern 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 near Quitexe (*nitens*)

**Rufous-vented Paradise Flycatcher** *Terpsiphone [viridis] rufocinerea*—Seen briefly near Uige

**Bates's Paradise Flycatcher** *Terpsiphone batesi*—Seen at Quitexe (*bannermani*)

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

# Corvidae

**Cape Crow** *Corvus capensis*—Seen in the south-east

Pied Crow Corvus albus—Common

#### Stenostiridae

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

White-tailed Blue Flycatcher Elminia albicauda—Seen at Moco

# Paridae

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

Carp's Tit Melaniparus carpi—Seen along the coast

**Dusky Tit** Melaniparus funereus—Seen at Kumbira (gabela) **Rufous-bellied** Tit *Melaniparus* [*r*.] *rufiventris*—Seen in the south-east (*rufiventris*)

Miombo Tit Melaniparus griseiventris—Seen well in miombo

Ashy Tit *Melaniparus cinerascens*—Seen in the south-west (*benguelae*)

#### Remizidae

**Grey Penduline Tit** *Anthoscopus* [*c.*] *caroli*— Seen well in the highlands (*ansorgei*) and south-east (*caroli*)

**Cape Penduline Tit** *Anthoscopus minutus*— Seen in the south-west (*damarensis*)

## Nicatoridae

Yellow-throated Nicator Nicator vireo—Seen along the escarpent

#### Alaudidae

**Spike-heeled Lark** *Chersomanes* [a.] *albofasciata*—Seen in the south-west (*obscurata*)

**Benguela Long-billed Lark** *Certhilauda* [subcoronata] benguelensis—Good views in Namibe (benguelensis)

**Grey-backed Sparrow-Lark** *Eremopterix verticalis*—Seen in fair numbers in the southwest (*damarensis*)

**Sabota Lark** *Calendulauda sabota*—Seen in the south-west (*ansorgei*)

**Fawn-coloured Lark** *Calendulauda* [*a.*] *africanoides*—Seen in the south-east (*trapnelli*)

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

**Malbrandt's Lark** *Mirafra* [*africana*] *kabalii*— Seen in the south-east (*irwini*)

**Angola Lark** *Mirafra angolensis*—Seen well in the south-east (*angolensis*)

**Stark's Lark** *Spizocorys starki*—Good numbers in the coastal deserts

**Red-capped Lark** *Calandrella cinerea*—Seen in the south-east (*saturatior*)

# Pycnonotidae

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

**Dark-capped Bulbul** *Pycnonotus* [barbatus] *tricolor*—Common (*tricolor*)

**Slender-billed Greenbul** *Stelgidillas gracilirostris*—Seen on the northern scarp (*gracilirostris*)

Little Greenbul Eurillas virens—Seen (virens)

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

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

**Honeyguide Greenbul** *Baeopogon indicator*— Seen (*indicator*)

**Yellow-bellied Greenbul** *Chlorocichla flaviventris*—Seen (*occidentalis*)

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

**Simple Greenbul** *Chlorocichla simplex*—Seen on the northern scarp

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

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

Terrestrial Brownbul Phyllastrephus terrestris

**Pale-olive Greenbul** *Phyllastrephus fulviventris*—Seen well

**Cabanis's Greenbul** *Phyllastrephus* [*c.*] *cabanisi*—Seen at Kalandula and Moco (*cabinisi*)

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

Black-collared Bulbul Neolestes torquatus— Seen well

## Hirundinidae

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**Square-tailed Saw-wing** *Psalidoprocne nitens*—Seen on the northern scarp (*nitens*)

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

**Grey-rumped Swallow** *Pseudhirundo griseopyga*—Several good views (*griseopyga*)

**Brazza's Martin** *Phedinopsis brazzae*— Excellent views in the highlands

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

White-throated Swallow *Hirundo albigularis*— Seen a few times

**Wire-tailed Swallow** *Hirundo smithii*—Seen (*smithii*)

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

Black-and-rufous Swallow Hirundo nigrorufa—Several good views

**Pearl-breasted Swallow** *Hirundo dimidiata*— Seen (*marwitzi*)

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

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

**Greater Striped Swallow** *Cecropis cucullata*—Seen a few times

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

Rufous-chested Swallow | Red-breasted Swallow Cecropis semirufa—Seen (semirufa)

Mosque Swallow Cecropis senegalensis—Seen a few times (monteiri)

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

**South African Cliff Swallow** *Petrochelidon spilodera*—Good numbers on southward passage in the south-east **Forest Swallow** *Petrochelidon fuliginosa*— Excellent views on the northern scarp

#### Macrosphenidae

Moustached Grass Warbler Melocichla mentalis—Seen well (mentalis)

**Rockrunner** *Achaetops pycnopygius*—Good views near Benguela and at Tundavala (*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 in the south-west (*flecki*)

**Red-capped Crombec** *Sylvietta ruficapilla*— Seen in miombo (*ruficapilla*)

**Green Crombec** *Sylvietta virens*—Seen on the scarp (*tando*)

## Hyliidae

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

**Tit Hylia** *Pholidornis rushiae*—Brief views on the nothern scarp

#### Phylloscopidae

Laura's Woodland Warbler Phylloscopus laurae—Good views at Namba (laurae)

#### Acrocephalidae

**Greater Swamp Warbler** *Acrocephalus rufescens*—Seen in the south-east

Lesser Swamp Warbler Acrocephalus gracilirostris—Seen in the south-east

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

#### Locustellidae

**Broad-tailed Warbler | Fan-tailed Grassbird** *Catriscus brevirostris*—Nice looks in the highlands (*alexinae*) Little Rush Warbler Bradypterus [b.] baboecala—Seen in the south-east (benguellensis)

#### Cisticolidae

**Red-faced Cisticola** *Cisticola erythrops*—Heard (*lepe*)

Whistling Cisticola Cisticola lateralis—Seen at Kalandula (modestus)

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

Huambo Cisticola Cisticola [aberrans] bailunduensis—Seen at Moco and Namba

**Rattling Cisticola** *Cisticola chiniana*—Seen below Leba (*smithersi*)

**Tinkling Cisticola** *Cisticola rufilatus*—Seen at Tundavala and in the south-east (*ansorgei*)

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

**Chirping Cisticola** *Cisticola pipiens*—Seen well (*pipiens*)

**Levaillant's Cisticola** *Cisticola tinniens*—Seen in the south-east (*perpullus*)

**Stout Cisticola** *Cisticola robustus*—Heard (*angolensis*)

**Croaking Cisticola** *Cisticola natalensis*—Seen at Namba (*huambo*)

**Short-winged Cisticola** *Cisticola brachypterus*—Seen (*loanda*)

**Neddicky** *Cisticola fulvicapilla*—Seen (*dispar*)

**Zitting Cisticola** *Cisticola juncidis*—Seen (*terrestris*)

**Desert Cisticola** *Cisticola aridulus*—Seen well near Benguela (*lobito*)

**Cloud Cisticola** *Cisticola textrix*—Great views in the south-east (*anselli*)

**Pale-crowned Cisticola** *Cisticola cinnamomeus*—Seen in the south-east (*cinnamomeus*)

**Wing-snapping Cisticola** *Cisticola ayresii*— Heard (*ayresii*)

Tawny-flanked Prinia Prinia subflava— 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— Heard (leucopogon)

**Yellow-breasted Apalis** *Apalis [f.] flavida*— Seen (*flavida*)

**Lowland Masked Apalis** *Apalis binotata*—Seen near Quitexe

Black-throated Apalis Apalis jacksoni—Brief views at Kumbira

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

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

Brown-headed Apalis Apalis [cinerea] alticola—Seen at Kalandula (alticola)

**Grey-backed Camaroptera** *Camaroptera [brachyura] brevicaudata*—Seen several times (*sharpei*)

Hartert's 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 Calamonastes undosus—Several sightings in miombo woodland (huilae)

**Barred Wren-Warbler** *Calamonastes fasciolatus*—Seen near Benguela (*pallidior*)

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

**Salvadori's Eremomela** *Eremomela [icteropygialis] salvadorii*—Seen at Moco

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

**Black-necked Eremomela** *Eremomela atricollis*—Good views in the south-east

#### Pellorneidae

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

#### Leiothrichidae

Bare-cheeked Babbler *Turdoides* gymnogenys—Good views near Leba (gymnogenys)

**Arrow-marked Babbler** *Turdoides jardineii*— Seen in the south (*tamalakanei*)

**Hartlaub's Babbler** *Turdoides hartlaubii*—Seen (*hartlaubii*)

#### Sylviidae

African Hill Babbler Sylvia [a.] abyssinica— Seen at Namba (ansorgei)

**Chestnut-vented Tit-Babbler** *Curruca subcoerulea*—Seen near Benguela (*ansorgei*)

#### Zosteropidae

Southern Yellow White-eye Zosterops [senegalensis] and erssoni—Seen in the south (and erssoni)

Angola Yellow White-eye Zosterops [senegalensis] kasaicus—Seen on the northern scarp (heinrichi) and at Moco (kwanzae)

# Hyliotidae

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

**Southern Hyliota** *Hyliota* [*a.*] *australis*—Seen at Kumbira and in the south-east (*inornata*)

#### Certhiidae

African Spotted Creeper Salpornis salvadori— Seen well (salvadori)

#### Sturnidae

Wattled Starling Creatophora cinerea—Seen on the Keve floodplain

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

**Greater Blue-eared Starling** *Lamprotornis chalybaeus*—Seen in the south-east *(nordmanni)* 

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

Benguela Long-tailed Starling Lamprotornis [mevesii] benguelensis—Seen near Leba and Benguela

**Sharp-tailed Starling** *Lamprotornis acuticaudus*—Seen well, first at Kalandula (*acuticaudus*)

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

**Forest Chestnut-winged Starling** *Onychognathus fulgidus*—Seen on the northern escarpment (*intermedius*)

**Pale-winged Starling** *Onychognathus nabouroup*—Seen in the arid south-west

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

White-tailed Ant Thrush *Neocossyphus* poensis—Heard on the northern scarp

**Rufous Flycatcher-Thrush** *Stizorhina fraseri*—Seen on the scarp (*rubicunda*)

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

African Thrush Turdus pelios—Seen (bocagei)

Kurrichane Thrush Turdus libonyana—Seen (verreauxii)

#### Muscicapidae

**Forest Scrub Robin** *Cercotrichas leucosticta*—Good views at Muxima and Kumbira (*reichenowi*)

**Miombo Scrub Robin** *Cercotrichas barbata*— Nice views in the south-east highlands

Kalahari Scrub Robin Cercotrichas paena— Seen in the arid south-west (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** *Fraseria griseigularis*—Seen

Lead-coloured Flycatcher | Grey Tit-Flycatcher *Fraseria plumbea*—Seen a couple of times

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

Southern Black Flycatcher Melaenornis pammelaina—Several sightings (pammelaina)

**Pale Flycatcher** *Agricola pallidus*—Seen (*murinus*)

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

Ashy Flycatcher Fraseria caerulescens—Seen (impavida)

Cassin's Flycatcher Muscicapa cassini—Seen en route to Uige

African Dusky Flycatcher Muscicapa adusta— Seen (subadusta)

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

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

**Böhm's Flycatcher** *Bradornis boehmi*—Several good sightings

Angola Cave Chat Xenocopsychus ansorgei— Seen at Tundavala and Namba **Grey-winged Robin-Chat** Sheppardia polioptera—Seen well at Kalandula (polioptera)

White-browed Robin-Chat Cossypha heuglini—Seen (subrufescens)

White-headed Robin-Chat Cossypha heinrichi—Great views at Kalandula

**Bocage's Akalat** *Sheppardia bocagei*—Seen well at Namba (*bocagei*)

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

**Rufous-tailed Palm Thrush** *Cichladusa ruficauda*—Several sightings

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

Miombo Rock Thrush Monticola angolensis— Nice views (angolensis)

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

Karoo Chat Emarginata schlegelii—Quite common in the south-west (benguellensis)

**Sooty Chat** *Myrmecocichla nigra*—Several seen on the plateau

**Congo Moor Chat** *Myrmecocichla tholloni*— Great views in the south-east

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

**Arnot's Chat** *Myrmecocichla* [*a.*] *arnotti*— Good views in the south-east (*harterti*)

**Capped Wheatear** *Oenanthe pileata*—Seen in the south-east (*neseri*)

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

#### Nectariniidae

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

Little Green Sunbird Anthreptes seimundi— Seen (minor) **Grey-chinned Green Sunbird** Anthreptes [rectirostris] tephrolaemus—Seen on the northern scarp (tephrolaemus)

**Collared Sunbird** *Hedydipna collaris*—Seen (*somereni*)

**Green-headed Sunbird** Cyanomitra verticalis— Brief views (cyanocephala)

**Bannerman's Sunbird** *Cyanomitra bannermani*—Seen well at Kalandula

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

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

**Carmelite Sunbird** *Chalcomitra fuliginosa*— Seen near Uige (*fuliginosa*)

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 highlands

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

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

**Western Miombo Sunbird** *Cinnyris gertrudis*—Good views in the highlands (*pintoi*)

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

Marico Sunbird Cinnyris mariquensis—Seen between Benguela and Lubango (mariquensis)

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

**Orange-tufted Sunbird** *Cinnyris bouvieri*— Good views on the northern scarp

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

**Superb Sunbird** *Cinnyris superbus*—Seen along the escarpment (*superbus*)

**Oustalet's Sunbird** *Cinnyris oustaleti*—Seen well (*oustaleti*)

White-bellied Sunbird *Cinnyris talatala*—Seen in the south-west (*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 at Kalandula

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

#### Passeridae

House Sparrow Passer domesticus—In many towns and villages

**Great Sparrow** *Passer motitensis*—Seen near Benguela (*benguellensis*)

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

**Northern Grey-headed Sparrow** *Passer* [g.] griseus—Seen (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 (niger)

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

**Chestnut-backed Sparrow-Weaver** *Plocepasser rufoscapulatus*—Great views in the south-east

**Scaly-feathered Finch** Sporopipes squamifrons—Seen near Benguela (squamifrons) Grosbeak Weaver | Thick-billed Weaver

Amblyospiza albifrons—Seen on the northern scarp (tandae)

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

**Slender-billed Weaver** *Ploceus pelzelni*—Seen on the Keve floodplain (*monacha*)

**Spectacled Weaver** *Ploceus ocularis*—Seen a few times (*crocatus*)

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

**Bocage's Weaver** *Ploceus temporalis*—Seen at the nest in the highlands

Holub's Golden Weaver Ploceus xanthops— Quite common

**Southern Masked Weaver** *Ploceus velatus*— Seen in the south (*velatus*)

**Village Weaver** *Ploceus cucullatus*—Fairly common (*collaris*); also at Leba (*nigriceps*)

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** *Pachyphantes superciliosus*—Seen at Kumbira

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

Brown-capped Weaver Ploceus insignis—Brief views at Kumbira

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

**Crested Malimbe** *Malimbus malimbicus*—Seen well in the northern scarp (*malimbicus*)

**Southern Red-headed Weaver** *Anaplectes* [r.] *rubriceps*—Seen at Leba

Northern Red-headed Weaver Anaplectes [rubriceps] leuconotos—Seen in the highlands, although the bird showed some plumage characters of the previous species Red-headed Quelea Quelea erythrops-Seen

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

**Yellow-crowned Bishop** *Euplectes afer*—One at the Keve River

Black-winged Red Bishop *Euplectes hordeaceus*—Seen in the north (*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*— Seen in non-breeding dress (*bocagei*)

Yellow-mantled Widowbird *Euplectes macroura*—Seen in the north (*macroura*)

Hartlaub's Marsh Widowbird Euplectes hartlaubi—Several non-breeding males seen (hartlaubi)

White-winged Widowbird Euplectes albonotatus—A couple of sightings (asymmetrurus)

**Red-collared Widowbird** *Euplectes* [*a.*] *ardens*—Seen in non-breeding

#### Estrildidae

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

**Pale-fronted Nigrita** *Nigrita luteifrons*—Good views on the northern scarp (*luteifrons*)

**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 at Kalandula

**Green-winged Pytilia** *Pytilia melba*—Seen (*melba*)

**Red-headed Bluebill** Spermophaga ruficapilla—Seen by Michael (ruficapilla)

Brown Twinspot Clytospiza monteiri—Brief views

well in the highlands

**Red-billed Firefinch** *Lagonosticta senegala*—Seen in the south-west

Landana Firefinch Lagonosticta [rubricata] landanae—Several sightings

Jameson's Firefinch Lagonosticta rhodopareia— Seen at Tundavala (ansorgei)

**Blue Waxbill** Uraeginthus angolensis—Seen (angolensis)

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

**Grey Waxbill** *Glaucestrilda perreini*—Seen several times (*perreini*)

**Cinderella Waxbill** *Glaucestrilda thomensis*—Seen at Leba

**Fawn-breasted Waxbill** *Estrilda paludicola*— Several sightings on the plateau (*benguellensis*)

**Orange-cheeked Waxbill** *Estrilda melpoda*—Seen along the scarp (*melpoda*)

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

**Orange-breasted Waxbill | Zebra Waxbill** *Amandava subflava*—Seen several times (*niethammeri*)

African Quailfinch Ortygospiza [atricollis] fuscocrissa—Seen well in the south-east (muelleri)

**Locust Finch** *Paludipasser locustella*—Seen in the south-east (*uelensis*)

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

Black-and-white Mannikin or Red-backed Mannikin Spermestes bicolor—Seen along the escarpment (woltersi)

#### Viduidae

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

**Cuckoo-finch** Anomalospiza imberbis—Heard among a large flock of seedeaters but couldn't be seen

# Motacillidae

**Cape Wagtail** *Motacilla capensis*—Seen (*simplicissima*)

**Mountain Wagtail** *Motacilla clara*—Seen at Conda (*torrentium*)

**African Pied Wagtail** *Motacilla aguimp*—Seen (*vidua*)

**Fülleborn's Longclaw** *Macronyx fuelleborni*— Several good views (*ascensi*)

**Rosy-throated Longclaw** *Macronyx ameliae*—Good views in the south-east

**Grimwood's Longclaw** *Macronyx grimwoodi*—Fantastic views in the south-east

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

**Wood Pipit** Anthus nyassae—Seen (schoutedeni)

**Buffy Pipit** *Anthus vaalensis*—Seen in the south (*neumanni*)

**Plain-backed Pipit** Anthus leucophrys—Seen (bohndorfii)

**Long-legged Pipit** *Anthus pallidiventris*—Seen on the Keve floodplain

**Striped Pipit** *Anthus lineiventris*—Great views at Tundavala and en route to Conda

#### Fringillidae

**Black-faced Canary** Crithagra capistrata— Seen (hildegardae)

**Black-throated Canary** *Crithagra atrogularis*— Seen (*semideserti*)

Yellow-fronted Canary Crithagra mozambica—Several sightings (tando) **Brimstone Canary** *Crithagra sulphurata*—Seen a few times (*sharpii*)

**Streaky-headed Seedeater** *Crithagra gularis*— Seen in the south-east (*benguellensis*)

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

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

Lark-like Bunting *Emberiza impetuani*—Good numbers in the coastal deserts (*eremica*)

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

**Golden-breasted Bunting** *Emberiza flaviventris*—Seen (*princeps*)

**Cabanis's Bunting** *Emberiza cabanisi*—Seen (orientalis)













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