

Angola

2025 Trip Report



Braun's Bushshrike © Michael Mills

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SUMMARY

The most comprehensive Angola tour ever was a resounding success. Among the 577 species logged were all AviList endemics, plus a host of newly-available specials such as Grimwood's Longclaw, Congo Moor Chat, Chestnut-mantled Sparrow-Weaver and Dambo Cisticola. It was the first birding tour, ever, to target the distinctive Black-tailed Cisticola, now seen by three times more people than prior to this trip! And we even saw the soon-to-be-described Bateke Plateau Cisticola.

We set off south from Luanda through the coastal wetlands of Mussulo and the Kwanza River, before arriving on the endemic-rich central escarpment. Pulitzer's Longbill fell on the first afternoon of the trip, and the next morning Gabela Akalat and Gabela Bushshrike followed, with Pale-throated Barbet, Red-crested Turaco and Monteiro's Bushshrike seen too. Climbing into the Huambo highlands we logged various miombo species alongside Bocage's Weaver, Bocage's Sunbird and Brazza's Martin. Mount Moco delivered to goods with Swierstra's Francolin, Black-chinned Weaver and Angola Slaty Flycatcher, before we detoured east through Cubango province to Lubango. Here highlights included Grimwood's Longclaw, the distinctive race of Streaky-headed Seedeater (Benguela Seedeater), Congo Moor Chat, Dambo Cisticola, Locust Finch, Dickinson's Kestrel, Miombo Pied

Barbet and Chestnut-mantled Sparrow-Weaver. Tundavala added Finsch's Francolin and Rockrunner, before a loop through the coastal deserts added Cinderella Waxbill and Ruppell's Korhaan, alongside many southern African species. Heading north again we paused in the Muxima area for Grey-striped Francolin, White-fronted Wattle-eye and Gabela Helmetshrike. On the northern scarp we found White-collared Oliveback, Angola White-throated Greenbul and Braun's Bushshrike, before the Kalandula area rewarded us with White-headed Robin-Chat, Bannerman's Sunbird and Thick-billed Cuckoo. Finally, as a new addition to our Angola tour we visited the north-eastern Lunda provinces, where new birds included displaying Dusky Lark, Bateke Plateau Cisticola and the first ever sighting of Black-tailed Cisticola on a birding tour.

Gabela Helmetshrike © Michael Mills



Congo Moor Chat © Michael Mills

ITINERARY

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| 1 Aug: Arrive Luanda | 12 Aug: Namibe to Benguela |
| 2 Aug: Luanda to Conda via Mussulo | 13 Aug: Benguela to Lobito |
| 3 Aug: Kumbira | 14 Aug: Lobito to Cabala |
| 4 Aug: Conda to Moco region | 15 Aug: Muxima area |
| 5 Aug: Mount Moco | 16 Aug: Cabala to Uige |
| 6 Aug: Mount Moco | 17 Aug: Quitexe area |
| 7 Aug: Moco region to Cubango province | 18 Aug: Uige to Kalandula |
| 8 Aug: Cubango province | 19 Aug: Kalandula area |
| 9 Aug: Cubango province to Lubango | 20 Aug: Kalandula to Lundas |
| 10 Aug: Tundavala | 21 Aug: Lunda provinces |
| 11 Aug: Lubango to Namibe | 22 Aug: Lundas to Luanda |

BIRDS RECORDED

Numididae

Helmeted Guineafowl *Numida meleagris*—Wild birds were seen twice

Phasianidae

Finsch's Francolin *Scleroptila finschi*—Flushed at Tundavala

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

Swierstra's Francolin *Pternistis swierstrai*—A crowing male was scoped at Moco

Grey-striped Francolin *Pternistis griseostriatus*—Seen well at Cabala and briefly at Muxima

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

(African) Blue Quail *Synoicus adansonii*—One flushed in Cubango province

Anatidae

White-faced Whistling Duck *Dendrocygna viduata*—Heard in Cubango province

Spur-winged Goose *Plectropterus gambensis*—Seen in Cubango province

Egyptian Goose *Alopochen aegyptiaca*—Seen between Namibe and Lucira. A write-in.

African Black Duck *Anas sparsa*—Seen on the Keve River and at Tundavala dam (*leucostigma*)

Cape Teal *Anas capensis*—Seen at Lobito

Caprimulgidae

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 at Cabala (*welwitschii*)

Pennant-winged Nightjar *Caprimulgus vexillarius*—Day-time views of a male in the Lundas

Apodidae

Mottled Spinetail *Telacanthura ussheri*—Good numbers in the Muxima area (*benguellensis*)

Böhm's Spinetail *Neafrapus boehmi*—Good views at Muxima and also seen at Leba (*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*—Seen by some at Moco (*horus*)

White-rumped Swift *Apus caffer*—Seen only once in the Lundas

Musophagidae

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

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

Schalow's Turaco *Tauraco schalowi*—Good views at Tundavala and Moco

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

Ross's Turaco *Tauraco rossae*—Seen at Moco and Kalandula

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

Otididae

Rüppell's Korhaan *Heterotetrax rueppelii*—Excellent views in the coastal deserts (*rueppelii*)

Cuculidae

Gabon Coucal *Centropus anelli*—Reasonably good views for all on the northern scarp

Senegal Coucal *Centropus senegalensis*—Seen once on the coastal plain (*senegalensis*)

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

Coppery-tailed Coucal *Centropus cupreicaudus*—Seen in the highlands and in Cubango province (*cupreicaudus*)

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

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

Thick-billed Cuckoo *Pachycoccyx audeberti*—Good views at Kalandula (*validus*)

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

African Emerald Cuckoo *Chrysococcyx cupreus*—Seen on the northern scarp

Black Cuckoo *Cuculus clamosus*—Heard distantly at Kalandula (*gabonensis*)

African Cuckoo *Cuculus gularis*—Seen at Kalandula

Pteroclididae

Namaqua Sandgrouse *Pterocles namaqua*—Seen well near Benguela

Columbidae

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

Afep Pigeon *Columba uncinata*—Flight views on the northern scarp

African Olive Pigeon *Columba arquatrix*—Seen at Tundavala and Moco

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

African Mourning Dove *Streptopelia decipiens*—Seen at Cabala (*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 a few times in forest

Namaqua Dove *Oena capensis*—Seen (*capensis*)

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

Sarothruridae

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

Rallidae

African Rail *Rallus caerulescens*—Heard

Black Crake *Zapornia flavirostra*—Seen

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

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

Red-knobbed Coot *Fulica cristata*—Seen at Lobito

Wattled Crane *Grus carunculata*—A trio seen in Cubango province

Podicipedidae

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

Phoenicopteridae

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

Lesser Flamingo *Phoeniconaias minor*—Seen at Lobito

Turnicidae

Common Buttonquail *Turnix sylvaticus*—Flushed in Cubango province (*lepurana*)

Burhinidae

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

Spotted Thick-knee *Burhinus capensis*—Heard at Cabala

Recurvirostridae

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

Pied Avocet *Recurvirostra avosetta*—Seen

Charadriidae

Senegal Lapwing *Vanellus lugubris*—Seen at Cabala

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*)

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*—Several at Benguela (*pallidus*)

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 at Mussulo (*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

African Snipe *Gallinago nigripennis*—One in Cubango province

Common Sandpiper *Actitis hypoleucos*—Seen a few times

Common Redshank *Tringa totanus*—One at Lobito

Marsh Sandpiper *Tringa stagnatilis*—Seen at Lobito

Wood Sandpiper *Tringa glareola*—One in Cubango province

Common Greenshank *Tringa nebularia*—Seen along the coast

Glareolidae

Temminck's Courser *Cursorius temminckii*—Good views in Cubango province and near Benguela

Double-banded Courser *Rhinoptilus africanus*—Excellent views in the coastal deserts

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

Laridae

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

Caspian Tern *Hydroprogne caspia*—Seen along the coast

Greater Crested Tern *Thalasseus bergii*—Two near Namibe

African Royal Tern *Thalasseus [maximus] albididorsalis*—Just a couple (*albididorsalis*)

Sandwich Tern *Thalasseus sandvicensis*—Seen along the coast

Common Tern *Sterna hirundo*—Seen along the coast

Ciconiidae

Yellow-billed Stork *Mycteria ibis*—Several in coastal wetlands

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

African Woolly-necked Stork *Ciconia [episcopus] microscelis*—Seen once in coastal wetlands

Sulidae

Cape Gannet *Morus capensis*—Seen off the southern coast

Phalacrocoracidae

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

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

Cape Cormorant *Phalacrocorax capensis*—Seen along the southern coast

Anhingidae

African Darter *Anhinga rufa*—Several sightings (*rufa*)

Threskiornithidae

African Sacred Ibis *Threskiornis aethiopicus*—Seen

Glossy Ibis *Plegadis falcinellus*—Seen at the Keve River

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

Ardeidae

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

Striated Heron *Butorides [s.] striata*—Seen a couple of times (*atricapilla*)

Squacco Heron *Ardeola ralloides*—Seen a few times

Rufous-bellied Heron *Ardeola rufiventris*—Good views in Cubango province

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

Goliath Heron *Ardea goliath*—Seen at Mussulo

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

Great Egret *Ardea alba*—Seen in coastal wetlands (*melanorhynchos*)

Yellow-billed 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*—Seen (*umbretta*)

Pelecanidae

Great White Pelican *Pelecanus onocrotalus*—Seen

Pandionidae

Osprey *Pandion 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 Kumbira (*verreauxii*)

Lappet-faced Vulture *Torgos tracheliotos*—Seen near Benguela

Black-chested Snake Eagle *Circaetus pectoralis*—Seen

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

Western Banded Snake Eagle *Circaetus cinerascens*—Seen en route to the Lundas

Congo Serpent Eagle *Dryotriorchis spectabilis*—Good views of one near Quitexe

Bateleur *Terathopius ecaudatus*—Seen a couple of times

Crowned Eagle *Stephanoaetus coronatus*—Seen at Kumbira

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

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

Ayres's Hawk-Eagle *Hieraaetus ayresii*—Seen at Leba and on the northern escarpment

Verreaux's Eagle *Aquila verreauxii*—Three good sightings in the south-west

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

Gabar Goshawk *Micronisus gabar*—Seen (*gabar*)

Dark Chanting Goshawk *Melierax metabates*—Seen in Cubango province (*mechowi*)

Pale Chanting Goshawk *Melierax canorus*—Seen in the south-west

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

Shikra *Accipiter badius*—Seen (*polyzonoides*)

African Marsh Harrier *Circus ranivorus*—Seen several times

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

African Fish Eagle *Icthyophaga vocifer*—Seen on the Kwanza floodplain

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

Augur Buzzard *Buteo [a.] augur*—Seen at Moco and Tundavala

Tytonidae

Western Barn Owl *Tyto [a.] alba*—Heard only

Strigidae

African Scops Owl *Otus [s.] senegalensis*—Heard near Kalandula (*senegalensis*)

Southern White-faced Owl *Ptilopsis granti*—Heard in Cubango province

Spotted Eagle-Owl *Bubo [a.] africanus*—Seen in Cubango province and near Conda

African Wood Owl *Strix woodfordii*—Good views near Conda

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

African Barred Owlet *Glaucidium [c.] capense*—Excellent views at Kalandula (*ngamiense*)

Marsh Owl *Asio capensis*—One flushed a few times near Londuimbale

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 (*lactefrons*)

Upupidae

African 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 Lundas (*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 several times along the coastal plain (*elegans*)

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

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

Pale-billed Hornbill *Lophoceros pallidirostris*—Seen well at Kalandula and en route to Lubango (*pallidirostris*)

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

Coraciidae

Rufous-crowned Roller | (African) Purple Roller *Coracias naevius*—A few seen along the coastal plain (*mosambicus*)

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

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

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

Alcedinidae

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

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

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

Blue-breasted Kingfisher *Halcyon malimbica*—Seen on the northern scarp (*malimbica*)

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

African Dwarf Kingfisher *Ispidina lecontei*—Seen on the northern scarp; a country tick for Michael

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

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

Shining-blue Kingfisher *Alcedo quadibrachys*—Seen at Kalandula (*guentheri*)

Half-collared Kingfisher *Alcedo semitorquata*—Seen in the highlands

Giant Kingfisher *Megaceryle maxima*—Two sightings

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 (*hirundineus*)

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

Blue-breasted Bee-eater *Merops [v.] variegatus*—Seen in Cubango province and the Lundas (*variegatus*)

White-fronted Bee-eater *Merops bullockoides*—Seen at Moco and Tundavala

Olive Bee-eater *Merops superciliosus*—Good views at Muxima (*alternans*)

European Bee-eater *Merops apiaster*—Seen at Cabala and on the northern scarp

Lybiidae

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

(Common) Naked-faced Barbet *Gymnobucco [c.] calvus*—Seen on the northern escarpment (*congius*)

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

Anchieta's Barbet *Stactolaema anchietae*—Seen once in the highlands, and briefly at Kalandula (*rex*)

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

Western Green Tinkerbird *Pogoniulus coryphaea*—Good views at Moco (*angolensis*)

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*—Good views en route to Lubango

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

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

Western Black-backed Barbet *Lybius [m.] minor*—Seen well at Moco

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

Crested Barbet *Trachyphonus vaillantii*—Seen in the south

Indicatoridae

Green-backed Honeybird *Prodotiscus zambesiae*—Seen in the Huambo highlands and the Lundas

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

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

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

Greater Honeyguide *Indicator indicator*—Seen a few times

Picidae

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

Bennett's Woodpecker *Campethera [b.] bennettii*—Seen in the south (*bennetti*)

Golden-tailed Woodpecker *Campethera abingoni*—Seen a few times, including at Leba (*anderssoni*)

Buff-spotted Woodpecker *Pardipicus nivosus*—Brief views on the northern scarp (*nivosa*)

Brown-eared Woodpecker *Pardipicus caroli*—Good views at Kumbira

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 at Moco and Tundavala

Greater Kestrel *Falco rupicoloides*—Seen in Cubango province (*rupicoloides*)

Grey Kestrel *Falco ardosiaceus*—Seen well scarp

Dickinson's Kestrel *Falco dickinsoni*—Excellent views in Cubango province

African Hobby *Falco cuvierii*—Seen well

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

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

Psittacidae

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

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

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

Calyptomenidae

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

Platysteiridae

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

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

Angola Batis *Batis minulla*—Several good sightings

White-tailed Shrike *Lanioturdus torquatus*—Good looks in the south-west

Chestnut Wattle-eye *Platysteira castanea*—Seen on the northern scarp

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

White-fronted Wattle-eye *Platysteira albifrons*—Good views at Muxima

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

Malaconotidae

Monteiro's Bushshrike *Malaconotus monteiroi*—Good views at Kumbira; also seen at Muxima

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

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

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

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

Bokmakierie *Telophorus zeylonus*—Seen in the south-west

Marsh Tchagra *Bocagia minuta*—Nice views at Kalandula and in the Lundas (*anchietae*)

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

Black-crowned Tchagra *Tchagra senegalus*—Seen

Pink-footed Puffback *Dryoscopus angolensis*—Seen at Kumbira (*angolensis*)

Black-backed Puffback *Dryoscopus cubla*—Seen regularly

Braun's Bushshrike *Laniarius [luehderi] brauni*—Seen at our lunch stop en route to Uige, and again near Quitexe

Gabela 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*), plus in Cubango province (*sticturus*)

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

Vangidae

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

Retz's Helmetshrike *Prionops retzii*—Seen in the Huambo highlands and at Kalandula (*nigricans*)

Gabela Helmetshrike *Prionops gabela*—Great views at Muxima

(African) Shrike-flycatcher *Megabyas flammulatus*—Seen distantly on the northern scarp (*aequatorialis*)

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

Campephagidae

White-breasted Cuckooshrike *Ceblepyris pectoralis*—Seen a few times

Black Cuckooshrike *Campephaga flava*—Seen a few times

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

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

Laniidae

Southern White-crowned Shrike *Eurocephalus anguitimens*—Seen a few times on the coastal plain (*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 a few times (*notatus*)

Dicruridae

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

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

Velvet-mantled Drongo *Dicrurus 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 at Uige

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

Corvidae

Pied Crow *Corvus albus*—Common

Stenostiridae

African Blue Flycatcher *Elminia longicauda*—Seen (*teresita*)

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

Paridae

White-winged Black Tit *Melaniparus leucomelas*—Seen twice (*insignis*)

Carp's Tit *Melaniparus carpi*—Seen in the south-west

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

Rufous-bellied Tit *Melaniparus [r.] rufiventris*—Seen a few times (*rufiventris*)

Miombo Tit *Melaniparus griseiventris*—Seen well

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

Remizidae

Grey Penduline Tit *Anthoscopus [c.] caroli*—Seen well in the Huambo highlands (*ansorgei*) and Cubango province (*caroli*)

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

Nicatoridae

Yellow-throated Nicator *Nicator vireo*—Seen at Kumbira

Alaudidae

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

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

Dusky Lark *Pinarocorys nigricans*—An excellent encounter with a aerially-displaying bird in the Lundas

Grey-backed Sparrow-Lark *Eremopterix verticalis*—Seen near Benguela (*damarensis*)

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

Fawn-coloured Lark *Calendulauda [a.] africanoides*—Seen in Cubango province

Rufous-naped Lark *Mirafra [a.] africana*—Seen at Tundavala (*occidentalis*). Now split, we also saw Malbrandt's / Plains Lark *Corypha kabalii* in Cubango province.

Angola Lark *Mirafra angolensis*—Seen at Moco (*angolensis*) and in Cubango province

Stark's Lark *Spizocorys starki*—Brief views of a couple near Benguela

Red-capped Lark *Calandrella cinerea*—Seen in Cubango province (*saturnator*)

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 *Stelgidilla 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 on the northern scarp (*indicator*)

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

Falkenstein's Greenbul *Chlorocichla falkensteini*—Seen at Kumbira

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

Pale-throated Leaflove *Atimastillas [flavicollis] flavigula*—Seen at Kalandula (*flavigula*)

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

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

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

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

Red-tailed Bristlebill *Bleda syndactylus*—Seen at Kalandula (*woosnami*)

Black-collared Bulbul *Neolestes torquatus*—Several good sightings

Hirundinidae

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

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

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

(African) Brown-throated Martin | (African) Plain Martin *Riparia [p.] paludicola*—Seen

Banded Martin *Neophedina cincta*—Seen a few times (*xerica*)

Barn Swallow *Hirundo rustica*—Seen just once

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

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

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*—Some good looks in the Huambo highlands, Cubango province and the Lundas

Pearl-breasted Swallow *Hirundo dimidiata*—Seen in the Huambo highlands (*marwitzi*)

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

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

Greater Striped Swallow *Cecropis cucullata*—Seen in the highlands

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

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

Mosque Swallow *Cecropis senegalensis*—Seen several times (*monteiri*)

Red-throated Cliff Swallow *Petrochelidon rufigula*—Most numerous near Kalandula

Forest Swallow *Petrochelidon fuliginosa*—Excellent views en route to and near Uige

Macrosphenidae

African Moustached Warbler *Melocichla mentalis*—Seen a few times (*mentalis*)

Rockrunner *Achaetops pycnopygius*—Good views 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 at Cabala (*ansorgei*) and in the south-west (*flecki*)

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

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

Hyliidae

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

Acrocephalidae

Greater Swamp Warbler *Acrocephalus rufescens*—Seen in Cubango province

Lesser Swamp Warbler *Acrocephalus gracilirostris*—Seen in Cubango province and heard elsewhere

Common Reed Warbler *Acrocephalus scirpaceus*—Seen in Cubango province

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

Locustellidae

Broad-tailed Warbler | Fan-tailed Grassbird *Catriscus brevirostris*—Nice looks in the Lundas (*alexinae*)

Little Rush Warbler *Bradypterus [b.] baboecala*—Seen in Cubango province (*benguellensis*)

Cisticolidae

Red-faced Cisticola *Cisticola erythrops*—Seen briefly (*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 in the Huambo highlands

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

Tinkling Cisticola *Cisticola rufilatus*—Seen in Cubango province and at Tundavala (*ansorgei*)

Grey-backed Cisticola *Cisticola subruficapilla*—Seen in Namibe

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

Chirping Cisticola *Cisticola pipiens*—Seen several times (*pipiens*)

Levaillant's Cisticola *Cisticola tinniens*—Seen in Cubango Province

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

Short-winged Cisticola *Cisticola brachypterus*—Seen a few times (*loanda*). We also saw the soon-to-be-described Bateke Plateau Cisticola in the Lundas, at the type locality!

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

Black-tailed Cisticola *Cisticola melanurus*—Good views of a single bird in the Lundas, the first ever bird tour to observe this localised species

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

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

Cloud Cisticola *Cisticola textrix*—Seen well in Cubango province

Dambo Cisticola *Cisticola dambo*—Good views in Cubango province

Pale-crowned Cisticola *Cisticola cinnamomeus*—Seen well in Cubango province

Wing-snapping Cisticola *Cisticola ayresii*—Seen at Moco and in Cubango province (*ayresii*)

Tawny-flanked Prinia *Prinia subflava*—Widespread

Black-chested Prinia *Prinia flavicans*—Seen in the south-west (*ansorgei*) and in Cubango province (*bihe*)

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

White-chinned Prinia *Schistolais leucopogon*—Seen at Kalandula (*leucopogon*)

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

Lowland Masked Apalis *Apalis binotata*—Seen near Quitexe

Black-throated Apalis *Apalis jacksoni*—Seen near Quitexe

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

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

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

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

Hartert's Camaroptera *Camaroptera [brachyura] harterti*—Seen at Kumbira and Muxima

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

Miombo Wren-Warbler *Calamonastes undosus*—Several sightings in miombo woodland (*huilae*)

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

Salvadori's Eremomela *Eremomela [icteropygialis] salvadorii*—Seen in the Huambo highlands

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 in the Huambo highlands

Pellorneidae

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

Leiothrichidae

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

Arrow-marked Babbler *Turdoides jardineii*—Seen

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

Sylviidae

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

Chestnut-vented Tit-Babbler *Curruca subcoerulea*—Seen in the south-west (*ansorgei*)

Zosteropidae

Southern Yellow White-eye *Zosterops [senegalensis] anderssoni*—Seen in Cubango Province. Birds seen on the northern scarp (*heinrichi*) and at Moco (*kwanzae*) are now split as Angola Yellow White-eye.

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*—Seen in the Huambo highlands (*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 Cubango province

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

Benguela Long-tailed Starling *Lamprotornis [mevesii] benguelensis*—Seen near Benguela (*benguelensis*)

Sharp-tailed Starling *Lamprotornis acuticaudus*—Seen at Kalandula and in Cubango province (*acuticaudus*)

Violet-backed Starling *Cinnyricinclus leucogaster*—Seen (*verreauxi*)

Forest Chestnut-winged Starling *Onychognathus fulgidus*—Seen on the northern scarp (*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*—Seen briefly on the northern scarp

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

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

African Thrush *Turdus pelios*—Heard (*bocagei*)

Kurrichane Thrush *Turdus libonyana*—Seen (*verreauxii*)

Muscicapidae

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

Miombo Scrub Robin *Cercotrichas barbata*—Nice views in the Huambo highlands

Kalahari Scrub Robin *Cercotrichas paena*—Seen in the arid south-west (*benguellensis*)

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

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

Grey-throated Tit-Flycatcher *Fraseria griseigularis*—Heard

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

Angola Slaty Flycatcher *Melaenornis brunneus*—Seen at Moco and Tundavala

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 along the escarpment (*impavida*)

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

African Dusky Flycatcher *Muscicapa adusta*—Seen in the Huambo highlands

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

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

Angola Cave Chat *Xenocopsychus ansorgei*—Nice looks at Tundavala

Grey-winged Robin-Chat *Sheppardia polioptera*—Seen at Kalandula (*polioptera*)

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

White-headed Robin-Chat *Cossypha heinrichi*—Good views at Kalandula

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

Gabela Akalat *Sheppardia gabela*—Good views at Kumbira

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

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

Miombo Rock Thrush *Monticola angolensis*—Seen a few times (*angolensis*)

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

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

Tractrac Chat *Emarginata tractrac*—Nice looks in the south-west (*hoeschi*)

Sooty Chat *Myrmecocichla nigra*—Seen at Tundavala

Congo Moor Chat *Myrmecocichla tholloni*—Great views in Cubango province

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

Arnot's Chat *Myrmecocichla [a.] arnotti*—Seen in the south

Capped Wheatear *Oenanthe pileata*—Seen at Moco and in Cubango province (*neseri*)

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

Nectariniidae

Anchieta's Sunbird *Anthreptes anchietae*—Seen well in the Huambo highlands

Mangrove Brown Sunbird *Anthreptes gabonicus*—Seen at the Kwanza River

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

Little Green Sunbird *Anthreptes seimundi*—Seen at Kumbira (*minor*)

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

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

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

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 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 Huambo 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 Huambo highlands (*pintoi*)

Ludwig's Double-collared Sunbird *Cinnyris [l.] ludovicensis*—Seen well in the highlands (*ludovicensis*)

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

Orange-tufted Sunbird *Cinnyris bouvieri*—One male on the northern scarp

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

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

Oustalet's Sunbird *Cinnyris oustaleti*—Seen in the Huambo highlands (*oustaleti*)

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

Variable Sunbird *Cinnyris venustus*—Seen (*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 in the south-west (*benguellensis*)

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

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 near Benguela (*niger*)

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

Chestnut-backed Sparrow-Weaver *Plocepasser rufoscapulatus*—Seen well en route to Lubango

Scaly-feathered Finch *Sporopipes squamifrons*—Seen in Namibe (*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 (*crocatu*)

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

Bocage's Weaver *Ploceus temporalis*—Great views in the Huambo highlands

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

Lesser Masked Weaver *Ploceus intermedius*—Seen once (*beattyi*)

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

Village Weaver *Ploceus cucullatus*—Seen

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 *Pachyphantus superciliosus*—Seen at Kalandula

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

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

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

Southern Red-headed Weaver *Anaplectes [r.] rubriceps*—Seen in the Huambo highlands, where the bird showed some characters intermediate with Northern Red-headed Weaver

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

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

Black-winged Red Bishop *Euplectes hordeaceus*—Seen several times (*hordeaceus*)

Golden-backed Bishop *Euplectes aureus*—Non-breeding birds seen well a few times

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*—Seen in the north (*macroura*)

Hartlaub's Marsh Widowbird *Euplectes hartlaubi*—Seen in the Huambo highlands and Lundas (*hartlaubi*)

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

Estrildidae

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

Pale-fronted Nigrita *Nigrita luteifrons*—Excellent 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*—Seen twice in miombo

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

Red-headed Bluebill *Spermophaga ruficapilla*—Heard only (*ruficapilla*)

Brown Twinspot *Clytospiza monteiri*—Brief views at Kumbira

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

Brown Firefinch *Lagonosticta nitidula*—Seen well in the Huambo highlands

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

African Firefinch *Lagonosticta rubricata*—Several sightings

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

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

Violet-eared Waxbill *Granatina granatina*—Seen in the south (*siccatus*)

Angola Swee Waxbill *Coccygia [melanotis] bocagei*—Nice looks at Tundavala and also seen at Moco

Grey Waxbill *Glaucostrelda perreini*—Seen a few times (*perreini*)

Cinderella Waxbill *Glaucostrelda thomensis*—Good views 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

Orange-breasted Waxbill | Zebra Waxbill *Amandava subflava*—Brief views only (*niethammeri*)

African Quailfinch *Ortygospiza [atricollis] fuscocrissa*—Seen well in Cubango province (*muelleri*)

Locust Finch *Paludipasser locustella*—Good views in Cubango province (*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

Purple Indigobird *Vidua purpurascens*—One young bird at Tundavala, seen following Jameson's Firefinch

Dusky Indigobird *Vidua funerea*—Seen at Moco where still in almost-full breeding plumage (*nigerrima*)

Pin-tailed Whydah *Vidua macroura*—Seen

Broad-tailed Paradise Whydah *Vidua obtusa*—One male in full breeding plumage at Kalandula, and a male without a tail in the Huambo highlands

Motacillidae

Cape Wagtail *Motacilla capensis*—Seen

African Pied Wagtail *Motacilla aguimp*—Seen

Fülleborn's Longclaw *Macronyx fülleborni*—Good views in the Huambo highlands and Cubango province (*ascensi*)

Rosy-throated Longclaw *Macronyx ameliae*—Good views in Cubango province

Grimwood's Longclaw *Macronyx grimwoodi*—Good looks in Cubango province

African Pipit *Anthus cinnamomeus*—Seen a few times

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

Buffy Pipit *Anthus vaalensis*—Seen at Tundavala and in Cubango province (*neumanni*)

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

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

Striped Pipit *Anthus lineiventris*—Great views in the highlands

Fringillidae

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

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

Yellow-fronted Canary *Crithagra mozambica*—Several sightings (*tando*)

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

Streaky-headed Seedeater *Crithagra gularis*—Good views in Cubango province

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

Thick-billed Seedeater *Crithagra burtoni*—Good views at Moco

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

Emberizidae

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

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

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



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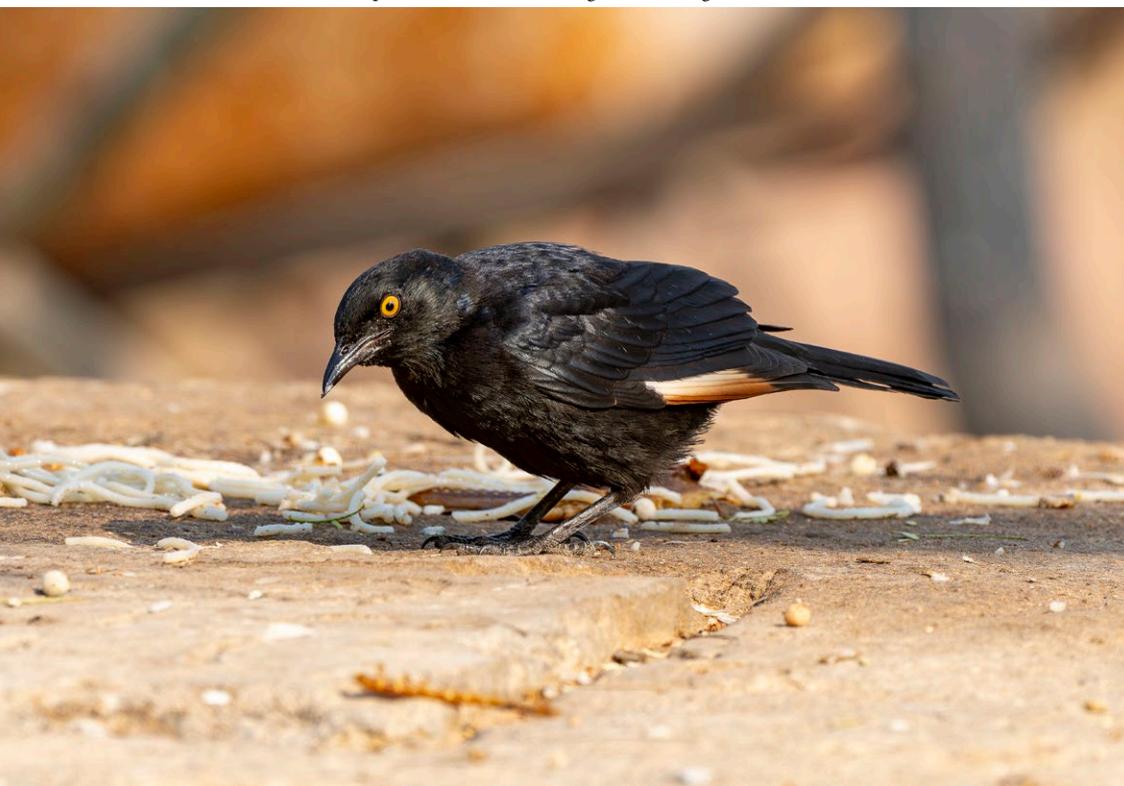




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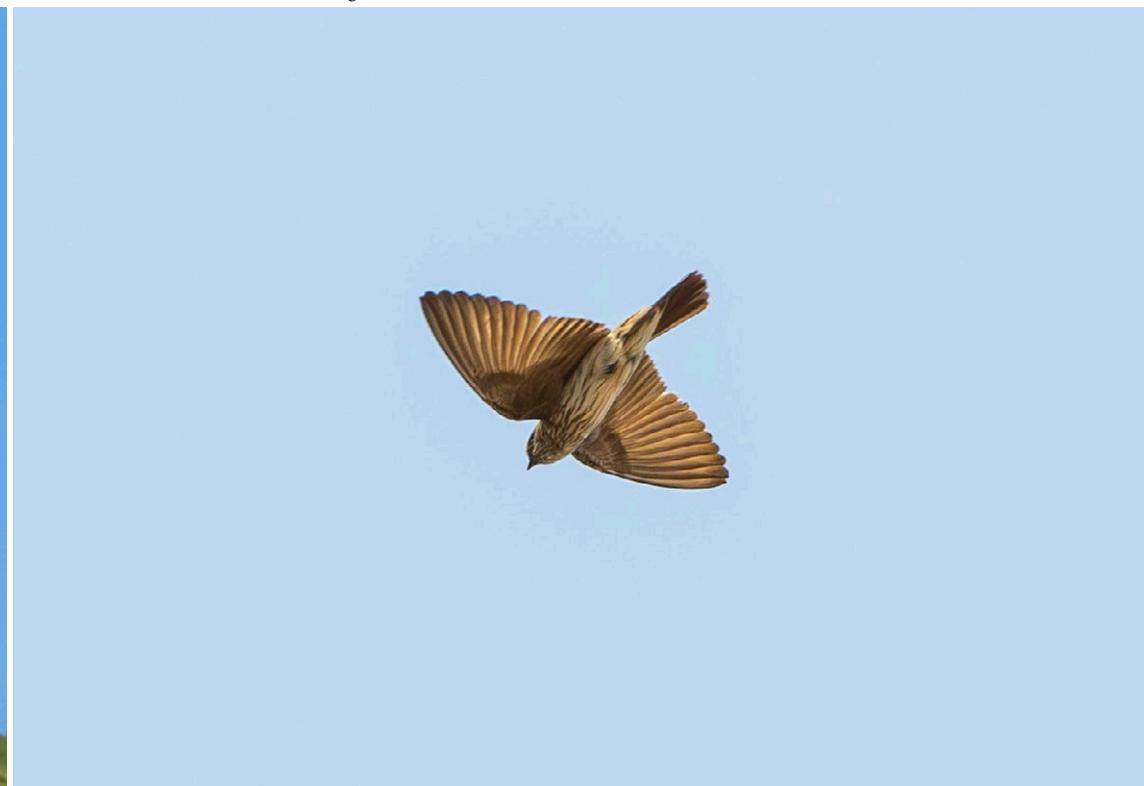




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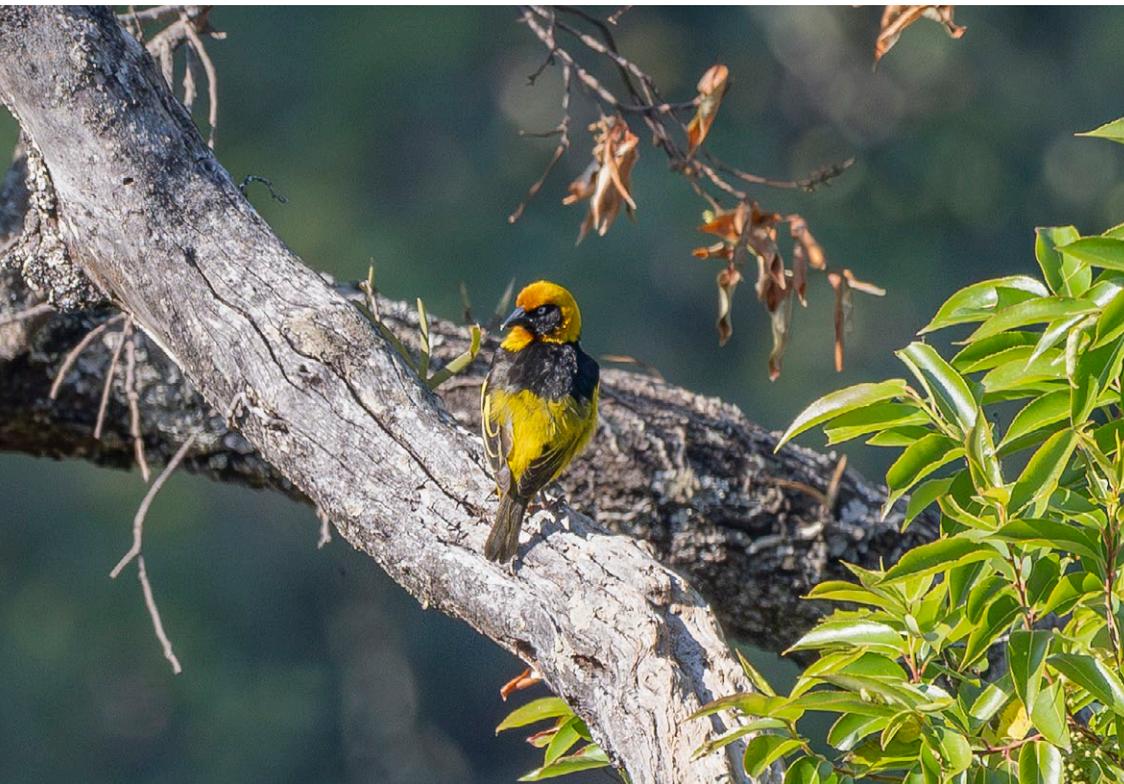




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