

During this comprehensive tour of Kenya we aimed to find all the country's specials, visiting many remote areas in this quest. Highlights on our eastern loop included **Somali Boubou** and **Malindi Pipit** at Lamu, **Sokoke Pipit**, **Clarke's Weaver**, **Sokoke Scops Owl** and **Amani Sunbird** at Arabuko Sokoke Forest, **Violet-breasted Sunbird** and **Kenya Crested Guineafowl** at Tana River Primate Reserve, **Steelblue Whydah** en route to Tsavo East, **Fire-fronted Bishop**, **Quail Plover** and **Red-naped Bushshrike** in Tsavo East, **Tsavo Sunbird**, **Friedmann's Lark**, **Pangani Longclaw** and **Hartlaub's Bustard** in the Tsavo West area, and **Taita Thrush**, **Taita Apalis** and **Taita White-eye** in the Taita Hills. Heading north from Nairobi we found **Lynes's Cisticola**, and **Sharpe's Longclaw** at Kinangop, then **Jackson's Francolin** and **Aberdare Cisticola** at the Aberdares, **Hinde's Babbler** near Nyeri, **Olive Ibis**, **Abyssinian Crimsonwing**, **Scarlet-tufted Malachite Sunbird**, **Elgon Francolin** and **Abyssinian Ground Thrush** at Mt Kenya, **Masked Lark**, **Williams's Lark**, **Donaldson Smith's Sparrow Weaver** and **Grant's Wood Hoopoe** at Shaba and Samburu, **Star-spotted Nightjar** at Marsabit, **Jackson's Hornbill** and **Northern Masked Weaver** at Lake Baringo, **Stripe-breasted Seedeater** near Kerio Valley, **Jameson's Wattle-eye**, **Turner's Eremomela** and **Blue-headed Bee-eater** at Kakamega, and **Collared Lark** and **Bafirawari Flycatcher** north of Garissa.

Our ten favourite birds were: (1) Collared Lark, (2) Elgon Francolin, (3) Scarlet-tufted Malachite Sunbird, (4) Fire-fronted Bishop and Friedmann's Lark, (6) Masked Lark, (7) Olive Ibis, (8) Black-faced Rufous Warbler, (9) Star-spotted Nightjar, and (10) Lesser Cuckoo.

Top mammals were: (1) Striped Hyaena, (2) Tana River Mangabey, (3) Grevy's Zebra, (4) Golden-rumped Giant Sengi, and (5) Gerenuk. Other noteworthy mammals included Southern Tree Hyrax, Somali Dwarf Mongoose, Aardwolf, Giant Forest Hog, Caracal, black Serval and Cheetah.

We started off with a morning in the grasslands of Nairobi National Park, with highlights including a flock of **Jackson's Widowbird** and a few **Red-naped Widowbird**, with the males in full breeding plumage. **Stout Cisticola** was common, **Cuckoo Finch** was seen at close range, **Rosy-throated Longclaw** put in an appearance, several **Long-toed Lapwing** were found, **Speke's Weaver** was breeding, and **African Rail** came out of hiding.

From Nairobi it was a short flight to Lamu, where we were deposited on Manda Island on a hot and humid afternoon. Shortly after touchdown we were watching **Golden Palm Weaver** and **Malindi Pipit**, and the rather 'different' calls of **Sombre Greenbul** amused us. A short walk through the arid scrub brought our first **Somali Boubou**, **East Coast Boubou**, **Purple-banded Sunbird** and a surprise **Pale Batis**. The next morning another stint of birding allowed us to study **Somali Boubou** vocalisations in detail, and we found also **Ethiopian Swallow**, **Bearded Scrub Robin**, **Scaly Babbler**, **Coastal Cisticola**, **Three-streaked Tchagra**, **Bare-eyed Thrush** and **Black-headed Lapwing**. Overhead circled a single **Sooty Tern** and **Brown Noddy**, and a few **Sooty Gull** frequented the town harbour.

Heading back to the mainland we were inconvenienced by an unannounced flight schedule change, but detouring back via Nairobi we arrived at Watamu late that night, without losing much time and in position for an early morning visit to Sokoke Forest the next day.

Arguably the most important patch of forest for birders along the entire east coast of the African continent, Sokoke Forest did not disappoint. Our highlights included two large flocks of **Clarke's Weaver** feeding in the woodlands that included many males in full breeding plumage, a couple of displaying **Sokoke Pipit**, point-blank **Amani Sunbird**, at least two **Lesser Cuckoo**, **Red-throated Twinspot** that fed quietly in the track, **Lowland Tiny Greenbul**, **Little Yellow Flycatcher**, **East Coast Akalat**, flocks of **Chestnut-fronted Helmetshrike**, **Fischer's Turaco**, **Red-tailed Ant Thrush**, **Pallid Honeyguide**, **Scaly-throated Honeyguide**, **Mombasa Woodpecker**, **Plain-backed Sunbird**, **Forest Batis**, and *Golden-rumped Giant Sengi*. After dark we enjoyed excellent views of **Sokoke Scops Owl**, although **African Barred Owlet** gave only the briefest of views.

Next on our agenda was a two-day diversion to the Tana River Primate Reserve, which few birders have ever visited. The drive was not too arduous and safety seemed well under control, although the state of the 'bandas' where we stayed for the night was far worse than described. Anyhow, we were met immediately on arrival by our main bird target, a male **Violet-breasted Sunbird** feeding in some flowering mistletoe. The species proved to be quite common in the dry bush, and we had ample opportunity to study it alongside **Purple-banded Sunbird** and **Hunter's Sunbird**. Although the dry bush was fairly unproductive, we also found **Lilac-throated Roller**, **Fischer's Starling** and **Northern Crombec**. However, most of our birding was done in and adjacent to gallery forest along the Tana River. Undoubted highlights included a large flock of **Kenya Crested Guineafowl** which we flushed up into and studied in the trees, *Tana River Mangabey*, **Little Spotted Woodpecker**, the curious *fisheri* race of **Yellow-rumped Tinkerbird**, **Fischer's Greenbul** and *Tana River Red Colobus*. Good numbers of waterbird included a single **Dwarf Bittern**. Arriving back at Malindi that evening we had just enough time for a short visit to the Sabaki River mouth where **Madagascan Pratincole** was noteworthy.

Heading inland the next morning the landscape gradually became greener. Large numbers of **Common Cuckoo** were on the move, and during the day we counted well over 200. We were surprised to find **Grey Sunbird** some 40 km inland, but the best birds of the drive to Tsavo East's Sala Gate were a breeding-plumage **Steelblue Whydah** and some **Shelley's Starlings**, and non-breeding **Fire-fronted Bishop** was also seen. By the time we arrived at Tsavo it was apparent that the area had received excellent rains and bird breeding was in full swing, with **Singing Bush Lark**, **Red-winged Lark** and **Pink-breasted Lark** in full display and song. Not too far into the park and a large flock of **Fire-fronted Bishops** was spotted near the road that included at least 20 striking males. Little did we realise that there were tens of flocks and hundreds of birds ahead, so we took our time to enjoy them looking at their best. The rest of our time in Tsavo East brought a wide range of species, including a surprise **Quail Plover** which showed very well beside the road, **Grant's Wood Hoopoe** (although they were accompanied with a single green-mantled bird), **Red-naped Bushshrike**, tens of **Golden Pipits**, **Somali Courser**, **Black-faced Sandgrouse**, **Somali Bee-eater**, **Somali Ostrich**, **Pygmy Falcon**, **Amur Falcon**, **Southern Ground Hornbill** and **Black-bellied Sunbird**.

Moving on from Tsavo East we paused at a roadside swamp with **Zanzibar Red Bishop**, **Black-winged Red Bishop** and **African Golden Weaver** breeding, before climbing up to the misty Taita Hills. During the afternoon and morning here we had good views of the three local endemics, **Taita Thrush**, **Taita Apalis** and **Taita White-eye**. Other goodies included **Brown-breasted Barbet**, **Stripe-faced Greenbul**, **Placid Greenbul** and **Yellow-throated Woodland Warbler**.

Heading back to the lowlands, the last stop on our eastern circuit was the Tsavo West area, where we stayed in a spectacularly-situated lodge. The open grasslands were full of **White-winged Widowbird**, **Ashy Cisticola** and **Red-winged Lark**, and **Pangani Longclaw** and **Hartlaub's Bustard** were more numerous than I have ever seen. Several male **Harlequin Quail** were also flushed. In the bushed areas we found **Hildebrandt's Starling**, **Tsavo Sunbird**, **White-headed Mousebird**, **Blue-capped Cordon-bleu**, showy **Scaly Chatterer**, **Grey-headed Silverbill**, **Pringle's Puffback** and **Three-streaked Tchagra**. However, our main target proved rather elusive, and only at the last available moment did we hear the distant whistles of a displaying **Friedmann's Lark**. With a bit of patience we managed to follow the calls until we tracked it down; it made occasional short flights to the top of bushes to sing, where it allowed detail study. And to cap things off we flushed a **Corn Crake** just as we were leaving, and spotted two *Aardwolf*, before returning to Nairobi to complete the eastern circuit!

The next day we were pleased to finally escape from Nairobi traffic after an overnight stay, and our first stop at Limuru Ponds turned up **White-backed Duck** among the many other waterbirds. As we climbed up to Kinangop we paused at some promising-looking roadside vegetation, where **Lynes's Cisticola**, a day-roosting **Sombre/Dusky Nightjar**, **Long-billed Pipit** and **Schalow's Wheatear** were found. At Kinangop we quickly located our main target, although it took some time before we all had good views of **Sharpe's Longclaw**, the job completed just in time to escape an approaching storm. Here too a flock of impressively long-tailed **Long-tailed Widowbird** showed off and some **Levaillant's Cisticola** perched on the roadside fence.

Climbing up into the Aberdares the drive to our exclusive little lodge brought our first **Aberdares Cisticola**, which proved to be very common in the open moorlands. **Jackson's Francolin** fed on the lawn in front of our lodge, and in the late afternoon we found a calling **Striped Flufftail** nearby. The next day a long drive through the moorlands failed to turn up either our hoped for sunbird or francolin, but we did see **Malachite Sunbird**, **Eastern Double-collared Sunbird**, **Moorland Chat**, **Tacazze Sunbird** and a black *Serval*. Descending through the forested zones roadside birds include **Kandt's Waxbill**, **Kikuyu White-eye**, **Hunter's Cisticola** and **Abyssinian Crimsonwing**, and we spotted some *Giant Forest Hogs* feeding in a clearing.

A brief stay down in the lowlands gave us good views of **Hinde's Babbler**, but it wasn't long before we were back up in the highlands, this time on the slopes of Mount Kenya, which during our trip we circumnavigated, partly ascended and visited at three different points. Forest birding was good, and highlights included perched **Olive Ibis**, **Black-fronted Bushshrike**, both **Orange Ground Thrush** and **Abyssinian Ground Thrush**, **Thick-billed Seed-eater**, **Scarce Swift**, **African Black Duck**, **Hartlaub's Turaco**, **Abyssinian Crimsonwing**, **White-headed Wood Hoopoe**, **Black-collared Apalis**, **Black-throated Apalis**, **White-eared Barbet**, **Brown-capped Weaver** and **Scaly Francolin**. The most exciting section, however, was climbing to the rarely-visited alpine zone where we heard another four **Striped Flufftail**, watched several **Scarlet-tufted Malachite Sunbird** at close range, and, best of all, found a covey of six rarely-seen **Elgon Francolin**. At first their calls were distant, but we gradually closed in on them until we spotted them nearby. To our surprise they seemed fearless of man, and in the end they walked within five metres of us, giving incredible views. This meant that our planned trip to Mt Elgon was no longer necessary, and most significantly it gave us three days to play with at the end of the tour, for Collared Lark...

From Mt Kenya we moved north to the arid savannas of the Shaba, Samburu and Buffalo Springs area, where some of our first birds included **Somali Courser** and **Lichtenstein's Sandgrouse**. On the first morning we headed out early to the lava plains of Shaba. **Donaldson Smith's Sparrow-Weaver** was common, and it didn't take us long to track down a few displaying **Williams's Larks**, which sat atop some lava rocks to give good scope views. Another plain turned up several **Masked Lark**, rarely seen in this part of Kenya! In the dry bush we found lots to keep us entertained, including **White-headed Mousebird**, **Vulturine Guinea fowl**, **Black-bellied Sunbird**, **Black-capped Social Weaver**, **Parrot-billed Sparrow** and **Magpie Starling**, and **Yellow-vented Eremomela** and **Yellow-bellied Eremomela** in adjacent trees for an excellent comparison. *Grevy's Zebra* and *Gerenuk* were among the more popular mammals.

From the Shaba area we made a short visit north to Marsabit, and the Dida Galgalu Desert beyond. A new tarred road almost all the way there meant that the journey was quick and easy. Bushed areas en route held **Tiny Cisticola**, **Boran Cisticola**, **Somali Long-billed Crombec** and **Pygmy Batis**. A pre-dawn start into the desert gave us a singing **Star-spotted Nightjar** in the spotlight, and once the sun rose the plains themselves held **Masked Lark**, **Greater Kestrel**, **Somali Crow**, **Chestnut-headed Sparrow-Lark**, **Crested Lark** and **Thekla Lark**.

Heading back south via the Samburu area and Mt Kenya we started our loop west, pausing for **Cape/Mackinder's Eagle-Owl** en route to Nakuru. Nakuru was rather underwhelming, with most flamingos departed for saltier water elsewhere, but we did see **Coqui Francolin**, **Greater Painted-Snipe**, **Cape Teal**, **Horus Swift**, **White-headed Barbet** and **Little Sparrowhawk**, and had an interesting encounter with a pair of **Black Cuckoo**, one of which was the normal black morph and the other the intermediate *jacksoni* morph.

Next on the cards was Lake Baringo, where we notched up all the target birds in record time. **Jackson's Hornbill** visited us on our veranda as we were settling in, and just in front of our lodgings we found **Northern Masked Weaver** and **Jackson's Golden-backed Weaver** in full plumage. An afternoon owl excursion started off with **African Scops Owl** and **Verreaux's Eagle-Owl**, followed by four **Northern White-faced Owl** and a single **Spotted Eagle-Owl** that had yellow eyes but rather dark brown plumage of Greyish Eagle-Owl. We were also distracted by **Brown-tailed Rock Chat** and **Mouse-coloured Penduline Tit**, and the last bird of our busy day was **Three-banded Courser**.

From Baringo we made our way to Kakamega via the Kerio Valley. Some carefully searching eventually turned up five **Stripe-breasted Seedeaters**, not the most impressive species but interesting to see nonetheless. **White-crested Turaco** added a splash of colour.

On our first morning at Kakamega we found ourselves standing quietly in the forest under-storey listening to the mournful hoots of **Buff-spotted Flufftail** in the half light. It took some time, but as the light improved we managed to draw the said flufftail across a gap in the forest under-storey three times, for some good looks. As conditions further brightened we turned our attention to general forest birding, and before breakfast we'd seen **Jameson's Wattle-eye**, **Blue-headed Bee-eater** and **Turner's Eremomela**, although the latter two not that well. During the rest of the day we improved our views of the bee-eater and eremomela, and racked up a long list of other goodies, including **Uganda Woodland Warbler**, **Toro Olive Greenbul**, **Joyful Greenbul**, **Black-faced Rufous Warbler**, **Kakamega Greenbul**, **Ansorge's Greenbul**, **Brown-chested Alethe**, **Luehder's Bushshrike**, **Bocage's Bushshrike**, **Grey-throated Barbet** and **Red-chested Owlet**.

The final part of our journey now began, as we headed eastwards via Gatamaiyu Forest with **Red-fronted Parrot**, **Brown-chested Alethe**, **White-browed Crombec** and **Evergreen Forest Warbler** and Thika with **Brown-and-white Barbet** and **Brown-backed Honeybird** in the garden, to Garissa. Good recent rains in the Garissa area made the roads rather muddy, but we managed to avoid getting stuck and after a few hours of bumping our way north we spotted our first **Collared Lark** in display. We took several hours to acquaint ourselves with these fantastic birds, watching at least five of them make numerous display flights, sing from the tops of bushes and forage on the ground. Here too we found several **Bafirawari Flycatcher** and studied them in detail. Other birds included **Northern Grosbeak-Canary**, **Northern White-faced Owl**, **Pringle's Puffback**, **Somali Bunting**, **Yellow-vented Eremomela**, **Pale Prinia**, **Three-banded Courser** and **Somali Long-billed Crombec**. And a *Striped Hyæna* and several *Somali Dwarf Mongoose* were seen well near the road. All that remained now was a long drive back to Nairobi, with new birds en route including **African Cuckoo-Hawk** and **Yellow-crowned Bishop**.

Ostriches Family Struthionidae

Common Ostrich *Struthio camelus*: Seen at Tsavo West and Nairobi NP (*massaicus*)

Somali Ostrich *Struthio molybdophanes*: Seen in Tsavo East, Shaba, and the Marsabit area

Ducks, Geese and Swans Family Anatidae

White-faced Whistling Duck *Dendrocygna viduata*: Seen a few times

Fulvous Whistling Duck *Dendrocygna bicolor*: Seen at Limuru Ponds

White-backed Duck *Thalassornis leuconotus*: Seen at Limuru Ponds (*leuconotus*)

Knob-billed Duck *Sarkidiornis melanotos*: Most numerous at Tana River Primate Reserve

Egyptian Goose *Alopochen aegyptiaca*: Seen regularly

Cape Teal *Anas capensis*: Common at Nakuru

African Black Duck *Anas sparsa*: Seen well at Mt Kenya (*leucostigma*)

Yellow-billed Duck *Anas undulata*: Seen at Limuru Ponds and Nakuru (*undulata*)

Red-billed Teal *Anas erythrorhyncha*: Seen a few times

Hottentot Teal *Anas hottentota*: Seen at Limuru Ponds and Nakuru

Guineafowl Family Numididae

Helmeted Guineafowl *Numida meleagris*: Seen regularly (mostly or all *reichenowi*)

Kenya Crested Guineafowl *Guttera pucherani*: Great views at the Tana River Primate Reserve

Vulturine Guineafowl *Acryllium vulturinum*: Many great sightings

Pheasants and allies Family Phasianidae

Coqui Francolin *Peliperdix coqui*: Seen well at Nakuru (*hubbardi*)

Shelley's Francolin *Scleroptila shelleyi*: Heard in the Tsavo West area (*uluensis*)

Elgon Francolin *Scleroptila elgonensis*: One of the highlights of the trip was finding a covey of six of these rarely-seen francolin on Mt Kenya, where they seemed to have no fear of us and approached within 5 metres! They certainly have nothing to do with Moorland Francolin, with which they have been historically lumped

Crested Francolin *Dendroperdix sephaena*: Numerous sightings in both coastal (Kirk's Francolin *rovuma*) and inland areas (*grantii*)

Scaly Francolin *Pternistis squamatus*: Some excellent views at the Aberdares, Mt Kenya and Gatamaiyu (*maranensis*)

Hildebrandt's Francolin *Pternistis hildebrandti*: Heard at Nakuru (*altumi*)

Jackson's Francolin *Pternistis jacksoni*: Excellent views of many in the Aberdares, and also seen on Mt Kenya

Yellow-necked Spurfowl *Pternistis leucoscepus*: Seen well on six days

Harlequin Quail *Coturnix delegorguei*: Several males flushed in the Tsavo West area (*delegorguei*)

Grebes Family Podicipedidae

Little Grebe *Tachybaptus ruficollis*: Seen a few times (*capensis*)

Flamingos Family Phoenicopteridae

Greater Flamingo *Phoenicopus roseus*: Seen a few times

Storks Family Ciconiidae

Yellow-billed Stork *Mycteria ibis*: Several sightings

African Openbill *Anastomus lamelligerus*: Seen on three days (*lamelligerus*)

African Woolly-necked Stork *Ciconia microscelis*: Seen on three days

White Stork *Ciconia ciconia*: Seen in Tsavo East (*ciconia*)

Saddle-billed Stork *Ephippiorhynchus senegalensis*: Seen at Tana River Primate Reserve and Nakuru

Marabou Stork *Leptoptilos crumenifer*: Seen regularly

Ibises, Spoonbills Family Threskiornithidae

African Sacred Ibis *Threskiornis aethiopicus*: Seen regularly

Olive Ibis *Bostrychia olivacea*: Super views of two birds perched in a large dead tree at Mt Kenya (*akeleyorum*)

Hadada Ibis *Bostrychia hagedash*: Seen regularly (*brevirostris*)

Glossy Ibis *Plegadis falcinellus*: Seen a few times

African Spoonbill *Platalea alba*: Seen a few times

Hérons, Bitterns Family Ardeidae

Dwarf Bittern *Ixobrychus sturmi*: Seen at Tana River Primate Reserve

Black-crowned Night Heron *Nycticorax nycticorax*: Heard at Tana River Primate Reserve (*nycticorax*)

Striated Heron *Butorides striata*: Seen at Lake Baringo (*atricapilla*)

Squacco Heron *Ardeola ralloides*: Seen a few times

Western Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis*: Widespread

Grey Heron *Ardea cinerea*: Seen regularly (*cinerea*)

Black-headed Heron *Ardea melanocephala*: Seen regularly

Goliath Heron *Ardea goliath*: Seen at Tana River Primate Reserve and Lake Baringo

Great Egret *Ardea alba*: Seen a few times (*melanorhynchos*)

Yellow-billed Egret *Egretta brachyrhyncha*: Seen at Limuru Ponds

Black Heron *Egretta ardesiaca*: Seen at Limuru Ponds

Little Egret *Egretta garzetta*: Seen only once (*garzetta*)

Hamerkop Family Scopidae

Hamerkop *Scopus umbretta*: Seen regularly (*umbretta*)

Pelicans Family Pelecanidae

Great White Pelican *Pelecanus onocrotalus*: Good numbers at Nakuru

Pink-backed Pelican *Pelecanus rufescens*: Good numbers at Nakuru

Cormorants, Shags Family Phalacrocoracidae

Reed Cormorant *Microcarbo africanus*: Seen regularly (*africanus*)

White-breasted Cormorant *Phalacrocorax lucidus*: Seen at Nakuru

Anhingas, Darters Family Anhingidae

African Darter *Anhinga rufa*: Seen a few times (*rufa*)

Secretarybird Family Sagittariidae

Secretarybird *Sagittarius serpentarius*: Seen in Tsavo East and Shaba

Ospreys Family Pandionidae

Western Osprey *Pandion haliaetus*: One at Nakuru (*haliaetus*)

Kites, Hawks and Eagles Family Accipitridae

Black-winged Kite *Elanus caeruleus*: Seen a few times (*caeruleus*)

African Harrier-Hawk *Polyboroides typus*: Seen regularly (*typus*)

Egyptian Vulture *Neophron percnopterus*: Seen in the Marsabit area (*percnopterus*)

African Cuckoo-Hawk *Aviceda cuculoides*: One between Garissa and Thika (*verreauxii*)

Hooded Vulture *Necrosyrtes monachus*: Seen in the Marsabit area

White-backed Vulture *Gyps africanus*: Seen a few times

Rüppell's Vulture *Gyps rueppelli*: Seen in the Marsabit area (*rueppelli*)

Lappet-faced Vulture *Torgos tracheliotos*: Seen a few times (*tracheliotos*)

Black-chested Snake Eagle *Circaetus pectoralis*: Seen in Tsavo East

Brown Snake Eagle *Circaetus cinereus*: Seen on four days

Bateleur *Terathopius ecaudatus*: Seen regularly

Crowned Eagle *Stephanoaetus coronatus*: Fantastic views at Kakamega, and also seen at Mt Kenya

Martial Eagle *Polemaetus bellicosus*: Seen on seven days

Long-crested Eagle *Lophaetus occipitalis*: Seen regularly

Wahlberg's Eagle *Hieraetus wahlbergi*: Seen on four days

Booted Eagle *Hieraetus pennatus*: One at Nairobi National Park

Tawny Eagle *Aquila rapax*: Seen in small numbers (*rapax*)

African Hawk-Eagle *Aquila spilogaster*: Seen on four days

Lizard Buzzard *Kaupifalco monogrammicus*: Seen at Tana River Primate Reserve and Tsavo East (*monogrammicus*)

Gabar Goshawk *Micronisus gabar*: Recorded on four days (*aequatorius*)

Dark Chanting Goshawk *Melierax metabates*: Seen at Kerio Valley (*metabates*)

Eastern Chanting Goshawk *Melierax poliopterus*: Seen regularly
African Goshawk *Accipiter tachiro*: Seen in small numbers (*sparsimfasciatus*)
Shikra *Accipiter badius*: Seen at Kerio Valley (*sphenurus*)
Little Sparrowhawk *Accipiter minullus*: Excellent views at Nakuru (*minullus*)
Black Sparrowhawk *Accipiter melanoleucus*: Seen on five days (*melanoleucus*)
Western Marsh Harrier *Circus aeruginosus*: Seen on three days (*aeruginosus*)
Yellow-billed Kite *Milvus aegyptius*: Seen regularly (*parasitus*)
African Fish Eagle *Haliaeetus vocifer*: Seen on three days
Common Buzzard *Buteo buteo*: A few on passage (Steppe Buzzard *vulpinus*)
Mountain Buzzard *Buteo oreophilus*: Seen in Aberdares
Augur Buzzard *Buteo augur*: Seen regularly

Bustards Family Otididae

Kori Bustard *Ardeotis kori*: Some great sightings (*struthiunculus*)
White-bellied Bustard *Eupodotis senegalensis*: Seen on six dates (*canicollis*)
Buff-crested Bustard *Lophotis gindiana*: Seen regularly
Hartlaub's Bustard *Lissotis hartlaubii*: No less than 14 seen well in the Tsavo West area

Flufftails Family Sarothruridae

White-spotted Flufftail *Sarothrura pulchra*: Heard at close range at Kakamega (*centralis*)
Buff-spotted Flufftail *Sarothrura elegans*: Very good views of a male at Kakamega (*elegans*)
Striped Flufftail *Sarothrura affinis*: Heard at very close range on both the Aberdares and Mt Kenya. There are very few records of this species from Kenya (*antoni*)

Rails, Crakes and Coots Family Rallidae

African Rail *Rallus caerulescens*: Good views in Nairobi National Park
Corn Crake *Crex crex*: One flushed in the Tsavo West area, and seen well in flight
Black Crake *Amaurornis flavirostra*: Seen at Nairobi National Park and Lake Baringo
African Swamphen *Porphyrio madagascariensis*: Seen at Limuru Ponds
Common Moorhen *Gallinula chloropus*: Seen a couple of times (*meridionalis*)
Red-knobbed Coot *Fulica cristata*: Seen at Limuru Ponds

Cranes Family Gruidae

Grey Crowned Crane *Balearica regulorum*: Seen on four days (*gibbericeps*)

Buttonquail Family Turnicidae

Quail-plover *Ortyxelos meiffrenii*: Excellent views of a male, first flushed and then on the ground, in Tsavo East

Stone-curlews, Thick-knees Family Burhinidae

Water Thick-knee *Burhinus vermiculatus*: Seen at Tana River Primate Reserve (*vermiculatus*)

Spotted Thick-knee *Burhinus capensis*: Recorded on three days, *maculosus* at Shaba and *capensis* in the Tsavo West area

Stilts, Avocets Family Recurvirostridae

Black-winged Stilt *Himantopus himantopus*: Seen at Nairobi National Park and Nakuru

Pied Avocet *Recurvirostra avosetta*: Seen at Nakuru

Plovers Family Charadriidae

Long-toed Lapwing *Vanellus crassirostris*: Seen in Nairobi National Park (*crassirostris*)

Blacksmith Lapwing *Vanellus armatus*: Seen on three days

Spur-winged Lapwing *Vanellus spinosus*: Seen regularly

Black-headed Lapwing *Vanellus tectus*: Seen at Manda, Tsavo East and Garissa (*latifrons*)

Senegal Lapwing *Vanellus lugubris*: Seen at Sokoke

Crowned Lapwing *Vanellus coronatus*: Seen regularly (*coronatus*)

Grey Plover *Pluvialis squatarola*: Seen on the coast (*squatarola*)

Common Ringed Plover *Charadrius hiaticula*: Seen at Nakuru (*tundrae*)

Kittlitz's Plover *Charadrius pecuarius*: Seen at Nakuru

African Three-banded Plover *Charadrius tricollaris*: Seen at Nakuru

Painted-snipes Family Rostratulidae

Greater Painted-snipe *Rostratula benghalensis*: Several seen well at Nakuru

Jacanas Family Jacanidae

African Jacana *Actophilornis africanus*: Seen at Limuru Ponds

Sandpipers, Snipes Family Scolopacidae

African Snipe *Gallinago nigripennis*: Seen at Kinangop (*aequatorialis*)

Black-tailed Godwit *Limosa limosa*: Seen at Nakuru

Whimbrel *Numenius phaeopus*: Heard at Manda

Spotted Redshank *Tringa erythropus*: Seen at Nakuru

Marsh Sandpiper *Tringa stagnatilis*: Seen once

Common Greenshank *Tringa nebularia*: Recorded on three days

Wood Sandpiper *Tringa glareola*: Seen regularly

Common Sandpiper *Actitis hypoleucos*: Seen on three days

Little Stint *Calidris minuta*: Seen at Nakuru

Curlew Sandpiper *Calidris ferruginea*: Seen at Nakuru

Ruff *Philomachus pugnax*: Seen on three days

Courasers, Pratincoles Family Glareolidae

Somali Courser *Cursorius somalensis*: Seen at Tsavo East, Shaba and Marsabit area (*littoralis*)

Double-banded Courser *Rhinoptilus africanus*: One in Tsavo East (*gracilis*)

Three-banded Courser *Rhinoptilus cinctus*: Seen well at Baringo and in the Garissa area (*cinctus*)

Collared Pratincole *Glareola pratincola*: One in Tsavo East and quite a few north of Marsabit (*fuelleborni*)

Madagascan Pratincole *Glareola ocularis*: Seen at Sabaki River Mouth

Gulls, Terns and Skimmers Family Laridae

Brown Noddy *Anous stolidus*: One over Manda (*pileatus*)

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

Sooty Gull *Ichthyiaetus hemprichii*: Seen at Lamu

Gull-billed Tern *Gelochelidon nilotica*: Seen at Nakuru (*nilotica*)

Sooty Tern *Onychoprion fuscatus*: One over Manda (*nubilosus*)

White-winged Tern *Chlidonias leucopterus*: Large numbers at Nakuru

Sandgrouse Family Pteroclididae

Chestnut-bellied Sandgrouse *Pterocles exustus*: Seen at Shaba and Marsabit area (*olivascens*)

Black-faced Sandgrouse *Pterocles decoratus*: Seen at Tsavo (*decoratus*), and Samburu, Buffalo Springs and Garissa area (*ellenbecki*)

Lichtenstein's Sandgrouse *Pterocles lichtensteinii*: Seen at Shaba (*sukensis*)

Pigeons, Doves Family Columbidae

Speckled Pigeon *Columba guinea*: Seen regularly (*guinea*)

African Olive Pigeon *Columba arquatrix*: Seen on Mt Kenya and at Gatamaiyu

Eastern Bronze-naped Pigeon *Columba delegorguei*: Seen on Mt Kenya (*sharpei*)

Lemon Dove *Columba larvata*: Heard at Taita Hills, Kakamega and Gatamaiyu (*larvata*)

Dusky Turtle Dove *Streptopelia lugens*: Seen in the highlands

Mourning Collared Dove *Streptopelia decipiens*: Seen regularly in small numbers, *elegans* in the east and *perspicillata* in the west

Red-eyed Dove *Streptopelia semitorquata*: Seen often

Ring-necked Dove *Streptopelia capicola*: Seen often, *somalica* in the north and *tropica* elsewhere

Laughing Dove *Spilopelia senegalensis*: Seen often (*senegalensis*)

Emerald-spotted Wood Dove *Turtur chalcospilos*: Seen often

Tambourine Dove *Turtur tympanistria*: Recorded on six days and seen well at Gatamaiyu

Namaqua Dove *Oena capensis*: Seen regularly (*capensis*)

African Green Pigeon *Treron calvus*: Seen at Sokoke (*wakefieldii*) and heard in the west (*gibberifrons*)

Turacos Family Musophagidae

Great Blue Turaco *Corythaeola cristata*: Seen at Kakamega

Ross's Turaco *Musophaga rossae*: Seen at Kakamega

Fischer's Turaco *Tauraco fischeri*: Great views at Sokoke (*fischeri*)

White-crested Turaco *Tauraco leucolophus*: Seen well at Kerio Valley

Hartlaub's Turaco *Tauraco hartlaubi*: Seen often in the highlands

White-bellied Go-away-bird *Corythaixoides leucogaster*: Seen regularly

Cuckoos Family Cuculidae

Blue-headed Coucal *Centropus monachus*: Heard in the Aberdares (*monachus*)

White-browed Coucal *Centropus superciliosus*: Seen regularly (*superciliosus*)

Green Malkoha *Ceuthmochares australis*: Heard at Tana River Primate Reserve

Great Spotted Cuckoo *Clamator glandarius*: One in the Tsavo West area

Jacobin Cuckoo *Clamator jacobinus*: Seen mostly in coastal area, with large numbers migrating through Tsavo West (mostly *pica*, but perhaps also some *jacobinus*)

Diederik Cuckoo *Chrysococcyx caprius*: Seen regularly

Klaas's Cuckoo *Chrysococcyx klaas*: Recorded regularly

African Emerald Cuckoo *Chrysococcyx cupreus*: Heard on six dates

Black Cuckoo *Cuculus clamosus*: Seen well at Nakuru (*clamosus*) and Kerio Valley; one at Nakuru and the one at Kerio were of the intermediate subspecies *jacksoni*

Red-chested Cuckoo *Cuculus solitarius*: Great views at Nakuru and heard elsewhere

Lesser Cuckoo *Cuculus poliocephalus*: Excellent views at Sokoke, where one bird even called briefly

African Cuckoo *Cuculus gularis*: Heard a couple of times

Common Cuckoo *Cuculus canorus*: Incredible numbers seen moving through the Tsavo East area (>300), and seen in smaller numbers elsewhere (*canorus*)

Barn Owls Family Tytonidae

Western Barn Owl *Tyto alba*: Heard in Nairobi (*affinis*)

Owls Family Strigidae

Sokoke Scops Owl *Otus ireneae*: Great night-time views at Sokoke

African Scops Owl *Otus senegalensis*: Seen on the roost at Baringo (*senegalensis*)

Northern White-faced Owl *Ptilopsis leucotis*: Four seen on the roost at Baringo and another near Garissa

Cape Eagle-Owl *Bubo capensis*: Nice views at the known roost site en route to Nyaruhuru (Mackinder's Eagle-Owl *mackinderi*)

Spotted Eagle-Owl *Bubo africanus*: One seen well in the day at Baringo (*africanus*); it had yellow eyes but quite a brownish ground colour like Greyish Eagle-Owl, so perhaps a hybrid?

Verreaux's Eagle-Owl *Bubo lacteus*: Seen on the roost at Baringo

African Wood Owl *Strix woodfordii*: Seen at Tana River Primate Reserve (*nigricantior*)

Pearl-spotted Owlet *Glaucidium perlatum*: Seen twice (*licua*)

Red-chested Owlet *Glaucidium tephronotum*: Great views at Kakamega (*elgonense*)

African Barred Owlet *Glaucidium capense*: Heard at close range at Sokoke, where one was seen very briefly (*scheffleri*)

Nightjars Family Caprimulgidae

Sombre Nightjar *Caprimulgus fraenatus*: Great day time views en route to Kinangop

Fiery-necked Nightjar *Caprimulgus pectoralis*: Heard and seen at Sokoke (*shelleyi*)

Montane Nightjar *Caprimulgus poliocephalus*: Heard in the Aberdares and on Mt Kenya

Star-spotted Nightjar *Caprimulgus stellatus*: Heard and seen north of Marsabit

Slender-tailed Nightjar *Caprimulgus clarus*: Seen a few times, first on Manda

Swifts Family Apodidae

Scarce Swift *Schoutedenapus myoptilus*: Quite numerous on Mt Kenya (*myoptilus*)

African Palm Swift *Cypsiurus parvus*: Seen regularly, mostly *laemostigma* but also *myochrous* around Kakamega

Mottled Swift *Tachymarptis aequatorialis*: Seen a couple of times (*aequatorialis*)

Nyanza Swift *Apus niansae*: Our best views were at the Mackinder's Eagle-Owl spot (*niansae*)

Little Swift *Apus affinis*: Seen regularly (*affinis*)

Horus Swift *Apus horus*: Seen at Nakuru and Gatamaiyu (*horus*)

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

Mousebirds Family Coliidae

Speckled Mousebird *Colius striatus*: Seen regularly, with *mombassicus* in coastal areas and *kikuyensis* elsewhere

White-headed Mousebird *Colius leucocephalus*: Seen in the Tsavo West area (*leucocephalus*) and at Samburu (*turneri*)

Blue-naped Mousebird *Urocolius macrourus*: Seen regularly (*pulcher*)

Trogon Family Trogonidae

Narina Trogon *Apaloderma narina*: Heard in the Aberdares (*narina*)

Bar-tailed Trogon *Apaloderma vittatum*: Heard at Kakamega

Rollers Family Coraciidae

Purple Roller *Coracias naevius*: Seen a few times (*naevius*)

Lilac-breasted Roller *Coracias caudatus*: Seen regularly

Lilac-throated Roller *Coracias lorti*: Seen well at Tana River Primate Reserve

European Roller *Coracias garrulus*: Most numerous at Tsavo East (*garrulus*)

Broad-billed Roller *Eurystomus glaucurus*: Seen once only (ssp. uncertain)

Kingfishers Family Alcedinidae

Grey-headed Kingfisher *Halcyon leucocephala*: Seen in small numbers (ssp. uncertain)

Brown-hooded Kingfisher *Halcyon albiventris*: Seen at Tana River Primate Reserve (*orientalis*)

Striped Kingfisher *Halcyon chelicuti*: Most conspicuous at Nakuru (*chelicuti*)

Woodland Kingfisher *Halcyon senegalensis*: Only at Lake Baringo (ssp. uncertain)

Mangrove Kingfisher *Halcyon senegaloides*: Heard at Manda

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

Malachite Kingfisher *Corythornis cristatus*: Seen only twice (*galeritus*)

Giant Kingfisher *Megaceryle maxima*: Seen on four dates (*maxima*)

Pied Kingfisher *Ceryle rudis*: Seen on three dates (*rudis*)

Bee-eaters Family Meropidae

Blue-headed Bee-eater *Merops muelleri*: Brilliant views at Kakamega

Little Bee-eater *Merops pusillus*: Seen a few times (most or all *cyanostictus*)

Cinnamon-chested Bee-eater *Merops oreobates*: Seen often in the highlands

White-fronted Bee-eater *Merops bullockoides*: Seen at Nakuru

Somali Bee-eater *Merops revoilii*: Seen at Tsavo East, Shaba and Buffalo Springs

White-throated Bee-eater *Merops albicollis*: Most conspicuous at Shaba

Olive Bee-eater *Merops superciliosus*: Heard twice (*superciliosus*), although Blue-cheeked Bee-eater could not be ruled out

European Bee-eater *Merops apiaster*: Recorded on two days

Northern Carmine Bee-eater *Merops nubicus*: Seen in Tsavo East

Hoopoes Family Upupidae

African Hoopoe *Upupa africana*: Seen regularly in small numbers

Wood Hoopoes Family Phoeniculidae

White-headed Wood Hoopoe *Phoeniculus bollei*: Great views at Mt Kenya and Gatamaiyu (*jacksoni*)

Green Wood Hoopoe *Phoeniculus purpureus*: Seen a few times (*marwitzi*)

Grant's Wood Hoopoe *Phoeniculus granti*: One seen with two green-mantled birds at Tana River Primate Reserve, two seen with one green-mantled bird in Tsavo East, and six seen at Buffalo Springs

Common Scimitarbill *Rhinopomastus cyanomelas*: Seen at Manda (*schalowi*)

Abyssinian Scimitarbill *Rhinopomastus minor*: Seen regularly (*cabanisi*)

Hornbills Family Bucerotidae

Crowned Hornbill *Tockus alboterminatus*: Seen a few times, *suaehelicus* in coastal areas and *geloensis* inland

African Grey Hornbill *Tockus nasutus*: Seen a few times (probably all *nasutus*)

Northern Red-billed Hornbill *Tockus erythrorhynchus*: Quite common

Eastern Yellow-billed Hornbill *Tockus flavirostris*: Seen a few times

Von der Decken's Hornbill *Tockus deckeni*: Seen quite often

Jackson's Hornbill *Tockus jacksoni*: Great views at Baringo

Trumpeter Hornbill *Bycanistes bucinator*: Seen at Tana River Primate Reserve

Black-and-white-casqued Hornbill *Bycanistes subcylindricus*: Seen at Kakamega (*subquadratus*)

Silvery-cheeked Hornbill *Bycanistes brevis*: Seen regularly

Ground Hornbills Family Bucorvidae

Southern Ground Hornbill *Bucorvus leadbeateri*: Seen at Tsavo East

African Barbets Family Lybiidae

Grey-throated Barbet *Gymnobucco bonapartei*: Seen at Kakamega (*cinereiceps*)

White-eared Barbet *Stactolaema leucotis*: Seen on Mt Kenya (*kilimensis*)

Green Barbet *Stactolaema olivacea*: Heard at Sokoke (*olivacea*)

Green Tinkerbird *Pogoniulus simplex*: Heard at Sokoke

Moustached Tinkerbird *Pogoniulus leucomystax*: Recorded on six dates

Yellow-rumped Tinkerbird *Pogoniulus bilineatus*: Seen well at Tana River Primate Reserve (*fischeri*) and Kakamega (*jacksoni*)

Red-fronted Tinkerbird *Pogoniulus pusillus*: Seen regularly (*affinis*)

Yellow-spotted Barbet *Buccanodon duchaillui*: Seen at Kakamega

Hairy-breasted Barbet *Tricholaema hirsuta*: Heard at Kakamega (*ansorgii*)

Red-fronted Barbet *Tricholaema diademata*: Recorded on three days (ssp. uncertain)

Spot-flanked Barbet *Tricholaema lacrymosa*: Seen regularly (probably all *lacrymosa*)

Black-throated Barbet *Tricholaema melanocephala*: Seen regularly (*stigmatothorax*)

White-headed Barbet *Lybius leucocephalus*: Seen well at Nakuru (*albicauda*)

Brown-and-white Barbet *Lybius senex*: Seen well at Thika

Brown-breasted Barbet *Lybius melanopterus*: Seen briefly at Taita Hills

Double-toothed Barbet *Lybius bidentatus*: Seen at Kerio Valley (*aequatorialis*)

Yellow-billed Barbet *Trachyphonus purpuratus*: Heard at Kakamega (*elgonensis*)

Red-and-yellow Barbet *Trachyphonus erythrocephalus*: Seen well at Samburu (seemed intermediate between *erythrocephalus* and *versicolor*), and also in Tsavo West (*erythrocephalus*)

D'Arnaud's Barbet *Trachyphonus darnaudii*: Seen regularly, *boehmi* in the east and *darnaudii* in the west

Honeyguides Family Indicatoridae

Brown-backed Honeybird *Prodotiscus regulus*: Seen at Thika (*regulus*)

Pallid Honeyguide *Indicator meliphilus*: Good views of a calling bird at Sokoke (*meliphilus*), and two at Kakamega matched this species, although did make us wonder about Willcock's Honeyguide

Lesser Honeyguide *Indicator minor*: Recorded twice (*teitensis*)

Scaly-throated Honeyguide *Indicator variegatus*: Seen well at Sokoke

Greater Honeyguide *Indicator indicator*: Recorded twice

Woodpeckers Family Picidae

Nubian Woodpecker *Campethera nubica*: Seen regularly (mostly *nubica*, but *pallida* at Manda)

Mombasa Woodpecker *Campethera mombassica*: Great views at Sokoke and Tana River Primate Reserve

Little Spotted Woodpecker *Campethera cailliautii*: Seen well at Tana River Primate Reserve and heard at Sokoke (*cailliautii*)

Buff-spotted Woodpecker *Campethera nivosa*: Seen well at Kakamega (*herberti*)

Cardinal Woodpecker *Dendropicos fuscescens*: Seen in small numbers (probably two or more ssp.)

Bearded Woodpecker *Dendropicos namaquus*: Seen a few times, *schoenis* at Samburu and *namaquus* at Gatamaiyu

Caracaras, Falcons Family Falconidae

Pygmy Falcon *Polihierax semitorquatus*: Seen regularly in small numbers (*castanonotus*)

Lesser Kestrel *Falco naumanni*: A few in Tsavo East

Common Kestrel *Falco tinnunculus*: Seen once (*rufescens*)

Greater Kestrel *Falco rupicoloides*: Good views north of Marsabit (*fieldi*)

Eurasian Hobby *Falco subbuteo*: Seen a few times (*subbuteo*)

Lanner Falcon *Falco biarmicus*: Seen on three dates, *abyssinicus* at Shaba and *biarmicus* at Tsavo West

Parrots Family Psittacidae

Red-fronted Parrot *Poicephalus gulielmi*: Perched birds seen well at Gatamaiyu, and seen also at Mt Kenya (*massaicus*)

Meyer's Parrot *Poicephalus meyeri*: Seen at Kerio Valley (*saturatus*)

Red-bellied Parrot *Poicephalus rufiventris*: Seen a few times (*rufiventris*)

Broadbills Family Eurylaimidae

African Broadbill *Smithornis capensis*: Heard at Kakamega (*meinertzhageni*)

Wattle-eyes, Batises Family Platysteiridae

African Shrike-flycatcher *Megabyas flammulatus*: Heard at Kakamega (*aequatorialis*)

Forest Batis *Batis mixta*: Seen well at Sokoke (*ultima*)

Chinspot Batis *Batis molitor*: Widespread sightings (*puella*)

Pale Batis *Batis soror*: Seen at Manda and Sokoke

Eastern Black-headed Batis *Batis minor*: Seen at Manda and Tsavo East

Pygmy Batis *Batis perkeo*: Recorded on five days

Chestnut Wattle-eye *Platysteira castanea*: Seen at Kakamega

Brown-throated Wattle-eye *Platysteira cyanea*: Seen at Kakamega (*nyansae*)

Jameson's Wattle-eye *Platysteira jamesoni*: Seen quite well at Kakamega

Helmetshrikes Family Prionopidae

White-crested Helmetshrike *Prionops plumatus*: Seen at Baringo (*cristatus*)

Retz's Helmetshrike *Prionops retzii*: Seen at Sokoke (*graculinus*)

Chestnut-fronted Helmetshrike *Prionops scopifrons*: Great views at Sokoke (*kirki*)

Bushshrikes Family Malaconotidae

Grey-headed Bushshrike *Malaconotus blanchoti*: Heard just once (*approximans*)

Black-fronted Bushshrike *Chlorophoneus nigrifrons*: Several good sightings in the central highlands (*nigrifrons*)

Bocage's Bushshrike *Chlorophoneus bocagei*: Seen at Kakamega (*jacksoni*)

Orange-breasted Bushshrike *Chlorophoneus sulfureopectus*: Recorded only on three days (*similis*)

Four-colored Bushshrike *Telophorus quadricolor*: Heard at Sokoke (*nigricauda*)

Doherty's Bushshrike *Telophorus dohertyi*: Heard at Mt Kenya

Rosy-patched Bushshrike *Telophorus cruentus*: *cathemagmenus* in the Tsavo area and *hilgerti* at Samburu

Brown-crowned Tchagra *Tchagra australis*: Seen on several days, including at Nairobi NP (*emini*)

Three-streaked Tchagra *Tchagra jamesi*: Great views at Manda (*mandanus*) and Tsavo West area (*jamesi*)

Black-crowned Tchagra *Tchagra senegalus*: Recorded only on three days (probably *orientalis*)

Black-backed Puffback *Dryoscopus cubla*: Seen well at Manda and Sokoke (*affini*), and in the Taita Hills (*nairobiensis*)

Pink-footed Puffback *Dryoscopus angolensis*: Seen at Kakamega (*nandensis*)

Northern Puffback *Dryoscopus gambensis*: Seen in the Kerio Valley (*malzacii*)

Pringle's Puffback *Dryoscopus pringlii*: Remarkably common in Tsavo West and around Garissa, and seen well at the latter locality

Slate-colored Boubou *Laniarius funebris*: Seen regularly

Lühder's Bushshrike *Laniarius luehderi*: Seen at Kakamega

Red-naped Bushshrike *Laniarius ruficeps*: Good views at Tsavo East and Tsavo West (*rufinuchalis*)

Black Boubou *Laniarius nigerrimus*: Great views on Manda, with three individuals seen

Tropical Boubou *Laniarius major*: Seen in the central highlands (*ambiguus*) and west of the Rift Valley (*major*)

East Coast Boubou *Laniarius sublacteus*: Seen on Manda and at Sokoke

Black-headed Gonolek *Laniarius erythrogaster*: Seen at Kerio Valley

Brubru *Nilaus afer*: Seen regularly, *massaicus* in the west and central areas, and *minor* in the east

Cuckooshrikes Family Campephagidae

Grey Cuckooshrike *Coracina caesia*: Seen at Mt Kenya and Gatamaiyu (*pura*)

Black Cuckooshrike *Campephaga flava*: Seen in Tsavo West

Petit's Cuckooshrike *Campephaga petiti*: Seen at Kakamega

Purple-throated Cuckooshrike *Campephaga quiscalina*: Seen at Kakamega and Mt Kenya (*martini*)

Shrikes Family Laniidae

Northern White-crowned Shrike *Eurocephalus ruppelli*: Seen regularly

Red-backed Shrike *Lanius collurio*: Good numbers in the east (perhaps multiple ssp.)

Mackinnon's Shrike *Lanius mackinnoni*: Seen at Kakamega

Lesser Grey Shrike *Lanius minor*: Good numbers seen on passage, especially in the Tsavo area

Grey-backed Fiscal *Lanius excubitoroides*: Seen at Nakuru (*excubitoroides*)

Long-tailed Fiscal *Lanius cabanisi*: Most conspicuous in the Tsavo area

Taita Fiscal *Lanius dorsalis*: Seen in Tsavo West

Somali Fiscal *Lanius somalicus*: Seen north of Marsabit

Northern Fiscal *Lanius humeralis*: Seen regularly (*humeralis*)

Figbirds, Orioles Family Oriolidae

Eurasian Golden Oriole *Oriolus oriolus*: Recorded on five dates

Western Oriole *Oriolus brachyrynchus*: Seen at Kakamega (*laetior*)

Mountain Oriole *Oriolus percivali*: Seen at Mt Kenya and Gatamaiyu

Black-headed Oriole *Oriolus larvatus*: Recorded regularly (mostly *rolleti*)

Drongos Family Dicruridae

Square-tailed Drongo *Dicrurus ludwigii*: Seen at Tana River Primate Reserve (*muenzneri*), and at Kakamega (*sharpei*)

Fork-tailed Drongo *Dicrurus adsimilis*: Recorded regularly (*fugax*)

Monarchs Family Monarchidae

Blue-mantled Crested Flycatcher *Trochocercus cyanomelas*: Recorded at Sokoke and Tana River Primate Reserve (*bivittatus*)

African Paradise Flycatcher *Terpsiphone viridis*: Recorded regularly (mostly *ferreti*)

Crows, Jays Family Corvidae

Cape Crow *Corvus capensis*: Seen at Kinangop and north of Marsabit (*kordofanensis*)

Pied Crow *Corvus albus*: Recorded regularly

Somali Crow *Corvus edithae*: Seen in the Marsabit area

Fan-tailed Raven *Corvus rhipidurus*: Seen in the Shaba, Marsabit and Baringo areas (*rhipidurus*)

White-necked Raven *Corvus albicollis*: Seen on two days

Fairy Flycatchers Family Stenostiridae

African Blue Flycatcher *Elminia longicauda*: Seen at Kakamega (*teresita*)

White-tailed Crested Flycatcher *Elminia albonotata*: Seen in the central highland forests (*albonotata*)

Tits, Chickadees Family Paridae

White-bellied Tit *Melaniparus albiventris*: Recorded on 10 days!

Dusky Tit *Melaniparus funereus*: Seen at Kakamega (*funereus*)

Acacia Tit *Melaniparus thruppi*: Seen at Tsavo West, Shaba, Marsabit and Garissa (*barakae*)

Penduline Tits Family Remizidae

Mouse-colored Penduline Tit *Anthoscopus musculus*: Seen well at Baringo

Nicators Family Nicatoridae

Eastern Nicator *Nicator gularis*: Heard at Kakamega

Larks Family Alaudidae

Chestnut-headed Sparrow-Lark *Eremopterix signatus*: Seen in large numbers in Tsavo East, Shaba, Marsabit and Garissa (*signatus*, including black-headed morphs at Marsabit)

Pink-breasted Lark *Calendulauda poecilosterna*: Seen regularly

Foxy Lark *Calendulauda alopex*: Seen at Tsavo West, Shaba and Samburu (*intercedens*)

Red-winged Lark *Mirafra hypermetra*: Numerous in the Tsavo area and seen at Shaba (*hypermetra*)

Rufous-naped Lark *Mirafra africana*: Seen at Nairobi NP and Kinangop (*athi*)

Flappet Lark *Mirafra rufocinnamomea*: Seen in the Tsavo West area (*torrida*)

Williams's Lark *Mirafra williamsi*: Good views of several birds displaying and on the ground at Shaba

Singing Bush Lark *Mirafra cantillans*: Seen in Tsavo East (*marginata*)

Collared Lark *Mirafra collaris*: Brilliant views of at least five birds in full display north of Garissa

Friedmann's Lark *Mirafra pulpa*: Super views of a bird in display, and perched, in the Tsavo West area

Masked Lark *Spizocorys personata*: Great views of at least 30 in the Isiolo (*intensa*) and Marsabit areas (*yavelloensis*)

Crested Lark *Galerida cristata*: Seen north of Marsabit (*somaliensis*)

Thekla Lark *Galerida theklae*: Seen north of Marsabit (*huriensis*)

Bulbuls Family Pycnonotidae

Dodson's Bulbul *Pycnonotus dodsoni*: Seen regularly in arid areas

Dark-capped Bulbul *Pycnonotus tricolor*: Seen regularly in moister areas (*tricolor*)

Kakamega Greenbul *Arizelocichla kakamegae*: Seen well at Kakamega (*kakamegae*)

Olive-breasted Greenbul *Arizelocichla kikuyuensis*: Several seen in the highlands

Stripe-faced Greenbul *Arizelocichla striifacies*: Seen at Taita Hills

Slender-billed Greenbul *Stelgidillas gracilirostris*: Seen at Mt Kenya (*percivali*) and Kakamega (*gracilirostris*)

Little Greenbul *Eurillas virens*: Heard at Kakamega (*virens*)

Ansorge's Greenbul *Eurillas ansorgei*: Seen at Kakamega (*kavirondensis*)

Plain Greenbul *Eurillas curvirostris*: Seen at Kakamega (*curvirostris*)

Yellow-whiskered Greenbul *Eurillas latirostris*: Recorded on 8 days (*latirostris*)

Sombre Greenbul *Andropadus importunus*: Seen commonly in the east (*insularis*)

Joyful Greenbul *Chlorocichla laetissima*: Seen well at Kakamega (*laetissima*)

Yellow-bellied Greenbul *Chlorocichla flaviventris*: Seen at Manda and Sokoke (*centralis*)

Northern Brownbul *Phyllastrephus strepitans*: Recorded on 6 days

Terrestrial Brownbul *Phyllastrephus terrestris*: Seen at Sokoke (*suahelicus*)

Toro Olive Greenbul *Phyllastrephus hypochloris*: Seen at Kakamega

Fischer's Greenbul *Phyllastrephus fischeri*: Good views at Tana River Primate Reserve

Cabanis's Greenbul *Phyllastrephus cabanisi*: Seen at Kakamega (*sucosus*)

Placid Greenbul *Phyllastrephus placidus*: Seen at Taita Hills, Mt Kenya and Gatamaiyu

Red-tailed Bristlebill *Bleda syndactylus*: Heard at Kakamega (*woosnami*)

Honeyguide Greenbul *Baeopogon indicator*: Seen at Kakamega (*indicator*)

Lowland Tiny Greenbul *Phyllastrephus debilis*: Seen well at Sokoke (*rabai*)

Yellow-throated Leaflove *Atimastillas flavicollis*: Seen at Kakamega (*flavigula*)

Swallows, Martins Family Hirundinidae

White-headed Saw-wing *Psalidoprocne albiceps*: Seen at Kakamega (*albiceps*)

Black Saw-wing *Psalidoprocne pristoptera*: Seen regularly (*massaica*)

Brown-throated Martin *Riparia paludicola*: Seen on 4 days (*ducis*)

Banded Martin *Riparia cincta*: Seen at Nairobi National Park (*suahelica*)

Barn Swallow *Hirundo rustica*: Recorded almost every day (*rustica*)

Ethiopian Swallow *Hirundo aethiopica*: Seen along the coast (*amadoni*) and at Marsabit (*aethiopica*)

Wire-tailed Swallow *Hirundo smithii*: Seen on two days (*smithii*)

Rock Martin *Ptyonoprogne fuligula*: Seen regularly in the highlands (*rufigula*)

Common House Martin *Delichon urbicum*: Seen just once (*urbica*)

Lesser Striped Swallow *Cecropis abyssinica*: Seen regularly (*unitatis*)

Mosque Swallow *Cecropis senegalensis*: Seen at Aberdares and Mt Kenya (probably *saturator*)

Red-rumped Swallow *Cecropis daurica*: Seen regularly in the highlands (*emini*)

Crombecs, African Warblers Family Macrosphenidae

Moustached Grass Warbler *Melocichla mentalis*: Heard at Nairobi National Park (*amauroura*)

Northern Crombec *Sylvietta brachyura*: Seen on four dates (*leucopsis*)

Red-faced Crombec *Sylvietta whytii*: Seen at 8 days, *minima* at Manda and *jacksoni* elsewhere

Somali Crombec *Sylvietta isabellina*: Seen at Marsabit and in the Garissa area

White-browed Crombec *Sylvietta leucophrys*: Seen well at Gatamaiyu (*leucophrys*)

Yellow Flycatchers Family Erythroceridae

Little Yellow Flycatcher *Erythrocerus holochlorus*: Seen well at Sokoke and Tana River Primate Reserve

Family Uncertain Family Incertae Sedis 4

Green Hylia *Hylia prasina*: Heard at Kakamega (*prasina*)

Leaf Warblers and allies Family Phylloscopidae

Yellow-throated Woodland Warbler *Phylloscopus ruficapilla*: Seen at Taita Hills (*minullus*)

Uganda Woodland Warbler *Phylloscopus budongoensis*: Seen very well at Kakamega

Brown Woodland Warbler *Phylloscopus umbrovirens*: Seen in the highland forests (*mackenzianus*)

Willow Warbler *Phylloscopus trochilus*: Seen regularly (mostly or all *acredula*)

Reed Warblers and allies Family Acrocephalidae

Lesser Swamp Warbler *Acrocephalus gracilirostris*: Seen at Nairobi National Park (*parvus*)

Great Reed Warbler *Acrocephalus arundinaceus*: Seen in the Tsavo West area (ssp. uncertain)

Sedge Warbler *Acrocephalus schoenobaenus*: Seen at Nairobi National Park

African Yellow Warbler *Iduna natalensis*: Seen at Nairobi National Park (*massaica*)

Mountain Yellow Warbler *Iduna similis*: Seen at Mt Kenya

Grassbirds and allies Family Locustellidae

Little Rush Warbler *Bradypterus baboecala*: Heard in the Tsavo West area (*tongensis*)

Cinnamon Bracken Warbler *Bradypterus cinnamomeus*: Seen well at Gatamaiyu (*cinnamomeus*)

Evergreen Forest Warbler *Bradypterus lopezi*: Seen well at Gatamaiyu (*mariae*), heard to Taita Hills (*usambarae*)

Cisticolas and allies Family Cisticolidae

Red-faced Cisticola *Cisticola erythropterus*: Recorded on 2 days (*sylvia*)

Singing Cisticola *Cisticola cantans*: Seen regularly in the highlands (*pictipennis*)

Chubb's Cisticola *Cisticola chubbi*: Heard at Kakamega (*chubbi*)

Hunter's Cisticola *Cisticola hunteri*: Seen regularly in the highlands

Rattling Cisticola *Cisticola chiniana*: Recorded on several days (ssp. uncertain)

Boran Cisticola *Cisticola bodessa*: Seen well near Marsabit (*bodessa*)

Ashy Cisticola *Cisticola cinereolus*: Very numerous in the Tsavo West area, but also seen elsewhere (*schillingsi*)

Lynes's Cisticola *Cisticola distinctus*: Great views en route to Kinangop
Winding Cisticola *Cisticola marginatus*: Recorded on four days (*nyansae*)
Coastal Cisticola *Cisticola haematocephalus*: Especially easy to see on Manda
Levaillant's Cisticola *Cisticola tinniens*: Seen at Kinangop (*oreophilus*)
Stout Cisticola *Cisticola robustus*: Many seen at Nairobi National Park, and one at Kakamega (*nuchalis*)
Aberdare Cisticola *Cisticola aberdare*: Many seen well in the Aberdares
Tiny Cisticola *Cisticola nana*: Seen well in the Tsavo West and Marsabit areas
Short-winged Cisticola *Cisticola brachypterus*: Seen at Nairobi National Park (*katonae*)
Zitting Cisticola *Cisticola juncidis*: Recorded just in the Tsavo West area (*uropygialis*)
Desert Cisticola *Cisticola aridulus*: Seen in Tsavo East (*tanganyika*)
Pectoral-patch Cisticola *Cisticola brunnescens*: Seen at Nakuru (*nakuruensis*) and Nairobi National Park (*hindii*)
Tawny-flanked Prinia *Prinia subflava*: Recorded regularly (ssp. uncertain)
Pale Prinia *Prinia somalica*: Seen near Garissa (*erlangeri*)
Black-faced Prinia *Prinia melanops*: Heard at Kakamega (*melanops*)
White-chinned Prinia *Schistolais leucopogon*: Seen at Kakamega (*reichenowi*)
Black-collared Apalis *Oreolais pulcher*: Great views at Mt Kenya and Gatamaiyu (*pulcher*)
Taita Apalis *Apalis fuscigularis*: Seen well at Taita Hills
Yellow-breasted Apalis *Apalis flavida*: Seen well at Nairobi NP (*pugnax*)
Brown-tailed Apalis *Apalis viridiceps*: Several good sightings (*flavocincta*)
Black-headed Apalis *Apalis melanocephala*: Seen at Sokoke and Tana River Primate Reserve (*melanocephala*), and Mt Kenya (*nigrodorsalis*)
Chestnut-throated Apalis *Apalis porphyrolaema*: Seen in the highland forests
Buff-throated Apalis *Apalis rufogularis*: Seen at Kakamega (*nigrescens*)
Black-throated Apalis *Apalis jacksoni*: Seen well at Mt Kenya (*jacksoni*)
Grey Apalis *Apalis cinerea*: Seen in the highland forests (*cinerea*)
Red-fronted Warbler *Urorhipis rufifrons*: Seen several times (*rufifrons*)
Grey-capped Warbler *Eminia lepida*: Seen well at Nairobi National Park and heard elsewhere
Grey-backed Camaroptera *Camaroptera brevicaudata*: Seen regularly (several ssp.)
Olive-green Camaroptera *Camaroptera chloronota*: Seen at Kakamega (*toroensis*)
Grey Wren-Warbler *Calamonastes simplex*: Seen regularly
Black-faced Rufous Warbler *Bathmocercus rufus*: Great views at Kakamega (*vulpinus*)
Yellow-bellied Eremomela *Eremomela icteropygialis*: Seen well at Samburu (*abdominalis*)
Yellow-vented Eremomela *Eremomela flavicrissalis*: Seen well at Samburu and Garissa

Turner's Eremomela *Eremomela turneri*: Seen well at Kakamega (*turneri*)

Fulvettas, Ground Babblers Family Pellorneidae

Scaly-breasted Illadopsis *Illadopsis albipectus*: Heard at Kakamega (*barakae*)

Brown Illadopsis *Illadopsis fulvescens*: Heard at Kakamega (*ugandae*)

Mountain Illadopsis *Illadopsis pyrrhoptera*: Heard at Kakamega (*pyrrhoptera*)

Laughingthrushes Family Leiothrichidae

Scaly Chatterer *Turdoides aylmeri*: Great views in the Tsavo West area (*keniana*)

Rufous Chatterer *Turdoides rubiginosa*: Several good sightings, including at Samburu (*rubiginosa*) and Manda (*heuglini*)

Brown Babbler *Turdoides plebejus*: Seen at Kerio Valley (*cinerea*)

Arrow-marked Babbler *Turdoides jardineii*: Seen at Nakuru (*emini*)

Scaly Babbler *Turdoides squamulata*: Seen well at Manda, and again at Sokoke (*squamulata*)

Hinde's Babbler *Turdoides hindei*: Seen well between the Aberdares and Mt Kenya, near Nyeri

Northern Pied Babbler *Turdoides hypoleuca*: Just a couple of sightings (*hypoleuca*)

Sylviid Babblers Family Sylviidae

African Hill Babbler *Pseudoalcippe abyssinica*: Seen in the highland forests (*abyssinica*)

Eurasian Blackcap *Sylvia atricapilla*: Just one sighting at Taita Hills (probably *dammholzi*)

Common Whitethroat *Sylvia communis*: Just one sighting

Banded Parisoma *Sylvia boehmi*: Seen well at Samburu (*marsabit*), heard elsewhere

White-eyes Family Zosteropidae

Kenyan White-eye *Zosterops flavilateralis*: Seen well at Nairobi National Park, Manda and Thika (*flavilateralis*)

African Yellow White-eye *Zosterops senegalensis*: Seen at Kakamega (*jacksoni*)

Kikuyu White-eye *Zosterops kikuyuensis*: Many good sightings in the highland forests

Taita White-eye *Zosterops silvanus*: Seen well in the Taita Hills

Dapple-throat and allies Family Arcanatoridae

Grey-chested Babbler *Kakamega poliothorax*: Heard at Kakamega

Starlings, Rhabdornis Family Sturnidae

Wattled Starling *Creatophora cinerea*: Seen regularly

Black-bellied Starling *Notopholia corrusca*: Seen well along the coast and at Tana River Primate Reserve (*corrusca*)

Greater Blue-eared Starling *Lamprotornis chalybaeus*: Seen on 5 days (most or all *cyaniventris*)

Shelley's Starling *Lamprotornis shelleyi*: Seen between Malindi and Tsavo East

Rüppell's Starling *Lamprotornis purpuroptera*: Seen on 5 days (*purpuroptera*)

Golden-breasted Starling *Lamprotornis regius*: Some great views

Superb Starling *Lamprotornis superbus*: Seen often

Hildebrandt's Starling *Lamprotornis hildebrandti*: Seen in the Tsavo West area

Fischer's Starling *Lamprotornis fischeri*: Seen regularly in arid areas

Violet-backed Starling *Cinnyricinclus leucogaster*: Seen a few times (*leucogaster*)

Red-winged Starling *Onychognathus morio*: Just a couple of sightings (probably *morio*)

Waller's Starling *Onychognathus walleri*: Seen at Mt Kenya (*walleri*)

Bristle-crowned Starling *Onychognathus salvadorii*: Seen from Shaba to Marsabit

Stuhlmann's Starling *Poeoptera stuhlmanni*: Seen at Kakamega

Magpie Starling *Speculipastor bicolor*: Seen at Shaba, Samburu and Baringo

Oxpeckers Family Buphagidae

Yellow-billed Oxpecker *Buphagus africanus*: Seen a few times (*africanus*)

Red-billed Oxpecker *Buphagus erythrorhynchus*: Seen regularly

Thrushes Family Turdidae

Red-tailed Ant Thrush *Neocossyphus rufus*: Great views at Sokoke and Tana River Primate Reserve (*rufus*)

White-tailed Ant Thrush *Neocossyphus poensis*: Seen at Kakamega (*praepectoralis*)

Abyssinian Ground Thrush *Geokichla piaggiae*: Great views on Mt Kenya (*kilimensis*)

Orange Ground Thrush *Geokichla gurneyi*: Seen well on Mt Kenya (*chuka*), heard at Taita Hills (*raineyi*)

African Thrush *Turdus pelios*: Seen in the west (*centralis*)

Bare-eyed Thrush *Turdus tephronotus*: Seen well at Manda

Abyssinian Thrush *Turdus abyssinicus*: Seen often (*abyssinicus*)

Taita Thrush *Turdus helleri*: Good views in the Taita Hills

Chats, Old World Flycatchers Family Muscicapidae

Bearded Scrub Robin *Cercotrichas quadrivirgata*: Seen at Manda and Tana River Primate Reserve (*quadrivirgata*)

White-browed Scrub Robin *Cercotrichas leucophrys*: Seen regularly, including at Nairobi NP (*brunneiceps*), Tsavo (*vulpina*), Samburu (*leucoptera*) and Garissa (*eluta*)

Grey Tit-Flycatcher *Myioparus plumbeus*: Heard at Manda (*orientalis*) and Kerio Valley (*plumbeus*)

White-eyed Slaty Flycatcher *Melaenornis fischeri*: Seen regularly (*fischeri*)

Northern Black Flycatcher *Melaenornis edolioides*: Seen at Kakamega (*lugubris*)

Southern Black Flycatcher *Melaenornis pammelaina*: Seen at Thika (*pammelaina*)

Pale Flycatcher *Melaenornis pallidus*: Seen at Manda and Sokoke (*subalaris*)

Bafirawari Flycatcher *Melaenornis bafirawari*: Many studied north of Garissa

African Grey Flycatcher *Melaenornis microrhynchus*: Seen regularly, including around Tsavo West (*taruensis*), and Samburu and Garissa (*burae*)

Spotted Flycatcher *Muscicapa striata*: Seen in the east (ssp. uncertain)

Ashy Flycatcher *Muscicapa caerulescens*: Seen at Sokoke and Tana River Primate Reserve (*cinereola*)

African Dusky Flycatcher *Muscicapa adusta*: Seen a few times, including at Taita Hills (*murina*) and Mt Kenya (*pumila*)

Brown-chested Alethe *Pseudaethe poliocephala*: Fantastic views at Kakamega (*carruthersi*) and Gatamaiyu (*akeleyae*)

Cape Robin-Chat *Cossypha caffra*: Recorded regularly (*iolaema*)

Snowy-crowned Robin-Chat *Cossypha niveicapilla*: Seen at Kakamega

Blue-shouldered Robin-Chat *Cossypha cyanocampter*: Heard at Kakamega (*bartteloti*)

Rüppell's Robin-Chat *Cossypha semirufa*: Seen regularly (*intercedens*)

White-browed Robin-Chat *Cossypha heuglini*: Seen a few times, including at Manda (*intermedia*) and in the west (*heuglini*)

Red-capped Robin-Chat *Cossypha natalensis*: Heard at Tana River Primate Reserve (*intensa*)

White-starred Robin *Pogonocichla stellata*: Seen in the central highland forests (*intensa*) and at Taita Hills (*helleri*)

Equatorial Akalat *Sheppardia aequatorialis*: Seen at Kakamega (*aequatorialis*)

East Coast Akalat *Sheppardia gunningi*: Great views at Sokoke (*sokokensis*)

Spotted Palm Thrush *Cichladusa guttata*: Seen regularly, including at Manda (*rufipennis*) and Samburu (*intercalans*)

Common Rock Thrush *Monticola saxatilis*: Good numbers seen moving through Tsavo East (*saxatilis*)

African Stonechat *Saxicola torquatus*: Seen in the highlands (*axillaris*)

Moorland Chat *Pinarochroa sordida*: Common in the Aberdares and also seen on Mt Kenya (*ernesti*)

Mocking Cliff Chat *Thamnolaea cinnamomeiventris*: Seen at Nakuru (*subrufipennis*)

Anteater Chat *Myrmecocichla aethiops*: Most conspicuous at Nakuru (*cryptoleuca*)

Capped Wheatear *Oenanthe pileata*: One in Tsavo East (*livingstonii*)

Isabelline Wheatear *Oenanthe isabellina*: One at Shaba seen briefly

Brown-tailed Rock Chat *Oenanthe scotocerca*: Great views at Baringo (*turkana*)

Schalow's Wheatear *Oenanthe schalowi*: Seen well en route to Kinangop

Sunbirds Family Nectariniidae

Plain-backed Sunbird *Anthreptes reichenowi*: Good views at Sokoke (*yokanae*)

Eastern Violet-backed Sunbird *Anthreptes orientalis*: Seen regularly

Grey-chinned Sunbird *Anthreptes rectirostris*: Seen at Kakamega (*tephrolaemus*)

Collared Sunbird *Hedydipna collaris*: Seen often, including at Manda (*elachior*) and Nairobi (*garguensis*)

Amani Sunbird *Hedydipna pallidigaster*: Fantastic views at Sokoke

Green-headed Sunbird *Cyanomitra verticalis*: Seen a few times (*viridisplendens*)

West Olive Sunbird *Cyanomitra obscura*: Seen at Kakamega (*vincenti*)
Eastern Olive Sunbird *Cyanomitra olivacea*: Seen at Sokoke (*changamwensis*) and Mt Kenya (*neglecta*)
Grey Sunbird *Cyanomitra veroxii*: Seen at Manda and as we neared Tsavo East (*fischeri*)
Green-throated Sunbird *Chalcomitra rubescens*: Seen at Kakamega (*rubescens*)
Amethyst Sunbird *Chalcomitra amethystina*: Seen regularly, including at Nairobi NP (*doggetti*) and Manda (*kalckreuthi*)
Scarlet-chested Sunbird *Chalcomitra senegalensis*: Seen in moister areas (*lamperti*)
Hunter's Sunbird *Chalcomitra hunteri*: Seen well in the arid areas
Tacazze Sunbird *Nectarinia tacazze*: Many good sightings (*jacksoni*)
Bronzy Sunbird *Nectarinia kilimensis*: Seen just twice (*kilimensis*)
Malachite Sunbird *Nectarinia famosa*: Seen in the Aberdares (*cupreonitens*)
Scarlet-tufted Sunbird *Nectarinia johnstoni*: Incredible views on Mt Kenya, down to a few metres (*johnstoni*)
Golden-winged Sunbird *Drepanorhynchus reichenowi*: Some great views (*reichenowi*)
Olive-bellied Sunbird *Cinnyris chloropygius*: Seen at Kakamega (*orphogaster*)
Northern Double-collared Sunbird *Cinnyris reichenowi*: Seen several times (*reichenowi*)
Eastern Double-collared Sunbird *Cinnyris mediocris*: Seen at Aberdares, Mt Kenya and Gatamaiyu
Usambara Double-collared Sunbird *Cinnyris usambaricus*: Heard at Taita Hills
Beautiful Sunbird *Cinnyris pulchellus*: Seen at Baringo (*pulchellus*)
Marico Sunbird *Cinnyris mariquensis*: Seen at Kerio Valley (*osiris*)
Black-bellied Sunbird *Cinnyris nectarinioides*: Great views at Tsavo East (*nectarinioides*) and Samburu (*erlangeri*)
Purple-banded Sunbird *Cinnyris bifasciatus*: Seen well along the coast (*microrhynchus*)
Tsavo Sunbird *Cinnyris tsavoensis*: Seen well in the Tsavo West area
Violet-breasted Sunbird *Cinnyris chalcomelas*: Great views at Tana River Primate Reserve
Variable Sunbird *Cinnyris venustus*: Seen widely (*falkensteini*), including the white bellied form at Garissa (*albiventris*)

Old World Sparrows Family Passeridae

White-browed Sparrow-Weaver *Plocepasser mahali*: Seen often (*melanorhynchus*)
Donaldson Smith's Sparrow-Weaver *Plocepasser donaldsoni*: Many seen from Shaba northwards
Black-capped Social Weaver *Pseudonigrita cabanisi*: Seen several times
Somali Sparrow *Passer castanopterus*: Seen well north of Marsabit (*fulgens*)
Kenya Sparrow *Passer rufocinctus*: Seen regularly
Northern Grey-headed Sparrow *Passer griseus*: Seen at Kakamega (*ugandae*)
Parrot-billed Sparrow *Passer gongonensis*: Seen regularly
Chestnut Sparrow *Passer eminibey*: Seen at Shaba

Yellow-spotted Petronia *Gymnoris pyrgita*: Seen several times (*pyrgita*)

Weavers, Widowbirds Family Ploceidae

White-billed Buffalo Weaver *Bubalornis albirostris*: Seen at Baringo

Red-billed Buffalo Weaver *Bubalornis niger*: Seen several times (*intermedius*)

White-headed Buffalo Weaver *Dinemellia dinemelli*: Seen often (*dinemelli*), including in the south-east (*boehmi*)

Speckle-fronted Weaver *Sporopipes frontalis*: Seen at Samburu (*emini*)

Thick-billed Weaver *Amblyospiza albifrons*: Seen a couple of times (*unicolor*)

Baglafecht Weaver *Ploceus baglafecht*: Seen regularly (*reichenowi*)

Little Weaver *Ploceus luteolus*: Seen at Baringo (*luteolus*)

Spectacled Weaver *Ploceus ocularis*: Seen regularly east of the Rift Valley (*suahelicus*)

Black-necked Weaver *Ploceus nigricollis*: Seen well at Manda and Tsavo West (*melanoxanthus*), and Kakamega (*nigricollis*)

Black-billed Weaver *Ploceus melanogaster*: Seen well at Kakamega (*stephanophorus*)

Eastern Golden Weaver *Ploceus subaureus*: Seen in the Tsavo West area (*aureoflavus*)

Holub's Golden Weaver *Ploceus xanthops*: Seen in the central highlands

Golden Palm Weaver *Ploceus bojeri*: Great views at Manda, and also seen en route to Garissa

Northern Masked Weaver *Ploceus taeniopterus*: Great views of breeding-plumage birds at Baringo (*taeniopterus*)

Lesser Masked Weaver *Ploceus intermedius*: Seen a couple of times (*intermedius*)

Vitelline Masked Weaver *Ploceus vitellinus*: Seen regularly (*uluensis*)

Speke's Weaver *Ploceus spekei*: Seen in good numbers

Vieillot's Black Weaver *Ploceus nigerrimus*: Seen at Kakamega

Village Weaver *Ploceus cucullatus*: Seen at Kerio Valley and Baringo (*bohndorffi*)

Spotted-backed Weaver *Ploceus paroptus*: Seen in the Tsavo area (*paroptus*)

Clarke's Weaver *Ploceus golangi*: Brilliant views of two large flocks, including full-plumage males, at Sokoke

Golden-backed Weaver *Ploceus jacksoni*: Seen well at Baringo, where in full breeding plumage

Chestnut Weaver *Ploceus rubiginosus*: Seen regularly, with breeding plumage birds around Samburu (*rubiginosus*)

Dark-backed Weaver *Ploceus bicolor*: Seen in the coastal forests (*kersteni*) and at Kakamega (*mentalis*)

Brown-capped Weaver *Ploceus insignis*: Seen at Mt Kenya, Kakamega and Gatamaiyu

Red-headed Malimbe *Malimbus rubricollis*: Seen at Kakamega (*rubricollis*)

Red-headed Weaver *Anaplectes rubriceps*: A few good sightings (*leuconotos*)

Red-billed Quelea *Quelea quelea*: Many seen (*aethiopica*)

Yellow-crowned Bishop *Euplectes afer*: Breeding-plumage birds seen at Thika (*ladoensis*)

Fire-fronted Bishop *Euplectes diadematus*: Hundreds of breeding-plumage birds seen in Tsavo East

Zanzibar Red Bishop *Euplectes nigroventris*: Breeding-plumage birds seen in the Tsavo West area
Black-winged Red Bishop *Euplectes hordeaceus*: Breeding-plumage birds seen in the Tsavo West area (*hordeaceus*)
Yellow Bishop *Euplectes capensis*: Seen only twice (*crassirostris*)
White-winged Widowbird *Euplectes albonotatus*: Very conspicuous in the Tsavo West area (*eques*)
Red-naped Widowbird *Euplectes suahelicus*: Great views in Nairobi National Park (*suahelicus*)
Long-tailed Widowbird *Euplectes progne*: Great views at Kinangops (*delamerei*)
Jackson's Widowbird *Euplectes jacksoni*: Seen well at Nairobi National Park and the Mackinder's Eagle-Owl spot

Waxbills, Munias and allies Family Estrildidae

Grey-headed Nigrita *Nigrita canicapillus*: Seen at Mt Kenya (*diabolicus*) and Kakamega (*schistaceus*)
White-breasted Nigrita *Nigrita fusconotus*: Heard at Kakamega (*fusconotus*)
Green-winged Pytilia *Pytilia melba*: Several sightings (*soudanensis*)
Cut-throat Finch *Amadina fasciata*: Seen at Shaba and Samburu (*alexanderi*)
Abyssinian Crimsonwing *Cryptospiza salvadorii*: Seen at Aberdares and Mt Kenya (*kilimensis*)
Red-throated Twinspot *Hypargos niveoguttatus*: Great views at Sokoke (*macrospilotus*)
Red-billed Firefinch *Lagonosticta senegala*: Seen regularly (*ruberrima*)
Red-cheeked Cordon-bleu *Uraeginthus bengalus*: Seen regularly, including at Baring (*bengalus*), Nairobi (*brunneigularis*) and Lamu (*littoralis*)
Blue-capped Cordon-bleu *Uraeginthus cyanocephalus*: Several good sightings
Purple Grenadier *Uraeginthus ianthinogaster*: Several good sightings
Yellow-bellied Waxbill *Coccyzygia quartinia*: Seen in the highland forests (*kilimensis*)
Crimson-rumped Waxbill *Estrilda rhodopyga*: Seen well at Tsavo West and Baringo (*centralis*)
Common Waxbill *Estrilda astrild*: Seen a few times in central areas (*massaica*)
Kandt's Waxbill *Estrilda kandti*: Seen well at Aberdares and Mt Kenya (*keniensis*)
Black-cheeked Waxbill *Estrilda chamosyna*: Seen at Shaba and Garissa (*chamosyna*)
African Silverbill *Euodice cantans*: Seen at Shaba and Samburu (*orientalis*)
Grey-headed Silverbill *Odontospiza caniceps*: Great views in the Tsavo West area
Bronze Mannikin *Lonchura cucullata*: Seen several times, *cucullata* at Kakamega and *scutata* in the east
Red-backed Mannikin *Lonchura nigriceps*: Common in the highlands

Indigobirds, Whydahs Family Viduidae

Village Indigobird *Vidua chalybeata*: Seen between Malindi and Tsavo East (*amauropteryx* with a red bill), and in the Tsavo West area (*centralis* with a white bill)
Pin-tailed Whydah *Vidua macroura*: Seen a few times
Steel-blue Whydah *Vidua hypocherina*: Fantastic views of a breeding-plumage male between Malindi and Tsavo East

Straw-tailed Whydah *Vidua fischeri*: Seen on three dates

Long-tailed Paradise Whydah *Vidua paradisaea*: Seen at Tsavo East and Garissa

Cuckoo-finch *Anomalospiza imberbis*: Males and females seen well at Nairobi National Park

Wagtails, Pipits Family Motacillidae

Cape Wagtail *Motacilla capensis*: Seen at Limuru Ponds (*wellsi*)

Mountain Wagtail *Motacilla clara*: Seen at Mt Kenya (*torrentium*)

African Pied Wagtail *Motacilla aguimp*: Seen regularly (*vidua*)

Golden Pipit *Tmetothylacus tenellus*: Many in Tsavo East, and seen again at Shaba

Sharpe's Longclaw *Macronyx sharpei*: Three seen well at Kinangop

Yellow-throated Longclaw *Macronyx croceus*: Seen at Nairobi National Park and Nakuru

Pangani Longclaw *Macronyx aurantiigula*: Great views of many in the Tsavo West area

Rosy-throated Longclaw *Macronyx ameliae*: Seen at Nairobi National Park

African Pipit *Anthus cinnamomeus*: Seen at Mt Kenya and a few other times (*lacuum*)

Long-billed Pipit *Anthus similis*: Seen well en route to Kinangop and at Nakuru (*chyuluensis*)

Plain-backed Pipit *Anthus leucophrys*: Seen at Nakuru (*goodsoni*)

Tree Pipit *Anthus trivialis*: Recorded at Nairobi National Park (*trivialis*)

Striped Pipit *Anthus lineiventris*: Heard at Taita Hills

Sokoce Pipit *Anthus sokokensis*: Seen a couple of times at Sokoce

Malindi Pipit *Anthus melindae*: Great views at Manda and Sokoce (*melindae*)

Finches Family Fringillidae

African Citril *Crithagra citrinelloides*: Seen in the central highlands (*kikuyensis*)

Southern Citril *Crithagra hyposticta*: Seen around Kakamega (*brittoni*)

Reichenow's Seedeater *Crithagra reichenowi*: Seen several times

Yellow-fronted Canary *Crithagra mozambica*: Seen along the coast (*mozambica*)

White-bellied Canary *Crithagra dorsostriata*: Seen a few times (ssp. uncertain)

Northern Grosbeak-Canary *Crithagra donaldsoni*: Seen in the Garissa area

Southern Grosbeak-Canary *Crithagra buchani*: Heard in the Tsavo West area

Brimstone Canary *Crithagra sulphurata*: Recorded on four days (*sharpii*)

Stripe-breasted Seedeater *Crithagra striatipecta*: Good views of at least five as we neared Kerio Valley

Thick-billed Seedeater *Crithagra burtoni*: Seen at Mt Kenya (*albifrons*) and Kakamega (*kilimensis*)

Streaky Seedeater *Crithagra striolata*: Seen regularly in the highlands (*striolata*)

Yellow-crowned Canary *Serinus flavivertex*: Seen in the highlands (*flavivertex*)

Buntings Family Emberizidae

Cinnamon-breasted Bunting *Emberiza tahapisi*: Just one sighting (*tahapisi*)

Somali Bunting *Emberiza poliopleura*: Especially common north of Garissa, but seen regularly in arid areas

Golden-breasted Bunting *Emberiza flaviventris*: Seen a few times (*kalaharica*)