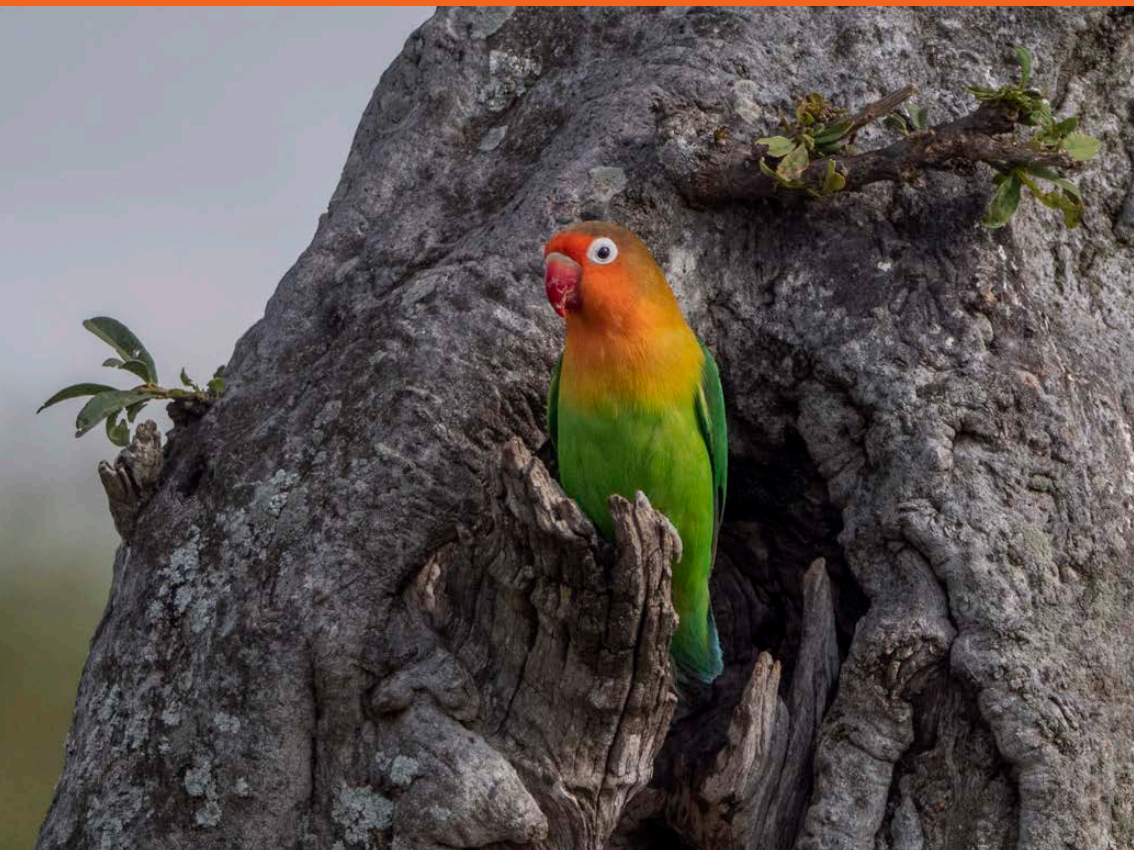


# Northern Tanzania

## *2022 Tour Report*



*Fischer's Lovebird © Michael Mills*

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## SUMMARY

Our action-packed tour of northern Tanzania took in the famous wildlife-watching circuit, focussed on Tarangire, Ndutu, the Serengeti and Ngorongoro Crater, over 11 days. With comfortable accommodation throughout, over 460 bird species logged and impressive numbers and diversity of large mammals seen, all set against spectacular backdrops, northern Tanzania makes for the ultimate birding-and-wildlife getaway.

Avian highlights included the full compliment of Serengeti specials plus a variety of other uncommon species. During our first full day, spent at Arusha National Park, we found Kilimanjaro White-eye, Maccoa Duck, Eastern Bronze-naped Pigeon, Brown-breasted Barbet, Taveta Golden Weaver, Moustached Green Tinkerbird and Hartlaub's Turaco. En route to Tarangire we visited the Lariboro plains and surrounding habitats at Engikaret for a very productive morning, seeing Beesley's Lark, Athi Short-toed Lark, Red-throated Tit, Southern Grosbeak-Canary and White-headed Mousebird. Tarangire and adjacent Lake Manyara held Ashy Starling, Yellow-collared Lovebird, Collared Palm-Thrush, Black Bishop, Cardinal Quelea, Gorgeous Sunbird, Black-faced Sandgrouse and Three-banded Courser, and our

first of many Lions. At Ndutu we enjoyed Grey-breasted Spurfowl, Fischer's Lovebird, Rufous-tailed Weaver, Yellow-throated Sandgrouse, Steel-blue Whydah, our first Cheetah and migrating Serengeti White-bearded Wildebeest. Moving on to Serengeti National Park, we saw Karamoja Apalis, Buff-bellied Penduline Tit, Grey-crested Helmetshrike, African Dusky Nightjar, Black Coucal, a three-male coalition of Cheetahs, a Leopard watching mating lions, a Leopard with two small cubs, and plenty of Lion and Spotted Hyaena. And finally, at Ngorongoro, highlights included Schalow's Turaco, Abyssinian Crimsonwing, the dazzling trio of Tacazze Sunbird, Malachite Sunbird, Golden-winged Sunbird and displaying Jackson's Widowbird.

*Buff-bellied Penduline Tit © Michael Mills*



*Grey-breasted Spurfowl © Michael Mills*

## ESSENTIAL DETAILS

### DATES

29 March – 9 April 2022

### ITINERARY

**29 Mar:** Arrive Kilimanjaro International Airport.

**30 Mar:** Full day in Arusha NP.

**31 Mar:** To the Tarangire area via Engikaret.

**1 Apr:** Full day in Tarangire NP.

**2 Apr:** Lake Manyara to Ndutu via Ngorongoro.

**3 Apr:** Full day in Ndutu area.

**4 Apr:** Ndutu to Seronera in Serengeti NP.

**5 Apr:** Full day in western Serengeti NP.

**6 Apr:** Full day in south-eastern Serengeti NP.

**7 Apr:** To Ngorongoro via Oldupai Gorge.

**8 Apr:** Full day in Ngorongoro Crater.

**9 Apr:** Ngorongoro to Kilimanjaro Airport.

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## REPORT

We first gathered in the late afternoon at our lodge, conveniently situated near Kilimanjaro International Airport. A spot of introductory birding around the lodge grounds and nearby turned up the likes of **Long-tailed Fiscal**, **Little Bee-eater**, **Buff-bellied Warbler**, **Spotted Palm Thrush**, **Variable Sunbird**, **Pangani Longclaw**, **African Silverbill** and **Reichenow's Seedeater**. Afterwards, dinner was enjoyed, *al fresco*, with **Slender-tailed Nightjar**.

Early the next morning we set off on a day trip to the nearby Arusha National Park. Conditions overhead did not look too promising, and it rained on-and-off as we made our way to the park entrance. Before arriving we stopped for roadside colonies of **Thick-billed Weaver**, **Taveta Golden Weaver** and **Speke's Weaver**. While entrance formalities were completed at the gate we watched birds in the car park; **African Stonechat**, **Singing**

**Cisticola**, **Taveta Golden Weaver**, **Baglafaecht Weaver**, **Yellow Bishop** and **Cape Robin-Chat**. Fortunately the rain had slowed down, but there was still some light drizzle so we kept the roof closed as we entered the park, initially passing through some moist savanna. We stopped for roadside **Moustached Grass Warbler** and **Bronzy Sunbird** soon after the entrance. A little further along an open, marshy area held **Saddle-billed Stork** and **Hamerkop**, and our first game: Bushbuck, Plains Zebra and Cape Buffalo.

Making our way to Ngurdutu Crater we paused for a circling **Black Sparrowhawk**, **White-eared Barbet** and **Brown-breasted Barbet** in some dead trees, **Trilling Cisticola** and **Brown-hooded Kingfisher**. We spent several hours working the forest on the crater rim and around one of the main view points, racking up a good list of birds; **Mottled Swift**, **Nyanza Swift**, striking

*African Hawk-Eagle* © Michael Mills



*Bar-throated Apalis* © John Cranmer

**Hartlaub's Turaco**, **Green Yellowbill**, a perched **Eastern Bronze-naped Pigeon** and **Lemon Dove**, displaying **African Goshawk**, **Narina Trogon**, point-blank views of **Moustached Green Tinkerbird**, a pair of **Forest Batis**, colourful **Black-fronted Bushshrike**, **Cinnamon-chested Bee-eater**, skulking **Placid Greenbul**, **Black-headed Apalis** highly localised **Kilimanjaro White-eye**, **Waller's Starling**, **Kenrick's Starling**, **White-eyed Slaty Flycatcher**, **Grey-headed Nigrita** and **Thick-billed Seedeater**. In the afternoon we visited the Momella Lakes and surrounding savannas, finding **Crowned Eagle**, **Broad-billed Roller**, **Red-tailed Shrike**, **White-fronted Bee-eater**, **Broad-tailed Warbler** and **Short-winged Cisticola**. Impressive numbers of **Greater Flamingo**, **Lesser Flamingo**, **Little Grebe**, **Cape Teal** and variety of other waterbirds were spotted on the lakes, where the best find was a smart male **Maccoa Duck**.

The next morning we set off on our loop through northern Tanzania. We were a bit perturbed to spot seven **House Crows** on the roadside wires between Kilimanjaro Airport and Arusha; the

species seems to be spreading steadily westwards. From Arusha we made a short detour to the Lariboro Plains and surrounding bushveld at Engikaret. The open grasslands on the way turned up a good flock of **Abdim's Stork** and many **Horus Swift**. Once out on the plains we quickly spotted our first **Kori Bustard**, **Chestnut-bellied Sandgrouse** and **Fischer's Sparrow-Lark**, plus **Athi Short-toed Lark** on the ground, some fine **Montagu's Harriers** and displaying **Singing Bush Lark**. At first we struggled to join up with our local guides who were somewhere out on the vast plains waiting for us. After a few phone calls and wrong turns we finally found them, and were showed a pair of localised **Beesley's Lark** as soon as we stepped out of the vehicle. With the main target under the belt we had a good few hours to explore the plains and surrounding bush more widely. Fortunately the weather remained cool and bird activity high until into the mid afternoon when we left, and during the time we racked up a tremendous list of species: **White-bellied Go-away-bird**, **Eastern Chanting Goshawk**,

**White-headed Mousebird, Red-fronted Barbet, Black-throated Barbet, Pygmy Falcon, Lesser Kestrel, Pygmy Batis, Rosy-patched Bushshrike, Taita Fiscal, Red-throated Tit, Mouse-coloured Penduline Tit, Foxy Lark, Short-tailed Lark, Eastern Crombec, Ashy Cisticola, Tiny Cisticola, Red-fronted Warbler, Grey Wren-Warbler, Yellow-bellied Eremomela, Banded Parisoma, Hildebrandt's Starling, Capped Wheatear, Blue-capped Cordon-bleu, Crimson-rumped Waxbill, Grey-headed Silverbill, Steel-blue Whydah and Southern Grosbeak-Canary!** Afterwards, the drive onwards to the Tarangire-Manyara area produced **Golden-backed Weaver, Southern Red Bishop, Cardinal Quelea, White-winged Widowbird, Rüppell's Vultures** feeding at the roadside, **Hooded Vulture** and **Knob-billed Duck**.

The next day we made the most of visiting Tarangire National Park, arriving at the gates as soon as they were supposed to open, having spotted White-tailed Mongoose along the way. Unfortunately the gate clerk had other plans and we had to wait three quarters of an hour for her to arrive. Fortunately there were plenty of birds around and we watched **Ashy Starling, White-browed Sparrow-Weaver** and **Von der Decken's Hornbill** as we waited. Once through the gates we could enjoy the full diversity of the park. Almost immediately we came across a pride of Lion with cubs beside of the road. First we worked some of the open savannas before making our way down to the river, completing a loop through the park over the course of the day. Memorable sightings include **Yellow-necked Spurfowl, Red-necked Spurfowl,**

*Steel-blue Whydah* © Michael Mills



*Gorgeous Sunbird* © Michael Mills

**Bare-faced Go-away-bird, White-bellied Bustard,** good numbers of **Common Cuckoo,** some very fine **Black-faced Sandgrouse,** an incredibly tame **Martial Eagle,** low-circling **African Hawk-Eagle,** **Abyssinian Scimitarbill, Southern Ground Hornbill, Lilac-breasted Roller,** displaying **Emin's Barbet, Eastern Grey Woodpecker, Bearded Woodpecker, African Orange-bellied Parrot, Yellow-collared Lovebird, Slate-coloured Boubou, Magpie Shrike, Red-rumped Swallow, Mosque Swallow, Northern Pied Babbler, Gorgeous Sunbird, Chestnut Sparrow, Rufous-tailed Weaver, Chestnut Weaver, Cardinal Quelea, Black Bishop** and **Long-tailed Paradise Whydah.** An early return to the lodge meant that people could put their feet up and enjoy the sunset over Lake Manyara.

The next day we started off birding near our lodge and along the shores of Lake Manyara. In the dark a **Three-banded Courser** showed well, and once it was light we found **Grey Crowned**

**Crane, Double-banded Courser, Black Heron, Pink-backed Pelican, Blue-cheeked Bee-eater, Bare-eyed Thrush, Collared Palm Thrush** and **Black-necked Weaver** before it was time to start our journey to Ndutu. We paused for a roadside **Straw-tailed Whydah** as we climbed into the highlands. At the gate to Ngorongoro we found **Grey-capped Warbler** and **Brown-headed Apalis** before enjoying a picnic lunch overlooking the crater, with three Black Rhinoceros visible below and **Streaky Seedeater, Eastern Double-collared Sunbird** and **Bar-throated Apalis** in the bushes next to us. Further along the crater rim we found a roadside **Mountain Buzzard,** before descending to the more arid, open plains in the rain shadow of the crater. **Northern Anteater Chat, Black-winged Lapwing, Usambiro Barbet** and **Isabelline Wheatear** were spotted, and once we neared Ndutu we started to encounter large numbers of plains game; **Thompson's Gazelle, Grant's Gazelle, Plains Zebra, Eland** and, of course, many Serengeti **White-bearded Wildebeest.**



Cheetah © Michael Mills

The following day and a bit were spent exploring the bush and plains in the Nduu area. Several Lion sightings and our first Cheetah were the mammalian highlights, and on the avian front we found thousands and thousand of **Wattled Starling**, and more moderate numbers of **Grey-breasted Spurfowl**, **Coqui Francolin**, **Great Spotted Cuckoo**, **African Cuckoo**, **Yellow-throated Sandgrouse**, **Chestnut-banded Plover**, **Greater Painted-snipe**, **Secretarybird**, **Lappet-faced Vulture**, **Black-chested Snake Eagle**, **Gabar Goshawk**, **Red-and-yellow Barbet**, **Greater Honeyguide**, **Grey Kestrel**, **Fischer's Lovebird**, **Rufous Chatterer**, **Black-lored Babbler**, **Pale White-eye**, **Silverbird**, **Speckle-fronted Weaver**, **Green-winged Pytilia**, **Cut-throat Finch**, **Purple Grenadier**, **Black-faced Waxbill**, **Steel-blue Whydah**, **Straw-tailed Whydah** and several **Pearl-spotted Owllet**.

Next on the cards was Serengeti National Park, where we had 72 hours to explore widely. On our drive into Seronera we found several displaying **Melodious Larks** and our first **Tanzanian Red-billed Hornbills**. Our first full day was spent mainly along the Grumeti River to the west in successful search of **Karamoja Apalis**, **Grey-crested Helmetshrike** and **Buff-bellied Penduline Tit**. Other goodies seen here were **Lizard Buzzard**, **Dark Chanting Goshawk**, **Amur Falcon**, **Black-headed Gonolek**, **White-tailed Lark**, **Grey-olive Greenbul**, **Red-fronted Tinkerbird**, **Long-tailed Cisticola** and **Purple-banded Sunbird**. Our second day was more mammal focussed, and started of with a female Leopard in a tree with two small cubs in the bushes below, then a mating pair of Lion watched at close range by another Leopard in a tree, a three-male coalition of cheetahs watching for lunch from a rock, and

then a good number of Spotted Hyaena and several more incredibly close lions encounters. However, we did not entirely neglect the birds and found **Harlequin Quail**, **African Dusky Nightjar**, **Pallid Harrier**, **Verreaux's Eagle-Owl**, **Grey-rumped Swallow**, **Greater Kestrel**, **Broad-tailed Warbler**, **Fan-tailed Widowbird**, **African Quailfinch** and **Rosy-throated Longclaw**. Returning south now we found **White-headed Vulture** and **Pangani Longclaw** before exiting the national park and continuing on to the renowned archaeological site of Oldupai Gorge for lunch. Our only flock of **White Stork** was seen en route — over 1000 strong. A birdy lunch overlooking the gorge was accompanied with **Eastern Violet-backed Sunbird** and **Black Bishop**, followed by a visit to the informative museum.

Our final destination of the trip was the incredible Ngorongoro Crater. We birded both the crater floor with its grasslands, wetlands and *Acacia* forests, and the Afromontane forests, shrublands and grasslands near to our lodge and along the rim. Having changed into a different habitat the new birds came thick and fast. Around our lodge we spotted a scarce male **Abyssinian Crimsonwing** feeding on the lawns, plus **Hildebrandt's Francolin**, **Montane Nightjar**, **Schalow's Turaco**, **African Olive Pigeon**, **Dusky Turtle Dove**, **Mountain Yellow Warbler**, **Cinnamon Bracken Warbler**, **Hunter's Cisticola**, **Bar-throated Apalis**, **Brown-headed Apalis**, **Grey-capped Warbler**, **Brown Parisoma**, **Mbulu White-eye**, **Northern Olive Thrush**, **Tacazze Sunbird**, **Southern Citril**, **Yellow-crowned Canary** and **Eastern Double-**

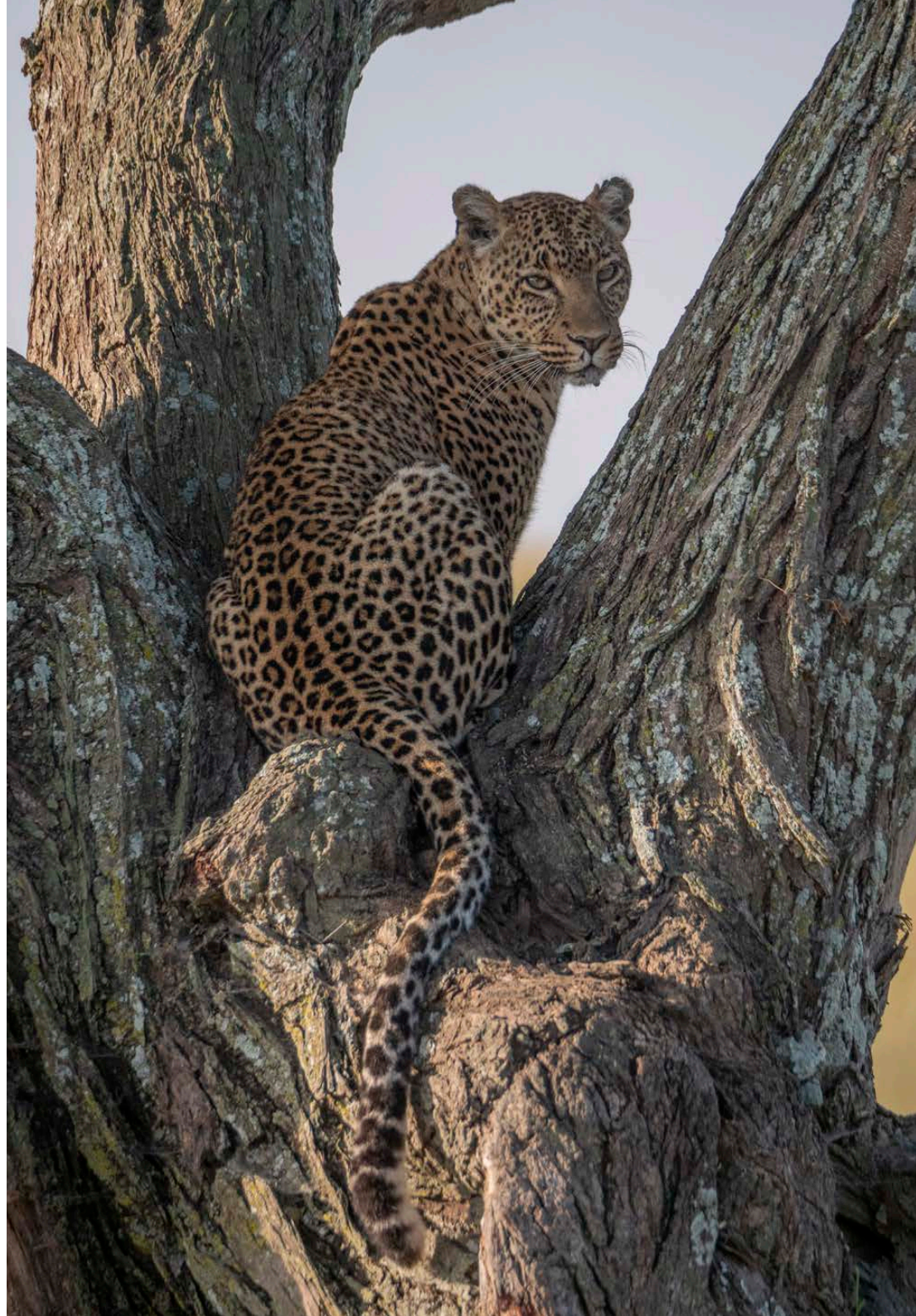
*Coqui Francolin* © Michael Mills



**collared Sunbird.** Down in the crater we enjoyed a mammal-and-bird-filled day which started with a pride of Lion breakfasting on Cape Buffalo carcass in the road, and a little later a clan of Spotted Hyaena doing the same. We eventually tore ourselves away to look at birds, finding **Long-toed Lapwing, White-headed Barbet, Scaly-throated Honeyguide, Banded Martin, Highland Rush Warbler, Holub's Golden Weaver, Rosy-throated Longclaw** and **Grey Crowned Crane.** Our final outing was spent at slightly higher altitudes where

we enjoyed dazzling **Malachite Sunbird** and **Golden-winged Sunbird** in superb light and found **Red-naped Widowbird** and lekking **Jackson's Widowbird** in short time. Sadly it was now time to head back to Arusha. We enjoyed our final meal— a late lunch— and birding at Duluti where **Silvery-cheeked Hornbill, Crowned Hornbill, Rüppell's Robin-Chat** and **Red-backed Mannikin** were spotted in the gardens, before it was time to head our separate ways.

*Yellow-throated Sandgrouse and Leopard © Michael Mills*



# ANNOTATED LIST OF BIRDS RECORDED

## Struthionidae

**Common Ostrich** *Struthio camelus* — Seen well at Ndutu, Ngorongoro and Serengeti NP

## Numididae

**Helmeted Guineafowl** *Numida meleagris* — Common and widespread (*reichenowi*)

## Phasianidae

**Coqui Francolin** *Peliperdix coqui* — Great views at Ndutu (*hubbaridi*)

**Crested Francolin** *Dendroperdix sephaena* — Seen at Arusha NP, and at Tarangire and Serengeti NP

**Scaly Francolin** *Pternistis squamatus* — A pair was seen briefly on the road at Arusha NP (*maranensis*)

**Hildebrandt's Francolin** *Pternistis hildebrandti* — Seen well at Ngorongoro (*hildebrandti*)

**Yellow-necked Spurfowl** *Pternistis leucoscepus* — Seen well at Tarangire

**Grey-breasted Spurfowl** *Pternistis rufopictus* — Excellent views at Ndutu and Serengeti NP

**Red-necked Spurfowl** *Pternistis afer* — Good views at Tarangire (*cranchii*)

**Common Quail** *Coturnix coturnix* — Heard at Ngorongoro (*africana*)

**Harlequin Quail** *Coturnix delegorguei* — One seen on the road and another four flushed at Serengeti NP (*delegorguei*)

## Anatidae

**White-faced Whistling Duck** *Dendrocygna viduata* — Seen at Lake Manyara

**Spur-winged Goose** *Plectropterus gambensis* — Several sightings (*gambensis*)

**Knob-billed Duck** *Sarkidiornis [m.] melanotos* — Seen between Arusha and Tarangire

**Egyptian Goose** *Alopochen aegyptiaca* — Widespread sightings

**Blue-billed Teal** *Spatula hottentota* — Seen at Serengeti NP and Ngorongoro

**Yellow-billed Duck** *Anas undulata* — A few seen at Ngorongoro (*undulata*)

**Cape Teal** *Anas capensis* — Common at all saline waterbodies

**Red-billed Teal** *Anas erythrorhyncha* — Several scattered sightings

**Maccoa Duck** *Oxyura maccoa* — Nice views of a male at Arusha NP

## Caprimulgidae

**African Dusky Nightjar** *Caprimulgus fraenatus* — A pair was seen well at Serengeti NP

**Montane Nightjar** *Caprimulgus [p.] poliocephalus* — Great views at our lodge at Ngorongoro

**Slender-tailed Nightjar** *Caprimulgus clarus* — Seen several times

## Apodidae

**African Palm Swift** *Cypsiurus [p.] parvus* — Several sightings (*brachypterus*)

**Mottled Swift** *Tachymarptis aequatorialis* — Good views at Arusha NP and Ngorongoro (*aequatorialis*)

**Nyanza Swift** *Apus niansae* — Flocks were seen at Arusha NP and Ngorongoro (*niansae*)

**Little Swift** *Apus affinis* — Common throughout (*aerobates?*)

**Horus Swift** *Apus horus* — Seen in large numbers north of Arusha (*horus*)

**White-rumped Swift** *Apus caffer* — Several sightings

## Musophagidae

**Schalow's Turaco** *Tauraco schalowi* — Seen well at Ngorongoro

**Hartlaub's Turaco** *Tauraco hartlaubi* — Good views at Arusha NP

**Bare-faced Go-away-bird** *Corythaixoides [p.] personatus* — Seen well at Tarangire and Serengeti NP

**White-bellied Go-away-bird** *Corythaixoides leucogaster* — Seen at Engikaret and near Lake Manyara

## Otididae

**Kori Bustard** *Ardeotis kori* — Many great sightings, including males in display (*struthiunculus*)

**White-bellied Bustard** *Eupodotis senegalensis* — Good views at Tarangire and Serengeti NP (*erlangeri*)

**Black-bellied Bustard** *Lissotis melanogaster* — Seen well at Serengeti NP and Ngorongoro (*melanogaster*)

## Cuculidae

**White-browed Coucal** *Centropus [s.] superciliosus* — Widespread in small numbers (*loandae?*)

**Green Yellowbill [Yellowbill]** *Ceuthmochares [aereus] australis* — Good views at Arusha NP

**Great Spotted Cuckoo** *Clamator glandarius* — Seen at Ndutu and Serengeti NP

**Levaillant's Cuckoo** *Clamator levaillantii* — One seen at Serengeti NP

**Jacobin Cuckoo** *Clamator jacobinus* — Seen at Ndutu (probably *pica*)

**Diederik Cuckoo** *Chrysococcyx caprius* — Seen a few times

**Klaas's Cuckoo** *Chrysococcyx klaas* — Good views at Ndutu

**African Emerald Cuckoo** *Chrysococcyx cupreus* — Heard at Arusha NP

**Black Cuckoo** *Cuculus clamosus* — Seen near Lake Manyara (*clamosus*)

**Red-chested Cuckoo** *Cuculus solitarius* — Seen at Tarangire

**African Cuckoo** *Cuculus gularis* — Seen at Ndutu

**Common Cuckoo** *Cuculus canorus* — Good numbers seen at Tarangire

## Pteroclididae

**Chestnut-bellied Sandgrouse** *Pterocles exustus* — Seen at Engikaret and Ndutu (*olivascens*)

**Yellow-throated Sandgrouse** *Pterocles gutturalis* — Good views at Ndutu (*saturator*)

**Black-faced Sandgrouse** *Pterocles decoratus* — Good views at Tarangire (*loveridgei*)

## Columbidae

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

**Speckled Pigeon** *Columba guinea* — Several good sightings (*guinea*)

**African Olive Pigeon** *Columba arquatrix* — Seen perched at Ngorongoro

**Eastern Bronze-naped Pigeon** *Columba delegorguei* — Good views at Arusha NP, and heard at Ngorongoro

**Lemon Dove** *Columba larvata* — Seen well at Arusha NP (*larvata*)

**Dusky Turtle Dove** *Streptopelia lugens* — Good views at Ngorongoro

**African Mourning Dove** *Streptopelia decipiens* — Many sightings (*perspicillata*)

**Red-eyed Dove** *Streptopelia semitorquata* — Seen several times

**Ring-necked Dove / Cape Turtle Dove** *Streptopelia capicola* — Very common throughout (*tropica*)

**Laughing Dove** *Spilopelia senegalensis* — Fairly common throughout (*senegalensis*)

**Emerald-spotted Wood Dove** *Turtur chalcospilos* — Seen a few times

**Blue-spotted Wood Dove** *Turtur afer* — Heard at Serengeti NP

**Tambourine Dove** *Turtur tympanistria* — Seen well at Arusha NP

**Namaqua Dove** *Oena capensis* — Occasional sightings in drier area (*capensis*)

**African Green Pigeon** *Treron [c.] calvus* — Seen at Duluti (*brevicera?*)

**Rallidae**

**Black Crake** *Amaurornis flavirostra* — Good views at Serengeti NP

**Common Moorhen** *Gallinula chloropus* — Seen at Serengeti NP

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

**Gruidae**

**Grey Crowned Crane** *Balearica regulorum* — Great views near Lake Manyara and at Ngorongoro (*gibbericeps*)

**Podicipedidae**

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

**Phoenicopteridae**

**Greater Flamingo** *Phoenicopterus roseus* — Seen several times

**Lesser Flamingo** *Phoeniconaias minor* — Several good sightings, especially at Ngorongoro

**Burhinidae**

**Spotted Thick-knee** *Burhinus capensis* — Seen well at Serengeti NP

**Recurvirostridae**

**Black-winged Stilt** *Himantopus [h.] himantopus* — Seen regularly

**Pied Avocet** *Recurvirostra avosetta* — Seen at Ndutu and Ngorongoro

**Charadriidae**

**Long-toed Lapwing** *Vanellus crassirostris* — Several were seen at Ngorongoro (*crassirostris*)

**Blacksmith Lapwing** *Vanellus armatus* — Common around wetlands

**Spur-winged Lapwing** *Vanellus spinosus* — Seen at Arusha NP, Serengeti and Ngorongoro

**Black-winged Lapwing** *Vanellus melanopterus* — Good views at Serengeti NP and Ndutu (*minor*)

**Crowned Lapwing** *Vanellus coronatus* — Very common on dry grassy plains (*coronatus*)

**Common Ringed Plover** *Charadrius hiaticula* — Several sightings

**Kittlitz's Plover** *Charadrius pecuarius* — Seen at Lake Manyara, Serengeti NP and Ngorongoro

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

**Chestnut-banded Plover** *Charadrius pallidus* — Excellent views at Ndutu and Ngorongoro (*venustus*)

**Rostratulidae**

**Greater Painted-snipe** *Rostratula benghalensis* — Good views of a female and two males at Ndutu

**Jacaniidae**

**African Jacana** *Actophilornis africanus* — Seen at Tarangire

**Scolopacidae**

**Ruff** *Calidris pugnax* — Several good sightings

**Curlew Sandpiper** *Calidris ferruginea* — Seen at Ndutu and Ngorongoro

**Little Stint** *Calidris minuta* — Small numbers at scattered waterbodies

**Common Sandpiper** *Actitis hypoleucos* — Seen a few times

**Green Sandpiper** *Tringa ochropus* — One was seen near Kilimanjaro airport

**Marsh Sandpiper** *Tringa stagnatilis* — Seen a few times

**Wood Sandpiper** *Tringa glareola* — Seen fairly often

**Common Greenshank** *Tringa nebularia* — Seen a few times

**Glareolidae**

**Double-banded Courser** *Rhinoptilus africanus* — Good views at Ndutu and Serengeti, and near Lake Manyara

**Three-banded Courser** *Rhinoptilus cinctus* — Very good views near Lake Manyara and heard at Ndutu

**Collared Pratincole** *Glareola pratincola* — Seen at Serengeti NP

**Laridae**

**African Grey-headed Gull [Grey-headed Gull]** *Chroicocephalus [cirrocephalus] poiocephalus* — Seen at Lake Manyara

**Gull-billed Tern** *Gelochelidon [n.] nilotica* — Seen several times (*nilotica*), including birds in breeding plumage

**Whiskered Tern** *Chlidonias hybrida* — Seen at Lake Manyara, including birds in breeding plumage

**White-winged Tern** *Chlidonias leucopterus* — Seen at Lake Manyara, including birds in breeding plumage

**Ciconiidae**

**Yellow-billed Stork** *Mycteria ibis* — Good views at Lake Manyara, Ndutu and Serengeti NP

**African Openbill** *Anastomus lamelligerus* — One seen distantly, in flight, at Duluti

**Abdim's Stork** *Ciconia abdimii* — A large flock was seen north of Arusha, and a single bird at Ndutu

**White Stork** *Ciconia ciconia* — A massive flock (>1000) was seen at Serengeti NP

**Saddle-billed Stork** *Ephippiorhynchus senegalensis* — Seen at Ngorongoro and Arusha NP

**Marabou Stork** *Leptoptilos crumenifer* — Widespread sightings

**Phalacrocoracidae**

**Reed Cormorant** *Microcarbo africanus* — Seen at Arusha NP and Ngorongoro

**White-breasted Cormorant [Great Cormorant]** *Phalacrocorax [carbo] lucidus* — Seen at Arusha NP

**Threskiornithidae**

**African Sacred Ibis** *Threskiornis aethiopicus* — Several widespread sightings

**Hadada Ibis** *Bostrychia hagedash* — Seen several times (*brevirostris*)

**Glossy Ibis** *Plegadis falcinellus* — Seen at Ndutu and Ngorongoro

**African Spoonbill** *Platalea alba* — Seen a few times

**Ardeidae**

**Striated Heron [Green Heron]** *Butorides [s.] striata* — Seen at Lake Manyara

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

**Western Cattle Egret [Cattle Egret]** *Bubulcus [i.] ibis* — Common and widespread

**Grey Heron** *Ardea cinerea* — Seen widely in small numbers (*cinerea*)

**Black-headed Heron** *Ardea melanocephala* — Very common

**African Great Egret [Great Egret]** *Ardea [alba] melanorhynchos* — Seen a few times

**Yellow-billed Egret [Intermediate Egret]** *Ardea [intermedia] brachyrhyncha* — Seen a few times

**Black Heron** *Egretta ardesiaca* — Good numbers were seen at Lake Manyara

**Little Egret** *Egretta [g.] garzetta* — Just a couple of sightings

**Scopidae**

**Hamerkop** *Scopus umbretta* — Seen several times (*umbretta*)

**Pelecanidae**

**Great White Pelican** *Pelecanus onocrotalus* — Seen at Lake Manyara and Ngorongoro

**Pink-backed Pelican** *Pelecanus rufescens* — One seen well at Lake Manyara

**Sagittariidae**

**Secretarybird** *Sagittarius serpentarius* — Fantastic views, daily, in the Serengeti system

**Accipitridae**

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

**African Harrier-Hawk** *Polyboroides typus* — Seen at Arusha NP (*typus*)



**Hooded Vulture** *Necrosyrtes monachus* — Seen regularly in small numbers

**White-backed Vulture** *Gyps africanus* — Seen at Tarangire, Serengeti and Ngorongoro

**Rüppell's Vulture** *Gyps rueppelli* — Seen regularly in small numbers

**White-headed Vulture** *Trionocephus occipitalis* — Two seen at Serengeti

**Lappet-faced Vulture** *Torgos tracheliotos* — Seen daily in the Serengeti system

**Black-chested Snake Eagle** *Circaetus pectoralis* — Good sightings at Ndutu and Serengeti

**Brown Snake Eagle** *Circaetus cinereus* — One was seen at Tarangire

**Bateleur** *Terathopius ecaudatus* — Seen regularly in small numbers

**Crowned Eagle** *Stephanoaetus coronatus* — Seen very well at Arusha NP, and again at Ngorongoro

**Martial Eagle** *Polemaetus bellicosus* — Superb views at Tarangire, and one seen at Serengeti

**Long-crested Eagle** *Lophaetus occipitalis* — Seen twice

**Wahlberg's Eagle** *Hieraaetus wahlbergi* — One was seen at Arusha NP

**Booted Eagle** *Hieraaetus pennatus* — One was seen at Arusha NP and one near Ngorongoro

**Tawny Eagle** *Aquila rapax* — The most commonly-seen larger raptor

**African Hawk-Eagle** *Aquila spilogaster* — Excellent views at Tarangire

**Lizard Buzzard** *Kaupifalco monogrammicus* — Good views of one at Serengeti NP

**Gabar Goshawk** *Micronisus gabar* — Excellent views at Ndutu

**Dark Chanting Goshawk** *Melierax metabates* — Seen well at Serengeti NP

**Eastern Chanting Goshawk** *Melierax poliopterus* — Seen at Tarangire and Serengeti NP

**African Goshawk** *Accipiter [t.] tachiro* — Seen in display flight at Arusha NP

**Black Sparrowhawk** *Accipiter melanoleucus* — Good views at Arusha NP

**Western Marsh Harrier** *Circus aeruginosus* — Seen at Ndutu and Ngorongoro

**Pallid Harrier** *Circus macrourus* — Good views of a male and female at Serengeti NP

**Montagu's Harrier** *Circus pygargus* — Nice looks at Engikaret and Ndutu

**Yellow-billed Kite [Black Kite]** *Milvus [migrans] aegyptius* — Seen at Ngorongoro

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

**Common Buzzard** *Buteo [b.] buteo* — Seen once at Arusha NP

**Mountain Buzzard** *Buteo oreophilus* — Good views at Ngorongoro

**Augur Buzzard** *Buteo [a.] augur* — Seen regularly in small numbers

### Tytonidae

**Western Barn Owl [Barn Owl]** *Tyto [a.] alba* — Seen near Kilimanjaro Airport

### Strigidae

**Verreaux's Eagle-Owl** *Bubo lacteus* — Good day-time views at Serengeti NP

**Pearl-spotted Owllet** *Glaucidium perlatum* — Several good sightings

### Coliidae

**Speckled Mousebird** *Colius striatus* — Seen many times

**White-headed Mousebird** *Colius leucocephalus* — Seen at Engikaret

**Blue-naped Mousebird** *Urocolius macrourus* — Seen regularly in small numbers

### Trogonidae

**Narina Trogon** *Apaloderma narina* — Seen well at Arusha NP

### Upupidae

**African Hoopoe [Hoopoe]** *Upupa [epops] africana* — Seen at Tarangire and Serengeti NP

### Phoeniculidae

**Green Wood Hoopoe** *Phoeniculus purpureus* — Seen a few times

**Abyssinian Scimitarbill** *Rhinopomastus minor* — Seen at Tarangire and Ndutu

### Bucorvidae

**Southern Ground Hornbill** *Bucorvus leadbeateri* — Seen well at Tarangire, and again at Serengeti NP

### Bucerotidae

**Tanzanian Red-billed Hornbill [Red-billed Hornbill]** *Tockus [erythrorhynchus] ruahae* — Good sightings at Serengeti NP

**Northern Red-billed Hornbill [Red-billed Hornbill]** *Tockus [e.] erythrorhynchus* — Seen at Tarangire

**Von der Decken's Hornbill** *Tockus [d.] deckeni* — Seen several times

**Crowned Hornbill** *Lophoceros alboterminatus* — Seen at Duluti

**African Grey Hornbill** *Lophoceros nasutus* — Seen regularly in small numbers

**Silvery-cheeked Hornbill** *Bycanistes brevis* — Excellent views at Duluti

### Coraciidae

**Purple Roller** *Coracias naevius* — Seen near Oldupai Gorge

**Lilac-breasted Roller** *Coracias caudatus* — Many good sightings

**European Roller** *Coracias garrulus* — Scattered sightings throughout the tour

**Broad-billed Roller** *Eurystomus glaucurus* — One juvenile was seen at Arusha NP

### Alcedinidae

**Grey-headed Kingfisher** *Halcyon leucocephala* — Several good sightings

**Brown-hooded Kingfisher** *Halcyon albiventris* — Good views at Arusha NP

**Striped Kingfisher** *Halcyon chelicuti* — Seen well at Serengeti NP and Tarangire

**Woodland Kingfisher** *Halcyon senegalensis* — Several widespread sightings

**Pied Kingfisher** *Ceryle rudis* — Seen at Lake Manyara

### Meropidae

**Little Bee-eater** *Merops pusillus* — Seen regularly in small numbers

**Cinnamon-chested Bee-eater [Blue-breasted Bee-eater]** *Merops [variegatus] oreobates* — Seen well at Arusha NP and Ngorongoro

**White-fronted Bee-eater** *Merops bullockoides* — Seen well at Arusha NP

**Blue-cheeked Bee-eater** *Merops persicus* — Seen at Lake Manyara

**European Bee-eater** *Merops apiaster* — Scattered records of migrating birds

### Lybiidae

**White-eared Barbet** *Stactolaema [l.] leucotis* — Great views at Arusha NP

**Moustached Green Tinkerbird** *Pogoniulus leucomystax* — Incredible views at Arusha NP

**Red-fronted Tinkerbird** *Pogoniulus pusillus* — Seen at Serengeti NP

**Red-fronted Barbet** *Tricholaema diademata* — Several scattered sightings

**Spot-flanked Barbet** *Tricholaema lacrymosa* — Seen briefly at Arusha NP

**Black-throated Barbet** *Tricholaema melanocephala* — Seen well at Engikaret

**White-headed Barbet** *Lybius [l.] leucocephalus* — Seen well at Ngorongoro

**Brown-breasted Barbet** *Lybius melanopterus* — Seen at Arusha NP

**Red-and-yellow Barbet** *Trachyphonus erythrocephalus* — Seen at Ndutu

**Usambiro Barbet [D'Arnaud's Barbet]** *Trachyphonus [darnaudii] usambiro* — Many were seen in the Serengeti system

**Emin's Barbet [D'Arnaud's Barbet]** *Trachyphonus [darnaudii] emini* — Great views at Tarangire

### Indicatoridae

**Green-backed Honeybird** *Prodotiscus zambesiae* — Brief views for Michael at Duluti

**Lesser Honeyguide** *Indicator [m.] minor* — Seen at Ngorongoro

**Scaly-throated Honeyguide** *Indicator variegatus* — Seen well at Ngorongoro

**Greater Honeyguide** *Indicator indicator* — Seen well at Ndutu

### Picidae

**Nubian Woodpecker** *Campethera nubica* — Several scattered sightings

**Golden-tailed Woodpecker** *Campethera abingoni* — Heard at Arusha NP

**Bearded Woodpecker** *Chloropicus namaquus* — Seen at Tarangire

**Cardinal Woodpecker** *Dendropicos fuscescens* — Several scattered sightings

**Eastern Grey Woodpecker [Grey Woodpecker]** *Dendropicos [goertae] spodocephalus* — Seen in the Serengeti system

### Falconidae

**Pygmy Falcon** *Polihierax semitorquatus* — Several good sightings

**Lesser Kestrel** *Falco naumanni* — Seen in good numbers in the Serengeti system, and also at Engikaret

**Greater Kestrel** *Falco rupicoloides* — Several seen at Serengeti NP

**Grey Kestrel** *Falco ardosiaecus* — Three sightings in the Serengeti system

**Amur Falcon** *Falco amurensis* — Three sightings in the Serengeti system

**Eurasian Hobby** *Falco subbuteo* — Seen a couple of times

**Lanner Falcon** *Falco biarmicus* — Just one sighting

### Psittacidae

**Meyer's Parrot** *Poicephalus meyeri* — Great views at Serengeti NP and Tarangire

**African Orange-bellied Parrot** *Poicephalus rufiventris* — Good views at Tarangire

### Psittaculidae

**Fischer's Lovebird** *Agapornis fischeri* — Common in the Serengeti system

**Yellow-collared Lovebird** *Agapornis personatus* — Excellent views at Tarangire

### Platysteiridae

**Forest Batis** *Batis [m.] mixta* — Good views of a pair at Arusha NP

**Chinspot Batis** *Batis molitor* — Seen at Ndutu

**Pygmy Batis** *Batis perkeo* — Seen at Engikaret

**Black-throated Wattle-eye** *Platysteira peltata* — Seen briefly at Arusha NP

### Malaconotidae

**Grey-headed Bushshrike** *Malaconotus blanchoti* — Heard near Lake Manyara

**Black-fronted Bushshrike** *Chlorophoneus nigrifrons* — Seen at Arusha NP

**Orange-breasted Bushshrike** *Chlorophoneus sulfureopectus* — Seen at Serengeti NP

**Rosy-patched Bushshrike** *Telophorus cruentus* — We had a memorable encounter at Engikaret

**Brown-crowned Tchagra** *Tchagra australis* — Several scattered sightings

**Black-crowned Tchagra** *Tchagra senegalus* — Seen well at Arusha NP

**Black-backed Puffback** *Dryoscopus cubla* — Several scattered sightings

**Slate-coloured Boubou** *Laniarius funebris* — Seen at Tarangire and in the Serengeti system

**Tropical Boubou** *Laniarius [aethiopicus] major* — Seen at Ngorongoro

**Black-headed Gonolek** *Laniarius erythrogaster* — Seen at Serengeti NP

**Brubru** *Nilaus afer* — Several scattered sightings

### Vangidae

**Grey-crested Helmetshrike** *Prionops poliophus* — Good views at Serengeti NP

### Campephagidae

**Black Cuckooshrike** *Campephaga flava* — Ken saw one at Arusha NP

### Laniidae

**Magpie Shrike** *Urolestes melanoleucus* — Seen at Tarangire and Serengeti NP

**Northern White-crowned Shrike** *Eurocephalus ruppelli* — Many sightings

**Red-backed Shrike** *Lanius collurio* — A few scattered sightings

**Red-tailed Shrike** *Lanius phoenicuroides* — One was seen at Engikaret

**Lesser Grey Shrike** *Lanius minor* — Fairly common in the Serengeti system

**Grey-backed Fiscal** *Lanius excubitoroides* — Very good views at Serengeti NP

**Long-tailed Fiscal** *Lanius cabanisi* — Excellent views near Kilimanjaro Airport

**Taita Fiscal** *Lanius dorsalis* — Several scattered sightings

**Northern Fiscal [Common Fiscal]** *Lanius [collaris] humeralis* — Several scattered sightings

### Oriolidae

**Black-headed Oriole** *Oriolus larvatus* — Seen well at Serengeti NP

**Eurasian Golden Oriole** *Oriolus oriolus* — One female was seen briefly at Tarangire

### Dicruridae

**Southern Fork-tailed Drongo [Fork-tailed Drongo]** *Dicrurus [a.] adsimilis* — Many sightings

### Monarchidae

**African Paradise Flycatcher** *Terpsiphone [v.] viridis* — Brief views at Arusha NP and Ngorongoro

### Corvidae

**House Crow** *Corvus splendens* — Seven were seen between Kilimanjaro Airport and Arusha; they are moving eastwards from the coast

**Cape Crow** *Corvus capensis* — Seen well at Serengeti NP

**Pied Crow** *Corvus albus* — Many seen

**White-necked Raven** *Corvus albicollis* — Seen well at Ngorongoro

### Paridae

**Red-throated Tit** *Melaniparus fringillinus* — Good views at Engikaret and Ndutu

### Remizidae

**Mouse-coloured Penduline Tit** *Anthoscopus musculus* — Very good views at Engikaret

**Buff-bellied Penduline Tit [Grey Penduline Tit]** *Anthoscopus [caroli] sylvicola* — Seen well at Serengeti NP

### Alaudidae

**Beesley's Lark [Spike-heeled Lark]** *Chersomanes [albofasciata] beesleyi* — Seen well at Engikaret

**Fischer's Sparrow-Lark** *Eremopterix leucopareia* — Many seen

**Foxy Lark [Fawn-coloured Lark]** *Calendulauda [africanoides] alopec* — Seen at Engikaret and Ndutu

**Rufous-naped Lark** *Mirafra [a.] africana* — Many seen

**Flappet Lark** *Mirafra rufocinnamomea* — Seen at Serengeti NP

**Melodious Lark** *Mirafra cheniana* — Several birds were watched in display at Serengeti NP

**Singing Bush Lark [Horsfield's Bush Lark]** *Mirafra [javanica] cantillans* — Seen in display at Engikaret

**White-tailed Lark** *Mirafra albicauda* — Several birds were watched in display at Serengeti NP

**Short-tailed Lark** *Spizocorys fremantlii* — Good views at Engikaret

**Southern Red-capped Lark [Red-capped Lark]** *Calandrella [c.] cinerea* — Many sightings

**Athi Short-toed Lark [Somali Short-toed Lark]** *Alaudala [somalica] athensis* — One was seen well on the ground at Engikaret

### Pycnonotidae

**Dark-capped Bulbul [Common Bulbul]** *Pycnonotus [barbatus] tricolor* — Many sightings

**Eastern Mountain Greenbul** *Arizelocichla [n.] nigriceps* — Seen at Arusha NP

**Sombre Greenbul** *Andropadus importunus* — Seen at Arusha NP

**Grey-olive Greenbul** *Phyllastrephus cerviniventris* — Seen well at Serengeti NP

**Placid Greenbul [Cabanis's Greenbul]** *Phyllastrephus [cabanisi] placidus* — Seen well at Arusha NP

### Hirundinidae

**Black Saw-wing** *Psalidoprocne pristoptera* — Seen at Arusha NP and Ngorongoro

**Grey-rumped Swallow** *Pseudhirundo griseopyga* — Seen at Serengeti NP

**Brown-throated Martin** *Riparia [p.] paludicola* — A few scattered sightings

**Sand Martin** *Riparia riparia* — Just a handful were seen at Serengeti NP

**Banded Martin** *Riparia cincta* — Seen at Ngorongoro

**Barn Swallow** *Hirundo rustica* — Many seen

**Wire-tailed Swallow** *Hirundo smithii* — Several scattered sightings

**Red-throated Rock Martin [Rock Martin]** *Ptyonoprogne [fuligula] rufigula* — Seen well in the Serengeti system

**Common House Martin** *Delichon [urbicum] urbicum* — Seen several times

**Lesser Striped Swallow** *Cecropis abyssinica* — Several scattered sightings

**Red-breasted Swallow** *Cecropis semirufa* — Seen at Serengeti NP

**Mosque Swallow** *Cecropis senegalensis* — Seen at Tarangire and Serengeti NP

**Red-rumped Swallow** *Cecropis [d.] daurica* — Many sightings

### Macrophenidae

**Moustached Grass Warbler** *Melocichla mentalis* — Good views at Arusha NP

**Eastern Crombec [Northern Crombec]** *Sylvietta [brachyura] leucopsis* — Seen at Engikaret

**Red-faced Crombec** *Sylvietta whytii* — Several scattered sightings

### Phylloscopidae

**Willow Warbler** *Phylloscopus trochilus* — A few seen

**Brown Woodland Warbler** *Phylloscopus umbrovirens* — Seen well at Ngorongoro

### Acrocephalidae

**Sedge Warbler** *Acrocephalus schoenobaenus* — Seen once at Serengeti NP

**Mountain Yellow Warbler** *Iduna similis* — Seen at Ngorongoro

**Eastern Olivaceous Warbler** *Iduna pallida* — Several scattered sightings

### Locustellidae

**Broad-tailed Warbler** *Catriscus brevirostris* — Good views at Arusha NP and Serengeti NP

**Evergreen Forest Warbler** *Bradypterus lopezi* — Heard at Ngorongoro

**Cinnamon Bracken Warbler** *Bradypterus cinnamomeus* — Seen at Ngorongoro

**Highland Rush Warbler [Little Rush Warbler]** *Bradypterus [baboecala] centralis* — Seen well at Ngorongoro

### Cisticolidae

**Red-faced Cisticola** *Cisticola erythropus* — Seen at Ngorongoro

**Singing Cisticola** *Cisticola cantans* — Seen at Arusha NP

**Trilling Cisticola** *Cisticola woosnami* — Seen at Arusha NP

**Hunter's Cisticola** *Cisticola hunteri* — Seen at Ngorongoro

**Rattling Cisticola** *Cisticola chiniana* — Many sightings

**Ashy Cisticola** *Cisticola cinereolus* — Seen well at Engikaret

**Winding Cisticola** *Cisticola [galactotes] marginatus* — Many sightings

**Croaking Cisticola** *Cisticola natalensis* — Seen at Arusha NP and in the Serengeti system

**Tiny Cisticola** *Cisticola nana* — Seen at Engikaret

**Short-winged Cisticola** *Cisticola brachypterus* — Seen at Arusha NP

**Long-tailed Cisticola** *Cisticola angusticauda* — Seen briefly at Serengeti NP

**Zitting Cisticola** *Cisticola juncidis* — Several sightings

**Desert Cisticola** *Cisticola aridulus* — Seen at Serengeti NP

**Pectoral-patch Cisticola** *Cisticola brunnescens* — Several scattered sightings

**Tawny-flanked Prinia** *Prinia subflava* — Seen a few times

**Red-fronted Warbler** *Prinia rufifrons* — Good views at Engikaret

**Buff-bellied Warbler** *Phyllolais pulchella* — Several good sightings

**Bar-throated Apalis** *Apalis [t.] thoracica* — Seen at Ngorongoro

**Yellow-breasted Apalis** *Apalis [f.] flavida* — Several scattered sightings

**Black-headed Apalis** *Apalis melanocephala* — Seen at Arusha NP

**Karamoja Apalis** *Apalis karamojae* — Excellent views at Serengeti NP

**Brown-headed Apalis [Grey Apalis]** *Apalis [cinerea] alticola* — Seen well at Ngorongoro

**Grey-capped Warbler** *Eminia lepida* — Seen well at Ngorongoro

**Grey-backed Camaroptera [Bleating Camaroptera]** *Camaroptera [brachyura] brevicaudata* — Several scattered sightings

**Grey Wren-Warbler** *Calamonastes simplex* — Seen at Engikaret

**Yellow-bellied Eremomela** *Eremomela [i.] icteropygialis* — Several were seen at Engikaret

### Leiothrichidae

**Rufous Chatterer** *Argya rubiginosa* — Seen at Ndutu

**Arrow-marked Babbler** *Turdoides jardineii* — Seen at Tarangire

**Northern Pied Babbler** *Turdoides hypoleuca* — Seen well at Tarangire

**Black-lored Babbler** *Turdoides sharpei* — Seen well at Ndutu and Serengeti NP

### Sylviidae

**African Hill Babbler** *Pseudoalcippe [a.] abyssinica* — Seen at Ngorongoro

**Eurasian Blackcap** *Sylvia atricapilla* — Heard at Ngorongoro

**Garden Warbler** *Sylvia borin* — Heard at Serengeti NP

**Common Whitethroat** *Sylvia communis* — Seen near Kilimanjaro Airport

**Brown Parisoma** *Sylvia lugens* — Very good views at Ngorongoro

**Banded Parisoma** *Sylvia boehmi* — Several scattered sightings

### Zosteropidae

**Mbulu White-eye [Montane White-eye]** *Zosterops [poliogastrus] mbuluensis* — Seen well at Ngorongoro

**Pale White-eye [Abyssinian White-eye]** *Zosterops [abyssinicus] flavilateralis* — Seen at Ndutu

**Kilimanjaro White-eye [Montane White-eye]** *Zosterops [poliogastrus] eurycricotus* — Seen well at Arusha NP

**Sturnidae**

**Wattled Starling** *Creatophora cinerea* — Tens of thousands were seen in the Serengeti system

**Rüppell's Starling** *Lamprotornis purpuroptera* — Seen at Serengeti NP

**Superb Starling** *Lamprotornis superbus* — Many, many sightings

**Hildebrandt's Starling** *Lamprotornis hildebrandti* — Several scattered sightings

**Ashy Starling** *Lamprotornis unicolor* — Seen well at Tarangire

**Red-winged Starling** *Onychognathus [m.] morio* — Seen at Ngorongoro

**Waller's Starling** *Onychognathus walleri* — Seen at Arusha NP

**Kenrick's Starling** *Poeoptera kenricki* — Seen at Arusha NP

**Buphagidae**

**Yellow-billed Oxpecker** *Buphagus africanus* — Several scattered sightings

**Red-billed Oxpecker** *Buphagus erythrorhynchus* — Several scattered sightings

**Turdidae**

**Bare-eyed Thrush** *Turdus tephronotus* — Seen near Lake Manyara

**Northern Olive Thrush** *Turdus abyssinicus* — Seen at Ngorongoro

**Muscicapidae**

**White-browed Scrub Robin** *Cercotrichas leucophrys* — Several scattered sightings

**White-eyed Slaty Flycatcher** *Melaenornis fischeri* — Seen at Arusha NP and Ngorongoro

**African Grey Flycatcher** *Melaenornis microrhynchus* — Many sightings

**Silverbird** *Empidonis semipartitus* — Great views at Ndutu and Serengeti NP

**Spotted Flycatcher** *Muscicapa [s.] striata* — Several scattered sightings

**Ashy Flycatcher** *Muscicapa caerulescens* — Seen briefly at Arusha NP

**African Dusky Flycatcher** *Muscicapa adusta* — Seen at Arusha NP and Ngorongoro

**Cape Robin-Chat** *Cossypha caffra* — Seen at Arusha NP and Ngorongoro

**Rüppell's Robin-Chat** *Cossypha semirufa* — Seen at Arusha NP and Duluti

**White-browed Robin-Chat** *Cossypha heuglini* — Seen at Ngorongoro

**White-starred Robin** *Pogonocichla stellata* — Heard at Arusha NP

**Collared Palm Thrush** *Cichladusa arquata* — Seen at Lake Manyara

**Spotted Palm Thrush** *Cichladusa guttata* — Several scattered sightings

**Common Rock Thrush** *Monticola saxatilis* — Michael saw one at Serengeti NP

**Whinchat** *Saxicola rubetra* — Two were seen at Serengeti NP

**African Stonechat [Common Stonechat]** *Saxicola [t.] torquatus* — Seen well at Arusha NP and Ngorongoro

**Mocking Cliff Chat** *Thamnolaea [c.] cinnamomeiventris* — Seen well at Serengeti NP

**Northern Anteater Chat** *Myrmecocichla aethiops* — Good views at Ngorongoro

**Northern Wheatear** *Oenanthe [o.] oenanthe* — A few sightings

**Capped Wheatear** *Oenanthe pileata* — Many seen on short-grass plains

**Isabelline Wheatear** *Oenanthe isabellina* — One was seen en route to Ndutu

**Pied Wheatear** *Oenanthe pleschanka* — Ken had a couple of roadside sightings

**Familiar Chat** *Oenanthe familiaris* — Seen at Serengeti NP

**Abyssinian Wheatear [Mourning Wheatear]** *Oenanthe [lugens] lugubris* — A juvenile was seen well at Ngorongoro

**Nectariniidae**

**Eastern Violet-backed Sunbird** *Anthreptes orientalis* — Seen at Tarangire and Oldupai Gorge

**Collared Sunbird** *Hedydipna collaris* — Seen at Arusha NP and Duluti

**Olive Sunbird** *Cyanomitra olivacea* — Seen at Arusha NP

**Amethyst Sunbird** *Chalcomitra amethystina* — Seen at Arusha NP, Ngorongoro and Duluti

**Scarlet-chested Sunbird** *Chalcomitra senegalensis* — Several scattered sightings

**Tacazze Sunbird** *Nectarinia tacazze* — Superb views at Ngorongoro

**Bronzy Sunbird** *Nectarinia kilimensis* — Seen well at Arusha NP

**Malachite Sunbird** *Nectarinia famosa* — Excellent views at Ngorongoro

**Golden-winged Sunbird** *Drepanorhynchus reichenowi* — Excellent views at Ngorongoro

**Eastern Double-collared Sunbird** *Cinnyris mediocris* — Seen well at Ngorongoro

**Gorgeous Sunbird [Beautiful Sunbird]** *Cinnyris [pulchellus] melanogastrus* — Many excellent sightings

**Marico Sunbird** *Cinnyris mariquensis* — Seen at Serengeti NP

**Purple-banded Sunbird** *Cinnyris bifasciatus* — Seen well at Serengeti NP

**Variable Sunbird** *Cinnyris venustus* — Several scattered sightings

**Passeridae**

**House Sparrow** *Passer domesticus* — Seen

**Kenya Sparrow [Rufous Sparrow]** *Passer [cordofanicus] rufocinctus* — Several scattered sightings

**Northern Grey-headed Sparrow** *Passer [g.] griseus* — Seen at Arusha NP

**Swahili Sparrow [Northern Grey-headed Sparrow]** *Passer [griseus] suahelicus* — Seen commonly in the Serengeti system

**Chestnut Sparrow** *Passer emini* — Seen well at Tarangire

**Yellow-spotted Petronia** *Gymnoris pyrgita* — Seen at Engikaret

**Ploceidae**

**Red-billed Buffalo Weaver** *Bubalornis niger* — Many sightings

**White-headed Buffalo Weaver** *Dinemellia dinemelli* — Seen several times

**White-browed Sparrow-Weaver** *Plocepasser mahali* — Seen at Tarangire

**Rufous-tailed Weaver** *Histurgops ruficauda* — Good views at Tarangire and in the Serengeti system

**Grey-capped Social Weaver** *Pseudonigrita arnaudi* — Seen well in the Serengeti system

**Speckle-fronted Weaver** *Sporopipes frontalis* — Seen well in the Serengeti system

**Thick-billed Weaver** *Amblyospiza albifrons* — Seen well at Arusha NP

**Baglafaft Weaver** *Ploceus baglafaft* — Seen well on the Ngorongoro and Arusha NP

**Spectacled Weaver** *Ploceus ocularis* — Seen at Serengeti NP

**Black-necked Weaver** *Ploceus [n.] nigricollis* — Seen at Lake Manyara

**Holub's Golden Weaver** *Ploceus xanthops* — Seen at Ngorongoro

**Taveta Golden Weaver** *Ploceus castaneiceps* — Seen well at Arusha NP and Duluti

**Lesser Masked Weaver** *Ploceus intermedius* — Several scattered sightings

**Vitelline Masked Weaver** *Ploceus vitellinus* — Several scattered sightings

**Speke's Weaver** *Ploceus spekei* — Several scattered sightings

**Village Weaver** *Ploceus cucullatus* — Seen at Tarangire and Ndutu

**Golden-backed Weaver** *Ploceus jacksoni* — Seen at Lake Manyara and Serengeti NP

**Chestnut Weaver** *Ploceus rubiginosus* — Breeding-plumaged males were seen at Tarangire

**Northern Red-headed Weaver [Red-headed Weaver]** *Anaplectes [rubriceps] leuconotos* — Excellent views at Serengeti NP

**Cardinal Quelea** *Quelea cardinalis* — Fantastic views at Tarangire

**Red-billed Quelea** *Quelea quelea* — Seen at Tarangire and Ndutu

**Black Bishop** *Euplectes gierowii* — Seen well at Tarangire and Oldupai Gorge

**Southern Red Bishop** *Euplectes [o.] orix* — Several excellent sightings

**Yellow Bishop** *Euplectes capensis* — Seen at Arusha NP and Ngorongoro

**Fan-tailed Widowbird** *Euplectes axillaris* — Seen at Ngorongoro and Serengeti NP

**White-winged Widowbird** *Euplectes albonotatus* — Seen at Tarangire and Serengeti NP

**Red-naped Widowbird [Red-collared Widowbird]** *Euplectes [ardens] laticauda* — Excellent views at Ngorongoro

**Jackson's Widowbird** *Euplectes jacksoni* — Excellent views of displaying birds at Ngorongoro

#### Estrildidae

**Grey-headed Nigrita** *Nigrita canicapillus* — Seen at Arusha NP

**Green-winged Pytilia** *Pytilia melba* — Seen at Ndutu

**Cut-throat Finch** *Amadina fasciata* — Seen well at Ndutu

**Abyssinian Crimsonwing** *Cryptospiza salvadorii* — Excellent views at Ngorongoro

**Red-billed Firefinch** *Lagonosticta senegala* — Several scattered sightings

**Red-cheeked Cordon-bleu** *Uraeginthus bengalus* — Seen a few times

**Blue-capped Cordon-bleu** *Uraeginthus cyanocephalus* — Seen several times

**Purple Grenadier** *Uraeginthus ianthinogaster* —

Seen at Serengeti NP and Ngorongoro

**Yellow-bellied Waxbill** *Coccyzygia quartinia* — Seen briefly at Ngorongoro

**Crimson-rumped Waxbill** *Estrilda rhodopyga* — Several scattered sightings

**Common Waxbill** *Estrilda [a.] astrild* — Seen at Arusha NP

**Black-faced Waxbill** *Estrilda [e.] erythronotos* — Seen several times

**African Quailfinch [Quailfinch]** *Ortygospiza [atricollis] fuscocrissa* — Seen on the ground at Serengeti NP

**African Silverbill** *Euodice cantans* — Seen well near Kilimanjaro airport

**Grey-headed Silverbill** *Odontospiza caniceps* — Good views at Engikaret and brief views at Ndutu

**Bronze Mannikin** *Lonchura cucullata* — Seen near Kilimanjaro airport

**Red-backed Mannikin [Black-and-white Mannikin]** *Lonchura [bicolor] nigriceps* — Good views at Duluti and brief views at Arusha NP

#### Viduidae

**Village Indigobird** *Vidua chalybeata* — Good views at Lake Manyara

**Pin-tailed Whydah** *Vidua macroura* — Several scattered sightings

**Steel-blue Whydah** *Vidua hypocherina* — Excellent views at Engikaret, Ndutu and Serengeti NP

**Straw-tailed Whydah** *Vidua fischeri* — Several scattered sightings

**Long-tailed Paradise Whydah** *Vidua paradisaea* — Seen well at Tarangire

#### Motacillidae

**Western Yellow Wagtail** *Motacilla flava* — Seen at Serengeti NP and Ngorongoro (*thunbergi*)

**Mountain Wagtail** *Motacilla clara* — Seen at Arusha NP

**African Pied Wagtail** *Motacilla aguimp* — Seen a few times

**Yellow-throated Longclaw** *Macronyx croceus* — Seen well at Serengeti NP

**Pangani Longclaw** *Macronyx aurantiigula* — Seen well at Serengeti NP and near Kilimanjaro Airport

**Rosy-throated Longclaw** *Macronyx ameliae* — Seen well at Ngorongoro and Serengeti NP

**African Pipit** *Anthus cinnamomeus* — Many sightings, especially at Engikaret

**Long-billed Pipit** *Anthus [s.] similis* — Michael saw one briefly at Arusha NP

**Plain-backed Pipit** *Anthus leucophrys* — Several sightings in the Serengeti system

#### Fringillidae

**Southern Citril** *Crithagra hyposticta* — Seen at Arusha NP and Ngorongoro

**Reichenow's Seedeater** *Crithagra reichenowi* — Seen well near Kilimanjaro Airport

**Yellow-fronted Canary** *Crithagra mozambica* — Seen at Duluti

**White-bellied Canary** *Crithagra dorsostriata* — Many good sightings

**Southern Grosbeak-Canary** *Crithagra buchanani* — Excellent views at Engikaret

**Thick-billed Seedeater** *Crithagra burtoni* — Seen at Arusha NP and Ngorongoro

**Streaky Seedeater** *Crithagra [s.] striolata* — Seen at Ngorongoro

**Yellow-crowned Canary** *Serinus flavivertex* — Seen at Ngorongoro

#### Emberizidae

**Golden-breasted Bunting** *Emberiza flaviventris* — Seen at Engikaret

Pangani Longclaw © Michael Mills



## LIST OF MAMMALS RECORDED

**Bush Hyrax** *Heterohyrax brucei* — Seen at Tarangire and Serengeti.

**Savanna Elephant** *Loxodonta africana* — Many good sightings in the game parks.

**Senegal Lesser Galago** *Galago senegalensis* — Seen near Lake Manyara.

**Sykes's Monkey** *Cercopithecus albogularis* — Seen in Arusha NP.

**Vervet Monkey** *Chlorocebus pygerythrus* — Seen regularly.

**Olive Baboon** *Papio anubis* — Many sightings.

**Black-and-white Colobus** *Colobus guereza* — Seen at Arusha NP and in western Serengeti.

**Unstriped Ground Squirrel** *Xerus rutilus* — Just one sighting at Engikaret.

**Unstriped Grass Rat** *Arvicanthis niloticus* — Seen around Ndutu

**Cape Hare** *Lepus capensis* or **African Savanna Hare** *Lepus victoriae/microtis* — Several hares seen could not be identified to species.

**Yellow-winged Bat** *Lavia frons* — Seen in the Serengeti.

**Cheetah** *Acinonyx jubatus* — Two excellent encounters with a single animal near Ndutu and a three-male-coalition in the Serengeti.

**Lion** *Panthera leo* — Many, many sightings, including small cubs, a mating pair and feeding on a kill.

**Leopard** *Panthera pardus* — Two excellent sightings in the Serengeti; one female in a tree which we watched descend and join up with two tiny cubs, and one watching a pair of mating lions at close range...

**Common Genet** *Genetta [genetta] genetta* — One tame animal seen at Ndutu.

**Common Slender Mongoose** [S M] *Galerella [sanguinea] sanguinea* — One brief sighting in the Serengeti.

**Common Dwarf Mongoose** *Helogale parvula* — Excellent sightings at Tarangire, Ndutu and Serengeti.

**White-tailed Mongoose** *Ichneumia albicauda* — Great night-time views near Lake Manyara.

**Banded Mongoose** *Mungos mungo* — Some excellent encounters in the game parks.

**Spotted Hyaena** *Crocuta crocuta* — Many in the Serengeti and at Ngorongoro, including some great interactions around a kill.

**African Golden Wolf** [G Jackal] *Canis [aureus] anthus* — Good sightings at Serengeti and Ngorongoro.

**Black-backed Jackal** *Canis mesomelas* — Seen near Lake Manyara and in the Serengeti.

**Plains Zebra** *Equus [quagga] burchellii* — Many in the game parks.

**Black Rhinoceros** *Diceros bicornis* — Three seen on two occasions at Ngorongoro.

**Common Warthog** *Phacochoerus africanus* — Seen regularly in the game parks.

**Common Hippopotamus** *Hippopotamus amphibius* — Many in the Serengeti.

**Giraffe** *Giraffa camelopardalis* — Many good sightings in the game parks.

**Common Impala** [I] *Aepyceros [melampus] melampus* — Seen in Tarangire and the Serengeti.

**Kongoni** [H] *Alcelaphus [buselaphus] cokii* — Good views in the Serengeti.

**Eastern White-bearded Wildebeest** [Blue W] *Connochaetes [taurinus] albojubatus* — Seen near Lake Manyara and at Tarangire.

**Serengeti White-bearded Wildebeest** [Blue W] *Connochaetes [taurinus] mearnsi* — Just a few in the Serengeti, including some big groups on the move.

**Serengeti Topi** [Common Tsessebe] *Damaliscus [lunatus] jimela* — Good views in the Serengeti.

**Eastern Thomson's Gazelle** [T G] *Eudorcas [thomsonii] thomsonii* — A few seen distantly at Engikaret.

**Western Thomson's Gazelle** [T G] *Eudorcas [thomsonii] nasalis* — Many in the Serengeti and at Ngorongoro.

**Naivasha Dik-dik** [Kirk's D] *Madoqua [kirkii] cavendishi* — Seen in the Serengeti.

**Thomas's Dik-dik** [Kirk's D] *Madoqua [kirkii] thomasi* — Seen at Tarangire and near Lake Manyara.

**Grant's Gazelle** *Nanger [granti] granti* — Good numbers in the Serengeti system.

**Masai Klipspringer** [K] *Oreotragus [oreotragus] schillingsi* — One seen in the Serengeti.

**Cape Buffalo** *Syncerus [caffer] caffer* — Good numbers in the game parks.

**Common Eland** *Taurotragus oryx* — Seen well several times in the Serengeti system.

**Cape Bushbuck** [B] *Tragelaphus [scriptus] sylvaticus* — Several at Arusha NP.

**Harvey's Duiker** [Natal Red D] *Cephalophus [natalensis] harveyi* — A couple of brief sightings in Arusha NP.

**Mountain Blue Duiker** [B D] *Philantomba [monticola] lugens* — Good views of one at Arusha NP.

**Bush Duiker** *Sylvicapra [grimmia] grimmia* — Just one near Lake Manyara.

**Common Waterbuck** [W] *Kobus [ellipsiprymnus] ellipsiprymnus* — Seen at Arusha NP and Tarangire.

**Defassa Waterbuck** [W] *Kobus [ellipsiprymnus] defassa* — Seen in the Serengeti system.

**Eastern Bohor Reedbuck** *Redunca [redunca] bohor* — Seen near Lake Manyara and in the Serengeti.

*Mating Lions © John Cranmer*





*Beesley's Lark, Speke's Weaver and Malachite Sunbird © Michael Mills*





*Lesser Flamingo and Rufous-naped Lark © Michael Mills*



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*Secretarybird and Eastern Grey Woodpecker © Michael Mills*



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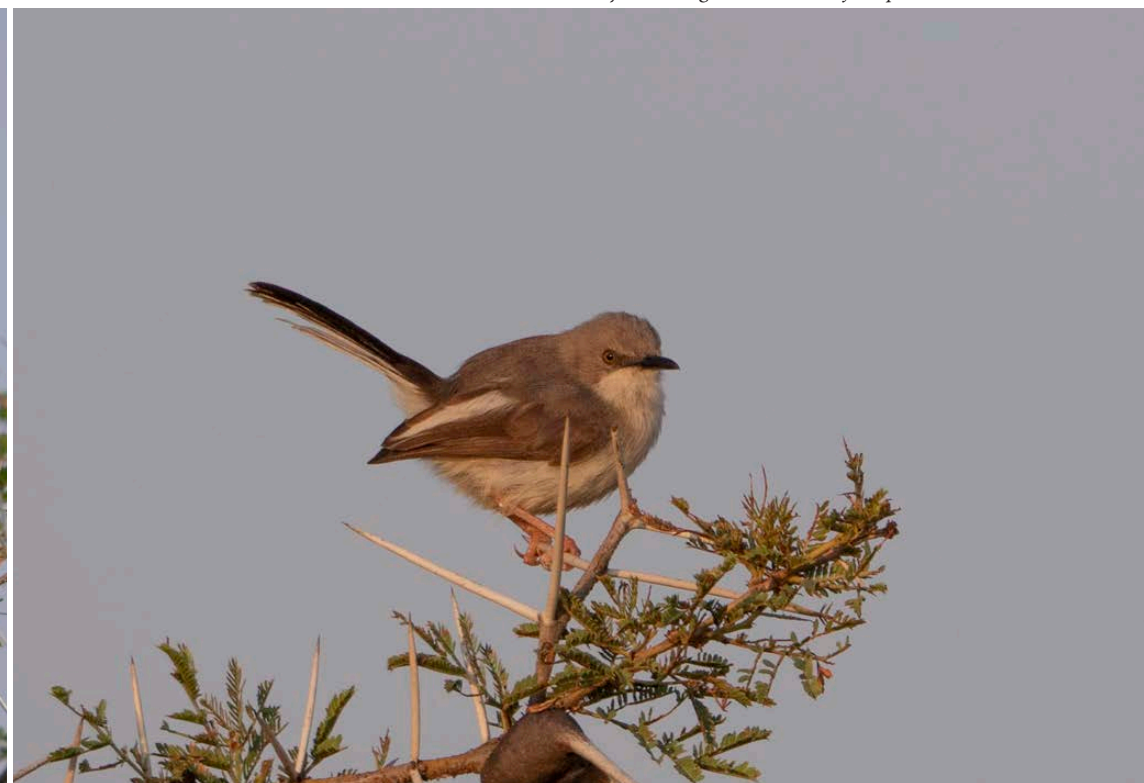




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*Ashy Starling and Karamoja Apalis* © Michael Mills





*Spotted Hyaena cubs and Lion on a kill © Michael Mills*



*Ngorongoro Crater scene and Dwarf Mongoose © Michael Mills*





*Banded Mongoose and Lion © Michael Mills*



*Serengeti White-bearded Wildewbeest on the move, and Lion cub © Michael Mills*



*A view across the Serengeti © Michael Mills*

