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## Trip Report: Uganda and Rwanda, July 2013

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### Summary

Our journey through Uganda and Rwanda was once again a resounding success, with great views obtained of the four main target birds: **Shoebill** at Mabamba Swamp, **Green-breasted Pitta** at Kibale, **Grauer's Broadbill** at Mabwindi Swamp in Bwindi and **Red-collared Mountain Babbler** at Nyungwe, Rwanda. Our standard "highlights" tour was supplemented with a quick pre-tour loop through the lower-altitude forests of Budongo and savannas of Murchison Falls, adding substantially to our species list. Our highlights tour focussed on the four aforementioned species plus the lofty Albertine Rift forests and their endemics, and took in various other habitats en route. During the two weeks we visited wetlands at Lake Victoria's Mabamba Swamp, Lake Bunyoni and the Nyabarongo River in Rwanda, mid-altitude forests at Kibale and "The Neck" of Bwindi, grasslands and savannas at Queen Elizabeth, and montane forests at the Ruhija sector of Bwindi and Nyungwe. Some of the group also opted to spend a day tracking Eastern Gorillas at Ruhija.





Shoebill © Thomas Olson on this Birding Africa trip

Besides the four biggies, other highlights included **Ituri Batis**, **Nahan's Partridge**, **African Dwarf Kingfisher**, **Black Bishop**, **Cardinal Quelea**, **Puvel's Illadopsis** and **Brown Twinspot** in the Budongo area, **Heuglin's Francolin**, **Pennant-winged Nightjar**, **Red-winged Grey Warbler** and **Shelley's Sparrow** at Murchison Falls, **Lesser Jacana**, **Long-toed Lapwing**, **Blue Swallow**, **Weyns's Weaver** and **Orange Weaver** at Mabamba Swamp, **Papyrus Gonolek** nearby, **Speckle-breasted Woodpecker** and **White-winged Swamp Warbler** en route to Kibale, **Toro Olive Greenbul**, **Grey Parrot**, **Joyful Greenbul**, **Thick-billed Cuckoo** and **White-collared Oliveback** at Kibale, **Senegal Lapwing** and **White-tailed Lark** at Queen Elizabeth, **Swamp Nightjar** and **Red-throated Wryneck** en route to Bwindi, **Many-coloured Bushshrike** and **Grey-headed Sunbird** at "The Neck", **Handsome Francolin**, **White-headed Wood Hoopoe**, **Ruwenzori Nightjar**, **Grauer's Warbler**, **Doherty's Bushshrike**, **Regal Sunbird**, **Grauer's Rush Warbler** and **Dusky Crimsonwing** at Ruhija, **Papyrus Yellow Warbler** and **Carruther's Cisticola** at Lake Bunyoni, **Ruaha Chat** en route to Nyungwe, **Mountain Buzzard**, **Red-throated Alethe**, **White-bellied Robin-Chat**, **Equatorial Akalat**, **Dwarf Honeyguide**, **Kungwe Apalis**, **Willard's Boubou**, **African Broadbill**, **Lagden's Bushshrike**, **Neumann's Warbler** and **Purple-breasted Sunbird** at Nyungwe and **Papyrus Canary** at the Nyabarongo wetlands. We logged a total of just over 530 species, including heard-onlys. Mammal highlights were *Chimpanzee* at Budongo, *Leopard* in a tree at Murchison Falls, *Central African Red Colobus* and *Grey-cheeked Mangabey (Uganda Mangabey)* at



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Kibale, *Leopard* beside the road in Queen Elizabeth, *l'Hoest Monkey* and *Eastern Gorilla* at Bwindi and *Angola Pied Colobus* at Nyungwe.

### **Detailed Trip Report**

This year we commenced our journey through Uganda and Rwanda with pre-tour extension to Murchison Falls National Park and Budongo Forest. We set off from Entebbe. Arriving at Masindi just in time for lunch, with great views of **Western Banded Snake Eagle**, perched **Tambourine Dove** and **Brown-backed Scrub Robin** en route, we quickly dropped our bags, grabbed some food and then continued on to the Busingiro section of Budongo Forest for the afternoon. Things started off a bit

slowly, but it didn't take too long before our main targets, **Ituri Batis** and **Nahan's Partridge**, were located. The thin piping call of the batis helped us locate it perched in the canopy and soon the scope was swung in its direction for prolonged views. The partridge took a little more work, but again its calls first alerted us to its presence. We tip-toed into the undergrowth and after waiting quietly for a few minutes managed to lure them close-in for views. The pressure was now off and we could enjoy the vast array of other forest birds that Budongo had to offer, by concentrating our efforts on the Royal Mile, plus spend some time in the adjacent open habitats. We built up a good list of specials. **African Dwarf Kingfisher** sat on the road in front of its nest, **Chocolate-backed Kingfisher** was scoped in the canopy and **Blue-breasted Kingfisher** hunted insects right besides us. An **Afep Pigeon** descended to the road to feed on berries, quite unexpected for this shy, canopy species! A singing **Uganda Woodland Warbler** was watched feeding high up and a zippy little **Jameson's Wattle-eye** observed lower down. Overhead **Grey Parrot**, **Cassin's Spinetail** and **Sabine's Spinetail** were welcome additions. **Dusky Long-tailed Cuckoo** teased us and showed briefly when everyone else was looking the wrong way. A lovely **Forest Robin** showed well, **Red-tailed Ant-thrush** and **White-tailed Ant-thrush** were seen in short succession and **Scaly-breasted Illadopsis** approached very close. Other species recorded during our time in Budongo included **Scaly Francolin** (heard), **African Pied Hornbill**, **White-thighed Hornbill**, **Black-and-white-casqued Hornbill**, **Yellow-crested Woodpecker**, **Western Oriole**, **Dusky Tit**, **Spotted Greenbul**, **White-throated Greenbul**, **Red-tailed Greenbul**, **Lemon-bellied Crombec**, **Chestnut-capped Flycatcher**, **Black-throated Apalis**, **Buff-throated Apalis**, **Rufous-crowned Eremomela**, **Brown Illadopsis**, **Purple-headed Starling**, **Fraser's Rufous Thrush**, **Fire-crested Alethe** and **Grey Tit-Flycatcher** at the forest edge. The adjacent moist savannas and farmland areas also produced some great birding. One of the highlights was an opportunity for a lengthy side-by-side study of **Red-headed Quelea** and **Cardinal Quelea**, both in glorious full breeding plumage. We also flushed a pair of **Black-rumped Buttonquail**, found a striking male **Black Bishop**, enjoyed good flight views of **Red-headed Lovebird** and were impressed by several male **Pennant-winged Nightjars** after dark. Other species in these habitats included **White-headed Saw-wing**, **Whistling Cisticola**, **Short-winged Cisticola**, **Copper Sunbird**, **Compact Weaver**, **Yellow-mantled Widowbird**, **Red-collared Widowbird**, **Brown Twinspot**, **Black-bellied Firefinch**, **Singing Cisticola**, **Verreaux's Eagle Owl**, **Moustached Grass Warbler**, **Dark-capped Yellow Warbler**, **Fawn-breasted Waxbill** and **Western Citril**, before it was time to head for the Nile River at Murchison Falls National Park.

We broke up the journey with a lengthy walk at the Butiaba Escarpment, where new birds came thick and fast. Perhaps the most localised species found was **Foxy Cisticola**, which allowed very close approach. Other highlights included **Flappet Lark**, **Spotted Palm Thrush**, **Black-billed Barbet**, **Cabanis's Bunting**, **Cinnamon-breasted Bunting**, **Western Black-headed Batis**, **Mocking Cliff Chat**, **Black-winged Red Bishop**, **Chestnut-crowed Sparrow-weaver**, stunning **Silverbird**, **Lesser Blue-eared Starling**, **Red-winged Warbler**, **Rattling Cisticola**, **Red-shouldered Cuckooshrike**, **Croaking Cisticola**, **Northern Crombec**, **Spot-flanked Barbet**, **Marsh Tchagra**, **Blue-naped Mousebird**, **Grey-headed Kingfisher**, **White-rumped Swift**, **Levaillant's Cuckoo** and **Vinaceous Dove**. It was then on to our accommodation on the banks of the Nile River for a late lunch, spotting **Black-rumped Waxbill**, **Dark-chanting Goshawk** and **Northern Red-bishop** before we arrived. In the later afternoon, birding near our accommodation added **Buff-bellied Warbler**, **Beautiful Sunbird**, **Western Violet-backed Sunbird**, **Red-winged Grey Warbler**, **Grey-capped Warbler** and



Black Bee-eater © Thomas Olson on this Birding Africa trip

**Brown Babbler**, and after dark, **Slender-tailed Nightjar** and more great views of **Pennant-winged Nightjar**.

With only a short time available to explore the varied habitats of Murchison, we set off early the next morning to catch the first ferry to the north bank of the Nile and spend the morning in the grasslands and wetlands there, followed by a afternoon boat trip to the bottom of the falls and some late afternoon and early morning exploration in the Guinea woodlands south of the Nile. Birding highlights were good looks at **Heuglin's Francolin** on two occasions, a breeding colony of **Horus Swift** along the Nile River, a lovely **Green-backed Eremomela**, a pair of **Shelley's Sparrow** perched in a patch of whistling thorn, great views of **Black-faced Quail Finch** on the ground, a breeding plumage **Black Coucal**, a couple of **Abyssinian Ground Hornbill**, lots of bright **Northern Carmine Bee-eater**, great looks at the *gabonensis* subspecies of **Black Cuckoo**, close-up views of **Denham's Bustard** and several **Long-toed Lapwing**. Other more widespread species included **Saddle-billed Stork**, **Intermediate Egret**, **Western Osprey**, **Rueppell's Vulture**, **Lappet-faced Vulture**, **Yellow-bellied Hyliota**, **White-shouldered Black Tit**, **Black Scimitarbill**, **Piapiac**, **Yellow-billed Shrike**, **White-crested Helmetshrike**, **Nubian Woodpecker**, **Lesser Honeyguide**, **Blue-breasted Bee-eater**, **Swallow-tailed Bee-eater**, **Red-throated Bee-eater**, **Senegal Coucal**, **Black-billed Wood Dove**, **African Skimmer**, **Rock Pratincole**, **Black-headed Lapwing**, **Senegal Thick-knee**, **Grey Crowned Crane**, **Martial Eagle**, **Pink-backed Pelican** and **Goliath Heron**. On our way back to Entebbe, for the start of the main tour, a short stop at Kaniyo Pabidi quickly produced **Puvel's Illadopsis**, plus good views of **Yellow Longbill** and **Grey Longbill**, and a stop closer to Kampala is some large swamps turned up some displaying male **Marsh Widowbirds**.

On the Uganda "Specials tour, our very first port of call was the famous Mabamba Swamps near Entebbe. And not minutes after taking to the water, were we admiring a hefty **Shoebill** at close range. We marvelled at it for about half an hour, during which time it lunged to grab a lungfish and quickly disposed of it down its gullet. During our Shoebill vigil we were distracted by some nearby **Long-toed Lapwings**, an **African Marsh Harrier** that drifted by and a lovely **Blue Swallow**. A short detour on the water quickly bagged the hoped-for **Lesser Jacana**, but all too soon we were back on shore admiring **Weyn's Weaver** and a variety of other Ploceids such as **Black-headed Weaver**, **Northern Brown-throated Weaver** and **Orange Weaver**, plus **African Pied Hornbill**, **Swamp Flycatcher**, **Plain-backed Pipit**, **Green-throated Sunbird** and **Red-chested Sunbird**.

From Mabamba we started our journey to Kibale. We stopped for lunch before passing Kampala, where **Papyrus Gonolek** gave good views and a few other goodies such as **Hairy-breasted Barbet**, **Nubian Woodpecker** (in the middle of the papyrus!?) and **Sooty Chat** put their first appearances. Beyond Kampala a productive stroll through some farmland habitats produced the scarce **Speckle-breasted Woodpecker**, **Black-throated Canary**, our first **Black-and-white-casqued Hornbills** and the only **White-throated Bee-eaters** of the trip. Still further along our route in some thorn-savanna we found **Trilling Cisticola**, **Holub's Golden Weaver**, **Purple-banded Sunbird**, **Black-headed Gonolek**, **Snowy-crowned Robin-Chat**, **White-chinned Prinia** and **Copper Sunbird**, and **White-winged Swamp Warbler** and **Marsh Tchagra** in some swampy areas.

During our stay at Kibale our main aim was to get to grips with the much-desired **Green-breasted Pitta**. This year we were fortunate, as it came easily. On our first morning we set off expectantly,



Collared Sunbird at Kibale National Park © Thomas Olson on this Birding Africa trip

walking through the dark forest interior behind our expert local guide, who brought us to where he had heard the birds displaying the morning before. And it wasn't long before we could hear the strange, mechanical thud of a pair displaying nearby. As we were waiting for the light to improve we enjoyed the forest waking up around us, and lured in a confiding **Scaly-breasted Illadopsis** for good views. Once the light was good enough to enjoy the pitta, we started to search nearby for them, and our guide soon located the birds feeding on the ground. As calmly as possible we stalked forward to where he'd seen one pitta flit up to a branch and soon all of us were admiring one of these rare and beautiful birds perched out in clear view, where it stayed for several minutes. During this time it exhibited a strange sort of display in which it kept stretching its head skywards, seemingly to better expose the red and green underparts. Now on an endorphin high we happily turned to other forest birds, and our very rapid success meant that this year we had ample time for them.

Our best birds at Kibale included more views of **Afep Pigeon**, perched and scoped, great views of the rare **Thick-billed Cuckoo** in flight and perched, several bright **Black Bee-eater**, fantastic views of **Brown-eared Woodpecker**, a few sightings of **Red-headed Bluebill**, good looks at **Toro Olive Greenbul** after hearing them several times, **Joyful Greenbul**, **Lowland Masked Apalis**, **Tiny Sunbird** and a preening **White-collared Oliveback** also scoped! Many other more widespread species were registered too, including a clacking flock of **Crested Guineafowl**, great views of **Red-tailed Bristlebill**, **Thick-billed Seed-eater**, a displaying **Crowned Eagle**, a pair of **Grey Parrot**, **Blue Malkoha**, shimmering **Klaas's Cuckoo**, **African Emerald Cuckoo**, **Sabine's Spinetail**, **Narina Trogon**, **Speckled Tinkerbird**, **Yellow-throated Tinkerbird**, **Yellow-spotted Barbet**, **Grey-throated Barbet**, **Hairy-breasted Barbet**, **Cassin's Honeybird**, **Willcocks's Honeyguide**, **Buff-spotted Woodpecker**, **Elliot's Woodpecker**, **African Shrike-flycatcher**, **Black-and-white Shrike-flycatcher**, **Chestnut Wattle-eye**, **Bocage's Bushshrike**, **Luehder's Bushshrike**, **Petit's Cuckooshrike**, **Western Oriole**, **Velvet-mantled Drongo**, **Red-bellied Paradise Flycatcher**, **Dusky Tit**, **Western Nicator**, **Honeyguide Greenbul**, **Cabanis's Greenbul**, **Green Crombec**, **Green Hylia**, **Chubb's Cisticola**, **Buff-throated Apalis**, **Black-billed Turaco**, **Olive-green Camaroptera**, **Purple-headed Starling**, **Narrow-tailed Starling**, **Waller's Starling**, **Fraser's Rufous Thrush**, **Red-capped Robin-Chat**, **Cassin's Flycatcher**, **Sooty Flycatcher**, **Dusky-blue Flycatcher**, **Grey-throated Tit-Flycatcher**, **Little Green Sunbird**, **Olive-bellied Sunbird**, **Blue-throated Brown Sunbird**, **Dark-backed Weaver**, **White-breasted Nigrita**, **Grey-headed Nigrita** and **Mountain Wagtail**. We also made a short, rather damp (from rain) visit to Bigodi wetlands, where notable additions were **Shining-blue Kingfisher**, **White-spotted Flufftail**, **Yellow-billed Barbet** and **White-tailed Ant Thrush**.

With our second biggie in the bag we happily made our way to Queen Elizabeth National Park for a brief visit. Our lunch stop en route turned up a few good savanna birds, such as our first **Senegal Lapwing**, **Spot-flank Barbet**, **Western Black-headed Batis**, **Grey-capped Warbler** and **Black-lored Babbler**. Out on the open plains we added **Rufous-naped Lark** and **Flappet Lark**, and after some diligent searching **White-tailed Lark** was found. **Red-necked Spurfowl** scurried from the road, as did **African Crake**, whereas **Water Thick-knee**, **Spur-winged Lapwing**, **Senegal Lapwing**, **African Wattled Lapwing**, **Crowned Lapwing** and **Kittlitz's Plover** were easier to spot and **Black-bellied Bustard** strode with confidence. Raptors were conspicuous and included **Palm-nut Vulture**, **White-backed Vulture**, **Black-chested Snake Eagle**, **Brown Snake Eagle**, **Bateleur** and **Martial**



Eagle, and other species included **Grey-backed Fiscal**, **Banded Martin**, **Rufous-chested Swallow**, **Red-rumped Swallow**, **Yellow-billed Oxpecker**, **Southern Red Bishop**, **Collared Pratincole** and **Croaking Cisticola**. Wetlands added **Greater Flamingo**, **Pink-backed Pelican** and **White-breasted Cormorant** and the more bushy areas were home to **Little Bee-eater**, **Olive Bee-eater**, **Common Scimitarbill**, **African Grey Woodpecker**, **Buff-bellied Warbler**, **Yellow-bellied Apalis**, **White-browed Scrub-Robin**, **Northern Black Flycatcher**, **Swamp Flycatcher**, **Slender-billed Weaver** and **Golden-breasted Bunting**. And our lunch was endangered by **Marabou Stork**.



Leaving Queen Elizabeth to the south, we bumped down the road to our accommodation. The drive didn't turn up too many new species, but **Stout Cisticola** was seen right beside the bus, a flock of **Crested Guineafowl** were spotted on the roadside and a pair of **African Cuckoo-Hawk** circled low overhead, before we arrived at our accommodation with some very obliging **Ross's Turaco** and **Swamp Nightjar** in the garden!

Having notched up a good list of savanna birds, it was now time to turn our attention back to forests...this time at Bwindi Impenetrable National Park. En route a short stop turned up excellent views **Red-throated Wryneck** and some



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more widespread species, before we arrived at “The Neck”. Here birding started off slowly, but the pace picked up as it warmed up. **Ansorge’s Greenbul** was again seen here, and proved to be quite common, excellent views were obtained of the localised **Grey-headed Sunbird** and we enjoyed good looks at **Many-coloured Bushshrike**. Other goodies included **Scarce Swift**, **Black-faced Prinia**, **Red-tailed Greenbul**, **Pink-footed Puffback** and **Brown-capped Weaver** and a splash of colour was added by **Cinnamon-chested Bee-eater** and **Black Bee-eater**. After a productive stint at “The Neck” we climbed to the higher altitudes of the Ruhija sector, arriving in time for a introductory birding stroll in late afternoon. Near our accommodation we had our first encounters with **Ruwenzori Apalis**, **Mountain Masked Apalis**, **Red-faced Woodland Warblers**, **White-eyed Slaty Flycatcher** and lovely **Regal Sunbird**, species with which we would become well acquainted over the following week.

Our reason for visiting Ruhija was twofold: firstly to lay eyes on the most charismatic of the bird endemics, the rare **Grauer’s Broadbill** and, secondly, the opportunity of coming face-to-face with *Eastern Gorillas*. Our “birds first” policy meant the long descent to Mabwindi Swamp, the best-known locality for the broadbill, was first up. As we descended in the early morning we paused to try our luck with some of the under-storey skulkers and succeeded in luring **Mountain Illadopsis** and **Archer’s Robin-Chat** into view. Other birds that drew our attention were our first **Mountain Orioles**, wing-flicking **Yellow-streaked Greenbuls**, **Ruwenzori Batis**, **Ruwenzori Hill Babbler**, **African Olive Pigeon**, **Sharpe’s Starling** and **Grey Cuckooshrike**. But we were keen to get into range of the broadbill, so pressed on down to the bottom, where after a relatively short wait our local guide called us to where he’d spotted the broadbills. Initially we could hear them calling above us, but it took what felt like ages before they finally moved and we spotted them flit across a clearing. Unfortunately they perched in a difficult spot, requiring us to clamber through some dense undergrowth and up the nearby slope, where even in the scope the birds were difficult to fully appreciate. But we stuck with them and after a while they eventually moved again, this time to a much better spot which allowed vastly improved views, and we could all appreciate them fully.

With our main target in the bag we continued on to the swamp for lunch, where **Grauer's Rush Warbler** showed well for a change but **Carruther's Cisticola** was much harder to see. Our first **Dusky Crimsonwing** also put in an appearance, but was little more than a red-and-grey

streak. On our afternoon ascent to the road the crimsonwings showed much better and we also registered **Yellow-eyed Black Flycatchers**, **Tullberg's Woodpecker** and **Mountain Yellow Warbler**, although good views of the warbler had to wait until later. **Lagden's Bushshrike** called in the distance but refused to come any closer.

The next day, while some of the group slogged up and down impenetrable mountain slopes in search of gorillas, the rest of us took the easy option of birding mainly from the road. Most legs were heavy and the birding slow, but we did managed excellent views of a male **Narina Trogon**, enjoy much-



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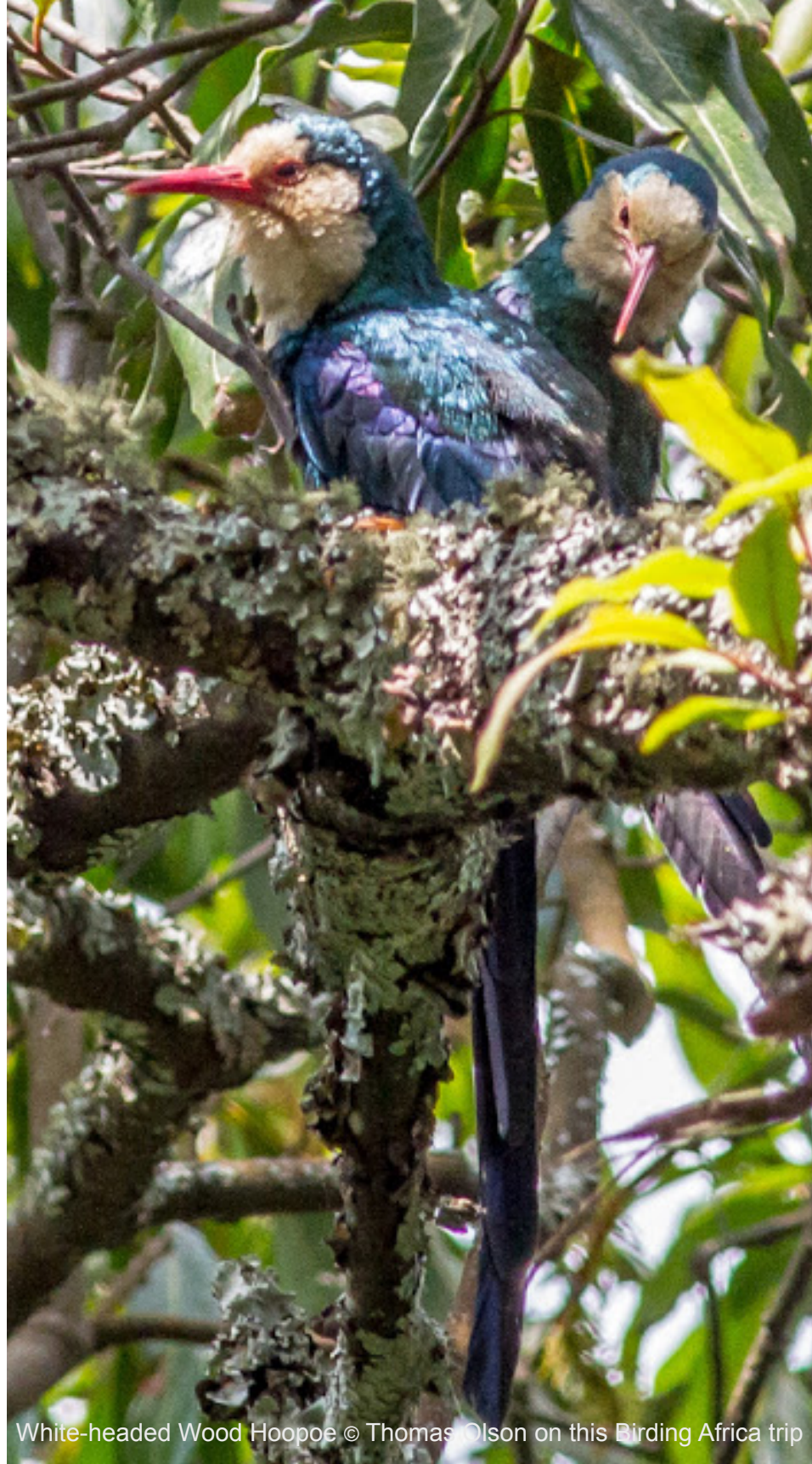


Birding Bwindi Impenetrable Forest © Andrew de Klerk on this Birding Africa trip

improved sightings of **Chestnut-throated Apalis** and see a very smart **Doherty's Bushshrike**, plus other species such as **Streaky Seedeater**, **Equatorial Akalat** (a surprise at this altitude), **Stripe-breasted Tit**, **Grauer's Warbler**, **White-tailed Blue Flycatcher**, **White-headed Wood Hoopoe**, **Black Sparrowhawk** and **Yellow-crowned Canary**.

All too quickly our time at Ruhija had come to an end as we headed for the exit gate, having enjoyed excellent views of **Ruwenzori Nightjar** before breakfast. En route several short stops produced some good birds, including superb sightings of **Western Tinkerbird**, **Kandt's Waxbill**, **Mountain Yellow Warbler** and, best of all, a pair of **Handsome Francolin** that crowed and clucked in annoyance. From the Bwindi exit gate we wound our way down to the shores of Lake Bunyoni for an overnight stop en route to Rwanda. The papyrus swamps here are some of the most productive for birding, and the best bird here is the inexplicably local and rare **Papyrus Yellow Warbler**, of which we enjoyed two excellent encounters! Other goodies seen here included **Greater Swamp Warbler**, **Western Citril**, the only **Mackinnon's Shrikes** of the trip, **Black-crowned Waxbill**, **White-winged Swamp Warbler**, our first proper views of **Carruther's Cisticola** and an **African Rail** that was persuaded to cross a trail through the papyrus.

Moving south we crossed into Rwanda without hassle and slowly wound our way to the far south of the country, with a lunch and farewell stop in Kigali to break the long journey. En route to Nyungwe a couple of **Ruaha Chats** put in a roadside appearance and once we arrived in Nyungwe we enjoyed



White-headed Wood Hoopoe © Thomas Olson on this Birding Africa trip



several excellent sightings of **Handsome Francolin** on the road. But it was a long travel day and we were happy to arrive at our destination where so many great birds awaited us.

Of the accessible patches of forest in the Albertine Rift (thus excluding those in the DRC and Burundi), Nyungwe is the richest in bird endemics and the only place to see the desirable **Red-collared (Mountain) Babbler**. Despite somewhat cold, windy conditions we managed to track down a party of these charismatic birds on our second morning and followed them for about half an hour as they fed among lichen and over mossy branches. Almost equally desirable was the bulky **Lagden's Bushshrike** which made us wait until the very last hour to put in a performance, sitting out and calling in the scope. **Dwarf Honeyguide** was another bonus and we all enjoyed scope views of this miniscule *Indicator* as it gleaned in the canopy. We also enjoyed excellent views of the grey-eyed **Willard's Boubou**, which was building a nest. The little-known **Kungwe Apalis** was tracked down in the canopy and seen well from below. **Red-throated Alethe** posed at arm's length, forcing the big lenses to retreat for photos! **Purple-breasted Sunbird** put in a great performance in the crown of a *Symphonia* tree and sat still for long enough for everyone to enjoy scope views. **Ruwenzori Double-collared Sunbird** showed very well on some giant lobelias. **Abyssinian (Kivu) Ground Thrush** sang sweetly and perched where we could all see it. There were several opportunities to admire **Ruwenzori Turaco**. The unusual little **Neumann's Warbler** came very close and sat up rather nicely.

The usually-skulking **Grauer's Warbler** came right out in the open. And during our three days we also had opportunities for views of many other Albertine Rift endemics and other forest birds, which included **Olive Woodpecker, African Broadbill, Ruwenzori Batis, White-browed Crombec, Cassin's Hawk Eagle, Mountain Buzzard, Stripe-breasted Tit, Red-faced Woodland Warbler, Evergreen Forest Warbler, Cinnamon Bracken Warbler, Ruwenzori Apalis, Mountain Masked Apalis, Chestnut-throated Apalis, Grey Apalis, Ruwenzori Hill Babbler, Mountain Sooty Boubou, White-starred Robin, Stuhlmann's Starling, Slender-billed Starling, Brown Woodland Warbler, Scarce Swift, Equatorial Akalat, White-bellied Robin-Chat, White-bellied Crested Flycatcher, Blue-headed Sunbird and Regal Sunbird**. Eventually it was time to return to Kigali for the end of the trip, the highlight of the trip back being a short stop at the Nyabarongo wetlands where **Papyrus Canary** showed very well.

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