

Rwanda and Uganda

2018 Tour Report

Green-breasted Pitta



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SUMMARY

Our 2018 Uganda and Rwanda Highlights Tour was another resounding success, as we maintained our 100% record of finding the four main target birds for the sixth trip running. On the second morning of the tour we enjoyed the first of two excellent encounters with a group of Red-collared Mountain Babbler at Nyungwe, watched foraging at length across the mossy boughs of some large forest trees. At Ruhija in Bwindi, African Green Broadbill had left the nest a couple of days previously but we located no less than six birds nearby that approached us within three metres, at eye level! Green-breasted Pitta was by far the most demanding, with no birds heard displaying during the dawn chorus on two consecutive mornings, and it was only on the third morning that we struck gold, but it was worth the wait! Finally, Shoebill was straightforward; one entertaining us by bathing and playing about at Murchison Falls, and two at Mabamba Swamp going about the serious business of catching breakfast.

Besides these four special birds, we focussed our attention on the mountainous Albertine Rift forests and their endemics, accessed at Nyungwe in Rwanda and Bwindi in Uganda. Overall the birding at Nyungwe was superb, but Uganda was uncharacteristically quiet and hard work throughout, with dry, windy conditions most of the time. Still, we fared very well. Among the key endemics found were Purple-breasted Sunbird, Handsome Francolin, Kivu Ground Thrush, Oberländer's Ground Thrush, Neumann's Short-tailed Warbler, Chapin's Flycatcher, Lagden's Bushshrike, Grauer's Rush Warbler, Dusky Crimsonwing, Kungwe Apalis and Ruwenzori Turaco.

During the three weeks we also visited wetlands at Mabamba Swamp, Lake Bunyoni, Murchison Falls and Nyabarongo in Rwanda, mid-altitude forests at Kibale and "The Neck" and Buhoma of Bwindi, grasslands and savannas at Queen Elizabeth and Murchison, and lowland forest at Budongo. Most participants also opted to spend an hour in the company of Eastern Gorillas at Bwindi.

A total of 553 species was logged, including many other birds worthy of special mention. At Nyabarongo Wetlands there was Papyrus Canary, Papyrus Gonolek, White-winged Swamp Warbler

and Carruthers's Cisticola, en route Nyungwe, Ruaha Chat and Red-throated Wryneck, and at Nyungwe White-bellied Robin-Chat, Barred Long-tailed Cuckoo, Bar-tailed Trogon, Equatorial Akalat, Red-chested Owlet, Willard's Sooty Boubou, Ruwenzori Nightjar, Grauer's Warbler, Regal Sunbird and Ruwenzori Double-collared Sunbird. Moving to south-western Uganda, at Lake Bunyoni we saw Highland Rush Warbler, African Rail and Papyrus Yellow Warbler, at Ruhija Dusky Twinspot and Western Green Tinkerbird, at "The Neck" Grey-headed Sunbird and Toro Olive Greenbul, at Buhoma Grey-winged Robin-Chat, and near Kihikihi Black-shouldered Nightjar, Pennant-winged Nightjar and Swamp Nightjar. Moving north we found Senegal Lapwing at Queen Elizabeth, Grey Parrot at Kibale, Nahan's Francolin, Ituri Batis, Jameson's Wattle-eye and Chocolate-backed Kingfisher at Budongo, Dusky Babbler, Denham's Bustard, White-crested Turaco and Northern Carmine Bee-eater at Murchison, and Lesser Jacana and Weyns's Weaver at Mabamba. Mammal highlights included Gorilla at Bwindi, Chimpanzee at Kibale, Central African Red Colobus and Grey-cheeked Mangabey at Kibale, Lion and Giant Forest Hog at Queen Elizabeth and a variety of large mammals at Murchison Falls.

ESSENTIAL DETAILS

DATES

26-30 June 2018 (Rwanda)

1-15 July 2018 (Uganda Highlight + North)

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26 Jun: Kigali to Nyabarongo to Nyungwe

27-29 Jun: Highland forest birding at Nyungwe NP

30 Jun: Nyungwe to Kigali

1 Jul: Kigali to Lake Bunyoni to Ruhija in Bwindi

2-3 Jul: Ruhija for Broadbill and Gorillas (Bwindi)

4 Jul: Ruhija to The Neck to Buhoma (Bwindi)

5 Jul: Buhoma (Bwindi) to Kihikihi

6 Jul: Kihikihi to Mweya (Queen Elizabeth NP)

7 Jul: Queen Elizabeth NP to Kibale

8-9 Jul: Kibale NP for Green-breasted Pitta

10 Jul: Kibale - Masindi

11 Jul: Forest birding at The Royal Mile (Budongo)

12 Jul: Masindi to Butiaba to Murchison

13 Jul: Murchison Falls NP (north bank)

14 Jul: Murchison to Luwero Swamps to Kampala

15 Jul: Kampala to Mabamba to Entebbe



Red-collared Mountain Babbler

REPORT

For the third year running we commenced our travels in Rwanda, where three full days at Nyungwe National Park made for a well-paced start. We gathered in Kigali where we found **African Hobby** adjacent to our hotel, before our first stop en route to Nyungwe at the rich but declining papyrus swamps of Nyabarongo. Within minutes of stepping out of the car we were watching a pair of localised **Papyrus Canary**, with **Western Citril** nearby for an instructive comparison. **Bronzy Sunbirds** and **Red-chested Sunbirds** were active and a **Golden-**

tailed Woodpecker passed by. In the papyrus proper **Papyrus Gonolek** flaunted itself along the wetland edge, and **White-winged Swamp Warbler** showed superbly. **Carruthers's Cisticola**, breeding-plumaged **Central Red Bishop** (split from Southern Red Bishop), **Winding Cisticola**, **Swamp Flycatcher**, **Baglafaecht Weaver**, **Black-crowned Waxbill**, **Cape Wagtail**, **Grey-capped Warbler**, **Rock Martin**, **White-headed Saw-wing**, **Lesser Swamp Warbler**, **Black-headed Weaver** and **Slender-billed Weaver** added to the mix.



Shoebill

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Moving on we found a record number of **Ruaha Chat** and a **Trilling Cisticola** on our way to lunch, which was followed by a short birding walk in some of the last remaining savanna habitat along our route, during which we found **Red-headed Weaver**, **Spot-flanked Barbet**, **Ross's Turaco**, **Buff-bellied Warbler** and a much-admired **Red-throated Wryneck**. Finally we made it to Nyungwe, where we were welcomed with superb views of a roadside **Handsome Francolin**.

Of the accessible patches of forest in the Albertine Rift (thus excluding those in the DR Congo), Nyungwe is the richest in bird endemics and the only place to see the charismatic **Red-collared Mountain Babbler**. This year the weather played along well and we fared exceptionally well on birds, tracking down two parties of babbler, one on our first morning and the other on our third morning. We also enjoyed excellent views of the grey-eyed **Willard's Sooty Boubou**. The little-known **Kungwe Apalis** was found and descended from the canopy. **Purple-breasted Sunbird** joined **Regal Sunbird**, **Ruwenzori Blue-headed Sunbird** and **Ruwenzori Double-collared Sunbird** in adding a splash of colour at mobs. **Kivu Ground Thrush** sang sweetly and everyone managed to see it. **Grauer's Rush Warbler** and **Archer's Robin-Chat** (Archer's Ground Robin) were more extrovert than normal. **Ruwenzori Turaco** showed off, along with its more widespread cousins, **Black-billed Turaco** and **Great Blue Turaco**. The unusual little **Neumann's Short-tailed Warbler** came very close and sat up rather nicely. **Grauer's Warbler** came out in the open. **Red-chested Owlet** was seen in the day. Both **Bar-tailed Trogon** and **Narina Trogon** were popular finds. **Violet-backed Hyliota** was of interest, this year

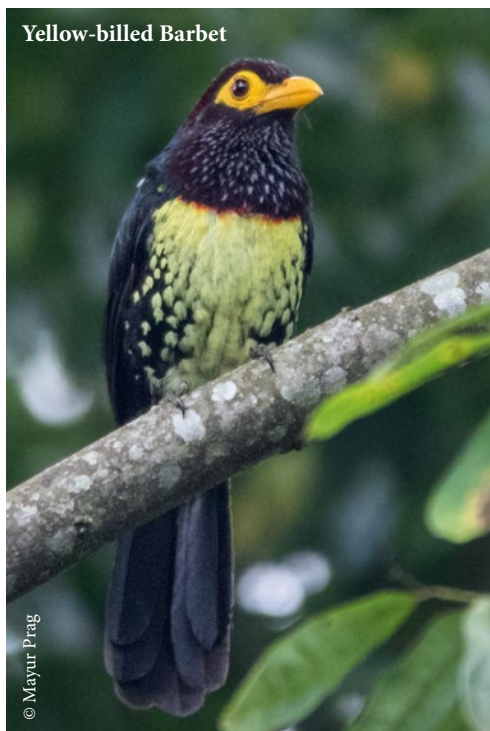
two birds seen matching that species well and not looking like the birds seen in previous years; I now believe that there must be two species of *hyliota* at Nyungwe. **Ruwenzori Nightjar** was seen well after dark. **Cassin's Hawk-Eagle** displayed overhead. **LAGDEN'S Bushshrike** was admired a close range. Another **Handsome Francolin** fed along the road for point-blank views. And during our three days we also had opportunities to admire many other forest birds, which included **Olive Woodpecker**, **Ruwenzori Batis**, **Black-faced Rufous Warbler**, **Black-faced Prinia**, **Doherty's Bushshrike**, **Many-coloured Bushshrike** (including the rare buff morph), **Brown-capped Weaver**, **White-headed Wood Hoopoe**, **Cabanis's Greenbul**, **Olive-breasted Mountain Greenbul**, **Kakamega**



Handsome Francolin

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Greenbul, Black-billed Weaver, Chubb's Cisticola, Mountain Buzzard, Stripe-breasted Tit, Pink-footed Puffback, Yellow-eyed Black Flycatcher, Yellow-crowned Canary, Streaky Seedeater, Thick-billed Seedeater, delightful Oriole Finch, Red-faced Woodland Warbler, Cinnamon Bracken Warbler, Mountain Sooty Boubou, White-tailed Blue Flycatcher, African Golden Oriole, Grey Cuckooshrike, Petit's Cuckooshrike, Dusky Tit, Collared Apalis (Ruwenzori Apalis), Strange Weaver, Mountain Masked Apalis, Chestnut-throated Apalis, Black-throated Apalis, Ruwenzori Hill Babbler, Mountain Illadopsis, Stuhlmann's Starling, Waller's Starling, Slender-billed Starling, Sharpe's Starling, Mountain Wagtail, Brown Woodland Warbler, Black-and-white Casqued Hornbill, Mountain Oriole, Yellow-streaked Greenbul, Elliot's Woodpecker, Scarce Swift, Strange Weaver, Equatorial Akalat, White-browed Crombec, Cinnamon-chested Bee-eater, Dusky Crimsonwing, Kandt's Waxbill (split from Black-headed Waxbill), White-bellied Robin-Chat, Blue Malkoha, African Emerald Cuckoo, Barred Long-tailed Cuckoo, Black Cuckoo and Brown-throated Martin.



Our journey back to Kigali was broken by a short stop in some savanna habitat with **Red-faced Crombec**, **Southern Black Flycatcher**, **Grey Kestrel**, **Common Scimitarbill** and **Marico Sunbird** added to the list, and **Giant Kingfisher** was spotted as we crossed the Nyabarongo River.

Continuing with the highland theme we crossed the border into south-western Uganda, admiring our first **Grey Crowned Cranes** along the way and a surprise **White Stork**. On our way to Ruhija we paused at Lake Bunyoni to find **Papyrus Yellow Warbler**, **African Rail**, **White-winged Swamp Warbler** and **Highland Rush Warbler**, before we arrived at Bwindi Impenetrable National Park in the late afternoon.

Our main reasons for visiting Ruhija were to lay eyes on the most charismatic of the Albertine bird endemics, the rare **African Green Broadbill**, and for the opportunity of coming face-to-face with *Eastern Gorilla*. Highly memorable gorilla tracking took part on our first day, but everyone was back



in time for some afternoon birding which produced **Dusky Twinspot**, **Mountain Yellow Warbler**, **White-starred Robin**, **Yellow-bellied Waxbill** and **Western Green Tinkerbird** in record time. One the second day we made an early descent to Mabwindi Swamp, the best-known locality for the broadbill. Once there it wasn't long before we were called to where our guides had located **African Green Broadbill**, and we spend the next 15 minutes being treated to outrageously good views of at least six broadbills that were chasing each other around and landed at one stage at eye level, no more than three metres from us! Feeling very lucky we continued on towards the swamp for lunch, seeing **Collared Apalis** (Ruwenzori Apalis), **Fine-banded Woodpecker** (split from Tullberg's Woodpecker), **White-headed Wood Hoopoe** and **Red-headed Malimbe** as we went. **Grey-chested Illadopsis** (Grey-chested Babbler) stubbornly refused to

emerge from its thickets, and brief glimpses were as much as its generosity would allow this year. The walk back up after lunch was rather quiet but we did succeed in finding a very obliging **Evergreen Forest Warbler**, **Sharpe's Starling** and another **Red-chested Owlet**.

All too quickly our time at Ruhija had come to an end, and it was time to descend to lower altitudes, starting at "The Neck". More than half a day was spent here, and although it was again fairly quiet we racked up a good list of birds. The two most noteworthy were **Grey-headed Sunbird** and **Chapin's Flycatcher**, but we also enjoyed seeing **Dusky-blue Flycatcher**, **Cassin's Flycatcher**, **Scaly-breasted Illadopsis**, **Brown Illadopsis**, **Ansorge's Greenbul**, **Black Bee-eater**, **Buff-throated Apalis**, **Speckled Tinkerbird**, **Grey Apalis**, **Bocage's Bushshrike**, **Red-tailed Greenbul**, **Olive-green**

Camaroptera, White-chinned Prinia, Lühder's Bushshrike and Toro Olive Greenbul. From here we continued to Buhoma with **Village Indigobird** on the roadside wires along the way. Here we started off with a very productive evening outing which produced **Grey-winged Robin-Chat, Blue-throated Brown Sunbird, Black-and-white Shrike-flycatcher, Tambourine Dove, perched African Goshawk** and fantastic views of **Eastern Yellow-billed Barbet**. The next day we spent the better part of the day inside the forest, with our attention well focussed on ground thrushes. The first two found were both **Kivu Ground Thrush**, but at lunch time we hit the jackpot with an **Oberländer's Ground Thrush** in full song. At first we had only glimpses, but just as we were finishing lunch our trainee guide spotted the thrush singing from a low perch, and we all saw it reasonably well, a great result for such a rare and secretive bird. Other birds seen during the outing included **Grey-throated Tit-Flycatcher, Green-throated Sunbird, Blue-shouldered Robin-Chat, Willcocks's Honeyguide, African Broadbill** in display, **Red-throated Alethe**, perched **Western Bronze-naped Pigeon, Hairy-breasted Barbet, Grey-throated Barbet** and **African Shrike-Flycatcher**.

Leaving Buhoma it was now time for some open-country birding as we first travelled through farmlands to the Kihikihi area. A sunset session produced several distant **Pennant-winged Nightjars** and a very agitated **Black-shouldered Nightjar**, and **African Wood Owl** after dinner. The next morning we found **Swamp Nightjar** pre-dawn, and once it was light **Grey-backed Fiscal, Yellow-throated Leaflove, Rüppell's Starling, Levaillant's Cuckoo, Sooty Chat, Copper Sunbird, Black Cuckooshrike** and **Black-lored Babbler**. Entering the open savannas and grasslands of Queen Elizabeth National Park we drove towards Mweya, pausing along the way to see **White-headed Barbet, Ayres's Hawk-Eagle, Palm-nut Vulture, Western Banded Snake Eagle, African Grey Woodpecker, Brubru** and **Stout Cisticola** near the roadside, before an afternoon boat trip on the Kazinga Channel impressed with its sheer number of birds and wildlife: several hundred **African Skimmers**, more than a thousand **Pied Kingfisher, African Spoonbill, Squacco Heron, Water Thick-knee**, plenty of **Pink-backed Pelican** and **Great White Pelican**, a surprise **Red-throated Bee-eater, Olive Bee-eater**, and **African Pygmy Kingfisher**, while the shores were lined with **African Buffalo, Savanna**



White-winged Swamp Warbler



Chimpanzee

Elephant, Common Warthog, Defassa Waterbuck, Common Hippopotamus and a single *Giant Forest Hog*. Back on land a short stint of birding near our luxurious hotel brought **Mottled Spinetail** as the main surprise, and we also found **African Mourning Dove, Black-headed Gonolek** and **Lesser Masked Weaver**.

Before sunrise the next day **Square-tailed Nightjar** put in a good appearance, and once the sun was up the open savannas added goodies such as **Senegal Lapwing, Cranch's Spurfowl** (split from Red-necked Spurfowl), **Common Buttonquail**, male **Harlequin Quail**, superb views of **Black-chinned Quail-Finch, Fawn-breasted Waxbill, Collared Pratincole, Double-toothed Barbet, White-headed Vulture, Yellow-billed Oxpecker, Yellow-throated Longclaw, African Crake, Compact Weaver, Flappet Lark, Rufous-naped Lark** and **Red-capped Lark**, and a *Lion* lounging in a Euphorbia tree. Good numbers of **Lesser Flamingo** were observed at a salt lake.

After a short stint in savannas we again found ourselves back in forest, this time at Kibale National Park where our main aim was to get to grips with the much-desired **Green-breasted Pitta**. A very early breakfast saw us setting out in the dark and walking to the heart of a Green-breasted Pitta territory before the sky had lightened, although we were not too hopeful as no pittas had been heard displaying for the previous six weeks. As the birds slowly woke up around us we strained our ears for the distinctive croak of the pitta, but there wasn't a word from them. Slowly the forest brightened up we made our way along various forest trails, hoping to bump into one. Seven hours after entering the forest we'd still not caught a glimpse of a pitta, although we had seen quite a few other forest birds, so we decided to call it quits for the day and hope for better tomorrow. Unfortunately events repeated themselves the following morning, and although we'd now spread ourselves across two pitta territories the sun was up and we'd still not heard anything from any pitta. All

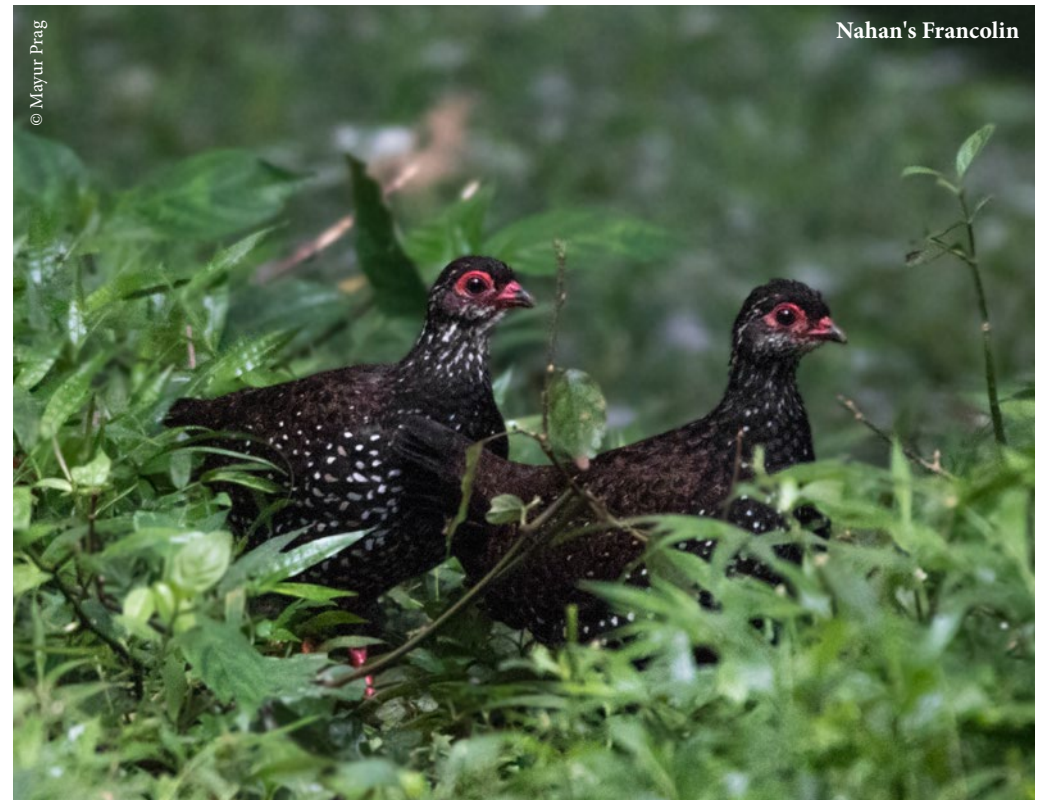
we could do was hit the trails and keep on trying. And so the second morning passed, and our hopes of finding the veritable needle in a haystack sank. Still, we were resolute and decided to make one final attempt the next morning. Lo and behold, we'd just set ourselves up for a dawn vigil of day three and the distinct call of a pitta was heard nearby. We scurried in its direction and now stood very near to a displaying pitta, but it was still too dark and we couldn't make out anything. We waited as patiently as possible for light to improve, and once we could see reasonably well we were delighted that the pittas started to display again. This time we spotted a presumed male nearby, and over the next half-hour or more we enjoyed some superb views of an excitable pitta jumping up and down on its perch, giving views from every angle. And all this at less than 15 metres! What reward for our persistence!

Of course the pitta was by far the highlight of Kibale, but there were many other new birds too seen in the understorey while looking for the pittas, and in the afternoons while birding along the road and at Bigodi Wetland. Memorable sightings included **White-throated Greenbul**, **Green Hylia**, **Sabine's Spinetail**, **Yellow-throated Tinkerbird**, **Red-tailed Bristlebill**, **Yellow-spotted Barbet**, **Hairy-breasted Barbet**, **Yellow-mantled Weaver**, **Least Honeyguide**, **Chestnut Wattle-eye**, **Brown-chested Alethe**, **Forest Chestnut-winged Starling**, **Rufous Flycatcher Thrush**, **Superb Sunbird**, **Western Black-headed Oriole**, **Velvet-mantled Drongo**, **Red-bellied Paradise Flycatcher**, **Western Nicator**, **Honeyguide Greenbul**, **Joyful Greenbul**, **Purple-headed Starling**, **Narrow-tailed Starling**, **Sooty Flycatcher**, **White-tailed Ant Thrush**, **Olive-bellied Sunbird**, **White-breasted Nigrita**, **Grey-headed Nigrita**, **Grey Parrot** and **Green Crombec**.



African Skimmer

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Nahan's Francolin

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Both elated and relieved with our last-minute pitta success we left Kibale for Masindi. Roadside birding along the way was rather quiet, although we did spot **Eastern Grey Plantain-Eater**, **Purple-banded Sunbird** at our lunch stop, male **Black Bishop** in breeding plumage, a **Marsh Tchagra**, **Little Sparrowhawk** and several lovely **Red-headed Lovebird** near Hoima and closer to Masindi, **Brown-backed Scrub Robin**, **White-thighed Hornbill**, **Whistling Cisticola** and **White-shouldered Black Tit**.

The next day we spend the better part of the day on the Royal Mile. Birding got off to a first class start as we succeeded in coaxing a pair of secretive **Nahan's Francolin** (Nahan's Partridge) into the open for more than one minute. **African Dwarf Kingfisher** showed really well not long after. **Forest Robin** performed. And we slowly picked off **African Pied Hornbill**, **Chocolate-backed Kingfisher** which initially remained stubbornly distant, **Chestnut-**

capped Flycatcher, the delightful **Jameson's Wattle-eye**, **Lemon-bellied Crombec**, **White-thighed Hornbill**, **Fraser's Forest Flycatcher**, **Rufous-crowned Eremomela**, **Grey Longbill**, **Uganda Woodland Warbler**, **Little Green Sunbird**, **Sabine's Spinetail**, **Cassin's Spinetail** and **Ituri Batis**. Crested Guineafowl was heard very nearby but couldn't be coaxed into view.

An early afternoon rainstorm slowed down bird activity, and when it became clear that the sun would not show itself again that day, we opted to leave the forest early and bird in the adjacent farmlands, where light drizzle made for a damp afternoon. Still, an impressive flock of **Grey Parrot** was scoped in the bare branches of a tall tree, **Heuglin's Francolin** was scoped in a tree, **Cabanis's Bunting** showed well, **Red-collared Widowbird** displayed and some **Orange-breasted Waxbills** were found, before we returned to Masindi to dry out.



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African Dwarf Kingfisher

Mourning Warbler, Silverbird and Black-billed Barbet. The rest of the afternoon was spent driving to Paraa in Murchison Falls National Park, with **Dark Chanting Goshawk** and **Northern Red Bishop**, and taking a boat trip to the bottom of the falls, during which we found **Goliath Heron, Rock Pratincole**, a surprise **White-crowned Lapwing**, hordes of **Red-throated Bee-eater, Horus Swift** and a flock of neat **Red-headed Queleas**.

The next morning we set off to catch the early ferry, with some great views of male **Pennant-winged Nightjar** perched in the road along the way. Crossing the Nile by ferry we struck out across the open grasslands to enjoy one of the most productive days of the trip. We found **Black-faced Quail-Finch** in the road and **Piapiac, Heuglin's Francolin, Black-bellied Bustard, Denham's Bustard** and **Abyssinian Ground Hornbill** beside the road. Thorn thickets held **Shelley's Sparrow** and **Speckle-fronted Weaver**, and as we neared the Nile Delta we found **Black-billed Wood Doves, Swallow-tailed Bee-eater** and **Northern Carmine Bee-eater**. A pause in some denser thickets turned up **Red-winged Grey Warbler, Nubian Woodpecker** and **Bar-breasted Firefinch**, and with some patience we enjoyed good view of the scarce and reclusive

Having lost most of the previous afternoon's forest birding to rain we spent a couple of final hours along the road at Busingiro the next morning, where several species were added to the list. **Scaly Francolin** flew across the road, **Blue-breasted Kingfisher** was scoped, **White-spotted Flufftail** was finally lured into view, **Cassin's Honeybird** displayed overhead, **Dusky Long-tailed Cuckoo** crossed the track several times and **Yellow-browed Camaroptera** came out of its thicket, before we journeyed onto the Butiaba Escarpment with a lovely male **Yellow-mantled Widowbird** along the way. Here, it was getting hot, rapidly. A walk through the farmlands produced many seedeaters, including **Black-rumped Waxbill, Crimson-rumped Waxbill, Black-winged Red Bishop, Black Bishop** and displaying male **Cardinal Quelea**. Other goodies included **Foxy Cisticola, Green-backed Eremomela, Spotted**



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Denham's Bustard

Dusky Babbler. Making our way along the Shoebill track we soon hit the jackpot, with a lone **Shoebill** found standing in some very open swamp. By now it was very hot and the **Shoebill** was feeling the heat. It jumped and splashed in the water like nothing I have ever seen before, immersing itself up to its chest in water and then leaping out again to shake the water off and straighten some feathers. After a good wash and preen it appeared to grab some smaller morsels from the swamp vegetation. In all it put on an incredible display for us and seemed to be enjoying itself too. After a lengthy vigil we tore ourselves away to find **Black-headed Lapwing**, a surprise pair of **Brown-chested Lapwing, Senegal Thick-knee** and **Spotted Thick-knee** in the short grasslands along the lake. Heading back away from the river we found **White-browed Sparrow-Weaver** near their nests and **Black Scimitarbill** in a wooded area, before brief views of **White-crested Turaco** near Paraa and the only **Saddle-billed Stork** of the trip. In the late evening we found **Chestnut-crowed Sparrow-Weaver** near the top of the falls, but the bats put on a dismal display and no **Bat Hawks** were seen. However, the night drive back to our hotel gave super views of a **Greyish Eagle-Owl** to make the outing very worthwhile.

On the penultimate day of the tour we braved the tsetse flies for the morning to bird the broad-leafed woodlands south of the Nile. Overcast conditions meant that things were off to a slow start, but we found a few goodies during our walk, including **Red-winged Warbler**, a lovely **Brown-rumped Bunting, Brown-backed Woodpecker**, several **Brown Twinspot**, a calling **Scaly-throated Honeyguide, Nubian Woodpecker, Grey Tit-Flycatcher** and **Yellow-billed Shrike**. We spent the afternoon driving to Kampala, with **White-crested Turaco** and **White-headed Barbet** seen during our lunch stop and a short but productive pause at Luwero Swamps for **Yellow-shouldered Widowbird** (split from **Yellow-mantled Widowbird**), **Fan-tailed Widowbird, Hartlaub's Marsh Widowbird** and **Jackson's Golden-backed Weaver**.

The final morning saw us visiting Mabamba Swamp. As we set off on our boat trip under sunny skies we spotted the first of several **Northern Brown-throated Weaver**. Next to follow was a pair of **Lesser Jacana** seen in good light. Open waters held **Yellow-billed Duck**, good numbers of **White-winged Tern** with some in breeding plumage, **Grey-headed Gull** and **Reed Cormorant**, while **African Marsh**



Great Blue Turaco

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Harrier and Western Marsh Harrier quartered over the swamps and a quintet of Knob-billed Duck passed overhead. Blue-headed Coucal were out sunning themselves and Winding Cisticola and Blue-breasted Bee-eater were evident too. It wasn't long before our first of two Shoebill was spotted, and we spent some close-up quality time with it before making way for the numbers of normal tourist boats that were turning up. Just a few hundred metres on we found a second Shoebill which we had to ourselves for another fifteen minutes, before turning our attention to finding Weyns's Weaver, discovered breeding for the first time at Mabamba ten years previously by yours truly. Although I'd seen birds going in and out of the swamps on many occasions and could hear display songs of males at their nests, I'd never seen a nest, so it was very rewarding being led to a newly discovered colony which was in full swing of breeding with at least one thousand nests visible. A few birds paused briefly but we generally had to content ourselves with good flight views of hundreds of birds coming in and out of the papyrus. Once we'd had our fill we returned to the boat launch site, and based on the arrival of a large rain front decided to make an early return to our hotel in Entebbe, seeing a lovely male Red-shouldered Cuckooshrike en route. The final



Brown-chested Lapwing

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outing of the trip was to Entebbe Botanical gardens, where we added Orange Weaver and Meyer's Parrot as our last two birds, and said goodbye to old favourites such as Great Blue Turaco, Black-and-white Casqued Hornbill, Red-chested Sunbird, Hamerkop, African Fish Eagle, Eastern Grey Plantain-eater and African Grey Parrot.



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Rock Pratincole



Purple-breasted Sunbird

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Giant Forest Hog

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Spotted Hyaena

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Many-coloured Bushshrike (buff morph)

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Many-coloured Bushshrike (yellow morph)

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ANNOTATED SPECIES LIST

Ducks, Geese & Swans Family Anatidae

White-faced Whistling Duck *Dendrocygna viduata*: Seen at Murchison

Knob-billed Duck *Sarkidiornis melanotos*: One at QE, five at Mabamba

Egyptian Goose *Alopochen aegyptiaca*: Seen at QE and Murchison

Yellow-billed Duck *Anas undulata*: Seen well at Mabamba (probably *rupPELLI*)

Guineafowl Family Numididae

Helmeted Guineafowl *Numida meleagris*: Seen at QE and Murchison (probably all *meleagris*)

Crested Guineafowl *Guttera pucherani*: Heard at The Royal Mile (*verreauxi*)

New World Quail Family Odontophoridae

Nahan's Partridge *Ptilopachus nahani*: Incredible views at The Royal Mile

Pheasants, Fowl & Allies Family Phasianidae

Ring-necked Francolin *Scleroptila streptophora*: Heard at Murchison

Red-winged Francolin *Scleroptila leuallantii*: Heard near Kihiki (*kikuyuensis*)

Crested Francolin *Dendroperdix sephaena*: Heard at QE (*grantii*)

Scaly Francolin *Pternistis squamatus*: Brief views at Budongo, heard at Murchison

Heuglin's Francolin *Pternistis icterorhynchus*: Good views at Budongo and Murchison

Handsome Francolin *Pternistis nobilis*: Two excellent sightings at Nyungwe, and also seen briefly on the road at Ruhija

Red-necked Spurfowl *Pternistis afer*: Common at QE (*cranchii* **Cranch's Spurfowl**)

Harlequin Quail *Coturnix delegorguei*: A male seen well in flight at QE (*delegorguei*)

Flamingos Family Phoenicopteridae

Lesser Flamingo *Phoeniconaias minor*: Good numbers at the salt lake at QE

Storks Family Ciconiidae

Yellow-billed Stork *Mycteria ibis*: A few good sightings, especially at QE

African Openbill *Anastomus lamelligerus*: A few sightings, mostly in the Entebbe area (*lamelligerus*)

Woolly-necked Stork *Ciconia episcopus*: Several sightings

White Stork *Ciconia ciconia*: Two surprise sightings, one near Kabale and the other near Budongo

Saddle-billed Stork *Ephippiorhynchus senegalensis*: Good views of a male in Murchison

Marabou Stork *Leptoptilos crumenifer*: Many seen well

Ibises, Spoonbills Family Threskiornithidae

African Sacred Ibis *Threskiornis aethiopicus*: Seen in both Uganda and Rwanda

Hadada Ibis *Bostrychia hagedash*: Common and widespread (*nilotica*)

African Spoonbill *Platalea alba*: Seen a few times, with the best views at QE

Hérons, Bitterns Family Ardeidae

Little Bittern *Ixobrychus minutus*: One flew by during our lunch stop between Masindi and Kampala

Striated Heron *Butorides striata*: Seen at QE and Murchison (*atricapilla*)

Squacco Heron *Ardeola ralloides*: Seen at QE, Murchison and Mabamba

Western Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis*: Regular sightings

Grey Heron *Ardea cinerea*: Several at wetlands (*cinerea*)

Black-headed Heron *Ardea melanocephala*: Regularly seen in open areas

Goliath Heron *Ardea goliath*: Seen well at Murchison

Purple Heron *Ardea purpurea*: Seen at Mabamba and Murchison (*purpurea*)

Great Egret *Ardea alba*: Seen around several wetlands (*melanorhynchos*)

Little Egret *Egretta garzetta*: A few sightings (*garzetta*)

Hamerkop Family Scopidae

Hamerkop *Scopus umbretta*: Seen regularly around wetlands

Shoebill Family Balaenicipitidae

Shoebill *Balaeniceps rex*: Brilliant views of one at Murchison and two at Mabamba

Pelicans Family Pelecanidae

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

Pink-backed Pelican *Pelecanus rufescens*: Scattered records in wetlands, mostly at QE

Cormorants, shags Family Phalacrocoracidae

Reed Cormorant *Microcarbo africanus*: Quite a few seen (*africanus*)

White-breasted Cormorant *Phalacrocorax lucidus*: Many at QE and seen off Entebbe

Anhingas, darters Family Anhingidae

African Darter *Anhinga rufa*: Seen at Murchison (*rufa*)

Kites, Hawks & Eagles Family Accipitridae

Black-winged Kite *Elanus caeruleus*: A few sightings (*caeruleus*)

African Harrier-Hawk *Polyboroides typus*: Seen regularly (*typus*), including a young bird raiding a weaver's nest

Palm-nut Vulture *Gypohierax angolensis*: A few sightings, mainly at QE and Murchison

Hooded Vulture *Necrosyrtes monachus*: A few sightings, including in Rwanda

White-backed Vulture *Gyps africanus*: Seen at QE and Murchison

Rüppell's Vulture *Gyps rueppelli*: Seen well in flight at Murchison (*rueppelli*)

White-headed Vulture *Trigonoceps occipitalis*: One juvenile seen at QE

Black-chested Snake Eagle *Circaetus pectoralis*: One seen well in QE

Brown Snake Eagle *Circaetus cinereus*: Three scattered sightings

Western Banded Snake Eagle *Circaetus cinerascens*: Record numbers with more than 10 seen

Bateleur *Terathopius ecaudatus*: Seen regularly in savanna

Crowned Eagle *Stephanoaetus coronatus*: Seen at Nyungwe and Ruhija

Martial Eagle *Polemaetus bellicosus*: Good view of one at QE

Long-crested Eagle *Lophaetus occipitalis*: Quite common

Wahlberg's Eagle *Hieraaetus wahlbergi*: Most common at Murchison and around Masindi

Ayres's Hawk-Eagle *Hieraaetus ayresii*: Great views of a pale morph bird in QE

Tawny Eagle *Aquila rapax*: Two seen at Murchison

Cassin's Hawk-Eagle *Aquila africana*: One seen at Nyungwe

Lizard Buzzard *Kaupifalco monogrammicus*: A few sightings (probably all *monogrammicus*)

Dark Chanting Goshawk *Melierax metabates*: Seen en route to and at Murchison (probably *metabates*)

African Goshawk *Accipiter tachiro*: Great perched views at Buhoma and also seen in display flight there (probably *canescens*)

Shikra *Accipiter badius*: Good views at Murchison (*sphenurus*)

Little Sparrowhawk *Accipiter minullus*: Flight views near Hoima

Black Sparrowhawk *Accipiter melanoleucus*: A couple of sightings, all fairly brief (probably all *melanoleucus*)

Western Marsh Harrier *Circus aeruginosus*: Seen near Masindi and at Mabamba (*aeruginosus*)

African Marsh Harrier *Circus ranivorus*: Seen at Mabamba alongside the previous species, and at QE

Yellow-billed Kite *Milvus aegyptius*: Quite common (*parasitus*)

African Fish Eagle *Haliaeetus vocifer*: Seen regularly around wetlands

Mountain Buzzard *Buteo oreophilus*: Seen at Nyungwe and Ruhija

Augur Buzzard *Buteo augur*: Seen in Rwanda and southern Uganda

Bustards Family Otididae

Denham's Bustard *Neotis denhami*: Superb views at Murchison (*denhami*)

Black-bellied Bustard *Lissotis melanogaster*: Fantastic views at Murchison Falls (*melanogaster*)

Flufftails Family Sarothruridae

White-spotted Flufftail *Sarothrura pulchra*: A male seen by all at Budongo after numerous attempts (*centralis*)

Red-chested Flufftail *Sarothrura rufa*: Heard at Mabamba

Rails, Crakes & Coots Family Rallidae

African Rail *Rallus caerulescens*: Super views at Lake Bunyoni

African Crane *Crex egregia*: Three seen well in flight at QE

Black Crane *Amaurornis flavirostra*: A few sightings in wetlands

Cranes Family Gruidae

Grey Crowned Crane *Balearica regulorum*: Regular sightings in open areas, with a flock of 50 at Murchison (*gibbericeps*)

Buttonquail Family Turnicidae

Common Buttonquail *Turnix sylvaticus*: Amazing views on the ground at QE of at least 10 birds, including chicks

Stone-curlews, Thick-knees Family Burhinidae

Senegal Thick-knee *Burhinus senegalensis*: Seen at Murchison

Water Thick-knee *Burhinus vermiculatus*: Seen at QE

Spotted Thick-knee *Burhinus capensis*: Seen at Murchison

Stilts, Avocets Family Recurvirostridae

Black-winged Stilt *Himantopus himantopus*: A few seen

Plovers Family Charadriidae

Long-toed Lapwing *Vanellus crassirostris*: Seen at QE, Murchison and Mabamba (*crassirostris*)

Spur-winged Lapwing *Vanellus spinosus*: A few around wetlands

Black-headed Lapwing *Vanellus tectus*: Seen at Murchison (*tectus*)

White-crowned Lapwing *Vanellus albiceps*: A surprise sighting of one along the Nile River at Murchison

Senegal Lapwing *Vanellus lugubris*: Just four seen at QE

Crowned Lapwing *Vanellus coronatus*: A few at QE (*coronatus*)

African Wattled Lapwing *Vanellus senegallus*: Seen at QE and Murchison (probably all *lateralis*)

Brown-chested Lapwing *Vanellus superciliosus*: Two seen at Murchison, where they had presumably just arrived

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

Three-banded Plover *Charadrius tricollaris*: Seen at QE (*tricollaris*)

Jacanas Family Jacanidae

Lesser Jacana *Microparra capensis*: Excellent views of a pair at Mabamba

African Jacana *Actophilornis africanus*: Quite common, especially at Mabamba

Sandpipers, Snipes Family Scolopacidae

Marsh Sandpiper *Tringa stagnatilis*: One at QE

Common Greenshank *Tringa nebularia*: Seen at QE

Couriers, Pratincoles Family Glareolidae

Collared Pratincole *Glareola pratincola*: One seen well on the ground at QE

Rock Pratincole *Glareola nuchalis*: Seen very well at Murchison (*nuchalis*)

Gulls, Terns & Skimmers Family Laridae

African Skimmer *Rynchops flavirostris*: Excellent views of a large flock at QE

Grey-headed Gull *Chroicocephalus cirrocephalus*: Some good looks at breeding-plumaged birds (*poiocephalus*)

Gull-billed Tern *Gelocheidon nilotica*: Good numbers at QE and a few elsewhere (*nilotica*)

White-winged Tern *Chlidonias leucopterus*: Lots at QE and Mabamba, some in breeding plumage

Pigeons, Doves Family Columbidae

Rock Dove *Columba livia*: Feral Pigeon seen in some villages

Speckled Pigeon *Columba guinea*: Seen a few times (*guinea*)

Afep Pigeon *Columba unicincta*: Heard at Kibale

African Olive Pigeon *Columba arquatrix*: Seen at Bwindi and Nyungwe

Western Bronze-naped Pigeon *Columba iriditorques*: Scoped at Buhoma, in song

Lemon Dove *Columba larvata*: Brief views at Nyungwe, where flushed (*larvata*)

Mourning Collared Dove *Streptopelia decipiens*: Seen at QE and Murchison (probably all *logonensis*)

Red-eyed Dove *Streptopelia semitorquata*: Common

Ring-necked Dove *Streptopelia capicola*: Seen in open areas (*tropica*)

Vinaceous Dove *Streptopelia vinacea*: Seen at Murchison

Laughing Dove *Spilopelia senegalensis*: Widespread in savanna (*senegalensis*)

Black-billed Wood Dove *Turtur abyssinicus*: Simply amazing views at Murchison where a pair were getting worked up

Blue-spotted Wood Dove *Turtur afer*: Quite common

Tambourine Dove *Turtur tympanistria*: Some great views

Namaqua Dove *Oena capensis*: A pair at Butiaba

African Green Pigeon *Treron calvus*: Several good sightings (probably all *gibberifrons*)

Turacos Family Musophagidae

Great Blue Turaco *Corythaeola cristata*: Seen regularly

Black-billed Turaco *Tauraco schuettii*: Regularly recorded in the forest, although mostly by voice (*emini*)

White-crested Turaco *Tauraco leucolophus*: Brief at Murchison, with better views between Masindi and Kampala

Ruwenzori Turaco *Ruwenzorornis johnstoni*: Great views at Nyungwe (*kivuensis*)

Ross's Turaco *Musophaga rossae*: Seen well in Rwanda, heard elsewhere

Eastern Plantain-eater *Crinifer zonurus*: Conspicuous in northern and eastern Uganda

Cuckoos Family Cuculidae

Blue-headed Coucal *Centropus monachus*: Seen at Mabamba and near Masindi (*fischeri*)

White-browed Coucal *Centropus superciliosus*: Common in savanna (*loandae*)

Blue Malkoha *Ceuthmochares aereus*: Seen well a few times

Levaillant's Cuckoo *Clamator levaillantii*: Seen well near Kihhi

Diederik Cuckoo *Chrysococcyx caprius*: Seen well

Klaas's Cuckoo *Chrysococcyx klaas*: Seen well

African Emerald Cuckoo *Chrysococcyx cupreus*: Seen well at Nyungwe; also at Kibale

Dusky Long-tailed Cuckoo *Cercococcyx mechowi*: Seen briefly at Budongo

Barred Long-tailed Cuckoo *Cercococcyx montanus*: Seen very well at Nyungwe

Black Cuckoo *Cuculus clamosus*: Great views at Budongo and also seen at Murchison (*gabonensis*)

Red-chested Cuckoo *Cuculus solitarius*: Scoped at Kibale

Owls Family Strigidae

Greyish Eagle-Owl *Bubo cinerascens*: Good views at Murchison

African Wood Owl *Strix woodfordii*: Good views at Kihihi (*nuchalis*)

Red-chested Owlet *Glaucidium tephronotum*: Day-time views at Nyungwe and Ruhija (*medje*) of young birds that weren't very red chested.

Nightjars Family Caprimulgidae

Black-shouldered Nightjar *Caprimulgus nigriscapularis*: Excellent views near Kihihi

Ruwenzori Nightjar *Caprimulgus ruwenzorii*: Seen at Nyungwe (*ruwenzorii*)

Swamp Nightjar *Caprimulgus natalensis*: Good views near Kihihi (*natalensis*)

Square-tailed Nightjar *Caprimulgus fossii*: Seen at close range at QE (*welwitschii*)

Pennant-winged Nightjar *Caprimulgus vexillarius*: Seen in flight at Kihihi, and on the ground at Murchison

Swifts Family Apodidae

Scarce Swift *Schoutedenapus myoptilus*: Seen at Nyungwe (probably *chapini*)

Mottled Spinetail *Telacanthura ussheri*: A surprise sighting of a single bird at Mweya in QE (*sharpei*)

Sabine's Spinetail *Rhaphidura sabini*: Seen at Kibale and Budongo

Cassin's Spinetail *Neafrapus cassini*: One seen at Budongo

African Palm Swift *Cypsiurus parvus*: Regular sightings (probably all *myochrous*)

Alpine Swift *Tachymarptis melba*: Seen near Kibale

Little Swift *Apus affinis*: Fairly common (*aerobates*)

Horus Swift *Apus horus*: Seen well at Murchison (*horus*)

White-rumped Swift *Apus caffer*: A few seen

Mousebirds Family Coliidae

Speckled Mousebird *Colius striatus*: Common and widespread (all or most *kiuensis*)

Blue-naped Mousebird *Urocolius macrourus*: Our best views were at QE (*griseogularis*)

Trogons Family Trogonidae

Narina Trogon *Apaloderma narina*: Seen well at Nyungwe and Kibale (*brachyurum*)

Bar-tailed Trogon *Apaloderma vittatum*: Good views at Nyungwe and Buhoma

Rollers Family Coraciidae

Blue-throated Roller *Eurystomus gularis*: Heard only (*neglectus*)

Broad-billed Roller *Eurystomus glaucurus*: A few sightings in open areas in the north and east (ssp not certain)

Kingfishers Family Alcedinidae

Chocolate-backed Kingfisher *Halcyon badia*: Good scope views at Budongo

Grey-headed Kingfisher *Halcyon leucocephala*: Seen in Rwanda and Uganda (probably *leucocephala*)

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

Blue-breasted Kingfisher *Halcyon malimbica*: Good views at Budongo (*malimbica*)

Woodland Kingfisher *Halcyon senegalensis*: Several seen (probably all *senegalensis*)

African Dwarf Kingfisher *Ispidina lecontei*: Great views at Budongo

African Pygmy Kingfisher *Ispidina picta*: Our best views were at Budongo and QE (ssp not certain)

Malachite Kingfisher *Corythornis cristatus*: Fairly common around wetlands (*galeritus*)

Giant Kingfisher *Megaceryle maxima*: Seen at Nyabarongo in Rwanda (probably *gigantea*)

Pied Kingfisher *Ceryle rudis*: Abundant around wetlands (*rudis*)

Bee-eaters Family Meropidae

Black Bee-eater *Merops gularis*: Good looks at The Neck, Buhoma and Kibale (*australis*)

Swallow-tailed Bee-eater *Merops hirundineus*: Seen well at Murchison and Butiaba (*heuglini*)

Little Bee-eater *Merops pusillus*: Seen well a few times (perhaps *meridionalis*)

Blue-breasted Bee-eater *Merops variegatus*: Many at Mabamba, a couple at Nyabarongo (*loringi*)

Cinnamon-chested Bee-eater *Merops oreobates*: Quite common in the highlands

Red-throated Bee-eater *Merops bulocki*: Seen in numbers at Murchison, and one at QE (*frenatus*)

Olive Bee-eater *Merops superciliosus*: Seen at QE (*superciliosus*)

Northern Carmine Bee-eater *Merops nubicus*: Great views at Murchison

Hoopoes Family Upupidae

Eurasian Hoopoe *Upupa epops*: One hoopoe heard at QE was probably this species (probably *waibeli*)

Wood Hoopoes Family Phoeniculidae

White-headed Wood Hoopoe *Phoeniculus bollei*: Seen well at Ruhija, Kibale and Nyungwe (*jacksoni*)

Green Wood Hoopoe *Phoeniculus purpureus*: Seen at Murchison

Black Scimitarbill *Rhinopomastus aterrimus*: Seen at Murchison (*emini*)

Common Scimitarbill *Rhinopomastus cyanomelas*: Seen in Rwanda (*schalowi*)

Ground Hornbills Family Bucconidae

Abyssinian Ground Hornbill *Bucorvus abyssinicus*: Super sightings at Murchison

Hornbills Family Bucerotidae

Crowned Hornbill *Lophoceros alboterminatus*: Several sightings (*geloensis*)

African Pied Hornbill *Lophoceros fasciatus*: Seen at Budongo (*fasciatus* **Western Pied Hornbill**)

African Grey Hornbill *Lophoceros nasutus*: Seen at Murchison (probably all *nasutus*)

White-thighed Hornbill *Bycanistes albotibialis*: Seen well at Budongo

Black-and-white-casqued Hornbill *Bycanistes subcylindricus*: Fairly common throughout (*subquadratus*)

African barbets Family Lybiidae

Grey-throated Barbet *Gymnobucco bonapartei*: Seen well at Bwindi and Kibale (*cinereiceps* **Grey-headed Barbet**)

Speckled Tinkerbird *Pogoniulus scolopaceus*: Seen at The Neck, Buhoma and Kibale (*flavisquamatus*)

Western Tinkerbird *Pogoniulus coryphaea*: Scoped at Ruhija (*hildamariae*)

Yellow-throated Tinkerbird *Pogoniulus subsulphureus*: Common at Kibale and Budongo (*flavimentum*)

Yellow-rumped Tinkerbird *Pogoniulus bilineatus*: Quite common in forests throughout (probably multiple ssp, but not identified)

Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird *Pogoniulus chrysoconus*: Seen in savanna in Rwanda (*extoni*) and Uganda (*chrysoconus*)

Yellow-spotted Barbet *Buccanodon duchailui*: Seen at Kibale and Buhoma

Hairy-breasted Barbet *Tricholaema hirsuta*: Good views at Buhoma and Bigodi (*ansorgii* **Streaky-throated Barbet**)

Spot-flanked Barbet *Tricholaema lacrymosa*: Seen in Rwanda and at QE and Murchison (probably all *radcliffei*)

White-headed Barbet *Lybius leucocephalus*: Seen in QE and en route from Masindi to Kampala (*leucocephalus*)

Black-billed Barbet *Lybius guifsobalito*: Seen at Butiaba, heard at Murchison

Double-toothed Barbet *Lybius bidentatus*: Seen in QE (*aequatorialis*)

Yellow-billed Barbet *Trachyphonus purpuratus*: Great views at Buhoma (*elgonensis*, split by BirdLife as Eastern Yellow-billed Barbet)

Honeyguides Family Indicatoridae

Cassin's Honeybird *Prodotiscus insignis*: Seen in display flight at Budongo (*insignis*)

Willcocks's Honeyguide *Indicator willcocksii*: Seen at Buhoma and Kibale (*willcocksii*)

Least Honeyguide *Indicator exilis*: Seen in song at Kibale (*pachyrhynchus*)

Thick-billed Honeyguide *Indicator conirostris*: Poor views at Kibale

Lesser Honeyguide *Indicator minor*: Seen at Murchison

Scaly-throated Honeyguide *Indicator variegatus*: Great views at Murchison, where in song

Woodpeckers Family Picidae

Red-throated Wryneck *Jynx ruficollis*: Great views in Rwanda (*ruficollis*)

Nubian Woodpecker *Campethera nubica*: Seen at Murchison (*nubica*)

Golden-tailed Woodpecker *Campethera abingoni*: Seen at Nyabarongo

Tullberg's Woodpecker *Campethera tullbergi*: Seen well at Nyungwe and Bwindi (*hausbergi* **Fine-banded Woodpecker**)

Buff-spotted Woodpecker *Campethera nivosus*: Seen well at Buhoma (*herberti*)

Yellow-crested Woodpecker *Chloropicus xantholophus*: Seen high up at Kibale and Budongo

Cardinal Woodpecker *Dendropicos fuscescens*: A few brief sightings (ssp not identified)

Elliot's Woodpecker *Dendropicos elliotii*: Seen well at Nyungwe and Bwindi (*elliotii*)

African Grey Woodpecker *Dendropicos goertae*: Seen in QE (*goertae*)

Olive Woodpecker *Dendropicos griseocephalus*: Seen at Nyungwe (*ruwenzori*)

Brown-backed Woodpecker *Dendropicos obsoletus*: Seen well at Murchison (*obsoletus*)

Falcons Family Falconidae

Common Kestrel *Falco tinnunculus*: Several in Rwanda (*rufescens*)

Grey Kestrel *Falco ardosiacus*: Seen a few times

Red-necked Falcon *Falco chicquera*: Seen at Murchison (*ruficollis*, split by BirdLife)

African Hobby *Falco cuvierii*: Seen well in Kigali

African & New World Parrots Family Psittacidae

Grey Parrot *Psittacus erithacus*: Seen at Mabamba, Budongo and Kampala

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

Old World Parrots Family Psittaculidae

Red-headed Lovebird *Agapornis pullarius*: Superb perched views near Hoima (*ugandae*)

Broadbills Family Eurylaimidae

African Broadbill *Smithornis capensis*: One displaying male seen well at Buhoma, heard at Nyungwe (*meinertzhageni*)

Grauer's Broadbill *Pseudocalyptomena graueri*: Incredible views at Ruhija (African Green Broadbill)

Pittas Family Pittidae

Green-breasted Pitta *Pitta reichenowi*: Fantastic and prolonged views of a displaying bird at Kibale, after 14 hours of searching!

Wattle-eyes, Batises Family Platysteiridae

African Shrike-flycatcher *Megabyas flammulatus*: Great views at Kibale, Bwindi and Budongo (*aequatorialis*)

Black-and-white Shrike-flycatcher *Bias musicus*: Seen well at Buhoma and Kibale (*musicus*)

Ruwenzori Batis *Batis diops*: Several at Ruhija and Nyungwe

Chinspot Batis *Batis molitor*: Seen a few times (*puella*)

Western Black-headed Batis *Batis erlangeri*: Seen at QE and Murchison

Ituri Batis *Batis ituriensis*: Seen well at The Royal Mile

Chestnut Wattle-eye *Platysteira castanea*: Seen at Bwindi, Kibale and Budongo

Brown-throated Wattle-eye *Platysteira cyanea*: Seen a few times (*nyansae*)

Jameson's Wattle-eye *Platysteira jamesoni*: Good looks at Budongo

Helmetsrikes Family Prionopidae

White-crested Helmsrike *Prionops plumatus*: Seen at Murchison (*concinatus*)

Bushshrikes Family Malaconotidae

Grey-headed Bushshrike *Malaconotus blanchoti*: Heard at Murchison (*catharoxanthus*)

Lagden's Bushshrike *Malaconotus lagdeni*: Good views at Nyungwe and Ruhija (*centralis* **Albertine Bushshrike**)

Many-colored Bushshrike *Chlorophoneus multicolor*: Good looks at Nyungwe, including the rare buff morph (probably all *graueri*)

Bocage's Bushshrike *Chlorophoneus bocagei*: Seen at The Neck and Buhoma

Orange-breasted Bushshrike *Chlorophoneus sulfureopectus*: Seen at Murchison (probably *sulfureopectus*)

Doherty's Bushshrike *Telophorus doherlyi*: Seen very well at Nyungwe; also seen at Ruhija

Marsh Tchagra *Bocagia minuta*: Seen near Hoima and Budongo (*minuta*)

Brown-crowned Tchagra *Tchagra australis*: Seen a few times (*emini*)

Black-crowned Tchagra *Tchagra senegalus*: Seen at Murchison (*armenus*)

Pink-footed Puffback *Dryoscopus angolensis*: Seen at Nyungwe and Buhoma (*nandensis*)

Black-backed Puffback *Dryoscopus cubla*: Heard in Rwanda

Northern Puffback *Dryoscopus gambensis*: Seen a few times (*malzacii*)

Mountain Sooty Boubou *Laniarius poensis*: Seen at Nyungwe (*holomelas*)

Willard's Sooty Boubou *Laniarius willardi*: Good views at Nyungwe

Lühder's Bushshrike *Laniarius luehderi*: Nice looks at Bwindi

Tropical Boubou *Laniarius major*: Seen in Rwanda (*major*)

Papyrus Gonolek *Laniarius mufumbiri*: Superb views at Nyabarongo

Black-headed Gonolek *Laniarius erythrogaster*: Several good sightings

Brubru *Nilasa afer*: Seen in QE (probably *massaicus*)

Cuckooshrikes Family Campephagidae

Grey Cuckooshrike *Coracina caesia*: Many at Ruhija and Nyungwe (*pura*)

Black Cuckooshrike *Campephaga flava*: Seen at Kihiki, and briefly elsewhere

Red-shouldered Cuckooshrike *Campephaga phoenicea*: Superb views of a male near Mabamba, and one for Ken at Murchison

Petit's Cuckooshrike *Campephaga petiti*: Seen at Nyungwe and Bwindi

Shrikes Family Laniidae

Yellow-billed Shrike *Corvinella corvina*: Seen at Murchison (*affinis*)

Mackinnon's Shrike *Lanius mackinnoni*: Seen a few times

Grey-backed Fiscal *Lanius excubitoroides*: Common in savanna (*excubitoroides*)

Northern Fiscal *Lanius humeralis*: A few sightings (probably *smithii* and *humeralis*)

Orioles Family Oriolidae

African Golden Oriole *Oriolus auratus*: Nice views at Nyungwe (*auratus*)

Western Oriole *Oriolus brachyrhynchus*: Seen at Bwindi and Kibale (*laetior*)

Mountain Oriole *Oriolus percivali*: Seen at Ruhija and Nyungwe

Black-headed Oriole *Oriolus larvatus*: Heard at Kihihi (*rolleti*)

Drongos Family Dicruridae

Fork-tailed Drongo *Dicrurus adsimilis*: Several sightings (*fugax*)

Velvet-mantled Drongo *Dicrurus modestus*: Seen at Kibale (*coracinus*)

Monarchs Family Monarchidae

Red-bellied Paradise Flycatcher *Terpsiphone rufiventer*: Seen at Kibale and Budongo (*somereni*)

African Paradise Flycatcher *Terpsiphone viridis*: Several sightings (ssp not identified)

Crows Family Corvidae

Piapiac *Ptilostomus afer*: Common at Murchison

Pied Crow *Corvus albus*: Common

White-necked Raven *Corvus albicollis*: Seen at Ruhija and Nyungwe

Fairy Flycatchers Family Stenostiridae

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

White-tailed Blue Flycatcher *Elminia albicauda*: Seen at Ruhija and Nyungwe

White-bellied Crested Flycatcher *Elminia albiventris*: Seen at Ruhija and Nyungwe (*toroensis*)

Tits Family Paridae

White-shouldered Black Tit *Melaniparus guineensis*: Seen near Masindi

Dusky Tit *Melaniparus funereus*: Seen regularly in forest (*funereus*)

Stripe-breasted Tit *Melaniparus fasciiventer*: Good looks at Ruhija and Nyungwe (*fasciiventer*)

Penduline Tits Family Remizidae

Grey Penduline Tit *Anthoscopus caroli*: One party seen at Murchison (*roccatti*)

Nicator Family Nicatoridae

Western Nicator *Nicator chloris*: Seen well at Kibale and Budongo

Larks Family Alaudidae

Rufous-naped Lark *Mirafra africana*: Seen at QE (probably *ruwenzoria*)

Flappet Lark *Mirafra rufocinnamomea*: Seen at QE, Murchison and Butiaba (probably *kawirondensis*)

Red-capped Lark *Calandrella cinerea*: A few at QE (*saturation*)

Bulbuls Family Pycnonotidae

Dark-capped Bulbul *Pycnonotus tricolor*: Common; the only bird seen every day (*tricolor*)

Kakamega Greenbul *Arizelocichla kakamegae*: Seen at Nyungwe and Buhoma (*kakamegae*)

Olive-breasted Greenbul *Arizelocichla kikuyuensis*: Common in the highlands

Slender-billed Greenbul *Stelgidillas gracilirostris*: Several sightings in forest (*gracilirostris*)

Little Greenbul *Eurillas virens*: Several seen (*virens*)

Little Grey Greenbul *Eurillas gracilis*: Seen at Budongo (*uganda*)

Ansorge's Greenbul *Eurillas ansorgei*: Seen well at The Neck and Buhoma (*ansorgei*)

Plain Greenbul *Eurillas curvirostris*: Several seen (*curvirostris*)

Yellow-whiskered Greenbul *Eurillas latirostris*: Several seen (*latirostris*)

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

Spotted Greenbul *Ixonotus guttatus*: Seen well at Budongo

Joyful Greenbul *Chlorocichla laetissima*: Seen near Kibale

Yellow-throated Leaflove *Atimastillas flavicollis*: Seen a few times (*flavigula*)

Toro Olive Greenbul *Phyllastrephus hypochloris*: Seen at The Neck, heard at Buhoma

Cabanis's Greenbul *Phyllastrephus cabanisi*: Seen at Nyungwe and Bwindi (*sucosus*)

White-throated Greenbul *Phyllastrephus albigularis*: Seen at Kibale (*albigularis*)

Yellow-streaked Greenbul *Phyllastrephus flavostriatus*: Easy to see at Bwindi and Nyungwe (*olivaceogriseus*)

Red-tailed Bristlebill *Bleda syndactylus*: Seen at Kibale

Red-tailed Greenbul *Criniger calurus*: Seen at The Neck and Buhoma (*emini*)

Swallows, martins Family Hirundinidae

White-headed Saw-wing *Psalidoprocne albiceps*: Great views at lower altitudes (*albiceps*)

Black Saw-wing *Psalidoprocne pristoptera*: Common in the highlands (probably *ruwenzori*)

Brown-throated Martin *Riparia paludicola*: Seen at Nyungwe and QE (*ducis*)

Banded Martin *Riparia cincta*: Seen at Murchison (*suahelica*)

Barn Swallow *Hirundo rustica*: Several sightings (probably *rustica*)

Angolan Swallow *Hirundo angolensis*: Seen regularly

Wire-tailed Swallow *Hirundo smithii*: Seen a few times (*smithii*)

Rock Martin *Ptyonoprogne fuligula*: Several seen in the highlands (*rufigula*, split by BirdLife)

Lesser Striped Swallow *Cecropis abyssinica*: Several seen (*unitatis*)

Red-breasted Swallow *Cecropis semirufa*: Seen in savanna (*gordonii*)

Mosque Swallow *Cecropis senegalensis*: Seen by Michael only (*saturation*)

Red-rumped Swallow *Cecropis daurica*: Seen a few times (*emini*)

Crombecs, African warblers Family Macrosphenidae

Moustached Grass Warbler *Melocichla mentalis*: Seen at QE and Budongo (*amauroura*)

Yellow Longbill *Macrosphenus flavicans*: Heard at Budongo (*hypochondriacus*)

Grey Longbill *Macrosphenus concolor*: Seen well at Budongo

Northern Crombec *Sylvietta brachyura*: Heard at Murchison (*brachyura*)

Red-faced Crombec *Sylvietta whytii*: Seen in Rwanda (*jacksoni*)

Green Crombec *Sylvietta virens*: Seen at Kibale (*baraka*)

Lemon-bellied Crombec *Sylvietta denti*: Seen very well at Budongo (*denti*)

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

Cettia bush warblers and allies Family Cettiidae

Neumann's Warbler *Urosphena neumanni*: Good looks at Nyungwe, heard at Buhoma

Yellow Flycatchers Family Erythroceridae

Chestnut-capped Flycatcher *Erythrocerus mcallii*: Good views at Budongo

Uncertain relationships Insertae cedis

Grauer's Warbler *Graueria vittata*: Good looks at Nyungwe

Green Hylia *Hylia prasina*: Great views at Buhoma and Budongo (*prasina*)

Leaf warblers and allies Family Phylloscopidae

Red-faced Woodland Warbler *Phylloscopus laetus*: Common in the highland forests (*laetus*)

Uganda Woodland Warbler *Phylloscopus budongoensis*: Seen at Budongo

Brown Woodland Warbler *Phylloscopus umbrovirens*: Seen at Nyungwe (*wilhelmi*)

Reed warblers and allies Family Acrocephalidae

Greater Swamp Warbler *Acrocephalus rufescens*: Seen briefly at Nyabarongo and Lake Bunyoni

Lesser Swamp Warbler *Acrocephalus gracilirostris*: Seen well at Nyabarongo (*jacksoni*)

Mountain Yellow Warbler *Iduna similis*: Seen at Ruhija

Papyrus Yellow Warbler *Calamonastides gracilirostris*: Seen well at Lake Bunyoni (*gracilirostris*)

Grassbirds and allies Family Locustellidae

Highland Rush Warbler *Bradypterus centralis*: Seen at Lake Bunyoni

White-winged Swamp Warbler *Bradypterus carpalis*: Seen at Nyabarongo and Lake Bunyoni

Grauer's Swamp Warbler *Bradypterus graueri*: Seen well at Nyungwe

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

Evergreen Forest Warbler *Bradypterus lopezi*: Seen well at Ruhija (*barakae*)

Cisticolas and allies Family Cisticolidae

Red-faced Cisticola *Cisticola erythrops*: Seen at Bigodi (*sylvia*)

Singing Cisticola *Cisticola cantans*: Seen at Murchison (*belli*)

Whistling Cisticola *Cisticola lateralis*: Seen at Budongo (*antinorii*)

Trilling Cisticola *Cisticola woosnami*: Seen in Rwanda (*woosnami*)

Chubb's Cisticola *Cisticola chubbi*: Common in the highlands (*chubbi*)

Rattling Cisticola *Cisticola chiniana*: Seen at Murchison (probably *simplex*)

Winding Cisticola *Cisticola marginatus*: A few sightings (*nyansae*)

Carruthers's Cisticola *Cisticola carruthersi*: Seen at Nyabarongo and Ruhija/Mabwindi Swamp

Stout Cisticola *Cisticola robustus*: Seen well at QE (*nuchalis*)

Croaking Cisticola *Cisticola natalensis*: Seen at QE and Butiaba (*strangei*)

Short-winged Cisticola *Cisticola brachypterus*: Seen at Budongo (probably *hypoxanthus*)

Foxy Cisticola *Cisticola troglodytes*: Seen at Butiaba (*troglydotes*)

Zitting Cisticola *Cisticola juncidis*: Seen at QE and Murchison (*uropygialis*)

Tawny-flanked Prinia *Prinia subflava*: A few seen (ssp not identified)

Black-faced Prinia *Prinia melanops*: Seen at Ruhija and Nyungwe (*obscura*)

White-chinned Prinia *Schistolais leucopogon*: A few good sightings (*reichenowi*)

Red-winged Warbler *Heliolais erythropterus*: Seen at Murchison (*jodopterus*)

Ruwenzori Apalis *Oreolais ruwenzorii*: Seen at Ruhija and Nyungwe

Red-winged Grey Warbler *Drymocichla incana*: Good views at Murchison

Buff-bellied Warbler *Phyllolais pulchella*: Seen in Rwanda, heard in Uganda

Yellow-breasted Apalis *Apalis flavida*: Seen in Rwanda (probably *caniceps*)

Mountain Masked Apalis *Apalis personata*: Common in the highland forests (*personata*)

Black-throated Apalis *Apalis jacksoni*: Several sightings in forest (*jacksoni*)

Chestnut-throated Apalis *Apalis porphyrolaema*: Seen at Nyungwe and Ruhija

Buff-throated Apalis *Apalis rufogularis*: Seen at Bwindi (*kigezi*) and Kibale (*nigrescens*)

Kungwe Apalis *Apalis argentea*: Seen well at Nyungwe

Grey Apalis *Apalis cinerea*: Seen at Nyungwe and Bwindi (*cinerea*)

Grey-capped Warbler *Eminia lepida*: Nice views at Nyabarongo

Grey-backed Camaroptera *Camaroptera brevicaudata*: Several seen (ssp not identified)

Yellow-browed Camaroptera *Camaroptera superciliaris*: Seen at Budongo

Olive-green Camaroptera *Camaroptera chloronota*: Seen at The Neck (*toroensis*, split by Birdlife)

Black-faced Rufous Warbler *Bathmocercus rufus*: Seen at Nyungwe and Bwindi (*vulpinus*)

Green-backed Eremomela *Eremomela canescens*: Good views at Butiaba and Murchison (*canescens*)

Rufous-crowned Eremomela *Eremomela badiceps*: Seen at Budongo (*badiceps*)

Ground-Babblers Family Pellorneidae

Scaly-breasted Illadopsis *Illadopsis albipectus*: Seen at Bwindi and Kibale (*barakae*)

Brown Illadopsis *Illadopsis fulvescens*: Seen at The Neck (*ugandae*)

Mountain Illadopsis *Illadopsis pyrrhoptera*: Good views at Nyungwe (*pyrrhoptera*)

Typical Babblers Family Leiothrichidae

Red-collared Babbler *Kupeornis rufocinctus*: Prolonged views at Nyungwe on two occasions

Black-lored Babbler *Turdoides sharpei*: Seen in savanna (*sharpei*)

Dusky Babbler *Turdoides tenebrosa*: Seen well at Murchison

Brown Babbler *Turdoides plebejus*: Seen near Budongo (*cinerea*)

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

Sylviid Babblers Family Sylviidae

Ruwenzori Hill Babbler *Pseudoalcippe atriceps*: Seen a few times in the highland forests

White-eyes Family Zosteropidae

African Yellow White-eye *Zosterops senegalensis*: Common, and seen often in the highlands (*stuhlmanni*) and lowlands (*toroensis*)

Modulatrixes Family Arcanatoridae

Grey-chested Babbler *Kakamega poliothorax*: Glimpsed at Ruhija

Hyliotas Family Hyliotidae

Violet-backed Hyliota *Hyliota violacea*: Seen well at Nyungwe (*violacea*)

Starlings Family Sturnidae

Purple-headed Starling *Hylopsar purpureiceps*: Good views at Kibale

Lesser Blue-eared Starling *Lamprotornis chloropterus*: Seen at Butiaba and Murchison

Splendid Starling *Lamprotornis splendidus*: Seen a few times (*splendidus*)

Rüppell's Starling *Lamprotornis purpuroptera*: Regularly seen in open areas (*purpuroptera*)

Violet-backed Starling *Cinnyricinclus leucogaster*: Fairly common in savannas (*leucogaster*)

Slender-billed Starling *Onychognathus tenuirostris*: Seen three times in flight and perched briefly at Nyungwe (*theresae*)

Chestnut-winged Starling *Onychognathus fulgidus*: Good views of one at Kibale (*hartlaubii*)

Waller's Starling *Onychognathus walleri*: Seen in small numbers in the highland forests (*elgonensis*)

Stuhmann's Starling *Poeoptera stuhlmanni*: A couple of sightings at Nyungwe

Narrow-tailed Starling *Poeoptera lugubris*: Seen at Buhoma and Kibale

Sharpe's Starling *Poeoptera sharpii*: Seen at Ruhija and Nyungwe

Oxpeckers Family Buphagidae

Yellow-billed Oxpecker *Buphagus africanus*: Seen at QE and Murchison (*africanus*)

Thrushes Family Turdidae

Red-tailed Ant Thrush *Neocossyphus rufus*: Heard at Budongo

White-tailed Ant Thrush *Neocossyphus poensis*: Seen at Buhoma and Kibale (*praepectoralis*)

Fraser's Rufous Thrush *Stizorhina fraseri*: Seen at Kibale (*vulpina*)

Abyssinian Ground Thrush *Geokichla piaggiae*: Seen three times at Nyungwe and once at Buhoma (*tanganjicae* **Kivu Ground Thrush**)

Oberländer's Ground Thrush *Geokichla oberlaenderi*: Seen by everyone at Buhoma

African Thrush *Turdus pelios*: Regular sightings (ssp not identified)

Abyssinian Thrush *Turdus abyssinicus*: Seen a few times in the highlands (*bambusicola*)

Chats, Old World Flycatchers Family Muscipidae

Fire-crested Alethe *Alethe castanea*: Heard and seen briefly at Budongo

Brown-backed Scrub Robin *Cercotrichas hartlaubi*: Seen near Masindi

White-browed Scrub Robin *Cercotrichas leucophrys*: Seen briefly at Murchison (*zambesiana*)

Fraser's Forest Flycatcher *Fraseria ocreata*: Good views at Budongo (*ocreata*)

Grey-throated Tit-Flycatcher *Myioparus griseigularis*: Seen well at Bwindi and Kibale (*griseigularis*)

Grey Tit-Flycatcher *Myioparus plumbeus*: Seen a few times (*plumbeus*)

White-eyed Slaty Flycatcher *Melaenornis fischeri*: Common in the highlands (*toruensis*, the race without the white eye)

Yellow-eyed Black Flycatcher *Melaenornis ardesiacus*: Several views at Nyungwe

Northern Black Flycatcher *Melaenornis edoloides*: Several sightings in savanna (*lugubris*)

Southern Black Flycatcher *Melaenornis pammelaina*: Seen in Rwanda (*pammelaina*)

Pale Flycatcher *Melaenornis pallidus*: Seen by Michael at Murchison (probably *murinus*)

Silverbird *Empidonornis semipartitus*: Seen at Butiaba and Murchison

Ashy Flycatcher *Muscicapa caerulescens*: Seen at lower-altitude forests (*brevicauda*)

Swamp Flycatcher *Muscicapa aquatica*: Regularly sightings at wetlands (*infolata*)

Cassin's Flycatcher *Muscicapa cassini*: One seen at The Neck

Chapin's Flycatcher *Muscicapa lendu*: Seen at The Neck and heard at Buhoma

African Dusky Flycatcher *Muscicapa adusta*: Regular sightings in the highlands (*pumila*)

Dusky-blue Flycatcher *Muscicapa comitata*: Seen at The Neck and Bigodi (*comitata*)

Sooty Flycatcher *Muscicapa infuscata*: Seen at Bwindi and Kibale (*minuscula*)

Red-throated Alethe *Pseudaethe poliophrys*: Seen at Nyungwe and Bwindi (*poliophrys*)

Brown-chested Alethe *Pseudaethe poliocephala*: Seen a couple of times at Kibale (*carruthersi*)

White-bellied Robin-Chat *Cossyphicula roberti*: Excellent views at Nyungwe (*rufescentior*)

Archer's Ground Robin *Cossypha archeri*: Superb views at Nyungwe (*archeri*)

Grey-winged Robin-Chat *Cossypha polioptera*: Good views at Buhoma (*polioptera*)

Blue-shouldered Robin-Chat *Cossypha cyanocampter*: Seen at Buhoma, heard at The Neck and Budongo

White-browed Robin-Chat *Cossypha heuglini*: Fairly common (*heuglini*)

Red-capped Robin-Chat *Cossypha natalensis*: Seen at Buhoma and Kibale (*intensa*)

Snowy-crowned Robin-Chat *Cossypha niveicapilla*: Heard only

White-starred Robin *Pogonocichla stellata*: Seen at Ruhija (*ruwenzorii*)

Forest Robin *Stiphornis erythrothorax*: Good views at Budongo (*xanthogaster*)

Equatorial Akalat *Sheppardia aequatorialis*: Seen at Nyungwe and Buhoma (*aequatorialis*)

Spotted Palm Thrush *Cichladusa guttata*: Seen at Butiaba and Murchison (*guttata*)

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

Sooty Chat *Myrmecocichla nigra*: Common in QE and Murchison

Ruaha Chat *Myrmecocichla collaris*: Good views in Rwanda

Sunbirds Family Nectariniidae

Grey-headed Sunbird *Deleornis axillaris*: Seen at The Neck

Western Violet-backed Sunbird *Anthreptes longuemarei*: A male and female were seen at Murchison (*longuemarei*)

Little Green Sunbird *Anthreptes seimundi*: Seen at The Royal Mile (*minor*)

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

Collared Sunbird *Hedydipna collaris*: Quite common (*garguensis*)

Green-headed Sunbird *Cyanomitra verticalis*: Several sightings (*viridisplendens*)

Blue-throated Brown Sunbird *Cyanomitra cyanolaema*: Seen at Bwindi, Kibale and Budongo (*octaviae*)

Blue-headed Sunbird *Cyanomitra alinae*: Great views at Nyungwe (*tanganjicae*) and Ruhija (probably *alinae*)

Olive Sunbird *Cyanomitra olivacea*: Several seen in forest (*vincenti*, part of Western Olive Sunbird if split)

Green-throated Sunbird *Chalcomitra rubescens*: Seen a few times (*rubescens*)

Scarlet-chested Sunbird *Chalcomitra senegalensis*: A few sightings (*lamperti*)

Purple-breasted Sunbird *Nectarinia purpureiventris*: Fantastic views at Nyungwe

Bronzy Sunbird *Nectarinia kilimensis*: Seen in Rwanda and at Buhoma (*kilimensis*)

Olive-bellied Sunbird *Cinnyris chloropygius*: Seen from Kibale northwards (*orphogaster*)

Ruwenzori Double-collared Sunbird *Cinnyris stuhlmanni*: Seen well at Nyungwe (*schubotzi*)

Northern Double-collared Sunbird *Cinnyris reichenowi*: Common at Ruhija and Nyungwe (*reichenowi*)

Regal Sunbird *Cinnyris regius*: Great looks at Ruhija and Nyungwe (*kivuensis*)

Beautiful Sunbird *Cinnyris pulchellus*: Seen at Butiaba and Murchison (*pulchellus*)

Marico Sunbird *Cinnyris mariquensis*: Seen in Rwanda and Uganda (probably *suahelicus*)

Red-chested Sunbird *Cinnyris erythrocerus*: Fairly common around wetlands

Purple-banded Sunbird *Cinnyris bifasciatus*: Seen en route to Masindi and at Murchison

Superb Sunbird *Cinnyris superbus*: Seen at Kibale, Bigodi and Budongo (*buvuma*)

Variable Sunbird *Cinnyris venustus*: Seen commonly in Rwanda (*igneiventris*)

Copper Sunbird *Cinnyris cupreus*: Several good looks (*cupreus*)

Old World Sparrows Family Passeridae

White-browed Sparrow-Weaver *Plocepasser mahali*: Seen at Murchison and between Masindi and Kampala (*melanorhynchus*)

Chestnut-crowned Sparrow-Weaver *Plocepasser superciliosus*: Seen at Murchison

House Sparrow *Passer domesticus*: Seen in Rwanda and Uganda

Shelley's Sparrow *Passer shelleyi*: Seen at Murchison

Northern Grey-headed Sparrow *Passer griseus*: Common (*ugandae*)

Weavers, Widowbirds Family Ploceidae

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

Thick-billed Weaver *Amblyospiza albifrons*: Seen in Rwanda and Uganda (*montana*)

Baglafaft Weaver *Ploceus baglafaft*: Seen in Rwanda and south-western Uganda (*stuhlmanni*)

Slender-billed Weaver *Ploceus pelzelni*: Seen regularly around wetlands (*pelzelni*)

Little Weaver *Ploceus luteolus*: Seen at Kibale and Butiaba (*kavirondensis*)

Spectacled Weaver *Ploceus ocularis*: A few sightings (*crocatu*)

Black-necked Weaver *Ploceus nigricollis*: Seen at Buhoma and Kibale (*nigricollis*)

Strange Weaver *Ploceus alienus*: Seen at Nyungwe and Ruhija

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

Holub's Golden Weaver *Ploceus xanthops*: Seen a few times in savanna

Orange Weaver *Ploceus aurantius*: Seen at Entebbe Botanical Gardens (*rex*)

Northern Brown-throated Weaver *Ploceus castanops*: Seen at Mabamba

Lesser Masked Weaver *Ploceus intermedius*: Seen breeding at QE (*intermedius*)

Vitelline Masked Weaver *Ploceus vitellinus*: Seen at Butiaba (probably *vitellinus*)

Village Weaver *Ploceus cucullatus*: Regular sightings in Uganda (*bohndorffi*)

Vieillot's Black Weaver *Ploceus nigerrimus*: Seen in open areas in Uganda (*nigerrimus*)

Weyns's Weaver *Ploceus weynsi*: Seen at Mabamba

Black-headed Weaver *Ploceus melanocephalus*: Common around wetlands (*fischeri*)

Golden-backed Weaver *Ploceus jacksoni*: A male was scoped at Luwero Swamps

Yellow-mantled Weaver *Ploceus tricolor*: One at Kibale (*interscapularis*)

Compact Weaver *Ploceus superciliosus*: Good views from QE to Murchison. Should be placed in its own genus *Pachyphantes*.

Dark-backed Weaver *Ploceus bicolor*: Seen at Nyungwe

Brown-capped Weaver *Ploceus insignis*: Seen at Nyungwe and Bwindi

Red-headed Malimbe *Malimbus rubricollis*: Seen at Bwindi and Kibale (*rubricollis*)

Red-headed Weaver *Anaplectes rubriceps*: Seen in Rwanda and at Murchison (*leuconotos*, Northern Red-headed Weaver)

Cardinal Quelea *Quelea cardinalis*: A male was seen displaying at Butiaba (*cardinalis*)

Red-headed Quelea *Quelea erythropis*: A flock including males was seen at Murchison

Red-billed Quelea *Quelea quelea*: Seen at QE and Murchison (*aethiopica*)

Black Bishop *Euplectes gierowii*: Good views at Hoima and Butiaba (*ansorgei*)

Black-winged Red Bishop *Euplectes hordeaceus*: Seen around at Budongo and Murchison (*craspedopterus*)

Southern Red Bishop *Euplectes orix*: Seen at Nyabarongo, QE and Bigodi (*nigrifrons*, Central Red Bishop)

Northern Red Bishop *Euplectes franciscanus*: Seen at Murchison (*franciscanus*)

Yellow Bishop *Euplectes capensis*: One breeding-plumaged male seen briefly near Kihiki

Fan-tailed Widowbird *Euplectes axillaris*: Seen at Luwero Swamps and Mabamba (*phoeniceus*)

Yellow-mantled Widowbird *Euplectes macroura*: Seen at Butiaba (*macroura*) and Luwero Swamp (*macrocerus* **Yellow-shouldered Widowbird**)

Marsh Widowbird *Euplectes hartlaubi*: Seen at Luwero Swamps (*humeralis*)

Red-collared Widowbird *Euplectes ardens*: Seen at Budongo

Waxbills, Munias & Allies Family Estrildidae

White-breasted Nigrita *Nigrita fusconotus*: Several seen in forest (*fusconotus*)

Grey-headed Nigrita *Nigrita canicapillus*: Several seen in forest (*schistaceus*)

Green-winged Pytilia *Pytilia melba*: Seen in Rwanda (*belli*)

Dusky Crimsonwing *Cryptospiza jacksoni*: Great views at Nyungwe

Red-headed Bluebill *Spermophaga ruficapilla*: Heard at Budongo (*ruficapilla*)

Brown Twinspot *Clytospiza monteiri*: Seen well at Murchison

Dusky Twinspot *Euschistospiza cinereovineacea*: Seen at Ruhija (*graueri*)

Black-bellied Firefinch *Lagonosticta rara*: Seen by John at Murchison (*rara*)

Bar-breasted Firefinch *Lagonosticta rufopicta*: One party seen at Murchison

Red-billed Firefinch *Lagonosticta senegala*: Seen several times (*ruberrima*)

African Firefinch *Lagonosticta rubricata*: Seen briefly near Masindi by Michael (*congica*)

Red-cheeked Cordon-bleu *Uraeginthus bengalus*: Seen in Rwanda and Uganda (*bengalus*)

Yellow-bellied Waxbill *Coccyzygia quartinia*: Seen well at Ruhija (*kilimensis*)

Fawn-breasted Waxbill *Estrilda paludicola*: Seen well at Nyabarongo (*roseicrissa*) and QE (*paludicola*)

Crimson-rumped Waxbill *Estrilda rhodopyga*: Seen at Nyabarongo and Butiaba (*centralis*)

Black-rumped Waxbill *Estrilda troglodytes*: Seen well at Butiaba

Common Waxbill *Estrilda astrild*: Seen a few times (ssp not identified)

Black-crowned Waxbill *Estrilda nonnula*: Several scattered sightings (*nonnula*)

Kandt's Waxbill *Estrilda kandti*: Seen once at Nyungwe (*kandti*)

Black-faced Waxbill *Estrilda erythronotos*: One seen at Butiaba

Orange-breasted Waxbill *Amandava subflava*: Seen at Budongo and heard at Murchison

Quailfinch *Ortygospiza atricollis*: Seen on the ground at QE (*dorsostriata* **Black-chinned Quail-Finch**) and Murchison (*ugandae* **Black-faced Quail-Finch**)

Bronze Mannikin *Lonchura cucullata*: Common in open areas (*cucullata*)

Black-and-white Mannikin *Lonchura bicolor*: Seen several times (*poensis*)

Indigobirds, Whydahs Family Viduidae

Village Indigobird *Vidua chalybeata*: Seen in breeding plumage near Buhoma and Butiaba (*centralis*)

Pin-tailed Whydah *Vidua macroura*: Several good sightings

Wagtails, Pipits Family Motacillidae

Cape Wagtail *Motacilla capensis*: Seen in Rwanda and south-western Uganda (*wellsii*)

Mountain Wagtail *Motacilla clara*: Seen at Nyungwe and The Neck (*torrentium*)

African Pied Wagtail *Motacilla aguimp*: Common and widespread (*vidua*)

Yellow-throated Longclaw *Macronyx croceus*: Most common in QE

African Pipit *Anthus cinnamomeus*: Seen at QE (probably all *lichenya*)

Plain-backed Pipit *Anthus leucophrys*: Seen at QE and near Masindi (*zenkeri*)

Finches Family Fringillidae

Oriole Finch *Linurgus olivaceus*: Seen at Nyungwe and Bwindi (*prigoginei*)

Western Citril *Crithagra frontalis*: A few good sightings

Papyrus Canary *Crithagra koliensis*: Good views at Nyabarongo

Yellow-fronted Canary *Crithagra mozambica*: Seen regularly in open areas (*barbata*)

Brimstone Canary *Crithagra sulphurata*: Several sightings in moist savanna (*sharpii*)

Thick-billed Seedeater *Crithagra burtoni*: Seen in the highlands (*tanganjicae*)

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

Yellow-crowned Canary *Serinus flavivertex*: Seen at Ruhija and Nyungwe (*sassii*)

Buntings Family *Emberizidae*

Golden-breasted Bunting *Emberiza flaviventris*: Seen in Uganda and Rwanda (*kalaharica*)

Brown-rumped Bunting *Emberiza affinis*: Great views at Murchison (*affinis*)

Cabanis's Bunting *Emberiza cabanisi*: Seen at Budongo (*cabanisi*)





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