

# Uganda

## *2021 Tour Report*



*Shoebill © Heinrich Human*

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## SUMMARY

This year we had to adapt our standard Rwanda and Uganda tour to consider covid restrictions, so opted for focussing just on Uganda. Fortunately, despite many local restrictions, Uganda prioritised tourism and it was no trouble getting around despite the restrictions in place. We enjoyed many great highlights and logged a total of 560 species.

We commenced with a visit to the Soroti area, where highlights included numerous Fox's Weaver, Karamoja Apalis, Clapperton's Francolin, Red-pate Cisticola, Rufous-bellied Heron, Lesser Jacana and Abyssinian Roller. From there we returned to Entebbe, with Cuckoo-Finch along the way, before heading to the south-west of the country. Near to Lake Mburo we found Bare-faced Go-away-bird and, closer to Kabale, Papyrus Gonolek and White-winged Swamp Warbler, before arriving for an overnight stay on the shores of Lake Bunyoni. Here Ruwenzori Nightjar was seen after dark. The next morning we worked the papyrus beds along the lake shores and found the scarce Papyrus Yellow Warbler, plus White-collared Oliveback. Climbing up to Ruhija in Bwindi Impenetrable National Park we found Handsome Francolin and Western Green Tinkerbird along the road. Heavy rain overnight and gloomy conditions the next day meant that the trail to Mubwindi Swamp was treacherous and bird activity slow, but highlights of the day included Grauer's Rush Warbler, Lagden's Bushshrike and Yellow-eyed Black Flycatcher. The next day we opted for an easier trail which produced Strange Weaver and Dwarf Honeyguide, before we made our way to Buhoma with Dusky Twinspot on route.

At Buhoma the overcast conditions continued but we enjoyed several significant sightings of, amongst others, Willard's Sooty Boubou, Bar-tailed Trogon, Chapin's Flycatcher and record numbers of Purple-breasted Sunbird. Back into the savannas we now visited Queen Elizabeth National Park, which was abuzz with activity. Lesser Moorhen, Dwarf Bittern, displaying White-tailed Lark, African Skimmer and a surprise Beadouin's Snake Eagle were the highlights here. Next on the cards was Kibale Forest where Green-breasted Pitta showed itself in record time, and other goodies included Red-chested Owlet, Speckle-breasted Woodpecker, Joyful Greenbul and White-spotted Flufftail. Now it was off to Masindi and Budongo, where the best birds seen included Ituri Batis, Nahan's Francolin, Black Bishop, Jameson's Wattle-eye and Chocolate-backed Kingfisher. This was followed by a couple of days in the Murchison Falls area, which produced great sightings of Shoebill, Dusky Babbler, an unexpected trio of Sun Lark, Denham's Bustard and Brown-rumped Bunting. Finally we returned to Entebbe, pausing for Hartlaub's Marsh Widowbird along the way, and visited Mabamba Swamp where Shoebill, Lesser Jacana and Weyns's Weaver were the top birds.

*Purple-breasted Sunbird was unusually common at Buhoma © Heinrich Human*



*No less than seven Handsome Francolin were seen at Ruhija © Heinrich Human*

## ESSENTIAL DETAILS

### DATES

13–30 June 2021

### ITINERARY

**13 June:** Entebbe to Soroti  
**14 June:** Soroti area  
**15 June:** Soroti to Entebbe  
**16 June:** Entebbe to Lake Bunyoni  
**17 June:** Lake Bunyoni to Ruhija (Bwindi)  
**18 June:** Ruhija (Bwindi)  
**19 June:** Ruhija to Buhoma (Bwindi)  
**20 June:** Buhoma (Bwindi)  
**21 June:** Buhoma to Mweya (QE)  
**22 June:** Queen Elizabeth NP to Kibale

**23–24 June:** Kibale Forest and Bigodi Wetlands

**25 June:** Kibale to Masindi

**26 June:** Budongo Forest

**27 June:** Masindi to Murchison via Butiaba

**28 June:** Murchison Falls NP

**29 June:** Murchison Falls to Entebbe

**30 June:** Mabamba swamp and Entebbe

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*Green-breasted Pitta* was found quickly at Kibale © Heinrich Human



## REPORT

This year our journey through the Pearl of Africa commenced with an exciting addition to our regular tour; a visit to the Soroti area to find Uganda's only endemic, Fox's Weaver. An early start from Entebbe and it being a Sunday morning meant that we escaped any serious Kampala traffic and made swift progress towards Soroti. Our first stop for a leg stretch at Mabira Forest produced Cassin's Spinetail feeding above the road. Further along, at a large wetland, we found Grey-capped Warbler and Papyrus Gonolek, and as we approached Soroti we spotted Little Bittern, Marsh Tchagra and Black Coucal from the road. After settling into our comfortable lodgings we explored some of wetlands near town in the later afternoon, admiring Abyssinian Roller as we departed from

the hotel. Here, Lesser Moorhen was abundant with numerous individuals flushing off the roadside, and a smart Lesser Jacana was admired at close range. Red-fronted Barbet was found in some acacias and Highland Rush Warbler was common by voice in the tall sedge beds.

The next day we made an early start, seeing Dwarf Bittern and Rufous-bellied Heron at the aforementioned wetlands, on our way to an area of distinctive, flooded whistling thorn where we spotted our first Fox's Weaver within seconds of arriving. The weavers were in full swing of breeding and we watched several individuals of this little-known rarity, including males in full breeding plumage. They were more different from Speke's

*Grey Crowned Crane was seen in good numbers © Heinrich Human*



*Uganda is the best country to see Black-billed Turaco © Heinrich Human*

Weaver than I had expected, not least because they nested in a loose colony (one male per tree, rather than tens per tree as in Speke's) and the nests were placed within the very dense thorn canopy rather than hanging from the tips of branches. The calls were rather distinctive too. We spent a good hour admiring them and being distracted by various other species, including Karamoja Apalis, Red-pate Cisticola, Chestnut Sparrow and Shelley's Sparrow. As the day warmed up we continued deeper into the habitat, finding Clapperton's Francolin perched up on a dead tree, Northern White-crowned Shrike, Foxy Cisticola, Black-backed Cisticola, Bronze-tailed Starling, Superb Starling, Golden-backed Weaver, White-winged Widowbird and several flocks of Chestnut Weaver. After a very successful morning we returned to town and birded on the edge of the wetlands where we found Fulvous Whistling Duck, Red-billed Oxpecker and Bar-breasted Firefinch.

From Soroti we returned to Entebbe to commence our main tour. Cuckoo-finch was a nice surprise at a roadside stop and Mocking Cliff Chat was found on a rocky hillside, along with Purple-banded

Sunbird. Back in Entebbe we met up with the rest of our team and enjoyed views of Ross's Turaco and Eastern Grey Plantain-eater in the garden.

The next morning we struck out west from Entebbe. It was mostly a travel day but we collected a good list of species on our journey to the south-west of the country, first of which was a roadside Double-toothed Barbet, followed by a perched Angola Swallow at the equator. A couple of stops in savanna, including a lunch stop near Lake Mburo, and a pause at a large papyrus bed turned up Bare-faced Go-away-bird, Grey Crowned Crane, Lilac-breasted Roller, Grey-headed Kingfisher, Spot-flanked Barbet, Papyrus Gonolek, Red-faced Crombec, White-winged Swamp Warbler, Red-chested Sunbird, White-chinned Prinia, Buff-bellied Warbler, Black-lored Babbler, Green-winged Pytilia, Village Indigobird and Brimstone Canary. In the late afternoon a spot of birding along the shores of Lake Bunyoni didn't turn up anything of interest, but at dinner we could hear Ruwenzori Nightjar calling from the restaurant and a short post-dinner outing gave us good views of a couple of them.



The next morning we awoke to misty conditions. At first birding was slow, but as we explored the area we found a colony of Horus Swift, Mackinnon's Shrike, Red-rumped Swallow, Black-headed Weaver, Augur Buzzard and Yellow Bishop. As the sun came out bird activity picked up, just as we arrived at a large papyrus bed where Papyrus Yellow Warbler showed very well after a bit of a struggle. Other species seen here included African Rail, African Reed Warbler, Carruthers's Cisticola, Grey-capped Warbler, White-eyed Slaty Flycatcher, Swamp Flycatcher, Bronzy Sunbird, Baglafaecht Weaver, Slender-billed Weaver, Fan-tailed Widowbird, Western Citril and Streaky Seedeater. Another spot produced good views of

Greater Swamp Warbler and the scarce White-collared Oliveback, before we wound our way up to Ruhija in Bwindi National Park. A big rains storm had just passed and it wasn't long before we spotted the first of six Handsome Francolin feeding beside the road, all escaping the wet vegetation. We made numerous stops on our way to our comfortable, new hotel and quickly logged a good number of species, including Great Blue Turaco, Black-billed Turaco, Narina Trogon, Black-and-white-casqued Hornbill, Cinnamon-chested Bee-eater, Eastern Grey-throated Barbet, Western Green Tinkerbird, Fine-banded Woodpecker, Red-throated Rock Martin, Mountain Yellow Warbler, Northern Double-collared Sunbird and Regal Sunbird.

*White-headed Saw-wing* © Heinrich Human



*Blue-headed Sunbird gave excellent views* © Heinrich Human

Overnight it rained heavily and the next morning we awoke to gloomy conditions. With a slippery trail ahead of us we made sure that we all had porters and walking sticks, and a good move it was. The trail down to Mubwindi swamp this year was an order of magnitude more difficult that I have ever encountered. We slipped and slid our way down to the swamp, occasionally pausing for birds near the track, such as Mountain Illadopsis, Albertine Sooty Boubou, Grey Cuckooshrike, Mountain Oriole, White-tailed Blue Flycatcher, Chubb's Cisticola, Black-faced Prinia, Black-throated Apalis, White-bellied Crested Flycatcher, White-starred Robin, Brown-capped Weaver, Stripe-breasted Tit, Olive-breasted Mountain Greenbul, Yellow-streaked Greenbul and Red-headed Malimbe. It took a bit longer than normal to reach the bottom, and even when we arrived were conditions were still gloomy and bird activity low. We checked the favourite feeding areas of the

broadbill and were shown a nest that had recently been abandoned, entertaining ourselves with Ruwenzori Batis, Lagden's Bushshrike, Bocage's Bushshrike, Petit's Cuckooshrike, Ruwenzori Apalis, Mountain Masked Apalis, Archer's Robin-Chat, Waller's Starling, Red-faced Woodland Warbler, Blue-headed Sunbird, Thick-billed Seedeater and Dusky Crimsonwing. After a while we continued to the swamp where we quickly saw Grauer's Swamp Warbler, before returning to the broadbill area for lunch. A storm was now brewing, and just as we finished lunch the heavens opened. Two hours later it was still raining, although much more lightly now, so made the decision to start heading back. The gloomy weather continued but we did manage to get good views of Yellow-eyed Black Flycatcher and see Olive Woodpecker as we climbed. The trail flooded and muddy for much of way, and we were relieved when we eventually made it back to the trail head.





*Long-toed Lapwing* © Heinrich Human

The thought of going back down the same trail the next day was too much to bear, so the following day we opted for a shorter trail where we still stood some chance of the broadbill. Weather this day was better than the day before, but it was still cool and cloudy for much of the time. On the way down an Ayres's Hawk-Eagle circled overhead, and once in the bottom of the valley we were pleased to find Dwarf Honeyguide on its song post. Grauer's Warbler sang stubbornly from a thicket, but Black-faced Rufous Warbler showed well, as did Stuhlmann's Starling, Dusky Tit, Northern Olive Thrush and Strange Weaver. Several hours later, unfortunately, we still had not found the broadbill so had to return empty handed, spotting Oriole Finch along the way. Back on the road we added Chestnut-throated Apalis to the list and Michael got brief views of Red-faced Crimsonwing, before we made our way down to Buhoma. A short stop along the way produced Brown-crowned Tchagra and a pair of Dusky Twinspot.

Cooler, overcast weather persisted at Buhoma, but despite this we had a good day along the main track and waterfall trail. Elliot's Woodpecker, Black-and-white Shrike-flycatcher, Grey-winged Robin-Chat and Dusky-blue Flycatcher showed even before entering the reserve, and early on Scaly-breasted Illadopsis and Brown Illadopsis were seen beside the track while Mountain Wagtail fed in the track. Purple-breasted Sunbird was seen well at the first flowering Symphonia tree, with over 50 seen over the day, alongside Grey-headed Sunbird, Little Green Sunbird and Grey-chinned Sunbird. Understorey birds were a significant focus of the day and included Toro Olive Greenbul, Cabanis's Greenbul, Red-tailed Bristlebill, Tawny-breasted Camaroptera, Red-throated Alethe, White-bellied Robin-Chat and Equatorial Akalat. We heard two Neumann's Short-tailed Warblers, but both stubbornly refused to show despite us getting quite close. Other highlights of the day included Bar-tailed Trogon, displaying

African Broadbill, Black Bee-eater, White-headed Wood Hoopoe, Willcocks's Honeyguide, Least Honeyguide, Pink-footed Puffback, Willard's Sooty Boubou, Kakamega Greenbul, Anson's Greenbul, Buff-throated Apalis, Grey Apalis, Rufous Flycatcher Thrush, Chapin's Flycatcher and Sooty Flycatcher.

It was now time for some open country birding. On our way to Queen Elizabeth National Park we found Red-throated Wryneck, White-headed Barbet, Compact Weaver, Holub's Golden Weaver and Brown-backed Scrub Robin. Once in the park the open grasslands and patches of woodland on our way to Mweya produced Red-necked

Spurfowl, Senegal Lapwing, Palm-nut Vulture, a pair of circling African Cuckoo-Hawk, Marsh Tchagra, Grey-backed Fiscal, Olive Bee-eater, African Grey Woodpecker, good views of Broad-tailed Warbler, Trilling Cisticola, Stout Cisticola, Croaking Cisticola, Moustached Grass Warbler, Yellow-throated Longclaw, Plain-backed Pipit, Wattled Starling, Yellow-billed Oxpecker and Sooty Chat. Lesser Moorhen was seen at a wetland. In the later afternoon we took a boat trip on the Kazinga channel with impressive numbers of waterbird seen, including Water Thick-knee, a large flock of African Skimmer, Goliath Heron, Great White Pelican and Pink-backed Pelican. Back on dry land we found Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird.

*Stripe-breasted Tit, an Albertine Rift Endemic* © Heinrich Human





The next morning we started with Square-tailed Nightjar before breakfast. Our first focus was on some rank grasslands where we enjoyed excellent views of Black Coucal and Fawn-breasted Waxbill, before heading for the shorter grasslands for the rest of the morning. Here highlights included three African Crane on the deck, Common Buttonquail, Lanner Falcon, Lappet-faced Vulture, Rufous-naped Lark, Flappet Lark, displaying White-tailed Lark, Northern Red-capped Lark, Southern Red Bishop, Crimson-rumped Waxbill, and a nice surprise in the form of a Beaudouin's Snake Eagle. Bushy areas held Common Scimitarbill and Western Black-headed Batis, and around various wetlands we found Lesser Flamingo, Collared Pratincole, Dwarf Bittern and Lesser Swamp Warbler, before driving to Kibale.

It was with much anticipation and a little trepidation that we found ourselves the next morning straining our ears in the darkness for the unusual display sounds of Green-breasted Pitta. It didn't take long and one started to display near us. After some careful stalking we tracked it down displaying up on a bare branch in the half light. Fortunately it kept going for some time, during which the light improved, and there was even time to dash back to the vehicle for the telescope, meaning that everyone managed to watch it in display through the scope before it dropped down to the forest floor to feed. We waited for the light to improve, seeing White-throated Greenbul while our expert guides searched for the birds where they were feeding. Once located we followed them for about half an hour. They were fairly active,

*Shining-blue Kingfisher* © Heinrich Human



*Strange Weaver* © Heinrich Human

but with some persistence we all had decent looks on the ground before leaving them in peace. Heading back to the main track we found Brown-chested Alethe, before some general forest birding produced a lovely Red-chested Owlet, plus Yellow-throated Tinkerbird, Chestnut Wattle-eye, Western Black-headed Oriole and Red-bellied Paradise Flycatcher. Back at the hotel African Emerald Cuckoo and Purple-headed Starling showed well in the garden, before some afternoon birding along the main road where Yellow-spotted Barbet, Hairy-breasted Barbet, Western Nicator, White-breasted Nigrita, Grey-headed Nigrita, Green Crombec, Narrow-tailed Starling, Olive-bellied Sunbird, Tiny Sunbird (a bit of a surprise) and Black-necked Weaver were seen.

Most of the next day was spent at the birdy Bigodi swamp, with both morning and afternoon visits. We started well with exceptional views of Shining-blue Kingfisher along the stream. This was followed by Grey Tit-Flycatcher, Eastern Yellow-billed Barbet and a pair of the scarce Speckle-breasted Woodpecker at their nest. Over the course of the day other highlights included excellent scope views of Dusky Long-tailed Cuckoo, fantastic looks at a male White-spotted Flufftail, Yellow-crested Woodpecker, Grey Parrot, White-headed Sawwing, White-tailed Ant Thrush, Snowy-crowned Robin-Chat, some skulky Red-headed Bluebill, Black-crowned Waxbill and fly-by views of Magpie Mannikin.



On our final morning in the Kibale area we decided to try birding along the main road at Sebitoli. Usually there is way too much traffic to make it tolerable, but with the national lockdown there were far fewer vehicles moving and we enjoyed a few very productive hours along the road without too much disturbance. Afep Pigeon was seen exceptionally well and other new additions to the list included Many-coloured Bushshrike, Lühder's Bushshrike, Honeyguide Greenbul, some bright Joyful Greenbuls, Mosque Swallow, Lowland Masked Apalis and Yellow-mantled Weaver. On the drive to Masindi we saw Western Banded Snake Eagle, and not far from Masindi we found Red-headed Lovebird, Black Bishop, Red-collared Widowbird and Black-winged Red Bishop.

The following day-and-a-half was spent at Budongo, the better part of the first day along the Royal Mile and the second morning at Busingiro. We enjoyed some excellent sightings; White-thighed Hornbill, Chocolate-backed Kingfisher, Yellow-breasted Forest Robin, African Dwarf Kingfisher, Ituri Batis in the scope, Fire-crested Alethe, Superb Sunbird and Jameson's Wattle-eye. Lemon-bellied Crombec, Rufous-crowned Eremomela and Chestnut-capped Flycatcher descended to eye level. A pair of Nahan's Francolin approached very close but melted back into the forest before everyone could see them. And other goodies included African Pygmy Kingfisher, Buff-spotted Woodpecker, African Shrike-flycatcher, Little Grey Greenbul, Fraser's Forest Flycatcher,

Grey-throated Tit-Flycatcher, Spotted Greenbul, Yellow Longbill, Grey Longbill, Green Hylia, Yellow-browed Camaroptera and, for Michael, Crested Malimbe. We also spent some time in the surrounding farmlands where we found Barn Swallow, Brown Babbler, Cardinal Quelea, Black Bishop, Black-winged Red Bishop, Yellow-mantled Widowbird (both yellow and black mantled forms), Red-collared Widowbird, a smart Grey-headed Oliveback, Orange-breasted Waxbill and Cabanis's Bunting.

Moving on to Murchison Falls National Park, we paused at the Butiaba escarpment for an hour. It was blisteringly hot, but we did very well and quickly saw Pearl-spotted Owlet, Black-billed Barbet, Foxy Cisticola, Green-backed Eremomela, Northern Crombec, Lesser Blue-eared Starling, Northern Red-headed Weaver, Black-faced Waxbill and Cinnamon-breasted Bunting. Continuing to Murchison we paused for roadside Dark Chanting Goshawk and, incredibly, a pair of Shoebills, one up in a tree and the other beside a muddy pool not 50m off the road! We spent some time admiring them and some nearby Black-rumped Waxbill. Arriving at our lodge we then had a bit of a rest before walking the grounds where new birds included Black-billed Wood Dove, Black-headed Gonolek, Red-winged Grey Warbler, Silverbird, Spotted Palm Thrush, Beautiful Sunbird and Chestnut-crowned Sparrow-Weaver. A White-rumped Seedeater flew by and after dark we had good views of Long-tailed Nightjar.

*Snowy-crowned Robin-Chat © Heinrich Human*



*Great Blue Turaco © Heinrich Human*

With a busy day ahead of us we set off early the next morning, but were delayed in the car park; a Greyish Eagle-Owl was calling nearby and we quickly found it for great looks. As we were watching it a pair of babbler starting to mob it, which turned out to be the rare Dusky Babbler! A great start. Arriving at Paraa it felt strange to be using the brand new bridge across the Nile; none of the usual early morning rush to get on the first ferry. We paused on the bridge to watch African Openbill, Saddle-billed Stork, African Darter, Yellow-billed Egret and Red-throated Bee-eater, and just the other side found our first White-crested Turaco before heading into the open grasslands. A lone Bruce's Green Pigeon flew over as we went. Out in the grasslands we found several Denham's Bustard, perched Martial Eagle, parties of Abyssinian Ground Hornbill, flocks of bright Northern Carmine Bee-eater, noisy bands of Piapiac, a Grey Kestrel and a large flock of Banded Martin. More bushy areas held Swallow-tailed Bee-eater, Shelley's Sparrow, White-browed Sparrow-Weaver and Speckle-fronted Weaver. Once it had warmed up we spotted both White-backed Vulture and Rüppell's Vulture. Along the lake shore, bare and damp areas held a large flock of Grey Crowned Crane, Senegal Thick-knee and Spotted Thick-knee, Black-headed Lapwing, Gull-billed Tern and a surprise trio of Sun Lark! Next we made our way back to Paraa for an afternoon boat trip to the bottom of the falls, spotting Heuglin's Francolin resting up in the shade beside the road. The boat trip was rather quiet, but did produce a large flock of African Skimmer, Nubian Woodpecker, several Goliath Heron and a lone Giant Kingfisher. Once back on dry land we spent the remainder of the

afternoon and the next morning in the woodlands and tall grasslands south of the river. Fortunately the Tsetse flies were much less active than normal. Highlights here included Red-breasted Swallow, Black Cuckoo, Brown-backed Woodpecker, White-crested Helmetshrike, White-shouldered Black Tit, Red-winged Warbler, Yellow-bellied Hylia, Pale Flycatcher, Northern Red Bishop, Red-winged Pytilia (poor views), Black-bellied Firefinch and a bright Brown-rumped Bunting. At night we enjoyed some superb views of several male Pennant-winged Nightjar.s

We left Murchison after visiting the top of the falls, and returned to Entebbe, pausing along the way for roadside Purple Starling, lunch, and birding at some swamps where we found Golden-backed Weaver, Compact Weaver, Red-headed Quelea along with Cardinal Quelea, and Hartlaub's Marsh Widowbird.

From Entebbe we ended the trip with an outing to Mabamba swamp and a short stint in the botanical gardens. It was a rainy morning but fortunately it dried up for two hours and we managed to get out on the water without getting too soaked, seeing Yellow-billed Duck, Blue-headed Coucal, African Swamphen, Long-toed Lapwing, Lesser Jacana, Shoebill, Western Marsh Harrier, African Marsh Harrier, Blue-breasted Bee-eater, Northern Brown-throated Weaver and a very smart male Weyns's Weaver. In Entebbe Purple-banded Sunbird was a surprise find and African Hobby was scoped from our veranda. All that remained now was to await the results of our covid tests and get on our flights back home.







# ANNOTATED BIRD SPECIES LIST

## Numididae

**Helmeted Guineafowl** *Numida meleagris* — Seen at QE and Murchison (*meleagris*)

## Odontophoridae

**Nahan's Francolin** *Ptilopachus nahani* — A pair made a close approach at The Royal Mile and were seen by some of the group

## Phasianidae

**Coqui Francolin** *Peliperdix coqui* — Heard near Mburo (*coqui*)

**Crested Francolin** *Dendroperdix sephaena* — Seen near Soroti and at Murchison (*grantii*)

**Handsome Francolin** *Pternistis nobilis* — Superb views along the road at Ruhija

**Scaly Francolin** *Pternistis squamatus* — Heard at Murchison

**Heuglin's Francolin** *Pternistis icterorhynchus* — Good views at Murchison and also seen at Budongo

**Clapperton's Francolin** *Pternistis clappertoni* — Good views near Soroti

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

**Harlequin Quail** *Coturnix delegorguei* — Heard once at QE (*delegorguei*)

## Anatidae

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

**Fulvous Whistling Duck** *Dendrocygna bicolor* — A couple seen at Soroti

**Spur-winged Goose** *Plectropterus gambensis* — Seen at Soroti, Murchison and Mabamba

**Knob-billed Duck** *Sarkidiornis [m.] melanotos* — Good numbers at Murchison

**Egyptian Goose** *Alopochen aegyptiaca* — Seen several times

**Yellow-billed Duck** *Anas undulata* — Seen well at Mabamba (*ruppelli*)

## Caprimulgidae

**Black-shouldered Nightjar [Fiery-necked Nightjar]** *Caprimulgus [pectoralis] nigriscapularis* — A young bird entered our restaurant at Kibale

**Ruwenzori Nightjar [Montane Nightjar]** *Caprimulgus [poliocephalus] ruwenzorii* — Seen well at Bunyoni (*ruwenzorii*)

**Long-tailed Nightjar** *Caprimulgus climacurus* — Good views at Murchison

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

**Pennant-winged Nightjar** *Caprimulgus vexillarius* — Incredible views at Murchison

## Apodidae

**Cassin's Spinetail** *Neafrapus cassini* — Seen well over Mabira

**African Palm Swift** *Cypsiurus [p.] parvus* — Regular sightings (*myochrous*)

**Alpine Swift** *Tachymarptis melba* — Seen at Kibale

**Little Swift** *Apus affinis* — Widespread (*aerobates*)

**Horus Swift** *Apus horus* — Seen well at Bunyoni, and again at Murchison and Buhoma (*horus*)

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

## Musophagidae

**Great Blue Turaco** *Corythaëola cristata* — Seen regularly

**Black-billed Turaco** *Tauraco schuettii* — Good views at Ruhija (*emini*)

**White-crested Turaco** *Tauraco leucolophus* — A couple of sightings in Murchison

**Ross's Turaco** *Musophaga rossae* — One of the first birds seen on the trip, in Entebbe

**Bare-faced Go-away-bird** *Corythaixoides [p.] personatus* — Seen well near Mburo

**Eastern Plantain-eater** *Crinifer zonurus* — Conspicuous

## Otididae

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

**Black-bellied Bustard** *Lissotis melanogaster* — Heard near Soroti (*melanogaster*)

## Cuculidae

**Senegal Coucal** *Centropus senegalensis* — Seen at Murchison (*senegalensis*)

**Blue-headed Coucal** *Centropus monachus* — Seen at Mabamba and Bunyoni (*fischeri*)

**White-browed Coucal** *Centropus [s.] superciliosus* — Common in savanna (*loandae*)

**Black Coucal** *Centropus grillii* — Great views at QE, and also seen at Soroti

**Blue Yellowbill [Yellowbill]** *Ceuthmochares [a.] aereus* — Seen well a couple of times

**Levaillant's Cuckoo** *Clamator levaillantii* — Seen at Budongo

**Jacobin Cuckoo** *Clamator jacobinus* — Seen at Murchison

**Diederik Cuckoo** *Chrysococcyx caprius* — Seen well

**Klaas's Cuckoo** *Chrysococcyx klaas* — Seen well

**African Emerald Cuckoo** *Chrysococcyx cupreus* — Seen well at Kibale

**Dusky Long-tailed Cuckoo** *Cercococcyx mehowi* — Superb views at Bigodi

**Olive Long-tailed Cuckoo** *Cercococcyx olivinus* — Heard at Buhoma

**Barred Long-tailed Cuckoo** *Cercococcyx montanus* — Heard at Ruhija

**Black Cuckoo** *Cuculus clamosus* — Good views at Murchison (*clamosus*)

**Red-chested Cuckoo** *Cuculus solitarius* — Seen well at Kibale

## Columbidae

**Rock Dove or Feral Pigeon** *Columba livia* — Feral Pigeon seen in villages

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

**Afep Pigeon** *Columba uncinata* — Fantastic views at Kibale

**African Olive Pigeon** *Columba arquatrix* — Seen at Bwindi

**Western Bronze-naped Pigeon** *Columba iriditorques* — Heard at Buhoma

**African Mourning Dove** *Streptopelia decipiens* — Seen at QE and Murchison (*logonensis*)

**Red-eyed Dove** *Streptopelia semitorquata* — Common

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

**Vinaceous Dove** *Streptopelia vinacea* — Seen at Murchison and Soroti

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

**Emerald-spotted Wood Dove** *Turtur chalcospilos* — Heard near Mburo

**Black-billed Wood Dove** *Turtur abyssinicus* — Good views at Murchison

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

**Tambourine Dove** *Turtur tympanistria* — Seen several times

**Namaqua Dove** *Oena capensis* — Seen at Murchison and common at Soroti

**Bruce's Green Pigeon** *Treron waalia* — One in flight at Murchison

**African Green Pigeon** *Treron [c.] calvus* — Several good sightings (probably all *gibberifrons*)

## Sarothruridae

**White-spotted Flufftail** *Sarothrura pulchra* — Super views at Bigodi (*centralis*)



**Red-chested Flufftail** *Sarothrura rufa* — Heard only

### Rallidae

**African Rail** *Rallus caerulescens* — Brief views at Lake Bunyoni

**African Crane** *Crex egregia* — Good views on the ground at QE

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

**African Swamphen [Swamphen]** *Porphyrio [porphyrio] madagascariensis* — Good views at Mabamba

**Lesser Moorhen** *Paragallinula angulata* — Seen at QE, and common at Soroti

### Gruidae

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

### Podicipedidae

**Little Grebe** *Tachybaptus [r.] ruficollis* — Seen at QE

### Phoenicopteridae

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

### Turnicidae

**Common Buttonquail** *Turnix sylvaticus* — Seen at QE

### 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

### Recurvirostridae

**Black-winged Stilt** *Himantopus [h.] himantopus* — A few seen

### 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*)

**Senegal Lapwing** *Vanellus lugubris* — Common at QE

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

**African Wattled Lapwing** *Vanellus senegallus* — Seen at QE and Murchison (*lateralis*)

**Kittlitz's Plover** *Charadrius pecuarius* — Seen at QE and Murchison

### Jacaniidae

**Lesser Jacana** *Microparra capensis* — Excellent views of a pair at Mabamba, and even better views at Soroti

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

### Scolopacidae

**Wood Sandpiper** *Tringa glareola* — Just one sighting

### Glareolidae

**Collared Pratincole** *Glareola pratincola* — One at QE and 30 at Murchison

### Laridae

**African Skimmer** *Rynchops flavirostris* — Excellent views of a large flock at QE and Murchison

**African Grey-headed Gull [Grey-headed Gull]** *Chroicocephalus [cirrocephalus] poiocephalus* — Some good looks at breeding-plumaged birds (*poiocephalus*)

**Heuglin's Gull [Lesser Black-backed Gull]** *Larus [fuscus] heuglini* — One large juvenile gull at Mabamba was presumably this species

**Gull-billed Tern** *Gelochelidon [n.] nilotica* — One at Murchison (*nilotica*)

**White-winged Tern** *Chlidonias leucopterus* — One at QE

### 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*)

**African Woolly-necked Stork [Woolly-necked Stork]** *Ciconia [episcopus] microscelis* — Several sightings

**Saddle-billed Stork** *Ephippiorhynchus senegalensis* — Good views at Murchison

**Marabou Stork** *Leptoptilos crumenifer* — Seen well

### Phalacrocoracidae

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

**White-breasted Cormorant [Great Cormorant]** *Phalacrocorax [carbo] lucidus* — Many at QE and seen off Entebbe

### Anhingidae

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

### Threskiornithidae

**African Sacred Ibis** *Threskiornis aethiopicus* — Seen a few times

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

### Ardeidae

**Little Bittern** *Ixobrychus [m.] minutus* — Great views on the Soroti extension

**Dwarf Bittern** *Ixobrychus sturmii* — Good views at QE and Soroti

**Black-crowned Night Heron** *Nycticorax nycticorax* — One at Soroti

**Striated Heron [Green Heron]** *Butorides [s.] striata* — Seen at QE and Murchison (*atricapilla*)

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

**Rufous-bellied Heron** *Ardeola rufiventris* — Fantastic views in the Soroti area of five birds

**Western Cattle Egret [Cattle Egret]** *Bubulcus [i.] 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 and QE

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

**African Great Egret [Great Egret]** *Ardea [alba] melanorhynchos* — Seen around several wetlands (*melanorhynchos*)

**Yellow-billed Egret [Intermediate Egret]** *Ardea [intermedia] brachyrhyncha* — Several sightings

**Little Egret** *Egretta [g.] garzetta* — A few sightings (*garzetta*)

### Scopidae

**Hamerkop** *Scopus umbretta* — Seen regularly around wetlands

### Balaenicipitidae

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

### Pelecanidae

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

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

### Accipitridae

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

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

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

**African Cuckoo-Hawk** *Aviceda cuculoides* — Seen at QE and Murchison



**Hooded Vulture** *Necrosyrtes monachus* — Seen at Kampala

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

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

**Lappet-faced Vulture** *Torgos tracheliotos* — Seen at QE

**Beaudouin's Snake Eagle** *Circaetus beaudouini* — Excellent views of a perched adult at QE

**Brown Snake Eagle** *Circaetus cinereus* — A few scattered sightings

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

**Bateleur** *Terathopius ecaudatus* — Seen regularly in savanna

**Martial Eagle** *Polemaetus bellicosus* — Good view at Murchison

**Long-crested Eagle** *Lophaetus occipitalis* — Quite common

**Wahlberg's Eagle** *Hieraaetus wahlbergi* — Seen at Entebbe

**Ayres's Hawk-Eagle** *Hieraaetus ayresii* — One pale morph bird at Ruhija

**Tawny Eagle** *Aquila rapax* — Two seen at Murchison

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

**Gabar Goshawk** *Micronisus gabar* — One melanistic near Mburo

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

**African Goshawk** *Accipiter [t.] tachiro* — Seen at Bigodi (probably *canescens*)

**Shikra** *Accipiter badius* — Seen at Soroti and Entebbe (*sphenurus*)

**Western Marsh Harrier** *Circus aeruginosus* — Seen at Mabamba and Soroti (*aeruginosus*)

**African Marsh Harrier** *Circus ranivorus* — Seen a few times

**Yellow-billed Kite [Black Kite]** *Milvus [migrans] aegyptius* — Quite common (*parasitus*)

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

**Augur Buzzard** *Buteo [a.] augur* — Seen in the south-west

### Strigidae

**Greyish Eagle-Owl [Spotted Eagle-Owl]** *Bubo [africanus] cinerascens* — Good views at Murchison

**Verreaux's Eagle-Owl** *Bubo lacteus* — Heard at QE

**African Wood Owl** *Strix woodfordii* — Heard at Kibale (*nuchalis*)

**Pearl-spotted Owlet** *Glaucidium perlatum* — Good views at Butiaba

**Red-chested Owlet** *Glaucidium tephronotum* — Day-time views at Kibale (*medje*)

### Coliidae

**Speckled Mousebird** *Colius striatus* — Common and widespread (all or most *kiwuensis*)

**Blue-naped Mousebird** *Urocolius macrourus* — Seen several times (*griseogularis*)

### Trogonidae

**Narina Trogon** *Apaloderma narina* — Seen well at Ruhija (*brachyurum*)

**Bar-tailed Trogon** *Apaloderma vittatum* — Good views at Buhoma

### Phoeniculidae

**White-headed Wood Hoopoe** *Phoeniculus bollei* — Seen at Bwindi (*jacksoni*)

**Green Wood Hoopoe** *Phoeniculus purpureus* — Seen at Murchison

**Common Scimitarbill** *Rhinopomastus cyanomelas* — Seen at QE (*schalowi*)

### Bucconidae

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

### Bucerotidae

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

**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*)

### Coraciidae

**Lilac-breasted Roller** *Coracias caudatus* — Several near Mburo

**Abyssinian Roller** *Coracias abyssinicus* — Seen well at Soroti

**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)

### Alcedinidae

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

**Grey-headed Kingfisher** *Halcyon leucocephala* — A few sightings (probably *leucocephala*)

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

**Blue-breasted Kingfisher** *Halcyon malimbica* — Heard (*malimbica*)

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

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

**African Pygmy Kingfisher** *Ispidina picta* — Great views at Budongo

**Malachite Kingfisher** *Corythornis [c.] cristatus* — Fairly common around wetlands (*galeritus*)

**Shining-blue Kingfisher** *Alcedo quadibrachys* — Fantastic views at Bigodi

**Giant Kingfisher** *Megaceryle maxima* — Seen at Murchison (probably *gigantea*)

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

### Meropidae

**Black Bee-eater** *Merops gularis* — Good looks at Buhoma (*australis*)

**Swallow-tailed Bee-eater** *Merops hirundineus* — Seen well at Murchison (*heuglini*)

**Little Bee-eater** *Merops pusillus* — Seen at QE (perhaps *meridionalis*)

**Blue-breasted Bee-eater** *Merops [v.] variegatus* — Seen at Mabamba (*loringi*)

**Cinnamon-chested Bee-eater [Blue-breasted Bee-eater]** *Merops [variegatus] oreobates* — Seen in the south-west

**Red-throated Bee-eater** *Merops bulocki* — Seen in numbers at Murchison (*frenatus*)

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

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

### Lybiidae

**Eastern Grey-throated Barbet [Grey-throated Barbet]** *Gymnobucco [bonapartei] cinereiceps* — Seen well at Bwindi and Kibale (*cinereiceps*)

**Speckled Tinkerbird** *Pogoniulus scolopaceus* — Seen a couple of times (*flavisquamatus*)

**Western Green Tinkerbird** *Pogoniulus coryphaea* — Seen well at Ruhija (*hildamariae*)

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

**Yellow-rumped Tinkerbird** *Pogoniulus [b.] bilineatus* — Quite common in forests throughout (probably multiple ssp, but not identified)



**Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird** *Pogoniulus chrysoconus* — Seen at QE and Murchison (*chrysoconus*)

**Yellow-spotted Barbet** *Buccanodon duchaillui* — Seen at Kibale

**Hairy-breasted Barbet** *Tricholaema hirsuta* — Good views at Kibale (*ansorgii* Streaky-throated Barbet)

**Red-fronted Barbet** *Tricholaema diademata* — One seen at Soroti

**Spot-flanked Barbet** *Tricholaema lacrymosa* — Seen a few times (probably all *radcliffei*)

**White-headed Barbet** *Lybius [l.] leucocephalus* — Seen well near QE (*leucocephalus*)

**Black-billed Barbet** *Lybius guifsobalito* — Seen at Butiaba and Murchison

**Double-toothed Barbet** *Lybius bidentatus* — Seen several times (*aequatorialis*)

**Eastern Yellow-billed Barbet [Yellow-billed Barbet]** *Trachyphonus [p.] purpuratus* — Scoped at Bigodi (*elgonensis*)

#### Indicatoridae

**Cassin's Honeybird** *Prodotiscus insignis* — Seen briefly in display flight at Bwindi (*insignis*)

**Dwarf Honeyguide** *Indicator pumilio* — Great views at Ruhija where on its song post

**Willcocks's Honeyguide** *Indicator willcocksii* — Seen at Buhoma (*willcocksii*)

**Least Honeyguide** *Indicator exilis* — Seen at Buhoma (*pachyrhynchus*)

**Thick-billed Honeyguide [Lesser Honeyguide]** *Indicator [minor] conirostris* — Heard at Bwindi

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

**Greater Honeyguide** *Indicator indicator* — Heard at Butiaba

#### Picidae

**Red-throated Wryneck** *Jynx ruficollis* — Great views (*ruficollis*)

**Nubian Woodpecker** *Campethera nubica* — Seen at Soroti and Murchison (*nubica*)

**Fine-banded Woodpecker [Tullberg's Woodpecker]** *Campethera [tullbergi] taeniolaema* — Seen at Bwindi

**Buff-spotted Woodpecker** *Campethera nivosa* — Seen at Budongo (*herberti*)

**Yellow-crested Woodpecker** *Chloropicus xantholophus* — Our best views were at Bigodi

**Speckle-breasted Woodpecker** *Dendropicos poecilolaemus* — Great views of a pair at the nest at Bigodi

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

**Elliot's Woodpecker** *Dendropicos [e.] elliotii* — Seen well at Buhoma (*elliotii*)

**African Grey Woodpecker [Grey Woodpecker]** *Dendropicos [g.] goertae* — Seen well at QE (*goertae*)

**Olive Woodpecker** *Dendropicos griseocephalus* — Seen at Ruhija (*ruwenzori*)

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

#### Falconidae

**Grey Kestrel** *Falco ardosiaceus* — Seen a few times

**African Hobby** *Falco cuvierii* — Seen well in Entebbe

**Lanner Falcon** *Falco biarmicus* — Seen well in QE

#### Psittacidae

**Grey Parrot** *Psittacus [e.] erithacus* — Seen several times

**Meyer's Parrot** *Poicephalus meyeri* — Seen a few times (*saturatus*)

#### Psittaculidae

**Red-headed Lovebird** *Agapornis pullarius* — Seen a few times, mostly in flight (*ugandae*)

#### Calyptomenidae

**African Broadbill** *Smithornis capensis* — One dispalying male seen well at Buhoma (*meinertzhageni*)

#### Pittidae

**Green-breasted Pitta [African Pitta]** *Pitta [angolensis] reichenowi* — Good views at Kibale

#### Platysteiridae

**Ruwenzori Batis** *Batis diops* — Seen at Ruhija

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

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

**Ituri Batis** *Batis ituriensis* — Scoped on The Royal Mile

**Chestnut Wattle-eye** *Platysteira [c.] 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

#### Malaconotidae

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

**Lagden's Bushshrike** *Malaconotus lagdeni* — Good views at Ruhija (*centralis* Albertine Bushshrike)

**Many-coloured Bushshrike** *Chlorophoneus multicolor* — Good looks at Kibale (probably *graueri*)

**Bocage's Bushshrike** *Chlorophoneus bocagei* — Seen at Buhoma

**Orange-breasted Bushshrike** *Chlorophoneus sulfureopectus* — Heard at Murchison (*sulfureopectus*)

**Doherty's Bushshrike** *Telophorus dohertyi* — Heard at Ruhija

**Marsh Tchagra** *Bocagia minuta* — Seen a few times, especially at Soroti (*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 Buhoma (*nandensis*)

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

**Albertine Sooty Boubou [Mountain Sooty Boubou]** *Laniarius [poensis] holomelas* — Seen at Ruhija (*holomelas*)

**Willard's Sooty Boubou [Mountain Sooty Boubou]** *Laniarius [poensis] willardi* — Good views at Buhoma

**Lühdler's Bushshrike** *Laniarius [l.] luehderi* — Nice looks at Kibale

**Tropical Boubou** *Laniarius [aethiopicus] major* — Seen (*major*)

**Papyrus Gonolek** *Laniarius mufumbiri* — Superb views en route to Lake Mburo

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

**Brubru** *Nilaus afer* — Seen at Soroti (*massaicus*)

#### Vangidae

**White-crested Helmetshrike** *Prionops plumatus* — Seen at Murchison (*concinatus*)

**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*)

#### Campephagidae

**Grey Cuckooshrike** *Ceblepyris caesius* — Seen at Ruhija (*pura*)

**Red-shouldered Cuckooshrike** *Campephaga phoenicea* — One female at QE and Murchison

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

#### Laniidae

**Northern White-crowned Shrike** *Eurocephalus ruppelli* — Seen at Soroti

**Mackinnon's Shrike** *Lanius mackinmoni* — Seen a few times



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

**Northern Fiscal [Common Fiscal]** *Lanius [collaris] humeralis* — A few sightings (probably *smithii* and *humeralis*)

### Oriolidae

**Western Black-headed Oriole** *Oriolus brachyrhynchus* — Seen a few times (*laetior*)

**Black-headed Oriole** *Oriolus larvatus* — Seen at QE and Murchison (*rolleti*)

**Mountain Oriole** *Oriolus percivali* — Seen at Ruhija

**African Golden Oriole** *Oriolus auratus* — Brief views at Murchison (*auratus*)

### Dicruridae

**Southern Fork-tailed Drongo [Fork-tailed Drongo]** *Dicrurus [a.] adsimilis* — Several sightings (*fugax*)

**Velvet-mantled Drongo** *Dicrurus [m.] modestus* — Brief views at Bwindi (*coracinus*)

### Monarchidae

**Red-bellied Paradise Flycatcher** *Terpsiphone [r.] rufiventer* — Seen at Kibale and Budongo (*somereni*)

**African Paradise Flycatcher** *Terpsiphone [v.] viridis* — Several sightings (ssp not identified)

### Corvidae

**Piapiac** *Ptilostomus afer* — Common at Murchison

**Pied Crow** *Corvus albus* — Common

**White-necked Raven** *Corvus albicollis* — Heard at Ruhija

### Stenostiridae

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

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

**White-bellied Crested Flycatcher** *Elminia albiventris* — Seen at Ruhija (*toroensis*)

### Paridae

**White-shouldered Black Tit** *Melaniparus guineensis* — Seen at Murchison

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

**Stripe-breasted Tit** *Melaniparus fasciiventer* — Good looks at Ruhija (*fasciiventer*)

### Nicatoridae

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

### Alaudidae

**Rufous-naped Lark** *Mirafra [a.] africana* — Seen at QE (probably *ruwenzoria*)

**Flappet Lark** *Mirafra rufocinnamomea* — Seen at QE, Murchison and Soroti (probably *kawirondensis*)

**White-tailed Lark** *Mirafra albicauda* — Two in display at QE

**Sun Lark** *Galerida modesta* — A surprise encounter with three at Murchison

**Northern Red-capped Lark [Red-capped Lark]** *Calandrella [cinerea] williamsi* — A few at QE (*saturation*)

### Pycnonotidae

**Dark-capped Bulbul [Common Bulbul]** *Pycnonotus [barbatus] tricolor* — Common (*tricolor*)

**Kakamega Greenbul [Shelley's Greenbul]** *Arizelocichla [masukuensis] kakamegae* — Seen at Buhoma (*kakamegae*)

**Olive-breasted Mountain Greenbul [Eastern Mountain Greenbul]** *Arizelocichla [nigriceps] 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 (*ugandae*)

**Ansorge's Greenbul** *Eurillas ansorgei* — Seen well at 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 at Budongo

**Joyful Greenbul** *Chlorocichla laetissima* — Seen at Kibale

**Pale-throated Leaflove [Yellow-throated Leaflove]** *Atimastillas [flavicollis] flavigula* — Seen a few times (*flavigula*)

**Toro Olive Greenbul** *Phyllastrephus hypochloris* — Seen at Buhoma

**Cabanis's Greenbul** *Phyllastrephus [c.] cabanisi* — Seen at Bwindi (*sucosus*)

**White-throated Greenbul** *Phyllastrephus [a.] albigularis* — Seen at Kibale (*albigularis*)

**Yellow-streaked Greenbul** *Phyllastrephus [f.] flavostriatus* — Easy to see at Ruhija (*olivaceogriseus*)

**Red-tailed Bristlebill** *Bleda syndactylus* — Seen at Kibale and Budongo

**Red-tailed Greenbul** *Criniger calurus* — Seen at Buhoma and Budongo (*emini*)

### Hirundinidae

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

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

**Banded Martin** *Riparia cincta* — Seen in large numbers at Murchison (*suahelica*)

**Barn Swallow** *Hirundo rustica* — Seen at Budongo (probably *rustica*)

**Angola Swallow** *Hirundo angolensis* — Seen regularly

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

**Red-throated Rock Martin [Rock Martin]** *Ptyonoprogne [fuligula] rufigula* — Several seen in the highlands (*rufigula*)

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

**Red-breasted Swallow** *Cecropis semirufa* — Seen at Murchison (*gordoni*)

**Mosque Swallow** *Cecropis senegalensis* — Seen at Kibale (*saturation*)

**Red-rumped Swallow** *Cecropis [d.] daurica* — Seen a few times (*emini*)

### Macrosphenidae

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

**Yellow Longbill** *Macrosphenus flavicans* — Brief views at Budongo (*hypochondriacus*)

**Grey Longbill** *Macrosphenus concolor* — Seen well at Budongo

**Northern Crombec** *Sylvietta [b.] brachyura* — Seen at Murchison and Soroti (*brachyura*)

**Red-faced Crombec** *Sylvietta whytii* — Seen near Mburo (*jacksoni*)

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

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

**White-browed Crombec** *Sylvietta [l.] leucophrys* — Heard at Bwindi (*chloronota*)

### Cettiidae

**Neumann's Warbler** *Urosphena neumanni* — Heard at Buhoma

### Erythroceridae

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

### Hylidae

**Green Hylia** *Hylia prasina* — Seen at Kibale and Budongo (*prasina*)



**Phylloscopidae**

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

**Acrocephalidae**

**Grauer's Warbler** *Graueria vittata* — Heard at Ruhija

**Greater Swamp Warbler** *Acrocephalus rufescens* — Good views at Bunyoni

**Lesser Swamp Warbler** *Acrocephalus gracilirostris* — Seen well at QE (*jacksoni*)

**African Reed Warbler [Common Reed Warbler]** *Acrocephalus [scirpaceus] baeticatus* — Seen at Bunyoni

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

**Papyrus Yellow Warbler** *Calamonastides [g.] gracilirostris* — Seen well at Lake Bunyoni

**Locustellidae**

**Broad-tailed Warbler** *Catriscus brevirostris* — Great views in QE

**Evergreen Forest Warbler** *Bradypterus lopezi* — Heard at Ruhija (*barakae*)

**White-winged Swamp Warbler** *Bradypterus carpalis* — Seen at Lake Bunyoni

**Grauer's Swamp Warbler** *Bradypterus graueri* — Seen at Ruhija

**Highland Rush Warbler [Little Rush Warbler]** *Bradypterus [baboecala] centralis* — Heard at Soroti

**Cisticolidae**

**Red-faced Cisticola** *Cisticola erythrops* — Seen a few times (*sylvia*)

**Singing Cisticola** *Cisticola cantans* — Seen briefly at Murchison (*belli*)

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

**Trilling Cisticola** *Cisticola woosnami* — Seen at QE (*woosnami*)

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

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

**Winding Cisticola** *Cisticola [galactotes] marginatus* — A few sightings (*nyansae*)

**Carruthers's Cisticola** *Cisticola carruthersi* — Seen at Lake Bunyoni

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

**Croaking Cisticola** *Cisticola natalensis* — Seen at QE and Murchison (*strangei*)

**Red-pate Cisticola** *Cisticola ruficeps* — Several at Soroti

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

**Foxy Cisticola** *Cisticola troglodytes* — Seen at Butiaba and Soroti (*troglodytes*)

**Zitting Cisticola** *Cisticola juncidis* — Seen at QE and Murchison (*urophygialis*)

**Black-backed Cisticola** *Cisticola eximius* — Good views at Soroti

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

**Black-faced Prinia [Banded Prinia]** *Prinia [bairdii] melanops* — Seen at Ruhija (*obscura*)

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

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

**Ruwenzori Apalis [Black-collared Apalis]** *Oreolais [pulcher] ruwenzorii* — Seen at Ruhija

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

**Buff-bellied Warbler** *Phyllolais pulchella* — Seen a few times

**Yellow-breasted Apalis** *Apalis [f.] flavida* — Seen at Murchison (probably *caniceps*)

**Lowland Masked Apalis** *Apalis binotata* — Seen at Kibale

**Mountain Masked Apalis** *Apalis personata* — Seen at Ruhija (*personata*)

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

**Chestnut-throated Apalis** *Apalis [p.] porphyrolaema* — Seen at Ruhija

**Buff-throated Apalis** *Apalis [r.] rufogularis* — Seen at Bwindi (*kigezi*) and Kibale (*nigrescens*)

**Karamoja Apalis** *Apalis karamojae* — Good views at Soroti

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

**Grey-capped Warbler** *Eminia lepida* — Nice views at Lake Bunyoni

**Grey-backed Camaroptera [Bleating Camaroptera]** *Camaroptera [brachyura] brevicaudata* — Several seen (ssp not identified)

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

**Tawny-breasted Camaroptera [Olive-green Camaroptera]** *Camaroptera [chloronota] toroensis* — Seen at Buhoma (*toroensis*)

**Black-faced Rufous Warbler** *Bathmocercus rufus* — Seen at Bwindi (*vulpinus*)

**Green-backed Eremomela [Senegal Eremomela]** *Eremomela [pusilla] canescens* — Good views at Butiaba and Murchison (*canescens*)

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

**Pellorneidae**

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

**Brown Illadopsis** *Illadopsis fulvescens* — Seen at Buhoma and Kibale (*ugandae*)

**Mountain Illadopsis** *Illadopsis pyrrhoptera* — Good views at Ruhija (*pyrrhoptera*)

**Leiotherichidae**

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

**Arrow-marked Babbler** *Turdoides jardineii* — Seen in QE (*emini*)

**Dusky Babbler** *Turdoides tenebrosa* — Seen well at Murchison

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

**Sylviidae**

**Ruwenzori Hill Babbler [African Hill Babbler]** *Pseudoalcippe [abyssinica] atriceps* — Brief views at Ruhija

**Zosteropidae**

**Northern Yellow White-eye [African Yellow White-eye]** *Zosterops [s.] senegalensis* — Presumably the one in the lowlands such as at Murchison and Soroti (*toroensis*)

**Green White-eye [African Yellow White-eye]** *Zosterops [senegalensis] stuhlmanni* — The one in the highlands (*stuhlmanni*)

**Modulatricidae**

**Grey-chested Babbler** *Kakamega poliothorax* — Heard at Ruhija

**Hyliotidae**

**Yellow-bellied Hyliota** *Hyliota flavigaster* — Seen at Murchison

**Sturnidae**

**Wattled Starling** *Creatophora cinerea* — Large numbers in southern QE

**Purple-headed Starling** *Hylopsar purpureiceps* — Good views at Kibale at Budongo

**Lesser Blue-eared Starling** *Lamprotornis [c.] chloropterus* — Seen at Butiaba and Murchison

**Bronze-tailed Starling** *Lamprotornis chalcurus* — Three at Soroti

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

**Purple Starling** *Lamprotornis purpureus* — Good views east of Masindi

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

**Superb Starling** *Lamprotornis superbus* — Brief views at Soroti



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

**Slender-billed Starling** *Onychognathus tenuirostris* — Brief flight views at Ruhija (*theresae*)

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

**Stuhlmann's Starling** *Poeyoptera stuhlmanni* — A couple of sightings at Bwindi

**Narrow-tailed Starling** *Poeyoptera lugubris* — Seen at Kibale

### Buphagidae

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

**Red-billed Oxpecker** *Buphagus erythrorhynchus* — Seen at Soroti

### Turdidae

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

**White-tailed Ant Thrush** *Neocossyphus poensis* — Good views at Bigodi (*praepectoralis*)

**Rufous Flycatcher Thrush** *Stizorhina [f.] fraseri* — Seen at Buhoma and Kibale (*vulpina*)

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

**Northern Olive Thrush** *Turdus abyssinicus* — Seen a few times in the highlands (*bambusicola*)

### Muscicapidae

**Fire-crested Alethe** *Alethe castanea* — Great views at Budongo

**Brown-backed Scrub Robin** *Cercotrichas hartlaubi* — Seen near Kihiki, at Bigodi and near Masindi

**White-browed Scrub Robin** *Cercotrichas leucophrys* — Seen a couple of times (*zambesiana*)

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

**Grey-throated Tit-Flycatcher** *Myioparus griseigularis* — Seen at Bwindi, Budongo and Kibale (*griseigularis*)

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

**White-eyed Slaty Flycatcher** *Melaenornis fischeri* — Seen at Lake Bunyoni and Ruhija (*toruensis*, the race without the white eye)

**Yellow-eyed Black Flycatcher** *Melaenornis ardesiacus* — Seen well at Ruhija

**Northern Black Flycatcher** *Melaenornis edolioides* — Several sightings in savanna (*lugubris*)

**Pale Flycatcher** *Melaenornis pallidus* — Seen at Murchison (probably *murinus*)

**Silverbird** *Empidornis semipartitus* — Seen at Soroti, Butiaba and Murchison

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

**Swamp Flycatcher** *Muscicapa aquatica* — Regularly sightings at wetlands (*infulata*)

**Chapin's Flycatcher** *Muscicapa [l.] lendu* — Seen at Buhoma

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

**Dusky-blue Flycatcher** *Muscicapa comitata* — Seen at Buhoma and Kibale (*comitata*)

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

**Red-throated Alethe** *Chamaetylas poliophrys* — Seen at Buhoma (*poliophrys*)

**Brown-chested Alethe** *Chamaetylas poliocephala* — Seen at Kibale (*carruthersi*)

**White-bellied Robin-Chat** *Cossyphicula roberti* — Seen well at Buhoma (*rufescentior*)

**Archer's Ground Robin** *Cossypha archeri* — Brief views at Ruhija (*archeri*)

**Grey-winged Robin-Chat** *Cossypha polioptera* — Brief views at Buhoma (*polioptera*)

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

**Snowy-crowned Robin-Chat** *Cossypha niveicapilla* — Seen well at Bigodi

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

**Yellow-breasted Forest Robin [Forest Robin]** *Stiphornis [erythrothorax] xanthogaster* — Good views at Budongo (*xanthogaster*)

**Equatorial Akalat** *Sheppardia aequatorialis* — Seen at Buhoma (*aequatorialis*)

**Spotted Palm Thrush** *Cichladusa guttata* — Seen at Soroti and Murchison (*guttata*)

**African Stonechat [Common Stonechat]** *Saxicola [t.] torquatus* — Seen in the highlands (*axillaris*)

**Mocking Cliff Chat** *Thamnolaea [c.] cinnamomeiventris* — One near Soroti

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

### Nectariniidae

**Grey-headed Sunbird [Fraser's Sunbird]** *Deleornis [fraseri] axillaris* — Seen at Buhoma

**Little Green Sunbird** *Anthreptes seimundi* — Seen a few times (*minor*)

**Grey-chinned Sunbird** *Anthreptes [rectirostris] tephrolaemus* — Seen several times (*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 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 Buhoma

**Bronzy Sunbird** *Nectarinia kilimensis* — Seen at Bunyoni (*kilimensis*)

**Olive-bellied Sunbird** *Cinnyris chloropygius* — Seen several times (*orphogaster*)

**Tiny Sunbird** *Cinnyris minullus* — Good views at Kibale

**Northern Double-collared Sunbird** *Cinnyris reichenowi* — Common at Ruhija (*reichenowi*)

**Regal Sunbird** *Cinnyris regius* — Great looks at Ruhija (*kivuensis*)

**Beautiful Sunbird** *Cinnyris [p.] pulchellus* — Seen at Butiaba and Murchison (*pulchellus*)

**Marico Sunbird** *Cinnyris mariquensis* — Seen near Mburo (probably *suaehelicus*)

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

**Purple-banded Sunbird** *Cinnyris bifasciatus* — Seen around Soroti and at Entebbe

**Superb Sunbird** *Cinnyris superbus* — Seen at Budongo (*buvuma*)

**Variable Sunbird** *Cinnyris venustus* — Seen near Budongo (*igneiventris*)

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

### Passeridae

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

**Shelley's Sparrow [Rufous Sparrow]** *Passer [cordofanicus] shelleyi* — Seen at Murchison and Soroti

**Northern Grey-headed Sparrow** *Passer [g.] griseus* — Common (*ugandae*)

**Chestnut Sparrow** *Passer emini* — Several at Soroti

### Ploceidae

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

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



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

**Thick-billed Weaver** *Amblyospiza albifrons* — Seen a few times (*montana*)

**Baglafaft Weaver** *Ploceus baglafaft* — Seen in south-western Uganda (*stuhlmanni*)

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

**Little Weaver** *Ploceus luteolus* — Seen near Mburo and at Murchison (*kavirondensis*)

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

**Black-necked Weaver** *Ploceus [n.] nigricollis* — Seen at Buhoma and Kibale (*nigricollis*)

**Strange Weaver** *Ploceus alienus* — Seen at Ruhija

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

**Northern Brown-throated Weaver** *Ploceus castanops* — Seen at Mabamba and near Soroti

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

**Vitelline Masked Weaver** *Ploceus vitellinus* — Seen at Murchison (probably *vitellinus*)

**Fox's Weaver** *Ploceus spekeoides* — Fantastic views near Soroti

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

**Vieillot's Black Weaver** *Ploceus [n.] nigerrimus* — Seen around Budongo and Kibale (*nigerrimus*)

**Weyns's Weaver** *Ploceus weynsi* — A smart male was seen at Mabamba

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

**Golden-backed Weaver** *Ploceus jacksoni* — A male was scoped at Luwero Swamp, and several seen at Soroti

**Chestnut Weaver** *Ploceus rubiginosus* — Several flocks at Soroti

**Yellow-mantled Weaver** *Ploceus tricolor* — Seen at Kibale and Budongo (*interscapularis*)

**Compact Weaver** *Ploceus superciliosus* — Several good views

**Brown-capped Weaver** *Ploceus insignis* — Seen at Bwindi

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

**Crested Malimbe** *Malimbus malimbicus* — One seen briefly at Budongo

**Northern Red-headed Weaver [Red-headed Weaver]** *Anaplectes [rubriceps] leuconotos* — Seen at Murchison

**Cardinal Quelea** *Quelea cardinalis* — Several great sightings in the north (*cardinalis*)

**Red-headed Quelea** *Quelea erythrops* — Good views at Luwero Swamp

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

**Black Bishop** *Euplectes gierowii* — Good views around Masindi (*ansorgei*)

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

**Southern Red Bishop** *Euplectes [o.] orix* — Seen at QE and Bigodi (*nigrifrons*, Central Red Bishop)

**Northern Red Bishop** *Euplectes franciscanus* — Seen at Murchison and Soroti (*franciscanus*)

**Yellow Bishop** *Euplectes capensis* — Good views at Lake Bunyoni

**Fan-tailed Widowbird** *Euplectes axillaris* — Seen several times (*phoeniceus*)

**Yellow-mantled Widowbird** *Euplectes macroura* — Seen at Budongo (both *macroura* and *macrocerus* Yellow-shouldered Widowbird)

**Hartlaub's Marsh Widowbird** *Euplectes hartlaubi* — Seen at Luwero Swamps (*humeralis*)

**White-winged Widowbird** *Euplectes albonotatus* — One male near Soroti

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

## Estrildidae

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

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

**White-collared Oliveback** *Nesocharis ansorgei* — Great views at Bunyoni

**Grey-headed Oliveback** *Nesocharis capistrata* — A pair seen well near Budongo

**Red-winged Pytilia** *Pytilia phoenicoptera* — Brief views at Murchison

**Green-winged Pytilia** *Pytilia melba* — Seen near Mburo (*belli*)

**Red-faced Crimsonwing** *Cryptospiza reichenovii* — One female for Michael at Ruhija

**Dusky Crimsonwing** *Cryptospiza jacksoni* — Seen at Ruhija, but you had to be quick

**Red-headed Bluebill** *Spermophaga ruficapilla* — Seen briefly at Bigodi (*ruficapilla*)

**Brown Twinspot** *Clytospiza monteiri* — Heard at Budongo

**Dusky Twinspot** *Euschistospiza cinereovinacea* — Seen at Ruhija (*graueri*)

**Black-bellied Firefinch** *Lagonosticta rara* — Seen at Budongo and Murchison (*rara*)

**Bar-breasted Firefinch** *Lagonosticta rufopicta* — Good views at Soroti

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

**Red-cheeked Cordon-bleu** *Uraeginthus bengalus* — Seen regularly (*bengalus*)

**Yellow-bellied Waxbill** *Coccyzygia quartinia* — Brief views at Lake Bunyoni (*kilimensis*)

**Fawn-breasted Waxbill** *Estrilda [p.] paludicola* — Seen at QE (*paludicola*)

**Crimson-rumped Waxbill** *Estrilda rhodopyga* — Seen at QE (*centralis*)

**Black-rumped Waxbill** *Estrilda troglodytes* — Seen at Soroti and Murchison

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

**Black-crowned Waxbill** *Estrilda nonnula* — Seen at Bigodi (*nonnula*)

**Black-faced Waxbill** *Estrilda [e.] erythronotos* — Seen at Butiaba

**Orange-breasted Waxbill** *Amandava subflava* — Seen at Budongo and Soroti

**Black-faced Quailfinch [Quailfinch]** *Ortygospiza [a.] atricollis* — Seen in flight at Soroti (*ugandae*)

**Black-chinned Quailfinch [Quailfinch]** *Ortygospiza [atricollis] gabonensis* — Seen briefly in flight at QE (*dorsostrata*)

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

**Black-and-white Mannikin** *Lonchura [b.] bicolor* — Seen several times (*poensis*)

**Magpie Mannikin** *Lonchura fringilloides* — Flight views at Bigodi and Budongo

## Viduidae

**Village Indigobird** *Vidua chalybeata* — Just one male in breeding plumage near Mbarara (*centralis*)

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

**Cuckoo-finch** *Anomalospiza imberbis* — Great views of a pair near Soroti

## Motacillidae

**Cape Wagtail** *Motacilla capensis* — Seen at Lake Bunyoni (*wellsi*)

**Mountain Wagtail** *Motacilla clara* — Seen at Buhoma (*torrentium*)

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

**Yellow-throated Longclaw** *Macronyx croceus* — Most common at QE

**African Pipit** *Anthus cinnamomeus* — Seen at QE (*lichenya*)

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



**Fringillidae**

**Oriole Finch** *Linurgus olivaceus* — One seen at Ruhija (*prigoginei*)

**Western Citril** *Crithagra frontalis* — A few good sightings

**White-rumped Seedeater** *Crithagra leucopygia* — Brief views at Murchison

**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 [s.] striolata* — Seen in the highlands (*graueri*)

**Yellow-crowned Canary** *Serinus flavivertex* — Heard at Ruhija (*sassii*)

**Emberizidae**

**Cinnamon-breasted Bunting** *Emberiza [t.] tahapisi* — Seen at Butiaba

**Golden-breasted Bunting** *Emberiza flaviventris* — Seen a couple of times (*kalaharica*)

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

**Cabanis's Bunting** *Emberiza cabanisi* — Seen at Budongo and Murchison (*cabanisi*)

**MAMMALS SEEN**

1. Savanna Elephant
2. Chimpanzee
3. Red-tailed Monkey
4. L'Hoest's Monkey
5. Blue Monkey
6. Tantalus Monkey
7. Patas Monkey
8. Ugandan Mangabey
9. Olive Baboon
10. Black-and-white Colobus
11. Thomas's Dwarf Galago
12. Striped Ground Squirrel
13. Carruther's Mountain Squirrel
14. Gambian Sun Squirrel
15. Red-legged Sun Squirrel
16. Boehm's Bush Squirrel
17. African Savanna Hare
18. Straw-coloured Fruit Bat
19. Yellow-winged Bat
20. Leopard
21. Serval
22. African Civet
23. Common Slender Mongoose
24. Banded Mongoose
25. Side-striped Jackal
26. Plains Zebra
27. Giant Forest Hog
28. Common Warthog
29. Common Hippopotamus
30. Giraffe
31. Uganda Topi
32. Sudan Oribi
33. Lake Chad Buffalo
34. Nile Bushback
35. Black-fronted Red Duiker
36. Bush Duiker
37. Defassa Waterbuck
38. Uganda Kob
39. Common Impala
40. Jackson's Hartebeest



White-tailed Ant Thrush (above) and Malachite Kingfisher (below) © Heinrich Human





