

Zambia 2024 Trip Report



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SUMMARY

Zambia offers some of the finest miombo and dambo birding, and hosts select specials such as Zambian Barbet, African Pitta and Black-cheeked Lovebird. On the Main Tour we started off at Lazy J Ranch on the outskirts of Lusaka, before moving onto Mutinondo Wilderness via Chisamba. From where we made our way west through the Copperbelt to Mwinilunga, before flying south to Livingstone for the start of the Pitta Tour. After seeing Victoria Falls we visited the Machile area for Black-cheeked Lovebird, before turning back east to Choma/Nkanga and the Chirundu area for African Pitta.

Top miombo birds seen included Barwinged Weaver, Chestnut-backed Sparrow-Weaver, Pale-billed Hornbill, Racket-tailed Roller, Miombo Pied Barbet, Rufous-bellied Tit, Red-capped Crombec, Black-necked Eremomela, Long-tailed Cisticola, Sharptailed Starling, Souza's Shrike, Miombo Scrub Robin, Böhm's Flycatcher, Anchieta's Sunbird, Orange-winged Pytilia, Reichard's Seedeater and Black-eared Seedeater. Dambo grasslands were home to Blue Quail, Swamp Nightjar, the very rarely-seen Chestnutheaded Flufftail (seen by nine people!), Black-rumped Buttonquail, Angola Lark, Locust Finch, Dambo Cisticola, Grimwood's Longclaw and Short-tailed Pipit. Associated

gallery forests (mashitus) held Bocage's Akalat, Bannerman's Sunbird and Laura's Woodland Warbler. And other top birds seen included dispalying African Pitta at two locations, point-blank views of Margaret's Batis, Olive Long-tailed Cuckoo, Shelley's Francolin, terrific views of the localised Whyte's Francolin, Forbes's Plover, Lesser Jacana, Three-banded Courser, Southern White-faced Owl, African Barred Owlet, Bradfield's Hornbill, Böhm's Bee-eater Southern Carmine Bee-eater, Dickinson's Kestrel, Livingstone's Flycatcher, Bamboo Warbler, Luapula Cisticola, Shelley's Sunbird and Bushveld Pipit. In total we logged 461 species.

Zambian Barbet @ Michael Mills





ITINERARY

16 Nov: Arrive Lusaka

17 Nov: Lusaka to Chisamba

18 Nov: Chisamba to Mutinondo

19-20 Nov: Mutinondo.

21 Nov: Mutinondo to Nsobe

22 Nov: Nsobe to Chingola

23 Nov: Chingola to Mutanda

24 Nov: Mutanda to Mwinilunga

25-26 Nov: Mwinilunga area

27 Nov: Mwinilunga to Mutanda

28 Nov: Mutanda to Solwezi to Livingstone

29 Nov: Livingstone to Machile area

30 Nov: Machile area

1 Dec: Machile area to Choma

2 Dec: Nkanga

3 Dec: Choma to Chirundu area

4 Dec: Chirundu area

5 Dec: Chirundu area to Lusaka

BIRDS RECORDED

Struthionidae

Common Ostrich Struthio camelus—A few seen near our Lovebirds base (australis)

Numididae

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Helmeted Guineafowl Numida meleagris— Seen at Chisamba, Mutinondo and Machile (mitratus)

Phasianidae

Coqui Francolin Campocolinus coqui— Flushed at Mutinondo and heard at Nkanga (coqui)

Shelley's Francolin Scleroptila [s.] shelleyi—Great views at Nkanga (shelleyi)

Whyte's Francolin Scleroptila [shelleyi] whytei—Incredible views at Mutinondo, where seen 3 times

Crested Francolin Ortygornis sephaena— Seen near our Pitta base (zambesiae), heard elsewhere

Natal Spurfowl Pternistis natalensis—Seen at Chisamba (neavei), heard at Livingstone

Red-billed Spurfowl *Pternistis adspersus*—Seen briefly near our Lovebird base (*mesicus*)

Swainson's Spurfowl Pternistis swainsonii— Seen at Chisamba and Nkanga

Red-necked Spurfowl *Pternistis afer*—Seen at Mutinondo and Nkanga (*cranchii*)

Harlequin Quail Coturnix delegorguei—A female flushed twice at Mutinondo (delegorguei)

(African) Blue Quail Synoicus adansonii— Great views of a male in flight at Mutinondo, flushed twice

Anatidae

White-faced Whistling Duck Dendrocygna viduata—Seen several times

Spur-winged Goose Plectropterus gambensis— Scattered sightings, but impressive numbers along the Zambezi River

Knob-billed Duck Sarkidiornis [m.] melanotos—Seen along the Zambezi River and at Chisamba

Egyptian Goose *Alopochen aegyptiaca*—Seen along the Zambezi River and at Nsobe

African Pygmy Goose *Nettapus auritus*—Seen along the Zambezi River and at Nsobe

Blue-billed Teal *Spatula hottentota*—A few along the Zambezi River

African Black Duck *Anas sparsa*—Seen by some at Mutanda (*sparsa*)

Yellow-billed Duck *Anas undulata*—Seen at Nsobe and on the Zambezi River (*undulata*)

Red-billed Teal *Anas erythrorhyncha*—Seen on the Zambezi River

Caprimulgidae

Fiery-necked Nightjar *Caprimulgus* [p.] pectoralis—Excellent views at Chisamba (fervidus)

Swamp Nightjar *Caprimulgus natalensis*— Excellent views at Mutinondo (*natalensis*)

Square-tailed Nightjar *Caprimulgus fossii*— Seen well near our Pitta base (*welwitschii*)

Pennant-winged Nightjar *Caprimulgus vexillarius*—A few females seen at Mutinondo

Apodidae

Böhm's Spinetail *Neafrapus boehmi*—Seen at Nsobe and Mwinilunga (*boehmi*)

African Palm Swift Cypsiurus [p.] parvus— Seen from Chisamba southwards (subspecies not identified)

Common Swift *Apus apus*—Widespread sightings (subspecies not determined)

African Black Swift Apus [b.] barbatus—Good views at Victoria Falls (hollidayi)

Little Swift Apus affinis—Widespread sightings (probably aerobates and theresae)

White-rumped Swift Apus caffer—Scattered sightings

Musophagidae

Schalow's Turaco Tauraco schalowi— Widespread records, mostly heard (marungensis)

Ross's Turaco *Tauraco rossae*—Seen at Mutinondo and elsewhere in the north

Grey Go-away-bird *Crinifer concolor*—Seen at Machile (*bechuanae*)

Otididae

Denham's Bustard *Neotis denhami*—One in flight at Chitunta (*jacksoni*)

Red-crested Korhaan Lophotis ruficrista— Heard near our Lovebirds base

Black-bellied Bustard Lissotis melanogaster— Seen in the Mwinilunga area and at Nkanga (melanogaster)

Cuculidae

Senegal Coucal *Centropus senegalensis*—Scattered records (*flecki*)

Coppery-tailed Coucal Centropus cupreicaudus—Scattered sightings (cupreicaudus)

White-browed Coucal Centropus [s.] superciliosus—Scattered records (loandae)

Blue Yellowbill *Ceuthmochares* [a.] aereus— Heard at the Source of the Zambezi (aereus)

Great Spotted Cuckoo *Clamator glandarius*— Seen at Machile

Levaillant's Cuckoo *Clamator levaillantii*—
Several in the south-west

Jacobin Cuckoo *Clamator jacobinus*—Several in the south-west (probably *serratus*)

Diederik Cuckoo *Chrysococcyx caprius*—Scattered sightings, mostly in the south

Klaas's Cuckoo Chrysococcyx klaas—A few records, mostly heard

African Emerald Cuckoo Chrysococcyx cupreus—Heard several times

Olive Long-tailed Cuckoo Cercococcyx olivinus—Great views at Mayau

Black Cuckoo Cuculus clamosus—Seen well at Mwinilunga (clamosus), heard elsewhere

Red-chested Cuckoo Cuculus solitarius— Heard often

African Cuckoo Cuculus gularis—Seen at Choma and Mutinondo

Columbidae

Rock Dove or Feral Pigeon Columba livia— Feral Pigeon was widespread

African Mourning Dove Streptopelia decipiens—Heard at Machile (ambigua)

Red-eyed Dove *Streptopelia semitorquata*— Widespread sightings

Cape Turtle Dove | Ring-necked Dove Streptopelia capicola—Widespread sightings (probably all tropica)

Laughing Dove *Spilopelia senegalensis*—Seen in the south (*senegalensis*)

Emerald-spotted Wood Dove Turtur chalcospilos—Widespread sightings

Blue-spotted Wood Dove *Turtur afer*—Seen in the north-west

Tambourine Dove *Turtur tympanistria*— Heard at Mkushi

Namaqua Dove *Oena capensis*—Seen in the south (*capensis*)

African Green Pigeon *Treron* [c.] calvus— Widespread sightings (mostly or all schalowi)

Sarothruridae

Chestnut-headed Flufftail Sarothrura lugens— Great views of a flushed male at Mutinondo, a highlight of the trip (lynesi)

Heliornithidae

African Finfoot *Podica senegalensis*—One at Mutanda (*petersii*)

Rallidae

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African Crake Crecopsis egregia—One in the road at night at Mutanda

Black Crake *Zapornia flavirostra*—Scattered sightings

African Purple Swamphen *Porphyrio* [porphyrio] madagascariensis—Seen a few times

Allen's Gallinule *Porphyrio alleni*—One at Livingstone

Common Moorhen *Gallinula chloropus*— Recorded a few times (*meridionalis*)

Gruidae

Wattled Crane Grus carunculata—Two seen near our Lovebirds base

Podicipedidae

Little Grebe *Tachybaptus* [r.] ruficollis—Seen once (capensis)

Turnicidae

Black-rumped Buttonquail *Turnix nanus*— Flushed three times at Mutinondo

Burhinidae

Water Thick-knee Burhinus vermiculatus— Seen along the Zambezi River (vermiculatus)

Recurvirostridae

Black-winged Stilt *Himantopus* [h.] *himantopus*—Seen in the south

Pied Avocet *Recurvirostra avosetta*—Seen along the Zambezi River

Charadriidae

Long-toed Lapwing *Vanellus crassirostris*— Seen along the Zambezi River (*leucopterus*)

Blacksmith Lapwing *Vanellus armatus*—Seen at Nsobe and in the south

White-crowned Lapwing Vanellus albiceps— Seen well along the Zambezi River

Crowned Lapwing *Vanellus coronatus*—Seen at Chisamba and Choma (*coronatus*)

African Wattled Lapwing *Vanellus senegallus*—Widespread sightings (*lateralis*)

Kittlitz's Plover *Charadrius pecuarius*—Seen along the Zambezi River

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

Forbes's Plover *Charadrius forbesi*—Excellent views at Zambezi Rapids

White-fronted Plover Charadrius marginatus—Seen along the Zambezi River (mechowi)

Rostratulidae

Greater Painted-snipe *Rostratula* benghalensis—A female seen at Nkanga

Jacanidae

Lesser Jacana *Microparra capensis*—Good views at Nsobe and along the Zambezi River

African Jacana *Actophilornis africanus*—Seen at Nsobe and along the Zambezi River

Scolopacidae

Ruff *Calidris pugnax*—Seen in ths south

Little Stint Calidris minuta—Seen at Nsobe

African Snipe Gallinago nigripennis—Seen at Livingstone and along the Zambezi River (angolensis)

Great Snipe *Gallinago media*—Ten flushed for good views at Chitunta Plain

Common Sandpiper *Actitis hypoleucos*—Seen a few times

Green Sandpiper *Tringa ochropus*—A couple of records

Marsh Sandpiper *Tringa stagnatilis*—Seen at Livingstone and along the Zambezi River

Wood Sandpiper *Tringa glareola*—Scattered sightings

Common Greenshank Tringa nebularia—Seen a few times

Glareolidae

Three-banded Courser | Heuglin's Courser Rhinoptilus cinctus—Good views near our Pitta base (seebohmi)

Collared Pratincole *Glareola pratincola*—Seen along the Zambezi River (*fuelleborni*)

Black-winged Pratincole Glareola nordmanni—Seen along the Zambezi River

Rock Pratincole *Glareola nuchalis*—Seen at Victoria Falls (*nuchalis*)

Laridae

African Skimmer *Rynchops flavirostris*—Seen along the Zambezi River

Whiskered Tern Chlidonias hybrida—Seen along the Zambezi River (delalandii)

White-winged Tern Chlidonias leucopterus— Seen at Livingstone and along the Zambezi River

Ciconiidae

Yellow-billed Stork *Mycteria ibis*—Seen along the Zambezi River and at Nkanga

African Openbill *Anastomus lamelligerus*— Seen along the Zambezi River (*lamelligerus*)

Abdim's Stork Ciconia abdimii—Seen north of Lusaka

African Woolly-necked Stork Ciconia [episcopus] microscelis—Seen near Mwinilunga (microscelis)

White Stork Ciconia ciconia—Seen once in the south (ciconia)

Marabou Stork Leptoptilos crumenifer—Seen at Chisamba

Phalacrocoracidae

Reed Cormorant | Long-tailed Cormorant Microcarbo africanus—Scattered sightings (africanus)

White-breasted Cormorant Phalacrocorax [carbo] lucidus—Seen at Nsobe and along the Zambezi River

Anhingidae

African Darter *Anhinga rufa*—Seen at Nsobe and along the Zambezi River (*rufa*)

Threskiornithidae

African Sacred Ibis Threskiornis aethiopicus— Seen at Livingstone and along the Zambezi River

Hadada Ibis *Bostrychia hagedash*—Scattered sightings (*brevirostris*)

Glossy Ibis Plegadis falcinellus—Seen at Livingstone and along the Zambezi River (falcinellus)

African Spoonbill *Platalea alba*—Seen three times

Ardeidae

Little Bittern Ixobrychus [m.] minutus—Seen at the Kafue River (payesii)

Dwarf Bittern *Ixobrychus sturmii*—A welcome pair found at Mutanda by Jonas

Black-crowned Night Heron *Nycticorax nycticorax*—Seen at Nsobe (*nycticorax*)

Striated Heron *Butorides* [s.] striata—Seen a few times (atricapilla)

Squacco Heron *Ardeola ralloides*—Seen several times

Rufous-bellied Heron *Ardeola rufiventris*— Seen at Nkanga and along the Zambezi River

Western Cattle Egret Bubulcus [i.] ibis—Widespread sightings

Grey Heron *Ardea cinerea*—Seen a few times (*cinerea*)

Black-headed Heron Ardea melanocephala— Seen several times

Goliath Heron Ardea goliath—Seen along the Zambezi River

Purple Heron *Ardea purpurea*—Seen along the Zambezi River (*purpurea*)

Great Egret *Ardea alba*—Seen at Nsobe and along the Zambezi River (*melanorhynchos*)

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Yellow-billed Egret Ardea [intermedia] brachyrhyncha—Seen along the Zambezi River

Black Heron Egretta ardesiaca—Seen along the Zambezi River

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

Scopidae

Hamerkop *Scopus umbretta*—Scattered sightings (*umbretta*)

Pandionidae

Osprey Pandion haliaetus—Seen along the Zambezi River (haliaetus)

Accipitridae

Black-winged Kite *Elanus caeruleus*—
Scattered sightings in the north (*caeruleus*)

African Harrier-Hawk Polyboroides typus— Seen at Lazy J Ranch (typus)

African Cuckoo-Hawk *Aviceda cuculoides*— Seen near Mwinilunga (*verreauxii*)

Hooded Vulture *Necrosyrtes monachus*—Seen at Livingstone

White-backed Vulture Gyps africanus—Seen at Chisamba and Machile

Black-chested Snake Eagle Circaetus pectoralis—Seen along the Zambezi River

Brown Snake Eagle *Circaetus cinereus*—Seen regularly in the south

Western Banded Snake Eagle Circaetus cinerascens—Heard only

Crowned Eagle Stephanoaetus coronatus— Heard at Nsobe

Martial Eagle *Polemaetus bellicosus*—Good flight views at Nkanga

Long-crested Eagle *Lophaetus occipitalis*— Seen a few times

Lesser Spotted Eagle Clanga pomarina—Good views at Machile

Wahlberg's Eagle *Hieraaetus wahlbergi*— Widespread sightings

Tawny Eagle *Aquila rapax*—Seen at Nkanga (*rapax*)

Lizard Buzzard *Kaupifalco monogrammicus*—Regular sightings (*meridionalis*)

Gabar Goshawk *Micronisus gabar*—Seen near Mwinilunga (*gabar*)

African Goshawk *Accipiter* [t.] tachiro—Seen near our Pitta base (sparsimfasciatus)

Shikra *Accipiter badius*—Seen a few times (polyzonoides)

Black Sparrowhawk Accipiter melanoleucus— Seen at Mutinondo and Mwinilunga (melanoleucus)

Western Marsh Harrier Circus aeruginosus— One seen

African Marsh Harrier *Circus ranivorus*—Scattered sightings

Yellow-billed Kite Milvus [migrans] aegyptius— Seen almost daily (parasitus)

African Fish Eagle *Icthyophaga vocifer*—Seen at Nsobe and along the Zambezi River

Common Buzzard Buteo [b.] buteo—Widespread sightings (vulpinus)

Tytonidae

Western Barn Owl Tyto [a.] alba—Seen at Choma (poensis)

Strigidae

Southern White-faced Owl Ptilopsis granti—Great views at Chisamba

Spotted Eagle-Owl *Bubo [a.] africanus*—Seen well at Mutinondo

African Wood Owl Strix woodfordii—Seen by Mike at Nsobe, and another flushed at the Source of the Zambezi (woodfordii)

African Barred Owlet Glaucidium [c.] capense—Good views at Mutinondo (ngamiense)

Coliidae

Speckled Mousebird *Colius striatus*—Seen in the Mwinilunga area (*congicus*)

Red-faced Mousebird *Urocolius indicus*—Seen in the south (*pallidus*)

Trogonidae

Narina Trogon *Apaloderma narina*—Seen at Mutinondo and Mayau (*narina*)

Upupidae

African Hoopoe *Upupa* [epops] africana—Seen from Lazy J Ranch southwards

Phoeniculidae

Green Wood Hoopoe Phoeniculus purpureus— Scattered sightings (subspecies not determined)

Common Scimitarbill Rhinopomastus cyanomelas—Seen in the south (schalowi)

Bucorvidae

Southern Ground Hornbill *Bucorvus leadbeateri*—Heard at Mutinondo

Bucerotidae

Southern Red-billed Hornbill *Tockus* [erythrorhynchus] rufirostris—Seen in the south

Bradfield's Hornbill *Lophoceros bradfieldi*— One seen at Machile

Crowned Hornbill *Lophoceros alboterminatus*—Widespread sightings

African Grey Hornbill Lophoceros nasutus—Seen regularly in the south (epirhinus)

Pale-billed Hornbill *Lophoceros pallidirostris*—Seen from Mutinondo to Mwinilunga (*pallidirostris*)

Trumpeter Hornbill *Bycanistes bucinator*— Seen at Nsobe and in the south

Coraciidae

Rufous-crowned Roller | (African) Purple Roller Coracias naevius—One seen in the south (mosambicus) Racket-tailed Roller Coracias spatulatus— Superb views at Nkanga

Lilac-breasted Roller *Coracias caudatus*—Seen mainly in the south (*caudatus*)

European Roller *Coracias garrulus*—Seen at Mkushi and Machile (subspecies not determined)

Broad-billed Roller *Eurystomus glaucurus*— Widespread sightings (*suahelicus*)

Alcedinidae

Grey-headed Kingfisher *Halcyon leucocephala*—Seen at Machile (*pallidiventris*)

Brown-hooded Kingfisher *Halcyon albiventris*—Widespread sightings (*orientalis*)

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

Woodland Kingfisher *Halcyon senegalensis*—Seen in the south (*cyanoleuca*)

African Pygmy Kingfisher Ispidina picta— Seen at Mutinondo (natalensis)

Malachite Kingfisher Corythornis [c.] cristatus—Seen a few times (cristatus)

Half-collared Kingfisher *Alcedo semitorquata*—Glimpsed at Nsobe Camp

Giant Kingfisher *Megaceryle maxima*—Seen a few times (*maxima*)

Pied Kingfisher *Ceryle rudis*—Seen at Nsobe and along the Zambezi River (*rudis*)

Meropidae

Swallow-tailed Bee-eater *Merops hirundineus*—Seen at Machile (*hirundineus*)

Little Bee-eater *Merops pusillus*—Seen at Mkushi and in the south (mostly *meridionalis*, but possibly also *argutus*)

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

White-fronted Bee-eater Merops bullockoides— Seen at Nsobe and along the Zambezi River

Böhm's Bee-eater Merops boehmi—Good views near Kitwe

Blue-cheeked Bee-eater Merops persicus— Widespread sightings, especially in the south (persicus)

European Bee-eater Merops apiaster— Widespread sightings

Southern Carmine Bee-eater *Merops nubicoides*—Good views in the south-west

Lybiidae

Yellow-rumped Tinkerbird *Pogoniulus* [b.] *bilineatus*—Seen in the north (*mfumbiri*)

Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird *Pogoniulus chrysoconus*—Widespread sightings (*extoni*)

Miombo Pied Barbet *Tricholaema frontata*— Seen near Chimfunshi and at Nkanga

Zambian Barbet *Lybius chaplini*—Excellent views at Chisamba and Nkanga

Black-collared Barbet Lybius torquatus— Widespread sightings (subspecies not determined)

Eastern Black-backed Barbet Lybius [minor] macclounii—Seen at Chisamba, Mutinondo and Mutanda

Crested Barbet Trachyphonus vaillantii—Seen at Lazy J Ranch (vaillantii)

Indicatoridae

Brown-backed Honeybird *Prodotiscus regulus*—One seen at Choma

Lesser Honeyguide *Indicator* [m.] minor—Scattered records (minor)

Scaly-throated Honeyguide *Indicator variegatus*—Good views at Nsobe

Greater Honeyguide *Indicator indicator*—Seen at Nkanga

Picidae

Bennett's Woodpecker Campethera [b.] bennettii—Seen well at Lazy J Ranch and Nkanga (bennettii)

Golden-tailed Woodpecker Campethera abingoni—Seen at Nsobe (abingoni)

Little Spotted Woodpecker Campethera [c.] cailliautii—Seen at Mutinondo and Nsobe (nyasae)

Bearded Woodpecker *Chloropicus namaquus*— Seen at Chisamba and Machile (*namaquus*)

Cardinal Woodpecker *Dendropicos fuscescens*—Scattered sightings (*loandae*)

Olive Woodpecker Dendropicos griseocephalus—Seen at Mwinilunga, heard at Nsobe (ruwenzori)

Falconidae

Lesser Kestrel Falco naumanni—Seen at Chisamba and Mutinondo

Dickinson's Kestrel *Falco dickinsoni*—Two good sightings in the Mwinilunga area

(African) Red-necked Falcon Falco [chicquera] ruficollis—Seen at Machile and Nkganga (ruficollis)

Amur Falcon *Falco amurensis*—Seen at Nkanga and our Pitta base

Eurasian Hobby *Falco subbuteo*—Scattered sightings (*subbuteo*)

African Hobby *Falco cuvierii*—Seen near Mwinilunga

Lanner Falcon *Falco biarmicus*—Seen at Livingstone (*biarmicus*)

Psittacidae

Brown-necked Parrot *Poicephalus* [robustus] fuscicollis—Seen at Lusaka and Choma (suahelicus)

Meyer's Parrot Poicephalus meyeri— Widespread sightings, with matschiei in the north and transvaalensis in the south

Psittaculidae

Black-cheeked Lovebird *Agapornis nigrigenis*—Fantastic views at Machile

Calyptomenidae

African Broadbill Smithornis capensis—Seen at Mutinondo, heard elsewhere (albigularis)

Pittidae

African Pitta Pitta [a.] angolensis—Incredible views on both the Main Tour and Pitta Tour (longipennis)

Platysteiridae

Margaret's Batis Batis margaritae—Excellent views at Mayau (kathleenae)

Chinspot Batis Batis molitor—Widespread sightings, with pintoi heard at Mayau and palliditergum elsewhere

Black-throated Wattle-eye Platysteira peltata—Scattered records (subspecies not determined)

Malaconotidae

Grey-headed Bushshrike *Malaconotus blanchoti*—Scattered records (subspecies not identified)

Black-fronted Bushshrike Chlorophoneus nigrifrons—Seen near Mkushi and heard at Mayau (manningi)

Sulphur-breasted Bushshrike | Orangebreasted Bushshrike Chlorophoneus sulfureopectus—Seen from Chisamba southwards (similis)

Gorgeous Bushshrike Telophorus viridis— Great views at Mayau (viridis)

Marsh Tchagra Bocagia minuta—Seen at Nsobe and en route to Mwinilunga (anchietae)

Brown-crowned Tchagra *Tchagra australis*—Scattered sightings (subspecies not determined)

Black-crowned Tchagra *Tchagra senegalus*—Scattered sightings (probably all *armenus*)

Black-backed Puffback *Dryoscopus cubla*—Widespread sightings, with *humatus* in the north and *okavangensis* in the south

Tropical Boubou *Laniarius* [aethiopicus] major—Widespread records, mostly of mossambicus but with major from Mutanda to Mwinilunga

Swamp Boubou Laniarius bicolor—Seen along the Zambezi River (sticturus)

Brubru *Nilaus afer*—Scattered sightings, with *brubru* in the south and *nigritemporalis* in the north

Vangidae

White-crested Helmetshrike *Prionops* plumatus—Widespread sightings (poliocephalus)

Retz's Helmetshrike *Prionops retzii*—Scattered sightings, mostly of *tricolor* but with *nigricans* at Mayau

Campephagidae

White-breasted Cuckooshrike Ceblepyris pectoralis—Seen regulary in the north

Black Cuckooshrike *Campephaga flava*—Widespread sightings

Purple-throated Cuckooshrike Campephaga quiscalina—Good views at Nsobe (martini)

Laniidae

Magpie Shrike Lanius melanoleucus—Seen along the Zambezi River (melanoleucus)

Souza's Shrike Lanius souzae—Good views at Lazy J Ranch (souzae)

Red-backed Shrike Lanius collurio— Widespread sightings (subspecies not determined)

Lesser Grey Shrike *Lanius minor*—Seen a few times

Northern Fiscal Lanius humeralis— Widespread sightings (capelli)

Oriolidae

(Eastern) Black-headed Oriole Oriolus larvatus—Widespread sightings (angolensis)

African Golden Oriole Oriolus auratus— Scattered sightings (notatus)

Eurasian Golden Oriole *Oriolus oriolus*—Seen a few times

Dicruridae

Common Square-tailed Drongo Dicrurus [l.] ludwigii—Seen at Mutinondo and Nsobe (saturnus)

Fork-tailed Drongo Dicrurus adsimilis— Widespread sightings (fugax)

Monarchidae

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Northern Blue-mantled Crested-Flycatcher Trochocercus [cyanomelas] bivittatus— Excellent views at Nsobe Camp (vivax)

Red-bellied Paradise Flycatcher *Terpsiphone* [r.] rufiventer—Seen at the Source of the Zambezi (*ignea*)

African Paradise Flycatcher *Terpsiphone* [v.] *viridis*—Widespread sightings (mostly or all *plumbeiceps*)

Corvidae

Pied Crow *Corvus albus*—Widespread sightings

White-necked Raven Corvus albicollis— Conspicuous at Mutinondo

Stenostiridae

White-tailed Blue Flycatcher Elminia albicauda—Heard only

Paridae

White-winged Black Tit Melaniparus leucomelas—Seen at Mwinilunga (insignis)

Southern Black Tit *Melaniparus niger*—Seen at Chisamba and Nkanga (*xanthostomus*)

Rufous-bellied Tit Melaniparus [r.] rufiventris—Seen at Mutinondo and Lazy J Ranch (masukuensis), and briefly near Machile (rufiventris)

Miombo Tit *Melaniparus griseiventris*—Scattered sightings

Remizidae

Grey Penduline Tit *Anthoscopus* [c.] caroli—Seen at Lazy J Ranch and Mutinondo

Nicatoridae

Eastern Nicator *Nicator gularis*—Seen near our Pitta base

Alaudidae

Rufous-naped Lark Mirafra [a.] africana— Seen at Nkanga (transvaalensis) and Mwinilunga (chapini)

Flappet Lark *Mirafra rufocinnamomea*— Scattered sightings (subspecies not identified)

Angola Lark *Mirafra angolensis*—Seen at Chitunta (*antonii*)

Pycnonotidae

Dark-capped Bulbul *Pycnonotus* [barbatus] *tricolor*—Widespread, with *layardi* in the south and *tricolor* in the north

Little Greenbul *Eurillas virens*—Regular in the north (mostly *zombensis*)

Sombre Greenbul *Andropadus importunus*— Heard (*hypoxanthus*)

Honeyguide Greenbul Baeopogon indicator— Heard (indicator)

Yellow-bellied Greenbul Chlorocichla flaviventris—Seen near Kitwe and in the south (occidentalis)

Pale-throated Leaflove Atimastillas [flavicollis] flavigula—Regular in the north (flavigula)

Terrestrial Brownbul Phyllastrephus terrestris—Scattered sightings (intermedius)

Grey-olive Greenbul *Phyllastrephus cerviniventris*—Seen by Mike at Mutanda

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

Hirundinidae

Black Saw-wing *Psalidoprocne pristoptera*—Seen regularly in the north (*reichenowi*)

Grey-rumped Swallow *Pseudhirundo griseopyga*—Scattered sightings (*griseopyga*)

(Common) Sand Martin *Riparia riparia*—One sighting

Barn Swallow *Hirundo rustica*—Seen regularly (subspecies not determined)

Wire-tailed Swallow Hirundo smithii—Seen at Nsobe and in the south (smithii)

Lesser Striped Swallow Cecropis abyssinica—Widespread sightings (subspecies not determined)

Rufous-chested Swallow | Red-breasted Swallow Cecropis semirufa—Scattered sightings (semirufa)

Mosque Swallow Cecropis senegalensis— Scattered sightings (monteiri)

Red-throated Cliff Swallow *Petrochelidon rufigula*—Seen distantly at Nsobe

Macrosphenidae

African Moustached Warbler Melocichla mentalis—Seen at Mutinondo and Mutanda (mentalis)

Long-billed Crombec *Sylvietta rufescens*—Seen at Livingstone and Machile (*pallida*)

Red-capped Crombec Sylvietta ruficapilla— Seen from Lazy J Ranch northwards (chubbi)

Erythrocercidae

Livingstone's Flycatcher Erythrocercus livingstonei—Good views at our Pitta base (livingstonei)

Phylloscopidae

Willow Warbler *Phylloscopus trochilus*—Widedspread sightings

Laura's Woodland Warbler Phylloscopus laurae—Good views at Mutinondo and Nsobe, and heard at the Source of the Zambezi (eustacei)

Acrocephalidae

Greater Swamp Warbler *Acrocephalus rufescens*—Heard at the Kafue River (*ansorgei*)

Lesser Swamp Warbler Acrocephalus gracilirostris—Seen at Nsobe and Nkanga (subspecies not determined)

Seedge Warbler *Acrocephalus schoenobaenus*—Seen once

African Yellow Warbler *Iduna natalensis*—Heard only

Icterine Warbler *Hippolais icterina*—Seen at Machile

Locustellidae

Bamboo Warbler Locustella alfredi— Absolutely incredible views en route to Mwinilunga (kungwensis)

Broad-tailed Warbler | Fan-tailed Grassbird Catriscus brevirostris—Seen at Mutinondo (alexinae)

Little Rush Warbler Bradypterus [b.] baboecala—Seen at Nsobe (msiri), heard elsewhere

Cisticolidae

Red-faced Cisticola *Cisticola erythrops*—A couple of sightings (*nyasa*)

Whistling Cisticola Cisticola lateralis—Seen in the Mwinilunga area (modestus)

Trilling Cisticola Cisticola woosnami—Seen at Mutinondo (lufira)

Lazy Cisticola *Cisticola* [a.] aberrans—Seen at Mutinondo (nyika)

Rattling Cisticola Cisticola chiniana—Seen in the south (subspecies not identified)

Tinkling Cisticola Cisticola rufilatus—Heard at Chitunta

Luapula Cisticola Cisticola [galactotes] luapula—Seen at the Kafue River

Chirping Cisticola *Cisticola pipiens*—Seen at Nsobe (*congo*)

Levaillant's Cisticola *Cisticola tinniens*—Seen at Chitunta (*perpullus*)

Stout Cisticola *Cisticola robustus*—Seen at Mutinondo (*awemba*) and Chitunta (*angolensis*)

Croaking Cisticola Cisticola natalensis—Seen at Mutinondo (natalensis), Chitunta (katanga) and Nkanga (holubi)

Short-winged Cisticola *Cisticola brachypterus*—Scattered sightings (subspecies not identified)

Neddicky Cisticola fulvicapilla—Seen at Nkanga (hallae) and Mwinilunga (dispar)

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Long-tailed Cisticola Cisticola angusticauda— Seen at Nsobe and near Chimfunshi

Zitting Cisticola *Cisticola juncidis*—Scattered records (*terrestris*)

Dambo Cisticola *Cisticola dambo*—Excellent views at Chitunta (*dambo*)

Pale-crowned Cisticola Cisticola cinnamomeus—Good views at Mutinondo and Chitunta (cinnamomeus)

Wing-snapping Cisticola Cisticola ayresii— Seen at Chitunta (ayresii)

Tawny-flanked Prinia *Prinia subflava*— Widespread sightings (subspecies not determined)

White-chinned Prinia Schistolais leucopogon— Seen at Mutanda (leucopogon)

Bar-throated Apalis *Apalis* [t.] thoracica—Seen at Mutinondo (whitei)

Yellow-breasted Apalis Apalis [f.] flavida—Widespread records (subspecies not determined)

Brown-headed Apalis *Apalis [cinerea] alticola*—Seen at Mutinondo and heard elsewhere (*alticola*)

Grey-backed Camaroptera *Camaroptera [brachyura] brevicaudata*—Widespread records (subspecies not determined)

Miombo Wren-Warbler Calamonastes undosus—Seen near Chimfunshi (cinereus)

Stierling's Wren-Warbler Calamonastes stierlingi—Seen at Lazy J Ranch, heard elsewhere (stierlingi)

Yellow-bellied Eremomela *Eremomela* [i.] *icteropygialis*—Scattered records (*polioxantha*)

Green-capped Eremomela *Eremomela scotops*—Widespread sightings (*pulchra*)

Burnt-necked Eremomela Eremomela usticollis—Good views at Machile (rensi)

Black-necked Eremomela Eremomela atricollis—Seen en route to Mutinondo, at Nsobe and near Chimfunshi

Leiothrichidae

Arrow-marked Babbler *Turdoides jardineii*—Widespread records (subspecies not determined)

Hartlaub's Babbler *Turdoides hartlaubii*—Seen along the Zambezi River (*griseosquamata*)

Sylviidae

Garden Warbler *Sylvia borin*—Scattered records

Common Whitethroat *Curruca communis*—Seen at Machile

Zosteropidae

Southern Yellow White-eye Zosterops [senegalensis] anderssoni—Recorded widely (anderssoni)

Hyliotidae

Yellow-bellied Hyliota Hyliota flavigaster— Seen at Lazy J Ranch and near Chimfunshi (barbozae)

Southern Hyliota *Hyliota* [a.] australis—Seen at Mutinondo, Nsobe and Nkanga (pallidipectus)

Certhiidae

African Spotted Creeper Salpornis salvadori— Seen at Lazy J Ranch (salvadori)

Sturnidae

Common Myna Acridotheres tristis—Seen

Wattled Starling Creatophora cinerea—Seen along the Zambezi River

Greater Blue-eared Starling Lamprotornis chalybaeus—Seen at Chisamba and Nkanga (nordmanni)

Miombo Blue-eared Starling Lamprotornis [chloropterus] elisabeth—Good numbers at Nkanga and Choma

Meves's Long-tailed Starling Lamprotornis [m.] mevesii—Seen regularly in the south

Burchell's Starling *Lamprotornis australis*—Seen on our way back to Livingstone

Sharp-tailed Starling Lamprotornis acuticaudus—Seen well near Chimfunshi (acuticaudus)

Violet-backed Starling *Cinnyricinclus leucogaster*—Widespread sightings (*verreauxi*)

Red-winged Starling Onychognathus morio—Seen at Livingstone (morio)

Buphagidae

Red-billed Oxpecker *Buphagus erythrorynchus*—Seen at Machile

Turdidae

Rufous Flycatcher-Thrush *Stizorhina fraseri*—Heard at the Source of the Zambezi (*rubicunda*)

African Thrush *Turdus pelios*—Seen well at Mutanda (*stormsi*)

Kurrichane Thrush *Turdus libonyana*— Widespread sightings, *verreauxii* in the south and *tropicalis* elsewhere

Muscicapidae

Bearded Scrub Robin *Cercotrichas quadrivirgata*—Seen at Livingstone *(quadrivirgata)*

Miombo Scrub Robin Cercotrichas barbata— Seen at Mutinondo

White-browed Scrub Robin Cercotrichas leucophrys—Widespread sightings (subspecies not determined)

Lead-coloured Flycatcher | Grey Tit-Flycatcher Fraseria plumbea—Heard only Southern Black Flycatcher Melaenornis pammelaina—Widespread sightings (subspecies not determined)

Pale Flycatcher *Agricola pallidus*—Seen a few times in the north (*griseus*)

Marico Flycatcher Bradornis mariquensis— Seen at Machile (mariquensis)

Spotted Flycatcher *Muscicapa* [s.] striata—Widespread sightings (subspecies not determined)

Ashy Flycatcher Fraseria caerulescens—Seen at our Pitta base (impavida)

African Dusky Flycatcher Muscicapa adusta—Seen at Mutinondo (subadusta)

Böhm's Flycatcher Bradornis boehmi—Good views near Chimfunshi; also seen at Nsobe

Grey-winged Robin-Chat *Sheppardia polioptera*—Seen at the Source of the Zambezi *(polioptera)*

White-browed Robin-Chat Cossypha heuglini—Widespread sightings (heuglini)

Red-capped Robin-Chat Cossypha natalensis— Seen at Source of the Zambezi and heard elsewhere (subspecies not determined)

Bocage's Akalat *Sheppardia bocagei*—Seen at Mutinondo (*chapini*)

Collared Palm Thrush *Cichladusa arquata*—Seen at Machile

Collared Flycatcher Ficedula albicollis— Rather numerous at Mutinondo, but also seen at Nkanga and Mwnilunga

Miombo Rock Thrush Monticola angolensis— Seen at Lazy J Ranch (probably hylophilus)

Whinchat Saxicola rubetra—One at Mutinondo

African Stonechat Saxicola [t.] torquatus—Widespread sightings (stonei)

Sooty Chat *Myrmecocichla nigra*—Seen at Chitunta and Nkanga

Arnot's Chat Myrmecocichla [a.] arnotti—Seen at Lazy J Ranch, Nsobe and Nkanga (arnotti)

Familiar Chat *Oenanthe familiaris*—Seen at Mutinondo (*falkensteini*)

Nectariniidae

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Anchieta's Sunbird Anthreptes anchietae—Nice looks at Mutinondo

Western Violet-backed Sunbird Anthreptes longuemarei—Seen at Mutinondo and Choma (angolensis)

Collared Sunbird Hedydipna collaris—Seen at Nsobe (garguensis) and Choma (zambesiana)

Green-headed Sunbird *Cyanomitra verticalis*—Heard at Mutinondo (*viridisplendens*)

Bannerman's Sunbird *Cyanomitra bannermani*—Seen at the Source of the Zambezi

Olive Sunbird Cyanomitra olivacea—Seen in the north (lowei)

Amethyst Sunbird Chalcomitra amethystina—Widespread sightings (subspecies not determined)

Scarlet-chested Sunbird Chalcomitra senegalensis—Seen in the south (subspecies not determined)

Eastern Miombo Sunbird Cinnyris manoensis—Seen at Mutinondo (manoensis)

Western Miombo Sunbird Cinnyris gertrudis— Seen at Mutinondo

Marico Sunbird Cinnyris mariquensis—Seen at Machile (mariquensis)

Shelley's Sunbird Cinnyris [s.] shelleyi—A male seen at Machile and a female at Choma

Purple-banded Sunbird *Cinnyris bifasciatus*—Seen at Mwinilunga and along the Zambezi River (*microrhynchus*)

White-bellied Sunbird Cinnyris talatala—Seen in the south

Variable Sunbird Cinnyris venustus—Scattered sightings (falkensteini)

Copper Sunbird *Cinnyris cupreus*—Seen at Chisamba (*chalceus*)

Passeridae

House Sparrow *Passer domesticus*— Widespread sightings (*indicus*)

Northern Grey-headed Sparrow *Passer* [g.] griseus—Seen from Lusaka northwards (ugandae)

Southern Grey-headed Sparrow *Passer diffusus*—Seen in the south (*diffusus*)

Yellow-throated Petronia *Gymnoris superciliaris*—Seen in the north (subspecies not determined)

Ploceidae

Red-billed Buffalo Weaver *Bubalornis niger*— Seen at Machile (*niger*)

White-browed Sparrow-Weaver *Plocepasser mahali*—Seen in the south (probably all *pectoralis*)

Chestnut-backed Sparrow-Weaver Plocepasser rufoscapulatus—Good views at Nsobe and near Chimfunshi

Grosbeak Weaver | Thick-billed Weaver Amblyospiza albifrons—Seen at Nkanga (maxima) and Nsobe (montana)

Spectacled Weaver *Ploceus ocularis*—Seen a few times in the north (subspecies not determined)

Holub's Golden Weaver *Ploceus xanthops*—Scattered records

Southern Brown-throated Weaver *Ploceus xanthopterus*—Seen along the Zambezi River (*castaneigula*)

Lesser Masked Weaver *Ploceus intermedius*—Seen in the south (*cabanisii*)

Southern Masked Weaver *Ploceus velatus*— Seen from Chisamba southwards (*velatus*)

Village Weaver *Ploceus cucullatus*—Seen at Nsobe (*paroptus*)

Dark-backed Weaver *Ploceus bicolor*—Seen at Nsobe and Mayau (*kigomaensis*)

Bar-winged Weaver *Ploceus angolensis*—Great views at Mutinondo, and seen again at Mwinilunga

Southern Red-headed Weaver *Anaplectes* [r.] rubriceps—Seen from Chisamba southwards

Red-headed Quelea *Quelea erythrops*—A flock seen at Mutinondo

Red-billed Quelea *Quelea quelea*—Several sightings (*lathamii*)

Southern Red Bishop *Euplectes* [o.] orix—Seen at Choma, where coming into breeding plumage (orix)

Yellow Bishop *Euplectes capensis*—Widespread sightings (*crassirostris*)

Fan-tailed Widowbird Euplectes axillaris—Seen at Chitunta and the Kafue River (bocagei)

Yellow-mantled Widowbird Euplectes macroura—Seen at Choma (macroura)

Hartlaub's Marsh Widowbird Euplectes hartlaubi—Seen Mutinondo and Chitunta (hartlaubi)

White-winged Widowbird Euplectes albonotatus—Seen at Mutinondo and our Pitta base (albonotatus)

Red-collared Widowbird *Euplectes* [a.] *ardens*—Seen regularly in the north

Estrildidae

Orange-winged Pytilia *Pytilia afra*—Seen at Mwinilunga

Green-winged Pytilia *Pytilia melba*—Seen a few times in the south (subspecies not determined)

Cut-throat Finch *Amadina fasciata*—Seen at Livingstone (*meridionalis*)

Red-throated Twinspot | Peters's Twinspot Hypargos niveoguttatus—Seen well at our Pitta base (macrospilotus)

Brown Firefinch Lagonosticta nitidula—Seen at Mkushi and Mutanda

Red-billed Firefinch Lagonosticta senegala—Scattered records (subspecies not determined)

African Firefinch Lagonosticta rubricata—Seen near Mkushi and Mutanda (haematocephala)

Jameson's Firefinch Lagonosticta rhodopareia— Seen at Chisamba (jamesoni)

Blue Waxbill *Uraeginthus angolensis*—Widespread sightings (mostly or all *niassensis*)

Red-cheeked Cordon-bleu Uraeginthus bengalus—Seen at Mwinilunga (katangae)

Grey Waxbill *Glaucestrilda perreini*—Seen at Mutanda and Muyau (*perreini*)

Fawn-breasted Waxbill Estrilda paludicola— Seen at Mutinondo and Chitunta (benguellensis)

Common Waxbill Estrilda [a.] astrild— Scattered sightings (subspecies not determined)

Orange-breasted Waxbill | Zebra Waxbill Amandava subflava—Seen near Mkushi (clarkei)

Locust Finch *Paludipasser locustella*—Good views at Mutinondo and brief views at Chitunta (*uelensis*)

Bronze Mannikin *Spermestes cucullata*— Widespread sightings (*scutata*)

Black-and-white Mannikin or Red-backed Mannikin Spermestes bicolor—Seen in the north (nigriceps)

Viduidae

Village Indigobird Vidua chalybeata—Seen in breeding plumage at Machile and near our Pitta base (amauropteryx)

Pin-tailed Whydah *Vidua macroura*— Widespread sightings

Long-tailed Paradise Whydah *Vidua paradisaea*—Seen in non-breeding plumage at Lazy J Ranch

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Cuckoo-finch Anomalospiza imberbis—Good views of some fine males at Nkanga

Motacillidae

Western Yellow Wagtail *Motacilla flava*—One sighting

Cape Wagtail Motacilla capensis—Seen at Chitunta and along the Zambezi River (simplicissima)

Mountain Wagtail Motacilla clara—One sighting in the north (torrentium)

African Pied Wagtail Motacilla aguimp— Widespread sightings (vidua)

Fülleborn's Longclaw Macronyx fuelleborni—Seen well at Mutinondo, Nsobem Chitunta and Choma (ascensi)

Rosy-throated Longclaw Macronyx ameliae—Superb views at Chitunta (altanus)

Grimwood's Longclaw Macronyx grimwoodi—Good views at Chitunta

African Pipit Anthus cinnamomeus-Seen at Chitunta and Livingstone (subspecies not determined)

Wood Pipit Anthus nyassae— Seen at Mutinondo, Lazy J Ranch and Choma (nyassae)

Buffy Pipit Anthus vaalensis-One near Mkushi (chobiensis)

Plain-backed Pipit Anthus leucophrys—Seen at Mutinondo and Mkushi (bohndorffi), and Choma (tephridorsus)

Tree Pipit Anthus trivialis— Scattered sightings, but most common at Lazy J Ranch (trivialis)

Striped Pipit *Anthus* lineiventris—Seen at Mutinondo

Short-tailed Pipit Anthus brachyurus—Good views of two pairs displaying at Chitunta (brachyurus)

Bushveld Pipit Anthus caffer—Very good views at Lazy J Ranch (mzimbaensis)

Fringillidae

Black-faced Canary Crithagra capistrata—Seen at Mutanda (capistrata)

Black-throated Canary Crithagra atrogularis—Seen at Mwinilunga (lwenarum) and Machile (semideserti)

Yellow-fronted Canary Crithagra mozambica— Widespread sightings (subspecies not determined)

Brimstone Canary Crithagra sulphurata—Widespread sightings (sharpii)

Reichard's Seedeater Crithagra [r.] reichardi— Seen at Mutinondo

Black-eared Seedeater Crithagra mennelli—Seen several times

Emberizidae

Golden-breasted Bunting Emberiza flaviventris— Scattered sightings (kalaharica)

Cabanis's Bunting Emberiza cabanisi—Seen a few times (orientalis)



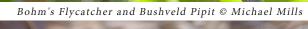
















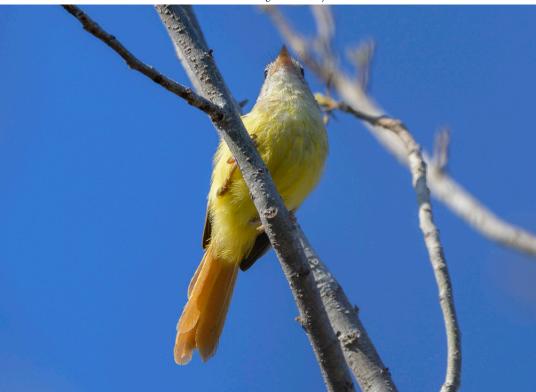
















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