
Birding The Gambia

A week on Africa's smiling coast

4th - 11th February, 2019



Hooded vulture

Accommodation

We stayed at Footsteps in the Sand Ecolodge, on Gambia's west coast. Booked as a package deal from Thomas Cook, with bed, breakfast, flights, transfers and insurance costing £1,255 for the two of us.

Rooms at the environmentally-conscious lodge were comfortable, with excellent food. The dinners were more formal than we expected, served all at the same time at a round table, to encourage socialisation - not quite as horrifying as we first thought, and actually quite nice once we got used to it!

The main attraction for us was the location. A nice patch of protected forest can be found just opposite the main entrance, with a productive belt of scrub and savannah woodland between the



hotel and the beach.

Guides

We were slightly nervous about getting around on our own, so hired professional bird guides for three days of the trip to make sure we could visit some of the hotspots away from the hotel.

Malick Suso

- £75 each per day (cheaper if your accommodation is closer to the airport)
- An extremely knowledgeable and clearly well-respected guide, who could identify every bird by sight and sound

Lamin Bojang

- Footsteps Ecolodge's in-house guide
- £50 each per day
- Knowledgeable and enthusiastic, knowing where to find a lot of great birds. Being out with Lamin felt like birding with a friend and was probably the most enjoyable day of our trip.

Birds

We saw 210 species in just over 7 days of birding. 74 of these were seen only with either Malick or Lamin; 114 were seen in or around the hotel grounds.

Day 1

After a cramped and boring six-hour flight from Manchester, we stepped out into the baking sun of the Gambian afternoon to see dozens of huge silhouettes circling high above the airfield. It wasn't until we'd passed through customs and security (not that there was much of either), dodged the porters asking for money and reached our transfer that we were able to take a proper look at them: **Hooded Vultures** and **Black** and **Yellow-billed Kites** - the first of many.

As the mini-van bounced along the road, with a cultural running commentary from the driver, we managed to glimpse a few common birds like **Feral Pigeon**, **African Palm Swift**, **Pied Crow** and **Cattle Egret**. The highlight was the black-and-silver flash of a **Black-winged Kite** soaring over the road. Just under an hour later we pulled up in front of the hotel, flushing a party of **Red-billed Hornbill** from the dusty track.

We dumped our bags in the room and were asked to wait outside reception for a quick guided tour of the grounds. The reception area was surrounded by trees and dominated by a large, freshwater pool, complete with reedbed filtration system, making it very attractive to the local birdlife. An hour later we were still waiting for our tour, but had seen some great birds including **Orange-cheeked Waxbill**, **Red-billed Firefinch**, **Wire-tailed Swallow** and a very vocal **Western Olivaceous Warbler**.

The tour, when it finally began, was short, so we quickly slipped away to check out the raised bird hide, overlooking another, smaller pool. A half hour session provided plenty of **Senegal Parrots** and **Ring-necked Parakeets**, two **Fork-tailed Drongo** and a pair of **Egyptian Mongoose** before the sun set on our first day in Africa.

Day total: 25 (+ 1 heard only)

Trip total: 25



Red-billed Firefinch (left), Common Bulbul (right)

Day 2

Too excited to wait, we were out before dawn and exploring the scrub between the hotel and the beach. An **African Thrush** scratched around in the near-darkness, and as the sky brightened (around 07:20) the now-familiar screech of **Senegal Parrots** filled the air. We looked up for them but, instead of parrots, were greeted by the strange shape of a **Hamerkop** flying overhead. As we turned back towards the hotel, a **Long-crested Eagle** swooped in to land in a nearby tree. The final surprise was a pair of **Stone Partridge** scurrying along the path to the hotel gate.



Long-crested Eagle

Back at the hotel, another session in the tower hide introduced us to many birds that would become familiar over the next few days, including **Lizard Buzzard**, **Shikra** and **Long-tailed Glossy Starling**. As we headed back to reception for breakfast we passed a perched **African Harrier-hawk**, with **Swallow-tailed Bee-eater**, **Green Wood-hoopoe** and the first of many **Osprey** flying over the hotel as we ate our toast.

Breakfast demolished, we headed back towards the beach to explore a little farther. A **Black-shouldered Kite** watched from a palm tree as we went out the hotel's back gate, starting a raptor-fest that included **Lanner Falcon**, **Grey Kestrel** and a cream-crowned **Marsh Harrier**. Other highlights were **Blue-cheeked Bee-eater**, three species of **Roller** and a family of **White-crested Helmetshrike** - two adults and three juveniles.

When we eventually reached the beach we found a quiet spot, sat on the sand and scanned the calm sea for birds. There were plenty of carrot-beaked **Caspian Terns** following the shore, along with the odd **Grey-headed Gull**. A sleeker shape caught my eye, the spotting scope revealing it to be an adult **Arctic Skua**, looking a bit out of its depth as it tried to harry the hulking terns. A few minutes later a monster of a **Pomarine Skua** appeared, looking far more capable of robbing the terns of their lunch.

Then I spotted an even larger bird, barely visible above the horizon. Dark, long-winged and long-necked - my thoughts turned to boobies. I set up the scope, started panning, then a voice sounded to my left, dragging my attention from the bird.

A man had wandered over from the beach's juice bar, fishing for custom. We weren't particularly thirsty, so after the inevitable handshakes, we politely rebuffed him as quickly as possible and turned back to the sea. Fortunately I'd managed to keep a bead on the mystery bird, which unfortunately turned out to be an immature **Gannet**. We kept scanning for a little while longer, but after two further visits from juice bar staff we decided to call it a day and head back.

We ate lunch at the hotel, where the reception pool continued to supply a steady stream of beautiful birds, most notably a **Red-bellied Paradise Flycatcher** that turned out to be a regular bather. A final walk towards the beach added four **Double-spurred Francolin**, a **Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird** and a **Northern Crombec** - basically a miniature, tail-less nuthatch!

Our second day ended like the first, with a dusk session in the hotel's tower hide, where 21 species included our first **Splendid Sunbird**.

Day Total: 79

Trip Total: 81



Red-billed Hornbill

Day 3

This was our first day out with a local guide, Malick Suso, which we'd arranged months before following glowing recommendations from several people back home. We ate an early breakfast, ordered the night before, ready for Malick arriving at 07:20, then piled into his surprisingly clean 4x4, alongside his teenage son who was along to learn his father's craft.

Our first stop was Tujerang Woods, which seemed a rather generous name for a loose scattering of trees. Still, the birding was excellent. Within minutes, Malick's keen ears had us on the trail of a group of **Senegal Eremomela**, passing a flowering tree that held three species of sunbird and an **African Golden Oriole**.

The next birds followed a theme, with **Black-headed Lapwing** quickly followed by **Black-headed Heron**. Then Malick spotted a Lesser Honeyguide, but we were too busy admiring a pair of **Namaqua Dove** to get onto it in time. Disappointed at succumbing to the charms of a pigeon, I redeemed myself slightly by picking out a **Fine-spotted Woodpecker** working its way up a slender tree.



Namaqua Doves

Then the battle for most beautiful bird of the day began. **Little Bee-eater** posed shamelessly on a low bush, a **Striped Kingfisher** sat regally in a tree and a male **White-fronted Black Chat** followed us around a scrubby enclosure. With such wonders on display, the cisticolas never really stood a chance! The **Dark-chanting Goshawk**, on the other hand, was a definite contender, watching imperiously from a tall tree before taking flight.

Other highlights from the "woods" included **Veillot's Barbet**, **Chestnut-crowned Sparrow-weaver** and **Lesser Honeyguide** - yes, we found another one! We finished the walk with a pair of **Yellow Penduline Tits** before jumping back in the car and heading up the road to Tanji beach.

A busy fishing village, Tanji was an assault on the senses - loud, busy and unsurprisingly pungent. But the excess of fish was popular with seabirds, attracting a cloud of terns that included **Caspian**, **Royal**, **Sandwich** and **Lesser Crested Tern**. We grabbed a few photos of the boats to make us look cultured, then headed back to the car and our final destination - Kotu Creek.

After a quick stop at the Gambia Birding Association headquarters, Malick dropped us off at the Paradise Beach Bar to get some lunch. I'm not sure which version of paradise includes hordes of Brits on sun loungers, but it isn't mine! Fortunately the odd **Western Reef Egret** flew by to add a bit of interest.

It was with great delight that we climbed back into Malick's car and returned to Kotu Creek, where we perched ourselves on the bridge to scan the mud-lined river below. There were herons and waders everywhere, with the familiar faces of **Whimbrel**, **Ringed Plover** and **Greenshank** mixing with the more exotic **Spur-winged Plover**, **Hamerkop** and **African Spoonbill**. The river itself was just as busy, with **Long-tailed Cormorants** swimming alongside **Pink-backed Pelicans**.

But it was the kingfishers that stole the show. **Pied Kingfishers** were everywhere, hypnotising us with their black-and-white brilliance, and a pair of **Malachite Kingfishers** clung to neighbouring posts. We could have watched them all day, but Malick eventually dragged us down the road to a reliable site for **Pearl-spotted Owlet**, where we craned our necks to enjoy this pint-sized predator.

From there it was a short walk to the Kotu Nature Trail, where we added **White-faced Whistling Duck**, **African Sacred Ibis**, **Little Grebe** and **African Jacana** to the trip list. A last check of the creek rewarded us with two **Blue-breasted Kingfishers**, which flashed across the river to hide in the bank-side vegetation. But the best was yet to come.

Malick drove us down a side street, then led us across an obstacle course of cement-filled tires to a secluded muddy creek, where a small, run-down hide waited. At first there was nothing to be seen, but then a shape stirred in the shadows. It shuffled into view, with a plump body, long, drooping bill and the most spectacular eye shadow of any bird I've ever seen. A **Painted Snipe**! We watched in awe as five of these wonderful waders appeared, a late and uncontested winner of Tom's bird of the day.

A long drive back to the hotel left us with half an hour of daylight to enjoy the reception pool's regulars, before tallying up the day's totals over a cold glass of coke.

Day Total: 112

Trip Total: 137



Malachite Kingfisher, Painted Snipe, Pied Kingfisher (left to right)

Day 4

Another early breakfast for our second day with Malick, this time heading for the famous Abuko Nature Reserve. Our first stop, however, was across the road from there, at Lamin Rice Fields. Malick parked up, slipped some money to a local and led us out amongst the flooded pools and palm trees.

There were almost too many herons to fit on the small pools, with **African Spoonbills** jostling for space with **Hamerkop**, **Squacco Heron** and four species of egret. Even more exciting was the **Black Heron**, spreading its wings above its head to shade the water, demonstrating why it's also known as the umbrella bird.



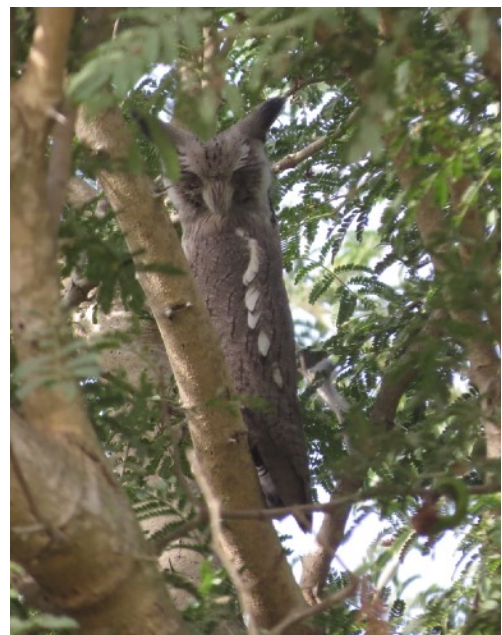
Giant Kingfisher

Flocks of **White-billed Buffalo Weaver** moved through the bushes, and a pair of **Grey Woodpecker** clambered up the trunk of a riverside tree. A **Green Sandpiper** bobbed along the riverbank, but this was quickly forgotten when Malick spotted a perched pair of **Giant Kingfisher**. These beautiful behemoths are so big the ID book says they can be confused with a small heron in flight! They're certainly impressive, so much so that I didn't even notice that we were standing in an ant column until they began swarming up my leg. Fortunately, frantic flicking got rid of them all before any could sting or bite.

A strange cackling sound drew us to a patch of wet grassland, where patience eventually revealed several **Black Crane** - smart little birds with bright red legs and a sunshine-yellow beak. Getting good views of these skulking rails was unexpected, but the next bird was truly surprising. Malick led us away from the wetlands, to a strand of tall trees at the edge of the rice fields. He pointed towards the top of one of the trees. I raised my bins and saw a pair of prominent ear tufts and an enormous, fluffy white moustache. It was a sleeping **Northern White-faced Owl**!

We didn't have long to enjoy this napping night-owl, as a large bird group soon appeared and began queueing for a glance. So we headed back out into the fields, where a final surprise waited in the form of a gorgeous male **Little Bittern**. I spotted him striding confidently across a ditch, laying to rest a demon born several years ago when Lauren saw the long-staying male at RSPB Old Moor, whilst I was busy counting terns on the Farne Islands.

With most of Malik's target birds in the bag, it was time to head over to Abuko Forest, cited as the best birdwatching spot in the country. While it was certainly more of a forest than anything we'd seen so far, we had to admit it was slightly disappointing on the bird front. **Violet Turaco** and **Little Greenbul** gave brief views on the way to the first hide, but the pool the shelter overlooked was pretty quiet. The only action came from the many swifts and martins swooping down to drink, including our first **Fanti Saw-wing** and **Pied-winged Swallow**.



Northern White-faced Owl

Heading deeper into the forest the birding was equally slow. It could have been the mid-day lull, or perhaps it had something to do with the dozens of noisy school children roaming the trails in packs! It was nice to see them out enjoying their natural heritage, but I can't imagine it helped with the birding. It became a war of attrition, the sightings list slowly growing with the likes of **Common Wattle-eye**, **Yellow-breasted Apalis** and **Black-necked Weaver**.

But finally things began to pick up. A restless group of **Green Turaco** gave great views, but refused to sit still enough for a decent photo. **Western Bluebill** was less cooperative, making us work extremely hard for the merest flash of its red breast and hawfinch-esque bill. A single clearing then produced a procession of delights, including **Grey-headed Bristlebill**, an inquisitive juvenile **Little Greenbul** and a male **Buff-spotted Woodpecker**.



Green Turaco

It was soon time to leave the forest, as we had one last destination to reach before dusk. We piled back into the car, forged through the chaos of Gambian rush hour traffic and finally arrived at Brufut Woods. But before we entered the woods themselves, Malick led us to a nearby spot where a pair of **Red-necked Falcon** were nesting. We could just see their heads peeking above the palm fronds.

Finally, we arrived at Brufut Woods themselves. Malick stopped for directions at the bar, then led us straight to a roosting **Long-tailed Nightjar**, barely visible on the forest floor, even from just a few feet away. We spent a few minutes admiring its cryptic camouflage, then headed back to the bar area, where water containers attracted a steady stream of birds including **Vitelline Masked Weaver** and our only **Green-headed Sunbird** of the trip.

Malick dropped us back at Footsteps, where we just had time for a final session in the tower hide before dusk set in. 24 species included a couple that were new for the day, and even one new for the trip. I was watching a little procession of **Tawny-flanked Prinia** climbing through the bushes and over a wall, when a larger bird popped up on the wall behind them - a **Nightingale**!

Day Total: 108

Trip Total: 169

Day 5

After two intense days of guided birding, there was always a chance day 5 would be underwhelming, and it definitely got off to a frustrating start. We were out early again, this time exploring the small forest just beyond the hotel's front gate, where the birds were proving skulking. By the time we stopped for breakfast, we'd managed snatched glimpses of fewer than 20 species!

To make things a bit easier, after eating we headed out through the open country towards the beach. There were few surprises in the first couple of hours, with the most notable birds being a flock of **Sacred Ibis** in the long-since-dried-up wetlands behind the beach - we were very disappointed to find these wetlands bone dry, as a group of friends had seen some good birds there the year before, including Painted Snipe!

A **Palm Nut** vulture was new for the area, but the bird of the day came in a much more surprising encounter. We were walking north along the back of the beach when something exploded from the scrub beneath our feet. It shot off like a little brown rugby ball, long wings whirring as it desperately looked for a new hiding spot. A **Common Quail**!

We followed the beach farther north, hoping desperately to find some wetlands that still held water. Unfortunately all we found was dust, sand and scrub - though this habitat proved popular with **Crested Larks**, which seemed to pop up every few metres. Eventually the midday heat grew too much and we were forced to retreat, passing a couple of **Hooded Vulture** inspecting an ex turtle.

Most of the afternoon was spent lazing around the hotel pool, keeping one eye on the feathered visitors coming down to drink and bathe. Joining the regulars were a few unexpected species, including **Black-necked Weaver** and **Grey-backed Camaroptera**. A late afternoon walk down the road in front of the hotel brought our final new bird of the day, a **Bronze-tailed Glossy Starling**.

Day Total: 76
Trip Total: 173



Hooded vultures and en ex Turtle

Day 6

We'd heard from several other people at the hotel that Lamin, the resident guide, led an excellent birding tour specifically to see owls. That was all the convincing we needed to book a day out with him, tagging along with two other guests.

Expecting to be searching for owls in the tangled foliage of a forest, we left the scope at home. Unfortunately, Lamin's first stop of the day was at Pirang Shrimp Farm, where a scope would have been pretty useful! Still, binoculars were enough to add plenty of birds to our trip list.

Red-rumped Swallows hawked for insects in the air above, while a **Gull-billed Tern** cruised low over the water. A gathering of large waterbirds held **Yellow-billed Stork**, **African** and **Eurasian Spoonbill** and both species of **Pelican**, with an intriguing flock of smaller birds in the distance making us wish we had more powerful optics.

We got close enough to separate the **Dunlin** and **Curlew Sandpiper**, though what was almost certainly a Little Stint remained just too distant to be sure. The huge flock of **Avocet** were a lot easier to spot, with other waders present including **Turnstone**, **Redshank** and **Greenshank**. It was great to see a pair of **Little Tern** looking ridiculously small beside a couple of enormous **Caspian Terns**.



Caspian Terns, Grey-headed Gulls and Slender-billed Gulls

From the Shrimp Farm we moved on to a patch of bush (possibly Faraba Banta). The driver parked up on the edge of a village and Lamin led us out through the scrub, stopping to slip some money to a brick-maker who demanded "the white men pay". Within minutes we'd added **White-crowned Robin Chat**, **African Golden Oriole** and **Purple Glossy Starling**.

It wasn't much longer before the first raptor appeared, an **African Harrier Hawk**. This was soon followed by **Osprey**, **Tawny Eagle** and **Lizard Buzzard**, but the stars of the show were the two calling **Pearl-spotted Owlets**, which duetted for a few minutes before we were able to track them down.

With the first of the day's owls in the bag, it was time to track down the rest of these enigmatic birds of prey. We moved on to the nearby Pirang Forest, where a local ranger led us straight to a family of **Verreaux's Eagle Owl**. The female perched high in the canopy beside a large and fluffy chick, both showing the distinctive pink eyelids, and the male wasn't far away. The ranger then led us down another path to a much smaller tree, where a **Northern White-faced Owl** was extremely well hidden.

We tipped the ranger and moved on to our final stop, Farasuto Forest. After teaming up with another local ranger, we stopped for a quick lunch at a picnic area, where a couple of drinking bowls attracted birds such as **Black-rumped Waxbill** and **Subalpine Warbler**. Sandwiches demolished, we headed off into the forest, flushing an **African Goshawk** from an overhanging branch.

Soon we were once again craning our necks at the canopy, staring at yet another species of owl. This time it was an **African Wood Owl**, a real beauty with a bright yellow beak and the big black eyes of a tawny. Eventually the ranger dragged us away to find another staked-out bird, flushing a couple of **Ahanta Francolin** from the path as we went. A **Giant Kingfisher** was a nice distraction, but the target was a roosting immature **White-backed Night Heron**.

With the day drawing to a close, the ranger upped the ante by leading us to some scrubrier woodland, straight to the roost sites of first a **Long-tailed Nightjar**, then a female **Standard-winged Nightjar**. It was amazing to see how perfectly they camouflaged on the forest floor.

The final target of the day proved more elusive. We followed the silent ranger through the forest, watching in curious fascination as he stopped and searched the branches of various trees, each time failing to find his mysterious target. We were just starting to accept defeat when a bird took flight from beside the path, flying away on huge broad wings. A **Greyish Eagle Owl**! Luckily it landed close by, giving great views as it walked slowly along a branch. Our fifth owl species of the day - amazing.

We thanked/tipped the knowledgeable young ranger, before climbing back into the car for the long drive back to the hotel, where a final surprise awaited in the form of our first **African Paradise Flycatcher**, a stunning male coming down to bathe in the reception pool. A great finale to what was easily the best day of our trip.

Day Total: 120 (+ 1 heard only)

Trip Total: 200



*Pearl-spotted Owlet, Verreaux's Eagle Owl, African Wood Owl, Greyish Eagle Owl
(clockwise from top left)*

Day 7

Our final full day started with us once again in the forest beyond the front gate, but this time we were a little more successful, clocking 34 species before breakfast. **Snowy-crowned Robin Chats** were everywhere, with almost as many **Common Wattle-eye** calling from the trees. An inquisitive **Grey-backed Camaroptera** bleated at us from the edge of the path, close enough to admire its orange trousers. Then we flushed our second **African Goshawk** of the trip, before stumbling across a trio of **Grey-headed Bristlebill**.

After breakfast we spent an hour wandering the bush between the hotel and the beach, adding **Black-crowned Tchagra** to our trip list and getting another glimpse of the **Long-crested Eagle**. Then we headed back to the hotel to arrange a taxi to Kartong Bird Observatory. We'd been eager to visit the Obs since we'd arrived, so couldn't wait to explore this birding hotspot.

Unfortunately there was a slight miscommunication with the taxi driver. Rather than dropping us off at the Observatory, he parked well short and led us on a guided tour through some dull scrubland, pointing out various birds with more enthusiasm than knowledge - most of them were pigeons. We did spy our first **Plain-backed Pipits** as we trailed awkwardly in his wake.

Eventually we reached the beach, where the entrepreneurial juice bar owner informed us of a certain special bird that had been seen to the south, gesturing vaguely down the beach. We followed our hapless guide over the mud, eventually spotting our target, a flash of pink amongst the turquoise clouds of **Blue-cheeked Bee-eaters** - a beautiful **Northern Carmine Bee-eater**! It hadn't been a wasted trip after all.

We added a little icing to the cake when we reached a small tidal creek, where a host of waders included a single **White-fronted Plover**. But it was hard to enjoy ourselves with the taxi driver tagging along, and feeling a bit awkward we soon headed back. Unfortunately, having received intel from the juice bar owner, we felt obliged to buy a drink from him. Three small juices (one for our makeshift guide) cost a fortune by Gambian standards, not helped by the owner's insistence that he "had no change".



Northern Carmine Bee-eater

We headed back to the taxi and set off for the hotel, but the driver had a final surprise for us. He spotted a bus-load of birders at the side of the road, checking out an old quarry. Deciding we'd want a look as well, he pulled over and led us across the road. The small pool in the centre of the quarry attracted a few common species, but the detour was worthwhile for the handful of cows wandering across the sandy bottom. Clinging to the back of one of them was a pair of **Yellow-billed Oxpecker**! We'd barely spotted them when they took flight, a third joining them in the air as they disappeared into the distance.

A lazy afternoon at the hotel produced a pair of **Yellow-throated Leaflove** and a hybrid **Paradise-flycatcher**, the first time we'd seen either of them coming down to pool.

Day Total: 86 (+ 2 heard only)

Trip Total: 208

Day 8

With our flight pushed back to the evening due to a bird strike a few weeks before, we had most of the day to try and add a few extra species. We started with another dawn visit to the woodland, where we found a great selection of birds.

A couple of **Violet Turaco** were new for the area, but the real action came when we found a huge swarm of ants. The forest floor was crawling with them, capturing the attention of a **Yellow-crowned Gonolek**, a **Snowy-crowned Robin Chat** and a couple of **Grey-headed Bristlebill**. We settled in to see what else would turn up and were eventually rewarded with great views of **Western Bluebill** and **Sulphur-breasted Bush Shrike**.

With the temperature rising and the prospect of a long plane ride ahead, we didn't fancy straying too far, so after lunch and a shower we settled ourselves by the pool for some lazy birdwatching. Amazingly, even after a week at the hotel we were still picking up new birds visiting the grounds, including **Pin-tailed Whydah** and, best of all, a lone **Black Scimitarbill** - our final new bird of the trip.

Before we knew it, we were in a mini-bus bound for the airport, taking in our final views of the dusty Gambian landscape. The last birds we saw in Africa were **Little Swifts**, with a large flock feeding above the airport.

Day Total: 43 (+ 1 heard only)
Trip Total: 210 (+ 3 heard only)



Village Indigobird

		Footsteps Area	With Malick Suso	With Lamin Bojang	Kartong	Other
1	Northern Gannet <i>Morus bassanus</i>	Several from beach				
2	Little Grebe <i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>		One at Kotu Sewage Ponds			
3	Great White Pelican <i>Pelecanus onocrotalus</i>	Several near beach	Single at Tanji; three at Brufut Woods	Several at Pirang Shrimp Farm		
4	Pink-backed Pelican <i>Pelecanus rufescens</i>		Several at Kotu Creek	Several at Pirang Shrimp Farm and Faraba Banta	Several	
5	Long-tailed Cormorant <i>Microcarbo africanus</i>	One flew north over the sea	Common at Kotu Creek; One at Lamin Rice Fields	Several at Pirang Shrimp Farm		
6	Great Cormorant <i>Phalacrocorax carbo lucidus</i>	One flew over hotel	One at Tanji; One over road near Brufut			
7	African Darter <i>Anhinga rufa</i>		Singles at Kotu Creek and Abuko			
8	White-backed Night Heron <i>Gorsachius leuconotus</i>			Immature bird roosting at Farasuto Forest		
9	Little Bittern <i>Ixobrychus minutus</i>		Male at Lamin Rice Fields			
10	Striated Heron <i>Butorides striata</i>		Singles at Kotu Creek and Lamin Rice Fields	One at Faraba Banta		
11	Squacco Heron <i>Ardeola ralloides</i>		One at Kotu Creek; Several at Lamin Rice Fields; two at Abuko	One at Faraba Banta		
12	Cattle Egret <i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	Abundant	Abundant everywhere but Abuko and Brufut	Several at Faraba Banta	Several	Common on roadsides
13	Black Heron <i>Egretta ardesiaca</i>		One at Kotu Creek; several at Lamin Rice Fields			
14	Western Reef Egret <i>Egretta gularis</i>		Several at Kotu Creek and Lamin Rice Fields	Common at Pirang Shrimp Farm	Several on beach	

		Footsteps Area	With Malick Suso	With Lamin Bojang	Kartong	Other
15	Little Egret <i>Egretta garzetta</i>		Several at Lamin Rice Fields	Several at Pirang Shrimp Farm		
16	Intermediate Egret <i>Ardea intermedia</i>		One at Lamin Rice Fields	One at Faraba Banta		
17	Great Egret <i>Ardea alba</i>	Several	Several at Kotu Creek; common at Lamin Rice Fields	Common at Pirang Shrimp Farm	Several on beach	
18	Grey Heron <i>Ardea cinerea</i>	One between hotel and beach	One at Tanji; several at Kotu Creek	Several at Pirang Shrimp Farm	Several	
19	Black-headed Heron <i>Ardea melanocephala</i>		Singles at Tujerang Woods, Lamin Rice Fields and Abuko	One at Faraba Banta	One	
20	Hamerkop <i>Scopus umbretta</i>	One flew over	Common at Kotu Creek and Lamin Rice Fields	Several at Faraba Banta		
21	Yellow-billed Stork <i>Mycteria ibis</i>			Large flock at Pirang Shrimp Farm		
22	African Sacred Ibis <i>Threskiornis aethiopicus</i>	Flock of 8 between hotel and beach	One at Kotu Creek; several at Lamin Rice Fields		One	
23	African Spoonbill <i>Platalea alba</i>	Several between hotel and beach on two dates	Four at Kotu Creek; several at Lamin Rice Fields	Several at Pirang Shrimp Farm	Several	
24	Eurasian Spoonbill <i>Platalea leucorodia</i>			Two at Pirang Shrimp Farm		
25	White-faced Whistling Duck <i>Dendrocygna viduata</i>		Several at Kotu Sewage Ponds			
26	Osprey <i>Pandion haliaetus</i>	Very common	Several at Tujerang Woods	One at Pirang Shrimp Farm; several at Faraba Banta	Common	
27	Palm Nut Vulture <i>Gypohierax angolensis</i>	Seen on three dates	Singles at Lamin Rice Fields and Abuko	Singles at Pirang Forest and Farasuto Forest	One	

		Footsteps Area	With Malick Suso	With Lamin Bojang	Kartong	Other
28	Hooded Vulture <i>Necrosyrtes monachus</i>	Abundant	Common everywhere but Tanji	Common at Pirang Shrimp Farm and Faraba Banta	Common	Abundant throughout
29	Black-winged Kite <i>Elanus caeruleus</i>	Single seen twice	One at Brufut Woods			One on drive from airport
30	Black Kite <i>Milvus migrans</i>	One between hotel and beach	One at Tujerang Woods			At least one above airport
31	Yellow-billed Kite <i>Milvus aegyptius</i>	Abundant	Common everywhere but Tanji	Several at Pirang Shrimp Farm and Faraba Banta		Abundant throughout
32	Western Marsh Harrier <i>Circus aeruginosus</i>	Single cream-crowned bird between hotel and beach				
33	Beaudouin's Snake Eagle <i>Circaetus beaudouini</i>	Immature between hotel and beach				
34	Long-crested Eagle <i>Lophaetus occipitalis</i>	Seen on two dates between hotel and beach				
35	African Harrier Hawk <i>Polyboroides typus</i>	Fairly common	One at Tujerang Woods; several whilst driving	Two at Faraba Banta		
36	Lizard Buzzard <i>Kaupifalco monogrammicus</i>	Fairly common	Singles at Tanji and Lamin Rice Fields	One at Faraba Banta		
37	Dark Chanting Goshawk <i>Melierax metabates</i>		One at Tujerang Woods			
38	Shikra <i>Accipiter badius</i>	Several	Seen at Tujerang Woods, Kotu Creek and Lamin Rice Fields			
39	African Goshawk <i>Accipiter tachiro</i>	One in forest		One at Farasuto Forest		
40	Tawny Eagle <i>Aquila rapax</i>			One at Faraba Banta		
41	Grey Kestrel <i>Falco ardosiaceus</i>	Single on two dates		One at Faraba Banta		

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42	Red-necked Falcon <i>Falco chicquera</i>		Pair at Brufut Woods			
43	Lanner Falcon <i>Falco biarmicus</i>	Seen on two dates	One at Tujerang Woods			
44	Ahanta Francolin <i>Pternistis achantensis</i>			Two in Farasuto Forest		
45	Double-spurred Francolin <i>Pternistis bicalcaratus</i>	Six between hotel and beach; heard twice more	Two at Lamin Rice Fields			
46	Stone Partridge <i>Ptilopachus petrosus</i>	Two from bird hide				
47	Common Quail <i>Coturnix coturnix</i>	One flushed from grassland behind beach				
48	Black Crane <i>Amauornis flavirostra</i>		Several at Lamin Rice Fields			
49	African Jacana <i>Actophilornis africanus</i>		One at Kotu Creek; common at Lamin Rice Fields; two at Abuko	Several at Faraba Banta		
50	Black-winged Stilt <i>Himantopus himantopus</i>		One at Kotu Creek			
51	Pied Avocet <i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>			Very common at Pirang Shrimp Farm		
52	Senegal Thick-knee <i>Burhinus senegalensis</i>	Several on two dates between hotel and beach	Several at Kotu Creek and Lamin Rice Fields	Fairly common at Pirang Shrimp Farm		
53	Little Ringed Plover <i>Charadrius dubius</i>		Two at Kotu Creek			
54	Common Ringed Plover <i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>		Several at Kotu Creek	Several at Pirang Shrimp Farm		
55	White-fronted Plover <i>Charadrius marginatus</i>				One on beach	

		Footsteps Area	With Malick Suso	With Lamin Bojang	Kartong	Other
56	African Wattled Lapwing <i>Vanellus senegallus</i>	Several on three dates from tower hide/between hotel and beach	Several at Tujerang Woods	Several at Faraba Banta		
57	Black-headed Lapwing <i>Vanellus tectus</i>		Two at Tujerang Woods			
58	Spur-winged Lapwing <i>Vanellus spinosus</i>	Several between hotel and beach	Fairly common at Kotu Creek and Lamin Rice Fields	Several at Faraba Banta	Several	
59	Grey Plover <i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>				Two on beach	
60	Whimbrel <i>Numenius phaeopus</i>	Three on beach	Several at Kotu Creek	Several at Pirang Shrimp Farm	Several on beach	
61	Sanderling <i>Calidris alba</i>				Common on beach	
62	Curlew Sandpiper <i>Calidris ferruginea</i>			Common at Pirang Shrimp Farm		
63	Dunlin <i>Calidris alpina</i>			Common at Pirang Shrimp Farm		
64	Common Redshank <i>Tringa totanus</i>			Two at Pirang Shrimp Farm	One on beach	
65	Common Greenshank <i>Tringa nebularia</i>		One at Kotu Creek; one whilst driving	Several at Pirang Shrimp Farm and Faraba Banta	Several	
66	Green Sandpiper <i>Tringa ochropus</i>	One behind beach	One at Lamin Rice Fields	One at Faraba Banta	One	
67	Wood Sandpiper <i>Tringa glareola</i>		One at Kotu Nature Trail	Two at Faraba Banta		
68	Common Sandpiper <i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>		One at Kotu Creek	Several at Pirang Shrimp Farm	One on beach	
69	Ruddy Turnstone <i>Arenaria interpres</i>			Two at Pirang Shrimp Farm	Several on beach	
70	Greater Painted-snipe <i>Rostratula benghalensis</i>		Five in Kotu Creek area			

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71	Pomarine Skua <i>Stercorarius pomarinus</i>	One off beach harassing terns			One flew north close inshore	
72	Arctic Skua <i>Stercorarius parasiticus</i>	One off beach harassing terns				
73	Lesser Black-backed Gull <i>Larus fuscus</i>		Common at Tanji Beach		Several on beach	
74	Slender-billed Gull <i>Chroicocephalus genei</i>			Common at Pirang Shrimp Farm		
75	Grey-headed Gull <i>Chroicocephalus cirrocephalus</i>	Several from beach	Very common at Tanji Beach	Several at Pirang Shrimp Farm		
76	Caspian Tern <i>Hydroprogne caspia</i>	Fairly common from beach	Fairly common at Tanji	Two at Pirang Shrimp Farm	Several from beach	
77	Royal Tern (African) <i>Thalasseus maximus albididorsalis</i>		Common at Tanji Beach			
78	Lesser Crested Tern <i>Thalasseus bengalensis</i>		At least one at Tanji Beach			
79	Gull-billed Tern <i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i>			Two at Pirang Shrimp Farm	One on beach	
80	Sandwich Tern <i>Thalasseus sandvicensis</i>		Several at Tanji Beach			
81	Little Tern <i>Sternula albifrons</i>			Two at Pirang Shrimp Farm		
82	Blue-spotted Wood Dove <i>Turtur afer</i>	Several seen on five dates	One at Lamin Rice Fields	Two at Farasuto Forest		
83	Black-billed Wood Dove <i>Turtur abyssinicus</i>	Common	Seen everywhere but Tanji and Kotu Creek	Seen at Farasuto Forest	Several	
84	Namaqua Dove <i>Oena capensis</i>		Several at Tujerang Woods	Two at Pirang Shrimp Farm		

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85	Laughing Dove <i>Spilopelia senegalensis</i>	Common	Several at Kotu Creek, Lamin Rice Fields and Brufut Woods			
86	Speckled Pigeon <i>Columba guinea</i>	Common	Seen at Tujerang Woods, Lamin Rice Fields and Abuko	Seen at Faraba Banta		
87	Feral Pigeon <i>Columba livea</i>		Seen whilst driving	Seen whilst driving		Common in urban areas
88	Red-eyed Dove <i>Streptopelia semitorquata</i>	Very common	Seen at Kotu Creek, Lamin Rice Fields and Abuko	Seen at Pirang Shrimp Farm and Faraba Banta	Several	
89	African Mourning Dove <i>Streptopelia decipiens</i>	Several	Common at Lamin Rice Fields	Several at Pirang Shrimp Farm and Faraba Banta		
90	Vinaceous Dove <i>Streptopelia vinacea</i>	Common	Seen at Tujerang Woods and Abuko			
91	Rose-ringed Parakeet <i>Psittacula krameri</i>	Common	Seen at Kotu Creek and Lamin Rice Fields			
92	Senegal Parrot <i>Poicephalus senegalus</i>	Common	Seen at Tujerang Woods and Lamin Rice Fields	Several at Faraba Banta		
93	Green Turaco <i>Tauraco persa</i>		Several at Abuko	Two at Farasuto Forest		
94	Violet Turaco <i>Musophaga violacea</i>	Two in forest	One at Abuko			
95	Western Grey Plantain-eater <i>Crinifer piscator</i>	Very common	Seen everywhere but Tanji and Kotu Creek	Seen at Faraba Banta		
96	Senegal Coucal <i>Centropus senegalensis</i>	Fairly common	Several at Tujerang Woods, Kotu Creek and Lamin Rice Fields	Several at Faraba Banta	Several	

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97	African Wood Owl <i>Strix woodfordii</i>			One at Farasuto Forest		
98	Greyish Eagle-owl <i>Bubo cinerascens</i>			One at Farasuto Forest		
99	Verreaux's Eagle-owl <i>Bubo lacteus</i>			Male, female and chick at Pirang Forest		
100	African Scops Owl (h) <i>Otus senegalensis</i>	One heard regularly from hotel room				
101	Pearl-spotted Owlet <i>Glaucidium perlatum</i>	Heard regularly	One near Kotu Creek	Pair near Faraba Banta		
102	Northern White-faced Owl <i>Ptilopsis leucotis</i>		One at Lamin Rice Fields	One at Pirang Forest		
103	Long-tailed Nightjar <i>Caprimulgus climacurus</i>		Female roosting at Brufut Woods	Female roosting at Farasuto Forest		
104	Standard-winged Nightjar <i>Caprimulgus longipennis</i>			Female roosting at Farasuto Forest		
105	Mottled Spinetail <i>Telacanthura ussheri</i>		Several at Tujerang Woods; one at Abuko	One at Pirang Shrimp Farm		
106	Little Swift <i>Apus affinis</i>		Several at Tujerang Woods	Several at Pirang Shrimp Farm		Large flock over airport
107	African Palm Swift <i>Cypsiurus parvus</i>	Fairly common	Seen at Tujerang Woods, Lamin Rice Fields and Abuko	Seen at Pirang Shrimp Farm and Faraba Banta		Common whilst driving
108	Malachite Kingfisher <i>Corythornis cristatus</i>		Two at Kotu Creek			
109	Striped Kingfisher <i>Halcyon chelicuti</i>		One at Tujerang Woods			
110	Blue-breasted Kingfisher <i>Halcyon malimbica</i>		Two at Kotu Creek			

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111	Pied Kingfisher <i>Ceryle rudis</i>		One at Tanji; common at Kotu Creek; several at Lamin Rice Fields	Several at Pirang Shrimp Farm	Several on beach	
112	Giant Kingfisher <i>Megaceryle maxima</i>		Two at Lamin Rice Fields	One at Farasuto Forest		
113	Little Bee-eater <i>Merops pusillus</i>	Several seen on two dates	Small numbers at Tujerang Woods, Kotu Creek and Lamin Rice Fields		Several at quarry	
114	Swallow-tailed Bee-eater <i>Merops hirundineus</i>	Seen on two dates	Seen at Lamin Rice Fields and Abuko			
115	Blue-cheeked Bee-eater <i>Merops persicus</i>	Small flock between hotel and beach		Several at Pirang Shrimp Farm and Faraba Banta	Abundant	
116	Northern Carmine Bee-eater <i>Merops nubicus</i>				One behind beach in mangroves	
117	Rufous-crowned Roller <i>Coracias naevius</i>	Several between hotel and beach on two dates				One whilst driving
118	Blue-bellied Roller <i>Coracias cyanogaster</i>	Fairly common	Seen at Tujerang Woods, Kotu Creek and Lamin Rice Fields	Several at Faraba Banta		Several whilst driving
119	Abyssinian Roller <i>Coracias abyssinicus</i>	Several between hotel and beach on two dates	Seen at Kotu Creek and Lamin Rice Fields	Two at Faraba Banta		
120	Broad-billed Roller <i>Eurystomus glaucurus</i>		One at Tanji; common at Kotu Creek; several at Abuko			
121	Green Wood-hoopoe <i>Phoeniculus purpureus</i>	Common	Seen everywhere but Tanji	Several at Faraba Banta		
122	Black Scimitarbill <i>Rhinopomastus aterrimus</i>	One in hotel grounds				

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123	Hoopoe <i>Upupa epops</i>	One behind beach				
124	Western Red-billed Hornbill <i>Tockus kempi</i>	Common	Seen at Tujerang Woods, Kotu Creek and Lamin Rice Fields	Seen at Faraba Banta		Several whilst driving
125	African Grey Hornbill <i>Tockus nasutus</i>	Fairly common	One at Tujerang Woods	Seen at Pirang Shrimp Farm and Faraba Banta		
126	Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird <i>Pogoniulus chrysoconus</i>	Seen on two dates, heard more often				
127	Vieillot's Barbet <i>Lybius vieilloti</i>		One at Tujerang Woods			
128	Bearded Barbet <i>Lybius dubius</i>	Two between hotel and beach	Two at Lamin Rice Fields	Two near Faraba Banta		
129	Lesser Honeyguide <i>Indicator minor</i>		Singles at Tujerang Woods, Brufut Woods and Abuko			
130	Fine-spotted Woodpecker <i>Campethera punctuligera</i>		One at Tujerang Woods			
131	African Grey Woodpecker <i>Mesopicos goertae</i>		Pair at Lamin Rice Fields			
132	Buff-spotted Woodpecker <i>Campethera nivosa</i>		Male at Abuko			
133	Crested Lark <i>Galerida cristata</i>	Common behind beach			Two	
134	Fanti Saw-wing <i>Psalidoprocne obscura</i>		Several at Abuko			
135	Red-rumped Swallow <i>Cecropis daurica</i>			Several at Pirang Shrimp Farm; one at Faraba Banta	One in mangroves	
136	House Martin <i>Delichon urbicum</i>			Several at Pirang Shrimp Farm		
137	Pied-winged Swallow <i>Hirundo leucosoma</i>		Two at Abuko			

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138	Wire-tailed Swallow <i>Hirundo smithii</i>	Nesting in hotel	Frequent at Kotu Creek and Abuko	Fairly common at Pirang Shrimp Farm	Several at quarry	
139	Red-chested Swallow <i>Hirundo lucida</i>				Several in mangroves	
140	Barn Swallow <i>Hirundo rustica</i>	Several between hotel and beach	Seen at Kotu Creek and Lamin Rice Fields	Seen at Pirang Shrimp Farm	Several in mangroves	
141	White Wagtail <i>Motacilla alba alba</i>		Two at Tanji Beach			
142	Yellow Wagtail <i>Motacilla flava</i>		One at Tujerang Woods	One at Pirang Shrimp Farm		
143	Plain-backed Pipit <i>Anthus leucophrys</i>				Several	
144	Little Greenbul <i>Eurillas virens</i>	Two in forest	Several (including fresh juv) at Abuko	Seen at Farasuto Forest		
145	Grey-headed Bristlebill <i>Bleda canicapillus</i>	Several birds on two dates in the forest	One at Abuko			
146	Yellow-throated Leaflove <i>Atimastillas flavicollis</i>	Two in hotel grounds		Several at Faraba Banta		
147	Common Bulbul <i>Pycnonotus barbatus</i>	Very common	Seen everywhere but Tanji	Seen at Faraba Banta and Farasuto Forest		
148	Snowy-crowned Robin-chat <i>Cossypha niveicapilla</i>	Fairly common in forest/hotel grounds	Several at Abuko; one at Brufut Woods			
149	White-crowned Robin-chat <i>Cossypha albicapilla</i>			One at Faraba Banta		
150	African Thrush <i>Turdus pelios</i>	Very common	Several at Abuko and Brufut Woods	Several at Faraba Banta and Farasuto Forest		
151	Common Nightingale <i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>	One from the tower hide				
152	White-fronted Black Chat <i>Oenanthe albifrons</i>		Pair at Tujerang Woods			

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153	European Reed Warbler <i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>		One at Kotu Creek	Two at Pirang Shrimp Farm		
154	Western Olivaceous Warbler <i>Iduna opaca</i>	Frequent	One at Tujerang Woods	One at Pirang Shrimp Farm		
155	Melodious Warbler <i>Hippolais polyglotta</i>	One between hotel and beach				
156	Senegal Eremomela <i>Eremomela pusilla</i>		Several at Tujerang Woods			
157	Willow Warbler (h) <i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>				One heard at quarry	
158	Common Whitethroat <i>Sylvia communis</i>		One at Tujerang Woods			
159	Western Subalpine Warbler <i>Sylvia cantillans</i>			One at Pirang Shrimp Farm; one at Farasuto Forest	One on beach	
160	Northern Crombec <i>Sylvietta brachyura</i>	Seen on two dates				
161	Grey-backed Camaroptera <i>Camaroptera brevicaudata</i>	Fairly common	Seen at Abuko			
162	Singing Cisticola <i>Cisticola cantans</i>	One near hotel	Seen at Tujerang Woods			
163	Whistling Cisticola <i>Cisticola lateralis</i>		Seen at Tujerang Woods			
164	Rufous Cisticola <i>Cisticola rufus</i>	One near hotel	Seen at Tujerang Woods			
165	Zitting Cisticola <i>Cisticola juncidis</i>			Two at Pirang Shrimp Farm		
166	Tawny-flanked Prinia <i>Prinia subflava</i>	Common			One on beach	
167	Yellow-breasted Apalis <i>Apalis flavida</i>		Several at Abuko			

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168	Oriole Warbler (h) <i>Hypergerus atriceps</i>		One heard at Brufut Woods			
169	Northern Black Flycatcher <i>Melaenornis edolioides</i>	Seen on two dates	One at Brufut Woods	One at Faraba Banta		
170	African Paradise Flycatcher <i>Terpsiphone viridis</i>	Male came down to pool				
171	Red-bellied Paradise Flycatcher <i>Terpsiphone rufiventer</i>	Frequent in hotel grounds	Seen at Abuko and Brufut Woods			
172	Common Wattle-eye <i>Platysteira cyanea</i>	Fairly common in forest	Several at Abuko			
173	Brown Babbler <i>Turdoides plebejus</i>	Fairly common	Seen at Tujerang Woods			
174	Blackcap Babbler <i>Turdoides reinwardtii</i>	Fairly common	Seen at Lamin Rice Fields	Seen at Faraba Banta		
175	Yellow Penduline Tit <i>Anthoscopus parvulus</i>		Two at Tujerang Woods			
176	Green-headed Sunbird <i>Cyanomitra verticalis</i>		Female at Brufut Woods			
177	Scarlet-chested Sunbird <i>Chalcomitra senegalensis</i>		Several at Tujerang Woods			
178	Beautiful Sunbird <i>Cinnyris pulchellus</i>	Abundant	Seen at Tujerang Woods, Lamin Rice Fields and Abuko	Seen at Pirang Shrimp Farm and Faraba Banta	Several	
179	Variable Sunbird <i>Cinnyris venustus</i>	Seen on 4 dates, including nest-building	Seen at Tujerang Woods			
180	Splendid Sunbird <i>Cinnyris coccinigastrus</i>	Seen on two dates	Seen at Tujerang Woods and Lamin Rice Fields			

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181	Woodchat Shrike <i>Lanius senator</i>	One between hotel and beach on two occasions	One at Tujerang Woods		One on beach	
182	Yellow-billed Shrike <i>Corvinella corvina</i>	Fairly common	Several at Lamin Rice Fields	Common at Faraba Banta		
183	Sulphur-breasted Bush-shrike <i>Chlorophoneus sulfureopectus</i>	One in forest				
184	Yellow-crowned Gonolek <i>Laniarius barbarus</i>	Common		Seen at Faraba Banta	Several	
185	Black-crowned Tchagra <i>Tchagra senegalus</i>	One between hotel and beach				
186	White Helmetshrike <i>Prionops plumatus</i>	Family party between hotel and beach				
187	African Golden Oriole <i>Oriolus auratus</i>		One at Tujerang Woods	One at Faraba Banta		
188	Fork-tailed Drongo <i>Dicrurus adsimilis</i>	Frequent	Two at Lamin Rice Fields	Two at Faraba Banta		
189	Pied Crow <i>Corvus albus</i>	Very common	Seen everywhere but Tanji and Brufut Woods	Seen at Pirang Shrimp Farm		Very common whilst driving
190	Piapiac <i>Ptilostomus afer</i>	Several on two dates	Several at Tujerang Woods and Lamin Rice Fields		Several	
191	Purple Glossy Starling <i>Lamprotornis purpureus</i>			One at Faraba Banta		
192	Bronze-tailed Glossy Starling <i>Lamprotornis chalcurus</i>	One on track towards village				
193	Long-tailed Glossy Starling <i>Lamprotornis caudatus</i>	Common	Seen at Kotu Creek and Lamin Rice Fields	Seen at Faraba Banta	Several	

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194	Yellow-billed Oxpecker <i>Buphagus africanus</i>					Three riding cow at Kartong quarry
195	Northern Grey-headed Sparrow <i>Passer griseus</i>	Common in hotel grounds	Seen at Tujerang Woods		Several at quarry	
196	White-billed Buffalo Weaver <i>Bubalornis albirostris</i>		Common at Lamin Rice Fields	Fairly common at Faraba Banta		
197	Chestnut-crowned Sparrow-weaver <i>Plocepasser superciliosus</i>		Several at Tujerang Woods			
198	Little Weaver <i>Ploceus luteolus</i>		Several at Tujerang Woods		One	
199	Vitelline Masked Weaver <i>Ploceus vitellinus</i>		One at Brufut Woods			
200	Black-necked Weaver <i>Ploceus nigricollis</i>	Seen in hotel grounds on two dates	Seen at Abuko and Brufut Woods	Seen at Faraba Banta and Farasuto Forest		
201	Village Weaver <i>Ploceus cucullatus</i>	Very common	Seen in large numbers everywhere but Tanji and Kotu Creek	Seen everywhere but Pirang Forest	Several	
202	Northern Red Bishop <i>Euplectes franciscanus</i>	Fairly common in hotel grounds	Seen at Lamin Rice Fields and Brufut Woods	Seen at Pirang Shrimp Farm		
203	Black-winged Bishop <i>Euplectes hordeaceus</i>	At least one in hotel grounds	One at Lamin Rice Fields			
204	Western Bluebill <i>Spermophaga haematina</i>	One in forest	One at Abuko			
205	Red-cheeked Cordon-bleu <i>Uraeginthus bengalus</i>	Frequent	Seen at Tujerang Woods and Brufut Woods	Seen at Farasuto Forest		
206	Lavender Waxbill <i>Estrilda caerulescens</i>	Several on two dates	Seen at Abuko and Brufut Woods	Several at Farasuto Forest		

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207	Orange-cheeked Waxbill <i>Estrilda melpoda</i>	Fairly common		Several at Farasuto Forest		
208	Black-rumped Waxbill <i>Estrilda troglodytes</i>			Several at Farasuto Forest		
209	Red-billed Firefinch <i>Lagonosticta senegala</i>	Very common	Seen everywhere but Tanji and Lamin Rice Fields	Seen at Faraba Banta and Farasuto Forest	Several	
210	Bronze Mannikin <i>Lonchura cucullata</i>	Several	Seen at Tujerang Woods and Lamin Rice Fields			
211	Village Indigobird <i>Vidua chalybeata</i>	Fairly common	Seen at Brufut Woods			
212	Pin-tailed Whydah <i>Vidua macroura</i>	One in hotel grounds	One at Brufut Woods	One at Pirang Shrimp Farm		
213	Yellow-fronted Canary <i>Serinus mozambicus</i>	Fairly common	Seen at Tujerang Woods and Brufut Woods			



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