

Northern Senegal in December 2022 (A Horus Swift ID trip)



The Horus Swifts at Gamadji Sare

01st December: Arrival at Blaise Diagne International Airport at 16:15 picked up by guide carlostoubacouta@yahoo.fr. (<https://www.facebook.com/abdou.lo.5074>) and transfer to Thiés (1 hour drive) and overnight at Massa Massa hôtel (Thiés).

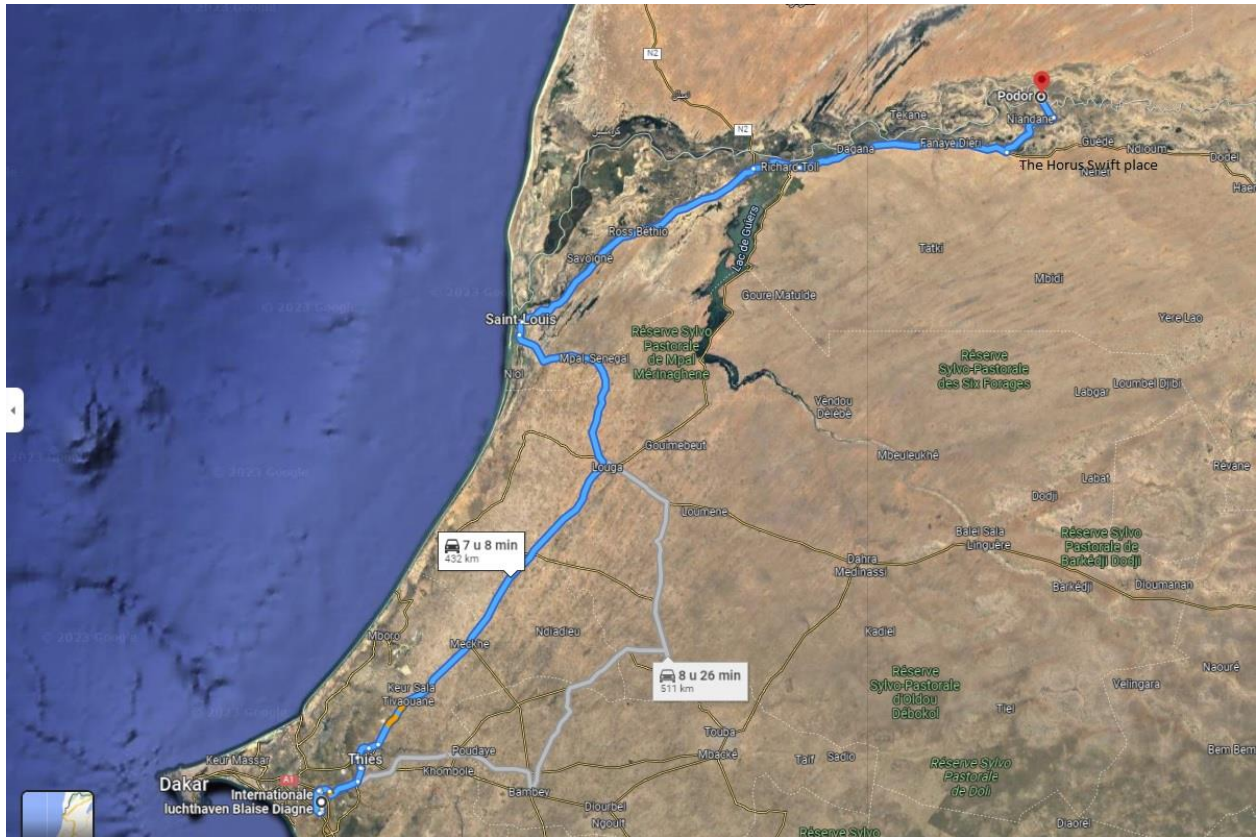
02nd December: Departure from Thiés heading for Podor with birding stops and lunch en route. Overnight at La Cour du fleuve hôtel in Podor.

03st December. Stay the whole day in podor area for birding (Horus Swift area, Gamadji Saré). Lunch and overnight at La Cour du fleuve hôtel in podor.

04th December: We visit some birding spots in the morning and then heading to Djoudj National park. Lunch en route. Evening excursion in the Djoudj National park (Grand lac). Dîner and overnight at Campement villageois du Djoudj.

05th December. Morning excursion into the Djoudj National park, with a boat trip. lunch along the way, and drive to Saint -Louis. Evening excursion to the 3 Marigots. Dîner and overnight at Ranch de Bango hôtel in Saint-Louis.

06 December: Morning excursion to the Marigots, lunch enroute and transfer to Blaise Diagne international Airport to arrive at 22:10 where the Tour ends.



THE BIRD SPECIES

01. **Fulvous Whistling Duck – *Dendrocygna bicolor***
 05-12 25 ex. on the visited ponds in the Djoudj also nice flight views..
02. **White-faced Whistling Duck – *Dendrocygna viduata***
 05-12 Very common in big flocks in the Djoudj.
03. **Spur-winged Goose – *Plectropterus gambensis***
 05+06-12 A total of 90 birds seen spread over the days in the Djoudj.
04. **Knob-billed Duck – *Sarkidiornis melanotos***
 03-12 1 female in flight along the way
 05+06-12 A total of 3 birds seen spread over the days, all females.



05. **Garganey - *Spatula querquedula***
 05-12 Quite common in big flocks in the Djoudj, all in eclipse.

06. **Northern Shoveler – *Spatula clypeata***
05-12 Very common in big flocks in the Djoudj, most in eclipse.
07. **Northern Pintail – *Anas Acuta***
05-12 Quite common in big flocks in the Djoudj, many in eclipse.
08. **Eurasian Teal – *Anas crecca***
05-12 1 ex. in the Djoudj
09. **Marbled Duck – *Marmaronetta angustirostris***
05-12 35 ex in one flock at one mirador in the Djoudj. Nice views of scattered birds mixed in with other duck species.
10. **Common Quail – *Coturnis coturnix***
04-12 1 ex. flushed in the Djoudj.
11. **Double-spurred Spurfowl – *Pternistis bicalcaratus***
05+06 4 ex., two pairs at the 3 Marigots. Great views.
12. **Golden Nightjar – *Caprimulgus eximius***
02+03-12 a maximum total of 3 birds seen and heard very well. Great views, with obvious white wing spots with a black edge. Also barred underparts seen in flight. Golden color seen well when one bird flew against my belly (!!) while following my beam light. See also: <https://ebird.org/checklist/S124611358> (same birds filmed a few days later)
13. **Long-tailed Nightjar – *Caprimulgus climacurus***
A total of 14 seen spread over the days, during daylight and in the night.
14. **Standard-winged Nightjar – *Caprimulgus longipennis***
03-12 1 ex. seen well in the beam light with elongated wing plumes.
05-12 1 ex. seen at the 3 Marigots. Sitting a female.



Long-tailed



and a cracking male Standard-winged Nightjar.

15. **Little Swift – *Apus affinis***
Quite common in several colonies during the trip, often in villages.
16. ***HORUS SWIFT – *Apus horus***
02+03-12 15 + 9ex. seen very well and prolonged in a colony at Gamadji Sare, mixed in with House Swift. See also: https://www.instagram.com/p/CmMNpxjKxu2/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link and this <https://www.dutchbirding.nl/gallery/detail/28071> for a discription in dutch.
17. **Senegal Coucal – *Centropus senegalensis***
05-12 20 ex. seen spread over the day.
18. **Great Spotted Cuckoo – *Clamator glandarius***
03-12 2 ex. together in flight along the way.

19. **Chestnut-bellied Sandgrouse – *Pterocles exustus***
04-12 20 ex. in flocks at a desert place along the way to the Djoudj.
20. **Speckled Pigeon – *Columba guinea***
Common during the trip, often in villages.
21. **European Turtle Dove – *Streptopelia turtur***
02+03 a total of 7 seen mixed in with other dove species. Nice to see them safe in winter
22. **African Collared Dove – *Streptopelia roseogrisea***
03-12 15 ex. seen well in the Podor area. Pale belly is a good feature.
23. **Mourning Collared Dove (African M.Dove) – *Streptopelia decipiens***
Common on most desert days. A quite big chunky dove.
24. **Vinaceous Dove – *Streptopelia vinacea***
Common in the western part of the trip. A small dove.
25. **Laughing Dove – *Spilopelia senegalensis***
The commonest dove during the trip.
26. **Namaqua Dove – *Oena capensis***
The second most commonest dove during the trip.
27. **Common Moorhen – *Gallinula chloropus***
Quite common in the Djoudj.
28. **Allen's Gallinule – *Porphyrio alleni***
05-12 4 ex. seen very well during the boat trip in the Djoudj all adults with nice green backs.



29. **African Swamphen – *Porphyrio madagascariensis***
05-12 15 ex. seen well during an evening stroll in the 3 Marigots..
Nice green backs (also).
30. **Black Crake – *Zapornia flavirostra***
05-12 2 ex. seen well during the boat trip.
31. **Greater Flamingo – *Phoenicopterus roseus***
Quite common in the Djoudj with several small groups
32. **Lesser Flamingo – *Phoeniconaias minor***
Very common in the Djoudj, mostly from one mirador. The birds did a group display See also:
https://www.instagram.com/reel/CmFMVCIKalg/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link

33. **Black Crowned Crane – *Balearica pavonine***

04+-5-12

5 ex. in total, pairs in the Djoudj.

34. **Senegal Thick-knee – *Burhinus vermiculatus***

A total of 16 seen spread over the trip.

35. **Spotted Thick-knee – *Burhinus capensis***

A total of 5 seen spread over the trip.



36. **Black-winged Stilt – *Himantopus himantops***

Very common in the Djoudj and Marigots area.

37. **Pied Avocet - *Recurvirostra avosetta***

A total of 16 birds noted in the Djoudj area.

38. **Spur-winged Lapwing – *Vanellus spinosus***

Common often in river mouths.

39. **Black-headed Lapwing – *Vanellus tectus***

Common on dry land in small groups.

40. **African Wattled Lapwing – *Vanellus senegallus***

06-12

5 ex. seen well in one flock in the 3 Marigots, nice views.

41. **Common Ringed Plover – *Charadrius hiaticula***

Common in the Djoudj.

42. **Kittlitz's Plover – Charadrius pecuarius**

04+05-12

12 birds in total seen in the Djoudj area. Many first winter birds. Great to see them again.



43. **Kentish Plover - Charadrius alexandrines**

04-12

2 ex. seen in a mixed flock of plovers.

44. **Little Ringed Plover- Charadrius dubius**

07-12

1 ex. seen at a small pond along the way.

45. **Egyptian Plover – Pluvianus aegyptius**

02+03-12

2 ex. seen very well at Gamadji Sare. A big surprise to see them feeding along the shore of the river. Also heard calling. One of the birds of the trip. See also: https://www.instagram.com/reel/CluMo3uqR9A/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link



46. **Greater Painted Snipe – Rostratula benghalensis**

05-12

2 ex, a pair seen nicely at the Djoudj near the former hotel.

The male gave the best views.

47. **African Jacana – Actophilornis africanus**

Common in the Djoudj and 3 Marigots.

48. **Eurasian Whimbrel – *Numenius phaeopus***
06-12 2 ex. near St’Louis along the coast.
49. **Black-tailed Godwit – *Limosa limosa***
Quite common in small flocks in the Djoudj area.
50. **Ruddy Turnstone – *Arenaria interpres***
06-12 20 ex. near St’Louis along the coast.
51. **Ruff – *Calidris pugnax***
05+06-12 5 in total in the Djoudj area.
52. **Curlew Sandpiper – *Calidris ferruginea***
05-12 1 ex. from one of the miradors in the Djoudj area.
53. **Sanderling – *Calidris alba***
06-12 2 ex. near St’Louis along the coast.
54. **Dunlin – *Calidris alpina***
04-12 4 ex. in the Djoudj.
55. **Little Stint – *Calidris minuta***
The commonest sandpiper recorded in the Djoudj and Marigots area.
56. **Common Snipe – *Gallinago gallinago***
05-12 2 ex. in flight during the boat trip.
57. **Common Sandpiper – *Actitis hypoleucos***
Common during the trip at suitable places.
58. **Green Sandpiper – *Tringa ochropus***
04-12 1 ex. in the Djoudj flying out of a ditch.
59. **Common Redshank – *Tringa tetanus***
The second commonest sandpiper recorded in the Djoudj and Marigots area
60. **Marsh Sandpiper – *Tringa stagnatilis***
A total of 5 recorded in the Djoudj area, for me quite surprising.
61. **Wood Sandpiper – *Tringa glareola***
The commonest tringa recorded in the Djoudj
62. **Common Greenshank – *Tringa nebularia***
04-12 1 ex. seen from one of the Miradors in the Djoudj.
63. **Collared Pratincole – *Glareola pratincole***
05-12 1 ex. in flight feeding in the Djoudj. Nicely seen the reddish underwings.
64. **Temminck’s Courser – *Cursorius temminckii***
04-12 3 ex. seen at a suitable dry place near Richard Toll. Great views of birds walking around the car.
65. **Slender-billed Gull – *Chroicocephalus genei***
04-12 2 ex. in the Djoudj.
06-12 15 ex. seen along the coast near St’Louis.
66. **Black-headed Gull – *Chroicocephalus ridibundus***
02-12 2 ex. seen while passing through St’Louis.



A very nice species to see again, so well. The Temminck's Courser.

67. **Grey-headed Gull – Chroicephalus cirrocephalus**

Common along the coast in small flocks, some birds in summer plumage.



68. **Lesser-Black-backed Gull – Larus mfuscus**

02-12

1 ex. at St'Louis

06-12

7 ex. seen while passing through St'Louis.

69. **Gull-billed Tern – Gelocheidon nilotica**

Common in the Djoudj. All in winter plumage.

70. **Sandwich Tern – Thalasseus sandvicensis**

05+06-12

A total of 7 seen around the Djoudj.

71. **Little Tern – Sternula albifrons**

02-12

2 ex. seen passing through St'Louis.

05-12

3 ex. in the Djoudj.

72. **Whiskered Tern – Chlidonias hybrida**

Common in the Djoudj, all in winter plumage and calling (nice to hear)

73. **Yellow-billed Stork – *Mycteria ibis***

A total of 34 seen at the Djoudj and the 3 Marigots, of which one flock of 30 flying past the gar on the second location.

74. **Black Stork – *Ciconia nigra***

04-12 10 ex. at one of the miradors in the Djoudj.
06-12 1 ex. at the 3 Marigots.

75. **White Stork – *Ciconia Ciconia***

04-12 1 ex. with the Black Storks at one of the miradors at the Djoudj.

76. **African Darter – *Anhinga rufa***

Common in the Djoudj.

77. **Reed Cormorant – *Microcarbo africanus***

Common throughout the trip on all water places.

78. **Great Cormorant – *Phalacrocorax (carbo) ssp: lucidis***

Common in the Djoudj, a very distinctive cormorant taxon.

79. **African Sacred Ibis – *Threskiornis aethiopicus***

05-12 1 ex. mixed in with the large colony of White Pelicans in the Djoudj.

80. **Glossy Ibis - *Plegadis falcinellus***

Common on all suitable wet places often in big flocks.

81. **Eurasian Spoonbill – *Platalea leucorodia***

Common in big flocks in the Djoudj and in the 3 Marigots.

82. **Black-crowned Night Heron – *Nycticorax nycticorax***

Common in the Djoudj mainly during the boat trip.

83. **Striated Heron – *Butorides striata***

02-12 2 ex. on the river of Gamadji Sare
04-12 3 ex, seen spread over the day.

84. **Squacco Heron – *Ardeola ralloides***

Common in and around the Djoudj.

85. **Western Cattle Egret – *Bubulcus ibis***

Common throughout the trip.

86. **Grey Heron – *Ardea cinerea***

Common throughout the trip, all normal (not pale) looking birds.

87. **Black-Headed Heron – *Ardea melanocephala***

04-12 1 immature at the Djoudj, alone in a field.
06-12 1 immature in the Djoudj.

88. **Purple Heron – *Ardea purpurea***

Quite common in the Djoudj.

89. **Great Egret – *Ardea alba***

Common in suitable places.

90. **Intermediate Egret – *Ardea intermedia***

05+06-12 2 ex. in the Djoudj and the 3 Marigots.

91. **Little Egret – *Egretta garzetta***

Common in suitable places.

92. **Western Reef Heron – *Egretta gularis***

Common along the coast, mainly passing through St'Louis, almost all dark face birds.

93. **Hamerkop – Scopus umbrette**

03-12 3 ex. seen while passing rivers along the way, all solitaire.
04-12 1 ex. seen along the way while passing a river.

94. **Great White Pelican – Pelacanus onocrotalus**

Common throughout the trip, with a huge colony visited on 05-12 in the Djoudj. Birds on eggs.

95. **Pink-backed Pelican – Pelecanus rufescens**

05-12 1 ex. in the Djoudj.
06-12 20 ex. in small groups in the 3 Marigots.

96. **Osprey – Padiion haliaetus**

A total of 18 birds seen spread over the trip.

97. **Black-winged Kite – Elanus caeruleus**

04-12 1 ex. seen on a electricity pole along the way.

98. **Hooded Vulture – Necrosyrtes monachus**

02-12 30 ex. seen in several groups, sometimes mixed in with other vulture species, along the way.
06-12 2 ex. in a tree along the way

99. **White-backed Vulture – Gyps africanus**

02-12 10 ex. seen in several groups, sometimes mixed in with other vulture species, along the way.
06-12 2 ex. in a tree along the way. A small vulture compared to Griffon with an all dark bill.

100. **Ruppel's Vulture – Gyps rueppelli**

02-12 10 ex. seen in several groups, sometimes mixed in with other vulture species, along the way.
06-12 1 ex. in a tree along the way. Nice to see them again after many years, see also: https://www.instagram.com/reel/CmlULJ_Nuf8/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link

101. **Griffon Vulture – Gyps fulvus**

02-12 7 ex. seen in several groups, mixed in with other vulture species, along the way.

102. **Lapped-faced Vulture – Torgos tracheliotos**

02-12 1 ex in a mixed vulture group. A beast compared to the other species. See also: https://www.instagram.com/reel/Clqu0xtKnFw/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link



Three vulture species, Ruppel's, Lapped-faced and Griffon.

103. Short-toed Snake Eagle – *Circaetus gallicus*

A total of 3 birds seen spread over the trip

104. Bonelli's Eagle – *Aquila fasciata*

04-12 1 immature seen very well in flight and perched on the ground in the Djoudj. A rare species in Senegal

105. Gabar Goshawk – *Micronisus gabar*

04-12 1 ex. in flight along the way.

06-12 2 ex. an immature (brown) and an adult, seen well in flight, chasing each other. Nice white rump seen well

106. Dark Chanting Goshawk – *Melierax metabates*

02-12 1 ex.; seen sitting on an electricity pole along the way.

03-12 2 ex. seen well in flight above Gamadji Saré

107. Western Marsh Harrier – *Circus aeruginosus*

Common throughout the trip, mostly in wet habitat.

108. Montagu's Harrier – *Circus pygargus*

04-12 2 males seen well in the Djoudj.

109. Yellow-billed Kite – *Milvus aegyptius*

Common in the southern part of the trip (from Dakar), but mostly absent from St'Louis. Mixed with Black Kites and off course not checked all the birds.

110. Black Kite - *Milvus migrans*

Common in the southern part of the trip (from Dakar), but mostly absent from St'Louis. Mixed with Yellow-billed Kites and off course not checked all the birds.

111. Western Barn Owl – *Tyto alba*

04+05 1 ex. heard many times (but not seen) in the village where we slept in the Djoudj.

112. Blue-naped Mousebird – *Urocolius macrourus*

Common throughout the trip, in small noisy flocks.



113. Eurasian Hoopoe – *Upupa epops*

Quite common, all birds checked where northern birds, often calling.

114. Black Scimitarbill – *Rhinopomastus aterrimus*

A total of 4 birds seen spread over the days, often solitaire or in a pair.

115. Western Red-billed Hornbill – *Tockus kempfi*

Common throughout the trip, often in pairs.

116. African Grey Hornbill – Lophoceros nasutus

A total of 15 seen in the southern part (Dakar) part of the trip, often in pairs.

117. Purple Roller – Coracias naevius

01-12 1 ex. sitting on a pole along the way to Thies.

118. Abyssinian Roller – Coracias abyssinicus

A total of 22 noted spread over the trip often giving very nice views.

119. Malachite Kingfisher – Corythornis cristatus

05-12 2 ex. seen well in the Djoudj, next to the road.

120. Pied Kingfisher – Ceryle rudis

A total of 18 birds noted during the trip, mainly along rivers.

121. Little Bee-eater – Merops pusillus

04+05-12 12 ex. seen well in small flocks in the Djoudj.

122. African Green Bee-eater – Merops viridissimus

Quite common in and around the Djoudj area.

123. Blue-cheeked Bee-eater – Merops persicus

Common throughout the trip in wet areas. THE sound of the trip in these area's giving great views.

124. Little Grey Woodpecker – Dendropicos elachus

03-12 3 ex. seen very well near Richard Toll

125. African Grey Woodpecker – Dendropicos goertae

03-12 1 ex. near Podor, seen well.

05-12 1 ex. in the garden of the hotel.



Nice endemic Little Grey Woodpeckers

126. Common Kestrel – Falco tinnunculus

04-12 2 ex. seen spread over the day.

127. Gray Kestrel – Falco ardosiaceus

06-12 1 ex. seen well on a telegraph pole near St'Louis.

128. Lanner Falcon – Falco biarmicus

02-12 1 ex. seen flying by a long way.

129. Peregrine Falcon – Falco peregrinus ssp: *pelegrinoides*

06-12 1 ex. chasing the Gabar Goshawks at the 3 Marigots.

130. Rose-ringed Parakeet – *Psittacula kramera*

About 22 ex. seen in the first days of the trip often in flocks.

131. Senegal Batis – *Batis senegalensis*

06-12 2 ex. , pair at the 3 Marigots, the female was even more beautiful as the male.

132. Yellow-crowned Gonolek – *Laniarius barbatus*

04-12 2 ex. seen very well near the hotel in the Djoudj.

133. Brubru – *Nilaus afer*

04-12 2 ex. , a pair at Richard Toll. Great views.

134. Woodshat Shrike – *Lanius senator*

A total of 9 seen spread over the trip, all nice freshly molted (therefore all the white was buff) wintering birds.

135. (Southern) Great Grey Shrike – *Lanius excubitor ssp: leucopygos*

03-12 1 ex. along the way.

04-12 1 ex. seen well at Podor. A very pale small grey shrike.

136. Glossy-backed Drongo – *Bicurus divaricatus*

03-12 1 ex. seen well near Podor.

137. Pied Crow – *Corvus albus*

Common in the southern part of the trip, mostly in villages with both black kite species.

138. Sennar Penduline Tit – *Anthoscopus punctifrons*

04-12 2 ex. seen very well at Richard Toll at a random looking place near a village.



139. Chestnut-backed Sparrow-Lark – *Eremopterix leucotis*

Common in the Podor and Djoudj area. Nicely seen in pairs.

140. Crested Lark – *Galerida cristata*

Common throughout the trip.

141. Common Bulbul – *Pycnonotus barbatus*

Commonly seen and heard daily mostly in villages.

142. Sand Martin – *Riparia riparia*

Common in big flocks in the Djoudj area.

143. Barn Swallow – *Hirundo rustica*

Just a few seen mixed in with the Red-Chested Swallows in the Djoudj area and over the river in Gamadji Saré.

144. Red-chested Swallow – *Hirundo lucida*

The most widespread common swallow seen at many places during the trip. The pure white belly is a good feature to separate them quick from Barn.

145. Common House Martin – *Delichon urbicum*

04-12 10 ex. in a small flock along the way.

146. Northern Crombec - *Sylvietta brachyura*

03-12 3 ex. seen at Gamadji Saré and Podor. Nice tail-les birds.

147. Western Bonelli's Warbler – *Phylloscopus bonelli*

03-12 4 ex. in the acacia deserts visited.

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148. Common Chiffchaff – *Phylloscopus collybita*

05-12 15 ex. in the Djoudj.

149. Greater Swamp Warbler – *Acrocephalus rufescens*

05-12 2 ex. seen during an evening stroll at the 3 Marigots. A big grey acrocephalus without streaking.

150. Common Reed Warbler - *Acrocephalus scirpaceus* ssp: *scirpaceus/ambiguos/guiersi*

05-12 1 ex. in the reeds at the 3 Marigots, looked like a normal reed warbler.

151. Sedge Warbler – *Acrocephalus schoenobaenus*

About 15 ex. seen in total in the 3 Marigots and the Djoudj.

152. Western Olivaceous Warbler – *Iduna opaca*

05-12 3 ex. seen and hear (singing) well at the Djoudj, mainly at the boat trip harbor for the Pelicans.

153. Melodius Warbler – *Hippolais polyglottal*

01-12 1 ex. in a tree next to the hotel feeding.

154. Winding Cisticola – *Cisticola lateralis*

05-12 2 ex. at the 3 Marigots and Djoudj, one in breeding (dull) and nonbreeding (bright) plumage.

155. Zitting Cisticola – *Cisticola juncidis*

06-12 1 ex. at the 3 Marigots seen nicely.

156. River Prinia – *Prinia fluviatilis*

04+05-12 A total of 5 seen and heard at the 3 Marigots and The Djoudj.

157. Cricket Warbler – *Spiloptila clamans*

03-12 3 ex. seen and hear well near Podor.



Two Long-tails: River Prinia



and Cricket Warbler

158. **Green (Gray)-backed Cameroptera – Cameroptera brachyura ssp: *brevicaudata***
 05-12 2 ex. seen well while searching nightjars during a stop along
 the way. Nice green wings.
159. **Yellow-bellied Eremomela – Eremomela icteropygialis**
 06-12 1 ex. seen well at the 3 Marigots.
160. **Senegal Eremomela Eremomela pusilla**
 04-12 1 ex. seen well during a birding stop along the way near
 Richard Toll.
161. **Western Orphean Warbler – Curruca hortensis**
 03-12 1 ex. seen very nice during a birding stop.
 04-12 1 ex. near Richard Toll giving great views.



Nice to see them in winter

162. **Western Subalpine Warbler – Curruca iberiae**
 A total of 14 recorded during the trip, often in acacia scrub, the most common winter migrant. Great to see them with the “new knowledge”.
163. **Greater Blue-eared Starling – Lamprotornis chalybaeus**
 Common throughout the trip. Great Starling to see!
164. **Long-tailed Glossy Starling – Lamprotornis caudatus**
 Quite common and seen daily in small flocks during the trip
165. **Chestnut-bellied Starling – Lamprotornis pulcher**
 Quite common and seen on many days during the trip.
166. **Yellow-billed Oxpecker – Buphagus africanus**
 03-12 4 ex, two pairs? Seen well on cattle along the way.
167. **Black Scrub Robin – Cercotrichas podobe**
 A total of 4 birds seen spread over the trip.. Great views.
168. **Common Redstart – Phoenicurus phoenicurus**
 02-12 1 ex. seen in the Djoudj near the old “hotel”.
169. **African Stonechat – Saxicola torquatus**
 05-12 3 ex. seen well in the Djoudj.
170. **Northern Anteater Chat – Myrmecocichla aethiops**
 05+06-12 5 ex. seen well at the 3 Marigots, big chats with white in the
 wing.

171. Northern Wheatear – Oenanthe Oenanthe

About 15 seen spread over the trip.

172. Atlas Wheatear – Oenanthe seebohmi

03-12

1 ex. seen very well at Gamadji Saré. A nice classical bird, which was in moult on the upperparts. See also:

https://www.instagram.com/reel/Cl8e0nKqWnz/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link



173. Beautiful Sunbird – Cinneryis pulchellus

A total of 8 birds seen spread over the trip. One molting male with long tail streamers.

174. Scarlet-chested Sunbird – Chalcomitra senegalensis

02-12

1 female seen at a birding stop along the way.

175. Northern Grey-headed Sparrow – Passer griseus

Quite common during the trip, seen in low numbers sometimes together.

176. House Sparrow – Passer domesticus

Common throughout the trip.

177. Sudan Golden Sparrow – Passer luteus

Common sometimes in flocks during the whole trip.



Feeding Frenzy of finches along the way on 02-12

178. White-billed Buffalo Weaver – *Bubalornis albirostris*

Quite commonly seen spread over the trip sometimes in small almost deserted colonies.

179. Speckle-fronted Weaver – *sporopipes frontalis*

02-12

10 ex. in a small flock at a birding stop along the way



180. Little Weaver – *Ploceus luteolus*

02-12

1 ex. in non-breeding plumage, near Podor..

03-12

weaver.

1 ex. in non-breeding plumage, near Podor, an obvious small

181. Village Weaver – *Ploceuscucullatus*

01-12

Sparrows.

1 ex. in non breeding plumage in Thies with House

182. Black-headed Weaver – *Ploceus melanocephalus*

The common weaver species, seen daily in big numbers with all birds in nonbreeding plumage.

183. Red-billed Quelea – *Quelea quelea*

02+03-12

breeding plumage.

Common in small flocks in the Podor area. All in non-

184. African Silverbill – *Euodice cantans*

Commonly seen in big flocks spread over the trip

185. Cut-throat Finch – *Amadina fasciata*

02-12

8 ex. seen well at a feeding place with a seed spill.

06-12

3 ex. seen along the way.

186. (Black Faced) Quailfinch - *Ortygospiza atricollis* ssp: *atricollis*

04-12

finch, not very good views.

1 ex. seen in flight in the Djoudj. A small potbellied small

187. Red-cheeked Cordon-bleu – *Uraeginthus bengalus*

Quite common manly in the western part of the trip, often in small family groups.

188. Red-billed Firefinch – *Lagonostica senegala*

Common throughout the trip, often in small flocks.

189. Village Indigobird – *Vidua chalybeate*

02-12 1 male in a flock of other species of seedeaters on a spill of grain.

03-12 20 ex. in one flock at Podor.

190. Western Yellow Wagtail – *Motacilla flava* ssp: *flava*, *flavissima* and *thunbergi*

Common throughout the trip, mostly *flava*, about 5 *flavissima* and 1 *thunbergi*.

191. White Wagtail – *Motacilla alba*

Quite commonly seen almost daily in low numbers.

192. White-rumped Seedeater – *Crithagra leucopygia*

About 8 ex. seen spread over the trip, mostly in pairs. Quite boring birds but good to refresh again.

The “Hairy list”

001 African Civet - *Civettictis civetta*

03-12 1 ex. seen well walking along the road in midday



002 Common Genet – *Genetta genetta*

03-12 1 ex. seen while spotlighting for nightjars.

003 Marsh Mongoose - *Atilax paludinosus*

03-12 1 ex. seen while spotlighting for nightjars, very black.

004 Common Slender Mongoose - *Herpestes sanguineus*

05-12 2 ex. seen while birding in the evening.

005 African Golden Wolf – *Canis lupaster*

About 5 ex. seen spread over the trip, mainly in the Djoudj and 3 Marigots.

006 African Savannah Hare - *Lepus victoriae*

06-12 1 ex. at the 3 Marigots.

007 Patas Monkey - *Erythrocebus patas*

About 10 seen (and heard) in The Djoudj and 3 Marigots.
