

MALAWI, ZAMBIA & ZIMBABWE

NOV 16th - DEC 21st 2023

With Graham Speight and Rich Swales (Malawi & Zambia only).



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Southern White-faced Owl, Mwinilunga, Zambia

BUS & FLIGHTS

BUS DERBY TO LHR **£67.40** RETURN

INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS

ETHIOPIAN AIRLINES **£1271.01** RTN 2x 23kg Check in baggage + 7kg cabin.

15 NOV LHR 20.15 - 12.50 LLW **+1** (14 hrs, 35 min)
27 NOV LLW 10.30 - 13.10 LUN (2 hrs 40 min)
17 DEC LUN 12.20 - 13.15 HRE (55 min)
21 DEC HRE 15.10 - 06.35 LHR **+1** (17hrs 25 min)

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LLW	LILONGWE
LUN	LUSAKA
HRE	HARARE

CAR RENTAL (all pre-booked online)

MALAWI

Ambassador Car Hire [Ambassador Car Hire Malawi - Car Hire in Lilongwe, Malawi \(ambassadorcarhiremw.com\)](http://ambassadorcarhiremw.com)

\$1100 for 11 days. Nissan NAVARA 5 Seater 4x4. 200km free/day then 50 cents per km. **(2420km travelled)**

We also had to pay for the extra km from the airport to the office in Lilongwe and back which we thought was a little odd as we had thought we had arranged to drive from and to the airport. However, it all worked out OK.

ZAMBIA

Faircar [Rent a Car Zambia](http://rentacarzambia.com) | [FairCar®](http://faircar.com) | - [FairCar© Zambia](http://faircar.com) | [Rent a Car \(faircarhires.com\)](http://rentacar.com)

\$2,079 for 21 days 4x4 Double-Cab Isuzu D-MAX, Diesel, Manual Transmission, AirCon, with Canopy. **Unlimited km**

The clutch went after 10 days on this car losing us a couple of days while 3 mechanics travelled with a new clutch and tools to our hotel to replace the clutch. Took them c5hours to fit in the hotel car park. **(6435km travelled)**

ZIMBABWE

EUROPCAR booked through Skyscanner / Enjoy Travel.

\$304 for 4 days. Hyundai 1.3 Cheapest car available with unlimited km.

Easy to drive to Seldomseen near Mutare in this small car although the track down to the place is slippery and steep in parts.

(600km travelled)

MONEY, VISAS, TIME ETC

VISAS

MALAWI \$50 CASH ON ARRIVAL.

ZAMBIA VISA WAIVER FOR UK CITIZENS.

ZIMBABWE \$55 CASH ON ARRIVAL

EXCHANGE RATE £1 = 2086 MALAWIAN KWACHA

£1 = 26 ZAMBIAN KWACHA

ZWD ZIMBABWE DOLLAR. **I only used USD \$ cash and my credit card in Zimbabwe.**

ATM's MALAWI. Mostly no major issues, but took money from my account without dispensing the notes at Lilongwe Airport.

ZAMBIA. Always managed to get cash out by trying different atm's. 2000 ZMK max withdrawal but could do several.

ZIMBABWE. **I only used USD \$ cash and my credit card in Zimbabwe.**

BOOKS, MAPS, RECORDINGS ETC

LITERATURE/ RECORDINGS ETC

Birds of Africa South of the Sahara.....Sinclair & Ryan Best current guide

Merlin App.....All countries well represented.

Xenocanto for missing bird species calls

E-BIRD for new and current information and sites.

MAPSME to mark sites, hotels etc accurately, and to use as a Sat Nav.

INTERNET TRIP REPORTS.

MALAWI Dan Branch and Max Baumgarten.

Essential reading before planning a trip to Malawi, packed with the most up-to-date info, logistics and tips to see all the specialities. Well laid out with some great photos..... **SUPERB !**

ZAMBIA 7TH-28TH Dec 2012 Dries Van de Loock, Hans Matheve & Martin Bouters on cloudbirders.com

Another essential trip report with all info required, with fantastic, easily downloadable coordinates for all the target species. Hard to improve on this report for Zambia and we used it as our Bible. **Again SUPERB !**

TRIP IN GENERAL

Originally, we had hoped to do Ethiopia in November but as the security situation deteriorated there we switched our attention to Zambia instead. We then agreed to add Malawi, and then I added on Zimbabwe for the last few days. On the whole it went well, and I saw nearly all of my targets except for Bar-winged and Olive-headed Weavers which were nowhere to be seen. We couldn't even find the lichen-laden trees at Dzalanyama amongst all the tree-felling going on there. We also got the bad news just before we left home that Kalwelwa and Kakoma Camps would be out of bounds due to local issues and then due to winter flood levels. We had very long drives to do with tight schedules relying on seeing the targets fairly quickly and then moving on. This worked out ok but didn't leave much time for spontaneous birding at non-planned locations.

MALAWI. A very easy country to drive around, I found the Malawians very welcoming, friendly and reliable. All spoke good English and appeared honest and I never felt threatened. The roads were, on the whole, in reasonable condition although some sections were severely pot-holed but good progress could be made on the main M1 road north, once the Lilongwe roadworks were left behind. Some sections south to Mount Mulanje were also ok. The dirt roads we had to drive were generally dry and ok in our high-clearance Nissan Navara but the 4x4 was rarely used.

Police road blocks were common but were generally just for slowing down the traffic and checking the car details. We did get stopped and fined for doing 62km/hr in a 50km/hr area which was badly signed and well out of the town, but Police the world over know exactly where to put their cameras! The fine was 10,000 Kwachas (£4.50) and I got a receipt.

We only booked a few places up front but always found somewhere cheap and clean to stay. This let us be flexible in our itinerary and worked very well. Food was reasonable to good throughout and we bought a few food items from the grocery shops along with lots of water to keep in the car for daytime use.

We did have some issues at the Airport; The ATM's there were quite temperamental and on arrival, it took several attempts to withdraw cash. A few days later I tried to withdraw 200,000 MKW (£96) and the machine didn't dispense the cash but took it from my account. Never had these problems before..... anywhere.



Nanzhila Plains Lodge car park

ZAMBIA Again, a very easy country to travel around, and I felt safe everywhere. The Police were very diligent with their speed cameras, again knowing exactly where to wait. The fines were 300 ZMW (£10) and Graham got a very nice certificate of admission of guilt. The other two times we got fined, we got 100ZMW discount if we didn't want the certificate!

A bit better than Malawi for food but just as cheap, we used the Hungry Lion Chicken shops when we could find them as the food was well cooked and tasty. We also had a stock of food tins, water, drinks etc in case we were nowhere near shops.

The accommodation was usually very cheap and the average cost for a room was about 300ZMW (£10) although we once paid 450ZMW each and a few times we paid 300-450 ZMW for a room for all three of us.

Some parts of the roads in the far northwest and northeast were pot-holed and very laborious to drive for hours but sometimes the dirt roads were often in better condition. We had quite a bit of rain when driving north-west and we were told that Kalwelwa and Kakoma Camps were flooded out so we didn't attempt them. This lost us some very good birds. We also found the Miombo species tough going and missed a few good birds.

ZIMBABWE Just a quick jaunt here at the end of Zambia. The airport at Harare was a bit chaotic and the immigration/Visa payment was painfully slow and disorganised. However, once away from Harare the drive to Seldomseen was easy and along good roads with only 3 tolls along the way costing \$2 each. Plenty of eating places doing mainly fast foods but also some good Spar supermarkets where you could pay with a credit card. Felt a bit more aggressive and dodgy in Harare and the rain and traffic was horrendous at road junctions with moronic drivers not conceding an inch and causing total gridlock. Probably contenders for the worst drivers of the world award.

MALAWI Nov 16th - 27th.

Nov 16th DRIVE TO MZUZU. Arrived on time at Lilongwe and quickly navigated the \$50 Malawian Visa procedure and immigration. Getting cash from the ATM's in the arrival hall took longer as the slow machines changed their minds on dispensing cash several times until we all got 400,000 kwacha out (MKW). We were met by the **Ambassador Car Rental** chap at the exit door and driven the 30km south to their office in Lilongwe for payment. We got some food supplies nearby and then set off on the 400km, 5hr drive north by about 4pm reaching **Mzuzu at c 9.30pm.**

Stayed at the **Mphatso Motel** <https://maps.app.goo.gl/wvwv2wTi9rMEWjTX8> Good rooms for 20,000MKW each inc Breakfast.

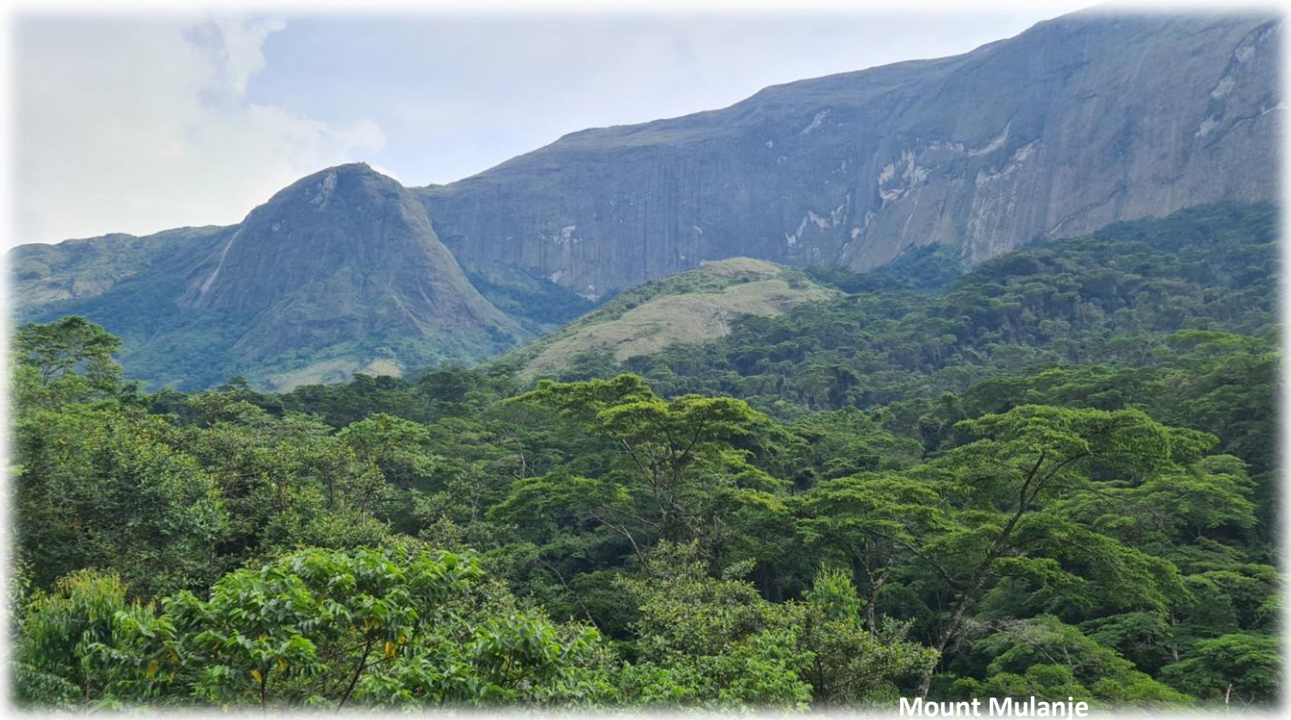


17th VWAZA & NYIKA NP. Up at 5am and light! Drove on to the north Gate of **Vwaza Marsh** <https://maps.app.goo.gl/LdktvfBXH21uaHMz9> arriving c 9.30am and were soon found by a Park Ranger/ Guide who wanted \$10 each for Park fees plus \$10 to guide inside the gate. **Gave up after 2hrs looking for Babbling Starling.** Drove on to the **Thazima Gate** <https://maps.app.goo.gl/6sQdKeiFpMdvDn2R7> where we paid our entrance fee of \$10 each per day and \$4 for the car. We then drove on to **Chelinda Camp** <https://maps.app.goo.gl/q1y3bFhsRAUN6UuL9>, about a 2hr drive, but arriving just before dusk as we stopped for some birding on route. Checked in and paid our \$25 each/ pppn at the office then drove the 2km back to the campsite <https://maps.app.goo.gl/FXRDrYxfnLsEYJfb9> and set up both tents under one cover and had hot corned beef and beans for dinner and enjoyed the red hot shower and camp fire before a really shit nights sleep.

18th NYIKA NP. Up early after a crap nights sleep and met by the 2 guides at 5.30am. Drove to **Manyanjere Forest** on the Zambian side of the border about 1.5 hrs away, and birded there for an hour or so before returning to a **forest patch on the way back.** We also took a diversion route via **Dam 3 and 2 for the Buff-shouldered Widowbird** and then dropped the guide and Ranger off at the office at 12.30hrs. We then drove to **Chelinda rocks** parking here <https://maps.app.goo.gl/H22F5bafuTdfnJSBA> for the afternoon before returning for the last 1.5 hrs by **Chelinda lodge.** Campsite again at dusk, but still a shit nights sleep.

19th VWAZA NP & DRIVE SOUTH. Up and away by 5am driving swiftly to **Vwaza Marsh entrance gate** again to be met by Wiseman the guide and Ranger at 7.30am. After only a short walk **we connected with a Babbling Starling** here <https://maps.app.goo.gl/qNDUwUsUuZhW6Rzc8> and birded for a further hour before the long drive south stopping along the road for **Whyte's Barbet** here <https://maps.app.goo.gl/qNDUwUsUuZhW6Rzc8> at **Chimaliro Forest.** **Tried the ATM at Lilongwe Airport only to have no cash dispensed but debited from my bank !** Carried on to the **Malawi College of Forestry and Wildlife** arriving at **Kazela Lodge** <https://maps.app.goo.gl/e5rNWwqX5fFR6Gcw7> 17,000 MWK/ all 3 of us, by about 8.30pm.

20th MALAWI COLLEGE OF FORESTRY AND WILDLIFE & ZOMBA. Up at 5am and drove to here <https://maps.app.goo.gl/rzxEUxkKEqfaHLMq7> walking up the gently sloping path to the rocky top looking for **Vincent's Bunting** here <https://maps.app.goo.gl/uwsmSnAe53XdfRr5> amongst other birds. **Drove on to Zomba** to stay at the superb **Pakachere Blend Hostel** <https://maps.app.goo.gl/uQJZhQrBKostxpzC8> for \$10 each/ night in a 10 bed dorm. Last 2 hrs of light here <https://maps.app.goo.gl/PkGDAjPFdFv3yHTF7> Great food at the hostel and bed early for the early start.



Mount Mulanje

21st MOUNT MULANJE. Up at 3am and drove the 3hrs to Mt Mulanje and Rua Gorge. Set off at c 3.30am driving to here to enter the Tea Estate and then finally parking here <https://maps.app.goo.gl/2xzcUwXTkmTmbdC49> Birded the track from 6am to 1pm going in where trails allowed. Very slow and hard birding as most trees had been cut and the sound of saws and smell of burning was common. Left at 1.30pm to do the last hr or so at the Trout Farm track <https://maps.app.goo.gl/7EUw3bUuLdeeXWs36> at Zomba from c 4.30pm.

22nd ZOMBA & LIWONDE. Up at 5.30am and back up to the Trout Farm trail till 7.30am. Collected our bags from the Lodge and steadily drove to Mvuu Camp car park on the west bank of the Shire River by c 11am. Signed in at the entrance and drove the 800m to the Boat Launch <https://maps.app.goo.gl/uUUya4UG5phCmXW88> to be taken across to the Camp. Met by our Guide David, we dropped our bags off in the superb Chalets and after lunch and a short rest went out on the hunt for birds and mammals. Back by 7.30pm for a great dinner and arranged a 5.30am start for the next day.

23rd LIWONDE & MALAWI COLLEGE OF FORESTRY AND WILDLIFE. Up with the Hippos calling at 5am and off to meet David for the River Safari 5.30- 8.30am. Lots of good stuff marred only by having a stinking cold. Short rest after breakfast leaving at midday and driving on to stay at the Kazela Lodge again <https://maps.app.goo.gl/e5rNWwqX5fFR6Gcw7> 17,000 MWK/ all 3 of us.

24th MALAWI COLLEGE OF FORESTRY AND WILDLIFE & DZALANYAMA. Dawn till 9am walking from the Lodge along the southern escarpment forest leaving for Dzalanyama. We decided to stay in the Forest Resthouse <https://maps.app.goo.gl/Av3oSzsTNVVfpXpG8> for \$50 each/ night including a tremendous chicken curry cooked by Frackson. Birded by the 2nd bridge <https://maps.app.goo.gl/86njRkyHJVgqoh1A9> from the lodge 3-6pm.

25th DZALANYAMA. Up at 5am and slowly drove along the track stopping to bird when signs appeared of bird flocks. Generally birding on foot all day within a few km of the Lodge till after dark.

26th DZALANYAMA. Up at 5 am and walked the road to the 2nd bridge again with a slight detour down a track for c 1mile. Very quiet, so walked the next rack right 200m beyond the 2nd bridge where I had more luck. This track went on for a couple of km eventually following an uphill ravine/ stream which was very good for birds. Away by 12.30 to the Barefoot Lodge & Safaris <https://maps.app.goo.gl/CWAQc2J6Sf3SUv8f7> 13km west of Lilongwe for £20 each including breakfast. Got cleaned up and re-charged ready for tomorrow.

27th AIRPORT/ ZAMBIA. Up at 5am and breakfast at 6.15am. Dropped into the Ambassador Car Hire office to settle up the excess km and get a ride up to the airport by 8.30am. Flight delayed by 6hrs so sat in the departure lounge sorting out the fallout.

ZAMBIA Nov 27th- Dec 17th

Nov 27th **LUSAKA**. Plane landed c8hrs late at c9pm. Met by a Faircar rep and as it was so late, he drove us into Lusaka to stay at a hotel of our choice so we opted for the **Lusaka Backpackers LTD** <https://maps.app.goo.gl/tfNiWFoHaCwrsUrXA> for 450 ZMW for 3 in a room. Cheap with a bar, but a scruffy place with broken toilets. The room was ok though. A few drinks and sleeeeeeeep!

28th **LUSAKA – NDOMA**. No one arrived at the arranged time of 7am so had to message Faircar who collected us about 8.20am and took us to the office a couple of miles away. Sorted out the car, got some cash out nearby and set off north stopping to get some provisions. Took in the **Chaplin's Barbets** near **Chisamba** <https://maps.app.goo.gl/dJnEqrEdiSN9Upy59> on route and ended up at **Ndoma** in the rain and floods making it to **Melva Lodge** <https://maps.app.goo.gl/PP2rzVxnKrnAJfmZA> paying 450 ZMW/ room each for about 9pm.



Mwekere Forest

29th **MWEKERA – CHIMFUNSHI – MUTANDO FALLS TO MWINILUNGA**. Up and away at 5am driving north again taking in **Mwekera Forest** parking here <https://maps.app.goo.gl/7oC5YUKZH7SXjeXE6> early on then **Chimfunshi Park entrance rd turn off** <https://maps.app.goo.gl/Dh3K16M1RAHX8BRH8> which was very quiet. Made the next long drive to **Mutando Falls**. We tried from the Lodge grounds there first but were barred by the tall fence so drove a couple of Km round and into the small village and parked here <https://maps.app.goo.gl/yARW9MZSMsZDBw9N9> and walked the footpath down toward the river finding a showy Bamboo Warbler on the way here about here in dense undergrowth either side of the footpath <https://maps.app.goo.gl/UQG4xvSaDembmcrV6> well before the intended spot. We then opted to make a dash for **Muwinilunga** on the 120km/hr speed limit road for about 100km before it turned into the pot-holed road from Hell for about 70km.

The night drive did however throw up a showy Southern White-faced and Spotted Eagle Owl.

Arrived in Mwinilunga at c 9.40pm and tried looking for hotels and fuel but none to our liking or open so settled for the **Kwakuwahi Lodge** <https://maps.app.goo.gl/xPEVmiFNUuXXx8JW7> negotiating 2 rooms with 4 beds for 800 ZMW. This Lodge also did superb meals at cheap prices.

30th **CHITUNTA PLAINS & SOURCE OF THE ZAMBEZI**. Up late at 6.30am, but the first good nights sleep of the trip. Fuelled up and headed north to the **Chitunta Plains late morning parking here** <https://maps.app.goo.gl/wRSWm25SZL9zCund8> and walking west to here <https://maps.app.goo.gl/wRSWm25SZL9zCund8> which was where Bocage's Weavers nest in a small colony earlier on in the year. Drove the shite road to the **Source of the Zambezi Reserve** <https://maps.app.goo.gl/61Nhp19t1N1Vpww56> which was dead, before a brief stop on the way **back at the Chitunta Plains for some Swamp Nightjar spotlighting** where we parked the car. Drove back to Mwinilunga after dark for dinner and a smaller room at **Kwakuwahi Lodge**. We paid 350 ZMW for a twin room with me on seat cushions on the floor.

Dec 1st **HILLWOOD FARM & CHITUNTA PLAINS**. Up and away as the torrential rain subsided and eventually stopped by about 7.30am driving straight to **Hillwood Farm** <https://maps.app.goo.gl/S3Rtqp3UQYBSgiMba>. Spent a while locating the farm as not well signposted and we were looking for the "campsite site", but were soon put in the right direction and told we would have to get permission from Mrs Fisher at the farm building, which we promptly did. A guide was quickly allocated to show us to the campsite where he left us to search for birds. Trying another area after **a few hours around the campsite and a km further on** we soon found a flock and our target **Laura's Woodland Warbler**.

Left at about 3pm for the last light at the **Chitunta Plains** before rain stopped play when we headed back to **Kwakuwahi Lodge**.

2nd **MAVUNDA FOREST.** Away by 5am driving south to **Mavunda Forest** <https://maps.app.goo.gl/F6NPCYzPVDYL9JiPA> which took about 2 hours on a mostly good dirt track. We walked the road for about 3.5 hours before the hot sun slowed bird activity to a standstill and the sweat bees got too ravenous. Driving back we found the best place in a deep, dirt road pool to drag the sump guard half off which then took an hour to bend out of the way using the vehicle jack. A friendly motorbike mechanic sorted the bent guard out in Mwinilunga and with a couple of new bolts was good as new. Another night at **Kwakuwahi Lodge**.

3rd **MWINILUNGA - CHIMFUNSHI & MWEKERA FORESTS.** Awake at 3am and away by 5am driving back to Ndola checking all the river bridges on the way for Hirundines etc. Had a few hours at Chimfunshi again and made Mwekera Forest for the last hour. Another comfortable night at **Melva Lodge** <https://maps.app.goo.gl/PP2rzVxnKrnAJfmZA> .

4th **MWEKERA FOREST TO SERENJE.** Up and away by 5am back to **Mwekera Forest till c9am** then started driving east heading for **Serenje**. The speeding fine just east of Ndola was reduced from 300 to 200 ZMW when I asked for my certificate which the 2 happy Police Officers obviously didn't want to "formalise". The happiest Police seem to be in Zambia.... Stayed at the **Villa Mbanandi Lodge** <https://maps.app.goo.gl/gHkDKLWDRrm7q7cd9> for 710 ZMKW for 2 rooms. Good on-site food and bar.

5th **LUAPULA RIVER BRIDGE & NCHELENGE SWAMP.** 4am start driving north for about 2 hours on very quiet roads to the **Luapala River Bridge** <https://maps.app.goo.gl/EwNk2BDCRzi593T18> by 6.30am. Only hit one goat which got head-butted by another one into the car. Had over an hour there before driving the poor road north to **Nchelenge Swamp**, birding the roadside papyrus there for the last hour before heading into **Nchelenge** . Stayed at the **LC Lodge** <https://maps.app.goo.gl/s2JYnmkZT9GehE47> 2 rooms for 650 ZMW and food available on site.

6th **NCHELENGE MARSH – KAWAMBWA. BREAKDOWN!** Up and away by 5am heading south c20km back to **Nchelenge Swamp**, parking where a small reed-fringed pool was right by the road <https://maps.app.goo.gl/2VFZFRnEge3ZEKyr9> for dawn. Finally located some **Zambian Papyrus Yellow Warblers** here after an hour and then treated to better views as it warmed up. **Drove on towards Mbala but got clutch problems after c 50km and had to pull out of birding to arrange a mechanic from Faircar Hire.** Messaged by Faircar to say that the mechanic would be coming by bus along with his tools and a new clutch plate and thrust bearing by Thursday night! Found the nearby **Uphill Lodge** <https://maps.app.goo.gl/UTLNYhgX3gyH1f3X8> on the outskirts of Kawabamba where Graham negotiated 3 superb rooms for 300 ZMW each including a good breakfast.

7th **UPHILL LODGE, KAWABAMBA.** Uphill Lodge, Kawabamba all day awaiting the mechanics. They arrived at 11pm and after a quick look said they would be back in the morning early.



8th **KAWABAMBA – KASAMA- MBALA.** Up at 6am to find the mechanics already at it with the driveshaft off in the car park. All done by 10.30am and away very soon after. The road to Kasama was superb... no traffic and few potholes. Got to the site for **Oustalet's Sunbird, 60km before Kasama along a great road** in 2.5 hours. After an hour we carried on to Kasama and then north to Mbala along a 50/50 good/bad road taking about 2 hours and checking in at the **Miza Guesthouse** <https://maps.app.goo.gl/Wia6eA4MYDouefcGA> for 200ZMW each per room. Food nearby in torrential rain.

9th **SAISE RIVER AREA- MUTINONDO.** Up at 3.30am and started the 77km drive to the **Saise River Bridge** <https://maps.app.goo.gl/9pEpREUY64e32G249> . The road was tarmac and good for c 47km then a very good dirt road for the last 30km right to the bridge itself. Started raining heavily as we got there so tried another location here <https://maps.app.goo.gl/GAz7y8ZUPGHFL2Pu5> . Birded this area for an hour or so before another 30 minutes at the Saise River Bridge. Had an hour here looking unsuccessfully for Oustalet's Sunbird before starting the drive south. **Eventually arrived at Mutinondo at c 5.30pm** where we negotiated the family hut for \$38 each as opposed to camping for \$20 each. A dusk look on the nearby overgrown airfield yielded a Bushbaby sp and Scrub Hare.



10th **MUTINONDO.** All day Mutinondo, along the main track in the morning and **Big Chipundu Dambo in the afternoon**, Dusk and night. Camping tonight after a change of price for our chalet. Dinner was superb for \$10beach. Camping \$20 each

11th **MUTINONDO.** All day Mutinondo again, along the airstrip track am and pm. Problems settling the bill from the first nights room as we were told it would be \$38ppn before we stayed then \$68ppn after we slept there. The lady owner didn't seem to grasp any idea of the situation so we just paid the right amount then got soaked in the storm getting into our tents.

12th **MUTINONDO-KAFUE** Mutinondo dawn till 8.20am then drove out to the main road and on to the **Out of Town Lodge** here <https://maps.app.goo.gl/ia5wHvHAWW7sCS8X8> c300/350ZMW/ ppn. Probably doubled as a place to go for a few hours with your girlfriend and noisy at night but cheap and fairly close to the next site.

13th **GWABI RIVER LODGE ENTRANCE ROAD –CHOMA-KALOMO.** Gwabi River Lodge entrance road am parking by the main track in and walking a short distance in when the **African Pittas** started calling and doing wing sonations. Scored with great views early on so carried on driving to **Choma arriving by 1.30pm**. Walked the area noted in ebird and Hans Matheves trip report finding a female **Shelleys Sunbird** later on by the road. Rain stopped play c 4pm so drove on to stay at **Kalomo** at the **Richmond Lodge** <https://maps.app.goo.gl/6GC2YV9VCwkc743c8> 350ZMW for a room with one mattress on the floor. No water.

14th **KAFUE NATIONAL PARK.** Up and away at 5.30am to **Kafue NP arriving at the Dundumwezi Gate at 7am**. A lengthy admin process saw us into the park 45 mins later driving the dry season road for miles with no turn offs for Nanzhila Plains forcing us to circle the park to the north, returning to the campsite the long way round, but with the **bonus of 2 Violet-tipped Coursers on route!** Finally made it to the campsite getting to Nanzhila Plains Lodge to be told it's closed for the winter, but kindly allowed to camp in the car park. Did the suggested loop trail that afternoon, successfully for **Black-cheeked Lovebird**. Cold beans and corned beef for dinner and an early night in the tents away from the flies!

15th **KAFUE NATIONAL PARK- LUSAKA.** Up at 5am and away, slowly birding the loop trail again. Then drove on to Lusaka to stay at **G Greens Lodge** for 300ZMW / room <https://maps.app.goo.gl/jctS4iwmikG4comM7> .

16th **LAZY J RANCH.** Away at 5.30 am to the **Lazy J Ranch Sanctuary** turn off here <https://maps.app.goo.gl/mk5b3CGv75PUbCbDa> and paying the 50ZMK here <https://maps.app.goo.gl/TqnY6QEdDSWeKeMp6> and then following the signs to the car park and birding to the south west.

Left at 9am driving to the **Kasisi Mission** for a short time as it got hotter. Afternoon cleaning the car and gear ready for the flights.

17th **FLIGHT TO HARARE, ZIMBABWE.**

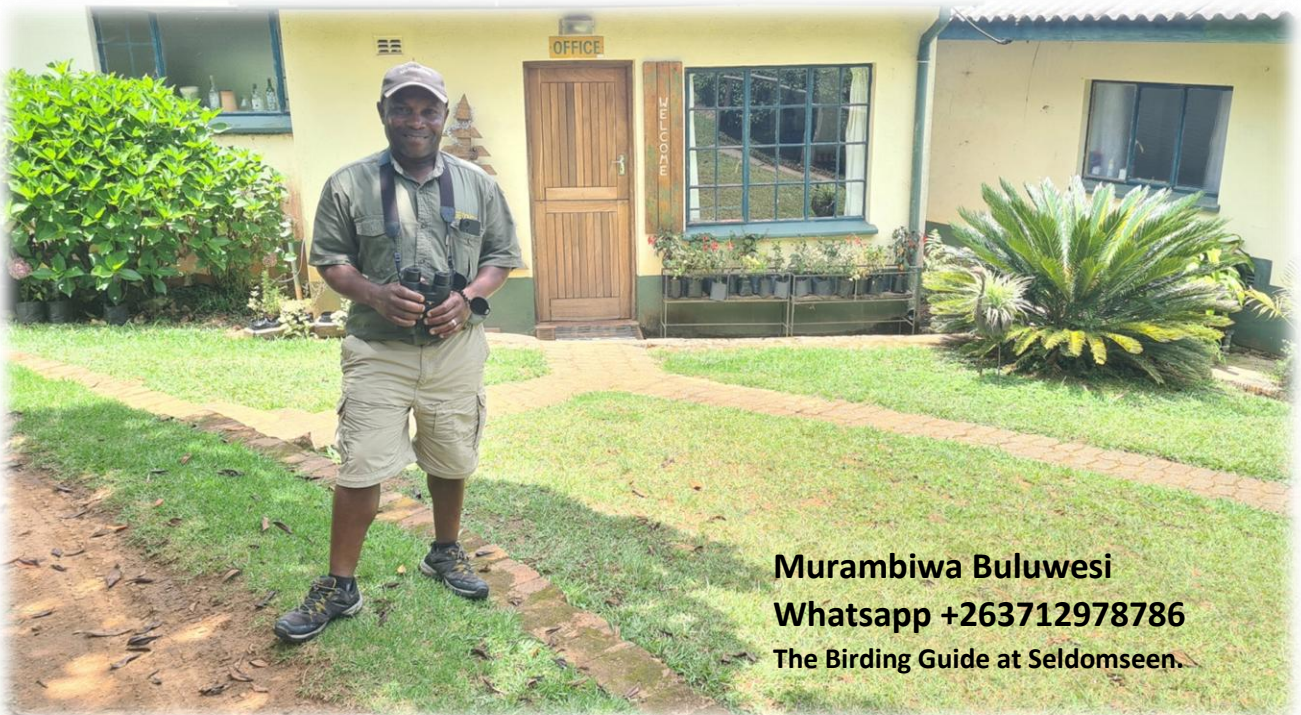
ZIMBABWE Dec 17th – 21st

17th **FLIGHT ZAMBIA –ZIMBABWE-DRIVE TO RUSAPE.** Up early sorting photos out and then returned the car to the airport by 10am. Farewell to Graham and Rich and **Flight on time to Harare.** Immigration/ Visa unbelievably slow and bad at Harare Airport but after getting a SIM and sorting out the car I was away at 3pm **driving towards Mutare and stopping at dusk at Rusape** at the **Sunshine Guest House** for \$20 /room with no on suite <https://maps.app.goo.gl/Wt8CVriP7ZUxRP2F8> bit of a dump really.



CRIMSONWING Camping chalet

18th **SELDOMSEEN** Up at 5.15 and away soon after due to the very loud neighbours! Stopped off in Mutare for some provisions and carried on to **Seldomseen** <https://maps.app.goo.gl/dc4Cbp5F6QjeovJt5> to check in to the Camping Lodge where you can pitch inside an empty chalet or outside. Hot showers, spring water and a fantastic site. Talked to **Buluwesi the guide** and arranged a 2.30pm start for 3 hrs. Great time with Buluwesi picking up 2 more new birds.



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The Birding Guide at Seldomseen.

19th **SELDOMSEEN & NEARBY.** Up before 5am and birding along the track to the reception to meet Buluwesi. **Birded Seldomseen till 8.30am** then went to an area lower down looking for **Zambezi Indigobird** but **no sign**. Birded the road back till midday hearing and seeing in flight **Red-faced Crimsonwing**. Dropped off Buluwesi and left the car at Reception as the track to the Crimsonwing camping area took 3 attempts to get out of this morning. Wash and food and out again along the road down and back till dusk. Rain at night.

20th **SELDOMSEEN-HARARE.** Birded Seldomseen till 8am then tried birding the roadside at Tonys Place where we had seen a few Red-faced Crimsonwings the day before. Stayed here till 10am when persistent rain got heavier. Tried the Hillside Golf Club in Mutare for Whyte's Barbet <https://maps.app.goo.gl/oXnFDJWbFxz8Hgc9> briefly then drove back to Harare to stay at Sarum Lodge \$50 <https://maps.app.goo.gl/qUzW5f96DGposnGp7>.

21st **FLIGHT HOME.** Up at 8am ! Packed and left for the airport at 11am for the 3pm flight home. Took an hour to travel about 5km getting out of the Sarum Lodge as the roads were completely blocked at junctions by the worlds thickest drivers.

The following is just a list of my sightings. Graham and Rich saw other species and different numbers of them. Probably missed a few species out that were not seen well enough or missed out on the daily log.

SYSTEMATIC LIST (IOC WILDLIFE RECORDER 4 & IOC 13.2)

1. **White-faced Whistling Duck** (*Dendrocygna viduata*)
MALAWI C100 at Liwonde.
2. **Fulvous Whistling Duck** (*Dendrocygna bicolor*)
MALAWI C40 at Liwonde.
3. **Spur-winged Goose** (Northern) (*Plectropterus gambensis gambensis*)
MALAWI C10 at Liwonde.
ZAMBIA A few at Nchelenge and Kafue NP.
4. **Knob-billed Duck** (*Sarkidiornis melanotos*)
ZAMBIA A roadside bird Nov 29th and a few at Kafue NP.
5. **Egyptian Goose** (*Alopochen aegyptiaca*)
MALAWI Several at Liwonde.
6. **African Pygmy Goose** (*Nettapus auritus*)
ZAMBIA Male at Luapula River Bridge.
7. **Yellow-billed Duck** (*Anas undulata*)
ZAMBIA A few noted at the Luapula River Bridge and at the Saisi River area.
8. **Helmeted Guineafowl** (Tufted) (*Numida meleagris [mitratus-group]*)
MALAWI A few noted.
ZAMBIA A few noted.
ZIMBABWE A few noted.
9. **Red-winged Francolin** (*Scleroptila levaillantii*)
MALAWI 1 in flight at Chelinda Rocks.
10. **WHYTE'S FRANCOLIN** (*Scleroptila whytei*)
ZAMBIA 1, Dec 10th Mutinondo in the forest west of the Airfield, part of a group of 5 birds flushed by Graham and Rich.
11. *Quail (Coturnix coturnix)*
MALAWI 1 calling at Chelinda Rocks.
12. **Natal Spurfowl** (*Pternistis natalensis*)
ZAMBIA A pair at Kafue NP.
13. **HILDEBRANDT'S SPURFOWL** (*Pternistis hildebrandti*)
MALAWI 5+, Nov 20th at the Malawi College of Wildlife and Forestry near the top boulders and 1 at Dzalanyama flying past below as I was climbing up a slope for Boulder Chat.
14. **Swainson's Spurfowl** (*Pternistis swainsonii*)
ZAMBIA Abundant at Kafue NP on the Nanzhila Plains.
15. **Red-necked Spurfowl** (Cranch's) (*Pternistis afer cranchii*)
MALAWI 1, Dzalanyama.
ZAMBIA A couple in Zambia.
ZIMBABWE Heard at Seldomseen.
16. **Fiery-necked Nightjar** (Fiery-necked) (*Caprimulgus pectoralis [pectoralis-group]*)
MALAWI 1 seen at Liwonde and a few others heard.
ZAMBIA 1 at Mutinondo.

17. **SWAMP NIGHTJAR** (*Caprimulgus natalensis*)
ZAMBIA 2 calling birds, Nov 30th Chitunta Plains calling and landing on the road next to me.
18. **Square-tailed Nightjar** (*Caprimulgus fossii*)
MALAWI Several at Liwonde.
19. **PENNANT-WINGED NIGHTJAR** (*Caprimulgus vexillarius*)
ZAMBIA Male and 2-3 female types, Dec 13th on the road from Kafue to Chirundu.
The male was at dawn flying alongside the car on my side for several seconds at close range. Spectacular!
20. **African Palm Swift** (*Cypsiurus parvus*)
MALAWI A few noted.
ZAMBIA A few noted.
ZIMBABWE A few noted.
21. **Swift** (*Apus apus*)
MALAWI Commonly noted in flocks.
ZAMBIA Commonly noted in flocks.
ZIMBABWE Commonly noted in flocks.
22. **Little Swift** (Little) (*Apus affinis* [affinis-group])
MALAWI Often noted at bridges.
ZAMBIA Often noted at bridges.
ZIMBABWE Often noted at bridges.
23. **White-rumped Swift** (*Apus caffer*)
ZAMBIA A few noted at the Luapula River Bridge.
24. **Grey Go-away-bird** (*Crinifer concolor*)
ZAMBIA Several at Kafue NP.
25. **Purple-crested Turaco** (*Gallirex porphyreolophus*)
ZIMBABWE 1 seen and a few heard at Seldomseen.
26. **Ross's Turaco** (*Tauraco rossae*)
ZAMBIA A few in NW Zambia and at Mutinondo.
27. **Livingstone's Turaco** (*Tauraco livingstonii*)
ZIMBABWE A few at Seldomseen.
28. **Schalow's Turaco** (*Tauraco schalowi*)
MALAWI The commonest Turaco.
ZAMBIA The commonest Turaco.



29. **Denham's Bustard** (Jackson's) (*Neotis denhami jacksoni*)
MALAWI A female seen on consecutive days sitting in the same place was thought to be on a nest.
30. **Black-bellied Bustard** (*Lissotis melanogaster*)
ZAMBIA A female on the road when leaving Kafue.
31. **Senegal Coucal** (*Centropus senegalensis*)
ZAMBIA Noted at Kafue NP.

- 32. **Coppery-tailed Coucal** (*Centropus cupreicaudus*)
ZAMBIA Noted in a few places, usually wet areas but also grasslands as above in Kafue NP.
- 33. **White-browed Coucal** (*Centropus superciliosus*)
ZAMBIA 1 noted.
- 34. *Burchell's Coucal* (*Centropus burchellii*)
MALAWI Heard at Liwonde.



Black Coucal, Nchelenge Marsh



Black Coucal, Nanzhila Plains.

35. **BLACK COUCAL** (*Centropus grillii*)
ZAMBIA 1, Dec 6th, Nchelenge Marsh sunning itself and photod from the car. Note all back head, mantle and throat, blackish-brown scaps and tertials (sheen effect from low sun?) and shortish green-glossed tail. Male Dec 14th and 2 there on 15th Nanzhila Plains. In short grass edging the dambos.
36. **Blue Malkoha** (*Ceuthmochares aereus*)
ZAMBIA 2 at Hillwood Farm.
37. **Green Malkoha** (*Ceuthmochares austalis*)
MALAWI 3, Liwonde.
38. **Thick-billed Cuckoo** (African) (*Pachycoccyx audeberti validus/brazzae*)
ZAMBIA 2 birds seen at Mutinondo and 1 heard at the Dundumwezi Gate at Kafue NP.
39. **Klaas's Cuckoo** (*Chrysococcyx klaas*)
MALAWI A few at Liwonde.
40. *Red-chested Cuckoo* (*Cuculus solitarius*)
MALAWI, ZAMBIA & ZIMBABWE Regularly heard only.
41. **African Olive Pigeon** (*Columba arquatrix*)
MALAWI A few at Chelinda.
42. **Lemon Dove** (Lemon) (*Columba larvata* [larvata-group])
MALAWI Good views of 1 at Zomba.
43. **Dusky Turtle Dove** (*Streptopelia lugens*)
MALAWI Common at Chelinda.
44. **Red-eyed Dove** (*Streptopelia semitorquata*)
MALAWI Common.
ZAMBIA Common.
45. **Ring-necked Dove** (*Streptopelia capicola*)
MALAWI Common.
ZAMBIA Common.
46. **Laughing Dove** (*Spilopelia senegalensis*)
ZAMBIA Noted near Choma.
47. **Emerald-spotted Wood Dove** (*Turtur chalcospilos*)
MALAWI A few at Dzalanyama.
ZAMBIA Several identified.
48. **Blue-spotted Wood Dove** (*Turtur afer*)
ZIMBABWE 3 birds seen well at Seldomseen.

49. **Tambourine Dove** (*Turtur tympanistria*)
ZIMBABWE Only seen well in Zimbabwe at Seldomseen.
50. **Namaqua Dove** (*Oena capensis*)
ZAMBIA Small groups occasionally seen on roadside wires in agricultural areas.
51. **African Green Pigeon (African)** (*Treron calvus* [calvus-group])
ZAMBIA A few noted in forested areas.



52. **BUFF-SPOTTED FLUFFTAIL** (*Sarothrura elegans*)
ZIMBABWE 2 males, Dec 18th at Seldomseen at c3pm and about 100m from the Crimsonwing Chalet. Called in by Buluwesi, the two birds scuttled about less than 3m away along the dry forest stream for c 10 minutes, moving fast but occasionally stopping to call. Fantastic views thanks to Buluwesi. Another 2 birds heard calling on 19th and 20th.
53. **Red-knobbed Coot** (*Fulica cristata*)
MALAWI Common on the dams and lakes at Chelinda.
54. **Black Crake** (*Zapornia flavirostra*)
MALAWI A family group of 8 at Liwonde.
ZAMBIA Common at the Saise River and river c 1mile to the east.

- 55. **Water Thick-knee** (*Burhinus vermiculatus*)
MALAWI Noted at Liwonde.
- 56. **Black-winged Stilt** (*Himantopus himantopus*)
MALAWI 1, Noted at Liwonde.
- 57. **Long-toed Lapwing** (*Vanellus crassirostris*)
MALAWI 10, Noted at Liwonde.
- 58. **Blacksmith Lapwing** (*Vanellus armatus*)
ZAMBIA 2, Kafue NP.
- 59. **Spur-winged Lapwing** (*Vanellus spinosus*)
MALAWI 10+, Noted at Liwonde.
- 60. **Senegal Lapwing** (*Vanellus lugubris*)
MALAWI 15, Noted at Liwonde.
- 61. **Crowned Lapwing** (*Vanellus coronatus*)
ZAMBIA Common at Nanzhila Plains, Kafue NP.
- 62. **African Wattled Lapwing** (*Vanellus senegallus*)
MALAWI Noted at Chelinda.
ZAMBIA Noted At Chitunta Plains and Kafue NP.



- 63. **Lesser Jacana** (*Microparra capensis*)
ZAMBIA 2 birds at the Saise River Bridge.
- 64. **African Jacana** (*Actophilornis africanus*)
MALAWI Common at Liwonde.
ZAMBIA Several at Saise River area and on the way in to Kafue NP.
- 65. **Ruff** (*Calidris pugnax*)
ZAMBIA Noted at Chitunta Plains in flight and 2 at Kafue NP.
- 66. **Common Sandpiper** (*Actitis hypoleucos*)
MALAWI A few noted.
- 67. **Green Sandpiper** (*Tringa ochropus*)
ZAMBIA 1 noted on the way to Mavunda.
- 68. **Wood Sandpiper** (*Tringa glareola*)
ZAMBIA 2 at Chitunta Plains and 1 at Saise River.
- 69. *Greenshank* (*Tringa nebularia*)
MALAWI 3 heard at Liwonde.
- 70. **Temminck's Courser** (*Cursorius temminckii*)
ZAMBIA Ad and juvs at Nanzhila Plains.



71. **Bronze-winged Courser** (*Rhinoptilus chalcopterus*)

ZAMBIA 2, Dec 14th Kafue NP. Found while lost and trying to get to Nanzhila Plains Lodge. The birds were found after flushing a group of Baboons while driving along the deep sandy wheel ruts through open degraded forest coming in from the north to Nanzhila Plains Lodge. A second bird flew from the opposite side of the track and was probably a juv.



72. **Collared Pratincole** (*Glareola pratincola fueleborni*)
ZAMBIA Ad and juv c 10km north of the Luapula River Bridge, fueleborni ssp breeds well south of wintering ranges of the other 2 ssp of Collared Pratincole per BOW.
73. **Gull-billed Tern** (*Gelochelidon nilotica*)
MALAWI Several groups noted at Liwonde.
74. **Whiskered Tern** (*Chlidonias hybrida*)
MALAWI A few noted at Liwonde.
ZAMBIA A few noted at the dam on the way out of Kafue NP.
75. **African Openbill** (*Anastomus lamelligerus*)
MALAWI Common at Liwonde and some other wet areas.
ZAMBIA A few at wet areas along the roads.
76. **Marabou Stork** (*Leptoptilos crumenifer*)
MALAWI A few seen at Liwonde.
ZAMBIA A few roadside birds in the North-West, Luapula River Bridge and Mutinondo.
77. **Yellow-billed Stork** (*Mycteria ibis*)
MALAWI Several at Liwonde.
78. **Saddle-billed Stork** (*Ephippiorhynchus senegalensis*)
MALAWI 2, Liwonde.
ZAMBIA 3 at Nanzhila Plains, Kafue, NP.
79. **Abdim's Stork** (*Ciconia abdimii*)
ZIMBABWE A large roadside flock just east of and at Harare Airport, plus a few in flight on the drive to Seldomseen.
80. **African Darter** (*Anhinga rufa*)
MALAWI A few at Liwonde.
81. **Reed Cormorant** (*Microcarbo africanus*)
MALAWI Usually present on the river at Liwonde.
ZAMBIA Usually present on most rivers.
82. **African Sacred Ibis** (*Threskiornis aethiopicus*)
MALAWI Noted at Liwonde.
ZIMBABWE 1 east of Harare.
83. **Hadada Ibis** (*Bostrychia hagedash*)
MALAWI A few at Liwonde.

84. **Glossy Ibis** (*Plegadis falcinellus*)
MALAWI A few at Liwonde.
ZAMBIA A few at Nchelenge.
85. **African Spoonbill** (*Platalea alba*)
ZAMBIA A few roosting groups at Nchelenge.



86. **White-backed Night Heron** (*Gorsachius leuconotus*)
MALAWI A pair nesting in the riverside trees at Liwonde.
87. **Night-Heron** (Eurasian) (*Nycticorax nycticorax nycticorax*)
MALAWI A few at Liwonde.
88. **Striated Heron** (Old World) (*Butorides striata* [atricapilla-group])
MALAWI Noted at Liwonde.
89. **Squacco Heron** (*Ardeola ralloides*)
MALAWI A few at Liwonde.
ZAMBIA Usually a few at wetlands.
90. **Rufous-bellied Heron** (*Ardeola rufiventris*)
ZAMBIA 1 at the Saise River Bridge and c 10 roosting on the small pool at Nanzhila River Lodge in the evening.
91. **Cattle Egret** (*Bubulcus ibis*)
MALAWI Common.
ZAMBIA Common.
92. **Grey Heron** (Grey) (*Ardea cinerea* [cinerea-group])
MALAWI A few noted.
93. **Black-headed Heron** (*Ardea melanocephala*)
MALAWI A few noted.
ZAMBIA A few noted.
94. **Goliath Heron** (*Ardea goliath*)
MALAWI A few at Liwonde.
95. **Purple Heron** (Purple) (*Ardea purpurea* [purpurea-group])
ZAMBIA A few noted.

96. **Great White Egret** (African) (*Ardea alba melanorhynchos*)
MALAWI A few noted.
ZAMBIA A few noted.
97. **Intermediate Egret** (Yellow-billed) (*Ardea intermedia brachyrhyncha*)
ZAMBIA Only noted at Kafue NP at Nanzhila Plains.
98. **Little Egret** (Western) (*Egretta garzetta garzetta*)
MALAWI A few noted.
ZAMBIA A few noted.
99. **Hamerkop** (*Scopus umbretta*)
MALAWI A few noted.
ZAMBIA A few noted.
100. **Osprey** (*haliaetus*) (*Pandion haliaetus haliaetus*)
MALAWI 1, Liwonde.
101. **Black-winged Kite** (African) (*Elanus caeruleus caeruleus*)
MALAWI A few roadside birds while driving.
ZAMBIA A few roadside birds while driving.
102. **African Harrier-hawk** (*Polyboroides typus*)
MALAWI 3 noted at Liwonde.
ZAMBIA 1 near Nchelenge.
103. **Palm-nut Vulture** (*Gypohierax angolensis*)
ZAMBIA A single evening bird at Nchelenge.
104. **Honey-Buzzard** (*Pernis apivorus*)
ZAMBIA 2 birds noted in Zambia.



105. **Black-chested Snake Eagle** (*Circaetus pectoralis*)
ZAMBIA 1, Chitunta Plains, above and 2 at Kafue NP.



106. **Brown Snake Eagle** (*Circaetus cinereus*)
ZAMBIA Noted at Chimfunshi, above, and Kafue NP.
107. **Bateleur** (*Terathopius ecaudatus*)
ZAMBIA Several single birds noted.
108. **Crowned Eagle** (*Stephanoaetus coronatus*)
ZIMBABWE 1-2 birds noted at Seldomseen.



109. **Martial Eagle** (*Polemaetus bellicosus*)
MALAWI 1 Chimaliro Forest.
ZAMBIA 1 perched up at Nanzhila Plains above.

110. **Booted Eagle** (*Hieraaetus pennatus*)
MALAWI 1 noted Nov 21st.
111. **African Hawk-eagle** (*Aquila spilogaster*)
ZAMBIA 1 at Chitunta Plains and 3 at Mutinondo.
112. **Lizard Buzzard** (*Kaupifalco monogrammicus*)
ZAMBIA A regular roadside bird.
113. **Dark Chanting Goshawk** (*Melierax metabates*)
ZAMBIA 2 perched birds at Nanzhila Plains.
114. **African Goshawk (Eastern)** (*Accipiter tachiro sparsimfasciatus*)
ZAMBIA 1 perched up on the drive back south from Mwinilunga.
115. **Shikra (African)** (*Accipiter badius sphenurus/polyzonoides*)
ZAMBIA 1 identified at Choma.



116. **Little Sparrowhawk** (*Accipiter minullus*)
ZAMBIA An ad, above and a juv at Choma.
117. **Rufous-breasted Sparrowhawk (Rufous-breasted)** (*Accipiter rufiventris rufiventris*)
MALAWI 1, Chelinda hunting and perched on the bracken out in the open.
118. **Black Sparrowhawk** (*Accipiter melanoleucus*)
ZAMBIA 1, Kawabamba.
119. **African Marsh Harrier** (*Circus ranivorus*)
MALAWI 2 on the way to Vwaza Marsh.
ZAMBIA Several at Luapula River Bridge and Nchelenge Marsh. Also 1 at Mutinondo.
120. **Pallid Harrier** (*Circus macrourus*)
MALAWI 1 at Chelinda.
121. **Yellow-billed Kite** (*Milvus aegyptius*)
MALAWI Common roadside bird.
ZAMBIA Common roadside bird.
ZIMBABWE A few roadside birds.
122. **African Fish Eagle** (*Ichthyophaga vocifer*)
MALAWI Common at Liwonde.
ZAMBIA 3 on the way out of Liwonde.

123. **Buzzard** (Steppe) (*Buteo buteo vulpinus/menetriesi*)

MALAWI 1 at Dzalanyama.

ZAMBIA Regularly noted forest bird.

ZIMBABWE Noted at Seldomseen.

124. **Augur Buzzard** (Augur) (*Buteo augur augur*)

MALAWI 1-2 at Dzalanyama hanging around a nest.



125. **AFRICAN GRASS OWL** (*Tyto capensis*)

ZAMBIA 1, Dec 10th Mutinondo at the Big Chipendu dambo at dusk and later on at 8.30pm. Seen perched for a second or two when looking for it looking very large and very upright. Great views at dusk when it was flying very close but I had forgot my flash for photos.

126. *African Barred Owlet* (Bar-fronted) (*Glaucidium capense capense/ngamiense*)

ZAMBIA Heard at Mwekera.

127. *African Scops Owl* (African) (*Otus senegalensis senegalensis*)

MALAWI Heard at Liwonde.



128. **SOUTHERN WHITE-FACED OWL** (*Ptilopsis granti*)
ZAMBIA 1, Nov 29th perched on the dirt road 1-2 birds east of Mwinilunga. We stopped and turned off the headlights and waited playing the call after a few minutes. We then heard a growling call from the opposite side of the road and found this bird perched out in the open and very confiding. Another at Mutinondo near the Big Chipundu dambo. Note red irides.



129. **Spotted Eagle-Owl** (*Bubo africanus*)

MALAWI A bird flushed from the ground in the day at Dzalanyama flew a short distance to perch in a tree for c 1 minute.

ZAMBIA 1, Nov 30th, photo above, flew up from the road c 1hr east of Mwinilunga allowed close approach.

1, Dec 1st, just south of Chitunta Plains, again located first on the road.

1, Dec 10th Mutinondo flew up off the dirt entrance road to pose in the nearby tree.



130. **Verreaux's Eagle-owl** (*Ketupa lactea*)
MALAWI A pair calling at the Blend Hostel at Zomba, the much larger female above left. Another with a bat, above right, at Liwonde.



131. **Pel's Fishing Owl** (*Scotopelia peli*)
MALAWI 2 birds, Nov 22nd Liwonde.



132. **African Wood Owl** (*Strix woodfordii*)

MALAWI An inquisitive pair at the Forest Lodge, Dzalanyama (photo).

ZAMBIA A long dead bird at Hillwood Farm.

ZIMBABWE Heard several times by Crimsonwing Chalet at Seldomseen.

133. **Speckled Mousebird** (*Colius striatus*)
MALAWI Several groups noted.
ZAMBIA Several groups noted.
ZIMBABWE Several groups noted.
134. **Red-faced Mousebird** (*Urocolius indicus*)
ZAMBIA A couple of birds near Lusaka.
135. **African Hoopoe** (*Upupa africana*)
MALAWI 2 noted in Malawi.
ZAMBIA 3 noted in Zambia.
136. **Green Wood Hoopoe** (*Phoeniculus purpureus*)
MALAWI Several noisy groups noted.
ZAMBIA Several noisy groups noted.
137. **Common Scimitarbill** (*Rhinopomastus cyanomelas*)
MALAWI Several groups noted.
ZAMBIA Several groups noted.



138. **Southern Ground Hornbill** (*Bucorvus leadbeateri*)
ZAMBIA 1 imm' flying across the road when driving north to Chitunta (photo).
 2 birds, duetting at Mavunda with one seen well flying across the road.
 At least 8 birds at Kafue NP often feeding in pairs out in the large dambos.
139. **Southern Red-billed Hornbill** (*Tockus rufirostris*)
MALAWI A few at Liwonde.
ZAMBIA A few at Kafue NP.
140. **Crowned Hornbill** (*Lophoceros alboterminatus*)
MALAWI A few near Chelinda.
ZAMBIA Noted at Mavunda and Kafue.
141. **African Grey Hornbill** (*Lophoceros nasutus*)
ZAMBIA Several at Kafue NP.
142. **Pale-billed Hornbill** (*Lophoceros pallidirostris*)
ZAMBIA C8 at Mwekera.
143. **Trumpeter Hornbill** (*Bycanistes bucinator*)
MALAWI Noted at Liwonde and Dzalanyama.
ZAMBIA A few in Zambia.
144. **Silvery-cheeked Hornbill** (*Bycanistes brevis*)
MALAWI 1 at Mt Mulanje.



145. **RACKET-TAILED ROLLER** (*Coracias spatulatus*)
MALAWI 2, Nov 22nd Liwonde in some Mopane woodland.
146. **Lilac-breasted Roller** (*Lilac-breasted*) (*Coracias caudatus caudatus*)
MALAWI A few in Liwonde.
ZAMBIA Fairly common in the drier miombo areas,
147. **Broad-billed Roller** (African) (*Eurystomus glaucurus* [afer-group])
MALAWI Noted at Vwaza.
ZAMBIA Noted at Mavunda, Mwekera, Gwabi and Kafue NP.
148. **Grey-headed Kingfisher** (*Halcyon leucocephala*)
MALAWI Noted at Dzalanyama.
ZAMBIA Noted at Kafue NP.
149. **Brown-hooded Kingfisher** (*Halcyon albiventris*)
MALAWI 5 at Liwonde.
150. **Striped Kingfisher** (*Halcyon chelicuti*)
MALAWI Noted at Vwaza, Liwonde and Dzalanyama.
ZIMBABWE 1 noted near Mutare.
151. **Woodland Kingfisher** (*Halcyon senegalensis*)
MALAWI 3 noted in Liwonde.
152. **African Pygmy Kingfisher** (*Ispidina picta*)
MALAWI 1, Dzalanyama.
ZAMBIA 1, Mutinondo.
153. **Malachite Kingfisher** (Mainland) (*Corythornis cristatus* [cristatus-group])
MALAWI 10+ Liwonde.
ZAMBIA 1, Saise River Bridge.
154. **Giant Kingfisher** (*Megaceryle maxima*)
MALAWI 2 Chelinda.
ZAMBIA 1, flying at us low along the road to Luapula River Bridge.
ZIMBABWE 1, Seldomseen.
155. **Pied Kingfisher** (*Ceryle rudis*)
MALAWI Several at Liwonde.
ZAMBIA Fairly common at major rivers and also at Nanzhila Plains Lodge pool.
156. **Little Bee-eater** (*Merops pusillus*)
MALAWI Common.
ZAMBIA Common.
ZIMBABWE Common.



157. **Böhms Bee-eater** (*Merops boehmi*)
MALAWI 5+ Liwonde.

158. **Bee-eater** (*Merops apiaster*)
MALAWI 12+ Noted at Vwaza and Dzalanyama.
ZAMBIA Common at Kafue NP.

159. **Southern Carmine Bee-eater** (*Merops nubicoides*)
ZAMBIA 1 in Chirundu town centre and a group of c10 along the road in Kafue NP.

160. **White-eared Barbet** (White-eared) (*Stactolaema leucotis leucotis/kilimensis*)
MALAWI 1-2 at Zomba.
ZIMBABWE 1, Seldomseen.



161. **WHYTE'S BARBET** (*Stactolaema whytii*)
MALAWI 6, Nov 19th Chimaliro Forest.
ZIMBABWE 5, Hillside Golf Course, Mutare (photos).



162. **Anchieta's Barbet** (*Stactolaema anchietae*)
ZAMBIA Up to 9 birds at Mutinondo seen, but probably lots more.

163. **Yellow-rumped Tinkerbird** (*Pogoniulus bilineatus*)
ZIMBABWE 1, Seldomseen.

164. **Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird** (*Pogoniulus chrysoconus*)
MALAWI Common.
ZAMBIA Common.

165. **Miombo Pied Barbet** (*Tricholaema frontata*)
ZAMBIA 2 at the Lazy J Ranch, Lusaka.



166. **CHAPLIN'S BARBET** (*Lybius chaplini*)
ZAMBIA 6+, Nov 28th, Chisimba. Very easy from the roadside searching the fruiting trees.

167. **Black-collared Barbet** (*Lybius torquatus*)
MALAWI 1, Dzalanyama.
ZAMBIA 3, Mwekera.
ZIMBABWE Heard only at Seldomseen.
168. **Brown-breasted Barbet** (*Lybius melanopterus*)
MALAWI 2+, Liwonde.
169. **Black-backed Barbet** (Black-backed) (*Lybius minor macclounii*)
MALAWI 2+ Nyika NP at the site near the southern entrance gate. <https://maps.app.goo.gl/2Mx4mUS7byKVk3ms8>
ZAMBIA 1, Mwekera Forest.
170. **Crested Barbet** (*Trachyphonus vaillantii*)
MALAWI 3, Vwaza.
ZAMBIA 2, Lazy J Ranch.
ZIMBABWE 1 near Mutare.



171. **GREEN-BACKED HONEYBIRD** (*Prodotiscus zambesiae*)
MALAWI 1, Nov 25th Dzalanyama.
ZAMBIA 1, Dec 1st Hillwood Forest (photo).
172. **Pallid Honeyguide** (*Indicator meliphilus*)
ZAMBIA 1-2 birds at Mutinondo.
173. **Lesser Honeyguide** (Lesser) (*Indicator minor* [minor-group])
MALAWI 2, Dzalanyama.
ZAMBIA 1, Mwekera.
174. **Greater Honeyguide** (*Indicator indicator*)
MALAWI 3-5 birds at Vwaza.
175. **Brown-eared Woodpecker** (Carol's) (*Pardipicus caroli caroli*)
ZAMBIA 2 at Hillwood.
176. **Bennett's Woodpecker** (Bennett's) (*Campethera bennettii bennettii*)
ZAMBIA 1 at the Lazy J Ranch.
177. **Little Spotted Woodpecker** (*Campethera cailliautii*)
MALAWI 4, Dzalanyama.
ZAMBIA 1, Kafue NP.
178. **Bearded Woodpecker** (*Chloropicus namaquus*)
MALAWI 3 at Dzalanyama.
ZAMBIA 1, Kafue NP.
179. **Cardinal Woodpecker** (Southern) (*Dendropicus fuscescens* [fuscescens-group])
MALAWI 4 Liwonde.



180. **STIERLING'S WOODPECKER** (*Dendropicos stierlingi*)
MALAWI 2, Nov 25th Dzalanyama (photo) and another Nov 26th.

181. **Dickinson's Kestrel** (*Falco dickinsoni*)
MALAWI 2, Liwonde.
ZAMBIA 2 north of Mwinilunga, 2, Mwekera, 1 at Mutinondo and 1 at Kafue NP.



182. **Amur Falcon** (*Falco amurensis*)
ZAMBIA 1, Saise River area and c15, Kafue NP.

183. **Hobby** (*Falco subbuteo*)
MALAWI 1, Liwonde.
ZAMBIA 1, Mutinondo and several at Nanzhila Plains.

184. **Lanner Falcon** (*Falco biarmicus*)
MALAWI 8 noted in all, mostly in pairs.
ZAMBIA 2, Lusaka Airport.
ZIMBABWE 1 roadside bird noted.



185. **Brown-necked Parrot** (Grey-headed) (*Poicephalus fuscicollis suahelicus*)
ZAMBIA 3+, Mutinondo (photo) and another 3 at Kafue NP.
186. **Meyer's Parrot** (*Poicephalus meyeri*)
ZAMBIA C 10 noted in all.

Lilian's Lovebird



Black-cheeked Lovebird



187. **LILIAN'S LOVEBIRD** (*Agapornis lilianae*)
MALAWI 5, Nov 22nd and 4 on 23rd Liwonde. Tricky birds to get close to favouring the tops of the Mopane trees (above left).
188. **BLACK-CHEEKED LOVEBIRD** (*Agapornis nigrigenis*)
ZAMBIA 8+ Dec 14th and 8 on 15th Nanzhila Plains, again favouring the Mopane tree tops.
189. *African Broadbill* (*Smithornis capensis*)
ZAMBIA 1 heard from the tent at the Nanzhila Plains Lodge car park at dawn.



190. **AFRICAN PITTA** (*Pitta angolensis*)

ZAMBIA 1 seen and 3 heard, Dec 13th on the Gwabi River Lodge entrance road at c6.45am. Some fantastic views at close range as it called and jumped, quivering its wings in a sonation. Unfortunately always behind a twig or two when the camera was raised. This was the main target bird of the trip and thankfully quite easy to see, at least early on in the morning.

191. **Margaret's Batis** (**Eastern**) (*Batis margaritae kathleenae*)

ZAMBIA 2 males seen, Dec 2nd and c 15 heard at Mavunda forest. Very common by voice, tricky to see.



192. **MALAWI BATIS** (*Batis dimorpha*)

MALAWI 2 males and a female, Nov 17th (photos) and a few more on 18th, especially vocal just before dawn at the campsite on both mornings.



193. **Cape Batis** (Grey-mantled) (*Batis capensis* [capensis-group])
ZIMBABWE Common at Seldomseen.

194. **Chinspot Batis** (*Batis molitor*)
MALAWI Noted at Vwaza forest, Liwonde and Dzalanyama.
ZAMBIA The common Batis throughout, except at Mavunda Forest.

195. **Grey-headed Bushshrike** (*Malaconotus blanchoti*)
ZAMBIA 2-3 noted at Mwekera.

196. **Black-fronted Bushshrike** (*Chlorophoneus nigrifrons*)
MALAWI A superb male at Mt Mulanjie.

197. **Olive Bushshrike** (*Chlorophoneus olivaceus*)
ZIMBABWE 4 birds noted over 2 days at Seldomseen.



198. **Gorgeous Bushshrike** (Four-colored) (*Telophorus viridis* [quadricolor-group]) AKA **Perrin's Bushshrike**.
ZAMBIA 2 seen and another 8 heard, Dec 2nd at Mavunda Forest.

199. **Marsh Tchagra** (Anchieta's) (*Bocagia minuta reichenowi/anchietae*)
ZAMBIA 1, Nchelenge Marsh.
200. **Brown-crowned Tchagra** (*Tchagra australis*)
MALAWI 1-2 noted.
ZAMBIA 2 noted.
201. **Black-crowned Tchagra** (Black-crowned) (*Tchagra senegalus [senegalus-group]*)
MALAWI A few noted at Dzalanyama where a nest sitting bird was found with the thermal scope.
ZAMBIA A few noted.
202. **Black-backed Puffback** (White-winged) (*Dryoscopus cubla [cubla-group]*)
MALAWI Common.
ZAMBIA Common.
203. **Tropical Boubou** (*Laniarius major*)
MALAWI Several in the south.
ZAMBIA Fairly common.
204. **White-crested Helmetshrike** (Yellow-eyed) (*Prionops plumatus [poliocephalus-group]*)
MALAWI Several groups noted at Vwaza and Dzalanyama. Lots of imm's.
ZAMBIA 1 group of c 10 noted at Mutinondo.
205. **Retz's Helmetshrike** (*Prionops retzii*)
MALAWI c 40 noted at Dzalanyama.
ZAMBIA A few groups at Mwekera
206. **White-breasted Cuckooshrike** (*Cebblepyris pectoralis*)
MALAWI Common in miombo.
ZAMBIA Common in miombo.
207. **Black Cuckooshrike** (*Campephaga flava*)
MALAWI c6 noted in all.
208. **Black-headed Oriole** (*Oriolus larvatus*)
MALAWI 1 at the Malawi College of Forestry and Wildlife.
ZAMBIA A few noted at Mwekera, Mutinondo and the Lazy J Ranch.
209. **African Golden Oriole** (*Oriolus auratus*)
MALAWI Common at Dzalanyama.
ZAMBIA Common in the miombo forests.
210. **Fork-tailed Drongo** (*Dicrurus adsimilis*)
MALAWI Common at most sites.
ZAMBIA A few noted.
ZIMBABWE A few at Seldomseen.
211. **Square-tailed Drongo** (*Dicrurus ludwigii*)
MALAWI Common at Dzalanyama.
ZAMBIA Noted at Mavunda.
ZIMBABWE Noted at Seldomseen.
212. **African Paradise Flycatcher** (*Terpsiphone viridis*)
MALAWI Common at most sites.
ZAMBIA Common at most sites.
213. **Northern Fiscal** (*Lanius humeralis*)
MALAWI A few at Chelinda.
ZAMBIA Noted at Hillwood and Mutinondo.



214. **Souza's Shrike** (*Lanius souzae*)
MALAWI 1 at the Malawi College of Forestry and Wildlife.
215. **Southern Fiscal** (Southern) (*Lanius collaris* [collaris-group])
ZIMBABWE A few at Seldomseen.
216. **Red-backed Shrike** (*Lanius collurio*)
ZAMBIA A few at Chimfunshi, Mwekera and Kafue NP.
217. **Cape Crow** (*Corvus capensis*)
ZIMBABWE A few roadside birds on the last 50km to Mutare.
218. **Pied Crow** (*Corvus albus*)
MALAWI Common.
ZAMBIA Common.
ZIMBABWE Common.
219. **White-necked Raven** (*Corvus albicollis*)
MALAWI Several pairs noted between Chelinda and Lusaka.
ZIMBABWE A pair at Seldomseen.
220. **White-tailed Blue Flycatcher** (*Elminia albicauda*)
MALAWI Several noted at Chelinda and Dzalanyama.
221. **White-tailed Crested Flycatcher** (*Elminia albonotata*)
MALAWI 1, Chelinda.
ZIMBABWE Common at Seldomseen.
222. **Southern Black Tit** (*Melaniparus niger*)
MALAWI 1+, Vwaza.
ZAMBIA A few in Kafue NP.
223. **Rufous-bellied Tit** (*Melaniparus rufiventris*)
ZAMBIA A few in Mutinondo and the Lazy J Ranch looked a little paler than birds seen in Angola but 2 birds seen c 6km south of Mbala looked very pale underneath and looked like **Cinnamon-breasted Tits**, however they didn't hang around long and I failed to be 100% sure that they had a dark iris or get a photo.
224. **Miombo Tit** (*Melaniparus griseiventris*)
MALAWI 2 birds noted at the Malawi College of Forestry and Wildlife.
ZAMBIA 1+, Mavunda.
225. **Grey Penduline Tit** (Buff-vented) (*Anthoscopus caroli* [caroli-group])
ZAMBIA 2 at Choma and a few at the Lazy J Ranch.
226. **Eastern Nicator** (*Nicator gularis*)
ZAMBIA 1, Gwabi River Lodge entrance track.
227. **Rufous-naped Lark (Blackish)** (*Mirafraga africana nigrescens/nyikae*)
MALAWI 2, Chelinda.

228. **Flappet Lark** (*Mirafraga rufocinnamomea*)
ZAMBIA 1, singing just north of the Luapula River Bridge.

229. **Sombre Greenbul** (*Andropadus importunus*)
MALAWI 1, Liwonde.
ZIMBABWE 1, Seldomseem.



230. **BLACK-BROWED GREENBUL** (*Arizelocichla fusciceps*)
MALAWI 4, Nov 17th Chelinda where common by voice. Also heard the next day.



231. **OLIVE-HEADED GREENBUL** (*Arizelocichla olivaceiceps*)
MALAWI 2, Zomba along the Trout farm entrance track (photo) where another 2 the next morning.



232. **STRIPE-CHEEKED GREENBUL** (*Arizelocichla milanjensis*)
ZIMBABWE c 20, Dec 18th Seldomseen where the most common bird.

233. **Little Greenbul** (*Eurillas virens*)
MALAWI 2 at Zomba and 4 at Mt Mulanje.

234. **Terrestrial Brownbul** (*Phyllastrephus terrestris*)
ZAMBIA 2, Gwabi River Lodge entrance road.
ZIMBABWE 4+, Seldomseen.

235. **Cabanis's Greenbul** (*Phyllastrephus cabanisi*)
ZAMBIA 3, Mavunda Forest.

236. **Yellow-streaked Greenbul** (*Phyllastrephus flavostriatus*)
MALAWI c 15 at Mt Mulanje.
ZIMBABWE c10 at Seldomseen.



237. **SHARPE'S GREENBUL** (*Phyllastrephus alfredi*)
MALAWI/ ZAMBIA 2-4. Nov 18th Manyanjere Forest which is actually in Zambia. The birds were singing as soon as we entered the forest and eventually showed well although it was still dark for photos. **Split from Yellow-streaked Greenbul.**

238. **Dark-capped Bulbul** (*Pycnonotus tricolor*)
MALAWI Common.
ZAMBIA Common.
ZIMBABWE Common.
239. **Black Saw-wing** (*Psalidoprocne pristoptera*)
MALAWI Common, some with white underwing coverts.
ZAMBIA Common, some with white underwing coverts.
ZIMBABWE Common, some with white underwing coverts.
240. **White-headed Saw-wing** (White-headed) (*Psalidoprocne albiceps albiceps*)
MALAWI A small group near Chelinda.
241. **Rock Martin** (Red-throated) (*Ptyonoprocne fuligula rufigula/bansoensis*)
MALAWI Several birds around the inselberg at the Malawi College of Forestry and Wildlife.
242. **Blue Swallow** (*Hirundo atrocaerulea*)
MALAWI 4 at Celinda camp reception ponds.
243. **Swallow** (White-bellied) (*Hirundo rustica rustica*)
MALAWI Fairly common.
ZAMBIA Fairly common.
244. **Angola Swallow** (*Hirundo angolensis*)
ZAMBIA A few at Nchelenge Marsh.
245. **House Martin** (*Delichon urbicum*)
MALAWI 2 at the Malawi College of Forestry and Wildlife.
246. **Mosque Swallow** (*Cecropis senegalensis*)
ZAMBIA Common in the north west mainly.
247. **Lesser Striped Swallow** (*Cecropis abyssinica*)
MALAWI A few noted.
ZAMBIA A few noted.
ZIMBABWE A few noted at Seldomseen.
248. **Long-billed Crombec** (*Sylvietta rufescens*)
ZAMBIA 2 noted in the Saise River area.
249. **Red-capped Crombec** (*Sylvietta ruficapilla*)
MALAWI 6 at Dzalanyama.
ZAMBIA 2, Mwekera.



250. **LIVINGSTONE'S FLYCATCHER** (*Erythrocerus livingstonei*)
MALAWI 6 birds, Nov 22nd-23rd Liwonde around the chalets.

251. **Willow Warbler** (*Phylloscopus trochilus*)
MALAWI A few pale grey yakutensis types.
ZAMBIA A few pale grey yakutensis types.
ZIMBABWE A few pale grey yakutensis types.
252. **Yellow-throated Woodland Warbler** (*Phylloscopus ruficapilla*)
MALAWI 1, Mt Mulanje and also noted at the Malawi College of Forestry and Wildlife.



253. **LAURA'S WOODLAND WARBLER** (*Phylloscopus laurae*)
ZAMBIA 2, Dec 1st Hillwood Farm, calling continuously in a mixed species flock.
254. **Greater Swamp Warbler** (*Acrocephalus rufescens*)
ZAMBIA A few at Nchelenge.
255. **Lesser Swamp Warbler** (*Acrocephalus gracilirostris*)
ZAMBIA A few at Nchelenge.
256. **Great Reed Warbler** (*Acrocephalus arundinaceus*)
ZAMBIA 2 at the Saise River Bridge.
257. **Sedge Warbler** (*Acrocephalus schoenobaenus*)
ZAMBIA 2 at the Saise River Bridge.



258. **PAPYRUS YELLOW WARBLER (ZAMBIAN)** (*Calamonastides gracilirostris bensoni*)
ZAMBIA 2, Dec 6th Nchelenge Marsh. Easier to see as the morning progressed as they were often together hunting for food back and forth along the edge of the reeds returning to the same spot everytime. Pale iris of this sp/ssp very obvious.



259. **BAMBOO WARBLER** (*Locustella alfredi*)
ZAMBIA 1, Nov 29th Mutanda Falls area. The bird was singing in the evening on the walk towards another location. Found in dense, fairly recently burnt and regenerated scrub where it was hard to get the camera lens on.



260. **Fan-tailed Grassbird** (*Catriscus brevirostris*)
ZAMBIA 1 Chitunta Plains and 3 at Mutinondo.
261. **Barratt's Warbler** (*Bradypterus barratti*)
ZIMBABWE 3+ seen at Seldomseen.
262. **Evergreen Forest Warbler** (Eastern) (*Bradypterus lopezi* [mariae-group])
MALAWI Great views of 3 at Zomba by the Trout Farm access road.
263. **Cinnamon Bracken Warbler** (*Bradypterus cinnamomeus*)
MALAWI 1, Chelinda.
264. **Singing Cisticola** (*Cisticola cantans*)
ZIMBABWE Common at Seldomseen.



- 265. **Trilling Cisticola** (*Cisticola woosnami*)
ZAMBIA Common at Mwekera.
- 266. **Black-lored Cisticola** (*Cisticola nigriloris*)
MALAWI 3 at Chelinda Camp Reception car park.
- 267. **Lazy Cisticola** (*Cisticola aberrans*)
MALAWI 8 at the Malawi College of Forestry and Wildlife.
- 268. **Churring Cisticola** (*Cisticola njombe*)
MALAWI Common at Chelinda.
- 269. *Wailing Cisticola* (*Cisticola lais*)
MALAWI Heard only, a few times at Chelinda.



- 270. **LUAPULA CISTICOLA** (*Cisticola luapula*)
ZAMBIA Common, Dec 5th at the Luapula River Bridge where often singing from the bridge itself.

271. **Chirping Cisticola** (*Cisticola pipiens*)
ZAMBIA Common at the Luapula River Bridge although more secretive than the Luapula Cisticolas.
 Easier to see at Nchelenge marsh where roadside birds were common and often perched up on the reeds.
272. **Levaillant's Cisticola** (*Cisticola tinniens*)
ZAMBIA Common in the dambo edges at Chitunta Plains.
273. **Croaking Cisticola** (*Cisticola natalensis*)
ZAMBIA Noted at Mwekera and Mutinondo.
274. **Short-winged Cisticola** (*Cisticola brachypterus*)
ZAMBIA A singing bird on the road out from Mwinilunga, also thought this species at Mutinondo in the dambos.



275. **DAMBO CISTICOLA** (*Cisticola dambo*)
ZAMBIA Common, Nov 30th and Dec 1st Chitunta Plains.
276. **Wing-snapping Cisticola** (Wing-snapping) (*Cisticola ayresii* [ayresii-group])
MALAWI 1 seen at Chelinda sneaking, mouse-like through the burnt vegetation.
277. **Tawny-flanked Prinia** (*Prinia subflava*)
ZAMBIA A few noisy birds noted.
278. **Red-winged Prinia** (*Prinia erythroptera*)
MALAWI Several at Dzalanyama.



279. **ROBERTS'S WARBLER** (*Oreophilais robertsi*)
ZIMBABWE 10+ Dec 18th and common thereafter at Seldomseen noisily making their way around in small groups.
280. **Bar-throated Apalis** (*Apalis thoracica*)
MALAWI Noted at Chelinda.
ZIMBABWE Common at Seldomseen.



281. **YELLOW-THROATED APALIS** (*Apalis flavicularis*)
MALAWI 1, Nov 20th-21st Zomba and also 2 more heard nearby.

282. **Yellow-breasted Apalis** (*Apalis flavida*)
MALAWI Noted at Liwonde.



283. **CHIRINDA APALIS** (*Apalis chirindensis*)
ZIMBABWE 2, Dec 18th and 4 on 19th Seldomseen. Inconspicuous in the tree tops.
284. **Buff-throated Apalis** (Buff-throated) (*Apalis rufogularis nigrescens/kigezi*)
ZAMBIA 2, Hillwood.
285. **Brown-headed Apalis** (*Apalis alticola*)
ZAMBIA Several at Hillwood.
286. **Green-backed Camaroptera** (*Camaroptera brachyura*)
MALAWI Noted at Mt Mulanje and Liwonde.
287. **Grey-backed Camaroptera** (*Camaroptera brevicaudata*)
MALAWI Noted at Chimaliro Forest.
288. **Stierling's Wren-warbler** (*Calamonastes stierlingi*)
MALAWI 2, Dzalanyama.
ZAMBIA Several at Mutinondo.
ZIMBABWE Heard on the way up to Seldomseen while driving.
289. **Yellow-bellied Eremomela** (*Eremomela icteropygialis*)
ZAMBIA Noted at Choma.
290. **Green-capped Eremomela** (*Eremomela scotops*)
MALAWI Noted at Vwaza and Dzalanyama.
ZAMBIA A few at Mutinondo.
291. **Garden Warbler** (*Sylvia borin*)
MALAWI 2 birds at Chimaliro Forest.
292. **Whitethroat** (*Curruca communis*)
ZAMBIA 1, Kafue NP.
293. **Southern Yellow White-eye** (*Zosterops anderssoni*)
MALAWI Several noted at the Malawi College of Forestry and Wildlife and Dzalanyama.
ZAMBIA Fairly common miombo bird.
ZIMBABWE Seldomseen birds showed a large black forehead area. Watched building a nest at the Crimsonwing Chalet.
294. **Arrow-marked Babbler** (*Turdoides jardineii*)
ZIMBABWE A few in the hotel garden at Harare.

295. **Yellow-bellied Hyliota** (*Hyliota flavigaster*)
ZAMBIA Several noted in the Lazy J Ranch.
296. **Southern Hyliota** (*Hyliota australis*)
MALAWI 4 noted in Dzalanyama.
297. **African Spotted Creeper** (*Salpornis salvadori*)
MALAWI 5 at the Malawi College of Forestry and Wildlife and 4 in Dzalanyama.
ZAMBIA 1, Mutinondo.
298. **Miombo Blue-eared Starling** (*Lamprotornis elisabeth*)
MALAWI Regularly noted throughout Malawi.
ZAMBIA A few around Gwabi River Lodge entrance road and at Kafue NP.



299. **Meves's Starling** (Meves's) (*Lamprotornis mevesii mevesii*)
MALAWI Common at Liwonde.
ZAMBIA Common at Kafue NP (photo).

300. **Violet-backed Starling** (*Cinnyricinclus leucogaster*)

MALAWI Common.

ZAMBIA Common.

301. **Red-winged Starling** (*Onychognathus morio*)

MALAWI Several at the Malawi College of Forestry and Wildlife.

ZIMBABWE A few in Harare.

302. **Waller's Starling** (Waller's) (*Onychognathus walleri walleri*)

MALAWI A few at Chelinda.



303. **BABBING STARLING (EASTERN)** (*Neocichla gutturalis angusta*)

MALAWI 1, Nov 19th on the 2nd visit to Vwaza. Only c 200m in from the gate, our ranger/guide took us straight to a spot in the miombo and almost immediately a Starling flew up into a distant tree before flying towards us and disappearing. No further sign despite another hours searching.

304. **Red-billed Oxpecker** (*Buphagus erythrorhynchus*)

MALAWI A few at Liwonde.



305. **BOULDER CHAT** (*Pinarornis plumosus*)

MALAWI A pair, Nov 25th Dzalanyama at Dan Branches' site.

306. **Orange Ground Thrush** (*Geokichla gurneyi*)
ZIMBABWE Heard a couple of times at Seldomseen.
307. **Kurrichane Thrush** (*Turdus libonyana*)
MALAWI 3+ Vwaza and several birds including Juvs at the Malawi College of Forestry and Wildlife and also at Dzalanyama.
ZAMBIA 2 at Mutinondo.
308. **Miombo Scrub Robin** (*Cercotrichas barbata*)
MALAWI Common at Vwaza where the only ones were definitely identified.
309. **White-browed Scrub Robin** (Red-backed) (*Cercotrichas leucophrys* [*leucophrys*-group])
ZAMBIA Noted at a few places but common at Mutinondo.



310. **Ashy Flycatcher** (*Fraseria caerulescens*)
MALAWI Noted in Malawi.
ZIMBABWE 1, near Seldomseen.
311. **Southern Black Flycatcher** (*Melaenornis pammelaina*)
MALAWI Several birds noted at Vwaza, Malawi College of Forestry and Wildlife and Dzalanyama.
312. **Böhm's Flycatcher** (*Bradornis boehmi*)
ZAMBIA 1 Mutinondo.
313. **African Dusky Flycatcher** (*Muscicapa adusta*)
MALAWI Noted at Malawi College of Forestry and Wildlife and Dzalanyama.
ZIMBABWE 2 birds at Seldomseen.
314. **Spotted Flycatcher** (*Muscicapa striata*)
MALAWI Common.
ZAMBIA Common.



315. **Swamp Flycatcher** (*Muscicapa aquatica*)
ZAMBIA A family group at Nchelenge Marsh.



316. **White-starred Robin** (*Pogonocichla stellata*)
MALAWI 3 at Chelinda and 2 at Zomba.
ZIMBABWE Common at Seldomseen where photod.



317. **THYOLO ALETHE** (*Chamaetylas choloensis*)
MALAWI 2, Nov 21st, Mt Mulanje. Non-calling early on and became easier to see after mid morning (photo).
318. **White-browed Robin-chat** (*Cossypha heuglini*)
ZAMBIA 1, Mwekera and near Mbala.
ZIMBABWE 1, Seldomseen.
319. **Red-capped Robin-chat** (*Cossypha natalensis*)
MALAWI 1, Chelinda and 2 at Mt Mulanje.
ZIMBABWE Heard at Seldomseen.
320. **Collared Palm Thrush** (*Cichladusa arquata*)
MALAWI Common at Liwonde.
ZAMBIA 4 at Kasissi.

321. **Cape Robin-chat** (*Dessonornis caffer*)
MALAWI Fairly common Nyika NP and also at Vwaza and Mt Mulanje.
ZIMBABWE Common going up to Seldomseen.
322. **Olive-flanked Ground Robin (Olive-flanked)** (*Dessonornis anomalus anomalus/macclounii*)
MALAWI A male, Manyanjere, showed well above us.
323. **Sharpe's Akalat** (*Sheppardia sharpei*)
MALAWI 1, Manyanjere showed well above us.
324. **Collared / Pied Flycatcher** (*Ficedula albicollis/ hypoleuca*)
MALAWI 2 at Dzalanyama looked more like Pied ?
ZAMBIA 1 at Mutinondo looked like a Collared.
325. **Miombo Rock Thrush** (*Monticola angolensis*)
MALAWI 2 Males at the Malawi College of Forestry and Wildlife and 2 at Dzalanyama.
326. **African Stonechat (African)** (*Saxicola torquatus [torquatus-group]*)
MALAWI Common.
ZAMBIA Common.
ZIMBABWE Common.
327. **Sooty Chat** (*Myrmecocichla nigra*)
ZAMBIA 2, c 10km north of the Luapula River Bridge.



328. **Arnot's Chat** (Arnot's) (*Myrmecocichla arnoti arnoti*)
ZAMBIA Up to 4 in Mwekera Forest.
329. **Capped Wheatear** (*Oenanthe pileata*)
ZAMBIA 2 juvs c 10km north of the Luapula River Bridge.
330. **Familiar Chat** (*Oenanthe familiaris*)
ZAMBIA 1, Mutinondo.
331. **Anchieta's Sunbird** (*Anthreptes anchietae*)
MALAWI Male, Dzalanyama.
ZAMBIA 4+, Mutinondo where photod right.



332. **Western Violet-backed Sunbird (Southern)** (*Anthreptes longuemarei angolensis/nyassae*)
ZAMBIA 2 males and a female at Mutinondo and a male at the Lazy J Ranch.
333. **Collared Sunbird** (*Hedydipna collaris*)
MALAWI Fairly Common.
ZAMBIA Fairly Common.
ZIMBABWE Fairly Common.
334. **Green-headed Sunbird (Green-headed)** (*Cyanomitra verticalis verticalis/viridisplendens*)
ZAMBIA A female at Mutinondo.
335. **Olive Sunbird (Western)** (*Cyanomitra olivacea [obscura-group]*)
ZIMBABWE Common at Seldomseen.
336. **Amethyst Sunbird** (*Chalcomitra amethystina*)
MALAWI Fairly common.
ZAMBIA Noted at Mutinondo and Choma.
337. **Scarlet-chested Sunbird** (*Chalcomitra senegalensis*)
ZAMBIA 1 male at Choma.
338. **Malachite Sunbird** (*Nectarinia famosa*)
MALAWI Several in the Chilinda/ Manyanjere area. Good for comparison with the next species.



339. **SCARLET-TUFTED SUNBIRD** (*Nectarinia johnstoni*)
MALAWI 3 males, Nov 18th just below Chelinda Rocks along the steeper, wooded valley top, singing frequently. One, resting, imm male showed the red pectoral tufts.



340. **EASTERN MIOMBO SUNBIRD** (*Cinnyris manoensis*)
MALAWI 2 males and 2 females, Nov 20th Malawi College of Forestry and Wildlife (photo).

341. **Western Miombo Sunbird** (*Cinnyris gertrudis*)
ZAMBIA 1 male at Mutinondo. Very similar to Eastern but noticeably paler, whitish underparts.



342. **WHYTE'S DOUBLE-COLLARED SUNBIRD (MALAWI)** (*Cinnyris whytei whytei*)
MALAWI 2 males and 2 females, Nov 18th at Chelinda Camp Reception (flower fields behind).

343. **Forest Double-collared Sunbird** (*Cinnyris fuelleborni*)
MALAWI 2-3 at Zomba.

344. **SHELLEY'S SUNBIRD** (*Cinnyris shelleyi*)
ZAMBIA Female, Dec 13th Choma on flowers along the road on the sth edge of Mambushi Lodge.

345. **Purple-banded Sunbird** (*Cinnyris bifasciatus*)
ZIMBABWE Several near Mutare including a bird building a hanging nest.

346. **White-bellied Sunbird** (*Cinnyris talatala*)
MALAWI A male at Liwonde.

347. **Bates's Sunbird** (*Cinnyris batesi*)
ZAMBIA 1 in a mixed flock at Hillwood Farm.



348. **Copper Sunbird** (*Cinnyris cupreus*)
ZAMBIA Common in the Saise River area.
349. **Yellow-throated Bush Sparrow** (*Gymnoris superciliaris*)
MALAWI Several roaming flocks at Dzalanyama.
ZAMBIA A few at Mutinondo.
350. **Northern / Southern Grey-headed Sparrow** (*Passer griseus/ diffusus*) Didn't look too hard at these!
MALAWI Quite common, presumed Northern.
ZAMBIA A few, but not sure which species!
351. **White-browed Sparrow-Weaver** (Spot-chested) (*Plocepasser mahali pectoralis*)
MALAWI Common in Liwonde.
ZAMBIA Common around Chirundu.



352. **CHESTNUT-BACKED SPARROW-WEAVER** (*Plocepasser rufoscapulatus*)
MALAWI 2+, Nov 17th at Vwaza just 200m along the main track.
353. **Baglafaecht Weaver** (Stuhlmann's) (*Ploceus baglafaecht* [stuhlmanni-group])
MALAWI A few at Chelinda.
354. **Spectacled Weaver** (Black-throated) (*Ploceus ocularis ocularis/suahelicus*)
ZAMBIA c 6 in the Saise River area.
355. **Southern Brown-throated Weaver** (*Ploceus xanthopterus*)
MALAWI A few riverside birds at Liwonde.
ZAMBIA A few at Kasissi towards the Lake.
356. **Southern Masked Weaver** (*Ploceus velatus*)
ZAMBIA Noted.



357. **KATANGA MASKED WEAVER (KATANGA)** (*Ploceus katangae katangae*)
ZAMBIA C 10, Dec 5th from the Luapula River Bridge (photo) where several males in full breeding plumage and also c50 birds at the roost at Nchelenge Marsh Dec 5th-6th where there were no males in full breeding plumage although some still had traces of it.



358. **TANZANIAN MASKED WEAVER** (*Ploceus reichardi*)
ZAMBIA 2+, Dec 9th at the Saise River bridge (photos) where an ad male was snaffling flies as quickly as possible along with a few other species. this was by far the best breeding male I saw with most males looking very patchy due to moult. More orange than in the field guides! Also, c 8+ about a mile east of the bridge at a superb wetland area where these birds were in and out of the clumps of trees and bushes with a smaller river here; <https://maps.app.goo.gl/GAz7y8ZUPGHFL2Pu5>

359. **Dark-backed Weaver** (*Ploceus bicolor*)
MALAWI 3, Mt Mulanjie.
ZAMBIA 2, Mutinando.
ZIMBABWE 2, Seldomseen approach rd.

360. **Red-headed Weaver (Southern)** (*Anaplectes rubriceps rubriceps*)
MALAWI Pair at Vwaza.



361. **Red-billed Quelea** (*Quelea quelea*)
ZAMBIA A few groups by the roadsides.
362. **Southern Red Bishop** (*Euplectes orix*)
ZAMBIA Partially summer plumaged male near the Luapula River Vridge and several at Kasaisi.
363. **Yellow Bishop** (Yellow) (*Euplectes capensis* [capensis-group])
ZAMBIA Several small groups noted around Zambia.
364. **Fan-tailed Widowbird** (*Euplectes axillaris*)
ZAMBIA Several pairs at the Luapula River Bridge and Nchelenge.
365. **Marsh Widowbird** (*Euplectes hartlaubi*)
ZAMBIA Common at the Chitunta Plains and also a few at Mutinondo.



366. **MONTANE WIDOWBIRD** (*Euplectes psammacromius*)
MALAWI 4 males and a femal, Nov 18th at Chelinda by the first Dam south from the Reception along the Chosi Loop. The males were still singing and showing off to each other while one had an attendant female.

367. **Red-collared Widowbird** (*Euplectes ardens*)
ZIMBABWE 2 males and a female near Mutare.



368. **Long-tailed Widowbird** (*Euplectes progne*)
ZAMBIA 3+ males c 10km north of the Luapula River Bridge.

369. **Bronze Mannikin** (*Spermestes cucullata*)
MALAWI Common.
ZAMBIA Common.
ZIMBABWE Common.
370. **Yellow-bellied Waxbill** (*Coccyzygia quartinia*)
MALAWI 4 near Chelinda.
ZIMBABWE Common at Seldomseen.
371. **RED-FACED CRIMSONWING (EASTERN)** (*Cryptospiza reichenovii australis/ocularis*)
ZIMBABWE 2 Dec 19th Seldomseen calling and in flight. Another 2-3 seen poorly in flight near Tonys Café later on in the morning. Staked the same area out here <https://maps.app.goo.gl/mrrdkbWxRmhFkFEK7> in the morning getting much better views a couple of times. Very secretive, once landed in a tree but the call usually gave their presence away.
372. **Grey Waxbill** (*Glaucostrepera perreini*)
ZAMBIA 3, Mavunda and 1 at Mutinondo.
373. **Fawn-breasted Waxbill** (*benguellensis*) (*Estrilda paludicola benguellensis*)
ZAMBIA A few at Chitunta and Hillwood Farm.
374. **Common Waxbill** (*Estrilda astrild*)
MALAWI A few noted.
ZAMBIA A few noted.
375. **Quailfinch (Black-chinned)** (*Ortygospiza atricollis [gabonensis-group]*)
ZAMBIA 2+, Nov 30th at Chitunta Plains.
376. **Locust Finch** (*Paludipasser locustella*)
ZAMBIA 2+, Nov 30th at Chitunta Plains.
377. **Blue Waxbill** (*Uraeginthus angolensis*)
MALAWI Common.
ZAMBIA Common.
ZIMBABWE Common.



378. **Green-winged Pytilia** (*Pytilia melba*)
ZAMBIA 2, near the Saise River Bridge and 4 at Kasissi (photo).
379. **Orange-winged Pytilia** (*Pytilia afra*)
ZAMBIA 1 Mutinondo.



380. **Red-throated Twinspot** (*Hypargos niveoguttatus*)
ZIMBABWE A male near Seldomseen at the dirt road turn off.

381. **Red-billed Firefinch** (*Lagonosticta senegala*)
MALAWI Noted at Liwonde.

382. **African Firefinch** (*Lagonosticta rubricata*)
ZAMBIA Several at Saise.

383. **Brown Firefinch** (*Lagonosticta nitidula*)
ZAMBIA Several at the wetland c1 mile east of the Saise River Bridge with the Tanzanian Masked Weavers.

384. **Pin-tailed Whydah** (*Vidua macroura*)
ZAMBIA Several noted.
ZIMBABWE Common roadside bird.

385. **Cape Wagtail** (*Motacilla capensis*)
ZAMBIA Several in the North-west and also at Nchelenge Marsh.

386. **Mountain Wagtail** (*Motacilla clara*)
MALAWI 1+, Dzalanyama by Forest Lodge.

387. **African Pied Wagtail** (*Motacilla aguimp*)
MALAWI Common.
ZAMBIA Common.

388. **Fülleborn's Longclaw** (*Macronyx fuelleborni*)
ZAMBIA 2 Chitunta, 4 at Hillwood and 1 at Mutinando.



389. **ROSY-THROATED LONGCLAW** (*Macronyx ameliae*)
ZAMBIA 3 birds, Nov 30th Chitunta Plains.



390. **GRIMWOOD'S LONGCLAW** (*Macronyx grimwoodi*)
ZAMBIA 4-5 birds, Nov 30th Chitunta Plains. At least 2 full males.

391. **African Pipit (African)** (*Anthus cinnamomeus* [cinnamomeus-group])
MALAWI Common at Chelinda.
ZAMBIA Common at Chitunta and Hillwood and also noted at the Luapula River area.



392. **Wood Pipit** (*Anthus nyassae*)
ZAMBIA 2 at Mwekera, 3 Mutinondo and c10 at the Lazy J Ranch (photo).

393. **Buffy Pipit** (*Anthus vaalensis*)
ZAMBIA 2, Nanzhila Plains.

394. **Striped Pipit** (*Anthus lineiventris*)
MALAWI 1, Dzalanyama.

395. **Yellow-fronted Canary** (*Crithagra mozambica*)
MALAWI Common Dzalanyama and Liwonde.
ZAMBIA Commonest in the south.

396. **Brimstone Canary** (*Crithagra sulphurata*)
ZAMBIA A few noted.
397. **REICHARD'S SEEDEATER** (*Crithagra reichardi*)
MALAWI 1, Dzalanyama.
398. **BLACK-EARED SEEDEATER** (*Crithagra mennelli*)
MALAWI 7+, Dzalanyama.
399. **Cinnamon-breasted Bunting** (*Emberiza tahapisi*)
MALAWI Several around rocky areas in Malawi.



400. **Cape Bunting** (**VINCENT'S**) (*Emberiza capensis vincenti*)
MALAWI 3+, Nov 20th just below the highest rocks at the Malawi College of Forestry and Wildlife.
 Superb birds that were well worth the effort despite being lumped again with Cape Bunting.
401. **Golden-breasted Bunting** (*Emberiza flaviventris*)
ZAMBIA A few noted at Mwekera and Kafue NP.
402. **Cabanis's Bunting** (Three-streaked) (*Emberiza cabanisi orientalis/cognominata*)
MALAWI Common at Dzalanyama.
ZAMBIA A pair at Mutinondo.

Partial list of MAMMALS seen with brief notes.

1. **African Savanna Elephant** (*Loxodonta africana*)
A few noted at Liwonde on the west side of the river.
2. **Southern Lesser Galago** (*Galago moholi*)
1 at Mutinondo on the edge of the Airstrip.
3. **Yellow Baboon** (*Papio cyanocephalus*)
Regularly noted, especially common at Liwonde.
4. **Chacma Baboon** (*Papio ursinus*)
Common at Kafue NP.
5. **Vervet Monkey** (*Chlorocebus pygerythrus*)
Regularly noted.
6. **Blue Monkey** (*Cercopithecus mitis*)
A few at Zomba.
7. **African Savanna Hare** (*Lepus victoriae*)
Aka Scrub Hare. Noted at Mutinondo on the Airstrip.
8. **Common Hippopotamus** (*Hippopotamus amphibius*)
Common at Liwonde.
9. **Zambezi Kudu** (*Strepsiceros zambesiensis*)
Several noted.
10. **Common Impala** (*Aepyceros melampus*)
Noted at Kafue NP.



11. **BLACK LECHWE** (*Kobus smithemani*)
3, just north of the Luapula River Bridge.
12. **Defassa Waterbuck** (*Kobus defassa*)
Common at Kafue NP.

13. **ROAN ANTELOPE** (*Hippotragus equinus*)
Common at Chelinda.



14. **SOUTHERN SABLE** (*Antelope (Hippotragus niger)*)
One at Kafue NP. A bit special !
15. **Red Hartebeest** (*Alcelaphus caama*)
A few groups at Kafue NP.
16. **Common Warthog** (*Phacochoerus africanus*)
Noted at Liwonde and Kafue at least.
17. **Plains Zebra** (*Equus quagga*)
Commonly noted at Chelinda. Also known here as **Crawshay's Zebra**.
18. **Lion** (*Panthera leo*)
5-6 including a couple of cubs at Liwonde NP on the night drive.
19. **Common Genet** (*Genetta genetta*)
Several at Liwonde NP on the night drive.



20. **SIDE-STRIPED JACKAL** (*Lupulella adustus*)
One at Liwonde in the evening.

NEW SPECIES

1. **WHYTE'S FRANCOLIN** (*Scleroptila whytei*)
2. **HILDEBRANDT'S SPURFOWL** (*Pternistis hildebrandti*)
3. **SWAMP NIGHTJAR** (*Caprimulgus natalensis*)
4. **PENNANT-WINGED NIGHTJAR** (*Caprimulgus vexillarius*)
5. **BLACK COUCAL** (*Centropus grillii*)
6. **BUFF-SPOTTED FLUFFTAIL** (*Sarothrura elegans*)
7. **AFRICAN GRASS OWL** (*Tyto capensis*)
8. **SOUTHERN WHITE-FACED OWL** (*Ptilopsis granti*)
9. **RACKET-TAILED ROLLER** (*Coracias spatulatus*)
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11. **CHAPLIN'S BARBET** (*Lybius chaplini*)
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14. **LILIAN'S LOVEBIRD** (*Agapornis lilianae*)
15. **BLACK-CHEEKED LOVEBIRD** (*Agapornis nigrigenis*)
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17. **MALAWI BATIS** (*Batis dimorpha*)
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20. **STRIPE-CHEEKED GREENBUL** (*Arizelocichla milanjensis*)
21. **SHARPE'S GREENBUL** (*Phyllastrephus alfredi*)
22. **LIVINGSTONE'S FLYCATCHER** (*Erythrocerus livingstonei*)
23. **LAURA'S WOODLAND WARBLER** (*Phylloscopus laurae*)
24. **PAPYRUS YELLOW WARBLER (ZAMBIAN)** (*Calamonastides gracilirostris bensoni*)
25. **BAMBOO WARBLER** (*Locustella alfredi*)
26. **LUAPULA CISTICOLA** (*Cisticola luapula*)
27. **DAMBO CISTICOLA** (*Cisticola dambo*)
28. **ROBERTS'S WARBLER** (*Oreophilais robertsi*)
29. **YELLOW-THROATED APALIS** (*Apalis flavigularis*)
30. **CHIRINDA APALIS** (*Apalis chirindensis*)
31. **BABBING STARLING (EASTERN)** (*Neocichla gutturalis angusta*)
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