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TRANSPORT

BHX BIRMINGHAM

DAR DAR ES SALAAM

PMA PEMBA

JRO

KILIMANJARO

TRAIN DERBY-BHX £22.80 OFF-PEAK RETURN (within 1 calendar month)

INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS KLM £701 BHX - JRO and DAR - BHX. 23kg baggage + 12kg cabin.

15-JUN BHX 06.00 - 20.10 JRO.

12-JUL DAR 21.05 - Nairobi - Paris - 10.30 BHX +1 (Return flight changed twice by KLM)

INTERNAL FLIGHT TO PEMBA AURIC AIR £276 (\$344) DAR - PMA return. 20kg baggage in total.

(Your excess baggage can be left at the Auric Air office at the airport for free when contacted in advance).

11th JUL DAR 07.25 - 08.55 PMA

12th JUL PMA 12.25 - 13.35 DAR

BOOKS, MAPS, RECORDINGS ETC

LITERATURE

Birds of East Africa 2nd edition........Stevenson and Fanshaw, Gale and Small. Probably the best guide for the region although we all agreed that a fair few illustrations just didn't look like the species concerned, sometimes the plates seemed to use a "one shape fits all method" (such as the Akalats) which, although nice looking images, didn't look like the species we saw. We found a combination of this guide and the Merlin app worked best and by also utilising Elia Mulungu's superb local knowledge.

Kingdon Pocket Guide to African mammals.......Kingdon. Small, light and well illustrated with lots of range maps.

INTERNET TRIP REPORTS. Including invaluable help from Barry Reed, Alan Lewis and Nick & Russell Gardner

E-BIRD for new and current information and sites.

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

SOUND RECORDINGS Most on the Tanzania Merlin app with gaps filled in by Xeno Canto.

MONEY, VISAS, TIME ETC

EXCHANGE RATE£1 = 2,840 Tanzanian Shillings TZS

\$1 = 2,327 TZS

ATM'sWe withdrew cash easily (400,000TZS in one go) at Arusha, Morogoro and Mikumi

TIME3 hrs ahead of GMT SUNRISE c 06.30hrs SUNSET c 18.30hrs

*Prices were often via Booking.com with Genius level 3 discounts and often being even cheaper via the mobile phone app.

Electrical sockets were of the UK 3 pin type.

TRIP IN GENERAL

This trip was put together quickly and at short notice based on 2 excellent trip reports from Barry Reed 2019, and Nick and Russell Gardner 2020.

Once we had 3 of us committed I contacted Elia Mulungu and Exaud Nassary who helped us out with the planning and costing of the trip. Malc was able to join us after juggling work commitments and so we eventually had a team of 4.

I added a few sites to the route to pull in a few extra endemics but was mindful of the cost per day so settled at 25 days for a fairly comprehensive tour starting from Arusha, Mt Meru, Egikaret Plains and the Tarangire Gate west to Nogorongoro and The Serengeti before retracing our steps and heading back east through Nyumba Ya Mungu reservoir and down through the Eastern Arc Mountains taking in the West and East Usambaras, Ulugurus, Ukagurus and the Udzungwas. A few extra sites on route added some good regional birds and a few more endemics. Although I initially planned for us to visit Mafwemiro Forest in the Ukagurus, this got dropped mainly due to time constraints. This could have added another 2-3 IOC endemics.. Rubeho Partridge, Rubeho Akalat (Missed at Masenge) and possibly the "new" Sunbird. The only other endemic not seen was Reichenow's Batis down in the extreme south-east, although this may be lumped (see link under Dark Batis on page 34).

The weather was generally cool and overcast in the mornings in the north but usually dry and warm by mid morning with only a few scattered showers in the higher regions. In the higher mountains to the south we had more cloud but still only a few showers but still much better than described in Barry Reeds trip report Sept- Oct 2019!

We found the people of Tanzania exceptionally friendly, well mannered and polite.

The hotels and Lodges were of a very good standard often offering superb meals for a reasonable price and usually a beer or two was available. Breakfast was usually included and normally pretty substantial and could often be booked early. We usually took a field lunch/ snacks provided by Exaud who proved to be an excellent cook and meal provider allowing us more field time. It also has to be said that this was not a trip full of photographic opportunities! The Serengeti and Nyumba Ya Mungu were ok but the mountain birds were shy, retiring and brief! And on top of that the weather was usually quite dull.

GUIDES & TRIP DETAILS



EXAUD NASSARY Whatsapp +255 763 503 401 **ELIA MULUNGU** Whatsapp +255 784 257 675

I contacted these two excellent guides to organise a tailor-made trip of 25 days. Their extensive knowledge of Tanzania and its birds was essential for us to piece together an almost completely comprehensive birding trip. I did most of the communication with Exaud who is the arranger and Mr Fixit for all things logistical and who owns the superb Land Cruiser. Elia is the man who knows the birds, their calls and where to find them and is the guide the tour companies use. First I confirmed that June/July would be ok as most trips go Sept/ Oct and then we started to work on an itinerary that best suited us. Elia said that although June to July is fine, we would also have to work harder to see the target species due to reduced vocal activity but the weather was more likely to be much drier and not so hot. This had advantages of easier access and more comfortable birding, and also meant that our 2 guides were not already booked up with the tour companies.

Larks were particularly notable by their absence but most other species were still present. The timing worked out well and the only target species we failed to find was Rubeho Akalat which, in part, was possibly due to the strong winds we had on the day. Some species were tricky to find and we had to do a lot of pre-emptive trawling as a few species were not singing until prompted. However with Elias remarkable knowledge of calls and songs, especially in the mountains we had a distinct advantage. Also at this time of year the weavers were still in breeding plumage.

To reduce the costs we opted to arrange our own accommodation, and food, camping on occasions where the hotels were too expensive such as in the Serengeti but Exaud can and often did sort all this out being able to get discounts and upgrades not available on Booking.com and he also knew where was best to eat.

All our fees for Parks, Camping, Porters, Cooks etc were relayed to us by Exaud so we knew exactly the costs involved and how much cash we needed in USD\$ and Tanzanian Shillings TZS

Exaud regularly made our lunches and sometimes breakfasts incorporating the special Exaud sandwich which kept us going in the field and Elia was frequently on the mobile phone booking the permits (and chasing them up) and arranging/ rearranging the accommodation, food and porters.

This would have been a much longer, more costly and complicated trip without these 2 guides. The whole experience was very smooth, relaxed and professional allowing us to get on with the birding while Exaud and Elia took care of everything else. Also, it has to be said that they were both the easiest people to get on with. Completely trustworthy, they always did everything with a smile and a laugh and made us all feel very welcome and safe in their country and it was like birding with 2 friends.

Price ?....I prefer to recommend contacting Exaud for a realistic costing of a personalised well-planned trip.

you would prefer a guide on Pemba as you can probably tailor your trip more personally.

PEMBA ISLAND, NGEZI FOREST & GECKO LODGE <u>swahilidivers@outlook.com</u> EDDIE KISHORE Whatsapp +255 773 999 910

We arranged Pemba Island ourselves for the end of the trip when we were dropped off at Dar Es Salaam. We booked a dorm room with Gecko Lodge for \$25 each and took their airport pickup and drop off service with birding guide & driver for the first day for \$275. This was exclusive of the Ngezi forest \$10pp entrance fee per visit (day and night visits count as 2 visits). The Lodge has its own bar and restaurant being more of a diving location but also often has visiting birders and knows what we're after.

Eddie Kishore did a great job from collecting us at the airport and driving us to all the target bird sites. He knew well where to look and had other places lined up in case we had problems. In the end we had no real problems that stopped us from seeing all our targets and we had great views of them all and all within 10 hrs of landing. I would recommend contacting Eddie first if you think

ITINERARY

TUES JUNE 14th **2022.** Said goodbye to the wife who dropped me at the station for the train from Derby to BHX meeting Graham on the train and getting to the airport at midnight. We found a place to kip in the shadows on the tiled floor and tried to sleep.

15th KLM check-in at c 4am leaving on time to Amsterdam where we met Dave and Malc. The 7.5 hr flight arrived on time at JRO but was very slow at immigration for those of us in the long queue for passengers who had obtained a visa online.....the small queue of those who bought their visa on arrival were processed in less than 15 minutes! Pre arranged taxi from Wanyama B&B met us at arrivals for the 1 hr ride to the B&B in Arusha and in bed by 11pm.

16th MOUNT MERU

Up at 5.30am sorting gear out and breakfast at 6.30am. At 7am our 2 guides, Exaud Nassary and Elia Mulungu appeared to collect us and start the trip. We first all withdrew 400,000 TZS from a local atm in Arusha and then headed to the western end of Mt Meru, driving and birding our way through forest pockets surrounded by mainly eucalyptus and pine. It went very quiet by 2pm so we drove round to the eastern entrance gate of Mt Meru where we birded the area around the car park and admin buildings in the grass and scrub from 4-6pm. Dinner at a roadside café in Arusha and back at the B&B by 7pm.

17th ENGIKARET PLAINS & TARANGIRE GATE

Breakfast at 6am and away by 6.30am to the **Engikaret Plains.** We met our Masaai guide on the plains by being told to walk out towards the Giraffe, and wandered round till 12 noon when the strong dusty winds were making birding difficult leaving for **Tarangire Gate** where we birded the access road and area around the gate itself, not venturing into the Park. Superb birding even in the heat of the day and into the evening leaving at 5.30pm for the **Karatu Safari Camp Lodge in Karatu**. Here we had a 3 course dinner for \$10 and a room upgrade to a room each for free.

18th NGORONGORO & SERENGETI

Breakfast at 6am and away to **Ngorongoro birding a few places on route and at the entrance gate there**. Once in the Park we slowly birded the forest from our Landcruiser roof viewing hatches but were thwarted a little by the low cloud fortunately only after we had left the better forest. The temperature warmed as we dropped down into the **Serengeti arriving a little after noon at the Naabi Gate**. After more very dusty bumpy miles we eventually turned off the main track onto smaller tracks with little traffic and thus dust. We **birded the sparse thorn scrub and grasslands till dusk before heading to the public campsite** surrounded by Buffalo and Hyenas where we **pitched our tents and had a superb dinner cooked by Exaud.**

19th Up before dawn to a quick Exaud breakfast then away to the acacia to look for Karamoja Apalis which took less than 30 seconds! We then slowly accompanied the huge trail of Wildebeest on migration eventually arriving at the Naabi Gate entrance to the Serengeti just in time before our permit expired at 1pm. We then retraced our steps back to the Karatu Safari Camp Lodge stopping at a few places to add more birds to the trip arriving by 6pm.

20th NYUMBA YA MUNGU

Set off early driving to the open scrubby area surrounding the dam at Nyumba Ya Mungu reservoir 3.30-dusk before the short drive to the Elephant Motel at Same arriving c 7.30pm.

21st CHOME & AREA

Left the Elephant Motel stopping a few times along the road for a few birds including a responsive Southern Grosbeak-Canary on route to Chome Forest. Unfortunately there had been a large fire recently and there was little left apart from a few small gullies with some remaining trees. We birded these for a few hours squeezing out a few birds before leaving mid afternoon for Lushoto in the West Usambaras arriving at the Lawns Hotel at 7.30pm.

22nd WEST USAMBARAS (LUSHOTO- MAGAMBA FOREST)

In on the Magamba forest road at 7am where we birded the road all day long ending the day at the old sawmill campsite where the last 2 hours of light at an ant swarm delivered just about all the birds we had worked for in the day plus a few more!

Tried a different trail today.. the **Sekumo Trail**, which was supposed to be better for a few species such as Spot throat and Montane Tiny Greenbul which it was, but we saw very little else on this short trail so elected to return to the Lodge for a rest and then **Magamba Forest road again till dusk.**

24th EAST USAMBARAS (AMANI FOREST & OTHER STOPS)

Left Lushoto at 6.30am stopping just down the road near Soni and birded the road down for a couple of km. We drove on to a roadside **lunchtime spot for Coastal Cisticolas** which put in a good performance, before moving on to the **Amani Hills Reserve** where we birded our way to the office area accommodation. Good accommodation there so we checked in for a couple of nights then went out till dusk. Back for dinner and then out for some nearby owling... hearing nothing.

25th Up at 4am owling to no avail again but hearing a distant Usambara Eagle Owl. After breakfast we drove a short distance through some tea plantations birding specific locations for Long-billed Forest Warbler (Tailorbird) and Kretzschmer's Longbill. Late afternoon saw us returning to an area we had thought good for Sunbirds where we stayed till dusk. During our dinner, Exaud & Elia told us that they had asked the village night watchman to ring them if he heard the Usambara Eagle Owl which he did half way through our dinner. A few minutes later we were at the location and could hear the owl calling but it still took another 1.5 hours to locate it high in the same tree. All done by 9.30pm we decided to get some sleep knowing that an early start was not now needed.

26th WAMI BRIDGE - SIBAMWENNI LODGE

Up at dawn and me and Graham went with Elia trying unsuccessfully to locate Red-faced Crimsonwing nearby, while Dave returned to the sunbird spot for Banded Green Sunbird. We left Amani Hills to bird the road lower down successfully for Lowland Tiny Greenbul and then drove on to Simbamwenni Lodge via a short stop at Wami Bridge for a pair of Bohm's Bee-Eaters.

At the Lodge we had a good dinner, a wash and made use of the intermittent internet.



27th ULUGURUS (TEGATERO)

Left at 4am for a day trip to **Tegatero**, **home of Uluguru Bushshrike**. Exaud drove us along a series of narrow paths and tracks to finally park up on the local football pitch from where we all walked the paths through farmland to the **forest where we birded from c1000** - **1200m asl** till 2.40pm when we walked back and then drove back a few hours to Simbamwenni Lodge.

28th UKAGURUS (MASENGE)

Up at 4am and drove 4 hours to Masenge where we birded the road and trails in off from 8am to 4pm.

29th ULUGURUS (BUNDUKI)

Left Simbamwenni Lodge at 5.30am for the Bunduki Campsite trail arriving by 7am. We opted to take the trail for best for Winifred's Warbler and occasionally Uluguru Greenbul to hope for getting the 2 targets in one go and it worked well seeing both fairly quickly after getting to the forest patch. We then drove via Mikumi to Hondo Hondo arriving at 5.30pm and had a quick walk to the rice field adjacent to the Lodge till dark.

30th HONDO HONDO & KILOMBERO SWAMP

7-8am in the rice fields again this time locating the male Lesser Seedcracker for all to see well before the 1.5 hr drive to **Kilombero Swamp. Here we saw all 3 endemic targets in about 15 minutes** and had another hour or so before we had to return to Hondo for lunch and a short successful search for **Collared Palm Thrush**.

We then drove on via the stunning Baobab tree valley to arrive at Masumbo Lodge by dusk.





JULY 1st UDZUNGWA MOUNTAINS (ULUTI)

We left Masumbo Lodge at 7am along with Emmanuel the cook and drove to Uluti village to be greeted by the local school kids and where we would meet the porters (mostly ladies) who would carry the gear up to the camp while we birded the trail.

- **2**nd Up for breakfast at 6.30am and wandered around the campsite trails and down the main trail in the late afternoon where more activity was noted. Tucked up in the tent by 7.30pm.
- **3**rd Up for breakfast at 6.30 again and Dapplethroating it all around the camp till c 1.30pm when we walked to the other campsite and back for dusk.





4th Up at 5.30 am and packed the tent and sleeping gear ready for the porters to take down while we did more Dapplethroat searching. The weather had now changed and was windy, grey and started to rain on the way back down reducing the likelihood of finding the still missing Rufous-winged Sunbird until the trawling paid off a few hundred m from the outside edge of the forest when a superb male came in. Phew! After meeting Exaud at Uluti village we were soon back up at Masumbo Lodge by 3pm. Had a wash, dried the camping gear out and then took a walk back along the entrance road till dusk.

5th UDZUNGWA MOUNTAINS (LUALA VALLEY)

Left Masumbo Lodge birding the road out again then set off for the Luala Valley. Had a time-consuming wait at the local permit office waiting for the permit to be issued even though ordered days in advance. We then drove to the meeting place for the porters by midday. We loaded up the porters and set off on the **uphill 9km stroll (slippery in places) to the campsite arriving at c 5pm.**Put up the tents and went owling at dusk before a superb spag bol dinner and an early crash out.

6th Best sleep for a while! **Out at 5.30am looking for the Montane (Usambara) Nightjars** calling from the open area nearby before breakfast and then **a swift connection with the main target bird.. Udzungwa Forest Partridge scoring by 9.50am**. Spent the rest of the day along the main trail and round the open area next to the camp.





7th Same routine as yesterday.

8th Up at 5.20 to pack tent away leaving at 6.45 but halted only 100m from the camp by a calling Kipengere Seedeater which eventually showed after c 30 minutes. Back down at the car by 11.30am.

Drove on to Mikumi via a few short stops to stay at the Vamos Hotel to get cleaned up and dried out and booked in for 2 nights.

9th KILOSA ROAD & MIKUMI AREA

All am along the Kilosa Road until we got kicked off even though we had permits. Lunch at the Hotel before spending the **afternoon and evening in the Mikumi National Park itself.**

10th RUVU RIVER BRIDGE

Away at 7am driving to Dar Es Salaam with a few stops on the way for Eastern Black-headed Batis and a stop by the Ruvu River bridge for Ruvu Weaver on the Bagamoyo Road. Dropped at the BL Airport Hotel and said our goodbyes to Exaud and Elia who had looked after us very well. I can't overstate how good these two friends were all the way through from start to finish.





11th PEMBA ISLAND

07.45 flight to Pemba where we were met by **Eddie Kishore from the Gecko Lodge/ Swahili Divers at 9.10am**. We had soon seen all the specialities by 2pm when we arrived at the Lodge except the Scops Owl so we had a short break for lunch and birding around the Lodge itself, leaving for **Ngezi Forest c 5.30pm**. **Owling 6.45-8pm along the road in heavy and noisy traffic didn't stop us from getting great views of the owl.. our final bird and endemic of the trip.**

SYSTEMATIC LIST (IOC WILDLIFE RECORDER 4 & IOC 12.1)

ENDEMIC = TANZANIAN ENDEMIC

- 1. Common Ostrich (Struthio camelus) 28+ Serengeti.
- 2. Egyptian Goose (Alopochen aegyptiaca) Sev in the Serengeti.



- 3. African Black Duck (Anas sparsa) 2, Magamba and 2 on the river near Soni, Lushoto above.
- 4. Red-billed Teal (Anas erythrorhyncha) Several in the Serengeti.



- 5. **Helmeted Guineafowl (Reichenow's)** (Numida meleagris reichenowi) 10, Tarangire Gate and 20+ in the Serengeti where Photod. Obvious red wattles distinctive.
- 6. Crested Guineafowl (Guttera pucherani) Heard only at Luala, Udzungwas.
- 7. **UDZUNGWA FOREST PARTRIDGE** (Xenoperdix udzungwensis) **ENDEMIC** 1, 6th July Luala Udzungwas, c half a mile up from the camp eventually showed very well c5m away for c 6 seconds as it suddenly appeared walking slowly away out it the open and in great light. This was after a long wait and being the only one to not see the initial sighting despite being next to the others and with several birds calling close by.

Also another the next day seen well again but briefly as it circled us and the speaker and again watched closely and in good light at a place a short distance further on from the original site and in bamboo. A small partridge looking rusty brown (golden brown on the first bird in the sunlight) barred blackish on the upperparts. Strong rusty orange face and supercillium with a darker eyestripe and bright red bill and yellow legs and feet. A spectacular bird when seen well!

Probably another 2+ birds heard calling on the first day and at least another 1 on the second day.

Strange raucous screeching call was very distinctive and the birds were quite responsive to careful playback.





8. **Coqui Francolin** (**Plain-breasted**) (Campocolinus coqui [hubbardi-group]) 11+ in two groups over 2 days in the Serengeti above male left and female right.



9. **SCALY SPURFOWL** (Pternistis squamatus) A pair roosting at Luala camp, Udzungwas, 5th July and found with the thermal scope after being heard an hour before by Elia.

10. YELLOW-NECKED SPURFOWL (Pternistis leucoscepus) 2 individual birds, 17th Jun at Tarangire Gate. No sign all afternoon but after Elia spoke to a local we found out that the birds become easier to see from 5pm which is exactly what happened. The first flew across into some grass where we managed a head view, then Elia came to get us as he had also found another walking about in the open area near the car park. Apparently also easy in the mornings.







11. **GREY-BREASTED SPURFOWL** (Pternistis rufopictus) **ENDEMIC** Only seen in the Serengeti where 4 on 18th and 3+ on the 19th including 1-2+ around our public campsite. Often by the roadside and confiding to vehicle approach.



12. **Red-necked Spurfowl** (**Cranch's**) (Pternistis afer cranchii) 2, Jun 17th Tarangire Gate appeared to be this group but c10 Jul 9th at Mikumi (above) were not easy to assign to ssp? Certainly not the obvious white faced birds associated with the Northern group.

^{13.} **Montane Nightjar (Ruwenzori)** (Caprimulgus poliocephalus **guttifer**) Sometimes split as **USAMBARA NIGHTJAR**) 5+ at the Luala Valley campsite where seen 6th-7th Jul just around the camp and nearby open grassy area.



- 14. **SLENDER-TAILED NIGHTJAR** (Caprimulgus clarus) 1+, Jun 20th Nyumba Ya Mungu found by Graham roosting in the evening. Long slender tail with complete white outer web and protruding central tail feathers. Malc flushed another close by.
- 15. Mottled Spinetail (Telacanthura ussheri) 10+ Tarangire Gate in the evening and c50 at Amani Hills also in the evening.
- 16. African Palm Swift (Cypsiurus parvus) Several noted in areas with palm trees.



- 17. NYANZA SWIFT (Apus niansae) c20, Jun 23rd Magamba Forest, Lushoto.

 Obviously brown-looking with pale areas on the inner wing from both below and above. Also fairly well-defined pale throat patch.

 Also note fairly blunt -tipped wing in comparison with African swift ... the only confusion sp in range and time of year?
- 18. Little Swift (Apus affinis) Regularly encountered in groups of up to 200 (usually smaller) by bridges in the north.
- 19. Bare-faced Go-away-bird (Black-faced) (Crinifer personatus leopoldi) 1, Jun 18th Serengeti.



- 20. WHITE-BELLIED GO-AWAY-BIRD (Crinifer leucogaster) c10, Jun 17th at Tarangire Gate. Smart birds.
- 21. Livingstone's Turaco (Tauraco livingstonii) Common by voice at Luala, Udzungwas but only 3+ seen on 8th Jul.
- 22. SCHALOW'S TURACO (Tauraco schalowi) 1, Jun 17th Ngorongoro was the only bird seen.



- 23. HARTLAUB'S TURACO (Tauraco hartlaubi) 5, Mt Meru 6th Jun (both above) and 2 on 21st at Chome.
- 24. Black-bellied Bustard (Lissotis melanogaster) Male at Mikumi was the only bird seen.



25. Kori Bustard (Ardeotis kori) 25+ counted in the Serengeti nearly all in the same area near the Naabi Gate(right).

- 26. White-browed Coucal (Centropus superciliosus) Regularly encountered in the more open habitats.
- 27. Barred Long-tailed Cuckoo (Eastern) (Cercococcyx montanus patulus) Heard only once at Luala, Udzungwas at dusk.



28. **Chestnut-bellied Sandgrouse** (**African**) (Pterocles exustus [exustus-group]) 50+, at the Engikaret Plains, 16th Jun early morning, often heard well before being seen flying round in small groups. Also 1 in the Serengeti.



29. YELLOW-THROATED SANDGROUSE (Pterocles gutturalis)

This superb male, Jun 18th Serengeti, was nearly flushed from the side of the track as we were driving to the campsite at dusk and just managed to stop in time. Also 2 the next day in the Serengeti.

- 30. Speckled Pigeon (Columba guinea) Several noted from Tarangire Gate to the Serengeti.
- 31. African Olive Pigeon (Columba arquatrix) Several noted at Uluti and Luala, Udzungwas.
- 32. Eastern Bronze-naped Pigeon (Columba delegorguei) 2 in flight at Amani Hills.
- 33. Lemon Dove (Lemon) (Columba larvata [larvata-group]) 4 birds in all seen at Luala, Udzungwas
- 34. Dusky Turtle Dove (Streptopelia lugens) 1 Masumbo Lodge, poor views of others.
- 35. **Mourning Collared Dove** (Streptopelia decipiens) Mourning, Red-eyed and Ring-necked Doves all identified by voice and then pretty much ignored afterwards. Too many other good birds to see!
- 36. Red-eyed Dove (Streptopelia semitorquata) Noted.
- 37. Ring-necked Dove (Streptopelia capicola) Noted.
- 38. Laughing Dove (Streptopelia senegalensis) Noted in the Serengeti/ Tarangire Gate area.
- 39. Emerald-spotted Wood Dove (Turtur chalcospilos) 1 seen well at Nyumba Ya Mungu. Other Wood Doves not seen well enough.
- 40. **Tambourine Dove** (Turtur tympanistria) Nice views of a bird on the nest at Luala where a few seen in flight.
- 41. Namaqua Dove (Oena capensis) A few Tarangire Gate and the Serengeti.
- 42. African Green Pigeon (African) (Treron calvus [calvus-group]) 3 birds, Amani Hills.



- 43. PEMBA GREEN PIGEON (Treron pembaensis) ENDEMIC c10+, Jul 11th Gecko Lodge area, Pemba Island, feeding in the fruiting trees.
- 44. **Moorhen** (Gallinula chloropus) 1, Serengeti.
- 45. Black Crake (Zapornia flavirostra) 1, Serengeti.





- 46. Water Thick-knee (Burhinus vermiculatus) 26 at the Hippo Pools, Mikumi.
- 47. Black-winged Stilt (Himantopus himantopus) A few noted.
- 48. Blacksmith Lapwing (Vanellus armatus) Common in the Serengeti and at Mikumi.
- 49. Spur-winged Lapwing (Vanellus spinosus) 2, Serengeti.



- 50. Senegal Lapwing (Vanellus lugubris) 8+ in the Serengeti.
- 51. Crowned Lapwing (Vanellus coronatus) Common in the Serengeti and at Mikumi.
- 52. **Three-banded Plover** (African) (Charadrius tricollaris tricollaris) Several in the Serengeti.
- 53. Temminck's Courser (Cursorius temminckii) Noted at Engikaret Plains.
- 54. Yellow-billed Stork (Mycteria ibis) 5 Mikumi.
- 55. African Openbill (Anastomus lamelligerus) Fairly common in the right habitat.
- 56. **Saddle-billed Stork** (Ephippiorhynchus senegalensis) 1 in the Serengeti and 2 at Mikumi.

- 57. Marabou Stork (Leptoptilos crumenifer) Several in the Serengeti and Mikumi.
- 58. Reed Cormorant (Microcarbo africanus) 3+ Kilombero Swamp and a few at the Ruvu River Bridge.
- 59. Hadada Ibis (Bostrychia hagedash) Regularly noted Arusha to Serengeti and some at Nyumba Ya Mungu.
- 60. Glossy Ibis (Plegadis falcinellus) 100+ Nyumba Ya Mungu Res in the evening.
- 61. Striated Heron (Old World) (Butorides striata [atricapilla-group]) single birds in the Serengeti and Kilombero Swamp.
- 62. Cattle Egret (Bubulcus ibis) Common in the right habitat.



- 63. Black-headed Heron (Ardea melanocephala) Regular in dry and wet habitats. Here photod at Hondo Hondo rice fields.
- 64. Little Egret (Western) (Egretta garzetta garzetta) A few nearer Dar Es Salaam.
- 65. **Hamerkop** (Scopus umbretta) A few around Lushoto and Nyumba Ya Mungu etc.



- 66. Secretarybird (Sagittarius serpentarius) 6+ in the Serengeti including a pair flying from a roost.
- 67. Black-winged Kite (African) (Elanus caeruleus caeruleus) 2+ noted from the car from Serengeti to Arusha.
- 68. African Harrier-hawk (Polyboroides typus) c6 noted in all.
- 69. **Palm-nut Vulture** (Gypohierax angolensis) 2-3 birds at the Amani Hills Reserve.

- 70. White-backed Vulture (Gyps africanus) c30 in the Serengeti.
- 71. Lappet-faced Vulture (Torgos tracheliotos) 2 together in the Serengeti.
- 72. Bateleur (Terathopius ecaudatus) c5 in the Serengeti and a few in Mikumi.
- 73. Crowned Eagle (Stephanoaetus coronatus) A superb displaying bird at Luala camp, Udzungwas.
- 74. Long-crested Eagle (Lophaetus occipitalis) A single bird seen twice on two different dates along the Uluti Rd.
- 75. Ayres's Hawk-eagle (Hieraaetus ayresii) 1 in the Serengeti.
- 76. **Tawny Eagle** (Aquila rapax) 3, Engikaret Plains and 3 in the Serengeti.
- 77. African Hawk-eagle (Aquila spilogaster) Ad at Amani Hills and 1 at Uluti, Udzungwas.
- 78. Lizard Buzzard (Kaupifalco monogrammicus) Ad along the Kilosa Rd, Mikumi.



79. Gabar Goshawk (Micronisus gabar) Ad near Engikaret Plains in the early morning.





- 80. Dark Chanting Goshawk (Melierax metabates) 2 in the Serengeti (above left).
- 81. **EASTERN CHANTING GOSHAWK** (Melierax poliopterus) 4, Jun 17th Engikaret Plains and 2 Tarangire Gate (above right). Also, 1 at Nyumba Ya Mungu (IOC split from Pale-Chanting Goshawk).

82. African Goshawk (Eastern) (Accipiter tachiro sparsimfasciatus) A perched juv on the walk down from Tegatero.



African Goshawk (Pemba) (Accipiter tachiro pembaensis)

A brown imm' seen outside Gecko Lodge and an adult watched several times inside the Gecko Lodge compound Jul 11th-12th.

- 83. Shikra (African) (Accipiter badius sphenurus/polyzonoides) 1, Mikumi.
- 84. Little Sparrowhawk (Accipiter minullus) 1, Masumbo Lodge.
- 85. Black Sparrowhawk (Accipiter melanoleucus) 1, Mt Meru.
- 86. African Fish Eagle (Haliaeetus vocifer) 1 imm, Serengeti.
- 87. Mountain Buzzard (Buteo oreophilus)
 - 1, Uluti
 - 2+ Luala, Udzungwas where photod (right).
- 88. **Augur Buzzard** (Buteo augur)
 Several birds Arusha to the Serengeti
 and also around Lushoto.





89. Pearl-spotted Owlet (Glaucidium perlatum) Nice views of one at the Naabi Gate, Serengeti.



90. **PEMBA SCOPS OWL** (Otus pembaensis) **ENDEMIC** Pair, Jul 11th Ngezi Forest, Pemba. Male above left, female right. Eddie took us to a "dead cert" site which delivered almost immediately, which was good as we then had to suffer holiday traffic returning from the beach for the next hour. The birds however didn't flinch and remained on view throughout calling occasionally and showing well.



- 91. **USAMBARA EAGLE-OWL** (Bubo vosseleri) **ENDEMIC** 1, Jun 25th, Amani Hills, East Usambaras, just before the admin office /village. The village night watchman rang Exaud to say they had heard it close by while we were eating our dinners. A few minutes later we could also hear it when on site, but it took another 1.5 hours to track it down in the same big tree. **IOC Just about to lump with Fraser's Eagle-Owl** so not a new species in the end but always great to see a big owl!
- 92. Verreaux's Eagle Owl (Bubo lacteus) A pair together in the Serengeti, roosting above the track and accidentally flushed.
- 93. African Wood Owl (Strix woodfordii) Heard several times at Uluti and Luala Camps, Udzungwas, usually early morning.
- 94. Speckled Mousebird (Colius striatus) Seen almost everywhere except the Udzungwas.



95. WHITE-HEADED MOUSEBIRD (Colius leucocephalus) 10+, Jun 20th Nyumba Ya Mungu.

- 96. **Blue-naped Mousebird** (Urocolius macrourus) C20 roadside birds near Arusha on Jun 20th.
- 97. **Bar-tailed Trogon** (Apaloderma vittatum) male and female Jun 27th at Tegatero.
- 98. Common Scimitarbill (Rhinopomastus cyanomelas) c10 Mikumi along the Kilosa Rd.



99. ABYSSINIAN SCIMITARBILL (Rhinopomastus minor) 3+, Jun 20th Nyumba Ya Mungu.



100. **SOUTHERN GROUND HORNBILL** (Bucorvus leadbeateri) 11, Jul 9th Mikumi National Park in 3 different groups. A huge beast often walking amongst the Gazelles and Elephants although not afraid to fly either!



101. TANZANIAN RED-BILLED HORNBILL (Tockus ruahae) ENDEMIC 4 birds with pale irides, Jun 18th Serengeti



102. Northern Red-billed Hornbill (Tockus erythrorhynchus) 4 birds Tarangire Gate.



103. **VON DER DECKEN'S HORNBILL** (Tockus deckeni) male and female, Jun 17th Tarangire Gate entrance Rd and 2 females on 20th.

- 104. Crowned Hornbill (Lophoceros alboterminatus) 10+ noted in all.
- 105. African Grey Hornbill (Lophoceros nasutus) 8+ noted in all.



- 106. PALE-BILLED HORNBILL (Lophoceros pallidirostris) 4+, Jul 9th Kilosa Rd, Mikumi.
- 107. **Silvery-cheeked Hornbill** (Bycanistes brevis)

 Common at Amani Hills where roosting in large numbers but regular all the way from Arusha to Bunduki in the Ulugurus.
- 108. Purple Roller (Coracias naevius) 1 noted in the Serengeti.



- 109. Lilac-breasted Roller (Lilac-breasted) (Coracias caudatus caudatus) Several birds in the north (above left).
- 110. Broad-billed Roller (African) (Eurystomus glaucurus [afer-group]) 3+, Pemba Island (above right).

- 111. Brown-hooded Kingfisher (Halcyon albiventris) Noted at Chome, Amani Hills, Masenge and Bunduki.
- 112. Striped Kingfisher (Halcyon chelicuti) 2 in the Serengeti and 1at Mikumi on the Kilosa Rd.



- 113. Mangrove Kingfisher (Halcyon senegaloides) 2+ and another heard along the road through Ngezi Forest shown to us by Eddie.
- 114. Giant Kingfisher (Megaceryle maxima) 2, Masumbo Lodge.
- 115. Pied Kingfisher (Ceryle rudis) Several birds noted.
- 116. Little Bee-eater (Merops pusillus) A few noted on 29th and 30th Jun.
- 117. Cinnamon-chested Bee-eater (Merops oreobates) 4 at Ngorongoro toilet viewpoint.
- 118. White-fronted Bee-eater (Merops bullockoides) 10+ from Mt Meru to the Serengeti.





119. **BÖHM'S BEE-EATER** (Merops boehmi) A pair, Jun 26th Wami Bridge.

- 120. White-eared Barbet (White-eared) (Stactolaema leucotis leucotis/kilimensis) 2, Mt Meru, 6 at the Amani Hills.
- 121. Green Barbet (Green) (Stactolaema olivacea olivacea) A few at the Amani Hills.
- 122. Green Tinkerbird (Pogoniulus simplex) 1, Amani Hills.



123. MOUSTACHED TINKERBIRD (Pogoniulus leucomystax)
1, Jun 21st Chome area (photos), also 2, Tegatero and 3 Bunduki, and also commonly heard at Uluti, Udzungwas.



- 124. Red-fronted Tinkerbird (Pogoniulus pusillus) 1, Chome kept coming in to playback of Pallid Honeyguide.
- 125. Spot-flanked Barbet (Tricholaema lacrymosa) 3, Chome area.
- 126. **BLACK-THROATED BARBET** (Tricholaema melanocephala) 1, Jun 20th Nyumba Ya Mungu (right)





- 127. **BROWN-BREASTED BARBET** (Lybius melanopterus) 2, Jul 9th Kilosa Rd, Mikumi.
- 128. **Crested Barbet** (Trachyphonus vaillantii) 1+, Jul 9th Kilosa Rd, Mikumi.



129. **USAMBIRO BARBET** (Trachyphonus usambiro) 1, Jun 18th and 4 on 19th in the Serengeti, here photod at the public campsite.



130. Pallid Honeyguide (Indicator meliphilus) 1, Chome.



132. **SPECKLE-THROATED WOODPECKER** (Campethera scriptoricauda) Male, Jul 9th on the Kilosa Rd, Mikumi.



133. **NUBIAN WOODPECKER** (Campethera nubica) Female, Jun 17th Tarangire Gate (above) and a female in the Serengeti.

- 134. Little Spotted Woodpecker (Campethera cailliautii) Males in the Serengeti and at Lushoto.
- 135. **Bearded Woodpecker** (Chloropicus namaquus) A male on the Kilosa Rd, Mikumi (right)



136. Cardinal Woodpecker (Dendropicos fuscescens) A male down the Kilosa Rd, Mikumi.



- 137. **EASTERN GREY WOODPECKER** (Dendropicos spodocephalus) A female at the Tarangire Gate.
- 138. Olive Woodpecker (Montane) (Dendropicos griseocephalus kilimensis) 1, Magamba Forest and 2 at Uluti, Udzungwas.
- 139. Pygmy Falcon (Polihierax semitorquatus) 1, Nyumba Ya Mungu.
- 140. Kestrel (Rufescent) (Falco tinnunculus rufescens) 1, Serengeti.



141. **DICKINSON'S KESTREL** (Falco dickinsoni) 6, Jul 11th Pemba and 2 the next day. Seen from 15 minutes north of the airport to Gecko Lodge area where they were quite easy to see. Often in pairs and reasonably confiding.

142. Red-necked Falcon (African) (Falco chicquera ruficollis/horsbrughi) 1, Ruvu River west of Dar Es Salaam.



- 143. Lanner Falcon (Falco biarmicus) 2 birds on the Uluti Rd and another 2-3 at Uluti.
- 144. Peregrine (African) (Falco peregrinus minor) 1, Mt Meru did look smaller than usual causing a little confusion at first.



- 145. Meyer's Parrot (Poicephalus meyeri) 5+ in the Serengeti with one pair trying to drag a Fischer's Lovebird out of its nesting hole.
- 146. Brown-headed Parrot (Poicephalus cryptoxanthus) 4-6 birds at Ngezi Forest and Gecko Lodge, Pemba.



147. **RED-BELLIED PARROT** (Poicephalus rufiventris) 5+, Jun 17th Tarangire Gate.



148. **FISCHER'S LOVEBIRD** (Agapornis fischeri) **ENDEMIC** 40+, Jun 19th Serengeti.



149. **YELLOW-COLLARED LOVEBIRD** (Agapornis personatus) **ENDEMIC** 40+, Jun 18th Tarangire Gate and the approach rd.





150. DARK BATIS (Batis crypta) Pair Jun 27th Tegatero, Ulugurus (male left) and a male on 28th at Masenge, Ukagurus.

Also 3 at Uluti and 3 at Luala, (female right) Udzungwas. See recent BOW update https://doi.org/10.2173/bow.shtbat1.02
for discussion with similar Short-tailed (Forest) Batis B. mixta.





151. Chinspot Batis (Batis molitor) 2 in the Serengeti (photos) and a male at Mikumi were the only birds identified.



152. **EASTERN BLACK-HEADED BATIS** (Batis minor) 3 birds, Jun 10th east of Mikumi at an early morning stop. A little playback soon elicited a response from a roadside pair who performed well.





- 153. **PYGMY BATIS** (Batis perkeo) Pair, Jun 20th Nyumba Ya Mungu.
- 154. Black-throated Wattle-eye (Platysteira peltata) 1, Jun 24th.
- 155. **ULUGURU BUSHSHRIKE** (Malaconotus alius) **ENDEMIC** Ad, Jun 27th Tegatero, Ulugurus.

 The bird responded very soon after entering the forest on the first steep uphill section and came in and above us where we got a series of brief, neck-craning views as it called right overhead for a few minutes. It called again several times more until c 2.30pm but remained out of sight despite being close.
- 156. **Black-fronted Bushshrike** (Chlorophoneus nigrifrons) 2, Magamba Forest, 2, Tegatero, Ulugurus, a striking yellow bird at Bunduki in the Ulugurus and 2 at Uluti in the Udzungwas.
- 157. Orange-breasted Bushshrike (Chlorophoneus sulfureopectus) 1, Kilosa Rd, Mikumi.



- 158. ROSY-PATCHED BUSHSHRIKE (Tsavo) (Telophorus cruentus cathemagmenus) 1, Jun 20th Nyumba Ya Mungu.
- 159. **Brown-crowned Tchagra** (Tchagra australis) a few sightings in the north.
- 160. Black-backed Puffback (Dryoscopus cubla) 2, Mt Meru, 2 at Chome and 1 Amani Hills.
- 161. FÜLLEBORN'S BOUBOU (Usambara) (Laniarius fuelleborni usambaricus)
 1, Jun 22nd Magamba Forest, Lushoto and another seen on Jul 5th at the Luala Valley, Udzungwas.



- 162. **SLATE-COLORED BOUBOU** (Laniarius funebris) 3, Jun 17th Tarangire Gate at the small drinking pool by the shops.
- 163. **Tropical Boubou** (Laniarius major) 4 birds from Mt Meru to the Serengeti.
- 164. East Coast Boubou (Laniarius sublacteus) 1 bird watched singing, Jun 24th Soni near Lushoto.
- 165. Brubru (Nilaus afer) 2, Nyumba Ya Mungu and also at Mikumi.
- 166. White-crested Helmetshrike (Yellow-eyed) (Prionops plumatus [poliocephalus-group])
 2 in flight at the Baobab Valley on the way to Masumbo Lodge and at least 20 birds along the Kilosa Rd, Mikumi.



4, Jun 18th in the Serengeti, and teased out after c 30 minutes. Stayed around for c another 15 minutes or so before clearing off.

- 168. Retz's Helmetshrike (Prionops retzii) c15 along the Kilosa Rd, Mikumi.
- 169. Black-and-white Shrike-flycatcher (Bias musicus) Male at Amani Hills.
- 170. Grey Cuckooshrike (Ceblepyris caesius) Noted at Magamba Forest and 2 at Uluti, Udzungwas.
- 171. Black Cuckooshrike (Campephaga flava) Male at Amani Hills and 2 at Mikumi.
- 172. Magpie Shrike (Urolestes melanoleucus) Noted at Tarangire Gate in the Serengeti.



173. NORTHERN WHITE-CROWNED SHRIKE (Eurocephalus ruppelli) c20, Jun 17th Tarangire Gate. Also, several noted through the Serengeti and across east to Nyumba Ya Mungu.

174. **Grey-backed Fiscal** (Lanius excubitoroides) 7+ in the Serengeti and a few more roadside birds noted at Mikumi.



175. **TAITA FISCAL** (Lanius dorsalis) 2 birds together, Jun 16^{th} at the Engikaret Plains.

176. Northern Fiscal (Lanius humeralis) a few noted in the north.



- 177. **GREEN-HEADED ORIOLE** (**Green-headed**) (Oriolus chlorocephalus chlorocephalus/amani) 4+, Jun 24th Amani Hills and several others heard over the 2 days.
- 178. Black-headed Oriole (Oriolus larvatus) Ad on the way out from Chome to Lushoto.
- 179. Fork-tailed Drongo (Dicrurus adsimilis) Noted from the Serengeti/ Ngorongoro, Amani Hills and Mikumi.



- 180. **"USAMBARA DRONGO"** (Dicrurus sp?) A different sounding and forest-dwelling Drongo with a well-forked tail was shown to us by Elia at Magamba Forest where 2 Jun 22nd and 2 different birds on 23rd.
- 181. **Common Square-tailed Drongo** (Dicrurus ludwigii)
 Several noted at the Amani Hills area, Uluti and Luala, Udzungwas and also at Mikumi.
- 182. African Paradise Flycatcher (Terpsiphone viridis) 2, Amani Hills, 1, Uluti and 1 on Pemba.
- 183. Cape Crow (Corvus capensis) 1 noted Jun 18th.
- 184. House Crow (Corvus splendens) 40+ noted from Amani Hills to Lushoto and a few more noted towards Dar Es Salaam.
- 185. **Pied Crow** (Corvus albus) Common.
- 186. White-necked Raven (Corvus albicollis) Several birds noted.



187. WHITE-TAILED CRESTED FLYCATCHER (Elminia albonotata) 8, Jun 22nd Magamba Forest and thereafter fairly common.



188. **CINNAMON-BREASTED TIT** (Melaniparus pallidiventris) 8, Jul 9th along the Kilosa Rd, Mikumi.



189. MOUSE-COLORED PENDULINE TIT (Anthoscopus musculus) A responsive pair, Jun 20th Nyumba Ya Mungu.



191. **BEESLEY'S LARK** (Chersomanes beesleyi) **ENDEMIC** 3, Jun 16th at the Engikaret Plains proved very difficult to get near. They hung around together often disappearing for long periods in the undulating terrain.

192. **Chestnut-backed Sparrow-Lark** (Eremopterix leucotis) A superb male at Mikumi Ntl Park in with a group of Fischer's Sparrow-Larks.



193. **FISCHER'S SPARROW-LARK** (Eremopterix leucopareia)
16+, Jun 18th-19th in the Serengeti and also 4-5 at Mikumi Ntl Park at the drinking pools.

- 194. **Rufous-naped Lark (Serengeti)** (Mirafra africana tropicalis) common in a few places in the Serengeti in the grassland tracks.
- 195. Red-capped Lark (Calandrella cinerea) 25+ at Engikaret Plains.

- 196. Sombre Greenbul (Andropadus importunus) 2 at a roadside stop Jul 10th east of Morogoro.
- 197. Yellow-bellied Greenbul (Chlorocichla flaviventris) 1, Masumbo Lodge.



- 198. **SHELLEY'S GREENBUL** (Arizelocichla masukuensis) 1+, Jun 21st Chome was my **7000th species**.

 Also seen in reasonable numbers at Magamba, Amani Hills, Masenge, Bunduki, Uluti and several at Luala.
- 199. **ULUGURU GREENBUL** (Arizelocichla neumanni) **ENDEMIC** 4, Jun 29th Bunduki, Ulugurus.

 Pretty similar to Mountain Greenbul but called differently and distinctively, and looked darker on the crown.



200. YELLOW-THROATED GREENBUL (Arizelocichla chlorigula) ENDEMIC 2, Jul 28th Masenge in the Ukagurus and 6-10 most days at Luala in the Udzungwas where photod. Often calling first and last at dawn and dusk.

201. MOUNTAIN GREENBUL (Arizelocichla nigriceps)
 Mountain Greenbul (Kilimanjaro) (Arizelocichla nigriceps nigriceps)
 6+, Jun 16th Mt Meru and also 4 at the Ngorongoro Gate.

Mountain Greenbul (**Usambara**) (Arizelocichla nigriceps usambarae) 1+, Jun 21st Chome area and 2 Magamba Forest.

- 202. **STRIPE-FACED GREENBUL** (Arizelocichla striifacies) Single birds at Mt Meru, Jun 16th, Chome on 22nd and Tegatero on 27th.
- 203. Little Greenbul (Eurillas virens) 2 seen at Amani Hills as well as several others heard.



204. Lowland Tiny Greenbul (Phyllastrephus debilis) 2, Jun 26th Amani Hills at c 300m asl along the main track in.



205. MONTANE TINY GREENBUL (Phyllastrephus albigula) ENDEMIC 3 heard and glimpsed only in flight at Magamba Forest on 22nd but seen well the next day on the Sekumo Trail, Lushoto Jun 23rd where 2 came in eventually and moved quickly but closely round us for c15 minutes. Aka USAMBARA GREENBUL.

206. Northern Brownbul (Phyllastrephus strepitans) 3 in a moving group at Nyumba Ya Mungu.



- 207. GREY-OLIVE GREENBUL (Phyllastrephus cerviniventris)
 3-4, Jun 24th just down and west of Lushoto. They responded well but often remained hidden giving brief views several times.
- 208. PLACID GREENBUL (Phyllastrephus placidus) 1, Jun 16th Mt Meru, 1+ at the Chome area and 1 along the Sekumo trail.
- 209. Yellow-streaked Greenbul (Phyllastrephus flavostriatus) 1, Amani Hills and several at Uluti in the Udzungwas.



- 210. Dark-capped Bulbul (Pycnonotus tricolor) Fairly common, photed at Hondo Hondo.
- 211. Black Saw-wing (Psalidoprocne pristoptera) Noted in small numbers most days up in the mountains.
- 212. **Rock Martin (Red-throated)** (Ptyonoprogne fuligula rufigula/bansoensis)
 Noted Mt Meru, Serengeti, Arusha area, Magamba Forest and Luala in the Udzungwas.
- 213. Wire-tailed Swallow (Hirundo smithii) 3, Mt Meru and 1, Nyumba Ya Mungu.

- 214. Angolan Swallow (Hirundo angolensis) 1, Mt Meru and 20+, Luala, Udzungwas.
- 215. Lesser Striped Swallow (Cecropis abyssinica) 13 identified from Mt Meru to the Serengeti and several at Mikumi.



216. **KRETSCHMER'S LONGBILL** (Macrosphenus kretschmeri) Only seen at Amani Hills where 1 heard only, and very close but well hidden on Jun 24th and the 2 birds seen very well Jun 25th at a different place by the tea plantations where it was more open.





- 217. Northern Crombec (Eastern) (Sylvietta brachyura leucopsis)
 3, Jun 20th Nyumba Ya Mungu. Split in the field guide as EASTERN CROMBEC.
- 218. Red-faced Crombec (Sylvietta whytii) 2 in the Serengeti.
- 219. **Yellow-throated Woodland Warbler** (Phylloscopus ruficapilla) c15 noted in all, usually in the higher hills and often in mixed-species feeding flocks.
- 220. **BROWN WOODLAND WARBLER** (Phylloscopus umbrovirens) 1, Jun 16th at Mt Meru where singing low down at eye-level.
- 221. **African Yellow Warbler** (Iduna natalensis) 3 single birds noted in all.
- 222. **EVERGREEN FOREST WARBLER** (Eastern) (Bradypterus lopezi [mariae-group]) Only 2 birds actually seen. 1, Jun 22nd Magamba Forest in the West Usambaras and 1, Jun 28th Masenge in the Ukagurus. A very difficult bird to see (at this time of year?) with many heard in most upland forests with sometimes 4+ calling /singing within earshot but remaining well hidden. Duller and browner than the following species.



223. Cinnamon Bracken Warbler (Bradypterus cinnamomeus)6+ at Chome where best seen and heard at Luala, Udzungwas.



224. HUNTER'S CISTICOLA (Cisticola hunteri) A singing pair, Jun 16th Mt Meru performed well.



225. **KILOMBERO CISTICOLA** (Cisticola bakerorum) **ENDEMIC** 2 pairs, Jun 30th at the Kilombero Swamp. Seen immediately and very responsive, the birds showed very well.



226. **BLACK-LORED CISTICOLA** (Cisticola nigriloris) 2 birds on the Uluti Rd (above) and 6 on the walk from Uluti village to the camp.



227. **CHURRING CISTICOLA** (Cisticola njombe) 2, Jul 1st along the Uluti Rd.



228. **COASTAL CISTICOLA** (Cisticola haematocephalus) 3, Jun 24th at a roadside spot on route to Amani Hills.



229. WHITE-TAILED CISTICOLA (Cisticola anderseni) ENDEMIC 1+ Ad and a juv, Jun 30th Kilombero Swamp. Not as responsive as the Kilombero Cisticolas taking a little longer to come in.



230. Short-winged Cisticola (Cisticola brachypterus) 2, Ngorongoro Crater viewpoint toilet block in apparent breeding plumage.

231. **Neddicky** (Cisticola fulvicapilla) 1-2 birds on the way down from Luala.



- 232. Zitting Cisticola (African) (Cisticola juncidis terrestris/uropygialis) 1+, Pemba, just outside Gecko Lodge.
- 233. **PECTORAL-PATCH CISTICOLA** (**Pectoral-patch**) (Cisticola brunnescens [brunnescens-group]) 1-2 birds, Jun 19th Serengeti calling back in response to playback with some poor photos taken. Probably fairly common in the grasslands.
- 234. Tawny-flanked Prinia (Prinia subflava) Regularly noted often around cultivation or in trash habitat.



- 235. **RED-FRONTED PRINIA** (**Red-fronted**) (Prinia rufifrons rufifrons/smithi) 5, Jun 17th at the Engikaret Plains (above) and another 6+ at Nyumba Ya Mungu scuttling along the bare ground and all birds constantly wagging their tails from side to side.
- 236. Buff-bellied Warbler (Phyllolais pulchella) 1, Engikaret Plains.
- 237. Bar-throated Apalis (Apalis thoracica) A few seen in most hill ranges visited.
- 238. Yellow-breasted Apalis (Apalis flavida) Noted.
- 239. WHITE-WINGED APALIS (Apalis chariessa) 2, Jul 2nd Uluti and 4+ Jul 5th walking into Luala Camp, Udzungwas.
- 240. Black-headed Apalis (Apalis melanocephala) A few noted at Magamba, Tegatero, Uluti and Luala.



241. CHAPIN'S APALIS (Apalis chapini) 1, Jun 28th Masenge, 1, Uluti and 3 at Luala where photod above.



242. KARAMOJA APALIS (Apalis karamojae) A vocal pair, Jun 19th in the Serengeti in a very distinctive area of short Acacias with large white thorns. We saw the birds almost as soon as we arrived without any hassle.

243. BROWN-HEADED APALIS (Apalis alticola) 4, Jun 18th Ngorongoro. Also 5 Uluti and area.



244. Grey-capped Warbler (Eminia lepida) 1 singing at Ngorongoro Crater Viewpoint toilets in the mist.

245. Grey-backed Camaroptera (Camaroptera brevicaudata) Noted from the Serengeti to Magamba Forest.





- 246. MIOMBO WREN-WARBLER (Calamonastes undosus) 2, Jun 4th Masumbo Lodge, where heard only the next morning.
- STIERLING'S WREN-WARBLER (Calamonastes stierlingi) 247. 10+, Jul 9th on the Kilosa Rd, Mikumi and 1 the next day east of Morogoro in the thorn scrub.
- **WINIFRED'S WARBLER** (Scepomycter winifredae) **ENDEMIC** 1, Jun 29th Bunduki in the Ulugurus. 248.
- 249. **RUBEHO WARBLER** (Scepomycter rubehoensis) **ENDEMIC** 1, Jun 28th Masenge in the Ukagurus. Both birds looking very similar.



- 250. LONG-BILLED FOREST WARBLER (Long-billed) (Artisornis moreaui moreaui) Aka Long-billed Tailorbird. 1, Jun 25th Amani Hills with another 2 heard close by.
- 251. **RED-CAPPED FOREST WARBLER** (Artisornis metopias) Aka African Tailorbird.
 - 7+, Jun 22nd Magamba Forest (photo right) where another 3 on 23rd.
 - 2, Masenge and 2 Bunduki.
- 252. Yellow-bellied Eremomela (Eremomela icteropygialis) Noted.
- 253. Green-capped Eremomela (Eremomela scotops) 2 pairs on the Kilosa Rd, Mikumi.





254. AFRICAN HILL BABBLER (African) (Sylvia abyssinica [abyssinica-group] 2, Jun 21st Chome (above) and also 2 at Uluti and 2 at Luala.



- 255. BANDED PARISOMA (Curruca boehmi) 2+, Jun 17th Engikaret Plains (photo) and 1 in the Serengeti.
- 256. **BROWN PARISOMA** (**Brown**) (Curruca lugens [lugens-group]) 2, Jul 8th near the start of the walk for Luala Camp, Udzungwas.
- 257. PALE WHITE-EYE (Zosterops flavilateralis) Aka Kenya White-eye. 2 and another group of 15, Jun 20th east of Arusha.
- 258. MBULU WHITE-EYE (Zosterops mbuluensis) 5+, Jun 18th Ngorongoro a couple of miles west of the Park entrance gate.





259. **BROAD-RINGED WHITE-EYE** (Zosterops eurycricotus) **ENDEMIC** Aka **Kilimanjaro White-eye.** 2 groups of 10 and 15, Jun 16th Mt Meru. A very striking bird close up!





260. **SOUTH PARE WHITE-EYE** (Zosterops winifredae) **ENDEMIC** 5, Jun 21st Chome.

- 261. Southern Yellow White-eye (Zosterops anderssoni) 2, Lushoto at the Lawns Hotel and also 3+ Uluti and 2 Luala, Udzungwas.
- 262. PEMBA WHITE-EYE (Zosterops vaughani) ENDEMIC 20+, Jul 11th and a few on 12th at the Gecko Lodge, Pemba.
- 263. TANZANIAN ILLADOPSIS (Illadopsis distans) 1+, Jun 25th Amani Hills proved tricky to see. Several other birds calling around also.



- 264. Arrow-marked Babbler (Turdoides jardineii) 6+, Hondo Hondo in the rice fields. Note red iris found in more southerly populations
- 265. Black-lored Babbler (Sharpe's) (Turdoides sharpei sharpei) 12 in the Serengeti and 5 at Hondo Hondo.



- 266. NORTHERN PIED BABBLER (Turdoides hypoleuca) 7 in a group, Jun 17th Tarangire Gate.
- 267. **SPOT-THROAT** (Modulatrix stictigula) 2, Jun 22nd Magamba Forest including a bird at the ant swarm by the lake that showed several times out in the open but always too quick for a photo! This bird seemed quite aggressive towards other birds often chasing them away. Also 1+ seen on the Sekumo Trail there circling us low down often walking along the leaf litter. Fairly common by voice at the Magamba sites and also heard only at Tegatero and Uluti.
- 268. **DAPPLE-THROAT** (Arcanator orostruthus) Fairly common by voice at Uluti around and not far from the camp but an absolute bastard to see. Frequently close but a master of remaining hidden.

Jul 2nd 4+ birds heard only, but frequently throughout the morning singing and calling.

Jul 3rd 3 seen at various times in flight only although very closely and calling right in front of us down to 2-3m away. Jul 4th several birds (4-5+?) on the last morning in a small group moving through the undergrowth remained unseen except for a single bird which perched just above head height briefly but closely.

Also, a territorial singing bird which remained frustratingly hidden despite singing only a few metres away .

The birds seen in flight were all low down flitting a few yards from low cover and then back down into low cover.



- 270. **USAMBARA HYLIOTA** (Hyliota usambara) **ENDEMIC** 2+, Jul 24th Amani Hills at c300m asl found on the way in along the road.
- 271. **WATTLED STARLING** (Creatophora cinerea) 13 birds seen over 2 days Arusha area.
- 272. Black-bellied Starling (Notopholia corusca) 100+ roosting in a large bamboo clump at Amani Hills.



273. MIOMBO BLUE-EARED STARLING (Lamprotornis elisabeth) 6, Jul 9th Mikumi Ntl Park.

274. Rüppell's Starling (Lamprotornis purpuroptera) A few in the Serengeti.



275. **SUPERB STARLING** (Lamprotornis superbus) 1, roadside bird Engikaret Jul 17th and then c 40 Tarangire Gate. Common in the Serengeti and across to Arusha around habitation and along roadsides.



276. HILDEBRANDT'S STARLING (Lamprotornis hildebrandti) 40+ Jun 17th along the road to Engikaret Plains and a further 6 birds from 18th- 20th along the roadside to Arusha. Also a few seen at Mikumi.



- 277. **ASHY STARLING** (Lamprotornis unicolor) **ENDEMIC** 30+, Jun 17th Tarangire gate area, also several noted from the car while driving through the Baobab tree valley. Not the most colourful Starling but distinctive all the same.
- 278. Red-winged Starling (Onychognathus morio) 4, Arusha town Jul 20th.
- 279. Waller's Starling (Waller's) (Onychognathus walleri walleri) Up to 30 a day at Luala usually flying over the clearing there.
- 280. **KENRICK'S STARLING** (Poeoptera kenricki) Only seen at Amani Hills where a male and 3 females, Jun 24th and 6 birds at the same place the next day all flying to a palm trunk with holes in it but not actually going in.



- 281. **SHARPE'S STARLING** (Poeoptera sharpii) 1, Jun 18th Ngorongoro seen from the car.
- 282. Yellow-billed Oxpecker (Buphagus africanus) 7 identified in the Serengeti and 10 in Mikumi.
- 283. **Red-billed Oxpecker** (Buphagus erythrorynchus) several noted in the Serengeti and east of Arusha.
- 284. Abyssinian Thrush (Abyssinian) (Turdus abyssinicus [abyssinicus-group]) 2, Masenge in the Ukagurus.

Abyssinian Thrush (Ngorongoro) (Turdus abyssinicus oldeani) 1, Mt Meru looked very concolourous grey on the underparts.`



285. **USAMBARA THRUSH** (Turdus roehli) **ENDEMIC** 3+, Jun 22nd Magamba Forest and also 2 on 23rd. Note white central belly



286. White-browed Scrub Robin (Red-backed) (Cercotrichas leucophrys [leucophrys-group]) Aka Red-backed Scrub-Robin.

287. White-eyed Slaty Flycatcher (Melaenornis fischeri) 1, Luala, Udzungwas.



288. African Dusky Flycatcher (Muscicapa adusta) 3, Mt Meru, 4-5 at least, Magamba Forest and 4 at Uluti, Udzungwas.

- 289. African Grey Flycatcher (Greyish) (Melaenornis microrhynchus [microrhynchus-group])
 Several noted in the Serengeti and Nyumba Ya Mungu. Noted on the way to Bunduki and from Luala to Mikumi.
- 290. Silverbird (Empidornis semipartitus) 6 noted in the Serengeti.





- 291. WHITE-CHESTED ALETHE (Chamaetylas fuelleborni) 1+, Jun 22nd at Magamba Forest at the ant swarm in the evening.
- 292. OLIVE-FLANKED GROUND ROBIN (White-bellied) (Cossypha anomala grotei) 2, Jun 28th Masenge where others heard only.





- 293. **Cape Robin-chat** (Cossypha caffra)
 6 noted in all from Mt Meru and the Serengeti to Chome, Lushoto forests and Masenge (photo above left).
- 294. **White-browed Robin-chat** (Cossypha heuglini) Ad and 2 juvs noted on 24th.
- 295. **Red-capped Robin-chat** (Cossypha natalensis) 2 juv's at Mt Meru.
- 296. **SWYNNERTON'S ROBIN** (**Udzungwa**) (Swynnertonia swynnertoni rodgersi) A superb bird, Jul 2nd Uluti dug out by Malc (photo above right).
- 297. **White-starred Robin** (Pogonocichla stellata)
 Ad, Mt Meru, 1-2 at Magamba Forest and 1 at Masenge.
- 298. SHARPE'S AKALAT (Sheppardia sharpei)
 1+, Jun 1st Uluti on the walk in. Also another by the camp on 3rd. Heard on 7th at Luala.





299. **USAMBARA AKALAT** (Sheppardia montana) **ENDEMIC** 4+, Jun 22nd Magamba Forest with the particularly (relatively) showy bird above at the ant swarm by the lake there.

300. **IRINGA AKALAT** (Sheppardia lowei) **ENDEMIC** single birds, Jul 2nd and 4th Uluti in the Udzungwas. The first bird showed well several times but evaded any descent photos and the 2nd bird was seen when we were expecting a Dapplethroat to appear but the two birds switched round in the undergrowth.....



- 301. COLLARED PALM THRUSH (Cichladusa arquata) 3, Jul 30th Hondo Hondo (above left and centre).
- 302. **Spotted Palm Thrush** (Cichladusa guttata) 2 near Tarangire Gate (above right) and 1 near Arusha on Jun 20th.
- 303. African Stonechat (African) (Saxicola torquatus [torquatus-group]) Noted at Ngorongoro, Magamba, Bunduki Rd and to Uluti.
- 304. Mocking Cliff Chat (Thamnolaea cinnamomeiventris) 3, 24th Jun Soni near Lushoto.
- 305. ARNOT'S CHAT (Arnot's) (Myrmecocichla arnotti arnotti) Several pairs, Jul 9th along the Kilosa Rd, Mikumi. Often quite confiding to us but aggressive towards other Arnot's pairs.
- 306. **Capped Wheatear** (Oenanthe pileata)
 30 at the Engikaret Plains and a few in the Serengeti.
- 307. **Familiar Chat** (Oenanthe familiaris)
 1 on the way down from Bunduki and 1 down from Uluti.





308. ABYSSINIAN WHEATEAR (Oenanthe lugubris) female, Jun 18th Ngorongoro to Serengeti and the above male 19th Ngorongoro.

309. EASTERN VIOLET-BACKED SUNBIRD (Anthreptes orientalis) Male, Jun 17th Ngorongoro and 2 at the Kilosa Rd, Mikumi.



310. ULUGURU VIOLET-BACKED SUNBIRD (Anthreptes neglectus) 3, Jun 25th Amani Hills (above) and also a male noted Luala.

- 311. **BANDED GREEN SUNBIRD** (Anthreptes rubritorques) **ENDEMIC** A male, Jun 25th Amani Hills showed well perched up in the scope.
- 312. **Collared Sunbird** (Hedydipna collaris) 10+, Amani Hills and 1 near Uluti.
- Olive Sunbird (Eastern) (Cyanomitra olivacea [olivacea-group])
 c10 Jun 25th Amani Hills.
- 314. **Amethyst Sunbird** (Chalcomitra amethystina) 2, Serengeti/ Ngorongoro and a male at Chome.
- 315. **Scarlet-chested Sunbird** (Chalcomitra senegalensis) A few noted and identified.



- 316. Bronzy Sunbird (Nectarinia kilimensis) Male and 2 females at Mt Meru Gate.
- 317. Malachite Sunbird (Nectarinia famosa) 2 males Ngorongoro and 2 males at Luala.



318. **GOLDEN-WINGED SUNBIRD** (Drepanorhynchus reichenowi) 2 males and 1 female, Jun 19th Ngorongoro from the car.



- 320. **EASTERN DOUBLE-COLLARED SUNBIRD** (Cinnyris mediocris) 2, Jun 18th Ngorongoro (above left).
- 321. **USAMBARA DOUBLE-COLLARED SUNBIRD** (Cinnyris usambaricus) 10+, Jun 21st Magamba and the Lushoto area where another 12+ on the following 2 days (above centre).
- 322. **FOREST DOUBLE-COLLARED SUNBIRD** (Cinnyris fuelleborni) 2, Jun 1st and 4th on route to/from Uluti (above right).



- 323. MOREAU'S SUNBIRD (Cinnyris moreaui) ENDEMIC
 4, Jun 28th Masenge, Ukagurus (photo above centre and right). Also, up to 8 birds at Luala, Udzungwas (left).
- 324. LOVERIDGE'S SUNBIRD (Cinnyris loveridgei) ENDEMIC 4, Jun 27th Tegatero, Ulugurus.
- 325. HOFMANN'S SUNBIRD (Cinnyris hofmanni) ENDEMIC 1 male, Jul 9th at the Kilosa Rd, Mikumi. (Split from Shelley's Sunbird).
- 326. **BLACK-BELLIED SUNBIRD** (Cinnyris nectarinioides) Male, Jun 20th Nyumba Ya Mungu.
- 327. Purple-banded Sunbird (Cinnyris bifasciatus) Noted.





- 328. PEMBA SUNBIRD (Cinnyris pembae) ENDEMIC 10+, Jun 11th Pemba at various locations. Photod at the airport on arrival.
- 329. RUFOUS-WINGED SUNBIRD (Cinnyris rufipennis) ENDEMIC Male, Jul 4th Luala, Udzungwas. A dark, lousy morning for birding with low cloud and then rain but with persistence till the end a superb singing and calling male responded and came close in for several minutes only a few hundred metres before the forest edge on the way out. Dark blueish-purple upperparts and a broad deep reddish breastband contrasting with pale under parts and a deep reddish orange ss patch made this a very distinctive sunbird in a sea of Double-collared splits!



- 330. Variable Sunbird (Yellow-bellied) (Cinnyris venustus [venustus-group]) Regularly encountered and sometimes common.
- YELLOW-SPOTTED BUSH SPARROW (Gymnoris pyrgita) 1, Jun 18th in the Serengeti and 2 on 20th Nyumba Ya Mungu. 331.
- 332. **Yellow-throated Bush Sparrow** (Gymnoris superciliaris) 10, Jul 9th along the Kilosa Rd, Mikumi.
- **KENYA SPARROW** (Passer rufocinctus) 2, Jun 17th on the road to the Engikaret Plains and a further 3+ in the Serengeti. 333.
- 334. **SWAHILI SPARROW** (Passer suahelicus) 10, Jun 19th around the public campsite in the Serengeti. All birds were heavily worn and moulting and there were a few juvs.



- 335. **Southern Grey-headed Sparrow** (Passer diffusus) 1, Jun 16th on the way to Mt Meru.
- 336. **Red-billed Buffalo Weaver** (Bubalornis niger) 10, Tarangire Gate, and a few elsewhere.



337. WHITE-HEADED BUFFALO WEAVER (Dinemellia dinemelli)
5, Jun 17th Tarangire Gate (above) and 16+ in the Serengeti over the next 2 days. Also several at Nyumba Ya Mungu.





338. **White-browed Sparrow-Weaver (Spot-chested)** (Plocepasser mahali pectoralis) 4, Jun 17th Tarangire Gate, above left, and c 10 at Mikumi, above right.



339. **RUFOUS-TAILED WEAVER** (Histurgops ruficauda) c30 Jun 17th Tarangire Gate area, around villages.



- 340. **GREY-CAPPED SOCIAL WEAVER** (Pseudonigrita arnaudi) 10+, Jun 19th in the Serengeti.
- 341. **Speckle-fronted Weaver** (Sporopipes frontalis) 3, at the public campsite in the Serengeti.
- 342. Thick-billed Weaver (Amblyospiza albifrons) 1 female type at Hondo Hondo in the rice fields.
- 343. Baglafecht Weaver (Reichenow's) (Ploceus baglafecht reichenowi) A few noted at Mt Meru, Ngorongoro and Magamba Forest.
- 344. **BERTRAM'S WEAVER** (Ploceus bertrandi) 3, Jun 27th Tegatero in the fields walking up to the forest. Also 2-3 Uluti fields.
- 345. **Spectacled Weaver (Black-throated)** (Ploceus ocularis ocularis/suahelicus) 2 at Hondo Hondo.



346. **Eastern Golden Weaver** (Ploceus subaureus) Red irises noted on males at Soni near Lushoto (above left) and also at Wami Bridge (above right). The bird at Wami Bridge had a darker red iris than other Eastern Golden Weavers but appears to show yellow primaries and the orange seems to be more intense on the forehead so I'm not sure about this bird.

347. Holub's Golden Weaver (Ploceus xanthops) 2 pairs, Jul 1st on route to Uluti in the swampy area.



348. **RUVU WEAVER** (Ploceus holoxanthus) **ENDEMIC** c15, Jul 10th Ruvu River bridge causeway on the Bagamayo Rd. On males note dark iris, yellow primaries and bright orange forehead patch. On the female note the pale lower mandible.





349. **TAVETA WEAVER** (Ploceus castaneiceps) 3 males (and a few probable females), Jun 20th Nyumba Ya Mungu in the reeds along the river where they were nesting and also in the adjacent Acacias.



- 350. KILOMBERO WEAVER (Ploceus burnieri) ENDEMIC 3 males and a female, Jun 30th Kilombero Swamp nesting just off the roadside.
- 351. Lesser Masked Weaver (Ploceus intermedius) Male near the Engikaret Plains and another male in the Serengeti.
- 352. CHESTNUT WEAVER (Chestnut) (Ploceus rubiginosus rubiginosus) c 40, Jun 20th moving through in a few groups by the roadside just east of Arusha in the morning, still with a few breeding plumaged adult males.
- 353. Dark-backed Weaver (Ploceus bicolor) 3+ at Amani Hills and Uluti in the Udzungwas.



- 354. **USAMBARA WEAVER** (Ploceus nicolli) **ENDEMIC** 1 (female ?) Jun 22nd Magamba Forest. A great find by our guide Elia.
- 355. Red-headed Weaver (Northern) (Anaplectes rubriceps leuconotos) Male, east of Arusha at a roadside restaurant.
- 356. Red-billed Quelea (Quelea quelea) A few roadside birds Jun 20th.
- 357. **ZANZIBAR RED BISHOP** (Euplectes nigroventris) A breeding plumaged male and 3 females, Jun 30th Hondo Hondo and then a breeding plumaged male and 2 females at Kilombero Swamp. Interestingly none seen on Pemba....





- 358. **Black-winged Red Bishop** (Euplectes hordeaceus) seen a few times when driving between sites. The breeding plumaged males chasing other Bishops around the reeds or rice fields.
- 359. **Yellow Bishop (Yellow)** (Euplectes capensis [capensis-group]) 1+male at the 2nd Ngorongoro Crater viewpoint. Also 3 males in the fields at Tegatero, Masenge and Hondo Hondo.
- 360. Fan-tailed Widowbird (Euplectes axillaris) 1, Hondo Hondo and 60+ in the marsh areas by the road to Uluti.
- 361. **Red-collared Widowbird** (Euplectes ardens) 1 male seen briefly twice in flight, Nogorongoro at the highest point of the road.
- 362. Bronze Mannikin (Spermestes cucullata) Common at Hondo Hondo.
- 363. Magpie Mannikin (Spermestes fringilloides) Several at Hondo Hondo.

- 364. Black-and-white Mannikin (Spermestes bicolor) Several at Amani Hills.
- 365. Yellow-bellied Waxbill (Coccopygia quartinia) Several at the Lushoto sites.
- 366. **FAWN-BREASTED WAXBILL** (Estrilda paludicola) 1+, Jul 1st along the road to Uluti.
- 367. Common Waxbill (Estrilda astrild) Several noted in farmland from Hondo Hondo to Uluti to Luala.
- 368. Quailfinch (Ortygospiza atricollis) A flock of c 10 birds along the track in the Serengeti in flight was the only sighting.
- 369. PURPLE GRENADIER (Granatina ianthinogaster) Ad male, a female and 2 imm's, Jun 19th Ngorongoro. 2 at Nyumba Ya Mungu on the 20th and c 6 on the drive out of Luala in the Udzungwas.
- 370. Red-cheeked Cordon-bleu (Uraeginthus bengalus) 4 in the Serengeti and a few at Uluti and Mikumi.



371. BLUE-CAPPED CORDON-BLEU (Uraeginthus cyanocephalus) c 15, Jun 20th at Nyumba Ya Mungu. Male above.



- 372. **LESSER SEEDCRACKER** (Pyrenestes minor) Ad male, Jun 30th Hondo Hondo rice fields showed well eventually in with the other seed eating birds. Seen by only two of us the evening before it was refound in the same place the next morning on 30th.
- 373. Green-winged Pytilia (Pytilia melba) A few at the Serengeti, Nyumba Ya Mungu and Mikumi.
- 374. **Red-throated Twinspot** (Hypargos niveoguttatus) 2 roadside birds at Soni near Lushoto.
- 375. **Purple Indigobird** (Vidua purpurascens) A repeatedly responding male on the way down from Bunduki, Jun 29th.
- 376. Pin-tailed Whydah (Vidua macroura) Several in the Serengeti to Nyumba Ya Mungu.





- 377. Long-tailed Paradise Whydah (Vidua paradisaea) A superb displaying male on the road to Luala.
- 378. Mountain Wagtail (Motacilla clara) Noted at Lushoto and Uluti.
- 379. African Pied Wagtail (Motacilla aguimp) 2 in the Serengeti and several in the Lushoto area.
- 380. African Pipit (Anthus cinnamomeus) A few in the Serengeti.
- 381. Striped Pipit (Anthus lineiventris) 1 in fields near Bunduki.





- 382. **Oriole Finch** (Linurgus olivaceus) c3 birds Jun 29th Bunduki feeding on berries high up with Greenbuls (above left).
- 383. **SOUTHERN CITRIL** (Crithagra hyposticta) Ad female feeding a juv, Jun24th Soni near Lushoto. Male, Amani Hills (above right). Also 1 on the walk into Tegatero and Uluti.
- 384. **REICHENOW'S SEEDEATER** (Crithagra reichenowi) 10+, Jul 8th in the arable farmland on the way down from Luala.
- 385. Yellow-fronted Canary (Crithagra mozambica) Several birds seen.
- 386. WHITE-BELLIED CANARY (Crithagra dorsostriata) 1 male +, Jun 16th Mt Meru watched singing high up.



- 387. **SOUTHERN GROSBEAK-CANARY** (Crithagra buchanani) A singing male, Jun 21st along the road heading south from Same.
- 388. Brimstone Canary (Crithagra sulphurata) 2 birds along the road coming down from Luala.



- 389. Streaky Seedeater (Crithagra striolata) 1, Mt Meru and 20+ at Ngorongoro.
- 390. YELLOW-BROWED SEEDEATER (Crithagra whytii) 2, Jul 1st along the road to Uluti and 4-6 birds at Luala in the open grassy area.
- 391. **KIPENGERE SEEDEATER** (Crithagra melanochroa) **ENDEMIC** 1 singing bird, Jul 8th located by Elia, 100m from Luala Camp as we were leaving at c 06.45hrs. The bird sang from the dense cover of a tree for c 25 minutes with a few breaks, then as we were moving on I saw it fly past us to another tree where it started singing even closer. As we got to a better vantage point, Malc spotted it sat out in the open singing. Large bull-headed dull-looking Canary, heavily streaked below and a brownish olive above with a well-marked face. It then flew past us and further up the trail. We also heard one, again located by Elia, 2 days previous from just below the Luala camp. Nice one Elia!
- 392. Yellow-crowned Canary (Serinus flavivertex) 1+, Mt Meru.



393. **SOMALI BUNTING** (Emberiza poliopleura) 3+, Jun 20th Nyumba Ya Mungu singing. Superb birds!

394. Golden-breasted Bunting (Emberiza flaviventris) 2 walking out from Uluti and 4 on the way into Luala. Also 2 at Mikumi.



395. **CABANIS'S BUNTING** (**Three-streaked**) (Emberiza cabanisi orientalis/cognominata) 1+ singing male, Jul 8th along the road out from Luala.

MAMMALS

I was a bit slack here and didn't record all the mammals properly, but this is what I can remember;

1. **East African Tree Hyrax** (Dendrohyrax validus) Several heard calling only, throughout the nights at Uluti and Luala in the Udzungwas. Incredibly loud screaming call!



- 2. African Savanna Elephant (Loxodonta africana) Fairly common in the Serengeti and at Mikumi (above).
- THICK-TAILED GREATER GALAGO (Otolemur crassicaudatus)
 Amani Hills showing large size, thick bushy tail and plain pale grey colouration.
- 4. **YELLOW BABOON** (Papio cyanocephalus) Mainly noted on route to Hondo Hondo Jun 29th. A long-limbed slender Baboon with a fairly distinctive yellowish-toned dorsal colouration.
- 5. Olive Baboon (Papio anubis) A few roadside troops noted in the Serengeti and Ngorongoro.
- 6. **Vervet Monkey** (Chlorocebus pygerythrus) A few noted in the lower areas.



- 7. ANGOLA COLOBUS (Colobus angolensis) A few noted at Mt Meru, Jun 16th and Amani Hills Jun 25th.
- 8. **PEMBA FLYING FOX** (Pteropus voeltzkowi) A few hundred Jun 12th at a town near Pemba Airport.
- 9. **Common Hippopotamus** (Hippopotamus amphibius) A few noted in the Serengeti.



10. MASAI GIRAFFE (Giraffa tippelskirchi) Fairly common in the Serengeti Jun 18th- 19th.



- 11. Cape Buffalo (Syncerus caffer) Heard around the public campsite at Serengeti and some very large groups in Mikumi.
- 12. **Common Impala** (Aepyceros melampus) Common in the Serengeti and Mikumi.
- 13. Grant's Gazelle (Nanger granti) A few in the Serengeti.



- 14. **SERENGETI WHITE-BEARDED WILDEBEEST** (Connochaetes mearnsi) Thousands migrating in the Serengeti. Very lucky to see the vast lines of these walking and running on the morning of 19th. The evening before we had seen large herds, generally just feeding with the escort of carnivores but this migration was quite spectacular to see from such close quarters.
- 15. Common Warthog (Phacochoerus africanus) A few in the Serengeti and Mikumi.
- 16. Plains Zebra (Equus quagga) Large numbers in the Serengeti and a few in Mikumi.
- 17. Black Rhinoceros (Diceros bicornis) 3, Ngorongoro Crater scoped from the 1st Viewpoint.



18. **Leopard** (Panthera pardus) 1, Serengeti Jun 18th in the evening... bit of a poser!





19. **Lion** (Panthera leo) A group of c25 including cubs all together in the Serengeti on the edge of the herbivore gatherings. Also 3 at the side of the track the next day in the Serengeti seeking shade of the vehicles.



20. **Cheetah** (Acinonyx jubatus) 1, Jun 19th in the Serengeti.



21. **Spotted Hyena** (Crocuta crocuta) a few in the Serengeti and calling through the night at the public campsite.

22. Black-backed Jackal (Lupulella mesomelas) 1, the Serengeti in the evening of Jun 18th.

REPTILES



Puff Adder (*Bitis arietans*) 1, Jun 18th in the Serengeti crossing the road.



Chameleon sp. 1 smart looking little chap outside the Sekumo Trail at Lushoto looking a little out of place in the roadside pines.

NEW SPECIES TANZANIAN ENDEMICS

- **UDZUNGWA FOREST PARTRIDGE** (Xenoperdix udzungwensis) 1.
- 2. Scaly Spurfowl (Pternistis squamatus)
- 3. Yellow-necked Spurfowl (Pternistis leucoscepus)
- 4. GREY-BREASTED SPURFOWL (Pternistis rufopictus)
- 5. Slender-tailed Nightjar (Caprimulgus clarus)
- 6. Nyanza Swift (Apus niansae)
- 7. White-bellied Go-away-bird (Crinifer leucogaster)
- 8. Schalow's Turaco (Tauraco schalowi)
- 9. Hartlaub's Turaco (Tauraco hartlaubi)
- 10. Yellow-throated Sandgrouse (Pterocles gutturalis)
- PEMBA GREEN PIGEON (Treron pembaensis) 11.
- 12. Eastern Chanting Goshawk (Melierax poliopterus)
- 13. PEMBA SCOPS OWL (Otus pembaensis)
- USAMBARA EAGLE-OWL (Bubo vosseleri)** lumped IOC Aug 22 14.
- White-headed Mousebird (Colius leucocephalus) 15.
- Abyssinian Scimitarbill (Rhinopomastus minor)
- 17. Southern Ground Hornbill (Bucorvus leadbeateri)
- TANZANIAN RED-BILLED HORNBILL (Tockus ruahae) 18.
- 19. Von Der Decken's Hornbill (Tockus deckeni)
- 20. Pale-billed Hornbill (Lophoceros pallidirostris)
- 21. Böhm's Bee-eater (Merops boehmi)
- 22. Moustached Tinkerbird (Pogoniulus leucomystax)
- 23. Red-fronted Barbet (Tricholaema diademata)
- 24. Black-throated Barbet (Tricholaema melanocephala)
- 25. Brown-breasted Barbet (Lybius melanopterus)
- 26. Usambiro Barbet (Trachyphonus usambiro)
- 27. Speckle-throated Woodpecker (Campethera scriptoricauda)
- Nubian Woodpecker (Campethera nubica)
- 29. Eastern Grey Woodpecker (Dendropicos spodocephalus)
- 30. Dickinson's Kestrel (Falco dickinsoni)
- 31. Red-bellied Parrot (Poicephalus rufiventris)
- FISCHER'S LOVEBIRD (Agapornis fischeri)
- YELLOW-COLLARED LOVEBIRD (Agapornis personatus) 33.
- 34. Dark Batis (Batis crypta)
- Eastern Black-headed Batis (Batis minor) 35.
- 36. Pygmy Batis (Batis perkeo)
- **ULUGURU BUSHSHRIKE** (Malaconotus alius) 37.
- 38. Rosy-patched Bushshrike (Telophorus cruentus)
- 39. Fülleborn's Boubou (Laniarius fuelleborni)
- 40. Slate-colored Boubou (Laniarius funebris)
- 41. Northern White-crowned Shrike (Eurocephalus ruppelli)
- 42. Grey-crested Helmetshrike (Prionops poliolophus)
- 43. Taita Fiscal (Lanius dorsalis)
- 44. Green-headed Oriole (Oriolus chlorocephalus)
- 45. White-tailed Crested Flycatcher (Elminia albonotata)
- 46. Cinnamon-breasted Tit (Melaniparus pallidiventris)
- 47. Mouse-colored Penduline Tit (Anthoscopus musculus
- 48. BEESLEY'S LARK (Chersomanes beesleyi)
- Fischer's Sparrow-lark (Eremopterix leucopareia) 49.
- 50. Shelley's Greenbul (Arizelocichla masukuensis)
- 51. ULUGURU GREENBUL (Arizelocichla neumanni)
- YELLOW-THROATED GREENBUL (Arizelocichla chlorigula) 52.
- Mountain Greenbul (Arizelocichla nigriceps) 53.
- 54. Stripe-faced Greenbul (Arizelocichla striifacies)
- MONTANE TINY GREENBUL (Phyllastrephus albigula) 55.
- Placid Greenbul (Phyllastrephus placidus) 56.
- Grey-olive Greenbul (Phyllastrephus cerviniventris)
- Kretschmer's Longbill (Macrosphenus kretschmeri) 58.
- Brown Woodland Warbler (Phylloscopus umbrovirens) 59.
- 60. Evergreen Forest Warbler (Bradypterus lopezi)
- Hunter's Cisticola (Cisticola hunteri)
- KILOMBERO CISTICOLA (Cisticola bakerorum) 62.
- Black-lored Cisticola (Cisticola nigriloris) 63.
- 64. Churring Cisticola (Cisticola niombe)
- Coastal Cisticola (Cisticola haematocephalus)
- 66. WHITE-TAILED CISTICOLA (Cisticola anderseni)
- 67. Pectoral-patch Cisticola (Cisticola brunnescens)
- 68. Red-fronted Prinia (Prinia rufifrons)
- 69. White-winged Apalis (Apalis chariessa)
- 70. Chapin's Apalis (Apalis chapini)
- 71. Karamoja Apalis (Apalis karamojae) 72. Brown-headed Apalis (Apalis alticola)
- Miombo Wren-Warbler (Calamonastes undosus)

- Stierling's Wren-warbler (Calamonastes stierlingi) 74.
- WINIFRED'S WARBLER (Scepomycter winifredae) 75.
- 76. RUBEHO WARBLER (Scepomycter rubehoensis)
- 77. Long-billed Forest Warbler (Artisornis moreaui)
- 78. Red-capped Forest Warbler (Artisornis metopias)
- 79. African Hill Babbler (Sylvia abyssinica)
- 80. Banded Parisoma (Curruca boehmi)
- Brown Parisoma (Curruca lugens) 81.
- 82. Pale White-eye (Zosterops flavilateralis)
- Mbulu White-eye (Zosterops mbuluensis) 83.
- 84. BROAD-RINGED WHITE-EYE (Zosterops eurycricotus)
- 85. SOUTH PARE WHITE-EYE (Zosterops winifredae)
- 86. PEMBA WHITE-EYE (Zosterops vaughani)
- Tanzanian Illadopsis (Illadopsis distans) 87.
- Northern Pied Babbler (Turdoides hypoleuca) 88.
- 89. Spot-throat (Modulatrix stictigula)
- 90. Dapple-throat (Arcanator orostruthus)
- 91. Yellow-bellied Hyliota (Hyliota flavigaster)
- 92. USAMBARA HYLIOTA (Hyliota usambara)
- 93. Miombo Blue-eared Starling (Lamprotornis elisabeth)
- 94. Superb Starling (Lamprotornis superbus)
- 95. Hildebrandt's Starling (Lamprotornis hildebrandti)
- 96. ASHY STARLING (Lamprotornis unicolor)
- 97. Kenrick's Starling (Poeoptera kenricki)
- 98. Sharpe's Starling (Poeoptera sharpii)
- 99 USAMBARA THRUSH (Turdus roehli)
- 100. White-chested Alethe (Chamaetylas fuelleborni)
- 101. Olive-flanked Ground Robin (Cossypha anomala)
- 102. Swynnerton's Robin (Swynnertonia swynnertoni)
- 103. Sharpe's Akalat (Sheppardia sharpei)
- USAMBARA AKALAT (Sheppardia montana) 104.
- 105. IRINGA AKALAT (Sheppardia lowei)
- Collared Palm Thrush (Cichladusa arquata) 106.
- 107. Arnot's Chat (Myrmecocichla arnotti)
- 108. Abvssinian Wheatear (Oenanthe lugubris)
- 109. Uluguru Violet-backed Sunbird (Anthreptes neglectus)
- Eastern Violet-backed Sunbird (Anthreptes orientalis) 110. BANDED GREEN SUNBIRD (Anthreptes rubritorques) 111.
- Golden-winged Sunbird (Drepanorhynchus reichenowi) 112.
- Western Miombo Sunbird (Cinnyris gertrudis) 113.
- Eastern Double-collared Sunbird (Cinnyris mediocris)
- 115. Usambara Double-collared Sunbird (Cinnyris usambaricus)
- Forest Double-collared Sunbird (Cinnyris fuelleborni) 116.
- MOREAU'S SUNBIRD (Cinnyris moreaui) 117.
- 118. LOVERIDGE'S SUNBIRD (Cinnyris loveridgei)
- HOFMANN'S SUNBIRD (Cinnyris hofmanni) 119.
- Black-bellied Sunbird (Cinnyris nectarinioides) 120.
- PEMBA SUNBIRD (Cinnyris pembae) 121.
- RUFOUS-WINGED SUNBIRD (Cinnyris rufipennis) 122.
- 123. Yellow-spotted Bush Sparrow (Gymnoris pyrgita)
- 124. Kenva Sparrow (Passer rufocinctus
- 125. Swahili Sparrow (Passer suahelicus)
- White-headed Buffalo Weaver (Dinemellia dinemelli) 126.
- 127. Rufous-tailed Weaver (Histurgops ruficauda)
- Grey-capped Social Weaver (Pseudonigrita arnaudi) 128 Bertram's Weaver (Ploceus bertrandi) 129.
- Taveta Weaver (Ploceus castaneiceps) 130.
- 131. RUVU WEAVER (Ploceus holoxanthus)
- KILOMBERO WEAVER (Ploceus burnieri) 132. 133. Chestnut Weaver (Ploceus rubiginosus)
- **USAMBARA WEAVER** (Ploceus nicolli) 134.
- 135. Zanzibar Red Bishop (Euplectes nigroventris)
- 136. Fawn-breasted Waxbill (Estrilda paludicola)
- Purple Grenadier (Granatina janthinogaster) 137.
- 138. Blue-capped Cordon-bleu (Uraeginthus cyanocephalus)
- 139. Lesser Seedcracker (Pyrenestes minor)
- 140. Southern Citril (Crithagra hyposticta) 141. Reichenow's Seedeater (Crithagra reichenowi)
- 142. White-bellied Canary (Crithagra dorsostriata)
- 143. Southern Grosbeak-Canary (Crithagra buchanani)
- Yellow-browed Seedeater (Crithagra whytii) KIPENGERE SEEDEATER (Crithagra melanochroa) 145.
- 146. Cabanis's Bunting (Emberiza cabanisi)
- Somali Bunting (Emberiza poliopleura)

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