# Tanzania: mountain endemics and more

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Uhehe Fiscal Lanius (humeralis) marwitzi. One the scarcer endemic birds—but photographable if you can find it!

#### Introduction and planning

This report covers an extended four and a half week trip by myself, my wife Sarah, Sue Rees and Allan Drewitt to Tanzania in 2023.

It follows in the footsteps of Billy Simpson and crew in 2022 and we extensively referred to his excellent report during the planning stages. His report is available from CloudBirders at: <a href="https://www.cloudbirders.com/be4/download?filename=SIMPSON\_Tanzania\_0607\_2022.pdf">www.cloudbirders.com/be4/download?filename=SIMPSON\_Tanzania\_0607\_2022.pdf</a>

Like Billy, we used the services of **Exaud Nassary** as our driver/fixer/general superstar and **Elia Mulungu** as our stellar bird guide throughout. Both are excellent company with great senses of humour. They are the go-to team for the big bird tour companies, so it's important to make sure they're available when planning your trip.

We simply cannot overstate how excellent both Exaud and Elia were throughout the trip. Exaud arranged all our accommodation (except for Pemba), drove the van, sorted our packed meals, on occasions doubled up as a chef, roadbuilder and even IT consultant on Sarah's phone. He's also a mechanic by training, although his extended Toyota Land Cruiser we used during the trip never had any problems. Meanwhile Elia's knowledge of the birds in the mountain forests of Tanzania is amazing. Not only does he know all their calls and where to find each species, he seems to have a sixth sense about their habits—where skulkers will appear—and all coupled with excellent eyesight. Once he's heard a target bird/got a response to a tape, he'll work out a suitable window in the forest for where to see it, and if necessary do a bit of gardening to help with viewing, then put his bluetooth speaker in a suitable place and entice the bird in. All you have to do is get onto it (often easier said than done!).

I first contacted Exaud in December 2022 by WhatsApp. He replied quickly and almost all the subsequent planning was done through WhatsApp messaging. Note that he's regularly out in the field on safaris away from WiFi, so don't expect to get immediate answers to messages. He does have email but we only used it so he could send me a document with the budget for the trip in it. Once we'd agreed an itinerary, Exaud booked everything, including Elia's services and accommodation. To facilitate this, I transferred US Dollars to his business account in Arusha. I did so in three instalments, keeping an eye on the exchange rates and making the transfers when it was at a favourable rate over the following months. Exaud will need details of e.g. your passport, full name and residence to enable him to book national park passes etc. Everything with the logistics went incredibly smoothly without a hitch thanks to his attention to detail. He also coped admirably with all four of us being vegetarians. Our trip was essentially the same as Billy's but in reverse: this has the distinct advantage of meaning the toughest bits of the trip—camping in remote, potentially wet forests—is earlier and the birding gets easier as you move towards the Serengeti.

For making payments to Exaud, I used the currency transfer agency Currencies Direct (<a href="https://online.currenciesdirect.com/">https://online.currenciesdirect.com/</a>), who were excellent. They do have some legal checks on such transfers to make sure you're not involved in money laundering. In my case they wanted to see some evidence that I was indeed paying for a safari trip to Tanzania: I provided this through sending them a typed up copy of the budget Exaud had sent me. Once the currency transfer has been initiated, you can follow its progress online with Exaud WhatsApping me to confirm when it was safely in his account. Note that Currencies Direct have no control or prior knowledge of what any intermediary or recipient bank fees will be during the transfer. For Tanzania these came in at about \$30 per transfer.

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[Tip: if you have someone's WhatsApp number but they don't show up in your WhatsApp, paste their number with the country code but no + or zero at the start after <a href="https://wa.me/">https://wa.me/</a> in a web browser. WhatsApp will open up and you can send them a message/call them. It's saved me hours of frustration!]

The Pemba start to our trip we booked separately. Return tickets from Dar es Salaam to Pemba were booked with Auric Air (<a href="https://www.auricair.com/">https://www.auricair.com/</a>). We stayed two nights at the Swahili Divers & Gecko Nature Lodge (<a href="https://swahiligecko.com/">https://swahiligecko.com/</a>) booked and prepaid through the owner, Mike:

<u>swahilidivers@outlook.com</u> Mike also arranged our transfers to/from Pemba airport and a day's transport with Eddie, who was also our birding guide.

Exaud had booked us a hotel for our late arrival in Dar es Salaam on 6th July and we were met at the airport by a driver who took us to it. We left extra bags at the hotel that we wouldn't need in Pemba and they were picked up by Exaud before he met us at Dar es Salaam airport upon our return from the island.

#### Timing, weather etc.

Like Billy we chose to visit somewhat earlier than the birding tours visit. Our July/August trip meant it was relatively cool in the mountains (a jacket was useful in the early mornings, and even gloves and a hat) and there was a reduced chance of rain (we only experienced one heavy shower, as we were leaving Luala). It does mean several of the bird species are less responsive to tapes however, so considerable time is needed to track them down. In the lowlands, the daytime temperatures were generally very pleasant and not too hot. Although we took antimalarials (doxycycline), we encountered very few mosquitoes. All hotel rooms had mosquito nets. Plugs are the same sockets as in the UK.

#### Logistics

Since many of the bird specialties are only found in remote mountain forests, it is necessary to camp in the forest to have a chance to see them. We spent 3 nights camping at Uluti (2 hour walk from the village), 3 nights at Luala (6–7 hour walk) and 2 nights at Rubeho (3 hour walk). For all these sites, Exaud arranged porters to get our gear to and from the campsite and we were accompanied at each by our bird guide Elia and Manwell, our cook, who made all our food so we could maximise birding efforts. Exaud stayed with the vehicle while we were camping in the forest, so you can safely leave extra gear in the van. We brought all our camping gear i.e. tents, sleeping bags and blow-up mattresses with us, although Exaud can supply these if needed (he did supply us with pillows).

The campsite at Uluti has a toilet, covered table and chairs and a covered area to store bags etc out of the rain; that at Luala has a toilet and an uncovered, low table and seats, while it is basic bush camping at Rubeho. Elia brought an extra tent to both the Luala and Rubeho camps so there was somewhere to store our rucksacks and other gear out of the elements. To keep costs down we also chose to camp at Hondo Hondo (1 night) and in the Serengeti (2 nights in the public campsite). Other than that, Exaud arranged a number of clean, conformable nights in various hotels on our travels

#### **Paperwork**

Although visas can apparently be obtained on arrival, we applied for and received ours in advance through: <a href="https://visa.immigration.go.tz/">https://visa.immigration.go.tz/</a> This was a reasonably straightforward process. (As is obtaining a visa for Kenya, which Sarah and I also did in advance).

#### **Flights**

We all flew from Heathrow to Dar es Salam with Turkish Airlines with a short stopover in Istanbul. Sue and Allan returned to the UK from Arusha, flying from Kilimanjaro Airport on August 8th to Dar es Salaam then from there to Istanbul then Gatwick with Turkish Airlines. Turkish Airlines allow up to two pieces of checked in baggage per traveller—very useful if you're carrying camping gear with you!

After the Tanzania trip, Sarah and I caught a bus from Arusha to Nairobi and spent a couple of weeks birding in Kenya with Cisticola Tours (<a href="https://www.cisticolatours.com/">https://www.cisticolatours.com/</a>) then flew back from Nairobi to Gatwick with a stopover in Istanbul.

Our original bookings (made in December 2022) had been Gatwick to Dar es Salaam via Istanbul on the way out and (for Sarah and me) Mombasa to Gatwick via Istanbul on the way back. However, Turkish Airlines cancelled the Gatwick to Istanbul leg of our outward flight. When I phoned Turkish Airlines they were unable to help us rearrange our flights as we had booked through online travel agents rather than direct with them.

Sue and Allan had booked their flights through Booking.com so it was a simple ten-minute process to get their outward first leg changed so they caught the Turkish Airlines flight from Heathrow rather than Gatwick to Istanbul. However, Sarah and I had booked our flights through Opodo.co.uk. It took three days, lots of frustrating time-wasting with chatbots, then online chatting to Opodo staff who didn't have the authority to make this change (and only wanted to cancel and refund our flights so we'd have to rebook) before I finally got hold of someone with the seniority at Opodo to get our first leg changed.

I was not best pleased when Turkish Airlines emailed me a few weeks later to say they had cancelled our return leg from Mombasa to Istanbul. This time it took four days of frustration and time wasting before I finally got hold of someone at Opodo who could change our return leg so we flew with Turkish Airlines from Nairobi rather than Mombasa to Istanbul.

The flights themselves with Turkish Airlines were very good service. Note that you can currently have a stopover in Istanbul that includes a night in a hotel for no extra charge if you wish.

The internal flights from Dar es Salaam to Pemba were hassle-free.

#### Money

We had already pre-paid Exaud for the tour but changed some US Dollars to Tanzania Shillings through him and also withdrew some more from an ATM. Generally we used local currency for paying for beers (although the tourist hotels would accept US dollars) and for paying tips (e.g. to porters). If changing US Dollars to Shillings, you get a better rate for larger (50 and 100 Dollar) denominations, while only notes printed from 2013 onwards are generally accepted.

#### **Tapes**

Elia has tapes of all the birds. However, his Apple phone has helpfully renamed the files to numbers so he sometimes can't find the right one quickly. As backup, we had the Merlin App on our smartphones, which includes most of the species. Any missing tapes we had downloaded in advance from Xeno-Canto. Note that the tapes of Udzungwa Forest-partridge have been removed from Xeno-Canto (to hinder hunting of the birds) but Elia has excellent tapes of this species.

#### Internet

Hotels and guest houses generally had free Wifi as standard, although it was often slow. Thanks to Exaud's help, Sarah installed a local SIM in her phone so we had better internet access and could more easily be contacted from home if necessary. Unsurprisingly, when camping in the forest, phone coverage was minimal.



Upper: **African Goshawk**, Pemba race Accipiter tachiro pembaensis; **Pemba Green-pigeon** Treron calvus Lower: **Pemba Scops-owl** Otus pembaensis; **Mangrove Kingfisher** Halcyon senegaloides

#### Itinerary and daily accounts

**July 6th**. Flight Heathrow to Dar es Salaam, arrived 22:35. Immigration extremely fast and efficient. Met at airport and driven to nearby Triniti Hotel.

**July 7th**. 14:00 Flight from Dar es Salaam domestic airport to Pemba via Zanzibar. Arrived around 15:10 where met by Eddie. Scored Pemba Sunbird in the airport carpark, Pemba White-eye and Dickinson's Kestrel en route to Swahili Divers where we arrived just before dusk.

**July 8th**. Swahili Divers grounds early morning with 2–3 "Pemba" African Goshawks, then Ngezi Forest for Pemba Green-pigeon and nearby Mangrove Kingfisher. Then birding around the fish market and beach, Kigomasha lighthouse and an evening return to Ngezi Forest where 3 Pemba Scops-owls spotlighted. **July 9th**. Pemba Green-pigeons in Swahili Divers grounds during breakfast, then return to Pemba airport where we caught the 12:25 flight to Dar es Salaam and were met by Exaud and Elia at 13:35. Drove to Morogoro, stopping at Ruvu River for Ruvu Weaver. Night in Morogoro.

**July 10th**. Early (5am) start for the two hour drive to Tegatero. After breakfast, a two-hour walk to the forest, mostly uphill. The main target, Uluguru Bushshrike, was eventually seen well. Night in Morogoro. **July 11th**. Very early (4am) start for the three hour drive to Ukaguru Mountains where the main target, the (dubiously-split) "Rubeho" Warbler seen, with one bird reacting strongly to a tape of it calling I had captured on my phone. Night in Morogoro.





Kilombero Cisticolas Cisticola bakerorum. Photo by Sarah; Brown-breasted Barbet Lybius melanopterus

**July 12th**. Early (5am) start for Bunduki forest where Moreau's Warbler took some time before responding. Also good views of Loveridge's Sunbird following previous glimpses at Tegatero. Afternoon around Hondo Hondo where Lesser Seedcracker proved frustratingly elusive. Camping at Hondo Hondo.

**July 13th**. Kilombero Swamp where the main targets, Kilombero Cisticola, White-tailed Cisticola and Kilombero Weaver all seen easily. Night at Mikumi.

**July 14th**. Kilosa Road for Reichenow's Woodpecker, Brown-breasted Barbet and Livingstone's Flycatcher then afternoon game drive in Mikumi National Park. Night at Mikumi.

**July 15th**. Mikumi National Park game drive with Collared Palm-thrush, Mottled Swift with a large party of other swifts and Northern Pied Babbler as the bird highlights then afternoon at Kilosa Road where Racket-tailed Rollers eventually found. Tanzanian Red-billed Hornbill en route to Masumbo. Night at Masumbo Guest House.

**July 16th**. Drove to Uluti with Uhehe Fiscal, Brown-headed Apalis and White-winged Apalis en route. Walked to Uluti campsite, arriving just before dusk. Night camping at Uluti.

**July 17th**. Spot-throat, glimpses of Dapple-throat, Tanzanian Illadopsis, White-chested Alethe, Swynnerton's Robin, and Iringa Akalat all scored on the first day. Night camping at Uluti.

**July 18th**. Much of the day looking for—and eventually seeing well for about 20 seconds sitting on a branch(!!)—Dapple-throat. Also watched it foraging through the leaf litter like a mouse. An ant-swarm had White-chested Alethe, Swynnerton's Robin, Sharpe's and Iringa Akalats in attendance. Night camping at Uluti.

**July 19th**. Scored Rufous-winged Sunbird on the walk down from camp. Drove back to Masumbo. Night at Masumbo Guest House.

**July 20th**. Drove to Luala with Miombo Rock-thrush en route. Seven-hour walk to Luala campsite with excellent views of Spot-throat en route and my first views of Udzungwa Forest-partridge. Arrived, very tired, at the campsite around dusk. Night camping at Luala.

**July 21st**. Udzungwa Forest-partridge, Yellow-throated Mountain Greenbul, and African Grass-owl (at dusk) the bird highlights. Night camping at Luala.





Brown-headed Apalis Apalis alticola; Miombo Rock-thrush Monticola angolensis

July 22nd. Udzungwa Forest-partridge the main highlight. Night camping at Luala.

**July 23rd**. Udzungwa Forest-partridge (again!) and Kipengere Seedeater seen on the walk out from camp. Night at Mikumi.

**July 24th**. Kilosa Road where Pale-billed Hornbill found then drove to Lufusi Village before a three hour walk to the campsite with two male "Skye Sunbirds" en route. More on this taxon here:

https://tinyurl.com/ynsj73sy Night camping at Rubeho.

**July 25th**. Black-browed Mountain Greenbul and Rubeho Akalat quickly found and showed well but no sign of the *obscuratus* race of Udzungwa Forest-partridge (sometimes split, based on DNA, as "Rubeho Partridge" although the calls are identical). In the evening, a female of the undescribed forest sunbird briefly seen. It responded to the second call on Merlin of Green Sunbird. More on this taxon here: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/2trdpjt9">https://tinyurl.com/2trdpjt9</a> Night camping at Rubeho.

**July 26th**. Tried a ridge where Elia had heard *obscuratus* the previous day, but no response; neither was there any sign of the undescribed forest sunbird. Nothing new on the walk out. Night at Morogoro. **July 27th**. Drove to Amani, stopping at Chalinze grasslands en route then Wami Bridge for Böhm's Bee-eater. Coastal Cisticola seen during a lunchtime stop in a Sisal plantation and Green-headed Oriole seen on the way to our accommodation, also a frustrating battle with a Kretschmer's Longbill. Night at Amani Guest House.

**July 28th**. "Usambara" (Fraser's) Eagle-owl heard early morning, day birding above Amani Guest House with targets Short-tailed Batis, Pale Batis, "Usambara" Fork-tailed Drongo, Long-billed Forest-warbler, Banded Sunbird, and Amani Sunbird all seen. Also we eventually won another battle with a Kretschmer's Longbill. Night at Amani Guest House.

**July 29th**. Pre-dawn an "Usambara" Eagle-owl spotlighted by the Guest House. Rest of day birding the lower forest where Tiny Greenbul and Plain-backed Sunbird seen in a bird flock. Then, after much searching, at least two Usambara Hyliotas found with a canopy flock at the lower end of their tiny altitudinal range. A night time walk to see several chameleons in the forest behind our lodging. Night at Amani Guest House. **July 30th**. A pre-breakfast forest walk for African Broadbill then drove to Lushoto. Night at Lawns Hotel.



Racket-tailed Roller Coracias spatulatus; Böhm's Bee-eater Merops boehmi

**July 31st**. Birding Magamba Forest where Usambara Thrush proved straightforward. Usambara Akalat and "Usambara" Mountain Greenbul also seen. We also took the time to call in an "Usambara" Spot-throat given the birds here call very differently to those at Uluti and Luala (e.g. lacking the downwards whistle). In the late afternoon a pair of Usamabara Weavers finally appeared and were scoped up in the canopy. Night at Lawns Hotel.

**August 1st**. Late in the day we finally heard, but failed to see, an Usambara Greenbul. Night at Lawns Hotel. **August 2nd**. One last stab at Usambara Greenbul paid off with two birds eventually seen well. Then drove via Kasiga to Chome for South Pare White-eye with Red-tufted Sunbird there a surprise and on the way back down the mountain an even bigger surprise in the form of a juvenile indigobird food begging and chasing a Red-throated Twinspot: presumably a Twinspot Indigobird. If so, the first record in this part of Tanzania of this very rare species! Night at Same.

**August 3rd**. Drove to Nyumbu Dam. Lots of dry country birds en route including White-headed Mousebird, Rosy-patched Bushshrike, a singing Dusky Indigobird, and Usambiro Barbet. Lunch at the dam produced a range of waterfowl, a few Grey-headed Gulls and terns with, among the latter, a summer-plumaged Black Tern. This is apparently a very rare visitor to Tanzania. Around the dam was our main target, Taveta Golden Weaver, although only several females were seen. Evening meal cooked by Exaud's wife Lilian with their family in Arusha. Night in nearby Wanyama B&B.

**August 4th**. Lariboro Plains where the main target, Beesley's Lark, fairly quickly found, then afternoon at Tarangire Gate where most birds were seen at the drinking pools, including many Yellow-collared Lovebirds. On the way there, a stop in some dry country for White-fronted Bee-eater and Abyssinian Wheatear. Night at Karatu.

**August 5th**. Drive to Ngorongoro where Mbulu White-eye found at Serena Lodge, also a big surprise there, an Usambara Thrush, supposedly well out of range. Nearby a male Red-tufted Sunbird and in the hills several Jackson's Widowbirds. On the drive to the Serengeti small numbers of Yellow-throated Sandgrouse seen. Night camping in Serengeti. A Spotted Hyena spotlighted on the edge of the (unfenced) campground just before we went to bed while we were woken by Lions roaring about 2am, close to our tents.

**August 6th**. Serengeti, with Fischer's Lovebird around the campsite, plentiful Rufous-tailed Weavers, then eventually our main bird targets, Karamoja Apalis, Grey-crested Helmetshrike, and Grey-breasted Spurfowl all seen. Night camping in Serengeti. Spotlighting before bedtime produced an unidentified nightjar fly past and an Aardwolf.



"Usambara" Fork-tailed Drongo Dicrurus (adsimilis) var; this taxon has paler plumage and a different voice to Fork-tailed Drongo: surely an armchair tick; Rosy-patched Bushshrike Telophorus cruentus

**August 7th**. With the target birds under the belt we did a game safari in the morning: no fewer than eight lion sightings before lunch plus a female Cheetah with five cubs and a Leopard up a tree. Long drive back in the afternoon to Arusha where dinner with Exaud and his family again cooked by Lilian. Night at Wanyama B&B.

August 8th. Caught a bus around 8:30am to Nairobi, arriving there 6 hours later.



Ashy Starling Lamprotornis unicolor; Yellow-th Sandgrouse Pterocles gutturalis. Photo by Sarah; Silverbird Empidornis semipartitus

Common Name	Scientific name	Comments	
Common Ostrich	Struthio camelus	small numbers daily at Serengeti NP	
White-faced Whistling Duck	Dendrocygna viduata	Pemba, Ruvu River Bridge Bridge, Nyumba ya Mungu	
White-backed Duck	Thalassornis leuconotus	2 near Pemba airport	
Spur-winged Goose	Plectropterus gambensis	Nyumba ya Mungu	
Knob-billed Duck	Sarkidiornis melanotos	Nyumba ya Mungu	
Egyptian Goose	Alopochen aegyptiaca	Serengeti NP, Nyumba ya Mungu	
African Pygmy Goose	Nettapus auritus	4 near Pemba airport	
African Black Duck	Anas sparsa	1 Luala	
Cape Teal	Anas capensis	Serengeti NP	
Helmeted Guineafowl	Numida meleagris	Mikumi NP, Serengeti NP	
Udzungwa Forest Partridge	Xenoperdix udzungwensis	groups of 2–3 seen daily at Luala	
Crested Francolin	Ortygornis sephaena	2 Nyumba ya Mungu	
Coqui Francolin	Campocolinus coqui	Serengeti NP	
Common Quail	Coturnix coturnix	Heard only Ngorongoro	
Scaly Spurfowl	Pternistis squamatus	1 seen, others heard on approach to Luala camp	
Grey-breasted Spurfowl	Pternistis rufopictus	Serengeti NP	
Red-necked Spurfowl	Pternistis afer	Mikumi NP, Tarangire Gate	
Montane Nightjar	Caprimulgus poliocephalus	2+ Luala	
African Palm Swift	Cypsiurus parvus	widespread	
Mottled Swift	Tachymarptis aequatorialis	single Mikumi NP, 2+ Tarangire Gate, dozens Lushoto	
African Black Swift	Apus barbatus	Mikumi NP, Serengeti NP	
Little Swift	Apus affinis	widespread	
Bare-faced Go-away-bird	Crinifer personatus	Serengeti NP	
White-bellied Go-away-bird	Crinifer leucogaster	Nyumba ya Mungu, Tarangire Gate	
Purple-crested Turaco	Gallirex porphyreolophus	Uluti, Wami Bridge	
Livingstone's Turaco	Tauraco livingstonii	mainly heard at Tegatero, Luala, Uluti	
Schalow's Turaco	Tauraco schalowi	1 near Serena Lodge, Ngorongoro	
Fischer's Turaco	Tauraco fischeri	1 seen Amani Forest	
Hartlaub's Turaco	Tauraco hartlaubi	2 seen Magamba Forest	
Kori Bustard	Ardeotis kori	Serengeti NP	
White-bellied Bustard	Eupodotis senegalensis	Serengeti NP	
Black-bellied Bustard	Lissotis melanogaster	Serengeti NP	
White-browed Coucal	Centropus superciliosus	widespread	
Klaas's Cuckoo	Chrysococcyx klaas	1 seen Serengeti NP	
Chestnut-bellied Sandgrouse	Pterocles exustus	Serengeti NP	
Yellow-throated Sandgrouse	Pterocles gutturalis	Serengeti NP	
Rock Dove	Columba livia	widespread	
Speckled Pigeon	Columba guinea	widespread in drier areas	
African Olive Pigeon	Columba arquatrix	Luala	
Eastern Bronze-naped Pigeon	Columba delegorguei	singles seen Bunduki Forest, Magamba Forest	
Lemon Dove	Columba larvata	several flushed in forests	
Dusky Turtle Dove	Streptopelia lugens	1 en route to Uluti	
Red-eyed Dove	Streptopelia semitorquata	widespread in drier areas	
Ring-necked Dove	Streptopelia capicola	widespread in drier areas	

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Laughing Dove	Spilopelia senegalensis	widespread in drier areas	
Emerald-spotted Wood Dove	Turtur chalcospilos	widespread	
Blue-spotted Wood Dove	Turtur afer	Tegatero, Hondo Hondo	
<b>Tambourine Dove</b>	Turtur tympanistria	widespread in forests	
Namaqua Dove	Oena capensis	widespread in drier areas	
African Green Pigeon	Treron calvus	Mikumi NP, Amani Forest	
Pemba Green Pigeon	Treron pembaensis	2 Ngezi Forest Reserve, 4 Masai Divers camp	
Common Moorhen	Gallinula chloropus	1 Serengeti NP	
Allen's Gallinule	Porphyrio alleni	1 wetland near Pemba airport	
Black Crake	Zapornia flavirostra	Serengeti NP	
Little Grebe	Tachybaptus ruficollis	1 Serengeti NP	
Greater Flamingo	Phoenicopterus roseus	Serengeti NP	
Lesser Flamingo	Phoeniconaias minor	Serengeti NP	
Water Thick-knee	Burhinus vermiculatus	Mikumi NP, Nyumba ya Mungu, Serengeti NP	
Spotted Thick-knee	Burhinus capensis	1 Pemba	
Black-winged Stilt	Himantopus himantopus	Serengeti NP	
Blacksmith Lapwing	Vanellus armatus	widespread	
Spur-winged Lapwing	Vanellus spinosus	Nyumba ya Mungu, Serengeti NP	
Senegal Lapwing	Vanellus lugubris	2 Mikumi NP, 2+ Serengeti NP	
<b>Crowned Lapwing</b>	Vanellus coronatus	Mikumi NP, Serengeti NP	
African Wattled Lapwing	Vanellus senegallus	Kilombero	
<b>Common Ringed Plover</b>	Charadrius hiaticula	Serengeti NP	
Little Ringed Plover	Charadrius dubius	Serengeti NP	
Kittlitz's Plover	Charadrius pecuarius	Nyumba ya Mungu, Serengeti NP	
Three-banded Plover	Charadrius tricollaris	Nyumba ya Mungu, Ngorongoro, Serengeti NP	
African Jacana	Actophilornis africanus	Pemba, Mikumi NP	
Eurasian Whimbrel	Numenius phaeopus	10 Pemba	
Ruff	Calidris pugnax	2 Serengeti NP	
Little Stint	Calidris minuta	Serengeti NP	
Common Sandpiper	Actitis hypoleucos	Mikumi NP, Nyumba ya Mungu, Serengeti NP	
Green Sandpiper	Tringa ochropus	4 Serengeti NP	
Wood Sandpiper	Tringa glareola	Ngorongoro, Serengeti NP	
Common Greenshank	Tringa nebularia	Pemba, Nyumba ya Mungu, Serengeti NP	
Crab-plover	Dromas ardeola	Pemba	
Temminck's Courser	Cursorius temminckii	4 Serengeti NP	
<b>Double-banded Courser</b>	Rhinoptilus africanus	2 Serengeti NP	
Grey-headed Gull	Chroicocephalus cirrocephalus	Nyumba ya Mungu	
Gull-billed Tern	Gelochelidon nilotica	1 Nyumba ya Mungu	
Lesser Crested Tern	Thalasseus bengalensis	Pemba	
Whiskered Tern	Chlidonias hybrida	Nyumba ya Mungu	
Black Tern	Chlidonias niger	1 Nyumba ya Mungu—a rare vistior to Tanzania	
Yellow-billed Stork	Mycteria ibis	6 Kilombero Swamp Nyumba ya Mungu, Serengeti	
African Openbill	Anastomus lamelligerus	Ruvu River, Kilombero	
Saddle-billed Stork	Ephippiorhynchus senegalensis	-	
Marabou Stork	Leptoptilos crumenifer	Mikumi NP, Serengeti NP	

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Reed Cormorant	Microcarbo africanus	Kilombero, Nyumba ya Mungu	
African Sacred Ibis	Threskiornis aethiopicus	widepread	
Hadada Ibis	Bostrychia hagedash	widespread	
Glossy Ibis	Plegadis falcinellus	Ruvu River, Nyumba ya Mungu	
Black-crowned Night Heron	Nycticorax nycticorax	Kilombero, Nyumba ya Mungu	
Striated Heron	Butorides striata	Pemba	
Squacco Heron	Ardeola ralloides	Kilombero	
Western Cattle Egret	Bubulcus ibis	widespread	
Grey Heron	Ardea cinerea	widespread	
Black-headed Heron	Ardea melanocephala	widespread	
<b>Great Egret</b>	Ardea alba	Pemba, Mikumi NP, Nyumba ya Mungu	
Black Heron	Egretta ardesiaca	1 Kilombero	
Little Egret	Egretta garzetta	Nyumba ya Mungu	
Western Reef Heron	Egretta gularis	Pemba	
Hamerkop	Scopus umbretta	widespread	
Pink-backed Pelican	Pelecanus rufescens	6 Kilombero	
Secretarybird	Sagittarius serpentarius	3 Serengeti NP	
Osprey	Pandion haliaetus	1 Nyumba ya Mungu	
Black-winged Kite	Elanus caeruleus	singles Mikumi NP, Serengeti NP	
African Harrier-Hawk	Polyboroides typus	1 Amani Forest	
Palm-nut Vulture	Gypohierax angolensis	widespread	
Hooded Vulture	Necrosyrtes monachus	6 Mikumi NP, singles Ngorogoro, Serengeti NP	
White-backed Vulture	Gyps africanus	dozens Mikumi NP, also Serengeti NP	
White-headed Vulture	Trigonoceps occipitalis	2 Serengeti NP	
Lappet-faced Vulture	Torgos tracheliotos	Ngorogoro, Serengeti NP	
Black-chested Snake Eagle	Circaetus pectoralis	Rubeho	
<b>Southern Banded Snake Eagle</b>	Circaetus fasciolatus	1 Amani Forest	
Bateleur	Terathopius ecaudatus	widespread	
Crowned Eagle	Stephanoaetus coronatus	widespread	
Martial Eagle	Polemaetus bellicosus	singles Mikumi NP, Engikaret Plains	
Long-crested Eagle	Lophaetus occipitalis	2 Amani Forest	
Wahlberg's Eagle	Hieraaetus wahlbergi	1 possible Rubeho	
Ayres's Hawk-Eagle	Hieraaetus ayresii	1 Hondo Hondo area	
Tawny Eagle	Aquila rapax	Ngorongoro, Serengeti NP	
Gabar Goshawk	Micronisus gabar	Kilosa Road, Nyumba ya Mungu	
Dark Chanting Goshawk	Melierax metabates	Chalinze, Engikaret Plains, Serengeti NP	
African Goshawk	Accipiter tachiro	widespread. Around Swahili-Divers several of the small, Pemba race: blood samples undergoing testing—an armchair tick in the offing?	
Little Sparrowhawk	Accipiter minullus	singles Amani Forest, Tarangire Gate	
Yellow-billed Kite	Milvus aegyptius	widespread	
African Fish Eagle	Haliaeetus vocifer	2 Nyumba ya Mungu	
Mountain Buzzard	Buteo oreophilus	widespread	
Augur Buzzard	Buteo augur	widespread	
African Grass Owl	Tyto capensis	1 Luala	

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Pearl-spotted Owlet	Glaucidium perlatum	1 Serengeti NP	
Pemba Scops Owl	Otus pembaensis	3 seen, others heard at Ngezi Forest, Pemba	
Spotted Eagle-Owl	Bubo africanus	1 on road early morning Masumbo Guest House	
Fraser's Eagle-Owl	Ketupa poensis	2 heard, 1 "Usambara" Eagle Owl seen Amani Forest	
African Wood Owl	Strix woodfordii	regularly heard, 1 spotlighted Luala	
Speckled Mousebird	Colius striatus	widespread	
White-headed Mousebird	Colius leucocephalus	10 Nyumba ya Mungu	
Blue-naped Mousebird	Urocolius macrourus	6 Nyumba ya Mungu	
Bar-tailed Trogon	Apaloderma vittatum	1 Luala	
African Hoopoe	Upupa africana	1 on road to Engikaret Plains, 2 Serengeti NP	
Green Wood Hoopoe	Phoeniculus purpureus	1 Mikumi NP	
Common Scimitarbill	Rhinopomastus cyanomelas	1 Chalinze grassland	
Abyssinian Scimitarbill	Rhinopomastus minor	2 Nyumba ya Mungu	
Southern Ground Hornbill	Bucorvus leadbeateri	pairs Mikumi NP, Serengeti NP	
Tanzanian Red-billed Hornbill	Tockus ruahae	1 roadside near Matassi village on the road to Uluti	
Northern Red-billed Hornbill	Tockus erythrorhynchus	Tarangire Gate, Nyumba ya Mungu, Serengeti NP	
Von der Decken's Hornbill	Tockus deckeni	Matassi village, Serengeti NP	
Crowned Hornbill	Lophoceros alboterminatus	widespread	
African Grey Hornbill	Lophoceros nasutus	Mikumi NP, Rubeho	
Pale-billed Hornbill	Lophoceros pallidirostris	5 Kilosa Road	
Trumpeter Hornbill	Bycanistes bucinator	widespread	
Silvery-cheeked Hornbill	Bycanistes brevis	widespread	
Racket-tailed Roller	Coracias spatulatus	2 Kilosa Road	
Lilac-breasted Roller	Coracias caudatus	widespread	
Broad-billed Roller	Eurystomus glaucurus	Pemba	
Grey-headed Kingfisher	Halcyon leucocephala	singles Nyumba ya Mungu, Serengeti NP	
Brown-hooded Kingfisher	Halcyon albiventris	widespread	
Mangrove Kingfisher	Halcyon senegaloides	2 Pemba	
African Pygmy Kingfisher	Ispidina picta	singles Nyumba ya Mungu, Chome	
Malachite Kingfisher	Corythornis cristatus	singles Kilombero, Mikumi NP	
Half-collared Kingfisher	Alcedo semitorquata	1 en route to Lushoto, 1 Nyumba ya Mungu	
Pied Kingfisher	Ceryle rudis	widespread	
Little Bee-eater	Merops pusillus	widespread	
White-fronted Bee-eater	Merops bullockoides	10 on road to Tarangire Gate	
Böhm's Bee-eater	Merops boehmi	6+ Wami Bridge	
Olive Bee-eater	Merops superciliosus	10 Pemba, 1 Chalinze	
White-eared Barbet	Stactolaema leucotis	widespread. 2 kilimensis Tegatero	
Green Barbet	Stactolaema olivacea	widespread	
Green Tinkerbird	Pogoniulus simplex	1 heard on road to Bunduki, 1 Amani Forest	
Moustached Tinkerbird	Pogoniulus leucomystax	Kaguru, Bunduki, en route to Luala	
Yellow-rumped Tinkerbird	Pogoniulus bilineatus	Tegatero, heard Magamba	
Red-fronted Tinkerbird	Pogoniulus pusillus	widespread	
Spot-flanked Barbet	Tricholaema lacrymosa	Masumbo, Kasiga, Serengeti NP	
Black-throated Barbet	Tricholaema melanocephala	1 Nyumba ya Mungu	
White-headed Barbet	Lybius leucocephalus	2 Rubeho	

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Black-collared Barbet	Lybius torquatus	1 Wami Bridge	
Brown-breasted Barbet	Lybius melanopterus	3 Kilosa Road	
Red-and-yellow Barbet	Trachyphonus erythrocephalus	Tarangire Gate	
D'Arnaud's Barbet	Trachyphonus darnaudii	3 Kasiga	
Usambiro Barbet	Trachyphonus usambiro	Nyumba ya Mungu	
Lesser Honeyguide	Indicator minor	singles Ruvu River, Amani Forest, Rubeho	
Reichenow's Woodpecker	Campethera scriptoricauda	1 Kilosa Road	
Nubian Woodpecker	Campethera nubica	singles Kilosa Road, Nyumba ya Mungu	
Golden-tailed Woodpecker	Campethera abingoni	1 Tegatero	
Bearded Woodpecker	Chloropicus namaquus	1 Kilosa Road	
Cardinal Woodpecker	Dendropicos fuscescens	widespread	
African Grey Woodpecker	Dendropicos goertae	road to Tarangire Gate, Serengeti NP	
Olive Woodpecker	Dendropicos griseocephalus	Luala, Uluti, Magamba	
Greater Kestrel	Falco rupicoloides	road to Tarangire Gate, Serengeti NP	
Grey Kestrel	Falco ardosiaceus	Makumi NP, 3 Rubeho	
Dickinson's Kestrel	Falco dickinsoni	singles Pemba, Mikumi NP	
Red-necked Falcon	Falco chicquera	2 Mikumi NP	
African Hobby	Falco cuvierii	1 Mikumi NP	
Lanner Falcon	Falco biarmicus	Ukaguru, Lushoto, Nyumba ya Mungu	
Meyer's Parrot	Poicephalus meyeri	15 Serengeti NP	
<b>Brown-headed Parrot</b>	Poicephalus cryptoxanthus	10 Pemba, 4 Kilosa Road	
Fischer's Lovebird	Agapornis fischeri	4 Tarangire Gate, 9 Serengeti NP	
Yellow-collared Lovebird	Agapornis personatus	30 Tarangire Gate, 1 Serengeti NP	
African Broadbill	Smithornis capensis	1 Amani Forest	
Forest (Short-tailed) Batis	Batis mixta	2 Lushoto, 3 Amani Forest	
Dark Batis	Batis crypta	widespread	
<b>Chinspot Batis</b>	Batis molitor	widespread	
Pale Batis	Batis soror	1 male Amani Forest	
Pygmy Batis	Batis perkeo	singles Nyumba ya Mungu, road to Tarangire Gate	
Black-throated Wattle-eye	Platysteira peltata	1 Aamani Forest	
Grey-headed Bushshrike	Malaconotus blanchoti	1 Luala	
Uluguru Bushshrike	Malaconotus alius	1 Tegatero	
Black-fronted Bushshrike	Chlorophoneus nigrifrons	widespread	
Rosy-patched Bushshrike	Telophorus cruentus	1 Nyumba ya Mungu, 3 Serengeti NP	
Brown-crowned Tchagra	Tchagra australis	Kilosa Road, Nyumb, Serengeti NP	
Black-crowned Tchagra	Tchagra senegalus	singles Kilosa Road, Uluti	
Black-backed Puffback	Dryoscopus cubla	widespread	
Fülleborn's Boubou	Laniarius fuelleborni	widespread	
Slate-colored Boubou	Laniarius funebris	Nyumba ya Mungu, Serengeti NP	
Tropical Boubou	Laniarius major	widespread	
East Coast (Zanzibar) Boubou	Laniarius sublacteus	1 Lushoto	
Brubru	Nilaus afer	Kilosa Road, Serengeti NP	
White-crested Helmetshrike	Prionops plumatus	parties Kilosa Road, Chalinze	
Grey-crested Helmetshrike	Prionops poliolophus	4 Serengeti NP	
Retz's Helmetshrike	Prionops retzii	8 Chome	

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White-breasted Cuckooshrike	Ceblepyris pectoralis	1 Kilosa Road	
Grey Cuckooshrike	Ceblepyris caesius	widespread	
Black Cuckooshrike	Campephaga flava	1 Amani Forest	
Magpie Shrike	Urolestes melanoleucus	Tarangire Gate, Ngorongoro, Serengeti NP	
N. White-crowned Shrike	Eurocephalus ruppelli	widespread in drier areas	
Grey-backed Fiscal	Lanius excubitoroides	Serengeti NP	
Long-tailed Fiscal	Lanius cabanisi	Mikumi NP, Amani Forest, Tarangire Gate	
Taita Fiscal	Lanius dorsalis	2 Engikaret Plains	
Northern Fiscal	Lanius humeralis	widespread	
Uhehe Fiscal	Lanius marwitzi	1 en route to Uluti	
<b>Green-headed Oriole</b>	Oriolus chlorocephalus	Amani Forest	
Black-headed Oriole	Oriolus larvatus	Kilosa Road	
Fork-tailed Drongo	Dicrurus adsimilis	widespread	
"Usambara" Drongo	Dicrurus adsimilis var	birds at higher elevations in Usambaras have a different voice	
Blue-mantled (African) Crested Flycatcher	Trochocercus cyanomelas	1 Kilosa Road	
African Paradise Flycatcher	Terpsiphone viridis	widespread	
House Crow	Corvus splendens	far too widespread	
Pied Crow	Corvus albus	widespread	
White-necked Raven	Corvus albicollis	widespread	
White-tailed Blue Flycatcher	Elminia albicauda	2 Ngorongoro	
White-tailed Crested Flycatcher	Elminia albonotata	widespread	
White-bellied Tit	Melaniparus albiventris	Rubeho, en route to Luala	
Cinnamon-breasted Tit	Melaniparus pallidiventris	3 Kilosa Road	
Eastern Nicator	Nicator gularis	Kilosa Road, Chome	
Beesley's Lark	Chersomanes beesleyi	5 Engikaret Plains	
Fischer's Sparrow-Lark	Eremopterix leucopareia	widespread in drier areas	
Pink-breasted Lark	Calendulauda poecilosterna	1 Nyambu	
Fawn-colored Lark	Calendulauda africanoides	Nyumba ya Mungu, Engikaret Plains	
Rufous-naped Lark	Mirafra africana	Engikaret Plains, Serengeti NP	
Flappet Lark	Mirafra rufocinnamomea	1 Ngorongoro	
Short-tailed Lark	Spizocorys fremantlii	6 Engikaret Plains	
Red-capped Lark	Calandrella cinerea	Engikaret Plains, Serengeti NP	
Sombre Greenbul	Andropadus importunus	Nyumba ya Mungu, Serengeti NP	
Yellow-throated (Greenbul) Leaflove	Atimastillas flavicollis	1 Wami Bridge	
Yellow-bellied Greenbul	Chlorocichla flaviventris	Kilosa Road, Rubeho, Masumbo Guest House	
Shelley's Greenbul	Arizelocichla masukuensis	widespread	
Uluguru Mountain Greenbul	Arizelocichla neumanni	2 Bunduki	
Black-browed Mountain Greenbul	Arizelocichla fusciceps	Rubeho	
Yellow-throated Mountain Greenbul	Arizelocichla chlorigula	Luala	
Usambara Mountain Greenbul	Arizelocichla (nigriceps) usambarae	Magamba	

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Stripe-faced Greenbul	Arizelocichla striifacies	Tegatero, Bunduki, Uluti, Luala	
Little Greenbul	Eurillas virens	Bunduki, Luala, Amani Forest	
Tiny Greenbul	Phyllastrephus debilis	1 Amani Forest	
Usambara Greenbul	Phyllastrephus albigula	1 Magamba Forest	
Grey-olive Greenbul	Phyllastrephus cerviniventris	en route to Uluti, Chome	
Placid Greenbul	Phyllastrephus placidus	widespread	
Yellow-streaked Greenbul	Phyllastrephus flavostriatus	Uluti	
Dark-capped Bulbul	Pycnonotus tricolor	widespread	
Black Saw-wing	Psalidoprocne pristoptera	widespread	
Rock Martin	Ptyonoprogne fuligula	widespread	
Wire-tailed Swallow	Hirundo smithii	widespread	
Barn Swallow	Hirundo rustica	3 Ngorongoro	
Mosque Swallow	Cecropis senegalensis	3 Lushoto	
Lesser Striped Swallow	Cecropis abyssinica	widespread	
Kretschmer's Longbill	Macrosphenus kretschmeri	2 Amani Forest	
Red-faced Crombec	Sylvietta whytii	widespread	
Yellow Flycatcher	Erythrocercus holochlorus	6 Amani Forest	
Livingstone's Flycatcher	Erythrocercus livingstonei	2 Kilosa Road	
Yellow-throated Woodland			
Warbler	Phylloscopus ruficapilla	widespread	
<b>Common Reed Warbler</b>	Acrocephalus scirpaceus	2 Kilombero	
African Yellow Warbler	Iduna natalensis	singles Rubeho, Luala	
Mountain Yellow Warbler	Iduna similis	2 Ngorongoro	
Evergreen Forest Warbler	Bradypterus lopezi	widespread	
Cinnamon Bracken Warbler	Bradypterus cinnamomeus	widespread	
Little Rush Warbler	Bradypterus baboecala	2 Uluti	
Red-faced Cisticola	Cisticola erythrops	heard en route to Uluti	
Trilling Cisticola	Cisticola woosnami	Mikumi NP, en route to Luala	
Kilombero Cisticola	Cisticola bakerorum	2 Kilombero	
Black-lored Cisticola	Cisticola nigriloris	Uluti, Luala	
Rattling Cisticola	Cisticola chiniana	1 Amani Forest	
Churring Cisticola	Cisticola njombe	en route to Uluti	
Winding Cisticola	Cisticola marginatus	Ngorongoro	
Coastal Cisticola	Cisticola haematocephalus	1 en route to Amani Forest	
White-tailed Cisticola	Cisticola anderseni	2 Kilombero	
Zitting Cisticola	Cisticola juncidis	widespread	
Tawny-flanked Prinia	Prinia subflava	widespread	
Red-fronted Prinia	Prinia rufifrons	8 Nyamba	
Buff-bellied Warbler	Phyllolais pulchella	Nyumba ya Mungu, Ngorongoro, Serengeti NP	
Bar-throated Apalis	Apalis thoracica	widespread	
Yellow-breasted Apalis	Apalis flavida	widespread	
White-winged Apalis	Apalis chariessa	2 pairs Uluti	
Black-headed Apalis	Apalis melanocephala	Uluti, Luala, Amani Forest, Magamba Forest	
Chapin's Apalis	Apalis chapini	Ukaguru, Rubeho, Luala, Uluti	
<b>Buff-throated Apalis</b>	Apalis rufogularis	singles Ukaguru, Ngorongoro	

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Karamoja Apalis	Apalis karamojae	3 Serengeti NP	
Brown-headed Apalis	Apalis alticola	2 en route to Uluti, 1 Ngorongoro	
Green-backed Camaroptera	Camaroptera brachyura	widespread	
Miombo Wren-Warbler	Calamonastes undosus	heard en route to Uluti	
Stierling's Wren-Warbler	Calamonastes stierlingi	2 Kilosa Road, 1 Chalinze grassland	
Mrs Moreau's Warbler	Scepomycter winifredae	1 Bunduki	
"Rubeho" Warbler	Scepomycter (w.) rubehoensis	1 Ukuguru	
Long-billed Forest Warbler	Artisornis moreaui	1 Amani Forest	
Red-capped Forest Warbler	Artisornis metopias	Ukuguru, Bunduki, Luala, Magamba Forest	
Yellow-bellied Eremomela	Eremomela icteropygialis	Luala, Nyumba ya Mungu, Tarangire Gate	
African Hill Babbler	Sylvia abyssinica	Rubeho, Luala, Magamba Forest	
Banded Parisoma	Curruca boehmi	1 en route to Tarangire Gate, heard Serengeti NP	
Brown Parisoma	Curruca lugens	2 Rubeho	
Mbulu White-eye	Zosterops mbuluensis	3 Serena Lodge, Ngorongoro	
South Pare White-eye	Zosterops winifredae	2+ Chome	
Southern Yellow White-eye	Zosterops anderssoni	widespread	
African White-eye	Zosterops senegalensis	6 Chome	
Pemba White-eye	Zosterops vaughani	Pemba	
Tanzanian Illadopsis	Illadopsis distans	2 Uluti, 1 Amani Forest	
Arrow-marked Babbler	Turdoides jardineii	widespread	
Northern Pied Babbler	Turdoides hypoleuca	1 Mikumi NP	
Spot-throat	Modulatrix stictigula	seen Uluti, Luala (2), Magamba	
Dapple-throat	Arcanator orostruthus	eventually 1 seen well at Uluti: others glimpsed there	
Usambara Hyliota	Hyliota usambara	2+ Amani Forest	
Wattled Starling	Creatophora cinerea	Ngorongoro, Serengeti NP	
Black-bellied Starling	Notopholia corusca	6 Pemba, 2 Magamba Forest	
Greater Blue-eared Starling	Lamprotornis chalybaeus	Serengeti NP	
Miombo Blue-eared Starling	Lamprotornis elisabeth	20 Mikumi NP	
Superb Starling	Lamprotornis superbus	widespread	
Hildebrandt's Starling	Lamprotornis hildebrandti	Engikaret Plains, Ngorongoro, Serengeti NP	
Ashy Starling	Lamprotornis unicolor	Matassi-Uluti road, Tarangire Gate, Serengeti NP	
Red-winged Starling	Onychognathus morio	10 Tegetaro	
Slender-billed Starling	Onychognathus tenuirostris	50 Kilosa Road	
Waller's Starling	Onychognathus walleri	widespread	
Kenrick's Starling	Poeoptera kenricki	Uluti, Amani Forest, Magamba Forest	
Yellow-billed Oxpecker	Buphagus africanus	Serengeti NP	
Red-billed Oxpecker	Buphagus erythrorynchus	Mikumi, road to Tarangire Gate, Serengeti NP	
Red-tailed Ant Thrush	Neocossyphus rufus	1 Amami Forest	
Orange Ground Thrush	Geokichla gurneyi	1 Uluti	
African Thrush	Turdus pelios	1 Nyumba ya Mungu	
Abyssinian Thrush	Turdus abyssinicus	1 Bunduki	
Usambara Thrush	Turdus roehli	singles Magamba Forest,, Serena Lodge Ngorongoro	
Kurrichane Thrush	Turdus libonyana	1 Rubeho	

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White-browed Scrub Robin	Cercotrichas leucophrys	widespread	
Grey Tit-Flycatcher	Myioparus plumbeus	4 Amani Forest, 1 Magamba Forest	
White-eyed Slaty Flycatcher	Melaenornis fischeri	Uluti, Luala, Rubeho	
African Grey Flycatcher	Melaenornis microrhynchus	widespread	
Silverbird	Empidornis semipartitus	Tarangire Gate, Serengeti NP	
African Dusky Flycatcher	Muscicapa adusta	widespread	
White-chested Alethe	Chamaetylas fuelleborni	3 Uuiti	
Olive-flanked Ground Robin	Cossypha anomala	Ukaguru, Rubeho, Luala, Amani Forest	
Cape Robin-Chat	Cossypha caffra	widespread	
White-browed Robin-Chat	Cossypha heuglini	widespread	
Red-capped Robin-Chat	Cossypha natalensis	1 Kilosa Road	
Swynnerton's Robin	Swynnertonia swynnertoni	2 Uluti	
White-starred Robin	Pogonocichla stellata	singles Ukaguru, Magamba Forest, Chome	
Sharpe's Akalat	Sheppardia sharpei	singles Tetegero, Uluti	
Rubeho Akalat	Sheppardia aurantiithorax	1 Rubeho	
Usambara Akalat	Sheppardia montana	1 Magamba Forest	
Iringa Akalat	Sheppardia lowei	3 Uluti	
Collared Palm Thrush	Cichladusa arquata	1 Mikumi NP	
Spotted Palm Thrush	Cichladusa guttata	widespread	
Miombo Rock Thrush	Monticola angolensis	1 en route to Luala	
African Stonechat	Saxicola torquatus	widespread	
Mocking Cliff Chat	Thamnolaea cinnamomeiventris	4 Tetegero, 1 Lushoto	
Northern Anteater Chat	Myrmecocichla aethiops	6 Ngorongoro	
Arnot's Chat	Myrmecocichla arnotti	2 Kilosa Road	
Capped Wheatear	Oenanthe pileata	Mikumi, Engikaret Plains, Serengeti NP	
Abyssinian Wheatear	Oenanthe lugubris	20 en route to Tarangire Gate	
Familiar Chat	Oenanthe familiaris	4 Rubeho	
Plain-backed Sunbird	Anthreptes reichenowi	2 Amani Forest	
Eastern Violet-backed Sunbird	Anthreptes orientalis	2 Rubeho, 10 Nyambu	
Uluguru Violet-backed	And more than the	3 Amani Forest	
Sunbird	Anthreptes neglectus		
Banded Green Sunbird	Anthreptes rubritorques	3 Amani Forest	
Sunbird sp.	Anthreptes sp. nov	1 female of this short-billed taxon briefly by the campsite.	
Collared Sunbird	Hedydipna collaris	widespread	
Amani Sunbird	Hedydipna pallidigaster	2 Amani Forest	
Olive Sunbird	Cyanomitra olivacea	widespread	
Amethyst Sunbird	Chalcomitra amethystina	widespread	
Scarlet-chested Sunbird	Chalcomitra senegalensis	widespread	
Bronzy Sunbird	Nectarinia kilimensis	Luala, Rubeho	
Malachite Sunbird	Nectarinia famosa	Luala, Rubeho	
Red-tufted Sunbird	Nectarinia johnstoni	singles Chome, near Serena Lodge Ngorongoro	
Golden-winged Sunbird	Drepanorhynchus reichenowi	pair Chome	
Eastern Double-collared Sunbird	Cinnyris mediocris	2 Masumbo Guest House, 1 Ngorongoro	

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Usambara Double-collared Sunbird	Cinnyris usambaricus	common Magamba Forest	
Forest Double-collared Sunbird	Cinnyris fuelleborni	2 en route to Uluti, 1 Rubeho	
"Skye Double-collared Sunbird"	Cinnyris (whytei) skye	4+ males Rubeho	
Moreau's Sunbird	Cinnyris moreaui	Ukaguru, Luala, Rubeho	
Loveridge's Sunbird	Cinnyris loveridgei	1 Tegetero, 6 Bunduki	
Marico Sunbird	Cinnyris mariquensis	1 Amani Forest	
Shelley's Sunbird	Cinnyris shelleyi	3 Kilosa Road	
Pemba Sunbird	Cinnyris pembae	common Pemba	
Rufous-winged Sunbird	Cinnyris rufipennis	3+ Uluti	
Variable Sunbird	Cinnyris venustus	widespread	
Yellow-spotted Bush Sparrow	Gymnoris pyrgita	2 Nyumba ya Mungu	
Yellow-throated Bush	, ,,,	. , ,	
Sparrow	Gymnoris superciliaris	4 Kilosa Road	
Kenya (K Rufous) Sparrow	Passer rufocinctus	4 en route to Tarangire Gate	
Swahili Sparrow	Passer suahelicus	pair Serengeti NP	
S. Grey-headed Sparrow	Passer diffusus	widespread	
House Sparrow	Passer domesticus	widespread	
Red-billed Buffalo Weaver	Bubalornis niger	widespread in drier areas	
White-headed Buffalo Weaver	Dinemellia dinemelli	widespread in drier areas	
White-browed			
Sparrow-Weaver	Plocepasser mahali	widespread in drier areas	
Rufous-tailed Weaver	Histurgops ruficauda	common Serengeti NP	
Grey-capped Social Weaver	Pseudonigrita arnaudi	6 Serengeti NP	
Thick-billed Weaver	Amblyospiza albifrons	1 Hondo Hondo, 4 Ngorongoro	
Baglafecht Weaver	Ploceus baglafecht	widespread	
Bertram's Weaver	Ploceus bertrandi	1 Tegatero, 6 en route to Uluti	
Spectacled Weaver	Ploceus ocularis	Hondo Hondo, Luala, Amani Forest, Serengeti NP	
African Golden Weaver	Ploceus subaureus	2+ Wami Bridge	
Taveta Weaver	Ploceus castaneiceps	2 females Nyumba ya Mungu	
Ruvu Weaver	Ploceus holoxanthus	6 Ruvu River	
Kilombero Weaver	Ploceus burnieri	several Kilombero	
Lesser Masked Weaver	Ploceus intermedius	10 Nyumba ya Mungu	
Village Weaver	Ploceus cucullatus	4 Kilosa Road	
Dark-backed (Forest) Weaver	Ploceus bicolor	widespread in forests	
Usambara Weaver	Ploceus nicolli	2 Magamba Forest	
Red-headed Weaver	Anaplectes rubriceps	singles Ngorongoro, Serengeti NP	
Red-billed Quelea	Quelea quelea	widespread in drier areas	
Zanzibar Red Bishop	Euplectes nigroventris	Pemba, Hondo Hondo	
Black-winged (Red) Bishop	Euplectes hordeaceus	Kilosa road, Hondo Hondo, Chalinze Lushoto	
Yellow Bishop	Euplectes capensis	Tegatero, Matassi-Uluti road, Luala	
Fan-tailed Widowbird	Euplectes axillaris	Kilosa Road, Hondo Hondo, Uluti	
Yellow-mantled Widowbird	Euplectes macroura	9 Kilosa Road	
Jackson's Widowbird	Euplectes jacksoni	several flocks Ngorongoro	

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Bronze Mannikin	Spermestes cucullata	widespread	
Magpie Mannikin	Spermestes fringilloides	10 Hondo Hondo	
Black-and-white Mannikin	Spermestes bicolor	Kilosa Road, Amani Forest	
African Silverbill	Euodice cantans	1 Pemba	
Yellow-bellied Waxbill	Coccopygia quartinia	widespread	
Red-faced Crimsonwing	Cryptospiza reichenovii	2 Bunduki, 3 Magamba Forest	
Black-faced Waxbill	Brunhilda erythronotos	3 en route to Luala	
Common Waxbill	Estrilda astrild	widespread	
Quailfinch	Ortygospiza atricollis	10 Serengeti NP	
Cut-throat Finch	Amadina fasciata	10 Nyumba ya Mungu	
Orange-breasted Waxbill	Amandava subflava	6 Kilombero	
Purple Grenadier	Granatina ianthinogaster	1 Ngorongoro	
Blue Waxbill	Uraeginthus angolensis	Mikumi NP, Chalinze	
Red-cheeked Cordon-bleu	Uraeginthus bengalus	2 Kilosa Road, 1 Rubeho	
Blue-capped Cordon-bleu	Uraeginthus cyanocephalus	Nyumba ya Mungu, Tarangire Gate, Serengeti NP	
Green-winged Pytilia	Pytilia melba	1 Nyumba ya Mungu	
Red-throated Twinspot	Hypargos niveoguttatus	2 Kilosa Road, 1 with juvenile widowbird Chome	
Red-billed Firefinch	Lagonosticta senegala	6 Tarangire Gate	
African Firefinch	Lagonosticta rubricata	Tegatero, Kilosa Road, Amani Forest	
Village Indigobird	Vidua chalybeata	Kilombero, Hondo Hondo, Amani Forest	
Purple Indigobird	Vidua purpurascens	singing male Mikumi NP	
Dusky (Variable) Indigobird	Vidua funerea	singing male Nyumba ya Mungu	
Twinspot Indigobird	Vidua codringtoni	1 juvenile with male Red-throated Twinspot, Chome	
Pin-tailed Whydah	Vidua macroura	10 en route to Lushoto	
Straw-tailed Whydah	Vidua fischeri	common Nyumba ya Mungu	
Broad-tailed Paradise Whydah	Vidua obtusa	2 males Luala, 1 Chalinze, 1 Nyumba ya Mungu	
Cuckoo-finch	Anomalospiza imberbis	1 Pemba	
African Pied Wagtail	Motacilla aguimp	widespread	
Yellow-throated Longclaw	Macronyx croceus	4 Mikumi NP, 2 Serengeti NP	
African Pipit	Anthus cinnamomeus	widespread	
Striped Pipit	Anthus lineiventris	1 Lushoto	
Oriole Finch	Linurgus olivaceus	female Chome	
Southern Citril	Crithagra hyposticta	4 Kilosa Road, 2 Chome	
Black-throated Canary	Crithagra atrogularis	4 Nyumba ya Mungu, 4 Serengeti NP	
Yellow-fronted Canary	Crithagra mozambica	widespread	
White-bellied Canary	Crithagra dorsostriata	Serengeti NP	
Southern Grosbeak-Canary	Crithagra buchanani	2 Nyambu	
Streaky Seedeater	Crithagra striolata	Chome, Tarangire Gate, Serengeti NP	
Yellow-browed Seedeater	Crithagra whytii	2 en route to Uliti, 2 Luala	
Kipengere Seedeater	Crithagra melanochroa	3 Luala	
Somali Bunting	Emberiza poliopleura	2 Nyambu	
Golden-breasted Bunting	Emberiza flaviventris	1 Rubeho	



Blue Monkey (Magamba), Cheetah, Lion, Spotted Hyena and Lappet-faced Vulture, Giraffes, Savannah Elephant

Common Name	Scientific name	Comments
Bush Hyrax	Heterohyrax brucei	Serengeti NP
Tree hyrax sp.	Dendrohyrax sp.	Heard only
Savannah Elephant	Loxodonta africana	Mikumi NP, Serengeti NP
Zanzibar Bushbaby	Paragalago zanzibaricus	One seen late afternoon, Pemba
Vervet Monkey	Chlorocebus pygerythrus	Pemba, Serengeti NP
Blue Monkey	Cercopithecus mitis ssp numanii	Fairly common: generally shy
Olive Baboon	Papio anubis	
Yellow Baboon	Papio cynocephalus	
Angola Colobus	Colobus angolensis	
		Mixed parties with the above seen
Udzungwe Red Colobus	Piliocolobus gordonorum	twice
Unstriped Ground Squirrel	Xerus rutilus	Several
Red-legged Sun Squirrel	Heliosciurus rufiobrachium	Also several other squirrels
Scrub Hare	Lepus saxatilis	One at Beesley's Lark site
Pemba Flying-fox	Pteropus voeltzkowi	Abundant on Pemba
Serval	Felis serval	1 Serengeti NP
Cheetah	Acinonyx jubatus	Female with 5 cubs, Serengeti
Lion	Panthera leo	One group Mikumi. Common in Serengeti NP
Leopard	Panthera pardus	One with a gazelle up a tree in Serengeti NP
Donded Mongrees	Mungoopungo	Several sightings, also other
Banded Mongoose	Mungos mungo	mongooses
Dwarf Mongoose White-tailed Mongoose	Helogale parvula Ichneumia albicauda	1 Tegetero
Spotted Hyena	Crocuta crocuta	1 spotlighted Serengeti campsite Common Serengeti NP
Aardwolf	Proteles cristatus	1 spotlighted Serengeti campsite
Black-backed Jackal	Lupulella mesomelas	Most seen in Serengeti NP
Plains Zebra	Equus quagga	Common Mikumi, Serengeti NPs
Common Warthog	Phacochoerus africanus	Common Mikumi, Serengeti NPs
Hippopotamus	Hippopotamus amphibius	Mikumi, Serengeti NPs
Masai Giraffe	Giraffa tippelskirchi	Common Mikumi, Serengeti NPs
Hartebeest	Alcelaphus buselaphus	Serengeti NP
Blue Wildebeest	Connochaetes taurinus	Mikumi, Serengeti NPs
Topi	Damaliscus lunatus	Serengeti NP
Grant's Gazelle	Gazella granti	Mikumi, Serengeti NPs
Thomson's Gazelle	Gazella thomsonii	Mikumi, Serengeti NPs
Kirk's Dik-dik	Madoqua kirkii	Serengeti NP
Bush Duiker	Sylvicapra grimmia	Serengeti NP
African Buffalo	Syncerus caffer	Mikumi, Serengeti NPs
Common Eland	Tragelaphus oryx	Mikumi NP
Bushbuck	Tragelaphus scriptus	Mikumi NP
Impala	Aepyceros melampus	Mikumi, Serengeti NPs
Waterbuck	Kobus ellipsiprymnus	Serengeti NP
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Common Name	Scientific name	Common Name	Scientific name
African Blue Tiger	Tirumala petiverana	Eyed Pansy	Junonia orithya
African Leopard Fritillary	Phalanta eurytis	Flying Handkerchief	Papilio dardanus
African Queen	Danaus chrysippus	Forest Glade Nymph	Aterica galene
Black-blotched Acraea	Acraea insignis	Friar	Amauris niavius
Blue Pansy	Junonia orithya	Geranium Bronze	Cacyreus marshalli
Citrus Swallowtail	Papilio demodocus	Gold-banded Forester	Euphaedra neophron
Clouded Flat	Tagiades flesus	Green-banded Swallowtail	Papilio chrapkowskii
Common African White	Belenois creona	Grizzled Skipper	Pyrgus malvae
Common Bush Brown	Mycalesis perseus	Guineafowl Butterfly	Hamanumida daedalus
Common Palm Forester	Bebearia cocalia	Long-tailed Admiral	Antanartia schaeneia
Dancing Acraea	Acraea serena	Pea Blue	Lampides boeticus
Dusky Acraea	Acraea esebria	Spectre	Bebearia cocalia
Eared Commodore	Junonia tugela	Wanderer sp.	Acraea sp.
East African Forest Acraea	Acraea pharsalus	Zebra White	Pinacopteryx eriphia
Eastern Dotted Border	Mylothris agathina		



African Queen Danaus chrysippus. Photo by Sarah.



Red-necked Spurfowl, Usambiro Barbet, Taveta Weaver, Double-banded Courser, dinner at Exaud's (I to r): Allan, Sue, Elia, Exaud, Sarah; Exaud and Richard