

Trip Report—Uganda Safari- African Adventure Travellers Ltd.-Dec 22, 2015-Jan 4, 2016.

This report also posted on TripAdvisor, but this version contains a bird list at the end.

Summary: This was an excellent 13 day safari experience. The **guide, Alex Gabiito**, was friendly, knowledgeable and thoroughly professional throughout the duration of the trip. He went out of his way to ensure that we saw all the animals and birds that we had indicated to the safari company that we hoped to see. In all cases he was able to deal with a few very minor hiccups of scheduling, reservations and vehicle maintenance with absolutely no inconvenience to us. He is extremely keen on all aspects of Ugandan ecology and large mammal conservation plus he has a special interest and knowledge of birds. He also expressed to us his interest in further studies of invertebrate groups such as butterflies. As well, he was able to answer all our questions about the people and society of Uganda.

The lodging/camp sites we stayed at were all of reasonable to excellent quality, at budget to mid-range prices. (also reviewed on tripadvisor) Some of the places we stayed at were suggested to us by **the African Adventure Travellers Ltd.** and others were chosen by us. Originally our group was to be 4 people, but one couple dropped out due to pregnancy. We had initially decided not to make an attempt to go to see the gorillas (costs for 4 people) and so we focused on seeing chimps, other wildlife and birds instead.

Sarah at African Adventure Travellers Ltd. worked very hard to extract refunds from some of the places of accommodation, after we let her know of the cancellation of two members of our party. In some cases she was able to sell our double booking to other tourists and then place us in other (better lodging.) Towards the end of the trip she phoned to say that we would receive a refund for some of the money. Her efforts on our behalf, at short notice were very much appreciated.

All of the extra walks and boat trips that we added to our safari were excellent and we highly recommend them. The local guides were all knowledgeable and in each case we saw any number of different flora and fauna and habitat/landscapes we would not have otherwise seen from inside of a safari van.

We do not hesitate to recommend **African Adventure Travellers Ltd.** and the guide, **Alex Gabiito** for anyone thinking of a safari in Uganda. Alex does private birding day trips or longer tours when he does not have clients with the African Adventure Travellers Ltd.

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Itinerary: Entebbe Bot. Gardens(guided walk)--Ziwa Rhino Sanctuary(short guided walk)--Murchison's Falls (2 nights)(game drives)--Nile Boat trip to base of Murchison's Falls -- top of Murchison's Falls (short walk)--Budongo Forest Reserve (guided nature walk)--Kibale N.P (guided nature walk)--Crater Lakes (guided walk)-- Bigodi Wetland Sanctuary(guided nature walk) --Semeliki/Sempaya Hotsprings(guided nature walk)--Queen Elizabeth II National Park(2 nights)(game drives)--Kazinga Channel (boat trip)—Ishasha Sector (game drive)—Buhoma (photography)--Ruija Forest Road(drive)--Lake Bunyonyi(self-paddled canoeing)—Kampala.

Birds: We saw at least 151 identified spp., and possibly more that are in our photos, but whose names I did not get down while we were driving. A complete bird list is at the end of this report.

Larger Mammals: We saw all the larger game animals that we expected: elephants, lions, buffalo, hippo, Uganda Kob, Topi, Jackson's Hartebeest, Giraffe, Waterbuck, Oribis, warthogs, & a leopard.

Primates (11) included: Chimpanzees, baboons, Vervet, Blue, Red-tailed, Patas, l'Hoest, & de Brazza's Monkeys, Black & White Colobus, Red Colobus, Grey-cheeked Mangabeys.

Reptiles: Crocodiles, monitor lizards, blue-headed agamas, smaller ground lizards, a still as of yet undetermined number of chameleon spp., No snakes were seen.

Dec. 22, 2015. We were met at the airport by the smiling Alex. He quickly whisked us to the African Roots Guest house (super clean, friendly and with very, very good food), got us checked in and then back out to **the Entebbe Botanical Gardens** for a bit of bird -spotting with a local guide, as pre-arranged. Here in the afternoon we saw a side-striped squirrel, Blk. & Wh. Colobus monkeys, Vervet Monkeys, numerous invertebrates (dragonflies, spiders & butterflies) and 24+ species of birds.

Dec. 23. We headed north through Entebbe & Kampala to the **Murchison's Falls Game Park** via the **Ziwa Rhino Sanctuary**. For the duration of the safari Alex spotted & identified birds for us to see & in some cases photograph from the roadside. So that day, in addition to seeing the Southern White Rhino and hearing about conservation work at the site, we also saw Bush bucks and 25++ bird spp. We stayed 2 nights at the Heritage Lodge (our choice). It was not as good as some of the other places we stayed at during this trip. It felt like the manager did not know what he was doing, so staff tended to trip over each other. (Each accommodation is reviewed separately on T.A.)

Dec. 24. Early morning game drive in **Murchison's Falls Game Park** and **Murchison's Falls boat trip** to the base of the falls, in the afternoon, & then game drive on return to the Lodge. Game seen: Warthogs, Rothschild Giraffe, Jackson's Hartebeest, Uganda Kob, Oraibi, Waterbuck, Patas monkeys, elephants, buffalo, baboons, various lizards spp., hippos, & crocodiles. 30++ spp. of birds.

Dec. 25. Early rise and quick drive through **Murchison's Falls G.P.** to the ferry and then drive to the **top of Murchison's Falls**, where we walked around to admire the views. The top of the falls was the only place we experienced biting flies on the trip. Game seen (morning): Hippos, buffalo, Jackson's Hartebeest, Uganda kob, warthogs, Waterbucks, Slender Mongoose and 8++ bird spp.

Then we drove through farmland & forested areas to the **Budongo Forest Reserve**. We checked in at the Budongo Forest Reserve Eco Lodge and found that that it was much more plush and organized than I was lead to believe from the internet. This was one of the best places we stayed at for the whole trip. We had pre-arranged a guided walk in the forest with the reserve ranger/guides. They were very informative about the ecology and plants of the area. Due to the thick forest we heard more birds than we saw, but did get photos of some Black-&-White-Casqued Hornbills. Also seen were columns of army ants. The highlight was seeing chimps high in a tree. Later they came down to the ground and raced by us, about 20 meters away. Imagine—Christmas with chimps! The lodge chef is very, very good and we had an excellent Christmas lunch, followed some hours later (after a walk down the road and listening to amazing bird sounds on our cottage verandah) by an even bigger and better Christmas dinner. Game seen (afternoon): chimps, baboons, 12+ bird spp.

Dec. 26. Early rise and drove towards **Kibale Nat'l Park**. We saw a few birds by the roadside, but the road is really rough & dusty, which made it difficult to see things. Game seen: Black & White Colobus monkey. We checked in at the Rweteera Camp. (our choice as it was close to the forest but on the Murchison side, in order to shorten the journey on this day.) The bed was comfortable and the mosquito net fitted snugly. Food was adequate and the staff are friendly and helpful.

Dec. 27. Early rise and a quick breakfast before we set out for a busy day. We spotted Giant Kingfishers on the way to the **Kibale park** office. Alex, the guide, was very excited about this as he didn't yet have good photos for his upcoming Uganda bird book. At the Kibale park office we met the guides and other tourists who were looking forward to seeing chimps. We received a quick briefing and then were assigned into groups of 6, each with an armed guide. Even before we entered the forest we could hear the chimps whooping and hollering. We saw them high in the trees and then a short while later a few came down... almost as if to pose for us. The groups of people meandered through the forest sometimes meeting up and sometimes separating. Everyone seemed to be able to get as many photographs as they wanted. We also saw

Black-&-White-casqued Hornbills.

After this we were driven by Alex to the start point for **the Bigodi Wetlands Sanctuary** walk. We ate a quick boxed lunch at their headquarters and admired the Village Weaver birds and their nest making skills in a tree beside the building. We started off at noon (it proved to be fairly warm and humid, we'd have been better to do the walk later in the afternoon) with a very knowledgeable local guide, Ben. He was able to easily point out 4 spp. of primates: Red-tailed monkeys, Red Colobus, B & Wh. Colobus, and Grey-cheeked Mangabeys. The guide told us about some of the forest and field plants that we saw and easily answered all our questions. Birds spotted were: Common waxbills, Red-headed Malimbe, & Blue-spotted wood dove. We then drove to and checked into the Chimpanzee Forest Guest House and Camp. This is one of our "upgrades" and it proved to be a well run place with gardens full of birds and extremely pleasant and helpful staff. We stalked birds and lizards in the gardens for the rest of the afternoon and found another 10 birds spp. to photograph. The food is good here and the service is excellent.

Dec. 28. 7am wake up and watched birds from the verandah. 10 spp. were seen. One of the guides from the Rweetera camp arrived and we went for a pre-arranged walk to see the **Crater lakes**. This is a very scenic area and we soon spotted a number of different birds. We had lunch back at the Chimp. Forest Guest house & camp, and then Alex drove us to Bundibugyo to stay at the Vanilla Hotel (our choice in order to maximize time in the area.) The road is new so we arrived in good time to find that the hotel did not seem to have our reservations and that they had already sent the cook home for the day. Alex soon politely sorted them out and one of the staff agreed to fry chicken and chips for our collective dinner. While we waited, we updated our bird list with the aid of the *Birds of E. Africa* book, drank beer and watched the birds in the hotel garden.

Dec. 29. Breakfast was late at the Vanilla hotel, but soon we were on our way to **Semeliki reserve/Sempaya hot springs**. On the way we saw & photographed White-thighed hornbills. At the park office we rented some of their rubber boots for the muddy trails. On asking the guide if there might be any chameleons (we are very close to the **Rwenzori mtns**—the nearby ridge of hills are very much deforested, with farms clinging to steep slopes, looking like they will be washed away in the next heavy rains), he answered sadly, that he had not seen any for 2 years. The trail did prove to be muddy which attracted many different types of butterflies to this moisture. Some of their colours are extremely bright...one was tempted to chase after them into the forest... The two hot springs produce water at temperatures even higher than boiling, so there are only wading birds around the far edges of this marshy area. We saw a De Brazza monkey, but from very far away. The guide, Eston, who had been transferred from Kibale Park a few years ago, quickly recognized chimp tracks in the mud of the trails, and the remains of fruits they had knocked down from various trees. We also saw tracks of buffalo, wild pigs and small antelope. He spotted for us: Blue monkeys, Blk & Wh. Colobus, Red-tailed monkeys and White-cheeked mangabeys. We saw 9 sp. of birds, and the guide identified by sound, 3+ more bird spp.

On the road to Fort Portal (lunch) and **Queen Elizabeth II National Park** we saw many birds by the road side including: Grey-headed kingfisher, Long-crested Eagle, and Grey Kestrel. While driving to the Simba Lodge (excellently managed) at QE II park we are hit by a short sharp rainstorm... the only rain of the trip. After check in at this very pleasant lodge & registering at the park office, we went for a game drive and saw: Uganda kobs, a lioness in a Euphorbia tree, Waterbuck, warthogs, baboons, and 17++ spp of birds.

Dec. 30. Very early wake-up 5:30 and we left at 6:45 for a game drive in **QE II N.P.** Game seen: Uganda kobs, warthogs, sleeping lions, buffalos, elephant (distant) and 12+ spp. of birds. We had lunch at the lodge, and then later drove to the dock for a **boat ride on the Kazinga channel**. On the way we saw: Waterbucks, Ugandan kob, elephants and buffalo along with a number of birds. The boat proved again to be a great way to see a lot of wildlife and birds. Game seen from the boat: Elephants, buffalo, Ugandan kob, hippos, wart hogs, crocodiles, monitor lizard plus 22+ bird spp. On the way back to the lodge Alex drove to where we had seen the lions in the morning. They were still there, not really moving much. We drove a bit further into the park where we had been in the morning near a shallow valley. Soon it became apparent, due to nightfall, that we'd have to leave the park...and on the road on the way out we saw a leopard. Just like that, magic.

Dec. 31. 6:45 rise and left at 8:00 for Ishasha and all the while we kept a look out for birds and game.

Game seen: Ugandan kobs, elephants, baboons, buffalo, waterbuck, Vervet monkeys, Blk & Wh. Colobus and 26++ spp. of birds. Once in the park we saw: topi (very reddish compared to topi we had previously seen in Kenya & Tanz.), warthogs, buffalos and a number of lions and lion cubs in three separate trees. Instead of napping, the lion cubs were busy watching the Vervet monkeys, trapped in the tree above them. Birds seen included: Yellow-throated Longclaw, Tinker bird, Red Bishops, White-throated Bee-eaters, Yellow-mantled Widowbird and Fan-tailed Widowbirds.

We checked into the “at the River Lodge,” (the road in is not the greatest...) finished our box lunch, and explored the grounds and river bank where we saw a monitor lizard and numerous birds. There were many different species of weaver birds here and great photos could be snapped while watching them bathe and drink at the river edge. 8+++ spp. of birds were seen. The mosquitoes were quite bad here so it seemed prudent to duck under our mosquito nets instead of sitting up to drink in the New Year. A dinner of fish was very good.

Jan. 1, 2016. Woke up at 6:50 and watched birds from and on the raised platform which forms the restaurant & bar of “at the River Lodge.” We drove towards the **Lake Bunyonyi** but with a slight detour to **Buhoma** to see some chameleons and spotted 19 + bird spp. along the way. I had been hopeful to see and photograph chameleons from different areas & altitudes of Uganda, for a series of natural history illustrations I would like to work on. However up to this point we had no luck at finding them. So Alex organized some men and boys from the area where he is from to find a few for me to photograph. In the end there were more than enough specimens for me to photograph. It will take some time for me to figure out the number of species from all my photos. The drive from **Buhoma** along the edge of the **Bwindi N.P.**, through the **Ruija Forest area** and through farming communities proved to be one of the most scenic drives of the trip. The road was wet and deep with mud at one point. A van ahead of us got stuck, so we helped them move forward. We barreled through and were fine. We then continued on our way to **Lake Bunyonyi**. The landscapes we passed through are incredibly beautiful, consisting of thickly forested steep hills alternating with farmland. If we had more time I would have liked to have spent more time at the Ruiha Forest Area (if it is possible to walk in this area?) On the way up the final hills, to the Lake Bunyonyi area, the van overheated. We waited a bit for it to cool down. That evening Alex took it into town to get the cooling system tinkered with. We stayed at the Lake Bunyonyi Overland Resort, which is a large place right on the edge of the lake. The grounds were too full of people (holiday weekend) to see any birds. However we had seen birds from the vehicle all afternoon, making the day's total at: 29++ birds, 3 primates: Rohest Monkey, Blue Monkey & Red-tailed Monkey plus one squirrel.

Jan. 2. 6:30 rise. We drove a short ways to a canoe dock and took a (pre-arranged) mokoro or dugout canoe out onto the lake. This was well worth doing, as the mist was slowly lifting and we saw lots of birds (8+) and an otter in the reeds during our hour out, in addition to the stunning scenery. It was very foggy in the hills, on the first part of the drive **to Kampala**. We continued to spot birds (at least 8++ spp.) all the way to the city. Lunch was at the Agip motel restaurant buffet, it was excellent. In Kampala we stayed at the very pleasant Apricot Guest House.

Jan. 3. We slept in to about 8:30, had breakfast and then walked into the center of **Kampala**. We saw a number (6) of city birds along the way. Kampala on a Sunday did not seem as exciting as Dar es Salam did to us a number of years ago. At least a book store (**Aristoc**) in the Garden City Complex was open and we browsed in the nature books there. We did eventually find an open market of crafts near “the 1000 cups of Coffee” Cafe, on Buganda Rd. and bought a few small items. We walked back to our guest house and sat on our balcony to watch the birds come and go in the gardens. I was surprised to identify a Double-toothed (!) Barbet along with some African Grey Parrots in the yard.

Jan. 4. Alex drove us to the **Entebbe airport**....still spotting birds...in good time. They don't seem to allow people into the terminal until exactly 3 hours before your flight. The selection of souvenirs items is quite good at the airport, so no need to spend a day in Kampala if you'd rather be out in the bush.

Cumulative Bird List (Common names taken from: *Birds of East Africa* by Terry Stevenson & John Fanshawe, Princeton Univ. Press, 2002) & dates seen Dec./Jan and areas where the bird was seen:

Key:

atRL -- at the River Lodge (Ishasha)
atRL2Bu -- at the River Lodge 2 Buhoma
B2SH -- Bundibugyo 2 Sempaya Hotsprings
BFR -- Budongo Forest Reserve
BFR2RC -- Budongo Forest Reserve 2 Rweetera Camp
Bu/ RFR2LB -- Buhoma via Ruija Forest Reserve 2 Lake Bunyonyi
BWS -- Bigodi Wetland Sanctuary
CFGH&C -- Chimpanzee Forest Guest House & Camp
E -- Entebbe
EBG -- Entebbe Botanical Gardens
E2ZRS -- Entebbe 2 Ziwa Rhino Sanctuary
IS -- Ishasha Sector
Kampala –K
KCB -- Kazinga Channel Boat
KiCW -- Kibale area Crater Walk
KiFNP -- Kibale Forest Nat'l Park
Ki2B -- Kibale 2 Bundibugyo
LB -- Lake Bunyonyi
LB2K -- Lake Bunyonyi 2 Kampala
MFNP -- Murchison's Falls Nat'l Park
MFNP2BFR -- Murchison's Falls Nat'l Park 2 Budongo Forest Reserve
NR -- Nile River
QEINP -- Queen Elizabeth II Nat'l Park
QEINP2IS -- Queen Elizabeth II Nat'l Park 2 Ishasha Sector
SH -- Sempaya Hotsprings
SH2QEINP -- Sempaya Hotsprings 2 Queen Elizabeth II Nat'l Park
ZRS2MFNP -- Ziwa Rhino Sanctuary 2 Murchison's Falls Nat'l Park

Abdim's Stork 23 ZRS2MFNP,
Abyssinian Roller 23 ZRS2MFNP,
African Darter 24 NR,
African Firefinch 1 atRL2Bu
African Green Pigeon 22 EBG
African Grey Parrots 22 EBG, 31 QEINP2IS /3 K
African Harrier-Hawk 31 QEINP2IS
African Hoopoe 25 MFNP,
African Jacana 22 EBG, 23 ZRS2MFNP, 25 MFNP2BFR, 30 KCB
African Marsh Harrier 23 ZRS2MFNP

African Pied Hornbill 22 E,
African Pied Wagtail 27 CFGH&C, 31
African Skimmer 24 NR, 30 KCB, 31 atRL
African Spoonbill 30 KCB
African Thrush 27 CFGH&C, 28 CFGH&C, 31 atRL
African Yellow-wattled Lapwing 23 E2ZRS, 30 QEINP & KCB
African White-backed Vulture 24 MFNP, 30 QEINP, 31 QEINP2IS
Angola Swallow 31 QEINP2IS / 1 atRL2Bu
Babblers (Arrow marked or Brown?) 23 ZRS2MFNP, 29 QEINP
Banded Swallow 24 MFNP,

Barn Swallow 1 atRL2Bu

Batteleur 24 MFNP, 29 QEIINP
 Bee-eaters (various) most days
 Black-and-white-casqued Hornbills 25 BFR, 27 KiFNP, 28 KiCW, 29 SH
 Black Bee-eater 1 Bu/ RFR2LB
 Black-bellied Bustard 24 MFNP,
 Black-chested Snake Eagle 29 QEIINP
 Black Crake 22 EBG / 2 LB
 Black-headed Gonolek 30 QEIINP / 1 atRL2Bu
 Black-headed Heron 31 atRL / 2 LB

 Black Kite 22 EBG, 23 E2ZRS, 24 MFNP,
 Black-shouldered Kite 22 EBG, 23 E2ZRS & ZRS2MFNP, 24 MFNP,
 Black-winged Stilt 30 KCB
 Blue-breasted Kingfisher (heard 29 SH)
 Blue-cheeked Bee-eaters 22 EBG, 24 MFNP,
 Blue-naped Mousebird 30 QEIINP
 Blue-spotted Wood dove 27 BWS,
 Blue-throated Roller 31 QEIINP2IS
 Bronze Manniken 31 atRL / 1 atRL
 Bronze Sunbird 27 CFGH&C

 Brown Snake Eagle 24 MFNP,
 Cape Wagtail 1 Bu/ RFR2LB
 Cattle Egret 22 EBG, 23 ZRS2MFNP, 25 MFNP / 2 LB2K
 Cinnamon Chested Bee-eater 28 KiCW / 1 Bu/ RFR2LB
 Common Bulbuls 22 EBG, 25 MFNP2BFR, 27 CFGH&C, 31 atRL / 1 atRL2Bu / 2 LB2K (most days)
 Common Buzzard 2 LB2K
 Common Fiscal 30 QEIINP
 Common Sandpiper 22 EBG
 Common Waxbills 27 BWS, 31 QEIINP2IS / 1 atRL2Bu
 Copper Sunbirds 27 CFGH&C, 28 CFGH&C, 31

 Croaking Cisticola 29 QEIINP
 Dark Chanting Goshawk 24 MFNP,
 Double-toothed Barbet 3 K
 Doves (various) everyday
 Dusky-blue Flycatcher 1 Bu/ RFR2LB
 Eastern Grey Plantain-eater 22 EBG, 28 CFGH&C / 1 atRL2Bu
 Egyptian Geese 22 EBG, 24 NR, 30 KCB
 European Bee-eater 29 QEIINP
 Fan-tailed Widowbird 31 atRL / 1 atRL2Bu, 2 LB
 Fish Eagles 30 KCB

 Fork-tailed Drongo 31 QEIINP2IS
 Giant Kingfisher 27 KiFNP,
 Goliath Heron 24 NR,
 Grasshopper Buzzard 23 ZRS2MFNP,
 Great Blue Turaco 27 CFGH&C, 28 CFGH&C, 31 QEIINP2IS
 Great Egret 30 KCB
 Great White Pelican 30 KCB
 Green Pigeon 1 atRL2Bu

Grey-backed Fiscal 23 ZRS2MFNP, 29 QEIINP
 Grey-crowned Cranes 23 ZRS2MFNP / 2 LB

 Grey-headed Gull 30 KCB
 Grey-headed Kingfisher 25 MFNP2BFR, 28 Ki2B, 29 SH2QEIINP
 Grey-headed sparrow 28 CFGH&C, 29 B2SH / 2 LB
 Grey Heron 23 ZRS2MFNP, 24 MFNP, 30 KCB
 Grey Kestrel 24 MFNP, 29 SH2QEIINP, 31 QEIINP2IS
 Grey-throated Barbet 1 Bu/ RFR2LB
 Ground Hornbills 24 MFNP
 Hadada Ibis 22 EBG, 30 KCB / 3 K
 Hammerkop 22 EBG, 30 QEIINP & KCB, 31 QEIINP2IS (& large nests)
 Helmeted Guinea Fowl 24 MFNP, 25 MFNP2BFR, 29 QEIINP, 30 QEIINP, 31 QEIINP2IS

 Herons (various) on many days
 Hooded Vulture 24 MFNP,
 Lesser Flamingos 29 QEIINP, 30 QEIINP
 Levillant's Cuckoo 1 atRL2Bu
 Lilac-breasted Roller 2 LB2K
 Little Egret 22 EBG, 23 ZRS2MFNP,
 Lizzard Buzzard 23 ZRS2MFNP,
 Long-crested Eagle 23 ZRS2MFNP, 29 SH2QEIINP & QEIINP, 31 QEIINP2IS / 1 Bu/ RFR2LB,
2 LB2K
 Long-tailed Cormorants 22 EBG, 30 KCB, 31 QEIINP2IS
 Madagascar Bee-eater 24 MFNP, 30 QEIINP & KCB

 Malachite kingfisher 30 KCB, 31 QEIINP2IS / 2 LB
 Maribou stork 22 E & EBG, 23 ZRS2MFNP, 24 NR, 31 QEIINP2IS / 2 LB2K , 3 K
 Martial Eagle 29 QEIINP
 Night-jars (sp.?) 24 MFNP, 25 MFNP,
 Northern Carmine Bee-eaters 24 MFNP, 28 Ki2B
 Olive-bellied Sunbirds 27 CFGH&C, 28 CFGH&C,
 Open-billed Stork 29 SH
 Osprey 24 MFNP
 Pallid Harrier 24 MFNP,
 Palm Nut Vulture 22 EBG, 23 E2ZRS, 29 SH, 30 QEIINP, 31 QEIINP2IS

 Piapiac birds 24 MFNP,
 Pied Kingfisher 22 EBG, 24 NR, 30 KCB, 31 QEIINP2IS / 2 LB
 Pin-tailed Whydah 1 atRL2Bu
 Red-billed Firefinch 31 QEIINP2IS
 Red-billed Quelea 1 atRL2Bu
 Red Bishop 31 IS / 1 atRL2Bu
 Red-breasted Sunbird 22 EBG,
 Red-cheeked Cordon bleu birds 23 ZRS2MFNP, 27 CFGH&C
 Red-chested Cuckoo 1 Bu/ RFR2LB
 Red-collared Widowbird 1 atRL2Bu

 Red-headed Malimbe 27 BWS,
 Red-necked Spurfowl 29 QEIINP, 30 QEIINP, 31 QEIINP2IS
 Red-throated Bee-eater 24 NR, 25 MFNP,
 Ring-necked Dove 23 ZRS2MFNP / 3 K

Rock Martin 27 CFGH&C, 28 CFGH&C
Rock Pratincole 24 NR,
Rüppell's Long-tailed Starling 23 ZRS2MFNP / 3 K
Sacred Ibis 22 EBG, on many days, 30 KCB, / 2 LB2K, 3 K
Saddle-bill Stork 24 NR, 31 QEIINP2IS
Senegalese Lapwing 29 QEIINP

Sooty Chat 31 QEIINP2IS
Speckled Mouse-bird 27 CFGH&C, 28 CFGH&C & Ki2B, 30 QEIINP, 31 QEIINP2IS
Speckled Pigeon 22 E,
Splendid Starling 29 QEIINP
Spot-flanked Barbet 23 ZRS2MFNP,
Spur-wing goose 24 NR,
Spur-wing Lapwing 24 MFNP & NR, 29 SH, 30 QEIINP
Starlings (various, seen throughout the trip.)
Swallows (various) most days
Terns (sp. ? Check photos.) 30 KCB

Tinker bird (heard 26 Rweetera camp, 29 SH), seen 31 IS
Vieillot's Black Weaver 31 atRL
Village Indigobird 1 atRL2Bu
Village Weavers (Black-headed weaver or Spotted-back weaver) *Ploceus cucullatus* 27 BWS
Water Thick-knee 24 NR, 30 KCB
Weavers, various spp. Yellow -on many days, 22 EBG, 31 atRL / 2 LB
Weavers—orange-gold (sp.?) 22 EBG,
White-browed Coucal 23 ZRS2MFNP, 29 QEIINP / 1 atRL2Bu
White-browed Robin-chat 28 CFGH&C / 1 atRL2Bu
White-crested Turaco 23 E2ZRS,

White-eyed Slaty Flycatcher 1 Bu/ RFR2LB
White-naped Raven 1 Bu/ RFR2LB
White-thighed hornbills 29 B2SH & SH
White-throated Bee-eater 31 IS / 1 atRL2Bu
Woodland Kingfisher 22 EBG, 31 QEIINP2IS / 1 atRL
Wood-sandpiper 29 SH
Wooly-necked Stork 25 MFNP2BFR,
Yellow-billed Stork 30 KCB
Yellow-mantled Widowbird 31 atRL / 1 atRL2Bu
Yellow-throated Longclaw 29 QEIINP, 30 QEIINP, 31 IS

Yellow wagtail 30 QEIINP