

## Ann and Roland Go Birding in Kenya

July 22<sup>nd</sup> – August 7<sup>th</sup> 2012

### Travel

Travelled from Manchester to Brussels with Brussels Airways and then Brussels to Nairobi. No problems. Food rubbish! Sat by emergency exit with extra leg-room on Nairobi flight at no extra cost!

Travelled from Malindi to Nairobi with Fly 540. Malindi is the smallest airport I have ever been to and a bit short on facilities but it was clean and everyone was polite and friendly. Flight was 30 mins late. Free seating. Refreshments served onboard. Ten hour wait at Nairobi. I used to think Chicago O'Hare was the worst airport in the world but this may have been superseded by Nairobi..... We decided against accepting various peoples' offers to take us on a tour of the city or on safari etc and caught a few rays sitting on a wall before moving to a handily placed café for a bite to eat and our first view of the Olympic Games. Show-jumping no less and we won a gold! ☺ Warning – the bar outside serves the worst coffee I have ever attempted to drink in the world! Our flight to Brussels was on time. No problems. Two-hour wait at Brussels. Raining in Manchester.

### Money

We transferred some money to Jonathan's account the week before we left England to cover our costs up to the coast and to supply us with some Kenyan shillings. The exchange rate was 126/- to the pound. We got 130 or more from the ATMs in Watamu. We also took some sterling and American dollars with us.

### Lodgings

Based on 2 people sharing

**Nairobi:** Jupiter Guest Resort Lang'ata Hotel, Nairobi for two nights at a cost of 4,500Ksh per night for b&b. Nice room. Restaurant on premises. Buffet dinner cost 700/- each with fruit juice.

<http://www.jupiterguestresort.com/home/langata>

**Amboseli:** Kibo Camp for two nights full board at a cost of 180USD per night.

<http://www.kibosafaricamp.com/>

**Tsavo East:** Ngulia Lodge for one night full board 180USD.

<http://www.safari-hotels.com>

**Sagala Lodge** for one night full board 7,900/-

[http://www.blueskycorporate.com/Sagala\\_Lodge.html](http://www.blueskycorporate.com/Sagala_Lodge.html)

**Tsavo West:** Tarhi Camp for one night full board 150USD (my favourite)

<http://www.sentrimhotels.net/sentrim-tsavo-east/>

**A Rocha, Watamu:** Seven nights full board accommodation 49.000/-

<http://www.arocha.org/ke-en/index.html>

### **Admission fees**

Based on two people for one day plus one safari van with two guides/drivers

**Nairobi National Park:** 80USD plus vehicle 1,600Ksh

**Amboseli:** 160USD plus 2,000Ksh

**Tsavo East:** 130USD plus 1.500Ksh

**Tsavo West:** 130USD plus 1.500Ksh

**Arabuko Sakoke Forest:** 30USD plus 1,000Ksh for a van or 300Ksh for a car.

**Sabaki:** 600Ksh for 3 people

**Gede Ruins:** 1.000Ksh

**Mida Creek:** free to visit the Creek but you have to pay to go on the exciting boardwalk

The **total cost** of our week's safari was £2057. This covered transport, fuel, guiding fees, full-board accommodation, park entry fees and water.

Whilst at the coast, we paid the entrance fees ourselves and then paid Jonathan a separate amount each time for transport, fuel and his services, typically 7,000/- per day.

### **Guiding**

We used Jonathan Baya from Watamu throughout. He made all the ground arrangements for us except for our stay at A Rocha. All we had to do was pay up and turn up which was excellent. We transferred some money to his Barclay's account the week before leaving England and took an assortment of pounds sterling and USD with us. Jonathan supplied us with Ksh and any extra we needed we got from ATMs. You can only withdraw 2000 at a time but the exchange rate was far better (130 or more) and we had no fees to pay thanks to our Halifax card!

Jonathan's website is [www.tracktours.weebly.com](http://www.tracktours.weebly.com) and Bob Biggs is his contact in England. Please note that Bob does not take a cut of the profits – these all go to Jonathan. His son, James, accompanied us on safari so that he and his father could share the driving. James is not a birder but loves the animals and can arrange a safari and/or taxi services in Watamu. They were both thoroughly professional throughout the fortnight and very easy to get on with. Quiet and reserved with a sense of humour and very accommodating. We would whole-heartedly recommend them. Jonathan's excitement on spotting a difficult bird was infectious and at times he well-deserved the nick-name Hawkeye!

## Diary

### July 22<sup>nd</sup>

Travelling. Left Preston at 5h00 and arrived in Nairobi at 22h45 local time ( 2 hours ahead of GMT). James and Jonathan were waiting for us and took us straight to the hotel. They were frozen but it wasn't cold to us! Our room was fine. Nice view of the slums and close to the National Park. Perfect for us.

### July 23<sup>rd</sup>

Breakfast was basic: beans, sausages, toast, juice, tea, coffee.

Cloudy day. Not particularly warm. Heavy shower a.m.

Went to Nairobi National Park where we picked up a local guide, Nicolas. Lunch at the park was a buffet meal which cost 2,000/- each with a drink. I am sure I saw a Swallow-tailed Kite but unfortunately Roland missed it so I have not included it on our list. James drove so that Jonathan could stand and spot with Nicolas though it wasn't long before we were on our feet too. Tiring but exhilarating.

Everyone astounded by Roland's (android) phone and the apps on it!

Views of Wilson airport, Uhuru Gardens and the prison on the way.

Sign at entrance: Children and warthogs have priority.

Park not very big but impressive and has good wild life. Bizarre to see skyscrapers, an airport and housing on the skyline!

Camera shopping after the safari at the Nettex complex in Nairobi. Searched on way in.

Marabou storks abound on the square nearby! Absolutely amazing sight. Surreal.

Saw 59 species of bird plus Cape Buffalo, Congoni Hartbeest, Warthogs, Reticulated Giraffes, a Leopard-backed Tortoise, Red Duiker and 2 Lionesses. I couldn't get over the ostriches – I have seen them many times in zoos but these were like totally different birds! So, so beautiful! Loved the Mousebirds!

Disgusted by the people who drove up close to the lionesses and were literally feet away with their camera lenses. I was willing one of the animals to leap/swipe out at them. No respect.

Tea at hotel. Three course buffet. Not wonderful but adequate 2000/- with a drink of fruit juice.

### **Nairobi Birds**

African Darter	Anhinga rufa
African Fish-Eagle	Haliaeetus vocifer
African Pied Wagtail	Motacilla aguimp
Amethyst Sunbird	Chalcomitra amethystina
Baglafaecht Weaver	Ploceus baglafaecht
Black Crake	Amaurornis flavirostra
Black Kite	Milvus migrans
Black-and-white Mannikin	Spermestes bicolor
Black-bellied Bustard	Lissotis melanogaster
Black-lored Babbler	Turdoides sharpei
Blacksmith Plover	Vanellus armatus
Blue-naped Mousebird	Urocolius macrourus
Bronze Mannikin	Spermestes cucullatus
Cattle Egret	Bubulcus ibis
Chestnut Weaver	Ploceus rubiginosus
Common Bulbul	Pycnonotus barbatus
Common Fiscal	Lanius collaris
Dusky Turtle-Dove	Streptopelia lugens
Eastern Olive Sunbird	Cyanomitra olivacea
Fan-tailed Widowbird	Euplectes axillaris
Grasshopper Buzzard	Butastur rufipennis
Grey Crowned-Crane	Balearica regulorum
Hadada Ibis	Bostrychia hagedash
Helmeted Guineafowl	Numida meleagris
Lesser Striped Swallow	Cecropis abyssinica
Little Bee-eater	Merops pusillus
Long-tailed Fiscal	Lanius cabanisi
Malachite Kingfisher	Corythornis cristatus
Marabou Stork	Leptoptilos crumeniferus
Martial Eagle	Polemaetus bellicosus
Northern Grey-headed Sparrow	Passer griseus
Olive Thrush	Turdus olivaceus abyssinicus
Ostrich	Struthio camelus
Pied Crow	Corvus albus

Purple Grenadier	Granatina ianthinogaster
Red-billed Firefinch	Lagonosticta senegala
Red-billed Oxpecker	Buphagus erythrorhynchus
Red-cheeked Cordonbleu	Uraeginthus bengalus
Red-eyed Dove	Streptopelia semitorquata
Red-winged Lark	Mirafrha hypermetra
Ring-necked Dove	Streptopelia capicola
Rueppell's Griffon Vulture	Gyps rueppellii
Sacred Ibis	Threskiornis aethiopicus
Scarlet-chested Sunbird	Chalcomitra senegalensis
Slate-coloured Boubou	Laniarius funebris
Somali Short-toed Lark	Calandrella somalica
Speckled Mousebird	Colius striatus
Spectacled Weaver	Ploceus ocularis
Spotted Morning-Thrush	Cichladusa guttata
Striated Heron	Butorides striata
Tawny-flanked Prinia	Prinia subflava
Tiny Cisticola	Cisticola nana
Tropical Boubou	Laniarius aethiopicus
Variable Sunbird	Cinnyris venustus
Western Black-headed Oriole	Oriolus brachyrhynchus
White Stork	Ciconia ciconia
White-browed Coucal	Centropus superciliosus
White-browed Robin-Chat	Cossypha heuglini
White-browed Scrub-Robin	Cercotrichas leucophrys
White-browed Sparrow-Weaver	Plocepasser mahali
White-rumped Swift	Apus caffer

### **Animals**

Cape Buffalo  
 Congoni Hartebeest  
 Warthog  
 Reticulated Giraffe  
 Leopard-backed Tortoise  
 Red Duiker  
 Lioness x2

### **July 24<sup>th</sup>**

Series of power cuts led to interesting showering!

Breakfast basic; beans, sausages, toast, fruit, juice, tea, coffee

Long drive to Amboseli. Curio shops=souvenir shops. Stopped at one to use the facilities.

Buffet lunch good.

Massai Mara selling jewellery, carvings etc at entrances/exits to park. Good prices.

Weather good but couldn't see Kilimanjaro for cloud.

Tented camp. Small tent with all facilities we needed except for hot water and heating! Palm roof over the top so looks more like a house. On the edge looking out onto bush. Nicely laid out camp with gardens and swimming-pool. Shop expensive – 150/- for a postcard!! All meals buffet with plenty of choice. Tea and coffee included. All other drinks extra. Fruit juice 400/-. Mango better than passion but still not good! This was the case everywhere we went which was a bit of a disappointment. Drivers and guides get same food but eat in a separate area. Bit of time away from their clients! Massai dancing at night – looked really interesting but very poorly lit.

We started birding as soon as we had had lunch and only had a few hours of daylight left but still managed to see plenty of birds and animals including at least 10 Secretary Birds!! If you think Peafowl look strange roosting in trees, try looking at Secretary Birds doing the same!!

### **July 25<sup>th</sup>**

Long queues for buffet breakfast – everyone waiting for omelettes.

A much quieter day birding. Only saw a couple of Secretary Birds today though we had a full day in the park.

A pleasant day weather wise tho the two Js were still suffering in the cold! The cloud lifted enough for us to see parts of Kilimanjaro. Great excitement late afternoon when we got held up in a van-jam. We thought they had all stopped to look at the long line of elephants crossing the road then R saw a lioness crossing the road! As you do. Some vans started moving off at that point so we thought we would be able to follow them and be on our way but we got stuck again. We couldn't see why until I turned round and saw FIVE lionesses lying not far away. Amazing! By this time all the elephants had crossed except for three who were not happy about all the vans. Don't blame them. There must have been about 50. We thought one of the elephants was going to charge the vans – a couple moved to make way for them and 2 crossed but the other one who was very unhappy indeed, walked the length of the vans before crossing. After this, the vans started to move off but it was too late for us to get to where we had been going. Never mind – it's not all about birds. Wonderful views.

Met Jeff Mwok from Wild Sounds Adventures at the camp. Very nice man.

Cold at night.

### **July 26<sup>th</sup>**

Early start meant we beat the queues!

Last drive through Amboseli. Not too much time to spare or we would have had to pay for another day's pass! Very quiet both on the bird and the animal front. Partial views of Kilimanjaro.

## **Amboseli birds**

African Fish-Eagle	Haliaeetus vocifer
African Jacana	Actophilornis africanus
African Mourning Dove	Streptopelia decipiens
African Pied Wagtail	Motacilla aguimp
African Spoonbill	Platalea alba
Ashy Cisticola	Cisticola cinereolus
Bateleur	Terathopius ecaudatus
Black Crake	Amaurornis flavirostra
Black Sawwing	Psalidoprocne pristoptera
Black-faced Sandgrouse	Pterocles decoratus
Black-headed Heron	Ardea melanocephala
Black-necked Weaver	Ploceus nigricollis
Blacksmith Plover	Vanellus armatus
Blue-naped Mousebird	Urocolius macrourus
Buff-bellied Warbler	Phyllolais pulchella
Cardinal Woodpecker	Dendropicos fuscescens
Collared Pratincole	Glareola pratincola
Common Bulbul	Pycnonotus barbatus
Common Drongo	Dicrurus adsimilis
Common Waxbill	Estrilda astrild
Crowned Lapwing	Vanellus coronatus
Fischer's Sparrow-Lark	Eremopterix leucopareia
Fischer's Starling	Spreo fischeri
Glossy Ibis	Plegadis falcinellus
Gray Crowned-Crane	Balearica regulorum
Gray-headed Kingfisher	Halcyon leucocephala
Greater Painted-snipe	Rostratula benghalensis
Green Woodhoopoe	Phoeniculus purpureus
Hildebrandt's Starling	Lamprotornis hildebrandti
House Sparrow	Passer domesticus
Intermediate Egret	Mesophoyx intermedia
Kittlitz's Plover	Charadrius pecuarius
Lappet-faced Vulture	Torgos tracheliotus
Laughing Dove	Streptopelia senegalensis
Lesser Masked-Weaver	Ploceus intermedius
Lesser Striped-Swallow	Cecropis abyssinica
Lilac-breasted Roller	Coracias caudatus
Little Swift	Apus affinis
Long-toed Lapwing	Vanellus crassirostris
Malachite Kingfisher	Corythornis cristatus
Marabou Stork	Leptoptilos crumeniferus
Martial Eagle	Polemaetus bellicosus
Namaqua Dove	Oena capensis
Northern Gray-headed Sparrow	Passer griseus

Northern White-crowned Shrike	<i>Eurocephalus rueppelli</i>
Ostrich	<i>Struthio camelus</i>
Pangani Longclaw	<i>Macronyx aurantiigula</i>
Pied Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle rudis</i>
Pygmy Falcon	<i>Polihierax semitorquatus</i>
Red-billed Buffalo-Weaver	<i>Bubalornis niger</i>
Red-cheeked Cordonbleu	<i>Uraeginthus bengalus</i>
Red-eyed Dove	<i>Streptopelia semitorquata</i>
Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Cecropis daurica</i>
Rosy-patched Bushshrike	<i>Rhodophoneus cruentus</i>
Rueppell's Griffon Vulture	<i>Gyps rueppellii</i>
Sacred Ibis	<i>Threskiornis aethiopicus</i>
Secretary-bird	<i>Sagittarius serpentarius</i>
Senegal Coucal	<i>Centropus senegalensis</i>
Somali Short-toed Lark	<i>Calandrella somalica</i>
Southern Ground-Hornbill	<i>Bucorvus leadbeateri</i>
Speckled Mousebird	<i>Colius striatus</i>
Speckled Pigeon	<i>Columba guinea</i>
Spotted Morning-Thrush	<i>Cichladusa guttata</i>
Squacco Heron	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>
Superb Starling	<i>Lamprotornis superbus</i>
Taita Fiscal	<i>Lanius dorsalis</i>
Tawny Eagle	<i>Aquila rapax</i>
Three-banded Plover	<i>Charadrius tricollaris</i>
Von der Decken's Hornbill	<i>Tockus deckeni</i>
Wattled Starling	<i>Creatophora cinerea</i>
White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>
White-backed Vulture	<i>Gyps africanus</i>
White-bellied Bustard	<i>Eupodotis senegalensis</i>
White-bellied Go-away-bird	<i>Corythaixoides leucogaster</i>
White-headed Buffalo-Weaver	<i>Dinemellia dinemelli</i>
Winding Cisticola	<i>Cisticola galactotes</i>
Wire-tailed Swallow	<i>Hirundo smithii</i>
Yellow-billed Oxpecker	<i>Buphagus africanus</i>
Yellow-necked Francolin	<i>Francolinus leucoscepus</i>

### **Animals in Amboseli**

Hippos  
 Wildebeest  
 Common Zebra  
 Elephant  
 Thomson Gazelle  
 Grant's Gazelle  
 Black-faced Vervet Monkey  
 Okive Baboon  
 Warthog  
 Spotted Hyena  
 Silver-backed jackal



Cape Buffalo  
Lioness x7

Good drive to Tsavo East – changing scenery – “forest” of baobab trees. Happy, happy. Destination: Ngalia Lodge, a luxury safari hotel. Fabulous spot and great surroundings but a real blot on the landscape. Swimming pool etc. Concrete construction full of noise and echoes but glad to have hot water and a small balcony overlooking the terrace and the man-made water-hole. Enjoyed watching the elephants etc coming down for a drink. Nice birds too including a hoopoe. Arrived too late for lunch so just went out spotting. We were fortunate enough to see a leopard. What a lovely animal. Unfortunately there were no rhino to be seen and little activity around the water hole we went to. Dinner was a buffet. We all ate together. Jonathan took us to see the porcupine who comes to visit – he was lovely! Scoffing rice so a tame one really but still nice!

Saw the leopard that comes every night for his tea! They suspend a great big chunk of meat from a piece of wood and he stays around to eat it.

I loved the scenery in this park – it was very dramatic with lots of rocks and mountains.

Croaking frog kept us awake along with people sitting out on the terrace.

### **July 27<sup>th</sup>**

Nice breakfast – fresh pancakes! Yum!

Went to a stream running downhill through a series of small pools. Very pretty but also pretty deserted. The highlight of the day was Mzima Springs. This is an unenclosed area where you can get out of your vehicle and go for a walk. There are Baboons, Hippos and Crocodiles about so you do so at your own risk. We had the place to ourselves and it was so lovely – I could have spent hours here. See [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mzima\\_Springs](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mzima_Springs) but as it was we had to make a quick dash to get to the gate by 12h15.

We picknicked at lunchtime. So impressive we photographed our packed lunch! Little did we know worse was to come....

### **Tsavo East Birds**

African Darter	Anhinga rufa
African Grey Hornbill	Tockus nasutus
African Mourning Dove	Streptopelia decipiens
African Orange-bellied Parrot	Poicephalus rufiventris
African Paradise-Flycatcher	Terpsiphone viridis
African Pied Wagtail	Motacilla aguimp
Augur Buzzard	Buteo augur
Bateleur	Terathopius ecaudatus
Black Crake	Amaurornis flavirostra
Black-backed Puffback	Dryoscopus cubla

Black-capped Social-Weaver	<i>Pseudonigrita cabanisi</i>
Black-crowned Tchagra	<i>Tchagra senegalus</i>
Black-faced Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles decoratus</i>
Black-headed Heron	<i>Ardea melanocephala</i>
Black-headed Lapwing	<i>Vanellus tectus</i>
Black-necked Weaver	<i>Ploceus nigricollis</i>
Blacksmith Plover	<i>Vanellus armatus</i>
Brown Snake-Eagle	<i>Circaetus cinereus</i>
Common Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus barbatus</i>
Common Drongo	<i>Dicrurus adsimilis</i>
Crested Francolin	<i>Francolinus sephaena</i>
D'Arnaud's Barbet	<i>Trachyphonus darnaudii</i>
Eastern Chanting-Goshawk	<i>Melierax poliopterus</i>
Egyptian Goose	<i>Alopochen aegyptiaca</i>
Emerald-spotted Wood-Dove	<i>Turtur chalcospilos</i>
Gambaga Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa gambagae</i>
Giant Kingfisher	<i>Megaceryle maximus</i>
Golden-breasted Starling	<i>Lamprotornis regius</i>
Grey Wren-Warbler	<i>Calamonastes simplex</i>
Grey-headed Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon leucocephala</i>
Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>
Green-winged Pytilia	<i>Pytilia melba</i>
Hamerkop	<i>Scopus umbretta</i>
Helmeted Guineafowl	<i>Numida meleagris</i>
Hildebrandt's Starling	<i>Lamprotornis hildebrandti</i>
Hoopoe (African)	<i>Upupa epops africana</i>
Laughing Dove	<i>Streptopelia senegalensis</i>
Lilac-breasted Roller	<i>Coracias caudatus</i>
Little Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter minullus</i>
Long-tailed Fiscal	<i>Lanius cabanisi</i>
Malachite Kingfisher	<i>Corythornis cristatus</i>
Mountain Wagtail	<i>Motacilla clara</i>
Northern Crombec	<i>Sylvietta brachyura</i>
Northern Gray-headed Sparrow	<i>Passer griseus</i>
Northern Red-billed Hornbill	<i>Tockus erythrorhynchus</i>
Northern White-crowned Shrike	<i>Eurocephalus rueppelli</i>
Ostrich	<i>Struthio camelus</i>
Pied Crow	<i>Corvus albus</i>
Pied Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle rudis</i>
Purple Grenadier	<i>Granatina ianthinogaster</i>
Pygmy Falcon	<i>Polihierax semitorquatus</i>
Red-billed Buffalo-Weaver	<i>Bubalornis niger</i>
Red-billed Firefinch	<i>Lagonosticta senegala</i>
Red-billed Oxpecker	<i>Buphagus erythrorhynchus</i>
Red-billed Quelea	<i>Quelea quelea</i>
Red-cheeked Cordonbleu	<i>Uraeginthus bengalus</i>
Red-eyed Dove	<i>Streptopelia semitorquata</i>

Red-winged Starling	Onychognathus morio
Ring-necked Dove	Streptopelia capicola
Rosy-patched Bushshrike	Rhodophoneus cruentus
Scarlet-chested Sunbird	Chalcomitra senegalensis
Slate-colored Boubou	Laniarius funebris
Southern Ground-Hornbill	Bucorvus leadbeateri
Striated Heron	Butorides striata
Superb Starling	Lamprotornis superbus
Tawny Eagle	Aquila rapax
Three-banded Plover	Charadrius tricollaris
Tsavo Sunbird	Cinnyris tsavoensis
Von der Decken's Hornbill	Tockus deckeni
Wahlberg's Eagle	Hieraaetus wahlbergi
Western Black-headed Oriole	Oriolus brachyrhynchus
White-bellied Bustard	Eupodotis senegalensis
White-bellied Go-away-bird	Corythaixoides leucogaster
White-browed Sparrow-Weaver	Plocepasser mahali
White-headed Buffalo-Weaver	Dinemellia dinemelli
Yellow-breasted Apalis	Apalis flavida
Yellow-rumped Seedeater	Serinus reichenowi

#### **Animals at Tsavo West**

Impala  
 Dikdik  
 Massai Giraffe  
 Lesser Coudou  
 Waterbuck  
 Leopard  
 Elephant  
 Cape Buffalo  
 Rock Hyax and baby  
 Congoni Hartebeest  
 Banded Mongoose  
 Eland  
 Olive baboon  
 Yellow Baboon  
 Crocodile  
 Hippo  
 Black-faced Vervet Monkey  
 Porcupine

Our next destination was Sagalla where we again got out of the van for a walk though I don't think you were supposed to. We didn't see anything except birds anyway. We were to stay the night at the lodge which looked pretty run down when we arrived. Bungalows masquerading as wooden huts here. The water is heated by wooden fires – very effective. Scaldingly hot shower but not much of a flow. The huts were good – patio and lounging area and there was a tortoise pen outside ours. There is a small shop and a swimming pool. We had a walk round the site and saw the Spotted Eagle owl. Very handsome! There were lots of

Go-away Birds too! ☺ The evening meal is plated and served by waiters who murmur what it is as they present it to you. Soft music in the background ... All very nice except that the food was rubbish! Soup, alleged pepper steak and soggy fruit salad. We were escorted back to our hut by a young man with a torch. Breakfast was beans, sausages and scrambled eggs. We had been for a pre-breakfast walk so by the time we got there they were cold but they did cook some more eggs. The toast was good. A special feature of this lodge is the Wildlife Reserve which is kept locked. We were allowed in with Jonathan – it contains one Zebra and one Eland. Specially tamed... We did not see them.

Very flat round here.

### **Birds at Sagalla**

Abyssinian Scimitar-bill	Rhinopomastus minor
African Grey Hornbill	Tockus nasutus
African Orange-bellied Parrot	Poicephalus rufiventris
Amethyst Sunbird	Chalcomitra amethystina
Black-cheeked Waxbill	Estrilda erythronotos
Black-headed Batis	Batis minor
Black-headed Heron	Ardea melanocephala
Black-necked Weaver	Ploceus nigricollis
Chinspot Batis	Batis molitor
Common Drongo	Dicrurus adsimilis
Crested Francolin	Francolinus sephaena
D'Arnaud's Barbet	Trachyphonus darnaudii
Eastern Chanting-Goshawk	Melierax poliopterus
Emerald-spotted Wood-Dove	Turtur chalcospilos
Fan-tailed Widowbird	Euplectes axillaris
Fischer's Starling	Spreo fischeri
Golden-breasted Starling	Lamprotornis regius
Grey Wren-Warbler	Calamonastes simplex
Grey-headed Bushshrike	Malaconotus blanchoti
Green-backed Eremomela	Eremomela canescens
Lesser Striped-Swallow	Cecropis abyssinica
Little Bee-eater	Merops pusillus
Little Swift	Apus affinis
Northern Grey-headed Sparrow	Passer griseus
Northern White-crowned Shrike	Eurocephalus rueppelli
Nubian Woodpecker	Campethera nubica
Olive Thrush	Turdus olivaceus abyssinicus
Pale Flycatcher	Bradornis pallidus
Pied Crow	Corvus albus
Pin-tailed Whydah	Vidua macroura
Purple Grenadier	Granatina ianthinogaster
Red-billed Buffalo-Weaver	Bubalornis niger
Red-billed Oxpecker	Buphagus erythrorhynchus
Red-billed Quelea	Quelea quelea

Red-cheeked Cordonbleu	Uraeginthus bengalus
Red-eyed Dove	Streptopelia semitorquata
Red-fronted Tinkerbird	Pogoniulus pusillus
Red-headed Weaver	Anaplectes rubriceps
Slate-coloured Boubou	Laniarius funebris
Somali Bunting	Emberiza poliopleura
Speckled Pigeon	Columba guinea
Spot-flanked Barbet	Tricholaema lacrymosa
Spotted Eagle-Owl	Bubo africanus
Von der Decken's Hornbill	Tockus deckeni
Vulturine Guineafowl	Acryllium vulturinum
Wattled Starling	Creatophora cinerea
Western Black-headed Oriole	Oriolus brachyrhynchus
White-bellied Go-away-bird	Corythaixoides leucogaster
White-browed Sparrow-Weaver	Plocepasser mahali
White-crested Helmetshrike	Prionops plumatus

### **July 28<sup>th</sup>**

Off to Tsavo East with a packed lunch. A very changing landscape: hills at first then wide open savannah with very little vegetation leading to a greener damper area following the river and superceded by desert! Many different habitats. We were hoping to see a lion because the Tsavo West lions do not have manes but we think we only saw lionesses. Lots of!! We lunched in the van on a bit of a rise so we could have a good view and also see if anything was taking an objection to our presence there! Record sandwiches with the skimpiest filling ever! It was slow birding but there were hundreds of elephants. I just couldn't get over the size of some of the bulls! At one point we were threatened by one who started to charge but we were well away and James reversed skilfully and speedily. No Verreaux Owl for us but we were delighted with the puffed up Southern Ground Hornbills!

Loved the camp. Best place so far. Would have loved more time here. I think it was the atmosphere and the fact that you were so close to the animals. We had a massive tent with a huge comfy bed and a lovely sitting-out area opposite the restaurant and the elephant viewing platform next to the water-hole. Seventh heaven. Everything I dreamt of... Of course there were not just the elephants. I would so much have liked to sit there for a few hours.... Even during the night but was knackered! Lovely evening meal – not as great a choice as elsewhere but better quality. The juice was cheaper here than anywhere else. A dream come true. Sad to leave.

### **Birds at Tsavo East**

Abyssinian Scimitar-bill	Rhinopomastus minor
African Harrier-Hawk	Polyboroides typus
African Palm-Swift	Cypsiurus parvus
African Pied Wagtail	Motacilla aguimp
Bateleur	Terathopius ecaudatus
Black-backed Puffback	Dryoscopus cubla
Black-capped Social-Weaver	Pseudonigrita cabanisi

Black-faced Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles decoratus</i>
Blue-naped Mousebird	<i>Urocolius macrourus</i>
Brown Snake-Eagle	<i>Circaetus cinereus</i>
Brubru	<i>Nilaus afer</i>
Buff-crested Bustard	<i>Eupodotis gindiana</i>
Cardinal Woodpecker	<i>Dendropicos fuscescens</i>
Common Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus barbatus</i>
Common Drongo	<i>Dicrurus adsimilis</i>
Crested Francolin	<i>Francolinus sephaena</i>
Crowned Lapwing	<i>Vanellus coronatus</i>
Cut-throat	<i>Amadina fasciata</i>
Eastern Olive Sunbird	<i>Cyanomitra olivacea</i>
Eastern Yellow-billed Hornbill	<i>Tockus flavirostris</i>
Egyptian Goose	<i>Alopochen aegyptiaca</i>
Fawn-coloured Lark	<i>Calendulauda africanoides</i>
Fischer's Sparrow-Lark	<i>Eremopterix leucopareia</i>
Fischer's Starling	<i>Spreo fischeri</i>
Golden Palm Weaver	<i>Ploceus bojeri</i>
Golden Pipit	<i>Tmetothylacus tenellus</i>
Golden-breasted Starling	<i>Lamprotornis regius</i>
Grey Wren-Warbler	<i>Calamonastes simplex</i>
Greater Blue-eared Glossy-Starling	<i>Lamprotornis chalybaeus</i>
Helmeted Guineafowl	<i>Numida meleagris</i>
Hoopoe (African)	<i>Upupa epops africana</i>
Intermediate Egret	<i>Mesophoyx intermedia</i>
Lanner Falcon	<i>Falco biarmicus</i>
Laughing Dove	<i>Streptopelia senegalensis</i>
Lesser Masked-Weaver	<i>Ploceus intermedius</i>
Lilac-breasted Roller	<i>Coracias caudatus</i>
Little Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter minullus</i>
Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>
Long-tailed Fiscal	<i>Lanius cabanisi</i>
Martial Eagle	<i>Polemaetus bellicosus</i>
Namaqua Dove	<i>Oena capensis</i>
Northern Grey-headed Sparrow	<i>Passer griseus</i>
Northern Red-billed Hornbill	<i>Tockus erythrorhynchus</i>
Northern White-crowned Shrike	<i>Eurocephalus rueppelli</i>
Ostrich	<i>Struthio camelus</i>
Pale Flycatcher	<i>Bradornis pallidus</i>
Red-billed Buffalo-Weaver	<i>Bubalornis niger</i>
Red-cheeked Cordonbleu	<i>Uraeginthus bengalus</i>
Red-headed Weaver	<i>Anaplectes rubriceps</i>
Red-winged Lark	<i>Mirafraga hypermetra</i>
Ring-necked Dove	<i>Streptopelia capicola</i>
Rueppell's Griffon Vulture	<i>Gyps rueppellii</i>
Singing Bushlark	<i>Mirafraga cantillans</i>
Slate-coloured Boubou	<i>Laniarius funebris</i>

Southern Ground-Hornbill  
Spotted Morning-Thrush  
Spur-winged Plover  
Steppe Eagle  
Superb Starling  
Taita Fiscal  
Tawny Eagle  
Three-banded Plover  
Tsavo Sunbird  
Von der Decken's Hornbill  
White-bellied Go-away-bird  
White-bellied Tit  
White-billed Buffalo-Weaver  
White-browed Sparrow-Weaver  
White-rumped Swift  
Wood Sandpiper  
Woolly-necked Stork  
Yellow-necked Francolin  
Yellow-rumped Seedeater

Bucorvus leadbeateri  
Cichladusa guttata  
Vanellus spinosus  
Aquila nipalensis  
Lamprotornis superbus  
Lanius dorsalis  
Aquila rapax  
Charadrius tricollaris  
Cinnyris tsavoensis  
Tockus deckeni  
Corythaixoides leucogaster  
Melaniparus albiventris  
Bubalornis albirostris  
Plocepasser mahali  
Apus caffer  
Tringa glareola  
Ciconia episcopus  
Francolinus leucoscepus  
Serinus reichenowi

#### **Animals at Tsavo East**

Impala  
Dikdik  
Olive baboon  
Red-bellied Sand Squirrel;  
Rock Hyrax  
Waterbuck  
Buffalo  
Common Zebra  
Grant's Gazelle  
Warthog  
Giraffe  
Eland  
Elephant  
Lioness x4  
Congoni Hartebeest  
Oryx  
Black-faced Vervet Monkey

#### **July 29<sup>th</sup>**

The alarm didn't go off. Bit of an oops. Breakfast, one last look at the water-holes and it was time to say goodbye safari, hello Watamu. Long drive getting increasingly warmer. We stopped off at a curio shop so we could picnic at their inside table and use the facilities. Strange arrangements. Better quality lunch with 2 drinks included!

Just after we left Tsavo East we stopped by a curio shop for views of the river. Two Woolly Storks landed and there were a few waders and plenty of crocodiles. Hot! Later, we passed

through a village where the people have decided to take up begging as a mode of life. We did not stop or give them anything. The question of aid is such a tricky one. We have so much compared to most of the Kenyans but know better than to encourage begging as a lifestyle. Foreign aid is so often wrong too: wrong motives, wrong sort of aid, too much profiteering etc.

We arrived at A.Rocha Kenya mid-afternoon and were very warmly welcomed by Belinda. We were shown to our white-washed room. One in a series of four which was to be home for the next seven nights. Jonathan and James left for a well-deserved rest and we had a look round before the evening-meal. Our room had a fan, two single beds with a mosquito net above it and a desk area. We had our own bathroom with a small wash-basin, flushing toilet and shower. Unfortunately the flow of hot water was little more than a dribble but there was plenty of cold water. The beach is literally minutes away and we walked along it towards the Turtle Bay Beach Resort which was a lot more expensive than our accommodation but had better facilities! There was a lot of seaweed on the beach – not the bladder wrack we are used to though. It was lovely to paddle in the sea and the sand really is silver. A lovely, quiet spot with small dunes separating the beach from our lodgings. I loved listening to the waves whilst lying in bed.

Dinner was served at 7. They ring a bell and everyone congregates for Grace. You serve yourself from the bowls that are set out and then sit wherever there's room usually balancing your bowl on your knee. Tonight there was a bowl of rice, a bowl of tomato-based stew and a bowl of grated cabbage. There was fruit for dessert and you could help yourself to water or make tea or coffee or buy a soda (45/-). This was generally the pattern for lunch and dinner every day though breakfast was a mostly make-your-own along with pancakes/omelette/boiled eggs. The other people eating were either staff, volunteers or paying guests like ourselves. Not everyone's cup of tea, helping with the washing-up, monotonous food, doing your own cleaning .... So think carefully before staying here. The people are friendly and there is a pleasant atmosphere but it is isolated and has few facilities. There is a nature walk which we went on several times but we only saw 5 species of bird altogether and a few butterflies. There is allegedly a Monitor Lizard but I doubt it because of the lack of water as much as anything! There are monkeys round the gardens but they didn't cause any problems except for making a noise on the tin roofs! If you wait patiently by the compost heap you stand a good chance of seeing the Mangrove Kingfisher who visits daily. To get into Watamu, you have to walk down to the main road and along to the Turtle Bay Beach Resort to catch a bus, tuk-tuk or taxi. It is a good half hour's walk and there is no transport after 20h00. There isn't a lot to do in Watamu. We went to the supermarket and the Italian Ice-cream Parlours! Yes – there are two of them! Another surreal experience.... We preferred the one on the main road – nicer people, nicer atmosphere, nicer ice-cream, bigger scoops and an interesting path to the toilet. To get to the other one you have to take a tuk-tuk to the door or run the gamut of the tourist stalls and **Fatima**. She lurks unobtrusively then pounces and gives you all the usual annoying banter.Plus.She sticks to you like a leech. Damned nuisance as are some of the other hangers-on. Most of the stall holders are ok and are truly grateful if you do stop and buy something. Let's face it, it's their livelihood and we



have so much compared to them it doesn't hurt to stop and buy one or two items. If you go late afternoon there is also delicious smelling food on sale (kebabs, samosas etc) and the fruit is ridiculously cheap. 10/- for a mango in season. Anyway, back to the ice-cream. The orange Italian place sells Italian food, croissants, pastries etc as well as coffee and ice-cream. They have more choice of flavours and the passion fruit is to die for but we didn't like the people or the atmosphere as much. The price is the same in both places: 100/- for one scoop. There are also a few banks in Watamu and we got a much better exchange rate at the ATMs here. More information about A Rocha is available here: [www.arocha.org](http://www.arocha.org). There is a Bird Field Study Centre based here and run by Colin Jackson with opportunities for study/volunteering. The house used to belong to a Mrs.Barbara Simpson who must have been a truly inspiring and fascinating woman. See [www.coastweek.com/obit/obit-02.htm](http://www.coastweek.com/obit/obit-02.htm) or the [A.Rocha](http://www.A.Rocha) site. Jonathan worked for her for a long time and together they won lots of gardening prizes!

## **July 30<sup>th</sup>**

Our day off.

Pancakes for breakfast. Absolutely yum! ☺

We went snorkelling this morning. Jonathan arranged it with Captain John. He dropped us off at 8h00 just coming up to low-tide which is the best time. We got one and a half hour's snorkelling for 2,500/-. We had our own masks etc but you could borrow them if you wanted. The coral reef is protected and you have to pay a fee to go snorkelling. This was included in the price. The lads on the boat took bread so the fish would come to the top of the water! The coral itself isn't very good but the fish were lovely. See <http://www.watamu.net/watamu-marine.html> , <http://www.kws.go.ke/> or Wikipedia. When our time was up they dropped us off near where we were staying.

While we were waiting for our trip Captain John and the local Master Carver took us for a walk across the mattress of dead seaweed covering the coral rock pools (exciting!) to see a family of Moray Eels. Fascinating but unfortunately we didn't have cameras with us. It was a bit unfortunate for tourists at the hotel who wanted to go on the beach because it was literally covered with this mass of seaweed which stretched a long way and the full depth of the beach. It is so thick it really is just like walking on a mattress and as it covers the dead coral which has lots of rock pools, some visible, some not. It makes walking exciting!

After the snorkelling we went for a walk on the Nature Trail, had lunch and went into Watamu for an ice-cream tasting session which I'll gloss over. Suffice it to say, we did very thorough and prolonged research....

## **July 31<sup>st</sup>**

No breakfast today – we were out at 5h30 for our first trip to the Arabuko-Sokoke Forest. See [www.assets-kenya.org](http://www.assets-kenya.org) or [www.watamu.net](http://www.watamu.net) Jonathan came in a loan car today. It was a long morning – it soon got very hot, the birding was very slow but fruitful and there were

millions of pesky flies. Forest birding can be notoriously difficult and Jonathan took us to several spots in order to seek out as many birds as possible. The forest is not renowned for the quantity of its birds but for their quality! It is a lovely forest and we had good views of the Golden Rumped Elephant Shrew! Cute.

In the afternoon we met up with David Ngala, a lovely man and a great birder who had spent the previous night in the forest to locate the Sokoke Scops Owl's roost. Very brave given the preponderance of wild elephants and buffalo but apparently building a big bonfire keeps them away. He led us straight to the spot and we had excellent views. Jonathan gave him part of today's fee as a thank you.

### **August 1<sup>st</sup>**

Another early start and Jonathan arrived with a neighbour involved with the Turtle Watch Scheme. Did we want to see a Green Turtle laying eggs, he asked. You bet we did! So J went off to make a cup of tea whilst we headed for the dunes two minutes away. And there she was, sending sand flying everywhere and going dig, dig, dig. Unfortunately, she didn't get round to laying any eggs and headed back to the sea. ☹️ We were told she must have hit a root and was therefore unable to dig any deeper but that she would come back. I was really annoyed with the stupid volunteers who turned up and took loads of photos using flash – dimwits. We would have liked to have witnessed some baby turtles hatching but none were due to do so during our stay. After this exciting start to the day we set off for the forest again. First stop was the "swamp" to look for the Malindi Pipit which David said had moved area because of the cattle at its usual spot near Lake Chem Chem. We had to walk a good way to avoid paying the entrance fees and got well and truly rained on but at least it was warm and welcome. The water-melon field was our target .... We searched high and low and were just walking away when we suddenly spotted one. Hurrah! Time for the long walk back to the van ... and a drive to Lake Chem Chem for another long walk! There wasn't much of a lake there and some of the birds were hidden in the grass/reeds plus there was a terrific heat haze but we did our best from our elevated vantage point and managed to identify 14 waders before making the long walk back to the van. And we saw Malindi Pipit too! We arrived back at Mwamba just in time for lunch and then we were off again this time to Mida Creek having checked the tide times. Nice spot with a welcome breeze, eco-restaurant, information centre and a boardwalk. Jonathan didn't want to go on the boardwalk because he said we would miss all the birds but we thought it was a wind-up and insisted. He was right. We did miss all the birds . We hadn't realised that it was so long (250m) or that it was a full moon and consequentially a high spring tide which came in amazingly fast! A definite oops. The boardwalk itself had only just been re-opened following repairs but it was decidedly wobbly and not for the faint-hearted. There is a hide at the end with information

boards. I want a tee shirt now like my Ghana Canopy Tower one but saying “I survived the Mida Creek Boardwalk”! ☺ Anyway, we had a bit of a potter round the area and saw a few good species including Golden Pipit and Bare-eyed Thrush but later got trapped at the “shop”! I paid 150/- for a bracelet with mangrove seeds in it .

See <http://www.watamu.net/mida-creek-activites.html>

<http://walkingtrailskenya.com/trails/mida-creek-boardwalk-and-bird-hide/>

The water was very hot tonight so we were able to have a good warm shower and there were chapattis for dinner. Not like any I have eaten before but certainly very tasty indeed.

### **Arabuko Sokoke Swamp & Lake Chem Chem**

African Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus auratus</i>
African Harrier-Hawk	<i>Polyboroides typus</i>
African Openbill	<i>Anastomus lamelligerus</i>
African Paradise-Flycatcher	<i>Terpsiphone viridis</i>
Banded Snake-Eagle	<i>Circaetus cinerascens</i>
Black Cuckoo-shrike	<i>Campephaga flava</i>
Black-and-white Mannikin	<i>Spermestes bicolor</i>
Black-bellied Glossy-Starling	<i>Lamprotornis corruscus</i>
Black-headed Apalis	<i>Apalis melanocephala</i>
Black-headed Heron	<i>Ardea melanocephala</i>
Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>
Common Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus barbatus</i>
Common Drongo	<i>Dicrurus adsimilis</i>
Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>
Dark-backed Weaver	<i>Ploceus bicolor</i>
Emerald-spotted Wood-Dove	<i>Turtur chalcospilos</i>
Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>
Grassland Pipit	<i>Anthus cinnamomeus lacuum</i>
Green Barbet	<i>Stactolaema olivacea</i>
Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>
Gull-billed Tern	<i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i>
Intermediate Egret	<i>Mesophoyx intermedia</i>
Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>
Long-tailed Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax africanus</i>
Long-tailed Fiscal	<i>Lanius cabanisi</i>
Malindi Pipit	<i>Anthus melindae</i>
Pallid Honeyguide	<i>Indicator meliphilus</i>
Rattling Cisticola	<i>Cisticola chiniana</i>
Red-billed Quelea	<i>Quelea quelea</i>
Red-cheeked Cordonbleu	<i>Uraeginthus bengalus</i>
Red-eyed Dove	<i>Streptopelia semitorquata</i>
Ring-necked Dove	<i>Streptopelia capicola</i>
Speckled Mousebird	<i>Colius striatus</i>
Spur-winged Plover	<i>Vanellus spinosus</i>

Tawny-flanked Prinia	<i>Prinia subflava</i>
Village Weaver	<i>Ploceus cucullatus</i>
White-faced Whistling-Duck	<i>Dendrocygna viduata</i>
Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>
Woolly-necked Stork	<i>Ciconia episcopus</i>
Yellow-throated Longclaw	<i>Macronyx croceus</i>
Zanzibar Bishop	<i>Euplectes nigroventris</i>

### **Friday August 2<sup>nd</sup>**

It poured down during the night and was still raining when we set off for Roca Pools. Another lovely spot where we were looking for Brown-headed Parrot and Collared Palm Thrush. This area used to be quarried for minerals but now only the pools are left and many people come for water pumped from them. It is slightly salty and costs 10/- for 20 litres or you can scoop it up for free from the overflow puddle. Doing a roaring trade. We soon found our parrots in a baobab tree and were right chuffed to find that they were actually nesting there! We think they were feeding young. Soon afterwards J heard our thrush and tried to flush it out but without success. A couple of minutes later one bobbed out just in front of us – absolutely beautiful! Well worth the waiting and searching. We walked down to the water after this to see what was about but the area was definitely short on waders so we went back to Mida Creek. This time we passed on the boardwalk! Again the low numbers of waders were disappointing but we loved the Crab Plovers. No flamingos. No sign of Crimson Bee Eaters although the guides said they had seen some passing through. I bought four more bracelets but declined the pictures. A large group of small children arrived just before we left. It is good that school children are taken out and shown the area. It is interesting because of the mangroves as well as the birds etc.

Lunch was as usual then we had the afternoon free. We spent a bit of time ogling the Mangrove Kingfisher near the compost heap then set off for Watamu. It was very hot and we were glad when a tuk-tuk stopped just before we got to Turtle Beach. Not difficult to guess where we went – we do take our research seriously and had to confirm our previous findings. We walked on through the village past the stall holders today but the road just peters out into a housing area which we didn't investigate. We weren't able to avoid the dreaded Fatima completely but most of the people were ok with us knowing we had already bought some things. Most. Not all! Before leaving we bought some mangoes. We paid over the odds for them at 30/- each but didn't mind. They were really good!

### **Mida Creek (Combined list)**

African Bare-eyed Thrush	<i>Turdus tephronotus</i>
African Black-headed Oriole	<i>Oriolus larvatus</i>
Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>
Black-bellied Glossy-Starling	<i>Lamprotornis corruscus</i>
Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>
Collared Sunbird	<i>Hedydipna collaris</i>
Common Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus barbatus</i>

Common Drongo  
Crab Plover  
Curlew Sandpiper  
Eastern Olive Sunbird  
Eurasian Curlew  
Golden Pipit  
Grey Plover  
Great Egret  
Greater Sand-Plover  
House Sparrow  
Lesser Sand-Plover  
Little Egret  
Little Stint  
Mangrove Kingfisher  
Northern Gray-headed Sparrow  
Pale Flycatcher  
Pin-tailed Whydah  
Purple-banded Sunbird  
Red-cheeked Cordonbleu  
Ruddy Turnstone  
Sacred Ibis  
Sanderling  
Terek Sandpiper  
Three-banded Plover  
Village Weaver  
Whimbrel  
Wood Sandpiper  
Woolly-necked Stork  
Yellow-billed Stork  
Yellow-fronted Canary  
Yellow-rumped Seedeater  
Zanzibar Sombre Greenbul

*Dicrurus adsimilis*  
*Dromas ardeola*  
*Calidris ferruginea*  
*Cyanomitra olivacea*  
*Numenius arquata*  
*Tmetothylacus tenellus*  
*Pluvialis squatarola*  
*Ardea alba*  
*Charadrius leschenaultii*  
*Passer domesticus*  
*Charadrius mongolus*  
*Egretta garzetta*  
*Calidris minuta*  
*Halcyon senegaloides*  
*Passer griseus*  
*Bradornis pallidus*  
*Vidua macroura*  
*Cinnyris bifasciatus*  
*Uraeginthus bengalus*  
*Arenaria interpres*  
*Threskiornis aethiopicus*  
*Calidris alba*  
*Xenus cinereus*  
*Charadrius tricollaris*  
*Ploceus cucullatus*  
*Numenius phaeopus*  
*Tringa glareola*  
*Ciconia episcopus*  
*Mycteria ibis*  
*Serinus mozambicus*  
*Serinus reichenowi*  
*Andropadus importunus*

### **Roca Pools**

African Palm-Swift  
African Pied Wagtail  
Black-headed Heron  
Brown-headed Parrot  
Collared Palm-Thrush  
Common Bulbul  
Common Drongo  
Common Sandpiper  
Dunlin  
Ethiopian Swallow  
Golden Palm Weaver  
Grassland Pipit  
Grey-headed Bushshrike

*Cypsiurus parvus*  
*Motacilla aguimp*  
*Ardea melanocephala*  
*Poicephalus cryptoxanthus*  
*Cichladusa arquata*  
*Pycnonotus barbatus*  
*Dicrurus adsimilis*  
*Actitis hypoleucos*  
*Calidris alpina*  
*Hirundo aethiopica*  
*Ploceus bojeri*  
*Anthus cinnamomeus lacuum*  
*Malaconotus blanchoti*

Great Sparrowhawk	Accipiter melanoleucus
Green Woodhoopoe	Phoeniculus purpureus
Little Stint	Calidris minuta
Lizard Buzzard	Kaupifalco monogrammicus
Marsh Sandpiper	Tringa stagnatilis
Mosque Swallow	Cecropis senegalensis
Northern Grey-headed Sparrow	Passer griseus
Pied Crow	Corvus albus
Purple-banded Sunbird	Cinnyris bifasciatus
Red-cheeked Cordonbleu	Uraeginthus bengalus
Red-eyed Dove	Streptopelia semitorquata
Speckled Mousebird	Colius striatus
Spur-winged Plover	Vanellus spinosus
Striped Kingfisher	Halcyon chelicuti
Village Indigobird	Vidua chalybeata
Water Thick-knee	Burhinus vermiculatus
White-browed Coucal	Centropus superciliosus
White-fronted Plover	Charadrius marginatus
Winding Cisticola	Cisticola galactotes
Wire-tailed Swallow	Hirundo smithii
Zanzibar Sombre Greenbul	Andropadus importunus

### **Saturday, August 3rd**

The usual early start. Our destination today was the Gede Ruins and we wanted to get there before the tourists did! We had a good walk round and were pleased to see Suni, Golden Rumped Elephant Shrews, Saks Monkeys and several species of bird including Pygmy Kingfisher, Eastern Nicator (splendid views) and a Barn Owl in a well! We also saw a dead hedgehog – it looked as though someone had stamped on it ☹ and hundreds of millipedes! We would have liked to have gone up onto the tree platform but it was closed for repair. Then the first group of Italian tourists arrived hell bent on feeding the monkeys and taking loads of cutey pictures. I do hate to see people feeding wild animals. Pity none of them got scratched or bitten. Not entirely the tourists' fault though when they are encouraged to do so by the guides. Just the same at Bijilo in The Gambia. We had time to visit the museum before we left and that was really interesting too. I was particularly impressed by the model of a sewn boat. There were a few showers while we were at Gede but the trees provided adequate cover.

Xymenia mericanus. This is a medicinal shrub; it cures tooth pain. It's abundant in the ruins and Arabuko Sokoke forest.

Sticulia appendiculata. This tree is completely smooth and nothing can climb it. Harrier Hawks like to nest at the top because they are safe from predators.

See: <http://www.watamu.biz/watamu-attractions.php?cid=4>

<http://www.museums.or.ke/>

### **Gede Ruins Birds**

African Harrier-Hawk	Polyboroides typus
African Paradise-Flycatcher	Terpsiphone viridis
African Pygmy-Kingfisher	Ispidina picta
Barn Owl	Tyto alba
Black-bellied Glossy-Starling	Lamprotornis corruscus
Eastern Nicator	Nicator gularis
Green Barbet	Stactolaema olivacea
Tambourine Dove	Turtur tympanistria

### **Animals**

Suni  
Golden Rumped Elephant Shrew  
Saks Monkeys

The Butterfly Farm is next to the ruins: <http://www.kipepeo.org/index.php> Kipepeo currently sells butterfly and moth pupae and other live insects as well as honey and silk cloth produced by the community. The pupae are exported and the live insects hatched and displayed in insect parks globally. As you walk about in the forest, you can see butterfly traps and we met some boys who had just been to empty theirs. They also use nets to catch the more fragile species. We saw lots of lovely specimens on our walks but the only ones we could put a name to were the Purple Tip, Golden Banded Forester, Dark Blue Pansy and the Danaid Eggfly.

From Gede we went to Sabaki, stopping off at a small pond on the way. It was covered in vegetation, mostly beautiful blue water lilies so it was difficult to see what was about. We watched a stunning Malachite Kingfisher and showed it through the telescope to the small group of boys who had tagged along. Many of the people we came across during our stay did not understand that we were using binoculars and a telescope – they thought they were cameras and were frightened of them. Difficult to explain that you are not spying on them and exploiting them.

There were lots of fruit stalls just after the Sabaki Bridge and a bit of a village. I bought some mangoes and a water melon from the women milling around our van then turned off into the village and down the “road” towards the river mouth. We did not go all the way because apparently you risk having your tyres let down by the boys there! Instead we stopped off at a Hotel partly managed by an Australian and walked the rest of the way. The sun was burning hot and there was a good wind. No sign of hippos and not too much around bird wise but we had great views of Pink-backed Pelicans and Yellow Billed Stork. As we walked back up to the hotel we were amused by the three school buses completely blocking the track.

## **Sabaki Birds**

African Palm-Swift	Cypsiurus parvus
African Pied Wagtail	Motacilla aguimp
Common Bulbul	Pycnonotus barbatus
Common Drongo	Dicrurus adsimilis
Common Sandpiper	Actitis hypoleucos
Common Waxbill	Estrilda astrild
Croaking Cisticola	Cisticola natalensis
Curlew Sandpiper	Calidris ferruginea
Dunlin	Calidris alpina
Golden Palm Weaver	Ploceus bojeri
Grassland Pipit	Anthus cinnamomeus lacuum
Grey Heron	Ardea cinerea
Grey Plover	Pluvialis squatarola
Greater Sand-Plover	Charadrius leschenaultii
Gull-billed Tern	Gelochelidon nilotica
Intermediate Egret	Mesophoyx intermedia
Kentish Plover	Charadrius alexandrinus
Lesser Sand-Plover	Charadrius mongolus
Little Stint	Calidris minuta
Long-tailed Fiscal	Lanius cabanisi
Madagascar Pratincole	Glareola ocularis
Malachite Kingfisher	Corythornis cristatus
Mangrove Kingfisher	Halcyon senegaloides
Marsh Sandpiper	Tringa stagnatilis
Pale Flycatcher	Bradornis pallidus
Pink-backed Pelican	Pelecanus rufescens
Red-billed Quelea	Quelea quelea
Red-cheeked Cordonbleu	Uraeginthus bengalus
Red-rumped Swallow	Cecropis daurica
Sacred Ibis	Threskiornis aethiopicus
Speckled Mousebird	Colius striatus
Spur-winged Plover	Vanellus spinosus
Striated Heron	Butorides striata
Whimbrel	Numenius phaeopus
White-browed Sparrow-Weaver	Plocepasser mahali
White-fronted Plover	Charadrius marginatus
Winding Cisticola	Cisticola galactotes
Woolly-necked Stork	Ciconia episcopus
Yellow-billed Stork	Mycteria ibis
Yellow-rumped Seedeater	Serinus reichenowi

Our next stop was Malindi Harbour via the airport where we were able to confirm our flights to Nairobi. The harbour was the beach really. Very nice but nothing much about. Malindi looked like an interesting little town but we don't know how much we might have been



hassled walking round on our own and would have been restricted with what we could photograph.

### **Malindi Harbour Birds**

African Palm-Swift	Cypsiurus parvus
Black-headed Heron	Ardea melanocephala
Common Sandpiper	Actitis hypoleucos
Ethiopian Swallow	Hirundo aethiopica
Intermediate Egret	Mesophoyx intermedia
Sacred Ibis	Threskiornis aethiopicus

Back at Mwamba we had another unsuccessful look round for the Red Capped Robin Chat then went down on the beach for a walk but it was high tide. We saw three Sand Plovers. They didn't have flags on their legs so had obviously not been caught by Colin!

Roland had an unmissable experience today when a millipede crawled across his foot .....

### **Sunday August 4<sup>th</sup>**

Our last day. I got up at quarter to two instead of quarter to four! My phone's fault....

Our first stop was in the Arabuko Sokoke Forest and our target was Fischer's Turacao. We heard them calling, saw them flying but only Roland had view of one. Our next target was Sokoke Pipit and Jonathan knew just the spot ....., Unfortunately, there were a couple of elephants on the track so we had to wait for them to move up a bit. And a bit more.... They were hardly in a rush but we were! As we were pondering what to do, the bull turned round and spotted us. He didn't look right happy so J reversed out without hesitation. We were really pleased to have seen elephant in the forest even though we didn't get to see the pipits! J knew another spot and we wandered about for what felt like ages but they proved to be just too elusive. Never mind, the Green-backed Twinspot awaited us... this too proved rather elusive! We could see two bobbing about in the grass and I saw it clearly but Roland didn't despite hanging about for quite a while. We made several stops here and there looking for feeding parties but weren't overly successful until we happened upon some Green Wood Hoopoe who led us on a merry dance! We were so glad we kept up with them though because there was a small group of Clarke's Weaver accompanying them! Yippee! What a bird to finish the morning on!

### **Arabuko Sokoke Forest Birds**

African Golden Oriole	Oriolus auratus
African Paradise-Flycatcher	Terpsiphone viridis
Black Cuckoo-shrike	Campephaga flava
Black-bellied Glossy-Starling	Lamprotornis corruscus
Chestnut-fronted Helmetshrike	Prionops scopifrons
Clarke's Weaver	Ploceus golandi

Collared Sunbird	Hedydipna collaris
Common Drongo	Dicrurus adsimilis
Dark-backed Weaver	Ploceus bicolor
East Coast Akalat	Sheppardia gunningi
Eastern Olive Sunbird	Cyanomitra olivacea
Gray-backed Camaroptera	Camaroptera brachyura
Green Barbet	Stactolaema olivacea
Green Woodhoopoe	Phoeniculus purpureus
Lizard Buzzard	Kaupifalco monogrammicus
Red-billed Helmetshrike	Prionops caniceps
Red-capped Robin-Chat	Cossypha natalensis
Scaly Babbler	Turdoides squamulata
White-browed Coucal	Centropus superciliosus
Yellow-bellied Greenbul	Chlorocichla flaviventris
Yellow-rumped Tinkerbird	Pogoniulus bilineatus

### **Animals**

Elephant

The afternoon saw us back at Mida Creek. We felt the forest would probably be too quiet in the afternoon heat to be worthwhile. It was amazing the difference a bit of rain had made to the area. There were pools in the mangroves which had previously been dry but they hadn't attracted much bird life apart from Three-banded Plover! We had some stunning views of a Fish Eagle today and managed to find a Greenshank and some Ruddy too. There may have been a few flamingos but they were just too far away to be sure.... As we drove away, Trumpeter Hornbill flew across. A special treat and nice end to our day.

### **Mida Creek Birds**

African Fish-Eagle	Haliaeetus vocifer
African Golden Oriole	Oriolus auratus
African Palm-Swift	Cypsiurus parvus
Black Kite	Milvus migrans
Black-bellied Glossy-Starling	Lamprotornis corruscus
Collared Sunbird	Hedydipna collaris
Common Bulbul	Pycnonotus barbatus
Common Drongo	Dicrurus adsimilis
Common Greenshank	Tringa nebularia
Common Sandpiper	Actitis hypoleucos
Crab Plover	Dromas ardeola
Curlew Sandpiper	Calidris ferruginea
Dunlin	Calidris alpina
Eurasian Curlew	Numenius arquata
Grassland Pipit	Anthus cinnamomeus lacuum
Grey Heron	Ardea cinerea
Grey Plover	Pluvialis squatarola
Great Egret	Ardea alba

Gull-billed Tern	<i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i>
Lesser Sand-Plover	<i>Charadrius mongolus</i>
Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>
Mangrove Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon senegaloides</i>
Pale Flycatcher	<i>Bradornis pallidus</i>
Purple-banded Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris bifasciatus</i>
Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>
Sacred Ibis	<i>Threskiornis aethiopicus</i>
Tawny-flanked Prinia	<i>Prinia subflava</i>
Terek Sandpiper	<i>Xenus cinereus</i>
Three-banded Plover	<i>Charadrius tricollaris</i>
Trumpeter Hornbill	<i>Ceratogymna bucinator</i>
Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>

### **Monday August 5<sup>th</sup>**

Hometime. ☺ At least we were able to have a lie-in until 6h30 and breakfast! Rather yummy omelettes today.

Jonathan collected us just after 10 to take us to Malindi Airport. We spotted a few birds on the way but nothing we needed to stop the van for. All too soon it was time to say our thanks and goodbyes. How do you say an adequate thank you to someone who has been your almost constant companion for the past fortnight, enriching your every experience with his knowledge and support? Our time with Jonathan and with James was memorable to say the least. Nothing was too much trouble for them and they had everything organised to a t. They made sure we got to the right place at the right time without rushing us too much and set an excellent pace. Jonathan's pleasure at finding a few Lifers of his own was heart-warming and we shared many memorable moments. He was exactly the right guide for us and I would not hesitate to use him again if in the area or to recommend him. A lovely man and an ambassador for his country.

### **Whole Trip Bird List**

Jonathan kept a record of the birds we had seen and where. He was very careful that we both got good views of each bird and did not include it on the list unless we had.

Abyssinian Scimitar-bill	<i>Rhinopomastus minor</i>
African Bare-eyed Thrush	<i>Turdus tephronotus</i>
African Black-headed Oriole	<i>Oriolus larvatus</i>
African Darter	<i>Anhinga rufa</i>
African Fish-Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus vocifer</i>
African Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus auratus</i>
African Goshawk	<i>Accipiter tachiro</i>
African Gray Hornbill	<i>Tockus nasutus</i>
African Harrier-Hawk	<i>Polyboroides typus</i>

African Jacana	<i>Actophilornis africanus</i>
African Mourning Dove	<i>Streptopelia decipiens</i>
African Openbill	<i>Anastomus lamelligerus</i>
African Orange-bellied Parrot	<i>Poicephalus rufiventris</i>
African Palm-Swift	<i>Cypsiurus parvus</i>
African Paradise-Flycatcher	<i>Terpsiphone viridis</i>
African Pied Wagtail	<i>Motacilla aguimp</i>
African Pygmy-Kingfisher	<i>Ispidina picta</i>
African Spoonbill	<i>Platalea alba</i>
Amani Sunbird	<i>Hedydipna pallidigaster</i>
Amethyst Sunbird	<i>Chalcomitra amethystina</i>
Ashy Cisticola	<i>Cisticola cinereolus</i>
Augur Buzzard	<i>Buteo augur</i>
Baglafaecht Weaver	<i>Ploceus baglafaecht</i>
Banded Snake-Eagle	<i>Circaetus cinerascens</i>
Barn Owl	<i>Tyto alba</i>
Bateleur	<i>Terathopius ecaudatus</i>
Black Crake	<i>Amaurornis flavirostra</i>
Black Cuckoo-shrike	<i>Campephaga flava</i>
Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>
Black Sawwing	<i>Psalidoprocne pristopectera</i>
Black-and-white Mannikin	<i>Spermestes bicolor</i>
Black-backed Puffback	<i>Dryoscopus cubla</i>
Black-bellied Bustard	<i>Lissotis melanogaster</i>
Black-bellied Glossy-Starling	<i>Lamprotornis corruscus</i>
Black-capped Social-Weaver	<i>Pseudonigrita cabanisi</i>
Black-cheeked Waxbill	<i>Estrilda erythronotos</i>
Black-crowned Tchagra	<i>Tchagra senegalus</i>
Black-faced Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles decoratus</i>
Black-headed Apalis	<i>Apalis melanocephala</i>
Black-headed Batis	<i>Batis minor</i>
Black-headed Heron	<i>Ardea melanocephala</i>
Black-headed Lapwing	<i>Vanellus tectus</i>
Black-lored Babbler	<i>Turdoides sharpei</i>
Black-necked Weaver	<i>Ploceus nigricollis</i>
Blacksmith Plover	<i>Vanellus armatus</i>
Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>
Blue-mantled Crested-Flycatcher	<i>Trochocercus cyanomelas bivittatus</i>
Blue-naped Mousebird	<i>Urocolius macrourus</i>
Bronze Mannikin	<i>Spermestes cucullatus</i>
Brown Snake-Eagle	<i>Circaetus cinereus</i>
Brown-headed Parrot	<i>Poicephalus cryptoxanthus</i>
Brubru	<i>Nilaus afer</i>
Buff-bellied Warbler	<i>Phyllolais pulchella</i>
Buff-crested Bustard	<i>Eupodotis gindiana</i>
Cardinal Woodpecker	<i>Dendropicos fuscescens</i>
Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>

Chestnut Weaver	<i>Ploceus rubiginosus</i>
Chestnut-fronted Helmetshrike	<i>Prionops scopifrons</i>
Chinspot Batis	<i>Batis molitor</i>
Clarke's Weaver	<i>Ploceus golandi</i>
Collared Palm-Thrush	<i>Cichladusa arquata</i>
Collared Pratincole	<i>Glareola pratincola</i>
Collared Sunbird	<i>Hedydipna collaris</i>
Common Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus barbatus</i>
Common Drongo	<i>Dicrurus adsimilis</i>
Common Fiscal	<i>Lanius collaris</i>
Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>
Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>
Common Scimitar-bill	<i>Rhinopomastus cyanomelas</i>
Common Waxbill	<i>Estrilda astrild</i>
Crab Plover	<i>Dromas ardeola</i>
Crested Francolin	<i>Francolinus sephaena</i>
Croaking Cisticola	<i>Cisticola natalensis</i>
Crowned Lapwing	<i>Vanellus coronatus</i>
Curlew Sandpiper	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>
Cut-throat	<i>Amadina fasciata</i>
Dark-backed Weaver	<i>Ploceus bicolor</i>
D'Arnaud's Barbet	<i>Trachyphonus darnaudii</i>
Desert Cisticola	<i>Cisticola aridulus</i>
Double-banded Courser	<i>Smutsornis africanus</i>
Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>
Dusky Turtle-Dove	<i>Streptopelia lugens</i>
East Coast Akalat	<i>Sheppardia gunningi</i>
Eastern Chanting-Goshawk	<i>Melierax poliopterus</i>
Eastern Nicator	<i>Nicator gularis</i>
Eastern Olive Sunbird	<i>Cyanomitra olivacea</i>
Eastern Yellow-billed Hornbill	<i>Tockus flavirostris</i>
Egyptian Goose	<i>Alopochen aegyptiaca</i>
Emerald-spotted Wood-Dove	<i>Turtur chalcospilos</i>
Ethiopian Swallow	<i>Hirundo aethiopica</i>
Eurasian Curlew	<i>Numenius arquata</i>
Fan-tailed Widowbird	<i>Euplectes axillaris</i>
Fawn-colored Lark	<i>Calendulauda africanoides</i>
Fischer's Sparrow-Lark	<i>Eremopterix leucopareia</i>
Fischer's Starling	<i>Spreo fischeri</i>
Gambaga Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa gambagae</i>
Giant Kingfisher	<i>Megaceryle maximus</i>
Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>
Golden Palm Weaver	<i>Ploceus bojeri</i>
Golden Pipit	<i>Tmetothylacus tenellus</i>
Golden-breasted Starling	<i>Lamprotornis regius</i>
Grasshopper Buzzard	<i>Butastur rufipennis</i>
Grassland Pipit	<i>Anthus cinnamomeus lacuum</i>

Grey Crowned-Crane	Balearica regulorum
Grey Heron	Ardea cinerea
Grey Plover	Pluvialis squatarola
Grey Wren-Warbler	Calamonastes simplex
Grey-backed Camaroptera	Camaroptera brachyura
Grey-headed Bushshrike	Malaconotus blanchoti
Grey-headed Kingfisher	Halcyon leucocephala
Great Egret	Ardea alba
Great Sparrowhawk	Accipiter melanoleucus
Greater Blue-eared Glossy-Starling	Lamprotornis chalybaeus
Greater Painted-snipe	Rostratula benghalensis
Greater Sand-Plover	Charadrius 30halybeate30s30
Green Barbet	Stactolaema olivacea
Green Sandpiper	Tringa ochropus
Green Woodhoopoe	Phoeniculus purpureus
Green-backed Eremomela	Eremomela canescens
Green-winged Pytilia	Pytilia melba
Gull-billed Tern	Gelochelidon nilotica
Hadada Ibis	Bostrychia hagedash
Hamerkop	Scopus umbretta
Helmeted Guineafowl	Numida meleagris
Hildebrandt's Starling	Lamprotornis hildebrandti
Hoopoe (African)	Upupa epops 30halybea
House Sparrow	Passer domesticus
Intermediate Egret	Mesophoyx intermedia
Kentish Plover	Charadrius 30halybeate30s
Kittlitz's Plover	Charadrius pecuarius
Lanner Falcon	Falco biarmicus
Lappet-faced Vulture	Torgos tracheliotus
Laughing Dove	Streptopelia senegalensis
Lesser Masked-Weaver	Ploceus intermedius
Lesser Sand-Plover	Charadrius mongolus
Lesser Striped-Swallow	Cecropis abyssinica
Lilac-breasted Roller	Coracias caudatus
Little Bee-eater	Merops pusillus
Little Egret	Egretta garzetta
Little Sparrowhawk	Accipiter minullus
Little Stint	Calidris minuta
Little Swift	Apus affinis
Little Yellow Flycatcher	Erythrocercus holochlorus
Lizard Buzzard	Kaupifalco monogrammicus
Long-tailed Cormorant	Phalacrocorax africanus
Long-tailed Fiscal	Lanius cabanisi
Long-toed Lapwing	Vanellus crassirostris
Madagascar Pratincole	Glareola ocularis
Malachite Kingfisher	Corythornis cristatus
Malindi Pipit	Anthus melindae

Mangrove Kingfisher	Halcyon senegaloides
Marabou Stork	Leptoptilos crumeniferus
Marsh Sandpiper	Tringa stagnatilis
Martial Eagle	Polemaetus bellicosus
Mosque Swallow	Cecropis senegalensis
Mountain Wagtail	Motacilla clara
Namaqua Dove	Oena capensis
Northern Crombec	Sylvietta 31halybeate
Northern Gray-headed Sparrow	Passer griseus
Northern Red-billed Hornbill	Tockus erythrorhynchus
Northern White-crowned Shrike	Eurocephalus rueppelli
Nubian Woodpecker	Campethera nubica
Olive Thrush	Turdus olivaceus abyssinicus
Ostrich	Struthio camelus
Pale Flycatcher	Bradornis pallidus
Pallid Honeyguide	Indicator meliphilus
Pangani Longclaw	Macronyx aurantiigula
Pied Crow	Corvus albus
Pied Kingfisher	Ceryle rudis
Pink-backed Pelican	Pelecanus rufescens
Pin-tailed Whydah	Vidua macroura
Plain-backed Sunbird	Anthreptes reichenowi
Purple Grenadier	Granatina ianthinogaster
Purple-banded Sunbird	Cinnyris bifasciatus
Pygmy Falcon	Polihierax semitorquatus
Rattling Cisticola	Cisticola chiniana
Red-billed Buffalo-Weaver	Bubalornis niger
Red-billed Firefinch	Lagonosticta senegala
Red-billed Helmetshrike	Prionops caniceps
Red-billed Oxpecker	Buphagus erythrorhynchus
Red-billed Quelea	Quelea quelea
Red-capped Robin-Chat	Cossypha natalensis
Red-cheeked Cordonbleu	Uraeginthus bengalus
Red-eyed Dove	Streptopelia semitorquata
Red-fronted Tinkerbird	Pogoniulus pusillus
Red-headed Weaver	Anaplectes rubriceps
Red-rumped Swallow	Cecropis daurica
Red-winged Lark	Mirafra hypermetra
Red-winged Starling	Onychognathus morio
Ring-necked Dove	Streptopelia capicola
Rosy-patched Bushshrike	Rhodophoneus cruentus
Ruddy Turnstone	Arenaria interpres
Rueppell's Griffon	Gyps rueppellii
Sacred Ibis	Threskiornis aethiopicus
Sanderling	Calidris alba
Scaly Babbler	Turdoides squamulata
Scaly-throated Honeyguide	Indicator variegatus

Scarlet-chested Sunbird	<i>Chalcomitra senegalensis</i>
Secretary-bird	<i>Sagittarius serpentarius</i>
Senegal Coucal	<i>Centropus senegalensis</i>
Singing Bushlark	<i>Mirafra cantillans</i>
Slate-colored Boubou	<i>Laniarius funebris</i>
Sokoke Scops-Owl	<i>Otus ireneae</i>
Somali Bunting	<i>Emberiza poliopleura</i>
Somali Short-toed Lark	<i>Calandrella somalica</i>
Southern Ground-Hornbill	<i>Bucorvus leadbeateri</i>
Speckled Mousebird	<i>Colius striatus</i>
Speckled Pigeon	<i>Columba guinea</i>
Spectacled Weaver	<i>Ploceus ocularis</i>
Spot-flanked Barbet	<i>Tricholaema lacrymosa</i>
Spotted Eagle-Owl	<i>Bubo africanus</i>
Spotted Morning-Thrush	<i>Cichladusa guttata</i>
Spur-winged Plover	<i>Vanellus spinosus</i>
Squacco Heron	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>
Steppe Eagle	<i>Aquila nipalensis</i>
Striated Heron	<i>Butorides striata</i>
Striped Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon chelicuti</i>
Superb Starling	<i>Lamprotornis superbus</i>
Taita Fiscal	<i>Lanius dorsalis</i>
Tambourine Dove	<i>Turtur tympanistria</i>
Tawny Eagle	<i>Aquila rapax</i>
Tawny-flanked Prinia	<i>Prinia subflava</i>
Terek Sandpiper	<i>Xenus cinereus</i>
Three-banded Plover	<i>Charadrius tricollaris</i>
Tiny Cisticola	<i>Cisticola nana</i>
Tropical Boubou	<i>Laniarius aethiopicus</i>
Trumpeter Hornbill	<i>Ceratogymna bucinator</i>
Tsavo Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris tsavoensis</i>
Variable Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris venustus</i>
Village Indigobird	<i>Vidua 32halybeate</i>
Village Weaver	<i>Ploceus cucullatus</i>
Von der Decken's Hornbill	<i>Tockus deckeni</i>
Vulturine Guineafowl	<i>Acryllium vulturinum</i>
Wahlberg's Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus wahlbergi</i>
Water Thick-knee	<i>Burhinus vermiculatus</i>
Wattled Starling	<i>Creatophora cinerea</i>
Western Black-headed Oriole	<i>Oriolus brachyrhynchus</i>
Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>
White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>
White-backed Vulture	<i>Gyps africanus</i>
White-bellied Bustard	<i>Eupodotis senegalensis</i>
White-bellied Go-away-bird	<i>Corythaixoides leucogaster</i>
White-bellied Tit	<i>Melaniparus albiventris</i>
White-billed Buffalo-Weaver	<i>Bubalornis albirostris</i>



White-browed Coucal	Centropus superciliosus
White-browed Robin-Chat	Cossypha heuglini
White-browed Scrub-Robin	Cercotrichas leucophrys
White-browed Sparrow-Weaver	Plocepasser mahali
White-crested Helmetshrike	Prionops plumatus
White-faced Whistling-Duck	Dendrocygna viduata
White-fronted Plover	Charadrius marginatus
White-headed Buffalo-Weaver	Dinemellia dinemelli
White-rumped Swift	Apus caffer
Winding Cisticola	Cisticola galactotes
Wire-tailed Swallow	Hirundo smithii
Wood Sandpiper	Tringa glareola
Woolly-necked Stork	Ciconia episcopus
Yellow-bellied Greenbul	Chlorocichla flaviventris
Yellowbill	Ceuthmochares aereus
Yellow-billed Oxpecker	Buphagus africanus
Yellow-billed Stork	Mycteria ibis
Yellow-breasted Apalis	Apalis flavida
Yellow-fronted Canary	Serinus mozambicus
Yellow-necked Francolin	Francolinus leucoscepus
Yellow-rumped Seedeater	Serinus reichenowi
Yellow-rumped Tinkerbird	Pogoniulus bilineatus
Yellow-throated Longclaw	Macronyx croceus
Zanzibar Bishop	Euplectes nigroventris
Zanzibar Sombre Greenbul	Andropadus importunes
<b>Total: 269</b>	

### **Whole Trip Animal List**

Banded Mongoose  
 Black-faced Vervet Monkey  
 Cape Buffalo  
 Common Zebra  
 Congoni Hartebeest  
 Crocodile  
 Dikdik  
 Eland  
 Elephant  
 Ghost Crab  
 Golden Rumped Elephant Shrew  
 Grant's Gazelle  
 Green Turtle  
 Hippo  
 Impala  
 Leopard

Leopard-backed Tortoise  
Lesser Coudou  
Lioness  
Masai giraffe  
Moray Eel  
Olive Baboon  
Oryx  
Porcupine  
Red Duiker  
Red-bellied Sand Squirrel  
Reticulated Giraffe  
Rock Hyax  
Saks Monkeys  
Silver-backed Jackal  
Spotted hyena  
Suni  
Thompson's gazelle  
Warthog  
Waterbuck  
Wildebeest  
Yellow baboon  
**Total: 37**