Bird trip report to Uganda

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\textit{African Finfoot, males at Lake Mburo}

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Introduction
Once in 2-3 years our group of friends plans a destination far abroad for hardcore birdwatching. After having visited Asia (Vietnam) in 2010, we had to choose between a country in Africa or South-America for 2013. We decided to go to Uganda, mainly because of its high number of bird species, including many regional endemics, and the mammal wildlife, especially the primates. This year only Wim van Splunder, Jeroen Bijleveld en Hans Groot joined in.

The website birding-uganda.com states: “Uganda is a birder’s paradise. Over half of all bird species in Africa can be found in Uganda making it the richest African birding destination. Even within the surroundings of the capital city Kampala, you can record nearly 300 species in a day, and all this is thanks to the richly diverse of habitats from the scenic shores of Lake Victoria to the lush forests of the Albertine Rift and the banks of the mighty Nile River. Though Uganda has only one Endemic bird (Fox’s Weaver), 23 Albertine Endemics occur here and are difficult or even impossible to find somewhere else. These are Handsome Francolin, Rwenzori Turaco, Rwenzori Nightjar, Dwarf Honeyguide, African Green (Grauer’s) Broadbill, Red-throated Alethe, Archer’s Robin-Chat, Kivu Ground Thrush, Grauer’s Rush Warbler, Red-faced Woodland Warbler, Short-tailed (Neummann’s) Warbler, Grauer’s Warbler, Rwenzori Apalis, Black-faced Apalis, Yellow-eyed Black Flycatcher, Rwenzori Batis, Strip-breasted Tit, Purple-breasted Sunbird, Blue-headed Sunbird, Regal Sunbird, Strange Weaver, Dusky Crimsonwing, and Shelley’s Crimsonwing”.

With this report we want to share our own experiences of birdwatching in Uganda. Much has been written in excellent reports one can find on the worldwide web. From tripreports concerning the period December – March Wim made a very handy checklist of which species we could find in any area we would visit. For further information on birding in Uganda see for example:
http://www.whereetowatchbirdsandotherwildlifeintheworld.co.uk/uganda.html
http://www.fatbirder.com/links_geo/africa/uganda.html

Furthermore Hans made a selection of the calls and songs of some 300 species, mostly gathered from the superb site http://www.xeno-canto.org for our own preparation and as a back up in the field. Hans also recorded calls and songs with an Olympus PCM LS-11 recorder (see trip list). As field guides we used the very good “Birds of East Africa” from Stevenson and Fanshawe and “Birds of Africa, south of the Sahara” from Sinclair and Ryan. Wim also made copies of the drawings of relevant bird- and mammal species from the Handbook of Birds of the World and the Handbook of Mammals of the World.

Logistics
Our main goal is to get as many bird species as possible, so we always book a fully organised individual tour by a specialized travel agent. This time we were happy to make all the arrangements with our friends from Birding Breaks (www.birdingbreaks.nl ). We asked Laurens Steijn from Birding Breaks to contract birdguide Alfred Twinomujuni (www.avianwatchuganda.co.ug), because he is widely known as the most experienced birdguide in Uganda. We booked our flights with KLM from Amsterdam Schiphol Airport to Entebbe International Airport ourselves and the rest (accommodation, transport, meals, drinking water) was taken care of by Birding Breaks.

We were very content with all the arrangements. Alfred proved to be an excellent bird guide, with an Ugandan list of 940 of the total 1020 bird species. He was very capable in whistling birds in; moreover he had a broad selection of bird calls and songs on his iPod. Many times he taped the birds with his Sony recorder and played back their calls or songs, while whistling other birds (multitasking!). Alfred just obtained a camera with telelens so he tried to take pictures of the good birds as well. He had many good stake-outs for special species and was very keen in discovering the birds, either by call or by sight. Sometimes he used a green laserpen for pointing out a bird in a large
Abdu and Alfred

tree. Besides Alfred was good company with a nice sense of humor. We liked discussing several items with him during our breakfast or dinner. Our driver, Abdu, was very nice as well. He drove our van with great care, avoiding most of the potholes. We felt completely safe and secure with him. As we were with just 5 people, we had a lot of space in the van. The roof of the bus could be lifted up on gamedrives in Lake Mburo National Park and Queen Elizabeth National Park. Abdu also told us to bring enough drinking water when we went walking for some while or to take our raincoats when the weather forecast said there it would be raining.

Trip itinerary
14/02 Amsterdam (departure 10.20 h) to Entebbe; flight KL 4158, via Nairobi, arrival 23.45 Entebbe International Airport
15/02 Via Mamamba Swamp and Kaaku Swamp to Lake Mburo NP
16/02 En route to Bwindi Impenetrable Forest NP (Ruhija section)
17/02 Mubwindi Swamp Birding
18/02 Birding en route to Buhoma
19/02 Whole day birding Buhoma
20/02 Whole day birding Buhoma
21/02 Gorilla tracking from Buhoma in the morning and birding Buhoma in the afternoon
22/02 En route to Queen Elizabeth NP
23/02 Morning game drives and afternoon boat ride on Kazinga Channel
24/02 En route to Semliki NP
25/02 Whole day birding Semliki NP
26/02 En route to Kibale NP;
27/02 Chimpanzee tracking and birding Kibale NP;
28/02 En route to Mabira Forest
01/03 Morning birding Mabira Forest, afternoon birding Lake Victoria and Entebbe Botanical Gardens, night flight from Entebbe 23.30 h

Report day by day

February 14th  The Netherlands- Uganda

We met each other at Schiphol Airport at 8.00 and had a quick check-in, as Jeroen had checked us in online and already printed our boarding passes. We only had to deliver our luggage and print the labels for our cases. After a nice espresso we bought a bottle of Glen Livet whisky for an after dinner drink in Uganda. We endured our first complete body scan at the gate before we could enter our KLM Boeing 747-400. At 10.50 we took off and flew over the snowy Alps of Switzerland and after
some hours we looked down at the endless desert of Libya and Sudan. The service on board was good, with several tasty meals and drinks. We took the opportunity to study our field guides once again, which was useful, given the huge amount of bird species in Uganda. At 20.15 we landed in Nairobi, Kenya. Here we had to wait 2,5 hours for the flight to Entebbe, Uganda. At 22.45 we departed with an Embraer 190 from Kenyan Airlines and after a short flight we finally reached Entebbe International Airport at 23.40. We bought the obligatory visa to enter Uganda for € 40. Alfred was already waiting for us. We tried to get Ugandan shillings from an ATM, but that didn’t work. So we changed some euros at an exchange office. Later on it appeared that we couldn’t take money from ATM’s, thus everytime we needed money Abdu and Alfred looked for the most beneficial option. Outside it was pleasantly warm as we left with a taxi to our nearby hotel, the Central Inn. This was a rather basic, but good hotel, with an armed guard at the gate.

February 15th  Entebbe – Mabamba Swamp – Kaaku Swamp – Lake Mbu ro NP
After a short night we got up at 6.00. Hans already had scored the first species of the trip, as he heard a Barn Owl calling at 1.30. It was still dark when we descended to the dining room for breakfast, which was quite good, especially the beef with onions and ginger with potatoes. At sunrise many birds started calling, always a very exciting moment on the first day of a birding trip abroad. First birds we saw in front of the hotel with the help of Alfred included a perched Shrika, a flying African Hobby, a nice male Scarlet-chested Sunbird and a Tawny-flanked Prinia as well as common species like Common Bulbul, Common Grey-headed Sparrow, Pied Crow and Red-eyed Dove. We left the hotel at 7.30 for our first destination: Mabamba Swamp. To get there, we should have a ferry across a bay of the immense Lake Victoria. But we missed the ferry, so we had to wait 45 minutes at the quay. Actually that was very convenient, because we had a chance to get on with lots of birds. Initially some policemen told us that we were not allowed to take pictures when Wim put down his tripod with scope. There seemed to be a secret object in the harbor, but after Alfred told them that we were just birdwatchers, there was no problem at all. Birds were abundant, for example lots of Little and Cattle Egrets and waders, Pied Kingfishers, some Woodland Kingfishers (very vocal), Rueppels Long-tailed Starlings, a colony of Village Weavers, Marabous, Hadeda Ibis, our first stunning Great Blue Turaco’s, many Long-tailed Cormorants, Palmnut Vultures, hundreds of White-winged Terns, tens of Gull-billed and Whiskered Terns, many Angola Swallows, some Hooded Vultures and our only (!) African Marsh Harrier and Garganeys of the trip. We were also happy to see a Yellow Wagtail of the subspecies lutea. It was also great fun watching the daily life of the people at the lake shore. This was truly Africa!

At the other side, we saw a colony of Veillot’s Black Weavers, with some Slender-billed Weavers and one nice Yellow-backed Weaver. In the meantime it became rather hot and sultry, with much sunshine. We drove through some kind of agricultural land to another part of Lake Victoria, the famous Mabamba Swamp. This is one of the best places in the world to see the ugly, but highly wanted Shoebill! On our way we saw many new birds, like Purple Glossy Starlings, Broad-billed Rollers, Eastern-grey Plantain Eater, Sooty Chats, African Thrush and Ross’s Turaco. At 9.45 we arrived at Mabamba Swamp where we were greeted by Ismael, a bird guide trained by Alfred. We boarded a wooden canoe with engine and a local fisherman brought us into the marsh. Ismael tried hard to find us a Shoebill, but the species didn’t cooperated much. There where of course many other birds in this lovely papyrus swamp. We saw Malachite Kingfishers, our only Blue-breasted Bee-eater, Purple Herons, Spur-winged Goose, Red-billed Firefinches, Mosque Swallows, Yellow-billed Ducks, Swamp Flycatchers, Winding Cisticolas, Northern Brown-throated Weavers, Sand Martins, African Jacanas, two beautiful Lesser Jacanas, some nice Long-toed Lapwings and White-faced Whistling Ducks. In the air above were 2 Lesser-spotted Eagles, some groups of soaring African Openbills, Blue-cheeked and European Bee-eaters and our first of many Wahlberg’s Eagles. But still no Shoebill. We were getting a bit nervous already when we entered a small channel for our last chance. And all of a sudden, there were 3 Shoebills circling high in the air above us! What a huge
birds, what a strange birds! They slowly got down and two of them landed somewhere in the papyrus some distance in front of us. Our captain then did an amazing job in navigating the canoe into the vegetation, often jumping off the boat to push it through the papyrus! The result of his hard work was that we encountered the Shoebills and could watch the two birds standing some 40 metres away from us. Wow, what a monsters! Those terrifying eyes and the enormous bills with dangerous hooks. Totally content we sailed back and arrived at 12.15 at our van.

We awaited a long drive to Lake Mburo NP, through many little villages and had lunch (hamburger and fries) at a restaurant near the equator. Here a beautiful African Harrier-Hawk flew over. While driving ahead, birds kept coming, like Grey-crowned Cranes, Hamerkops, many Black-headed Herons, Lesser-striped Swallows, Grey Kestrels, Pin-tailed Whydah, White-headed Vultures, Speckled Pigeons, Fork-tailed Drongo’s and the first of many Long-crested Eagles. Alfred did a lot of telephone-calls with his mobile phone, but didn’t miss the good birds. To our great surprise, he discovered a Shoebill in a papyrus swamp just outside Masaka during driving! In the afternoon we reached Kaaku Swamp, a beautiful marsh with much open water. We walked a short while, followed by a bunch of curious children, and could observe many good species: Black-headed Gonolek, Fan-tailed Widowbirds, Grey-backed Fiscals, Sacred Ibis, Yellow-billed Storks, many African Jacanas, White-faced and (our only) Fulvous Whistling-ducks, Squacco Herons, Pink-backed Pelicans, Black Crakes, Goliath Heron, African Grey Hornbill and so on. Our best species were a Lesser Moorhen and 4 Hottentot Teals flying by. From Kaaku Swamp it was a long drive to our final destination of the day, Lake Mburo NP National Park. On our way we saw 5 Brown Parrots flying overhead, an Intermediate Egret and our first Lilac-
breasted Rollers. At 18.00 we turned off the good (tarmac) road to a bumpy dirt road heading to the entrance of Lake Mburo NP. Abdu and Alfred lifted the roof of the van so we could stand straight up for our first game drive. We slowly drove through a green scenery with many acacias. And with many birds and some nice mammals! Red-necked Spurfowl, Crested Francolin, Speckled Mousebird and Red-eyed and Ring-necked Dove were common along the roadside. New species included a nice Black-crowned Tchagra, a Bare-faced Go-away Bird, Black-lobed Babblers, Trilling Cisticolas, beautiful Spot-flanked Barbets, a Brubru, Greater Blue-eared Starlings, many flying Brown Parrots, Rufous-chested Swallows and Fork-tailed Drongos. The highlight was a Coqui Francolin, a tiny bird which Alfred heard and tape lured. After some patience we saw the francolin sneaking through the grass. We heard another 2 birds calling. The mammals we saw concerned a nice Nile Bushbuck, Plain’s Zebras, Impalas and Defassa Waterbucks. Lake Mburo NP National Park is the only place in Uganda where Impala and Plain’s Zebra occur. We were also impressed by the Ankole Longhorn Cattle which, indeed, have long horn.

Ankole Longhorn Cattle

Plains Zebra’s

At 19.00 we arrived in the new Rwakobo Lodge (www.rwakoborock.com) just outside Lake Mburo NP. The lodge is run by a friendly English guy. It is built on a granite boulder so there is a great view on the surrounding, especially from the main building (restaurant) with thatched roof. It quickly became dark as we put our stuff in the splendid and cosy cottages. Dinner was served at 20.00, so we had some time to sit on our stool in front of the cottage to hear and spotlight a Freckled Nightjar, resting on the stony ground. We also heard a Square-tailed Nightjar and a Black-shouldered Nightjar and even two Red-chested Cuckoos. The food was nice and the beer, Nile Special (5.6 %) was divine. We had a nightcap in front of our cottage, fully enjoying being in Africa. At 22.30 we called it our first day, a great start with more than 120 species. The bungalows were very pleasant: good bed, shower, mosquitonet, netting windows.

February 16th  Lake Mburo NP – Ruhija

At dusk the three nightjar species were calling. We got up at 6.00 and had a great breakfast (eggs to our choice, bacon, sausage, toast, coffee) while it slowly became light. It was a beautiful and scenic morning as many Common Bulbuls were singing loudly, accompanied by duetting White-browed Robin Chats. http://www.xeno-canto.org/157045 Many Olive Baboons sat on the boulder. After breakfast we had a little stroll on the lodge grounds. Birds everywhere! To mention some: Emerald-spotted Wood-doves, Tropical Boubou (heard only), Black-necked Weavers, Green-headed Sunbird, Yellow-throated Greenbul, two nice Red-faced Crombecs. Alfred taped a wonderful Sulphur-breasted Bushshrike in, which kept singing perched in the top of a tree. Then suddenly two birds landed in an acacia nearby: Red-faced Barbets! A very good find, because this is the only place where we had a chance in seeing this rare species. We continued with a beautiful Yellow-breasted Apalis, Red-headed Lovebirds, African Green Pigeons, Red-headed Weavers, some awesome Double-toothed Barbets, Violet-backed Starling, a Splendid Starling, a confiding Golden-breasted Bunting,
our first lovely Chinspot Batis, two Arrow-marked Babblers, Pale Flycatchers, a circling Lappet-faced Vulture, a Nubian Woodpecker and a nice Red-backed Scrub-robin foraging on the ground. We were happy with a good sighting of a Black-faced Waxbill. What a beginning of the day!

Abdu picked us up and we headed for the entrance gate of Lake Mburo NP (www.ugandawildlife.org/explore-our-parks/parks-by-name-a-z/lake-mburo-national-park) We bumped at slow pace through the breathtaking scenery of green acacias and lush fields. We birded mostly from the car, but that was quite easy with the roof lifted again. We added African Cuckoo, Striped Kingfishers, Plain-backed Pipits, beautiful and closeby Yellow-throated Longclaws, Brown Snake-Eagle, Little Bee-eaters, Bateleurs, some African White-backed Vultures, two Buff-bellied Warblers, as well as many Impalas, Zebras, Waterbucks, Vervet Monkeys, Common Warthogs and Topis. At 10.30 we arrived at the lake where were greeted by ranger Andrew who took us in his boat

Entrance of Lake Mburo National Park

on the lake. Halfway we picked up three Russian tourists. The weather was great, 27 degrees (Celsius), no wind, much sunshine. The boattour is famous for African Finfoot and other specialities. There were many African Fish-eagles, often in pairs perching along the lakeside and Hippo’s, sometimes near the boat and several Nile Crocs. We noticed Striated Herons, Northern- Brown-throated Weavers and Slender-billed Weavers and a loud singing Greater Swamp-warbler, which we briefly glimpsed. Our first Papyrus Gonoleks of the trip were singing, but we only saw one bird flying away from us. Two Black-breasted Snake-eagles crossed the lake high up in the air. But still no finfoot. Andrew directed the boat to another overgrown shoreline and, to our great relief, found two African Finfoots. He stopped the boat, but much to our surprise the birds came treading water towards us. It turned out to be two males who seemed to do some kind of display. It was a great sight seeing the birds passing us. After that we also saw a female. Hatseflats! Another target species “in the knip” as we say in Holland. Relaxed we sailed back, enjoying the many Pied Kingfishers and three nice Grey-capped Warblers. On the shoreline a party of 15 Banded Mongooses hopped by. On
our way back to the lodge some good new species showed up: two beautiful White-winged Tits, Tabora Cisticolas, Yellow-billed Oxpecker, a Common Scimitarbill, Yellow-fronted Canary and a nice group of 6 Green Wood-hoopoes.

At the lodge we had a good lunch at 13.30. Wim found a female Semi-collared Flycatcher in the trees near the restaurant, a very good species! The afternoon was mainly spent in the car, driving the long road to Bwindi Impenetrable National Park. To Kabale it was a good tarmac road, from which we saw our only African Black-headed Orioles. We made several roadside stops at small marshes. At a papyrus swamp we had two incredible, angry looking Papyrus Gonoleks and 2 White-winged Warblers. Other good birds involved Copper Sunbird, Three-banded Plovers, African Wattled Lapwings, and Golden-backed Weaver in a marsh opposite of the crossroad to Lake Mburo NP. We saw many Long-crested Eagles, Brimstone Canary, Common Fiscals, Sacred Ibises, many Marabous and Black-headed Herons. Kabale turned out to be a bustling regional centre, where we could change some money. Here we watched our first Cinnamon-chested Bee-eaters. After Kabale we turned of the tarmac road on a dirt road with many potholes for the remaining 26 km to Ruhija, which took us 1.5 hours in complete darkness. We were happy to arrive finally at 21.00 at the Trekker's Tavern Cottages (www.trekkerstavern.com) in the small montane village Ruhija (height 2300 meters). We got a warm welcome and were accompanied to our cottages, basic but OK. There’s no electricity at the cottages, but the staff could charge your batteries at the dining room. We had a late dinner. The staff placed a stove underneath the table, which was very pleasant as temperature dropped down. With our headlamps on we made our notes and went to bed at 23.45.

February 17th  Bwindi Impenetrable National Park (Ruhija section - Mabwindi Swamp)

At 6.15 we had a wake up call with coffee and biscuits at our porch. During a nutritious breakfast we scored Yellow-crowned Canaries and Variable Sunbirds. Abdu brought us to the entrance of the world famous Bwindi Impenetrable National Park, only 2 km from our lodge (www.bwindiforestnationalpark.com). We had to give in our passports at the park staff and started our walk at the Ruhija part of the forest at 8.15, accompanied by an armed guard. It was a beautiful forest with many high trees and lots of open space in the undergrowth. The weather was excellent. We found excreta of Elephants and places where Gorillas had been feeding. Sometimes we were bitten by forest ants. The trail was quite narrow and sometimes slippery, descending to the Mabwindi Swamp. At the swamp we had a packed lunch and walked, partly another trail, back to the entrance. Birding was absolutely fabulous! We were treated with 15 of the 23 Albertine Rift Endemics: Dwarf Honeyguide (brief view), African Green or Grauer’s Broadbill, Red-throated Alethe, Archer’s Robin-Chat (heard only, didn’t come closer), Grauer’s Swamp-Warbler, Red-faced Woodland Warbler, Collared (Ruwenzori) Apalis, Black-faced Apalis, Yellow-eyed Black Flycatcher, Ruwenzori Batis, Stripe-breasted Tit, Blue-headed Sunbird, Regal Sunbird, Strange Weaver and Dusky Crimsonwing. We especially enjoyed the prolonging views of a pair of Grauer’s Broadbills nesting in a huge tree, less than 100 metres before the trail ended at the Mabwindi Swamp. Here the Grauer’s Rush Warbler proved to be rather elusive. The birds were hard to see, although they were rather vocal. More good species we scored: Chestnut-throated Apalis, Afep Pigeon, Olive Woodpecker, our only Lesser Honeyguide of the trip, Cabanis’s Greenbull (skulker!), White-starred Robin, Bar-tailed Trogon, Yellow-streaked Greenbull, Banded Prinia, Slender-billed, Waller’s and Sharpe’s Starlings, Mountain Yellow-Warbler (5, only heard singing), Eastern Mountain Greenbull, Mountain Buzzard, Ruwenzori Hill babbler, Oriole Finch, White-bellied Crested-Flycatcher, Evergreen Forest Warbler and Mountain Illadopsis to mention only the best among many others. Very spectacular was an adult Crowned Eagle which flew just over our heads on the return trail. Here we found a dead Ruwenzori Duiker. We must have disturbed the eagle with his prey! Birding was best in the morning; on our way back it was rather quiet.
Back at the lodge there was some time to relax, take a shower, drink coffee at the lawn next to the restaurant. At 18.30 we left the lodge for some night birding, in particular to search for the ARE Ruwenzori Nightjar. We stopped some 3 kilometers from Ruhija at a deforested hill. Alfred played the song and immediately we got response of 3 nightjars, but unfortunately they didn’t come in sight. There was also an African Wood-owl calling in the distance. Suddenly Alfred pointed his spotlight at two glowing eyes in a tree. It appeared to be a nice Northern Lesser Galago! Completely satisfied we returned to the lodge for a good dinner with some well deserved Bell Beers. At night there was a heavy shower, but the friendly staff gave us umbrellas so we could walk back to our cottages.

February 18th  Ruhija - The Neck – Buhoma

After another wake up call with coffee and biscuits and breakfast we left the lodge by foot, strolling through the small village Ruhija in the direction of the entrance of Bwindi. Outside this park, the hills are used for agriculture (corn, tea). We watched some Yellow-crowned Canaries, Streaky Seedeaters, Kandt’s Waxbill and Black-crowned Waxbills and a perched African Goshawk. Near the entrance of the park some Luehdor’s Bush-shrikes were calling, but we didn’t manage to see them. Because of an unfortunate misunderstanding we missed a Grauer’s Warbler which Alfred found. We then slowly drove towards Buhoma, stopping at several sites along the road. At one place, in a tea plantation, we found 8 Yellow-bellied Waxbills, some African Stonechats, Siffling Cisticola, Brown-crowned Tchagra, Dusky Twospot, Short-tailed Pipit and 2 Brown-backed Scrub-robins. Further ahead, a nice African Hobby was sitting in the top of a bare tree. A male Yellow Bishop showed well. Around noon we reached The Neck, a patch of jungle remnant. There were good birds here, although many were hard to see and we had to be content with some heard onlys: Grey-chested Illadopsis, Dusky Long-tailed Cuckoo, Black-faced Rufous Warbler, Grey Apalis, Dusky-blue Flycatcher, Grey-throated Flycatcher,
Purple-headed Glossy Starling, White-tailed Ant-thrush, Buff-throated Apalis, Toro Olive Greenbul, Sombre Greenbul, Cassin’s Grey Flycatcher on rocks in the river at the crossing, Greater Honeyguide, Bocage’s Bush-shrike, African Shrike-flycatcher, Blue-shouldered Robin-chat, Hairy-breasted Barbet, White-chinned Prinia, Green Hylia and Scaly-breasted Illadopsis. Highlights were the 5 Black Bee-eaters, especially a pair near a nesthole in a wall next to the road, only 200 meters before the end of The Neck. Here we had packed lunch and continued our way to another part of Bwindi, Buhoma. On our way we did some roadside birding and added to our fast growing list for example Red-faced Cisticola, Snowy-crowned Robin-chat, Woolly-necked Stork and Brown-throated Wattle-eye.

At 15.00 h we arrived in Buhoma, at a lower elevation (1500 m) of the Bwindi Impenetrable NP. Alfred lives near the place. We checked in at the Bwindi View Bandas, (www.hotelsinuganda.com/bwindiview.html) just in front of the entrance of the park. We were welcomed with a juice by the manager Francis. The bandas are basic, but OK. The lodge has a nice restaurant overlooking the garden. We did some birdwatching from the main entrance road until 19.00. There were many beautiful Bronze Sunbirds, some superb Many-coloured, Luehders and Bocage’s Bush-shrikes (one showing well in our garden), Black-necked Weavers, White-eyed Slaty Flycatchers, Thick-billed Seedeater, Black-and-white Shrike-flycatchers, a skulking Grey-winged Robin-chat (and some heard), a large group of the beautiful and endangered L’hoest Monkeys, Red-capped Robin-chats, Green-throated Sunbird, Black-billed Weavers, White-browed Crombec and Black-and-white Mannikins. Then Alfred said: “Oh, Gorilla”. We thought he was joking, but were astonished to see a large silverback walking on the road in our direction, followed by a bunch of other Gorilla’s! This was only 50 meters away, so we started to take pictures. We were told, however, to quit and turn around by some rangers because we didn’t pay for the Gorilla’s this day! This was rather ridiculous, because the animals were coming to us! Did we have to close our eyes? The Gorillas stopped at some trees where they started feeding on the leaves. Alfred told us that this group would be chased away by people from Buhoma, because they should not come too close to the village. We could watch them for a short while before returning to the lodge. Wow, what an unexpected once in a lifetime experience! At 19.00 we had a good dinner in the cosy restaurant where we worked hard writing down all our observations and studying the target species for the following days. With a Nile Special this was however quite comfortable. Went to bed at 23.00. Hans got heavily stung by mosquitos as he was too stubborn to use this mosquitonet.

*Unexpected encounter with the Gorilla’s*
February 19th  Bwindi Impenetrable National Park (Buhoma section)
We got up at 6.00 and had baked eggs, toast and fruit for breakfast; the sausage was horrible. Today we walked the main trail of the Buhoma section of Bwindi. This also is a magnificent part of the park, quite different than Ruhija. In Buhoma the forest is more like a rainforest with many verns and moss on the trees. There’s also much more undergrowth. The main trail is an old, broad trail which leads to another village, so the locals still use this trail. Two armed guards accompanied us, officially because of the large mammals in the park. But we heard that this is also to protect tourists since one was killed by rebels from Congo in 1999. Birding was rather slow and this worsened at 11.00 when a long downpour started. We ran to a hide one kilometer ahead, but we were completely soaked when we arrived there. Abdu had warned us for possible rainfall, but we were too lazy to get our raincoats….We waited one hour and cooled down a lot because the temperature dropped to 14 degrees Celsius! We were supposed to get our lunch delivered at this hide, but wisely the staff of the lodge didn’t come through the heavy rain. We walked back at 13.00 when the rainfall decreased. We did however scored some good birds, like Brown-capped Weaver, Buff-spotted Flufftail (heard only), our only Olive Long-tailed Cuckoo, Pink-footed Puffback, Western Bronze-naped pigeon (fly by), Olive-green Camaroptera, White-tailed Ant-thrush (skulker), Chapin’s Flycatcher (good one!), Titylia (good views of this tiny rarity), Ansorge’s Greenbul, Dusky Tit, Willock’s Honeyguide (heard only), Red-tailed Bristlebill (heard only), Red-tailed Greenbul, Equatorial Akalat (1 seen skulking), Jameson’s Antpecker, Neumann’s or Short-tailed Warbler (came close when taped in, but not close enough), Willard’s Sooty Boubou (calling near the hide), Shelley’s Greenbul, Red-capped Robin-chat (heard only) and Pale-breasted Illadopsis and many more. At 14.15 we were back in the lodge where a good delayed lunch was waiting for us. After lunch we walked another, narrow and slippery, trail which only produced few birds. Highlights were a good performing White-bellied Robin-chat and a calling White-spotted Flufftail. We returned to the lodge at 18.30 and had a good meal, while it started raining again. In the evening it became rather cool after the rain stopped, so we permitted ourselves a glass of Glen Livet.

February 20th  Bwindi Impenetrable National Park (Buhoma section)
After a good night we woke up at 6.00 and saw much to our relief that the weather was quite good (max 25 degrees Celsius today, some clouds, sun, almost no wind). Alfred spent the nights at his home and arrived at 7.00. Today we birded the whole day in park, doing the main trail as far as the hide, and a side-trail, the magnificent Waterfall-trail. When we walked towards the park, we heard two groups of Chimpanzees crying against each other in the valley below. Birding was sometimes hard, but rewarding after all because we could find some species we missed yesterday because off the bad weather. Alfred was in very good shape, discovering birds with his naked eye and well estimating where birds would show up when he whistled or taped them in. Best birds were White-breasted Negrofinch, Scarce Swift, African Broadbill in a fantastic display flight, Elliot’s Woodpecker in the bamboo near our lodge, Honeyguide Greenbul, an unexpected Black-capped Apalis at the waterfall-trail (should be in the north at this time), Tullberg’s or Fine-banded Woodpecker, Mountain Wagtail, Handsome Francolin (initially calling next to the trail and then crossing it), Yellowbill, Red-chested Owlet near the hide (calling back at Alfred’s continuous whistling and flew in a tree where we could watch it well), Red-headed Malimbe and Rufous Flycatcher-shrike also called Fraser’s Ant-thrush. We also saw a Black-fronted Duiker crossing the trail. At the hide, Francis and one of his employees delivered us a perfect lunch! We walked backed at 13.30 and returned to the lodge at 16.30. After some chilling, we went to the shops of Buhoma to buy some souvenirs for home. There was much choice in handcrafts, for example wooden gorillas. We had dinner at 19.30, now as the only guests in the lodge. Especially the soups were delightful. As there wasno electricity in the bandas, we charged our phones and other batteries at the restaurant where Francis took good care of them.
February 21st  Bwindi Impenetrable National Park (Buhoma section) - Gorilla tracking

This was the day we were all looking forward to: we would go tracking the Rushegura group of Eastern Gorillas! It was a relaxed beginning of the day. First we watched a video of the gorillas and then got a very serious briefing from our guard Mathias of the do’s and don’ts when visiting a group of gorillas. When Wim lifted his bins to watch a bird behind Mathias, he asked: “Are you birding me, can I get your attention?” At 8.30 we started with a group of 8 people and some porters and armed guards. The trackers already had left in search for the gorilla-group and quickly, after 20 minutes, they found the amazing mammals. It truly was a wonderful experience, first watching the gorillas descending like firemen from a high tree, sometimes passing us at a distance of less than one meter! From above the dung and urine dropped just next to us. The silverback already was foraging on the ground. We joined him and a part of the group at a clearing, where the gorillas were lying down at great ease. We could stay there for quite some time, only 5 meters from the huge silverback who most of the time seemed to ignore us, sitting with his silver back towards us. At last he turned and awarded us with a view in his dark brown eyes. We nevertheless kept an eye in the trees and so Wim discovered our first Blue-throated Roller. Other birds concerned the more usual ones like for example Black-and-white Flycatcher-shrikes, calling Montane Orioles, African Emerald Cuckoos, Klaas’s Cuckoo, Collared, Green-headed, Little Green, Northern Double-collared and Green-throated Sunbird, Yellow White-eye, Buff-throated Apalis, Bocage’s and Luehder’s Bush-shrike, Black-crowned Waxbill, White-eyed Slaty-flycatcher, Wood Warbler, Golden-breasted Bunting, Baglafecht, Black-necked and Veillot’s Black Weavers.

At 11.00 we reached the lodge, after having received our diploma for gorilla tracking. We had some coffee in the restaurant and waited for Alfred, who didn’t join us this morning. After having our packed lunch (you never know how long it will take to find the gorillas!) Alfred and Abdu picked us up at 13.00 for some birdwatching outside Buhoma, in the agricultural fields. We originally should go to another part of the park, in search for the Grauer’s Warbler we dipped at Ruhija. But at lunchtime the headquarters of the park are closed so we couldn’t get a permit and an armed guard. Besides it looked like there would be heavy rainfall, so at last we decided to go the other way. Indeed we had a severe shower, during which we took shelter in a house. Afterwards the sky cleared and it became hot and fuggy. Birding was rather good as we traced some new species like Holub’s Golden Weaver, Winding Cisticola, Blue-headed Coucal, Blue-spotted Wood-dove, Splendid Glossy Starling, Spectacled Weaver, Little Rush Warbler (heard only) and our first Lizard Buzzard. Highlight was a Red-chested Flufftail. Alfred created a small trail in the reed and played the call of the bird, which crossed the trail twice at high speed. At 17.30 we returned to the lodge where we took a nice shower and could relax a bit before having dinner at 19.30. The ice cold Nile Special beer tasted very good once again.
February 22nd  Buhoma – Queen Elisabeth NP – Maramagambo Forest

This morning we left the marvelous Bwindi Impenetrable NP and headed for the also world famous Queen Elisabeth NP (QENP). The weather was lovely: sunny, partly clouded, no wind. We stopped again at the agricultural fields outside Buhoma (same place as yesterday) and this time we succeeded in seeing a Little Rush Warbler in a glance. Two African Harrier-hawks showed well, while being mobbed by a Black Sparrowhawk. On our way to QENP we saw our only Osprey of the trip, a species we love to see at all our journeys, where ever in the world. We also watched a nice male Black Bishop. We unsuccessfully taped at two spots for Red-throated Wryneck. At 10.15 we reached QENP, an enormous gamepark at the border with Congo.

According to our schedule, we should enter via the Ishasha gate, but sadly only two days ago the border post near this gate was raided by rebels from Congo, so we took another entrance and kept up a fairly high speed, also because our lodge was still 100 km ahead. This meant we didn’t have a chance to look for the so called “tree-climbing lions”.

Although there was not much time for birdwatching, we saw some nice species, like our first Helmeted Guineafowls, a White-headed Barbet, our only Yellow-fronted Tinkerbirds, White-throated Bee-eaters, White-headed Vultures, Flappet Larks, an Moustached Grass-Warbler, many Winchats, a nice Martial Egale circling in the sky, some Bateleurs, Black-shouldered Kite, two Common Scimitarbills, Steppe-buzzards, a circling Saddle-billed Stork, Croaking, Siffling and Trilling Cisticolas, Grey-backed Fiscals, Red-billed Queleas and Lesser Masked Weavers. Of course there were mammals, such as Uganda Kob (100+), Vervet Monkeys, Waterbucks, some Topi’s, Buffalo’s and 11 distant Elephants. At 13.30 we arrived in the beautiful situated Bush Lodge, at the edge of the broad Kazinga Channel, which connects Lake Edward with Lake George. We got a welcome drink and a short briefing by William. The lodge has very nice and cosy cottages, constructed on wooden poles,
with walls of some kind of reed and netting windows. The shower is outside behind the cottage, where cold water in a barrel gets heatened up during the day. The toilet has a tunnel downwards in which you have to throw sand. It was really hot at this time of day, over 35 degrees Celsius. At the lodge we watched Hippo’s, a Grey-headed Kingfisher, two Beaudouin’s Snake-eagles and some Spectacled Weavers.

The Bush Lodge

At 14.30 we were on the road again, driving to the Maramagambo Forest. There were several (controlled) fires at the savanna. During the drive, we spotted African Blue Flycatcher, Fawn-breasted Waxbill, Crowned Hornbill, Marsh Tchagra, White-tailed Blue-flycatcher and Brown Illadopsis. We walked through the rather quiet forest, which should be full of bird song in the morning. We watched however some good species, like 3 Blue-breasted Kingfisher, calling loudly, two beautiful Narina Trogons, Grosbeak Weavers, Little Grey Greenbul, Olive-bellied Sunbird, Green Crombecs, Western Nicator (heard only), Slender-billed Weaver, Western-bronze Naped Pigeon (two flying over) and Brown-chested Alethe. At the once luxurious, but now rather desolated Jacana Lodge at the edge of a crater lake, and waited for the Shining Kingfisher. Alfred heard the bird calling, but unfortunately we didn’t catch up with the bird. We had to be satisfied with 3 lovely African Pygmy Kingfishers. On our way back through through scenic acacia savanna, we added Cinnamon-chested Bee-eaters, Sulphur-breasted Bushshrike, our only Stout and Singing Cisticola, Violet-backed Starlings, Red-collared Widowbirds, Red-headed Lovebirds, Compact Weavers, Diederik Cuckoo (2 heard only) and a female Black-headed Batis.

At 19.30 we arrived in the Bush Lodge and had a wonderful shower under moonlight. We were picked up by the staff to bring us to the big, open dinner tent. When dark, you are not allowed to walk at yourself at the bush grounds, because of the risk of encountering a grazing Hippo! The staff people bring big flashlights and shine in the eyes of Hippo’s to chase them away. Food was great here. At regular times a bat flew into the tent. After being brought back to our cottages, we sat for a while on our porch, enjoying the sounds of grumbling Hippo’s, frogs and cicada’s. Hans woke up at 1.00 hearing a heavy sound, produced by a grazing Hippo next to his cottage!
Early wake up at 5.30. Black-shouldered and Square-tailed Nightjars were calling. The weather today was beautiful again, much sunshine, almost no wind and max 36 degrees Celsius. We drove through the beautiful Kasenyi Fields, the best area for mammal watching. There were many other cars and vans gamedriving. Birding was good, although we missed some hoped-for species, for example White-tailed Lark and Caspian Plover. Alright, best birds were Northern Black Flycatchers, many
African White-backed Vultures (some 80), Southern Red Bishops, Martial Eagles (one with an injured eye perching very close by), 2 female Pallid Harriers, many Rufous-naped Larks, African Crakes, Grassland or African Pipits, many White-winged Widowbirds (in winter plumage), two males Montagu’s Harriers, Red-Capped Larks, two splendid Temmincks Coursers, Little Bee-eaters, hundreds of Gull-billed Terns and some Crowned and 20 Senegal Plovers (at a crater lake). We saw one Spotted Hyena sneaking through the high grass, as well as two distant Lionesses. Uganda Kobs were numerous. Continuing our way we added a Common Buttonquail at the roadside, Flappet Larks, a Black-chested Snake-eagle, Fan-tailed Widowbird, Tawny Eagle, 110 Lesser Flamingo’s, Baltic Gulls, and many more. In Katwe we had our packed lunch in a deserted lodge, where only the restaurant opened for us to serve us coffee. At the lodge ground we saw two Long-billed Pipits and Yellow Wagtails subspecies thunbergi and flava. It was very hot at this time of the day, but we had to go on, driving to the famous Mweya Lodge for the also renowned boattrip on the Kazinga Channel. At the quay we saw some nice Wire-tailed Swallows. We had read many stories about the Kazinga Channel and there were indeed many mammals and birds. Hippo’s and Buffalo’s were abundant; there were some Nile Crocodiles and Elephants. Birds were everywhere, but there were only a few additions to our list, like African Spoonbill and Grey-headed Gulls. There were many Water Thick-knees. The highly wanted African Skimmer seemed to be absent. Fortunately Alfred had a back-up plan as we returned to the quay at 17.00. We drove some miles to a viewpoint along the channel and could watch at some 150 Black Skimmers, resting far away at the bank. The rest of the day we spent searching in vain for the Giant Forest Hog. We ended at the beautiful Kyambura George where we heard a Swamp Nightjar. Back at the lodge at 20.00 in complete darkness, quick shower and dinner outside the tent, next to a big camp fire. It was a long day so we got to bed completely exhausted at 22.45.

February 24th  QENP - Semliki NP
At 7.45 we left the great lodge for our new destination, Semliki NP. We first birded at the sides of the busy road near the bridge over the Kazinga Channel. This turned out to be a good place for some
marsh species. There were many Papyrus Gonoleks calling and sometimes showing well, White-winged Warblers, our first Carruthers Cisticolas, three well performing Lesser Swamp-Warblers, a Great Reed warbler, Sedge warbler, Eurasian Reed Warblers and two African Reed- Warblers, seen well after taping in. Moreover we saw (and heard!) only the first African Mourning Dove of the trip, an easily overlooked species. On the other side of the bridge there were our first House Sparrows in a small village. Two Alpine Swifts suddenly turned up and a juvenile Black Coucal was perching near the road.

Papyrus swamp near the bridge over the Kazinga Channel

After a stop for fuel in Kasese we continued on a superb tarmac road to the north. The speed limit however was 50 km/hour. But this slow pace gave us the opportunity to see our only Piapiac of the trip on a cow next to the road. At 11.30 we arrived in Fort Portal, a lively city. The plan was do do some shopping and pick up our cook, Willybafos, because we should have self-catering bandas in Semliki NP. We had a soft drink in a bar, where we met two Dutch guys doing volunteering in Kampala. At 13.00 we were back on the road again, driving through a savanna-like, dry landscape. It is very hot outside the car, when we had a packed lunch in a bit of shade next to the road. The avifauna changed with the different habitat. We added a nice Black-billed Barbet, a Greater Honeyguide, Yellow-throated Tinkerbird, five beautiful Red-throated Bee-eaters and Rattling Cisticola. We were very lucky to find a Common Genet in the same bare tree in which the bee-eaters were perching. At 15.30 we were at the headquarters of Semliki NP. This forest, again near the border with Congo, is well known because many western African species reach here their eastern most limit of their range. Here we heard that our bandas were double booked…..So we still had to go to Bundibugyo, 30 km beyond. Fortunately the road had been improved recently, so it would not cost that much time to get in Semliki NP the next days. We did some roadside birding at the edge of the forest, which produced for instance 2 beautiful Crimson-rumped Waxbills, many Red-tailed Monkeys and a Grey-cheeked Mangabey, African Firefinches and a Grey Tit-Flycatcher. At 17.30 we checked in at the Rainbow Guesthouse in Bundibugyo, a real African village, where all the people seemed to live on the street. The guesthouse was basic but the rooms were clean. After a refreshing shower we had a nice cold beer at the courtyard, while Willybafos was preparing our meal in an improvised kitchen. He did a great job, serving us soup, rice with beef goulash, vegetables and
fruit. When we went to bed a cockroach and a rat crossed the courtyard...At night there was much noise from a bar nearby, but this is the real Africa!

**February 25th  Semliki NP**

After a warm night we got up at 6.00, having our usual breakfast with eggs, toast and pineapple. We headed for Semliki NP, where our armed, local guide Justice was waiting for us. He turned out to be a very enthusiastic guy, trying to help Alfred to find as many of the specialties as possible. The forest was very dry, totally different from Bwindi. There were many palm trees and little watercourses. The trails in the forest were good; in the wet season it is almost impossible to visit the park. Birding was very good until 10.30, although there were many heard onlys. After 10.30 it got completely silent, so birding was very hard. We had a packed lunch at the first oxbow lake, from where we returned. In the afternoon Alfred lost his mobile phone, but was lucky to retrace it by calling his number with Justice’s phone. At 17.00 we visited the Male and Female hotsprings, sacred places for a local tribe, with boling water and steam bursting out of the soil.

We found the following good species: Orange-cheeked Waxbill, Little Sparrowhawk, Fire-crested Alethe (heard only), Orange-tufted Sunbird, Red-bellied Paradise Flycatcher, Xavier’s and Cameroon Sombre or Plain Greenbul, Forest Robin (heard only), Western Nicator (many), Chestnut-capped Flycatcher (not expected), Red-billed Dwarf, Piping, Crowned, White-crested and Black-casqued Wattled Hornbill, Yellow-throated Nicator (2 heard only), Lemon-bellied Crombec (heard only), Red-
rumped Tinkerbird, Jameson’s Wattle-eye, Black-throated Coucal (heard only), Lowland Sooty Boubou (heard only), Crested and Blue-billed Malimbe, Greenbul, Chestnut-bellied Negrofinch, Brown-eared and Golden-crowned Woodpecker, Rufous-sided Broadbill (heard only), Western Black-headed Oriole, Green-tailed Bristlebill (heard only), Yellow Longbill (heard only), Yellow-throated Cuckoo (seen well). Alfred managed to tape in a White-spotted Flufftail which we saw briefly. At the oxbow lake we heard a Shining Kingfisher and and White-bellied Kingfisher called near a watercourse.

Semliki NP     Male Hot Spings, Semliki NP

Semliki NP is also a very good place for monkeys and we were lucky to score many Ugandan or Grey-cheeked Mangabeys, Red-tailed Monkeys, Black-and-white Guereza’s, one beautiful Dent’s Monkey (brief view), De Brazza’s Monkey (heard only), and some Blue Monkeys (heard only). At 19.00 we drove back to Bundibugyo. Willybafos cooked us a good meal with pumpkin soup, chicken, rice, cabbage, carrots, beans and fruit salad. It was still very warm when we went to bed at 22.30.

February 26th  Semliki NP – Kibale NP

Got up at 5.45 and left the guesthouse after breakfast. Today it was very hot again, 36 degrees Celsius. We birded the first part of Semliki NP and the hot springs again, in search for Palm Swamp Bulbul and Dwarf Kingfisher. Justice again joined us; this time without gun because we didn’t go far into the forest. It was rather quiet, but we had some good sightings of birds we only heard yesterday, and added some new ones. Highlights were the *gabonensis* subspecies of Black Cuckoo, a well showing Forest Robin, a flying African Pied Hornbill, two nice Leafloves, 10 Black Casqued Wattled Hornbills nearby, White-headed Sawwings, again a calling White-bellied Kingfisher which only Alfred and Jeroen saw flying away, a female Blue-throated Brown Sunbird and an European Honeybuzzard.

At 10.45 we left for Fort Portal, a 40 km drive on a perfect, new road. In Fort Portal we changed money at the House Financial Bank and said goodbye to our cook Willybafoss. Then we had a good lunch buffet at the terrace of a nice restaurant. An Eastern Grey Plantain-eater came very close by. At 14.30 we drove to our next destination, Kibale NP, only 25 km from Fort Portal. We birded along a rather busy road at the edge of Kibale NP [www.kibaleforestnationalpark.com](http://www.kibaleforestnationalpark.com). This park is situated at the northern border of Queen Elisabeth NP, at a height of 1600 meters. So fortunately it cooled down at the end of the afternoon. Birding was fairly good, with Masked Apalis, Dark-backed (Forest) Weaver, White-headed Wood-hoopoes, Velvet-mantled Drontgo’s, Narrow-tailed Starlings, Chestnut-winged Starlings, Tiny Sunbirds, Cassin’s Hawk-eagle, Sabine’s Spintails and African Black Duck as best species. There were also many Ashy Red Colobusses, a monkey with a cool red tuft. We posted on a bridge for flying Olive-naped Pigeons, but we dipped on these ones.
We drove a very dusty road to the Chimpanzee Forest Guest House (www.traveluganda.co.ug/chimpguesthousekibale) a beautiful lodge between tea plantations, just outside Kibale NP. We arrived at 19.00 and got a warm welcome by the staff. The cottages were lovely and very spacious. After a nice shower we had an excellent dinner in the cosy restaurant, before we went to bed at 22.45.

February 27th  Kibale NP

Woke up at 5.45, a beautiful day, max 33 degrees Celsius, some wind. Abdu drove us to the headquarters of Kibale NP, famous for its habituated Chimpanzees. Here we waited at other tourists to come to do a Chimpanzee tracking. After a short briefing we were assigned to guard Africano, who took us with a jeep to the beginning of a trail. The forest was beautiful with many high trees. We walked in high pace through the forest and after 45 minutes we got our chimps! The animals were feeding high up in the trees, but after some time several chimps descended. Quite different than the Gorillas, the Chimpanzees immediately start walking or running away, sometimes screaming at each other. The only thing we could do was following them. At last we found a young male which sat quietly on the ground, now and then yawning, showing it frightful teeth. When an alpha male arrived, he started shouting just in front of us, which was rather impressive. In total we saw about 10 Chimpanzees.

Birding was not the main goal this morning, but we managed to see 4 Crested Guineafowl, a beautiful soaring Crowned Eagle, a Honeyguide Greenbul; we heard Green Twinspot, White-spotted Flufftail, Brown Illadopsis and some more. At 12.30 we had our packed lunch in the Kibale Safari Lodge, where coffee was served. We had some kind of siesta here; it was too hot to be very active. Nevertheless we did a good job, hearing a Scaly Francolin at the lodge grounds. Rather spectacular was the sighting of 150 migrating Abdim’s Storks. Alfred took us to a small settlement with a fruiting tree, good for sunbirds. Here we got our first Superb Sunbirds. We left when a drunken farmer asked
us money because we were looking at one of his trees. Back to Kibale NP for a late afternoon walk, in search for the elusive Green-breasted Pitta. This highly wanted species displays in the northern summer, so this was not a good time, but surprisingly yesterday a researcher heard a bird. With guard Jarret we tried hard for the pitta, but with no success. Some Narina Trogons were calling; we saw a Black Bee-eater, Red-Headed Malimbe, Yellow-crested Woodpecker and White-throated Greenbul.

At 17.30 we birded along a dirt road in the forest, looking for flying Olive-naped Pigeons, no luck. Many Black Kites and Steppe Buzzards were migrating high up in the sky. At 19.00 we returned to the lodge at had a wonderful dinner with cold beers. After dinner we sat for a while at our porch, listening to screaming chimps in the distance. Two Little Swifts came to roost under our thatched roof.

Kibale NP

February 28th  Kibale NP – Mabira Forest
After a good night we got up at 6.00, and after a tasty breakfast we packed our stuff. We left the lodge by foot, to do some birdwatching, especially to look for Bamboo Warbler (no luck). We saw 5 Giant Kingfishers flying and calling at a crater lake. Abdu picked us up and we drove to the main road through Kibale NP. Here we added Joyful Greenbul to our ever growing list of greenbuls. At 9.30 our long journey towards the east, to Jinja, began. During a lunchstop at the road side we saw Crowned and African Pied Hornbills.

At 15.00 we reached Kampala, the capital city of Uganda. Through the outskirts (many Yellow-billed Kites and Marabou’s) we continued our way to reach Mabira Forest (www.mabiraforestcamp.com) at 16.00. This is a tropical forest, not far away from Kampala, near the highway to Jinja. It’s a good place for some species. We birded from a dirt road through the forest, which was rather restless because of many passing mopeds. Best species we got were Purple-throated Cuckoo-shrike, Grey...
Longbill, Yellow-mantled Weaver, Red-headed Bluebill (heard only) and two beautiful Forest Hoopoes. Nine Great Blue Turaco’s came drinking at a pool.

Our final destination was Hotel Sunset in Jinja, along the Nile, where we saw our first African Darter of the trip. An Eurasian Hobby was hunting in the dusk. In the hotel Jeroen pulled some kind of white larva out of his belly…..He was stung by an insect some days ago and discovered a tiny hole in the swelling bump. Brrr!!This morning we visited a pharmacy where Jeroen got some antibiotic and some salve. At 20.00 we enjoyed our meal with, not surprisingly at this place, some Nile Special beers.

Went to bed at 22.15.

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Mabira Forest – Lutembe bay – Entebbe Botanical Gardens

Our last day in wonderful Uganda! At 6.30 we attacked the breakfast buffet, where even hot chips were served. We set for Mabira Forest again. It was a beautiful day, 33 degrees Celsius, gentle breeze, much sunshine. About 8.00 we arrived in Mabira Forest and took another dirt road, luckily this time without mopeds. It is a magnificent forest, however under great threat by illegal logging. Birding was good this morning and Alfred didn’t forsake. We saw a nice Yellow-browed Camaroptera, Ashy Flycatcher, Cassin’s Honeyguide, Purple-throated Cuckoo-shrikes, two Cassin’s Spinetails, suddenly a flock of beautiful Weyn’s Weavers in a bare tree, a flying Grey Parrot (and some heard only), nominate Black Cuckoo, Blue-headed Crested Flycatchers, Fire-crested Alethe (showing very well) and many more.

At 10.15 we left the forest and headed for Kampala, where we had to say goodbye to Alfred, who was going to guide another group. We rewarded him with our splendid Led Lenser flashlight. Abdu then brought us to Lutembe Bay, (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lutembe_Bay) a Ramsar site in the huge Lake Victoria (13.00). He arranged two local fishermen to take us on their boat. This turned out to be a truly unforgettable experience, as we visited some little mudflats where ten thousand White-winged Terns were roosting and flying around! Absolutely incredible! Besides it was a great site to score some new waterbirds for the trip: Spotted Redshank, Glossy Ibis, Curlew Sandpiper, Caspian Tern, Black-headed Gull, Heuglin’s Gull, Slender-billed Gull and Black-tailed Godwits. Moreover there were many Little Egrets, Long-tailed Cormorants, Wood Sandpipers, Whiskered terns, Gull-billed Terns, Common Greenshanks, Little Stints, African Openbills and an immature African Skimmer. Wow, terrific place, everyone with spare time in his trip should visit Lutembe Bay, so near Entebbe!

At our arrival at 14.30 we had packed lunch from the hotel, this time with cold chips, chicken, avocado and cola.

Lutembe Bay
Quite a lot of White-winged Terns, Lutembe Bay

Our final destination was Entebbe Botanical Gardens, a beautiful, tranquil park at the bank of Lake Victoria. We did some birdwatching from 15.30 -17.30, scoring our last new species: Orange Weaver. Many birds were easy to watch, like White-throated Bee-eaters, Slender-billed Weavers, Viellot’s Black Weavers, Blue-cheeked Bee-eaters, Grey kestrel, Black-and-white Casqued Hornbill, White-browed Coucal, Hamerkop, African Harrier-hawk, Crowned Hornbill, Black Sparrowhawk and so on. We watched a group of 30 Vervet Monkeys with their small babies on a lawn, when we waited for Abdu. He took us to the place where it all began, the Central Inn. Here we could have a shower, repack our luggage and we had our last dinner. We said goodbye to our ever reliable, considerate driver Abdu and waited for an airport taxi to take us to the airport at 20.30. After a last Nile Special we boarded our KLM flight back to The Netherlands. It was a fantastic trip, with loads of birds and mammals, beautiful national parks, friendly people and good weather. Highly recommended!!!
TRIP LIST
For some species, there are links to their recorded sounds on xeno-canto or links to videos on youtube.

1. White-faced Whistling-Duck/Dendrocygna viduata/Witwangfluiteend
2 at Mabamba Swamp on 15/02, c.50 at Kaaku Swamp on 15/02 and 1 at Lutembe Bay on 01/03.

2. Fulvous Whistling-Duck/Dendrocygna bicolor/Rosse Fluiteend
c.25 at Kaaku Swamp on 15/02.

3. Egyptian Goose/Alopochen aegyptiacus/Nijlgans
5 at QENP on 22/02, c.40 at QENP on 23/02 and c.10 at Entebbe Botanical Gardens on 01/03.

4. Spur-winged Goose/Plectropterus gambensis gambensis/Spoorwiekgans
1 at Mabamba Swamp on 15/02, c.20 at Kaaku Swamp on 15/02.

5. African Black Duck/Anas sparsa leucostigma/Afrikaanse Zwarte Eend
2 at Kibale NPNP on 26/02.

6. Yellow-billed Duck/Anas undulata rueppelli/Geelsnaveleend
9 at the ferry crossing on 15/02, c.15 at Mabamba Swamp on 15/02, 1 near Masaka on 15/02, 6 at Kaaku Swamp on 15/02, 1 between Kaaku Swamp and Lake Mburo NP on 15/02, c.15 en route from Lake Mburo NP to Mbarara on 16/02 and c.15 at Lutembe Bay on 01/03.

7. Hottentot Teal/Anas hottentota/Hottentottaling
4 at Kaaku Swamp on 15/02.

8. Garganey/Anas querquedula/Zomertaling
23 flying by during the ferry crossing on 15/02.

9. Helmeted Guineafowl/Numida meleagris meleagris/Helmparelhoen
Solely seen at QENP: 9 on 22/02 and c.30 on 23/02.

10. Crested Guineafowl/Guttera pucherani verreauxi/Kroonparelhoen
4 at Kibale NPNP on 27/02.

11. Crested Francolin/Francolinus sephaena grantii/Kuiffrankolijn
Fairly common at Lake Mburo NP: c.20 on 15/02 and c.25 on 16/02.

12. Coqui Francolin/Francolinus coqui coqui/Coquifrankolijn
http://www.xeno-canto.org/157032
3 along the entrance road to Lake Mburo NP on 15/02. Playing hard to get but in the end we succeeded taping them in.

13. Scaly Francolin/Francolinus squamatus/Geschubde Frankolijn
Solely heard calling and walking away at Kibale NPNP on 27/02.

14. Red-necked Francolin/Francolinus afer cranchii/Roodkeefrankolijn
http://www.xeno-canto.org/157066
c.20 al Lake Mburo NP on 15/02, c.15 there on 16/02, 1 at QENP on 22/02, c.15 at QENP on 23/02.

15. Handsome Francolin/Francolinus nobilis/Bamboefrankolijn (ARE)
http://www.xeno-canto.org/157042
1 at Buhoma on 20/02, at last. Fairly good views.

16. Common Buttonquail/Turnix sylvatica lepurana/Gestreepte Vechtkwartel
1 at QENP on 23/02, a superb find of Hans. The one we (used to) have in Europe.

17. Lesser Flamingo/Phoeniconaias minor/Kleine Flamingo
A flock of c. 110 at a crater lake at QENP on 23/02.

18. African Openbill/Anastomus lamelligerus lamelligerus/Afrikaanse Gaper
6 at the ferry crossing on 15/02, c.115 flying over at Mabamba Swamp on 15/02, c.155 (mostly fly-overs) on our way to Masaka on 15/02, c.25 at Kaaku Swamp on 15/02, 13 between Kaaku Swamp and Lake Mbuuro NP on 15/02, 1 at Lake Mbuuro NP on 16/02, c.30 between Lake Mbuuro NP and Mbarara on 16/02, 2 at QENP on 23/02, c.10 at Semliki NP on 26/02, 10 between Kibale NPNP and Mabira on 28/02, 1 at Jinja on 28/02, 1 between Mabira and Kampala on 01/03, c.20 at Lutembe Bay on 01/03 and finally 3 at Entebbe Botanical Gardens on 01/03. Migration of this species not well understood.

19. Abdim’s Stork/Ciconia abdimii/Abdims Ooievaar
A flock of c. 150 migrating north at Kibale NPNP on 27/02.

20. Woolly-necked Stork/Ciconia episcopus microscelis/Bisschopsooievaar
3 en route from The Neck to Buhoma on 18/02, 5 at Buhoma village on 21/02.

21. Saddle-billed Stork/Ephippiorhynchus senegalensis/Zadelbekooievaar
Just 2 at QENP on 22/02.

22. Marabou Stork/Leptoptilos crumeniferus/Afrikaanse Maraboe
Locally common, especially in and around villages.

23. Yellow-billed Stork/Mycteria ibis/Afrikaanse Nimmerzat
3 at Kaaku Swamp on 15/02, 4 at Lake Mbuuro NP on 16/02 and 8 at QENP on 23/02.

24. Great Cormorant/Phalacrocorax carbo lucidus/Aalscholver
1 at the ferry crossing on 15/02, c.20 at QENP on 22/02, 100+ at QENP on 23/02 and 8 at Lutembe Bay on 01/03. Sometimes split to species level: White-breasted Cormorant.

25. Long-tailed Cormorant/Phalacrocorax africanus africanus/ Afrikaanse Dwergaalscholver
Locally common.
Tens at the ferry crossing on 15/02, 2 at Mabamba Swamp on 15/02, 1 en route to Kabale on 16/02, c.50 at QENP on 23/02, c.25 at QENP on 23/02, 1 at QENP on 24/02, 1 at Semliki NP on 25/02, 4 at Jinja on 28/02, c.10 at Jinja on 01/03, c.50 at Lutembe Bay on 01/03, c.10 at Entebbe Botanical Gardens on 01/03.

26. African Darter/Anhinga rufa/Afrikaanse Slangenhalsvogel
Nile Special: 1 at Jinja on 28/02 followed by 2 there the next morning.

27. Great White Pelican/Pelecanus onocrotalus/Roze Pelikaan
7 en route from Mbarara to Kabale on 16/02 and c.30 at QENP on 23/02.

28. Pink-backed Pelican/Pelecanus rufescens/Kleine Pelikaan
3 at Kaaku Swamp on 15/02, 2 at QENP on 22/02, c.40 at QENP on 23/02, 1 there on 24/02, 1 at Jinja on 28/02, 1 at Jinja on 01/03 and 4 at Entebbe Botanical Gardens on 01/03.

29. Shoebill/Balaeniceps rex/Schoenbekooievaar
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IkxVZgimv6c&feature=youtu.be
After quite some searching we saw 3 well at Mabamba Swamp on 15/02 (of which two perched). Also 1 in a nondescript swamp along the main road c.5 miles west of Masaka on the same day, noticed by Alfred out of a driving van while he was having a phone call. Also known as The King Whalehead.

30. Hamerkop/Scopus umbretta umbretta/Hamerkop
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6nfAnVm0bmg&feature=youtu.be
Fairly common in suitable habitat. Common at QENP.

31. Grey Heron/Ardea cinerea cinerea/Blauwe Reiger
1 at Entebbe on 15/02, 2 at the ferry crossing on 15/02, 1 near Masaka on 15/02, 4 at Kaaku Swamp on 15/02, 1 between Kaaku Swamp and Lake Mburo NP on 15/02, 2 en route to Kabale on 16/02, 1 at Buhoma village on 21/02, c.25 at QENP on 23/02, 1 there on 24/02, 2 between Kasese and Ft. Portal on 24/02, 4 at Jinja on 28/02, 3 at Jinja on 01/03 and 1 at Entebbe Botanical Gardens on 01/03.

32. Black-headed Heron/Ardea melanocephala/Zwartkopreiger
1 near Masaka on 15/02, 1 at Kaaku Swamp on 15/02, 3 at Lake Mburo NP on 15/02, c.50 en route from Lake Mburo NP to Kabale on 16/02, 1 from the Neck to Buhoma on 18/02, 1 at Buhoma village on 21/02, 4 there on 22/02, 3 at QENP on 23/02, 1 between Kasese and Ft. Portal on 24/02, 2 between Semliki NP and Ft. Portal on 26/02, 1 at Kibale NP on 26/02, 1 at Kibale NPNP on 27/02, 2 between Kibale NPNP and Mabira on 28/02, 1 at Mabira Forest on 28/02, 1 near Kampala on 01/03, 1 at Lutembe Bay on 01/03 and 4 at Entebbe Botanical Gardens on 01/03.

33. Goliath Heron/Ardea goliath/Reuzenreiger
1 at Kaaku Swamp on 15/02 and 1 at QENP (Kazinga Channel) on 23/02. The world’s largest heron!

34. Purple Heron/Ardea purpurea purpurea/Purperreiger
3 at Mabamba Swamp on 15/02, 1 at Semiliki NP on 26/02, 1 at Jinja on 01/03, and 1 at Lutembe Bay on 01/03.

35. Great Egret/Egretta alba melanorhynchos/Grote Zilverreiger
1 at Kaaku Swamp on 15/02, 1 between Kaaku Swamp and Lake Mburo NP on 15/02, 8 at QENP on 23/02, 1 there on 24/02 and 1 at Lutembe Bay on 01/03.

36. Intermediate Egret/Egretta intermedia brachyrhyncha/ Middelste Zilverreiger
1 at Mabamba Swamp on 15/02, 1 between Kaaku Swamp and Lake Mburo NP on 15/02, 1 at Lake Mburo NP on 16/02, 3 en route from Lake Mburo NP to Mbarara on 16/02 and 7 at QENP on 23/02.

37. Little Egret/Egretta garzetta garzetta/Kleine Zilverreiger
Locally common, e.g. many tens at the Lake Victoria ferry crossing on 15/02, c.50 at QENP on 23/02, c.80 at Jinja on 01/03 and c.50 at Lutembe Bay on 01/03.

38. Cattle Egret/Bubulcus ibis ibis/Koereiger
Locally common.

39. Squacco Heron/Ardeola ralloides/Ralreiger
1 near Masaka on 15/02, 7 at Kaaku Swamp on 15/02, c.20 at QENP on 23/02 and 9 at Lutembe Bay on 01/03.

40. Striated Heron/Butorides striatus atricapillus/Mangrove-eiger
4 at Lake Mburo NP on 16/02, 2 at QENP on 22/02, 1 at QENP on 23/02.

41. Glossy Ibis/Plegadis falcinellus/Zwarte Ibis
14 at Lutembe Bay on 01/03.

42. Sacred Ibis/Threskiornis aethiopicus aethiopicus/Heilige Ibis
2 at Kaaku Swamp on 15/02, 5 between Kaaku Swamp and Lake Mburo NP on 15/02, 2 at Lake Mburo NP on 15/02, 2 at Lake Mburo NP on 16/02, 31 en route from Lake Mburo NP to Kabale on 16/02, 2 at QENP on 22/02, c.40 at QENP on 23/02, 1 at Semliki NP on 25/02, 14 at Semliki NP on 26/02 and 1 between Kibale NPNP and Mabira on 28/02.

43. Hadada Ibis/Bostrychia hagedash nilotica/Hadada-ibis
Fairly common. Noisy as ever.

44. African Spoonbill/Platalea alba/Afrikaanse Lepelaar
Just 1 at the Kazinga Channel in QENP on 23/02.

45. Osprey/Pandion haliaetus haliaetus/Visarend
1 en route from Buhoma to QENP on 22/02. Actually, it flew over Congo territory! Too bad we dipped on Black-crowned Night-Heron, as these two species seem to occur everywhere you go!

46. Black Kite/Milvus migrans (migrans/parasitus)/Zwarte Wouw
Common and widespread. We witnessed excellent northward migration at Kibale NPNP on 26/02 and 27/02 (a few hundred at least).
We could specifically identify M.m. migrans at the ferry crossing on 15/02, at QENP on 23/02 and at Jinja on 01/03. Probably the birds migrating north belonged to this (sub)species as well. However, most of the Black Kites we saw well referred to M.m. parasites, often treated as a separate species: Yellow-billed Kite.

47. Black-shouldered Kite/Elanus caeruleus caeruleus/Grijze Wouw
1 at Kaaku Swamp on 15/02, 1 between Kaaku Swamp and Lake Mburo NP on 15/02, 1 at QENP on 22/02 and 1 between Mabira and Kampala on 01/03.

48. African Fish-Eagle/Haliaeetus vocifer/Afrikaanse Zeearend
c.25 Lake Mburo NP on 16/02, 1 en route from Lake Mburo NP to Mbarara on 16/02, 5 at QENP on 22/02, 11 at QENP on 23/02, 3 at QENP on 23/02, 1 at Kibale NPNP on 27/02, 4 at Lutembe Bay on 01/03 and 2 at Entebbe Botanical Gardens on 01/03.
49. European Honey-buzzard/Pernis apivorus/Wespendief
1 at Semliki NP on 26/02 and 1 at Kibale NPNP on 27/02.

50. Palm-nut Vulture/Gypohierax angolensis/Palmgier
8 at the ferry crossing on 15/02, 1 at Lake Mburo NP on 16/02, 1 en route from Mbarara to Kabale on 16/02, 7 at QENP on 23/02, 1 at QENP on 24/02, 1 between Ft.Portal and Semliki NP on 24/02, 4 at Semliki NP on 24/02, c.10 at Semliki NP on 25/02, 6 at Semliki NP on 26/02, 4 between Semliki NP and Ft. Portal on 26/02, 2 at Kibale NPNP on 28/02 and 1 at Entebbe Botanical Gardens on 01/03.
Feeds mainly on pericarp of palm fruits, so is predominantly a veggie raptor!

51. White-headed Vulture/Trigonoceps occipitalis/Witkopgier
3 near Masaka on 15/02 and 3 at QENP on 22/02.

52. Lappet-faced Vulture/Torgos tracheliotus tracheliotus/Oorgier
1 at Lake Mburo NP on 16/02, 1 at QENP on 23/02 and 1 at QENP on 24/02.

53. Hooded Vulture/Necrosyrtes monachus/Kapgier
6 at the ferry crossing on 15/02, c.10 near Masaka on 15/02, 2 at QENP on 23/02, 2 at Mabira Forest on 28/02, 1 at Jinja on 28/02, 2 at Jinja on 01/03, 7 between Mabira and Kampala on 01/03, 4 at Entebbe Botanical Gardens on 01/03.

54. African White-backed Vulture/Gyps africanus/Witruggier
3 at Lake Mburo NP on 16/02, c.80 at QENP on 23/02, c.35 at QENP on 24/02, 2 at Semliki NP on 24/02 and 4 at Semliki NP on 25/02.

55. Bateleur/Terathopius ecaudatus/Bateleur
5 at Lake Mburo NP on 16/02, 8 at QENP on 22/02 and 1 en route from Semliki NP to Ft. Portal on 26/02.

56. Beaudouin's Snake-Eagle/Circaetus beaudouini/Beaudouins Slangenarend
2 at QENP on 22/02, with 2 there on 23/02.
Another Snake-Eagle which we saw at Mabamba Swamp on 15/02 was prematurely identified by us as a Short-toed Snake-Eagle but it seems that ID is more tricky than we initially thought and as we didn’t see enough details of the underwing pattern it should be left unidentified.
57. Black-breasted Snake-Eagle/Circaetus pectoralis/Zwartborstslangenarend
2 at Lake Mburo NP on 16/02 and 1 at QENP on 23/02.

58. Brown Snake-Eagle/Circaetus cinereus/Bruine Slangenarend
1 at Lake Mburo NP on 16/02.

59. Crowned Hawk-Eagle/Stephanoaetus coronatus/Kroonarend
1 flushed from a Rwenzori Duiker carcass at Ruhija on 17/02, 1 calling and soaring high over Buhoma on 20/02 and 1 at Kibale NPNP on 27/02.

60. Martial Eagle/Polemaetus bellicosus/Vechtarend
1 at Lake Mburo NP on 16/02, 1 at QENP on 22/02 and 3 at QENP on 23/02.

61. Long-crested Eagle/Lophaetus occipitalis/Afrikaanse Zwarte Kuifarend
A fairly common roadside raptor.
1 near Masaka on 15/02, 1 between Kaaku Swamp and Lake Mburo NP on 15/02, 6 en route from Lake Mburo NP to Kabale on 16/02, 1 at Buhoma on 18/02, 1 en route to QENP on 22/02, 4 at QENP on 22/02, 4 at QENP on 23/02, 1 at QENP on 24/02, 3 between Semliki NP and Ft. Portal on 26/02, 2 at Kibale NP on 27/02 and 5 between Kibale NPNP and Mabira on 28/02.

62. Lesser Spotted Eagle/Aquila pomarina pomarina/Schreeuwarend
3 at Mabamba Swamp on 15/02 and 1 at QENP on 22/02.

63. Wahlberg's Eagle/Aquila wahlbergi/Wahlbergs Arend
2 at Mabamba Swamp on 15/02, 3 on our way to Masaka on 15/02, 3 at Lake Mburo NP on 16/02, 1 en route from Lake Mburo NP to Mbarara on 16/02, 1 at The Neck on 18/02, 1 from The Neck to Buhoma on 18/02, 1 at Buhoma on 20/02, 2 at Buhoma village on 21/02, 1 en route to QENP on 22/02, 1 at QENP on 23/02, 1 at QENP on 24/02, 4 at Semliki NP on 24/02, 2 between Kibale NPNP and Mabira on 28/02 and 1 at Entebbe Botanical Gardens on 01/03.

64. Tawny Eagle/Aquila rapax rapax/Savannearend
1 at QENP on 23/02 and 1 en route from Semliki NP to Ft. Portal on 26/02.

65. Cassin's Hawk-Eagle/Spizaetus africanus/Cassins Kuifarend
1 ad at Kibale NPNP on 26/02.

66. Western Marsh-Harrier/Circus aeruginosus aeruginosus/Bruine Kiekendief
1 at the ferry crossing on 15/02, 5 at Mabamba Swamp on 15/02, 2 our way to Masaka on 15/02, 1 at Lake Mburo NP on 16/02 and 3 at QENP on 23/02.

67. African Marsh-Harrier/Circus ranivorus/Afrikaanse Bruine Kiekendief
1 at the ferry crossing on 15/02.

68. Pallid Harrier/Circus macrourus/Steppekiekendief
2 female-types at QENP on 23/02.

69. Montagu's Harrier/Circus pygargus/Grauwe Kiekendief
2 adult males at QENP on 23/02.

70. African Harrier-Hawk/Polyboroides typus typus/Kaalkopkiekendief
1 near Masaka on 15/02, 1 at Buhoma on 18/02, 2 at Buhoma Village on 22/02, 1 en route to QENP on 22/02, 2 between Semliki NP and Ft. Portal on 26/02, 1 between Kibale NPNP and Mabira on 28/02 and 1 at Entebbe Botanical Gardens on 01/03.

71. Lizard Buzzard/Kaupifalco monogrammicus monogrammicus/Hagedisbuizerd
1 at Buhoma village on 21/02, 1 en route to QENP on 22/02, 1 at Ft. Portal on 24/02 and 1 between Mabira and Kampala on 01/03.

72. African Goshawk/Accipiter tachiro sparsimfasciatus /Afrikaanse Havik
1 at Entebbe Central Inn on 15/02 and 1 at Ruhija on 18/02.

73. Shikra/Accipiter badius sphenurus/Shikra
1 at Entebbe Central Inn on 15/02, 1 between Ft. Portal and Semliki NP on 24/02 and 1 at Mabira Forest on 28/02.
Some unidentified accipiters probably concerned this species as well.

74. Little Sparrowhawk/Accipiter minullus/Oost-Afrikaanse Dwergsperwer
1 briefly seen at Semliki NP on 25/02.

75. Black Sparrowhawk/Accipiter melanoleucus melanoleucus/Zwarte Havik
1 at Buhoma Village on 22/02, 1 at QENP on 24/02 and 1 at Entebbe Botanical Gardens on 01/03.

76. Steppe Buzzard/Buteo buteo vulpinus/Steppebuizerd
1 at Kaaku Swamp on 15/02, 1 between Kaaku Swamp and Lake Mburo NP on 15/02, 3 at QENP on 22/02, 7 between Ft. Portal and Semliki NP on 24/02, 1 at Semliki NP on 24/02, 2 at Semliki NP on 25/02, 8 at Semliki NP on 26/02, c.170 flying north at Kibale NP on 26/02 and c.25 migrating at Kibale NP on 27/02.
All Steppe Buzzards.

77. Mountain Buzzard/Buteo oreophilus oreophilus/Afrikaanse Bergbuizerd
2 at Ruhija on 17/02.

78. Augur Buzzard/Buteo augur/Augurbuizerd
1 at The Neck on 18/02, 3 from The Neck to Buhoma on 18/02, 1 at Buhoma on 18/02, 2 at Buhoma village on 21/02 and 1 en route to QENP on 22/02.

79. Grey Kestrel/Falco ardosiaceus/Grijze Torenvalk
3 on our way to Masaka on 15/02, 1 en route from Lake Mburo NP to Mbarara on 16/02, 1 at QENP on 23/02, 1 at QENP on 24/02, 1 on our way from Semliki NP to Ft. Portal on 26/02 and 1 at Entebbe Botanical Gardens on 01/03.

80. Eurasian Hobby/Falco subbuteo subbuteo/Boomvalk
2 at Mabamba Swamp on 15/02, 1 at Mabira Forest on 28/02, 2 at Jinja on 28/02 and 2 at Entebbe Botanical Gardens on 01/03.

81. African Hobby/Falco cuvierii/Afrikaanse Boomvalk
1 at Entebbe Central Inn on 15/02 and 1 perched along the road from Ruhija to The Neck on 18/02.

82. Grey Crowned Crane/Balearica regulorum gibbericeps/Grijze Kroonkraanvogel
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XBb_YQXkJU&feature=youtu.be
Uganda’s National Bird turned out to be fairly common: 2 between Mabamba Swamp and Masaka on 15/02, c.25 at Kaaku Swamp on 15/02, 1 between Kaaku Swamp and Lake Mburo NP on 15/02, c.25
en route from Lake Mburo NP to Kabale on 16/02, 3 between The Neck and Buhoma on 18/02, 4 at Buhoma village on 21/02, 1 on our way to QENP on 22/02, 2 at QENP on 22/02, 5 at QENP on 23/02 and 5 at Lutembe Bay on 01/03.

83. Black-bellied Bustard/Lissotis melanogaster melanogaster/Zwartbuktklap
Brief views of a skulking bird along the entrance road to Lake Mburo NP on 15/02.

84. White-spotted Flufftail/Sarothrura pulchra centralis/Parelvlekral
[http://www.xeno-canto.org/157104](http://www.xeno-canto.org/157104)
1 at Buhoma on 18/02 and 19/02, 1 at QENP on 24/02, 3 at Semliki NP on 25/02 (including the only one seen), 1 at Semliki NP on 26/02, 1 at Kibale NP on 26/02 and 27/02 and 1 at Mabira Forest on 28/02.

85. Buff-spotted Flufftail/Sarothrura elegans reichenovii/Bruinvlekral
1 heard at Buhoma on 19/02.

86. Red-chested Flufftail/Sarothrura rufa elizabethae/Roodborstral
1 heard and seen at Buhoma village on 21/02.

87. African Crake/Crex egregia/Afrikaanse Kwarteloever
2 at QENP on 23/02.

88. Black Crane/Amaurornis flavirostris/Zwart Porseleinhoen
c.10 at Kaaku Swamp on 15/02, 1 at Lake Mburo NP on 16/02 and 7 at QENP on 23/02.

89. Purple Swamphen/Porphyrio porphyrio madagascariensis/Purperkoet
2 at Kaaku Swamp on 15/02 and 1 at the Kazinga Channel in QENP on 23/02.

90. Common Moorhen/Gallinula chloropus meridionalis/Waterhoen
3 at Kaaku Swamp on 15/02.

91. Lesser Moorhen/Gallinula angulata/Afrikaans Waterhoen
1 at Kaaku Swamp on 15/02.

92. African Finfoot/Podica senegalensis senegalensis/Watertrapper
3 (2 males, one female) showed well during the boattrip at Lake Mburo NP on 16/02. We can now confirm the Dutch name (Watertrapper) says it all!

93. Lesser Jacana/Microparra capensis/Dwergjacana
Decent views of 3 at Mabamba Swamp on 15/02.

94. African Jacana/Actophilornis africanus/Lelielooper
3 at Mabamba Swamp on 15/02, 2 near Masaka on 15/02, c.100 at Kaaku Swamp on 15/02, 1 en route to Kabale on 16/02, 2 at QENP on 22/02, 11 at QENP on 23/02 and c.50 at Lutembe Bay on 01/03.

95. Black-winged Stilt/Himantopus himantopus himantopus/Steltkluut
16 at the ferry crossing on 15/02, 2 at Kaaku Swamp on 15/0 and, c.20 at QENP on 23/02.

96. Water Thick-knee/Burhinus vermiculatus vermiculatus/Watergriel
4 at Lake Mburo NP on 16/02 and c.50 at QENP on 23/02.
97. Temminck's Courser/Cursorius temminckii/Temmincks Renvogel
   2 at QENP on 23/02.

98. Long-toed Lapwing/Vanellus crassirostris crassirostris/Langteenkievit
   4 at Mabamba Swamp on 15/02, 2 at Kaaku Swamp on 15/02 and c.10 at Lutembe Bay on 01/03.

99. Spur-winged Lapwing/Vanellus spinosus/Sporenkievit
   4 at the ferry crossing on 15/02, c.55 at QENP on 23/02, 2 at QENP on 24/02, 3 at Semliki NP on
   25/02, c.25 between Kibale NP and Mabira on 28/02 and 2 at Entebbe Botanical Gardens on 01/03.

100. Senegal Lapwing/Vanellus lugubris/Rouwkievit
     20 at QENP on 23/02.

101. Crowned Lapwing/Vanellus coronatus coronatus/Diadeemkievit
     5 at QENP on 23/02.

102. African Wattled Lapwing/Vanellus senegallus lateralis/Lelkievit
     4 at Lake Mburo NP on 16/02, 4 en route from Lake Mburo NP to Kabale on 16/02 and c.40 at QENP
     on 23/02.

103. Kittlitz's Plover/Charadrius pecuarius/Herdersplevier
     5 at QENP on 23/02 and 3 at Lutembe Bay on 01/03.

104. Common Ringed Plover/Charadrius hiaticula tundrae/Bontbekplevier
     5 at QENP on 23/02 and c.100 at Lutembe Bay on 01/03.

105. Little Ringed Plover/Charadrius dubius curonicus/Kleine Plevier
     1 at Semliki NP on 26/02.

106. Three-banded Plover/Charadrius tricollaris tricollaris/Driebandplevier
     2 en route from Lake Mburo NP to Mbarara on 16/02 and 2 at QENP on 23/02.

107. Common Sandpiper/Actitis hypoleucos/Oeverloper
     Tens at the ferry crossing on 15/02, 3 at Lake Mburo NP on 16/02, 1 at QENP on 22/02, c.35 at QENP
     on 23/02, 2 at Semliki NP on 25/02, 6 at Semliki NP on 26/02, 1 at Jinja on 01/03, 2 at Lutembe Bay
     on 01/03 and 2 at Entebbe Botanical Gardens on 01/03.

108. Green Sandpiper/Tringa ochropus/Witgat
     1 at Lake Mburo NP on 16/02, 1 en route from Lake Mburo NP to Mbarara on 16/02, 1 at Buhoma
     village on 21/02, 1 at QENP on 23/02 and 1 at Kibale NP on 26/02.

109. Wood Sandpiper/Tringa glareola/Bosruiter
     6 at the ferry crossing on 15/02, 1 en route from Lake Mburo NP to Mbarara on 16/02, 4 at QENP
     on 23/02, 5 at Semliki NP on 25/02, 2 at Semliki NP on 26/02, c.25 at Lutembe Bay on 01/03 and, 1 at
     Entebbe Botanical Gardens on 01/03.

110. Spotted Redshank/Tringa erythropus/Zwarte Ruiter
     11 at QENP on 01/03.

111. Common Greenshank/Tringa nebularia/Groenpootruiter
     2 at the ferry crossing on 15/02, 11 at QENP on 23/02 and c.50 at Lutembe Bay on 01/03.
112. **Marsh Sandpiper/Tringa stagnatilis/Poelruiter**  
1 at the ferry crossing on 15/02, 4 at QENP on 23/02 and 6 at Lutembe Bay on 01/03.

113. **Black-tailed Godwit/Limosa limosa limosa/Grutto**  
13 at Lutembe Bay on 01/03.

114. **Common Snipe/Gallinago gallinago gallinago/Watersnip**  
1 at Mabamba Swamp on 15/02, 2 at Kaaku Swamp on 15/02, 3 en route from Lake Mburo NP to Mbarara on 16/02 and 7 at Lutembe Bay on 01/03.

115. **Little Stint/Calidris minuta/Kleine Strandloper**  
6 at QENP on 23/02 and c.40 at Lutembe Bay on 01/03.

116. **Curlew Sandpiper/Calidris ferruginea/Krombekstrandloper**  
3 at Lutembe Bay on 01/03.

117. **Ruff/Philomachus pugnax/Kemphaan**  
6 at the ferry crossing on 15/02 and c.25 at Lutembe Bay on 01/03.

118. **Slender-billed Gull/Larus genei/Dunbekmeeuw**  
3 adults at Lutembe Bay on 01/03 were an unexpected bonus to us!

119. **Grey-headed Gull/Larus cirrocephalus poiocephalus/Grijskopmeeuw**  
c.30 at QENP on 23/02 and 1 adult at Lutembe Bay on 01/03.

120. **Black-headed Gull/Larus ridibundus/Kokmeeuw**  
8 at Lutembe Bay on 01/03.

121. **Lesser Black-backed Gull/Larus fuscus (fuscus/heuglini)/Kleine Mantelmeeuw**  
*Fuscus*: 82 at QENP on 23/02.  
*Heuglini*: 2 (1 ad, 1 3rd or 4th cy) at Lutembe Bay on 01/03.

122. **Gull-billed Tern/Gelochelidon nilotica nilotica/Lachstern**  
Tens at the ferry crossing on 15/02, c.25 at Mabamba Swamp on 15/02, 750+ at QENP on 23/02, 8 at QENP on 24/02, 150+ at Lutembe Bay on 01/03, 1 at Kampala on 01/03 and c.10 at Entebbe Botanical Gardens on 01/03.

123. **Caspian Tern/Hydroprogne caspia/Reuzenstern**  
1 2nd cy bird at Lutembe Bay on 01/03. Another good one for Uganda!
124. White-winged Tern/Chlidonias leucopterus/Witvleugelstern
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-SnvU2emkJM&feature=youtu.be
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a-o1wVN hkZdk&feature=youtu.be
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0vY_xp1olBg&feature=youtu.be
Hundreds at the ferry crossing on 15/02, 2 at QENP on 22/02, c.15 at QENP on 23/02 and we sailed past many thousands (we estimated at least 10,000) at Lutembe Bay on 01/03. Most impressive!

125. Whiskered Tern/Chlidonias hybridus hybridus/Witwangstern
Tens at the ferry crossing on 15/02 and 300+ at Lutembe Bay on 01/03.

126. African Skimmer/Rynchops flavirostris/Afrikaanse Schaarbek
150+ at QENP on 23/02. After that, a 2nd cy bird at Lutembe Bay on 01/03 finally gave us the views we wanted.

127. Rock Dove/Columba livia/Rotsduif
Should we count it?

128. Speckled Pigeon/Columba guinea guinea/Gespikkelde Duif
Locally common.

129. Afep Pigeon/Columba unicincta/Afrikaanse Houtduif
3 at Ruhija on 17/02, 2 at Kibale NP on 26/02 and 2 at Kibale NP on 27/02.

130. African Olive Pigeon/Columba arquatrix/Olijfduif
3 at Ruhija on 17/02, 3 at Buhoma on 19/02, 4 at Buhoma on 20/02, 3 at Semliki NP on 24/02 and 16 at Semliki NP on 25/02.

131. Western Bronze-naped Pigeon/Columba iriditorques/Bronsnekduif
1 flying by at Buhoma on 19/02 and then 1 heard at Maramagambo Forest in QENP on 22/02.

134. African Mourning Dove/Streptopelia decipiens logonensis/Treurortel
http://www.xeno-canto.org/157011
We didn’t pay much attention but found our first one at QENP on 24/02. After that we laid it to rest again.

135. Red-eyed Dove/Streptopelia semitorquata/Roodoogtortel
Fairly common.

136. Ring-necked Dove/Streptopelia capicola tropica/Kaapse Tortel
Fairly common.

136. Laughing Dove/Streptopelia senegalensis senegalensis/Palmtortel
Locally fairly common.

137. Emerald-spotted Wood-Dove/Turtur chalcospilos/Smaragdvlekduif
c.20 at Lake Mburo NP on 16/02 and 1 at Entebbe Botanical Gardens on 01/03.

138. Blue-spotted Wood-Dove/Turtur afer/Staalvlekduif
2 at Buhoma village on 21/02, 1 on our way to QENP on 22/02, 1 at QENP on 22/02, 5 at QENP on 23/02, 3 at QENP on 24/02 and 3 at Kibale NP on 27/02.

139. Tambourine Dove/Turtur tympanistria/Tamboerijnduif
5 at Ruhija on 16/02, 1 at Buhoma on 18/02, 6 at Buhoma on 19/02, c.10 at Buhoma on 20/02, 5 at Buhoma on 21/02, 3 at QENP on 22/02, 2 between Kasese and Semliki NP on 24/02, 2 at Semliki NP on 24/02, c.20 at Semliki NP on 25/02, 3 at Semliki NP on 26/02, 1 at Kibale NP on 26/02, 7 at Kibale NP on 27/02, 3 at Mabira Forest on 28/02 and 4 at Mabira Forest on 01/03.

140. African Green-Pigeon/Treron calva salvadorri/Afrikaanse Papegaaiduif
3 at Lake Mburo NP on 16/02, 1 at Buhoma on 19/02, c.10 at Buhoma village on 21/02, 1 en route to QENP on 22/02, c.15 at QENP on 24/02, c.35 at Semliki NP on 25/02, 3 at Semliki NP on 26/02, 1 at Kibale NP on 27/02, 1 at Kibale NP on 28/02.

141. Red-headed Lovebird/Agapornis pullarius ugandae/Roodmaskeragapornis
2 at Lake Mburo NP on 16/02 and 6 at QENP on 22/02.

142. Grey Parrot/Psittacus erithacus erithacus/Grijze Roodstaartpapegaai
They were saved for our last day! 3 at Mabira Forest and 5 at Entebbe Central Inn on 01/03.

143. Meyer's Parrot/Poicephalus meyeri saturatus/Meyers Papegaai
5 between Kaaku Swamp and Lake Mburo NP on 15/02, a flock of c.70 flying over at Lake Mburo NP on 15/02 and 3 at Lake Mburo NP on 16/02.

144. Great Blue Turaco/Corythaeola cristata/Reuzentoerako
1 near Entebbe on 15/02, 3 on our way to Mabamba on 15/02, 1 near Masaka on 15/02, 2 at Ruhija on 17/02, 1 at Buhoma on 18/02, 3 at Buhoma on 19/02, 1 at Buhoma on 20/02, 2 at Semliki NP on 25/02, 3 at Kibale NP on 26/02, 9 at Mabira Forest on 28/02 and 12 at Mabira Forest on 01/03.

145. Black-billed Turaco/Tauraco schuettii emini/Zwartsnaveltoerako
http://www.xeno-canto.org/157023
C.20 at Ruhija on 17/02, 2 between Ruhija and The Neck on 18/02, 8 at Buhoma on 19/02, 4 at Buhoma on 20/02, 1 at Buhoma on 21/02, 2 at Semliki NP on 25/02, 1 at Kibale NP on 28/02 and 2 at Mabira Forest on 01/03.

146. Ross's Turaco/Musophaga rossae/Lady Ross' Toerako
1 on our way to Mabamba on 15/02, 2 at Lake Mburo NP on 16/02, 3 at Buhoma on 18/02, 1 at Buhoma on 19/02, 2 at Buhoma village on 21/02, 1 between Ft. Portal and Semliki NP on 24/02 and 1 between Mabira and Kampala on 01/03.

147. Bare-faced Go-away-bird/Corythaixoides personatus leopoldi/Maskertoerako
1 at Lake Mburo NP on 15/02 and 5 at Lake Mburo NP on 16/02.

148. Eastern Grey Plantain-eater/ Crinifer zonurus/Bandstaartbananeneter
1 at Entebbe on 15/02, 2 on our way to Mabamba on 15/02, 2 near Masaka on 15/02, 2 between Kaaku SWamp and Lake Mburo NP on 15/02, 1 at Ft. Portal on 26/02, 4 between Kibale NP and Mabira on 28/02, 3 at Jinja on 01/03, 1 between Mabira and Kampala on 01/03, 1 at Entebbe Botanical Gardens on 01/03 and 5 at Entebbe Central Inn on 01/03. Probably forgot to write down a few more.
149. Levaillant's Cuckoo/Clamator levaillanti/Levaillants Koekoek  
1 at Ruhija on 17/02, 1 at Buhoma on 19/02 and 1 en route from Ft. Portal to Semliki NP on 24/02.

150. Red-chested Cuckoo/Cuculus solitarius/Heremietkoekoek  
http://www.xeno-canto.org/157063  
2 at Lake Mburo NP on 15/02, 7 at Ruhija on 17/02, 2 at The Neck on 18/02, 3 at Buhoma on 18/02, 3 at Buhoma on 19/02, 4 at Buhoma on 20/02, 5 at QENP on 22/02, 1 at QENP on 23/02, 2 at QENP on 24/02, 1 at Semliki NP on 24/02, 3 at Semliki NP on 25/02, 3 at Semliki NP on 26/02, 4 at Kibale NP on 27/02 and 2 at Mabira Forest on 01/03.

151. Black Cuckoo/Cuculus clamosus gabonensis/Zwarte Koekoek  
1 at Buhoma on 19/02, 1 at Buhoma on 20/02, 1 at Semliki NP on 25/02, 2 at Semliki NP on 26/02 and 1 (intermediate with clamosus?) at Mabira Forest on 01/03.

152. Common Cuckoo/Cuculus canorus (canorus or subtelephonous)/Koekoek  
1 at Semliki NP on 25/02. Also, some cuckoos spec. (this species or the next one) at Lake Mburo NP on 16/02 (3) and QENP on 22/02 (1).

153. African Cuckoo/Cuculus gularis/Afrikaanse Koekoek  
1 at Lake Mburo NP on 16/02 showed its distinguishing features well.

154. Dusky Long-tailed Cuckoo/Cercococcyx mechowi/Grijze Langstaartkoekoek  
http://www.xeno-canto.org/157034  
5 at The Neck on 18/02, 4 at Buhoma on 19/02, c.10 at Buhoma on 20/02, 1 at Buhoma on 21/02, 1 at Semliki NP on 25/02, 1 at Kibale NP on 26/02 and 4 at Kibale NP on 27/02. Hard to see like the other Cercococcyx.

155. Olive Long-tailed Cuckoo/Cercococcyx olivinus/Bruine Langstaartkoekoek  
1 at Buhoma on 19/02.

156. Barred Long-tailed Cuckoo/Cercococcyx montanus montanus/Gestreepte Langstaartkoekoek  
http://www.xeno-canto.org/157018  
7 at Ruhija on 17/02, 2 between Ruhija and The Neck on 18/02 and 1 at Buhoma on 20/02,
157. Yellow-throated Cuckoo/Chrysococcyx flavigularis/Geelkeelkoekoek
2 at Semliki NP on 25/02.

158. Klaas’s Cuckoo/Chrysococcyx klaas/Klaas’ Koekoek
3 at Ruhija on 17/02, 1 from Ruhija to The Neck on 18/02, 1 at The Neck on 18/02, 1 at Buhoma on 18/02, 2 at Buhoma on 20/02, 1 at Buhoma on 21/02, 1 at QEKP on 23/02, 5 at Semliki NP on 24/02, 3 at Semliki NP on 25/02, 2 at Semliki NP on 26/02, 3 at Kibale NP on 27/02, 2 at Kibale NP on 28/02 and 1 at Entebbe Central Inn on 01/03.

159. African Emerald Cuckoo/Chrysococcyx cupreus/Smaragdkoekoek
http://www.xeno-canto.org/157007
1 on our way to Mabamba on 15/02, 3 at The Neck on 18/02, 3 at Buhoma on 18/02, 8 at Buhoma on 19/02, c.10 at Buhoma on 20/02, 4 at Buhoma on 21/02, 7 at Semliki NP on 25/02, 2 at Kibale NP on 26/02, 6 at Kibale NP on 27/02, 2 at Kibale NP on 28/02, 2 at Mabira Forest on 01/03 and 1 at Entebbe Botanical Gardens on 01/03.

160. Diederik Cuckoo/Chrysococcyx caprius/Diederikkoekoek
1 at Buhoma on 19/02, 2 at QEKP on 22/02, 2 at QEKP on 24/02, 1 at Kibale NP on 28/02 and 2 at Entebbe Botanical Gardens on 01/03.

161. Yellowbill/Ceuthmochares aereus aereus/Geelsnavelmalkoha
http://www.xeno-canto.org/157109
http://www.xeno-canto.org/157111
3 at Buhoma on 20/02, 1 at Semliki NP on 25/02, 1 between Kibale NP and Mabira on 28/02 and 1 at Mabira Forest on 01/03.

162. Black Coucal/Centropus grillii/Zwarte Spoorkoekoek
1 young bird at QEKP on 24/02.

163. Blue-headed Coucal/Centropus monachus fischeri/Monnikspoorkoekoek
4 at Buhoma village on 21/02 and 1 there on 22/02.

164. White-browed Coucal/Centropus superciliosus loandae/Wenkbrauwspoorkoekoek
3 at Lake Mburo NP on 15/02, 2 at Lake Mburo NP on 16/02, 1 at Buhoma village on 21/02, 2 there on 22/02, 4 at QEKP on 22/02, c.10 at QEKP on 23/02, 3 at QEKP on 24/02, 1 at Semliki NP on 26/02 and 2 at Entebbe Botanical Gardens on 01/03.

165. Black-throated Coucal/Centropus leucogaster neumanni/Witbuikspoorkoekoek
1 heard at Semliki NP on both 25/02 and 26/02, at different locations.

166. Barn Owl/Tyto alba affinis/Kerkuil
1 calling at Entebbe Central Inn on 15/02, for the lucky few.

167. Red-chested Owlet/Glaucidium tephronotum medje/Roodborstdwerguil
http://www.xeno-canto.org/157064
1 seen well at Buhoma on 20/02 after taping it in.

168. African Wood-Owl/Strix woodfordii nuchalis/Afrikaanse Bosuil
1 heard at Ruhija on 17/02.
We did quite poor on owls because our guide wasn’t too keen about going out after dinner and honestly we weren’t either after some time (birding all day can be tiresome – we were joking that we
did 15 Big Days in a row - and besides, we had to work out our notes and needed some time to prepare for the next day!).

169. Black-shouldered Nightjar/Caprimulgus nigriscapularis/ Zwartschoudernachtzwaluw
Heard only. 1 at Lake Mburo NP on 15/02, 2 over there the next morning and 1 from our lodge at QENP on 23/02 and 24/02.

170. Ruwenzori Nightjar/Caprimulgus ruwenzorii/Ruwenzori Nachtzwaluw
3 heard at Ruhija on 17/02.

171. Swamp Nightjar/Caprimulgus natalensis natalensis/Moerasnachtzwaluw
1 heard at QENP on 23/02.

172. Freckled Nightjar/Caprimulgus tristigma tristigma/Rotsnachtzwaluw
3 (also seen) at our lodge at Lake Mburo NP on 15/02 & 16/02.

173. Mozambique (Square-tailed) Nightjar/Caprimulgus fossii welwitschii/Gabonnachtzwaluw
1 heard at Lake Mburo NP on 15/02, also heard at QENP on 22/02 and the next days.

174. Sabine's Spinetail/Rhaphidura sabini/Moerasgierzwaluw
Solely seen at Kibale: 3 on 26/02, 3 on 27/02 and 8 28/02.

175. Cassin's Spinetail/Neafrapus cassini/Cassins Gierzwaluw
2 at Mabira Forest on 01/03.

176. Scarce Swift/Schoutedenapus myoptilus chapini/Shoagierzwaluw
3 at Buhoma on 20/02.

177. Alpine Swift/Apus melba (ssp unknown)/Alpengierzwaluw
2 at QENP on 24/02, c.30 en route from Ft. Portal to Semliki NP on 24/02, c.10 at Bundibugyo on 24/02, 100+ at Semliki NP on 25/02, c.10 at Semliki NP on 26/02, c.30 between Semliki NP and Ft. Portal on 26/02, c.5 at Kibale NP on 26/02 and 1 at Kibale NP on 27/02.
Status of subspecies in Uganda unclear: two or three subspecies occur (maximus, africanus and possibly melba).

178. Common Swift/Apus apus (apus or pekinensis)/Gierzwaluw
2 en route to QENP 22/02, 2 at QENP on 22/02, 2 at QENP on 23/02, 2 at QENP on 24/02, 4 at Bundibugyo on 24/02, c.10 at Semliki NP on 25/02, c.30 at Semliki NP on 26/02 and c.25 at Kibale NP on 26/02.
Apparently this species and not African Swift.
Again, we could not determine the subspecies involved: apus or the far eastern pekinensis which winters in Africa as well.

179. Little Swift/Apus affinis aerobatus/Huisgierzwaluw
http://www.xeno-canto.org/157049
c.20 en route to QENP on 22/02, 1 at QENP on 22/02, 8 at QENP on 23/02, c.30 at QENP on 24/02, 2 between Kasese and Ft. Portal on 24/02, c.10 at Bundibugyo on 24/02, 2 at Kibale NP on 27/02, 4 at Kibale NP on 28/02, 1 at Entebbe Botanical Gardens on 01/03 and 1 at Entebbe Central Inn on 01/03.

180. White-rumped Swift/Apus caffer/Kaffergierzwaluw
5 on our way to Masaka on 15/02, 6 at Lake Mburo NP on 16/02, 6 en route to QENP on 22/02, c.20 at QENP on 23/02, 1 between Kasese and Ft. Portal on 24/02 and 2 at Kibale NP on 28/02.
181. African Palm-Swift/Cypsiurus parvus myochrous/Afrikaanse Palmgierzwaluw
1 near Entebbe on 15/02, c.20 between Ft. Portal and Semliki NP on 24/02, 3 at Bundibugyo on 24/02, c.25 at Semliki NP on 25/02, 4 between Kibale NP and Mabira on 28/02, 2 at Mabira Forest on 28/02, 4 at Entebbe Botanical Gardens on 01/03 and 3 at Entebbe Central Inn on 01/03.

182. Speckled Mousebird/Colius striatus kiwuensis Bruine Muisvogel
Common and widespread.

183. Blue-naped Mousebird/Urocotilius macrourus griseogularis Blauwnekmuishogel
4 at Lake Mburo NP on 16/02, 2 at QENP on 22/02 and 2 at QENP on 24/02.

184. Narina Trogon/Apaloderma narina rufiventre/Narinatrogon
http://www.xeno-canto.org/157054
4 at Ruhija on 17/02, 2 at Maramagambo Forest in QENP on 22/02, 1 at Kibale NP on 26/02, 3 at Kibale NP on 27/02 and 1 at Mabira Forest on 01/03.

185. Bar-tailed Trogon/Apaloderma vittatum/Bandstaarttrogon
http://www.xeno-canto.org/157019
1 at Ruhija on 17/02, 1 at The Neck on 18/02, 1 at Buhoma on 19/02 and 1 at Buhoma on 20/02.

186. Shining-blue Kingfisher/Alcedo quadribrachys guentheri/Glansijsvogel
Frustratingly, only heard at Semliki NP on 25/02.

187. Malachite Kingfisher/Alcedo cristata cristata/Kleine Gekuifde Ijsvogel
4 at Mabamba Swamp on 15/02, 1 at Kaaku Swamp on 15/02, 1 at QENP on 22/02, 13 at QENP on 23/03, with 3 there the next day.

188. White-bellied Kingfisher/Alcedo leucogaster leopoldi/Witbuikijsvogel
1 heard at Semliki NP on 25/02 and 1 at another trail at Semliki NP on 26/02 (of which some of us saw just a glimpse).

189. African Pygmy-Kingfisher/Ceyx pictus (pictus/ferrugineus)/Afrikaanse Dwergijsvogel
1 at Buhoma village on 21/02, no less than 7 at QENP on 22/02 and 1 en route from Ft. Portal to Semliki NP on 24/02. The nominate race is said to occur in savanna woodlands, to be replaced by ferrugineus in the forests. If this is true, the Buhoma sighting should refer to ferrugineus.

190. Grey-headed Kingfisher/Halcyon leucocephala leucocephala/Grijskopijsvogel
1 at QENP on 22/02, 1 at QENP on 24/02, c.10 between Ft. Portal and Semliki NP on 24/02 and 12 on our way back to Ft. Portal on 26/02.

191. Woodland Kingfisher/Halcyon senegalensis senegalensis/Senegalijsvogel
Fairly common: up to ten birds seen almost every day.

192. Blue-breasted Kingfisher/Halcyon malimbica malimbica/Teugelijsvogel
http://www.xeno-canto.org/157031
3 at Maramagambo Forest in QENP on 22/02, 1 at Semliki NP on 25/02, 1 at Kibale NP on 27/02 and 1 at Mabira Forest on 01/03.

193. Striped Kingfisher/Halcyon chelicuti chelicuti/Gestreepte Ijsvogel
3 at Lake Mburo NP on 16/02 and 2 en route from Kibale NP to Mabira on 28/02.
194. Giant Kingfisher/Megaceryle maxima (maxima or gigantea)/Afrikaanse Reuzenijsvogel
5 at Kibale NP on 28/02. Status of subspecies in Uganda remains unclear.

195. Pied Kingfisher/Ceryle rudis rudis/Bonte Ijsvogel
Surprisingly common, present everywhere near water.

196. Black Bee-eater/Merops gularis australis/Zwarte Bijeneter
http://www.xeno-canto.org/157020
5 at The Neck on 18/02, 4 at Buhoma on 19/02, 2 at Buhoma on 20/02, 2 at Kibale NP on 27/02 and 1 at Kibale NP on 28/02.

197. Red-throated Bee-eater/Merops bulocki frenatus/Roodkeelbijeneter
7 on our way from Ft. Portal and Semliki NP on 24/02.

198. Little Bee-eater/Merops pusillus meridionalis/Dwergbijeneter
1 at the ferry crossing on 15/02, 1 at Mabamba Swamp on 15/02, 3 at Lake Mburo NP on 16/02, c.10 at QENP on 23/02, 1 at Semliki NP on 24/02, 3 at Semliki NP on 25/02, 1 en route from Semliki NP to Ft. Portal on 26/02, 2 at Kibale NP on 26/02, 2 at Kibale NP on 28/02 and 2 at Lutembe Bay on 01/03.

199. Blue-breasted Bee-eater/Merops variegatus loringi/Blauwborstbijeneter
1 at Mabamba Swamp on 15/02.

200. Cinnamon-chested Bee-eater/Merops oreobates/Bergbijeneter
3 en route from Mbarara to Kabale on 16/02, 3 at Kabale on 16/02, 6 at Ruhija on 17/02, 3 on our way from Ruhija to The Neck on 18/02, 4 at Buhoma on 19/02, 2 at Buhoma on 21/02, 3 at QENP on 22/02 and 1 at Kibale NP on 28/02.

201. White-throated Bee-eater/Merops albicollis/Witkeelbijeneter
c.150 at QENP on 22/02, c.20 at QENP on 23/02, c.20 at Semliki NP on 24/02, 2 at Semliki NP on 25/02 and 5 at Entebbe Botanical Gardens on 01/03.

202. Blue-cheeked Bee-eater/Merops persicus persicus/Groene Bijeneter
c.60 at Mabamba Swamp on 15/02, c.25 at Kaaku Swamp on 15/02, 11 at Lake Mburo NP on 16/02, 4 at QENP on 23/02, 2 at Semliki NP on 25/02, 7 at Semliki NP on 26/02, 1 between Kibale NP and Mabira on 28/02 and c.15 at Entebbe Botanical Gardens on 01/03.

203. European Bee-eater/Merops apiaster/Bijeneter
At least 2 at Mabamba Swamp on 15/02, 1 at QENP on 24/02, 1 en route from Semliki NP to Ft. Portal on 26/02 and c.25 between Kibale NP and Mabira during the long drive on 28/02.

204. Lilac-breasted Roller/Coracias caudatus caudatus/Vorkstaartscharrelaar
10 between Mabamba and Kaaku Wamp on 15/02, 3 between Kaaku Swamp and Lake Mburo NP on 15/02, 1 at Lake Mburo NP on 16/02.

205. Broad-billed Roller/Eurystomus glaucurus sahellicus/Breedbekscharrelaar
3 on our way to Mabamba on 15/02, 4 on the way to Masaka on 15/02, 2 en route from Lake Mburo NP to Kabale on 16/02, 2 at QENP on 22/02, 2 between Ft. Portal and Semliki NP on 24/02, 1 at Kibale NP on 28/02, 14 between Kibale NP and Mabira on 28/02, 7 between Mabira and Kampala on 01/03 and 2 at Lutembe Bay on 01/03.

206. Blue-throated Roller/Eurystomus gularis neglectus/Blauwkeelscharrelaar
1 at Buhoma on 21/02, 1 at Maramagambo Forest in QENP on 22/02 and 1 at Semliki NP on 25/02.

207. Green Wood-hoopoe/Phoeniculus purpureus marwitzi/Groene Kakelaar
6 at Lake Mburo NP on 16/02.

208. White-headed Woodhoopoe/Phoeniculus bollei jacksoni/Witkopkakelaar
http://www.xeno-canto.org/157103
3 at Ruhija on 17/02, 1 at Buhoma on 19/02 and 4 at Kibale NP on 26/02.

209. Forest Woodhoopoe/Phoeniculus castaneiceps brunneiceps/Bruinkopboomhop
2 at Mabira Forest on 28/02.
210. Common Scimitarbill/Rhinopomastus cyanomelas schalowi/Zuid-Afrikaanse Boomhop
1 at Lake Mburo NP on 16/02 and 2 at QENP on 22/02.

211. White-crested Hornbill/Tropicranus albocristatus cassini/Witkuiftok
1 at Semliki NP on 25/02 and 1 there the next day.

212. Red-billed Dwarf Hornbill/Tockus camurus/Dwergtok
http://www.xeno-canto.org/157060
5 at Semliki NP on 25/02.

213. Crowned Hornbill/Tockus alboterminatus/Kuiftok
2 at QENP on 22/02, 2 at QENP on 23/02, 1 at Semliki NP on 25/02, 4 at Kibale NP on 27/02, 3 between Kibale NP and Mabira on 28/02 and 2 at Entebbe Botanical Gardens on 01/03.

214. African Pied Hornbill/Tockus fasciatus fasciatus/Bonte Tok
1 at Semliki NP on 26/02, 2 between Kibale NP and Mabira on 28/02 and 1 at Mabira Forest on 01/03.

215. African Grey Hornbill/Tockus nasutus epirhinus/Grijze Tok
1 at Kaaku Swamp on 15/02, 2 at Lake Mburo NP on 16/02 and 1 between Lake Mburo NP and Mbarara on 16/02.

216. Piping Hornbill/Bycanistes fistulator duboisi/Fluitneushoornvogel
5 at Semliki NP on 25/02 and 1 there the next day.

217. Black-and-white-casqued Hornbill/Bycanistes subcylindricus subquadratus
Grijsoorneushoornvogel
http://www.xeno-canto.org/157022
By far the most numerous hornbill:
1 on our way to Mabamba on 15/02, c.5 at Ruhija on 17/02, 1 at QENP on 23/02, c.15 at Semliki NP on 25/02, 6 at Kibale NP on 26/02, 3 at Kibale NP on 27/02, 3 at Kibale NP on 28/02, 1 between Kibale NP and Mabira on 28/02, 1 at Mabira Forest on 28/02, 3 at Mabira Forest on 01/03 and 4 at Entebbe Botanical Gardens on 01/03.
218. Black-casqued Hornbill/Ceratogymna atrata/Blauwkeelneushoornvogel
http://www.xeno-canto.org/157027
4 at Semliki NP on 25/02, with 10 there on 26/02.

219. Yellow-billed Barbet/Trachyphonus purpuratus elgonensis/Geelsnavelbaardvogel
3 at Ruhija on 17/02, 4 at Semliki NP on 25/02, 4 at Kibale NP on 27/02, 1 at Mabira Forest on 28/02 and 1 at Kibale NP on 01/03.

220. Grey-throated Barbet/Gymnobucco bonapartei cinereiceps/Grijskeelborstelneus
1 at Ruhija on 17/02, c.10 at Buhoma on 19/02, 4 at Buhoma on 20/02, 1 at Buhoma on 21/02, c.10 at Kibale NP on 26/02 and 5 at Kibale NP on 28/02.

221. Speckled Tinkerbird/Pogoniulus scolopaceus flavisquamatus/Gespikkelde Ketellapper
2 at The Neck on 18/02, 3 at QENP on 22/02, 1 at Semliki NP on 24/02, 3 at Semliki NP on 25/02, 1 at Semliki NP on 26/02, 1 at Kibale NP on 26/02, 5 at Kibale NP on 27/02, 2 at Mabira Forest on 28/02 and 3 at Mabira Forest on 01/03.

222. Red-rumped Tinkerbird/Pogoniulus atroflavus/Roodstuitketellapper
1 heard at Semliki NP on 25/02.

223. Yellow-throated Tinkerbird/Pogoniulus subsulphureus flavimentum/Geelkeelketellapper
4 at Semliki NP on 24/02, 2 at Semliki NP on 26/02, 3 at Mabira Forest on 28/02, 4 at Mabira Forest on 01/03,

224. Yellow-rumped Tinkerbird/Pogoniulus bilineatus (mfumbiri/leucolaimus)/Geelstuitketellapper
http://www.xeno-canto.org/157114
Fairly common.
c.20 at Ruhija on 17/02, 1 between Ruhija and The Neck on 18/02, 1 at The Neck on 18/02, 1 from The Neck to Buhoma on 18/02, 2 at Buhoma on 18/02, 6 at Buhoma on 19/02, c.10 at Buhoma on 20/02, c.5 at Buhoma on 21/02, 2 at QENP on 22/02, 1 between Ft.Portal and Semliki NP on 24/02, 2 at Semliki NP on 25/02, 8 at Kibale NP on 26/02 and 1 at Mabira Forest on 28/02.
The subspecies encountered were mfumbiri at Bwindi and leucolaimus elsewhere.

225. Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird/Pogoniulus chrysoconus chrysoconus/Geelvoorhoofdketellapper
2 at QENP on 22/02.

226. Yellow-spotted Barbet/Buccanodon duchaillui/Geelvlekbaardvogel
1 at Buhoma on 19/02, 2 at Buhoma on 20/02, 2 at Mabira Forest on 28/02 and 4 at Mabira Forest on 01/03.

227. Hairy-breasted Barbet/Tricholaema hirsuta ansorgii/Geelparelbaardvogel
1 at The Neck on 18/02, 1 at Semliki NP on 26/02, 1 at Kibale NP on 26/02, 1 at Kibale NP on 27/02,

228. Spot-flanked Barbet/Tricholaema lacrymosa lacrymosa/Rouwbaardvogel
2 at Lake Mburo NP on 15/02 and 7 at Lake Mburo NP on 16/02.

229. White-headed Barbet/Lybius leucocephalus leucocephalus/ Witkopbaardvogel
2 at QENP on 22/02.

230. Red-faced Barbet/Lybius rubrifacies/Roodwangbaardvogel(ARE)
3 at Lake Mburo NP on 16/02. This species has the smallest range of any African barbet.
231. **Black-billed Barbet/Lybius gufsohalito/Rood-zwarte Baardvogel**
2 on our way from Ft. Portal to Semliki NP on 24/02 and 1 on our way back to Ft. Portal on 26/02.

232. **Double-toothed Barbet/Lybius bidentatus aequatorialis/Dubbeltandbaardvogel**
4 at Lake Mburo NP on 16/02, 2 at Buhoma village on 21/02, 4 on our way to QENP on 22/02, 3 at Kibale NP on 27/02 and 1 between Kibale NP and Mabira on 28/02.

233. **Cassin's Honeyguide/Prodotiscus insignis insignis/Dwerghoningspeurder**
1 at Mabira Forest on 01/03.

234. **Dwarf Honeyguide/Indicator pumilio/Kortsnavelhoningspeurder (ARE)**
Unsatisfying views of a bird flying away from us at Ruhija.

235. **Willcock's Honeyguide/Indicator willcocksi willcocksi/Willcocks' Honingspeurder**
1 at Buhoma on 19/02 and 1 at Semliki NP on 25/02.

236. **Least Honeyguide/Indicator exilis pachyrhynchus/Kleinste Honingspeurder**
1 at Ruhija on 17/02.

237. **Thick-billed Honeyguide/Indicator conirostris conirostris/Diksnavelhoningspeurder**
2 at Ruhija on 17/02, 1 at Buhoma on 18/02 and 1 at Mabira Forest on 28/02.

238. **Lesser Honeyguide/Indicator minor riggenbachii/Kleine Honingspeurder**
2 at Buhoma village on 21/02, 2 at QENP on 22/02.

239. **Greater Honeyguide/Indicator indicator/Grote Honingspeurder**
1 at The Neck on 18/02 and 1 en route from Ft. Portal to Semliki NP on 24/02.

240. **Nubian Woodpecker/Campethera nubica nubica/Nubische Specht**
4 at Lake Mburo NP on 16/02.

241. **Tullberg's Woodpecker/Campethera tullbergi taeniolaema/Tullbergs Specht**
1 heard at Buhoma on 19/02, with 2 there the next day.

242. **Buff-spotted Woodpecker/Campethera nivosa herberti/Termietenspecht**
1 at Buhoma on 19/02, 1 there on 20/02, 1 at Semliki NP on 25/02 and 1 at Mabira Forest on 01/03.

243. **Brown-eared Woodpecker/Campethera caroli caroli/Bruinoorspecht**
4 at Semliki NP on 25/02 and 1 at Mabira Forest on 28/02.

244. **Cardinal Woodpecker/Dendropicos fuscescens lepidus/Kardinaalspecht**
2 at Buhoma village on 21/02, 2 at QENP on 22/02,

245. **Golden-crowned Woodpecker/Dendropicos xantholophus/Geelkruinspecht**
5 at Semliki NP on 25/02, 3 at Kibale NP on 27/02, 1 at Mabira Forest on 01/03,

246. **Elliot's Woodpecker/Dendropicos elliotii elliotii/Elliots Specht**
2 at The Neck on 18/02, 1 at Buhoma on 19/02, 4 at Buhoma 20/02 and 1 at Buhoma on 21/02.

247. **Olive Woodpecker/Dendropicos griseocephalus ruwenzori/Olijfspecht**
1 at Ruhija on 17/02.
248. African Broadbill/Smithornis capensis meinertzhagени/Kaapse Breedbek
http://www.xeno-canto.org/157006
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UCFSk4Wkp9E&feature=youtu.be
3 at Buhoma on 20/02. A displaying male was undoubtedly one of the trip highlights.

249. Rufous-sided Broadbill/Smithornis rufolateralis budongoensis/Roodflankbreedbek
1 heard at Semliki NP on 25/02. We chased it but couldn’t track it down.

250. Grauer’s Broadbill/Pseudocalyptomena graueri/Grauers Breedbek (ARE)
http://www.xeno-canto.org/157008
3 at Ruhija at 17/02, including a pair at their nest. Another highlight!

251. Rufous-naped Lark/Mirafra africana ruwenzoria/Roodnekleeuwerik
http://www.xeno-canto.org/157087
Many tens at QENP on 23/02.

252. Flappet Lark/Mirafra rufocinnamomoea kawirondensis/Ratelleeuwerik
3 at QENP on 22/02, with c.10 there on 23/02.

253. Red-capped Lark/Calandrella cinerea saturatior/Roodkapleeuwerik
2 at QENP on 23/02.

254. Sand Martin/Riparia riparia riparia/Oeverzwaluw
Locally common, eg hundreds at Mabamba Swamp on 15/02 and at QENP on 23/02, c.50 at Kibale NP on 27/02 & 28/02, 50+ at Lutembe Bay on 01/03 et cetera.

255. Banded Martin/Riparia cincta suahelica/Witbrauwzwaluw
1 en route from Buhoma to QENP on 22/02 and 5 at QENP on 22/02.

256. Rock Martin/Ptyonoprogne fuligula fusciventris/Vale Rotszwaluw
1 at the Buhoma village area on 21/02.

257. Barn Swallow/Hirundo rustica rustica/Boerenzwaluw
Common migrant.

258. Angola Swallow/Hirundo angolensis/Angolese Zwaluw
Locally common.

259. Wire-tailed Swallow/Hirundo smithii smithii/Roodkruinzwaluw
3 at QENP on 23/02.

260. Red-rumped Swallow/Cecropis daurica emini/Roodstuitzwaluw
1 en route from Buhoma to QENP on 22/02 and 3 between Semliki NP and Ft. Portal on 26/02. Probably overlooked.

261. Lesser Striped-Swallow/Cecropis abyssinica unitatis/Savannezwaluw
Fairly common.

262. Rufous-chested Swallow/Cecropis semirufa gordoni/Roodborstzwaluw
2 at Lake Mburo NP on 15/02, 3 at Lake Mburo NP on 16/02, c.10 at QENP on 23/02 and 8 at QENP on 24/02.
263. Mosque Swallow/Cecropis senegalensis saturatior/Moskeezwaluw
4 at Mabamba Swamp on 15/02 and 1 between Mabamba and Lake Mburo NP on 15/02.

264. Common House-Martin/Delichon urbicum (urbicum or meridionale)/Huiszwaluw
2 at Kibale NP on 27/02 and 1 over there on 28/02. Subspecies involved unknown.

265. White-headed Sawwing/Psalidoprocne albiceps albiceps/Witkopkamzwaluw
4 at Lake Mburo NP on 16/02, 1 at Buhoma Village on 22/02, 1 at QENP on 22/02, 1 at Semliki NP on 26/02, 5 at Kibale NP on 27/02, c.15 at Mabira Forest on 28/02 and c.10 at Mabira Forest on 01/03.

266. Black Sawwing/Psalidoprocne pristoptera ruwenzori/Blauw-zwarte Kamzwaluw
c.85 at Ruhija on 17/02, c.20 between Ruhija and Buhoma on 18/02, c.10 at Buhoma on 18/02, c.25 there on 19/02, c.20 there on 20/02 and c.25 at Buhoma village on 21/02.

267. Yellow Wagtail/Motacilla flava/Gele Kwikstaart
Locally fairly common, eg c.60 at QENP on 23/02.
Subspecies noted:
   lutea: 1 at the ferry crossing on 15/02
   thunbergi: 4 at QENP on 23/02, 1 at Kibale NP on 28/02
   http://www.xeno-canto.org/157112
   flava/beema: 3 at QENP on 24/02, 1 at Kibale NP on 28/02, c.10 at Entebbe Botanical Gardens on 01/03
   feldlegg: 1 at Lutembe Bay on 01/03

268. Cape Wagtail/Motacilla capensis wellsi/Kaapse Kwikstaart
2 at Mabamba Swamp on 15/02, 2 at Ruhija on 17/02, 1 from Ruhija to The Neck on 18/02, a maximum of 3 at Buhoma on 18/02 and the next days and 1 at Buhoma Village on 21/02.

269. Mountain Wagtail/Motacilla clara chapini/Bergkwikstaart
4 at Buhoma on 20/02, 1 at Kibale NP on 27/02 and 3 at Kibale NP on 28/02.

270. African Pied Wagtail/Motacilla aguimp vidua/Afrikaanse Bonte Kwikstaart
http://www.xeno-canto.org/157013
Fairly common and widespread.
271. African Pipit/Anthus cinnamomeus lichenya/Kaneelpieper
5 at QENP on 23/02.

272. Long-billed Pipit/Anthus similis dewittei/Langsnavelpieper
http://www.xeno-canto.org/157050
2 at QENP on 23/02.

273. Plain-backed Pipit/Anthus leucophrys zenkeri/Bruinrugpieper
2 at Lake Mburo NP on 16/02.

274. Short-tailed Pipit/Anthus brachyurus leggei/Kortstaartpieper
1 at a sidetrack between Ruhija to The Neck on 18/02.

275. Yellow-throated Longclaw/Macronyx croceus croceus/Geelkeellangklauw
5 at Lake Mburo NP on 16/02, 2 on our way to QENP on 22/02, c.10 at QENP on 22/02, c.35 at QENP on 23/02, 4 there on 24/02 and 1 at Semliki NP on 26/02.

276. Grey Cuckoo-Shrike/Coracina caesia pura/Bosrupsvogel
c.10 at Ruhija on 17/02 and 1 between Ruhija and The Neck on 18/02.

277. Petit’s Cuckoo-Shrike/Campephaga petiti/Congolese Rupsvogel
1 at Ruhija on 17/02, 1 at the Neck on 18/02, 2 at Buhoma on 18/02, 7 at Buhoma on 19/02, 4 at Buhoma on 20/02, 1 at Buhoma on 21/02 and 3 at Kibale NP on 26/02.

278. Purple-throated Cuckoo-Shrike/Campephaga quiscalina martini/Purperrupsvogel
2 at Mabira Forest on 28/02, with 3 there the next day.

279. Common Bulbul/Pycnonotus barbatus tricolor/Grauwe Buulbuul
Most common passerine.

280. Slender-billed Greenbul/Andropadus gracilirostris gracilirostris/ Dunsnavelbuulbuul
3 at Buhoma on 19/02, 1 at Semliki NP on 25/02, 2 at Kibale NP on 26/02 and 1 at Mabira Forest on 28/02.

281. Shelley's Greenbul/Andropadus masukuensis kakamegae/Shelley-buulbuul
1 at the Neck on 18/02, 1 at Buhoma on 19/02 and 4 at Buhoma on 20/02.
Race *kakamegae* is a possible future split.

282. Eastern Mountain Greenbul/Andropadus nigriceps kikuyuensis
1 at the Neck on 18/02, 1 at Buhoma on 19/02 and 4 at Buhoma on 20/02.

283. Little Grey Greenbul/Andropadus gracilis ugandae/Dwerkgbuulbuul
1 at Maramagambo Forest in QENP on 22/02, 3 at Semliki NP on 25/02, 3 at Mabira Forest on 28/02 and 2 at Mabira Forest on 01/03.

284. Plain Greenbul/Andropadus curvirostris curvirostris/Alexanders Buulbuul
1 at the Neck on 18/02, 2 at Buhoma on 20/02, 2 at Semliki NP on 25/02, 1 at Kibale NP on 26/02 and 2 at Mabira Forest on 28/02.

285. Ansorge's Greenbul/Andropadus ansorgei ansorgei/Ansorges Buulbuul
5 at Buhoma on 19/02 and 6 at Buhoma on 20/02.

286. Yellow-whiskered Greenbul/Andropadus latirostris latirostris/Geelbaardbuulbuul
[http://www.xeno-canto.org/157118](http://www.xeno-canto.org/157118)
Many tens at Ruhija on 17/02, also fairly common on 18/02, 2 at the Neck on 18/02, c.5 at Buhoma on 19/02, 1 at Buhoma on 20/02, 1 at Semliki NP on 25/02 and 1 at Mabira Forest on 28/02.

287. Little Greenbul/Andropadus virens virens/Groene Buulbuul
5 at The Neck on 18/02, 4 at Buhoma on 18/02, c.20 at Buhoma on 19/02, 6 at Buhoma on 20/02, 1 at QENP on 24/02, 2 at Semliki NP on 24/02, 4 at Semliki NP on 26/02 and 2 at Mabira Forest on 28/02.

288. Joyful Greenbul/Chlorocichla laetissima laetissima/Dottergele Buulbuul
3 at Kibale NP on 28/02.

289. Yellow-throated Greenbul/Chlorocichla flavicollis flavigula/Geelkraagbuulbuul
3 at Lake Mburo NP on 16/02, 2 between The Neck and Buhoma on 18/02, 2 at Buhoma on 19/02, 1 at Buhoma on 21/02, 2 at Kibale NP on 28/02 and 1 at Mabira Forest on 01/03.

290. Honeyguide Greenbul/Baeopogon indicator indicator/Witstaartbuulbuul
[http://www.xeno-canto.org/157044](http://www.xeno-canto.org/157044)
2 at Buhoma on 19/02, 1 at Buhoma on 20/02, 1 at Kibale NP on 26/02, 1 at Kibale NP on 27/02 and 1 at Mabira Forest on 28/02.

291. Leaf-love/Pyrrhurus scandens orientalis/Zingende Gabonloofbuulbuul
[http://www.xeno-canto.org/157046](http://www.xeno-canto.org/157046)
4 at Semliki NP on 26/02.

292. White-throated Greenbul/Phyllastrephus albigularis albigularis/Witkeelloofbuulbuul
1 at Kibale NP on 27/02, 1 at Mabira Forest on 28/02 and 2 at Mabira Forest on 01/03.

293. Toro Olive-Greenbul/Phyllastrephus hypochondrius/Toroloofbuulbuul
1 at the Neck on 18/02, 2 at Buhoma on 19/02, 1 at Semliki NP on 25/02, 1 at Kibale NP on 27/02 and 1 at Mabira Forest on 01/03.

294. Xavier’s Greenbul/Phyllastrephus xavieri/Xavier’s Loofbuulbuul
c.25 at Semliki NP on 25/02.

295. Cabanis’s Greenbul/Phyllastrephus cabanisi sucosus/Cabanis-loofbuulbuul
1 at Ruhija on 17/02 and 1 between Ruhija and The Neck on 18/02.

296. Yellow-streaked Greenbul/Phyllastrephus flavostriatus olivaceogriseus/Gestreepte Loofbuulbuul
4 at Ruhija on 17/02.

297. Red-tailed Bristlebill/Bleda syndactylus woosnami/Roodstaartblada
http://www.xeno-canto.org/157067
2 at Buhoma on 19/02, 2 at Buhoma on 20/02, 2 at Buhoma on 21/02, 1 at Semliki NP on 25/02, 2 at Semliki NP on 26/02, 1 at Mabira Forest on 28/02 and 2 at Mabira Forest on 01/03.
Surprisingly hard to see.

298. Green-tailed Bristlebill/Bleda eximius/Kleine Groenstaartblada
Heard only: at Semliki NP on 25/02 and at Mabira Forest on 01/03.

299. Red-tailed Greenbul/Criniger calurus emini/Roodstaartbaardbuulbuul
1 at the Neck on 18/02, 5 at Buhoma on 19/02, 5 at Buhoma on 20/02, 3 at Semliki NP on 25/02, 4 at Mabira Forest on 28/02 and 3 at Mabira Forest on 01/03.

300. Western Nicator/Nicator chloris/Grijskeelnicator
http://www.xeno-canto.org/157099
1 at Maramagambo Forest in QENP on 22/02, c.15 at Semliki NP on 25/02, 1 at Semliki NP on 26/02, 2 at Kibale NP on 26/02, 1 at Kibale NP on 28/02, 1 between Kibale NP and Mabira on 28/02 and 1 at Mabira Forest on 01/03.

301. Yellow-throated Nicator/Nicator vireo/Geelkeelnicator
http://www.xeno-canto.org/157115
http://www.xeno-canto.org/157117
2 at Semliki NP on 25/02 and 1 there on 26/02.

302. Rufous Flycatcher-Thrush/Stizorhina fraseri vulpina/Frasers Kortpootlijster
http://www.xeno-canto.org/157084
1 at Buhoma on 19/02, 3 at Buhoma on 20/02, 1 at QENP on 22/02, 5 at Semliki NP on 25/02, 1 at Senliki on 26/02, 1 at Kibale NP on 27/02 and 1 at Mabira Forest on 28/02.

303. Red-tailed Ant-Thrush/Neocossyphus rufus gabunensis/Roodstaartlijster
1 at Semliki NP on 25/02, with 2 there on 26/02 and 2 at Kibale NP on 27/02.

304. White-tailed Ant-Thrush/Neocossyphus poensis praepectoralis/Witstaartlijster
1 at the Neck on 18/02, 4 at Buhoma on 19/02 and 2 at Buhoma on 20/02.

305. African Thrush/Turdus pelios centralis/Pelioslijster
1 at Entebbe on 15/02, 1 on our way to Mabamba on 15/02, 4 at Lake Mburo NP on 16/02, 5 at Buhoma on 18/02, 2 at Buhoma on 19/02, 1 at Buhoma on 20/02, 2 at Buhoma on 21/02, 1 at
Buhoma Village on 21/02, 2 there on 22/02, 1 en route to QENP on 22/02, 1 at QENP on 23/02, 1 at Semliki NP on 24/02, 1 at Kibale NP on 26/02, 4 at Kibale NP on 27/02, 4 at Kibale NP on 28/02 and 1 at Mabira Forest on 28/02.

306. Olive Thrush/Turdus olivaceus baraka/Kaapse Lijster
1 at Ruhija on 17/02.

307. Fire-crested Alethe/Alethe castanea woosnami/Diadeemaalethe
3 at Semliki NP on 25/02, 1 at Semliki NP on 26/02, 1 at Mabira Forest on 28/02 and 3 at Mabira Forest on 01/03.

308. Brown-chested Alethe/Pseudalethe poliocephala carruthersi/Bruinborstaalethe
1 at Maramagambo Forest in QENP on 22/02.

309. Red-throated Alethe/Pseudalethe poliophrys poliophrys/Roodkeelalethe (ARE)
http://www.xeno-canto.org/157081
1 at Ruhija on 17/02, 3 en route from Ruhija to The Neck on 18/02, 1 at The Neck on 18/02 and 5 at Buhoma on 20/02.

310. Sooty Chat/Myrmecocichla nigra/Zwarte Miertapuit
2 on our way to Mabamba on 15/02, 3 at Lake Mburo NP on 15/02, 8 at Lake Mburo NP on 16/02, 4 en route from Mbarara to Kabale on 16/02, 4 at QENP on 22/02 and 9 at QENP on 23/02.

311. White-starred Robin/Pogonocichla stellata ruwenzorii/Sterrenpaapje
4 at Ruhija on 17/02.

312. Forest Robin/Stiphrornis erythrothorax xanthogaster/Boasakalat
http://www.xeno-canto.org/157038
2 at Semliki NP on 25/02, with another one there on 26/02, 1 at Mabira Forest on 28/02 and 1 there on 01/03.

313. Equatorial Akalat/Sheppardia aequatorialis aequatorialis/Jacksons Akalat
4 at Buhoma on 19/02, with 1 there on 20/02.

314. White-bellied Robin-Chat/Cossyphicula roberti rufescentior/Witbuikakalat
1 at Buhoma on 19/02 as well as 20/02.

315. Archer’s Robin-Chat/Cossypha archeri archeri/Archers Janfrederik (ARE)
http://www.xeno-canto.org/157015
3 at Ruhija on 17/02.

316. Blue-shouldered Robin-Chat/Cossypha cyanocampter barttelotii/Blauwschouderlawaaimaker
Another heard only species on our list: 1 heard at the Neck on 18/02 and 1 heard at Kibale NP on 26/02.

317. Grey-winged Robin-Chat/Sheppardia polioptera/Grijsvleugeljanfrederik
4 at Buhoma on 18/02 and also 4 there on 19/02. Hilarious Dutch name by the way (can’t believe it’s true)!

318. White-browed Robin-Chat/Cossypha heuglini heuglini/Witbrauwlawaaimaker
http://www.xeno-canto.org/157099
8 at Lake Mburo NP on 16/02, 1 at Ruhija on 17/02, 2 between Ruhija and The Neck on 18/02, 8 at QENP on 23/02 and 4 at Kibale NP on 27/02.

319. Red-capped Robin-Chat/Cossypha natalensis intensa/Roodkoplawaaimaker
Heard only at Buhoma on 18/02 and the two consecutive days.

320. Snowy-crowned Robin-Chat/Cossypha niveicapilla/Witkruinlawaaimaker
2 from The Neck to Buhoma on 18/02, 1 at Buhoma on 18/02, 1 at Buhoma on 19/02, 3 at Buhoma on 20/02, 2 at Buhoma on 21/02 and, 1 at Buhoma Village on 22/02.

2 between Ruhija and The Neck on 18/02 and 2 at Kibale NP on 28/02.

322. Red-backed Scrub-Robin/Erythropygia leucophrys zambesiana/Witbrauwwaaierstaart
http://www.xeno-canto.org/157101
1 at Lake Mburo NP on 16/02 and 1 at QENP on 24/02.

323. Whinchat/Saxicola rubetra/Paapje
c.20 at QENP on 22/02, c.50 there on 23/02, 3 at QENP next day and 1 at Kibale NP on 28/02.

324. African Stonechat/Saxicola torquatus axillaris/(Afrikaanse) Roodborsttapuit
1 en route to Mbarara and Kabale on 16/02 and 15 en route from Ruhija to Buhoma on 18/02.

325. African Shrike-flycatcher/Megabyas flammulatus aequatorialis/Afrikaanse Klauwiervliegenvanger
2 at the Neck on 18/02, 1 at Buhoma on 19/02, 4 at Buhoma on 20/02, 1 at Semliki NP on 25/02, 2 at Kibale NP on 27/02 and 1 at Mabira Forest on 28/02.

326. Black-and-white Shrike-flycatcher/Bias musicus/Zwart-witte Klauwiervliegenvanger
2 at the Neck on 18/02, 4 at Buhoma on 18/02, 3 at Buhoma on 19/02, 4 at Buhoma on 20/02, 4 at Buhoma on 21/02, 1 at Kibale NP on 26/02, 2 at Kibale NP on 27/02 and 1 at Mabira Forest on 01/03.

327. Brown-throated Wattle-eye/Platysteira cyanea nyansae/Bruinkeellelvliegenvanger
1 at Lake Mburo NP on 16/02, 1 at the Neck on 18/02, 1 between the Neck and Buhoma on 18/02, 8 at Buhoma on 18/02, 7 at Buhoma on 20/02, 4 at Buhoma on 21/02 and 1 at Kibale NP on 28/02.

328. Chestnut Wattle-eye/Dyaphorophyia castanea castanea/Witstuitlelvliegenvanger
1 at Buhoma on 19/02, 1 male at Buhoma on 20/02, 1 at QENP on 22/02, 4 at Semliki NP on 25/02, 1 at Kibale NP on 27/02, 4 at Mabira Forest on 28/02 and 3 at Mabira Forest on 01/03.

329. Jameson’s Wattle-eye/Dyaphorophyia jamesoni/Jamesons Lelvliegenvanger
2 at Semliki NP on 25/02.

330. Ruwenzori Batis/Batis diops/Ruwenzorivliegenvanger (ARE)
http://www.xeno-canto.org/157089
1 at Ruhija on 17/02, 1 at the Neck on 18/02 and 2 at Buhoma on 20/02.

331. Chinspot Batis/Batis molitor puella/Witflankvliegenvanger
1 at Lake Mburo NP on 16/02, 3 at Ruhija on 17/02, 1 en route from Ruhija to The Neck on 18/02 and 2 at Buhoma on 20/02.

332. Western Black-headed Batis/Batis erlangeri erlangeri/Savanne-vliegenvanger
1 female at QENP on 22/02.

333. **Pale Flycatcher/Bradornis pallidus murinus/Vale Vliegenvanger**  
2 at Lake Mburo NP on 16/02.

334. **White-eyed Slaty-Flycatcher/Melaenornis fischeri toruensis/Bergdrongovliegenvanger**  
7 at Ruhija on 17/02, 1 from Ruhija to The Neck on 18/02, 2 at Buhoma on 18/02, 2 at Buhoma on 19/02, 2 at Buhoma on 21/02 and 3 at Buhoma Village on 21/02. This race shows no white eye at all!

335. **Northern Black-Flycatcher/Melaenornis edolioides lugubris/Senegalese Drongovliegenvanger**  
8 at QENP on 23/02.

336. **Yellow-eyed Black-Flycatcher/Melaenornis ardesiacus/Geeloogdrongovliegenvanger (ARE)**  
5 at Ruhija on 17/02 and 1 at Buhoma on 19/02.

337. **Spotted Flycatcher/Muscicapa striata (ssp?)/Grauwe Vliegenvanger**  
1 at Lake Mburo NP on 16/02.

338. **Sooty Flycatcher/Muscicapa infuscata miniscula/Rouwvliegenvanger**  
3 at Kibale NP on 28/02.

339. **Swamp Flycatcher/Muscicapa aquatica infulata/Moerasvliegenvanger**  
3 at Mabamba Swamp on 15/02, 3 at Lake Mburo NP on 16/02 and c.20 at QENP on 23/02.

340. **Chapin's Flycatcher/Muscicapa lendu lendu/Chapin-vliegenvanger**  
1 at Buhoma on 19/02 and 1 at another trail at Buhoma on 20/02. A canopy flycatcher with a very restricted range.

341. **African Dusky Flycatcher/Muscicapa adusta pumilla/Kaapse Vliegenvanger**  
7 at Ruhija on 17/02, 1 from Ruhija to The Neck on 18/02, 4 at The Neck on 18/02, c.10 at Buhoma on 18/02, 3 at Buhoma on 19/02, 8 at Buhoma on 20/02, 4 at Buhoma on 21/02, 1 at Kibale NP on 27/02 and 3 at Kibale NP on 28/02.

342. **Dusky-blue Flycatcher/Muscicapa comitata comitata/Dofblauwe Vliegenvanger**  
2 at The Neck on 18/02, 2 at Buhoma on 18/02, 4 at Buhoma on 20/02 and finally 1 at Buhoma on 21/02.

343. **Cassin's Flycatcher/Muscicapa cassini/Cassins Vliegenvanger**  
3 at the Neck on 18/02, 2 at Kibale NP on 26/02, 2 at Kibale NP on 27/02 and 1 at Kibale NP on 28/02. Strictly associated with streams and rivers.
344. Ashy Flycatcher/Muscicapa caerulescens brevicauda/Blauwgrijze Vliegenvanger
1 at The Neck on 18/02 and 1 at Mabira Forest on 01/03.

345. Grey-throated Tit-Flycatcher/Myioparus griseigularis griseigularis/Grijskeelvliegenvanger
http://www.xeno-canto.org/157041
1 heard at The Neck on 18/02, 2 at Buhoma on 18/02, 3 at Buhoma on 19/02, 7 at Buhoma on 20/02, 2 at Buhoma on 21/02, 1 at QENP on 22/02, 1 at Semliki NP on 25/02, 2 at Kibale NP on 26/02, 2 at Kibale NP on 27/02 and 1 at Mabira Forest on 28/02.

346. Grey Tit-Flycatcher/Myioparus plumbeus plumbeus/Meesvliegenvanger
1 at Semliki NP on 24/02 and 1 at Semliki NP on 26/02.

347. Semicollared Flycatcher/Ficedula semitorquata/Balkanvliegenvanger
1 female at the lodge at Lake Mburo NP on 16/02 could have been a new species for the NP, according to Alfred. Excellent find by Wim

348. Blue-headed Crested-Flycatcher/Trochocercus nitens nitens/Blauwkopkuifmonarch
4 at Mabira Forest on 01/03.

349. Red-bellied Paradise-Flycatcher/Terpsiphone rufiventer somereni/Roodbuik-paradijsmonarch
5 at Semliki NP on 25/02 and 2 at Mabira Forest on 28/02.

350. African Paradise-Flycatcher/Terpsiphone viridis kivuensis/Afrikaanse Paradijsmonarch
2 at Ruhija on 17/02, 2 at the Neck on 18/02, 3 at Buhoma on 18/02, 2 at Buhoma on 19/02, 4 at Buhoma on 20/02, 1 at Buhoma on 21/02 and 1 at Kibale NP on 27/02.

351. African Blue Flycatcher/Elminia longicauda teresita/Turkooiskuifvliegenvanger
3 at QENP on 22/02, 2 at Kibale NP on 27/02 and 2 at Kibale NP on 28/02.

352. White-tailed Blue-Flycatcher/Elminia albicauda/Witstaartkuifvliegenvanger
1 at Ruhija on 17/02, 1 en route from Ruhija and The Neck on 18/02, 2 at Buhoma on 19/02, 1 at QENP on 22/02,

353. White-bellied Crested-Flycatcher/Elminia albiventris toroensis/Witbuikkuifvliegenvanger
1 at Ruhija on 17/02.
354. Chestnut-capped Flycatcher/Erythrocercus mccallii congicus/Roodkapelfmonarch
3 at Semliki NP on 25/02. An unexpected bonus.

355. Tawny-flanked Prinia/Prinia subflava melanorhyncha/Roestflankprinia
1 at Entebbe on 15/02, 2 from Ruhija to Buhoma on 18/02, 2 at QENP on 22/02, 2 between QENP and Semliki NP on 24/02 and 1 at Entebbe on 01/03.

356. Banded Prinia/Prinia bairdii obscura/Zebraprinia
http://www.xeno-canto.org/157016
c.10 at Ruhija on 17/02, 1 at Buhoma on 19/02 and 1 at Buhoma on 20/02.

357. White-chinned Prinia/Schistolaia leucopogon reichenowi/Witkeelprinia
1 at Lake Mburo NP on 16/02, 2 at the Nneck on 18/02, c.10 at Buhoma on 18/02, 3 at Buhoma on 19/02, 1 at Buhoma on 21/02 and 3 at Kibale NP on 26/02.

358. Red-faced Cisticola/Cisticola erythrops sylvia/Roodmaskergraszanger
1 en route from The Neck to Buhoma on 18/02, c.10 at QENP on 22/02, c.15 at QENP on 23/02, 1 at QENP on 24/02 and 1 at Semliki NP on 25/02.

359. Singing Cisticola/Cisticola cantans belli/Witbrauwgraszanger
1 heard at QENP on 22/02.

360. Trilling Cisticola/Cisticola woosmani woosmani/Miombograszanger
6 at Lake Mburo NP on 15/02, 2 at Lake Mburo NP on 16/02 and 1 at QENP on 22/02.

361. Chubb’s Cisticola/Cisticola chubbi chubbi/Chubb-graszanger
2 at Kabale on 16/02, c.20 at Ruhija on 17/02, 13 between Ruhija and Buhoma on 18/02, 2 at Buhoma Village on 21/02, 3 at Kibale NP on 26/02 and 1 at Kibale NP on 28/02.

362. Rattling Cisticola/Cisticola chiniana simplex/Ratelgraszanger
1 between Ft. Portal and Semliki NP on 24/02.

363. Winding Cisticola/Cisticola marginatus nyansae/Zwartrug-graszanger
http://www.xeno-canto.org/157105
http://www.xeno-canto.org/157106
c.10 at Mabamba Swamp on 15/02, 2 at Buhoma Village on 21/02, 4 at QENP on 23/02, 3 at QENP on 24/02, 1 at Semliki NP on 25/02 and 1 at Semliki NP on 26/02.

364. Carruthers’ Cisticola/Cisticola carruthersi/Papyrusgraszanger
5 at QENP on 24/02.

365. Stout Cisticola/Cisticola robustus nuchalis/Grote Graszanger
1 at QENP on 22/02.

366. Croaking Cisticola/Cisticola natalensis strangei/Natalgraszanger
2 at QENP on 22/02.

367. Tabora Cisticola/Cisticola angusticauda/Taboragraszanger
2 at Lake Mburo NP on 16/02.

368. Siffling Cisticola/Cisticola brachypterus ankole/Kortvleugelgraszanger
1 en route from Ruhija to The Neck on 18/02 and 1 at QENP on 22/02.
369. Zitting Cisticola/Cisticola juncidis uropygialis/Graszanger
Very common at QENP.

370. Grey-capped Warbler/Eminia lepida/Eminiazanger
3 at Lake Mburo NP on 16/02, 1 from the Neck to Buhoma on 18/02, 1 at Buhoma on 18/02, 1 at Buhoma on 21/02, 1 at Buhoma Village on 22/02 and 1 at QENP on 24/02.

371. Black-faced Rufous-Warbler/Bathmocercus rufus vulpinus/Grijsbuikvoszanger
http://www.xeno-canto.org/157029
1 at Ruhija on 17/02, 2 between Ruhija and The Neck on 18/02, 6 at the Neck on 18/02, 1 at Buhoma on 18/02, 4 at Buhoma on 19/02, c.15 at Buhoma on 20/02, 2 at Buhoma on 21/02 and 3 at Kibale NP on 26/02.

372. Buff-bellied Warbler/Phyllolais pulchella/Acacia-apalis
3 at Lake Mburo NP on 16/02 and 2 at QENP on 22/02.

373. Ruwenzori Apalis/Apalis ruwenzorii/Ruwenzoriapalis (ARE)
http://www.xeno-canto.org/157088
2 at Ruhija on 17/02 and 1 at Kibale NP on 26/02.

374. Black-capped Apalis/Apalis nigriceps collaris/Zwartkapapalis
http://www.xeno-canto.org/157025
1 heard at Buhoma on 20/02. A Bwindi rarity.

375. Black-throated Apalis/Apalis jacksoni jacksoni/Zwartkeelapalis
4 at Ruhija on 17/02, 2 at the Neck on 18/02, 5 at Buhoma on 19/02 and 3 at Buhoma on 20/02.

376. Masked Apalis/Apalis binotata/Maskerapalis
2 at Kibale NP on 26/02.

377. Black-faced Apalis/Apalis personata personata/Kivuapalis (ARE)
http://www.xeno-canto.org/157053
c.15 at Ruhija on 17/02 and 1 between Ruhija and The Neck on 18/02.

378. Yellow-breasted Apalis/Apalis flavida caniceps/Geelborstapalis
3 at Lake Mburo NP on 16/02,

379. Buff-throated Apalis/Apalis rufogularis (nigrescens/kigezi)/Zwartrugapalis
Kigezi: 2 at the Neck on 18/02, 1 at Buhoma on 19/02, 2 at Buhoma on 20/02 and 2 at Buhoma on 21/02.
Nigrescens: 4 at Semliki NP on 25/02, 1 at Kibale NP on 26/02, 4 at Kibale NP on 27/02, 2 at Mabira Forest on 28/02 and 1 at Mabira Forest on 01/03.

380. Chestnut-throated Apalis/Apalis porphyroalaema affinis/Bergapalis
c.15 at Ruhija on 17/02 and 1 between Ruhija and The Neck on 18/02.

381. Grey Apalis/Apalis cinerea cinerea/Grijze Apalis
http://www.xeno-canto.org/157040
2 at The Neck on 18/02 and 7 at Buhoma on 20/02.

382. Grey-backed Camaroptera/Camaroptera brachyura (aschani/tincta)/Mekker-camaroptera
4 at Lake Mburo NP on 16/02, 1 at Ruhija on 17/02, 3 between Ruhija and The Neck on 18/02, 4 at The Neck on 18/02, 2 at Buhoma on 18/02, 3 at Buhoma on 20/02, 5 at Buhoma on 21/02, 2 at QENP on 22/02, 2 at QENP on 23/02, 1 at Semliki NP on 24/02, 2 at Semliki NP on 25/02, 4 at Semliki NP on 26/02, 4 at Kibale NP on 27/02, 1 at Kibale NP on 28/02, 3 at Mabira Forest on 28/02 and 2 at Entebbe Botanical Gardens on 01/03.
The race *aschani* occurs in the south-western highlands (Bwindi) and the race *tincta* occurs in lowland forest.

383. Yellow-browed Camaroptera/Camaroptera superciliaris/Geelbrauwcamaroptera
2 heard at Semliki NP on 26/02, 1 heard at Mabira Forest on 28/02 and 1 finally seen at Mabira Forest on 01/03.

384. Olive-green Camaroptera/Camaroptera chloronota toroensis/Olijfgroene Camaroptera
1 at the Neck on 18/02, 4 at Buhoma on 19/02, 2 at Buhoma on 20/02, 1 at Semliki NP on 24/02, 1 at Semliki NP on 25/02, 1 at Kibale NP on 26/02, 1 at Kibale NP on 28/02, 1 at Mabira Forest on 28/02 and 1 at Mabira Forest on 01/03.

385. Neumann’s Warbler/Hemitesia neumanni/Neumanns Struikzanger (ARE)
[http://www.xeno-canto.org/157056](http://www.xeno-canto.org/157056)
1 heard at Buhoma on 19/02 and 3 at Buhoma on 20/02 (just one seen).
Notoriously difficult to get decent views!

386. Little Rush-Warbler/Bradypterus baboeala centralis/Moerasstruikzanger
[http://www.xeno-canto.org/157048](http://www.xeno-canto.org/157048)
1 heard at Buhoma Village on 21/02 and 1 seen there the day after.

387. White-winged Warbler/Bradypterus carpalis/Witvleugelstruikzanger
2 at Lake Mburo NP on 16/02, 2 at a nondescript roadside papyrus swamp near Kabale on 16/02 and 2 at QENP on 24/02.

388. Grauer’s Swamp-Warbler/Bradypterus graueri/Grauers Struikzanger (ARE)
2 at Ruhija on 17/02.

389. Evergreen-forest Warbler/Bradypterus lopezi barakae/Kameroen-struikzanger
[http://www.xeno-canto.org/157036](http://www.xeno-canto.org/157036)
[http://www.xeno-canto.org/157037](http://www.xeno-canto.org/157037)
7 at Ruhija on 17/02. Easy birds to tape in, but it proved to be quite a challenge to get decent views.

390. Moustached Grass-warbler/Melocichla mentalis amauroura/Baardgrasvogel
1 at QENP on 22/02.

391. Sedge Warbler/Acrocephalus schoenobaenus/Rietzanger
1 at Kaaku Swamp on 15/02, 1 at QENP on 23/02 and 2 at QENP on 24/02.

392. Eurasian Reed-Warbler/Acrocephalus scirpaceus fuscus/Kleine Karekiet
3 at QENP on 23/02, 2 at QENP on 24/02 and 1 at Lutembe Bay on 01/03.

393. African Reed-Warbler/Acrocephalus baeticatus cinnamomeus/Kortvleugelkarakiet
5 at QENP on 24/02.

394. Great Reed-Warbler/Acrocephalus arundinaceus/Grote Karekiet
1 at QENP on 24/02 and 1 singing at Entebbe Botanical Gardens on 01/03.
Probably eastern subspecies zarudnyi.

395. Greater Swamp-Warbler/Acrocephalus rufescens ansorgei/Papyrusrietzanger  
1 at Lake Mburo NP on 16/02.

396. Lesser Swamp-Warbler/Acrocephalus gracilirostris jacksoni/Kaapse Rietzanger  
http://www.xeno-canto.org/157047  
3 at QENP on 24/02.

397. Mountain Yellow-Warbler/Chloropeta similis/Bamboerietzanger  
c.5 at Ruhija on 17/02.

398. Yellow Longbill/Macrosphenus flavicans hypochondriacus/Gele Langsnavelzanger  
1 heard at Semliki NP on 25/02.

399. Grey Longbill/Macrosphenus concolor/Grijze Langsnavelzanger  
1 at Mabira Forest on 28/02 and 3 there on 01/03.

400. Green Hylia/Hylia prasina prasina/Hylia  
5 at The Neck on 18/02, 2 at Buhoma on 19/02, 1 at Buhoma on 20/02, 4 at Semliki NP on 25/02, 1 at Kibale NP on 27/02 and 1 at Mabira Forest on 01/03.

401. Red-faced Woodland-Warbler/Phylloscopus laetus laetus/Bruinwangboszanger (ARE)  
http://www.xeno-canto.org/157065  
2 at Ruhija on 17/02, 3 at Buhoma on 19/02 and 1 at Buhoma on 20/02.

402. Willow Warbler/Phylloscopus trochilus/Fitis  
3 at Lake Mburo NP on 16/02, 2 at Buhoma on 20/02, 2 at QENP on 22/02, 1 at Kibale NP on 27/02, 1 at Kibale NP on 28/02, 1 at Mabira Forest on 28/02 and 1 at Mabira Forest on 01/03. Some were already singing. Birds seen most likely belonging to subspecies acredula.

403. Wood Warbler/Phylloscopus sibilatrix/Fluiter  
1 at Buhoma on 20/02, and one in the same area the next day.

404. Red-faced Crombec/Sylvietta whytii jacksoni/Roodteugelkrombek  
4 at Lake Mburo NP on 16/02.

405. Green Crombec/Sylvietta virens baraka/Groene Krombek  
http://www.xeno-canto.org/157039  
1 at Buhoma Village on 21/02, 2 at QENP on 22/02, 5 at Semliki NP on 25/02, 1 at Semliki NP on 26/02, 3 at Kibale NP on 26/02, 5 at Kibale NP on 27/02 and 2 at Mabira Forest on 28/02.

406. Lemon-bellied Crombec/Sylvietta denti denti/Geelbuikkrombek  
3 heard at Semliki NP on 25/02.

407. White-browed Crombec/Sylvietta leucophrys leucophrys/Witbrauwkrombek  
1 at Ruhija on 17/02, 1 at Buhoma on 18/02, 1 at Buhoma on 19/02, 1 at Buhoma on 20/02 and 1 at Kibale NP on 26/02 should have been the subspecies leucophrys.

408. Blackcap/Sylvia atricapilla/Zwartkop  
1 at Ruhija on 17/02, in subsong. Related subspecies unclear.
409. Ruwenzori Hill Babbler/Pseudoalcippe atriceps/Ruwenzorimonnikstimalia
http://www.xeno-canto.org/157091
3 at Ruhija on 17/02.

410. Scaly-breasted Iliadopsis/Iliadopsis albipectus barakae/Schubborstlijstertimalia
http://www.xeno-canto.org/157092
1 at The Neck on 18/02, 5 at Buhoma on 19/02, 2 at Buhoma on 20/02, 1 at Buhoma on 21/02, 2 at Semliki NP on 25/02 and 1 at Mabira Forest on 01/03.

411. Pale-breasted Iliadopsis/Iliadopsis rufipennis rufipennis/Grijswanglijstertimalia
1 at Buhoma on 19/02, 2 at Buhoma on 20/02, 1 at Semliki NP on 25/02 and 2 at Mabira Forest on 01/03.

412. Brown Iliadopsis/Iliadopsis fulvescens ugandae/ Bruine Lijstertimalia
1 at Maramagambo Forest in QENP on 22/02, 1 at Semliki NP on 25/02, 1 at Kibale NP on 27/02 and 2 at Mabira Forest on 01/03.

413. Mountain Iliadopsis/Iliadopsis pyrrhoptera pyrrhoptera/Berglijstertimalia
1 at Ruhija on 17/02 and 3 between Ruhija and The Neck on 18/02.

414. Black-fores Babbler/Turdoides sharpei sharpei/Taborababbelaar
1 at Kaaku Swamp on 15/02, 5 at Lake Mbxro NP on 15/02, 1 at Lake Mbxro NP on 16/02, 4 at Buhoma Village on 21/02 and 2 en route to QENP on 22/02.

415. Arrow-marked Babbler/Turdoides jardinei emini/Pijlpuntbabbelaaar
2 at Lake Mbxro NP on 16/02 and 1 en route to QENP on 22/02.

416. Grey-chested Iliadopsis/Kakamega poliothorax/Grijsborstlijstertimalia
1 at Ruhija on 17/02, 1 at The Neck on 18/02 and 1 at Buhoma on 20/02.

417. White-winged Black Tit/Parus leucomelas insignis/Ruppells Mees
2 at Lake Mbxro NP on 16/02.

418. Dusky Tit/Parus funereus funereus/Gabonmees
http://www.xeno-canto.org/157035
1 at the Neck on 18/02, c.10 at Buhoma on 19/02, 6 at Buhoma on 20/02 and 4 at Kibale NP on 26/02.

419. Stripe-breasted Tit/Parus fasciiventer fasciiventer/Ruwenzorimees (ARE)
2 at Ruhija on 17/02.

420. Tit-hylia/Pholidornis rushiae denti/Dwergmeesastrild
4 at Buhoma on 19/02.

421. Grey-headed Sunbird/Deleornis axillaris/Grijskopraafhuizingaer
2 at the Neck on 18/02, 1 at Buhoma on 19/02, 2 at Buhoma on 20/02 and 2 at Semliki NP on 25/02.

422. Little Green Sunbird/Anthreptes seimundi minor/Kortstaarthoningzaiger
1 at Buhoma on 19/02, 1 at Buhoma on 20/02, 2 at Buhoma on 21/02, 3 at Mabira Forest on 28/02 and 2 at Mabira Forest on 01/03.

423. Green Sunbird/Anthreptes rectirostris tephrolaemus/Goudbandhoningzuiger
c.5 at the Neck on 18/02, 4 at Buhoma on 19/02 and 1 at Kibale NP on 27/02.

424. Collared Sunbird/Anthodiaeta collaris garguensis/Halsbandhoningzuiger
4 at Ruhija on 17/02, 3 at the Neck on 18/02, 4 at Buhoma on 20/02, 2 at Buhoma on 21/02, 1 at QENP on 22/02, 1 at Kibale NP on 26/02, 2 at Kibale NP on 27/02, 1 at Kibale NP on 28/02, 2 at Mabira Forest on 28/02 and 1 at Mabira Forest on 01/03.

425. Green-headed Sunbird/Cyanomitra verticalis viridisplendens/Groenkophoningzuiger
1 at Lake Mburo NP on 16/02, 2 en route from Lake Mburo NP to Mbarara on 16/02, 2 from Ruhija to Buhoma on 18/02, 4 at Buhoma on 18/02, 1 at Buhoma on 19/02, 2 at Buhoma on 20/02, 1 at Buhoma on 21/02, 3 at Kibale NP on 28/02 and 1 at Mabira Forest on 28/02.

426. Blue-throated Brown Sunbird/Cyanomitra cyanolaema octaviae/Bruinrughoningzuiger
1 at Semliki NP on 26/02 and c.20 at Kibale NP on 27/02.

427. Blue-headed Sunbird/Cyanomitra alinae alinae/Ruwenzorihoningzuiger (ARE)
c.15 at Ruhija on 17/02 and 1 at Buhoma on 20/02.

428. Western Olive Sunbird/Cyanomitra obscura ragazzii/Westelijke Olijfgroene Honingzuiger
1 at the Neck on 18/02, c.10 at Buhoma on 19/02, 3 at Buhoma on 20/02 and 1 at Semliki NP on 26/02.

429. Green-throated Sunbird/Chalcomitra rubescens rubescens/Groenkeelhoningzuiger
1 at Buhoma on 18/02, 4 at Buhoma on 21/02, 1 en route to QENP on 22/02 and 2 at Kibale NP on 27/02.

430. Scarlet-chested Sunbird/Chalcomitra senegalensis lamperti/Roodborsthoningzuiger
[http://www.xeno-canto.org/157093](http://www.xeno-canto.org/157093)
1 at Entebbe on 15/02, 1 between Ruhija and The Neck on 18/02, 1 at Buhoma Village on 21/02, 1 between Ft. Portal and Semliki NP on 24/02 and 1 at Jinja on 01/03.

431. Bronze Sunbird/Nectarinia kilimensis kilimensis/Bronshoningzuiger
1 en route from Mbarara to Kabale on 16/02, 4 from Ruhija to Buhoma on 18/02, c.20 at Buhoma on 18/02, 6 at Buhoma on 19/02, 7 at Buhoma on 20/02, 6 at Buhoma on 21/02, 3 at Buhoma Village on 22/02, 8 on our way to QENP on 22/02, 1 at Ft. Portal on 26/02 and 2 at Kibale NP on 27/02.

432. Olive-bellied Sunbird/Cinnyris chloropygius orphogaster/Olijfbuikhoningzuiger
1 en route from Buhoma to QENP on 22/02 and 3 at QENP on 22/02.

433. Tiny Sunbird/Cinnyris minullus/Kabouterhoningzuiger
2 at Kibale NP on 26/02 and 1 at Kibale NP the next day.

434. Northern Double-collared Sunbird/Cinnyris reichenowi reichenowi/Preuss'Honingzuiger
Common at Bwindi.

435. Regal Sunbird/Cinnyris regius regius/Koningshoningzuiger (ARE)
6 at Ruhija on 17/02 and 1 between Ruhija and The Neck on 18/02.

436. Mariqua Sunbird/Cinnyris mariquensis suahelicus/Maricohoningzuiger
5 at Lake Mburo NP on 16/02.
437. Red-chested Sunbird/Cinnyris erythrocercus/Sierhoningzuiger
1 at QENP on 22/02, 14 at QENP on 23/02, 4 at QENP on 24/02, 2 at Jinja on 01/03, 1 at Lutembe Bay on 01/03, c.20 at Entebbe Botanical Gardens on 01/03 and 4 at Entebbe Central Inn on 01/03.

438. Orange-tufted Sunbird/Cinnyris bouvieri/Bouviers Honingzuiger
2 at Semliki NP on 25/02.

439. Superb Sunbird/Cinnyris superbus buvuma/Prachthoningzuiger
3 at Kibale NP on 27/02, 1 at Kibale NP on 28/02 and 1 at Mabira Forest on 28/02.

440. Variable Sunbird/Cinnyris venustus igneiventris/Ornaathloningzuiger
4 at Ruhija on 17/02, 10 between Ruhija and Buhoma on 18/02, 1 at Buhoma on 18/02, 1 at Buhoma on 20/02.

441. Copper Sunbird/Cinnyris cupreus cupreus/Koperhoningzuiger
3 en route from Lake Mburo NP to Mbarara on 16/02.

442. African Yellow White-eye/Zosterops senegalensis stuhlmanni/Afrikaanse Brilvogel
Fairly common at Bwindi, Kibale NP and Marira, few sightings elsewhere.

443. Western Black-headed Oriole/Oriolus brachyrhynchus laetior/Blauwvleugelwielewaal
3 at Semliki NP on 25/02, 1 at Kibale NP on 26/02, 3 at Kibale NP on 27/02 and 1 at Mabira Forest on 01/03.

444. African Black-headed Oriole/Oriolus larvatus rolleti/Maskerwielewaal
2 en route from Lake Mburo NP to Kabale on 16/02.

445. Montane Oriole/Oriolus percivali/Bergwielewaal
http://www.xeno-canto.org/157052
c.10 at Ruhija on 17/02, 4 at Buhoma on 19/02, 3 at Buhoma on 20/02 and 2 at Buhoma on 21/02.

446. Grey-backed Fiscal/Lanius excubitorius/Grijsrugklapekster
4 at Kaaku Swamp on 15/02, 1 between Kaaku Swamp and Lake Mburo NP on 15/02, 4 at Lake Mburo NP on 16/02, 3 en route from Mbarara to Kabale on 16/02, 3 at QENP on 22/02, c.35 at QENP on 23/02, 5 at QENP on 24/02, 3 between Kibale NP and Mabira on 28/02 and 3 at Lutembe Bay on 01/03. Status of subspecies in Uganda unclear.

447. Mackinnon's Shrike/Lanius mackinnoni/Mackinnons Klauwier
1 en route from Mbarara to Kabale on 16/02, 3 at Ruhija on 17/02, 4 at Buhoma village on 21/02 and 2 there on 22/02. A highland species.

448. Northern Fiscal/Lanius humeralis smithii/Noordelijke Gekraagde Klauwier
7 en route from Mbarara to Kabale on 16/02, 1 from Ruhija to The Neck on 18/02, 4 at Buhoma Village on 21/02, 8 en route to QENP on 22/02, 5 at QENP on 23/02, 1 at QENP on 24/02, 2 between Kasese and Ft. Portal on 24/02, 5 between Semliki NP and Ft. Portal on 26/02, 2 at Kibale NP on 26/02, 1 at Kibale NP on 28/02 and 3 between Kibale NP and Mabira on 28/02.

449. Brubru/Nilaus afer massaicus/Broebroe
1 at Lake Mburo NP on 15/02.

450. Northern Puffback/Dryoscopus gambensis malzacii/Gambiapoederdonsklauwier
6 at Ruhija on 17/02, 2 at Buhoma on 18/02, 1 at QENP on 22/02 and 1 at Kibale NP on 28/02.
451. Pink-footed Puffback/Dryoscopus angolensis nandensis/Gabonpoederdonsklauwier
6 at Buhoma on 19/02 with 3 there on 20/02.

452. Marsh Tchagra/Tchagra minutus minutus/Kleine Tsjagra
1 at QENP on 22/02.

453. Black-crowned Tchagra/Tchagra senegalus armenus/Zwartkruintsjagra
1 at Lake Mburo NP on 15/02 and 2 at QENP on 23/02.

454. Brown-crowned Tchagra/Tchagra australis emini/Bruinkoptsjagra
3 en route from Ruhija to Buhoma on 18/02, 1 at Buhoma village on 21/02 and 1 at Kibale NP on 27/02.

455. Luehder's Bushshrike/Laniarius luehderi castaneiceps/Luehders Fiskaal
http://www.xeno-canto.org/157051
4 between Ruhija and The Neck on 18/02, 6 at Buhoma on 18/02, 5 at Buhoma on 19/02, 8 at Buhoma on 20/02, 4 at Buhoma on 21/02, 4 at Kibale NP on 26/02 and 2 at Kibale NP on 28/02.

456. Tropical Boubou/Laniarius aethiopicus major/Ethiopische Fiskaal
http://www.xeno-canto.org/157098
2 at Lake Mburo NP on 16/02, 2 between Ruhija and Buhoma on 18/02 and 1 at Buhoma village on 21/02.

457. Black-headed Gonolek/Laniarius erythrogaster/Zwartkopfiskaal
1 at Kaaku Swamp on 15/02, 1 at Lake Mburo NP on 16/02, 6 at QENP on 22/02, c.15 at QENP on 23/02 and 2 at Entebbe Botanical Gardens on 01/03.

458. Papyrus Gonolek/Laniarius mufumbiri/Papyrusfiskaal
http://www.xeno-canto.org/157058
2 at Lake Mburo NP on 16/02, 2 en route from Mbarara to Kabale on 16/02 and c.10 at QENP on 24/02.

459. Sooty Boubou/Laniarius leucorhynchus/Zwarte Fiskaal
2 heard at Semliki NP on 25/02.

460. Willard's Sooty Boubou/Laniarius willardi/Willards Fiskaal (ARE)
2 at Buhoma on 19/02 and 1 there on 20/02. A new species to science since 2010.
461. Sulphur-breasted Bushshrike/Chlorophoneus sulfureopectus sulfureopectus/Oranje Bosklauwier
http://www.xeno-canto.org/157095
2 at Lake Mburo NP on 16/02 and 1 at QENP on 22/02.

462. Many-colored Bushshrike/Chlorophoneus multicolor (batesi/graueri)/Veelkleurige Bosklauwier
1 at Ruhija on 17/02, 1 at the Neck on 18/02, 2 at Buhoma on 18/02, 2 at Buhoma on 20/02 (graueri) and 2 at Kibale NP on 26/02 (batesi).

463. Bocage’s Bushshrike/Chlorophoneus bocagei jacksoni/Grijze Bosklauwier
1 at the Neck on 18/02, 1 at Buhoma on 18/02, 1 at Buhoma on 19/02, 1 at Buhoma on 20/02, 1 at Buhoma on 21/02 and 1 at Kibale NP on 26/02.

464. Doherty’s Bushshrike/Telophorus dohertyi/Doherty’s Bosklauwier
http://www.xeno-canto.org/157033
3 at Ruhija on 17/02 and 2 between Ruhija and The Neck on 18/02.

465. Fork-tailed Drongo/Dicrurus adsimilis fugax/Treurdrongo
Fairly common open country species.

466. Velvet-mantled Drongo/Dicrurus modestus coracinus/Bosdrongo
2 at Kibale NP on 26/02 and 1 there on 27/02.

467. Piapiac/Ptilostomus afer/Piapiac
Just one on our way from QENP to Ft. Portal just north of Kasese on 24/02.

468. Pied Crow/Corvus albus/Schildraaf
Fairly common.

469. White-necked Raven/Corvus albicollis/Witnekraaf
2 near Kabale on 16/02, 3 at Ruhija on 17/02 and 1 between Ruhija and The Neck on 18/02.

470. Yellow-billed Oxpecker/Buphagus africanus africanus/Geelsnavelossenpikker
1 at Lake Mburo NP on 16/02, 3 at QENP on 22/02 and 6 at QENP on 23/02.

471. Greater Blue-eared Starling/Lamprotornis chalybaeus sycobius/Groenstaartglansspreeuw
2 at Lake Mburo NP on 15/02, 2 at Lake Mburo NP on 16/02 and many tens at Entebbe Central Inn on 01/03.

472. Splendid Glossy Starling/Lamprotornis splendidus splendidus/Prachtglansspreeuw
3 at Lake Mburo NP on 16/02, 3 at Buhoma Village on 21/02, 2 at Semliki NP on 25/02, c.10 at Kibale NP on 26/02, 3 at Kibale NP on 27/02 and 3 at Mabira Forest on 28/02.

473. Purple Glossy Starling/Lamprotornis purpureus/Purperglansspreeuw
2 on our way to Mabamba on 15/02.

474. Rueppell’s Glossy Starling/Lamprotornis purpureus Blauwe Langstaartglansspreeuw
Locally common.

475. Purple-headed Glossy-Starling/Lamprotornis purpureiceps/Purperkopglansspreeuw
4 at the Neck on 18/02, 4 at Buhoma on 19/02, 3 at Semliki NP on 25/02, c.30 at Kibale NP on 26/02, 3 at Kibale NP on 27/02, 5 at Kibale NP on 28/02 and 6 at Mabira Forest on 28/02.

476. Violet-backed Starling/Cinnyricinclus leucogaster (leucogaster/verreauxi)/Amethistspreeuw
1 at Lake Mburo NP on 16/02 and 5 at QENP on 22/02.

477. Slender-billed Starling/Onychognathus tenuirostris/Kaneelvleugelspreeuw
c.10 at Ruhija on 17/02.

478. Chestnut-winged Starling/Onychognathus fulgidus hartlaubii/Kastanjevleugelspreeuw
2 at Kibale NP on 26/02.

479. Waller’s Starling/Onychognathus walleri elgonensis/Wallers Spreeuw
c.40 at Ruhija on 17/02, 1 at the Neck on 18/02 and 3 at Buhoma on 19/02.

480. Narrow-tailed Starling/Poeoptera lugubris/Spitsstaartspreeuw
2 at The Neck on 18/02, 2 at Buhoma on 18/02, 2 at Buhoma on 21/02, 6 at Kibale NP on 26/02 and 1 at Kibale NP on 28/02.

481. Stuhlmann’s Starling/Poeoptera stuhlmanni/Stuhlmanns Spreeuw
2 at Buhoma on 19/02, c.55 at Buhoma on 20/02 and 8 at Kibale NP on 26/02.

482. Sharpe’s Starling/Pholia sharpii/Sharpes Spreeuw
4 at Ruhija on 17/02 and 2 en route from Ruhija to The Neck on 18/02.

483. House Sparrow/Passer domesticus/Huismus
Uganda’s best kept birding secret!
1 at the ferry crossing on 15/02, 2 in the northern part of QENP on 24/02 and 2 between Kibale NP and Mabira on 28/02.

484. Common Grey-headed Sparrow/Passer griseus ugandae/Grijskopmus
Fairly common.

485. Red-billed Quelea/Quelea quelea aethiopica/Roodbekwever
Common at QENP.

486. Southern Red Bishop/Euplectes orix/Grenadierwever
c.20 at QENP on 23/02, 2 at QENP on 24/02 and 1 between Kibale NP and Mabira.

487. Black Bishop/Euplectes gierowii ansorgei/Zwarte Vuurwever
2 en route from Buhoma to QENP on 22/02.

488. Yellow Bishop/Euplectes capensis crassirostris/Fluweelwidavink
2 en route from Ruhija to The Neck on 18/02.

489. White-winged Widowbird/Euplectes albonotatus eques/Spiegelwidavink
QENP only: 1 on 22/02, c.150 on 23/02 and 2 on 24/02.

490. Red-collared Widowbird/Euplectes ardens ardens/Roodkeelwidavink
3 at QENP on 22/02.

491. Fan-tailed Widowbird/Euplectes axillaris phoeniceus/Roodschouderwidavink
2 at Kaaku Swamp on 15/02, 1 near Kabale on 16/02 and 5 at QENP on 23/02.

492. Grosbeak Weaver/Amblyospiza albifrons melanota/Dikbekwever
4 at QENP on 22/02, 3 at QENP on 24/02, 14 at Kibale NP on 28/02 and 1 at Mabira Forest on 28/02.

493. Compact Weaver/Pachyphantes superciliosus/Bruinstuitwever
3 at QENP on 22/02.

494. Baglafecht Weaver/Ploceus baglafecht stuhlmanni/Baglafechtwever
1 at Ruhija on 17/02, 14 between Ruhija and Buhoma on 18/02, 2 at Buhoma on 19/02, 2 at Buhoma on 20/02, 2 at Buhoma on 21/02, 1 at Buhoma Village on 21/02, 1 there on 22/02, 3 en route to QENP on 22/02 and c.25 at QENP 22/02.

495. Slender-billed Weaver/Ploceus pelzelni pelzelni/Dunbekwever
1 near Entebbe op 15/02, tens at the ferry crossing on 15/02, 3 at Lake Mburo NP on 16/02, 1 at QENP on 22/02, c.20 at QENP on 22/02, c.20 at Entebbe Botanical Gardens on 01/03 and 4 at Entebbe Central Inn on 01/03.

496. Black-necked Weaver/Ploceus nigricollis nigricollis/Zwartnekwever
7 at Lake Mburo NP on 16/02, 7 at Buhoma on 18/02, 4 at Buhoma on 19/02, 6 at Buhoma on 20/02, 2 at Buhoma on 21/02, 1 at Buhoma Village on 21/02, c.50 at QENP on 22/02, c.50 at Kibale NP on 27/02, 3 at Mabira Forest on 28/02 and 1 at Mabira Forest on 01/03.

497. Spectacled Weaver/Ploceus ocularis crocatus/Brilwever
5 at Buhoma Village on 21/02, 6 at QENP on 22/02 and many tens at QENP on 24/02.

498. Black-billed Weaver/Ploceus melanogaster stephanophorus/Hooglandwever
A Buhoma speciality: 2 there on 18/02, 4 on 19/02 and also 4 on 21/02.

499. Strange Weaver/Ploceus alienus/Meeswever (ARE)
1 at Ruhija on 17/02.

500. Holub's Golden-Weaver/Ploceus xanthops/Saffraanwever
2 at Buhoma Village on 21/02 and 2 en route from Buhoma to QENP on 22/02.

501. Orange Weaver/Ploceus aurantius rex/Koningswever
1 or 2 at Entebbe Botanical Gardens on 01/03.

502. Northern Brown-throated Weaver/Ploceus castanops/Rietwever
Locally fairly common.

503. Lesser Masked Weaver/Ploceus intermedius intermedius/Kleine Textorwever
Common at Lake Mburo NP, QENP and at Lutembe Bay.

504. Vieillot's Black Weaver/Ploceus nigerrimus nigerrimus/Fluweelwever
Tens at the ferry crossing and also at Mabamba on 15/02, 1 between The Neck and Buhoma on 18/02, 2 at Buhoma on 21/02, c.10 at Kibale NP on 27/02, c.25 at Kibale NP on 28/02 and c.10 at Entebbe Botanical Gardens on 01/03.

505. Village Weaver/Ploceus cucullatus abyssicus/Grote Textorwever
Locally common.
506. Weyns's Weaver/Ploceus weynsi/Weyns' Wever
16 at Mabira Forest on 01/03.

507. Golden-backed Weaver/Ploceus jacksoni/Jacksons Weaver
2 at a pond en route from Lake Mbu ro NP to Mbarara on 16/02.

508. Black-headed Weaver/Ploceus melanocephalus dimidiatus/Zwartkopwever
Tens at the ferry crossing on 15/02, 2 en route from Mbarara to Kabale on 16/02 and many tens at QENP on 23/02 & 24/02.

509. Yellow-mantled Weaver/Ploceus tricolor interscapularis/Driekleurwever
2 at Mabira Forest on 28/02.

510. Dark-backed Weaver/Ploceus bicolor mentalis/Woudwever
1 at Kibale NP on 26/02.

511. Brown-capped Weaver/Ploceus insignis/Bruinkapwever
4 at Buhoma on 19/02, with 3 there on 20/02.

512. Red-headed Weaver/Anaplectes rubriceps leuconotos/Scharlaken Wever
3 at Lake Mbu ro NP on 16/02.

513. Crested Malimbe/Malimbus malimbicus crassirostris/Kuifprachtwever
3 at Semliki NP on 25/02.

514. Red-headed Malimbe/Malimbus rubricollis/Roodkopprachtwever
1 at Buhoma on 19/02, 3 at Buhoma on 20/02, 1 at Kibale NP on 26/02, 1 at Kibale NP on 27/02, 2 at Mabira Forest on 28/02, 2 there on 01/03,

515. Blue-billed Malimbe/Malimbus nitens/Roodkeelprachtwever
1 at Semliki NP on 25/02.

516. Pin-tailed Whydah/Vidua macroura/Dominicanerwida
1 near Masaka on 15/02, 1 at Kaaku Swamp on 15/02, 1 at Lake Mbu ro NP on 15/02, 5 between Ruhija and The Neck on 18/02, 2 en route from Buhoma and QENP on 22/02, 2 at QENP on 22/02, 8 at QENP on 23/02, 1 between Kasese and Ft. Portal on 24/02 and 1 at Kibale NP on 28/02.

517. Village Indigobird/Vidua chalybeata centralis/Staalvink
2 en route from Mbarara to Kabale on 16/02, 1 at Buhoma Village on 21/02 and 4 en route from Buhoma to QENP on 22/02.

518. Jameson’s Antpecker/Parmoptila jamesoni/Congomierenpikker (ARE)
1 at Buhoma on 19/02 and 1 at Semliki NP on 25/02.

519. Grey-headed Negrofinch/Nigrita canicapillus schistaceus/Grijskopnegervink
1 at Ruhija on 17/02, 1 at The Neck on 18/02, 2 at Buhoma on 18/02, 2 at Buhoma on 19/02, 3 at Buhoma on 20/02, 2 at Buhoma on 21/02, 1 at Buhoma Village on 21/02, 1 at QENP on 22/02, 3 at Semliki NP on 25/02, 1 at Kibale NP on 28/02 and 2 at Mabira Forest on 01/03.

520. Chestnut-breasted Negrofinch/Nigrita bicolor saturiator/Bruinborstnegervink
2 at Semliki NP on 25/02.
521. White-breasted Nigrita/Nigrita fusconotus fusconotus/Witborstnegervink
3 at Buhoma on 20/02, 4 at Semliki NP on 25/02, 1 at Semliki NP on 26/02, 1 at Kibale NP on 27/02, 2 at Kibale NP on 28/02, 2 at Mabira Forest on 28/02 and 2 at Mabira Forest on 01/03.

522. Green Twinspot/Mandingoa nitidula schlegeli/Groene Druppelastrild
1 heard at Kibale NP on 27/02, 3 heard at Mabira Forest on 01/03.

523. Dusky Twinspot/Euschistospiza cinereovinacea graueri/Dybowski’s Astrild
1 at a sidetrack en route from Ruhija and The Neck on 18/02.

524. Dusky Crimsonwing/Cryptospiza jacksoni/Jacksons Bergastrild (ARE)
3 at Ruhija on 17/02.

525. Yellow-bellied Waxbill/Coccopygia quartinia kilimensis/Geelbuikastrild
8 between Ruhija and The Neck on 18/02.

526. Fawn-breasted Waxbill/Estrilda paludicola roseicrissa/Moerasastrild
1 at QENP on 22/02 and c.15 at Semliki NP on 26/02.

527. Orange-cheeked Waxbill/Estrilda melpoda/Oranjekaakje
2 at Semliki NP on 25/02.

528. Crimson-rumped Waxbill/Estrilda rhodopyga centralis/Teugelastrild
3 at Semliki NP on 24/02.

529. Black-crowned Waxbill/Estrilda nonnula nonnula/Nonastrild
3 between Ruhija and The Neck on 18/02, 1 at Buhoma on 18/02, 3 at Buhoma on 21/02, 5 at Semliki NP on 24/02 and 1 at Kibale NP on 28/02.

530. Kandt’s Waxbill/Estrilda kandti kandti/Kandts Astrild (ARE)
2 near the village of Ruhija on 18/02.

531. Black-faced Waxbill/Estrilda erythronotos delamerei/Elfenastrild
1 at Lake Mburo NP on 16/02.

532. Red-headed Bluebill/Spermophaga ruficapilla ruficapilla/Roodkopblauwsnavel
1 at Kibale NP on 26/02, 1 at Mabira Forest on 28/02 and 2 at Mabira Forest on 01/03 (and finally satisfying views!).

533. Black-bellied Seedcracker/Pyrenestes ostrinus/Purperastrild
1 heard at Semliki NP on 25/02.

534. Red-cheeked Cordon-bleu/Uraeginthus bengalus bengalus/Blauwfazantje
16 at Lake Mburo NP on 16/02 and 2 at QENP on 22/02.

535. Red-billed Firefinch/Lagonosticta senegala ruberrima/Vuurvinkje
Locally abundant, eg at QENP.
536. **African Firefinch**/Lagonosticta rubricata haematocephala /Donkerrode Amarant
2 at Semliki NP on 24/02.

537. **Bronze Mannikin**/Spermestes cucullata cucullata/Gewoon Ekstertje
For what it’s worth (blame me for being slightly autistic):
2 at Mabamba Swamp on 15/02, c.10 at Kaaku Swamp on 15/02, 3 between Ruhija and The Neck on 18/02, c.25 at Buhoma Village on 21/02, 10 there on 22/02, 2 en route to QENP on 22/02, c.40 at QENP on 22/02, 6 at QENP on 23/02, 1 at QENP on 24/02, 2 between Ft. Portal and Semliki NP on 24/02, c.40 at Semliki NP on 24/02, c.25 at Semliki NP on 25/02, c.10 at Lutembe Bay on 01/03, c.20 at Entebbe Botanical Gardens on 01/03 and 1 at Entebbe Central Inn on 01/03.

538. **Black-and-white Mannikin**/Spermestes bicolor poensis/Glansekstertje
16 en route from The Neck to Buhoma on 18/02, c.15 at Buhoma on 18/02, c.10 there on 21/02, c.25 at Buhoma Village on 21/02, 8 at Semliki NP on 26/02 and 8 at Kibale NP on 26/02.

539. **Oriole Finch**/Linurgus olivaceus prigoginei/Wielewaalvink
3 at Ruhija on 17/02 and 1 at Buhoma on 19/02.

540. **Yellow-crowned Canary**/Serinus flavivertex sassii/Geelkruinkanarie
1 at Ruhija on 17/02 and 10 between Ruhija and The Neck on 18/02.

541. **Yellow-fronted Canary**/Serinus mozambicus barbatus/Mozambiqueisjs
1 at Lake Mburo NP on 16/02, 5 at QENP on 22/02 and c.20 at QENP on 23/02.

542. **African Citril**/Serinus frontalis frontalis/Geelvoorhoofdkanarie
1 en route from Ruhija and The Neck on 18/02, 8 between the Neck and Buhoma on 18/02, 1 at Buhoma on 19/02, 1 at Buhoma on 20/02 and 2 at Buhoma on 21/02.

543. **Brimstone Canary**/Serinus sulphuratus sharpie/Zwavelkanarie
1 en route from Lake Mburo NP to Mbarara on 16/02 and 1 en route from Buhoma to QENP on 22/02.

544. **Streaky Seedeater**/Serinus striolatus graueri/Gestreepte Kanarie
6 near the village at Ruhija on 18/02.

545. **Thick-billed Seedeeater**/Serinus burtoni tanganjicae/Bergkanarie
1 at Ruhija on 17/02, 2 en route from the Neck to Buhoma on 18/02 and 2 at Buhoma on 18/02.

546. **Golden-breasted Bunting**/Emberiza flaviventris flaviventris/Acaciagors
1 at Lake Mburo NP on 16/02, 1 at Ruhija on 17/02, 2 at Buhoma on 18/02 and 4 at Buhoma on 21/02.
MAMMALS

Lion
2 females at QENP on 23/02, albeit quite distant.

Common Genet
Much to our surprise, we encountered one individual during the heat of the day while watching our first Red-throated Bee-eaters just south of Semliki NP on 24/02.

Spotted Hyena
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kP_RjesTS_M&feature=youtu.be
2 at QENP on 23/02.

Egyptian Mongoose
2 en route from Buhoma to QENP on 22/02.

African Savanna Elephant
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uL-h-youm8w&feature=youtu.be
11 at QENP on 22/02, with 34 there on 23/02.

Plains Zebra
c.25 at Lake Mburo NP on 15/02, c.80 at Lake Mburo NP on 16/02 and 3 en route from Lake Mburo NP to Mbarara on 16/02.

Common Warthog
c.115 at Lake Mburo NP on 16/02, c.35 at QENP on 23/02 and 3 at QENP on 24/02. Unfortunately no "Big Brothers"!
Common Hippopotamus
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o1ihcGowdtM&feature=youtu.be
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8AL5PAtWXo8&feature=youtu.be
c.60 at Lake Mburo NP on 16/02 and c.20 at QENP on 22/02.

Cape Buffalo
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KGNebP6PRcU&feature=youtu.be
c.50 at Lake Mburo NP on 16/02, c.75 at QENP on 22/02, 100+ there on 23/02 and c.50 there the next day.

Nile Bushbuck
6 at Lake Mburo NP on 15/02 and 5 at Lake Mburo NP on 16/02.

Common Impala
c.50 at Lake Mburo NP on 15/02, 100’s at Lake Mburo NP on 16/02 and c.10 en route from Lake Mburo NP to Mbarara on 16/02.
Uganda Kob
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DTrVPBzdh70&feature=youtu.be
Common (hundreds) at QENP.

Defassa Waterbuck
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N8gVsqVOvEo&feature=youtu.be
4 at Lake Mburo NP on 15/02, c.30 at Lake Mburo NP on 16/02, 7 at QENP on 22/02, c.60 at QENP on 23/02 and 15 at QENP on 24/02.

Uganda Topi
13 at Lake Mburo NP on 16/02 and 4 at QENP on 22/02.
**Bush Duiker**
1 at Lake Mburo NP on 15/02 and 1 en route from Lake Mburo NP to Mbarara on 16/02.

**Rwenzori Duiker**
1 fresh carcass at Ruhija on 17/02, 1 better off between Ruhija and The Neck on 18/02 and finally 2 at Buhoma on 20/02.

**Eastern Blue Duiker**
2 at Kibale NP on 27/02.

**Northern Lesser Galago**
1 at Ruhija on 17/02 during one of the few spotlighting trips.

**Ugandan Crested or Grey-cheeked Mangabey**
1 at Semliki NP on 24/02, 13 at Semliki NP on 25/02, c.15 at Semliki NP on 26/02, 7 at Kibale NP on 26/02, 3 at Kibale NP on 27/02 and 3 between Kibale NP and Mabira on 28/02.

**Olive Baboon**
c.10 at Lake Mburo NP on 15/02, c.30 at Lake Mburo NP on 16/02, c.25 at QEWP on 22/02, 3 at Kibale NP on 26/02, 9 at Kibale NP on 27/02 and c.25 at Kibale NP on 28/02.

**Tantalus or Vervet Monkey**
[Links to videos]
2 at Lake Mburo NP on 15/02, c.35 at Lake Mburo NP on 16/02, 2 near Kabale on 16/02, 11 at QEWP on 22/02, 1 at QEWP the next day, c.40 at Entebbe Botanical Gardens on 01/03.

**L’Hoest’s Monkey**
1 between Ruhija and The Neck on 18/02, c.20 at Buhoma on 18/02, 1 at Buhoma on 19/02, 12 at Buhoma on 20/02 and 8 at Buhoma on 21/02.

**De Brazza’s Monkey**
1 heard at Semliki NP on 25/02. What a bummer!

**Dent’s Monkey**
1 at Semliki NP on 25/02.
Red-tailed Monkey
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RlvXkOFtCOg&feature=youtu.be
3 at the Neck on 18/02, 1 at Buhoma on 20/02, c.15 at Semliki NP on 24/02, c.30 at Semliki NP on 25/02 c.10 at Semliki NP on 26/02, c.10 at Kibale NP on 26/02, c.10 at Kibale NP on 27/02 and 5 at Mabira Forest on 28/02 and 01/03.

Blue Monkey
6 at Ruhija on 17/02, 1 at the Neck on 18/02, 1 at Semliki NP on 24/02 and 4 at Semliki NP on 25/02.

Guereza
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=InX0xR1Albo&feature=youtu.be
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ngtxj87ur1Q&feature=youtu.be
1 on our way to Mabamba on 15/02, 7 en route from Ruhija to Buhoma on 18/02, 1 at Buhoma on 19/02, 8 at QENP on 22/02, 3 at QENP on 23/02, 1 at QENP on 24/02, 4 at Semliki NP on 24/02, 13 at Semliki NP on 25/02, 5 at Semliki NP on 26/02, 7 at Kibale NP on 26/02 and 8 at Entebbe Botanical Gardens on 01/03.

Ashy Red Colobus
c.25 at Kibale NP on 26/02, 1 at Kibale NP on 27/02 and c.10 at Kibale NP on 28/02.

Chimpanzee
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FTmNSzrQzmc&feature=youtu.be
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z3EntzLjeik&feature=youtu.be
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cKR3s7v_2VI&feature=youtu.be
2 heard on our way from Ruhija to The Neck on 18/02, two groups calling to eachother near the lodges at Buhoma on 20/02 and 21/02, heard at Kibale NP on 26/02 and finally tracked down with a minimum of 10 at Kibale NP on 27/02.

Eastern Gorilla
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8tCuRG-A6bo&feature=youtu.be
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pqZsVkO5ynM&feature=youtu.be
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XyDznkVn45w&feature=youtu.be
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W8wAeoJEOqU&feature=youtu.be
We encountered the Rushegura Group near the lodges at Buhoma on 18/02 (a lifetime experience) and also during the trekking on 21/02. This group consists of 17 individuals.
HMW states that gorillas occurring in Bwindi are currently listed as the subspecies beringei. The mtDNA of this population doen not differ from beringei in the Virungas, but they look more like graueri. Further research is needed to clarify their taxonomy.

Uganda Scrub Hare
2 at QENP on 23/02.

We didn’t put much effort into the identification of squirrels, but we think we’ve seen Red-tailed Squirrel (Buhoma, Semliki NP), Bohn's Squirrel, (Buhoma), Carruther's Squirrel (Buhoma), Alexandra's Squirrel (Semliki NP), and Fire-footed Rope Squirrel (Kibale) at least.

Some reptiles we saw:

Nile Crocodile
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hh2CLydnO40&feature=youtu.be
7 at Lake Mburo NP on 16/02, 4 at QENP on 23/02.
Monitor Lizard
1 at QENP on 22/02, 3 at QENP on 23/02.

Agami (blue)
1 at Semliki NP on 24/02.