Madagascar

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Short-legged Ground-Roller (Circuit Vohiparara, Ranomafana)

Mosa’s spiny forest, Ifaty
Report of a birding trip to Madagascar from 21 July to 12 August 2013

Introduction

Serious birders should visit Madagascar at least once. Of great interest to birders are five endemic families: the mesites (3 species), asities (4 species), cuckoo-rollers (1 species), vangas (15 species) and the ground-rollers (5 species). Attracted by the five endemic families and the numerous endemic birds and mammals awaiting us we (Peter en Juke van Scheepen and Inge and Dick Meijer) eventually decided to go to this rich finding place with the both heroic and sad story of Phoebe Snetsinger - the first person ever to see 8000 species of birds - in our minds. Phoebe’s quest to see as many birds as possible after the diagnosis of metastatic malignant melanoma with a prognosis of death within a year, tragically ended with her death in a car accident during a successful birding trip on the island many years later in 2000, Red-shouldered Vanga being her last bird.

We found 172 species of bird of which 99 were endemics (including Green-capped Coua) and 19 were near-endemics. Unfortunately Madagascar Rail and Henst’s Goshawk were heard only. Also we found 25 species of mammal of which 19 were lemurs. We found almost all endemic and near-endemic birds possible within our itinerary during the Madagascar winter. Madagascar Pond-Heron (all pond-herons we saw were Squacco Herons), Madagascar Pratincole (summer visitor), Cryptic Warbler (song not heard), Benson’s Rock-Thrush (bad luck), Madagascar Jacana (all eligible habitat checked), Madagascar Cuckoo-Hawk (simply missed) and Banded Kestrel (simply missed) were birds not seen by us. We flew to Madagascar with KLM and Air France (sober service) and had our trip on Madagascar organized by Birding Breaks (www.birdingbreaks.nl or info@birdingbreaks.nl), owned by our fellow-countryman and birder Laurens Stein. Birding Breaks did a perfect job, we were especially pleased with the quality of the (local) guides and accommodations. We had a hassle-free trip and were happy with the recorded birds and mammals, taking into account the timing of our visit during the Madagascar winter.
Map 1. Map of Madagascar with our itinerary in red and blue lines

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Day-by-day account

21 July

Went to Schiphol, Amsterdam by car and train and flew from Amsterdam to Paris with KLM flight KL 1227 at 7.15 hrs. (1 hour) and from Paris to Antananarivo with Air France flight AF 3578 at 10.45 am (10 hours). Arrived at Antananarivo at 22.10 hrs., handled the logistic chaos at the entrance hall, surprisingly got our visas for free, met our guide Mamy Randriamanantena (mamyguide@yahoo.fr) and driver Eric and drove to our hotel. Because of the altitude of around 1300 m. and the time of the year it was quite chilly in the evening in Antananarivo, wearing fleece is recommended. Slept in the very convenient hotel Le Combava (contact@hotel-combava.com and www.hotel-combava.com) 15 minutes from the airport.

22 July

Left Antananarivo at 8 hrs. after breakfast at Le Combava and drove to Perinet birding on the way, collecting our first Madagascar endemics and near-endemics: Madagascar Little Grebe, Common Fody, Malagasy Kingfisher, Madagascar Kestrel, Crested Drongo, Mascarene Martin, Chabert’s Vanga, Madagascar White-eye, Souimanga Sunbird and Madagascar Munia as well as the various species of egrets and herons to be expected in wet paddies, Red-billed Duck and Hamerkop. Did not find Madagascar Pratincole at the Mangoro River. Met our local guide Patrice at Perinet, found Madagascar Bee-eater, Ward’s Flycatcher, Madagascar Bulbul and Madagascar Magpie-Robin at the parking, checked in at the hotel Feon’ny Ala (++261205683202) and found Madagascar Buzzard and Madagascar Blue-Pigeon near our rooms. Made a walk in the Andasibe reserve from 13.30 to 17.00 hrs., where Patrice turned out to be quite a character able to speak backward holding his hand in front of his mouth and displaying great perseverance to show the important species to us. The walk produced numerous new endemics: Frances’s Goshawk, White-throated Rail, Madagascar Turtle-Dove, Collared Nightjar, Madagascar Nightjar, Malagasy Spinetail, Cuckoo Roller, Greater Vasa-Parrot, Lesser Vasa-Parrot, Sunbird Asity, Common Newtonia, Blue Vanga, Red-tailed Vanga, Nuthatch Vanga, White-headed Vanga, Ashy Cuckoo-Shrike, Madagascar Paradise Flycatcher, Madagascar Brush-Warbler, White-throated Oxylabes, Long-billed Greenbul, Spectacled Greenbul, Common Jery, Madagascar Wagtail and Nelicourvi Weaver. We also found the splendid Diademed Sifaki, our first lemur, as well as Common Brown and Woolly Lemur. The weather was pleasant: dry and cloudless, not too warm. Slept in fairly comfortable hotel Feon’ny Ala (950 m.) near Perinet.

23 July

Drove to Mantadia from 5.30 to 7.00 hrs. and walked trails in the Mantadia Reserve from 7.15 to 12.30 hrs. Had rain till 11.00 hrs. and found new endemic species: Meller’s Duck, Madagascar Flufftail, Blue Coua, Madagascar Coucal,
Mantadia

Tylas Vanga, Dark Newtonia, Wedge-tailed Jery, Rand’s Warbler, Madagascar Sunbird and Forest Fody. Had a late lunch at the parking of Mantadia from 12.30 to 13.30 hrs. and slowly returned to Andasibe. Also found some new mammals: Black-and-white Ruffed Lemur, Indri, Eastern Gray Bamboo Lemur and Lowland Streaked Tenrec. Did some owling from 17.45 to 19.00 hrs. along the road, heard Madagascar Long-eared Owl and Madagascar Scops-Owl, found Brown Mouse Lemur and saw many frogs and chameleons. A rainy day which probably therefore was less productive. Slept in hotel Feon’ny Ala again.

24 July

Had an early breakfast at 5.30 hrs. and made a long and wet walk (constant rain till 11.00 hrs.) on tree fern-bordered trails uphill in Andasibe from 6.15 to 13.15 hrs. Added a few endemics to our trip list: Crossley’s Babbler, Madagascar Woodrail, Green Jery, Stripe-throated Jery (which brought Dick’s world list at 5000), Velvet Asity and Madagascar Partridge. Drove to a marshy area beyond Perinet in the afternoon and found Madagascar Cisticola, Madagascar Swamp-Warbler and Madagascar Rail (heard only). Also found Three-banded Plover there but no Madagascar Snipe. Had good views of Madagascar Long-eared Owl along the road after sunset as well as Madagascar House Bat. Another rainy day. Slept in hotel Feon’ny Ala again.
25 July

Had an early breakfast at 5.30 hrs. again and drove to Mantadia from 6.00 to 8.00 hrs. Made long walks on the trails and often off the trails from 8.00 to 13.15 hrs. to find our target species. After some effort we did find: Red-fronted Coua and the gorgeous Pitta-like Ground-Roller. Had lunch at the parking of Mantadia, made a short final walk and slowly returned to our hotel. Found Scaly Ground-Roller (with Patrice at his best!) along a trail next to the access road. Also added Red-bellied Lemur and Eastern Forest Rat to our list of mammals. Madagascar Rail was only heard again at the marsh and Madagascar Harrier-Hawk was seen from the access road. Went to the private reserve VOIMMA along the road from 18.00 to 20.00 hrs. where we found a sleeping Madagascar Pygmy-Kingfisher (our only one of the trip), but failed to find Madagascar Crested Ibis. A beautiful day without rain but with hard work for a few excellent species. Slept in hotel Feon’ny Ala again.

26 July

Had breakfast at 5.30 hrs. again, went to the forest at Andasibe and made a walk from 6.00 to 9.00 hrs. which produced Red-breasted Coua and a sleeping Madagascar Scops-Owl. Said goodbye to Patrice (we shall never forget him!) and drove to Antsirabe from 9.45 to 17.00 hrs. The weather was beautiful albeit a bit chilly. Slept in hotel Cristal in Antsirabe, again a very good place to sleep with the luxury of a huge bath (cristalhotel@ymail.com).

En route, Antsirabe - Ranomafana
27 July

Had breakfast at 7.00 hrs., drove to Lake Andraikiba where we walked from 8.30 to 9.15 hrs. and found the endemic Madagascar Lark, Madagascar Munia (common here) and our first Pied Crows, White-faced Whistling Ducks and Namaqua Doves. Drove from Antsirabe to Ranomafana from 9.15 to 18.00 hrs. and found Madagascar Hoopoe and Madagascar Snipe near a stream along the road where we had our lunch. Saw our first black Dimorphic Herons along the road as well as Black-crowned Night-Herons. Met Fidi, our local guide for the next few days, at our hotel. A day with many hours in the car and beautiful weather. Slept in hotel Centrest (950 m.) near Ranomafana (centrestsejour@gmail.com), a perfect place to stay with excellent food and service.

28 July

Had breakfast at 5.30 hrs., went to the headquarters of Ranomafana Park, birded and photographed a seemingly domestic chameleon and walked many steep trails there from 7.00 to 12.00 hrs. with local guide Fidi and his assistant Palita. Heard Forest Rock-Thrush and found Madagascar Swift at the parking, saw Pitta-like Ground-Roller, Gray-crowned Greenbul and heard Brown Mesite and Henst’s Goshawk in the forest. Also found Greater Bamboo Lemur, Milne-Edwards’s Sifaka, Red-bellied Lemur, Ring-tailed Mongoose (great views) and Eastern Forest Rat. Had a lunch break from 12.30 to 14.30 hrs. and went back to the hilly forest from 15.00 to 17.30 hrs. (Golden Bamboo Lemur). Made a nocturnal walk along the road from 17.30 to 18.30 hrs. and found several species of frog, chameleon and the tiny Brown Mouse Lemur. A day with long and strenuous walks and beautiful weather. Slept very well in hotel Centrest.

29 July

Had breakfast at 6.00 hrs. and went back to the forest behind the headquarters of Ranomafana Park from 7.00 to 11.30 hrs. and eventually after a few hours of walking up and down found 2 Brown Mesites with help of Fidi and his assistant Lizandry. Also found Red-fronted Brown Lemur. Had a lunch break from 12.00 to
14.00 hrs. with Madagascar Starling and our first Yellow-billed Kites at the grounds of our hotel. Went to the Circuit Amboditanimena from 14.30 to 17.30 hrs. and found Gray Emu-tail quite easily. Saw a Fanaloka on the way back. Slept in hotel Centrest after another day with long walks and beautiful weather.

30 July

Had breakfast at 6.00 hrs. and drove to the waterfall along the road where we soon found and had good views of Forest Rock-Thrush, walked the trails at the Circuit Vohiparara from 7.15 to 13.00 hrs. where both Yellow-bellied Asity and Brown Emu-tail turned out to be very tough species. Much perseverance and patience were needed to find these two endemics. Also found Yellow-browed Oxylabes and Pollen’s Vanga as well as Red-bellied Lemur and Small-toothed Sportive Lemur. Had a lunch break from 14.00 to 15.30 hrs. and returned to Circuit Vohiparara from 16.00 to 17.30 hrs., found Rufous-headed Ground-Roller and experienced a ‘petit mal’ of our guide Fidi. A day with less walking and beautiful weather. Slept in hotel Centrest.

En route, Ranomafana - Isalo

31 July

Had breakfast at 6.00 hrs., returned to the Circuit Vohiparara and walked the first few hundred meters of the trail from 7.00 to 9.00 hrs. in drizzle which produced Madagascar Sparrowhawk and splendid views of Short-legged Ground-Roller found by the ladies. One of the best birds of our trip! Said good bye to our local guide Fidi and drove from Ranomafana to Isalo from 10.00 to 19.00 hrs., had lunch in Ambalavao and found on the way Gray-headed Lovebird, Sooty Falcon (much appreciated) and African Marsh-Owl. Unfortunately the sought after Reunion Harrier remained invisible in its known huge territory along the road. The weather was dry and beautiful after some drizzle at Ranomafana in the morning. Slept in motel De l’Isalo (motelisalo@moov.org) in Ranohira, where we had live music during our dinner.
1 August

Went out before breakfast and searched in vain Madagascar Partridge in excellent habitat near a small lake, neither did we find Benson’s Rock-Thrush at its known breeding site behind Isalo Museum, in both cases most likely because of the cold and bad luck. Had breakfast at the hotel from 9.00 to 9.30 hrs. and returned to the site of Benson’s Rock-Thrush where the bird was seen during our breakfast break. For us it remained unseen though. Perhaps logistically a minor flaw. Drove to Zombitse Forest from 9.30 to 11.30 hrs. and found Giant Coua, Rufous Vanga and Abbert’s Greenbul quite easily as well as Verreaux’s Sifaka and Hubbart’s Sportive Lemur. A White-browed Owl recently killed by a car was shown to us. Lunched from 12.30 to 13.00 hrs. and drove to Tulear from 13.00 to 15.15 hrs., met local guide Mosa and his sons and walked in spiny forest at La Table where we found Sakalava Weaver, the sought after Verreaux’s Coua and Lafresnaye’s Vanga as well as African Palm-Swift. After a cold morning at Isalo the weather was beautiful: cloudless and warm at sea level in Tulear. Slept in hotel Victory in Tulear (hotelvictory.tulear@gmail.com) which was ok.

2 August

Had breakfast at 6.00 hrs., went back to the spiny forest at La Table from 6.30 to 7.30 hrs. and found Red-shouldered Vanga very soon, visited a small pond near Tulear from 7.30 to 8.00 hrs. where we had very good views of Madagascar Sandgrouse as well as Three-banded Plover and Gray-headed Lovebird. Went zebu-cart assisted aboard the speed-boat and sailed to Anakao from 9.00 to 10.00 hrs. (to avoid 8 hours in a car on very bad roads), checked in quickly at the beautiful and tastefully designed seaside hotel Safari Vezo (www.safarivezo.com) and visited the island of Nosy Vé from 11.00 to 12.30 hrs.: one of the highlights of our trip! Had excellent views of Red-tailed Tropicbird which breed on the island, also found Humblot’s Heron and Kelp Gull there. Lunched from 13.00 to 13.30 hrs. and made a walk in spiny forest behind the hotel from 15.00 to 17.30 hrs. which produced Littoral Rock-Thrush, Sub-desert Brush-Warbler (both also on the grounds of our hotel) and Madagascar Buttonquail. Found Western Tuft-tailed Rat on the roof of the reception at dusk. Great birding and very good weather today. Slept in hotel Safari Vezo, Anakao, a very pleasant place to stay.
3 August

Had breakfast at 6.15 hrs., returned by speed boat to Tulear from 7.00 to 7.45 hrs. and drove to Ifaty from 8.00 to 11.30 hrs., birded on the way at Lake Belalanda with Fulvous Whistling-Duck (most welcome) and Kittlitz’s (dozens) and White-fronted (just one) Plovers, scanned a marshy area but did not find Reunion Harrier and found Madagascar Plover on the sand of dry ponds near Ifaty. Lunched and relaxed at hotel Nautilus (www.nautilusmada.mg), another very pleasant place to stay with excellent food and service. Visited Mosa’s spiny forest beyond the village of Mangily from 15.00 to 18.00 hrs. and found some very good species in a fairy-like environment: Running Coua, Subdesert Mesite (excellent views), Long-tailed Ground-Roller (excellent views of two birds, our fifth and last Ground-Roller, number 8 in ‘100 Birds to see in your lifetime’), Sickle-billed Vanga (a bizarre bird) and only our second White-headed Vanga. Slept in hotel Nautilus in Ifaty, where the waiters kept surprising us in a very positive way.

4 August

Had breakfast at 6.00 hrs., went to Mosa’s spiny forest from 7.00 to 9.45 hrs., where Mosa and sons soon showed us Lafresnaye’s Vanga, Archbold’s Newtonia, Thamnornis and another Madagascar Sparrowhawk and had a heat and lunch break from 10.00 to 15.00 hrs. Went back to the spiny forest from 15.00 to 18.00 hrs. and found Madagascar Green Pigeon, Green-capped Coua, Crested Coua and Torotoroca Scops-Owl (after sunset). Said Goodbye to Mosa and sons. Slept in hotel Nautilus.
5 August

Had breakfast at 7.30 hrs., said goodbye to the truly excellent staff of hotel Nautilus and drove from Ifaty to Tulear checking the mangroves and Lake Belalanda on the way (White-fronted Plover). Drove to the airport of Tulear, said good bye to our very friendly driver Eric, flew from Tulear to Antananarivo at 12.30 hrs (1 hour), said goodbye to our guide Mamy in Antananarivo, and flew to Majunga at 17.45 hrs (1 hour). Met our new guide Tiana Rakotoariimanana (mnd@moov.mg) and driver Maurice for the last week but missed one piece of luggage which would be delivered in Ampijoroa two days later. Drove to Hotel Coco Lodge (cocolodge@moov.org and www.coco-lodge.com), another very nice place to stay with a special atmosphere.

6 August

Had breakfast at 7.30 hrs. and made a boat trip to the delta of the Betsiboka River from 8.15 to 12.00 hrs. where we easily found the rare Bernier’s Teal on the mud flats as well as Madagascar Sacred Ibis, Lesser Flamingo (hundreds), Terek and Common Sandpiper. Birded the pool near the airport from 15.00 to 17.30 hrs. and found Madagascar Cuckoo, African Pygmy-Goose, Eurasian Moorhen, Wood Sandpiper and Black Egret but no Madagascar Jacana. Slept again in Hotel Coco Lodge after a hot and dry day.
7 August

Left Majunga after an early breakfast at 5.30 hrs. and drove to Ankarafantsika National Park (= Ampijoroa Forestry Station) stopping at a dam with a variety of water birds and Peregrine Falcon. Met our local guide Jacky at Ampijoroa and from 9.00 to 11.30 hrs. walked trails beside the lake which were rather quiet most likely because of the heat. Saw Coquerel’s Sifaka at the grounds of the headquarters of the reserve and Madagascar Fish-Eagle from the platform at the lake. Made a walk uphill from 15.00 to 17.30 hrs. and found Coquerel’s Coua, Red-capped Coua and White-breasted Mesite. Made a nocturnal walk from 18.15 to 19.30 hrs. which produced both Gray and Golden-brown Mouse Lemur and some chameleons. The weather was dry with temperatures above 30 degrees. Slept in the spacious bungalows of Ampijoroa Lodge (afk.parks@gmail.com) in Ankarafantsika.

8 August

Walked through the forest beside the lake from 6.00 to 8.00 hrs. This rather quiet walk did produce Schlegel’s Asity (high in a tree) and Madagascar Crested Ibis to our great relief. Had breakfast from 8.00 to 9.00 hrs., had a very quiet walk uphill from 9.00 to 12.00 hrs., went to one of the platforms around the Lake and saw our first African Darter of the trip. Walked part of the trail around the lake from 15.00 to 17.30 hrs. which produced the sought after Allen’s Gallinule, spent some time at the entrance of the headquarters and had very good views of Sickle-billed Vangas coming to their night roost. Another very hot and dry day. Slept in Ampijoroa Lodge.
9 August

Went uphill after breakfast from 6.30 to 11.00 hrs. and soon found Hook-billed Vanga. Searched Van Dam’s Vanga during the remaining part of the morning, but the bird did not show up. Had excellent re-sightings of Coquerel’s and Red-capped Coua, Schlegel’s Asity (at eye level!), Rufous Vanga and White-breasted Mesite (a party of three birds). Walked the trail around the headquarters from 14.30 to 16.00 hrs. (Striated Heron) and made a boat trip at Lake Ravelobe from 16.00 to 17.30 hrs. with Malagasy Kingfisher, African Darter, Allen’s Gallinule, Madagascar Fish-Eagle (two adult birds) and Knob-billed Duck as goodies as well as Common Brown Lemur and Nile Crocodile. The temperature rose to 32 Celsius again in spite of some clouds and wind after 9.30 hrs. Slept in Ampijoroa Lodge.

10 August

Went uphill at 6.15 hrs. and after some effort eventually found our first Van Dam’s Vanga at 7.45 hrs. and a little later, when walking down hill, another two birds. Had breakfast, said good bye to the very competent and kind staff of Ankarafantsika’s restaurant and left at 9.30 hrs. for the time consuming (10.5 hours) and not very eventful drive to Antananarivo. Intermittently stopped and looked in vain for Madagascar Jacana, Madagascar Partridge, Banded Kestrel, Madagascar Pratincole (at the Betsiboka river) and Reunion Harrier. Arrived at Hotel Le Combava in Antananarivo shortly before 20.00 hrs. where we slept.

*Tsarasaotra Park, Antananarivo*
11 August

Had breakfast at 6.00 hrs., birded the private Tsarasaotra Park in the outskirts of Antananarivo and the western paddies from 6.45 to 10.30 hrs. The small but very bird rich Tsarasaotra Park did not produce the sought after Madagascar Pond-Heron but a bit to our surprise did produce the equally sought after Reunion Harrier as well as our only Hottentot Teals. Visited a shopping centre from 11.15 to 12.45 hrs, had lunch with live music at the Grill du Rova restaurant next to one of the palaces on the hill from 13.00 to 14.00 hrs., visited the crafts market and a local market from 15.00 to 17.30 hrs. and went back to our hotel to have dinner and to prepare ourselves for our flight home. Were taken to the airport at 21.30 hrs. where we said goodbye to our guide Tiana and our friendly driver Maurice and checked in for our night flight to Paris. Slept on the plane after midnight.

12 August

Flew from Antananarivo to Paris with Air France flight AF 3575 at 01.10 hrs. (10 hours and 5 minutes) and from Paris to Amsterdam with Air France flight AF 1740 at 12.35 hrs. (50 minutes). Went to Wijk bij Duurstede/Dordrecht by train, bus and car. Slept at home.

Annoyances

Malaria is said to be a serious risk on Madagascar. We brought our Malarone pills to protect ourselves. Never took them though, we were told and felt ourselves that the malaria risk is limited in winter. Only at Ampijoroa were we bitten by mosquitoes.

ATM’s are scarce on Madagascar, you’d better take sufficient cash from your home country and buy Ariaries at the airport to be able to pay for your tips, lunches and drinks. In the major towns it is theoretically possible to pay with credit cards at some places but you will be charged 3 to 6 % extra. We tried to use our card at the airport of Antananarivo but the system did not work there. Especially in the wet forest of Mantadia we had a few leeches, to a lesser extent also in the forest of Andasibe. We saw only one snake, a not dangerous Sand Snake at Ampijoroa.

The tip system is difficult to handle for Dutchmen. You need to think about that at the beginning of your trip and make sure you have enough small cash with you (1 € =2850 Ariary).

Madagascar is a poor country and while travelling around one sees much poverty. We often were ashamed of our own wealth. We gave tips and clothes to ease our consciences.

The roads are not too bad in Madagascar but definitely don’t allow high speeds. Our very careful drivers drove at an average speed of 60 kilometers which means many hours in the car travelling from one major town to the other. For Ampijoroa to Antananarivo or for Antananarivo to Ranomafana birdwatchers need a full day and for Ranomafana to Tulear they will need two days.
References

In the field we used:


While preparing and digesting the trip we used:

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Systematic list of birds

ad. - adult
juv. - juvenile
imm - immature
E - Endemic
NE - Near Endemic
I - Introduced

1. White-faced Whistling-Duck (*Dendrocygna viduata*)

8 seen at Lake Andraikiba, Antsirabe on 27-7; 20 at Lake Belalanda, en route to Ifaty on 3-8; 15 at the Lake near Majunga airport on 6-8; 6 at Lake de Ravelobe, Ankarafantsika on 7-8; 50 there on 8-8; 100 on 9-8; 50 en route to Antananarivo on 10-8 and 300 at Tsarasaotra Park, Antananarivo on 11-8.

![White-faced Whistling-Duck, Lake de Ravelobe, Ankarafantsika](image1)

2. Fulvous Whistling-Duck (*Dendrocygna bicolor*)

2 seen at Lake Belalanda, en route to Ifaty on 3-8.

![Comb Duck, Tsarasaotra Park, Antananarivo](image2)
3. **Comb Duck** (*Sarkidiornis melanotos*)

   4 seen at Lake de Ravelobe, Ankarafantsika on 9-8 and 5 at Tsarasaotra Park, Antananarivo on 11-8.

4. **African Pygmy-Goose** (*Nettapus auritus*)

   4 seen at the Lake near Majunga airport on 6-8.

5. **Meller’s Duck** (*Anas melleri*)

   2 seen at a small pond at Mantadia on 23-7.

6. **Red-billed Duck** (*Anas erythrorhyncha*)

   5 seen en route to Perinet and 1 at Andasibe on 22-7; 500 at Lake Andraikiba, Antsirabe on 27-7; 16 at Circuit Amboditanimena, Ranomafana on 29-7; 20 at Lake Belalanda, en route to Ifaty on 3-8; 30 en route to Ankarafantsika on 7-8; 2 at Lake de Ravelobe, Ankarafantsika on 9-8 and 500 at Tsarasaotra Park, Antananarivo on 11-8.

7. **Hottentot Teal** (*Anas hottentota*)

   3 seen at Tsarasaotra Park, Antananarivo on 11-8.

8. **Bernier’s Teal** (*Anas bernieri*)

   90+ seen at the delta of Betsiboka river, Majunga on 6-8.
9. **Madagascar Partridge** (*Margaroperdrix madagascariensis*)
   
   1 seen at Andasibe on 24-7.

10. **Madagascar Little Grebe** (*Tachybaptus pelzelnii*)
    
    1 seen en route to Perinet on 22-7; 2 at a small pond at Mantadia 23-7; 16 at Lake Belalanda, en route to Ifaty on 30-7; 1 at Lake de Ravelobe, Ankarafantsika on 7-8 and 2 there on 9-8.

    ![Madagascar Little Grebe, Mantadia](image)

11. **Lesser Flamingo** (*Phoenicopterus minor*)
    
    1 seen at Lake Belalanda, en route to Ifaty on 3-8; 3 at Lake Belalanda, en route to Tulear on 5-8 and 200+ at the delta of Betsiboka river, Majunga on 6-8.

    ![Lesser Flamingo, Lake Belalanda, en route to Ifaty](image)

12. **Red-tailed Tropicbird** (*Phaethon rubricauda*)
    
    50 seen at Nosy Vé on 2-8.
13. Long-tailed Cormorant (*Phalocrocorax africanus*)

8 seen en route to Ankarafantsika on 7-8.


1 seen at Lake de Ravelobe, Ankarafantsika on 8 and 9-8.

15. Hamerkop (*Scopus umbretta*)

2 seen en route to Perinet and 1 at Andasibe on 22-7; 2 en route to Antsirabe on 26-7; 3 en route to Ranomafana on 27-7 and 2 en route to Isalo on 31-7.

16. Gray Heron (*Ardea cinerea*)

6 seen at Nosy Vé on 2-8; 2 at the mangroves, en route to Tulear on 5-8 and 1 at the delta of Betsiboka river, Majunga on 6-8.

17. Humblot’s Heron (*Ardea humbloti*)

2 seen at Nosy Vé on 2-8; 2 en route to Ankarafantsika on 7-8 and 1 en route to Antananarivo on 10-8.

18. Purple Heron (*Ardea purpurea*)

1 seen at Andasibe on 22-7; 2 near a stream, en route to Ranomafana on 27-7; 1 en route to Tulear on 5-8; 2 at Lake de Ravelobe, Ankarafantsika on 7-8; 6 there on 8-8; 20 on 9-8 and 1 en route to Antananarivo on 10-8.
19. **Great Egret** *(Ardea alba)*

50 seen en route to Perinet on 22-7; 50 en route to Antsirabe on 26-7; 30 en route to Ranomafana on 27-7; 10 en route to Isalo on 31-7; 1 at Ifaty on 3-8; 1 en route to Tulear on 5-8; 2 at the Lake near Majunga airport on 6-8; 4 en route to Ankarafantsika and 1 at Lake de Ravelobe, Ankarafantsika on 7-8; 2 there on 8 and 9-8; 5 en route to Antananarivo on 10-8 and 3 at Tsarasaotra Park, Antananarivo on 11-8.

20. **Little Egret [Dimorphic]** *(Egretta garzetta dimorpha)*

50 seen en route to Perinet on 22-7; 50 en route to Antsirabe on 26-7; 30 en route to Ranomafana on 27-7; 30 en route to Isalo on 31-7; 15 at Tulear and 2 at Nosy Vé on 2-8; 1 at Anakao on 3-8; 5 en route to Tulear on 5-8; 50 at the delta of Betsiboka river, Majunga and 20 at the Lake near Majunga airport on 6-8; common en route to Ankarafantsika and 25 at Lake de Ravelobe, Ankarafantsika on 7-8; 25 there on 8 and 9-8; common en route to Antananarivo on 10-8 and 200 at Tsarasaotra Park, Antananarivo and 50 at the paddies at Antananarivo on 11-8.
21. **Black Heron** (*Egretta ardesiaca*)

9 seen en route to Perinet on 22-7; 9 at the Lake near Majunga airport on 6-8; 100+ at Lake de Ravelobe, Ankarafantsika on 7, 8 and 9-8 and 80 at Tsarasaotra Park, Antananarivo and 20 at the paddies at Antananarivo on 11-8.

*Black Heron, Tsarasaotra Park, Antananarivo*

22. **Cattle Egret** (*Bubulcus ibis*)

2 seen en route to Perinet on 22-7; 30 en route to Antsirabe on 26-7; 40 en route to Ranomafana on 27-7; 20 en route to Isalo; 35 at Isalo on 1-8; 6 at Tulear on 2-8; 8 at Lake Belalanda, en route to Ifaty on 3-8; 6 at Tulear airport on 5-8; 5 at the Lake near Majunga airport on 6-8; common en route to and at Lake de Ravelobe, Ankarafantsika on 7-8; 50 there on 8-8; 100 on 9-8; 100+ en route to Antananarivo on 10-8 and 100 at Tsarasaotra Park, Antananarivo and 50 at the paddies at Antananarivo on 11-8.

23. **Squacco Heron** (*Ardeola ralloides*)

3 seen en route to Perinet on 22-7; 3 at the Lake near Majunga airport on 6-8; 10 at Lake de Ravelobe, Ankarafantsika on 7-8; 3 there on 8 and 9-8; 2 en route to Antananarivo on 10-8 and 2 at Tsarasaotra Park, Antananarivo and 20 at the paddies at Antananarivo on 11-8.

24. **Striated Heron** (*Butorides striata*)

1 seen at Mantadia on 23-7; 3 at Andasibe on 24-7; 1 en route to Ranomafana on 27-7; 1 at Ranomafana on 28-7; 2 at the Lake near Majunga airport on 6-8; 3 at Lake de Ravelobe, Ankarafantsika on 9-8 and 3 at Tsarasaotra Park, Antananarivo on 11-8.

*Striated Heron, Tsarasaotra Park, Antananarivo*
25. Black-crowned Night-Heron (*Nycticorax nycticorax*)

3 seen at a day roost en route to Ranomafana on 27-7; 50 at Lake de Ravelobe, Ankarafantsika on 7, 8 and 9-8 and 150 at Tsarasaotra Park, Antananarivo and 10 at the paddies at Antananarivo on 11-8.

26. Glossy Ibis (*Plegadis falcinellus*)

40 seen at Lake de Ravelobe, Ankarafantsika on 7-8 and 100 there on 8 and 9-8.

27. Madagascar Ibis (*Lophotibis cristata*) E

2 seen at Ankarafantsika on 8-8.

28. Sacred Ibis [Madagascar] (*Threskiornis aethiopicus*)

5 seen at the delta of Betsiboka river, Majunga on 6-8.
29. **Madagascar Harrier-Hawk** (*Polyboroides radiatus*) **E**

1 seen at Mantadia on 25-7; 1 at Isalo on 1-8; 1 at Mosa’s spiny forest, Ifaty on 4-8; 3 at Ankarafantsika on 7-8 and 1 there on 10-8.

![Madagascar Harrier-Hawk, Ankarafantsika](image1)

![Frances’s Goshawk, Ankarafantsika](image2)

![Madagascar Sparrowhawk, Mosa’s spiny forest, Ifaty](image3)

30. **Reunion Harrier** (*Circus maillardi*) **NE**

1 seen at Tsarasaotra Park, Antananarivo on 11-8.

31. **Frances’s Goshawk** (*Accipiter francesii*) **NE**

1 seen at Andasibe on 22-7 and 2 at Ankarafantsika on 9-8.

32. **Madagascar Sparrowhawk** (*Accipiter madagascariensis*) **E**

1 seen at Circuit Vohiparara, Ranomafana on 31-7 and 1 at Mosa’s spiny forest, Ifaty on 4-8.

33. **Henst’s Goshawk** (*Accipiter henstii*) **E**

1 heard at Ranomafana on 28 and 1 at Circuit Vohiparara, Ranomafana on 30-7.

34. **Black Kite [Black]** (*Milvus migrans migrans*)

1 seen at Isalo and 1 en route to Tulear on 1-8 and 1 en route to Ankarafantsika on 9-8.
35. **Black Kite [Yellow-billed]** *(Milvus migrans parasitus)*

   2 seen at Ranomafana on 29-7; 10 en route to Isalo on 31-7; 10 at Isalo and 50 en route to Tulear on 1-8; 4 at Anakao on 2-8; 5 en route to Ifaty on 3-8; 1 at Ifaty on 4-8; 1 at the delta of Betsiboka river, Majunga on 6-8; 8 en route to and 3 at Ankarafantsika on 7-8; 4 there on 8-8; 6 on 9-8 and 10 en route to Antananarivo on 10-8.

36. **Madagascar Fish-Eagle** *(Haliaeetus vociferoides)*

   1 seen at Lake de Ravelobe, Ankarafantsika on 7-8; 1 there on 8-8 and 2 there on and near the nest on 9-8.

37. **Madagascar Buzzard** *(Buteo brachypterus)*

   1 seen at Andasibe on 22-7; 2 at Mantadia on 23-7; 3 at Andasibe on 24-7; 1 at Mantadia on 25-7; 1 en route to Ranomafana on 27-7; 1 there on 29-7; 1 at Ankarafantsika on 7-8; 2 there on 8-8 and 1 on 9-8.

   *Madagascar Fish-Eagle, Lake de Ravelobe, Ankarafantsika*

38. **White-breasted Mesite** *(Mesitornis variegatus)*

   2 seen at Ankarafantsika on 7-8 and 3 seen and more heard there on 9-8.

39. **Brown Mesite** *(Mesitornis unicolor)*

   3 heard at Ranomafana on 28-7 and 2 seen and 3 heard there on 29-7.

40. **Subdesert Mesite** *(Monias benschi)*

   1 seen sitting at a tree at Mosa’s spiny forest, Ifaty on 3-8.

   *Subdesert Mesite, Mosa’s spiny forest, Ifaty*
41. Madagascar Flufftail (*Sarothurna insularis*) E

2 seen and more heard at Mantadia on 23-7; 1 male seen very well at Andasibe on 24-7; heard at Mantadia on 25-7; 3 heard at Circuit Vohiparara, Ranomafana on 29-7 and heard at Ranomafana on 30-7.

42. Madagascar Wood-Rail (*Canirallus kioloides*) E

2 seen at Andasibe on 24-7 and 1 there on 26-7.

43. Madagascar Rail (*Rallus madagascariensis*) E

1 heard at a marshy area beyond Perinet on 24 and 25-7.

44. White-throated Rail (*Dryolimnas cuvieri*) E

1 seen and heard at Andasibe on 22-7; 2 seen and heard at Mantadia on 23-7; 1 seen at Mantadia on 25-7; 1 at Circuit Vohiparara, Ranomafana on 31-7 and 1 en route to Antananarivo on 10-8.

45. Allen’s Gallinule (*Porphyrio alleni*)

2 seen at Lake de Ravelobe, Ankarafantsika on 8-8 and 3 there on 9-8.

46. Eurasian Moorhen (*Gallinula chloropus*)

1 seen at a small pond at Mantadia on 23-7; 3 at the Lake near Majunga airport on 6-8; 2 at Lake de Ravelobe, Ankarafantsika on 9-8 and 3 at Tsarasaotra Park, Antananarivo on 11-8.

47. Red-knobbed Coot (*Fulica cristata*)

2 seen at Lake Belalanda, en route to Ifaty on 3-8; 1 there on 5-8 and 2 at the Lake near Majunga airport on 6-8.

48. Black-bellied Plover (*Pluvialis squatarola*)

2 seen at Nosy Vé on 2-8.

49. Madagascar Plover (*Charadrius thoracicus*) E

2 ad. and 1 juv. seen at Ifaty on 3-8.
50. **Kittlitz's Plover** *(Charadrius pecuarius)*

6 seen at Tulear on 2-5; 50 at Lake Belalanda, en route to Ifaty and 20 at Ifaty on 3-8; 15 at Lake Belalanda, en route to Tulear on 5-8 and 1 at the Lake near Majunga airport on 6-8.

51. **Common Ringed Plover** *(Charadrius hiaticula)*

2 seen at Nosy Vé on 2-8.

52. **Three-banded Plover** *(Charadrius tricollaris)*

4 seen at the marsh beyond Perinet on 24-7 and 2 at Tulear on 2-8.

53. **White-fronted Plover** *(Charadrius marginatus)*

1 seen at Lake Belalanda, en route to Ifaty on 3-8; 1 at Lake Belalanda, en route to Tulear on 5-8 and 1 at the delta of Betsiboka river, Majunga on 6-8.
54. **Black-winged Stilt** (*Himantopus himantopus*)

12 seen at Lake Belalanda, en route to Ifaty on 3-8; 5 at Lake Belalanda, en route to Tulear on 5-8 and 10 en route to Ankarafantsika on 7-8.

55. **Terek Sandpiper** (*Xenus cinereus*)

5 seen at the delta of Betsiboka river, Majunga on 6-8.

56. **Ruddy Turnstone** (*Arenaria interpres*)

12 seen at Nosy Vé on 2-8.

57. **Sanderling** (*Calidris alba*)

4 seen at Nosy Vé on 2-8.

58. **Curlew Sandpiper** (*Calidris ferruginea*)

44 seen at Nosy Vé on 2-8 and 15 at Lake Belalanda, en route to Tulear on 5-8.

59. **Common Sandpiper** (*Actitis hypoleucos*)

1 seen at the delta of Betsiboka river, Majunga on 6-8.

60. **Common Greenshank** (*Tringa nebularia*)

2 seen at Lake Belalanda, en route to Ifaty on 3-8 and 4 at the mangroves, en route to Tulear on 5-8.

61. **Wood Sandpiper** (*Tringa glareola*)

1 seen at the delta of Betsiboka river, Majunga and 2 at the Lake near Majunga airport on 6-8.
62. **Whimbrel** (*Numenius phaeopus*)

26 seen at Tulear and 6 at Nosy Vé on 2-8; 35 at Tulear on 3-8; 1 at the mangroves, en route to Tulear on 5-8 and 5 at the delta of Betsiboka river, Majunga on 6-8.

63. **Madagascar Snipe** (*Gallinago macrodactyla*)

4 seen near a stream, en route to Ranomafana on 27-7.

64. **Madagascar Button-Quail** (*Turnix nigricollis*)

2 seen at Anakao on 2-8; 4 at Ankarafantsika on 7-8; 2 there on 8 and 10-8.

65. **Kelp Gull** (*Larus dominicanus*)

1 ad. and 1 imm. seen at Nosy Vé on 2-8.

66. **Great Crested-Tern** (*Thalasseus bergii*)

1 seen at Nosy Vé on 2-8.

67. **Lesser Crested-Tern** (*Thalasseus bengalensis*)

8 seen at Nosy Vé on 2-8.
68. Madagascar Sandgrouse (*Pterocles personatus*) E

13 seen at a pool near Tulear on 2-8.

*Madagascar Sandgrouse, Tulear*

69. Madagascar Turtle-Dove (*Streptopelia picturata*) E

3 seen at Andasibe on 22-7; 1 heard at Mantadia on 23-7; 4 seen at Andasibe on 24-7; 3 en route to Ranomafana on 27-7; 1 at Circuit Vohiparara, Ranomafana on 30-7; 2 at Mosa’s spiny forest, Ifaty on 3-8; 1 there on 4 and 5-8; 1 at Ankarafantsika on 7-8; 3 seen and more heard there on 8-8; 5 seen there on 9-8 and 1 on 10-8.

70. Namaqua Dove (*Oena capensis*)

1 seen at Lake Andraikiba, Antsirabe on 27-7; 5 en route to Isalo on 31-7; 4 at Isalo, 4 en route to Tulear and 6 there on 1-8; 15 at Tulear and 3 at Anakao on 2-8; common there and en route to Ifaty on 3-8; 20 at Ifaty on 4-8; 5 there and 5 en route to Tulear on 5-8; 1 at the Lake near Majunga airport on 6-8; 20 en route to Ankarafantsika; 1 there on 8-8; 3 on 9-8 and 5 en route to Antananarivo on 10-8.

*Namaqua Dove, Anakao*

71. Madagascar Green-Pigeon (*Treron australis*) E

2 seen at Mosa’s spiny forest, Ifaty on 4-8; 2 at Ankarafantsika on 7-8 and 6 there on 8-8.
72. Madagascar Blue-Pigeon (*Alectroenas madagascariensis*)
2 seen at Andasibe on 22-7; 2 at Mantadia on 23-7; 3 there on 25-7; 2 at Andasibe on 26-7; 3 at Ranomafana on 28-7; 1 at Ankarafantsika on 7-8 and 2 there on 8-8.

73. Madagascar Cuckoo (*Cuculus rochii*)
1 seen at the Lake near Majunga airport on 6-8.

74. Giant Coua (*Coua gigas*)
1 seen at Zombitse forest on 2-8.

75. Coquerel’s Coua (*Coua coquereli*)
2 seen at Ankarafantsika on 7-8; 1 there on 8-8 and 2 on 9-8.

76. Red-breasted Coua (*Coua serriana*)
1 seen at Andasibe on 26-7.

77. Red-fronted Coua (*Coua reynaudi*)
4 seen at Mantadia on 25-7 and 1 at Ranomafana on 28-7.

78. Red-capped Coua (*Coua ruficeps*)
1 seen at Ankarafantsika on 7-8 and 6 there on 9-8.
79. **Green-capped Coua** (*Coua ruficeps olivaceiceps*)

1 seen at Mosa’s spiny forest, Ifaty on 4-8.

![Green-capped Coua](image_url)

80. **Running Coua** (*Coua cursor*)

3 seen at Mosa’s spiny forest, Ifaty on 3-8 and 2 there on 4-8.

![Running Coua](image_url)

81. **Crested Coua** (*Coua cristata*)

1 heard at Circuit Vohiparara, Ranomafana on 31-7; 1 seen at Mosa’s spiny forest, Ifaty on 4-8; 3 seen and more heard at Ankarafantsika on 7-8; 1 seen and more heard there on 8 and 9-8 and 1 seen on 10-8.

82. **Verreaux’s Coua** (*Coua verreauxi*)

1 seen at La Table, Tulear on 1-8.

![Crested Coua, Mosa’s spiny forest, Ifaty](image_url)
83. **Blue Coua** (*Coua caerulea*)

1 seen and 2 heard at Mantadia on 23-7; 1 seen and 2 heard at Andasibe on 24-7; 2 seen at Mantadia on 25-7; 1 heard at Ramonafana on 28-7, heard there on 29-7 and heard at Circuit Vohiparara, Ranomafana on 30-7.

84. **Madagascar Coucal** (*Centropus toulou*)

3 seen at Mantadia on 23-7; 3 seen and more heard at Andasibe on 24-7; 2 seen and more heard at Mantadia on 25-7; 1 seen at Ramonafana on 28-7; 1 at Circuit Vohiparara, Ranomafana on 30-7; 1 at Anakao on 2-8; 1 at Ifaty on 3-8; 2 there on 4-8; 1 seen and more heard at Ankarafantsika on 7-8; 10 there on 8-8; 5 on 9-8; heard on 10-8 and 1 at Tsarasaotra Park, Antananarivo on 11-8.

85. **Malagasy Scops-Owl** (*Otus rutilus*)

1 heard at Andasibe on 23-7; 1 heard there on 25-7 and 1 seen at its daytime roost at Andasibe on 26-7.

86. **Torotoroka Scops-Owl** (*Otus madagascariensis*)

1 seen and 1 heard at Mosa’s spiny forest, Ifaty on 4-8.

87. **Madagascar Long-eared Owl** (*Asio madagascariensis*)

2 heard at Andasibe on 23-7; 1 seen there on 24-7 and 1 heard on 26-7.

88. **Marsh Owl** (*Asio capensis*)

1 seen and 1 heard en route to Isalo on 31-7.
89. **Collared Nightjar** (*Gactornis enarratus*) E

2 seen at their daytime roost at Andasibe on 22-7.

90. **Madagascar Nightjar** (*Caprimulgus madagascariensis*) E

1 seen at Andasibe on 22-7; 2 heard there on 23-7; 2 seen and 1 heard on 24-7; 1 seen on 25-7; heard at Anakao on 2-8; 6 seen at Ifaty on 3-8; 10 there on 4-8; 3 seen and more heard at Ankarafantsika on 7-8; 5 there on 8-8 and 8 on 8-8.

91. **Malagasy Spinetail** (*Zoonavena grandidieri*) NE

3 seen at Andasibe on 22-7; 2 at Mantadia on 23-7; 1 there on 25-7; 1 at Andasibe on 26-7; 4 at Ranomafana on 29-7; 3 at Ifaty on 3-8 and 1 there on 4-8.

92. **Alpine Swift** (*Apus melba*)

10 seen at Ifaty on 3 and 4-8.

93. **Madagascar Swift** (*Apus balstoni*) NE

6 seen at Ranomafana on 28-7; 4 there on 29-7; 3 at Ifaty on 3-8; 30 there on 4-8; 1 at the delta of Betsiboka river, Majunga on 6-8; 3 en route to Ankarafantsika on 7-8 and 1 en route to Antananarivo on 10-8.

94. **African Palm-Swift** (*Cypsiurus parvus*)

10 seen at Isalo and 15 en route to Tulear on 1-8; 4 at the Lake near Majunga airport on 6-8; 10 en route to Ankarafantsika on 7-8; 1 there on 8 and 9-8 and 5 en route to Antananarivo on 10-8.

95. **Malagasy Kingfisher** (*Corythornis vintsiodes*) NE

2 seen en route to Perinet on 22-7; 2 seen at Andasibe on 24-7; 1 en route to Isalo on 31-7; 2 at the delta of Betsiboka river, Majunga and 3 at the Lake near Majunga airport on 6-8; 4 at Lake de Ravelobe, Ankarafantsika on 9-8 and 5 at Tsarasaotra Park, Antananarivo and 1 near the crafts market, Antananarivo on 11-8.

96. **Madagascar Pygmy-Kingfisher** (*Corythornis madagascariensis*) E

1 seen roosting at the private reserve VOIMMA, Andasibe on 25-7.
97. Madagascar Bee-eater (*Merops superciliosus*)

15 seen at Andasibe on 22-7; 16 at Mantadia on 23-7; 3 at Andasibe on 24-7; 1 there on 26-7; 3 at Circuit Amboditanimena, Ranomafana on 29-7; 2 en route to Isalo on 31-7; 2 at Anakao on 2-8; 4 at Lake Belalanda, en route to Ifaty on 3-8; 1 en route to Tulear on 5-8; 30 at the Lake near Majunga airport on 6-8; common en route to Ankarafantsika and at the park on 7, 8, 9 and 10-8.
98. **Short-legged Ground-Roller** (*Brachypteracias leptosomus*) E
   1 seen at Circuit Vohiparara, Ranomafana on 31-7.

99. **Scaly Ground-Roller** (*Brachypteracias squamiger*) E
   1 seen at Mantadia on 25-7.

100. **Pitta-like Ground-Roller** (*Atelornis pittoides*) E
   1 seen at Mantadia on 25-7 and 1 at Ranomafana on 28-7.

101. **Rufous-headed Ground-Roller** (*Atelornis crossleyi*) E
   2 seen and 2 heard at Circuit Vohiparara, Ranomafana on 31-7 and 2 heard there on 31-7.

102. **Long-tailed Ground-Roller** (*Uratelornis chimarea*) E
   2 seen at Mosa’s spiny forest, Ifaty on 2-8.
103. **Cuckoo Roller** (*Leptosomus discolor*) NE

1 seen at Andasibe on 22-7; 3 seen and heard at Mantadia on 23-7; heard at Andasibe on 24-7; 2 seen at Mantadia on 25-7; 1 seen and heard at Ranomafana on 28-7; heard at Circuit Vohiparara, Ranomafana on 29-7; heard at Circuit Vohiparara, Ranomafana on 30-7; 2 seen there on 31-7; 2 at Zombitse forest on 1-8 and heard at Ankarafantsika on 7-8.

104. **Madagascar Hoopoe** (*Upupa marginata*) E

1 seen en route to Ranomafana on 27-7; 2 at Anakao on 2-8; 2 at Ifaty on 3-8; 2 there on 4-8; 1 en route to Tulear on 5-8; 1 at Ankarafantsika on 7-8; 3 there on 8-8 and 2 on 9-8.

105. **Madagascar Kestrel** (*Falco newtoni*) NE

5 seen en route to Perinet on 22-7; 1 at Mantadia on 23-7; 1 there on 25-7; 4 en route to Antsirabe on 26-7; 10 en route to Ranomafana on 27-7; 2 at Circuit Amboditanimena, Ranomafana on 29-7; 5 en route to Isalo on 31-7; 3 there and 10 en route to Tulear on 1-8; 1 at Anakao on 2-8; 1 at Ifaty on 3-8; 2 there on 4-8; 1 en route to Tulear and 1 at Antananarivo airport on 5-8; 1 at Ankarafantsika on 7-8; 2 en route to Antananarivo on 10-8 and 1 there on 11-8.
106. Sooty Falcon (*Falco concolor*)

1 seen en route to Isalo on 31-7.

107. Peregrine Falcon (*Falco peregrinus*)

1 seen en route to Ankarafantsika on 7-8.

108. Gray-headed Lovebird (*Agapornis canus*)

4 seen en route to Isalo on 31-7; 4 en route to Tulear on 1-8; 35 at La Table, Tulear on 2-8; 2 at Mosa’s spiny forest, Ifaty on 4-8; 2 en route to Tulear on 5-8; 2 at Hotel Coco Lodge, Majunga on 6-8; 7 seen and more heard at Ankarafantsika on 8-8 and 4 seen there on 9-8.

109. Greater Vasa-Parrot (*Mascarinus vasa*)

2 seen at Andasibe on 22-7; 2 there on 26-7; 1 at Mosa’s spiny forest, Ifaty on 3-8; 1 there on 4-8; 2 en route to Ankarafantsika on 7-8 and 2 there on 9-8.

110. Lesser Vasa-Parrot (*Mascarinus nigra*)

9 seen at Andasibe on 22-7; 1 at Mantadia on 23-7; 3 at Andasibe on 24-7; 3 at Ranomafana on 28-7; 1 heard at Circuit Vohiparara, Ranomafana on 29-7; 3 seen at Circuit Vohiparara, Ranomafana on 30-7; 4 there on 31-7; 1 at Mosa’s spiny forest, Ifaty on 3-8; 3 there on 4-8; 2 at Ankarafantsika on 7-8; 8 there on 9-8 and 5 on 10-8.
111. **Velvet Asity** (*Philepitta castanea*) E

1 female seen at Andasibe on 24-7; 1 male at Circuit Vohiparara, Ranomafana on 29-7 and 1 female at Circuit Vohiparara, Ranomafana on 30-7.

112. **Schlegel's Asity** (*Philepitta schlegeli*) E

1 male and female seen at Ankarafantsika on 8-8 and 1 male there on 9-8.

113. **Sunbird Asity** (*Neodrepanis coruscans*) E

1 female seen at Andasibe on 22-7; heard at Circuit Vohiparara, Ranomafana on 30-7 and 1 seen there on 31-7.

114. **Yellow-bellied Asity** (*Neodrepanis hypoxantha*) E

2 seen and 1 heard at Circuit Vohiparara, Ranomafana on 30-7.

115. **Tylas Vanga** (*Tylas eduardi*) E

2 seen at Mantadia on 23-7; 6 at Andasibe on 24-7; 1 at Mantadia on 25-7 and 1 at Circuit Amboditanimenena, Ranomafana on 29-7.

116. **Dark Newtonia** (*Newtonia amphichroa*) E

1 seen at Mantadia on 23-7; 1 at Andasibe on 24-7; 3 at Circuit Amboditanimenena, Ranomafana on 30-7 and 10 there on 31-7.

117. **Common Newtonia** (*Newtonia brunneicauda*) E

3 seen at Andasibe on 22-7; 3 at Andasibe on 24-7; 5 at Mantadia on 25-7; heard at Andasibe on 26-7; heard at Ranomafana on 28-7; 1 at Ranomafana and 2 at Circuit Amboditanimenena, Ranomafana on 29-7; 3 at Circuit Vohiparara, Ranomafana on 30-7; 3 there on 31-7; 1 at Zombitse forest on 1-8; heard at La Table, Tulear on 2-8; 1 seen and more heard at Mosa's spiny forest, Ifaty on 3 and 4-8; 1 at Ankarafantsika on 7-8; 2 there on 8-8; 2 seen and more heard on 9-8 and 3 seen and more heard on 10-8.

118. **Archbold’s Newtonia** (*Newtonia archboldi*) E

3 seen and more heard at Mosa’s spiny forest, Ifaty on 4-8.
119. **Chabert’s Vanga** (*Leptopterus chabert*) E

7 seen en route to Perinet and 3 at Andasibe on 22-7; 3 at Andasibe on 24-7; 1 at Ranomafana on 28-7; 2 there and 4 at Circuit Vohiparara, Ranomafana on 29-7; 2 at Circuit Amboditanimena, Ranomafana on 30-7; 1 at Circuit Vohiparara, Ranomafana on 31-7; 1 at Anakao on 2-8; 2 at Mosa’s spiny forest, Ifaty on 3-8; 4 there on 4-8; 1 on 5-8; 1 at Ankarafantsika on 7-8 and 2 there on 8 and 9-8.

![Chabert’s Vanga, Mosa’s spiny forest, Ifaty](image)

120. **Blue Vanga** (*Cyanolanius madagascariensis*) E

6 seen at Andasibe on 22-7; 1 at Mantadia on 23-7; 1 at Andasibe on 24-7; 1 at Mantadia on 25-7 and 2 at Ranomafana on 28-7.

121. **Red-tailed Vanga** (*Calicalicus madagascariensis*) E

2 seen at Andasibe on 22-7; 6 at Mantadia on 23-7; 3 at Andasibe on 24-7; 5 at Mantadia on 25-7; 2 at Circuit Vohiparara, Ranomafana on 30-7; 1 at Mosa’s spiny forest, Ifaty on 3 and 4-8.

122. **Red-shouldered Vanga** (*Calicalicus rufocarpalis*) E

Heard at La Table, Tulear on 1-8 and 1 seen there on 2-8.

123. **Nuthatch Vanga** (*Hypositta corallirostris*) E

7 seen at Andasibe on 22-7 and 1 male at Mantadia on 25-7.

124. **Hook-billed Vanga**  
(*Vanga curvirostris*) E

1 seen at Ankarafantsika on 9-8.

![Hook-billed Vanga, Ankarafantsika](image)

125. **Rufous Vanga** (*Schetba rufa*) E

1 seen at Zombitse forest on 1-8; 1 at Ankarafantsika on 7-8; 7 there on 9-8 and 1 seen and more heard on 10-8.
126. Sickle-billed Vanga *(Falculea palliata)* E

6 seen at Mosa’s spiny forest, Ifaty on 3-8;
1 there on 4-8; 7 at Ankafantsika on 7-8;
25 there on 8-8; 20 on 9-8 and 5 on 10-8.

127. White-headed Vanga *(Artamella viridis)* E

1 male seen at Andasibe on 22-7 and 1 at Mosa’s spiny forest,
Ifaty on 3-8.

128. Lafresnaye’s Vanga *(Xenopirostris xenopirostris)* E

2 seen at La Table, Tulear on 1-8 and 2 at Mosa’s spiny forest,
Ifaty on 4-8.

129. Van Dam’s Vanga *(Xenopirostris damii)* E

3 seen and 1 heard at Ankafantsika on 10-8.

130. Pollen’s Vanga *(Xenopirostris polleni)* E

2 seen at Circuit Vohiparara, Ranomafana on 30-7.
131. **Ward’s Flycatcher** (*Pseudobias wardi*) E

1 seen at Andasibe on 22-7; 2 at Andasibe on 24-7; 3 at Mantadia on 25-7; heard at Andasibe on 26-7; 1 seen at Ranomafana on 29-7 and heard at Circuit Vohiparara, Ranomafana on 30-7.

132. **Crossley’s Babbler** (*Mystacornis crossleyi*) E

1 seen at Andasibe on 24-7.

133. **Ashy Cuckoo-shrike** (*Coracina cinerea*) E

3 seen at Andasibe on 22-7; 1 at Mantadia on 23-7; 5 at Andasibe on 24-7; 1 at Ranomafana on 28-7; 1 at Ranomafana on 29-7; 1 at Circuit Vohiparara, Ranomafana on 30-7; 2 there on 31-7; 2 at Ankarafantsika on 7-8; 1 there on 8-8 and 4 on 9-8.

134. **Crested Drongo** (*Dicrurus forficatus*) NE

2 seen en route to Perinet and 2 at Andasibe on 22-7; 1 at Mantadia on 23-7; 3 at Andasibe on 24-7; 2 at Mantadia on 25-7; 2 at Andasibe on 26-7; 1 seen and more heard at Ranomafana on 28-7; 1 there on 29-7; 2 en route to Tulear on 1-8; 4 at Anakao on 2-8; 4 Lake Belalanda, en route to Ifaty and 3 at Mosa’s spiny forest, Ifaty on 3-8; 25 there on 4-8; 2 at Mosa’s spiny forest, Ifaty and 5 en route to Tulear on 5-8; common en route to Ankarafantsika and common at Ankarafantsika on 7-8; common there on 8, 9 and 10-8.

_Crested Drongo, Ankarafantsika_
135. Madagascar Paradise-Flycatcher (*Terpsiphone mutata*) NE

4 seen at Andasibe on 22-7; 3 at Mantadia on 23-7; 5 at Andasibe on 24-7; 5 at Mantadia on 25-7; 1 at Andasibe on 26-7; 1 at Ranomafana on 28-7; 1 at Circuit Vohiparara, Ranomafana on 30-7; 20 at Ankarafantsika on 7-8; 8 there on 8-8; 16 on 9-8 and 3 on 10-8.

*Madagascar Paradise-Flycatcher, Ankarafantsika*

136. Pied Crow (*Corvus albus*)

2 at Lake Andraikiba, Antsirabe and 25 en route to Ranomafana on 27-7; 200 en route to Isalo on 31-7; 10 at Isalo and 30 en route to Tulear on 1-8; 8 at Anakao on 2-8; 5 en route to Ifaty and 3 there on 3-8; 10 on 4-8; 3 on 5-8; 20 en route to Ankarafantsika on 7-8; heard there on 9-8; 10 seen en route to Antananarivo on 10-8 and 1 there on 11-8.

*Pied Crow, en route to Isalo*

137. Madagascar Lark (*Mirafra hova*) E

4 seen at Lake Andraikiba, Antsirabe on 27-7; 50 en route to Isalo on 31-7; 10 at Isalo and 10 en route to Tulear on 1-8; 30 at Anakao on 2-8; 8 at Lake Belalanda, en route to Ifaty on 3-8; 10 en route to Tulear on 5-8; 3 en route to Ankarafantsika on 7-8 and 15 en route to Antananarivo on 10-8.

138. Mascarene Martin (*Phedina borbonica*) NE

12 seen en route to Perinet on 22-7; 1 at Andasibe on 24-7; 4 at Mantadia on 25-7; 30 en route to Antsirabe on 26-7 10 en route to Ranomafana on 27-7; 17 there on 28-7; 1 at Circuit Amboditanimena, Ranomafana on 29-7; 4 en route to Isalo on 31-7; 1 en route to Tulear on 1-8; 6 at Antananarivo airport on 5-8 and 3 at Antananarivo on 11-8.
139. Madagascar Bulbul (*Hypsipetes madagascariensis*) NE

6 seen at Andasibe on 22-7; 33 at Mantadia on 23-7; 10 at Andasibe on 24-7; 10 at Mantadia on 25-7; 1 seen and more heard at Andasibe on 26-7; 15 at Ranomafana on 28-7; common at Ranomafana and Circuit Amboditanimena, Ranomafana on 29-7; 2 at Circuit Vohiparara, Ranomafana on 30-7; 2 at La Table, Tulear and 2 at Anakao on 2-8; 6 at Ifaty on 3-8; 4 there on 4-8; 3 on 5-8; 15 at Ankafantsika on 7-8 and common there on 8 and 9-8.

![Madagascar Bulbul, Ranomafana](image)

140. Madagascar Brush-Warbler (*Nesillas typica*) NE

1 seen and more heard at Andasibe on 22-7; 4 heard at Mantadia on 24-7; 1 seen and more heard at Andasibe on 24-7; 2 seen and more heard at Mantadia on 25-7; heard at Andasibe and 2 seen en route to Antsirabe on 26-7; 2 en route to Ranomafana on 27-7; 5 seen and more heard at Ranomafana on 28-7; 1 seen and more heard there and heard at Circuit Amboditanimena, Ranomafana on 29-7; 1 seen and 7 heard at Vohiparara, Ranomafana on 30-7; 4 heard there on 31-7; 1 seen and more heard at Ankafantsika on 8-8 and 1 seen at Tsarasaotra Park, Antananarivo on 11-8.

141. Subdesert Brush-Warbler (*Nesillas lantzii*) E

1 heard at La Table, Tulear on 1-8; 1 heard there and 10 seen at Anakao on 2-8; 2 there on 3-8; 4 heard at Mosa’s spiny forest, Ifaty on 4-8 and 1 there on 5-8.

![Subdesert Brush-Warbler, Anakao](image)
142. **Madagascar Swamp-Warbler** (*Acrocephalus newtoni*)

3 seen at a marshy area beyond Perinet on 24-7; 1 there on 25-7; 2 near a stream, en route to Ranomafana on 27-7; 1 at Lake Belalanda, en route to Ifaty on 3-8 and 1 at Lake de Ravelobe, Ankarafantsika on 7-8.

![Madagascar Swamp-Warbler, Perinet](image)

143. **Brown Emu-tail** (*Dromaeocercus brunneus*)

1 seen and 2 heard at Circuit Vohiparara, Ranomafana on 30-7 and 2 there on 31-7.

144. **Gray Emu-tail** (*Dromaeocercus seebohmi*)

4 seen at Circuit Amboditanimena, Ranomafana on 29-7.

145. **White-throated Oxylabes** (*Oxylabes madagascariensis*)

1 seen at Andasibe on 22-7 and 2 there on 24-7.

146. **Long-billed Bernieria [Greenbul]** (*Bernieria madagascariensis*)

1 seen at Andasibe on 22-7; 5 there on 24-7; 1 at Mantadia on 25-7; 3 at Circuit Vohiparara, Ranomafana on 30-7; 1 there on 31-7; 1 at Zombitse forest on 1-8; 15 at Ankarafantsika on 7-8; 1 there on 8-8; 6 on 9-8 and 2 on 10-8.

147. **Wedge-tailed Jery** (*Hartertula flavoviridis*)

1 seen at Andasibe on 23 and 24-7.

148. **Thamnornis** (*Thamnornis chloropetoides*)

4 seen at Mosa’s spiny forest, Ifaty on 4-4.

149. **Yellow-browed Oxylabes** (*Crossleyia xanthophrys*)

2 seen and more heard at Circuit Vohiparara, Ranomafana on 30-7.
150. **Spetacled Tetraka** [Greenbul] (*Xanthomixis zosterops*) E

3 seen at Andasibe on 22-7; 9 at Mantadia on 24-7; 10 at Andasibe on 24-7; 4 at Mantadia on 25-7; 2 at Andasibe on 26-7; 1 at Ranomafana on 28-7; 1 there on 29-7; 2 at Circuit Vohiparara, Ranomafana on 30-7 and heard there on 31-7.

151. **Appert's Tetraka** [Greenbul] (*Appert's Tetraka*) E

2 seen at Zombitse forest on 1-8.

152. **Gray-crowned Tetraka** [Greenbul] (*Xanthomixis cinereiceps*) E

2 seen and heard at Ranomafana on 28-7; 1 seen at Circuit Vohiparara, Ranomafana on 29-7 and heard there on 29-7.

153. **Rand's Warbler** (*Randia pseudozosterops*) E

1 seen at Mantadia on 23-7.

154. **Common Jery** (*Neomixis tenella*) E

3 seen at Andasibe on 22-7; 1 there on 24-7; 1 at Lake Andraikiba, Antsirabe on 27-7; 8 at Zombitse forest on 1-8; 4 at Mosa’s spiny forest, Ifaty on 3-8; 6 there on 4-8; 5 on 5-8; 10 at Ankarafantsika on 7-8; 2 there on 8 and 9-8 and 1 on 10-8.

155. **Green Jery** (*Neomixis viridis*) E

2 seen at Andasibe on 24-7.

156. **Stripe-throated Jery** (*Neomixis striatigula*) E

1 seen at Andasibe on 24-7 and 25 at Anakao on 2-8.

157. **Madagascar Cisticola** (*Cisticola cherina*) NE

2 seen at a marshy area beyond Perinet on 24-7; 2 at Andasibe on 26-7; 1 en route to Ranomafana on 27-7; 1 en route to Isalo on 31-7; 2 there on 1-8; 2 at La Table, Tulear on 2-8 and 1 at Lake Belalanda, en route to Ifaty on 3-8.
158. Madagascar White-eye (*Zosterops maderaspatanus*) NE

1 seen en route to Perinet and 1 at Andasibe on 22-7; 3 at Mantadia on 23-7; 10 at Andasibe on 24-7; 1 at Circuit Amboditanimena, Ranomafana on 29-7; 1 at Vohiparara, Ranomafana on 30-7; 1 at Ankarafantsika on 7-8 and 4 there on 8-8.

159. Madagascar Magpie-Robin (*Copsychus albospecularis*) E

7 seen at Andasibe on 22-7; 4 at Mantadia on 23-7; 4 at Andasibe on 24-7; 6 at Mantadia on 25-7; 5 at Andasibe on 26-7; 10 at Ranomafana on 28 and 29-7; 1 seen and more heard at Circuit Amboditanimena, Ranomafana on 30-7; heard there on 31-7; 1 at Zombitse forest on 1-8; 1 at Mosa’s spiny forest, Ifaty on 3-8; 2 there on 4 and 5-8; 10 at Ankarafantsika on 7-8; 5 there on 8-8; 1 on 9-8 and 2 on 10-8.

160. Forest Rock-Thrush (*Monticola sharpei*) E

2 heard at Ranomafana on 28-7; heard there on 29-7 and 1 seen near the waterfall on 30-7.
161. Littoral Rock-Thrush (<i>Monticola imerina</i>) E

15 seen at Anakao on 2-8 and 1 there on 3-8.

162. African Stonechat [<i>Madagascar</i>] (<i>Saxicola torquatus</i>)

1 seen at Andasibe on 22-7; 5 at a marshy area beyond Perinet on 24-7; 10 en route to Antsirabe on 26-7; 5 at Lake Andraikiba, Antsirabe and 20 en route to Ranomafana on 27-7; 1 at Circuit Amboditanimena, Ranomafana on 29-7 and 2 at Tsarasaotra Park, Antananarivo on 11-8.

163. Madagascar Starling (<i>Hartlaubius aurata</i>) E

2 seen at hotel Centrest, Ranomafana on 29-7.

164. Common Myna (<i>Acridotheres tristis</i>) I

50 seen en route to Perinet on 22-7; 30 en route to Antsirabe on 26-7; 3 at Lake Andraikiba, Antsirabe and 30 en route to Ranomafana on 27-7; 1 at Ranomafana on 29 and 30-7; 25 en route to Isalo on 31-7; 5 en route to Tulear on 1-8; 4 there and 4 at Anakao on 2-8; 10 en route to Ifaty and 2 there on 3-8; 10 there on 4-8 and 8 on 5-8; 40 at Antananarivo airport on 5-8; 3 at the Lake near Majunga airport on 6-8; 2 en route to Antananarivo on 10-8 and 2 at Tsarasaotra Park, Antananarivo and 15 at Antananarivo on 11-8.
165. **Souimanga Sunbird** (*Cinnyris souimanga*) NE

2 seen en route to Perinet and 7 at Andasibe on 22-7; 2 at Mantadia on 23-7; 1 there on 25-7; 1 at Andasibe on 26-7; 1 en route to Ranomafana on 27-7; 1 there on 28-7; 2 at Ranomafana and 5 at Circuit Amboditanimena, Ranomafana on 29-7; 3 at Ranomafana on 30-7 and 1 at Circuit Vohiparara, Ranomafana on 31-7; heard at Zombitse forest and 4 seen at La Table, Tulear on 1-8; 8 at Anakao on 2-8; 5 at Mosa’s spiny forest, Ifaty on 3 and 4-8; 1 there on 5-8; 5 at Ankarafantsika on 7, 8 and 9-8; 1 on 10-8 and 1 seen and more heard at Tsarasaotra Park, Antananarivo on 11-8.

*Souimanga Sunbird, Ankarafantsika*

166. **Madagascar Sunbird** (*Cinnyris notatus*) NE

2 seen at Mantadia on 23-7; 2 at Andasibe on 24-7; 1 at Ranomafana on 28-7; 1 male at Mosa’s spiny forest, Ifaty on 3-8 and 1 at Ankarafantsika on 8-8.

*Madagascar Sunbird, Mosa’s spiny forest, Ifaty*

167. **Madagascar Wagtail** (*Motacilla flaviventris*) E

3 seen at Andasibe on 22-7; 2 there on 23-7; 4 on 24-7; 2 at Mantadia on 25-7; 3 at Andasibe and 2 en route to Antsirabe on 26-7; 3 at Lake Andraikiba, Antsirabe and 2 en route to Ranomafana on 27-7; 3 there on 28-7; 4 at Ranomafana on 29-7; 6 at Circuit Vohiparara, Ranomafana on 30-7; 4 en route to Isalo on 31-7; 1 there on 1-8 and 2 at Antananarivo on 11-8.
168. Nelicourvi Weaver *Ploceus nelicourvi* E

3 seen at Andasibe on 22-7; 5 at Mantadia on 23-7; 1 at Andasibe on 24-7; 1 at Mantadia on 25-7; 1 at Ranomafana on 28-7 and 5 at Circuit Vohiparara, Ranomafana on 30-7.

169. Sakalava Weaver *Ploceus sakalava* E

5 seen at La Table, Tulear on 1-8 and 30 at hotel Nautilus, Ifaty on 5-8.

170. Red Fody *Foudia madagascariensis* E

10+ seen at hotel Le Combava, Antananarivo on 22-7; 3 at Andasibe on 24-7; 5 en route to Antsirabe on 26-7; 5 at Lake Andraikiba, Antsirabe and 1 en route to Ranomafana on 27-7; 4 at Tulear and 3 at Anakao on 2-8; 10 at Lake Belalanda, en route to Ifaty and 5 there on 3-8; 10 on 4-8; 5 on 5-8; 10 at Hotel Coco Lodge, Majunga and 5 at the delta of Betsiboka river, Majunga on 6-8 and 10 at hotel Le Combava, Antananarivo on 11-8.
171. **Forest Fody** (*Foudia omissa*) E

3 seen at Mantadia on 23-7; 1 male there on 25-7; 25 at Ranomafana on 28-7; 2 at Circuit Vohiparara, Ranomafana on 30-7 and heard there on 31-7.

172. **Madagascar Munia** (*Lonchura nana*) E

3 seen at Antananarivo on 22-7; 1 at Andasibe on 24-7; 1 at Mantadia on 25-7; 5 en route to Antsirabe on 26-7; 30 at Lake Andraikiba, Antsirabe on 27-7; 4 at Isalo and 2 at Tulear on 1-8; 2 there on 2-8; 8 at Ifaty on 3-8; 5 at Hotel Coco Lodge, Majunga and 5 at the Lake near Majunga airport on 6-8 and 15 at Tsarasaotra Park, Antananarivo on 11-8.
Systematic list of mammals

1. Lowland Streaked Tenrec (*Hemicentetes semispinosus*)
   2 seen at Mantadia on 23-7 and 2 there on 25-7.

2. Madagascar House Bat (*Scolophikus robustus*)
   1 seen at Andasibe on 22-7

3. Bat (*spec.*)
   4 seen in a cave at Ranomafana on 29-7.

4. Grey Mouse Lemur (*Microcebus murinus*)
   1 seen at Mosa’s spiny forest, Ifaty on 4-8 and 2 at Ankarafantsika on 7-8.

5. Brown Mouse Lemur (*Microcebus rufus*)
   1 seen at Andasibe on 23-7; 2 there on 25-7 and 3 at Ranomafana on 28 and 29-7.

6. Golden-brown Mouse Lemur (*Microcebus ravelobensis*)
   2 seen at Ankarafantsika on 7-8.
Golden-brown Mouse Lemur, Ankarafantsika

7. Small-toothed Sportive Lemur (*Lepilemur microdon*)

1 seen at Circuit Vohiparara, Ranomafana on 30-7.

Small-toothed Sportive Lemur, Circuit Vohiparara, Ranomafana

8. Milne-Edwards’s Sportive Lemur (*Lepilemur edwardsi*)

1 seen at Ankarafantsika on 9-8.

9. Hubbard’s Sportive Lemur (*Lepilemur hubbardi*)

1 seen at Zombitse forest on 1-8 and 2 at Mosa’s spiny forest, Ifaty on 4-8.

10. Eastern Grey Bamboo Lemur (*Hapalemur griseus*)

4 seen at Mantadia on 23-7 and 4 at Andasibe on 25-7.

Hubbard’s Sportive Lemur, Mosa’s spiny forest, Ifaty
11. **Golden Bamboo Lemur** (*Hapalemur aureus*)

4 seen at Ranomafana on 28-7.

12. **Greater Bamboo Lemur** (*Prolemur simus*)

3 seen at Ranomafana on 28-7.
13. **Red-bellied Lemur** (*Eulemur rubriventer*)

    4 seen at Mantadia on 25-7; 1 at Ranomafana on 28-7 and 2 at Circuit Vohiparara, Ranomafana on 30-7.

14. **Common Brown Lemur** (*Eulemur fulvus*)

    13 seen at Andasibe on 22-7; 15 at Mantadia on 23-7; 15 at Andasibe on 24-7; 10 at Mantadia on 25-7; 2 at Andasibe on 26-7; 2 at Ankarafantsika on 7-8 and 6 there on 9-8.

15. **Red-fronted Brown Lemur** (*Eulemur rufus*)

    2 seen at Ranomafana on 29-7.

16. **Black-and-white Ruffed Lemur** (*Varecia variegata*)

    2 seen at Mantadia on 23 and 25-7.

17. **Eastern Avahi (Woolly Lemur)** (*Avahi laniger*)

    3 seen at Andasibe on 22-7.
18. **Diademed Sifaka**  
(*Propithecus diadema*)

4 seen at Andasibe on 22-7 and 9 at Mantadia on 25-7.

19. **Milne-Edwards’s Sifaka**  
(*Propithecus edwardsi*)

4 seen at Ranomafana on 28-7.

20. **Verreaux's Sifaka**  
(*Propithecus verreauxi*)

4 seen at Zombitse forest on 1-8.

21. **Coquerel's Sifaka**  
(*Propithecus coquereli*)

3 seen at Ankarafantsika on 7-8; 4 there on 8-8 and 1 on 9-8.

22. **Indri** (*Indri indri*)

2 seen and more heard at Mantadia on 23-7; 8 seen and more heard at Andasibe; 3 seen at Mantadia on 25-7 and 2 seen and more heard at Andasibe on 26-7.

23. **Fanaloka** (*Fossa fossana*)

1 seen next to the road at Ranomafana on 29-8.
24. **Ring-tailed Mongoose** (*Galidia elegans*)

2 seen at Ranomafana on 28-7 and 1 there on 29-7.

25. **Eastern Red Forest Rat** (*Nesomys rufus*)

1 seen at Mantadia on 25-7; 3 at Ranomafana on 28-7; 3 there on 29-7;
2 at Circuit Vohiparara, Ranomafana on 30-7 and 1 there on 31-7.

26. **Western Tuft-tailed Rat** (*Eliurus myoximus*)

1 seen at Anakao on 2-8.
Systematic list of reptiles, amphibians and other animals

**Giant Leaf-tailed Gecko** (*Uroplatus sikorae*)

1 seen at Andasibe on 22-7.

![Giant Leaf-tailed Gecko, Andasibe](image1.png)

**Satanic Leaf-tailed Gecko** (*Uroplatus phantasticus*)

1 seen at Ranomafana on 28-7.

![Satanic Leaf-tailed Gecko, Ranomafana](image2.png)
Western Striped Sand Snake (*Psammophis phillipsi*)

1 seen at Ankarafantsika on 9-8.

Nile Crocodile (*Crocodylus niloticus*)

3 seen at Lake de Ravelobe, Ankarafantsika on 9-8 and 2 there on 10-8.

Green bright-eyed Tree Frog (*Boophis viridis*)

2 seen at Andasibe on 23-7 and seen at the private reserve VOIMMA, Andasibe on 25-7.

Crab Spider

1 seen at Andasibe on 22-7 and 1 at Mantadia on 25-7.
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