This year’s Tropical Birding ‘Picathartes & Egyptian Plover’ Ghana tour was another resounding success. We had astounding views of Picathartes around their roost site, plus 5 very close Egyptian Plovers on the upper White Volta River in Northern Ghana. Other highlights included watching the incredible Standard-winged Nightjar in flight with it’s ‘other-worldly’ standards in tow, great views of rare forest hornbills, such as White-crested, Red-billed & Black Dwarf-Hornbills; some dazzling gems of Kingfishers, including Shining-blue, White-bellied, Pygmy, Dwarf & Blue-breasted; spectacular raptors, like Congo Serpent-Eagle and Ayre’s Hawk-Eagle, Fraser’s, Akun & Grayish Eagle-Owls, and other forest denizens like Hartlaub’s Duck, Great Blue Turaco & African Finfoot. We visited a range of widely different habitats, spanning the length of Ghana, from lowland rainforest & coastal lagoons, to farmbush and the arid north of the country. In doing so, we saw a huge variety of birds, mammals, reptiles and butterflies. In Ankasa National Park we had surprisingly comfortable camping, which enabled us to stay in the middle of the forest with all its sights and sounds. It was a terrific introduction to the beautiful nature of the West African region, and the colorful culture of the very welcoming Ghanean people.
Atewa Hills Pre-tour extension

4th March – Sakumono Lagoon to Atewa

After an early breakfast, we met in front of the hotel to load bags into the bus. Early arrivals were treated to scope views of Double-toothed Barbet and African Thrush in a large tree before we set off for some morning birding at Sakumono Lagoon. On the way we had a couple of Black-shouldered Kites on a wire and a Yellow-billed Shrike. Close to Sakumono, we also saw our first Green Woodhoopoes and Western Plantain-eater which flew across the road. As soon as we got off the bus we started scoping the large numbers of birds present, including Lizard Buzzard, Woodland Kingfisher, Brown Babbler, Splendid & Purple Starlings, Little Bee-eater and African Gray Hornbill. We also had fly bys of Mosque & Ethiopian Swallows, Senegal Parrots and Shikra. The main attraction at Sakumono Lagoon though are the water birds, and we saw White-faced Whistling-Ducks, Long-tailed Cormorant, Gray & Squacco Herons, Intermediate Egret, Western Reef-Heron, Glossy Ibis, many African Jacanas, Collared Pratincoles flying over, a pair of Eurasian Marsh-Harriers and Pied Kingfisher. We saw good numbers of shorebirds, with Spur-winged & Wattled Lapwings, Black-winged Stilt, Common Ringed Plover, Common Greenshank, Wood Sandpiper and Little Stint. It was getting quite hot already so we started walking back to the bus. On the way we had a Zitting Cisticola in some grass, the in the nearby scrub, Senegal Coucal, the very short-tailed Northern Crombec, the dinky Senegal Eremomela, snazzy male Scarlet-chested & Copper Sunbirds and several Senegal Thick-knees which we got good views of.

We drove on to the Atewa Hills a few hours away which if the main focus of the extension. We stopped for lunch, then went to check in to our hotel and rest a little before it cooled down enough to do some birding. This afternoon, we devoted to birding a mixture of agriculture, overgrown areas and remnant trees which in Ghana is referred to as ‘farmbush’. Our first stop was incredibly productive, and we picked up White-throated Bee-eater, Black-necked, Vieillot’s, Village & Compact Weavers, Red-headed Quelea, Black-winged Bishop, Orange-cheeked Waxbill, Simple & Little Greenbuls, the attractive Vieillot’s Barbet, Willow Warbler, Blue-headed Coucal, African Pied Hornbill, Yellow-throated Tinkerbird plus Red-faced & Whistling Cisticolas. For such trash looking habitat, the diversity of birds was staggering. We carried on along the entrance road to the forest and at the next stop saw Velvet-mantled Drongo, Northern Puffback, African Firefinch, many Black-and-white Mannikins, Naked-faced Barbet and Collared & Splendid Sunbirds. We also had a flyby of Blue-spotted Wood-Dove. One of the best birds of the day was Marsh Tchagra, found for us by our driver. We waited until dusk to try for some night birds. Just nearby we heard the call of some Demidoff’s Galagos which I located by spotting their eye shine, and just next to them we found a pair of sleeping Tambourine Doves. Driving back, we found a Long-tailed Nightjar on the road. It stayed put and posed for photos before another car came along and flushed it. What a great first day!
5th March – Atewa Forest
We set off for Atewa Forest and on the way saw Bar-breasted Firefinch and African Pied Wagtail. We had a brief birding stop in the farmbush and saw African Cuckoo-Hawk, Buff-spotted Woodpecker, Lesser Striped- & Mosque Swallows, a singing Melodious Warbler, Vieillot’s, Village & Grosbeak Weavers and Black-winged Bishops. At a small pond, we had Collared Pratincole, Malachite Kingfisher, Whinchat and a few Bronze Mannikins. Having birded the farmbush yesterday, we wanted to devote the morning to covering the lower slopes, so we made our way to the bottom of forest trail. It was very active, and we saw White-throated Bee-eater, Gray Greenbul, Lemon-bellied Crombec, Gray Longbill, Black-necked Weaver plus Gray-headed & White-breasted Nigritas. We made our way slowly up the gentle slope and saw many new birds. We had good views of Klaas’s Cuckoo, Yellowbill, Naked-faced Barbet, Speckled & Red-rumped Tinkerbirds, Melancholy Woodpecker, West African Wattle-eye (split from Chestnut), Black-and-white Shrike-flycatcher, Sharpe’s Apalis, African Forest- & Dusky-blue Flycatchers, Seimund’s, Collared, Western Olive & Olive-bellied Sunbirds and Crested & Red-headed Malimbes. We were heading back to the hotel for lunch so it was time to turn around, but on the way back down we had great views of a huge Crowned Hawk-Eagle, Black-headed Paradise-Flycatcher, Chestnut-capped Flycatchers and a wonderful Western Nicator.

Lizard Buzzard scans for its quarry from roadside wires (Charley Hesse)

We had lunch on the way back to the hotel and afterwards had some downtime to rest. The clouds gathered and turned into quite a storm. I feared that we would have to cancel the afternoon birding but the storm moved on, and we decided to try our luck. Before we left we had a Buff-throated Sunbird outside the hotel. We drove back to the birding site and on the way did pretty well for raptors, with Eurasian & Gray Kestrels, African Hobby and a rather wet Lizard Buzzard plus our first Mottled Spinetails. It turned out the storm hadn’t even reached Atewa. We spent the afternoon in the farmbush and added plenty of birds. On the first stop, we got African Green-Pigeon, White-throated Bee-eater, Vieillot’s Barbet and Splendid Starling, and on the next, Superb Sunbird, Chestnut-breasted Nigrita and Grosbeak & Yellow-mantled Weavers. It was certainly quieter than yesterday but there were still plenty of birds around. We added Broad-billed Roller, Velvet-mantled Drongo, Tawny-flanked Prinia, African Thrush, Olive-bellied Sunbird, Vieillot’s & Compact Weavers. The sun set and we went to another site to try for Fraser’s Eagle-Owl. We tried for a while but only heard a distant growling sound once. We were just about to give up when a bird flew in and we had fantastic scope views of this spectacular owl.
6th March – Atewa Forest

Today was the most important day of the extension as we would be walking to the upper reaches of the Atewa forest where there were several species difficult to see elsewhere in Ghana. The reason that we run this section as an extension is that it is a rather long although not particularly steep walk to the top. On the drive we saw another Eurasian Kestrel before arriving at the bottom of the trail. We had agreed not to stop too much on the way up but there were so many birds at the start of the trail that it would have been rude not to look at a few. We saw a few common birds that we had seen previously, like African Pied Hornbill, White-throated Bee-eater, Speckled Tinkerbird and Collared Sunbird, but we had our first views of Green Hylia, a female Purple-throated Cuckoo-shrike and scope views of a beautiful Blue-breasted Kingfisher. We started the long walk up with regular stops for new birds, including Yellowbill, Levaillant's Cuckoo, Green Crombec and Rufous-crowned Eremomela. Other good birds were Hairy-breasted, Bristle-nosed & Yellow-spotted Barbets, but the latter we only heard. The local guide really surpassed himself by locating some White-crested Hornbills, which after some chasing he managed to get in the scope and everybody had good views of this unique species with its spikey Mohican and long tail. We had been trying all the way up for the very rare Yellow-throated Cuckoo which the local guide had seen here recently. We finally heard a response and after some running backwards and forwards, we finally found a cooperative individual that let us scope it in good light. In the same tree there was a female African Emerald Cuckoo and a Black-headed Paradise-Flycatcher.

The seldom-seen Yellow-throated Cuckoo (Charley Hesse)

It took us about 3 and a half hours to reach the highest point and we sat down to have an early packed lunch, after which the assistant guide found a Blue-moustached Bee-eater which unfortunately flew before we could get on it. We called it back for decent views and we were able to see the beautifully deep purplish-blue colour. We took a walk in search of some of the rarities up here, but it was slow birding. We heard Crowned Hawk-Eagle, Yellow-billed Turaco, Brown-cheeked Hornbill, Many-coloured Bushshrike, Little Flycatcher and Fraser's Sunbird but saw a pair of soaring Cassin's Hawk-Eagles, a brief Tessmann's Flycatcher, Spotted Honeyguide and a pair of attractive Black-capped Apalises. Another one of our main targets was the strangely rare and incredibly secretive Forest Scrub-Robin. After some searching, we finally found a responsive bird and went into the forest to try and find it. It gave us the run around, but in the end our persistence paid off and we got views. It was time to start making our way down and on the way, we checked out a side trail down to a stream. Near here we saw the target Rufous-sided Broadbill but only heard a pair of Chocolate-backed Kingfishers. We carried on down and heard some ominous thunder. About half way down, there was a sprinkle of rain and we all started preparing for a shower, getting all our camera gear in bags and ourselves under umbrellas. The light shower quickly became heavier and we spent the next hour walking in heavy rain. Still, we had seen most of our target birds and had a wonderful day so we couldn’t complain.
7th March – Atewa Forest
We had just a couple of hours of birding this morning to try and pick up a few new species before returning to Accra to start the main tour. On the way to the forest, we had some interesting birds such as Gray Kestrel, fantastic views of 2 Blue-headed Coucals, a pair of Mosque Swallows in flight, a surprise Great Reed-Warbler plus several other common birds such as Tawny-flanked Prinia and Black-winged Bishop. We birded a bit in the farmbush and saw African Pied Hornbill, Woodland Kingfisher, Black & White-throated Bee-eaters, Vieillot’s Weaver and Orange-cheeked Waxbill. We tried for the tough White-spotted Flufftail, but only heard it. In the same spot though, we did get great views of the awesome Western Bluebill. We only had a bit of time inside the forest, where we added Purple-throated Cuckoo-shrike, Dusky-blue Flycatcher and Collared Sunbird. On the edge, we finally saw Red-faced Cisticola, and had better views Rufous-crowned Eremomela, African Yellow White-eye, Olive-bellied Sunbird and Black-necked Weaver. That was the end of the Atewa Hills extension, and all that remained was to return to Accra to meet the rest of the clients and start the main tour. An unfortunate traffic accident left us ‘shaken but not stirred’ and luckily no one was badly hurt.

MAIN TOUR
7th March – Sakumono Lagoon
After meeting the rest of the clients, we set off for some light birding at Sakumono Lagoon. We had already birded there on the extension, so those clients chose to rest at the hotel instead. On the way, we kicked off our main tour birding with a Shikra & Purple Starling. We parked and took a short walk around the edge of the reed-fringed lagoon, plus the nearby grasslands and scrub. They were productive as ever, and we saw Lizard Buzzard, Copper Sunbird, Collared Pratincole in flight, Spur-winged Lapwing and Wood Sandpiper. Further on we flushed a Black-crowned Night-Heron and Senegal Coucal, had a fly over of Senegal Parrots and had great scope views of African Hobby and Woodland Kingfisher. In the reed beds, we saw Malachite & Pied Kingfishers and Little Bee-eater, and in the open grass, Zitting Cisticola and Plain-backed Pipit. We walked out to the lagoon, which was heaving with birds, and we saw White-faced Whistling-Duck, Glossy Ibis, a pair of Eurasian Marsh-Harriers, African Swamphen, Black-winged Stilt, dozens of Common Ringed Plovers and African Jacanas, Common Sandpiper, Common Greenshank and Village Weaver. The biggest surprise of the day, and probably of the tour so far was a Tufted Duck, possibly a new species for the country. Walking back to the bus we saw Yellow-billed Shrike and Senegal Thick-knee before calling it a day and returning to the hotel.
8th March – Shai Hills
This morning we were spending at the Shai Hills Resource Reserve, a unique area of rocky hills and savanna outside of Accra. After we got through the gates, we set off on a short walk while one of the guides sorted out our tickets. One of the clients spotted a monkey straight away, and he tracked it down to find it was the rarer of the 2 species here, the Lesser Spot-nosed Monkey. As we walked along the road, we started picking up several common open country birds, such as Western Plantain-eater, Senegal Coucal, Senegal Parrot and African Gray Hornbill. We also had scope views of the colourful Swallow-tailed Bee-eater. Some sections of the road were lined with bushes and trees, and here we saw Green-backed Camaroptera, Bearded Barbet, Senegal Eremomela, Olive-bellied & Splendid Sunbirds and Northern Black- & Spotted Flycatchers plus Callithrix Monkeys. The bus caught us up and we drove on a little, spotting a few birds along the way, like Helmeted Guineafowl, Double-spurred Francolin, Vieillot’s Barbet and the rather drab Siffling Cisticola.

We had several birding stops from here and picked up some great birds, including Vinaceous Dove, Striped Kingfisher, White-shouldered Black-Tit and the rather snazzy White Helmetshrike. We walked some more stretches of the road, finding African Paradise-Flycatcher, Gray Tit-Flycatcher and Double-toothed Barbet, before having a longer drive through the grasslands where we saw many Kob, Olive Baboons, plus Plain-backed Pipit, Yellow-throated Longclaw, Gray Kestrel and Red-necked Buzzard. It was getting hot but we were keen to fit in just one more birding stop. Despite the heat, it was still very productive, and we saw Mocking Cliff-Chat, Scarlet-chested Sunbird, Sulphur-breasted Bushshrike, Yellow-rumped Tinkerbird and Croaking Cisticola. Unfortunately we only heard our target Oriole Warbler and Blackcap Babbler. It had been a full morning’s birding but now it was time for lunch followed by a long drive to Kakum. We had just a short birding stop in the afternoon at a lovely pond near the town of Mankessim on the coast. Here we found Black Crake, Allen’s Gallinule, Eurasian Moorhen, Purple Heron and Malachite Kingfisher, before continuing on our way. After a nice dinner we had an early night’s rest ahead of our first big day’s birding in the rainforest.
9th March – Kakum Forest
Today we would spend inside Kakum National Park and visit the famous canopy walkway. On the trail on the way up we had good views of Red-headed Malimbe, Green Hylia and Lemon-bellied Crombec. At the first platforms, we saw a Black Dwarf Hornbill, a flock of the Upper Guinea endemic Brown-cheeked Hornbill and several African Pied Hornbills. Using the scope, we picked out Gray-headed Nigrita, Gray Greenbul, Cassin’s Honeyguide, Rufous-crowned Eremomela, Yellow-throated Tinkerbird, Ussher’s Flycatcher and Blue-throated Brown Sunbird. We had several species in flight, including Rosy Bee-eater, Red-necked Buzzard plus Sabine’s & Cassin’s Spinetails, Common and African Palm-Swifts. We only heard a Chocolate-backed Kingfisher but saw a perched European Honey-buzzard and had a brief view of Yellow-billed Turaco. We worked our way round the loop, with a quick stop at a middle platform where we saw Blue Cuckooshrike, Black-winged Oriole and some Violet-backed Hyliotas which were a new family for several people. We had plenty of time at the furthest platform of the loop where we had good views of Yellow-mantled & Preuss’s Weavers, Little Green & Melancholy Woodpeckers, Blue-throated Roller, Velvet-mantled Drongo, Speckled Tinkerbird, Slender-billed Greenbul and Naked-faced & Hairy-breasted Barbets. By mid morning, activity dropped right off, so we decended to the forest trail below where we saw Gray Longbill, Blue-billed Malimbe and Wood Warbler plus a soaring African Harrier-Hawk. Before leaving the park we had some very confiding Pin-tailed Whydahs and then drove the short distance to the hotel for lunch.

In the afternoon we went back into Kakum and took a walk along the trails. Despite the mid-afternoon heat, it was pretty active and we saw some great birds, including African Piculet, Plain & White-throated Greenbul, Green Crombec, Yellow-browed Camaroptera, Gray-throated Tit-Flycatcher, Fraser’s, Olive-bellied & Superb Sunbirds, Chestnut-breasted Nigrita and a soaring pair of Palm-nut Vultures. We heard a Forest Robin singing from deep inside the forest and it came into the tape although it managed to elude a few members of the group. The main target of the afternoon was to visit a small forest stream where several difficult forest birds came into drink & bathe. The first to arrive was the Western Bearded-Greenbul which showed very well followed by an African Dwarf Kingfisher. With a bit of shuffling around, most of us got on this tiny little forest gem. This was followed by Fire-crested Alethe, Black-headed Paradise-Flycatcher, Red-tailed & Gray-headed Bristlebills and even a Tambourine Dove. We had seen several very tricky species, but it was now time to head back along the trail to the entrance. On the way, we stopped to look at a Brown Nightjar, a Demidoff’s Galago and a sleeping African Dwarf Kingfisher which we got in the scope. Back at the parking lot, we managed to find Akun Eagle-Owl which was a great way to end a wonderful day. As if we hadn’t seen enough, there was even a Long-tailed Nightjar along the road.
10th March – Kakum Farmbush & Pra River
This morning we were exploring an area of farmbush close to the village of Antwikwa and we set off in the dark to get there at first light. On the way there we had a pair of Red-fronted Parrots in flight, Gray Kestrel and Woodland Kingfisher perched in trees by the roadside and Lesser Striped & Rufous-chested Swallows on wires. On our first birding stop, we heard the distinctive call of a Red-cheeked Wattle-eye nearby and saw a Buff-spotted Woodpecker. We took a walk along the track and had scope views of Green-backed Camaroptera, Cassin's Honeyguide, Simple Greenbul, Levailant’s Cuckoo and a nice pair of Blue-headed Coucals. We reached a spot where we tried for White-spotted Flufftail. The bird responded weakly at some distance but didn’t come in, and we had to be content with a Blue-billed Malimbe in the tree above. Further on we saw Dideric Cuckoo, Melancholy Woodpecker, Gray Tit-Flycatcher, Black Bee-eater, Red-vented Malimbe and even a Slender-tailed Squirrel. We reached a spot at the bottom of the hill where we spent quite a bit of time. It was incredibly productive and we racked up quite the list of birds, including White-throated Bee-eater, Bristle-nosed, Naked-faced & Hairy-breasted Barbets, Speckled, Red-rumped & Yellow-throated Tinkerbirds, scope views of 3 Fire-bellied Woodpeckers, Black-winged Oriole, Slender-billed, Golden & Little Greenbuls, Red-faced & Whistling Cisticolas, Seimund’s, Green, Buff-throated & Olive-bellied Sunbirds, Yellow-mantled Weaver, Chestnut-breasted Nigrita, Orange-cheeked Waxbill and Black-and-white Mannikin.

Preuss’s Swallows collecting mud for their nests (Charley Hesse)

In the mid morning we drove to a bridge over the Pra River. On the way, we saw hundreds of Preuss’s Swallows collecting mud in a puddle by the roadside. The Pra River is a reliable site for the scarce White-throated Blue Swallow and Rock Pratincoles. We found the pratincoles straight away but it took a while before we found the swallows perched on a rock, downstream. On the way back to lunch we finally found a Hooded Vulture in a local town. These birds have have undergone a drastic decline and are now listed as endangered. After a late lunch and some rest in our air-conditioned rooms, we went out to a different area of farmbush near the village of Ebeakwopa, where we saw Woodland Kingfisher, Black & White-throated Bee-eaters, Blue-throated Roller and several Ussher’s Flycatchers. We had African Harrier-Hawk, Tambourine Dove, many African Pied Hornbills and several Fanti Sawwings fly over. We scoped distant Dideric Cuckoo and Black-and-white Shrike-flycatcher before arriving at a large clearing. This spot was also very productive and we scoped Speckled & Yellow-throated Tinkerbirds and our first Yellow-spotted Barbet. There were plenty of small passerines present, with Wood Warbler, Whistling Cisticola, African Yellow White-eye, Violet-backed Hyliota, White-breasted Nigrita and Black-and-white Mannikin; and it was particularly good for sunbirds, with Green-headed, Blue-throated Brown, Western Olive, Buff-throated & Superb Sunbirds. We stuck around until after dark to try for nightjars and Fraser’s Eagle-Owl, but we had no luck tonight.
11th March – Kakum Farmbush to Ankassa
A couple of members of the group were so taken with the canopy walkway that they decided to go up again. The rest of us drove back along the Ebekawopa road, where our eagle-eyed guide spotted an African Pygmy-Kingfisher from the bus which we all got looks at. We arrived at the parking spot and today headed along the forest trail, and a short way down, heard a Rufous-sided Broadbill inside the forest. There were lots of African Green-Pigeons feeding on fruiting trees and we also had our best views of Yellow-billed Turaco. We finally had good views of West African Wattle-eyes which zipped to and fro in the canopy, but the calling Sharpe's Apalis eluded us. As we walked along, we saw Fanti Sawwing which crossed overhead, a pair of Chestnut-capped Flycatchers up in the canopy and a Yellowbill. The local guide did a brilliant job of spotting a Chocolate-backed Kingfisher way up in the canopy and we also had fly-overs of several Rosy Bee-eaters, Blue-throated Roller plus African Harrier-Hawk and Palm-nut Vulture. We had a nice mixed flock with Western Bearded-Greenbul, Fraser's Sunbird and and Crested Malimbe, before getting to a clearing where we saw African Forest-Flycatcher, Naked-faced Barbet and Cassin’s Honeyguide. On the way back, we saw Red-billed Helmetshrike, Seimund’s, Western Olive & Tiny Sunbirds and a mixed flock with Shining Drongo, Black-headed Paradise-Flycatcher and Icterine Greenbul. The 2 participants who did the canopy again added Black Dwarf-Hornbill, Melancholy Woodpecker, Lemon-bellied Crombec, Rufous-crowned Eremomela and Spotted Greenbul.

After lunch, we had a long drive to Ankassa but we had several birding stops to break it up. The first was at a small marsh where we had great looks at Orange Weaver. The next was at a mangrove fringed mud flat which is a known for Hartlaub’s Duck. We scanned the area but there we no ducks evident. There were several shorebirds like Whimbrel, Common Greenshank, Wood & Common Sandpipers, plus Striated and Western Reef-Herons. We were also after Reichenbach’s Sunbird, which briefly sang from on top of a bush, but flew off before everyone had got on it. We tried the other side of the road and found another bird which we all saw. Our last birding stop was at a small roadside pond where we saw several African Pygmy-Geese. We also saw Purple Heron, Malachite Kingfisher and our first perched views of Blue-spotted Wood-Dove. It was getting towards sunset and we didn’t want to arrive in the dark so we drove the rest of the way to Ankassa. A small stream formed the border of the national park and we stopped there to take a look at Cassin’s Flycatcher which was perched on a branch sticking out of the water. Just then I noticed a larger bird swimming by the edge of the stream. It turned out to be an African Finfoot; a much wanted bird by most people in the group. It was a wonderful finish to a great day. After dinner we went to sleep to the wonderful sounds of the forest, incuding the screams of the Western Tree Hyrax.
12th March – Ankasa NP
After breakfast we drove deeper into the park in 2 landrovers. On the way we flushed a Blue-headed Wood-Dove off the road. We got out of the vehicles at a spot where some huge overhead power cables cut through the park. Here we saw our first Square-tailed Sawwing and scoped some Great Blue Turacos which were sitting out drying themselves. We walked along a trail with African Green-Pigeon, Yellow-billed Turaco and Crested Malimbe, towards some ponds that we were going to check for targets. At the first pond, we had a scope view of the stunning African Pygmy-Kingfisher, a more sedate Dusky-blue Flycatcher and we also heard Rufous-sided Broadbill. The local guide took those that hadn’t seen it yet into the forest to search for it. At the next pond, we saw Black Dwarf & Piping Hornbills and a Striated Heron. The guide tried clapping his hands, and 2 Hartlaub’s Ducks shot up out of the pond-side vegetation. Unfortunately, not everybody was in a position to see them. In the clearing we had fly-overs of African Harrier-Hawk and Palm-nut Vulture and inside the dark forest, some people glimpsed Forest Robin. We had a couple of White-spotted Flufftails calling next to the trail, and with a bit of work, we encouraged them to cross a gap.

Hartlaub’s Duck in flight (Charley Hesse)

We ended up at a viewpoint further along the power lines where we scanned for hornbills. We saw African Pied & Brown-cheeked Hornbills fly by, but we could only hear the distinctive calls of Black & Yellow-casqued Hornbills. We went back to the vehicles and did some birding along the road back towards camp. We had some good activity, and saw Red-rumped Tinkerbird, West African Wattle-eye, Western Black-headed Oriole, Shining Drongo, Black-headed Paradise-Flycatcher and Western Nicator but only heard the rare Many-colored Bushshrike. We continued towards camp, but before lunch we went to check the river where we saw a pair of Cassin’s Flycatchers at the nest. A couple of people also saw White-bellied Kingfisher. We had lunch and some people stuck around in the communal area to read and chat, and had a big flock passing through, with Gray-headed Bristlebill and Western Bearded-Greenbul. In the afternoon we did more birding along the road and picked up Red-billed Helmetshrike, African Forest-Flycatcher, Western Olive & Johanna’s Sunbirds, Blue-billed Malimbe and Copper-tailed Starling. We had some good, greenbul flocks, with Slender-billed, Icterine, Red-tailed, Ansorge’s & Plain Greenbuls plus Yellowbill and Fraser’s Sunbird. Just at dusk, we also had a pair of Western Bluebills chattering noisily in the undergrowth but they wouldn’t come out.
13th March – Ankasa National Park
We started earlier today to try and find Dwarf Bittern at one of the pools in the road before dawn. We drove for quite a while before one flushed up from in front of the car and dropped down next to the road. I managed to spotlight it as it flew off, showing the small size and coloring. We parked the vehicles in the same place as yesterday and saw several Square-tailed Sawwings and many White-throated Bee-eaters again. We wanted another chance for Hartlaub’s Duck and set off down towards the ponds. On the way, we saw Yellow-billed Turaco, Red-headed Malimbe and finally, close views of Forest Robin. At the first pond we saw Woodland Kingfisher and Dusky-blue Flycatcher, at the second, great views of Blue-breasted Kingfisher and at the last pond, a Speckled Tinkerbird. The guides also succeeded in flushing 3 Hartlaub’s Ducks which circled around and 2 landed in a large dead tree. They stayed put and we had extended views of these impressive birds. Walking back we had our first good views of Blue-headed Crested-Flycatcher, plus Black-headed Paradise-Flycatcher, brief fly-overs of Finsch’s Flycatcher-Thrush and a Western Olive Sunbird. Back at the vehicles we spotted a perched Melancholy Woodpecker. We walked a few stretches of the road where we saw Yellowbill, some Sabine’s Spinetails and heard a surprise Dusky Long-tailed Cuckoo. We had some good flocks, with Slender-billed, Icterine and the rare Yellow-bearded Greenbul, West African Wattle-eye, Shining Drongo and some uncooperative Sharpe’s Apalis. We also had a bit surprise when we heard a Red-chested Owlet. This flew in, right above our heads and I managed to locate it by watching all the little birds mobbing it.

Blue-breasted Kingfisher is one of many beautiful kingfishers seen on this tour (Charley Hesse)

We drove back to camp and quickly checked out the bridge over the river where the nesting Cassin’s Flycatchers were in their usual spot. We heard a Shining-blue Kingfisher and I located it perched under a dark overhang on the riverbank. Just as the last client had seen it in the scope, the bird took off. After lunch, we packed up and left Ankasa. We had a few birds to catch up with on the way back, and our first stop was at the mangroves where we tracked down the Mouse-brown Sunbird. A couple of people missed it, so we tried on the other side of the road we actually spotted another Hartlaub’s Duck as well as Common Sandpiper, Common Greenshank, Malachite & Pied Kingfishers and Little Bee-eater. Our next stop was at the Orange Weaver pond, where we tried for Black-bellied Seedcracker. It didn’t show but we did see African Harrier-Hawk, Blue-spotted Wood-Dove, most people’s first Western Yellow Wagtail, Orange, Vieillot’s, Black-necked & Village Weavers, Orange-cheeked Waxbill and Pin-tailed Whydah. Our last birding of the day was at the Benu beach road. The place was heaving with birds and we saw Western Plantain-eater, Senegal Coucal, a spectacular Yellow-crowned Gonolek, our long-awaited Oriole Warbler, Pale Flycatcher, Copper & Splendid Sunbirds, Yellow-shouldered Widowbird, Bar-breasted & African Firefinches and seveal Pin-tailed Whydahs. All that remained now was to drive back to the Kakum area where we would spend the night.
14th March – Kakum Farmbush to Picathartes site & Kumasi

We had just one more morning to bird the Kakum area and we decided to return to the Abrafo Forest at Ebekawopa. On the way, we stopped along the road in, and tried again for Lowland Sooty Boubou and Puvel's Iliadopsis, which are 2 very difficult birds to see. Some people caught glimpses of the illadopsis but we only heard the boubou as well as a Red-cheeked Wattle-eye. We did however see a nice pair of Black Bee-eaters before we continued on to the forest. We set off along a forest trail and soon heard Great Blue Turaco and Pale-breasted Iliadopsis. Next we heard a Congo Serpent-Eagle, which we chased round for a bit before getting good flight views. We also had fly-bys of Palm-nut Vulture, African Green-Pigeon and Blue-headed Wood-Dove. Things were pretty quiet until a White-crested Hornbill showed up and people got decent flight views of this very distinctive bird. Next, we had some African Pied Hornbills and also heard Rufous-sided Broadbill & Finsch's Flycatcher-Thrush. As usual, flocking activity was good, and we saw Velvet-mantled Drongo, Black-headed Paradise-Flycatcher, Slender-billed, Golden & Western Bearded-Greenbuls and Yellowbill. We reached the clearing at the end where we saw a Little Green Woodpecker and a flock of distant Violet-backed Starlings in flight. We started walking back to the bus and on the way saw Africa’s smallest bird, the Tit-hylia.

Today was arguably the most important day of the trip as we were visiting the Picathartes site. This weird and totally unique bird is usually the biggest reason for any birder to come to this country. We drove for a few hours stopping for lunch at a rather grand if somewhat kitsch restaurant before heading to the small town of Bonkro. We had been watching the weather for most of the day and it was still due to be raining when we arrived. The road was muddy and it took some skillful driving to get the bus to the start of the trail. We met our local guides, and after readying our rain gear and flashlights, we set off. First, we passed through an open area where we saw African Cuckoo-Hawk, African Green-Pigeon and African Pied Hornbill, before entering the forest. Walking up the gentle trail through beautiful forest, we heard Gray-headed Bristlebill and Western Bearded-Greenbul and saw Western Olive Sunbird. Just below the observation site, we had a short briefing session about what and what not to do when we got up there. We walked the final steep section of the trail and took our places on the benches provided. We started the wait, listening to the calls of African Emerald Cuckoo and Red-fronted Parrots calling in the canopy overhead. After just 45 minutes, the totally unique and weirdly-beautiful White-necked Rockfowl showed up. For about 15 minutes we watched them hop in and out of view. It was a magical experience, and to quote one tour participant, 'That was one of the most amazing birding experiences of my life!'. What can you add to that! Happy with our wonderful views, we made our way down, said our goodbyes to the villagers and finished off the 2 and a half hour drive to Kumasi.
15th March – Bobiri forest to Mole NP

Today was a very long travel day, but we did have a bit of time for our last birding in the rainforest. We went to the wonderful Bobiri Forest and we started our birding with a walk along the entrance road. It was a bit misty after yesterday’s rains, but we did pick out a powerful Black Goshawk as it winged its way by. Other good birds along here were African Cuckoo-Hawk, African Green-Pigeon and a pair of Red-headed Malimbes. One of our main targets of the morning was the Red-billed Dwarf Hornbill. We finally heard one but we were unable to bring it in closer. The forest at first glance looked pretty dense, but we decided our only chance to see this wonderful bird was to walk inside the forest, towards it. One of our local guides took the lead and soon had it located. We had a couple of false alarms with African Pied Hornbills and Velvet-mantled Drongos flying by, but finally, had great views of a pair hopping around after insects. Back at the entrance road, we found Little Greenbul and Gray Longbill in a tangle, and in some canopy flocks: Sharpe’s Apalis, Yellow-mantled Weaver, Rufous-crowned Eremomela, Buff-spotted Woodpecker and Chestnut-capped Flycatcher.

Grasshopper Buzzard was common on our drive to the north (Charley Hesse)

We continued searching for our targets until it was time to start heading back to the bus. On the way back we had more good birds, like Buff-throated Sunbird, African Emerald Cuckoo, Blue-headed Wood-Dove but only heard Black-throated Coucal. Another highlight of the morning were a pair of Gray Parrots which flew in to a nearby tree and allowed the whole group good scope views. On some seeding bamboo, we found a small flock of Magpie Mannikins which we also had great scope views of, followed by a Forest Woodhoopoe in flight and a small group of Swamp Greenbuls which concluded our rainforest birding. From there it was a very long drive to Mole National Park in the north. We had several good raptors on the way, including Lanner Facon, Red-necked Buzzard, Several Grasshopper Buzzards, Dark Chanting-Goshawk and Beaudoin’s Snake-Eagle. We also had our first Blue-bellied & Abyssinian Rollers, plus African Golden Oriole and Violet Turaco in roadside trees. As we neared Mole we spotted a pair of Stone Partridges that were crossing the road. We arrived at the hotel inside the park before dark and had time to settle in before dinner. Tomorrow would be the start of our 2 full days of birding here.
16th March – Mole NP
It was our first full day of birding in the Mole National Park and we got off to a good start with a group of Stone Partridges right next to the side of the road, followed numerous Double-spurred Francolins. We set off on a very productive walk through the park. As elephants and other potentially dangerous animals present, we were accompanied by an armed national park ranger. Birds came in thick and fast, with Gray-headed Kingfisher, Lesser Honeyguide, Fine-spotted & Cardinal Woodpeckers, Senegal Batis, Black-crowned Tchagra, Pale & Northern Black-Flycatchers, Snowy-crowned Robin-Chat, the impressive Long-tailed Glossy Starling, Oriole Warbler, Senegal Eremomela and many sky blue Red-cheeked Cordonbleus. We arrived at a place with a few drinking ponds and as it is usually bone dry in this season, they are magnets for birds coming to drink. Unfortunately it had rained considerably in the last few days, but this seemed to have increased bird activity in general. In this area, we saw the stunning Blue-breasted Kingfisher and Red-throated Bee-eater, plus Broad-billed Roller, Wire-tailed Swallow, fly overs of Fanti Sawing, Swamp, Gray Tit- & European Pied Flycatchers, Violet-backed, Lesser Blue-eared & Purple Starlings, Western Violet-backed, Scarlet-chested & Beautiful Sunbirds and White-shouldered Black-Tit. It was cloudy and threatened rain, but it never materialised and the clouds kept the baking heat of the day at bay.

Next we saw our first Bateleur with perched and flying individuals and next scope views of Banded Snake-Eagle. A small group of Bruce’s Green-Pigeons flew by and a Violet Turaco hopped around a tangly tree evading us until George spotted a perched bird and we all got good views. The list kept growing, with African Gray Woodpecker, African Golden Oriole, Yellow-breasted Apalis, Bush Petronia, Bar-breasted Firefinch and some non-breeding plumage Wilson’s Indigobirds. We also had great views of Yellow-crowned Gonolek which was a real crowd-pleaser. We drove on to a waterhole just below the hotel. Elephants are often seen here, but with all the rain, they seemed to have dispersed. We did see White-crowned Robin-Chat, our first White-backed Vulture, Senegal Thick-knee, Wattled Lapwing, Brown-throated Wattle-eye, a pair of Woolly-necked Storks in flight and the unique Hamerkop. On the drive back to the hotel we had another short birding stop where we glimpsed the Gray-headed Bushshrike. After lunch we went to explore a different part of the park along the Brugbani road. We encountered a real piece of luck along the way when the tricky White-throated Francolin crossed the road in front of us.
We had a few other brief birding stops along the way with some Hooded Vultures in flight, a stunning Abyssinian Roller, Bearded Barbet, Fine-spotted Woodpecker and White-fronted Black-Chat. We reached a clearing where we got out and took a walk around. We soon came across some Sun Larks, had our first good views of Black-billed Wood-Dove, had a fly by of Shikra and scoped Yellow-fronted Canary and Pygmy Sunbird. Our main target here was the rare Forbes's Plover which we failed to see, but just a few minutes after getting back in the bus, the assistant guide spotted a pair by the side of the road. Next we went on to a pond surrounded by open woodland, where we saw a flock of White-faced Whistling-Ducks, Black Crake, African Jacana, Yellow-shouldered Widowbird, Orange-cheeked Waxbill, Red-billed Firefinch, Swamp, European Pied & Gray Tit-Flycatchers. We also had flight views of Red-chested Swallow, Rose-ringed Parakeet and Senegal Parrot. We walked along the road and then waited until dusk for our main target, the Standard-winged Nightjar. We had great views of one flying across the road and more views on the way back, including a male perched on the road. We also heard African Scops-Owl before setting off back to the hotel, spotlighting as we went. We saw many Senegal Galagos including one very close to the bus. We also saw 2 White-tailed Mongooses and Scrub Hare before arriving back for a late dinner.
In the woodland nearby we saw Gray-headed Kingfisher, African Thrush, a Pearl-spotted Owlet being mobbed, and an African Harrier-Hawk. We walked down and along the river through some nice riparian forest where we saw Brown-throated Wattle-eye, our target Square-tailed Drongo, a pair of Black Crakes and a Malachite Kingfisher. Next, we walked out into some savanna habitat with dotted trees. Here, we finally got views of the Singing Cisticola, plus Black-billed Wood-Dove, Red-throated Bee-eater, Black-crowned Tchagra, African Harrier-Hawk and Yellow-crowned Gonolek. We also had some Hooded & White-backed Vultures circling overhead. Back on the road we found a pair of uncommon Pied-winged Swallows before setting off back to the hotel for lunch and some time off in the heat of the day. After a mid-day break, we set off for our afternoon birding. Before long, we good views of the distinctive race of Helmeted Guineafowl, plus African Harrier-Hawk and Bateleur. On the way to the birding site, we spotted a Chestnut-crowned Sparrow-Weaver from the window so we got off for better views. We caught the tail end of a mixed flock which had Yellow-bellied Hyliola and Senegal Batis. We also saw Beautiful Sunbird, Black Scimitar-bill and some Long-tailed Glossy Starlings. As it had been raining a lot recently, Mole’s elephants where not coming into the waterholes, so our local guide took us to a place where they come to eat salty earth. When we arrived, we saw a bachelor herd of 4 male African Elephants.

There are around 400 elephants in Mole NP (Charley Hesse)

After watching them for some time, we set of on a walk. It was a great area, and we saw Little Weaver, Red-billed & Black-faced Firefinches, Bronze Mannikin, Wilson's Indigobird, Red-shouldered Cuckooshrike, African Blue-Flycatcher, Senegal Eremomela and Red-throated Bee-eater. On the way out we saw 2 incredibly glossy Greater Blue-eared Starlings and great views and photo opportunities for Stone Partridge and Double-spurred Francolin. Next we went to an area of scrub close to a waterhole in search of Lavender Waxbill. We saw them without too much difficulty and also had our first African Cuckoo. The last birding of the day was a spot of owling at the airstrip. As soon as we arrived, we saw the amazing Standard-winged Nightjar catching insects off the road, then finally we chased a Northern White-faced Owl. Succesful, we made our way back to the hotel and thanked our friendly ranger Robert, who had accompanied us for the past 2 days.
18th March – Mole NP to Bolgatanga, via Tongo Hills

After breakfast we checked out and while we were waiting for everybody to come to the bus, we observed a Beautiful Sunbird in a flowering bush and a pair of African Gray Woodpeckers in nearby tree. We set off and went to the airstrip one more time for a last bit of birding at Mole. It was pretty active, and we saw Pygmy Sunbird, African Golden Oriole, Senegal Coucal, Brubru, Vieillot’s Barbet, Bearded Barbet, Northern Black-Flycatcher, Scarlet-chested Sunbird and Bruce’s Green-Pigeon. Many of these birds we had excellent views of in the scope. Further on, we added White-rumped Swift, Green Woodhoopoe, Fine-spotted Woodpecker, Yellow-billed Shrike, Willow Warbler, Senegal Eremomela and some Brown Babblers. Some of the highlights were scope views of a male Violet-backed Starling and a pair of Red-cheeked Cordonbleus building a nest. We saw our first Gabar Goshawk of the trip and after setting off, we also spotted some Piapiacs hanging around some cows. We began our drive, scanning the roadside wires and trees and soon found a Rufous-crowned Roller. Next we stopped at a lake where there were a large number of birds coming in to drink. We saw our first Red-billed Quelea, Black-rumped Waxbill and Namaqua Dove plus Common Sandpiper, Bush Petronia and Black-billed Wood-Dove. We drove on to Tamale where we had lunch and saw Speckled Pigeons on the roof of the restaurant.

After lunch, we continued our drive before stopping at the Nasia wetand where we spent some time scanning the water and found good numbers of African Pygmy Geese as well as Purple & Squacco Herons, Intermediate Egret, Long-tailed Cormorant, African Jacana and Wattled Lapwing. We saw some Yellow-billed Oxpeckers on some cows and good numbers of Black-faced Quail-Finches flying over the grass. There were several raptors soaring, including Grasshoper Buzzard, Black-shouldered Kite and Eurasian Marsh-Harrier, and in the nearby trees we had African Silverbill, Red-cheeked Cordonbleau and non-breeding plumage Black-headed Weavers. It was time to move on to our final birding site for the day, which was the Tongo Hills. These low, boulder-strewn hills are the best place in Ghana to see several target species. We only had an hour there, so we lost no time in starting to explore the area. We found the recently-split Gosling’s Bunting straight away and what we thought was a Fox Kestrel turned out to be a soaring Lanner Falcon instead. The Fox Kestrel came soon afterwards. We walked around looking for our final major target, the charismatic Rock-loving Cisticola. In the meantime we saw Red-billed Firefinch, Black-rumped Waxbill and Speckled Pigeon. The sun went down behind the hills and it started to cool down a bit and finally the cisticola decided to show itself on top of a rock. It was a relief to get it and we even added the potential ‘West African’ split of Red-rumped Swallow before we boarded the bus and drove to our hotel in Bolgatanga, our base for the next 2 nights.

The well-named Bearded Barbet (Charley Hesse)
19th March – Upper White Volta & Tono Dam

Today was our big morning to go in search of the Egyptian Plover on a quite stretch of the upper White Volta River on the border with Burkina Faso. It was a 2 hour drive to the site along a bumpy road, but we had a few birding stops along the way. The first was to look at the huge White-billed Buffalo-Weavers busy building nests in a village. Next we stopped at an area of scrub where we birded for about an hour. We saw Long-tailed Glossy, Lesser & Greater Blue-eared and our first Chestnut-bellied Starlings of the trip. We had perched Grasshopper Buzzard, Abyssinian & Rufous-crowned Rollers and Vieillot’s Barbet, plus Namaqua Doves and Northern Red-billed Hornbills flying by. We found a very productive area for small finches, with Yellow-fronted Canary, Speckle-fronted Weaver, Red-cheeked Cordonbleu and Green-winged Pytilia, the latter which was a very good record. There was also a Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird getting in on the action. Just before we left, George flushed up some Four-banded Sandgrouse and we walked towards where he had seen them come down. We flushed them again and got great flight views. Next it was on to the main birding site of the morning. We got off the bus and walked along the river bank for about 100 yards before we were shown a group of awesome little Egyptian Plovers. It couldn’t have been easier. These unique birds were recently moved from the coursers and pratincoles, to their own family. We watched them at our leisure and got closer for great photo opps.

Also on the river were Long-tailed Cormorant, Hamerkop, Spur-winged Lapwing, Common Sandpiper, Common Greenshank plus Malachite & Pied Kingfishers. In the nearby trees were Speckled Pigeon, our first Mourning Collared-Doves, Chestnut-bellied & Purple Starlings, Little Bee-eater and flying around were Beaudouin’s Snake-Eagle and lots of Red-chested Swallows. It was getting hotter and hotter, so we retreated to the air-conditioned bus until we got to a small lake where we had one final birding stop which produced Great Spotted Cuckoo, Little Swift, White-rumped Seedeater and Vitelline Masked-Weaver. In the afternoon, we did a bit of casual birding at Tono Dam closer to Bolgatanga. We started walking round the site and straight away saw a pair of Northern Red-billed Hornbills, Double-spurred Francolin, the rare Black-backed Cisticola, and a Spotted Thick-knee in the scope. Wattled Lapwings were mobbing a Eurasian Marsh-Harrier and then later on a pair of Dark Chanting-Goshawks. As we wondered around, we also saw the beautiful Abyssinian Roller, Vieillot’s Barbet, Gosling’s Bunting and Red-necked Falcon in the scope, Long-tailed Glossy, Chestnut-bellied Starling and Purple Starlings, and we also flushed several Black-faced Quailfinches and good numbers of Four-banded Sandgrouse, which later we managed to get views of on the ground, and we also added a Melodious Warbler. Finally we saw about 50 Bruce’s Green-Pigeons coming to roost in a tree. It had been a fun afternoon and we went back to our hotel for our final dinner together as a group.
20th March – Bolgatanga to Accra
It was the last day of the tour and mainly a travel day. We did jump out at the Nasia wetland again for our last spot of birding. We saw many of the same water birds as on our last visit, including African Pygmy-Goose, Long-tailed Cormorant, Black-headed & Squacco Herons, Great Egret, Wattled Lapwing, African Jacana and Malachite Kingfisher. We had a Eurasian Marsh-Harrier winging its way around at the back of the pond, terrifying the jacanas, an Abyssinian Roller was elegantly perched on top of a tree and Red-chested Swallows were their usual omnipresent selves. We added our first Northern Crombec of the main tour, flitting about in the top of a tree with Senegal Eremomelas, and many people also saw their first Winding Cisticola of the trip. As before, the place was alive with small birds, and we saw Bush Petronia, Black-headed Weaver, Red-billed Quelea, Black-winged Bishop, Black-rumped Waxbill, the gaudy Red-cheeked Cordonbleu, Red-billed Firefinch, Black-faced Quailfinch and African Silverbill. Our birding drew to a close and we drove on to the airport for our flight back to Accra connecting to our international flights. It had been a terrific tour with great views of our head-line birds, the Picathartes and Egyptian plover, but the highlights were many more than just those. Learning about the West African rain forest, from understory to canopy and enjoying the Ghanean hospitality were very memorable experiences indeed.

The ‘showy’ Red-cheeked Cordonbleu is certainly a crowd-pleaser (Charley Hesse)

BIRD OF THE TRIP

1st place White-necked Rockfowl or ‘Picathartes’
2nd place Standard-winged Nightjar
3rd place Hartlaub’s Duck
4th place White-crested Hornbill
5th place Egyptian Plover
Bird list
Taxonomy follows ebird/Clements online checklist v2016

**ANSERIFORMES: Anatidae**
White-faced Whistling-Duck  *Dendrocygna viduata*
    Seen at Sakumono & Mole.
Hartlaub’s Duck  *Pteronetta hartlaubii*
    Seen at Ankasa & mangroves on the way to Ankasa.
African Pygmy-Goose  *Nettapus auritus*
    Seen at a pond on the way to Ankasa & at Nasia.
Tufted Duck  *Aythya fuligula*
    A female seen at Sakumono Lagoon was possibly the first record for the country.

**GALLIFORMES:**
Helmeted Guineafowl  *Numida meleagris*
    Seen at Shai Hills & Mole.

**GALLIFORMES: Odontophoridae**
Stone Partridge  *Ptilopachus petrosus*
    Seen at Mole & heard at Shai Hills.

**GALLIFORMES: Phasianidae**
Double-spurred Francolin  *Francolinus bicalcaratus*
    Seen at Shai Hills, Mole & Tono Dam.
White-throated Francolin  *Francolinus albogularis*
    Seen at Mole.

**PODICIPEDIFORMES: Podicipedidae**
Little Grebe  *Tachybaptus ruficollis*
    Seen at Mankessim.

**CICONIIFORMES: Ciconiidae**
Woolly-necked Stork  *Ciconia episcopus*
    Seen at Mole.
Saddle-billed Stork  *Ephippiorhynchus senegalensis*
    Seen at Mole.

**SULIFORMES: Phalacrocoracidae**
Long-tailed Cormorant  *Phalacrocorax africanus*
    Seen at Sakumono, Accra, Cape Coast, on the way to Ankasa, Nasia & Sapeliga.

**PELICANIFORMES: Scopidae**
Hamerkop  *Scopus umbretta*
    Seen at Mole, Tongo Hills & Sapeliga.

**PELICANIFORMES: Ardeidae**
Dwarf Bittern  *Ixobrychus sturmii*
    Seen at Ankasa.
Gray Heron  *Ardea cinerea*
    Seen at Sakumono, Mole & Nasia.
Black-headed Heron  *Ardea melanocephala*
    Seen at Sakumono, Mole & Nasia.
Purple Heron  *Ardea purpurea*
    Seen at Sakumono, Mankessim, on the way to Ankasa & Nasia.
Great Egret  *Ardea alba*
    Seen at Sakumono, mangroves on the way to Ankasa, Mole, & Nasia.
Intermediate Egret  *Mesophoyx intermedia*
    Seen at Sakumono & Nasia.
Little Egret  *Egretta garzetta*
    Seen at Sakumono & at mangroves on the way to Ankasa.
Western Reef-Heron  *Egretta gularis*
    Seen at Sakumono & at mangroves on the way to Ankasa.
Cattle Egret  
*Bubulcus ibis*
Commonly seen throughout.

Squacco Heron  
*Ardeola ralloides*
Seen at Sakumono, Mankessim, Mole, Tono Dam & Nasia.

Striated Heron  
*Buto rides striata*
Heard at Atewa. Seen at mangroves on the way to Ankasa, Ankasa, Mole & Tono Dam.

Black-crowned Night-Heron  
*Nycticorax nycticorax*
Seen at Sakumono & heard at Mole.

**PELLICANIFORMES:** *Threskiornithidae*

Glossy Ibis  
*Plegadis facinellus*
Seen at Sakumono.

Hadada Ibis  
*Bostrychia hagedash*
Seen at Mole.

**ACCIPITRIFORMES:** *Accipitridae*

Black-shouldered Kite  
*Elanus caeruleus*
Seen in Accra, Sakumono & Mole.

African Harrier-Hawk  
*Polyboroides typus*
Seen at Kakum, Ebekawopa, Ankasa & Mole.

Palm-nut Vulture  
*Gypohierax angolensis*
Seen at Kakum, Ebekawopa, Ankasa & Mole.

European Honey-buzzard  
*Pernis apivorus*
Seen at Kakum.

African Cuckoo-Hawk  
*Aviceda cuculoides*
Seen at Atewa, Picathartes site & Bobiri.

Hooded Vulture  
*Necrosyrtes monachus*
Endangered. Seen at Pra River, Mole & around some towns in the north. This species has declined dramatically.

White-backed Vulture  
*Gyps africanus*
Endangered. Seen at Mole.

Bateleur  
*Terathopius ecaudatus*
Near-threatened. Seen at Mole.

Congo Serpent-Eagle  
*Dryotriorchis spectabilis*
Seen well in flight at Ebekawopa.

Beauford’s Snake-Eagle  
*Circaetus beaudouini*
Seen on the way to Mole, at Mole & Sapliga.

Banded Snake-Eagle  
*Circaetus cinerascens*
Seen on the way to Mole, at Mole & Sapliga.

*Crowned Hawk-Eagle  
*Stephanoaetus coronatus*
Seen at Atewa.

Ayres’s Hawk-Eagle  
*Hieraetus ayresii*
Seen at Mole.

*Cassin’s Hawk-Eagle  
*Aquila africana*
Seen at Atewa.

Lizard Buzzard  
*Kaupifalco monogrammicus*
Seen at Sakumono, Atewa, on the drive to Mole & at Mole.

Dark Chanting-Goshawk  
*Melierax metabates*
Seen on the drive to Mole & Tono Dam.

Gabar Goshawk  
*Micronisus gabor*
Seen at Mole.

Grasshopper Buzzard  
*Butastur rufipennis*
Seen at the drive to Mole & Tono Dam.

Eurasian Marsh-Harrier  
*Circus aeruginosus*
Seen at Sakumono, Nasia & Tono Dam.

Shikra  
*Accipiter badius*

Red-thighed Sparrowhawk  
*Accipiter erythropus*
Seen at Ankasa.

Black Goshawk  
*Accipiter melanoleucus*
Seen at Bobiri.

Black Kite  
*Milvus migrans*
Commonly seen throughout.

Red-necked Buzzard  
*Buteo auguralis*
Seen at Shai Hills, Kakum, Ebekawopa, on the way to Mole & at Mole.
GRUIFORMES: Rallidae
Black Crane Amaurornis flavirostra
Seen at Mankessim & Mole.
Allen’s Gallinule Porphyrio alleni
Seen at Mankessim
African Swamphen Porphyrio madagascariensis
Seen at Sakumono & Mankessim.
Eurasian Moorhen Gallinula chloropus
Seen at Mankessim.

GRUIFORMES: Sarothuridae
White-spotted Flufftail Sarothura pulchra
Seen at Ankasa. Heard at Atewa, Antwikwa & Ebekawopa.

GRUIFORMES: Heliornithidae
African Finfoot Podica senegalensis
Seen at Ankasa.

CHARADRIIFORMES: Burhinidae
Senegal Thick-knee Burhinus senegalensis
Seen at Sakumono & Mole.
Spotted Thick-knee Burhinus capensis
Seen at Tono Dam.

CHARADRIIFORMES: Pluvianidae
Egyptian Plover Pluvianus aegyptius
Seen at Sapeliga.

CHARADRIIFORMES: Recurvirostridae
Black-winged Stilt Himantopus himantopus
Seen at Sakumono.

CHARADRIIFORMES: Charadriidae
Spur-winged Plover Vanellus spinosus
Seen at Sakumono, Sapeliga & Tono Dam.
Wattled Lapwing Vanellus senegallus
Seen at Sakumono, Mole, Nasia, Sapeliga & Tono Dam.
Common Ringed Plover Charadrius hiaticula
Many seen at Sakumono.
Forbes’s Plover Charadrius forbesi
Seen at Mole.

CHARADRIIFORMES: Jacanidae
African Jacana Actophilornis africanus
Seen at Sakumono, Mankessim, Mole & Nasia.

CHARADRIIFORMES: Scolopacidae
Common Sandpiper Actitis hypoleucus
Seen at Sakumono, Pra River, at mangroves on the way to Ankasa & Sapeliga.
Green Sandpiper Tringa ochropus
Seen at Sakumono.
Common Greenshank Tringa nebularia
Seen at Sakumono, mangroves on the way to Ankasa & Sapeliga.
Wood Sandpiper Tringa glareola
Seen at Sakumono & at mangroves on the way to Ankasa,
Whimbrel Numenius phaeopus
Seen at mangroves on the way to Ankasa.
Little Stint Calidris minuta
Seen at Sakamono.

CHARADRIIFORMES: Glareolidae
Collared Pratincole Glareola pratincola
Seen at Sakamono & Atewa.
Rock Pratincole — Glareola nuchalis
Seen at Pra River.

PTEROCLIFORMES: Pteroclidae

Four-banded Sandgrouse — Pterocles quadricinctus
Seen near Sapeliga & at Tono Dam.

COLUMBIFORMES: Columbidae

Rock Pigeon — Columba livia
Seen in some towns.

Speckled Pigeon — Columba guinea
Seen at Tamale, Tongo Hills, Tono Dam, Bolgatanga & Sapeliga.

Mourning Collared-Dove — Streptopelia decipiens
Seen at Sapeliga.

Red-eyed Dove — Streptopelia semitorquata
Seen at many sites.

Vinaceous Dove — Streptopelia vinacea
Seen at Shai Hills, Mole, Tongo Hills, Tono Dam, Sapeliga & Nasia.

Laughing Dove — Streptopelia senegalensis
Commonly seen throughout.

Black-billed Wood-Dove — Turtur abyssinicus
Seen at Shai Hills, Mole, Tongo Hills, Sapeliga & Tono Dam.

Blue-spotted Wood-Dove — Turtur afer
Seen at Atewa, Shai Hills, Antwikwa, Ebekawopa & Ankasa. Heard at Kakum.

Tambourine Dove — Turtur tympanistria
Seen at Atewa, Kakum, Antwikwa, Ebekawopa & Bobiri.

Blue-headed Wood-Dove — Turtur brehmeri
Seen at the Ankasa, Ebekawopa & Bobiri.

Namaqua Dove — Oena capensis
Seen near Mole & at Sapeliga.

Bruce’s Green-Pigeon — Treron waalia
Seen at Mole & Tono Dam.

African Green-Pigeon — Treron calvus
Seen at Atewa, Kakum, Ebekawopa, Ankasa & Bobiri.

CUCULIFORMES: Musophagidae

Great Blue Turaco — Corythaëola cristata
Seen at Ankasa & heard at Ebekawopa.

Yellow-billed Turaco — Tauraco macrorhynchus
Seen at Kakum, Ebekawopa & Ankasa. Heard at Atewa.

Violet Turaco — Musophaga violacea
Seen at Mole.

Western Plantain-eater — Crinifer piscator
Seen in Accra, Sakumono, Shai Hills, Brenu, Mole & Tono Dam.

CUCULIFORMES: Cuculidae

Levaillant’s Cuckoo — Clamator levaillantii
Seen at Atewa, Antwikwa & Ebekawopa.

Great Spotted Cuckoo — Clamator glandarius
Seen at Sapeliga.

Red-chested Cuckoo — Cuculus solitarius
Heard at Mole.

*Black Cuckoo — Cuculus clamosus
Heard at Atewa.

African Cuckoo — Cuculus gularis
Seen at Mole.

Dusky Long-tailed Cuckoo — Cercococcyx mechowi
Heard at Ankasa.

*Yellow-throated Cuckoo — Chrysococcyx flavigularis
Seen at Atewa.

Klaas’s Cuckoo — Chrysococcyx klaas
Commonly seen or heard throughout.

African Emerald Cuckoo — Chrysococcyx cupreus
Seen at Atewa, Kakum & Bobiri. Heard at Picathartes site.
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Seen at most sites in the south.

African Gray Hornbill *Lophoceros nasutus*  
Seen at Sakamono. Shai Hills, Mole & Tono Dam.

Northern Red-billed Hornbill *Tockus erythrorhynchus*  
Seen at Mole, Sapeliga & Tono Dam.

White-crested Hornbill *Horizocerus albocristatus*  
Seen at Atewa & Ebeka.

Black Dwarf Hornbill *Horizocerus hartlaubi*  
Seen at Kakum, Ankasa & Bobiri.

Black-casqued Hornbill *Ceratogymna atrata*  
Heard at Ankasa.

Yellow-casqued Hornbill *Ceratogymna elata*  
Vulnerable. Heard at Ankasa.

Brown-cheeked Hornbill *Bycanistes cylindricus*  
Seen at Kakum & Ankasa. Heard at Atewa.

Piping Hornbill *Bycanistes fistulator*  
Seen at Ankasa.

**CORACIIFORMES: Alcedinidae**

Shining-blue Kingfisher *Alcedo quadribrachys*  
Seen at Ankasa.

Malachite Kingfisher *Corythornis cristatus*  
Seen at Atewa, Sakamono, Mankessim, on the way to Ankasa, Mole, Sapeliga & Nasua.

White-bellied Kingfisher *Corythornis leucogaster*  
Seen at Ankasa.

African Pygmy-Kingfisher *Ispidina picta*  
Seen at Ebekawaopa, Ankasa & Mole.

Dwarf Kingfisher *Ispidina lecontei*  
Seen at Kakum.

Chocolate-backed Kingfisher *Halcyon badia*  
Seen at Ebekawopa. Heard at Atewa, Kakum & Ankasa.

Gray-headed Kingfisher *Halcyon leucocephala*  
Seen at Mole.

Woodland Kingfisher *Halcyon senegalensis*  
Seen at Sakamono, Atewa, Antwikwa, Ebekawaopa & Ankassa.

Blue-breasted Kingfisher *Halcyon malimbica*  
Seen at Atewa, Ankasa & Mole. Heard at Kakum.

Striped Kingfisher *Halcyon chelicuti*  
Seen at Shai Hills.

Pied Kingfisher *Ceryle rudis*  
Seen at Sakamono, on the way to Ankasa & Sapeliga.

**CORACIIFORMES: Meropidae**

Black Bee-eater *Merops gularis*  
Seen at Atewa, Antwikwa, Ebekawaopa & Picathartes site.

*Blue-moustached Bee-eater* *Merops mentalis*  
Seen at Atewa.

Red-throated Bee-eater *Merops bulocki*  
Seen at Mole.

Little Bee-eater *Merops pusillus*  
Seen at Sakamono & on the way to Ankasa.

Swallow-tailed Bee-eater *Merops hirundineus*  
Seen at Shai Hills.

White-throated Bee-eater *Merops albicollis*  
Seen at Atewa, Kakum, Antwikwa, Ebekawaopa & Ankasa.

Rosy Bee-eater *Merops malimbicus*  
Seen at Kakum, Antwikwa & Ebekawaopa.

**CORACIIFORMES: Coraciidae**

Abyssinian Roller *Coracias abyssinicus*  
Seen at Mole, Nasia, Sapeliga & Tono Dam.

Rufous-crowned Roller *Coracias naevius*  
Seen at Tongo Hills & Sapeliga.
Blue-bellied Roller  
*Coracias cyanogaster*  
Seen briefly on the drive to Mole.

Broad-billed Roller  
*Eurystomus glaucurus*  
Seen at Atewa & Mole.

Blue-throated Roller  
*Eurystomus gularis*  
Seen at Kakum & Ebekawopa. Heard at Ankasa & Bobiri.

**PICIFORMES: Lybiidae**

Yellow-billed Barbet  
*Trachyphonus purpuratus*  
Heard at Atewa.

Bristle-nosed Barbet  
*Gymnobucco peli*  
Seen at Atewa & Antwikwa.

Naked-faced Barbet  
*Gymnobucco calvus*  
Seen at Atewa, Kakum, Antwikwa & Ebekawopa.

Speckled Tinkerbird  
*Pogoniulus scolopaceus*  
Seen at Atewa, Kakum, Antwikwa & Ankasa.

Red-rumped Tinkerbird  
*Pogoniulus atroflavus*  
Seen at Atewa, Antwikwa & Ankasa. Heard at Kakum & Ebekawopa.

Yellow-throated Tinkerbird  
*Pogoniulus subsulphureus*  

Yellow-rumped Tinkerbird  
*Pogoniulus bilineatus*  
Seen at Shai Hills.

Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird  
*Pogoniulus chrysoconus*  
Seen at Shai Hills, Mole, Sapeliga & Tono Dam.

Yellow-spotted Barbet  
*Buccanodon duchaillui*  
Seen at Ebekawopa. Heard at Atewa & Ankasa.

Hairy-breasted Barbet  
*Tricholaema hirsuta*  
Seen at Atewa, Kakum, Antwikwa, Ebekawopa & Ankasa. Heard at Bobiri.

Vieillot’s Barbet  
*Lybius vieilloti*  
Seen at Atewa, Shai Hills, Mole, Sapeliga & Tono Dam.

Double-toothed Barbet  
*Lybius bidentatus*  
Seen at Sakumono, Accra & Shai Hills.

Bearded Barbet  
*Lybius dubius*  
Seen at Shai Hills & Mole.

**PICIFORMES: Indicatoridae**

Cassin’s Honeyguide  
*Prodotiscus insignis*  
Seen at Kakum, Antwikwa & Ebekawopa.

Lesser Honeyguide  
*Indicator minor*  
Seen at Mole.

Spotted Honeyguide  
*Indicator maculatus*  
Seen at Atewa.

Greater Honeyguide  
*Indicator indicator*  
Heard at Sapeliga,

**PICIFORMES: Picidae**

African Piculet  
*Sasia africana*  
Seen at Kakum.

Fine-spotted Woodpecker  
*Campethera punctuligera*  
Seen at Mole.

Little Green Woodpecker  
*Campethera maculosa*  
Seen at Kakum & Ebekawopa.

Buff-spotted Woodpecker  
*Campethera nivosa*  
Seen at Atewa, Antwikwa & Bobiri.

Cardinal Woodpecker  
*Dendropicos fuscescens*  
Seen at Mole.

Melancholy Woodpecker  
*Dendropicos lugubris*  
Seen at Atewa, Kakum, Antwikwa, Picathartes & Ankasa.

Fire-bellied Woodpecker  
*Dendropicos pyrrhogaster*  
Seen at Antwikwa & heard at Kakum.

African Gray Woodpecker  
*Dendropicos goertae*  
Seen at Mole.
FALCONIFORMES: Falconidae
Eurasian Kestrel  
*Falco tinnunculus*
Seen at Atewa & Shai Hills.

Fox Kestrel  
*Falco alopec*
Seen at Tango Hills.

Gray Kestrel  
*Falco ardosiaceus*
Seen at Atewa, Shai Hills & Antwikwa.

Red-necked Falcon  
*Falco chicquera*
Seen at Tono Dam.

African Hobby  
*Falco cuvierii*
Seen at Atewa & Sakumono.

Lanner Falcon  
*Falco biarmicus*
Seen at Mole & Tango Hills.

PSITTACIFORMES: Psittaculidae
Rose-ringed Parakeet  
*Psittacula krameri*
Seen at Mole.

PSITTACIFORMES: Psittacidae
Gray Parrot  
*Psittacus erithacus*
Vulnerable. Seen at Ankasa & Bobiri.

Red-fronted Parrot  
*Poicephalus gulielmi*
Seen at Antwikwa & heard at the Picathartes site.

Senegal Parrot  
*Poicephalus senegalus*
Seen at Sakumono, Shai Hills & Mole. Heard at Tono Dam.

PASSERIFORMES: Calyptomenidae
Rufous-sided Broadbill  
*Smithornis rufolateralis*
Seen at Atewa & Kakum. Heard at Ebekawopa.

PASSERIFORMES: Platysteiridae
Brown-throated Wattle-eye  
*Platysteira cyanea*
Seen at Mole & heard at Shai Hills.

West African Wattle-eye  
*Platysteira hormophora*
Seen at Atewa, Ebekawopa & Ankasa.

Red-cheeked Wattle-eye  
*Platysteira blissetti*
Seen at Antwikwa & Ebekawopa.

Senegal Batis  
*Batis senegalensis*
Seen at Mole.

West African Batis  
*Batis occulta*
Heard at Kakum.

PASSERIFORMES: Vangidae
White Helmetshrike  
*Prionops plumatus*
Seen at Shai Hills.

Red-billed Helmetshrike  
*Prionops caniceps*
Seen at Ebekawopa & Ankasa.

*African Shrike-flycatcher*  
*Megabyas flammulatus*
Seen by the guide at Atewa.

Black-and-white Shrike-flycatcher  
*Bias musicus*
Seen at Atewa & Ebekawopa.

PASSERIFORMES: Malaconotidae
Brubru  
*Nilaus afer*
Seen at Mole.

Northern Puffback  
*Dryoscopus gambensis*
Seen at Atewa & Mole.

Large-billed Puffback  
*Dryoscopus sabini*
Heard at Atewa, Antwikwa & Ebekawopa.

*Marsh Tchagra*  
*Tchagra minutus*
Seen at Atewa.

Black-crowned Tchagra  
*Tchagra senegalus*
Seen at Mole. Heard at Shai Hills, Bobiri & Tono.
Yellow-crowned Gonolek  *Laniarius barbarus*
Seen at Brenu & Mole. Heard at Sakumono & Sapeliga.

Lowland Sooty Boubou  *Laniarius leucorhynchus*
Heard at Ebekawopa.

Sulphur-breasted Bushshrike  *Telophorus sulphuropectus*
Seen at Shai Hills & Mole.

Many-colored Bushshrike  *Telophorus multicolor*
Heard at Atewa & Ankasa.

Gray-headed Bushshrike  *Telophorus sulphuropectus*
Seen at Mole.

**PASSERIFORMES: Campephagidae**

White-breasted Cuckooshrike  *Coracina pectoralis*
Seen at Mole.

Red-shouldered Cuckooshrike  *Campephaga phoenicea*
Seen at Mole.

Purple-throated Cuckooshrike  *Campephaga quiscalina*
Seen at Atewa & heard at Kakum.

Blue Cuckooshrike  *Cyanograucalus azureus*
Seen at Kakum & heard at Ebekawopa.

**PASSERIFORMES: Laniidae**

Northern Fiscal  *Lanius humeralis*
Seen at Atewa, Kakum, Antwikwa, Ebekawopa, Brenu & on the way to Mole.

Yellow-billed Shrike  *Corvinella corvina*
Seen at Sakumono & Mole.

**PASSERIFORMES: Oriolidae**

African Golden Oriole  *Oriolus auratus*
Seen at Mole.

Western Black-headed Oriole  *Oriolus brachyrhynchos*
Seen at Ankasa. Heard at Atewa, Ebekawopa & Bobiri.

Black-winged Oriole  *Oriolus nigripennis*
Seen at Atewa, Kakum, Antwikwa & Ebekawopa.

**PASSERIFORMES: Dicruridae**

Square-tailed Drongo  *Dicrurus ludwigii*
Seen at Mole.

Shining Drongo  *Dicrurus atripennis*
Seen at Ebekawopa & Ankasa. Heard at Atewa

Fork-tailed Drongo  *Dicrurus adsimilis*
Seen at Shai Hills & Mole.

Velvet-mantled Drongo  *Dicrurus modestus*
Seen at Atewa, Kakum, Ebekawopa, Ankasa & Bobiri.

**PASSERIFORMES: Monarchidae**

Blue-headed Crested-Flycatcher  *Trochocercus nitens*
Seen at Ankasa.

Black-headed Paradise-Flycatcher  *Terpsiphone rufiventer*
Seen at Atewa, Kakum, Ebekawopa & Ankasa. Heard at Antwikwa & Bobiri.

**PASSERIFORMES: Corvidae**

Piapiac  *Ptilostomus afer*
Seen at Shai Hills, Mole & Tono Dam.

Pied Crow  *Corvus albus*
Commonly seen throughout.

**PASSERIFORMES: Picathartidae**

White-necked Rockfowl  *Picathartes gymnocephalus*
Upper Guinea endemic.

Vulnerable. Seen at Picathartes site.
**PASSERIFORMES: Nicatoridae**

**Western Nicator** *Nicator chloris*

Seen at Atewa & Ankasa. Heard at Antwikwa & Ebekawopa.

**PASSERIFORMES: Alaudidae**

**Sun Lark** *Galerida modesta*

Seen at Mole.

**PASSERIFORMES: Hirundinidae**

**Barn Swallow** *Hirundo rustica*

Seen at Antwikwa & Mole.

**Red-chested Swallow** *Hirundo lucida*

Seen at Mole, Nasia, Sapeliga & Tono Dam.

**Ethiopian Swallow** *Hirundo aethiopica*

Seen at Sakumono, Atewa, Kakum, Antwikwa, Ebekawopa & Mole.

**White-throated Blue Swallow** *Hirundo nigrita*

Seen at Pra River.

**Wire-tailed Swallow** *Hirundo smithii*

Seen at Mole.

**Pied-winged Swallow** *Hirundo leucosoma*

Seen at Mole.

**Red-rumped Swallow** *Cecropis daurica*

Seen at Tongo Hills.

**Lesser Striped-Swallow** *Cecropis abyssinica*

Seen at Atewa, Kakum, Antwikwa, Ebekawopa & Mole.

**Rufous-chested Swallow** *Cecropis semirufa*

Seen at Antwikwa.

**Mosque Swallow** *Cecropis senegalensis*

Seen at Sakumono, Atewa & Shai Hills.

**Preuss's Swallow** *Petrochelidon preussi*

Seen on the way to the Pra River.

**Common House Martin** *Delichon urbicum*

Seen in Accra by some participants.

**Square-tailed Sawwing** *Psalidoprocne nitens*

Seen at Antewa.

**Fanti Sawwing** *Psalidoprocne obscura*

Seen at Ebekawopa & Mole.

**PASSERIFORMES: Stenostiridae**

**African Blue-Flycatcher** *Elminia longicauda*

Seen at Mole.

**PASSERIFORMES: Paridae**

**White-shouldered Black-Tit** *Melaniparus guineensis*

Seen at Shai Hills & Mole.

**PASSERIFORMES: Pycnonotidae**

**Slender-billed Greenbul** *Stelgidillas gracilirostris*

Seen at Kakum, Antwikwa, Ebekawopa & Ankasa.

**Golden Greenbul** *Calyptocichla serinus*

Seen at Antwikwa & heard at Ebekawopa.

**Red-tailed Bristlebill** *Bleda syndactylus*

Seen at Kakum. Heard at Ebekawopa & Ankasa.

**Gray-headed Bristlebill** *Bleda canicapillus*

Seen at Kakum. Heard at Ebekawopa & Ankasa.

**Simple Greenbul** *Chlorocichla simplex*

Seen at Atewa & Antwikwa. Heard at Shai Hills.

**Honeyguide Greenbul** *Baeopogon indicator*

Heard at Atewa, Kakum & Antwikwa.

**Spotted Greenbul** *Ixonotus guttatus*

Seen at Kakum & heard at Ebekawopa.

**Swamp Greenbul** *Thescelocichla leucopleura*

Seen at Bobiri.
Red-tailed Greenbul  Criniger calurus
Seen at Ankasa & Ebekawopa.

Western Bearded-Greenbul  Criniger barbatus
Seen at Kakum & Ebekawopa. Heard at Atewa & Ankasa.

Yellow-bearded Greenbul  Criniger olivaceus
Vulnerable. Seen at Ankasa.

Gray Greenbul  Eurillas gracilis
Seen at Atewa & Kakum.

Ansorge’s Greenbul  Eurillas ansorgei
Seen at Ankasa & heard at Ebekawopa.

Plain Greenbul  Eurillas curvirostris
Seen at Kakum, Ebekawopa & Ankasa. Heard at Bobiri.

Yellow-whiskered Greenbul  Eurillas latirostris
Seen at Kakum & Ebekawopa.

Little Greenbul  Eurillas virens
Seen at Atewa, Antwikwa & Bobiri. Heard at Ebekawopa.

Ictering Greenbul  Phyllastrephus icterinus
Seen at Ebekawopa & Ankasa.

White-throated Greenbul  Phyllastrephus albigularis
Seen at Kakum.

Common Bulbul  Pycnonotus barbatus
Commonly seen throughout.

PASSERIFORMES: Macrosphenidae

Green Crombec  Sylvietta virens
Seen at Atewa & Kakum.

Lemon-bellied Crombec  Sylvietta denti
Seen at Atewa & Kakum.

Northern Crombec  Sylvietta brachyura
Seen at Sakumono & Nasia.

Moustached Grass-Warbler  Melocichla mentalis
Seen at Mole.

Gray Longbill  Macrosphenus concolor
Seen at Atewa, Kakum, Ankasa & Bobiri. Heard at Antwikwa & Ebekawopa.

Green Hyla  Hylia prasina
Seen at Atewa, Kakum, Ebekawopa & Ankasa. Heard at Bobiri.

Tit Hyla  Pholidornis rushiae
Seen at Ebekawopa & Bobiri. Heard at Kakum.

PASSERIFORMES: Cettiidae

Chestnut-capped Flycatcher  Erythrocercus mccallii
Seen at Atewa, Ebekawopa & Bobiri.

PASSERIFORMES: Phylloscopidae

Willow Warbler  Phylloscopus trochilus
Seen at Mole & Sapeliga.

Wood Warbler  Phylloscopus sibilatrix
Seen at Atewa, Kakum, Antwikwa & Ebekawopa.

PASSERIFORMES: Acrocephalidae

Melodious Warbler  Hippolais polyglotta
Seen at Atewa & Tono Hills.

*Great Reed-Warbler  Acrocephalus arundinaceus
Seen at Atewa.

PASSERIFORMES: Cisticolidae

Black-capped Apalis  Apalis nigriceps
Seen at Atewa.

Yellow-breasted Apalis  Apalis flavida
Seen at Mole.

Sharpe’s Apalis  Apalis sharpii
Upper Guinea endemic
Seen at Atewa, Ebekawopa, Ankasa & Bobiri.

Green-backed Camaroptera  Camaroptera brachyura
Seen at Shai Hills, Antwikwa & Mole. Heard at Atewa & Ebekawopa.
Yellow-browed Camaroptera  \textit{Camaroptera superciliaris}  
Seened at Kakum. Heard at Atewa, Ebekawopa & Ankasa.

Olive-green Camaroptera  \textit{Camaroptera chloronota}  
Seened at Atewa. Heard at Ankasa & Ebekawopa.

Red-faced Cisticola  \textit{Cisticola erythrups}  
Seened at Atewa & Antwikwa. Heard at Ebekawopa & Benu.

Singing Cisticola  \textit{Cisticola cantans}  
Seened at Mole & heard at Benu.

Whistling Cisticola  \textit{Cisticola lateralis}  
Seened at Tongo Hills.

Rock-loving Cisticola  \textit{Cisticola aberrans}  
Seened at Shai Hills.

Winding Cisticola  \textit{Cisticola galactotes}  
Seened at Antwikwa & Mole.

Croaking Cisticola  \textit{Cisticola natalensis}  
Seened at Shai Hills.

Siffling Cisticola  \textit{Cisticola brachypterus}  
Seened at Shai Hills.

Rufous Cisticola  \textit{Cisticola rufus}  
Seened at Mole.

Zitting Cisticola  \textit{Cisticola juncidis}  
Seened at Shai Hills.

Senegal Eremomela  \textit{Eremomela pusilla}  
Seened at Sakumono, Shai Hills, Mole & Tono Dam.

Rufous-crowned Eremomela  \textit{Eremomela badiceps}  
Seened at Atewa & Kakum.

PASSERIFORMES: Zosteropidae

African Yellow White-eye  \textit{Zosterops senegalensis}  
Seened at Atewa, Ebekawopa, Mole & Tongo Hills.

PASSERIFORMES: Pellorneidae

Brown Illadopsis  \textit{Illadopsis fulvescens}  
Heaed at Kakum.

Pale-breasted Illadopsis  \textit{Illadopsis rufipennis}  
Heard at Ebekawopa.

Puvel's Illadopsis  \textit{Illadopsis puveli}  
Seened at some at Ebekawopa.

PASSERIFORMES: Leiothrichidae

Blackcap Babbler  \textit{Turdoides reinwardtii}  
Heard at Shai Hills & Mole.

Brown Babbler  \textit{Turdoides plebejus}  
Seened at Sakumono & Mole.

PASSERIFORMES: Hyliotidae

Yellow-bellied Hyliota  \textit{Hyliota flavigaster}  
Seened by the TL at Mole.

Violet-backed Hyliota  \textit{Hyliota violacea}  
Seened at Kakum & Ebekawopa.

PASSERIFORMES: Muscicapidae

Pale Flycatcher  \textit{Bradornis pallidus}  
Seened at Shai Hills & Mole.

Northern Black-Flycatcher  \textit{Melaenornis edolioides}  
Seened at Shai Hills & Mole.
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*Lamprotornis purpureus*

Seen at Sakamono, Mole & Sapeliga.

**PASSERIFORMES: Buphagidae**

Yellow-billed Oxpecker  
*Buphagus africanus*

Seen at Nasia & Sapeliga.

**PASSERIFORMES: Nectariniidae**

Fraser’s Sunbird  
*Deleornis fraseri*

Seen at Atewa, Kakum, Ebekawopa & Ankasa.

Western Violet-backed Sunbird  
*Anthreptes longuemarei*

Seen at Mole.

Mouse-brown Sunbird  
*Anthreptes gabonicus*

Seen at mangroves on the way back from Ankasa.

Seimund’s Sunbird  
*Anthreptes seimundi*

Seen at Atewa, Antwikwa, Ebekawopa & Ankasa.

Green Sunbird  
*Anthreptes rectirostris*

Seen at Antwikwa & Ankasa.

Collared Sunbird  
*Hedydipna collaris*

Seen at Atewa, Kakum, Antwikwa, Ebekawopa & Ankasa.

Pygmy Sunbird  
*Hedydipna platura*

Seen at Mole.

Reichenbach’s Sunbird  
*Anabathmis reichenbachii*

Seen at mangroves on the way to Ankasa.

Green-headed Sunbird  
*Cyanomitra verticalis*

Seen at Ebekawopa & Mole.

Blue-throated Brown Sunbird  
*Cyanomitra cyanolaema*

Seen at Kakum, Ebekawopa. Heard at Atewa.

Western Olive Sunbird  
*Cyanomitra obscura*

Seen at Atewa, Kakum, Antwikwa, Ebekawopa & Ankasa.

Buff-throated Sunbird  
*Chalcomitra adelberti*

Seen at Atewa, Antwikwa, Ebekawopa & Bobiri.

Scarlet-chested Sunbird  
*Chalcomitra senegalensis*

Seen at Sakumono, Shai Hills & Mole.

Olive-bellied Sunbird  
*Cinnyris chloropygius*

Seen at Atewa, Shai Hills, Atwikwa, Kakum & Ebekawopa.

Tiny Sunbird  
*Cinnyris minimus*

Seen at Ebekawopa.

Beautiful Sunbird  
*Cinnyris pulchellus*

Seen at Mole.

Splendid Sunbird  
*Cinnyris coccinigaster*

Seen at Atewa, Erata, Shai Hills & Brenu.

Johanna’s Sunbird  
*Cinnyris johannae*

Seen at Ankasa & heard at Atewa.

Superb Sunbird  
*Cinnyris superbus*

Seen at Atewa, Kakum & Ebekawopa.

Copper Sunbird  
*Cinnyris cupreus*

Seen at Sakumono, Kakum & Brenu.

**PASSERIFORMES: Motacillidae**

Western Yellow Wagtail  
*Motacilla flava*

Seen on the way back from Ankasa & at Brenu.

African Pied Wagtail  
*Motacilla aguimp*

Seen at many sites. Often as gas stations.

Plain-backed Pipit  
*Anthus leucophrys*

Seen at Sakamono & Shai Hils.

Tree Pipit  
*Anthus trivialis*

Seen at Mole,

**PASSERIFORMES: Emberizidae**

Gosling’s Bunting  
*Emberiza goslingi*

Seen at Tongo Hills & Tono Dam.

Brown-rumped Bunting  
*Emberiza affinis*

Seen at Mole.
Golden-breasted Bunting *Emberiza flaviventris*
See near Sapeliga.

**PASSERIFORMES: Fringillidae**
White-rumped Seedeater *Serinus leucopygius*
See near Sapeliga.
Yellow-fronted Canary *Serinus mozambicus*
See at Mole, Sapeliga & Nasia.

**PASSERIFORMES: Passeridae**
Northern Gray-headed Sparrow *Passer griseus*
See at Atewa, Antwikwa, on the way back from Ankasa, Mole & Tongo Hills.
Bush Petronia *Petronia dentata*
See at Mole & Nasia

**PASSERIFORMES: Ploceidae**
White-billed Buffalo-Weaver *Bubalornis albirostris*
See on the way to Sapeliga.
Speckle-fronted Weaver *Sporopipes frontalis*
See near Sapeliga.
Chestnut-crowned Sparrow-Weaver *Plocepasser superciliosus*
See at Mole.
Red-vented Malimbe *Malimbus scutatus*
See at Antwikwa & Ankasa.
Gray's Malimbe *Malimbus nitens*
See at Kakum, Antwikwa & Ankasa.
Crested Malimbe *Malimbus malimbicus*
See at Atewa, Ebekawopa & Ankasa.
Red-headed Malimbe *Malimbus rubricollis*
See at Atewa, Kakum & Ankasa.
Little Weaver *Ploceus luteolus*
See at Mole & Nasia.
Black-necked Weaver *Ploceus nigriglottis*
See at Atewa, Antwikwa & on the way back from Ankasa.
Orange Weaver *Ploceus aurantius*
See on the way to Ankasa.
Vitelline Masked-Weaver *Ploceus vitellinus*
See near Sapeliga.
Heuglin's Masked-Weaver *Ploceus heuglini*
See by some at Mole.
Vieillot's Weaver *Ploceus nigerrimus*
See at Atewa, Antwikwa, Ebekawopa, on the way to Ankasa.
Village Weaver *Ploceus cucullatus*
See at Sakamono, Atewa, Ebekawopa and on the way to Ankasa.
Black-headed Weaver *Ploceus melanocephalus*
See at Nasia.
Yellow-mantled Weaver *Ploceus tricolor*
See at Atewa, Kakum, Ebekawopa & Bobiri.
Maxwell's Black Weaver *Ploceus albinucha*
See at Kakum.
Preuss's Weaver *Ploceus preussi*
See at Kakum.
Compact Weaver *Pachyphantes superciliosus*
See at Atewa.
Red-headed Quelea *Quelea erythrops*
See at Atewa.
Red-billed Quelea *Quelea quelea*
See near Mole, Tono Dam & Nasia.
Northern Red Bishop *Euplectes franciscanus*
See at Mole.
Black-winged Bishop *Euplectes hordeaceus*
See at Atewa, Ebekawopa, Brenu & Nasia.
Yellow-shouldered Widowbird *Euplectes macroura*
See at Brenu, Mole & Sapeliga.
**Grosbeak Weaver** *Amblyospiza albifrons*

Seen at Atewa.

**PASSERIFORMES: Estrildidae**

**Gray-headed Nigrita** *Nigrita canicapillus*

Seen at Atewa, Kakum, Antwikwa, Ebekawopa & heard at Ankasa.

**Chestnut-breasted Nigrita** *Nigrita bicolor*

Seen at Atewa, Kakum, Antwikwa & Ankasa.

**White-breasted Nigrita** *Nigrita fusconotus*

Seen at Atewa, Kakum & Ebekawopa.

**Lavender Waxbill** *Estrilda caerulescens*

Seen at Mole.

**Orange-cheeked Waxbill** *Estrilda melpoda*

Seen at Atewa, Antwikwa & on the way back from Ankasa.

**Black-rumped Waxbill** *Estrilda troglodytes*

Seen at Mole, Tongo Hills & Nasia.

**Western Bluebill** *Spermophaga haematina*

Seen at Atewa & heard at Ankasa.

**Red-cheeked Cordonbleu** *Uraeginthus bengalus*

Seen at Mole, Tongo Hills, Sapeliga, Tono Dam & Nasia.

**Green-winged Pytilia** *Pytilia melba*

Seen near Sapeliga.

**Red-billed Firefinch** *Lagonosticta senegalae*

Seen at Mole & Tongo Hills.

**Bar-breasted Firefinch** *Lagonosticta rufopicta*

Seen at Atewa, Brenu & Mole.

**Black-faced Firefinch** *Lagonosticta larvata*

Seen at Mole.

**African Firefinch** *Lagonosticta rubicata*

Seen at Atewa & Brenu.

**Black-faced Quailfinch** *Ortygospiza atricollis*

Seen at Nasia.

**Bronze Mannikin** *Spermestes cucullatus*

Commonly seen throughout.

**Black-and-white Mannikin** *Spermestes bicolor*

Seen at Atewaa & Antwikwa.

**Magpie Mannikin** *Spermestes fringilloides*

Seen at Bobiri.

**African Silverbill** *Euodice cantans*

Seen at Nasia & Sapeliga.

**PASSERIFORMES: Viduidae**

**Pin-tailed Whydah** *Vidua macroura*

Seen at Sakumono, Kakum, Antwikwa, on the way back from Ankasa & Mole.

**Pale-winged Indigobird** *Vidua wilsoni*

Seen at Mole.

**MAMMAL LIST**

*Taxonomy follows Wikipedia.org*

**PRIMATES: Cercopithecidae**

**Olive Baboon** *Papio anubis*

Seen at Shai Hills & Mole.

**Callithrix Monkey** *Cercopithecus sabaues*

Seen at Shai Hills & Mole.

**Lowe’s Mona Monkey** *Cercopithecus lowei*

Seen at Ankasa & heard at Kakum.

**Lesser Spot-nosed Monkey** *Cercopithecus petaurista*

Seen at Shai Hills.
PRIMATES: Galagidae
Senegal Galago  
Galago senegalensis
See at Mole.

Demidoff's Galago  
Galagoides demidoff
See at Atewa, Kakum & Ankasa.

FRUIT-BATS: Pteropodidae
*Straw-colored Fruit Bat  
Eidolon helvum
See near Atewa.

Gambian Epauletted Fruit Bat  
Epomophorus gambianus
Seen at a restaurant in Tamale.

*Hammer Bat  
Hypsognathus monstrosus
Seen at Atewa.

FALSE VAMPIRE BATS: Megadermatidae
Yellow-winged Bat  
Lavia frons
See at Mole.

RABBITS: Leporidae
Scrub Hare  
Lepus saxatilis
See at Mole.

SQUIRRELS: Sciuridae
Kintampo Rope Squirrel  
Funisciurus substratiatus
Seen at Mole & heard at Bobiri.

*Green Bush Squirrel  
Paraxerus poensis
Seen at Atewa.

Red-legged Sun-Squirrel  
Heliosciurus rufobrachium
Seen at Ankasa.

African Giant Squirrel  
Protoxerus stangeri
Heard at Kakum.

Slender-tailed Squirrel  
Protoxerus aubinnii
Seen at Anwikwa & Ankasa.

MONGOOSES: Herpestidae
*Slender Mongoose  
Galerella sanguinea
Seen at Atewa.

White-tailed Mongoose  
Ichneumia albicauda
Seen at Mole.

HYRAXES: Procaviidae
Western Tree Hyrax  
Dendrohyrax dorsalis
Heard at Kakum, Ebekawopa & Ankasa.

ELEPHANTS: Elephantidae
African Elephant  
Loxodonta africana
See at Mole.

PIGS: Suidae
Common Warthog  
Phacochoerus africanus
See at Mole.

BOVIDS: Bovidae
Bushbuck  
Tragelaphus scriptus
See at Mole.

Kob  
Kobus kob
See at Shai Hills & Mole.
REPTILE LIST
Taxonomy follows Wikipedia.org

**Snakes: Colubridae**
*Black-necked Spitting Cobra* *Naja nigricollis*
The tail of this species was seen sticking out the base of a tree at Atewa.

**AGAMAS: Agamidae**
Common Agama
*Agama agama*
Commonly seen throughout.

**GECKOS: Gekkonidae**
Tropical House Gecko
*Hemidactylus mabouia*
Seen at Kakum,

**SKINKS: Scincidae**
Rainbow Skink
*Mabuya margaritfer*
Seen at Tono Dam.
Five-lined Skink
*Mabuya quinquetaeniata*
Seen at Mole.

**MONITORS: Varanidae**
Nile Monitor
*Varanus niloticus*
Seen in Accra by 2 clients before the start of the tour.

**CROCODILES: Crocodylidae**
Nile Crocodile
*Crocodylus niloticus*
Seen at Mole.

* - only seen on the extension

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BUTTERFLY LIST
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**NYMPHALIDAE**

**African Monarch**
*Danaus chrysippus*
Seen at Atewa.

**African Leaf Butterfly**
*Kallimoides rumia*
Seen at Bobiri.

**Brown Pansy**
*Junonia stygia*
Seen at Atewa.

**Dark Blue Pansy**
*Junonia oenone*
Seen at Atewa.

**Common Diadem**
*Hypolimnas misippus*
Seen at Atewa.

**Common White Glider**
*Cymothoe caenis*
Seen at Ankasa.

**Dark Palm Forester**
*Bebearia mardania*
Seen at Ankasa.

**Dark Vulgar Bush Brown**
*Bicyclus sandace*
Seen at Atewa.

**Fashion Commodore**
*Precis pelarga*
Seen at Atewa.
Green Charaxes  Charaxes eupale  Seen at Ankasa.
Mabille’s Red Glider  Cymothoe mabillei  Seen at Atewa.
Mother of Pearl  Protagoniomorpha parhassus  Seen at Ankasa.
Oberthür’s Pathfinder  Catuna oberthueri  Seen at Ankasa.
Soldier Commodore  Junonia terea  Seen at Ebeawopa.
Tentyris Forester  Bebearia tentyris  Seen at Kako.
Ussher’s Palla  Palla usheri  Seen at Atewa.
Widespread Forester  Euphaedra medon  Seen at Atewa.
Yellow Glider  Cymothoe egesta  Seen at Ankasa.

LYCAENIDAE
Common Zebra Blue  Leptotes pirithous  Seen at Bobiri.
Indigo Ciliate Blue  Anthene rubricinctus  Seen at Ankasa.
Large Fairy Hairstreak  Hypolycaena antifaunus  Seen at Ankasa.
Mirza Blue  Azanus mirza  Seen at Ankasa.
Spotted Ciliate Blue  Anthene larydas  Seen at Ebeawopa.

PIERIDAE
Caper White  Belenois aurota  Seen at Atewa.
Common Albatross  Appias sylvia  Seen at Ankasa.
Flip Flop  Leptosia alcesta  Seen at Ankasa.
Sabine Albatross  Appias sabina  Seen at Atewa.
Western Dotted Border  Mylothris poppea  Seen at Atewa.

PAPILIONIDAE
Broad-banded Green Swallowtail  Papilio chrapowskoides  Seen at Atewa.
Citrus Swallowtail  Papilio demodocus  Seen at Bobiri.
Common White-banded Swallowtail  Papilio cyproeolilia  Seen at Ankasa.
Turquoise-spotted Swordtail  Graphium policenes  Seen at Ebeawopa.
BUTTERFLY GALLERY

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