A tour to Tanzania provides most of what people people would expect of their ‘once in a lifetime’ safari experience, with endless Acacia strewn-savannas covered by huge herds of wildebeest, hunted by dangerous predators. Also, the iconic Ngorogoro Crater and the stunning backdrop of Mt Kilimanjaro. On this custom tour, in addition to this well-trodden but unmissable safari circuit of the north, we explored the East and West Usambara mountains and Pemba Island, with their range of fascinating endemics, Our tour started on the paradise island of Pemba, surrounded by crystal-clear, turquoise waters. Here we found all 4 of the island endemics, which bare its name, plus the handsome Mangrove Kingfisher. In the Usambara Mountains, we did remarkably well, sweeping through our list of targets, many baring the name Usambara, including Usambara Eagle-Owl, Thrush, Weaver, Hyliota & Akalat. Other targets we found were Spot-throat, Banded & Uluguru Violet-vacked Sunbirds plus Long-billed & African Tailorbirds. Arusha National Park on the slopes of Mt Meru gave us our first big mammals, with Buffalos, Giraffes & Zebras but also Grey Crowned Cranes and both species of flamingo. At the Engikaret Lark plains we found our target Beesley’s Lark, and at Tarangire NP, an almost overwhelming array of mammals and birds, including our first Leopard, Hyaena, plus countless raptors, hornbills, bustards… the list goes on. Our first view of the Ngorogoro crater left us breathless, and our exploration inside the crater the next day was fascinating. Our trip finished in spectacular safari fashion in the incomparable Serengeti with Lions, Cheetahs, Leopard and an awesome Serval.
2nd October – Dar es Salaam to Pemba Island
The Clients had arrived last night in Dar es Salaam and today I met them off their flight to Pemba around midday. It was a 90-minute drive to our hotel and we had a quick stop to try for our target Mangrove Kingfisher, but in the midday heat, there were none calling. After a gracious welcome at our luxurious beach resort, we enjoyed a nice lunch with a sea view, before retiring to our rooms for a rest. A short afternoon walk in the garden produced our first endemic, the Pemba Sunbird, along with African Paradise Flycatcher, the pemba endemic race of African Goshawk and White-browed Coucal. In the late afternoon, our driver was waiting to take us to the nearby Ngezi forest to meet up with a forest ranger. On the way I heard a Mangrove Kingfisher next to the road, and we jumped out to find it calling in the top of a Mango tree. We carried on to the forest where we met up with the friendly ranger who took us on a walk along a forest trail. We checked out a small pond that had White-faced Whistling-Duck and Eurasian Moorhen, and in the forest we saw the endemic Pemba White-eye, the localised race of Olive Sunbird and heard African Pygmy Kingfisher and Black-bellied Starling. We waited until dusk and heard the first bushbaby’s wailing calls signalling that it was time to start owling.

![Mangrove Kingfisher with its eye-catching wing-flicks.](image)

We moved into the forest one more time and when the light fell a little more, we heard the first ‘Boop!’ call of the Pemba Scops-Owl. I had been here the previous night to look for the owl, and noticed that it was quite a tricky species to see. It didn’t fly in to playback, but just sat up in the canopy calling. What made it tricky was that it would call a few times and then just stop. We made our way quickly to the first calling bird and sure enough when we got close, it went silent. Another one started nearby and we rushed towards it through the forest undergrowth and when we got close, it stopped… and so it went on. We crossed the road to the forest of the other side and the ranger got into a conversation with a local man. He then told us that the man had an owl in his clove tree plantation. I was sceptical, but what we were doing clearly wasn’t working so anything was worth a shot. We followed the man, named Juma, and we reached some trees and I was told to illuminate one with the spotlight. Nothing. Then another tree. Nothing. My optimism was diminishing. He indicated a third tree and I moved the light to see a beautiful, medium-sized, deep rufous Pemba Scops-Owl. I took a few shots, then we left the obliging bird in peace, my faith in local knowledge restored. We returned for dinner at the resort with smiles on our faces.
Two of Pemba’s endemic bird species: Pemba White-eye & Pemba Scops-Owl
3rd October – Pemba Island
With 3 out of 4 endemics in the bag, before breakfast we walked down to the beach to do a bit of sea-watching. The sea was calm and terns just starting to become active. We scanned through the dozens of non-breeding Common Terns to find single Roseate, Lesser Crested, Saunders and finally our target White-cheeked Tern. After a nice breakfast, our driver took us around the back of Ngezi forest where we got out in some mixed cultivation with a nice view over the forest edge. I had seen Pemba Green Pigeon here a couple of days ago and hoped that they would reappear. They had been easy the other day and I had seen several, but today they seemed thinner on the ground; just a couple of distant birds in flight. After 30 minutes I was starting to get a bit nervous, but luckily I spotted a movement in a tree low down on the forest edge and put the scope on it to see a perched Pemba Green Pigeon. Another individual flew in to join it and we had great views of the pair, noting their slate-grey plumage, Yellow feet, creamy under-tail coverts and red-and-yellow bill.

Our final target lifer found, we went back to the resort. It was only mid-morning, so we enjoyed another stroll around the gardens during which we found a nice pair of Violet-backed Starlings and a calling Blue-spotted Wood-Dove. We relaxed on the patio until lunch and in the afternoon enjoyed a complementary spar treatment. Other than the 4 endemic species, we had seen several interesting, localised races of other birds, but one we were still missing was the Brown-headed Parrot. I heard one doing its high pitch, screeching call above our rooms and went to disturb the clients from their afternoon rest. Luckily, they stuck around long enough to show themselves. After a relaxed afternoon, we enjoyed our last starlight dinner on the patio, where we were briefly joined by a Northern Greater Galago which casually lolloped past our table. A lovely way to finish the day.
4th October – Pemba Island to Lushoto, West Usambaras

Our flight left Pemba airport around 9am, so it was an early start to get there on time. Dawn was just breaking as we had breakfast and a family of Broad-billed Rollers were starting their day in a nearby tree. We enjoyed the last scenes of Pemba life on the way to the airport and enjoyed another scenic hop across to Tanga over the Turquoise-blue ocean. Our driver for the rest of the trip was waiting on the other side and welcomed us. It was about a 4-hour drive to our lodge in the Usambara mountains and we had lunch at a typical Tanzanian buffet on the way. We turned off the highway and started winding our way upwards, past Lushoto and onto our scenically located lodge in the West Usambara mountains. Just before we got there, we past a small patch of forest where I had previously seen Barred Long-tailed Cuckoo. Lo and behold, the bird started calling and after some effort, we had good views of the clients final barred cuckoo species.

Spot-throat is an elusive member of the 3-member Modulatrixidae family.

We were welcomed at the lodge, but we were keen to get out birding so walked up a trail behind the buildings and into the forest. On the way we picked up Amethyst and the localised Eastern Double-collared Sunbirds feeding in a bottlebrush tree. The target in the forest was the unusual and very skulking Spot-throat. We got them calling straight away, but it was a while before we managed views of this secretive bird. We moved on to searching for Usambara Akalat, and we heard several but unfortunately couldn’t persuade and to come in. We got views of a juvenile White-starred Robin and Yellow-streaked Greenbul and heard Green Barbet before it was time to start heading back to the lodge. In the evening, they put on a lovely open fire in the living room while we waited for dinner.
5th October – West Usambaras
The main birding site in the West Usambaras is known as the old Sawmill Track. It’s a rough track accessing an old logging area with remnant montane forest that now forms part of the Magamba Forest Reserve. We left nice and early with packed breakfasts in order to catch some early morning activity there. The aim was to go straight to the upper part of the reserve where most of our targets were to be found. It seems the road had deteriorated since the driver had last been there, but it was still no problem for our heavy-duty 4x4. Passing the old sawmill, we got to a stretch of forest where the driver had seen the rare Usambara Weaver in the past. We got out of the vehicle and had our packed breakfasts prepared by our hotel. I heard a drongo calling nearby which is often a sign of a mixed species flock which the weavers are often members. I put the scope on one of the drongos and it the same field of view there was the unmistakeable Usambara Weaver with its yellowish crown and chestnut breast feathers. It flew closer in and we got a few photos of it. After the weavers had moved on, we noticed that next to us was a large fruiting tree with many birds visiting it. We identified several species of starlings, including Sharpe’s, Waller’s and Kenrick’s. We also spotted the target Usambara Thrush with its tell-tale orange bill.

We started walking back down the track and during the morning found some fantastic birds, including Mountain Buzzard, Moustached Tinkerbird, Cinnamon Bracken Warbler, Eastern Mountain Greenbul and numerous Eastern Double-collared Sunbirds. On the bottom section of the road, we picked up a couple of final targets, namely Black-headed Apalis and African Tailorbird, before we drove back to the lodge for lunch. After a rest, we ventured out again to explore a wonderful forest trail. It started off with a steep climb up from the road, but soon levelled off and entered beautiful lush montane forest. It wasn’t easy, but we eventually found our target Usambara Akalat, not the most awe-inspiring bird but an endangered endemic nevertheless. Our other target, the White-chested Alethe was not playing ball at all, and despite a few strong-reactions to the tape, we weren’t quite quick enough to get on it. We saw some other nice birds, with White-tailed Crested-Flycatcher, Shelley’s & Cabanis’s Greenbul, White-starred Robin, Yellow-throated Woodland-Warbler and African Hill-Babbler, before we called it a day and headed back to the lodge. At night we had terrific views of African Wood-Owl in the garden.
African Wood-Owl & Hartlaub’s Turaco in the West Usambaras.
6th October – West Usambaras
Although we only had a couple of remaining targets, we returned to the Old Sawmill Track as this was our best chance to see them. The first was the **Evergreen Forest Warbler** which we had overlooked on our list yesterday. It was a fairly common bird by voice and we had soon located an individual doing its distinctive double-note call. It flew across the road a couple of times before it hopped around a tangle and allowed us some brief but good views. Our second target was **Fulleborne’s Boubou** which is renowned to be a difficult bird to catch up with. We tried a few known territories with no response, so we just continued walking along stretches of the road hoping to stumble across one. We walked along the road through a bracken-filled clearing which didn’t look like suitable habitat at all. Nevertheless, from a dense bush came the unmistakeable call of the boubou. I recorded it and played it back and out popped a medium-sized jet-black bird. It flew to the edge of the clearing and higher and higher into the trees until it found a suitable spot to sing from and we put it in the scope. Our second target under our belts, the only other possible lifer was the super rare and elusive Usambara Greenbul, which was nowhere to be found. We enjoyed some general birding down the road and found plenty of other nice birds: including **Hartlaub’s Turaco**, scope views of a gorgeous **Bar-tailed Trogon**, **Black-fronted Bushshrike**, **African Hill-Babbler** plus greenbuls galore.

![Usambara Eagle-Owl was one of the birds of the trip.](image)

We went back to the lodge for lunch, and after a rest, we went back to the same trail that we went along yesterday. The only target we had here was the elusive and frustrating White-chested Alethe. We started later than yesterday as the alethes only start singing in the late afternoon. Indeed, we heard several but not a single one gave so much as a fly-over. We saw **Usambara Thrush** again, plus **Shelley’s** and **Stripe-cheeked Greenbuls**, plus some pretty **Cinnamon-chested Bee-eaters**. We had pretty much given up on the alethe and were on our way out, when I heard a commotion that sounded like greenbul alarm calls. I scanned the source of the noise, and on a thick branch nearby was what looked like a large owl. Must just be an odd-shaped branch, I thought. Checking it out with my bins, I was amazed to be looking at the mega **Usambara Eagle-Owl**. Not wanting to flush the bird I very calmly pointed it out to the client, and for a few magical seconds it sat there staring at us before it decided it was time to make itself scarce. We returned to our patiently waiting driver still hardly believing what we had seen. What a great way to finish the day!
7th October – West to East Usambaras
We were on our way from the West to the East Usambaras. After looking at our last few birds in the garden, namely Mosque Swallow, Rock Martin and Southern Citril, we packed up the vehicle and set off. We made our way back east and turned off the main road at Muheza, where the road became a lot rougher. Our first birding stop was just outside the Amani Nature Reserve in the base of the mountains. We had several targets in this lower section, the first of which were the rather drab Fischer’s Greenbul and Palilid Honeyguide. Other birds of interest in the surrounding trees were Cardinal Woodpecker, Silvery-cheeked Hornbill and the unmistakeable sound of Eastern Nicator. Unfortunately, our target Usambara Hylota was nowhere to be seen. After eating our packed lunch, we walked up a track which lead to a lookout over the trees. With the scope we got good views of Green-headed Oriole and Uluguru Violet-backed Sunbirds, plus White-eared Barbet and another target, Kretschmar’s Longbill skulking in a nearby tangle. We set off again and a short while later saw soaring Palmnut Vultures and a juvenile Wahlberg’s Eagle.

We carried on up into the mountains and stopped for some more birding around the offices of the nature reserve while our driver went through the registration procedure. There were several flowering trees around the buildings and we scanned them for some of the special species of sunbird present here. We saw more Uluguru Violet-backed Sunbirds, plus Olive and Collared Sunbirds. After quite a bit of searching, we found the tiny Banded Sunbird foraging for insects, and with patience had scope views of a male with its narrow chest band. We continued up the final 5km of road, the state of which deteriorated for the last stretch. It was a relief to make it to our lodge and we took it easy for the rest of the afternoon ahead of the next 2 full days of exploration. The forest around the lodge was home to both Blue Monkeys and Angola Colobus.
8\textsuperscript{th} October – East Usambaras
Doing so well finding our targets over the last few days had left us with a rather short list of birds still to see. An enviable position to find ourselves in. One of the most important of the remaining targets was the extremely rare \textbf{Long-billed Tailorbird} and our local guide was one of the best people to help us find it. After an early breakfast, we made our way slowly down the very bumpy road from our lodge. We met our guide at the junction and he navigated us to the closest territory of the tailorbirds. We spent some time trying for them, but there was no response. We did however have fantastic views of the delightful \textbf{Fischer’s Turaco} with its snazzy red crest. A mixed flock also came by, containing \textbf{Square-tailed Drongo}, \textbf{Yellow-streaked Greenbul} and \textbf{Black-bellied Starling}. We moved on to the next territory which was on the edge of a huge tea plantation. Driving by the plantation we picked up a \textbf{Southern Citril} and a nice \textbf{White-browed Coucal}. We found a spot with some wonderful tangles on the border of the forest, and almost immediately the \textbf{Long-billed Tailorbirds} started responding. They came right in, offering fantastic views before disappearing back into the forest. Here we also had improved views of \textbf{Kretschmar’s Longbill}, plus \textbf{Black-backed Puffback} and a \textbf{Zanzibar Boubou} calling nearby.

The last site of the morning was a forest track in the Amani Nature Reserve. Our target here was the secretive \textbf{Sharpe’s Akalat}. We drove some way up the track in our 4x4, and then started our walk. We were scanning for movement, but the forest was pretty quiet. Our local guide proved his worth by finding us an \textbf{African Broadbill} that was carrying nest material, and our driver even found us a \textbf{Shelley’s Greenbul} on a nest. We finally found the \textbf{Sharpe’s Akalat} singing but it took a while before we all got on the bird. Our target in the bag, we went back for lunch and an afternoon rest before venturing out again in search of our arch-nemesis \textbf{White-chested Alethe}. This bird had been a real pain in our neck, and this wasn’t about to change. We spent a couple of hours in another patch of forest and had a few birds calling close but unfortunately we couldn’t manage anything more than a flyby. We did have brief views of \textbf{Red-tailed Ant-Thrush} and \textbf{Short-tailed Batis}, but the alethe had succeeded in frustrating us once again.
9th October – East Usambaras
We had the whole day set aside for exploring the lower reaches of the park, but in reality, we only had 1 target left to find down there. It wasn’t just any bird though, and it had taken the previous birding group 2 days to find. The **Usambara HylIoTa** is the most restricted range species in this small family. They are canopy birds and known to follow mixed flocks through the treetops. After descending the bumpy road and picking up **African Green Pigeon** and **Half-collared Kingfisher** on the way, we began birding the lower parts of the forest. There were a few large trees that were known to be popular with the hylota and we began scanning them with the scope. After about 10 minutes, our birding driver said he thought he had it. Checking his bird through the scope, I confirmed the ID and we were soon all having good scope views of this rare bird. What a score so early in the day, and what a relief! We could now enjoy a bit of pressure-free, casual birding. We added a couple of new birds for the trip, including **Black-and-white Shrike-Flycatcher** and **Green Camaroptera**, plus a few other good species like **Chestnut-fronted Helmetshrike**, **Uluguru Violet-backed Sunbird** and **White-eared Barbet**.

![Usambara Two-horned Chameleon.](image)

After lunch and a well-deserved rest, we went back into the forest for our last try at the seemingly impossible **White-chested Alethe**. On the drive down the hill, we had a nice **Augur Buzzard** perched by the road, and walking down through the forest, had our first view of **Green Barbet**. We polished off another couple of birds that we were looking for: **Little Rush-Warbler** at a small marsh and only a flyby of another skulker, the **Pale-breasted Illadopsis** across the forest trail. We tried everything in order to see the alethes and even had a pair flying across the trail, showing their white bellies, but unfortunately the client was looking the other way. We admitted defeat to a very worthy opponent and left the forest having a quick look again at the **Banded Sunbird** and some **White-eared Barbes**. That was it. The end of our Usambara birding and tomorrow, a long drive north where we would begin the safari section of the tour. On the way back to the lodge, some locals pointed out the endemic **Usambara Two-horned Chameleon** they had found in the bushes.
10th October – Amani to Arusha
Today was our longest travel day of the tour with a 400km drive from Amani to Arusha. The first part was descending the mountain, so it was bumpy and slow. We kept birding stops short, but we did have nice views of African Golden-Weaver and Brown-breasted Barbet on the way to Muheza. The latter, one of our targets. It was a relief to be on the smooth main road and we started to make good time, just occasionally getting stuck behind large, slow-moving trucks. We picked up a few interesting birds on the wires with Pin-tailed Whydah, Gray-headed Kingfisher, Lilac-breasted Roller, Madagascar Bee-eater and White-rumped Shrike. We had a very pleasant lunch stop by the Pangani River, and we had our first glittering emerald Dideric Cuckoo, plus Taveta Golden & Lesser Masked Weavers after turning off the main road. There were numerous birds were coming in to drink at the water during the heat of the day. We saw Namaqua Dove, Red-billed Quelea, plus both Common & Crimson-rumped Waxbills. We saw Palmnut Vultures and the regal African Fish-Eagle soaring overhead. On our way out, we also had a family of Blue-naped Mousebirds and a Striped Kingfisher too. We were back on the road, but had another stop in some dry scrub further on where we picked up White-headed Mousebird. After a long day of driving, we arrived at our comfortable lodge in Arusha. Those with energy left, explored the garden a little and picked up Gray-Olive Greenbul, White-eared Barbet, Violet-backed Starling and the spectacular black and white Guereza Colobus monkey.

11th October – Amani to Arusha
Today we had a full day in the wonderful Arusha National Park, just a short distance from our luxurious hotel. Our trip thus far had had a strong birding bias, but now we hoped to add some opportunities to see large mammals, with plenty of birds thrown in too. While our driver sorted out our permits at the entrance, we birded nearby and found Tropical Boubou, Arrow-marked Babbler, Speckled Mousebird, Variable Sunbird and Taveta Golden-Weaver. After the entrance formalities, we entered the park and one of our first stops was at an open plain where we saw our first Plains Zebras and African Buffalo. There were a good amount of water birds there too, with lots of egrets, herons and the several Marabous, whose faces only their mothers could love. An African Fish-Eagle sat on the ground while the Marabous were fishing in a pool, obviously hoping to rob them of their catch. In the nearby bushes, we had some Trilling Cisticolas.
From here we drove up into the beautiful lush forest around the crater rim. We had a very productive time outside the museum, seeing Delegorgue's Pigeon, Tambourine Dove, Silvery-cheeked Hornbill, Cinnamon-chested Bee-eater, Black-backed Puffback, Black Cuckoo-shrike, White-eyed Slaty-Flycatcher, Rüppell's Robin-Chat, Kenrick's Starling and Red-headed Weaver. We also saw Guereza Colobus monkeys with their absurd black and white fur. We left here, heading for the lake area, finding Hartlaub's Turaco in some trees along the road. We stopped at a small marsh on the way where we saw Spur-winged Goose and African Jacana. We found some Plains Zebras with Red-billed Oxpeckers on them, plus several Warthogs and our first Bushbuck. We found the area great for bee-eaters, and saw European, White-fronted and Little Bee-eaters. We also located a pair of Moustached Grass-Warbler and a Whinchat down in a grassy valley. We reached the first large lake where we were allowed to alight the vehicle to access the bathroom. This was a very active area, and in the nearby Acacia trees we found Greater Honeyguide, several migrant Willow Warblers, Speke's Weaver, Crimson-rumped Waxbill and Grosbeak Weaver.

A delightful family of Gray Crowned-Cranes.

Of course there were many water birds too, with Green Sandpiper, Common Greenshank, Cape Teal, Southern Pochard, numerous Little Grebes and Pied Avocet. We drove around the edge of the lake, adding some nice Yellow-billed Storks, Long-billed Pipits, our first Winding Cisticola plus the main attraction here, Greater & Lesser Flamingos. We enjoyed our lunch at a hilltop picnic area with a great view, before starting our drive back to the park entrance. We drove through some more forest to get there, and we saw the tiny antelopes Suni & Red Duiker, plus many more birds, including Brown-hooded Kingfisher, Eurasian Hoopoe, White-eared Barbet giving their alarm calls next to an African Harrier-Hawk, African Hawk-Eagle, Black Goshawk and a striking male Black-throated Wattle-Eye. We ended up at the grass plain near the entrance, and our last birds of the day were a delightful family of Grey Crowned Cranes, including 2 fluffy chicks. After a wonderful day, we drove back for our last night in our comfortable lodge.
12th October – Lark Plains to Tarangire
We packed up and left our comfortable Arusha lodgings and drove south, heading for the Engikaret Lark Plains to look for one of the rarest birds in the world; Beesley’s Lark. Along the main road heading south, there were so many birds, almost all of which were new for the trip. Bronze & Variable Sunbirds, Kenya Rufous & Chestnut Sparrow, and the appropriately named Superb Starling. We had several raptors along the road, with Black-winged Kite, White-backed Vulture, Tawny Eagle and Eurasian Kestrel. Further on, the species composition changed again and now we were looking at Abyssinian Wheatear, Hildebrandt’s & Fischer’s Starlings and White-browed Sparrow-Weaver. We reached the turn off for the plains and while the driver sorted out our entries with the local guide, we spent a few minutes birding the Acacia scrub nearby, where we saw Black-throated Barbet, Rosy-patched Bushshrike, Yellow-bellied Eremomela, White-headed Buffalo-Weaver and Singing Bushlark. From here we drove towards the grasslands and started seeing more open country birds, such as Crowned Lapwing, Temminck’s Courser, Taita Fiscal, Fischer’s Sparrow-Lark and African Pipit.

The incredibly range-restricted Beesley’s Lark.

We reached the spot for Beesley’s Lark and started our search. The vast majority of birds were Red-capped Larks and Capped Wheatears, but the local guide finally found us our target Beesley’s Lark. After watching them for a while and getting a few photos, we had a look around for our other target, the Short-tailed Lark, but this bird seems somewhat nomadic, and didn’t seem to be around. We did see a few interesting mammals, with Cape Hare, Golden Jackal, Common Zebra and Thomson’s Gazelle. We left the plains, saying goodbye to the local guide, and drove to a nearby woodland. We didn’t have so much time available, but we did manage to rack up quite a list of birds, with Brubru, African Penduline-Tit, Northern Crombec, Red-fronted Prinia, Red-backed Scrub-Robin and White-bellied Canary. We drove back to the highway and picked up a surprise pair of Fischer’s Lovebirds, unexpected in this area. After a lunch stop in Arusha, where we saw Abyssinian White-eye and Golden-backed Weaver, we were on our way to Tarangire. The area around the national park entrance, was full of birds, and while the driver went through the lengthy entrance procedure, we took a look around. With a constant stream of people passing here, the birds were rather tame and perfect photographic subjects.
At a small drinking pond, we saw **Swahili Sparrow**, **Blue-capped Cordonbleu** and **Red-billed Firefinch**, while in the nearby trees, we saw **Northern Pied-Babbler**, our target **Ashy Starling** and some **Yellow-collared Lovebirds**. Time was ticking and we still had a long way to go to get to our lodge in the park, but we couldn’t help but make a few stops. Along the first section, we picked up the sinister-looking **Southern Ground-Hornbill**, **Black-faced Sandgrouse**, **Lilac-breasted Roller**, **Pygmy Falcon**, **Long-tailed Fiscal**, **Magpie Shrike** plus **Von der Decken’s & Northern Red-billed Hornbills**. We passed some open areas where we saw our first **Common Ostrich**, **Coqui Francolin**, **White-bellied Bustard**, **Pallid Harrier** and **Double-banded Courser**; then woodlands with **Helmeted Guineafowl**, **Yellow-necked & Crested Francolins**, **White-bellied Go-away-bird**, **Lappet-faced Vulture**, a **Brown Snake-Eagle** perched in a Baobab, a flock of **Blue-naped Mousebirds** and our first **Rufous-tailed Weavers**. Close to the lodge, we drove along the edge of the Silale swamp where we added **Knob-billed Duck**, **Spur-winged Goose**, **Long-toed Lapwing**, **African Jacana**, **African Marsh-Harrier**, **Collared Pratincole**, **Whiskered Tern** and a **African Fish-Eagle**. We had awesome mammals too, with numerous wildebeest, zebra, elephant and lion sightings. We made it to the lodge just after sunset and had time to freshen up before a tasty dinner.

![Coqui Francolin](image)

Coqui Francolin is a difficult bird in other African countries, but easy in Tanzania.

13th Ocober – Tarangire NP

We had a full day to explore the wonderful Tarangire National Park. After an early breakfast on the deck of the lodge, listening to the wonderful sounds of the bush, we drove along the entrance road from the lodge, which had a lot of bird activity and we saw **Yellow-necked Francolin**, a very close **Buff-crested Bustard**, noisy **White-bellied Go-away-birds**, **Spotted Thick-knee**, **D’Arnaud’s Barbet**, **Nubian Woodpecker**, **Slate-colored Boubou**, **Bush Pipit**, **Gray-headed Social-Weaver** and several **Cut-throats**. We added the cryptic **Foxy Lark** and then our first **Yellow-billed Oxpecker** which was on a buffalo’s head. We got to the swamp and drove along the edge, where we saw **Hottentot Teal**, **Ruff**, a **Purple Heron** in a tree, a ghostly male **Pallid Harrier** which winged its way by and several **African Qualfinches** giving their distinctive calls as they flushed. One of our main targets was **Yellow-throated Sandgrouse**. After finding many **Black-faced** and even **Chestnut-bellied Sandgrouse**, we found several **Yellow-throateds** coming to the edge of the swamp, to drink water.
Birding among beasts. Yellow-billed Oxpecker on a African Buffalo and Lilac-breasted Roller on a zebra.
Next, we passed several displaying Common Ostriches, with a pair taking things to their natural conclusion. In the open areas on the other side of the swamp, we also found Double-banded & Temminck’s Courser, the uncommon Chestnut-backed and the abundant Fischer’s Sparrow-Lark, plus several raptors, including White-headed & Lappet-faced Vultures, Rüppell’s Griffon and Bateleur. We explored the black cotton soil for our target White-tailed Lark. To begin with, we found some Desert Cisticolas and only when we had all but given up hope and had started making our way back did we flush one. We followed it and got a few nice photos of this very scarce bird. During the morning we had several Lions including a very close one plus many other great animal encounters. We also picked up a pair of Verreaux’s Eagle-Owls on the way back to the lodge for lunch. Later in the afternoon we took another drive along the swamp. On the way we again picked up plenty of interesting birds, like Kori Bustard, Little Bee-eater, Brown Snake-Eagle, Von der Decken’s Hornbill, Eastern Paradise-Whydah and Village Indigobird.

![White-tailed Lark: A rare LBJ.](image)

We saw several new water birds along the edge of the swamp, with White-backed & Red-billed Ducks, Hottentot Teal, Southern Pochard, Marsh Sandpiper, Saddle-billed Stork, Squacco Heron, Glossy Ibis and African Spoonbill. We had a few nice raptors, like African Harrier-Hawk, a Brown Snake-Eagle who had just caught a snake, and an impressive Martial Eagle. A further assortment of birds included Northern Red-billed Hornbill, Mountain Gray Woodpecker, Red-bellied Parrot and Rufous-tailed Weaver. Despite all these great birds, the main target of the afternoon was a mammal. A Leopard to be more specific, which our driver had heard about from some of the other drivers. It was a bit of a distance, but we found the animal just where it was supposed to be, hanging out in a Candelabra Euphorinia tree. What a day it had been!
14th October – Tarangire to Ngorogoro
We enjoyed another lovely birding breakfast on the deck during which a Spotted Hyaena loped by, seriously upsetting the Yellow-necked Francolins which shot up in the air in a cacophony of raucous cackles, one even landing on our breakfast table. We packed the vehicle and said goodbye to our wonderful hosts at the camp and birded our way slowly back along the entrance road. There were birds everywhere and we saw Abyssinian Scimitarbill, Slate-coloured Boubou and a large flock of non-breeding-plumaged White-winged Widowbirds, to name but a few. We made our way along the Silale Swamp and had some raptor excitement when our first Common Buzzard flushed up a pair of White-bellied Bustards, and we saw a Pygmy Falcon carrying off a small bird. We saw Saddle-billed Stork again but added the new African Swamphen, Silverbird and some perched Banded Martens. We had good views of a full-house of hornbills, with Southern Ground-, African Grey, Northern Red and the handsome Von Der Decken’s. Further on we had more raptors, with Brown & Black-chested Snake-Eagles, Martial Eagle, Pallid Harrier, Gabar Goshawk, Bateleur, plus White-backed, Ruppell’s and Lappet-faced Vultures. We climbed up out of the plain into a raised area with a very different, Miombo-type habitat. Here we saw our first Yellow-spotted Hyraxes, eyeing us curiously, and imitating pygmy-owl calls brought in Greater Blue-eared Starling, White-bellied Tit, Yellow-spotted Petronia, Red-headed Weaver and Brubru.

Golden-winged Sunbird is one of the the most beautiful members of its family.

We made it to the Matete picnic site for an early lunch and enjoyed pleasant views of the river below where many zebras, wildebeest and elephants were coming down to drink in the heat of the day. After lunch, we managed a few more interesting sightings with many Yellow-throated Sandgrouse resting in the shade of some huge baobabs, Red-bellied Parrot, Red-necked Francolin and our first Red-and-yellow Barbet digging for termites in the base of a mound, plus some new mammals, namely Unstriped Ground-Squirrel and Slender Mongoose. It was time to leave Tarangire after a truly enjoyable stay and make our way along the initially smooth road to the world-famous Ngorogoro Crater. After the speedy entrance procedure, we climbed up the road to an amazing and popular viewpoint over the crater where we had scope views of Black Rhino way below. We then drove along the rim, picking up our first birds here, with numerous Cinnamon-chested Bee-eaters, a soaring Mountain Buzzard, Streaky Seedeater, and a gorgeous breeding-plumaged male Golden-winged Sunbird. After settling in to our comfortable lodge, with unbeatable views over the crater, we took a short walk in the gardens where we saw Hunter’s Cisticola, Mountain Yellow-Warbler, Abyssinian Thrush, the snazzy Tacazze Sunbird and Brown-headed Apalis.
15th October – Ngorogoro Crater
Today was our day trip into the world famous Ngorogoro Crater. Just the groups staying at our hotel comprised a lot of vehicles, but with all the other lodges nearby, we were expecting it to get busy. We were the first in and out of breakfast which meant that we could bird our way down for at least the first while uninterrupted. This plan paid dividends straight away when we found our target Hildebrandt’s Francolin feeding by the side of the road. We added a few more interesting birds, with Hunter’s & Singing Cisticolas, Tree Pipit, White-browed Coucal, Bronzy Sunbird and even a Eurasian Hobby. We dropped down into the crater and moved into more open country with a different set of birds, including our first Yellow-throated Longclaws, Northern Wheatears, Northern Antecher-Chats and the tiny Pectoral Patch Cisticola. We started to see a lot of herbivores, with both Grant’s & Thomson’s Gazelles, Coke’s Hartebeest, thousands of Wildebeest and Zebras, and a large herd of African Buffalo close to the road with both Yellow-billed & Red-billed Oxpeckers in attendance.

Running the gauntlet: A Black Crake walking over Hippos.

With this much potential prey, there is bound to be some Lions, and seeing these seemed to be the main focus of most of the vehicles. There was a family of lions hiding in a line of trees but we had seen so many in Tarangire that we chose to leave the scrum quickly and avoid the crowds. We headed for a burnt area with many Grey Crowned Cranes and several early migrant White Storks joined by Black-backed and Golden Jackals, all looking for tasty, flame-grilled morsels. There were huge numbers of swallows flying over and we added the uncommon Grey-rumped Swallow. We also tracked down Somal Short-toed Larks which had evaded us earlier in the trip. We had good raptors too with Augur & Common Buzzards, Secretarybirds and Black-breasted Snake-Eagles. We got to a small water body known as Hippo Pool, and other than its namesake, contained a staggering variety of waterbirds. Some of the highlights here were our first Northern Shovelers, a beautiful purple African Swamphen, a plucky Black Crake walking over the hippos backs, many shorebirds, including Three-banded Plover, Ruff and Little Stint, African Spoonbills, plus our first Malachite Kingfisher.
Malechite Kingfisher & Rosy-throated Longclaw.
By the large saline lake, we saw many Greater and Lesser Flamingos, and in the clumps of grass next to the road, our target Rosy-throated Longclaw. It was time for lunch and a well-deserved bathroom break, so we headed to the picnic site located by another lake. While we ate our packed lunches, we added our first Great White Pelicans, Rufous-tailed and Speke’s Weavers which were unbelievably tame and hopping around our feet. We had another short drive through an Acacia woodland where we saw White-headed Barbet, Broad-billed Rollers, a Lappet-faced Vulture on a nest, and Western Yellow Wagtails, Kittlitz’s Plover and African Quailfinch in the grasslands, before starting to climb the road back up to our hotel on the crater rim. It had been a surprisingly tiring day and we enjoyed a rest before some of us took a stroll around the gardens to find the beautiful Schalow’s Turaco and a surprise Eastern Tree Hyrax. On our way to dinner, I even had an Abyssinian Nightjar flying over head. Another amazing day in Africa!

16th October – Ngorogoro to Serengeti
Unlike the thick mist from yesterday, we had a clear view of the crater this morning and the early morning light was stunningly beautiful. We were on the bumpy, dusty road once again and happened upon another Hildebrandt’s Francolin in a ditch on the way down. Our first birding stop was at the Ngorogoro airstrip where we saw flocks of non-breeding Red-collared and Jackson’s Widowbirds. We past grassy slopes which changed gradually into dry acacia forest. We spent some time birding this area and were rewarded with some great birds. Pearl-spotted Owlet calls brought in Red-fronted Barbet & Tinkerbird, several Chinspot Batises, African Penduline Tit, Red-faced Crombec, Red-throated Tit, Beautiful Sunbird many White-bellied Canaries, Golden-breasted Bunting and Black-faced Waxbill. We continued down the gentle slope to the vast plain of the Serengeti below, passing many Masai people with their blue and red checked robes and long spears. Serengeti means ‘endless plain’ in the Masai language, and it did appear that way as we made our way along the bumpy road. The only birds appear to be the numerous Red-capped Larks and Capped Wheatears until we got to the gate where there were a pair of Greater Kestrels.
Out of the plain, jutted a rocky hill that was covered in trees, totally out of place with the desolate surroundings. This was Naabi Hill, where we ate our lunch while our driver went through the entrance procedure. In contrast to the plain, this place was full of different birds and while we ate our lunch we watched the Usambiro race of D’Arnaud’s Barbet, Hildebrandt’s Starling, Black-lobed Babbler, Yellow-billed Oxpecker, Rufous-tailed Weaver and White-bellied Canary. As we travelled West into the park, the grass became a little lusher and spotted with occasional trees. The diversity of birds increased, and we saw Grey-breasted Francolin, White-bellied, Black-bellied & Kori Bustards, Black-winged Lapwing, Cape Crow, Rufous-naped & White-tailed Larks, Yellow-throated Longclaw, Ruppell’s Starling and Croaking Cisticola.

This area of the Serengeti is famous for its cats and we saw several Lions, including a black-maned male at close range under a tree. We also had a distant family of Cheetahs and a Leopard up in a tree. At the Seronero Pond, we had a nice selection of water birds, with Common Ringed & Three-banded Plovers, Little Stint and Wood & Marsh Sandpipers, along with many Hippos laying in the mud. We arrived at our tented camp and were welcomed with a drink and cool face towel after a long but rewarding day.

A Leopard hanging out in a tree.

17th October – Serengeti

We had 2 full days to explore the Serengeti. Our second full day we decided it would be wise to start winding down and take it a little easier, so today we decided to go for it and explore some interesting areas further afield. We set off nice and early, picking some nice birds including Blue-naped Mousebird, D’Arnaud’s Barbet, Slate-colored Boubou and our first Plain-backed Pipits. We also had some Eland posing nicely next to the road. We crossed a small bridge with many Little & White-rumped Swifts overhead and a colourful Gray-headed Kingfisher perched nearby. One of the targets of the day was the restricted range Tanzanian Red-billed Hornbill, and we soon found our first ones, noting their key feature of having a dark patch around the eye, giving them an interesting ‘panda-look’. We also saw our first Dark Chanting-Goshawk and Red-backed Shrike. Gray-headed Social-Weavers became common in the wooded savanna, as did the attractive Silverbird.
We studied a perched pair of swallows and found that they were the locally rare **Rufous-chested Swallow** which our driver was surprised to see. Our next target was the rare and localized **Karamoja Apalis** which is found in a strange habitat comprised of isolated, spindly Whistling Thorn Acacias. These have an interesting feature in that they provide housing for ants in their plant gall, the entrance hole for which supposedly makes a whistling sound when wind blows over it. We tried a couple of spots before we finally found a very responsive pair that posed well. It was a good morning for raptors and we saw many **Bateleurs** and **Common Buzzards**, and on the other end of the size spectrum, our first **Gray Kestrel** and the pint-sized **Pygmy Falcon**. We also enjoyed **Abyssinian Scimitarbill** and our first family of **Green Woodhoopoes**. We arrived at the beginning of the habitat for our final target, the **Grey-crested Hekmetshrike**. We tried Pearl-spotted Owlet calls at several spots which brought in a variety of birds, including **Scarlet-chested, Mariqua & Beautiful Sunbirds**, the interesting black-faced form of **Red-headed Weaver** and **Black-faced Waxbill**. Further on, a group of **Gray-backed Fiscals** were causing a commotion along with some **Black-lored Babblers**. We tried a spot next to a small river where we saw **Green Sandpiper**, **Hamerkop**, **White-bellied Tit** plus our first **White-headed Sawwing** and **Buff-bellied Warblers**.

![Image of bird](image.jpg)

The globally threatened **Karamoja Apalis** is rare and localized.

We crossed an open plain where recent rain on the burnt areas had provided fresh grazing for large herds of **Topi**, **wildebeest** and **zebra**. We also found our first **Wattled Lapwing** here. We reached a new habitat which was a band of green woodland at the base of some hills. This was supposed to be the best spot for our helmetshrike and we continued the search. A real **Pearl-spotted Owlet** took over the job of calling and it brought in **Sulphur-breasted & Gray-headed Bushshrikes, Lesser & Greater Honeyguides, African Paradise-Flycatcher, Red-faced Crombec, Yellow-breasted Apalis, Tabora Cisticola** and the tiny **Little Weaver**. We also saw our first **Eastern Plantain-eater**, which is not a common bird in the Serengeti. We passed more open plains with **Southern Ground-Hornbill** and several perched raptors, with **Lesser Spotted, Long-crested, Steppe & even a Tawny Eagle** eating a genet! We had lunch at an airstrip with picnic tables and bathrooms. What a luxury! In the afternoon, we spent more time trying for the helmetshrike but struck out with this rare bird. On the way back, we added our first **Meyer's Parrots**, a handsome **Pallid Harrier** and 2 wonderful lionesses with a beautiful backdrop of Acacia savanna and distant herd of **Zebra**. Clouds had been gathering throughout the day and finally the heavens open and showered the dry landscape. It had been an enjoyable day exploring the west of the park.
18th October – Serengeti
We had been concentrating on birds until now and today we had promised a slightly less avid birding participant that we would concentrate on mammals. More specifically the cats which were particularly prevalent in the central Serengeti. We started well with a huge herd of African Buffalo spanning both side of the road. There were a couple of bulls separated from the herd which were motioning aggressively to us. We ended up at some safari watching the aftermath of a pride of lions that had killed a zebra. They had dragged most of the corpse under the trees and weren’t really visible, but the real interesting stuff was going on in the open. Lesser Spotted & Tawny Eagles battled for remainders with Hooded & White-backed Vultures, until a couple of Spotted Hyenas turned up and flushed everything, all the while, a very sinister group of Marabou Storks lingered around the edges like a bad smell. It was a fascinating scene to watch but, soon all the remaining morsels had been snapped up and things calmed down. We left the group of cars waiting for the lions to reappear and went in search of our own. We saw more raptors, with Black-breasted Snake-Eagle, Secretarybird and Pygmy Falcon, plus other interesting birds like Von der Decken’s & Tanzanian Red-billed Hornbills and a tree full of colourful Fischer’s Lovebirds, before coming across more lions. This was a large pride which we counted up to 16 individuals and they were on the move.

Several adult lioneses took the lead and they were followed by some playful half-grown cubs and a couple of young males. At a point they flushed a reedbuck from the long grass in the river bed, but it was such a surprise to them that they didn’t manage to take advantage and the potential prey bounded off to safety. The group moved off and we continued our drive. We came to a small pond with Black-winged Stilt, Three-banded Plover, Ruff, Little Stint, Marsh & Wood Sandpipers and our first African Snipe. We drove into the areas with dry short grass in search of cheetahs and on the way found Yellow-throated Sandgrouse, Rufous-naped Lark and Northern Wheatear. We found a couple of Cheetahs but they were still a bit more distant than we would have liked. We had some nice birds in the open plains, with Chestnut-bellied Sandgrouse, Temminck’s Courser and the uncommon Senegal Lapwing which we definitively identified when it flew and showed us its distinctive flight profile. Then our driver found what we had been looking for, a Serval. It was walking slowly through the long grass in search of prey and we watched it at our leisure for about 20 minutes. We found it a methodical and patient predator and finally we watched it pounce, although whatever it was after, got away.
A hunting Serval & the beautiful Purple Grenadier.
We started heading back towards the lodge and had another couple of Cheetah sightings, each closer than the last. We added a few more interesting birds too, with Spotted Thick-knee, Lappet-faced Vulture, Eurasian Kestrel, Winding Cisticola and hundreds of African Quailfinches. Despite the number of the latter, they were a devil to see, but patience prevailed and we finally got good views of some drinking at a puddle in the road. After lunch and a rest, we went back out in the afternoon for our final game drive. Pulling out of the lodge, we had our first Bearded Woodpecker, followed by Long-crested Eagle, Black-winged Kite and Black-breasted Snake-Eagle. We drove to the other side of a hill, into some wooded country full of Kirk’s Dik-diks. Pearl-spotted Owlet calls brought in Purple Grenadier and Green-winged Pytilia which we got nice views of. We saw several European Bee-eaters perched in a tree, followed by a Gray-breasted Francolin and Gray-headed Kingfisher. Our final stop was at a huge hippo pool with well over 100 animals all flatulating and defecating in their ever-decreasing water, fast becoming the consistency of thick soup. Many Little Bee-eaters gave a splash of colour to the surroundings, and we drove back to the lodge for our final dinner. The next day was a short flight back to Arusha where we connected with our international flights.

The Tanzanian endemic Gray-breasted Francolin.
BIRD LIST
Avian taxonomy follows ebird/Clements v2018

**Ostriches (Struthionidae)**
**Common Ostrich**
*Struthio camelus massaicus*
Seen in Tarangire, Ngorogoro & Serengeti.

**Ducks, Geese, and Waterfowl (Anatidae)**
**White-faced Whistling-Duck**
*Dendrocygna viduata*
Seen on Pemba.

**White-backed Duck**
*Thalassornis l. leuconotus*
Seen in Tarangire.

**Knob-billed Duck**
*Sarkidiornis melanotos*
Seen in Tarangire.

**Egyptian Goose**
*Alopochen aegyptiaca*
Seen at Arusha, Tarangire, Ngorogoro & Serengeti.

**Spur-winged Goose**
*Plectropterus g. gambensis*
Seen at Arusha & Tarangire.

**Hottentot Teal**
*Spatula hottentota*
Seen in Tarangire & Ngorogoro.

**Northern Shoveler**
*Spatula clypeata*
Seen in Ngorogoro.

**Cape Teal**
*Anas capensis*
Seen at Arusha & Ngorogoro.

**Red-billed Duck**
*Anas erythrorncha*
Seen in Tarangire & Ngorogoro.

**Southern Pochard**
*Netta erythropthalma brunnea*
Seen at Arusha & Tarangire.

**Guineafowl (Numididae)**
**Helmeted Guineafowl**
*Numida meleagris mitratus*
Seen in Tarangire, Ngorogoro & Serengeti.

**Pheasants, Grouse, and Allies (Phasianidae)**
**Scaly Francolin**
*Pternistis squamatus*
Heard at Arusha.

**Hildebrandt's Francolin**
*Pternistis hildebrandti*
Seen at Ngorogoro.

**Yellow-necked Francolin**
*Pternistis leucoscepus*
Seen in Tarangire.

**Gray-breasted Francolin**
*Pternistis rufopictus*
Seen in Serengeti.

**Red-necked Francolin**
*Pternistis afer harterti (?)*
Seen in Tarangire.

**Crested Francolin**
*Dendroperdix sephaena grantii*
Seen in Tarangire.

**Coqui Francolin**
*Peliperdix c. coqui (?)*
Seen in Tarangire & Serengeti.

**Flamingos (Phoenicopteridae)**
**Greater Flamingo**
*Phoenicopterus roseus*
Seen at Arusha & Ngorogoro.

**Lesser Flamingo**
*Phoeniconaias minor*
Seen at Arusha & Ngorogoro.
Grebes (Podicipedidae)
Little Grebe  
*Tachybaptus ruficollis capensis*
See on Pemba, Arusha & Ngorogoro.

Pigeons and Doves (Columbidae)
Rock Pigeon  
*Columba livia*
Seen widely in urban areas.

Speckled Pigeon  
*Columba guinea*
Seen in Tarangire & Serengeti.

Rameron Pigeon  
*Columba arquatrix*
Seen in W Usambaras.

Delegorgue’s Pigeon  
*Columba delegorguei sharpei*
Heard in W Usambaras. Seen in Arusha.

Lemon Dove  
*Columba l. larvata*
Seen in W & E Usambaras.

Mourning Collared-Dove  
*Streptopelia decipiens pespicillata*
Heard at Engikaet. Seen at Tarangire.

Red-eyed Dove  
*Streptopelia semitorquata*
Heard in W Usambaras. Seen near Arusha & at Ngorogoro.

Ring-necked Dove  
*Streptopelia capicola tropica*
Seen in Tarangire, Ngorogoro & Serengeti.

Laughing Dove  
*Streptopelia s. senegalensis*
Seen in Tarangire & Serengeti.

Emerald-spotted Wood-Dove  
*Turtur chalcospilos*
Seen in Tarangire & Serengeti.

Blue-spotted Wood-Dove  
*Turtur afer*
Seen on Pemba, W & E Usambaras.

Tambourine Dove  
*Turtur tympanistria*
Heard on Pemba & in W Usambaras.

Namaqua Dove  
*Oena c. capensis*
Seen in Tarangire & Serengeti.

Pemba Green-Pigeon  
*Treron pembaensis*
Vulnerable. Seen on Pemba.

African Green-Pigeon  
*Treron calvus granti (?)*
Seen in E Usambaras.

Sandgrouse (Pteroclidae)
Chestnut-bellied Sandgrouse  
*Pterocles exustus olivascens*
Seen at Engikaret, Tarangire & Serengeti.

Yellow-throated Sandgrouse  
*Pterocles gutturalis saturator*
Seen in Tarangire, Ngorogoro & Serengeti.

Black-faced Sandgrouse  
*Pterocles decoratus loveridgei*
Seen in Tarangire & Serengeti.

Bustards (Otididae)
Kori Bustard  
*Ardeotis kori struthiunculus*
Seen in Tarangire, Ngorogoro & Serengeti.

White-bellied Bustard  
*Eupodotis senegalensis erlangeri*
Seen in Tarangire & Serengeti.

Buff-crested Bustard  
*Eupodotis gindiana*
Seen in Tarangire

Black-bellied Bustard  
*Lissotis m. melanogaster*
Seen in Serengeti.
Turacos (Musophagidae)

Schalow’s Turaco
seen at Ngorogoro.

Fischer’s Turaco
seen in E Usambaras.

Hartlaub’s Turaco
seen in W Usambaras & Arusha.

Bare-faced Go-away-bird
seen in Tarangire & Serengeti.

White-bellied Go-away-bird
seen in Tarangire.

Eastern Plantain-eater
seen in Serengeti.

Cuckoos (Cuculidae)

White-browed Coucal
seen on Pemba, E Usambaras, Ngorogoro & Serengeti.

Dideric Cuckoo
seen near Mkomazi & Ngorogoro.

Klaas’s Cuckoo
seen in W Usambaras.

African Emerald Cuckoo
heard in W Usambaras.

Barred Long-tailed Cuckoo
seen in W Usambaras.

Red-chested Cuckoo
heard in W Usambaras, Ngorogoro & Serengeti.

Nightjars and Allies (Caprimulgidae)

Abyssinian Nightjar
seen at Ngorogoro

Square-tailed Nightjar
heard in Serengeti.

Swifts (Apodidae)

Scarce Swift
seen in W Usambaras.

Mottled Swift
seen at Ngorogoro.

Common Swift
seen in W Usambaras.

African Swift
seen in Arusha.

Little Swift
seen on the way to Lushoto & Serengeti.

White-rumped Swift
seen in Tzamangire, Ngorogoro & Serengeti.

African Palm-Swift
seen on Pemba, in E Usambaras & Serengeti.

Rails, Gallinules, and Coots (Rallidae)

Black Crake
seen in Tarangire & Ngorogoro.
Eurasian Moorhen  
*Gallinula chloropus meridionalis*  
Seen on Pemba, Tarangire & Ngorogoro.

Red-knobbed Coot  
*Fulica cristata*  
Seen in Serengeti.

African Swamphen  
*Porphyrio madagascariensis*  
Seen in Tarangire & Ngorogoro.

**Cranes (Gruidae)**

Gray Crowned-Crane  
*Balaeniceps regulorum gibbericeps*  
Endangered. Seen in Arusha & Ngorogoro.

**Thick-knees (Burhinidae)**

Spotted Thick-knee  
*Burhinus c. capensis*  
Seen in Tarangire & Serengeti.

**Stilts and Avocets (Recurvirostridae)**

Black-winged Stilt  
*Himantopus himantopus*  
Seen in Tarangire, Ngorogoro & Serengeti.

Pied Avocet  
*Recurvirostra avosetta*  
Seen in Arusha & Ngorogoro.

**Plovers and Lapwings (Charadriidae)**

Long-toed Lapwing  
*Vanellus crassirostris leucopterus*  
Seen in Tarangire.

Blacksmith Lapwing  
*Vanellus armatus*  
Seen in Arusha, Tarangire, Ngorogoro & Serengeti.

Spur-winged Lapwing  
*Vanellus spinosus*  
Seen at Mkomazi, Ngorogoro & Serengeti.

Senegal Lapwing  
*Vanellus lugubris*  
Seen in Serengeti.

Black-winged Lapwing  
*Vanellus melanopterus minor*  
Seen at Ngorogoro & Serengeti.

Crowned Lapwing  
*Vanellus c. coronatus*  
Seen at Engikaret, Tarangire, Ngorogoro & Serengeti.

Wattled Lapwing  
*Vanellus s. senegallus*  
Seen in Serengeti.

Kittlitz’s Plover  
*Charadrius pecuarius*  
Seen at Ngorogoro.

Common Ringed Plover  
*Charadrius hiaticula tundrae*  
Seen in Serengeti.

Three-banded Plover  
*Charadrius t. tricollaris*  
Seen at Ngorogoro & Serengeti.

**Jacanas (Jacanidae)**

African Jacana  
*Actophilornis africanus*  
Seen in Tarangire & Ngorogoro.

**Sandpipers and Allies (Scolopacidae)**

Ruff  
*Calidris pugnax*  
Seen in Tarangire, Ngorogoro & Serengeti.

Little Stint  
*Calidris minuta*  
Seen at Ngorogoro & Serengeti.

African Snipe  
*Gallinago nigripennis aequatorialis*  
Heard in Serengeti.
**Common Sandpiper**  
*Actitis hypoleucos*  
Seen in Arusha & Serengeti.

**Green Sandpiper**  
*Tringa ochropus*  
Seen in Arusha & Serengeti.

**Common Greenshank**  
*Tringa nebularia*  
Seen in Arusha.

**Marsh Sandpiper**  
*Tringa stagnatilis*  
Seen in Tarangire & Serengeti.

**Wood Sandpiper**  
*Tringa glareola*  
Seen in Tarangire & Serengeti.

**Pratincoles and Coursers (Glareolidae)**

**Temminck’s Courser**  
*Cursorius temminckii*  
Seen at Engikaret, Tarangire & Serengeti.

**Double-banded Courser**  
*Smutsonis africana gracilis*  
Seen in Tarangire & Serengeti.

**Collared Pratincole**  
*Glareola pratincole fuelleborni*  
Seen in Tarangire & Ngorogoro.

**Gulls, Terns, and Skimmers (Laridae)**

**Gray-hooded Gull**  
*Chroicocephalus cirrocephalus poliocephalus*  
Seen in Ngorogoro.

**Saunders’s Tern**  
*Sternula saundersi*  
Seen on Pemba.

**Gull-billed Tern**  
*Gelochelidon n. nilotica*  
Seen in Ngorogoro.

**Whiskered Tern**  
*Chlidonias hybrida delalandii*  
Seen in Tarangire & Ngorogoro.

**Roseate Tern**  
*Sterna d. dougallii*  
Seen on Pemba.

**Common Tern**  
*Sterna h. hirundo*  
Seen on Pemba.

**White-cheeked Tern**  
*Sterna repressa*  
Seen on Pemba.

**Great Crested Tern**  
*Thalasseus bergii thalassinus*  
Seen on Pemba.

**Lesser Crested Tern**  
*Thalasseus b. bengalensis*  
Seen on Pemba.

**Storks (Ciconiidae)**

**White Stork**  
*Ciconia c. ciconia*  
Seen at Ngorogoro.

**Saddle-billed Stork**  
*Ephippiorhynchus senegalensis*  
Seen in Tarangire & Ngorogoro.

**Marabou Stork**  
*Leptoptilos crumenifer*  
Seen at Arusha, Tarangire & Serengeti.

**Yellow-billed Stork**  
*Mycteria ibis*  
Seen at Arusha, Ngorogoro & Serengeti.

**Pelicans (Pelecanidae)**

**Great White Pelican**  
*Pelecanus onocrotalus*  
Seen at Ngorogoro.
Hamerkop (Scopidae)
Hamerkop  *Scopus u. umbretta*
Seen at Arusha, Ngorogoro & Serengeti.

Herons, Egrets, and Bitterns (Ardeidae)
Gray Heron  *Ardea c. cinerea*
Seen at Arusha & Ngorogoro.
Black-headed Heron  *Ardea melanoccephala*
Seen on Pemba & Lushoto, Arusha, Tarangire, Ngorogoro & Serengeti.
Purple Heron  *Ardea p. purpurea*
Seen in Tarangire.
Great Egret  *Ardea alba melanorhynchos*
Seen at Arusha.
Intermediate Egret  *Ardea intermedia brachyrhincha*
Seen at Arusha & Tarangire.
Little Egret  *Egretta g. garzetta*
Seen in Tarangire & Ngorogoro.
Cattle Egret  *Bubulcus i. ibis*
Seen at Arusha, Tarangire & Ngorogoro.
Squacco Heron  *Ardeola ralloides*
Seen in Tarangire.
Black-crowned Night-Heron  *Nycticorax n. nycticorax*
Seen at Ngorogoro.

Ibises and Spoonbills (Threskiornithidae)
Glossy Ibis  *Plegadis falcinellus*
Seen in Tarangire & Ngorogoro.
Sacred Ibis  *Threskiornis a. aethiopicus*
Seen at Arusha, Tarangire & Ngorogoro.
Hadada Ibis  *Bostrychia hagedash brevirostris*
Heard on Pemba. Seen at Arusha & Tarangire.
African Spoonbill  *Platalea alba*
Seen in Tarangire & Ngorogoro.

Secretarybird (Sagittariidae)
Secretarybird  *Sagittarius serpentarius*
Vulnerable. Seen in Tarangire, Ngorogoro & Serengeti.

Hawks, Eagles, and Kites (Accipitridae)
Black-shouldered Kite  *Elanus c. caeruleus*
Seen at Engikaret, Ngorogoro & Serengeti.
African Harrier-Hawk  *Polyboroides t. typus*
Seen on Pemba, in E Usambaras, Arusha, Tarangire & Ngorogoro.
Palm-nut Vulture  *Gypohierax angolensis*
Seen on Pemba & in E Usambaras.
White-headed Vulture  *Trigonoceps occipitalis*
Critically endangered. Seen in Tarangire.
Lappet-faced Vulture  *Torgos tracheliotos tracheliotus*
Endangered. Seen in Tarangire, Ngorogoro & Serengeti.
Hooded Vulture  *Necrosyrtes monachus*
Critically endangered. Seen in Serengeti.
White-backed Vulture  *Gyps africanus*
Critically endangered. Seen at Engikaret, Tarangire, Ngorogoro & Serengeti.
Rüppell's Griffon *Gyps r. rueppelli*
Critically endangered. Seen in Tarangire & Ngorogoro.

Bateleur *Terathopius ecaudatus*
Seen in Tarangire, Ngorogoro & Serengeti.

Black-breasted Snake-Eagle *Circaetus pectoralis*
Seen in Tarangire, Ngorogoro & Serengeti.

Brown Snake-Eagle *Circaetus cinereus*
Seen in Tarangire.

Crowned Eagle *Stephanoaetus coronatus*
Heard at Arusha.

Martial Eagle *Polemaetus bellicosus*
Vulnerable. Seen in Tarangire.

Long-crested Eagle *Lophaetus occipitalis*
Seen in Serengeti.

Lesser Spotted Eagle *Clanga pomarina*
Seen in Serengeti.

Wahlberg’s Eagle *Hieraaetus wahlbergi*
Seen in E Usambaras.

Tawny Eagle *Aquila r. rapax*
Seen in Engikaret, Tarangire, Ngorogoro & Serengeti.

Steppe Eagle *Aquila nipalensis orientalis*
Endangered. Seen at Ngorogoro & Serengeti.

African Hawk-Eagle *Aquila spilogaster*
Seen at Arusha.

Lizard Buzzard *Kaupifalco monogrammicus meridionalis*
Seen near Tanga.

Dark Chanting-Goshawk *Melierax m. metabates*
Seen in Serengeti.

Eastern Chanting-Goshawk *Melierax poliopterus*
Seen on the way to Arusha & Enikaret.

Gabar Goshawk *Micronisus gabar aequatorialis*
Seen in Tarangire.

African Marsh-Harrier *Circus ranivorus*
Seen in Tarangire.

Pallid Harrier *Circus macrourus*
Seen in Tarangire, Ngorogoro & Serengeti.

Montagu’s Harrier *Circus pygargus*
Seen at Ngorogoro & Serengeti.

African Goshawk *Accipiter tachiro*

Black Goshawk *Accipiter m. melanoleucus*
Seen at Arusha.

Black Kite *Milvus migrans*
*M.m.migrans* seen at Ngorogoro. *M.m.parasitus* seen on Pemba, in W Usambaras & Ngorogoro.

African Fish-Eagle *Haliaeetus vocifer*
Seen at Arusha & Tarangire.

Common Buzzard *Buteo buteo vulpinus*
Seen in Tarangire, Ngorogoro & Serengeti.

Mountain Buzzard *Buteo oreophilus*
Seen in W Usambaras & Ngorogoro.

Augur Buzzard *Buteo augur*
Seen in W & E Usambaras, Arusha & Ngorogoro.
Owls (Strigidae)

Pemba Scops-Owl  
*Otus pembaensis*  
Endemic  
Vulnerable. Seen on Pemba.

African Scops-Owl  
*Otus s. senegalensis*

Usambara Eagle-Owl  
*Bubo vosseleri*  
Endemic  
Vulnerable. Seen in W Usambaras.

Verreaux's Eagle-Owl  
*Bubo lacteus*

Usambara Eagle-Owl  
*Otus pembaensis*  
Endemic  
Vulnerable. Seen on Pemba.

Pearl-spotted Owlet  
*Glaucidium perlatum licua*

African Wood-Owl  
*Strix woodfordii nigrlicantior*

Seen in W Usambaras.

Mousebirds (Coliidae)

Speckled Mousebird  
*Colius striatus* mombassicus(?)

White-headed Mousebird  
*Colius l. leucocephalus*

Blue-naped Mousebird  
*Urocolius macrourus pulcher*

Seen near Mkomazi, in Tarangire & Serengeti.

Trogons (Trogonidae)

Bar-tailed Trogon  
*Apaloderma v.vittatum*

Seen in W Usambaras.

Hoopoes (Upupidae)

Eurasian Hoopoe  
*Upupa epops africana*

Seen at Engikaret, Tarangire, Ngorogoro & Serengeti.

Woodhoopoes and Scimitarbills (Phoeniculidae)

Green Woodhoopoe  
*Phoeniculus purpureus marwitzi*

Abyssinian Scimitarbill  
*Rhinopomastus minor cabanisi*

Seen in Tarangire & Serengeti.

Ground-Hornbills (Bucorvidae)

Southern Ground-Hornbill  
*Bucorvus leadbeateri*

Vulnerable. Seen in Tarangire & Serengeti.

Hornbills (Bucerotidae)

Crowned Hornbill  
*Lophoceros alboterminatus*

African Gray Hornbill  
*Lophoceros nasutus epirhinus*

Seen in Tarangire & Serengeti.

Von der Decken's Hornbill  
*Tockus deckeni*

Tanzanian Red-billed Hornbill  
*Tockus ruahae*  
Endemic  
Vulnerable. Seen in Serengeti.

Northern Red-billed Hornbill  
*Tockus erythrorhynchus*

Seen in Tarangire.

Silvery-cheeked Hornbill  
*Bycanistes brevis*

Seen in W & E Usambaras & Arusha.
Kingfishers (Alcedinidae)

**Half-collared Kingfisher**
- *Alcedo semitorquata tephria*
  - Seen in E Usambaras.

**Malachite Kingfisher**
- *Corythornis cristatus galeritus*
  - Seen at Ngorogoro.

**African Pygmy-Kingfisher**
- *Ispidina p. picta*
  - Heard on Pemba.

**Gray-headed Kingfisher**
- *Halcyon leucocephala pallidiventris*
  - Seen in E Usambaras & Arusha.

**Mangrove Kingfisher**
- *Halcyon senegaloides ranivorus*
  - Seen on Pemba.

**Brown-hooded Kingfisher**
- *Halcyon albiventris orientalis*
  - Seen nea Mkomazi & Serengeti.

**Striped Kingfisher**
- *Halcyon c. chelicuti*
  - Seen near Mkomazi & Serengeti.

**Pied Kingfisher**
- *Ceryle r. rudis*
  - Seen on Pemba.

Bee-eaters (Meropidae)

**White-fronted Bee-eater**
- *Merops b. bullockoides*
  - Seen in Arusha.

**Little Bee-eater**
- *Merops pusillus meridionalis*
  - Seen in Arusha, Tarangire, Ngorogoro & Serengeti.

**Cinnamon-chested Bee-eater**
- *Merops oreobates*
  - Seen in W Usambaras, Arusha & Ngorogoro.

**Madagascar Bee-eater**
- *Merops s. surperciliosus*
  - Seen in Mkomazi.

**European Bee-eater**
- *Merops apiaster*
  - Seen in Arusha & Serengeti.

Rollers (Coraciidae)

**Lilac-breasted Roller**
- *Coracias c. caudatus*
  - Seen on the way to Lushoto, Arusha, Tarangire, Ngorogoro & Serengeti.

**Rufous-crowned Roller**
- *Coracias n. naevius*
  - Seen in Tarangire.

**Broad-billed Roller**
- *Eurystomus glaucurus suahelicus*
  - Seen on Pemba, Ngorogoro & Serengeti.

African Barbets (Lybiidae)

**Red-and-yellow Barbet**
- *Trachyphonus e. erythrocephalus*
  - Heard at Engikaret. Seen in Tarangire.

**D’Arnaud’s Barbet**
- *Trachyphonus darnaudii*

**White-eared Barbet**
- *Stactolaema leucotis kilimensis*
  - Seen in E Usambaras & Arusha.

**Green Barbet**
- *Stactolaema o. olivacea*
  - Heard in W & seen in the E Usambaras.

**Green Tinkerbird**
- *Pogoniulus simplex*
  - Heard in E Usambaras.

**Moustached Tinkerbird**
- *Pogoniulus leucomystax*
  - Seen in W & heard in the E Usambaras.

**Red-fronted Tinkerbird**
- *Pogoniulus pusillus affinis*
  - Seen near Ngorogoro.
Red-fronted Barbet  
*Tricholaema diademata massaica*

Seen in Ngorogoro & Serengeti.

**Spot-flanked Barbet**  
*Tricholaema l. lacrymosa*

Seen in Serengeti.

**Black-throated Barbet**  
*Tricholaema melanocephala stigmatothorax*

Seen at Engikaret.

**White-headed Barbet**  
*Lybius leucocephalus albicauda (?)*

Seen at Ngorogoro.

**Brown-breasted Barbet**  
*Lybius melanopterus*

Seen near Muheza.

**Honeyguides (Indicatoridae)**

**Pallid Honeyguide**  
*Indicator m. meliphilus*

Seen in E Usambaras.

**Lesser Honeyguide**  
*Indicator minor teitensis*

Seen in Serengeti.

**Greater Honeyguide**  
*Indicator indicator*

Seen in Tarangire & Serengeti. Heard at Ngorogoro.

**Woodpeckers (Picidae)**

**Nubian Woodpecker**  
*Campethera n. nubica*

Seen in Tarangire & Serengeti.

**Golden-tailed Woodpecker**  
*Campethera abingoni suahelica*

Seen in Arusha.

**Cardinal Woodpecker**  
*Chloropicus fuscescens hartlaubii (?)*

Seen in E Usambaras, Tarangire, Ngorogoro & Serengeti.

**Bearded Woodpecker**  
*Chloropicus n. namaquus*

Seen in Serengeti.

**Mountain Gray Woodpecker**  
*Chloropicus spodocephalus rhodeogaster*

Seen at Engikaret & Tarangire.

**Falcons and Caracaras (Falconidae)**

**Pygmy Falcon**  
*Polihierax semitorquatus*

Seen in Tarangire & Serengeti.

**Eurasian Kestrel**  
*Falco tinnunculus rufescens*

Seen at Engikaret & Serengeti.

**Greater Kestrel**  
*Falco rupicoloides arthuri*

Seen in Serengeti.

**Gray Kestrel**  
*Falco ardosiaceus*

Seen in Serengeti.

**Dickinson's Kestrel**  
*Falco dickinsoni*

Seen by the guide on Pemba.

**Eurasian Hobby**  
*Falco s. subbuteo*

Seen at Ngorogoro.

**Lanner Falcon**  
*Falco b. biarmicus*

Seen near Muheza.

**Old World Parrots (Psittaculidae)**

**Fischer's Lovebird**  
*Agapornis fischeri*  
**Endemic**

Seen at Engikaret & Serengeti.

**Yellow-collared Lovebird**  
*Agapornis personatus*  
**Endemic**

Seen at Tarangire.
New World and African Parrots (Psittacidae)
Meyer's Parrot \(\text{Poicephalus meyeri saturates (?)}\)
Seen in Serengeti.
Brown-headed Parrot \(\text{Poicephalus cryptoxanthus tanganyikae}\)
Seen on Pemba.
Red-bellied Parrot \(\text{Poicephalus r. rufiventris}\)
Seen in Tarangire.

African and Green Broadbills (Calyptomenidae)
African Broadbill \(\text{Smithornis capensis medianus}\)
Seen in E Usambaras.

Wattle-eyes and Batises (Platysteiridae)
Black-throated Wattle-eye \(\text{Platysteira peltate mentalis (?)}\)
Seen at Arusha.
Short-tailed Batis \(\text{Batis m. mixta}\)
Seen in W & E Usambaras.
Chinspot Batis \(\text{Batis molitor puella}\)
Heard at Arusha. Seen near Ngorogoro & Serengeti.

Vangas, Helmetshrikes, and Allies (Vangidae)
White Helmetshrike \(\text{Prionops plumatus vinaceigularis (?)}\)
Seen in Tarangire.
Chestnut-fronted Helmetshrike \(\text{Prionops scopifrons kirkii}\)
Seen in E Usambaras.
Black-and-white Shrike-flycatcher \(\text{Bias musicus changamwensis}\)
Seen in E Usambaras.

Bushshrikes and Allies (Malaconotidae)
Brubru \(\text{Nilaus afer massaicus (?)}\)
Seen at Engikaret, Tarangire, Ngorogoro & Serengeti.
Black-backed Puffback \(\text{Dryoscopus cubla nairobiensis (?)}\)
Seen in W & E Usambaras, Ngorogoro & Serengeti.
Black-crowned Tchagra \(\text{Tchagra senegalus armenus}\)
Heard at Arusha.
Brown-crowned Tchagra \(\text{Tchagra australis minor (?)}\)
Heard at Engikaret. Seen at Tarangire, Ngorogoro & Serengeti.
Tropical Boubou \(\text{Laniarius m. major}\)
Seen at Arusha & Serengeti. Heard at Ngorogoro.
Zanzibar Boubou \(\text{Laniarius sublacteus}\)
Heard in E Usambaras.
Slate-colored Boubou \(\text{Laniarius funebris}\)
Heard in Tarangire & Serengeti.
Fuelleborn's Boubou \(\text{Laniarius fuelleborni usambaricus}\)
Endemic subspecies
Seen in W Usambaras.
Rosy-patched Bushshrike \(\text{Rhodophoneus cruentus cathemagmenus}\)
Seen at Engikaret.
Sulphur-breasted Bushshrike \(\text{Telophorus sulfureopectus similis}\)
Seen in Serengeti.
Gray-headed Bushshrike \(\text{Malaconotus blanchoti approximans}\)
Seen in Serengeti.
Black-fronted Bushshrike \(\text{Telophorus n. nigrifrons}\)
Seen in W Usambaras.
Cuckooshrikes (Campephagidae)
Gray Cuckooshrike  Coracina caesia pura
Seen in E Usambaras.
Black Cuckooshrike  Campephaga flava
Seen at Arusha.

Shrikes (Laniidae)
Gray-backed Fiscal  Lanius excubitoroides boehmi
Seen in Serengeti.
Long-tailed Fiscal  Lanius cabanisi
Seen at Tarangire.
Taita Fiscal  Lanius dorsalis
Seen at Engikaret.
Northern Fiscal  Lanius h. humeralis
Seen in W Usambaras, Arusha & Ngorogoro.
Magpie Shrike  Corvinella melanoleuca aequatorialis
Seen at Tarangire & Serengeti.
White-rumped Shrike  Eurocephalus ruppelli
Seen at Tarangire & Serengeti.

Old World Orioles (Oriolidae)
Green-headed Oriole  Oriolus chlorocephalus amani
Seen in E Usambaras.
African Black-headed Oriole  Oriolus larvatus reichenowi
Seen at Arusha & Serengeti.

Drongos (Dicruridae)
Square-tailed Drongo  Dicrurus ludwigii muenzneri
Seen in E Usambaras.
Fork-tailed Drongo  Dicrurus adsimilis fugax
Seen in W & E Usambaras, Ngorogoro & Serengeti. Birds seen in the Usambaras may be different and are sometimes known as Usambara Drongo.

Monarch Flycatchers (Monarchidae)
African Crested-Flycatcher  Trochocercus cyanomelas bivittatus
Heard in E Usambaras.
African Paradise-Flycatcher  Terpsiphone viridis

Crows, Jays, and Magpies (Corvidae)
House Crow  Corvus splendens
Commonly seen in the coastal lowlands.
Cape Crow  Corvus capensis kordofanensis
Seen in Serengeti.
Pied Crow  Corvus albus
Seen in W Usambaras, Tarangire & Serengeti.
White-necked Raven  Corvus albicollis
Seen in W Usambaras & Ngorogoro.

Nicators (Nicatoridae)
Eastern Nicator  Nicator gularis
Heard in E Usambaras.
Larks (Alaudidae)

Beesley's Lark  
*Chersomanes beesleyi*  
Endemic

Seen at Engikaet.

Chestnut-backed Sparrow-Lark  
*Eremopterix leucotis madaraszi*

Seen in Tarangire.

Fischer's Sparrow-Lark  
*Eremopterix leucopareia*

Seen at Engikaet, Tarangire, Ngorogoro & Serengeti.

Foxy Lark  
*Calendulauda alopec intercedens*

Seen in Tarangire.

Rufous-naped Lark  
*Mirafra africana tropicalis*

Seen at Arusha, Ngorogoro & Serengeti.

Flappt Lark  
*Mirafra rufocinnamea torrida*

Seen in Serengeti.

White-tailed Lark  
*Mirafra albicauda*

Seen in Tarangire & Serengeti.

Singing Bushlark  
*Mirafra cantillans marginata*

Seen at Engikaet.

Red-capped Lark  
*Calandrella cinerea williamsi (?)*

Seen at Engikaet, Ngorogoro & Serengeti.

Somali Short-toed Lark  
*Alaudala somalica athensis*

Seen at Ngorogoro.

Swallows (Hirundinidae)

Plain Martin  
*Riparia paludicola ducis*

Seen at Arusha & Ngorogoro.

Banded Martin  
*Riparia cincta suahelica*

Seen in Tarangire & Ngorogoro.

Rock Martin  
*Ptyonoprogne fuligula fusciventris*

Seen in W Usambaras, Ngorogoro & Serengeti.

Barn Swallow  
*Hirundo r. rustica*

Seen at Arusha, Ngorogoro & Serengeti.

Wire-tailed Swallow  
*Hirundo s. smithii*

Seen at Arusha & Serengeti.

Red-rumped Swallow  
*Cecropis daurica emini*

Seen at Ngorogoro & Serengeti.

Lesser Striped-Swallow  
*Cecropis abyssinica unitatis*

Seen near Tanga.

Mosque Swallow  
*Cecropis senegalensis saturatior*

Seen in W Usambaras, Ngorogoro & Serengeti.

White-headed Sawwing  
*Psalidoprocne a. albiceps*

Seen in Serengeti.

Black Sawwing  
*Psalidoprocne pristoptera massaica*

Seen in W Usambaras.

Gray-rumped Swallow  
*Pseudhirundo g. griseopyga*

Seen at Ngorogoro.

Fairy Flycatchers (Stenostiridae)

White-tailed Crested-Flycatcher  
*Elminia a. albonotata (?)*

Seen in W Usambaras.

Tits, Chickadees, and Titmice (Paridae)

Red-throated Tit  
*Melaniparus fringillinus*

Seen on the way to Serengeti.
White-bellied Tit  
*Melaniparus albiventris*

Seen in Tarangire & Serengeti.

**Penduline-Tits (Remizidae)**

**African Penduline-Tit**  
*Anthoscopus caroli sharpei*

Seen at Engikaret & Ngorogoro.

**Bulbuls (Pycnonotidae)**

**Shelley’s Greenbul**  
*Arizelocichla masukuensis roehli*  
Endemic subspecies

Seen in W & E Usambaras.

**Eastern Mountain-Greenbul**  
*Arizelocichla nigriceps usambarae*

Seen in W Usambaras & Ngorogoro.

**Stripe-cheeked Greenbul**  
*Arizelocichla milanjensis striifacies*

Seen in W Usambaras.

**Little Greenbul**  
*Eurillas virens zombensis*

Seen in E Usambaras.

**Fischer’s Greenbul**  
*Phyllastrephus fischeri*

Seen in E Usambaras.

**Cabanis’s Greenbul**  
*Phyllastrephus cabanisi placidus*

Seen in W Usambaras.

**Yellow-streaked Greenbul**  
*Phyllastrephus flavostriatus tenuirostris*

Seen in the W & E Usambaras.

**Common Bulbul**  
*Pycnonotus barbatus layardi*

Seen in W & E Usambaras, Ngorogoro & Serengeti.

**African Warblers (Macrosphenidae)**

**Northern Crombec**  
*Sylvietta brachyura leucopsis*

Seen at Engikaret.

**Red-faced Crombec**  
*Sylvietta whytii jacksoni*

Seen at Arusha & Serengeti.

**Moustached Grass-Warbler**  
*Melocichla mentalis incana*

Seen at Arusha.

**Kretschmer’s Longbill**  
*Macrosphenus k. kretschmeri*

Seen in E Usambaras.

**Leaf Warblers (Phylloscopidae)**

**Yellow-throated Woodland-Warbler**  
*Phylloscopus ruficapilla minullus*

Seen in W Usambaras.

**Willow Warbler**  
*Phylloscopus trochilus yakutensis*

Seen at Arusha.

**Reed Warblers and Allies (Acrocephalidae)**

**Mountain Yellow-Warbler**  
*Iduna similis*

Seen at Ngorogoro.

**Grassbirds and Allies (Locustellidae)**

**Evergreen-forest Warbler**  
*Bradypterus lopezi usambarae (?)*

Seen in W Usambaras.

**Cinnamon Bracken-Warbler**  
*Bradypterus cinnamomeus nyassae*

Seen in W Usambaras.

**Little Rush-Warbler**  
*Bradypterus baboeala tongensis*

Seen in E Usambaras.
**Cisticolas and Allies (Cisticolidae)**

**Bar-throated Apalis**  
*Apalis thoracica griseiceps*  
Seen in W Usambaras.

**Yellow-breasted Apalis**  
*Apalis flavida golzi*  
Seen in Serengeti.

**Black-headed Apalis**  
*Apalis melanocephala moschi*  
Seen in W & E Usambaras.

**Brown-headed Apalis**  
*Apalis a. alticola*  
Seen at Ngorogoro.

**Karamoja Apalis**  
*Apalis karamojae stronachi*  
Vulnerable. Seen in Serengeti.

**Green-backed Camaroptera**  
*Camaroptera brachyura pileata*  
Seen in E Usambaras & Serengeti.

**Red-fronted Warbler**  
*Prinia rufifrons smithi*  
Seen at Engikaret.

**African Tailorbird**  
*Artisornis m. metopias*  
Seen in W Usambaras.

**Long-billed Tailorbird**  
*Artisornis m. moreau*  
Endangered. Seen in E Usambaras.

**Singing Cisticola**  
*Cisticola cantans pictipennis*  
Seen at Arusha & Ngorogoro.

**Trilling Cisticola**  
*Cisticola w. woosnami*  
Seen at Arusha.

**Hunter’s Cisticola**  
*Cisticola hunteri*  
Seen at Ngorogoro.

**Rattling Cisticola**  
*Cisticola chiniana victoria (?)*  
Seen at Arusha, Tarangire & Serengeti.

**Winding Cisticola**  
*Cisticola galactotes suahelicus*  
Seen in Arusha, Ngorogoro & Serengeti.

**Croaking Cisticola**  
*Cisticola n. natalensis*  
Seen in Serengeti.

**Tabora Cisticola**  
*Cisticola angusticauda*  
Seen in Serengeti.

**Zitting Cisticola**  
*Cisticola juncidis europygialis*  
Seen in Tarangire & Serengeti.

**Desert Cisticola**  
*Cisticola aridulus tanganyika*  
Seen in Tarangire & Serengeti.

**Pectoral-patch Cisticola**  
*Cisticola brunnescens nakuruensis*  
Seen at Ngorogoro.

**Gray-capped Warbler**  
*Eminia lepida*  
Heard at Ngorogoro.

**Buff-bellied Warbler**  
*Phyllolais pulchella*  
Seen in Serengeti.

**Tawny-flanked Prinia**  
*Prinia subflava tenella*  
Seen in E Usambaras.

**Yellow-bellied Eremomela**  
*Eremomela icteropygialis griseoflava*  
Seen at Engikaret.

**Sylviid Warblers (Sylviidae)**

**African Hill Babbler**  
*Sylvia a. abyssinica (?)*  
Seen in W Usambaras.

**Banded Warbler**  
*Sylvia b. boehmi*  
Heard at Engikaret.
White-eyes, Yuhinas, and Allies (Zosteropidae)

**African Yellow White-eye**  
*Zosterops senegalensis jacksoni*  
Seen in W Usambaras.

**Broad-ringed White-eye**  
*Zosterops poliogastrus*  
*Z.p.mbuluensis* seen in W Usambaras.  
*Z.p.eurycricotus* seen at Ngorogoro.

**White-breasted White-eye**  
*Zosterops abyssinicus flavilateralis*  
Seen in Arusha.

**Pemba White-eye**  
*Zosterops vaughani*  
Endemic  
Seen on Pemba.

Ground Babblers and Allies (Pellorneidae)

**Pale-breasted Illadopsis**  
*Illadopsis rufipennis distans*  
Seen briefly in E Usambaras.

Laughingthrushes and Allies (Leiothrichidae)

**Black-lored Babbler**  
*Turdoides s. sharpei*  
Seen in Serengeti.

**Northern Pied-Babbler**  
*Turdoides hypoleuca*  
Seen at Tarangire.

**Arrow-marked Babbler**  
*Turdoides jardineii emini*  
Seen at Arusha.

Dapple-throat and Allies (Modulatricidae)

**Spot-throat**  
*Modulatrix s. stictigula*  
Seen in the W Usambaras.

Hyliotas (Hyliotidae)

**Usambara Hyliota**  
*Hyliota usambara*  
Endemic  
Endangered. Seen in E Usambaras.

Old World Flycatchers (Muscicapidae)

**Dusky-brown Flycatcher**  
*Muscicapa adusta pumila*  
Seen in W Usambaras.

**Spotted Flycatcher**  
*Muscicapa striata*  
Seen at Arusha.

**Grayish Flycatcher**  
*Bradornis m. microrhynchus*  
Seen at Engikaret & Ngorogoro.

**Pale Flycatcher**  
*Agricola pallidus griseus*  
Seen in Serengeti.

**Silverbird**  
*Melaenornis semipartitus*  
Seen in Tarangire & Serengeti.

**White-eyed Slaty-Flycatcher**  
*Melaenornis f. fischeri*  
Seen at Arusha & Ngorogoro.

**Red-backed Scrub-Robin**  
*Cercotrichas leucophrys bruneiceps*  
Seen at Engikaret & Serengeti.

**Cape Robin-Chat**  
*Cossypha caffra iolaema*  
Seen in W Usambaras & Ngorogoro.

**Rüppell's Robin-Chat**  
*Cossypha semirufa intercedens*  
Seen at Arusha.

**White-browed Robin-Chat**  
*Cossypha heuglini intermedia*  
Seen in E Usambaras. Heard at Ngorogoro.

**White-starred Robin**  
*Pogonocichla stellate intense (?)*  
Seen in W Usambaras.
White-chested Alethe  
*Chmamaetlyas fueleborni*

**See**n poorly in W & E Usambaras.

*Sharpe’s Akalat*  
*Sheppardia sharpie usambarae*

**See**n in E Usambaras.

*Usambara Akalat*  
*Sheppardia montana*  
**Endemic**

**Endangered. See**n at W Usambaras.

*Whinchat*  
*Saxicola rubetra*

**See**n at Arusha & Ngorogoro.

*African Stonechat*  
*Saxicola torquatus axillaris*

**See**n in W Usambaras & Ngorogoro.

*Northern Anteater-Chat*  
*Myrmecocichla aethiops cryptoleuca*

**See**n at Ngorogoro.

*Mocking Cliff-Chat*  
*Thamnolaea cinnamomeiventris subrugipennis*

**See**n by the client of the way to Lushoto.

*Northern Wheatear*  
*Oenanthe o. oenanthe*

**See**n at Tarangire, Ngorogoro & Serengeti.

*Abyssinian Wheatear*  
*Oenanthe lugubris schalowi*

**See**n at Engikaret.

*Capped Wheatear*  
*Oenanthe pileata livingstonii*

**See**n at Engikaet, Ngorogoro & Serengeti.

**Thrushes and Allies (Turdidae)**

*Red-tailed Ant-Thrush*  
*Neocossyphus r. rufus*

**See**n in E Usambaras.

*Abyssinian Thrush*  
*Turdus abyssinicus oldeani*

**See**n at Ngorogoro.

*Usambara Thrush*  
*Turdus roehli*  
**Endemic**

**See**n in W Usambaras.

**Starlings (Sturnidae)**

*Wattled Starling*  
*Creatophora cinerea*

**See**n at Tarangire, Ngorogoro & Serengeti.

*Violet-backed Starling*  
*Cinnyricinclus I. leucogaster*

**See**n on Pemba.

*Red-winged Starling*  
*Onychognathus m. morio*

**See**n in the W Usambaras.

*Waller’s Starling*  
*Onychognathus w. wallerii*

**See**n in W Usambaras.

*Sharpe’s Starling*  
*Pholia sharpii*

**See**n in W Usambaras.

*Kenrick’s Starling*  
*Poeoptera k. kenricki*  
**Endemic subspecies**

**See**n in W Usambaras.

*Black-bellied Starling*  
*Notopholia corrusca*  
**Endemic subspecies**

*N. c. vaughani* **see**n on Pemba.  
*N. c. corrusca* **see**n in E Usambaras.

*Hildebrandt’s Starling*  
*Lamprotornis hildebrandti*

**See**n at Engikaret & Ngorogoro.

*Rüppell’s Starling*  
*Lamprotornis p. purpureoptera*

**See**n in Serengeti.

*Ashy Starling*  
*Lamprotornis unicolor*  
**Endemic**

**See**n at Tarangire.

*Superb Starling*  
*Lamprotornis fischeri*

**See**n at Engikaret.
Greater Blue-eared Starling  
*Lamprotornis chalybaeus sycobius*  
Seen in Tarangire.

**Oxpeckers (Buphagidae)**

**Red-billed Oxpecker**  
*Buphagus erythrorhynchos*  
Seen at Arusha, Ngorogoro & Serengeti.

**Yellow-billed Oxpecker**  
*Buphagus a. africanus*  
Seen in Tarangire, Ngorogoro & Serengeti.

**Sunbirds and Spiderhunters (Nectariniidae)**

**Uluguru Violet-backed Sunbird**  
*Anthreptes neglectus*  
Seen in E Usambaras.

**Banded Sunbird**  
*Anthreptes rubritorques*  
Vulnerable. Seen in E Usambaras.  
*Endemic*

**Collared Sunbird**  
*Hedydipna collaris zambesiana*  
Seen in E Usambaras & Arusha.

**Amani Sunbird**  
*Hedydipna pallidigaster*  
Endangered. Seen by the guide in E Usambaras.

**Olive Sunbird**  
*Cyanomitra olivacea*  
*C.o.granti* seen on Pemba.  
*C.o.neglecta (?)* seen in W & E Usambaras.

**Amethyst Sunbird**  
*Chalcomitra amethystine kirkii*  
Seen in W Usambaras & Arusha.

**Scarlet-chested Sunbird**  
*Chalcomitra senegalensis lamperti*  
Seen at Arusha, Tarangire & Serengeti.

**Tacazze Sunbird**  
*Nectarinia tacazze jacksoni*  
Seen at Ngorogoro.

**Bronze Sunbird**  
*Nectarinia k. kilimensis*  
Seen at Engikaet & Ngorogoro.

**Golden-winged Sunbird**  
*Drepanorhynchus r. reichenowi*  
Seen at Ngorogoro.

**Eastern Double-collared Sunbird**  
*Cinnyris mediocris*  
*C.m.usambaricus* seen in the W Usambaras.  
*C.m.mediorcis* seen at Ngorogoro.

**Beautiful Sunbird**  
*Cinnyris pulchellus melanogaster*  
Seen in Serengeti.

**Mariqua Sunbird**  
*Cinnyris mariquensis suahelicus*  
Seen in Serengeti.

**Purple-banded Sunbird**  
*Cinnyris bifasciatus microrhynchus*  
Seen in E Usambaras.

**Pemba Sunbird**  
*Cinnyris pembae*  
*Endemic*  
Seen on Pemba.

**Variable Sunbird**  
*Cinnyris venustus falkensteini*  
Seen at Engikaret & Ngorogoro.

**Wagtails and Pipits (Motacillidae)**

**Western Yellow Wagtail**  
*Motacilla flava*  
Seen at Ngorogoro.

**Gray Wagtail**  
*Motacilla c. cinerea*  
Seen in E Usambaras.

**Mountain Wagtail**  
*Motacilla clara torrentium*  
Seen in W & E Usambaras.

**African Pied Wagtail**  
*Motacilla aguimp vidua*  
Seen in W & E Usambaras & Serengeti.

**African Pipit**  
*Anthus cinnamomeus anae*  
Seen on Pemba, Engikaret, Ngorogoro & Serengeti.
Long-billed Pipit  
*Anthus similis chyuluensis*

Seen at Arusha.

Plain-backed Pipit  
*Anthus leucophrys zenkeri*

Seen in Serengeti.

Bush Pipit  
*Anthus caffer blayneyi*

Seen in Tarangire.

Tree Pipit  
*Anthus t. trivialis*

Seen at Arusha.

Yellow-throated Longclaw  
*Macronyx croceus*

Seen at Arusha.

Plain-backed Pipit  
*Anthus leucophrys zenkeri*

Seen in Serengeti.

Bush Pipit  
*Anthus caffer blayneyi*

Seen in Tarangire.

Tree Pipit  
*Anthus t. trivialis*

Seen at Arusha.

Yellow-throated Longclaw  
*Macronyx ameliae wintoni*

Seen at Ngorogoro.

Finches, Euphonias, and Allies (Fringillidae)

Yellow-fronted Canary  
*Crithagra mozambica*

Seen in Tarangire.

Southern Citril  
*Crithagra h. hyposticta*

Seen in W & E Usambaras & Ngorogoro.

White-bellied Canary  
*Crithagra d. dorsostriata*

Seen at Engikaret & Serengeti.

Streaky Seedeeater  
*Crithagra s. striolatas*

Seen at Ngorogoro.

Old World Buntings (Emberizidae)

Golden-breasted Bunting  
*Emberiza flaviventris kalaharica*

Seen in Serengeti.

Old World Sparrows (Passeridae)

House Sparrow  
*Passer domesticus*

Introduced. Commonly seen in urban areas.

Kenya Rufous Sparrow  
*Passer rufocinctus*

Seen at Engikaret, Ngorogoro & Serengeti.

Northern Gray-headed Sparrow  
*Passer griseus ugandae*

Seen near Muheza.

Swahili Sparrow  
*Passer suahelicus*

Seen at Tarangire & Serengeti.

Chestnut Sparrow  
*Passer eminibey*

Seen at Engikaret, Tarangire & Serengeti.

Yellow-spotted Petronia  
*Gymnornis p. pyrgita*

Seen in Tarangire & Serengeti.

Weavers and Allies (Ploceidae)

Red-billed Buffalo-Weaver  
*Bubalornis niger intermedius*

Seen at Tarangire & Serengeti.

White-headed Buffalo-Weaver  
*Dinemellia dinemelli boehmi*

Seen at Engikaret & Serengeti.

Speckle-fronted Weaver  
*Sporopipes frontalis emini*

Seen at Engikaret, Tarangire & Serengeti.

White-browed Sparrow-Weaver  
*Plocepasser mahali pectoralis*

Seen at Engikaret.

Rufous-tailed Weaver  
*Histurgops ruficauda*  
Endemic

Seen at Tarangire, Ngorogoro & Serengeti.

Gray-headed Social-Weaver  
*Pseudonigrira a. arnauedi*

Seen at Tarangire & Serengeti.
Red-headed Weaver  
*Anaplectes rubriceps leuconotus*

Seen at Arusha & Serengeti.

Baglafecht Weaver  
*Ploceus baglafecht reichenowi*

Seen in W Usambaras & Ngorogoro.

Black-necked Weaver  
*Ploceus n. nigricollis*

Seen in Tarangire.

Spectacled Weaver  
*Ploceus ocularis suahelicus*

Heard in W & E Usambaras.

African Golden-Weaver  
*Ploceus subaureus aureoflavus*

Seen near Muheza.

Taveta Golden-Weaver  
*Ploceus castaneiceps*

Seen at near Mkomazi & Arusha.

Lesser Masked-Weaver  
*Ploceus i. intermedius*

Seen at Arusha & Serengeti.

Vitelline Masked-Weaver  
*Ploceus vitellinus uluensis*

Heard in W & E Usambaras.

Speke's Weaver  
*Ploceus spekei*

Seen at Arusha & Ngorogoro.

Golden-backed Weaver  
*Ploceus jacksoni*

Seen in Arusha.

Chestnut Weaver  
*Ploceus r. rubiginosus*

Seen in Engikaret.

Forest Weaver  
*Ploceus bicolor kersteni*

Heard in E Usambaras.

Usambara Weaver  
*Ploceus n. nicollii*

Endangered. Seen in W Usambaras.

Red-billed Quelea  
*Quelea quelea aethiopica*

Seen in Mkomazi, Tarangire & Ngorogoro.

Yellow Bishop  
*Euplectes capensis cassirostris*

Seen at Arusha & Ngorogoro.

White-winged Widowbird  
*Euplectes albonotatus eques*

Seen in Tarangire.

Red-collared Widowbird  
*Euplectes a. ardens*

Seen at Ngorogoro.

Fan-tailed Widowbird  
*Euplectes axillaris phoeniceus*

Seen at Ngorogoro.

Jackson's Widowbird  
*Euplectes jacksoni*

Seen in Ngorogoro airstrip.

Grosbeak Weaver  
*Amblyospiza albifrons montana*

Seen at Arusha.

Waxbills and Allies (Estrildidae)  

Yellow-bellied Waxbill  
*Coccopygia quartinia kilimensis*

Seen at Ngorogoro.

Red-faced Crimsonwing  
*Cryptospiza reichenovii australis*

Seen in W Usambaras.

Crimson-rumped Waxbill  
*Estrilda rhodopyga centralis*

Seen near Mkomazi & Arusha.

Common Waxbill  
*Estrilda astrild minor*

Seen in W & E Usambaras.

Black-faced Waxbill  
*Estrilda erythronotos delamerei*

Seen in Serengeti.

Red-cheeked Cordonbleu  
*Uraeginthus bengalus ugogensis*

Seen in Tarangire & Serengeti.
Blue-capped Cordonbleu  
*Uraeginthus cyanocephalus*

Seen at Tarangire.

**Purple Grenadier**  
*Granatina ianthinogaster*

Seen at Tarangire & Serengeti.

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

Seen in Tarangire & Serengeti.

**Red-billed Firefinch**  
*Lagonosticta senegala ruberrima*

Seen at Engikaret, Tarangire & Serengeti.

**Cut-throat**  
*Amadina fasciata alexanderi*

Seen in Tarangire.

**African Quailfinch**  
*Ortygospiza fuscocrissa muelleri*

Seen in Tarangire, Ngorogoro & Serengeti.

**Bronze Mannikin**  
*Spermestes cucullata scutata*

Seen on Pemba.

**Black-and-white (Red-backed) Mannikin**  
*Spermestes bicolor nigriceps*

Seen on Pemba & E Usambaras.

**Indigobirds (Viduidae)**

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

Seen near Mkomazi.

**Eastern Paradise-Whydah**  
*Vidua paradisaea*

Seen in Tarangire.

**Straw-tailed Whydah**  
*Vidua fischeri*

Seen near Mkomazi & Tarangire.

**Village Indigobird**  
*Vidua chalybeate centralis*

Seen in Tarangire.

**MAMMAL LIST**

**Old World monkeys (Cercopithecidae)**

**Guereza**  
*Colobus guereza*

Seen at Arusha.

**Angola Colobus**  
*Colobus angolensis*

Seen in W & E Usambaras.

**Olive Baboon**  
*Papio anubis*

Seen at Arusha, Ngorogoro & Serengeti.

**Yellow Baboon**  
*Papio cynocephalus*

Seen on the way to Arusha.

**Vervet Monkey**  
*Cercopithecus pygerythrus*

Seen on Pemba, on the way to Lushoto, Ngorogoro & Serengeti.

**Blue Monkey**  
*Cercopithecus mitis*

Seen in W & E Usambaras, Arusha & Ngorogoro.

**Galagos (Galagidae)**

**Northern Greater Galago**  
*Otolemur g. garnetti*

Seen on Pemba.

**Mountain Dwarf Galago**  
*Galagoides orinus*

Heard in W Usambaras

**Megabats (Pteropodidae)**

**Pemba Flying Fox**  
*Pteropus voeltzkowi*

Endemic

Seen on Pemba.
False Vampire bats (Megadermatidae)
Yellow-winged Bat  Lavia frons
Seen at Serengeti.

Rabbits & Hares (Leporidae)
African Savanna Hare  Lepus victoriae
Seen in Serengeti.
Cape Hare  Lepus capensis
Seen at Engikaret.

Squirrels (Sciuridae)
Unstriped Ground Squirrel  Xerus rutilus
Seen in Tarangire.
Red-legged Sun Squirrel  Heliosciurus rufobrachium
Seen in E Usambaras.

Rats & mice (Muridae)
Unstriped Grass Rat  Arvicanthis niloticus
Seen in Serengeti.

Canids (Canidae)
Golden Jackal  Canis aureus
Seen at Engikaret & Ngorogoro.
Black-backed Jackal  Canis mesomelas
Seen in Tarangire, Ngorogoro & Serengeti.
Bat-eared Fox  Otocyon megalotis
Seen briefly in Tarangire.

Hyaenidae (Hyaenas)
Spotted Hyaena  Crocuta crocuta
Seen in Tarangire, Ngorogoro & Serengeti.

Cats (Felidae)
Serval  Felis serval
Seen in Serengeti.
Leopard  Panthera pardus
Vulnerable. Seen in Tarangire.
Lion  Panthera leo
Vulnerable. Seen in Tarangire, Ngorogoro & Serengeti.
Cheetah  Acinonyx jubatus
Vulnerable. Seen in Serengeti.

Mongoose (Herpestidae)
Banded Mongoose  Mungos mungo
Seen at our lodge in the W Usambaras, at Arusha, Tarangire & Serengeti.
Egyptian Mongoose  Herpestes ichneumon
Seen in W Usambaras.
Slender Mongoose  Herpestes sanguinea
Seen in Tarangire, Ngorogoro & Serengeti.
Dwarf Mongoose  Helogale parvula
Seen in Tarangire & Serengeti.
Hyraxes (Procaviidae)
Yellow-spotted Hyrax  
*Heterohyrax brucei*
Seen in Tarangire.

**Eastern Tree Hyrax**  
*Dendrohyrax validus*
Seen by the guide at Ngorogoro.

Elephants (Elephantidae)
African Elephant  
*Loxodonta africana*
Vulnerable. Seen in Tarangire, Ngorogoro & Serengeti.

Horses (Equidae)
Plains Zebra  
*Equus quagga*
Seen in Tarangire, Ngorogoro & Serengeti.

Rhinoceroses (Rhinocerotidae)
Black Rhinoceros  
*Diceros bicornis*
Critically endangered. Seen at Ngorogoro.

Hippos (Hippopotamidae)
Hippopotamus  
*Hippopotamus amphibious*
Seen at Arusha, Ngorogoro & Serengeti.

Pigs (Suidae)
Common Warthog  
*Phacochoerus africanus*
Seen at Arusha, Ngorogoro & Serengeti.

Giraffes (Giraffidae)
"Masai" Giraffe  
*Giraffa camelopardalis tippelskirchi*
Vulnerable. Seen at Arusha, Tarangire & Serengeti.

Bovids (Bovidae)
Cape Buffalo  
*Syncerus caffer*
Seen at Arusha, Tarangire, Ngorogoro & Serengeti.

Bushbuck  
*Tragelaphus scriptus*
Seen at Arusha & Ngorogoro.

Eland  
*Tragelaphus oryx*

Suni  
*Nesotragus moschatus*

Red Duiker  
*Cephalophus natalensis*

Bohor Reedbuck  
*Redunca redunca*

Steenbok  
*Raphicerus campestris*

Kirk’s Dikdik  
*Madoqua kirkii*

Defassa Waterbuck  
*Kobus ellipsiprymnus defassa*
Seen in Serengeti.

Common Waterbuck  
*Kobus ellipsiprymnus ellipsiprymnus*

Thompson’s Gazelle  
*Eudorcas thomsoni*
Seen at Engikaret, Ngorogoro & Serengeti.
Grant’s Gazelle  \textit{Nanger granti}  
Seen in Tarangire, Ngorogoro & Serengeti.

Impala  \textit{Aepyceros melampus}  
Seen in Tarangire & Serengeti.

Topi  \textit{Damaliscus lunatus}  
Seen in Serengeti.

Coke’s Hartebeest  \textit{Alcelaphus buselaphus cokei}  
Seen in Tarangire, Ngorogoro & Serengeti.

White-bearded Wildebeest  \textit{Connochaetes taurinus albojutatus}  
Seen at Engikaet, Tarangire, Ngorogoro & Serengeti.

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REPTILE LIST

\textbf{Helmeted Turtle (Pelomedusidae)}

Marsh Terrapin  \textit{Pelomedusa subrufa}  
Seen in Serengeti.

\textbf{Geckos (Gekkonidae)}

Tropical House Gecko  \textit{Hemidactylus mabouia}  
Seen on Pemba.

Cape Dwarf Gecko  \textit{Lyodactylus capensis}  
Seen in W Usambaras.

\textbf{Skinks (Scincidae)}

Speckle-lipped Skink  \textit{Trachylepis maculilabris}  
Seen in E Usambaras.

Striped Skink  \textit{Trachylepis striata}  
Seen on Pemba & in Serengeti.

\textbf{Agamas (Agamidae)}

Blue-headed Tree Agama  \textit{Acanthocerus atricollis}  
Seen at Ngorogoro & Serengeti.

Mwanza Flat-headed Agama  \textit{Agama mwanzae}  
Seen in Serengeti.

\textbf{Chameleons (Chamaeleonidae)}

Usambara Two-horned Chameleon  \textit{Chamaeleo fischeri}  
Seen in E Usambaras.

\textbf{Crocodylians (Crocodylidae)}

Nile Crocodile  \textit{Crocodylus niloticus}  
Seen in Serengeti.

\textbf{Colubrid snakes (Colubridae)}

Usambara Forest Snake  \textit{Buhoma vauerocegae}  
Seen in E Usambaras.