



## RWANDA & UGANDA:

GREAT APES &
GREAT BIRDING
A Tropical Birding Custom Trip

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## **TOUR SUMMARY**

This was a custom trip that was designed as part birding trip, part photography trip, and part general natural history adventure. The itinerary was similar, though not identical to our set-departure tour with Rwanda extension. As with any tour to the region, this custom trip was designed to take in a diverse cross-section of birds and mammals, in particular some 'marquee' species like the amazing Shoebill, the enigmatic Green-breasted Pitta, the birds endemic to the mountains of the Albertine Rift, and the great apes: chimpanzee and gorilla, plus the other primates of central Africa. We were successful in achieving all these goals, recording 543 bird species and 43 species of mammals along the way.

Our trip began in Kigali, Rwanda, one of the cleanest and most attractive cities in Africa. From here we traveled south to Nyungwe National Park, the stronghold of Albertine Rift endemics, a set of birds that are only found in a small stretch of mountains on either side of this portion of the Great Rift Valley. In addition to the world-class gorilla experience on offer in Volcanoes NP, Nyungwe is the main reason for including Rwanda on this itinerary. Most of the Albertine Rift



endemics are easier to find here than in Uganda, in what is probably the biggest contiguous block of montane forest left in Africa.



Regal Sunbird is a beautiful bird, and one of dozens of species endemic to the Albertine Rift mountains.

Nyungwe was in good form, and we found nearly all of the Albertine Rift endemics during our days of birding there. Portly Handsome Francolins conveniently walked out onto the road, while Ruwenzori, Black-billed, and Great Blue made tumultuous vocalizations from every corner, and with a bit of work, we had fantastic views of all of them, plus a pair of Ross's Turacos slightly lower down. Watching flowers paid off with a hefty haul of sunbirds including Bronze, Purple-breasted, Blue-headed, Western Olive, Northern and Ruwenzori Double-collared, Regal, Variable, and Collared. Staying out until dusk one night, we easily found the plaintively singing Montane (Ruwenzori) Nightjar floating over a forest glade. A raucous group of White-headed Woodhoopoes and a stunning Bar-tailed Trogon were other treasured sightings. The beautiful Many-colored and Doherty's Bushshrikes were skulky as always, making good views most satisfying in the end. Gray-headed and White-breasted Nigritas sang from the top of tall trees. To complete our set of endemics were Grauer's Warbler, Yelow-eyed Black Flycatcher, Ruwenzori and Masked Mountain



Apalis, Red-faced Woodland-Warbler, Ruwenzori Batis, Strange Weaver, and a nesting pair of Dusky Crimsonwing. Even with endemics aside, Nyungwe is simply one of the most 'birdy' montane forests in Africa. It is fun to bird here; it seems like there is always something to see, in contrast to forests elsewhere, where a long hour can pass without any good bird sightings. Nyungwe is also a great park for primates. One of the best is the largely terrestrial and very handsome L'Hoest's Monkey. Another is the Angolan Pied Colobus, with beautiful black-and-white pelage, and the face of an old man. Although our itinerary included chimp tracking later in the itinerary, we were lucky to stumble upon a group of Chimpanzees in Nyungwe, enjoying a wonderful hour watching these animals feeding on fruit in a canopy tree. They were farther away than on a typical tracking experience, but the views through the scope were great, and it was great to have an unexpected sighting of an unhabituated troop.



Staring into the eyes of a mountain gorilla is one of the world's most amazing natural history experiences.



From Nyungwe, we headed north to Volcans National Park, one of the best places to see the awe-inspiring gorilla. The day of our gorilla trek dawned beautiful and clear, and after a moderate walk, we were surrounded by these remarkable animals. There were endless things to

observe and marvel after, from the antics of the babies in the group to the massively powerful male, the 'silverback' and his affection for his children, to the adult females who carefully looked after their youngsters. Seeing gorillas is one of the top natural history experiences available in the world, and it's impossible to communicate how moving it is to look into the remarkably human eyes of these gentle giants.

A short drive brought us across the



Another Albertine Rift endemic, the Black-faced or Mountain Masked Apalis.

border to begin the Uganda leg of this trip. Although it is adjacent Rwanda, Uganda has a remarkably different character, part of what makes this such an interesting and diverse trip in terms of birds, mammals, scenery, people, and everything else. Our first destination in the country



White-tailed Blue Flycatcher in Bwindi.

of Uganda was the evocatively named 'Bwindi Impenetrable Forest'. The main reason for visiting Bwindi was for the participants to do a second day of gorilla tracking. By all accounts, this second gorilla experience was just as wonderful as the first, though very different, and was heartily worthwhile. We also had time for some easy and enjoyable birding along the main road that runs through the eastern section of the park. Some of the highlight birds here were Yellowbill, Pink-footed Puffback,



elusive Gray-chested Illadopsis, Sharpe's Starling, and Kandt's Waxbill.

On the way out of the mountains and out of Bwindi, we had a final session of montane forest birding in "The Neck" portion of the park, which gave us African Black Duck, Dusky Longtailed Cuckoo, a little group of Black Bee-eaters, Red-tailed, Gray, Little, and Toro Olive Greenbuls, and Seimund's and Green Sunbirds. All of the birding to this point in the trip had been in forested habitats, so the shift to Queen Elizabeth National Park was a dramatic one, and gave us a glut of new birds. We spent hours driving through the Ishasha portion of the park, where we added dozens of new birds to the trip list; species including Blue-throated Roller, Shining-blue Kingfisher, Sooty Chat, a Martial Eagle (with a freshly killed Vervet Monkey), Yellow-throated Longclaw, White-headed Barbet, Greater Honeyguide, African Shrike-flycatcher, Moustached Grass-Warbler, Sooty Chat, and several cisticolas.



Black Bee-eaters in "The Neck" of Bwindi NP.

Our afternoon in Queen Elizabeth was spent on a boat trip in the Kazinga Channel, which must be one of the most enjoyable and productive birding (and mammaling!) boat trips that can be made in Africa. Hundreds of buffalo and hippoes lounged alongside myriad lapwings, herons, egrets, Black Crakes, and many more. Many birds including the gem-like Malachite Kingfishers are remarkably tame when approached by a boat, and the photography in the honey-hued late afternoon African light was spectacularly good. An all-white leucistic Malachite Kingfisher, which has been hanging around the area for a while, was a treat to see. This is one of the best places on the continent to see African Skimmer in large number – we saw well over 100. Among large flocks of the expected "White-breasted" Great Cormorants were also some of the mainly Eurasian



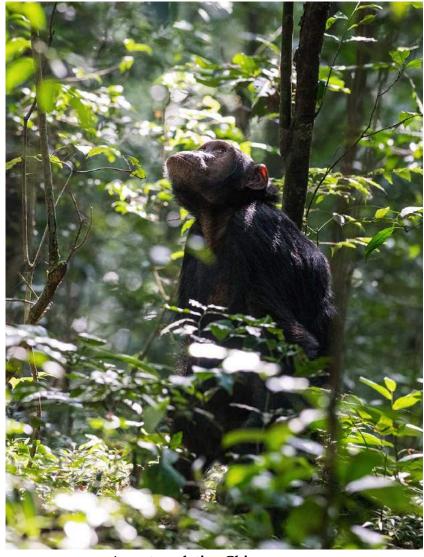
sinensis subspecies, in full breeding plumage. Although generally rare in Africa, this subspecies is regularly seen in this national park. Other mammals seen from the boat trip included African elephant, waterbuck, bushbuck, and Uganda kob.

The following morning, we enjoyed a leisurely morning around the lodge, photographing some of the abundant birdlife of the lodge gardens, species like Red-chested Sunbird, Blackheaded Gonolek, Northern Black Flycatcher, and Slender-billed Weaver. After breakfast, we birded our way out of Queen Elizabeth, through a matrix of lakes, grassland, and patches of trees. The euphorbia-studded landscapes of this national park are quite unlike those of most African savannah environments, and are quite picturesque. Despite being quite warm by late morning, birds were still in abundance. Some of the highlight species included Lappet-faced Vulture, Beaudouin's and Black-breasted Snake-Eagles, elegant Temminck's Coursers, Cardinal Woodpecker, Gray-backed Fiscal, four species larks (White-tailed, Rufous-naped, Flappet, and Red-capped), Mariqua Sunbird, and Arrow-marked Babbler. A quick stop at a huge patch of papyrus turned up Lesser and Greater Swamp-Warblers and Carruther's Cisticola.



This photo is a good representation of the boat trip in Queen Elizabeth NP: loads of good birds (African Skimmers here), big mammals (buffalo), and massive reptiles (Nile Crocodiles) to boot.





A contemplative Chimanzee.

For yet another dramatic change of scenery and habitat, we now plunged into the rainforest of Kibale, which holds a very different set of birds from the highland forests we had birded earlier. We had three nights and two full days to enjoy this magical forest, and to enjoy our wonderful lodge, with bungalows right at the edge of the forest.

Our first mission in Kibale was to track Chimpanzees. Although we had seen them in Nyungwe, we were eager for further "quality time" with this amazing great ape. As they almost always do, the professional staff at the national park headquarters delivered an effective briefing, then after a walk of 20 minutes, some wonderful experiences with a whole troop of chimps, then a long session

of following a male as it walked along the forest floor after descending from the canopy. Although chimps can seem violent and aggressive, the recent spate of dry weather meant that food was scarce, and the chimps were quite subdued and almost pitiable. They were much less active and vocal than in times of abundant food.

After lunch and a siesta, we headed to the community-run Bigodi swamp / forest reserve. This place always delivers a lot of great wildlife, and this visit was no exception. Primates were our main target, and we had great views of Central African Red Colobus and Gray-cheeked Mangaby. Uganda certainly counts among the best places in Africa for mammal-watching for those whose interests extend beyond 'big 5' savannah game viewing. The birding highlight was White-spotted



Flufftail, a member of one of the most elusive bird families on Earth. It took a lot of time and patience, but we eventually had great views of a male flufftail. Other good birds included Senegal Lapwing, Western Nicator, Speckled Tinkerbird, Hairy-breasted Barbet, Buff-spotted Woodpecker, Black-and-white Shrike Flycatcher, Buff-throated Apalis, Snowy-crowned Robin-Chat, Greenthroated and Olive-bellied Sunbirds, and the wonderfully named Joyful Greenbul. Back at our peaceful lodge, our final sighting of the day was several African Gray Parrots flying by on their way to roost.

Our second morning in Kibale was a very early one, as we were in pursuit of the near-mythical Green-breasted Pitta, and wanted to be in the forest awaiting its call as the sun came up. Sure enough, just as the African Wood-Owls went quiet, a pitta began to vocalize. But despite scrambling for a view, we weren't able to locate it in the tree where it was calling, and it went silent. We decided



We had an incredible sighting of Green-breasted Pitta in Kibale.

to hang around the area for a while, which paid dividends when I spotted a pitta just a few yards away. Although it was very shy, we stayed quiet, and managed to soak in wonderful view of the pitta for more than half an hour; an incredible encounter with one of Africa's most mysterious avian residents. We spent the rest of the morning walking in the forest, where birding was tough, but we still managed to find several new species, including Lemon Dove, Chestnut Wattle-eye, Red-tailed Bristlebill, White-throated Greenbul, Brown and Scaly-breasted Illadopsis, and Brown-chested Alethe. Late in the morning, we stumbled into a troop of Chimpanzees lounging around on and near the forest floor, yet another bonus chimp sighting! In some ways, this third and final



encounter with chimps was our best of all, and because of close range and abundant sunlight filtering to the forest floor, made for our best photos of these wonderful beats.

In the afternoon, we returned to the forest, this time doing some easier birding along a broad forest road. Here we spotted Brown-eared Woodpecker, Red-headed Malimbe, Purpleheaded Starling, and several other new species.

From Kibale, we had a very long drive to Masindi. Thankfully this drive took us through one of the most 'birdy' portions of Uganda, and we had lots to look at as we drove, seeing over 100 species on this travel day! A quick stop in the northern section of Kibale gave us Yellow-mantled Weaver, Masked Apalis, Narrow-tailed Starling, and Bocage's Bushshrike. Further along, entering some beautiful and sparsely-populated savannah habitat, we found Western Banded Snake-Eagle, Eastern Plantain-eater (abundant from this point in the trip onwards), Striped Kingfisher, European Bee-eater, African Blue Flycatcher, Brown-backed Scrub-Robin, and Fawn-breasted Waxbill.





Two of our most prized sightings in Budongo: Brown Twinspot (left) and Blue-breasted Kingfisher (right).

In the Masindi area, we again traded savannah for forest. Our full day in Budongo Forest dawned with the prospect of loads of new birds, as this forest is one of the most diverse and interesting in Uganda. We struck out early for the Royal Mile section of this forest, a tall and open stretch of forest accessed by a wide road, making for exceptionally easy rainforest birding. A full day spent in the forest yielded many prizes: Crested Guineafowl, glimpses of Nahan's Francolin,



Blue-breasted Kingfisher, Spotted and various other Greenbuls, African Forest Flycatcher, Olive-green and Yellow-browed Cameropteras, Lemon-bellied Crombec, Rufous-crowned Eremomela, and perhaps best of all, the highly localized Ituri Batis. European Honey Buzzard and Red-necked Falcon were two excellent raptor sightings for the day, with the former in the forest and the latter in open country on the way back to Masindi. Although we heard chimps at very close range, we never spotted them for a 3<sup>rd</sup> "bonus" chimp sighting! As usual, the scrub outside of the forest was also productive, and the birding much easier. Here we encountered White-thighed Hornbills in the company of Black-and-white Casqued, Brown-crowned Tchagra, Meyer's Parrot, Dark-capped Yellow Warbler, Black and Black-winged Bishops, Black-bellied Firefinch, and best of all, a couple of Brown Twinspots. At another spot, we found the scarce Cabanis's Bunting. Some night birding around the grounds of our hotel turned up nothing but a few fruit bats.



Gray-headed Oliveback is an uncommon to rare bird that is not widespread in East Africa.

Heading west and north from Masindi, we headed towards Murchison Falls National Park, a renowned birding location, and the place where we hoped to find the amazing shoebill. Our first mission was at Crammy's "personal" stakeout for Gray-headed Oliveback, where we had failed to find the bird on the previous afternoon. This time, we struck gold, with a beautiful pair of this rare



little waxbill. Heading west, the country grew drier, and the birds changed once again. By the time we arrived at the Butiaba Escarpment, the countryside was more like southern Ethiopia than the Congo. This is one of the amazing things about Uganda – you can encounter a full range of African ecosystems within a very short distance. This is Africa's prime biological crossroads, and the contrasts are striking. In the dry savanna around the escarpment we encountered Foxy Cisticola, Mocking Cliff-Chat, Cinnamon-breasted Bunting, Brown Babbler, and Chestnut-crowned



The incomparable Shoebill.

Sparrow-Weaver, and enjoyed a picnic lunch with a sweeping view of the Albertine Rift. After descending to the vast grasslands along the shores of Lake Albert, we continued to enjoy lots of bird activity despite the mid-day heat. A pair of massive Abyssinian Ground-Hornbills took honors for "bird of the day". Other good sightings included Dark Chanting Goshawk, Black-headed Lapwing, Senegal Coual, Swallow-tailed Bee-eater. Black-billed Barbet, African Gray Woodpecker, Redheaded Lovebird, Silverbird, Spotted Morning-Thrush, Northern Wheatear, and many others. Late in the afternoon, we arrived at our comfortable and beautifully situated lodge, right on the shore of the Nile River, and enjoyed a "sundowner" drink in a classically African setting.

One of our major targets in Murchison Falls was the Shoebill. This lanky bird is fairly heron-like except for its remarkably huge bill. Although it may be distantly related to pelicans, it is odd and distinctive



enough to be considered a monotypic family. Most of the Shoebills in the world are found in a huge wetland in southern Sudan, and inaccessible to birders. Another major stronghold is in a remote part of southern Tanzania. This leaves Uganda as the most accessible place in the world to see a Shoebill. So our hopes were high as we struck out on the broad Nile River, especially as our boatman had recently seen a shoebill just a few minutes from our lodge. Sure enough, when we rounded a corner, there was a mighty "whale-headed stork" standing there. Gasps, exclamations, and many hundreds of photos followed. Our early success with the major target left us lots of time to enjoy the rich birdlife of the Victoria Nile, not to mention the wonderfully early morning light. Just a few of many highlights included Saddle-billed Stork, several kingfishers, Redwinged Gray Warbler, Senegal and Water Thick-knees, a huge flock of Collared Pratincoles, lots of hippos and buffalo, Goliath Heron, and Red-throated Bee-eater.



Water Thick-knee along the Victoria Nile.

Our afternoon was spent on a boat trip to the park's namesake Murchison Falls, where the vast flow of the Nile rushes through a rock passage that is only a few yards wide. If this falls were in the United States, it would have been surrounded by dozens of resorts and hotels, for the last hundred or more years. Although the boat trip is mainly about the scenery, and drinking a few Nile beers while floating on the Nile River, we also enjoyed some good wildlife sightings including a huge bull elephant at the river's edge, a flyover from a Bat Hawk, and a couple of Rock Pratincoles.





Mighty Murchison Falls as seen from below.

The second day in Murchison was dedicated to exploring the northern sector of the park, on the north bank of the river. This part of the park is best for mammals, as it's much more open than the southern portion. We found mammals aplenty; this is the stereotypically African landscape that is studded with giraffes and various elephants. Although it is similar from a distance, there are

some different mammals here than the classic destinations like the Masai Mara. These include the long-legged and terrestrial Patas Monkey, the Uganda Kob, Oribi, and Lelwel Hartebeest. The day's best mammal sighting was a big healthy Lion strolling through the tall grass. Birds played second fiddle to mammals on this day, but certainly weren't ignored. We spotted Heuglin's Francolin, Rueppell's Griffon, Tawny and Steppe Eagles, Montagu's Harrier, Denham's and Blackbellied Bustards, Isabelline and Woodchat Shrikes, Pygmy Sunbird, and an unexpected flock of

Chestnut Weavers. The highlight of the day for Ken was seeing a flock of nearly 1000 Caspian Plovers, many still in beautiful breeding plumage. This is a generally scarce migrant from Eurasia, which is seen in small numbers in most places, though it is regularly in large flocks in Murchison. To cap a wonderful day in the savannah, we made a night drive,

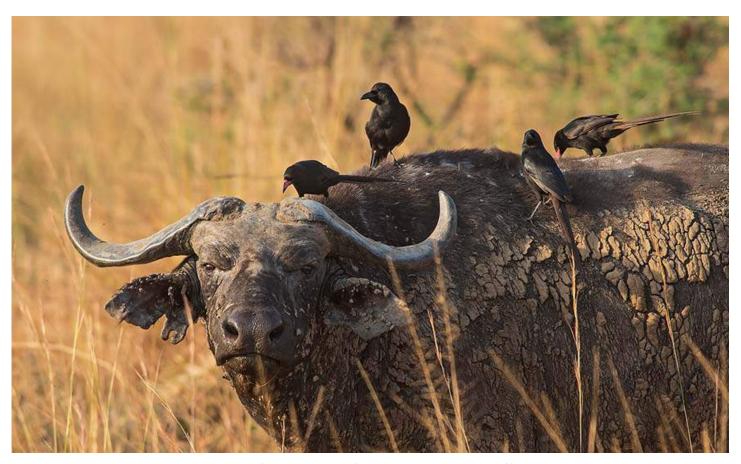
spotting several displaying Standard-

Murchison is great for mammals like "Rothschild's" Giraffe.



winged Nightjars. Most people when seeing this bird fly cannot believe that it is a single bird; they insist that it's a bird being chased by two bats!

A long drive south brought us past the capital of Kampala, to the sister city of Entebbe, on the shores of Lake Victoria. The final morning of the tour was spent visiting Mabamba Swamp, another famous haunt of the Shoebill. Once again, we enjoyed excellent luck, quickly finding one Shoebill, which eventually joined another. After standing side-by-side for a long while, they started engaging in a bizarre display of some kind, which we suspect was a mating display. We had hopes of seeing them mate, but these flirtations came to nothing, at least while we were there to see! Although there weren't huge numbers of new birds possible, we did manage to find some quality species like Greater Swamp-Warbler, Papyrus Gonolek, Lesser Jacana, and Yellow-billed Duck. After a picnic lunch, we drove back to Entebbe to connect with our outbound international flights, bringing to the close a trip that had been wonderfully in terms of wildlife sightings, varied African landscapes, and good company.



Two for the price of one: Piapiacs on a Buffalo!



## **ITINERARY**

**January 20** Kigali, RWANDA to Nyungwe NP.

January 21 Nyungwe NP.

January 22 Nyungwe NP to Butare.
January 23 Butare to Volcanoes NP.

**January 24** Volcanoes NP gorilla tracking. Afternoon to Kisoro, UGANDA.

January 25

January 26

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January 28

Kisoro to Bwindi Impenetrable NP.

Bwindi Impenetrable NP gorilla tracking.

Bwindi NP to Queen Elizabeth NP.

Queen Elizabeth NP to Kibale NP.

**January 29** Kibale NP chimp tracking.

January 30 Kibale NP.

**January 31** Kibale NP to Masindi.

**February 1** Royal Mile, Budongo Forest. **February 2** Masindi to Murchison Falls NP.

**February 3** Murchison Falls NP. **February 4** Murchison Falls NP.

**February 5** Murchison Falls NP to Entebbe.

**February 6** Mabamba Swamp. Departure from Entebbe.



Uganda Kob being buzzed by a Montagu's Harrier in Murchison Falls NP.



## **PHOTO GALLERY**

Follows tour's chronology



Dusky Crimsonwing (left) and Ruwenzori Turaco (right); splashes of color in the cloud forest of Nyungwe.



L'Hoest's Monkey is one of the best of Nyungwe's bounty of primates.





Boehm's Squirrel (left) and Bar-tailed Trogon (right).



Black-and-white Casqued Hornbill is common in Nyungwe's lower elevations.









Red-faced Woodland Warbler (left) is an Albertine Rift endemic, while Chubb's Cisticola (right) has a slightly wider Afromontane distribution.



Northern Double-collared Sunbird is common around the Nyungwe park headquarters.





Nyungwe is Africa's richest forest for montane birds like the Gray Cuckooshrike.



Great Blue Turaco is a gaudy, massive bird, far larger than other turacos.





Brown-capped Weaver (left) and Vervet Monkey (right), both in Nyungwe.



Montane forest birds: Banded Prinia (left) and Yellow-whiskered Greenbul (right).





Eastern Mountain-Greenbul, part of a complex of greenbuls that was recently split up.



On the way to Volcanoes, we birded a lower-elevation wetland and found species like Blue-headed Coucal.





The Gray-capped Warbler is an inhabitant of swamps and wet scrub.



The scarce Ruwenzori Double-collared Sunbird can reliably be found in Rwanda's Volcanoes NP.







Gorilla tracking: one of the top natural history experiences on Earth.







A bright-eyed young Mountain Gorilla.



Montane Side-striped Chameleon; East Africa's chameleon diversity is second only to Madagascar's.





A couple of pied birds in the Albertine Rift: the endemic Ruwenzori Batis (left) and Northern Puffback (right).



The usually skulking Mountain Yellow Warbler.





Two beautiful Albertine Rift endemics: Purple-breasted Sunbird (left) and Archer's Robin-Chat (right).



Hadada Ibis belting out its namesake "HADADA" call.





A cackling group of White-headed Woodhoopoes.





Two scarce montane bird species: Thick-billed Seedeater (left) and Doherty's Bushshrike (right).





There are Albertine Rift endemic mammals too, like the Ruwenzori Sun Squirrel.



The endemic Blue-headed Sunbird, in Bwindi NP.





Yellow-streaked Greenbul (left) and White-browed Crombec (right).



After a week in the mountains of the Albertine Rift, we headed for the lowland forests, savannahs, and swamps of Uganda. This view greeted us as we said farewell to the heights.







Sightings during a short but productive visit to "The Neck" of Bwindi NP included White-tailed Ant-Thrush (left) and Blue-throated Brown Sunbird (right).



Entering the savannah of Queen Elizabeth NP, we started seeing species like Sooty Chat.





An immature African Fish Eagle seen on the Kazinga Channel boat trip.





The new birds came thick and fast in Queen Elizabeth: Yellow-throated Longclaw (left) and Swamp Flycatcher (right).





Intricate textures of an African Elephant.

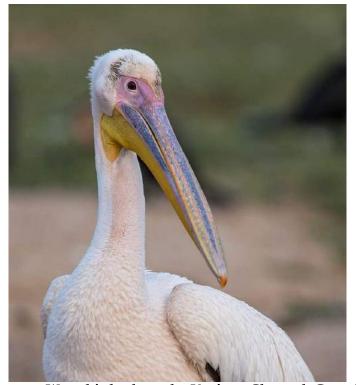


The smallest of the region's swallow, the Wire-tailed Swallow.





This leucistic Malachite Kingfisher was one of the top birds of the trip for Ken!





Waterbirds along the Kazinga Channel: Great White Pelican (left) and Water Thick-knee (right).





The photos on these few pages tell the story: the Queen Elizabeth boat trip is absolutely amazing for wildlife photography! Birds like this Pied Kingfisher are remarkably abundant and tame.



Kazinga is one of the best places on Earth for African Skimmer.





A small number of sinensis Great Cormorants in full breeding plumage were mixed with the expected "White-breasted" Great Cormorants.







Yellow-billed Oxpecker actually has a bicolored bill!



Rueppell's Starling is a common savannah species.









A couple birds with red and yellow bare parts: Yellow-billed Stork (left) and African Wattled Lapwing (right).







Carruther's Cisticola (left) and Black-headed Gonolek (right).



Crowned Lapwing prefers the dry grasslands of Queen Elizabeth.



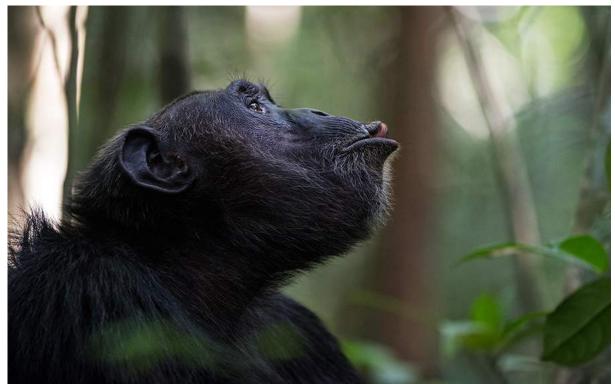


A Red-billed Firefinch looking to feather its nest.

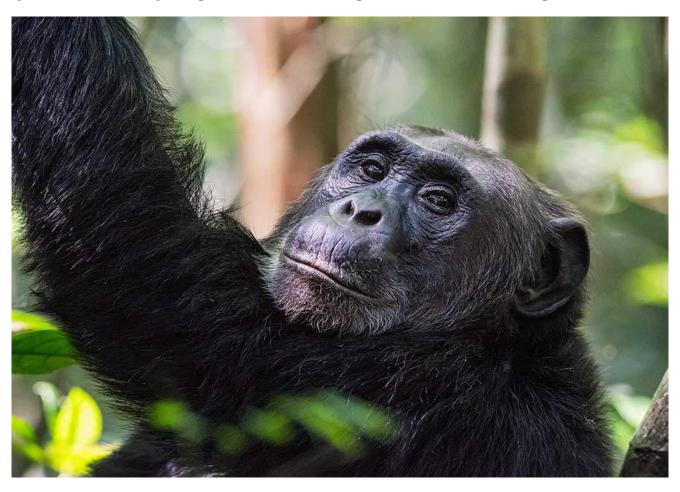


Red-chested Sunbird is an oddity within its family, as a wetland-dwelling sunbird.





Seeing half of the world's great apes is one of this tour's prime features. These Chimpanzees were in Kibale.









Forest denizens in Kibale: Brown Pansy (left) and Speckled Tinkerbird (right).



Great apes are certainly not the only primates in Uganda! This is the Central African Red Colobus.





In the Bigodi Swamp reserve, we saw a couple of Senegal Lapwings.



Two species found across much of the Congo basin and into Uganda: Red-headed Malimbe (left) and Black-headed Paradise Flycatcher (right).





Gray-cheeked Mangaby is one of Uganda's least common primates.



Mountain Wagtail along a river through Kibale Forest.





Uganda has an incredible range of weavers. These are Baglafecht (left) and Northern Brown-throated (right).



Black-crowned Waxbill digging into a seed head.





The African Pied Wagtail is one of the most widespread and common birds on this tour.



Two rainforest prizes: Honeyguide Greenbul (left) and Yellow-mantled Weaver (right).





Eastern Gray Plantain Eater is common in Uganda from the Masindi area north.



During our day in Budongo Forest, we saw Brown Twinspot (left) and Western Black-headed Oriole (right).





Forest interior birds in Budongo: Blue-breasted Kingfisher (left) and Rufous Flycatcher-Thrush (right).



The Cabanis's Bunting is scarce throughout its range.





Gray-headed Kingfisher is a kingfisher of dry woodland.



Sacred Ibises dropping out of the sky.





The Piapiac is an odd member of the jay and crow family, with a beautiful maroon eye.



Saddle-billed Stork doppelgangers.



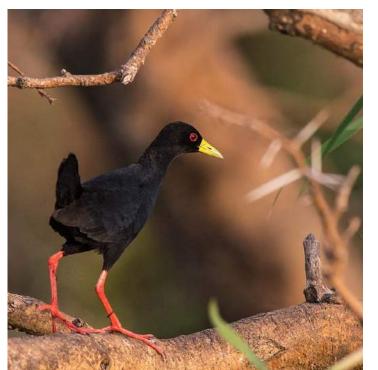






A couple of scarce birds in Murchison: Bat Hawk (left) and Red-winged Gray Warbler (right).







Colors galore in Murchison: Black Crake (left) and Red-throated Bee-eater (right).



A Comb Duck over the Victoria Nile River.





African Darter flying over the Nile at high speed.





Abdim's Stork (left) and Uganda Kob (right) in the grasslands of Murchison.





Cape Buffalo trio.



A huge flock of Collared Pratincoles.









Murchison Falls NP supports a large population of elephants.



The wonderful Abyssinian Ground Hornbill is regularly encountered in Murchison.





In Murchison Falls NP, Tantalus Monkey replaces and mixes with the more widespread Vervet Monkey.



This trip has not only great apes, but also big cats like this male Lion.



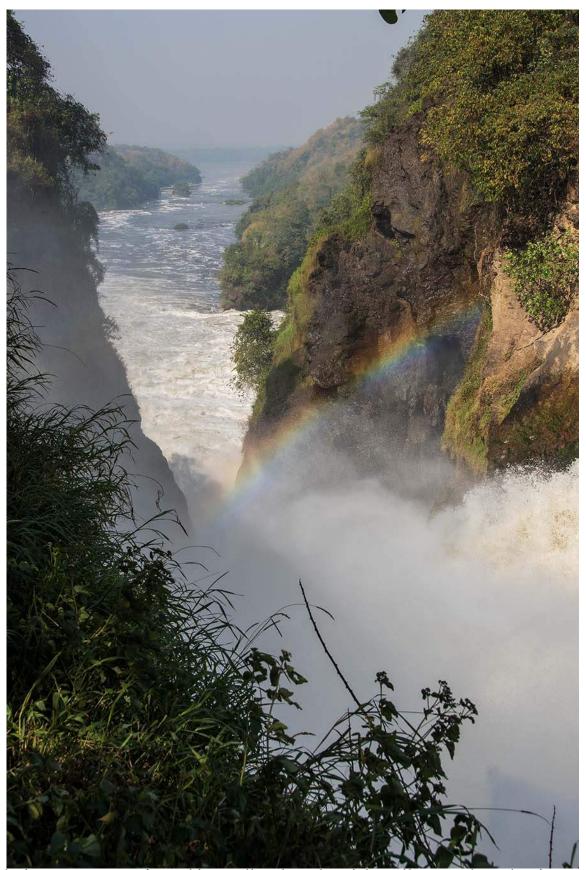


Gray Kestrel (left) and a breeding-plumaged Caspian Plover (right).



Sunset over the Nile River, with the grunting of hippos in the background.





The immense power of Murchison Falls, where the mighty Nile pours through a tiny gap.





The Patas Monkey is a beautiful and rather odd terrestrial monkey of northern Africa.



A sub-adult Palm-nut Vulture.







Northern Carmine Bee-eater (left) and Speckle-fronted Weaver (right).



The Side-striped Jackal is widespread in Africa, but is not seen very often.





Sightings on the way to Mabamba Swamp: African Gray Parrot (left) and White-throated Bee-eater (right).









There is a bustling weaver colony at Mabamba, populated by Village (left) and Vieillot's Black (right) Weavers.



This tour ended with a bang: incredible and leisurely "bonus" views of a pair of Shoebills.





Can you see the Shoebills?





Shoebills sometimes soar, and always look rather primitive and even reptilian.



## **BIRD LIST**

Taxonomy and nomenclature follow *The Clements Checklist of the Birds of the World v2015* (including updates through August 2015).

ANSERIFORMES: Anatidae		
White-faced Whistling-Duck	Dendrocygna viduata	
Comb Duck	Sarkidiornis melanotos	
Egyptian Goose	Alopochen aegyptiaca	
Spur-winged Goose	Plectropterus gambensis	
African Black Duck	Anas sparsa	
Yellow-billed Duck	Anas undulata	
Hottentot Teal	Anas hottentota	
Garganey	Anas querquedula	
GALLIFORMES: Numididae		
Helmeted Guineafowl	Numida meleagris	
Crested Guineafowl	Guttera pucherani	
GALLIFORMES: Odontophoridae		
Nahan's Francolin	Ptilopachus nahani	
<b>GALLIFORMES: Phasianidae</b>		
Handsome Francolin	Pternistis nobilis	
Heuglin's Francolin	Pternistis icterorhynchus	
Scaly Francolin	Pternistis squamatus	
Red-necked Francolin	Pternistis afer	G
Crested Francolin	Francolinus sephaena	
PODICIPEDIFORMES: Podicipedidae	e	
Little Grebe	Tachybaptus ruficollis	
CICONIIFORMES: Ciconiidae	<u> </u>	
African Openbill	Anastomus lamelligerus	
Abdim's Stork	Ciconia abdimii	
Woolly-necked Stork	Ciconia episcopus	
Saddle-billed Stork	Ephippiorhynchus senegalensis	
Marabou Stork	Leptoptilos crumenifer	
Yellow-billed Stork	Mycteria ibis	
SULIFORMES: Phalacrocoracidae	<u> </u>	
Great Cormorant	Phalacrocorax carbo	
Long-tailed Cormorant	Phalacrocorax africanus	
SULIFORMES: Anhingidae		
African Darter	Anhinga rufa	
PELECANIFORMES: Pelecanidae		
Great White Pelican	Pelecanus onocrotalus	
Pink-backed Pelican	Pelecanus rufescens	



PELECANIFORMES: Balaenicipitidae	
Shoebill	Balaeniceps rex
PELECANIFORMES: Scopidae	
Hamerkop	Scopus umbretta
PELECANIFORMES: Ardeidae	,
Little Bittern	Ixobrychus minutus
Gray Heron	Ardea cinerea
Black-headed Heron	Ardea melanocephala
Goliath Heron	Ardea goliath
Purple Heron	Ardea purpurea
Great Egret	Ardea alba
Intermediate Egret	Mesophoyx intermedia
Little Egret	Egretta garzetta
Cattle Egret	Bubulcus ibis
Squacco Heron	Ardeola ralloides
Striated Heron	Butorides striata
Black-crowned Night-Heron	Nycticorax nycticorax
PELECANIFORMES: Threskiornithidae	
Glossy Ibis	Plegadis falcinellus
Sacred Ibis	Threskiornis aethiopicus
Hadada Ibis	Bostrychia hagedash
African Spoonbill	Platalea alba
ACCIPITRIFORMES: Pandionidae	
Osprey	Pandion haliaetus
ACCIPITRIFORMES: Accipitridae	
Black-shouldered Kite	Elanus caeruleus
African Harrier-Hawk	Polyboroides typus
Palm-nut Vulture	Gypohierax angolensis
European Honey-buzzard	Pernis apivorus
Lappet-faced Vulture	Torgos tracheliotos
Hooded Vulture	Necrosyrtes monachus
White-backed Vulture	Gyps africanus
Rueppell's Griffon	Gyps rueppelli
Bateleur	Terathopius ecaudatus
Short-toed Snake-Eagle	Circaetus gallicus
Beaudouin's Snake-Eagle	Circaetus beaudouini
Black-breasted Snake-Eagle	Circaetus pectoralis
(Western) Banded Snake-Eagle	Circaetus cinerascens
Bat Hawk	Macheiramphus alcinus
Crowned Hawk-Eagle	Stephanoaetus coronatus
Martial Eagle	Polemaetus bellicosus
Long-crested Eagle	Lophaetus occipitalis



Lesser Spotted Eagle	Clanga pomarina	
Wahlberg's Eagle	Hieraaetus wahlbergi	
Booted Eagle	Hieraaetus pennatus	
Tawny Eagle	Aquila rapax	
Steppe Eagle	Aquila nipalensis	
Lizard Buzzard	Kaupifalco monogrammicus	
Dark Chanting-Goshawk	Melierax metabates	
Grasshopper Buzzard	Butastur rufipennis	
Eurasian Marsh-Harrier	Circus aeruginosus	
African Marsh-Harrier	Circus ranivorus	
Pallid Harrier	Circus macrourus	
Montagu's Harrier	Circus pygargus	
African Goshawk	Accipiter tachiro	
Rufous-chested Sparrowhawk	Accipiter rufiventris	
Black Kite	Milvus migrans	
African Fish-Eagle	Haliaeetus vocifer	
Common (Steppe) Buzzard	Buteo buteo	
Mountain Buzzard	Buteo oreophilus	
Augur Buzzard	Buteo augur	
OTIDIFORMES: Otididae		
Denham's Bustard	Neotis denhami	
Black-bellied Bustard	Lissotis melanogaster	
GRUIFORMES: Rallidae		
African Rail	Rallus caerulescens	
Black Crake	Amaurornis flavirostra	
Eurasian Moorhen	Gallinula chloropus	
Red-knobbed Coot	Fulica cristata	
GRUIFORMES: Sarothruridae		
White-spotted Flufftail	Sarothrura pulchra	
GRUIFORMES: Gruidae		
Gray Crowned-Crane	Balearica regulorum	
CHARADRIIFORMES: Burhinidae		
Water Thick-knee	Burhinus vermiculatus	
Senegal Thick-knee	Burhinus senegalensis	
CHARADRIIFORMES: Recurvirostridae		
Black-winged Stilt	Himantopus himantopus	
CHARADRIIFORMES: Charadriidae		
Long-toed Lapwing	Vanellus crassirostris	
Spur-winged Lapwing	Vanellus spinosus	
Black-headed Lapwing	Vanellus tectus	
Senegal Lapwing	Vanellus lugubris	
Crowned Lapwing	Vanellus coronatus	



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Ruddy Turnstone Arenaria interpres	
Ruff Calidris pugnax	
Curlew Sandpiper Calidris ferruginea	
Little Stint Calidris minuta	
Common Snipe Gallinago gallinago	
CHARADRIIFORMES: Glareolidae	
Temminck's Courser Cursorius temminckii	
Collared Pratincole Glareola pratincola	
Rock Pratincole Glareola nuchalis	
CHARADRIIFORMES: Laridae	
Gray-hooded Gull Chroicocephalus cirrocephalus	
Black-headed Gull Chroicocephalus ridibundus	
Lesser Black-backed Gull Larus fuscus	
Gull-billed Tern Gelochelidon nilotica	
White-winged Tern Chlidonias leucopterus	
Whiskered Tern Chlidonias hybrida	
African Skimmer Rynchops flavirostris	
COLUMBIFORMES: Columbidae	
Rock Pigeon Columba livia	
Speckled Pigeon Columba guinea	
Afep Pigeon Columba unicincta	
Rameron Pigeon Columba arquatrix	
Lemon Dove Columba larvata	
Dusky Turtle-Dove Streptopelia lugens	
Mourning Collared-Dove Streptopelia decipiens	
Red-eyed Dove Streptopelia semitorquata	
Ring-necked Dove Streptopelia capicola	



Vinaceous Dove	Streptopelia vinacea	
Laughing Dove	Streptopelia senegalensis	
Black-billed Wood-Dove	Turtur abyssinicus	
Blue-spotted Wood-Dove	Turtur afer	
Tambourine Dove	Turtur tympanistria	
Namaqua Dove	Oena capensis	
African Green-Pigeon	Treron calvus	
CUCULIFORMES: Musophagidae	THE FOIL CUIVUS	
Great Blue Turaco	Conuthagola cristata	
Black-billed Turaco	Corythaeola cristata Tauraco schuettii	
White-crested Turaco		
	Tauraco leucolophus	
Ruwenzori Turaco Ross's Turaco	Ruwenzorornis johnstoni	
	Musophaga rossae	
Eastern Plantain-eater	Crinifer zonurus	
CUCULIFORMES: Cuculidae	Cusulus salitarius	
Red-chested Cuckoo	Cuculus solitarius	
Black Cuckoo	Cuculus clamosus	Н
Common Cuckoo	Cuculus canorus	
Dusky Long-tailed Cuckoo	Cercococcyx mechowi	
Barred Long-tailed Cuckoo	Cercococcyx montanus	
Klaas's Cuckoo	Chrysococcyx klaas	
African Emerald Cuckoo	Chrysococcyx cupreus	Н
Dideric Cuckoo	Chrysococcyx caprius	
Yellowbill	Ceuthmochares aereus	
Blue-headed Coucal	Centropus monachus	
Senegal Coucal	Centropus senegalensis	
White-browed Coucal	Centropus superciliosus	
STRIGIFORMES: Strigidae	6	
African Wood-Owl	Strix woodfordii	
CAPRIMULGIFORMES: Caprimulgidae	Considerational and in a said	
Standard-winged Nightjar	Caprimulgus longipennis	
Black-shouldered Nightjar	Caprimulgus nigriscapularis	
Montane Nightjar	Caprimulgus ruwenzorii	
Long-tailed Nightjar	Caprimulgus climacurus	
Square-tailed Nightjar	Caprimulgus fossii	
APODIFORMES: Apodidae		
Sabine's Spinetail	Rhaphidura sabini	
Scarce Swift	Schoutedenapus myoptilus	
Alpine Swift	Apus melba	
Common Swift	Apus apus	
African Swift	Apus barbatus	
Little Swift	Apus affinis	



White-rumped Swift	Apus caffer	
African Palm-Swift	Cypsiurus parvus	
COLIIFORMES: Coliidae		
Speckled Mousebird	Colius striatus	
Blue-naped Mousebird	Urocolius macrourus	
TROGONIFORMES: Trogonidae		
Narina Trogon	Apaloderma narina	
Bar-tailed Trogon	Apaloderma vittatum	
BUCEROTIFORMES: Upupidae		
Eurasian Hoopoe	<i><b>Upupa epops</b></i>	Н
BUCEROTIFORMES: Phoeniculidae		
White-headed Woodhoopoe	Phoeniculus bollei	
Black Scimitar-bill	Rhinopomastus aterrimus	Н
BUCEROTIFORMES: Bucorvidae		
Abyssinian Ground-Hornbill	Bucorvus abyssinicus	
BUCEROTIFORMES: Bucerotidae		
Crowned Hornbill	Lophoceros alboterminatus	
African Gray Hornbill	Lophoceros nasutus	
Black-and-white-casqued Hornbill	Bycanistes subcylindricus	
White-thighed Hornbill	Bycanistes albotibialis	
CORACIIFORMES: Alcedinidae		
Shining-blue Kingfisher	Alcedo quadribrachys	
Malachite Kingfisher	Corythornis cristatus	
White-bellied Kingfisher	Corythornis leucogaster	
African Pygmy-Kingfisher	Ispidina picta	
African Dwarf Kingfisher	Ispidina lecontei	Н
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Chocolate-backed Kingfisher	Halcyon badia	H
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Madagascar Bee-eater	Merops superciliosus	
European Bee-eater	Merops apiaster	
Northern Carmine Bee-eater	Merops nubicus	
CORACIIFORMES: Coraciidae		
Broad-billed Roller	Eurystomus glaucurus	
Blue-throated Roller	Eurystomus gularis	
PICIFORMES: Lybiidae	, 3	<u> </u>
Yellow-billed Barbet	Trachyphonus purpuratus	
Gray-throated Barbet	Gymnobucco bonapartei	
Speckled Tinkerbird	Pogoniulus scolopaceus	
Yellow-throated Tinkerbird	Pogoniulus subsulphureus	
Yellow-rumped Tinkerbird	Pogoniulus bilineatus	
Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird	Pogoniulus chrysoconus	
Yellow-spotted Barbet	Buccanodon duchaillui	
Hairy-breasted Barbet	Tricholaema hirsuta	
Spot-flanked Barbet	Tricholaema lacrymosa	
White-headed Barbet	Lybius leucocephalus	
Black-billed Barbet	Lybius guifsobalito	
Double-toothed Barbet	Lybius bidentatus	
PICIFORMES: Indicatoridae		
Wahlberg's Honeyguide	Prodotiscus regulus	
Dwarf Honeyguide	Indicator pumilio	
Willcocks's Honeyguide	Indicator willcocksi	Н
Least Honeyguide	Indicator exilis	
Thick-billed Honeyguide	Indicator conirostris	Н
Lesser Honeyguide	Indicator minor	G
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Lanner Falcon	Falco biarmicus	
PSITTACIFORMES: Psittaculidae		
Red-headed Lovebird	Agapornis pullarius	
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Gray Parrot	Psittacus erithacus	
Meyer's Parrot	Poicephalus meyeri	
PASSERIFORMES: Calyptomenidae		
African Broadbill	Smithornis capensis	
PASSERIFORMES: Pittidae		
Green-breasted Pitta	Pitta reichenowi	
PASSERIFORMES: Platysteiridae		
Brown-throated Wattle-eye	Platysteira cyanea	
Chestnut Wattle-eye	Platysteira castanea	
Jameson's Wattle-eye	Platysteira jamesoni	
Ruwenzori Batis	Batis diops	
Chinspot Batis	Batis molitor	
Black-headed Batis	Batis minor	
Ituri Batis	Batis ituriensis	
PASSERIFORMES: Vangidae		
African Shrike-flycatcher	Megabyas flammulatus	
Black-and-white Shrike-flycatcher	Bias musicus	
PASSERIFORMES: Malaconotidae		
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Mackinnon's Shrike	Lanius mackinnoni	
Northern Fiscal	Lanius humeralis	
Woodchat Shrike	Lanius senator	
Yellow-billed Shrike	Corvinella corvina	
PASSERIFORMES: Oriolidae		
Western Black-headed Oriole	Oriolus brachyrhynchus	
African Black-headed Oriole	Oriolus larvatus	
Black-tailed (Montane) Oriole	Oriolus percivali	
PASSERIFORMES: Dicruridae		
Fork-tailed Drongo	Dicrurus adsimilis	
Velvet-mantled Drongo	Dicrurus modestus	
PASSERIFORMES: Monarchidae		
Black-headed Paradise-Flycatcher	Terpsiphone rufiventer	
African Paradise-Flycatcher	Terpsiphone viridis	
PASSERIFORMES: Corvidae		
Piapiac	Ptilostomus afer	
Pied Crow	Corvus albus	
White-necked Raven	Corvus albicollis	
PASSERIFORMES: Nicatoridae		<u></u>
Western Nicator	Nicator chloris	
PASSERIFORMES: Alaudidae		
White-tailed Lark	Mirafra albicauda	
Rufous-naped Lark	Mirafra africana	
Flappet Lark	Mirafra rufocinnamomea	
Red-capped Lark	Calandrella cinerea	
PASSERIFORMES: Hirundinidae		<u></u>
Plain Martin	Riparia paludicola	
Bank Swallow	Riparia riparia	
Banded Martin	Riparia cincta	
Rock Martin	Ptyonoprogne fuligula	
Barn Swallow	Hirundo rustica	
Angola Swallow	Hirundo angolensis	
Wire-tailed Swallow	Hirundo smithii	
Red-rumped Swallow	Cecropis daurica	
Lesser Striped-Swallow	Cecropis abyssinica	
Mosque Swallow	Cecropis senegalensis	
White-headed Sawwing	Psalidoprocne albiceps	
Black Sawwing	Psalidoprocne pristoptera	
PASSERIFORMES: Stenostiridae		
African Blue-Flycatcher	Elminia longicauda	
White-tailed Blue-Flycatcher	Elminia albicauda	
PASSERIFORMES: Paridae		



Dusky Tit	Melaniparus funereus	
Stripe-breasted Tit	Melaniparus fasciiventer	
PASSERIFORMES: Pycnonotidae	, , ,	
Slender-billed Greenbul	Stelgidillas gracilirostris	
Red-tailed Bristlebill	Bleda syndactylus	
Eastern Mountain-Greenbul	Arizelocichla nigriceps	
Joyful Greenbul	Chlorocichla laetissima	
Honeyguide Greenbul	Baeopogon indicator	
Yellow-throated Greenbul	Atimastillas flavicollis	
Red-tailed Greenbul	Criniger calurus	
(Little) Gray Greenbul	Eurillas gracilis	
Plain (Cameroon Sombre) Greenbul	Eurillas curvirostris	
Yellow-whiskered Greenbul	Eurillas latirostris	
Little Greenbul	Eurillas virens	
Toro Olive-Greenbul	Phyllastrephus hypochloris	
Cabanis's Greenbul	Phyllastrephus cabanisi	
Icterine Greenbul	Phyllastrephus icterinus	
White-throated Greenbul	Phyllastrephus albigularis	
Yellow-streaked Greenbul	Phyllastrephus flavostriatus	
Common Bulbul	Pycnonotus barbatus	
PASSERIFORMES: Macrosphenidae		
Green Crombec	Sylvietta virens	
Lemon-bellied Crombec	Sylvietta denti	
White-browed Crombec	Sylvietta leucophrys	
Northern Crombec	Sylvietta brachyura	
Red-faced Crombec	Sylvietta whytii	
Moustached Grass-Warbler	Melocichla mentalis	
Gray Longbill	Macrosphenus concolor	Н
Grauer's Warbler	Graueria vittata	
Green Hylia	Hylia prasina	
PASSERIFORMES: Cettiidae		
Chestnut-capped Flycatcher	Erythrocercus mccallii	
Neumann's (Short-tailed) Warbler	Urosphena neumanni	Н
PASSERIFORMES: Phylloscopidae		
Red-faced Woodland-Warbler	Phylloscopus laetus	
Brown Woodland-Warbler	Phylloscopus umbrovirens	
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Willow Warbler	Phylloscopus trochilus	
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Eurasian Reed-Warbler	Acrocephalus scirpaceus	
African Reed-Warbler	Acrocephalus baeticatus	
Lesser Swamp-Warbler	Acrocephalus gracilirostris	
Greater Swamp-Warbler	Acrocephalus rufescens	
PASSERIFORMES: Locustellidae	, tel coop tel al	
Evergreen-forest Warbler	Bradypterus lopezi	Н
Cinnamon Bracken-Warbler	Bradypterus cinnamomeus	
Grauer's Swamp-Warbler	Bradypterus graueri	Н
Little Rush-Warbler	Bradypterus baboecala	Н
White-winged Swamp-Warbler	Bradypterus carpalis	Н
PASSERIFORMES: Cisticolidae		
Ruwenzori Apalis	Apalis ruwenzorii	
Black-throated Apalis	Apalis jacksoni	
Masked Apalis	Apalis binotata	
Black-faced (Mountain Masked) Apalis	Apalis personata	
Yellow-breasted Apalis	Apalis flavida	
Buff-throated Apalis	Apalis rufogularis	
Chestnut-throated Apalis	Apalis porphyrolaema	
Gray Apalis	Apalis cinerea	
Green-backed Camaroptera	Camaroptera brachyura	
Yellow-browed Camaroptera	Camaroptera superciliaris	
Olive-green Camaroptera	Camaroptera chloronota	
White-chinned Prinia	Schistolais leucopogon	
Red-winged Gray Warbler	Drymocichla incana	
Red-faced Cisticola	Cisticola erythrops	
Singing Cisticola	Cisticola cantans	
Whistling Cisticola	Cisticola lateralis	
Trilling Cisticola	Cisticola woosnami	
Chubb's Cisticola	Cisticola chubbi	
Rattling Cisticola	Cisticola chiniana	
Winding Cisticola	Cisticola galactotes	
Carruthers's Cisticola	Cisticola carruthersi	
Croaking Cisticola	Cisticola natalensis	
Siffling Cisticola	Cisticola brachypterus	
Foxy Cisticola	Cisticola troglodytes	
Zitting Cisticola	Cisticola juncidis	
Gray-capped Warbler	Eminia lepida	
Black-faced Rufous-Warbler	Bathmocercus rufus	
Buff-bellied Warbler	Phyllolais pulchella	
Tawny-flanked Prinia	Prinia subflava	
Banded (Black-faced) Prinia	Prinia bairdii	
Rufous-crowned Eremomela	Eremomela badiceps	



PASSERIFORMES: Sylviidae		
African Hill Babbler	Sylvia abyssinica	
Eurasian Blackcap	Sylvia atricapilla	
PASSERIFORMES: Zosteropidae	cymus demodrpma	
African Yellow White-eye	Zosterops senegalensis	
PASSERIFORMES: Pellorneidae		
Brown Illadopsis	Illadopsis fulvescens	
Mountain Illadopsis	Illadopsis pyrrhoptera	Н
Scaly-breasted Illadopsis	Illadopsis albipectus	
PASSERIFORMES: Leiothrichidae		
Brown Babbler	Turdoides plebejus	
Arrow-marked Babbler	Turdoides jardineii	
PASSERIFORMES: Promeropidae		
Gray-chested Illadopsis	Kakamega poliothorax	
PASSERIFORMES: Muscicapidae		
Silverbird	Empidornis semipartitus	
Pale Flycatcher	Bradornis pallidus	
White-eyed Slaty-Flycatcher	Melaenornis fischeri	
Northern Black-Flycatcher	Melaenornis edolioides	
Yellow-eyed Black-Flycatcher	Melaenornis ardesiacus	
African Forest-Flycatcher	Fraseria ocreata	
Spotted Flycatcher	Muscicapa striata	
Swamp Flycatcher	Muscicapa aquatica	
Dusky-brown (African Dusky) Flycatcher	Muscicapa adusta	
Dusky-blue Flycatcher	Muscicapa comitata	
Cassin's Flycatcher	Muscicapa cassini	
Ashy Flycatcher	Muscicapa caerulescens	
Gray-throated Tit-Flycatcher	Myioparus griseigularis	
Gray Tit-Flycatcher	Myioparus plumbeus	Н
Fire-crested Alethe	Alethe diademata	H
Brown-backed Scrub-Robin	Cercotrichas hartlaubi	
Red-backed Scrub-Robin	Cercotrichas leucophrys	
Archer's Robin-Chat	Cossypha archeri	
Cape Robin-Chat	Cossypha caffra	
White-browed Robin-Chat	Cossypha heuglini	
Snowy-crowned Robin-Chat	Cossypha niveicapilla	
Spotted Morning-Thrush	Cichladusa guttata	
White-starred Robin	Pogonocichla stellata	
Brown-chested Alethe	Pseudalethe poliocephala	
Red-throated Alethe	Pseudalethe poliophrys	
Forest Robin	Stiphrornis erythrothorax	Н
Equatorial Akalat	Sheppardia aequatorialis	



Whinchat	Saxicola rubetra
African Stonechat	Saxicola torquatus
Sooty Chat	Myrmecocichla nigra
White-fronted Black-Chat	Myrmecocichla albifrons
Ruaha Chat	Myrmecocichla collaris
Mocking Cliff-Chat	Thamnolaea cinnamomeiventris
Familiar Chat	Cercomela familiaris
Northern Wheatear	Oenanthe oenanthe
Isabelline Wheatear	Oenanthe isabellina
PASSERIFORMES: Turdidae	
Rufous Flycatcher-Thrush	Neocossyphus fraseri
White-tailed Ant-Thrush	Neocossyphus poensis
Abyssinian Thrush	Turdus abyssinicus
African Thrush	Turdus pelios
PASSERIFORMES: Sturnidae	
Violet-backed Starling	Cinnyricinclus leucogaster
Slender-billed Starling	Onychognathus tenuirostris
Sharpe's Starling	Pholia sharpii
Narrow-tailed Starling	Poeoptera lugubris
Stuhlmann's Starling	Poeoptera stuhlmanni
Purple-headed Starling	Hylopsar purpureiceps
Rueppell's Starling	Lamprotornis purpuroptera
Splendid Starling	Lamprotornis splendidus
Lesser Blue-eared Starling	Lamprotornis chloropterus
Greater Blue-eared Starling	Lamprotornis chalybaeus
Purple Starling	Lamprotornis purpureus
PASSERIFORMES: Buphagidae	
Yellow-billed Oxpecker	Buphagus africanus
PASSERIFORMES: Nectariniidae	
Seimund's (Little Green) Sunbird	Anthreptes seimundi
Green Sunbird	Anthreptes rectirostris
Collared Sunbird	Hedydipna collaris
Pygmy Sunbird	Hedydipna platura
Green-headed Sunbird	Cyanomitra verticalis
Blue-throated Brown Sunbird	Cyanomitra cyanolaema
Blue-headed Sunbird	Cyanomitra alinae
Western Olive Sunbird	Cyanomitra obscura
Green-throated Sunbird	Chalcomitra rubescens
Scarlet-chested Sunbird	Chalcomitra senegalensis
Purple-breasted Sunbird	Nectarinia purpureiventris
Bronze Sunbird	Nectarinia kilimensis
Olive-bellied Sunbird	Cinnyris chloropygius



Stuhlmann's (Ruwenzori DC) Sunbird	Cinnyris stuhlmanni	
Northern Double-collared Sunbird	Cinnyris reichenowi	
Regal Sunbird	Cinnyris regius	
Beautiful Sunbird	Cinnyris pulchellus	
Mariqua Sunbird	Cinnyris mariquensis	
Red-chested Sunbird	Cinnyris erythrocercus	
Purple-banded Sunbird	Cinnyris bifasciatus	
Variable Sunbird	Cinnyris venustus	
Copper Sunbird	Cinnyris cupreus	
PASSERIFORMES: Motacillidae		
Western Yellow Wagtail	Motacilla flava	
Cape Wagtail	Motacilla capensis	
Mountain Wagtail	Motacilla clara	
African Pied Wagtail	Motacilla aguimp	
African Pipit	Anthus cinnamomeus	
Long-billed Pipit	Anthus similis	
Yellow-throated Longclaw	Macronyx croceus	
PASSERIFORMES: Emberizidae		
Golden-breasted Bunting	Emberiza flaviventris	
Cabanis's Bunting	Emberiza cabanisi	
PASSERIFORMES: Fringillidae		
Yellow-crowned Canary	Serinus flavivertex	
White-rumped Seedeater	Serinus leucopygius	
Yellow-fronted Canary	Serinus mozambicus	
Western Citril	Serinus frontalis	
Black-throated Canary	Serinus atrogularis	
Brimstone Canary	Serinus sulphuratus	
Streaky Seedeater	Serinus striolatus	
Thick-billed Seedeater	Serinus burtoni	
PASSERIFORMES: Passeridae		
House Sparrow	Passer domesticus	
Shelley's Rufous Sparrow	Passer shelleyi	
Northern Gray-headed Sparrow	Passer griseus	
PASSERIFORMES: Ploceidae		
Speckle-fronted Weaver	Sporopipes frontalis	
White-browed Sparrow-Weaver	Plocepasser mahali	G
Chestnut-crowned Sparrow-Weaver	Plocepasser superciliosus	
Red-headed Malimbe	Malimbus rubricollis	
Baglafecht Weaver	Ploceus baglafecht	
Little Weaver	Ploceus luteolus	
Slender-billed Weaver	Ploceus pelzelni	
Black-necked Weaver	Ploceus nigricollis	



Spectacled Weaver	Ploceus ocularis	
Black-billed Weaver	Ploceus melanogaster	
Strange Weaver	Ploceus alienus	
Holub's Golden-Weaver	Ploceus xanthops	
Northern Brown-throated Weaver	Ploceus castanops	
Lesser Masked-Weaver	Ploceus intermedius	
Heuglin's Masked-Weaver	Ploceus heuglini	
Vieillot's Weaver	Ploceus nigerrimus	
Village Weaver	Ploceus cucullatus	
Black-headed Weaver	Ploceus melanocephalus	
Chestnut Weaver	Ploceus rubiginosus	
Yellow-mantled Weaver	Ploceus tricolor	
Brown-capped Weaver	Ploceus insignis	
Red-billed Quelea	Quelea quelea	
Northern Red Bishop	Euplectes franciscanus	
Southern Red Bishop	Euplectes orix	
Black-winged Bishop	Euplectes hordeaceus	
Black Bishop	Euplectes gierowii	
Yellow Bishop	Euplectes capensis	
Yellow-shouldered Widowbird	Euplectes macroura	
Red-collared Widowbird	Euplectes ardens	
Fan-tailed Widowbird	Euplectes axillaris	
Grosbeak Weaver	Amblyospiza albifrons	
PASSERIFORMES: Estrildidae		
Gray-headed Nigrita	Nigrita canicapillus	
White-breasted Nigrita	Nigrita fusconotus	
Gray-headed Oliveback	Nesocharis capistrata	
Yellow-bellied Waxbill	Coccopygia quartinia	
Dusky Crimson-wing	Cryptospiza jacksoni	
Fawn-breasted Waxbill	Estrilda paludicola	
Crimson-rumped Waxbill	Estrilda rhodopyga	
Common Waxbill	Estrilda astrild	
Black-crowned Waxbill	Estrilda nonnula	
Kandt's Waxbill	Estrilda kandti	
Red-headed Bluebill	Spermophaga ruficapilla	
Red-cheeked Cordonbleu	Uraeginthus bengalus	
Brown Twinspot	Clytospiza monteiri	
Green-winged Pytilia	Pytilia melba	
Red-billed Firefinch	Lagonosticta senegala	
Bar-breasted Firefinch	Lagonosticta rufopicta	
Black-bellied Firefinch	Lagonosticta rara	
Bronze Mannikin	Spermestes cucullata	



Black-and-white Mannikin	Spermestes bicolor	
Magpie Mannikin	Spermestes fringilloides	NL
PASSERIFORMES: Viduidae		
Pin-tailed Whydah	Vidua macroura	
Village Indigobird	Vidua chalybeata	

**Bold** = Albertine Rift endemic species.

H = heard-only

G = seen only by guide

NL = not seen by Tropical Birding guide



Gray Crowned-Crane is Uganda's national bird.



## **MAMMAL LIST**

Taxonomy and nomenclature follow *The Kingdon Field Guide to African Mammals* (2003) by Jonathan Kingdon, with some updates.

Eastern Mountain Gorilla	Gorilla gorilla berengii	
Chimpanzee	Pan paniscus	
Grey-cheeked Mangaby	Lophocebus albigena	
Patas Monkey	Cercopithecus patas	
Central African Red Colobus	Piliopithecus oustaleti	
Guereza Pied Colobus	Colobus guereza	
Angolan Pied Colobus	Colobus angolensis	
Olive Baboon	Papio anubis	
Vervet Monkey	Chlorocebus aethiops pygerythrus	
Tantalus Monkey	Chlorocebus tantalus	
Dent's (Mona) Monkey	Cercopithecus (mona) denti	
Silver Gentle Monkey	Cercopithicus (nictitans) stuhlmanni	
Blue Gentle Monkey	Cercopithicus (nictitans) dogetti	
Red-tailed Monkey	Cercopithicus ascanius schmidti	
L'Hoest's Monkey	Cercopithecus Ihoesti	
Thomas's Dwarf Galago	Galagoides thomasi	
Epauletted Fruit Bat	Epomophorus sp.	
Tomb Bat sp.	Taphozous sp.	
Uganda Grass Hare	Poelagus marjorita	
Unstriped Grass Rat	Arvicanthis niloticus	
Carruther's Mountain Squirrel	Funisciurus carruthersi	
Boehm's Squirrel	Paraxerus boehmi	
Red-legged Sun Squirrel	Heliosciurus rufobrachium	
Ruwenzori Sun Squirrel	Heliosciurus ruwenzori	
African Giant Squirrel	Protoxerus stangeri	
Unstriped Grass Rat	Arvicanthis niloticus	
Genet sp.	Genetta sp.	
Blotched (Large-spotted) Genet	Genetta tigrina	
Lion	Panthera leo	
Southern Tree Hyrax	Dendrohyrax arboreus	Н
African Elephant	Loxodonta africana	
Hippopotamus	Hippopotamus amphibious	
Common Warthog	Phacochoerus africanus	
Rothschild's Giraffe	Giraffa camelopardalis rothschildi	
Buffalo	Syncerus caffer	
Bushbuck	Tragelaphus scriptus	
Black-fronted Duiker	Cephalophus nigrifrons	



Bush (Common) Duiker	Sylvicapra grimmia	
Blue Duiker	Philantomba monticola	
Oribi	Ourebia ourebi	
Uganda Kob	Kobus kob thomasi	
Defassa Waterbuck	Kobus ellipsiprymnus defassa	
Lelwel Hartebeest (Kongoni)	Alcelaphus buselaphus lelwel	



Tracking Chimpanzees is a totally different experience from tracking gorillas, though also wondrous.



## **REPTILE LIST**

Taxonomy and nomenclature follow *A Field Guide to the Reptiles of East Africa* (2004) by Stephen Spawls, Kim Howell, Robert Drewes, and James Ashe.

Montane Side-striped Chameleon	Chamaeleo ellioti
Tropical House Gecko	Hemidactylus mabouia
Speckle-lipped Skink	Trachylepis maculilabris
Striped Skink	Trachylepis striata
Blue-headed Tree Agama	Acanthocercus atricollis ugandaensis
Red-headed Rock Agama	Agama agama
Finch's Agama	Agama finchi
Nile Monitor	Varanus niloticus
Jackson's Tree Snake	Thrasops jacksonii
Jameson's Mamba	Dendroaspis jamesoni



The (Western) Banded Snake Eagle does indeed mainly eat snakes, though this one is holding the tail of a monitor lizard!

