



Kenya - Birding with A Camera©

August 19 - 27, 2023

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Summary

This was the inaugural run-through of this nine-day itinerary, and we're happy to report the departure unfolded perfectly! The weather was nice, the lodges and restaurants were excellent, and we encountered an incredible sample of Kenyan birds, mammals, and reptiles. As is typical of Birding with a Camera© trips, we spent more time securing photos of common birds than we did pursuing endemics, but we still racked-up 231 species of birds and 33 species of mammals in just over a week. Our pop-top Landcruiser was the perfect vantage from which to explore Kenya's parks, and wide-open sight lines, particularly in the Masai Mara, meant there was always something to see. In short, Birding with a Camera doesn't get any better. I (Dorian) have run 4-5 of these BwC trips in my three years with Tropical Birding and think this one is the best! Between lions, hornbills, hyenas, kingfishers, zebras, vultures, wildebeest, bee-eaters, baboons, cisticolas, crocodiles, spurfowls, rhinos, bustards, giraffes, sunbirds, elephants, ostriches, and gazelles, there's something for everyone! And if that's not enough the local people are friendly and Kenyan culture is beautiful!

All photos taken on this tour by guide Dorian Anderson.



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Southern Ground-Hornbill

Day 1 - August 19th - Arrivals

Alex, Koni, and Dave travelled together (via Paris), so pick-up logistics were straightforward, even against an hour flight delay. Dorian, Leonard, and Norman met them at the airport just before 11pm, and the group wheeled toward Ole Sereni 254 for the night. Positioned adjacent to Nairobi National Park, it would be the perfect overnight ahead our first day of birding.



Black Kite

Day 2 - August 20th - Nairobi and Nakuru National Parks.

Clients shook off a short night of sleep and enjoyed a massive buffet breakfast. Eggs, potatoes, and Cocoa Crispiers consumed, we piled into our growling vehicle and headed towards Nairobi National Park. With a bird list in excess of 520 species, the park might be the single best urban birding location in the world! Though we scored **White-Browed Sparrow-Weaver**, **Africa Pied Wagtail**, and **Black Kite** (mating!) on the entrance road, the adjacent woodlands proved quiet. Pressing into the park, we hit pay dirt with several **Little Bee-eaters** perched at the roadside. Continuing to the first of two watery areas, we soaked in sun-drenched views of **Gray-Crowned Cranes**, **Blacksmith Lapwing**, **African Darter**, **African Sacred Ibis**, **Great and Long-tailed Cormorants**, and **Gray Heron**. Moving to the second, clients had close views of **Yellow-billed Stork**, **Black Crake**, **Spur-winged Lapwing**, and **Hamerkop**. **Malachite Kingfisher** and **Greater Painter Snipe** put in quick cameos, and a cooperative herd of **Zebras** kept everyone engaged. Oh — almost forgot — **Coke's Hartebeest**, **Easter White-bearded Wildebeest**, and **Thompkin's Gazelle** were around too!

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Departing the second water area, we intersected **Northern Pied Babbler**, **Pangani Longclaw**, **Common Ostrich**, **Long-tailed Fiscal** and a host of others as we extended our inter-park wanderings. **Coke's Hartebeest**, **Thompson's Gazell**, **Grant's Gazelle**, **Impala**, and **Eland** showed as we navigated park roads, and we caught a glimpsed of two grass-obscured **lions** as they snoozed. Most exciting was a family of three **White Rhinos**. It was super cool to watch the calf nurse. We we

so close we could even hear its begging grunts! **Vervet Monkeys** kept us company at our picnic lunch, and we departed the park at 12:30, the four-hour drive to Nakuru looming as midday sun beat down on us. A complete checklist from our morning can be found here: <https://ebird.org/checklist/S147710363>.

Without much birding en route, we made good time to our second national park, Nakuru. While Leonard sorted out entrance logistics, the rest of us found **Green Woodhoopoe**, **Superb Starling**, and **Rattling Cisticola**. **Coqui Francolin** and **White-fronted Bee-eater** appeared as soon as we entered the reserve, as we extended our hot hand with the likes of **Gray-backed Fiscal** and **Yellow-throated Longclaw** as we closed the distance to the lodge. Our best moment came in the form of **Striped Kingfisher**, the tiny bird sitting perched in a roadside bush (with a perfectly clean background!) for the better part of five minutes! Crushing



Striped Kingfisher

photos were captured by all. We wrapped the day watching **Speke's Weavers** outside hotel reception. By any measure, it was an amazing first day. And that's before we enjoyed another incredible buffet for dinner - woot woot! Checklist for our first afternoon at Nakuru: <https://ebird.org/checklist/S147710700>.

Hildebrandt's Spurfowl



Lion (female)

Day 3 - August 21st - Nakuru National Park

I (Dorian) do not know where to begin as this was my single best day of any Tropical Birding tour that I've run in my three years with the company. Not only did we tally ~140 species across the day, but we had point blank views of **Zebras, Cape Buffalo, Defassa Waterbuck, Impala**, and others.

We left the lodge at 7am and headed south along the shore of Lake Nakuru. **White-headed Barbet** presented as we departed, **Augur Buzzards** and **African Fish Eagles** were everywhere, and we had eye-level views of **Hildebrandt's Spurfowl** on a rock formation twenty feet from the vehicle. Reaching the ponds and mudflats at the south end of the lake, we scored **Blue-billed Teal, Africa Spoonbill, Kittlitz's Plover, Curlew Sandpiper**, and a host of other shorebirds. Comparisons of **Great White** and **Pink-backed Pelicans** were appreciated by all, but our close views of **Greater** and **Lesser Flamingos** stole the show. It was amazing to watch the pink icons stroll up and down the shoreline! It was tough to pull ourselves away from the spectacle, but we stumbled into a roadside herd of **Cape Buffalo** shortly thereafter. There was even an hours-old newborn among them. The calf's umbilical cord was still attached, and remnants of the placenta were dangling from the mother's rear end. It was so cool to watch them interact! Moving beyond the herd, we ran into **Plain-backed Pipit, Black-winged Kite, Brown Snake-Eagle** and **Black-chested Snake-Eagle**, the last giving several close passes as it circled our truck. Looping back to the lodge, we added **Red-faced Crombec, Dideric Cuckoo, Chinspot Batis, Red-headed Weaver**, and **African black-headed Oriole**.

White Rhinos



Though we scored upwards of 85 species at that point, we didn't let up. A pre-lunch loop of the grounds revealed **Red-billed Firefinch, Purple Grenadier, Bronze Mannikin, Little Rock Thrush, Tropical Boubou, White-eyed Slaty-Flycatcher, and Red-Chested Cuckoo**. Though calling constantly, the cuckoo gave us fits before we finally found it! And if that wasn't enough we scored **Arrow-marked Babbler, Village Weaver, White-browed Robin-Chat, Greater Blue-Eared Starling, and Abyssinian and African Thrushes** among the hoards that descended on the lodge lawn for the appointed 12:30 feeding. With 103 species tallied, it was non-stop action all morning (<https://ebird.org/checklist/S147763605>).

Long-crested Eagle



We headed out again after lunch and a siesta. We'd hardly left camp when **Meyer's Parrot** presented, and we outdid our morning views of **Hildebrandt's Spurfowl** when a male hopped onto a roadside log. Afternoon humidity suppressed land-bird activity, but the action reinitiated when we reached a series of impoundments at the north end of the lake. The ensuing avalanche of new birds included **Glossy Ibis, Green Sandpiper, White-face Whistling-Duck, and Pied Kingfisher** — all at close range. Continuing into the weedy surrounds we found **Winding Cisticola, Lesser Swamp Warbler, Gray-crowned Warbler, Golden-backed Weaver, Goliath Heron, and Striated Heron**. Most entertaining were a handful of male **Grosbeak Weavers**; they kept us rapt as they squabbled for territory and constructed their intricate nests. With swifts and swallows swirling overhead and sunbirds bouncing about in the roadside flowers, it was the perfect end to the day. And that's before we enjoyed close, eye-level views of a **Long-crested Eagle** on our return ride. But wait - there's
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Lilac-breasted Roller



Great (White-bellied) Cormorant



more! Dorian spotted a snoozing **Leopard** just 200 meters short of the lodge, the beautiful beast affording breathtaking views before it descended its chosen tree and disappeared into the brush. It really couldn't have been scripted any better. What an incredible day! A checklist from the afternoon outing is here: <https://ebird.org/checklist/S147794717>.

Day 4 - August 22 - Nakuru National Park and Lake Naivasha

Today started as did yesterday, with an early morning game drive along the shores of Lake Nakuru. Yesterday, we used the best light getting to the flamingo/mammal area at the south end of the lake, so today we bee-lined it to that same place with hopes of capturing sun-drenched images of flamingos, rhinos, and others. And

man-o-man, did our plan work to perfection! We bumped into a couple of **Pied Avocets** as soon as we reached the appointed area, and we had a very nice study of a **Pectoral-patch Cisticola** as it bounded along the roadside berm.

Greater and Lesser Flamingos and a variety of other waterbirds presented at reasonably-close range, but it was a pair of **White Rhinos** which stole the show. They were so close that they rendered our telephoto lenses useless. It was so cool to watch them shuffle across the acacia-dotted landscape!

Exploring farther afield we found **Bateleur, Secretarybird** (distant), **Black-lored Babbler, Mountain Wagtail**, and **Reichenow's Seedeater** as we ventured into areas we didn't explore yesterday. Disembarking the vehicle at a small waterfall, we found a pair of **Red-winged Starlings** and enjoyed knee-buckling views of two **Variable Sunbirds** as they foraged in a flower patch. Resuming the truck, we intersected

Abyssinian Wheatear, White-fronted Bee-eater, Horus Swift, and a stunning **Klaas's Cuckoo** at a large sandbank. It was there where Koni experienced a massive camera failure. Not to be stopped, she deployed a back-up body when we found two male **Rothschild's Giraffes** 'necking'. We thought



Hamerkop



Giant Kingfisher



it was a mating ritual, but Leonard cleared that up, explaining that it was male-on-male sparring. The temperature rising and the heat gathering, we returned to the lodge on that high note. Morning bird list: <https://ebird.org/checklist/S147835957>.

Reaching the lodge, we took a walking loop of the grounds ahead of lunch, during which we found the usual garden suspects: **African Dusky Flycatcher**, **Black Cuckooshrike**, **Black-backed Puffback** (<https://ebird.org/checklist/S147835732>). Afterwards, we noshed, checked-out, and headed towards Lake Naivasha.

We reached that destination around 3pm. When a loop of the grounds yielded nothing new beyond **Red-knobbed Coot** (<https://ebird.org/checklist/S147853370>), we piled into the truck and drove ten minutes to a nearby marina, where we boarded a low-slung craft and ventured onto the water. It took the driver a few minutes to understand exactly what we wanted to do, but he put us onto all sorts of cool birds thereafter. **Pied Kingfishers** whizzed in every direction, and we absorbed numerous shorebirds including **African Jacana**, **Common Ringed Plover**, **Ruff**, **Black-tailed Godwit**, and **Long-toed Lapwing**. **Long-tailed** and **Great Cormorants** clung to snags, a massive **Goliath Heron** stalked prey in the shallows, and a pair of shifty **Squacco Herons** sat quietly on the shoreline. Everywhere we turned, there was something amazing to photograph. And we couldn't have asked for better light, the sun beaming across the water and saturating all our subjects. With **zebras**, **giraffes**, and **waterbucks** patrolling the shoreline, it was a wonderful way to spend the afternoon. Check list: <https://ebird.org/checklist/S147853301>. But that was just a preview of what was coming!

Long-toed Lapwing



Day 5 - August 23 - Lake Naivasha and Maasi Mara

Today started as yesterday ended - on a small boat on Lake Naivasha. And if yesterday was good, today was fantastic! Departing the makeshift dock, we poled into shallow water and found a cooperative **African Spoonbill**. It was foraging, sifting through the underwater muck as the species is known to do, and we floated right up to it on glass-smooth water. A group of **Yellow-billed Storks** offered more photographic opportunity, and we had excellent views of **Black** and **Squacco Herons**

as they stalked the shoreline.

Next up? **Long-toed Lap-wing** and **Hamerkop!**

Though the former is a striking species, the browner later would not be outdone, the hungry subject struggling to consume a large fish.

That wasn't our only feeding action as we bumped into a massive **Giant Kingfisher** a few minutes later. Initially perched on a tall snag, the bird plunged into the water, snapped up a crawfish, flew to a fallen log, and subsequently beat the crustacean to death. When it was lifeless, the bird displayed the meal for us as though showing off the catch! And all of this happened less than 20 feet from us - booyah! Continuing along the shoreline when that subject departed, we found **Black Crake**, **Eurasian Moorhen**, and **African Jacana**. We wrapped the trip with passes of several pairs of **African Fish Eagles**, the last proving photogenic on its low perch. It was a fantastic outing, one we'll all remember for a very long time. Full

Defassa Waterbuck



checklist: <https://ebird.org/checklist/S147899901>.

Retiring to the truck post-boat, we began the five-hour drive towards Maasi Mara. Our mid-way lunch stop at Olate store and picnic area was fun. Between **Hildebrandt's Starling** and an endless array of African gifts and trinkets, there was something for everyone. It was very hot at our MM arrival, so we decided to kill some time by checking into the lodge. That gave us a nice oppor

Black Heron



African Jacana



tunity to stretch, and we took to the park roads after dropping our belongings and swinging by the snack/coffee table. Though we didn't obtain photos of a soaring **Tawny Eagle**, it was a nice addition to the trip list. So were two

D'Arnaud's Barbets foraging at the roadside. When they disappeared, a **Dark Chanting-Goshawk** appeared. While we were stoked to see the raptor, two pairs of Crowned Lapwings were not. They spent their next five minute dive-bombing the predator and squawking like the end of the world was nigh! Even from a distance it was a mesmerizing display.

Beyond birds, we had great looks at **Plains Zebras**, **Topis**, and **Thompson's Gazelles** as we slow-cruised the rolling grasslands. When the sun flirted with the western horizon, we turned tail and returned to camp. Several **Gray-backed Fiscals** were cause for photo pause, and we hit the jackpot when Leonard spotted a pair of **White-bellied Bustards** approaching the road. We spent the better part of fifteen minutes with the birds and captured hundreds of frames of both! It was so cool to watch them slink along. The sun setting behind a distant acacia, we returned to camp, ate dinner, and called it a day. It was another fantastic day — and we have the photos to prove it. Checklist from our afternoon drive: <https://ebird.org/checklist/S147926640>.



Day 6 - August 24 - Maasai Mara

This day was the first of three full days at Maasai Mara and began with an early morning game drive. The park encompasses ~580 square miles and is known more for big game than birds, though the latter are still present in numbers and diversity. Wheeling out of camp with the sun at our back, we soaked in views of rocky hillsides and golden grasslands as we explored the eastern portion of the park. It didn't take keen-eyed Leonard long to spot a **lion** basking in the sun. We slowly advanced on her, but another, more aggressive driver approached too closely and disturbed her. Fortunately, she

Elephant



Secretarybird



walked right across our line of sight, and we had great views of the powerful cat before she disappeared into the grass at field's margin.

It was then that we received word of a **Cheetah**, apparently near-by. We set off in that direction and, after a rather circuitous and prolonged chase, spotted the cluster of vehicles which betrayed the whereabouts of the speedy cat.

Wait! Stop the truck! Look at those two **Southern Ground-Hornbills!** Hurry get some shots!

Damn, these things are huge. And close! OMG that one is taking flight! OK, they're gone. Let's get over to the Cheetah!

We joined ~15 jeeps and immediately glimpsed the feline snoozing in the center of a dense tree. On cue, just as we were debating how much time to invest into the animal, it climbed down from the tree and posed for pictures twenty feet in front of us! When it flopped into the shade, we extracted ourselves from the makeshift parking area and explored more habitat. Methodically working thickets and fields for the remainder of the morning, we scored a pack of **Spotted Hyenas, Red- and Yellow-billed Oxpeckers, Rufous-naped Lark, Fisher's Sparrow-Lark, Yellow-throated Sandgrouse** (in flight), and a stunning **Kori Bustard**, the bird crossing our path in perfect light! Full checklist from our morning drive: <https://ebird.org/checklist/S147968910>. Mammals included **Common/Plains Zebra, Thompkin's Gazelle, and Topi.**

Returning to camp at

~11am, we walked the grounds and found **Emerald-spotted Wood-Dove, White-browed Robin-Chat, Spectacled Weaver, Speckled Mousebird, Mariqua Sunbird, Nubian and Mountain Gray Woodpeckers**, and an adorable **Red-fronted Tinkerbird**. It was super cool to see so many birds just steps from our digs (<https://ebird.org/checklist/S147971135>).

We lunched, rested, and headed back out for another drive at around 2:30. The afternoon heat suppressed activity, but we scraped out **Wattled Lapwing, African Gray Hornbill, D'Arnaud's Barbet, White-rumped Shrike, Silverbird, and Sooty Chat**. The sun ducking behind the evening



Lion (male)

Spotted Hyena



White-bellied Bustard



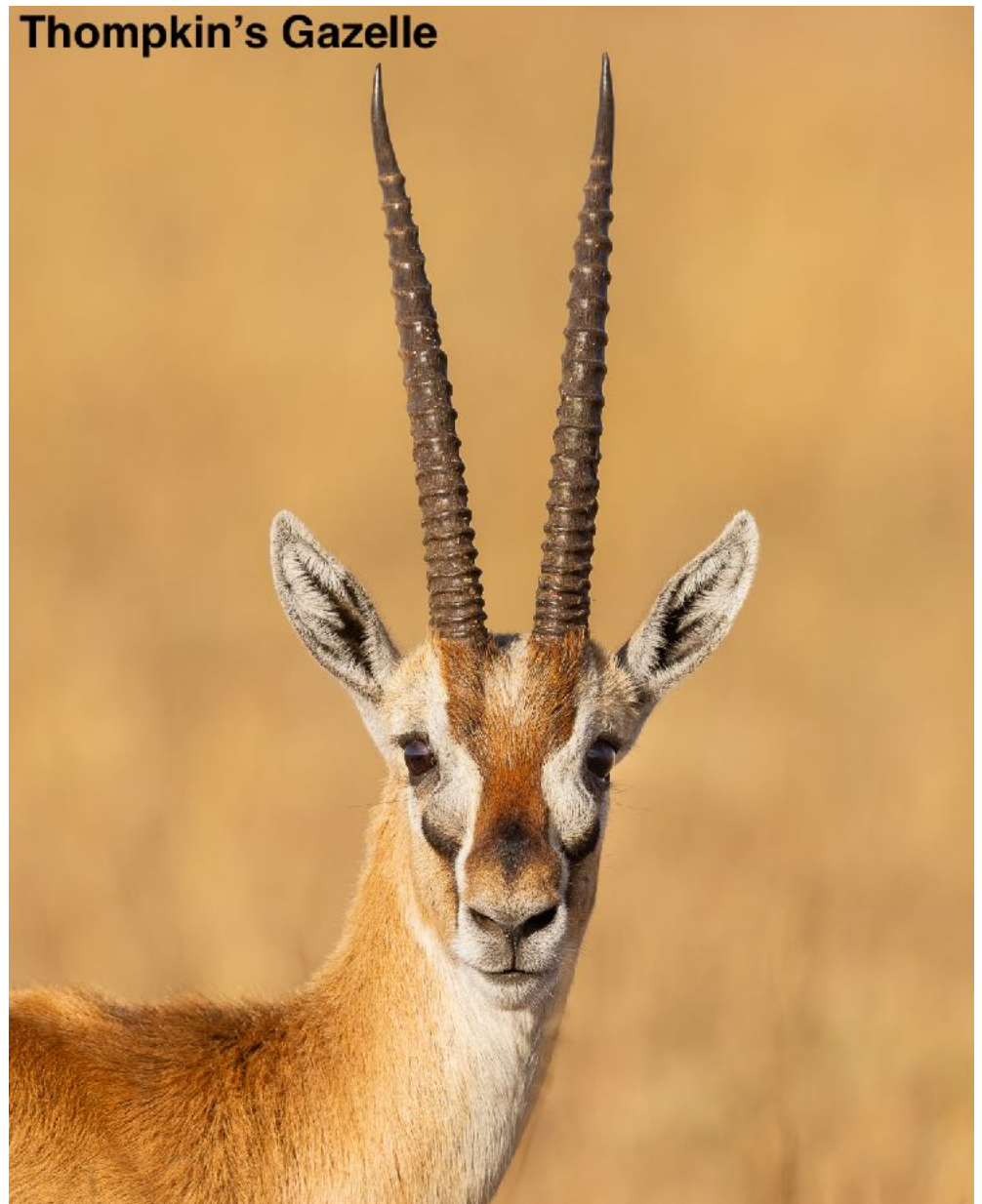
clouds, we retired to the lodge and gorged at dinner. Oh - I forgot the **Spotted Genets** which were hanging out around our rooms. There's was just too much happening to keep track of it all! Here's a checklist for the afternoon: <https://ebird.org/checklist/S147992223>.

Day 7 - August 25 - Maasi Mara, round 2

Hoping to reach into the farthest — and apparently most productive — corner of the Park, The Mara Triangle, we boxed up breakfast and lunch and departed the lodge at 6am. The transit was swift, a beautiful **Black-bellied Bustard** encountered en route, and we reached the triangle as perfect morning light materialized. First up? A trifecta of **White-bellied Bustards!**

Then? A handful of **Yellow-fronted Canaries**, a lone **Bare-faced Go-away-bird**, and a flyover **African Woolly-necked Stork**. Great as those birds were, it was the massive herd of **Western White-bearded Wildebeest** which carried the morning. They were EVERYWHERE! While they spend most of the year to the south, in Tanzania's Serengeti, they migrate to Kenya, specifically the Mara Triangle, for July, August, and September. It was amazing to see lines of thousands of animals stretched over the distant hills! Also inescapable were soaring **White-backed Vultures**, **Lappet-faced Vultures**, and **Rüppell's Griffons**. We saw several limping/injured wildebeest, so we surmised that big cats feasted on those and the vultures, in turn, on the carcasses.

Continuing deeper into the triangle, we found more **wildebeest**, **Black-chested Snake-Eagle**, **more wildebeest**, **Secretarybird**, and — yep — **more wildebeest**. They were everywhere! Throw in a few **Masai Giraffes** and **elephants**, and the wildlife was non-stop! The action slowed down as midday approached, so we cruised towards the Kenya-Tanzania border, where we enjoyed a picnic lunch in the company of **Superb Starlings** and **Rufous-tailed Weavers**. That second bird is



(effectively) a Tanzanian endemic, so it was great to score it in the borderlands! Full checklist from the triangle here: <https://ebird.org/checklist/S148037510>.

We exited the triangle after dining. It was hot. Real hot. Activity — bird and mammal — was low, and heat waves rendered photography mostly a waste of time. Persevering, we did have nice looks at **Black-winged Lapwings** and **Temminck's Coursers** on burned patches of ground. We kept at it but returns were few and far between, especially as we closed the distance to camp. When our usually-reliable entrance road didn't yield much, we folded our hand and returned to camp. Spir-

Leopard eating Warthog



its were a bit low after 12 hours in the truck, many of them superheated, but we hoped our third and final day in the Mara would renew the luck we experienced prior to this afternoon. Full checklist: (<https://ebird.org/checklist/S14807019>)

Day 8 - August 26 - Maasi Mara, round 3

Seeking redemption after a slow afternoon yesterday, we rose early and headed towards the Mara Triangle. Our plan was to arrive ~7:15, in time to use the best light, but that plan went out the window when a number of en route distractions demanded our attention. The first was a **leopard** reported along our route. It descended from the tree in which it was spotted before we arrived, and we weren't optimistic about securing views with a wall of trucks separating us from the ditch where the cat had apparently hunkered. Fortunately, folks were willing to share the view, and we had close views of the cat as it devoured a warthog. Our allotted 60 seconds over, we pulled out and continued toward the triangle.

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The next diversion? A **lion**! No wait - two! We were only the fourth truck on-scene, and we had an easy time finding shooting windows to the massive cats. Though the pair repeatedly picked up and set down, we had no trouble following them around the open environment. At one point, the adult male walked up to and peed on our truck. It was a truly heart-stopping encounter! Nearly half-an-hour invested, we decided to leave the cats and continue to the triangle while we still had some decent light. As we left, we had great views of a **Tawny Eagle** perched in a low snag. And then came a group of a dozen Spotted Hyenas right next to the road! Some had eaten so much that they could hardly move! Though we'd seen several over the course of the previous week, these were our best views yet!

A cooperative **Secretarybird** required additional attention as we closed the distance to the triangle, but we reached that destination in time to enjoy two **Cheetahs** lounging on a sun-drenched termite mound. Our close views were amazing, and none of us could believe we'd scored a big cat hat-trick by 8am! When the apparent brothers surrendered their perch and retired to some long grass under a nearby tree, we resumed our course with the feeling that nothing could escape our gaze.

Ten minutes later we bumped into female

Black-bellied Bustard. While we had a momentarily clear view of the bird, she magically melted into the surrounding habitat when she retracted her neck and hunkered under the a clump of grass. We couldn't believe she transitioned from 'stride mode' to 'hide mode' so quickly! We gave her a bit of time, and she eventually emerged for close inspection. It was an unexpected and memorable encounter! From there we completed a short loop through the triangle before exiting the area and returning to the lodge for lunch. Checklist from the triangle: <https://ebird.org/checklist/S148103298>.

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Checklist from our drive to the triangle (with a few additional birds added on the return drive): <https://ebird.org/checklist/S148106770>.

Venturing back out at 3:00pm, we felt like we were playing with house money given the morning's successes. Among the birds we found on this outing, **Saddle-billed Stork** was the clear stand-out. Initially viewed from a distance, the bird walked onto a termite mound as we maneuvered the

truck towards it. The bird was super striking against the golden grasses behind it! At that point we started our commute back to camp. With the setting sun shining through a rainstorm to our west, it was a magical end to the day! Checklist from that outing: <https://ebird.org/checklist/S148137222>.

Day 9 - August 27 - Maasai Mara exit, Nairobi return, departures

With only two free hours this final morning, we decided to spend it in camp, squeezing what additional species we could from the thickets and river. **White-browed Robin-Chat, Purple Grenadier, Mariqua and Variable Sunbirds, African Paradise Flycatcher, Tawny-flanked Prinia, and Speckled Mousebird** put in anticipated appearances, and clients had their first decent looks at **White-browed Coucal**. Most exciting were **Spot-flanked Barbet, Brown-throated Wattle-eye, Brubru, Northern Black Flycatcher,**



Swahili Sparrow, and Violet-backed Starling — all new for the trip. Strolling the paths, under the trees, it was a relaxing end to our time in Maasai Mara.

We loaded the bags and as climbed into the vehicle for what we hoped would be a five-hour drive to Nairobi. Everything went smoothly, and we encountered no delay on the dreaded escarpment. Leonard said that heavy traffic on the ascent can extend the drive from five to seven hours, so we were relieved when we experienced no such delay.

Rolling into the hotel around 3pm, we rested ahead of our final meal together. That farewell feast wound down as 8pm approached, so Leonard loaded Alex, Koni, and Dave into the truck and whisked them towards the airport. And with that, our Kenyan adventure was done! What a trip! We hope to see you all on future Tropical Birding tours!

Rufous-tailed Weaver



Wildebeest with Zebras



Complete Bird List (231 species)

Here is the link to the eBird electronictrip report: <https://ebird.org/tripreport/153949>

***eBird report shows 230 species, but we also saw Cape Crow while driving. I didn't bother to eBird that individual species; I just made a mental note to throw it onto this list. That's why there's one extra species here (231 vs. 230).

Common Ostrich
White-faced Whistling-Duck
Egyptian Goose
Blue-billed Teal
Yellow-billed Duck
Cape Teal
Red-billed Duck
Helmeted Guineafowl
Coqui Francolin
Hildebrandt's Spurfowl
Red-necked Spurfowl
Greater Flamingo
Lesser Flamingo
Little Grebe
Speckled Pigeon
Red-eyed Dove
Ring-necked Dove
Laughing Dove
Emerald-spotted Wood-Dove
Yellow-throated Sandgrouse
Kori Bustard
White-bellied Bustard
Black-bellied Bustard
Bare-faced Go-away-bird
White-browed Coucal
Dideric Cuckoo
Klaas's Cuckoo
Red-chested Cuckoo
Mottled Swift
Nyanza Swift
African Swift
Little Swift
Horus Swift
White-rumped Swift
African Palm Swift
Eurasian Moorhen
Red-knobbed Coot
Black Crake

Gray Crowned-Crane
Black-winged Stilt
Pied Avocet
Long-toed Lapwing
Blacksmith Lapwing
Spur-winged Lapwing
Black-winged Lapwing
Crowned Lapwing
Wattled Lapwing
Kittlitz's Plover
Common Ringed Plover
Three-banded Plover
Greater Painted-Snipe
African Jacana
Black-tailed Godwit
Ruff
Curlew Sandpiper
Little Stint
Common Sandpiper
Green Sandpiper
Common Greenshank
Marsh Sandpiper
Wood Sandpiper
Temminck's Courser
Gray-hooded Gull
Black-headed Gull
Gull-billed Tern
Whiskered Tern
African Woolly-necked Stork
Saddle-billed Stork
Marabou Stork
Yellow-billed Stork
African Darter
Long-tailed Cormorant
Great Cormorant
Great White Pelican
Pink-backed Pelican
Hamerkop
Gray Heron
Black-headed Heron
Goliath Heron
Great Egret
Intermediate Egret
Little Egret
Black Heron
Cattle Egret
Squacco Heron

Striated Heron
Glossy Ibis
African Sacred Ibis
Hadada Ibis
African Spoonbill
Secretarybird
Osprey
Black-winged Kite
Lappet-faced Vulture
Hooded Vulture
White-backed Vulture
Rüppell's Griffon
Bateleur
Black-chested Snake-Eagle
Brown Snake-Eagle
Long-crested Eagle
Tawny Eagle
Dark Chanting-Goshawk
Black Goshawk
Black Kite
African Fish-Eagle
Augur Buzzard
Speckled Mousebird
Eurasian Hoopoe
Green Woodhoopoe
Southern Ground-Hornbill
African Gray Hornbill
Malachite Kingfisher
Gray-headed Kingfisher
Striped Kingfisher
Giant Kingfisher
Pied Kingfisher
White-fronted Bee-eater
Little Bee-eater
Lilac-breasted Roller
D'Arnaud's Barbet
Red-fronted Tinkerbird
Spot-flanked Barbet
White-headed Barbet
Mountain Gray Woodpecker
Nubian Woodpecker
African Hobby
Meyer's Parrot
Black Cuckooshrike
African Black-headed Oriole
Brown-throated Wattle-eye
Chinspot Batis

Brubru
Black-backed Puffback
Brown-crowned Tchagra
Tropical Boubou
Slate-colored Boubou
Fork-tailed Drongo
African Paradise-Flycatcher
Gray-backed Fiscal
Long-tailed Fiscal
Northern Fiscal
White-rumped Shrike
Pied Crow
Cape Crow (not on any eBird checklist since we saw it while driving)
White-bellied Tit
Fischer's Sparrow-Lark
Rufous-naped Lark
Red-capped Lark
Red-faced Crombec
Green-backed Camaroptera
Tawny-flanked Prinia
Gray-capped Warbler
Rattling Cisticola
Winding Cisticola
Pectoral-patch Cisticola
Lesser Swamp Warbler
Plain Martin
Banded Martin
Rock Martin
Barn Swallow
Wire-tailed Swallow
Red-rumped Swallow
Lesser Striped Swallow
White-headed Sawwing
Black Sawwing
Gray-rumped Swallow
Common Bulbul
Arrow-marked Babbler
Black-lored Babbler
Northern Pied-Babbler
Red-billed Oxpecker
Yellow-billed Oxpecker
Wattled Starling
Violet-backed Starling
Red-winged Starling
Hildebrandt's Starling
Rüppell's Starling
Superb Starling

Greater Blue-eared Starling
Abyssinian Thrush
African Thrush
African Dusky Flycatcher
African Gray Flycatcher
Silverbird
Northern Black-Flycatcher
White-eyed Slaty-Flycatcher
Red-backed Scrub-Robin
White-browed Robin-Chat
Little Rock-Thrush
Sooty Chat
Northern Anteater-Chat
Abyssinian Wheatear
Collared Sunbird
Amethyst Sunbird
Scarlet-chested Sunbird
Bronze Sunbird
Mariqua Sunbird
Variable Sunbird
Speckle-fronted Weaver
White-browed Sparrow-Weaver
Rufous-tailed Weaver
Gray-headed Social-Weaver
Red-headed Weaver
Baglafaecht Weaver
Spectacled Weaver
Speke's Weaver
Village Weaver
Golden-backed Weaver
Grosbeak Weaver
Bronze Mannikin
Common Waxbill
Crimson-rumped Waxbill
Quailfinch
Purple Grenadier
Red-cheeked Cordonbleu
Red-billed Firefinch
Pin-tailed Whydah
Kenya Rufous Sparrow
Northern Gray-headed Sparrow
Swahili Sparrow
Mountain Wagtail
African Pied Wagtail
African Pipit
Plain-backed Pipit
Yellow-throated Longclaw

Pangani Longclaw
Rosy-throated Longclaw
Yellow-fronted Canary
Reichenow's Seedeater
Streaky Seedeater



Mammals (33 species, though I'm sure I missed one or two!)

Olive Baboon
Vervet Monkey
Yellow-winged Bat
Banded Mongoose
Spotted Hyena
Spotted Genet
Leopard
Lion
Cheetah
Rock Hyrax
African Elephant
Common/Plains Zebra
White Rhinoceros
Hippopotamus
Common Warthog
Masai Giraffe
Rothschild's Giraffe
Cape Buffalo
Bushbuck
Eland
Common Duiker
Suni
Steenbok
Guenther's Dik-dik
Bohor Reedbuck
Defassa Waterbuck
Thompkin's Gazelle
Grant's Gazelle
Impala
Topi
Coke's Hartebeest
Eastern White-bearded Wildebeest
Western White-bearded Wildebeest

Reptiles (3 species, but we spent no time looking for these)

Nile Crocodile
Nile Monitor
Mwanza Flat-headed Lizard

THE END!!!

