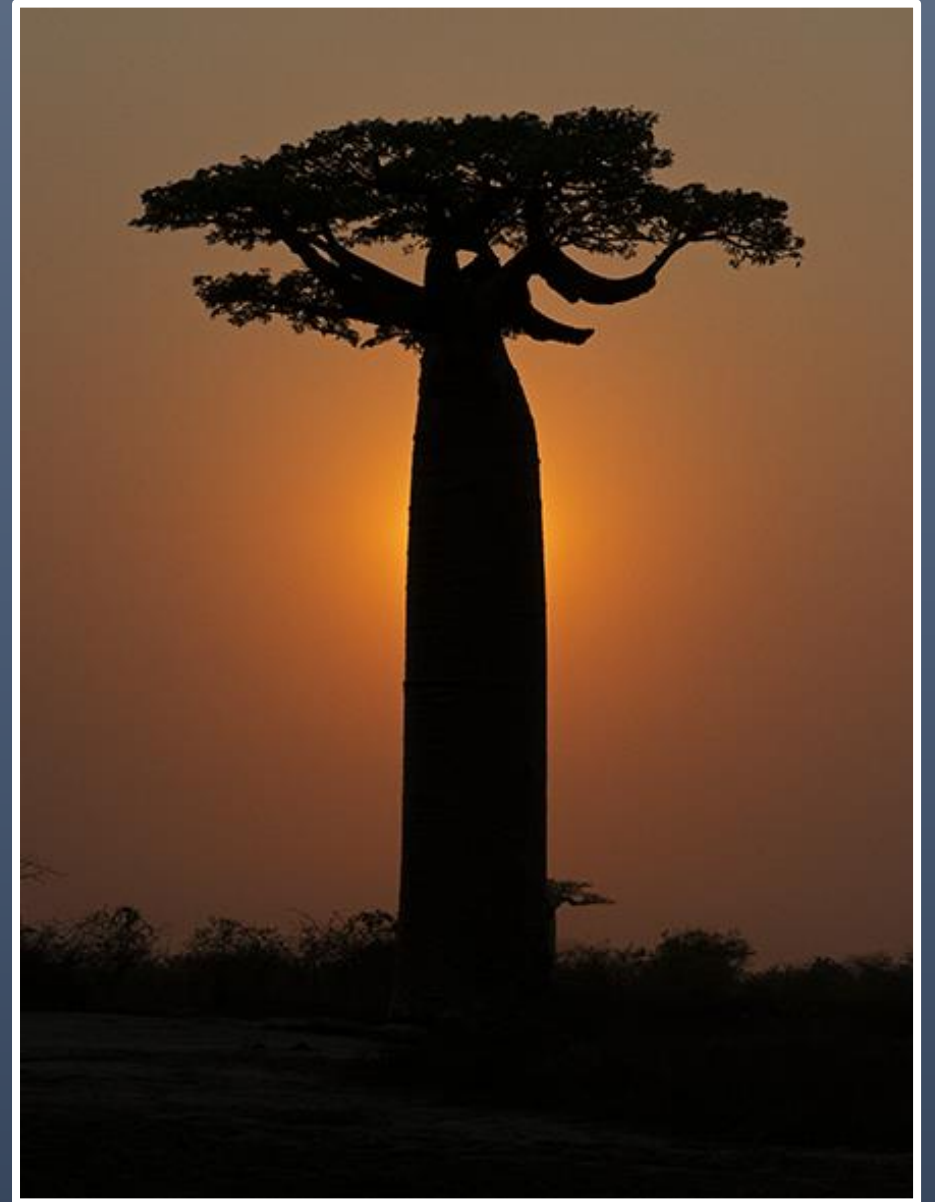


# Madagascar Photo Tour Oct-Nov 2019

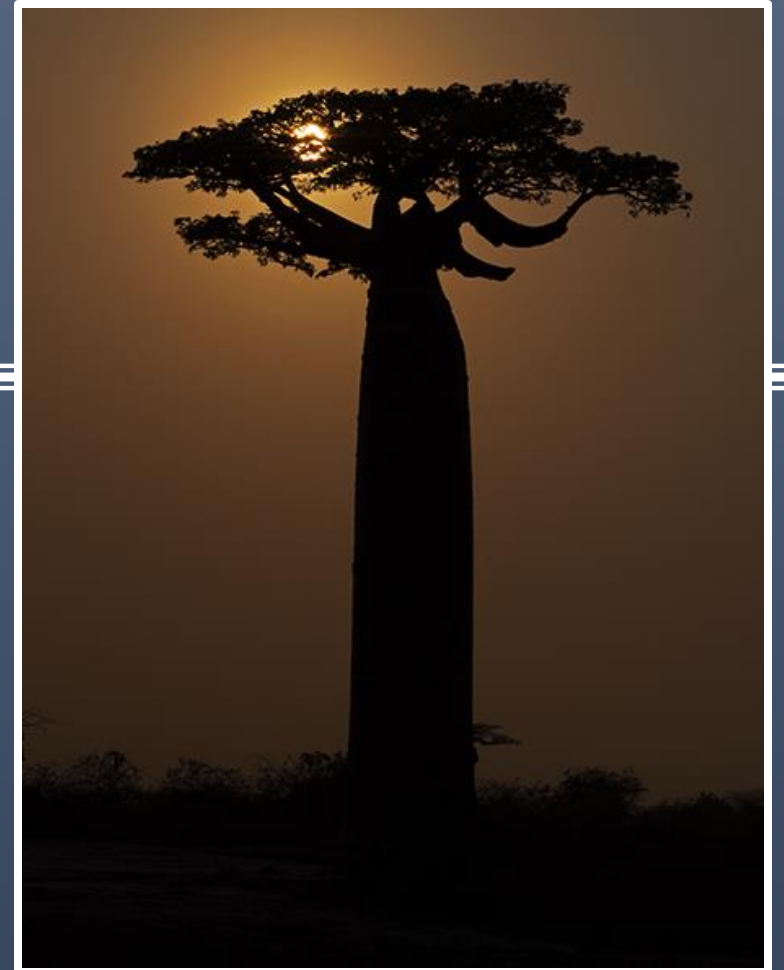
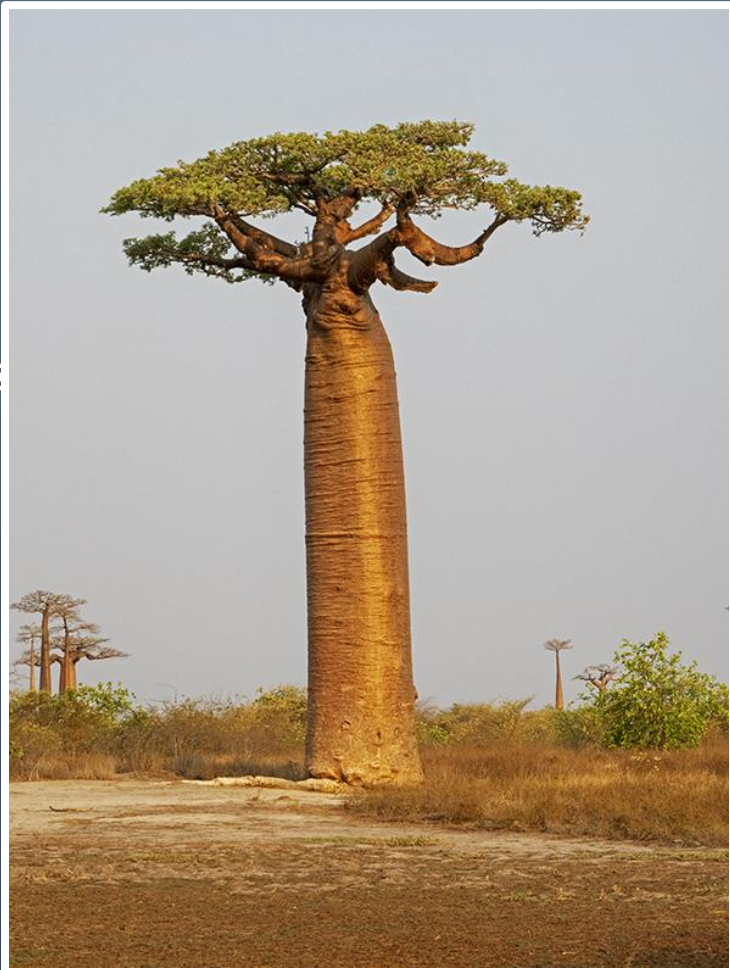


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This year we started our Photo Tour with a pre-tour extension to Kirindy. Our flight departed from Antananarivo to Morondava, a city that is located on the west coast of the Island, in front of the Mozambique Channel. Here we spent one night since one of the main attractions of this part of the island are the famous Baobab trees. Baobab in Malagasy is Reniala, which means Rani = Mother and Ala = Nature, the species photographed was Grandidier's Baobab. These trees are considered the tallest among the six species of Baobabs that exist in Madagascar, they can reach up to 40 meters high. The site is called the Avenue of the Baobabs, also known as the Way 8th. To have a better opportunity to photograph them we did two sessions one in the afternoon and another first thing the next day, waiting for dawn.



Grandidier's Baobab - PC

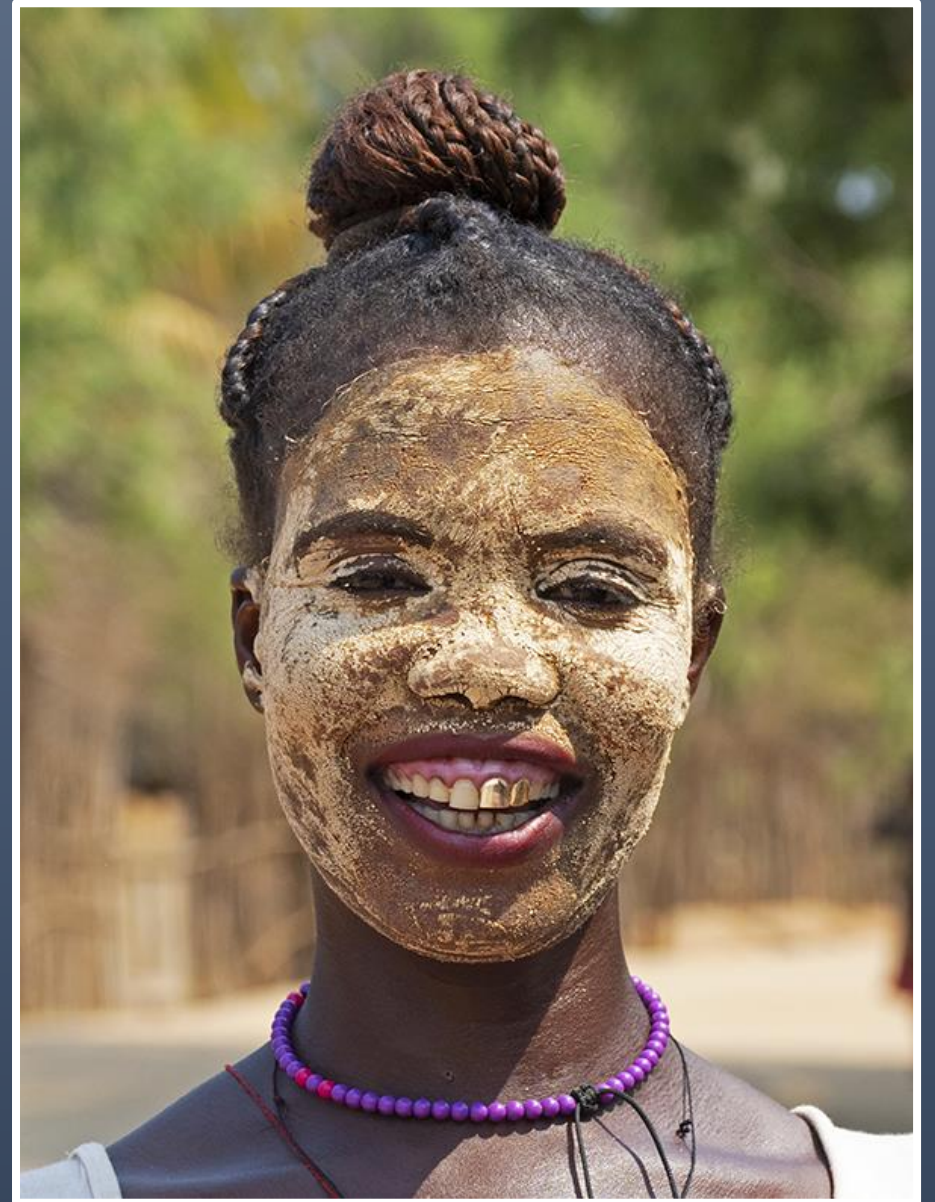


Grandidier's Baobab - PC



After our photo session of these spectacular trees, we went to Kirindy, located approximately 100 minutes from the city of Morondava.

We made a small stop in the town of Andranomena where one of its inhabitants caught our attention with her colorful clothing and unusual makeup, made with a mixture of Tamarind wood with water, which they use as sunscreen and skin moisturizer.



Kirindy was our base for three days. We were twice able to photograph the unexpected Fosa, along with Narrow-striped Mongoose, several species of vanga such as White-headed, Rufous, and Blue Vangas, Giant Coua, Crested Coua, and Coquerel's Coua. As always, the jumping Verreaux's Sifakas were some of the attractions in this part of the country. The night walks allowed us to find species such as Pale Fork-marked Lemur, Red-tailed Sportive Lemur, Gray Mouse Lemur, and others.



Fosa- PC

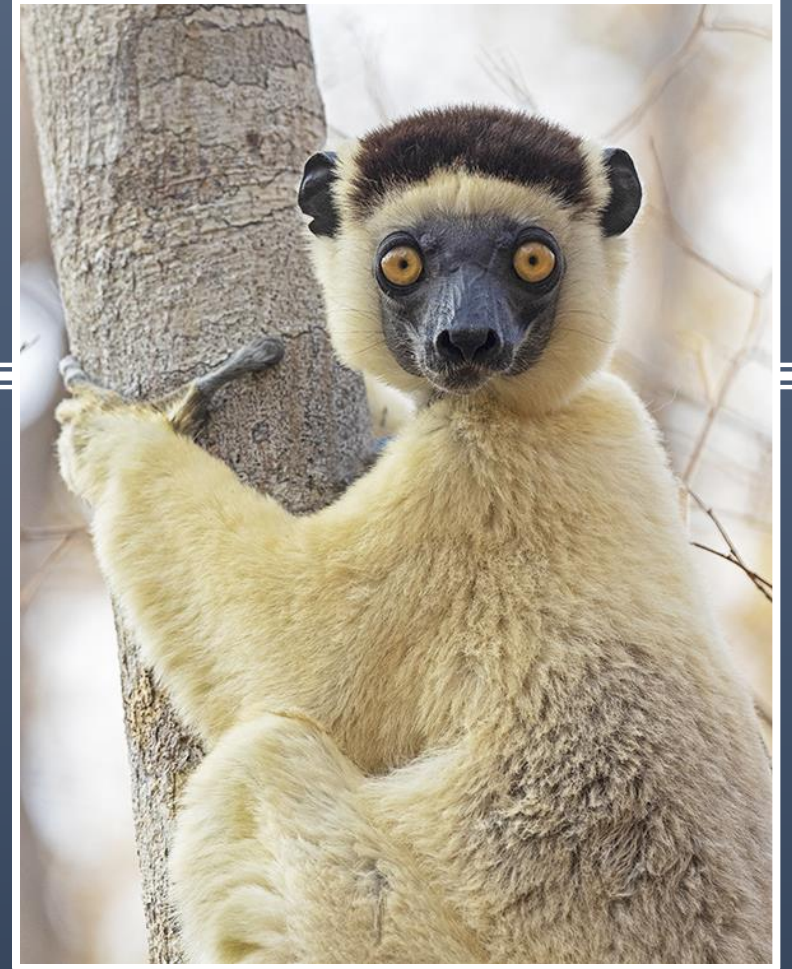




Pale Fork-marked Lemur- PC



Red-tailed Sportive Lemur- PC



Verreaux's Sifaka- PC





Giant Coua- PC



Madagascar Ground Gecko- PC



Madagascar Sparrowhawk- PC



Red-fronted Brown Lemur- PC



Lesser Vasa Parrot- PC



Coquerel's Coua-PC



Long-billed Tetraka- PC



Crested Drongo- PC





Madagascar Paradise Flycatcher- PC

Madagascar Paradise Flycatcher- PC



Rufous Vanga- PC



White-breasted Mesite-PC



White-headed Vanga - PC



We returned to Tana to start the main tour, and the next day we flew to Fort Dauphin, also known as Tolanaro, a city located in the south-east of Madagascar. After driving approximately 3.5 hours, we arrived at the Berenty reserve, where we'd spend the next 3 days photographing the areas birds, mammals, and other wildlife.



Octopus Tree- PC

The Ring-tailed Lemurs were undoubtedly the main attraction, followed closely by White-footed Sportive Lemurs and dancing Verreaux's Sifakas. Photos of Crested and Giant Coua also came out nice, along with shots of owls like White-browed Owl and Madagascar Scops Owl. A Duméril's Ground Boa caught our attention along with a Warty Chameleon, a group of Helmeted Guineafowl, Madagascar Nightjar, and Gray-brown Mouse Lemur, all of which were an important part of our photography tour.

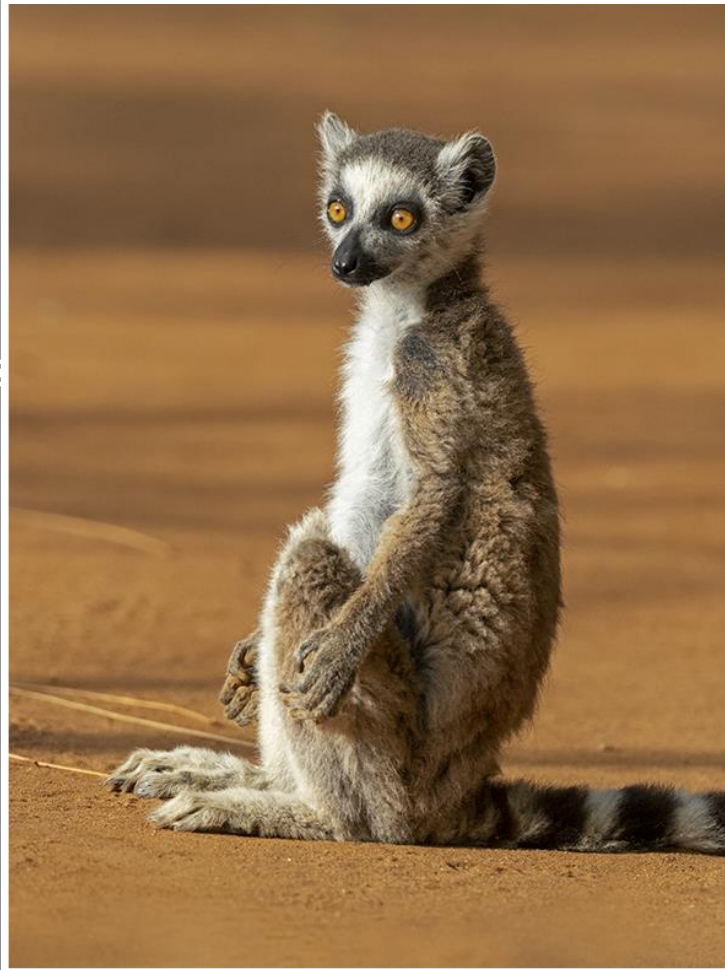


Crested Coua- PC





Gray-brown Mouse Lemur- PC



Ring-tailed Lemur- PC



White-footed Sportive Lemur - PC





Verreaux's Sifaka- PC



Warty Chameleon- PC



Madagascar Kestrel- PC



White-browed Owl- PC





Pied Crow- PC

Flatid Leaf Insect - PC



Madagascar Nightjar- PC

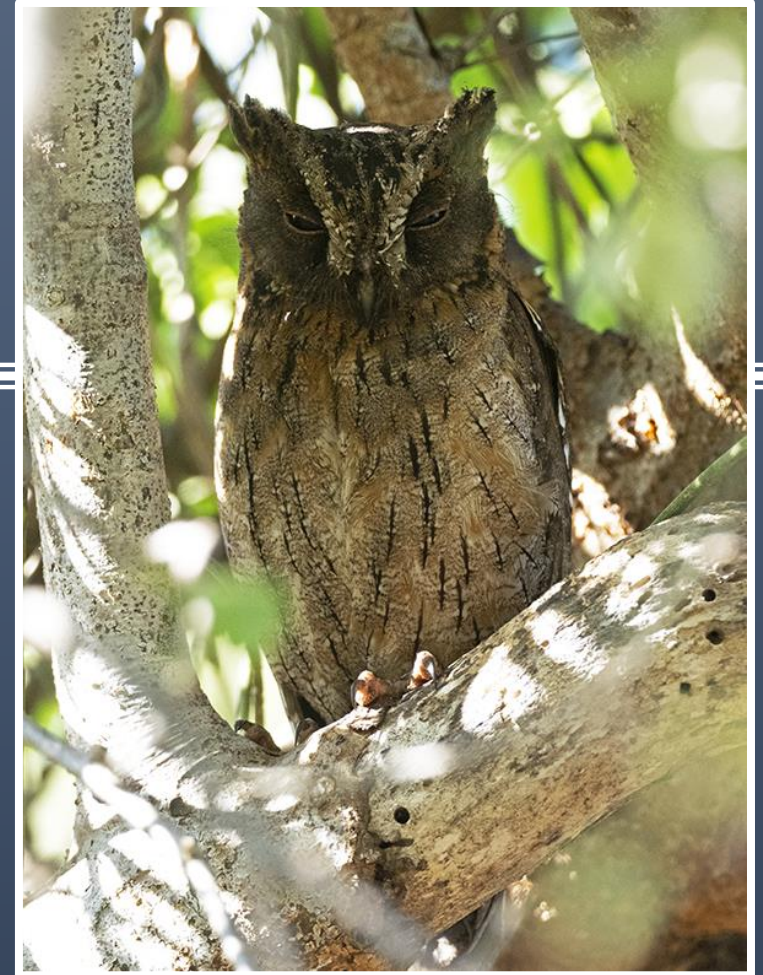




Madagascar Bulbul - PC



Frances's Goshawk- PC



Madagascar Scops Owl - PC





Three eyed Lizard - PC



Thicktail Day Gecko - PC



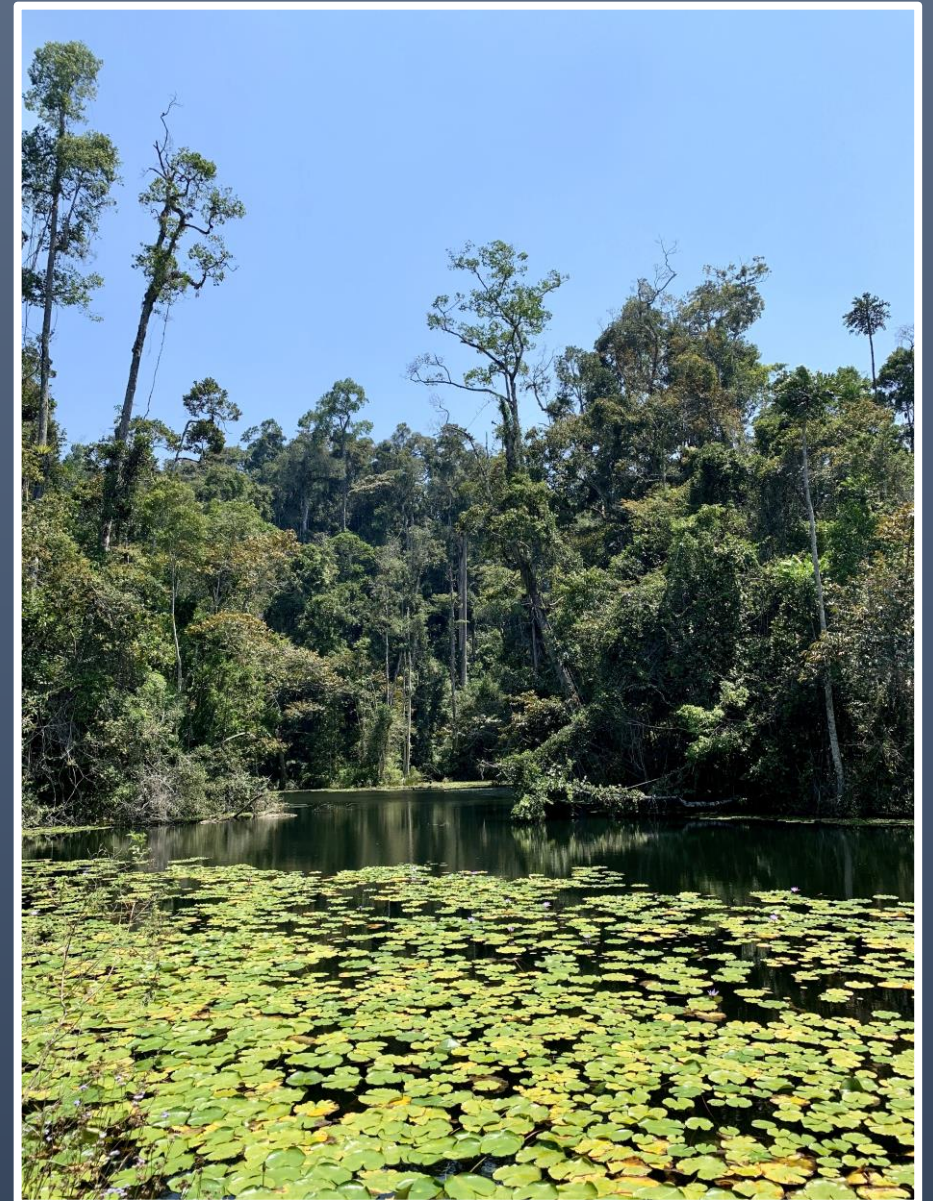
Spider Tortoise- PC



Radiated Tortoise - PC



After flying back to Tana, our next destination was Perinet and the nearby Andasibe - Mantadia National Park. This was the highest place we visited, at about 1000 m. (3300 ft). Our morning, afternoon, and evening walks here produced photos of the famed lemurs including Indri, Eastern Woolly Lemur, Goodman's Mouse Lemur, and Crossley's Dwarf Lemur. Frogs like Madagascar Fringed Frog, Mascarene Ridged Frog, Tomato Frog, and Golden Mantella also made great subjects along with strange chameleons including Brown Leaf, Parson's, Jeweled, Canopy, Band-bellied, Big Nose, Elephant eared, and others. Pitta-like Ground-Roller, Scaly Ground-Roller, Short-legged Ground-Roller, Madagascar Pygmy-Kingfisher, Madagascar Grebe, and Madagascar Rail were some of the avian highlights of this rich region.



Mantadia National Park - PC

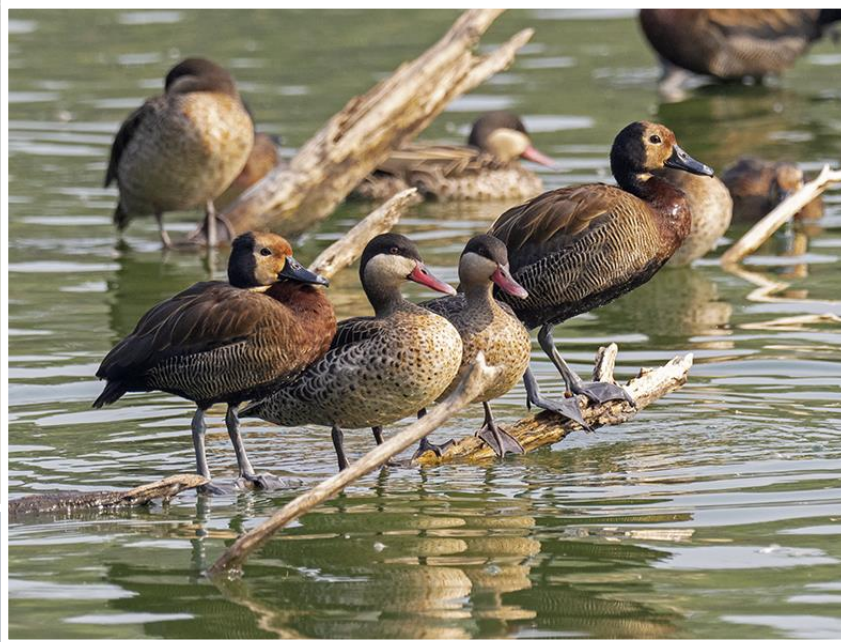




Black-crowned Night Heron- PC



White-throated Rail - PC



White-faced Whistling-Duck & Red-billed Teal - PC



Madagascar Coucal - PC



Collared Nightjar - PC



Madagascar Pygmy Kingfisher - PC



Madagascar Scops Owl - PC



Spectacled Tetraka - PC





Panther Chameleon -PC



Giraffe-necked Weevil -PC



Madagascar Malachite Kingfisher -PC



Brown Bamboo Lemur -PC





Big Nose Chameleon -PC



Common Brown Lemur -PC



Diademed Sifaka -PC



Baron's Mantella -PC



Ankarafantsika was our final destination, accessed by a flight from Tana to Majunga and then a two hour drive. Our first walk got us Madagascar Buttonquail, Red-capped Coua, Coquerel's Coua, Madagascar Pygmy Kingfisher, Schlegel's Asity, and Sickie-billed and Van Dam's Vangas. Coquerel's Sifakas seemed to be following us as we photographed these great birds. The nearby Lake Ravelobe hosted a Madagascar Fish Eagle, which was luckily close enough to photograph, along with Madagascar Pond Heron, Black Heron, Purple Heron, Squacco Heron, and Allen's Gallinule. A night walk inside the park was great for nocturnal creatures like Madagascar Nightjar, Golden-brown Mouse Lemur, Fat-tailed Dwarf Lemur, Rhino Chameleon, and others. A big surprise was finding a Madagascar Buttonquail sleeping next to the trail. The last day we went in search of Painted Snipe, which we photographed after a long search. We then flew back to Tana at the end of the tour.



Ankarafantsika National Park - PC





Hook-billed Vanga-PC



Coquerel's Sifaka -PC



Schlegel's Asity -PC



Red-capped Coua-PC





Broad-billed Roller -PC



Madagascar Fish Eagle -PC



Madagascar Buttonquail -PC



Merrem's Madagascar Swift -PC





Bet Sibila River -PC



## Birds

| Anatidae (Ducks, Geese, and Waterfowl)  |                                 |
|---|---------------------------------|
| 1                                       | White-faced Whistling-Duck      |
| 2                                       | Meller's Duck                   |
| 3                                       | Red-billed Duck (Teal)          |
| 4                                       | Hottentot Teal                  |
| 5                                       | Comb Duck                       |
| Numididae (Guinea fowl)                 |                                 |
| 6                                       | Helmeted Guinea fowl            |
| Podicipedidae (Grebes)                  |                                 |
| 7                                       | Madagascar (Little) Grebe       |
| 8                                       | Hamerkop                        |
| Ardeidae (Herons, Egrets, and Bitterns) |                                 |
| 9                                       | Purple Heron                    |
| 10                                      | Great (White) Egret             |
| 11                                      | Little (Dimorphic) Egret        |
| 12                                      | Black Heron (Egret)             |
| 13                                      | Cattle Egret                    |
| 14                                      | (Common) Squacco Heron          |
| 15                                      | Madagascar (Squacco) Pond-Heron |
| 16                                      | Striated (Green-backed) Heron   |
| 17                                      | Black-crowned Night-Heron       |
| 18                                      | Frances's Goshawk               |
| 19                                      | Madagascar Sparrowhawk          |
| 20                                      | Black (Yellow-billed) Kite      |
| 21                                      | Madagascar Buzzard              |
| Mistornithidae (Mistornis)              |                                 |
| 22                                      | White-breasted Mesite           |
| Rallidae (Rails, Gallinules, and Coots) |                                 |
| 23                                      | Madagascar Rail                 |
| 24                                      | White-throated Rail             |
| 25                                      | Allen's (Lesser) Gallinule      |
| 26                                      | Eurasian Moorhen                |
| Scolopacidae (Flufftails)               |                                 |
| 27                                      | Madagascar Wood-Rail            |

| Rostratulidae (Painted-Snipes)         |                                  |
|--|----------------------------------|
| 28                                     | Greater Painted-snipe            |
| Turnicidae (Buttonquail)               |                                  |
| 29                                     | Madagascar Buttonquail           |
| Glareolidae (Pratincoles and Coursers) |                                  |
| 30                                     | Madagascar Pratincole            |
| Columbidae (Pigeons and Doves)         |                                  |
| 31                                     | Rock Pigeon (Dove)               |
| 32                                     | Madagascar Turtle-Dove           |
| 33                                     | Namaqua Dove                     |
| Cuculidae (Cuckoos)                    |                                  |
| 34                                     | Crested Coua                     |
| 35                                     | Coquerel's Coua                  |
| 36                                     | Blue Coua                        |
| 37                                     | [Green-capped Coua]              |
| 38                                     | Red-fronted Coua                 |
| 39                                     | Giant Coua                       |
| 40                                     | Madagascar Coucal                |
| Strigidae (Owls)                       |                                  |
| 41                                     | Malagasy Scops-Owl               |
| 42                                     | Madagascar Long-eared Owl        |
| 43                                     | White-browed Owl                 |
| Caprimulgidae (Nightjars and allies)   |                                  |
| 44                                     | Collared Nightjar                |
| 45                                     | Madagascar Nightjar              |
| Apodidae (Swifts)                      |                                  |
| 46                                     | African Palm-Swift               |
| Leptosomidae (Cuckoo-Roller)           |                                  |
| 47                                     | (Madagascar) Cuckoo-Roller       |
| Upupidae (Hoopoes)                     |                                  |
| 48                                     | Madagascar Hoopoe                |
| Alcedinidae (Kingfishers)              |                                  |
| 49                                     | Malagasy (Madagascar) Kingfisher |
| 50                                     | Madagascar Pygmy-Kingfisher      |
| Meropidae (Bee-eaters)                 |                                  |
| 51                                     | Madagascar Bee-eater             |

| Coraciidae (Rollers)                |                                 |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 52                                  | Broad-billed Roller             |
| Brachypteraciidae (Ground-Rollers)  |                                 |
| 53                                  | Short-legged Ground-Roller      |
| 54                                  | Scaly Ground-Roller             |
| 55                                  | Pitta-like Ground-Roller        |
| Falconidae (Falcons and Caracaras)  |                                 |
| 56                                  | Madagascar Kestrel              |
| Psittaculidae (Old World Parrots)   |                                 |
| 57                                  | Greater Vasa-Parrot             |
| 58                                  | Lesser Vasa-Parrot              |
| 59                                  | Grey-headed Lovebird            |
| Philepittidae (Asities)             |                                 |
| 60                                  | Velvet Asity                    |
| 61                                  | Schlegel's Asity                |
| Vangidae (Vangas & Helmetshrikes)   |                                 |
| 62                                  | Common Newtonia                 |
| 63                                  | Red-tailed Vanga                |
| 64                                  | Nuthatch Vanga                  |
| 65                                  | Chabert Vanga                   |
| 66                                  | (Madagascar) Blue Vanga         |
| 67                                  | Hook-billed Vanga               |
| 68                                  | Ward's Flycatcher               |
| 69                                  | Rufous Vanga                    |
| 70                                  | Sickle-billed Vanga             |
| 71                                  | White-headed Vanga              |
| 72                                  | Van Dam's Vanga                 |
| Campephagidae (Cuckoo-shrikes)      |                                 |
| 73                                  | Ashy (Madagascar) Cuckoo-shrike |
| Dicruridae (Drongos)                |                                 |
| 74                                  | Crested Drongo                  |
| Monarchidae (Monarch Flycatchers)   |                                 |
| 75                                  | Madagascar Paradise-Flycatcher  |
| Corvidae (Crows, Jays, and Magpies) |                                 |
| 76                                  | Pied Crow                       |

| Hirundinidae (Swallows)                    |                               |
|--|-------------------------------|
| 77   | Mascarene Martin              |
| Pycnonotidae (Bulbuls)                     |                               |
| 78   | Madagascar Bulbul             |
| Acrocephalidae (Reed-Warblers and Allies)  |                               |
| 79   | Madagascar Brush-Warbler      |
| 80   | Madagascar Swamp-Warbler      |
| Bernieridae (Malagasy Warblers)            |                               |
| 81   | Spectacled Tetraka (Greenbul) |
| 82   | Long-billed Tetraka           |
| Cisticolidae (Cisticolas and Allies)       |                               |
| 83   | Common Jery                   |
| 84   | Green Jery                    |
| 85   | Madagascar Cisticola          |
| Zosteropidae (White-eyes)                  |                               |
| 86   | Madagascar White-eye          |
| Muscicapidae (Old World Flycatchers)       |                               |
| 87   | Madagascar Magpie-Robin       |
| Sturnidae (Starlings)                      |                               |
| 88   | Common Myna                   |
| Nectariniidae (Sunbirds and Spiderhunters) |                               |
| 89   | Soulimanga Sunbird            |
| Motacillidae (Wagtails and Pipits)         |                               |
| 90   | Madagascar Wagtail            |
| Passeridae (Old World Sparrows)            |                               |
| 91   | House Sparrow                 |
| Ploceidae (Weavers and Allies)             |                               |
| 92   | Nellicourvi Weaver            |
| 93   | Sakalava Weaver               |
| 94   | Red (Madagascar) Fody         |
| 95   | Forest Fody                   |
| Estrildidae (Waxbills and Allies)          |                               |
| 96   | Madagascar Munia (Mannikin)   |



## MAMMALS

| Cheirogaleidae (Mouse & Dwarf Lemurs)     |                                    |
|---|------------------------------------|
| 97  | Gray-brown Mouse Lemur             |
| 98  | Gray Mouse Lemur                   |
| 99  | Goodman's Mouse Lemur              |
| 100                                       | Crossley's Dwarf Lemur             |
| Lepilemuridae (Sportive Lemurs)           |                                    |
| 101                                       | Red-tailed Sportive Lemur          |
| 102                                       | White-footed Sportive Lemur        |
| Lemuridae (True Lemurs)                   |                                    |
| 103                                       | Eastern Lesser (Gray) Bamboo Lemur |
| 104                                       | Common Brown Lemur                 |
| 105                                       | Red-fronted Brown Lemur            |
| 106                                       | Black-and-white Ruffed Lemur       |
| 107                                       | Ring-Tailed Lemur                  |
| Indridae (Woolly Lemurs, Sifakas & Indri) |                                    |
| 108                                       | Eastern Woolly Lemur (Avahe)       |
| 109                                       | Diademed Sifaka                    |
| 110                                       | Indri                              |
| 111                                       | Verreaux's Sifaka                  |
| Phaner (Fork-marked Lemur)                |                                    |
| 112                                       | Pale Fork-marked Lemur             |
| Eupleridae (Malagasy Carnivores)          |                                    |
| 113                                       | Fosa                               |
| Pteropodidae (Fruit Bats)                 |                                    |
| 114                                       | Madagascar Flying Fox              |
| Tenrecidae (Tenrecs)                      |                                    |
| 115                                       | Lowland Streaked Tenrec            |

## REPTILES

| Testudinidae   |                                  |
|----------------|----------------------------------|
| 116            | Radiated Tortoise                |
| 117            | Spider Tortoise                  |
| Chamaeleonidae |                                  |
| 118            | Brown Leaf Chameleon             |
| 119            | Short-horned Chameleon           |
| 120            | Big Nose Chameleon               |
| 121            | Perinet (Band-bellied) Chameleon |
| 122            | Parson's (Giant) Chameleon       |
| 123            | Deceptive Chameleon              |
| 124            | White-lined Chameleon            |
| 125            | Oustalet's Chameleon             |
| 126            | Warty Chameleon                  |
| 127            | Jeweled Chameleon                |
| 128            | Glaw's Chameleon                 |
| 129            | Panther Chameleon                |
| 130            | Jewelled Chameleon               |
| 131            | Canopy Chameleon                 |
| Opluridae      |                                  |
| 132            | Three-eyed Lizard                |
| 133            | Merrem's Madagascar Swift        |
| Gekkonidae     |                                  |
| 134            | Madagascar Ground Gecko          |
| 135            | Thickettail Day Gecko            |
| 136            | Lined Day Gecko                  |
| Scincidae      |                                  |
| 137            | Elegant Skink                    |
| Boidae         |                                  |
| 138            | Madagascar Ground Boa            |
| 139            | Duméril's Ground Boa             |

## AMPHIBIANS

| Dicroglossidae |                       |
|----------------|-----------------------|
| 140            | Mascarene Ridged Frog |
| 141            | Baron's Mantella      |
| 142            | Panadus frog          |
| 143            | Tomato Frog           |
| 144            | Golden Mantella       |

## OTHER INVERTEBRATES

|     |                       |
|-----|-----------------------|
| 145 | Golden Orb-web Spider |
| 146 | Flatid Leaf Insect    |
| 147 | Giraffe-necked Weevil |
| 148 | Comet Moth            |





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