



# ETHIOPIA TOUR REPORT

24<sup>th</sup> Oct to 9<sup>th</sup> Nov 2013

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

Either for rarity value, excellent views or simply a group favourite.

- **Abdim's Stork**
- **African Openbill**
- **Wattled Ibis**
- **African Pygmy Goose**
- **Lammergeier**
- **Black-chested Snake-Eagle**
- **Rufous-breasted Sparrowhawk**
- **Ayres's Hawk-Eagle**
- **Vulturine Guineafowl**
- **Erckel's Francolin**
- **Moorland Francolin**
- **Rouget's Rail**
- **Lesser Moorhen**
- **Wattled Crane**
- **Arabian Bustard**
- **Heuglin's Courser**
- **Spot-breasted Lapwing**
- **Tambourine Dove**
- **Yellow-fronted Parrot**
- **Black-winged Lovebird**
- **Prince Ruspoli's Turaco**
- **African Wood Owl**
- **Abyssinian Nightjar**
- **Half-collared Kingfisher**
- **Blue-breasted Bee-eater**
- **Northern Carmine Bee-eater**
- **Abyssinian Scimitarbill**
- **Banded Barbet**
- **Abyssinian Woodpecker**
- **Sidamo Lark**
- **White-tailed Swallow**
- **White-winged Cliff-Chat**
- **Abyssinian Ground-Thrush**
- **Abyssinian Catbird**
- **African Spotted Creeper**
- **Nile Valley Sunbird**
- **Stresemann's Bushcrow**
- **Red-naped Bush-shrike**
- **Golden-breasted Starling**
- **Salvadori's Seedeater**

## SUMMARY:

This was a private Ethiopian tour where we did not focus on seeing all of the endemics, but rather visiting as many habitats as possible and enjoying the fabulous birding on offer. Beginning at Debre Libanos amidst fantastic scenery we then dropped down into the Rift Valley and its numerous lakes and multitudes of waterbirds, often at extremely close quarters. Wondo Genet is not on too many itineraries due to extreme habitat loss and will not feature on our 2014 tour but it still holds several endemics. The Bale Mountains and Sanetti Plateau were our favourite areas of the whole tour and the scenery is simply amazing. Our route continued south to Negelle where Prince Ruspoli's Turaco gave superb views and the famous Liben Plains where the endangered Sidamo Lark was seen well. Yabello is also a must-visit area for more endemics and Stresemann's Bushcrow and White-tailed Swallow were the pick of the bunch. We ended our visit with a few days amidst the savannah and thorn-brush of Awash National Park where Arabian Bustard provided a fitting finale.

## Days 1 - 2 24<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> October

Following a reasonably comfortable 8 hour overnight flight we touched down in Addis Ababa (2640m) at 6.40am and then undertook the tedious immigration and customs procedures before meeting up with our local guide and driver. We drove straight out of the city and headed up to the Sululta Plain stopping for breakfast at a roadside hotel. There was a small garden here and we were very surprised to notch up a number of species with such goodies as **African Citril**, **Mountain Thrush**, **Tacazze Sunbird**, **Brown-rumped** and **Streaky Seedeaters**, **Greater Blue-eared Glossy Starling** and many **Swainson's Sparrows**.

Overhead there was a constant stream of **Yellow-billed Kites**, **Hooded Vultures**, a few **Ruppell's** and **White-backed Vultures**, plus the first of 5 **Lammergeiers** to be seen today. Just as we were about to get back into the landcruiser, a **Moorland Chat** flew up onto the telegraph wire right next to us. Once out on the plain and we made our first stop when a little group of endemic **Wattled Ibis** were spotted beside a small pool. After a nice look at them through the scope we also saw a couple commoner endemics with **White-collared Pigeon** and **Blue-winged Goose** showing well, plus **Egyptian Goose**, **Tawny Eagle**, **Plain Martin** and flocks of **Yellow Wagtails** as well. Our next stop produced yet another endemic, this time



**White-cheeked Turaco at Debre Libanos**

a pair of **Erlanger's Larks**, followed by **Yellow Bishop**, male **Pin-tailed Whydah**, **Pied** and **Isabelline Wheatears**. A few kilometres further on and we stopped rather abruptly when a bunch of vultures were seen feeding on a carcass close to the road. Pride of place was a hulking **Lappet-faced Vulture** that literally towered over the squabbling **Ruppell's**, **White-backed** and a single tiny **Hooded Vulture** here. A **Red-breasted Wheatear** was then picked up nearby, along with more **Erlanger's** and a **Thekla Lark** as well.

We eventually reached our destination at lunchtime of the Ethio-German Park Hotel which is literally placed right on the edge of a huge escarpment where **Fan-tailed Ravens** and various raptors come in for great views. Once we had

dropped our luggage into our rooms we had a little look around the trees and scrubby bushes in the garden and picked up **Stout Cisticola**, **Ethiopia Boubou**, **Variable Sunbird**, **Ruppell's Robin-chat**, a fine **Yellow-bellied Waxbill**, and a trio of new endemics: **White-winged Cliff-chat**, **Ruppell's Black Chat** and **White-billed Starling**.

In the late afternoon we drove the short distance to Debre Libanos Monastery, stopping along the way to view our first **Gelada Baboons** and a spanking **Red-collared Widowbird**. The woodland here was pretty good and pride of place went to several **White-cheeked Turacos** present, although an endemic trio of **Banded Barbet**, **Abyssinian Slaty Flycatcher** and **Black-winged Lovebird** weren't too shabby either! We also had **Brown Woodland Warbler**, **Red-billed Firefinch**, **Red-cheeked Cordon-bleu**, **Village Indigobird**, **Mountain Wagtail** and **Northern Puffback**. Back at the lodge we had better views of **White-winged Cliff-chat** near the Portuguese Bridge, along with **Erckel's Francolin**, **Wahlberg's Eagle**, **Mocking**

**Cliff-chat** and a huge flock of **Nyanza Swifts**. Lee was on fire today and to cap off all of his great finds today he also spotted a **Golden Jackal** to end a great day's birding.

## Day 3 Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October

On the road by 5.30am and drove in darkness back towards Addis Ababa and then got through the city without too many hold-ups. Our crazy schedule meant we got down to a cracking hotel overlooking Debre Zeit Crater for breakfast and from the veranda we could overlook a scrub and acacia covered slope down to the lake which was very scenic. There were lots of birds moving around in the morning sunshine and one of the first was possibly the best one of the day, in the shape of several **Blue-breasted Bee-eaters** perched up nearby. I was surprised to see this **Erckel's Francolin** perched below us, whilst species such as **Abyssinian White-eye**, **African Paradise-Flycatcher** and **African Dusky Flycatcher** were more expected. More familiar wintering birds such as **Common Whitethroat**, **Willow Warbler** and **Blackcap** were also a welcome sight. Overhead, **African Fish Eagle**, **Marabou Stork**, **Pink-backed Pelican**, **Booted Eagle** and **Osprey** were noted. And a fine breakfast was also much appreciated!



**Hemprich's Hornbill at Lake Ziway**

It was just a short drive to the Cheleklaka Wetlands, a vast lake area with tall grasses and scrub and out on the water we saw **Maccoa Duck**, **Comb Duck**, **Spur-winged Goose** and both **Fulvous** and **White-faced Whistling-ducks**. A couple of **Black Crowned Cranes** were nice, whilst **Lesser Flamingo** and **African Spoonbill** were rather distant. A few waders were seen such as **Temminck's Stint**, **Wood**, **Green** and **Marsh Sandpipers**, and there were also **Hamerkop**, **Steppe Eagle**, **Yellow-billed Stork**, **Sacred Ibis**, **Squacco Heron**, **Ethiopian Swallow** and a couple of flyover **Common Cranes**. Leaving here we stopped abruptly further down the main road when an **Eastern Imperial Eagle** flew over and there was also **Wire-tailed Swallows** here and a low flying immature **Steppe Eagle**. More roadside stops gave us **Long-crested Eagle**, **Saddle-billed Stork** and at Koka Dam numerous **African Fish Eagles** and 40+ **Hamerkops**.

Finally we reached Ziway for lunch around 1pm and had a great Spaghetti Bolognese sat in the shade watching lots of birds visiting a fruiting tree next to us. We began with **Hemprich's Hornbill**, **Klaas's Cuckoo**, and **Beautiful Sunbird** followed by **Red-faced Crombec**, **Black-headed Batis**, **Buff-bellied Warbler**, **White-browed Sparrow-weaver** and an all too brief 'acro' warbler that disappeared before we could nail it.

Just around the corner was Lake Ziway and an amazing experience with 100's of **White Pelicans**, **Marabou Storks** and a whole bunch of other ibis, egrets and others within touching distance. We also had **Pied**, **Malachite** and **Woodland Kingfishers**, **Ruppell's Starling**,

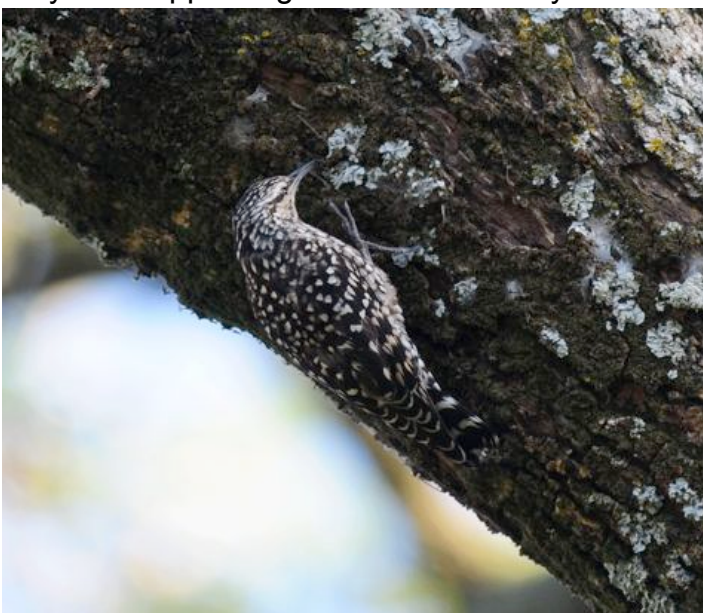
**Lesser Moorhen, Glossy Ibis** and a few **African Pygmy Goose**. Dragging ourselves away from here we drove down the main road but didn't get far before a pair of **Abyssinian Ground Hornbills** were seen right beside the road, and as we watched them also found **Von Der Decken's** and **Northern Red-billed Hornbills, Hadada Ibis, 4 Northern White-crowned Shrikes, Rufous-crowned Roller**, plus a low flying **White-rumped Swift**. By the time we pulled into a superb lodge at Hawassa we had seen 143 species today. Not too shabby huh?

## Day 4 Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October

Up and out before sunrise, listening to the sounds of the well wooded gardens coming to life. We pretty quickly caught up with **Silvery-cheeked Hornbill** whilst walking down to Lake Hawassa and spent a pleasant time scanning the area where our first **White-backed Duck** was found. Several **African Pygmy Goose** were close by, and as we watched them a few **White-rumped Babblers** worked their way towards us, a **Lesser Swamp Warbler** and **Black Crake** appeared close by. Just at the edge of the gardens a flowering tree was attracting numerous sunbirds with **Tacazze, Scarlet-chested, Beautiful** and **Shining Sunbirds** giving outrageous views. An **African Thrush** then appeared and was followed by **Northern Grosbeak-Weaver**, lots of **Little Weavers**, a single **Spectacled Weaver** and a **Rufous-throated Wryneck**. It was pretty full on as there were so many birds appearing all at once – lovely!



African Pygmy-Goose at Lake Hawassa



Spotted Creeper

One of the key birds here is **Spotted Creeper** which took some searching for but we eventually found it and what a stunner it was too! During the search we also had a pair of **African Grey Woodpeckers, Hadada Ibis** and a **Blue-headed Coucal**. After another fine breakfast we drove to a different part of the lake and took a walk which didn't really add many new birds but the sheer numbers of **Silvery-cheeked Hornbills** was impressive, and more in-your-face **Marabou Storks** were nice. Several **Banded Barbets** showed much better than our one previous sighting, a **Goliath Heron** was also nice, as was **Woodland Kingfisher, Ruppell's Starling**, and a

**Broad-billed Roller.** A flyby **Lesser Crested Tern** was something of a surprise to me and may well be just one of a handful of inland records.

Leaving here we drove an hour or so to Wondo Genet and checked in to the hotel, and during the process of unloading the luggage a pair of **Brown Parisomas** were seen, along with **Abyssinian Slaty Flycatcher**, **Montane White-eye** and others.

At 3pm we took the long uphill walk to find some decent habitat and although it was slow to start with, we ended up seeing a number of very good birds. Although the habitat has been severely degraded there are still some big trees and around these we had **Grey Cuckooshrike**, **Abyssinian Woodpecker**, **Ruppell's Robin-chat**, another **Spotted Creeper**, **Brown-throated Wattle-eye** and a couple of **Yellow-fronted Parrots**. Along the path a **Lemon Dove** showed very nicely indeed and a **Scaly Francolin** was feeding out in the open, whilst overhead a **Mountain Buzzard** put in an appearance. On the walk back down we had a **Klaas's Cuckoo** and a **Nubian Woodpecker**. We'd left it rather late to check for **Half-collared Kingfisher** but in the gathering gloom a superb **Abyssinian Ground-thrush** flew in and landed right in front of us, and a pair of **White-cheeked Turacos** were also nice.

## Day 5 Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October

A quick dash down to the nearby public swimming baths (!) and stream resulted in cracking views of a pair of **Half-collared Kingfishers** perched on a rock. Several **Lemon Doves** were also present in the vicinity as well before returning to the hotel for breakfast. Afterwards we

drove to the Agricultural College and spent a pleasant couple of hours walking through the forest seeing our first **Abyssinian Orioles**, which were surprisingly common here. Flocks of **Mountain Thrushes** were present, along with even more **Lemon Doves**, a flyby **Tambourine Dove**, a few **Red-headed Weavers** and eventually a fine **Narina Trogon**. A quick walk through more open areas gave us **Double-toothed Barbet**, **Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird**, **Grey-backed Fiscal** and noisy gangs of **White-rumped Babblers**.



Wattled Ibis - Bale Mountains

Leaving here we set out on the long drive to the Bale Mountains and as the road wound ever higher we eventually arrived at the moorland. Our first stop at a small cliff produced a day roosting **Cape Eagle Owl** which we enjoyed fine scope views of surrounded by loads of small children from nearby settlements. Other notable goodies up here include a ringtail **Pallid Harrier**, **Steppe Eagle**, **Augur Buzzard** and **Lammergeier** in the clear blue sky. A small pond held 30+ endemic **Blue-winged Goose**, and the endemic **Wattled Ibis**. Our first **Chestnut-naped Francolins** and **Rouget's Rail** were much appreciated before we reached Dinsho and the National Park HQ. A local guide showed us a roosting **African Wood Owl**, but we couldn't locate **Abyssinian Owl**. However, **Abyssinian Catbird** and **White-backed Black Tit** were added to our growing list of endemics, whilst a **Cinnamon Bracken Warbler**

was the last bird of the day just before the sun set. Non avian tick of the day went to several stunning **Mountain Nyalas**. We then drove 30kms to Goba and a decent hotel where we'd be staying for a couple of nights.

## Day 6 Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October

What a cracking day this was and lived up to all expectations as we visited the Sanetti Plateau. Leaving at 6.30am after a long night's sleep we stopped just out of town as the roadside was crawling with birds, most of which turned out to be **Streaky Seedeaters**, but a **Ruppell's Robin-chat** was also very nice and a bunch of **Chestnut-naped Francolins** also



Spot-breasted Plovers - Bale Mountains

showed well along the road. As we got up onto the moorland numerous scenic photo opportunities arose from the mind blowing scenery, although **Rouget's Rail**, **Wattled Ibis** and our first **Moorland Francolins** were also great. The variety of birds up here isn't huge but what is here is very special, and none more so than the endemic **Spot-breasted Plovers** and we spent ages watching and photographing them in the

beautiful sunshine.

However, a pair of

**Wattled Cranes** stole the show for me and what views we had as they fed in a marshy hollow below the road. Other goodies present were hundreds of **Ethiopian Siskins**, **Thekla Lark**, a pair of **Lanners**, **Red-throated Pipits**, **Blue-winged Goose**, **Ruddy Shelduck** and **Yellow-billed Ducks**. Raptors were well presented with **Steppe** and **Greater Spotted Eagles**, a pair of **Lanners**, **Peregrine**, **Common Kestrel**, lots of **Augur Buzzards** and **Eurasian Sparrowhawk**. Fantastic views of a **Simien Wolf** hunting **Mole Rats** was also something special. We even had an **Ayres's Hawk-eagle** as we descended towards the Hareenna Forest, along with **African Stonechat** and **Ethiopian Cisticola**. Our picnic lunch was taken in the forest but it was really quiet, apart from a **White-headed Vulture** and a few **Red-billed Oxpeckers** hanging around some cattle, so we drove back up to the plateau.

The last hour of sunshine was spent around some fields close to town and what a good move this turned out as we had really great views of **Groundscraper Thrushes**, **Black-winged Lovebirds**, **Common Fiscals**, a nesting pair of **Yellow-fronted Parrots**, yet another pair of **Lanners**, a pair of **Abyssinian Ground Hornbills** and the last bird of the day was a **Rufous-breasted Sparrowhawk** we scoped as it perched on top of a conifer. Today also provided us with several good mammals and to add to three sightings of **Simien Wolf**, we also had **Ethiopian Klipspringer** and **Menelik's Bushbuck**.

## Day 7 Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October

It took 3 hours to drive along the bumpy road to Sof Omar, but a couple of quick stops were worthwhile with **Helmetted Guineafowl**, **Rosy-patched Bush-shrike**, **White-browed Coucal**, **White-headed Buffalo-weaver** and **Black-crowned Tchagra** all seen well. As soon as we pulled up at Sof Omar an **African Pygmy Kingfisher** was found close by and, although things seemed a little quiet initially, we started finding new birds. In a relatively short space of time we had an **Eastern Yellow-billed Hornbill**, **Brown-tailed Rock-chat**, **White-**



Rosy-patched Bush-shrike

**bellied Go-away-bird** and **Collared Sunbird**. Overhead there was a flyover **Little Sparrowhawk**, a pair of **African Hawk-eagles** and later in the morning a **Brown Snake-eagle** performed admirably. Meanwhile our search of the narrow gorge continued producing new trip birds with **Emerald-spotted Wood-doves** becoming increasingly confiding, an inquisitive **Orange-breasted Bush-shrike**, a demure **Northern Brownbul**, **Northern Crombec** and a **Greater Honeyguide**. After an hour or so we finally nailed a pair of the endemic **Salvadori's Seedeaters** that were working their way across the hillside towards the drinking pool, but sadly we were not able to photograph them. We

thought they'd come down to drink but somehow they just disappeared and we had to content ourselves with **Northern**

**White-crowned Shrike**, **Acacia (Somali) Tit**, **Crimson-rumped Waxbill**, a flock of **White-crested Helmetshrikes** and a noisy gang of **Black-billed Wood-hoopoes**.

Leaving here we drove back towards Dinsho in the hope that an **Abyssinian Owl** had been relocated at a day roost, and along the way we stopped to look at a couple of **Pallid Harriers** and a ringtail **Montagu's Harrier**, **Short-toed Eagle** and a few **Crested Francolins**. Up at Dinsho there was no owl, but we had nice views of **Abyssinian Catbird**, **Common Waxbill** and **Brown Woodland Warbler**.

## Day 8 Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October

We set out on the long drive to Negelle at 5.30am and headed over the Sanetti Plateau seeing plenty of previously seen species, including more beautiful **Spot-breasted Plovers**. As the road began to descend towards the Harena Forest we quickly picked up **Bale Parisoma** (possibly a split from **Brown Parisoma**) and **Cinnamon Bracken Warbler**. In the forest we had our first real rain of the tour and this hampered our birding on and off all day. But we did pick up **Black-and-white Mannikin**, **Yellow-bellied Waxbill**, **Grey Cuckooshrike**, **Spectacled** and a surprising **Speke's Weaver**, and best of all an **Abyssinian Crimsonwing**. The road was quite bad as we left the forest but improved somewhat as we drove out into the drier Acacia forest and at our picnic lunch spot we found **Black-billed Barbet** and some distant **Chestnut Weavers**. We drove on and a random stop to stretch our

legs turned out to be pretty good with several **Vitelline Masked Weavers** feeding in a nearby tree, several **Shelley's Starlings**, a group of **White-headed Buffalo-weavers**, **Red-fronted Barbet**, **Red-and-yellow Barbet**, **Eastern Paradise Whydah**, **Straw-tailed Whydah**, **Slate-coloured Boubou**, **Red-billed Quelea** and a flyover **Bateleur**. Wow!

It was hard to drag ourselves away from here but our ultimate goal of the day was to find **Prince Ruspoli's Turaco** and at the first site we tried a pair were found quite quickly, along with a **Levaillant's Cuckoo**. But at the second site we had mind-blowing views of this bird feeding along a hedge just below our vantage point. It was incredible to be able to watch this stunning endemic for at least five minutes and just soak up the views. There were also several **Bruce's Green-pigeons** feeding in a large fig tree here, along with a pair of **Double-toothed Barbets**, whilst a **Northern Black Flycatcher** certainly wasn't 'bird of the day'. From here we still had an hours drive to get to Negelle and finally arrived around 7pm at a very nice hotel indeed.



Prince Ruspoli's Turaco

## Day 9 Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November

This was the day we made the pilgrimage to the Liben Plain in search of the critically endangered **Sidamo Lark**. Another early start and a quick 50 minute drive saw us arrive on site shortly after sunrise. It was a vast open area and rather like looking for a needle in a haystack but off we set and over the next couple of hours we found lots of **Somali Short-toed Larks**, **Plain-backed Pipit**, **Ethiopian Swallow**, **Isabelline Wheatear**, **Crowned Lapwing**, **Black-winged Lapwing**, **Eurasian Hobby**, **Lanner**, **Pectoral-patch Cisticola**, **Parrot-billed Sparrow**, and 3 hulking **Kori Bustards**. It wasn't looking good for the 'biggie' until nearly back at the car and a little commotion involving some local kids who had called over our guide and Merid & Steve Rooke from the Sunbird tour and there it was! In fact a pair of **Sidamo Larks** were found about 30 yards away and we could grill the finer plumage features, with a scalloped back, pale crown stripe and when song-fighting, the long hind claw. What a relief!

From here we drove down to a seasonally flooded lake which turned out to be choc-full of birds. We walked across some scrubland and fields for a couple of kilometres seeing **Reichenow's Seedeater**, the first of many **White Storks**, a surprise **Baltic Gull**, and it was here that we became aware of the huge numbers of **Lesser Kestrels** present in the vicinity. Around the lake 20+ **Abdim's Stork** and 6 **African Openbills** were the highlights. Lots of waders were present with 50+ **Ruff**, **Marsh**, **Wood** and **Green Sandpipers**, **Pied Avocet**, **Temminck's** and **Little Stint**, and lots of **Collared Pratincoles**. Overhead a huge **Lappet-**



**fac**ed **Vulture** was seen, and we spent quite a while studying the **Lesser Kestrels** which we estimated at around 400 present in the immediate area. It was great to spend a long time watching all of the activity and actually watching birds!

We left around midday and as it was a cool, overcast day and decided to skip lunch and continue birding at a nearby acacia forest. A good move as we found **Great Spotted** and **Eurasian Cuckoos**, **Red-backed Shrike**, a flock of **Grey-capped Social Weavers**, **Northern White-crowned Shrike**, **Gabar Goshawk**, and several **Yellow-bellied Eremomela**. More **Reichenow's Seedeaters** were seen when we stopped to look at an **Ethiopian Swallow** perched on telegraph wires, and another **Kori Bustard** was seen en-route as well.

At another acacia forest we notched up **Nubian Woodpecker**, **Marico Sunbird**, **Rufous Chatterer**, **Orange-breasted Bush-shrike**, **Scaly Francolin**, **Isabelline Shrike** and our only **African Wattled Lapwings** of the tour before the rain came in around 4pm and we got absolutely drenched. What a day!

## Day 10 Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November

There are a number of long drives on any Ethiopia tour and today was no exception, but there are always lots and lots of birds to see and we began with **Yellow-necked Spurfowl** and **Eastern Chanting Goshawk** being the first new birds of the day. So we left Negelle shortly after 5am and headed out on the bumpy dirt road towards Yabello, and after about an hour as we drove through acacia woodland saw a pair of **African Golden Orioles** fly over the road. So we stopped and spent a little while in the area which was literally jumping and we saw a pair of **Black-headed Orioles**, **Yellow-spotted Petronia**, **African Grey Hornbill**,



**Abyssinian Scimitarbill**

**Nubian Woodpecker**, **Lilac-breasted Roller** and a cracking pair of **Grey-headed Bush-shrikes** performed well. Continuing on we stopped at the edge of a small village where a **Striped Kingfisher** was seen, and there was also a **Diederik Cuckoo** and some **Shelley's Starlings**. Birds kept on coming throughout the long drive and next up and possibly bird of the day was a **Black-chested Snake-Eagle** that flew over the road – a much-wanted bird indeed. A **Grey Kestrel**, **Mouse-coloured Penduline-tit** and a flock of **Chestnut Weavers** were seen at the next stop. Another contender for bird of the day was an **Abyssinian Scimitarbill** that flew across the road in front of us and turned out to be very obliging and stayed on view for over half an hour. As usual when we stop and find one bird, then others quickly follow and at the same stop a pair of **Brubru** were called in, a male **Hunter's Sunbird** flew in to its nest and then a **Cardinal Woodpecker** appeared.

We kept on driving all day and the route was characterised by an extremely long, straight dirt road that kept on going all the way to the horizon. A **Grey Wren-Warbler** was new for us some time later, and then at a stake-out we quickly located **African White-winged Dove** after a heavy thunderstorm. At the same spot an immature **Rufous-tailed Rock-thrush** was a nice find as well.



**White-tailed Swallow**

We spent the early afternoon at the Dawa River not finding **Juba Weaver** in the hottest temperature we had experienced so far. The Acacia forest here was very quiet until we got to a certain point and then found **Somali Bunting, Purple Grenadier, White-browed Scrub-robin, D'Arnaud's Barbet, Violet-backed Sunbird, Yellow-breasted**

**Apalis**, and a **Pygmy Batis**. Along the river a pair of **African Fish-eagles** were seen, along with **Pied Kingfisher, African Pied Wagtail**, and overhead a **Long-legged Buzzard** was a surprise, as was another **Black-chested Snake-eagle**. Leaving here a **Turkestan Shrike** was perched along the roadside.

Continuing our drive along this seemingly endless road, we had a **Chestnut-bellied Sandgrouse**, our first **Golden-breasted Starlings** of the tour, several flocks of bizarre-looking **Vulturine Guineafowl**, a **Pygmy Falcon** and a **Grasshopper Buzzard**. Finally, we reached an open, savannah area where several **Somali Ostriches** were striding along in a typical African scene, **Somali Fiscals** were perched up, a pair of **White-bellied Bustards** were spotted by Lee, and a colony of **Black-capped Social-Weavers** were seen. It was then that the rain came in really heavy and stayed until the end of the day, so we drove another 80 kms to Yabello where we found ourselves at a rather nice hotel – much to our surprise!

## **Day 11 Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November**

A few **Red-winged Starlings** accompanied us for breakfast at the Yabello Motel this morning before we set off to a special site where we enjoyed point-blank views of the much-wanted endemic **White-tailed Swallow**. A pair were nesting in a small hut in a village, and once again we provided a vast amount of amusement to the local villagers who were very keen to look through our scopes. We did get distracted by very close views of **Grey-capped Social Weavers, D'Arnaud's Barbet, Boran Cisticola, Vitelline Masked weaver, and Chestnut Sparrow** that were feeding around the huts.

We then phuffed around visiting a lake which I found a little frustrating, but there was a **Pink-backed Pelican**, **African Spoonbill**, **Woolly-necked Stork**, **Red-billed Teal**, and our first **Shikra**, **Lesser Masked Weaver** and **Bare-faced Go-Away-Bird** – but come on there's better birds to find. We then drove towards the Yabello Wildlife Sanctuary and were fortunate to find a group of endemic **Stresemann's Bushcrows** feeding along the roadside. So we jumped out and spent quite some time watching these stunning birds. In the reserve we only



**Stresemann's Bushcrow**

spent a short time but managed to find a flock of **European Bee-eaters**, **Banded Parisoma**, **Ashy Cisticola**, **Whinchat**, **Vitelline** and **Speke's Weavers**, **Purple Grenadier** and best of all, a fine **Buff-crested Bustard** – but we'd see plenty of the latter species in a few days.

After lunch we drove south out of Yabello to an arid, bushy area and spent a wonderful couple of hours before heavy rain came in later in the afternoon. Shame we didn't get here earlier, but the list of birds we came up with made the visit eminently worthwhile. First up was a fine **Black-throated Barbet** singing from the top of an acacia. Then a flurry of activity around a big tree turned into several **Purple**

**Grenadiers**, **Black-capped Social Weavers**, **Somali Bunting**, **Grey Wren-Warbler** and **Yellow-breasted Apalis**. A male **Pygmy Falcon** was then scoped on a distant tree top. A furtive movement in a dense area of bushes turned out to be a **Spotted Palm-Thrush**, a group of **Mottled Swifts** flew over, and we also saw **White-bellied Canary** and **Northern Grosbeak Canary** as well. We spent much of our time searching for **Red-naped Bush-Shrike** which initially proved elusive, near-invisible and downright skulky, but eventually we had pretty decent views of several birds in the vicinity. More new birds followed with a group of **African Yellow White-eyes** feeding on some red flowers, a singing **Red-fronted Warbler**, **Masked Shrike** and best of all, a pair of **Heuglin's Coursers** found by Lee hiding in the shade of some dense bushes. What stunning birds they are! With really dark clouds rapidly approaching we made a hasty retreat back to the car (yes we ran) and arrived just in time before a heavy rainstorm, seeing more **White-tailed Swallows** and a couple of **African Orange-bellied Parrots** fly across the road.

We then drove along a dirt road and tried a spot of owling which resulted in a **Verreaux's Eagle-Owl** being spotlighted alongside the road and an obliging **African Scops-Owl** being found.

## **Day 12 Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November**

A long drive north to Hawassa with just a quick stop at a roadside marsh yielding a singing **Winding Cisticola**, **Black-and-white Mannikin**, **Red-collared Widowbird**, **Yellow Bishop**, a flyover **White-headed Vulture** and some other common birds. We eventually arrived at the

very plush Haile Resort Hotel on the shores of Lake Hawassa around 4pm and went straight out into the garden which had a lovely view over the lake. In a shady corner we watched 3 **White-browed Robin-chats** respond to the ipod very well indeed, plus our first **Marsh Warbler** showed quite well. There was also a pair of **Brown-throated Wattle-eyes**, **White-rumped Babbler** and this **African Thrush**. Over the lake there were literally thousands of **Barn Swallows**, **White-winged Terns**, several **Squacco Herons**, **Malachite Kingfishers**, **African Fish-eagles**, **Grey-headed Gulls** and others.

## Day 13 Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November

We left the wonderful Haile Resort after a later than usual start at 7am and called in to a nearby area along the lake shore where a **Goliath Heron** was seen close by, along with **Malachite** and **African Pygmy Kingfishers**, whilst a beautiful **Grey-headed Kingfisher** was new for the trip. Leaving here we drove for an hour or so to Lake Abiata, one of the famous



Lake Abiata

Rift Valley sites. And what an amazing place this was. There were literally thousands of **Lesser Flamingo's** all the way along the shoreline, as well as smaller numbers of **Greater Flamingo's** as well. The shoreline was crawling with many species of wader, including numerous **Little Stints**, hundred upon hundred of **Pied Avocet**, 1000's of **Ruff**, 100's of

**Kittlitz's Plovers**, plus smaller numbers of **Ringed Plover**, **Common Greenshank**, **Green**, **Wood** and **Marsh Sandpipers**, a solitary **Black-tailed Godwit** and a few **Black-winged Stilts**. Overhead was an almost constant stream of **Common Cranes** flying in to land on the marshes, and it was such a great surprise to see 21 **Wattled Cranes** flying in as well. To add to all this activity were some **African Spoonbills**, lots of **Marabou Storks**, **Yellow-billed Storks**, **Sacred Ibis**, egrets, ducks and the odd **Western Marsh Harrier**, **Pallid Harrier** and **African Fish Eagle**, **Gull-billed Terns**, 100's of **Yellow Wagtails** and a single **Pallas's Gull**. A flyover **Northern Carmine Bee-eater** was also much appreciated, whilst a few **Grassland Pipits** were seen as we left the area.

We had lunch at the Wabe Shebelle Hotel which is surrounded by some nice trees and is a known stake-out for **Slender-tailed Nightjar** and **Greyish Eagle-Owl** – both of which obliged. We also found **Red-throated Wrynecks** to be common, and also saw **Little Rock Thrush**, **Eastern Olivaceous Warbler**, and **African Orange-bellied Parrot**. We sat on the veranda of the restaurant which overlooks Lake Langano and watched numerous **White-winged Terns** flying past in the strong winds. The odd **Whiskered Tern** also passed by, as did a **White-rumped** and **Little Swift**, along with our first **Western Reef Egret**.

Leaving here we re-entered Lake Abiata National Park, but from a different entrance and a nice walk through the acacia forest turned up a couple pairs of **White-winged Black Tit**, along with **Mouse-coloured Penduline-Tit**, **Buff-bellied Warbler**, **Black Scimitarbill** and **Cinnamon-breasted Bunting**. As it was late afternoon we drove the short distance to our lodge overlooking Lake Langano and had our first **Icterine Warbler** and **Ruppell's Weaver**.

## Day 14 Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November

Left at 5am and got to Nazret for a 7am breakfast of scrambled eggs at a nice hotel, whose gardens held another **Eastern Olivaceous Warbler**, several **Black-winged Lovebirds** and a pair of **African Grey Woodpeckers**. So we continued on the journey to Awash, seeing a **Verreaux's Eagle** fly over the road as we watched a pair of **Blackstarts** and a **Blue Rock Thrush** on a lava flow. I didn't find out until we were on the journey that we were booked into a hotel in the town of Awash rather than one of the lodges actually inside the park, which kind of made me a little angry but I had to just go with the flow – we'll stay inside the park on our next tour in November 2014!!! Anyway, after an early bolognese lunch at the hotel we drove to the park entrance and set off through the open savanna dotted with acacias – a typical African scene. It was great to finally be here and we were all excited, so to get **Green-winged Pytilia** early on was nice as it was the only sighting of the day. **Helmeted Guineafowl**, **Pygmy Falcon**, **Dark-chanting Goshawk**, **African Palm Swift**, **Ashy Cisticola**, **Woodchat Shrike**, **Somali Fiscal**, and some lovely **Northern Carmine Bee-eaters** were all seen within the first half an hour, but I loved the numerous **Madagascar (Olive) Bee-eaters**.... **Isabelline Wheatears** were also exceedingly common and kept distracting us, but our first **Chestnut-backed Sparrow-Larks** were much better!



Buff-crested Bustard

The overcast conditions that we'd experienced all day so far then cleared and we had bright, sunny weather by mid-afternoon which meant the temperature soared and bird activity died down totally. And things remained slow for the rest of the day, except for **Cardinal Woodpecker**, our first **Grey-headed Batis**, a pair of **Brubru**, **Lanner**, **Isabelline** and **Red-backed Shrikes** and **Black-crowned Tchagra**. Oh and a couple of **Buff-crested Bustards** were also found close to the main track....

Dinner at the Awash Falls Lodge was kind of like Jim Bowen telling you what you could have won – if only you were staying at this lovely location – if you get my drift! Still, managed to spotlight some crocs on the river below....

## Day 15 Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November

Headed to the Bilen Lodge area of Awash NP and along the bumpy, rocky track scored quickly with several **Nile Valley Sunbirds** and a **Rufous Bushchat** – both new species for the trip. There was also **Cardinal Woodpecker**, **Black-throated Barbet**, **Turkestan Shrike**, and other common birds. At a small pool there were a few **Little** and **Temminck's Stints**, **Wood Sandpiper**, **Black-headed Wagtail** and best of all, a pair of **Three-**



Yellow-breasted Barbet

**banded Plovers**. Nearby we had a couple pairs of **Yellow-breasted Barbets** showing well, an incredible bird and one I wasn't expecting for some reason. Overhead we had lots of **Montagu's** and a few **Pallid Harriers**, **Brown Snake-Eagle** and flocks of **Chestnut-bellied Sandgrouse**. Leaving here we drove to the Aladeghe Plain and I think we left it a bit too late



Arabian Bustard - Awash National Park

as it was 10.30am and the heat haze was really bad, but it was an enjoyable time as there was an invasion of locusts being predated on by 500+ **Lesser Kestrels**, as well as flocks of **Marabou** and **White Storks**, and a few **Woolly-necked Storks**. We drove quite a way across the grassland and eventually found a single **Arabian Bustard** about 300m away, so we quietly walked towards it and had great views through the scope. This is a much-wanted bird for everyone and a contender for bird of the trip. A **Steppe Grey Shrike** was also skulking in the shade of a

small acacia, at another tree a flock of **Red-billed Quelea** were seen and our only **Black-headed Plover** of the tour as well.

So by now it was getting well over 100 Fahrenheit so we returned to the hotel for a cold drink, lunch and a siesta before heading back into the park. As usual here it was pretty quiet but we managed to find 4 **Senegal Thick-knees** along the river, a group of **Blue-naped Mousebirds**, **White-bellied Go-Away-Bird**, and **Eastern Grey Plantain-Eater**. On the drive out we saw **Crested Francolin**, **Yellow-necked Spurfowl**, and a flock of **Helmeted Guineafowl**. Non avian interest today was quite high with **Olive Baboon**, **Gerenuk**, **Soemmering's Gazelle**, **Dikdik**, **Lesser Kudu** and a **Golden Jackal** which was being mobbed by a couple of **Steppe Eagles** who were after the rodent he had just caught.

## Day 16 Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November

Our last day in Ethiopia began with a **Black-backed Jackal** beside the road as we drove towards Awash NP again. Once inside we drove to the savanna and cruised slowly along, making our first stop when a lark flew up beside us. After a bit of a chase it turned out to be a **Gillett's Lark** and it showed quite nicely in the scope. In the same area Lee spotted a pair of **Heuglin's Coursers** and a little later, another appeared nearby. Moving on we were suddenly confronted by a **Kori Bustard**, resplendent with a couple of **Northern Carmine Bee-eaters** riding on its back – just like on the pictures I've drooled over and couldn't believe our good fortune. Amazing photo opportunities and a privilege to witness this amazing spectacle. Nearby, we scored with **Singing Bushlark** and **Red-winged Lark** at the same spot, and we followed that up with a **European Roller**, **Abyssinian Scimitarbill**, and more carmine's before driving to Awash Falls Lodge for lunch. And boy was it hot – probably over 100 degrees Fahrenheit today. Unfortunately it was time to leave and we drove back to Addis Ababa, stopping along the road and seeing **Chestnut-headed Sparrow-weaver**, **Striolated Bunting** and **Green-winged Pytilia**. And that was it, save for a fine evening meal and quick shower at a hotel in downtown Addis, before driving to the airport in plenty of time for our overnight flight back to the UK.



**Kori Bustard and Northern Carmine Bee-eaters**

# BIRDLIST FOR ETHIOPIA

## OCT/NOV 2013

	<b>SPECIES</b>	<b>SCIENTIFIC NAME</b>
	<b>Er –Endemic to Eritrea &amp; Ethiopia</b> <b>Et - Ethiopian Endemic</b> <b>So – Endemic to Somali &amp; Ethiopia</b>	
1.	Somali Ostrich	<i>Struthio molybdophanes</i>
2.	Great White Pelican	<i>Pelecanus onocrotalus</i>
3.	Pink-backed Pelican	<i>Pelecanus rufescens</i>
4.	Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>
5.	Long-tailed Cormorant	<i>Microcarbo africanus</i>
6.	Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>
7.	Western Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>
8.	Squacco Heron	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>
9.	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>
10.	Western Reef Heron	<i>Egretta gularis</i>
11.	Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>
12.	Goliath Heron	<i>Ardea goliath</i>
13.	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>
14.	Black-headed Heron	<i>Ardea melanocephala</i>
15.	Hamerkop	<i>Scopus umbretta</i>
16.	White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>
17.	Yellow-billed Stork	<i>Mycteria ibis</i>
18.	Black Stork	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>
19.	Abdim's Stork	<i>Ciconia abdimii</i>
20.	African Openbill	<i>Anastomus lamelligerus</i>
21.	Woolly-necked Stork	<i>Ciconia episcopus</i>
22.	Saddle-billed Stork	<i>Ephippiorhynchus senegalensis</i>
23.	Marabou Stork	<i>Leptoptilos crumenifer</i>
24.	African Sacred Ibis	<i>Threskiornis aethiopicus</i>
25.	Hadada Ibis	<i>Bostrychia hagedash</i>
26.	Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>
27.	<b>Wattled Ibis</b> <span style="float: right; color: blue;">Er, Et</span>	<i>Bostrychia carunculata</i>
28.	African Spoonbill	<i>Platalea alba</i>
29.	Greater Flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus roseus</i>
30.	Lesser Flamingo	<i>Phoeniconaias minor</i>
31.	Spur-winged Goose	<i>Plectropterus gambensis</i>
32.	<b>Blue-winged Goose</b> <span style="float: right; color: blue;">Et</span>	<i>Cyanochen cyanoptera</i>
33.	Egyptian Goose	<i>Alopochen aegyptiaca</i>
34.	Knob-billed Duck	<i>Sarkidiornis melanotos</i>
35.	White-faced Whistling Duck	<i>Dendrocygna viduata</i>
36.	Fulvous Whistling Duck	<i>Dendrocygna bicolor</i>
37.	Ruddy Shelduck	<i>Tadorna ferruginea</i>
38.	African Pygmy Goose	<i>Nettapus auritus</i>
39.	Red-billed Teal	<i>Anas erythrorhyncha</i>
40.	White-backed Duck	<i>Thalassornis leuconotus</i>



41.	Yellow-billed Duck	Anas undulata
42.	Northern Shoveler	Anas clypeata
43.	Northern Pintail	Anas acuta
44.	Garganey	Anas querquedula
45.	Eurasian Teal	Anas crecca
46.	Gadwall	Anas strepera
47.	Tufted Duck	Aythya fuligula
48.	Black Kite	Milvus migrans
49.	Yellow-billed Kite	Milvus aegyptius
50.	Black-winged Kite	Elanus caeruleus
51.	African Fish Eagle	Haliaeetus vocifer
52.	Western Osprey	Pandion haliaetus
53.	Lammergeier	Gypaetus barbatus
54.	Egyptian Vulture	Neophron percnopterus
55.	Hooded Vulture	Necrosyrtes monachus
56.	White-headed Vulture	Trionoceph occipitalis
57.	Lappet-faced Vulture	Torgos tracheliotos
58.	White-backed Vulture	Gyps africanus
59.	Rüppell's Vulture	Gyps rueppellii
60.	Eurasian Griffon Vulture	Gyps fulvus
61.	Black-chested Snake-Eagle	Circaetus pectoralis
62.	Short-toed Snake-Eagle	Circaetus gallicus
63.	Brown Snake-Eagle	Circaetus cinereus
64.	Western Marsh Harrier	Circus aeruginosus
65.	Pallid Harrier	Circus macrourus
66.	Montagu's Harrier	Circus pygargus
67.	Dark Chanting Goshawk	Melierax metabates
68.	Eastern Chanting Goshawk	Melierax poliopterus
69.	Gabar Goshawk	Micronisus gabar
70.	Shikra	Accipiter badius
71.	Eurasian Sparrowhawk	Accipiter nisus
72.	Rufous-breasted Sparrowhawk	Accipiter rufiventris
73.	Little Sparrowhawk	Accipiter minullus
74.	Grasshopper Buzzard	Butastur rufipennis
75.	Long-legged Buzzard	Buteo rufinus
76.	Common Buzzard	Buteo buteo
77.	Mountain Buzzard	Buteo oreophilus
78.	Augur Buzzard	Buteo augur
79.	Lesser Spotted Eagle	Clanga pomarina
80.	Greater Spotted Eagle	Clanga clanga
81.	Eastern Imperial Eagle	Aquila heliaca
82.	Tawny Eagle	Aquila rapax
83.	Steppe Eagle	Aquila nipalensis
84.	Wahlberg's Eagle	Hieraaetus wahlbergi
85.	African Hawk-Eagle	Aquila spilogaster
86.	Booted Eagle	Hieraaetus pennatus
87.	Ayres's Hawk-Eagle	Hieraaetus ayresii
88.	Bateleur	Terathopius ecaudatus
89.	Long-crested Eagle	Lophaetus occipitalis

90.	African Harrier-Hawk	Polyboroides typus
91.	Verreaux's Eagle	Aquila verreauxii
92.	Common Kestrel	Falco tinnunculus
93.	Fox Kestrel	Falco alopex
94.	Grey Kestrel	Falco ardosiaceus
95.	Pygmy Falcon	Polihierax semitorquatus
96.	Eurasian Hobby	Falco subbuteo
97.	Lanner Falcon	Falco biarmicus
98.	Peregrine Falcon	Falco peregrinus
99.	Helmeted Guineafowl	Numida meleagris
100.	Vulturine Guineafowl	Acryllium vulturinum
101.	Crested Francolin	Dendroperdix sephaena
102.	Scaly Francolin	Pternistis squamatus
103.	<b>Erckel's Francolin</b> Et, Er	Pternistis erckelii
104.	<b>Chestnut-naped Francolin</b> Et, So	Pternistis castaneicollis
105.	Moorland Francolin	Scleroptila psilolaema
106.	Yellow-necked Spurfowl	Pternistis leucoscepus
107.	Common Quail	Coturnix coturnix
108.	Black Crake	Amaurornis flavirostra
109.	<b>Rouget's Rail</b> Et, Er	Rougetius rougetii
110.	Common Moorhen	Gallinula chloropus
111.	Lesser Moorhen	Gallinula angulata
112.	Red-knobbed Coot	Fulica cristata
113.	Black Crowned Crane	Balearica pavonina
114.	Wattled Crane	Grus carunculata
115.	Common Crane	Grus grus
116.	Kori Bustard	Ardeotis kori
117.	Arabian Bustard	Ardeotis arabs
118.	Buff-crested Bustard	Lophotis gindiana
119.	White-bellied Bustard	Eupodotis senegalensis
120.	African Jacana	Actophilornis africanus
121.	Black-winged Stilt	Himantopus himantopus
122.	Pied Avocet	Recurvirostra avosetta
123.	Senegal Thick-knee	Burhinus senegalensis
124.	Temminck's Courser	Cursorius temminckii
125.	Heuglin's Courser	Rhinoptilus cinctus
126.	Collared Pratincole	Glareola pratincola
127.	Egyptian Plover	Pluvianus aegyptius
128.	Three-banded Plover	Charadrius tricollaris
129.	Common Ringed Plover	Charadrius hiaticula
130.	Little Ringed Plover	Charadrius dubius
131.	Spur-winged Lapwing	Vanellus spinosus
132.	Black-headed Lapwing	Vanellus tectus
133.	Black-winged Lapwing	Vanellus melanopterus
134.	Crowned Lapwing	Vanellus coronatus
135.	African Wattled Lapwing	Vanellus senegallus
136.	<b>Spot-breasted Lapwing</b> Et	Vanellus melanocephalus
137.	Ruff	Philomachus pugnax
138.	Common Redshank	Tringa totanus

139.	Marsh Sandpiper	<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>
140.	Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>
141.	Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>
142.	Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>
143.	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>
144.	Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>
145.	Temminck's Stint	<i>Calidris temminckii</i>
146.	Curlew Sandpiper	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>
147.	Common Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>
148.	Black-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa limosa</i>
149.	Baltic Gull	<i>Larus fuscus fuscus</i>
150.	Black-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>
151.	Grey-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus cirrocephalus</i>
152.	Lesser Crested Tern	<i>Thalasseus bengalensis</i>
153.	Gull-billed Tern	<i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i>
154.	Whiskered Tern	<i>Chlidonias hybrida</i>
155.	White-winged Tern	<i>Chlidonias leucopterus</i>
156.	Chestnut-bellied Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles exustus</i>
157.	Bruce's Green Pigeon	<i>Treron waalia</i>
158.	Speckled Pigeon	<i>Columba guinea</i>
159.	<b>White-collared Pigeon</b> Et, Er	<i>Columba albitorques</i>
160.	African Olive Pigeon	<i>Columba arquatrix</i>
161.	Emerald-spotted Wood Dove	<i>Turtur chalcospilos</i>
162.	Tambourine Dove	<i>Turtur tympanistria</i>
163.	Namaqua Dove	<i>Oena capensis</i>
164.	African Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia risoria</i>
165.	<b>African White-winged Dove</b> Et, So	<i>Streptopelia reichenowi</i>
166.	African Mourning Dove	<i>Streptopelia decipiens</i>
167.	Red-eyed Dove	<i>Streptopelia semitorquata</i>
168.	Ring-necked Dove	<i>Streptopelia capicola</i>
169.	Lemon Dove	<i>Columba larvata</i>
170.	Dusky Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia lugens</i>
171.	Laughing Dove	<i>Spilopelia senegalensis</i>
172.	African Orange-bellied Parrot	<i>Poicephalus rufiventris</i>
173.	<b>Yellow-fronted Parrot</b> Et	<i>Poicephalus flavifrons</i>
174.	<b>Black-winged Lovebird</b> Et, Er	<i>Agapornis taranta</i>
175.	White-cheeked Turaco	<i>Tauraco leucotis</i>
176.	<b>Ruspoli's Turaco</b> Et	<i>Tauraco ruspolii</i>
177.	Bare-faced Go-away-bird	<i>Corythaixoides personatus</i>
178.	White-bellied Go-away-bird	<i>Corythaixoides leucogaster</i>
179.	Eastern Plantain-eater	<i>Crinifer zonurus</i>
180.	Great Spotted Cuckoo	<i>Clamator glandarius</i>
181.	Levaillant's Cuckoo	<i>Clamator levaillantii</i>
182.	Common Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>
183.	Diederik Cuckoo	<i>Chrysococcyx caprius</i>
184.	Klaas's Cuckoo	<i>Chrysococcyx klaas</i>
185.	Blue-headed Coucal	<i>Centropus monachus</i>
186.	White-browed Coucal	<i>Centropus superciliosus</i>
187.	African Wood Owl	<i>Strix woodfordii</i>

188.	African Scops Owl	Otus senegalensis
189.	Greyish Eagle-Owl	Bubo cinerascens
190.	Verreaux's Eagle-Owl	Bubo lacteus
191.	Cape Eagle-Owl	Bubo capensis
192.	Slender-tailed Nightjar	Caprimulgus clarus
193.	Montane (Abyssinian) Nightjar	Caprimulgus poliocephalus
194.	Little Swift	Apus affinis
195.	White-rumped Swift	Apus caffer
196.	Mottled Swift	Tachymarptis aequatorialis
197.	Nyanza Swift	Apus niansae
198.	African Palm Swift	Cypsiurus parvus
199.	Speckled Mousebird	Colius striatus
200.	Blue-naped Mousebird	Urocolius macrourus
201.	Narina Trogon	Apaloderma narina
202.	Pied Kingfisher	Ceryle rudis
203.	Grey-headed Kingfisher	Halcyon leucocephala
204.	Woodland Kingfisher	Halcyon senegalensis
205.	Striped Kingfisher	Halcyon chelicuti
206.	Half-collared Kingfisher	Alcedo semitorquata
207.	African Pygmy Kingfisher	Ispidina picta
208.	Malachite Kingfisher	Corythornis cristatus
209.	Common Kingfisher	Alcedo atthis
210.	Blue-breasted Bee-eater	Merops variegatus
211.	Olive (Madagascar) Bee-eater	Merops superciliosus
212.	European Bee-eater	Merops apiaster
213.	Northern Carmine Bee-eater	Merops nubicus
214.	Broad-billed Roller	Eurystomus glaucurus
215.	Purple (Rufous-crowned) Roller	Coracias naevius
216.	Lilac-breasted Roller	Coracias caudatus
217.	Abyssinian Roller	Coracias abyssinicus
218.	European Roller	Coracias garrulus
219.	Black-billed Wood Hoopoe	Phoeniculus somaliensis
220.	Eurasian Hoopoe	Upupa epops
221.	Abyssinian Scimitarbill	Rhinopomastus minor
222.	Black Scimitarbill	Rhinopomastus aterrimus
223.	Eastern Yellow-billed Hornbill	Tockus flavirostris
224.	Northern Red-billed Hornbill	Tockus erythrorhynchus
225.	Von der Decken's Hornbill	Tockus deckeni
226.	Hemprich's Hornbill	Tockus hemprichii
227.	African Grey Hornbill	Tockus nasutus
228.	Silvery-cheeked Hornbill	Bycanistes brevis
229.	Abyssinian Ground Hornbill	Bucorvus abyssinicus
230.	Red-fronted Tinkerbird	Pogoniulus pusillus
231.	Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird	Pogoniulus chrysoconus
232.	Red-fronted Barbet	Tricholaema diademata
233.	Black-throated Barbet	Tricholaema melanocephala
234.	Black-billed Barbet	Lybius guifsobalito
235.	Double-toothed Barbet	Lybius bidentatus
236.	<b>Banded Barbet</b>	Lybius undatus

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237.	Red-and-yellow Barbet		<i>Trachyphonus erythrocephalus</i>
238.	Yellow-breasted Barbet		<i>Trachyphonus margaritatus</i>
239.	D'Arnaud's Barbet		<i>Trachyphonus darnaudii</i>
240.	Greater Honeyguide		<i>Indicator indicator</i>
241.	Lesser Honeyguide		<i>Indicator minor</i>
242.	Eurasian Wryneck		<i>Jynx torquilla</i>
243.	Red-throated Wryneck		<i>Jynx ruficollis</i>
244.	Nubian Woodpecker		<i>Campethera nubica</i>
245.	Bearded Woodpecker		<i>Dendropicos namaquus</i>
246.	<b>Abyssinian Woodpecker</b>	Et, Er	<i>Dendropicos abyssinicus</i>
247.	Cardinal Woodpecker		<i>Dendropicos fuscescens</i>
248.	African Grey Woodpecker		<i>Dendropicos goertae</i>
249.	Red-winged Lark		<i>Mirafra hypermetra</i>
250.	Gillett's Lark		<i>Mirafra gilletti</i>
251.	Singing Bush Lark		<i>Mirafra cantillans</i>
252.	<b>Sidamo Lark</b>	Et	<i>Heteromirafra sidamoensis</i>
253.	<b>Erlanger's Lark</b>	Et	<i>Calandrella erlangeri</i>
254.	Somali Short-toed Lark		<i>Calandrella somalica</i>
255.	Thekla Lark		<i>Galerida theklae</i>
256.	Chestnut-backed Sparrow-Lark		<i>Eremopterix leucotis</i>
257.	Chestnut-headed Sparrow-Lark		<i>Eremopterix signatus</i>
258.	Rock Martin		<i>Ptyonoprogne fuligula</i>
259.	Sand Martin		<i>Riparia riparia</i>
260.	Brown-throated Martin		<i>Riparia paludicola</i>
261.	Common House Martin		<i>Delichon urbicum</i>
262.	Lesser Striped Swallow		<i>Cecropis abyssinica</i>
263.	Red-rumped Swallow		<i>Cecropis daurica</i>
264.	<b>White-tailed Swallow</b>	Et	<i>Hirundo megaensis</i>
265.	Barn Swallow		<i>Hirundo rustica</i>
266.	Ethiopian Swallow		<i>Hirundo aethiopica</i>
267.	Wire-tailed Swallow		<i>Hirundo smithii</i>
268.	Black Saw-wing		<i>Psalidoprocne pristoptera</i>
269.	Brown Saw-wing		<i>Psalidoprocne pristoptera antinorii</i>
270.	Blue-headed Wagtail		<i>Motacilla flava flava</i>
271.	Black-headed Wagtail		<i>Motacilla flava feldegg</i>
272.	Grey-headed Wagtail		<i>Motacilla flava thunbergi</i>
273.	African Pied Wagtail		<i>Motacilla aguimp</i>
274.	White Wagtail		<i>Motacilla alba</i>
275.	Grey Wagtail		<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>
276.	Mountain Wagtail		<i>Motacilla clara</i>
277.	Grassland Pipit		<i>Anthus cinnamomeus</i>
278.	Plain-backed Pipit		<i>Anthus leucophrys</i>
279.	Tree Pipit		<i>Anthus trivialis</i>
280.	Red-throated Pipit		<i>Anthus cervinus</i>
281.	Grey Cuckooshrike		<i>Coracina caesia</i>
282.	Common Bulbul		<i>Pycnonotus barbatus</i>
283.	Dodson's Bulbul		<i>Pycnonotus dodsoni</i>
284.	Dark-capped Bulbul		<i>Pycnonotus tricolor</i>
285.	Rüppell's Robin-Chat		<i>Cossypha semirufa</i>

286.	White-browed Robin-Chat	Cossypha heuglini
287.	Common Nightingale	Luscinia megarhynchos
288.	Common Redstart	Phoenicurus phoenicurus
289.	Rufous Bushchat	Cercotrichas galactotes
290.	White-browed Scrub Robin	Erythropygia leucophrys
291.	Spotted Palm Thrush	Cichladusa guttata
292.	Siberian Stonechat	Saxicola maura
293.	African Stonechat	Saxicola torquatus
294.	Whinchat	Saxicola rubetra
295.	Red-breasted Wheatear	Oenanthe bottae
296.	Isabelline Wheatear	Oenanthe isabellina
297.	Northern Wheatear	Oenanthe oenanthe
298.	Pied Wheatear	Oenanthe pleschanka
299.	Brown-tailed Rock Chat	Oenanthe scotocerca
300.	Moorland Chat	Pinarochroa sordida
301.	Blackstart	Oenanthe melanura
302.	Mocking Cliff Chat	Thamnolaea cinnamomeiventris
303.	<b>White-winged Cliff Chat</b> Et, Er	Monticola semirufus
304.	<b>Rüppell's Black Chat</b> Et, Er	Myrmecocichla melaena
305.	Groundscraper Thrush	Psophocichla litsitsirupa
306.	Common Rock Thrush	Monticola saxatilis
307.	Little Rock Thrush	Monticola rufocinereus
308.	Blue Rock Thrush	Monticola solitarius
309.	Mountain Thrush	Turdus abyssinicus
310.	African Thrush	Turdus pelios
311.	Abyssinian Ground Thrush	Geokichla piaggiae
312.	Cinnamon Bracken Warbler	Bradypterus cinnamomeus
313.	Lesser Swamp Warbler	Acrocephalus gracilirostris
314.	Marsh Warbler	Acrocephalus palustris
315.	Eastern Olivaceous Warbler	Iduna pallida
316.	Icterine Warbler	Hippolais icterina
317.	Grey-backed Camaroptera	Camaroptera brevicaudata
318.	Grey Wren-Warbler	Calamonastes simplex
319.	Yellow-bellied Eremomela	Eremomela icteropygialis
320.	Northern Crombec	Sylvietta brachyura
321.	Red-faced Crombec	Sylvietta whytii
322.	Buff-bellied Warbler	Phyllolais pulchella
323.	Willow Warbler	Phylloscopus trochilus
324.	Common Chiffchaff	Phylloscopus collybita
325.	Brown Woodland Warbler	Phylloscopus umbrovirens
326.	Lesser Whitethroat	Sylvia curruca
327.	Common Whitethroat	Sylvia communis
328.	Blackcap	Sylvia atricapilla
329.	Garden Warbler	Sylvia borin
330.	Brown Parisoma	Sylvia lugens
331.	Banded Parisoma	Sylvia boehmi
332.	Pectoral-patch Cisticola	Cisticola brunnescens
333.	Tiny Cisticola	Cisticola nana
334.	Stout Cisticola	Cisticola robustus

335.	<b>Ethiopian Cisticola</b>	Et, Er	<i>Cisticola lugubris</i>
336.	Winding Cisticola		<i>Cisticola marginatus</i>
337.	Rattling Cisticola		<i>Cisticola chiniana</i>
338.	Boran Cisticola		<i>Cisticola bodessa</i>
339.	Ashy Cisticola		<i>Cisticola cinereolus</i>
340.	Tawny-flanked Prinia		<i>Prinia subflava</i>
341.	Pale Prinia		<i>Prinia somalica</i>
342.	Red-fronted Warbler		<i>Urorhipis rufifrons</i>
343.	Yellow-breasted Apalis		<i>Apalis flavida</i>
344.	<b>Abyssinian Slaty Flycatcher</b>	Er,Et	<i>Dioptornis chocolatinus</i>
345.	Northern Black Flycatcher		<i>Melaenornis edolioides</i>
346.	African Grey Flycatcher		<i>Bradornis microrhynchus</i>
347.	African Dusky Flycatcher		<i>Muscicapa adusta</i>
348.	Spotted Flycatcher		<i>Muscicapa striata</i>
349.	African Paradise Flycatcher		<i>Terpsiphone viridis</i>
350.	Grey-headed Batis		<i>Batis orientalis</i>
351.	Black-headed Batis		<i>Batis minor</i>
352.	Pygmy Batis		<i>Batis perkeo</i>
353.	Brown-throated Wattle-eye		<i>Platysteira cyanea</i>
354.	White-rumped Babbler		<i>Turdoides leucopygia</i>
355.	Scaly Chatterer		<i>Turdoides aylmeri</i>
356.	Rufous Chatterer		<i>Turdoides rubiginosa</i>
357.	<b>Abyssinian Catbird</b>	Et	<i>Parophasma galinieri</i>
358.	Acacia (Somali) Tit		<i>Parus thruppi</i>
359.	White-winged Black Tit		<i>Parus leucomelas</i>
360.	<b>White-backed Black Tit</b>	Et, Er	<i>Parus leuconotus</i>
361.	African Spotted Creeper		<i>Salpornis salvadori</i>
362.	Mouse-colored Penduline Tit		<i>Anthoscopus musculus</i>
363.	Montane White-eye		<i>Zosterops poliogastrus</i>
364.	Abyssinian White-eye		<i>Zosterops abyssinicus</i>
365.	African Yellow White-eye		<i>Zosterops senegalensis</i>
366.	Tacazze Sunbird		<i>Nectarinia tacazze</i>
367.	Scarlet-chested Sunbird		<i>Chalcomitra senegalensis</i>
368.	Hunter's Sunbird		<i>Chalcomitra hunteri</i>
369.	Beautiful Sunbird		<i>Cinnyris pulchellus</i>
370.	Marico Sunbird		<i>Cinnyris mariquensis</i>
371.	Shining Sunbird		<i>Cinnyris habessinicus</i>
372.	Eastern Violet-backed Sunbird		<i>Anthreptes orientalis</i>
373.	Variable Sunbird		<i>Cinnyris venustus</i>
374.	Collared Sunbird		<i>Hedydipna collaris</i>
375.	Nile Valley Sunbird		<i>Hedydipna metallica</i>
376.	Common (Northern) Fiscal		<i>Lanius collaris</i>
377.	Somali Fiscal		<i>Lanius somalicus</i>
378.	Grey-backed Fiscal		<i>Lanius excubitoroides</i>
379.	Southern Grey Shrike		<i>Lanius meridionalis</i>
380.	Woodchat Shrike		<i>Lanius senator</i>
381.	Masked Shrike		<i>Lanius nubicus</i>
382.	Red-backed Shrike		<i>Lanius collurio</i>
383.	Isabelline Shrike		<i>Lanius isabellinus</i>

384.	Turkestan (Red-tailed) Shrike	Lanius phoenicuroides
385.	Northern Puffback	Dryoscopus gambensis
386.	<b>Ethiopian Boubou</b> Er, Et, So	Laniarius aethiopicus
387.	Red-naped Bushshrike	Laniarius ruficeps
388.	Slate-colored Boubou	Laniarius funebris
389.	Black-crowned Tchagra	Tchagra senegalus
390.	Rosy-patched Bushshrike	Telophorus cruentus
391.	Orange-breasted Bushshrike	Chlorophoneus sulfureopectus
392.	Grey-headed Bushshrike	Malaconotus blanchoti
393.	Brubru	Nilaus afer
394.	Northern White-crowned Shrike	Eurocephalus ruppelli
395.	White-crested Helmetshrike	Prionops plumatus
396.	African Golden Oriole	Oriolus auratus
397.	Black-headed Oriole	Oriolus larvatus
398.	<b>Abyssinian Oriole</b> Et, Er	Oriolus monacha
399.	Fork-tailed Drongo	Dicrurus adsimilis
400.	<b>Stresemann's Bushcrow</b> Et	Zavattariornis stresemanni
401.	Red-billed Chough	Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax
402.	Pied Crow	Corvus albus
403.	Somali Crow	Corvus edithae
404.	Cape Crow	Corvus capensis
405.	Fan-tailed Raven	Corvus rhipidurus
406.	<b>Thick-billed Raven</b> Et, Er	Corvus crassirostris
407.	Red-billed Oxpecker	Buphagus erythrorhynchus
408.	Golden-breasted Starling	Lamprotornis regius
409.	Red-winged Starling	Onychognathus morio
410.	Slender-billed Starling	Onychognathus tenuirostris
411.	Bristle-crowned Starling	Onychognathus salvadorii
412.	<b>White-billed Starling</b> Et, Er	Onychognathus albirostris
413.	Greater Blue-eared Starling	Lamprotornis chalybaeus
414.	Lesser Blue-eared Starling	Lamprotornis chloropterus
415.	Rüppell's Starling	Lamprotornis purpuroptera
416.	Superb Starling	Lamprotornis superbus
417.	Shelley's Starling	Lamprotornis shelleyi
418.	Wattled Starling	Creatophora cinerea
419.	Sharpe's Starling	Poeoptera sharpii
420.	White-crowned Starling	Lamprotornis albicapillus
421.	Shelley's Sparrow	Passer shelleyi
422.	<b>Swainson's Sparrow</b> Et, Er, Dj, So	Passer swainsonii
423.	Parrot-billed Sparrow	Passer gongonensis
424.	Chestnut Sparrow	Passer eminibey
425.	Yellow-spotted Petronia	Gymnoris pyrgita
426.	White-browed Sparrow-Weaver	Plocepasser mahali
427.	Grey-capped Social Weaver	Pseudonigrita arnaudi
428.	Black-capped Social Weaver	Pseudonigrita cabanisi
429.	White-headed Buffalo Weaver	Dinemellia dinemelli
430.	Red-billed Buffalo Weaver	Bubalornis niger
431.	Lesser Masked Weaver	Ploceus intermedius
432.	Vitelline Masked Weaver	Ploceus vitellinus



433.	Speke's Weaver	<i>Ploceus spekei</i>
434.	Spectacled Weaver	<i>Ploceus ocularis</i>
435.	Rüppell's Weaver	<i>Ploceus galbula</i>
436.	Little Weaver	<i>Ploceus luteolus</i>
437.	Chestnut Weaver	<i>Ploceus rubiginosus</i>
438.	Baglafaecht Weaver	<i>Ploceus baglafaecht</i>
439.	Grosbeak Weaver	<i>Amblyospiza albifrons</i>
440.	Red-billed Quelea	<i>Quelea quelea</i>
441.	Red-headed Weaver	<i>Anaplectes rubriceps</i>
442.	Northern Red Bishop	<i>Euplectes franciscanus</i>
443.	Yellow Bishop	<i>Euplectes capensis</i>
444.	Red-collared Widowbird	<i>Euplectes ardens</i>
445.	Green-winged Pytilia	<i>Pytilia melba</i>
446.	Green Twinspot	<i>Mandingoa nitidula</i>
447.	Red-cheeked Cordon-bleu	<i>Uraeginthus bengalus</i>
448.	Purple Grenadier	<i>Uraeginthus ianthinogaster</i>
449.	Abyssinian Crimsonwing	<i>Cryptospiza salvadorii</i>
450.	Red-billed Firefinch	<i>Lagonosticta senegala</i>
451.	Yellow-bellied Waxbill	<i>Coccyzygia quartinia</i>
452.	Common Waxbill	<i>Estrilda astrild</i>
453.	Crimson-rumped Waxbill	<i>Estrilda rhodopyga</i>
454.	Black-cheeked Waxbill	<i>Estrilda charmosyna</i>
455.	African Silverbill	<i>Euodice cantans</i>
456.	Bronze Mannikin	<i>Lonchura cucullata</i>
457.	Black-and-white Mannikin	<i>Lonchura bicolor</i>
458.	Cut-throat Finch	<i>Amadina fasciata</i>
459.	Long-tailed Paradise Whydah	<i>Vidua paradisaea</i>
460.	Pin-tailed Whydah	<i>Vidua macroura</i>
461.	Straw-tailed Whydah	<i>Vidua fischeri</i>
462.	Village Indigobird	<i>Vidua chalybeata</i>
463.	White-bellied Canary	<i>Crithagra dorsostriata</i>
464.	Northern Grosbeak-Canary	<i>Crithagra donaldsoni</i>
465.	African Citril	<i>Crithagra citrinelloides</i>
466.	<b>Ethiopian Siskin</b>	<i>Serinus nigriceps</i>
467.	Reichenow's Seedeater	<i>Crithagra reichenowi</i>
468.	<b>Salvadori's Seedeater</b>	<i>Crithagra xantholaema</i>
469.	Brown-rumped Seedeater	<i>Crithagra tristriata</i>
470.	Streaky Seedeater	<i>Crithagra striolata</i>
471.	Cinnamon-breasted Bunting	<i>Emberiza tahapisi</i>
472.	Striolated Bunting	<i>Emberiza striolata</i>
473.	Somali Bunting	<i>Emberiza poliopleura</i>