

MADAGASCAR 2013

#	Common Name (IOC v3.4 for birds)	Scientific Name (IOC v3.4 for birds)	# days seen/ heard	Observations, general comments and taxonomic notes.
	* Endemic to Madagascar * Regional Endemic * Madagascar breeder			
	BIRDS			
1	Helmeted Guineafowl	<i>Numida melagris</i>	2	The only 'wild' specimens of this introduced species were seen at Berenty with a maximum of 20 seen. Note: this established feral population is populated with birds of the race <i>somaliensis</i> , possibly <i>reichenowi</i> , from north-east Africa.
2	Madagascar Partridge	<i>Margaroperdix madagarensis</i>	2	A male was observed by a single observer at Lake Mananara and two males were seen by the group at Isalo. Note: the former specific name <i>madagascariensis</i> is still used by Birdlife and some others.
3	Common Quail	<i>Coturnix coturnix africana</i>	1	A single was flushed from the extensive grasslands at Isalo.
4	Meller's Duck	<i>Anas melleri</i>	2	Two seen well in flight at Mananara Lodge and a single on the pool at Mantadia.
5	Bernier's Teal	<i>Anas bernieri</i>	1	Up to 21 individuals of this very rare species were seen during the Betsiboka River trip.
6	Red-billed Teal	<i>Anas erythrorhyncha</i>	3	Maximum count was c.2000 birds in Tsarasaotra Park, Tana, with pairs seen on the other days.
7	Hottentot Teal	<i>Anas hottentota</i>	1	At least three seen in Tsarasaotra Park, Tana.
8	White-faced Whistling Duck	<i>Dendrocygna viduata</i>	6	Maximum count was c.1000 birds in Tsarasaotra Park, Tana
9	Knob-billed Duck	<i>Sarkidiornis melanotos</i>		Only seen in Tsarasaotra Park, Tana, where up to 10 birds were seen. Note: This species has now been split from the Comb Duck (South America) by most/ all authorities.
10	African Pygmy Goose	<i>Nettapus aurita</i>	1	At least 6 birds seen on the hyacinth-filled ponds at Ambondromamy.
11	Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis capensis</i>	1	The only sighting was a group of c.20 near Toliara
12	Madagascar Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus pelzelinii</i>	2	Maximum count was 2 on a pool at Mantadia

13	Lesser Flamingo	<i>Phoeniconaias minor</i>	1	Up to 50 seen during the Betsiboka River trip.
14	Red-tailed Tropicbird	<i>Phaethon r. rubricauda</i>	1	Seen well in the air and on the ground at Nosy Ve.
15	Malagasy Sacred Ibis	<i>Threskiornis b. bernieri</i>	1	Up to 10 seen during the Betsiboka River trip.
16	Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>	1	A single day count of c.20 birds on Lac Ravelobe
17	Madagascar (Crested) Ibis	<i>Lophotibis c. cristata</i>	1	A single bird on the nest at Perinet was the only group sighting although Swampy had three walk in front of him on his final morning at the same site.
18	African Spoonbill	<i>Platalea alba</i>	1	A single was seen during the Betsiboka River trip.
19	Black-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax n. nycticorax</i>	3	Maximum count was c.40 in Tsarasaotra Park, Tana
20	Striated Heron	<i>Butorides striata rutenbergi</i>	11	Widespread but usually found in small numbers with a maximum count of 5 birds seen on several days.
21	Squacco Heron	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>	10	Common and widespread with a maximum count was c.50 in Tsarasaotra Park, Tana
22	Malagasy Pond Heron	<i>Ardeola idae</i>	5	Uncommon. Mostly singles but at least 2 seen at a stop before Fianarantsoa on the drive to Ranomafana.
23	Western Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	15	Common and widespread with several day counts exceeding 50 birds.
24	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea firsasa</i>	3	Only recorded in the west with a maximum day count of 2 birds.
25	Humblot's Heron	<i>Ardea humbloti</i>	2	Singles seen on the Betsiboa River and hyacinth-filled ponds at Ambondromamy.
26	Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea madagascariensis</i>	9	Mostly singles seen with a maximum of c.10 at Lac Ravelobe, Ankarafantsika.
26	Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba melanorhynchos</i>	11	Widespread and up to 50 birds were seen on one day.
28	Black Heron	<i>Egretta ardesiaca</i>	9	A widespread species usually seen in small numbers; up to 30 birds were seen on two days.
29	Dimorphic Egret	<i>Egretta dimorpha</i>	11	Common and widespread with several day counts exceeding 50 birds.
30	Hamerkop	<i>Scopus u. umbretta</i>	7	A widespread species only seen in small numbers with a maximum day count of 4 on the journey from Fort Dauphin to Berenty.
31	African Darter	<i>Anhinga rufa vulsini</i>	1	A single at Lac Ravelobe, Ankarafantsika

32	Madagascar Harrier-Hawk	<i>Polyboroides radiatus</i>	5	Apart from two near Ifaty, only singles seen.
33	Madagascar Cuckoo-Hawk	<i>Aviceda madagascariensis</i>	1	A pair seen in flight display at Ranomafana gave good views.
34	Frances's Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter f. francesiae</i>	6	Widespread but seen in small numbers with a maximum day count of 4 at Berenty.
35	Madagascar Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter madagascariensis</i>	1	A female feeding on a prey item, dropped quickly by the male, gave great views at Perinet. The group's final 'tick'!
36	Henst's Goshawk	<i>Accipiter henstii</i>	1+3H	A calling bird at Ranomafana was only seen by Nigel before it disappeared. Another was seen by several of the group at Mantadia.
37	Black Kite	<i>Milvus m. migrans</i>	1	A single was confirmed at Berenty although it is likely that numerous birds were present at this southern site.
38	Yellow-billed Kite	<i>Milvus aegyptius parasitus</i>	17	Widespread and common throughout with a maximum day count of c.50.
39	Madagascar Fish Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus vociferoides</i>	2	Poor views of this rare raptor were had a Lac Ravelobe, Ankarafantsika. A pair in flight one day followed by a single perched in the distance the next.
40	Madagascar Buzzard	<i>Buteo brachypterus</i>	14	Widespread but usually seen in small numbers with a maximum day count of 4.
41	Malagasy Kestrel	<i>Falco newtoni newtoni</i>	20	Common and widespread, with a maximum of 30 seen in a day.
42	Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus radama</i>	1	A single at Isalo appeared huge in comparison to the kestrels mobbing it.
43	White-breasted Mesite	<i>Mesitornis variegatus</i>	1	A pair seen and another pair heard at Ankarafantsika.
44	Brown Mesite	<i>Mesitornis unicolor</i>	1	A single of this elusive species was eventually seen well at Ranomafana. Also seen at Masoala.
45	Subdesert Mesite	<i>Monias benschi</i>	1	A single male perched motionless at close range in the spiny forest of Ifaty.
46	Madagascar Flufftail	<i>Sarothrura insularis</i>	2+6H	Seen very well at Lake Mananara and heard elsewhere
47	Madagascar Wood Rail	<i>Canirallus k. kiolooides</i>	2	Three seen at Ranomafana and at least one at Perinet. Also seen at Masoala.
48	Madagascar Rail	<i>Rallus madagascariensis</i>	2	One of a noisy pair was seen well at Lake Mananara.

49	White-throated Rail	<i>Dryolimnas c. cuvieri</i>	3+2H	Great views of this vocal species were had between Fort Dauphin and Berenty, and again at Mantadia.
50	Allen's Gallinule	<i>Porphyrio alleni</i>	1	Up to 4 birds were seen among the water hyacinth at Lac Ravelobe, Ankarafatsika.
51	Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus pyrrhorhoa</i>	4	Maximum day count was c.10 in Tsarasaotra Park, Tana
52	Red-knobbed Coot	<i>Fulica cristata</i>	1	4 birds seen on pools near Toliara.
53	Madagascar Buttonquail	<i>Turnix nigricollis</i>	4	Only encountered in the south and mostly in flight, but a pair showed very well on the deck at Berenty.
54	Crab Plover	<i>Dromas ardeola</i>	2	5 were seen during the Betsiboka River trip and c.15 at Nosy Ve.
55	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>	3	Maximum day count was c.18 between Ifaty and Toliara.
56	Grey Plover	<i>Pluvialis s. squatarola</i>	1	3 birds seen at Nosy Ve.
57	Common Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula tundrae</i>	2	A few seen during the Betsiboka River trip and between Ifaty and Toliara.
58	Madagascar Plover	<i>Charadrius thoracicus</i>	1	Three birds were seen very well at the Ifaty salt-pans.
59	Kittlitz's Plover	<i>Charadrius pecuarius</i>	2	Maximum day count was c.20 on the pools between Ifaty and Toliara.
60	White-fronted Plover	<i>Charadrius marginatus tenellus</i>	2	5 were seen during the Betsiboka River trip and 6 at Nosy Ve.
61	Lesser Sand Plover	<i>Charadrius mongolus pamirensis</i>	1	A flighty single was seen by a few on the main pool between Ifaty and Toliara.
62	Greater Sand Plover	<i>Charadrius leschenaultii scythicus</i>	1	Up to 15 were seen during the Betsiboka River trip
63	Greater Painted-snipe	<i>Rostratula benghalensis</i>	2	Two birds seen in the rice paddies opposite the Hotel Combava, and another two between Fort Dauphin and Berenty.
64	Madagascar Jacana	<i>Actophilornis albinucha</i>	2	A single before our arrival into Ankarafantsika and a pair seen the following day at the hyacinth-filled ponds at Ambondromamy.
65	Madagascar Snipe	<i>Gallinago macrodactyla</i>	2	A maximum of 4 were flushed on two days at Lake Mananara.
66	Eurasian Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>	3	Maximum count of c. 15 on the Betsiboka River trip. Note that races <i>N.p.phaeopus</i> and <i>N.p.alboaxillaris</i> occur in the region.
67	Marsh Sandpiper	<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>	1	Just two birds seen during the Betsiboka River trip.

68	Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>	2	3 birds seen at Berenty and another 3 between Ifaty and Toliara.
69	Terek Sandpiper	<i>Xenus cinereus</i>	1	c.10 birds seen during the Betsiboka River trip
70	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	6	Maximum day count of 15 included the Betsiboka River trip.
71	Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>	2	Up to 15 seen at Nosy Ve.
72	Sanderling	<i>Calidris alba alba</i>	1	A single flock of c.10 at Nosy Ve.
73	Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>	2	A few seen during the Betsiboka River trip and another between Ifaty and Toiara.
74	Curlew Sandpiper	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>	2	c.150 seen during the Betsiboka River trip and another 30+ between Ifaty and Toiara.
75	Madagascar Pratincole	<i>Glareola ocularis</i>	1	A pair seen well through the scope on the rapids of the Betsiboka River.
76	Kelp Gull	<i>Larus dominicanus melisandae</i>	1	Three birds seen during a sea-watch at Fort Dauphin. Note: it appears that only Sinclair & Langrand split this 'Madagascar Gull' <i>Larus melisandae</i> .
77	Caspian Tern	<i>Hydroprogne caspia</i>	1	A single at Nosy Ve.
78	Greater Crested Tern	<i>Thalasseus bergii thalassinus</i>	3	Seen off Fort Dauphin and great views at Nosy Ve, with a maximum count of 8.
79	Lesser Crested Tern	<i>Thalasseus b. bengalensis</i>	2	Great views at Nosy Ve (c.20) with a few others seen the following day at Anakao.
80	Saunders's Tern	<i>Sternula saundersi</i>	3	A distant single during the Betsiboka River trip and two at Nosy Ve, with a single at sea the following day.
81	Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>	1	One bird, provisionally noted a probable Roseate, was subsequently identified from images taken of the mixed tern flock at Nosy Ve. This species is rarely reported from the island and far less abundant than Roseate which breeds in large numbers nearby.
82	Madagascar Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles personatus</i>	2	Fantastic flight views of seven at Berenty.
83	Rock Dove/ Feral Pigeon	<i>Columba livia</i>	18	A widespread introduced species.
84	Malagasy Turtle Dove	<i>Nesoenas p. picturata</i>	16	A common and widespread species with a few individuals seen well. Maximum day count of c.10.

85	Namaqua Dove	<i>Oena capensis aliena</i>	9	Very common in the dry west and south, with a maximum day count of 100+.
86	Madagascar Green Pigeon	<i>Treron australis</i>	7	Widespread but nowhere common. Note: both nominate (east) and <i>xenius</i> (west) races seen.
87	Madagascar Blue Pigeon	<i>Alectroenas madagascariensis</i>	8	Seen only at Ranomafana and Perinet-Mantadia, with fantastic views of up to 10 in our lodge grounds at Perinet.
88	Grey-headed Lovebird	<i>Agapornis canus</i>	7	Seen well at Ankarafantsika and Berenty, with a maximum day count of c.15 birds. Note: both nominate (widespread) and <i>ablectaneus</i> (south only) races seen.
89	Greater Vasa Parrot	<i>Coracopsis vasa</i>	8	Maximum count of 5 logged at Ankarafantsika but many 'Vasa Parrot sp' went unidentified. Note: both nominate (east) and <i>drouhardi</i> (west and south) races seen.
90	Lesser Vasa Parrot	<i>Coracopsis nigra</i>	15	Maximum count of 8 logged at Perinet but many 'Vasa Parrot sp' went unidentified. Note: both nominate (east) and <i>libs</i> (west and south) races seen.
91	Madagascar Coucal	<i>Centropus t. toulou</i>	11+7H	Maximum day count of 6 seen but many birds heard throughout the trip.
92	Crested Coua	<i>Coua cristata</i>	4	This arboreal coua was seen well with a maximum day count of 10 at Berenty. Note: three races seen; <i>dumonti</i> (west [Ankarafantsika]), <i>pyropyga</i> (south-west [Ifaty]) and <i>maxima</i> (south-east [Berenty]).
93	Verreaux's Coua	<i>Coua verreauxi</i>	1	A single flighty bird was seen well at 'La Tabla', Toliara.
94	Blue Coua	<i>Coua caerulea</i>	8	This stunning coua was seen well at Ranomafana and Perinet-Mantadia with up to five seen on several days.
95	Red-capped Coua	<i>Coua ruficeps</i>	3	3 nominate birds seen well at Ankarafantsika, and 2 of the 'race/species' <i>olivaceiceps</i> (see below) after a search at Berenty.
96	(Green-capped Coua)	(<i>Coua olivaceiceps</i>)	(1)	Not yet recognised by IOC but widely recognised by Langrand <i>et al.</i> The cap is actually olive-brown.
97	Red-fronted Coua	<i>Coua reynaudii</i>	2	A single was seen well at Ranomafana and another less well at Perinet.
98	Coquerel's Coua	<i>Coua coquereli</i>	1	3 showed superbly at Ankarafantsika.
99	Running Coua	<i>Coua cursor</i>	3+1H	Up to 2 showed during our period in and around Berenty.

100	Giant Coua	<i>Coua gigas</i>	2	3 showed well at Berenty on 4 th with another 2 the following day.
101	Red-breasted Coua	<i>Coua serriana</i>	2	A tricky species seen by most at Perinet. Also seen at Masoala
102	Madagascar Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus rochii</i>	7+5H	A widespread species that was far more frequently heard than seen, although several individuals were seen on some days. Note: this bird 'overwinters' in central Africa and is rarely recorded on passage in East Africa.
103	Barn Owl	<i>Tyto alba hypermetra</i>	1	A pair showed at a roost in Berenty.
104	Torotoroka Scops Owl	<i>Otus madagascariensis</i>	3	Seen at roost with 2 birds at Berenty.
105	Rainforest Scops Owl	<i>Otus rutilus</i>	2	A single seen by few at Mananara Lodge followed by a pair seen by all at Perinet.
106	White-browed Hawk-Owl	<i>Ninox supercilialis</i>	2	Seen very well at roost in Berenty with a day count of 3.
107	Madagascar Owl	<i>Asio madagascariensis</i>	1	A single bird showed well at roost at Perinet. Note: this species is more widely known as Madagascar Long-eared Owl
108	Collared Nightjar	<i>Gactornis enarratus</i>	1	One of the birds of the trip for many, a pair of these stunning nightjars sat poised like Siamese twins at Mantadia. Note: vocalisations by this nightjar have never been reported.
109	Madagascar Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus m.madagascariensis</i>	8+5H	1 seen well at day roost at Berenty and also up to 4 in flight, or perched, at night elsewhere.
110	Madagascar Spinetail	<i>Zoonavena g. grandidieri</i>	3	Best views were at Lake Mananara but also seen at Mantadia, with a maximum count of 2.
111	African Palm Swift	<i>Cypsiurus parvus gracilis</i>	15	Common and widespread with a maximum day count of 100.
112	Alpine Swift	<i>Tachymarptis melba willsi</i>	3	Seen well over sisal at Berenty and rainforest Ranomafana.
113	Malagasy Black Swift	<i>Apus b. balstoni</i>	10	Widespread but in small numbers (max c.20) over a variety of habitat.
114	Cuckoo Roller	<i>Leptosomus d. discolor</i>	8+3H	A common sound throughout our journey, we had many good flight views but had to wait until Mantadia for the best perched views of a pair.
115	Broad-billed Roller	<i>Eurystomus g. glaucurus</i>	4+1H	Only seen at Perinet with a maximum count of 2 birds.
116	Short-legged Ground Roller	<i>Brachypteracias leptosomus</i>	1	It took a mammoth hike to reach but the views were well worth the effort as a calling bird sat at eye-level within a few metres at Mantadia.

117	Scaly Ground Roller	<i>Geobiastes squamiger</i>	2	A single at Mantadia was only seen by a fortunate few so a further two mornings were dedicated to finding it. A pair eventually showed superbly within a few metres.
118	Pitta-like Ground Roller	<i>Atelornis pittoides</i>	5	Up to 6 birds seen on one day at Mantadia but the best view was the first at Ranomafana, which called from its perch just a few metres away.
119	Rufous-headed Ground Roller	<i>Atelornis crossleyi</i>	2	2 birds were seen very well at Ranomafana – eventually!
120	Long-tailed Ground Roller	<i>Uratelornis chimaera</i>	1	A single male was seen within a few metres in the Ifaty spiny forest. This was another bird of the trip for many.
121	Madagascar Pygmy Kingfisher	<i>Corythornis m. madagascariensis</i>	3	Not as abundant as we had all hoped but we did eventually get great views at Ranomafana and Mantadia. Note: IOC no longer uses the genus <i>Ispidina</i> for this species.
122	Malagasy Kingfisher	<i>Corythornis v. vintsioides</i>	12	Common and widespread along waterways and in paddy fields. Note: IOC does not follow Langrand <i>et al.</i> , in using the genus <i>Alcedo</i> for this species.
123	Olive Bee-eater	<i>Merops s. superciliosus</i>	15	Common and widespread with a maximum day count of 50+.
124	Madagascar Hoopoe	<i>Upupa marginata</i>	7	Common at Ankarafantsika, where at least 9 were seen on one day, but less common elsewhere. Note: the wing pattern of this species is similar to that of Eurasian Hoopoe, and unlike that of African.
125	Velvet Asity	<i>Philepitta castanea</i>	5	Seen well at Ranomafana (daily max 3) and Perinet-Mantadia (singles), with a few nice males and several obliging females at close range.
126	Schlegel's Asity	<i>Philepitta schlegeli</i>	1	A pair were seen well at Ankarafantsika.
127	Common Sunbird-Asity	<i>Neodrepanis coruscans</i>	1	A male seen well at Ranomafana.
128	Yellow-bellied Sunbird-Asity	<i>Neodrepanis hypoxantha</i>	1	A male seen well at Ranomafana. Another contender for bird of the trip for many.
129	Red-tailed Vanga	<i>Calicalicus madagascariensis</i>	7+2H	A widespread species seen at Ifaty, Zombitse, Ranomafana and Perinet-Mantadia, usually in pairs. Its 'wolf-whistle' call was a familiar sound to all by the end of the trip.
130	Red-shouldered Vanga	<i>Calicalicus rufocarpalis</i>	1	After a difficult search through thick scrub at 'La Tabla', a pair of these very rare birds were tracked down and showed well. This was the last 'lifer' for birding legend Phoebe Snetsinger.

131	Hook-billed Vanga	<i>Vanga curvirostris</i>	4+4H	Singles were seen well at Berenty and two together at Perinet. Both nominate (widespread) and <i>cetera</i> (south only) races seen.
132	Lafresnaye's Vanga	<i>Xenopirostris xenopirostris</i>	2+1H	We worked hard to locate a single at Berenty and two more were seen well at 'La Tabla'.
133	Van Dam's Vanga	<i>Xenopirostris damii</i>	1	A male was seen at Ankarafantsika.
134	Pollen's Vanga	<i>Xenopirostris poleni</i>	2+1H	Sometimes easy at Ranomafana, it couldn't have been more different for our group with a last minute male showing well to all just prior to our departure. Only a few saw another single the previous day.
135	Sickle-billed Vanga	<i>Falcula palliata</i>	3	This amazing Vanga showed very well for us at Ankarafantsika with a maximum day count of 17 birds.
136	White-headed Vanga	<i>Artamella viridis</i>	7+1H	A single was seen by a lucky few at Ankarafantsika, before we began to see more of this charming Vanga at Berenty, Ranomafana and Perinet. Note: both nominate (east) and <i>annae</i> (west and south) races were seen.
137	Chabert Vanga	<i>Leptopterus chabert</i>	11	The most widespread and commonly seen Vanga on the tour with up to six seen on many days. Notes: both nominate (widespread) and <i>schistocercus</i> (south-west only) races were seen. Also, the name Chabert refers not to a person, but to the Malagasy rendition of this species call. This is reflected in the specific scientific name <i>chabert</i> rather than <i>chaberti</i> .
138	Blue Vanga	<i>Cyanolanius m. madagascarinus</i>	8	Only small numbers of this Vanga were seen, usually in mixed flocks, with a maximum day count of 5 at Ranomafana. Note: two races (sometimes split as species, <i>Comoro Blue Vanga</i>) occur on the Comoros Islands making this the only Vanga that is not endemic to Madagascar.
139	Rufous Vanga	<i>Schetba rufa occidentalis</i>	1	A pair showed well at Ankarafantsika. Note that this race is only found in the west.
140	Tylas Vanga	<i>Tylas e. eduardi</i>	7+2H	Ones and twos were seen well at Ranomafana and Perinet-Mantadia, including one on a nest. Note: this race is only found in the east.

141	Nuthatch Vanga	<i>Hypositta corallirostris</i>	3	Up to 4 birds at a time were encountered in busy mixed flocks and proved a frustration to get on to at times. This species typically works up a tree, rather than downwards as the name would suggest.
142	Dark Newtonia	<i>Newtonia amphichroa</i>	3+1H	Ones and twos were seen at Ranomafana and Perinet-Mantadia.
143	Common Newtonia	<i>Newtonia b. brunneicauda</i>	7+4H	A widespread species but not seen in numbers anywhere.
144	Archbold's Newtonia	<i>Newtonia archboldi</i>	2	Up to 4 showed well in the Ifaty spiny forest.
145	Ward's Flycatcher	<i>Pseudobias wardi</i>	4	Great views were had of this attractive species at Ranomafana and Perinet. Note: although widely considered a member of the Vanga family, many authorities retain the name Flycatcher, or Flycatcher-vanga.
146	Crossley's Vanga	<i>Mystacornis crossleyi</i>	1+1H	Seen very well on the ground to within a few metres at Ranomafana. Note: the jury is still out as to the taxonomic status of this enigmatic bird, with some authorities retaining the name Crossley's Babbler and keeping it within the Babbler family <i>Timaliidae</i> .
147	Madagascar Cuckooshrike	<i>Coracina cinerea</i>	10	A widespread species seen well where good native tree coverage persists. Note: both nominate (east) and <i>pallida</i> (west and south) races seen.
148	Crested Drongo	<i>Dicrurus f. forficatus</i>	20	Common and widespread. Especially tame at Ankarafantsika.
149	Malagasy Paradise Flycatcher	<i>Terpsiphone mutata</i>	16	A widespread species seen well where good native tree coverage persists. Maximum day count was c.10. Both nominate (east) and <i>singetra</i> (north, west and south) races seen.
150	Pied Crow	<i>Corvus albus</i>	15	Common and widespread with 100+ seen on some days.
151	Madagascar Lark	<i>Mirafra hova</i>	7	Very common in open grassy areas with 70+ seen from the bus on the long drive from Ankarafantsika to Tana.
152	Malagasy Bulbul	<i>Hypsipetes m. madagascariensis</i>	22	Common and widespread. Maximum day count of 30+.
153	Mascarene Martin	<i>Phedina borbonica madagascariensis</i>	16	Easily seen at many sites, including Tana airport. Maximum day count of 25+.
154	Brown-throated Martin	<i>Riparia paludicola cowani</i>	10	Less common than Mascarene but still widespread. Maximum day count of 100+ at Ranomafana.

155	Malagasy Brush Warbler	<i>Nesillas t. typica</i>	8+4H	Frequently heard but after good views at our hotel on the first morning, we didn't feel the need to chase more.
156	Subdesert Brush Warbler	<i>Nesillas lantzii</i>	4+1H	Seen well in the dry south and a garden bird at Anakao where up to 5 birds were seen.
157	Madagascar Swamp Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus newtoni</i>	5+1H	Easily seen and heard at Lake Mananara (minimum of 6 birds) and encountered a few places elsewhere.
158	Brown Emutail	<i>Bradypterus brunneus</i>	1	An individual of this tricky forest species was crawling around vegetation virtually at our feet in Ranomafana but only a few got the best views.
159	Grey Emutail	<i>Amphilais seebohmi</i>	2	This marsh-dwelling species was seen mostly in flight at Lake Mananara.
160	White-throated Oxylabes	<i>Oxylabes madagascariensis</i>	2+3H	Seen well by many of the group at Ranomafana but only heard by most at Perinet-Mantadia.
161	Long-billed Bernieria	<i>Bernieria madagascariensis</i>	6+1	The best views, of up to 10, were had at Ankarafantsika but smaller numbers were also seen at Ranomafana and Perinet-Mantadia. Note: both nominate (east) and <i>inceleber</i> (north and west) races were seen. Now widely known as Long-billed Tetraka.
162	Cryptic Warbler	<i>Cryptosylvicola randrianasoloi</i>	1+1H	A single was scoped while singing atop a tree at Ranomafana.
163	Wedge-tailed Jery	<i>Hartertula flavoviridis</i>	1	The group's penultimate 'tick', we worked hard get views of this species at Perinet on our final morning.
164	Thamnornis	<i>Thamnornis chloropetoides</i>	1	At least 3 birds were seen in thorn scrub at Ifaty. Note: this species is named Subdesert Tetraka by Sinclair and Langrand.
165	Spectacled Tetraka	<i>Xanthomixis z. zosterops</i>	5	First seen at Ranomafana (3) including a bird on the nest, and then at Perinet-Mantadia.
166	Appert's Tetraka	<i>Xanthomixis apperti</i>	1	Our visit to Zombitse Forest was a great success as we had crippling views of this very localised endemic.
167	Grey-crowned Tetraka	<i>Xanthomixis cinereiceps</i>	3	Several seen at Ranomafana and the general consensus was that the crown is not especially grey.
168	Madagascar Yellowbrow	<i>Crossleyia xanthophrys</i>	1	Although we were able to locate the bird in the damp forest at Ranomafana, getting a good view of the single bird proved to be very difficult indeed. Some lucky people did have good views of it bathing in a stream.

169	Rand's Warbler	<i>Randia pseudozosterops</i>	3+3H	This uninspiring warbler showed well on a few occasions, usually while singing. It was observed to perfectly mimic a Stripe-throated Jery on one occasion.
170	Common Jery	<i>Neomixis tenella</i>	18+1H	Common and widespread. Note: it is likely that all four races were seen; nominate (north), decaryi (west and central), orientalis (east and south-east) and debilis (south).
171	Green Jery	<i>Neomixis viridis delacouri</i>	4+2H	A difficult bird to pin down for much of the tour but we eventually managed good views of singing birds at Ranomafana and Perinet-Mantadia. Note: the nominate race occurs in the south-east where we did not record the bird.
172	Stripe-throated Jery	<i>Neomixis striatigula sclateri</i>	3+1H	Although heard at Perinet-Mantadia, the best sighting was of one at close range at Ranomafana. Note: the nominate race occurs in the south-east where we did not record the bird.
173	Madagascar Cisticola	<i>Cisticola cherina</i>	12+2H	Common and widespread in grassland and rank scrub, with a maximum of 11 seen at Isalo.
174	Malagasy White-eye	<i>Zosterops m. maderaspatanus</i>	15	This widespread and attractive species was commonly seen at Ranomafana and Perinet-Mantadia (maximum day count of 10), but less so elsewhere.
175	Common Myna	<i>Acridotheres tristis</i>	23	The only species to be recorded every day of the tour, this common introduced species is almost certainly of the widespread nominate race.
176	Madagascar Starling	<i>Hartlaubius auratus</i>	7	One seen at Lake Mananara and then regularly in small numbers (up to 6) at Ranomafana and Perinet-Mantadia.
177	Madagascar Magpie-Robin	<i>Copsychus albospectularis</i>	18	Common in a variety of habitats, it is probable that all three races were seen; nominate (north-east), <i>pica</i> (west), and <i>inexpectatus</i> (central and south-east).
178	Madagascar Stonechat	<i>Saxicola sibilla</i>	12	Common and widespread, apart from the south, with a maximum day count of c.12. Note: at least two races were seen; nominate (widespread) and <i>ankaratrae</i> (central).
179	Littoral Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola imerina</i>	1	Three birds were seen in the gardens at Anakao. Note: the word 'littoral' refers to a 'beach zone' and this is the only bird species to contain the word in its common name. The scientific version 'littoralis' is more widely used.

180	Forest Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola sharpei</i>	1	At least three birds were seen along the road at Ranomafana.
181	(Benson's Rock Thrush)	(<i>Monticola bensoni</i>)	1+1H	Three were seen at Isalo. Note: this no longer recognised as a full species by IOC, Langrand et al., following DNA work.
182	Souimanga Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris sovimanga</i>	22	A common and widespread species seen throughout the tour, with a maximum day count of 30+. Note: both nominate (widespread) and <i>apolis</i> (south only) races seen.
183	Malagasy Green Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris n. notatus</i>	13	Less common than Souimanga and always seen in smaller numbers with a maximum of 3 seen on a day.
184	Nelicourvi Weaver	<i>Ploceus nelicourvi</i>	8	This attractive weaver was easily seen in the forests of Ranomafana and Perinet-Mantadia, with a minimum of 5 seen on most days.
185	Sakalava Weaver	<i>Ploceus sakalava</i>	9	A rather localised species that was seen in numbers around colonies, with at least 35 seen on one day. Note: both nominate (west) and <i>minor</i> (south only) races seen.
186	Red Fody	<i>Foudia madagascar</i>	9	Common but rather localised with up to 50 seen at several locations but wholly absent at many others.
187	Forest Fody	<i>Foudia omissa</i>	2	2 birds were seen on two days at Ranomafana.
188	Madagascar Mannikin	<i>Lemuresthes nana</i>	6	Encountered in small family groups of up to 12 at several locations. Note: many other authorities use <i>Munia</i> instead of <i>Mannikin</i> , along with genus <i>Lepidopygia</i> .
189	Madagascar Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flaviventris</i>	15	This attractive wagtail was common and widespread with at least 10 birds seen on several days.
	(Masoala extension)			
190	Reed Cormorant	<i>Microcarbo africanus</i>	1	2 birds seen on during boat trip after Masoala.
191	Bar-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa lapponica</i>	1	2 birds seen on mudflats during boat trip to Masoala
192	Roseate Tern	<i>Sterna dougallii</i>	1	Several seen on boat trip along Masoala peninsula
193	Bernier's Vanga	<i>Oriola bernieri</i>	1	A pair with 2 chicks seen at Masoala
194	Helmeted Vanga	<i>Euryceros prevostii</i>	1	3 seen at Masoala
195	Dusky Tetraka	<i>Xanthomixis tenebrosa</i>	1	1 seen at Masoala

	MAMMALS			
1	Indri	<i>Indri indri</i>	3+3H	Heard at Anjozorobe & Perinet, seen Perinet
2	Grey Mouse Lemur	<i>Microcebus murinus</i>	3	Ankarafantsika, Berenty & Anakao
3	Brown Mouse Lemur	<i>Microcebus fufus</i>	3+1H	Anjozorobe, Ranomafana & Perinet
4	Golden-brown Mouse Lemur	<i>Microcebus ravelobensis</i>	1	Anjozorobe
5	Goodman's Mouse Lemur	<i>Microcebus lehilahytsara</i>	1	Perinet
6	Greater Dwarf Lemur	<i>Cheirogaleus major</i>	1	Ranomafana
7	Fat-tailed Dwarf Lemur	<i>Cheirogaleus medius</i>	1	Anjozorobe
8	White-footed Sportive Lemur	<i>Lepilemur leucopus</i>	2	Berenty
9	Milne-Edwards's Sportive Lemur	<i>Lepilemur edwardsi</i>	1	Ankarafantsika
10	Hubbard's Sportive Lemur	<i>Lepilemur hubbardi</i>	1	Zombitse
11	Eastern Grey Bamboo Lemur	<i>Haplemur griseus</i>	2	Perinet
12	Golden Bamboo Lemur	<i>Haplemur aureus</i>	1	Ranomafana
13	Ring-tailed Lemur	<i>Lemur catta</i>	2	Berenty
14	Common Brown Lemur	<i>Eulemur fulvus</i>	5	Ankarafantsika NP & Perinet
15	Red-fronted Brown Lemur	<i>Eulemur rufus</i>	4	Berenty & Ranomafana
16	Red-bellied Lemur	<i>Eulemur rubriventer</i>	4	Ranomafana & Perinet
17	Mongoose Lemur	<i>Eulemur mongoz</i>	1	Ankarafantsika NP
18	Black-and-white Ruffed Lemur	<i>Varecia variegata</i>	1	Mantadia
19	Eastern Avahi	<i>Avahi langier</i>	1	Anjozorobe
20	Diademed Sifaka	<i>Propithecus diadema</i>	1	Perinet
21	Milne-Edwards's Sifaka	<i>Propithecus edwardsi</i>	2	Ranomafana
22	Verreaux's Sifaka	<i>Propithecus verreauxi</i>	3	Berenty & Zombitse
23	Coquerel's Sifaka	<i>Propithecus coquereli</i>	2	Ankarafantsika NP
24	Lowland Streaked Tenrec	<i>Hemicentetes semispinosus</i>	5	Ranomafana & Perinet
25	Madagascar Flying Fox	<i>Pteropus rufus</i>	1	Berenty
26	Asian Musk Shrew	<i>Suncus murinus</i>	1	On return from Mantadia at gate. This species is non-native.
27	Humpback Whale	<i>Megaptera novaeangliae</i>	2	Fort Dauphin
	(Masoala extension)			
28	Weasel Sportive Lemur	<i>Lepilemur mustelinus</i>	1	Masoala
29	White-fronted Lemur	<i>Eulemur albifrons</i>	1	Masoala

30	Red-ruffed Lemur	<i>Varecia rubra</i>	1	Masoala
31	(Eastern) Ring-tailed Mongoose	<i>Galidia elegans</i>	1	Masoala
	REPTILES			
1	Globe-horned Chameleon	<i>Calumma globifer</i>	1	Anjozorobe
2	Short-horned Chameleon	<i>Calumma brevicorne</i>	2	Anjozorobe & Perinet
3	Short-nosed Chameleon	<i>Calumma gastrotaenia</i>	4	Anjozorobe, Ranomafana & Perinet
4	Oustalet's Chameleon	<i>Furcifer oustaleti</i>	2	Ankarafantsika NP
5	Warty Chameleon	<i>Furcifer verrucosus</i>	1	Berenty Reserve
6	Cryptic Chameleon	<i>Calumma crypticum</i>	2	Ranomafana
7	Nose-horned Chameleon	<i>Calumma nasutum</i>	2	Ranomafana & Perinet
8	Two-banded Chameleon	<i>Furcifer balteatus</i>	2	Ranomafana
9	Parson's Chameleon	<i>Calumma parsoni</i>	5	Ranomafana & Perinet
10	Madagascar Day Gecko	<i>Phelsuma madagascariensis</i>	2	Ankarafantsika
11	Standing's Day Gecko	<i>Phelsuma standingi</i>	1	Zombitse Forest
12	Peacock Day Gecko	<i>Phelsuma quadriocellata</i>	5	Ranomafana & Perinet
13	Lined Day Gecko	<i>Phelsuma lineata</i>	6	Ranomafana & Perinet
14	Satanic Leaf-tailed Gecko	<i>Uroplatus phantasticus</i>	1	Ranomafana
15	Common House Gecko	<i>Hemidactylus frenatus</i>	1	Fort Dauphin
16	Collared Iguana/Cuvier's Madagascar Swift	<i>Oplurus cuvieri</i>	1	Ankarafantsika NP
17	Duméril's Madagascar Swift	<i>Oplurus quadrimaculatus</i>	1	Le Jardin du Roy, Isalo NP
	Western Girdled Lizard	<i>Zonosaurus laticaudatus</i>	2	Ankarafantsika & Perinet
	Bronze Girdled Lizard	<i>Zonosaurus aeneus</i>	1	Ranomafana
18	Madagascar Three-eyed Lizard	<i>Chalarodon madagascariensis</i>	3	Berenty Reserve, Ifaty & Zombitse
19	Bernier's Striped Snake	<i>Dromicodryas bernieri</i>	1	Seen at Ambondromamy village
20	Snake unidentified sp.	<i>Liopholidophus sp.</i>	1	Snake eating <i>P.mascareniensis</i> at Ranomafana
21	Perinet Night Snake	<i>Ithyocyphus perineti</i>	1	On night walk at Ranomafana
22	Madagascar Tree Boa	<i>Sanzinia madagascariensis</i>	1	On afternoon walk at Perinet
23	Nile Crocodile	<i>Crocodylus niloticus</i>	1	Ankarafantsika NP
24	Spider Tortoise	<i>Pyxis arachnoides</i>	1	Ifaty

	AMPHIBIANS			
1	Frog sp.	<i>Boophis madagascariensis</i>	1	On night walk at Ranomafana
2	Bright-eyed Frog	<i>Boophis albilabris</i>	1	On night walk at Ranomafana
3	Frog sp.	<i>Guibemantis pulcher</i>	1	On morning walk at Ranomafana
4	Mascarene Grassland Frog	<i>Ptychadena mascareniensis</i>	1	Frog eaten by <i>Liopholidophus sp.</i> at Ranomafana
5	Baron's Mantella	<i>Mantella baroni</i>	1	On afternoon walk at Ranomafana
	INVERTEBRATES			
	<i>Odonata</i> (by Trish Thompson)			
1	Glistening Demoiselle	<i>Phaon iridipennis</i>	3	Perinet, Mantadia, Masoala
2	*Colourful Damselfly sp.	<i>Pseudagrion punctum</i>	1	Tsarasaotra
3	*Blue Damselfly sp.	<i>Azuragrion kauderni</i>	2	Mantadia, Perinet
4	*'White Featherleg'-type	<i>Platycnemis malagassica</i>	2	Perinet
5	*'Red Featherleg'-type	<i>Platycnemis sanguinipes</i>	1	Perinet
6	*'Blue Featherleg'-type	<i>Platycnemis alatipes</i>	1	Mananara
7	Common Citril	<i>Ceriagrion glabrum</i>	3	Fort Dauphin, Masoala, Maroansetra
8	*Citril sp.	<i>Ceriagrion nigrolineatum</i>	1	Fort Dauphin
9	*Blue Damselfly sp.	<i>Pseudagrion apicale</i>	1	Perinet
10	*Blue Damselfly sp.	<i>Pseudagrion malgassicum</i>	1	Perinet
11	*Emperor sp.	<i>Anax tumiflor</i>	1	Perinet
12	*'Cruiser' sp.	<i>Phyllomacromia trifasciata</i>	1	Masoala
13	*Skimmer sp.	<i>Neodythemis hildebrandti</i>	2	Ranomafana, Masoala
14	Abbott's Skimmer	<i>Orthetrum abbotti</i>	1	Ranomafana
15	*Skimmer sp.	<i>Orthetrum (a) malgassicum</i>	1	Masoala
16	*Skimmer sp.	<i>Orthetrum lemur</i>	1	Masoala
17	*Skimmer sp.	<i>Orthetrum stemmale</i>	2	Berenty, Fort Dauphin
18	*Skimmer sp.	<i>Orthetrum azureum</i>	3	Ranomafana, Perinet, Masoala
19	Pied Spot	<i>Hemistigma albipunctum</i>	1	Masoala
20	Grizzled Pintail	<i>Acisoma panorpoides</i>	1	Masoala
21	Black Percher	<i>Diplacodes lefebvrei</i>	1	Masoala
22	Little Percher	<i>Diplacodes deminuta</i>	1	Masoala
23	Broad Scarlet	<i>Crocothemis erythraea</i>	2	Tsarasaotra, Mananara

24	Little Scarlet	<i>Crocothemis sanguinolenta</i>	1	Masoala
25	Banded Groundling	<i>Brachythemis leucosticta</i>	1	Tsarasaotra
26	Violet Dropwing	<i>Trithemis anulata</i>	1	Ampijoroa
27	Hecate Dropwing	<i>Trithemis hecate</i>	1	Masoala
28	*Dropwing sp.	<i>Trithemis selika</i>	2	Perinet, Masoala
29	*'Twister' sp	<i>Tholymis tillarga</i>	1	Perinet
30	Phantom Flutterer	<i>Rhyothemis semihyalina</i>	1	Ankarafantsika
31	Globe Skimmer	<i>Pantala flavescens</i>	1	Masoala
32	Ferruginous Glider	<i>Tramea limbata</i>	1	Masoala
33	Pygmy Basker	<i>Aethriamanta rezia</i>	1	Masoala
	<i>Other invertebrates</i>			
34	Giraffe-necked Weevil	<i>Trachelophorus giraffa</i>	2	Ranomafana
35	Flatid Leaf Bug	<i>Phromnia rosea</i>	2	Berenty
36	Pill Bug	<i>Not known</i>	1	Mantadia



SICKLE-BILLED VANGA, by Jeff Cooper