

## UGANDA - 2011

11<sup>th</sup> Jan – 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan – 2011 – 13 Days

### HIGHLIGHTS

Either for rarity value, an Albertine Rift Endemic, excellent views or simply a group favourite.

- **Mountain Gorilla**
- **Black Bee-eater**
- **Short-tailed Warbler**
- **Dusky Twinspot**
- **Stripe-breasted Tit**
- **Doherty's Bush-Shrike**
- **Barred Long-tailed Cuckoo**
- **Martial Eagle**
- **Rufous-breasted Sparrowhawk**
- **Rwenzori Double-collared Sunbird**
- **Shoebill**
- **African Finfoot**
- **Kivu Ground-Thrush**
- **Afep Pigeon**
- **Sabine's Spinetail**
- **Shining Blue Kingfisher**
- **Blue-throated Roller**
- **Rwenzori Batis**
- **African Broadbill**
- **Blue-headed Sunbird**
- **Jameson's Antpecker**
- **Dusky Crimsonwing**
- **Red-headed Bluebill**
- **Grauer's Rush-Warbler**
- **Grey Parrot**
- **Red-throated Alethe**
- **Regal Sunbird**
- **Lesser Jacana**
- **Bar-tailed Trogon**
- **Chimpanzee**

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### SUMMARY:

UGANDA (The Pearl of East Africa) is roughly twice the size of the UK yet offers an incredible diversity of wildlife being arguably the richest country for birds in Africa with over 1000 species. If you add to this the mammals and in particular the primates that include **Mountain Gorilla** and **Chimpanzee** then it soon becomes clear that this is a very special place indeed. The key to Uganda's diversity is its variety of habitats with arid semi-desert, rich savannahs, lowland and montane rainforests, vast wetlands, volcanoes and an afro-alpine zone, covering altitudes from 650m to 5109m. With more than 700 forest reserves in Uganda this small country holds many of the Albertine Rift Endemics (ARE), birds confined to Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi and the Congo. Our first tour to this wonderful country set out to look for many of the speciality birds and of course the **Mountain Gorilla** – truly a lifetime experience!

Everything ran smoothly and we were very successful recording 392 species of birds with a wonderful group of people who enjoyed each and every day! There is probably no other tour that offers such good value seeing us stay in lodges that ranged from fairly basic to very nice and even luxurious. It needs to be noted that a lot of higher priced tours unbelievably still camp!

Zoothera's Uganda tour looks set to be one of the best there is. We can't wait to return:

### 11<sup>th</sup> January 2011 - Day 1

We all arrived in Entebbe late evening where we transferred the short distance to our hotel and there we retired ready for the start of our tour



**Surely a highlight of any tour to Uganda is trekking through the forest and coming face to face with a group of Mountain Gorillas. We spent an hour in the company of 3 Silverbacks, a Blackback and a juvenile. Unforgettable!**

With daylight being a sensible 6.30am we tucked into breakfast and then stepped outside the hotel doors to see what avian delights awaited us. **Common Bulbuls** started the show and would be a regular sighting every day of the tour (take note Nick). Above us wheeled a flock of **Little Swifts**, while noisy **Hadada Ibis** and majestic **African Fish Eagles** flew by. Things soon picked up with **African Palm Swift**, a perched **Shikra**, **Yellow White-Eye** and a smart looking **Red-chested Sunbird** feeding on a nearby flowering tree. A pair of **Red-billed Firefinches** fed amongst the flower beds while **Pied Crow**, several **African Thrushes**, a bleating **Grey-backed Cameroptera** and a **Lizard Buzzard** vied for our attention. Our vehicle arrived and we set off towards Mabamba Bay Wetland, an area of giant Papyrus crisscrossed by small, narrow creeks which can only be accessed by canoe. And there they were our two canoes, two boatmen and a local guide who hopefully knew the whereabouts of one of the strangest and most sought after of our Uganda birds the rare and much wanted **Shoebill**. Before setting foot in our boats we had already ticked off huge **Black-and-white Casqued Hornbills**, gorgeous **Great Blue Turacos** and several **Swamp Flycatchers**. We were then paddled quietly along the main creek before taking a tiny side stream where we watched **Hammerkop**, plenty of **Yellow-billed Ducks**, **Blue-headed Coucal**, **Winding Cisticola**, **Long-toed Lapwing**, **Common Snipe**, **Long-tailed Cormorant**, **Eurasian Marsh Harrier**, **African Jacana** and **Pied Kingfisher**. There were **Northern Brown-throated Weavers** attending their nests and several very smart **Blue-breasted Bee-eaters** posing from the top of reed stems. Its not that we were getting anxious but there were no **Shoebills**, so we turned around and headed off to another small stream. More bee-eaters were seen and then we found a superb **Lesser Jacana** which was eventually seen by all. Around the next bend and our guide smiled and beckoned the boats forward. We should have never been worried! A large slate grey shape appeared in an open area of reeds and there stood a monstrous bird, something almost primeval – a magnificent **Shoebill**. We slowly drifted closer and watched this awesome bird for what seemed like hours. Eventually we turned around and made our way back. Two **Saddle-billed Storks** showed well, **Black-headed Heron** appeared and we spotted a **Black-chested Snake-Eagle** high overhead. We then noted a stork circling high up and this became the first of three Shoebills soaring the skies above. With close **Malachite Kingfisher** and an **African Marsh Harrier**, plus a big flock of **African Open-billed Storks** flying overhead we returned to shore delighted with our successful trip into these fascinating wetlands.

From here we set off on our drive towards Lake Mburo National Park, which would see a complete contrast in habitat with dry



The mighty Shoebill has to be seen to be believed. Almost prehistoric in appearance we had close views of this bird plus 3 others in flight



Mabamba Marsh and one of our boats in search of Shoebill



thornscrub and acacias surrounding several beautiful lakes. Along the way we found a variety of species such as **Lilac-breasted Rollers**, **Woolly-necked Storks**, **Sacred Ibis**, **Levaillant's Cuckoo**, **Grey-backed Fiscal** and at a small marsh a nice **Red-chested Sunbird**. Once we reached the dry savannah things changed and we soon found **Black-lored Babblers**, **Grey Kestrel**, **Broad-billed Rollers**, **Pin-tailed Whydah**, **Red-chested Cuckoo**, **Brown-crowned Tchagra**, several **Yellow-wattled Lapwings**, **Bare-faced Go-away Birds**, **Senegal Lapwing** and some **Brown Parrots (Meyer's)**. We arrived a little later than expected and had to negotiate our way through the park towards our lodge in the dark. A friendly local put us on the right track and we arrived at our fabulous lodge set on rocks overlooking the whole of the park. Pleased to be here we settled into our wonderful rooms and during dinner we reflected on our first day in Uganda.

13<sup>th</sup> January 2011 - Day 3

We woke to find ourselves in what can only be described as the perfect Africa lodge. With panoramic views across the savannah and surrounding National Park this was a dream location. Some of us even had **Freckled Nightjars** right outside our rooms, and David a **Klipspringer** outside his! As we waited for breakfast we enjoyed the scenery and some of the resident wildlife such as **African Grey Hornbill**, and **Vervet Monkeys**. After an excellent breakfast we set off with picnic lunch to explore the park. As we were about to depart a pair of **Ross's Turacos** fly in and performed nicely in the top of a tree. Regular stops were made in the Acacia scrub and every stop produced something different. **Trilling Cisticola** was soon overshadowed by gorgeous **Black-headed Gonoleks**, **Chinspot Batis**, **Green Woodhoopoe**, **Striped Kingfisher** and some **Lesser Masked Weavers**. Both **Red-rumped Swallow** and **Tawny-flanked Prinia** put in brief appearances while a **Short-toed Snake Eagle** gave excellent views perched on top of a cactus. As the habitat opened up even more we found **Sooty Chats**, **Spot-flanked Barbet**, **Lead-coloured Flycatcher**, **Red-faced Crombec**, **Yellow-throated Longclaw** and plenty of **Ruppell's Long-tailed Starlings**, while **Red-necked Spurfowls** were nothing short of common. One particular tree held **Buff-bellied Warbler**, **White-shouldered Tit** and **Brubru**, while nearby we came across **African Wattled Lapwing**, **Plain-backed Pipits**, and **Crested Francolin**. The unique looking **Bateleur** was seen and yet more dry scrub birds were found including **Sulphur-breasted Bush-shrike**, **Red-headed Weaver**, **Woodland Kingfisher**, **Nubian Woodpecker**, **Marico Sunbird**, **Grey-backed Cameroptera**, **Yellow White-eye**, and a female **Petit's Cuckoo-shrike**. Mammals were quite evident and we saw **Zebra**, **Impala**, **Topi**, **Bushbuck**, **Buffalo**, lots of **Warthogs**,



Long-toed Lapwings were surprisingly common and easy to see in the Mabamba Wetlands



Many birds such as this Swamp Flycatcher were easily approached in our quite boats on Mabamba Marsh

**Banded** and **Egyptian Mongoose**. We then headed towards the lake shore and our boat which wasn't quite ready! **Senegal Lapwings** and **Water Thick-knees**, kept us busy while nearby bushes held a pair of **Green-headed Sunbirds**. One of the boats had broken down so we had an unexpected wait. Rather than do nothing we drove to a nearby marsh where we immediately found a **Black Crake**, **African Jacanas**, **Greater Blue-eared Starlings**, and several **African Fish Eagles**. Returning back towards the lake we also found **Yellow-breasted Apalis**, **Lead-coloured Flycatcher**, **Double-toothed Barbet** and a **Malachite Kingfisher**. Our boat was ready so we set off along the edge of Lake Mburo. Entering a small inlet we could see several Hippo's lounging around, and along the reedy edges were **Malachite** and **Pied Kingfishers**. Several **Black-crowned Night-herons** showed themselves and then the boatman eased his way towards a tangle where two superb **White-backed Night-herons** shyly moved away. We then worked our way around the edge of this vast lake and soon keyed onto the call of a **Grey-capped Warbler** which eventually showed well to all. A couple of **Fish Eagles** posed nicely and then we spotted our main target for this boat trip. There in amongst a tangle of roots was a female **African Finfoot**. We watched the bird for some time hoping it would come out into the open, but it never. After our boat trip we headed through the park stopping for a picnic where we saw **White-headed Barbet**, **Brown Snake-eagle**, **Blue-naped Mousebirds**, **Red-billed Firefinch**, a superb **Western Banded Snake-eagle** and a male **Petit's Cuckoo-shrike**. It was time to leave the park and head for our next destination of Bwindi. The journey was broken by a stop at a roadside marsh where we saw **Holub's Golden**, **Baglafaecht** and **Spectacled Weaver**, **Fan-tailed Widowbird**, **Winding Cisticola**, a close fly over **African Marsh Harrier** and some **Crimson-rumped Waxbills**. With **African Harrier-hawk** (*Gymnogene*) seen along the way we eventually arrived at our accommodation in the Bwindi Impenetrable Forest, at a height of around 2300metres. It was a little cool! A nice camp fire outside the dining room was great to sit around in the evening.

14<sup>th</sup> January 2011 - Day 4

After an early breakfast dished up by the ever pleasant Moses, we took a short walk towards the nearby forest. Around the grounds we saw **Yellow-headed Citril**, noisy **Chubb's Cisticola** and **White-eyed Slaty-flycatchers**, the later of the race *toruensis* with an indistinct eye-ring. A stunning **Golden-breasted Bunting** put in an appearance, and nearby both **African Dusky Flycatcher** and a pair of **Brown-crowned Tchagras** were seen. Moving on we came across **Green-headed Sunbird**, **Pin-tailed Whydah** and **Yellow-rumped Tinkerbird**, and as we got closer to the forest we found a **Rwenzori Double-collared Sunbird**



Blue-breasted Bee-eaters came nice and close while searching for the Shoebill



African Wattled lapwing



One of two White-backed Night-herons just before they disappeared into cover



singing from a tree top. Nearby a smaller **Northern Double-collared Sunbird** was found before we moved to an area of road that overlooked excellent looking forest. A **Rwenzori Batis** gave great looks, while a stunning **Doherty's Bush-shrike** sang from a bush trying its best to hide its gaudy plumage. A noisy **Black-and-white Casqued Hornbill** flew down the valley and perched so as we could see it in the scope, while a little closer we found **White-browed Crombec**, **Mountain Masked Apalis**, **Chestnut-throated Apalis**, **Stripe-breasted Tit** and several **Cinnamon-chested Bee-eaters**. As we walked further along this road an **African Goshawk** was spotted perched in a tree only a few yards away. A small flock of birds worked their way through the forest canopy and we managed to find **White-tailed Crested-flycatcher**, **Red-faced Woodland Warbler**, **Strange Weaver**, **Montane Oriole** and an obliging **Klaas's Cuckoo**. We returned for lunch and had a short siesta before going out to a different section of the forest. Hassan immediately heard the call of a **Barred Long-tailed Cuckoo** and it wasn't long before we enjoyed fantastic looks at this often difficult species. Nearby a couple of **White-headed Wood-hoopoes** showed well, before we set off to walk the school road. Here we came across a showy **Rwenzori Batis**, the ever present **Chestnut-throated Apalis**, several **African Hill Babblers**, and then a responsive **Willcock's Honeyguide**. We got good looks at **Mountain Masked Apalis**, **Collared Apalis** and **Black-throated Apalis** and a **Mountain Illadopsis** almost got overlooked. As we made our back to the vehicle a **Grauer's Warbler** was heard calling and after quite some time everyone had got a view of this little skulker. Some of us also saw a **White-starred Robin** that popped into view briefly. We then returned to our lodge.

15<sup>th</sup> January 2011 - Day 5

Today was to be a long day walking through the forest to the Bwindi Swamp. The birding was generally quiet due to the overcast weather but we ended up with some really good birds. As we passed through the first section of forest **White-eyed Slay Flycatchers** were seen, and we got good looks at **Olive Pigeon**. Passing through thick understory we got reasonable views of a pair of **White-starred Robins**, and a **Cardinal Woodpecker** gave us a bit of a run around. **Great Blue Turacos** were not hard to see and **Black-billed Turacos** could certainly be heard. We watched a **White-bellied Crested Flycatcher** before being distracted by a singing **Archer's Robin-chat**. As the chat came closer a couple of us saw it fly across the track and Gina managed to get it perched up before it dived into cover, never to be seen again. A fantastic looking **Yellow-billed Barbet** gave prolonged views and then further on towards the marsh we came across a group of smart looking **Dusky Crimsonwings**, plus several **Banded Prinias** and **Blue-headed Sunbird**. A group of **Slender-**



Stripe-breasted Tits like this one were fairly easy to see near our Lodge



An excellent bird this Barred Long-tailed Cuckoo was a great find



Golden-breasted Bunting, what a beauty

**billed Starlings** flew over and several **Dusky Tits** put in an appearance. On reaching the marsh which was a pretty tough hike, we soon found our quarry in the shape of at least two **Grauer's Rush Warblers**. A **Red-chested Flufftail** called from the reedy marsh but we had no chance of seeing it. So we began our return journey, adding **Grey Cuckoo-shrike**, **Yellow-whiskered**, **Mountain**, **Slender-billed** and **Yellow-streaked Greenbuls**, and a fine looking **Speckle-breasted Woodpecker**. Finally a **Mackinnon's Fiscal** was found and a **Green Sunbird** sat on top of a tree at eye-level for all to see.

16<sup>th</sup> January 2011 - Day 6

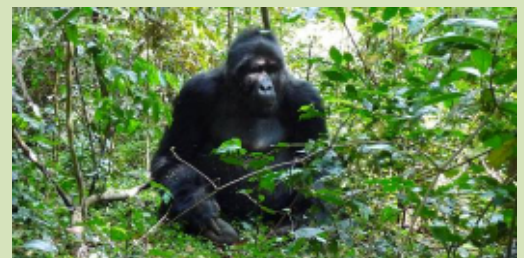
An early breakfast, and we set off to the park headquarters where we met our tracker and team ready for our Trek to look for **Mountain Gorillas**. A prep talk by 'Obed' our tracker made most of us feel at ease and indeed eager to get going. So with a few porters in tow we made our way into the Impenetrable Forest. Well the track we started off on was not too impenetrable! Things were to change and after an hour of hiking along a good track, we had to stop and wait for news from our advance party of trackers. Good news! They were on the trail of our family of **Gorillas**, so all we needed to do was get to them. It would have been good to have had an Ariel view of what we were about to do, as we thought we must already be close. We now went completely off trail, with our guides hacking their way through undergrowth and creating a new trail that crisscrossed the jungle and had us slipping and sliding up and over several forested hills. More radio communication and yes, we were getting closer! An hour or so of uncertainty and at last we found our trackers. Just a little further on and in an area of fairly open forest a large motionless black shape started to appear through the tangle. A few more adrenalin filled moments and there right in front of us sat against a tree trunk was an immense and somewhat scary **Mountain Gorilla**. We were just 20 or 30ft away and in fact this young male looked rather docile. We got our first great looks and then the docile beast rose to his feet and beat his chest before heading off into the woodland. Wow! What a moment. With no time to waste our guide beckoned us on saying we need to move, and so we did. Another five minutes and there was another **Gorilla** sat against a tree. We approached with care and as we nervously watched and photographed it, it looked back at us. Then there was another two Silverbacks, this was fantastic! They were on the move though so we were getting worried that we would lose sight of them and have cut short our **Gorilla** experience. Our guides again beckoned us on and this time we had our dream meeting as Rukumu a 40year old Silverback just sat against a tree and allowed us to sit about 10 metres away watching and admiring him. We were all much more relaxed and humbled by the experience, there right in front of us was a magnificent creature, wild and surely a king of his domain. We sat with Rukumo for



We got fabulous looks at a number of Rwenzori Batis



Rukumu the 40 year old Silverback that entertained us for over half an hour



Rukumu taken by Gina



half an hour in which time he beat his chest on several occasions, turned his back on us once but mostly posed for us impeccably. He eventually moved off a short distance and started to feed. More than happy with our encounter we were happy to leave. One more wave from our guides and we were now watching three **Gorillas** walking around, beating chests and feeding, simply fantastic. So the group we had found consisted of 5 individuals. Rukumo our star Silverback was 40 years old and had a distinctive broken finger that he could not bend. Then there was Rukara another Silverback at 38 years, Karamuzi the oldest Silverback at 45 years, Kabandize a 9 year old Blackback and Obia a 7 year old juvenile. So it was time for us to return and it took us about an hour and a half on better tracks to get back to headquarters. This was a well worth while and unforgettable experience and one we will all remember for a long time. There are other areas in Uganda that you can trek to see **Gorillas** but I must say the set up here and the fact that only one group 'us' were assigned to search for **Gorillas** this particular day made it very intimate and a far more enjoyable experience. These **Gorillas** are only allowed a maximum of one visit a day, for a maximum of one hour so disturbance is kept to minimum. It's their forest and their home and if you ever get the chance to visit and you manage to find them then please give these superb animals the utmost of respect as we all did.

We were pretty tired by the time we returned so we returned to our lodge and enjoyed a nice cup of coffee and a rest before meeting up again at 3.30pm. We then drove to an area of the Bamboo zone and walked several stretches of road. **Cinnamon-chested Bee-eaters** occupied the dead snags, while alongside the road we came across a couple of **Dusky Crimsonwings**, mixed in with a group of **Black-headed Waxbills**. Several **Olive Thrushes** were found and then we had great views of a **Strange Weaver** building its nest. Mark then spotted an all dark raptor perched high up the hillside on a dead tree, and this turned out to be a dark morph **Auger Buzzard**. **Great Blue Turacos** put on a good show and a few **Grey-throated Barbets** and **Northern Double-collared Sunbirds** were noted. The highlight of our afternoon was a superb **Rufous-breasted Sparrowhawk** that flew in and perched within the forest allowing nice scope views. Content with our day we returned to our lodge where Moses and crew were busy setting up a camp fire to sit around after dinner.

17<sup>th</sup> January 2011 - Day 7

This morning we had coffee and tea delivered to our rooms a little earlier than normal so as we could go out before dawn, and look for night birds. Unfortunately the ground was a bit wet from last night's rain for the nightjars to be seen on the road, but we did end up getting really close views of a perched **African**



Rukara one of the other family members



A group of Black-headed Waxbills were found feeding with Dusky Crimsonwings



This Mountain Masked Apalis showed well on the Old School Road

**Wood Owl.** Back at the lodge we enjoyed a hearty breakfast and then packed our bags ready to move on. We said goodbye to Moses who has to be one of the most perfect hosts you could wish for, in fact he was so professional that he would not be out of place if he worked in the Ritz!. So we set off towards Buhoma on another side of the Impenetrable Forest. Many stops were made along the way with the first only a few kilometres from where we started. Here on a corner we came across a flock that included **Rwenzori Batis**, five **Yellow-rumped Tinkerbirds**, **Tullberg's Woodpecker**, **Bronze Sunbird**, **Yellow White-eye** and **Tambourine Dove**. The next flock we came across consisted of **Lesser Honeyguide**, several **Dusky Tits**, **Northern Puffback**, **Green-headed Sunbird**, **Levaillant's Cuckoo** and **Brown-crowned Tchagra**. We arrived at an area of tea plantation and walked a track that led to an area overlooking the fields and workings. A **Grey-headed Negrofinch** was found and then one of our main target birds, a pair of **Dusky Twinspots**. An immature **Yellow-mantled Widowbird** showed off and we found both **Common** and **Mackinnon's Fiscals**. An **African Hobby** swooped past and then we got superb views of a pair of **Red-throated Wrynecks**, with one bird flying right into the try beside us. As we left this area a **Klaas's Cuckoo** flew in. We continued on towards an area known as "The Neck" and here we got ourselves into an even bigger flock of birds. **African Blue** and **Paradise Flycatchers**, **Black-and-white Mannikins**, good numbers of **Dusky Blue Flycatcher**. A **Blue-throated Brown Sunbird** put in a brief appearance and a pair of **Elliot's Woodpeckers** showed well right over our heads. Also flying overhead were groups of **Waller's** and **Narrow-tailed Starlings** and perched up on dead trees were **Grey-throated** and a **Hairy-breasted Barbet**. Down near a stream where we were to have our picnic we found **Speckled Tinkerbird**, **Black-and-white Shrike-flycatcher**, **African Shrike-flycatcher** and some **Cassin's Grey Flycatchers**. As we had lunch we enjoyed the antics of these flycatchers catching insects and returning to a nest under the bridge. We then continued on to Buhoma and our lodge set on a hillside with vast views of the misty impenetrable forest. What a great setting! After settling in we took a short rest before going to the park and meeting Fred an expert of his local forest. We took a short trail down to a stream and through a section of forest. A couple of showy **Great Blue Turacos** set the ball rolling and a **Black Cuckoo** was heard calling. Both **Grey** and **Buff-throated Apalis** were seen, plus a **Green-headed Sunbird**, and a nice **Red-headed Malimbe**. Further down by the stream we found **Black-necked Weaver** and fantastic views of a female **Jameson's Antpecker**. A **Dusky Long-tailed Cuckoo** was heard calling and then flew past, and as we searched for this we found **Dusky Tit** and a pair of **Black Cuckoos**. Slowly moving on we came across **Pink-footed Puffback**, **Slender-billed Greenbuls**, more **Black-necked**



This Red-throated Wryneck flew in and landed in the tree right beside us!



One of several African Shrike Flycatchers seen in 'The Neck' area.



This female Jameson's Antpecker gave fantastic views in Buhoma. This is a recent split from Woodhouse's Antpecker



**Weavers** and a **Cabanis's Greenbul**. In a thick tangle we got good looks at a **Grey-winged Robin-chat**, and a lone **Black-billed Weaver**, while a **Ludher's Bush-shrike** did its best to remain hidden. As we headed back towards the entrance gate we found **Brown-throated Wattle-eye**, **Bocage's Bush-shrike**, a **Wood Warbler**, **White-breasted Negrofinches**, a pair of **Black-and-white Shrike Flycatchers**, and finally in a tangle right beside the road we worked hard to see a pair of **Equatorial Akalats**. What a great day!

18<sup>th</sup> January 2011 - Day 8

After early morning coffee brought to our rooms, we checked the gardens and headed for breakfast. Both **Variable** and **Collared Sunbirds** were around, plus **African Pied Wagtails**, **Bronze Mannikins**, **Pin-tailed Whydah** and the resident **Mackinnon's Fiscal**. After breakfast we set off to the entrance gate and met up with Fred. What a day this was going to turn out to be! Before we had even set off we had seen **Green Crombec**, **Little Greenbul**, **Black Saw-wing** and **Tambourine Dove**, and heard both **Ludher's Bush-shrike** and **Scaly-breasted Illadopsis**. Moving on a female **Petit's Cuckoo-shrike** was found, plus **Yellow-spotted Barbet** and a **Red-tailed Greenbul**. **Olive Sunbirds** were fairly common, but a **Green Hylia** remained hidden and was only heard. In an opening within the forest we could scan the tree tops where **Sooty Flycatchers** stood prominent, but **Western Bronze-naped Pigeons**, alas were again only heard. A superb male **Black-faced Rufous Warbler** gave point blank views as it appeared right in front of us and further searching from our open vista produced **Grey-headed Negrofinch**, **Black-billed Turaco**, a group of **Ansorge's Greenbuls**, **African Emerald Cuckoo** on a tree top which also held three **Yellow-spotted Barbets**, a **Red-headed Malimbe**, some **Narrow-tailed Starlings** and finally cracking views of a **Yellowbill**. We moved slowly on and soon came across a stunning **Blue-throated Roller** looking down on us while **Red-tailed Monkeys** played in the nearby trees. Fred soon picked up on a call and gathered us by a thicket where we eventually got wonderful views of a **Short-tailed Warbler**. Brilliant! In the same patch of scrub we saw **Olive-green Cameroptera** and another **Equatorial Akalat**. Continuing on we hadn't gone far when Gina found a **Black Bee-eater** perched out on dead twigs on a tree top. We got great scope views and also found **Speckled Tinkerbird**, and heard a **Red-tailed Bristlebill** which just would not show itself. In another open area we got to grips with **Honeyguide Greenbul**, before finding a spot by the river to have our picnic lunch. As we tucked into lunch a **Mountain Wagtail** put in an appearance, and immediately after we had finished we were on the trail of a singing **White-bellied Robin-chat**. Hidden deep in a bush we



**Black Bee-eaters - a great bird to find and we had several during the day**



**Another favourite is the Blue-throated Roller, and this gave superb views**



**This White-bellied Robin-chat was tricky to get good views of inside a thicket**

eventually found a window where everyone could see this little skulker. Now talking about skulkers nothing could compare to the next 45 minutes where we tried desperately to locate a singing **Kivu Ground-thrush**. Why couldn't just one of us see it as it was clearly singing from the same spot for over 20 minutes. We edged closer strained our eyes and simply could not find it. Desperate, Fred crept forward and spotted it but we now needed to get there! The bird was on the move and singing from the ground at regular intervals. In a small opening Chris spotted it, then it was gone and yet another opening and Gina got onto it. Later it dashed across the track in front of Gina, but for the rest of us a little movement behind roots and tangled undergrowth was the best we could do. We'd given it our best shot but now it was time to move on. Out on the main track we found another **Black Bee-eater**, a **Yellow-throated Tinkerbird** and **Red-faced Woodland Warbler**, We hadn't really gone that far but it had taken us all day, proving what a great birding spot this was. Finally before turning around we came to an area where we looked for and found **Yellow-eyed Black Flycatcher**. In the tree tops was a **White-headed Wood-hoopoe** and a flock of **Stuhlmann's Starlings** had us straining through the scope to see their very narrow pale yellow eye-ring. David's found something and it was soon relocated, a superb **African Broadbill** displaying. After watching this bird for quite some time we started to make our way back. Both **Green** and **Green-headed Sunbirds** were seen, a **Sooty Boubou** called and a male **Bar-tailed Trogon** gave excellent views. We heard a group of **Handsome Francolins** but they could not be coaxed into view, but a **Red-throated Alethe** certainly could and what views we got! A little further back and some of watched a **White-tailed Ant-thrush** fly through the woodland. Back near the entrance we added **Yellow-throated Greenbuls**, a **Bocage's Bush-shrike**, and a group of **Viellot's Black Weavers** building their nests. What a fabulous day!

19<sup>th</sup> January 2011 - Day 9

After breakfast we loaded up and set off towards Queen Elizabeth Park. It was a bumpy two hours but along the way we found **White-browed Robin-chats**, **Common Fiscal**, **Brown Snake-eagle**, **Grey Kestrel**, several **Grey Crowned Cranes**, **Woodland Kingfisher** and two perched **Wahlberg's Eagles**. We arrived at our around mid morning and after dropping our bags off we set out for the rest of the day on a game drive. Passing through the lodge grounds we noted **Ruppell's Long-tailed Starlings**, **Fork-tailed Drongos**, **African Thrushes** a pair of **Yellow-throated Greenbuls** and above us were **White-rumped** and **Little Swifts**. Passing by an area of arable fields we saw **Red-collared** and **Fan-tailed Widowbirds**, plus **Red-headed Weaver**, **Red-billed Quelea** and a **Brown-backed**



A firm favourite this African Broadbill called and displayed beautifully



This Bar-tailed Trogon put on a great performance right over our heads



Another star bird this Red-throated Alethe was no longer skulking!



**Scrub-robin.** We were now in the park and the habitat had opened out into rolling grasslands with scattered acacias and scrub. The birdlife was very different than the forest we had now got used to, but everything was easy to see. **Red-necked Spurfowls** with parties of young were everywhere, and we soon found **White-headed** and **Double-toothed Barbets**, **Striped Kingfisher**, **Blue-cheeked Bee-eaters**, **Trilling Cisticola**, **Violet-backed Starling**, **Yellow-throated Longclaw**, **Helmeted Guineafowl**, **Fawn-breasted Waxbill**, two **Ross's Turacos**, lots of **Sooty Chats**, a couple of **Palm-nut Vultures**, **Nubian Woodpecker**, **Tawny-flanked Prinia**, **African Moustached Warbler**, **Broad-billed Roller**, **Yellow-billed Oxpeckers** and a **Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird**. **Marico** and **Scarlet-chested Sunbirds** were seen and we had great views of **Mosque Swallows** perched on a fallen dead tree. We then through a gate and into a different area of the park. A **Common Buttonquail** took flight and glided across the grassland, while **Spot-flanked Barbet** and **Black-shouldered Kite** watched from their respective perch's. We were now seeing a few mammals including **Buffalo** and **Kob** and then in the long grass the head of a male **Lion** appeared. **Whinchats**, **Plain-backed Pipit** and **Siffling Cisticola** were found, shortly followed by our first **Black-bellied Bustard**, pretty much obscured by the long grass. Hassan managed to spot a distant **Leopard** sleeping up a tree, so we drove closer to admire this fabulous cat. As we watched the **Leopard**, Gina spotted a **Lion** up a tree, something this park has become famous for – its tree-climbing **Lions**! We drove back to the **Leopard** and positioned ourselves better so as we could all get photos as it's not every day you can find one of these beautiful animals up a tree! Content with our photography session we moved on seeing **White-backed Vultures**, **Long-crested Eagle**, **Bateleur**, **Black-headed Gonolek**, a **Three-banded Plover**, **Rufous-naped Lark**, flight views of **White-tailed Lark**, **Banded Martins** and a distant **Martial Eagle**. A herd of **Buffalo** had many **Yellow-billed Oxpeckers** in attendance and group of **Topi** were spotted as we made our way to a riverside picnic stop. As we ate lunch several **Hippo's** could be seen wallowing in the waters edges, while **White-throated Bee-eaters**, **Broad-billed Roller**, **Black-and-white Shrike Flycatcher**, **Blue-spotted Wood-dove**, **Tambourine Dove**, **Green-headed Sunbird**, **Cassin's Grey Flycatcher** and a group of **Colobus Monkeys**. Just as we were about to leave Martin spotted a couple of **Crested Guineafowl** but they ran off before everyone could get on them, We then drove past a grass airfield occupied by some **Senegal Plovers** until we got to a tree right beside the road that held **Copper Sunbird** and the best ever views imaginable of a perched **Martial Eagle**. We moved on seeing **Red-chested Cuckoo**, an **Osprey** with a fish, several **Crowned Hornbills**, **Grey-headed Kingfisher**, **Levaillant's Cuckoo**, **Black-bellied Bustard** and the amazing sight of an



We got fantastic views of this Leopard sat in a tree



Martial Eagles are impressive at anytime but seeing one this close! Wow!

**African Crane** giving prolonged flight views as it crossed in front of us and then over the grassland for about 40 metres. We eventually found some 'well tusked' **Elephants** before heading back to our lodge.

20<sup>th</sup> January 2011 - Day 10

Today involved a long drive through Queen Elizabeth Park and on to Kibale. As we hurriedly made our way through the park we noted **Long-crested Eagle**, an **African Cuckoo-hawk**, **Grey Crowned Cranes**, **Crowned Hornbills**, **Black Kite**, and a wrinkly old **Elephant**. A stop beside a river bridge had us searching the Papyrus successfully for **Papyrus Gonolek**, and we also found **African Reed Warbler**, **Slender-billed** and **Yellow-backed Weavers**, **Marico Sunbird**, **Southern Red Bishop**, **African Open-billed Storks**, **Squacco Heron**, **Pink-backed Pelican**, **Hammerkop** and over 40 **Pied Kingfishers** sat on power lines. A **Gull-billed Tern** flew over as did many **White-winged Terns**. We continued our journey to Kibale and as we drove through the forest towards our lodge we made a stop for three **Black Bee-eaters** and a **Hairy-breasted Barbet**. After checking into our lodge we went out and birded the road that cuts through the forest. Primates were very evident with a troop of **Olive Baboons** along the roadside and in the trees **Red-tailed**, **Blue** and **L'Hoest's Monkeys**. The most productive birding was from a bridge over the river and here we found **Sooty Flycatchers**, a tricky **Grey-throated Flycatcher**, **Red-headed Malimbe**, **Speckled Tinkerbird**, **Green Crombec**, **Dusky Tit**, **Purple-headed Starling** and the highlight for most a **Shining Blue Kingfisher** perched in vines just above the water.

21<sup>st</sup> January 2011 - Day 11

This morning we took a pre-dawn breakfast before heading into the forest with a local tracker/guide. The reason for going so early was to try and locate the rare **Green-breasted Pitta**, a secretive bird that can most easily be looked for when one is heard displaying at first light. As we stood quietly waiting for the dawn, we could hear both **African Wood Owl** and **Red-chested Owlet**. Well, dawn rose and no pittas were heard. So we moved to another area of the forest and here our guide could hear a distant pitta. We tracked through the forest until we got to the area but alas the bird never called again and even though we put a lot of effort in searching for it, we had to admit defeat! Not something that sits well with us, but it is wildlife and not a zoo! **Scaly-breasted Illadopsis** were heard and **Grey-cheeked Mangabey's** showed well in the trees. Our guide then took us towards the raucous screams of a family of **Chimpanzees**. Gina spotted our first chimp high in a tree above us, but a little further on we came across three more low down with one called



One of several White-browed Robin-chats that gave us superb views



This was 'Magezi' one of the Chimpanzees that we found in the forest





‘Magezi’ sat on the ground. These animals are a little unpredictable so we watched at a close, but sensible distance as they sat around fed and then climbed effortlessly up into a large tree. The stupidity of a group of tourists that turned up who obviously have no idea about wildlife watching and were simply going to walk right up to ‘Magezi’ and photograph him at point blank range defies belief! If the chimp had attacked them it would do no good at all for eco-tourism. What I’m saying is that the trackers and park guards need to toughen up their regulations and rules when groups view wild chimps at close quarters. Once again our group was praised for its impeccable behaviour. Back in the forest we set off looking for birds again but did find several more chimps including some youngsters. A **Red-tailed Ant-thrush** gave fleeting views as it circled us, the reason becoming clear when we realised we were stood in an ant swarm! Nearby a **Western Black-headed Oriole** called, as did a **White-spotted Flufftail**. We headed for the flufftail and several of us glimpsed this mega skulker as passed through gaps in the swamp. After this we headed back through the forest which by now was very quiet, and went for lunch. Afterwards we had a little rest although **African Crowned Eagles** soaring overhead were of course a distraction. We then drove to the nearby Bogodi Wetland an area of swamp made up of Papyrus, boardwalks and a circular walk. A **Grey-winged Robin-chat** sang from the undergrowth and our first group of **Red Colobus Monkeys** performed well. An **Olive-bellied Sunbird** fed on a flowering bush and nearby we got superb views of a **Western Nicator**. Moving on to a boardwalk we got to see several **Papyrus Gonoleks**, a few **Black-crowned Waxbills** flew in with one landing in the tree above us. At the same time an **Ayres’s Hawk-eagle** was spotted soaring over a near hillside. Continuing on we found **Grey Plantain-eaters**, **African Green Pigeons**, a **Grey Woodpecker**, **Grey-headed Negrofinch**, a showy **Blue-throated Brown Sunbird**, **Viellot’s Black Weavers**, **Lesser Honeyguide** and both **Scarlet-chested** and **Green Sunbirds**. In a dry grassy area we worked to get good views of a group of **Red-faced Cisticolas**, and along a track in a dead tree we scoped an **African Hobby** and also a couple of **Black-and-white Casqued Hornbills**. As we watched these a loud raucous call overhead drew our attention to a **Grey Parrot** flying over. Almost back at the start of our walk we found many **Grosbeak Weaver** and an **African Blue Flycatcher**. It was time to leave and head for Fort portal. One quick roadside stop along the way got a few of us a pair of **Crested Guinea fowl** that dived into cover a little too quickly.

22<sup>nd</sup> January 2011 - Day 12

Our last day had us up and checking the lodge grounds here we added a few new species including **Northern Black Flycatcher**,



**Crowned Hornbill’s easily seen in dry scrubby areas such as Q E P.**



**Red Colobus Monkey**



**African Open-billed Storks at the Botanical Gardens in Kampala**

and a young **Village Indigobird** being fed by a **Red-billed Firefinch**. We then had breakfast and set off on the long drive back towards Kampala. The main road passed through an area of the Kibale National Park, so a few strategic stops were made to see what we could find. Our first stop produced a couple of **Sabine's Spinetails** soaring over the forest canopy, while nearby we found **Slender-billed Greenbul**, **Chubb's Cisticola**, **Yellow-spotted Barbet**, **Ludher's Bush-shrike**, **Collared Sunbird**, two **African Emerald Cuckoos**, an **African Broadbill** calling, **Black-billed Weaver** and a fly by **African Crowned Eagle**. Another stop had us watching a group of **Colobus Monkeys**, as well as **Bocage's Bush-shrike**, **Brown-throated Wattle-eye**, **White-throated Prinia**, **Black-and-white Casqued Hornbills**, **White-bellied Negrofinch**, **Blue-headed Brown Sunbird**, **Green Sunbird** and then perched on top of a distant tree was an **Afep Pigeon**. Moving on and stopping again we located **African Shrike Flycatcher**, several **Joyful Greenbuls**, a **Toro Olive Greenbul**, and great looks at a **Red-headed Bluebill**. Our final stop in this area was beside a river where we added **Grosbeak Weaver**, **Senegal Coucal** and for some a pair of **White-collared Olivebacks**. Half way back along the dusty road to Kampala we stopped beside a marsh where most of us got to see a **White-winged Warbler**. We then continued our drive seeing many roadside birds already recorded during our trip, except for a lone **Hooded Vulture**. Eventually arriving in Kampala we took a late lunch and afterwards drove a short distance in town to an area of large trees where a pair of **Bat Hawks** were in attendance of their nest. We finished the day with a visit to the Botanical Gardens, an area that we all agreed would have deserved longer as it was teeming with birds, especially out on the huge lake. We searched through flocks of **Slender-billed Weavers**, and found **Winding Cisticola**, and a bunch of water birds such as **African Open-billed Storks**, a **Black Heron** doing his 'nighttime – daytime' impression, **Marsh Sandpiper**, **Greenshank**, **Black-winged Stilts**, **Black Crane**, **Gull-billed Tern** and then finally as we returned to our vehicle we got silhouette views of two **African Wood Owls**.

Back in town we headed towards the airport, and called in to a hotel where we had a room so as we could change clothes and get cleaned up ready for our flight. After a last beer and some reminiscing we said goodbye to Hassan, and thanked him for organising this great trip. It was then on to the international airport at Entebbe and our flight home.

On behalf of Gina and myself we would like to thank everyone on this tour for making it such great fun and a pleasure to lead.

Steve & Gina



**Blue Monkey when seen well, such as this one are really very attractive**



**Viellot's Black Weaver on top of a brand new home**



# BIRDLIST FOR UGANDA - 2011

Albertine Rift Endemics are highlighted in bold

	SPECIES	SCIENTIFIC NAME	COMMENTS
1	Pink-backed Pelican	<i>Pelecanus rufescens</i>	Seen on 3 days in small numbers near Kibale and at Botanical Gardens Entebbe
2	Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>	Just one seen at Lake Mburo
3	Long-tailed Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax africanus</i>	1 seen flying over at Mabamba Bay Wetland
4	African Finfoot	<i>Podica senegalensis</i>	1 seen well on boat trip, but kept hidden amongst roots at Lake Mburo
5	Black-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	3 seen on boat trip on Lake Mburo
6	White-backed Night Heron	<i>Gorsachius leuconotus</i>	2 were seen well before sneaking off, from boat on Lake Mburo
7	Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	Seen on 7 days at various sites
8	Common Squacco Heron	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>	Seen on 4 days with 10 at Mabamba Bay area
9	Striated Heron	<i>Butorides striata</i>	3 seen on Lake Mburo and another at Bigodi Swamp
10	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	Seen on 4 days
11	Black Heron	<i>Egretta ardesiaca</i>	Just 1 seen on lake at Botanical Gardens, Entebbe
12	Great Egret	<i>Casmerodius albus</i>	Just 1 seen on Lake Mburo
13	Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>	1 seen at edge of Papyrus on drive to Entebbe
14	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	Seen on Lake Mburo
15	Black-headed Heron	<i>Ardea melanocephala</i>	Seen on 6 days at various wetland sites
16	Hamerkop	<i>Scopus umbretta</i>	Seen on 5 days and not uncommon
17	Woolly-necked Stork	<i>Ciconia episcopus</i>	Seen on 2 days with 4 on the way to lake Mburo
18	African Open-billed Stork	<i>Anastomus lamelligerus</i>	Seen on 5 days with flock of 200 over Mabamba Wetland and close looks at Botanical Garden
19	Saddle-billed Stork	<i>Ephippiorhynchus senegalensis</i>	2 were seen while watching Shoebill at Mabamba Bay Wetland
20	Marabou Stork	<i>Leptopilos crumeniferus</i>	Seen on 4 or 5 days
21	Shoebill	<i>Balaeniceps rex</i>	One of our main target birds we saw 1 perched in marsh in the open and fairly close and another 3 in flight at Mabamba Bay Wetland
22	Sacred Ibis	<i>Threskiornis aethiopicus</i>	6 seen at Mabamba Bay, also Mburo and QEP
23	Hadada Ibis	<i>Bostrychia hagedash</i>	Noisy groups were seen on 6 separate days
24	Egyptian Goose	<i>Alopochen aegyptiacus</i>	2 seen in the evening going to roost in Botanical Gardens, Entebbe
25	Spur-winged Goose	<i>Plectropterus gambensis</i>	2 were seen at Mabamba Bay Wetland
26	Hottentot Teal	<i>Anas hottentota</i>	2 were seen on pond near Mburo
27	Yellow-billed Duck	<i>Anas undulata</i>	Up to 20 easily seen at Mabamba Bay Wetland
28	Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>	Seen on 4 days with max 30 at Mabamba
29	Black-shouldered Kite	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>	Seen on 5 days with max 3 at Mabamba and 3 at Queen Elizabeth Park (QEP)
30	African Fish Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus vocifer</i>	Seen on 4 days with highest count 10 at Mburo
31	Palm-nut Vulture	<i>Gypohierax angolensis</i>	2 seen on 2 days at QEP
32	Osprey	<i>Pansion haliaetus</i>	1 seen carrying a fish at Queen Elizabeth Park
33	Hooded Vulture	<i>Necrosyrtes monachus</i>	Just 1 seen on roadside as we drove to Entebbe
34	White-headed Vulture	<i>Trigonoceps occipitalis</i>	3 were seen in flight at Queen Elizabeth Park

35	African White-backed Vulture	<i>Gyps africanus</i>	2 seen distantly at Queen Elizabeth Park
36	Black-chested Snake Eagle	<i>Circaetus pectoralis</i>	Seen on 2 days at Mabamba and Lake Mburo
37	Short-toed Eagle	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>	1 seen well perched on cactus at Lake Mburo
38	Brown Snake Eagle	<i>Circaetus cinereus</i>	1 seen at Lake Mburo NP and another at QEP
39	Western Banded Snake Eagle	<i>Circaetus cinerascens</i>	A superb sighting of one at Lake Mburo NP
40	African Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus ranivorus</i>	Seen on 3 days including Mabamba, Mburo and QEP
41	Eurasian Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>	Singles seen at Mabamba and Lake Mburo NP
42	Gabar Goshawk	<i>Micronisus gabar</i>	4 were seen at Lake Mburo NP and 1 at QEP
43	Lizard Buzzard	<i>Kaupifalco monogrammicus</i>	1 by hotel in Entebbe and another along the way to Entebbe on our last day
44	Shikra	<i>Accipiter badius</i>	Just 1 perched on tv aerial by hotel in Entebbe
45	African Goshawk	<i>Accipiter tachiro</i>	3 seen with 2 at Ruhija, and 1 in Buhoma
46	Rufous-breasted Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter rufiventris</i>	An excellent find we scoped 1 perched along roadside near Ruhija
47	African Cuckoo-Hawk	<i>Aviceda cuculoides</i>	Distant views of a bird perched at QEP
48	Bat Hawk	<i>Macheiramphus alcinus</i>	We saw a pair beside their nest in Entebbe
49	African Harrier-Hawk	<i>Polyboroides typus</i>	Seen on 3 days with max 3 at Mburo NP
50	Augur Buzzard	<i>Buteo augur</i>	Seen on 5 days with max 2 on drive to Buhoma
51	Mountain Buzzard	<i>Buteo oreophilus</i>	Singles seen on 2 days around Ruhija
52	Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>	Just 1 seen on the way to Bwindi Impenetrable Forest
53	Wahlberg's Eagle	<i>Aquila wahlbergi</i>	Seen well on 4 days including 3 at Mburo and 2 at QEP
54	Ayres's Hawk-Eagle	<i>Hieraetus ayresii</i>	1 seen circling around while we were at Bigodi Swamp
55	Bateleur	<i>Terathopius ecaudatus</i>	2 seen at Mburo NP and max of 3 at QEP
56	Long-crested Eagle	<i>Lophaetus occipitalis</i>	Seen on 4 days with max 3, Mburo and QEP
57	Martial Eagle	<i>Polemaetus bellicosus</i>	2 seen at QEP including one that allowed close approach and unbelievable photo opportunities
58	African Crowned Eagle	<i>Stephanoaetus coronatus</i>	2 were seen circling and calling over our lodge in Kibale and another flew past near Fort Portal
59	Grey Kestrel	<i>Falco ardosiaceus</i>	Seen on 3 days with max 3 at QEP
60	African Hobby	<i>Falco cuvieri</i>	3 seen, one at 'The Neck' and a nice perched bird near Bigodi Swamp
61	Lanner Falcon	<i>Falco biarmicus</i>	Same bird seen perched on 2 days at Ruhija
62	Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	1 seen very well as we drove towards Bwindi
63	Helmeted Guineafowl	<i>Numida meleagris</i>	Seen on 4 days with max of 12 at QEP
64	Crested Guineafowl	<i>Guttera pucherani</i>	2 seen at QEP and another 2 beside road briefly at Kibale
65	Red-winged Francolin	<i>Francolinus levaillantii</i>	Just 1 seen flying off near camp at Mburo NP
66	Crested Francolin	<i>Francolinus sephaena</i>	1 seen in thick grass at Mburo NP
67	Handsome Francolin	<i>Francolinus nobilis</i>	Heard well but not seen at Buhoma main trail
68	Red-necked Spurfowl	<i>Francolinus afer</i>	Seen in Mburo and QEP. Very common
69	Kurrichane (Small) Button-Quail	<i>Turnix sylvaticus</i>	One seen flying off in long grass at QEP
70	White-spotted Flufftail	<i>Sarothrura pulchura</i>	Several heard very well at Kibale and glimpsed by a couple of people
71	Red-chested Flufftail	<i>Sarothrura rufa</i>	1 heard at Mubwindi Swamp
72	African Crake	<i>Crex egregia</i>	Great prolonged flight views of a bird at QEP
73	Black Crake	<i>Amaurornis flavirostris</i>	Singles seen at Mabamba, Mburo and Botanical Gardens at Entebbe



74	Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	Just one seen at Lake Mburo
75	African Jacana	<i>Actophilornis africanus</i>	Seen well at Mabamba, Lake Mburo and Botanical Gardens at Entebbe
76	Lesser Jacana	<i>Microparra capensis</i>	A superb find and 1 seen well on several occasions at Mabamba Bay Wetland
77	Grey-crowned Crane	<i>Balearica regulorum</i>	Seen on 5 days with max 6 at Mburo and QEP
78	Black-bellied Bustard	<i>Eupodotis melanogaster</i>	2 were seen at Queen Elizabeth Park (QEP)
79	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>	Up to 60 seen on last day at Botanical Gardens
80	Water Thick-knee	<i>Burhinus vermiculatus</i>	2 seen very well near dock at Lake Mburo
81	Spur-winged Lapwing	<i>Vanellus spinosus</i>	2 seen on last day at Botanical Gardens, Entebbe
82	Long-toed Lapwing	<i>Vanellus crassirostris</i>	Up to 10 at Mabamba and others at Lake Mburo and Botanical Gardens, Entebbe
83	African Wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus senegallus</i>	2 at Mabamba, 2 at Mburo and 2 at QEP
84	Senegal Lapwing	<i>Vanellus lugubris</i>	2 at Mburo and QEP and 1 Bigodi Swamp area
85	Three-banded Plover	<i>Charadrius tricollaris</i>	Just 1 in small pool at Queen Elizabeth Park
86	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	1 seen at Mburo and another Botanical Gardens
87	Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>	Seen Mabamba, Mburo, QEP and Bot Gardens
88	Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>	Seen Mabamba, Mburo, QEP and Bot Gardens
89	Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>	2 seen at Botanical Gardens, Entebbe
90	Marsh Sandpiper	<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>	1 seen at Botanical Gardens, Entebbe
91	Common Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>	Up to 6 seen at Mabamba Bay Wetland
92	Gull-billed Tern	<i>Sterna nilotica</i>	1 seen on river after leaving QEP and another over lake at Botanical Gardens, Entebbe
93	White-winged Tern	<i>Chlidonias leucopterus</i>	Up to 20 seen by bridge after leaving QEP
94	African Green Pigeon	<i>Treron Calva</i>	Seen on 6 days with biggest count 4 at Bigodi
95	Western Bronze-naped Pigeon	<i>Columba iriditorques</i>	Only heard at Buhoma on main trail
96	Speckled Pigeon	<i>Columba guinea</i>	Only seen around Entebbe
97	Afep Pigeon	<i>Columba unicincta</i>	We scoped one bird in a distant tree near Portal
98	Olive Pigeon	<i>Columba arquatrix</i>	Seen on 4 days in Bwindi Impenetrable Forest
99	Feral Pigeon	<i>Columba livia</i>	Seen on trip
100	Emerald-spotted Wood-Dove	<i>Turtur chalcospilos</i>	One seen well at Lake Mburo NP
101	Blue-spotted Wood-Dove	<i>Turtur afer</i>	Seen on 3 days around QEP and Kibale
102	Tambourine Dove	<i>Turtur tympanistria</i>	Surprisingly easy on 5 days in the forests at Buhoma, and Kibale
103	Ring-necked Dove	<i>Streptopelia capicola</i>	Seen on 4 days mostly Kibale
104	Red-eyed Dove	<i>Streptopelia semitorquata</i>	Seen on 9 days - common
105	Laughing Dove	<i>Streptopelia senegalensis</i>	Seen on 5 days at Mburo, QEP and Entebbe
106	Brown Parrot	<i>Poicephalus meyeri</i>	Seen on 2 days at Lake Mburo NP with max 4
107	Grey Parrot	<i>Psittacus erithacus</i>	1 flew over calling at Bigodi Swamp, Kibale
108	Great Blue Turaco	<i>Corythaeola cristata</i>	Seen on 8 days with max 8 around Mabamba and Mburo NP
109	Ross's Turaco	<i>Musophaga rossae</i>	Seen 3 days including Mburo, and QEP
110	Black-billed Turaco	<i>Tauraco schuetti</i>	Seen on 5 days with max 4 at Bwindi I Forest
111	Bare-faced Go-away-Bird	<i>Corythaixoides personata</i>	Seen on 2 days Around Mburo NP
112	Eastern Grey Plantain Eater	<i>Crinifer zonurus</i>	Max 6 at Mburo, also seen QEP, and Entebbe
113	Levaillant's Cuckoo	<i>Oxylophus levaillantii</i>	Singles at Mburo, 'The Neck' and 2 at QEP
114	Red-chested Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus solitarius</i>	1 seen near Mburo, others heard and 2 seen at QEP
115	Black Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus clamosus</i>	Seen on 2 days at Buhoma including the race

			<i>gabonensis</i> with rufous breast
116	Barred Long-tailed Cuckoo	<i>Cercococcyx montanus</i>	Superb close views of one bird at Ruhija
117	Dusky Long-tailed Cuckoo	<i>Cercococcyx mechowi</i>	Easily heard and only seen briefly on 2 days at Buhoma
118	Dideric Cuckoo	<i>Chrysococcyx caprius</i>	Singles on 2 days at QEP
119	Klaas's Cuckoo	<i>Chrysococcyx klaas</i>	Seen on 5 days with best views at Ruhija
120	African Emerald Cuckoo	<i>Chrysococcyx cupreus</i>	Seen on 2 day with 1 at Buhoma and 2 together near Fort Portal
121	Yellowbill	<i>Ceuthmochares aereus</i>	Seen on 2 days with superb views at Buhoma
122	White-browed Coucal	<i>Centropus superciliosus</i>	Seen on 4 days with 3 at Mburo, and up to 4 at QEP
123	Blue-headed Coucal	<i>Centropus monachus</i>	4 were seen at Mabamba Bay Wetland
124	Senegal Coucal	<i>Centropus senegalensis</i>	Just 1 along roadside near Fort Portal
125	African Wood-owl	<i>Strix woodfordii</i>	1 seen very close and well at Ruhija early morning and another seen at dusk in Entebbe
126	Red-chested Owlet	<i>Glaucidium tephronotum</i>	Despite hearing several call in Kibale we could not see this species
127	Freckled Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus tristigma</i>	A few people saw this species around their rooms at our camp at Mburo NP
128	Little Swift	<i>Apus affinis</i>	Seen on 5 days with over 100 around Entebbe
129	White-rumped Swift	<i>Apus caffer</i>	Small numbers on 3 days at Mburo, and QEP
130	Alpine swift	<i>Apus melba</i>	1 at Ruhija, 2 at QEP and 2 near Fort Portal
131	African Palm Swift	<i>Cypsiurus parvus</i>	Seen around hotel in Entebbe
132	Sabine's Spinetail	<i>Rhaphidura sabini</i>	Up to 5 seen over forest near Fort Portal
133	Speckled Mousebird	<i>Colius striatus</i>	Common and seen on 10 days
134	Blue-naped Mousebird	<i>Urocolius macrourus</i>	Up to 10 at Mburo and others at QEP
135	Narina Trogon	<i>Apaloderma narna</i>	1 seen at Ruhija and another heard at Kibale
136	Bar-tailed Trogon	<i>Apaloderma vitattum</i>	Superb views of 1 at Buhoma
137	Pied Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle rudis</i>	Seen 4 days with max 40+ at bridge near QEP
138	Striped Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon chelicuti</i>	Seen on 4 days with 8 at Mburo and 3 at QEP
139	Grey-headed Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon leucocephala</i>	Singles on 2 days at QEP
140	Woodland Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon senegalensis</i>	Seen on 5 days including Mburo, and QEP
141	Malachite Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo cristata</i>	2 seen at Mabamba and 3 at Lake Mburo
142	African pygmy Kingfisher	<i>Ispidina picta</i>	One seen well at river in QEP
143	Shining-blue Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo quadribrachys</i>	An excellent bird seen well on stream near lodge at Kibale
144	Little Bee-eater	<i>Merops pusillus</i>	Seen at Mburo, QEP and on drive to Entebbe
145	White-throated Bee-eater	<i>Merops albicollis</i>	Seen 3 days with max 25 at QEP
146	Cinnamon-chested Bee-eater	<i>Merops oreobates</i>	Seen on 6 days with max of 8 at Ruhija
147	Blue-breasted Bee-eater	<i>Merops variegatus</i>	Up to 10 seen very well at Mabamba Bay
148	Black Bee-eater	<i>Merops gularis</i>	An excellent bird with 3 at Buhoma and another 3 seen well at Kibale
149	Blue-cheeked Bee-eater	<i>Merops persicus</i>	Seen on 3 days with maximum of 50 at QEP
150	Broad-billed Roller	<i>Eurystomus glaucurus</i>	Seen in small numbers on 6 days
151	Blue-throated Roller	<i>Eurystomus gularis</i>	Superb views of up to 4 birds at Buhoma
152	Lilac-breasted Roller	<i>Coracias caudatus</i>	Up to 10 seen at or near Mburo NP
153	White-headed Wood-hoopoe	<i>Phoeniculus bollei</i>	Seen on 3 days with best views of 4 at Ruhija
154	Green Woodhoopoe	<i>Phoeniculus purpureus</i>	6 seen at Mburo and 4 at QEP
155	African Grey Hornbill	<i>Tockus nasutus</i>	Only 4 seen at Mburo near lodge
156	Crowned Hornbill	<i>Tockus alboterminatus</i>	Seen on 4 days around QEP and Kibale
157	Black-and-white Casqued Hornbill	<i>Bycanistes subcylindricus</i>	Amazingly seen on 9 days with 8 at Kibale area



158	Yellow-rumped Tinkerbird	<i>Pogoniulus bilineatus</i>	Maximum of 8 seen on 8 separate days
159	Yellow-throated Tinkerbird	<i>Pogoniulus subsulphureus</i>	Just 2 seen on main track at Buhoma
160	Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird	<i>Pogoniulus chrysoconus</i>	Just 1 seen on our day in QEP
161	Speckled Tinkerbird	<i>Pogoniulus scolopaceus</i>	Seen on 4 days at Buhoma and at Kibale
162	Grey-throated Barbet	<i>Gymnobucco bonapartei</i>	Seen on 6 days including Bwindi, and Buhoma with maximum 6 near Fort Portal
163	Spot-flanked Barbet	<i>Tricholaema lacrymosa</i>	4 seen at Lake Mburo NP and 3 in QEP
164	Hairy-breasted Barbet	<i>Tricholaema hirsuta</i>	1 at Buhoma and another seen at Kibale
165	Yellow-spotted Barbet	<i>Tricholaema duchailui</i>	4 seen on main trail at Buhoma and others seen near Kibale and Fort Portal
166	White-headed Barbet	<i>Lybius leucocephalus</i>	1 seen at Mburo NP and up to 6 at QEP
167	Double-toothed Barbet	<i>Lybius bidentatus</i>	1 at Mburo and another seen at QEP
168	Yellow-billed-Barbet	<i>Trachylaemus purpuratus</i>	A stunning bird seen well near Mubwindi Swamp
169	Lesser Honeyguide	<i>Indicator minor</i>	2 seen well on the way to Buhoma and another seen well at Bigodi Swamp
170	Willcock's Honeyguide	<i>Indicator willcocksi</i>	Just 1 seen very well at Ruhija
171	Red-throated Wryneck	<i>Jynx ruficollis</i>	2 birds gave great views near the 'Neck'
172	Tullberg's Woodpecker	<i>Campethera tullbergi</i>	2 birds showed well again near the 'Neck'
173	Nubian Woodpecker	<i>Campethera nubica</i>	Several seen at Lake Mburo NP and at QEP
174	Elliot's Woodpecker	<i>Dendropicos elliotii</i>	2 seen well at the 'Neck' near Buhoma
175	Cardinal Woodpecker	<i>Dendropicos fuscescens</i>	2 birds seen on our way to Mubwindi Swamp
176	Speckle-breasted Woodpecker	<i>Dendropicos poecilolaemus</i>	2 seen near to Mubwindi Swamp
177	Yellow-crested Woodpecker	<i>Dendropicos xantholophus</i>	Only heard once near Buhoma
178	Grey Woodpecker	<i>Dendropicos goertae</i>	Just 1 seen close but briefly at Bigodi Swamp
179	African Broadbill	<i>Smithornis capensis</i>	A great show from 1 bird at Buhoma, and another heard calling near Fort Portal
180	Green-breasted Pitta	<i>Pitta reichenowi</i>	Apparently one was heard displaying at Kibale but most of us could not hear it!
181	Rufous-naped Lark	<i>Mirafra africana</i>	Up to 20 seen well at QEP
182	Flappet Lark	<i>Mirafra rufocinnamomea</i>	2 were seen in flight at QEP
183	White-tailed Lark	<i>Mirafra albicauda</i>	2 birds seen well in flight at QEP
184	Rock Martin	<i>Hirundo fuligula</i>	Seen well on 8 days
185	Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>	Seen on 3 days with max 50 at QEP
186	Banded Martin	<i>Riparia cincta</i>	Just 4 seen on one day at QEP
187	Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Hirundo daurica</i>	A few seen at Lake Mburo NP
188	Mosque Swallow	<i>Hirundo senegalensis</i>	Several at Mabamba and also QEP
189	Lesser Striped Swallow	<i>Hirundo abyssinica</i>	Seen well on 6 days including Mabamba
190	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	Seen on 4 days including QEP
191	Angola Swallow	<i>Hirundo angolensis</i>	Regular and seen on 8 separate days
192	Black Saw-wing	<i>Psalidoprocne holomelas</i>	Small numbers seen on 7 days
193	African Pied Wagtail	<i>Motacilla aguimp</i>	Fairly common on 9 separate days
194	Mountain Wagtail	<i>Motacilla clara</i>	Just one seen at Buhoma
195	Cape Wagtail	<i>Motacilla capensis</i>	2 were seen in the Buhoma area
196	Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>	Seen at Lake Mburo NP and at QEP
197	Yellow-throated Longclaw	<i>Macronyx croceus</i>	4 seen at Lake Mburo and others at QEP
198	Grassland Pipit	<i>Anthus cinnamomeus</i>	1 at Ruhija and another on the way to Buhoma
199	Plain-backed Pipit	<i>Anthus leucophrys</i>	3 seen at Lake Mburo NP and 4 at QEP
200	Black Cuckoo-Shrike	<i>Campephaga flava</i>	Amazingly 6 were seen around Buhoma
201	Red-shouldered Cuckoo-	<i>Campephaga phoenicea</i>	1 female seen well at Lake Mburo NP

	Shrike		
202	Petit's Cuckoo-Shrike	<i>Campephaga petiti</i>	1 seen well at Lake Mburo NP and another 2 seen in Buhoma
203	Grey Cuckoo-shrike	<i>Coracina caesia</i>	Seen on 3 days all around Bwindi
204	Western Nicator	<i>Nicator chloris</i>	1 showed very well at Bigodi Swamp and another near Fort Portal
205	Common Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus barbatus</i>	Very common and seen every day of the tour
206	Yellow-whiskered Greenbul	<i>Andropadus latirostris</i>	Seen on 5 days in and around Bwindi
207	Little Greenbul	<i>Andropadus virens</i>	Seen on 5 days with between Ruhija and Buhoma
208	Mountain Greenbul	<i>Andropadus nigriceps</i>	Seen on 4 days all around Bwindi
209	Slender-billed Greenbul	<i>Andropadus gracilirostris</i>	Seen on 7 days with max of 8 near Buhoma
210	Yellow-streaked Greenbul	<i>Phyllastrephus flavostriatus</i>	Seen on 2 days around Ruhija
211	Cabanis's Greenbul	<i>Phyllastrephus cabanisi</i>	Just 1 seen at Buhoma
212	Ansorge's Greenbul	<i>Andropadus ansorgei</i>	Up to 8 of these were seen on the main trail at Buhoma
213	Toro Olive Greenbul	<i>Phyllastrephus hypochloris</i>	2 seen along roadside as we drove to Entebbe
214	Joyful Greenbul	<i>Chlorocichla laetissima</i>	Up to 6 on roadside as we drove to Entebbe
215	Red-tailed Bristlebill	<i>Bleda syndactyla</i>	We only heard this species at Buhoma
216	Red-tailed Greenbul	<i>Criniger calurus</i>	2 birds showed themselves at Buhoma
217	Yellow-throated Greenbul	<i>Chlorocichla flavicollis</i>	Up to 4 seen on 2 days including Buhoma
218	Honeyguide Greenbul	<i>Baeopogon indicator</i>	1 seen along main trail at Buhoma
219	White-starred Robin	<i>Pogonocichla stellata</i>	Single birds seen at Mabwindi Swamp and Ruhija
220	Equatorial Akalat	<i>Sheppardia aequatorialis</i>	2 birds showed pretty well at Buhoma
221	<b>Red-throated Alethe</b>	<i>Alethe poliophrys</i>	Fantastic looks at 2 birds along trail in Buhoma
222	White-browed Robin-chat	<i>Cossypha heuglini</i>	Several seen well in Queen Elizabeth Park
223	<b>Archer's Robin-chat</b>	<i>Cossypha archeri</i>	Several heard at Mubwindi Swamp but only Gina got decent views of one bird
224	White-bellied Robin-chat	<i>Cossyphicula roberti</i>	3 were seen quite well at Buhoma
225	Grey-winged Robin-chat	<i>Cossypha polioptera</i>	1 seen in tangle at Buhoma and another heard at Bigodi swamp
226	Olive Thrush	<i>Turdus olivaceus</i>	Seen on 3 days with max 4 at Ruhija
227	African Thrush	<i>Turdus pelios</i>	Fairly widespread and seen on 7 days
228	Kivu Ground-thrush	<i>Zoothera tanzanicae</i>	What a difficult species, we tracked a calling bird for 45 minutes with just a few of us getting glimpses of this mega skulker
229	White-tailed Ant-thrush	<i>Neocossyphus poensis</i>	1 bird flew through forest calling at Buhoma
230	Red-tailed Ant-thrush	<i>Neocossyphus rufus</i>	Seen well near ant swarm at Kibale and another flying past near Fort Portal
231	Sooty Chat	<i>Myrmecocichla nigra</i>	Common and seen well at Mburo, and up to 100 at Queen Elizabeth Park
232	Common Stonechat	<i>Saxicola torquata</i>	A few smart looking birds on 4 days
233	Whinchat	<i>Saxicola rubetra</i>	3 days including Mabamba and 6 at QEP
234	Brown-backed Scrub-robin	<i>Cercatrichas hartlaubi</i>	1 at Mburo, 2 at Ruhija and 1 at QEP
235	African Reed Warbler	<i>Aerocephalus baeticatus</i>	1 showed well by bridge just outside QEP
236	White-winged Warbler	<i>Bradypterus carpalis</i>	We saw 1 bird well in Papyrus on last day
237	<b>Grauer's Rush Warbler</b>	<i>Bradypterus graueri</i>	A long hike to Mubwindi Swamp where we had good views of 2 birds
238	Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>	Seen on 2 days around Ruhija
239	Garden Warbler	<i>Sylvia borin</i>	Just 1 seen at Bwindi



240	Buff-bellied Warbler	<i>Phyllolais pulchella</i>	Seen on 2 days with 5 at Lake Mburo NP
241	Willow Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>	Seen on 6 days
242	Wood Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus sibilatrix</i>	Just 1 seen at Buhoma
243	Red-faced Woodland Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus laetus</i>	Seen on 4 days with 4 at Ruhija and 2 at Bwindi
244	Green Hylia	<i>Hylia prasina</i>	Just 1 heard calling at Buhoma
245	Short-tailed Warbler	<i>Hemitesia neumanni</i>	Fantastic views of 1 bird at Buhoma main trail
246	White-browed Crombec	<i>Sylvietta leucophrys</i>	Seen on 2 days at Ruhija
247	Green Crombec	<i>Sylvietta virens</i>	1 seen at Buhoma and another at Kibale
248	Red-faced Crombec	<i>Sylvietta whytii</i>	Just 2 seen at Lake Mburo NP
249	Black-faced Rufous Warbler	<i>Bathmocercus rufus</i>	2 were heard before we had great close views at Buhoma
250	African Moustached Warbler	<i>Melocichla mentalis</i>	3 were seen in Queen Elizabeth Park
251	Grauer's Warbler	<i>Graueria vittata</i>	Several heard but 1 seen pretty well at Ruhija
252	Croaking Cisticola	<i>Cisticola natalensis</i>	Max of 8 seen on 2 days around QEP
253	Winding Cisticola	<i>Cisticola galactotes</i>	Seen on 3 days incl 8 at Mabamba Bay Wetland
254	Carruther's Cisticola	<i>Cisticola carruthersi</i>	Only heard at Mabamba Bay Wetland
255	Red-faced Cisticola	<i>Cisticola erythrops</i>	4 seen together at Bigodi Swamp
256	Chubb's Cisticola	<i>Cisticola chubbi</i>	Seen on 5 days and easy at Ruhija
257	Trilling Cisticola	<i>Cisticola woosnami</i>	1 seen at Mburo and others in QEP
258	Siffling Cisticola	<i>Cisticola brachypterus</i>	Just a couple were found at QEP
259	Tawny-flanked Prinia	<i>Prinia subflava</i>	Seen at Mburo and QEP
260	White-chinned Prinia	<i>Prinia leucopogon</i>	Seen on 5 days with most around Kibale
261	Banded Prinia	<i>Prinia bairdii</i>	Up to 8 seen on walk to Mubwindi Swamp
262	Grey-capped Warbler	<i>Eminia lepida</i>	Just 1 seen singing from boat at Lake Mburo NP
263	Grey-backed Camaroptera	<i>Camaroptera rachyuran</i>	Fairly widespread and seen on 8 days
264	Olive-green Camaroptera	<i>Camaroptera chloronata</i>	Just 2 seen on Buhoma main trail
265	Yellow-breasted Apalis	<i>Apalis flavida</i>	1 was seen at Lake Mburo NP
266	Grey Apalis	<i>Apalis cinerea</i>	Up to 6 seen in the Buhoma area
267	Chestnut-throated Apalis	<i>Apalis porphyrolaema</i>	Seen on 4 days around Ruhija with max 10
268	Buff-throated Apalis	<i>Apalis rufogularis</i>	Seen on 4 days most at Buhoma and also Kibale
269	Collared Apalis	<i>Apalis ruwenzorii</i>	Up to 3 were seen on 2 days around Ruhija
270	Black-throated Apalis	<i>Apalis jacksoni</i>	Seen on 4 days around Ruhija and Buhoma
271	Mountain Masked Apalis	<i>Apalis personata</i>	Seen on 4 days all around Bwindi
272	White-eyed Slaty Flycatcher	<i>Melaenornis fischeri</i>	Seen on 5 days with most at Ruhija, Bwindi
273	Northern Black Flycatcher	<i>Melaenornis edolioides</i>	Just 1 in hotel garden Fort Portal
274	<b>Yellow-eyed Black Flycatcher</b>	<i>Melaenornis ardesiacus</i>	1 was seen well at the end of walk on Buhoma main trail
275	African Dusky Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa adusta</i>	Seen on 6 days mostly around Ruhija, Bwindi
276	Lead-coloured Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa plumbeus</i>	3 were seen well at Lake Mburo NP
277	Grey-throated Flycatcher	<i>Myioparus griseularis</i>	A difficult bird was eventually seen at Kibale
278	Swamp Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa aquatica</i>	4 were seen at Mabamba and Botanical Gardens
279	Cassin's Grey Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa cassini</i>	Up to 3 seen on 2 days near water at Buhoma
280	Dusky-blue Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa comitata</i>	Seen on 4 days with max 6 at the 'Neck'
281	Sooty Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa infuscata</i>	4 were seen along Buhoma main trail
282	Chin-spot Batis	<i>Batis molitor</i>	Seen on 4 days around Mburo and Ruhija
283	<b>Rwenzori Batis</b>	<i>Batis diops</i>	Seen on 3 days at Ruhija and Buhoma
284	African Shrike-flycatcher	<i>Megabyas flammulatus</i>	Seen on 4 days at the 'Neck' and Kibale
285	Black and White Shrike	<i>Bias musicus</i>	Seen on 3 days with max 3 at the 'Neck' and

	Flycatcher		Buhoma
286	Brown-throated Wattle-eye	<i>Platysteira cyanea</i>	Seen on 3 days with 4 at Buhoma
287	African Paradise Flycatcher	<i>Terpsiphone viridis</i>	Seen in small numbers on 6 days
288	White-bellied Crested-flycatcher	<i>Trochocercus albiventris</i>	We saw 3 on our walk to Mubwindi Swamp
289	African Blue-flycatcher	<i>Elminia longicauda</i>	Seen on 5 days mostly around Buhoma
290	White-tailed Blue-flycatcher	<i>Elminia albicauda</i>	Seen on 3 days with max 8 Mubwindi Swamp
291	Scaly-breasted Illadopsis	<i>Illadopsis albipectus</i>	Heard very well at Buhoma and Kibale
292	Mountain Illadopsis	<i>Illadopsis pyrrhoptera</i>	Just 1 seen on old school road Ruhija
293	African Hill-Babbler	<i>Pseudoalcippe abyssinica</i>	Seen on 4 days with max 8 at Mubwindi Swamp
294	Black-lored Babbler	<i>Turdoides sharpei</i>	Seen on 4 days with 10 at Mburo and others at QEP
295	Dusky Tit	<i>Parus funereus</i>	1 seen at Mubwindi, 8 at the 'Neck' and 4 at Kibale
296	White-winged Tit	<i>Parus leucomelas</i>	Just 1 seen at Lake Mburo NP
297	<b>Stripe-breasted Tit</b>	<i>Parus fasciiventer</i>	Up to 8 seen around Ruhija and also at the 'Neck'
298	Yellow White-eye	<i>Zosterops senegalensis</i>	Common and seen on 10 days
299	Bronze Sunbird	<i>Nectarinia kilimensis</i>	Just 2 seen at the 'Neck' going to Buhoma
300	Green-headed Sunbird	<i>Cyanomitra verticalis</i>	Seen Mburo, Buhoma and Botanical Gardens
301	Blue-throated Brown Sunbird	<i>Cyanomitra cyanoaema</i>	1 seen well at Bigodi Swamp and Fort Portal
302	<b>Blue-headed Sunbird</b>	<i>Cyanomitra alinae</i>	4 were seen on walk to Mubwindi Swamp
303	Northern Double-collared Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris reichenowi</i>	Seen on 6 days around Ruhija and Buhoma
304	Olive-bellied Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris chloropygia</i>	Seen on 4 days at Ruhija, Buhoma and Kibale
305	<b>Rwenzori Double-collared Sunbird</b>	<i>Cinnyris stuhlmanni</i>	1 seen very well near our lodge at Ruhija
306	<b>Regal Sunbird</b>	<i>Cinnyris regia</i>	Seen on 4 days around Ruhija
307	Green-throated Sunbird	<i>Chalcomitra rubescens</i>	Just 1 seen on main trail at Buhoma
308	Green Sunbird	<i>Anthreptes rectirostris</i>	Seen on 5 days Mubwindi, Buhoma and Kibale
309	Western Olive Sunbird	<i>Cyanomitra obscura</i>	Seen at Ruhija and up to 6 at Buhoma
310	Copper Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris cuprea</i>	Just 1 seen sat beside a Martial Eagle!
311	Mariqua Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris nariquensis</i>	Seen at Mburo, QEP and near Fort Portal
312	Scarlet-chested Sunbird	<i>Chalcomitra senegalensis</i>	Seen on 4 days Mburo, Buhoma and Kibale
313	Red-chested Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris erythrocerca</i>	Seen around Lake Mburo NP and Entebbe
314	Variable Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris venusta</i>	Seen on 6 days all around Bwindi
315	Collared Sunbird	<i>Hedydipna collaris</i>	Seen on 7 days around Bwindi and Entebbe
316	Common Fiscal	<i>Lanius collaris</i>	Seen on 4 days Mburo, Buhoma and Kibale
317	Grey-backed Fiscal	<i>Lanius excubitoroides</i>	30 seen at Mburo, and up to 10 at QEP
318	Mackinnon's Fiscal	<i>Lanius mackinnoni</i>	1 at Mubwindi, and 3 days around Buhoma
319	Luhder's Bush-shrike	<i>Laniarius luehderi</i>	Seen on 2 days around Buhoma main trail
320	Black-headed Gonolek	<i>Laniarius erythrogaster</i>	4 seen at Mburo and also at QEP
321	Papyrus Gonolek	<i>Laniarius mufumbiri</i>	1 just outside QEP and 2 at Bigodi Swamp
322	Sooty Boubou	<i>Laniarius leucorhynchus</i>	Only heard at Buhoma main trail
323	Brubru	<i>Nilaus afer</i>	Just 1 seen at Lake Mburo NP
324	Northern Puffback	<i>Dryoscopus gambensis</i>	Seen on 5 days around Ruhija and Buhoma
325	Pink-footed Puffback	<i>Dryoscopus angolensis</i>	Singles seen on 3 days around Ruhija
326	Brown-crowned Tchagra	<i>Tchagra australis</i>	Seen on 4 days at Mburo and around Ruhija
327	Sulphur-breasted Bush-shrike	<i>Malaconotus sulfureopectus</i>	Just 1 seen at Lake Mburo NP



328	Doherty's Bush-shrike	<i>Malaconotus dohertyi</i>	Just 1 seen at Ruhija, and others heard
329	Bocage's Bush-shrike	<i>Malaconotus bocagei</i>	Singles seen around Buhoma main trail
330	Fork-tailed Drongo	<i>Dicrurus adsimilis</i>	Seen on 5 days, Mburo and up to 50 at QEP
331	Pied Crow	<i>Corvus albus</i>	Common on 8 days with 200 around Mburo
332	White-naped Raven	<i>Corvus albicollis</i>	Seen on 4 days around Ruhija, even in lodge!
333	African Black-headed Oriole	<i>Oriolus laryvatus</i>	1 seen near Ruhija and 2 near Buhoma
334	Montane Oriole	<i>Oriolus percivali</i>	Recorded on 5 days with 4 seen at Bwindi
335	Western Black-headed Oriole	<i>Oriolus brachyrhynchus</i>	Only 1 heard in Kibale forest
336	Yellow-billed Oxpecker	<i>Buphagus africanus</i>	3 seen at Mburo and over 50 at QEP
337	Stuhlmann's Starling	<i>Poeyoptera stuhlmanni</i>	Up to 15 seen at Buhoma main trail
338	Narrow-tailed Starling	<i>Poeyoptera lugubris</i>	Seen on 2 days around Buhoma and near Portal
339	Waller's Starling	<i>Onychognathus walleri</i>	Seen on 4 days with 10 at the 'Neck'
340	Slender-billed Starling	<i>Onychognathus tenuirostris</i>	A group of 15 flew over near Mubwindi Swamp
341	Greater Blue-eared Starling	<i>Lamprotornis chalybaeus</i>	Seen on 2 days around Mburo
342	Rueppell's Glossy Starling	<i>Lamprotornis purpuroptera</i>	Seen at Lake Mburo NP and QEP
343	Purple-headed Starling	<i>Lamprotornis purpureiceps</i>	Just 1 seen at Kibale
344	Splendid Starling	<i>Lamprotornis splendidus</i>	Seen from boat at Lake Mburo NP
345	Violet-backed Starling	<i>Cinnyricinclus leucogaster</i>	4 were seen in Queen Elizabeth Park
346	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	Seen around Entebbe
347	Grey-headed Sparrow	<i>Passer griseus</i>	Common and seen every day of the tour
348	Black-headed/Village Weaver	<i>Ploceus cucullatus</i>	Seen around Mburo and also Bigodi Swamp
349	Lesser Masked Weaver	<i>Ploceus intermedius</i>	2 were seen in Lake Mburo NP
350	Spectacled Weaver	<i>Ploceus ocularis</i>	2 Seen at lake Mburo NP
351	Black-necked Weaver	<i>Ploceus nigricollis</i>	Seen on 4 days with 20 at Buhoma main trail
352	Baglafaecht Weaver	<i>Ploceus baglafaecht</i>	Common and seen on at least 9 days
353	Grosbeak Weaver	<i>Amblyospiza albifrons</i>	Up to 40 seen near Bigodi Swamp and Portal
354	Slender-billed Weaver	<i>Ploceus pelzelni</i>	Seen at Kibale and a few at Botanical Gardens
355	Yellow-backed Weaver	<i>Ploceus melanocephalus</i>	Just a couple seen by bridge outside of QEP
356	Northern Brown-throated Weaver	<i>Ploceus castanops</i>	10 seen at Mabamba Bay Wetland also Mburo and QEP
357	Holub's Golden Weaver	<i>Ploceus xanthops</i>	6 were seen at Lake Mburo NP
358	Strange Weaver	<i>Ploceus alienus</i>	Just a couple seen around Ruhija on 2 days
359	Brown-capped Weaver	<i>Ploceus insignis</i>	Seen on 5 days at Ruhija, and Buhoma areas
360	Black-billed Weaver	<i>Ploceus melanogaster</i>	1 at Ruhija, 2 at Buhoma and 1 near Fort Portal
361	Vieillot's Black Weaver	<i>Ploceus nigerrimus</i>	6 seen at Buhoma and 20+ at Bigodi Swamp
362	Red-billed Quelea	<i>Quelea quelea</i>	A few around Queen Elizabeth Park
363	Red-headed Weaver	<i>Anaplectes rubriceps</i>	2 were seen at Mburo and 1 in QEP
364	Red-headed Malimbe	<i>Malimbus rubricollis</i>	Seen on 2 days at Buhoma and also at Kibale
365	Red-collared Widowbird	<i>Euplectes ardens</i>	Up to 15 seen in fields near to QEP
366	Fan-tailed Widowbird	<i>Euplectes axillaris</i>	2 were seen along roadside going to Bwindi
367	Yellow-mantled Widowbird	<i>Euplectes macrourus</i>	1 around Ruhija and another near the 'Neck'
368	Southern Red Bishop	<i>Euplectes orix</i>	Just 2 seen at QEP
369	Grey-headed Negrofinch	<i>Nigrita canicapilla</i>	Seen on 6 days around Buhoma and Kibale
370	White-breasted Negrofinch	<i>Nigrita fusconota</i>	Up to 4 seen around Buhoma, also at Kibale
371	Jameson's Antpecker	<i>Parmoptila jamesoni</i>	A split from Woodhouse's Antpecker we had fabulous views of a female at Buhoma
372	White-collared Oliveback	<i>Nesocharis ansorgei</i>	A pair of birds showed briefly near Fort Portal
373	<b>Dusky Twinspot</b>	<i>Euschistospiza cinereovinacea</i>	2 birds showed well at an area before the 'Neck'

374	<b>Dusky Crimsonwing</b>	<i>Cryptospiza jacksoni</i>	5 were seen at Mubwindi Swamp and another near Ruhija bamboo zone
375	Red-headed Bluebill	<i>Spermophaga ruficapilla</i>	Excellent views of 1 bird near Fort Portal
376	Red-cheeked Cordon-bleu	<i>Uraeginthus bengalus</i>	Just 1 bird in Lake Mburo NP
377	Red-billed Firefinch	<i>Lagonosticta senegala</i>	Seen on 5 days with 30 seen at QEP
378	Yellow-bellied Waxbill	<i>Estrilda quartinia</i>	Just 1 seen near village at Ruhija
379	Common Waxbill	<i>Estrilda astrild</i>	4 were seen near Bigodi swamp
380	Crimson-rumped Waxbill	<i>Estrilda rhodopyga</i>	1 seen near Ruhija
381	Fawn-breasted Waxbill	<i>Estrilda paludicola</i>	Just 1 seen very well in QEP
382	Black-crowned Waxbill	<i>Estrilda nonnula</i>	4 birds flew in and landed briefly at Bigodi
383	Kandt's Waxbill	<i>Estrilda kandti</i>	A recent split from Black-headed we saw 5 near to Ruhija
384	Bronze Mannikin	<i>Lonchura cucullata</i>	Seen on 5 days around Buhoma and Kibale
385	Black-and-white Mannikin	<i>Lonchura bicolor</i>	10 were seen in the area known as the 'Neck'
386	Pin-tailed Whydah	<i>Vidua macroura</i>	A few seen on 6 separate days
387	Village Indigobird	<i>Vidua chalybeate</i>	1 juvenile being fed by host parent Red-billed Firefinch
388	Yellow-fronted Canary	<i>Serinus mozambicus</i>	3 seen at Mburo and, Buhoma, and Entebbe
389	Yellow-crowned Canary	<i>Serinus canicollis</i>	Very common around Ruhija with max 20
390	Thick-billed Seedeater	<i>Serinus burtoni</i>	Up to 3 seen on 4 days around Ruhija
391	African Citril	<i>Serinus citrinelloides</i>	1 seen at Bwindi and others at QEP
392	Streaky Seedeater	<i>Serinus striolatus</i>	8 or more seen on 4 days around Ruhija
393	African-Golden-breasted Bunting	<i>Emberiza flaviventris</i>	Seen on 2 days with 3 birds all around Ruhija

### MAMMALS

1.	Chimpanzee	<i>Pan troglodytes</i>	We heard the loud calls of Chimps on 3 days and saw at least 8 on our trek at Kibale
2.	Gorilla	<i>Gorilla gorilla</i>	Fantastic! And a highlight of the trip we connected with a group of 5 Gorillas including 3 Silverbacks and watch the for a whole hour!
3.	Central African Red Colobus	<i>Ptilocolobus oustaleti</i>	We saw a max of 30 on 2 days around Kibale and the Bigodi Swamp
4.	Guereza Colobus	<i>Colobus guereza</i>	Seen on 6 days in small groups with most 20 at Buhoma
5.	Olive Baboon	<i>Papio anubis</i>	Seen on 5 days with big groups at Mburo and Kibale
6.	Grey-cheeked Mangabey	<i>Lophocebus albigena</i>	Only saw a few in and around Kibale
7.	Vervet Monkey	<i>Cercopithecus pygerythrus</i>	A few seen on 4 days at Mburo and QEP
8.	L'Hoest's Monkey	<i>Cercopithecus lhoesti</i>	Just 3 seen in forest at Kibale
9.	Gentle Monkey	<i>Cercopithecus mitis</i>	Seen on 4 days including Buhoma and Kibale
10.	Red-tailed Monkey	<i>Cercopithecus ascanius</i>	Seen on 4 days inc Mburo and Buhoma
11.	Scrub Hare	<i>Lepus saxatilis</i>	2 were seen at Lake Mburo NP
12.	Boehm's Squirrel	<i>Paraxerus boehmi</i>	A few were seen around Ruhija
13.	Red-legged Sun Squirrel	<i>Heliosciurus rufobrachium</i>	Several seen at Ruhija and also Buhoma and Kibale
14.	Ruwenzori Sun Squirrel	<i>Heliosciurus ruwenzorii</i>	Just 1 seen at Ruhija
15.	Banded Mongoose	<i>Mungos mungo</i>	A couple were seen at Lake Mburo NP
16.	Egyptian Mongoose	<i>Herpestes ichneumon</i>	1 was seen running across track at Mburo
17.	Leopard	<i>Panthera pardus</i>	Superb views of this elegant cat up a tree in the Queen Elizabeth Park
18.	Lion	<i>Panthera leo</i>	We saw 2 in QEP including one of the famous



			tree climbing Lions – climbing a tree!
19.	Western Tree Hyrax	<i>Dendrohyrax dorsalis</i>	Just 2 seen at Lake Mburo NP
20.	African Elephant	<i>Loxodonta africana</i>	Up to 4 seen on 2 days at QEP
21.	Common Zebra	<i>Equus quagga</i>	Only seen at Lake Mburo NP
22.	Hippopotamus	<i>Hippopotamus amphibius</i>	Seen at Mburo and also at QEP
23.	Common Warthog	<i>Phacochoerus africanus</i>	Over 50 seen at Mburo and a couple at QEP
24.	African Buffalo	<i>Syncerus caffer</i>	20+ at Mburo and 2 days in QEP
25.	Bushbuck	<i>Tragelaphus scriptus</i>	A few seen on 2 days at Lake Mburo NP
26.	Black-fronted Duiker	<i>Cephalophus nigrifrons</i>	1 seen on our Gorilla Trek and 2 others at Kibale
27.	Klipspringer	<i>Oreotragus oreotragus</i>	David saw 1 at our camp in Mburo NP
28.	Kob	<i>Kobus kob</i>	Up to 50 of this Ugandan race at QEP
29.	Waterbuck	<i>Kobus ellipsiprymnus defassa</i>	Several seen on 2 days in QEP
30.	Impala	<i>Aepyceros melampus</i>	A few seen in Lake Mburo NP
31.	Topi	<i>Damaliscus lunatus</i>	Seen at Mburo NP and at QEP
32.	Nile Crocodile	<i>Crocodylus niloticus</i>	We saw a few at Lake Mburo NP
33.	Jameson's Mamba	<i>Dendroaspis jamesoni</i>	Green Mamba's do not occur here so it must have been this species
34.	Red-and-Black-Striped Snake	<i>Bothrophthalmus lineatus</i>	We found a young one on the roadside
35.	Striped Skink	<i>Trachylepis striata</i>	Several especially on our Gorilla Trek day
36.	Tree Agama	<i>Acanthocercus atricollis</i>	At least 1 seen
37.	Bats		A few thought to be this species were roosting in building at our lodge near to QEP