

# Tropical Birding Tours

*Tanzania: Birding Among the Beasts with Extension into the  
Usambara Mountains and Pemba Island*



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The photos in this report were captured by the guide Ben Knoot. This report also includes the extension to the Usambara Mountains and Pemba Island.

\*Note: Some photos in this report were captured on a short recon trip taken before the tour by Ben but all species shown were seen on the tour itself and are indicated when they were captured. They were also captured in the same locations that we visited on tour.

## *Tour Introduction*

Tanzania is a very special place in Africa. When most people think of the word “Safari” they think of five, maybe six countries and Tanzania is definitely one of them. Famed for its masses of migrating animals, stunning scenery like Ngorongoro Crater, excellent lodging and general ease of travel, Tanzania is a prime location for your first, fifth or even if you’ve been so lucky, hundredth safari to the red continent.

This tour took our guests to some extremely remote parts of Tanzania, specifically the Eastern Arc Mountain Range of the east, and more specifically the Usambara Mountains. Birding in these mountains was tough. Birds here inhabit thick dark jungle and don’t typically like to be seen by anything that might be considered binoculars or a camera but even so, we had a very successful extension here, getting some of the tough birds like Usambara Hyliota and the skulking Spot-throat. After we concluded our travels in the Usambaras we took several small bush-style planes and landed on the tiny island of Pemba where we hoped to snag the four endemic species as well as any other good bird we had yet to lay eyes on. Happily, it took less than four hours to see all of the endemics so everyone was quite thrilled by the time we left this hot, humid but ultimately productive little island to start our journey on the “safari” section of this grand tour.

Most people wonder why we run this tour during this season rather than the typical Masai River Crossing season. The answer is actually quite simple. The birds are more numerous, it is less dusty, slightly cooler and it’s a genuine joy to watch the animals migrate and raise their new calves! It is the view of all of us Tropical Birding guides who have run this tour that this is indeed prime time for Tanzania. After meeting our two additional guests and saying goodbye to one who was just along for the extension, we began what would be 12 and a half days of epic birding and fantastic mammal watching.

Over the course of those 12 or so days, we visited a total of six big parks and a few areas of good habitat to try and find as many birds and critters as possible. Of those six big parks, one (Ndutu) was a conservation area where we were allowed to drive off road and basically “wherever our vehicle could go” to find wildlife which was a great change of pace from the other five locations which had much stricter rules to follow as they were official National Parks. Even with these restrictions however the birding and mammal watching proved to be absolutely stupendous. I typically ask the group for a few “must-see” targets, just to see what everyone really wants and I am happy to report that all of those targets and much, much more were seen on this trip.

So, without further ado, I present to you all the trip report for the Tropical Birding Tours, Tanzania Birding Among the Beast with Extension to Usambara Mountains and Pemba Island for your reading. Below you will find a skeleton itinerary, day-to-day summary (with highlight birds/wildlife only, not every single species), the “Guests Top 5” section and then finally an annotated checklist with all of our sightings and roughly where we saw them. I hope you enjoy reading this report as much as I enjoyed reliving it and I can’t wait to get back to Tanzania for another epic journey like this. A big thanks to all of my amazing guests and to our local guides; Njano, Mfaum, Eddie and Elia, our drivers/local guides. Cheers!



## Itinerary

- March 24th.....Arusha to Same via Roadside Habitats for Birding
- March 25th.....Mkomazi National Park to West Usambara Mountains
- March 26th.....West Usambara Mountains
- March 27th.....West Usambara Mountains to East Usambara Mountains
- March 28th.....East Usambara Mountains
- March 29th.....East Usambara Mountains
- March 30th.....East Usambara Mountains to Pemba Island
- March 31st.....Pemba Island
- April 1st.....Pemba Island to Arusha
- April 2nd.....Arusha National Park
- April 3rd.....Arusha to Lark Plains and Thorn-scrubland Birding
- April 4th.....Ilboru Lodge to Tarangire National Park
- April 5th.....Tarangire National Park
- April 6th.....Tarangire National Park
- April 7th.....Tarangire National Park to Ngorongoro via Lake Manyara
- April 8th.....Ngorongoro Crater
- April 9th.....Ngorongoro to Nduvu Conservation Area
- April 10th.....Nduvu Conservation Area
- April 11th.....Nduvu to Serengeti National Park
- April 12th.....Serengeti National Park (Western Corridor)
- April 13th.....Serengeti National Park to Arusha via lunch at Gibbs Farm
- April 13th (Evening).....Guests depart at their leisure, tour ended with lunch

## *Tour Summary*

### **March 24th (Day 1): African View Lodge to Same via Good Roadside Habitat Birding**

Day 1. Lots of anticipation, excitement and eager eyes. We started with a morning breakfast meeting around 7:00am and after a quick introduction and clean plates, I walked around the [African View Lodge](#) grounds with a few guests. We picked up some common “garden” birds like; [Speckled Mousebird](#), [Collared Sunbird](#), [Amethyst Sunbird](#), [Rüppell’s Robin-Chat](#), [Spotted Flycatcher](#), a quick view of [Golden-tailed Woodpecker](#) (to be improved on later in the trip) and the ever presently heard, [Red-chested Cuckoo](#).



Speckled Mousebird: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot (from recon)



After a bit of shuffling and clever packing, we were ready for the off. Our vehicle that would be taking us around for the next 6-days was a cool, off-road style Toyota Land Cruiser that had been converted with 6-seats, power-outlets, water storage, pop-up roof and a refrigerator. A very capable vehicle and overall a pretty comfortable one as well once we got the widows sorted, seating arrangements figured out and as we'd come to call it, "The Dance" down, it was all rather lovely in the vehicle.

We had quite a long way to go today but we had every intention of stopping if we saw something good or thought there was some good habitat we wanted to check out. Our first stop came at the sighting of an **Eastern Chanting-Goshawk** feeding off a termite mound. Also present was our first **Tawny Eagle** and a brief view of a **Scarlet-chested Sunbird** that we'd have improved looks of later on the tour.



Eastern Chanting-Goshawk: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot

After a few minutes admiring this stunning raptor, we continued on and found ourself birding a nice patch of **Acacia Thorn-scrub** habitat along the main road to Same. It was good and hot now but even so, we managed to find some good birds like; **Spot-flanked Barbet**, **Wahlberg's Eagle**, **Yellow-breasted Apalis**, our first of many **Von der Decken's Hornbill**, **White-browed Coucal**, **Sombre Greenbul**, **White-headed Mousebird**, **Blue-naped Mousebird**, **Little Swift**, **Red-and-Yellow Barbet**, **D'Arnaud's Barbet**, **Black-chested Snake-Eagle** and **African Gray Hornbill**.



D'Arnaud's Barbet: Photo by guide - Ben Kroot

Another stop came quick when I asked to stop at what looked like a storm water pond. I always find something in these and this was no exception, our first **Knob-billed Duck**, **Hadada Ibis** and **Three-banded Plover** put on a nice little show for us. Quick stop though, time to move on!

Needing to continue and have our first of many packed lunches, we found a nice shady tree and ate around the vehicle. Most of the days on this tour we take a packed lunch so we can stay out in the field longer. I will be the first to admit, they aren't brilliant so a big kudos to the guests for putting up with these lunches. They aren't bad by any means but you typically don't have much of a say what you get so again, kudos to them!

When we arrived at our overnight halt, the [Elephant Motel](#), we settled in for a few minutes but then the time came to head out for our afternoon birding spot. Before we left we picked up [Trumpeter](#) and [Silvery-cheeked Hornbills](#) feeding on a wild fig tree.



Silvery-cheeked Hornbill: Photo by guide - Ben Knot (from recon)

Very cool to have both of these big birds together. We slow birded the [entrance road to Mkomazi National Park](#) (where we'd be going tomorrow) the whole afternoon and had some fantastic birds. Some of the highlights included; [Slate-colored Boubou](#), [Staw-tailed Wydah](#), [Fischer's Starling](#), [Brubru](#), [White-bellied Go-Away-Bird](#), [Gabar Goshawk](#), [White-rumped Shrike](#), [Red-tailed Shrike](#), [Rufous-tailed Rock-Thrush](#), [Eastern Violet-backed Sunbird](#), [Emerald-spotted Wood-Dove](#), [Zanzibar Red Bishop](#) and [Village Indigobird](#).





White-bellied Go-Away-Bird: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot (from recon)

As it was now getting quite dark, we returned to our hotel for the evening. After a nice round of drinks, a good meal and a productive checklist session, we went to bed eager to get into our first national park, Mkomazi!

**March 25th (Day 2): Mkomazi NP morning drive to Muller's Lodge (West Usambara)**

This was an especially exciting morning. Our first real (and only for the extension portion of the tour) safari style outing to a big Tanzanian National Park, [Mkomazi NP](#). The morning started off well when right in the parking lot we had our first glimpses of [Green-winged Pytilia](#), [Southern Black-Flycatcher](#), [Fork-tailed Drongo](#), [Lilac-breasted Roller](#), [Cardinal Woodpecker](#) and the ever present [White-browed Sparrow-Weaver](#).



Cardinal Woodpecker: Photo by guide - Ben Knot (from recon)



Now, into the park and boom, another awesome bird, or rather TWO, just 50m from the gate. A stunning pair of **African Hawk-Eagles** perched a little distant but low and beautiful, surveying their hunting grounds. Personally I love raptors so this was an immediate win for me!



African Hawk-Eagle: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot

We continued on, driving slowly, searching for any signs of wildlife. We encountered our first **African Buffalo**, **Common Warthog** and **Eland** but too distant for any sort of good picture. Knowing we'd see those again we continued on, locating our first **Long-tailed Fiscals**, **Red-backed Shrike**, **Mosque Swallow**, **Lesser-striped Swallow** and more **African Gray Hornbills**. Then suddenly, a flash of pink and blue streaked across the grass, a bee-eater, but not just any bee-eater, one of the most beautiful, a **Northern Carmine Bee-eater**. We had stumbled upon a feeding frenzy with about about a dozen of these stunning birds along with **Northern Red-billed Hornbill**, **Red-billed Buffalo-Weaver**, **Yellow-necked Spurfowl**, **White-rumped Shrike**, and several of the previously mentioned shrikes and fiscals all feeding on a termite patch that was for lack of a better term "exploding" with juicy insects. What an incredible sight. We watched this chaotic but somehow calculated feeding frenzy for a good 15-minutes before deciding it was time to move on to other species. But what a start!



Northern Carmine Bee-eater: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



Northern Red-billed Hornbill: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot

We drove several tracks all with the purpose of landing us at a waterhole around 10:30am or so. On those various tracks, highlights included; African Black-headed Oriole, Common Ostrich, Eastern Paradise-Whydah, Pygmy Falcon, Abyssinian Scimitarbill, Hunter's Sunbird, Sulphur-breasted Bushshrike, Superb Starling, European Roller, Isabelline Shrike, Helmeted Guineafowl, Tawny-flanked Prinia, African Silverbill, Secretarybird, Ashy Cisticola, Lilac-breasted Roller, Brown Snake-Eagle, Eurasian (African) Hoopoe, Little Bee-eater, Bearded Woodpecker and Bateluer and one very important animal that we wouldn't see again, the Gray Duiker.



Lilac-breasted Roller: Photo by guide - Ben Knot



The truly special part of the morning came around 10:20am or so when right by the side of the track we experienced, not saw, but experienced our first amazing **Masai Giraffe**. An absolutely towering unit of beauty with its long stride and seemingly fluid grace marched on towards our destination, the waterhole. In addition to the herds of marching Giraffe we saw; **Common Zebra**, **Common Waterbuck**, **Common Warthog**, **Eland**, one lone **Bushbuck** and one of my favorite antelope, the **Hartebeest**.



Masai Giraffe and Yellow-billed Oxpecker: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot

There were a few new birds present at the waterhole as well. **African Woolly-necked Stork**, **Blacksmith Lapwing**, **White Stork**, **Hamerkop**, **Martial Eagle** (a distant juvenile circling), **Egyptian Goose** and **Yellow-billed Oxpecker** made this one memorable stop for us all.

After a field lunch, we continued out of the park. We didn't add much since it was mid-day but a few **Lesser Kestrel** and then a fun surprise when a **Kori Bustard** and a pretty young chick stepped out of the bushes to cross the road. Very cute! We also ran into several troops of **Olive Baboon** which are much shier here than on the "milk run" as they call the main safari portion of Tanzania.



Kori Bustard (chick): Photo by guide - Ben Knoot

Now unfortunately, it was time to leave. A wonderful first "Safari" but now it was time to get on with the real reason for this extension, the Usambara Mountains. We made a few stops for our first of what would turn out to be many **Long-crested Eagles**, **White-necked Raven**, **Mocking Cliff-Chat** and several troops of adorable **Blue Monkey**.





Long-crested Eagle: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



White-necked Raven: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot

We spent the rest of the day driving towards Lushoto where we'd meet our local guide for the next 5-days. After picking him up, we had some time to kill so we did some birding for the afternoon. One of the guests was a family lister so this was a big afternoon for him. We walked along the main road parallel a large stream when suddenly, we heard the call of our target. After a little patience and a bit of effort, it showed itself, a skulking **Spot-throat**. A new family and one of the principle reasons this guest joined the tour, "TICK"! Other highlights for us were **Usambara Double-collared Sunbird**, **Pin-tailed Whydah**, **Olive Sunbird**, **Augur Buzzard**, **Cinnamon-chested Bee-eater**, **African Palm Swift**, **White-rumped Swift**, **White-eared Barbet**, **Black-fronted Bushshrike**, **Common Square-tailed Drongo**, **Rock Martin**, **African Pied Wagtail**, **White-starred Robin**, **Stripe-cheeked Greenbul**, and **Southern Yellow White-eye**.

After a very successful afternoon of birding, we headed for **Muller's Lodge** where we'd be based for the next two nights of our Western Usambara section. The lodge grounds themselves were beautiful and we were relieved to have a bit of cool crisp air to bird in for the next few days. The lodge grounds was also home to a new bird for us and after dinner, we had a successful search and found a very cooperative **African Wood-Owl**. After that lovely outing, we went off to bed. Or so I thought...turns out, the cedar (I think they were cedar) trees bordering the steps to the rooms is a good place for chameleons. I was just randomly shining my flashlight hoping for some eye-shine but instead, wound up with a **Three-horned Chameleon**...SWEET!



Mocking Cliff-Chat: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



White-stared Robin: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



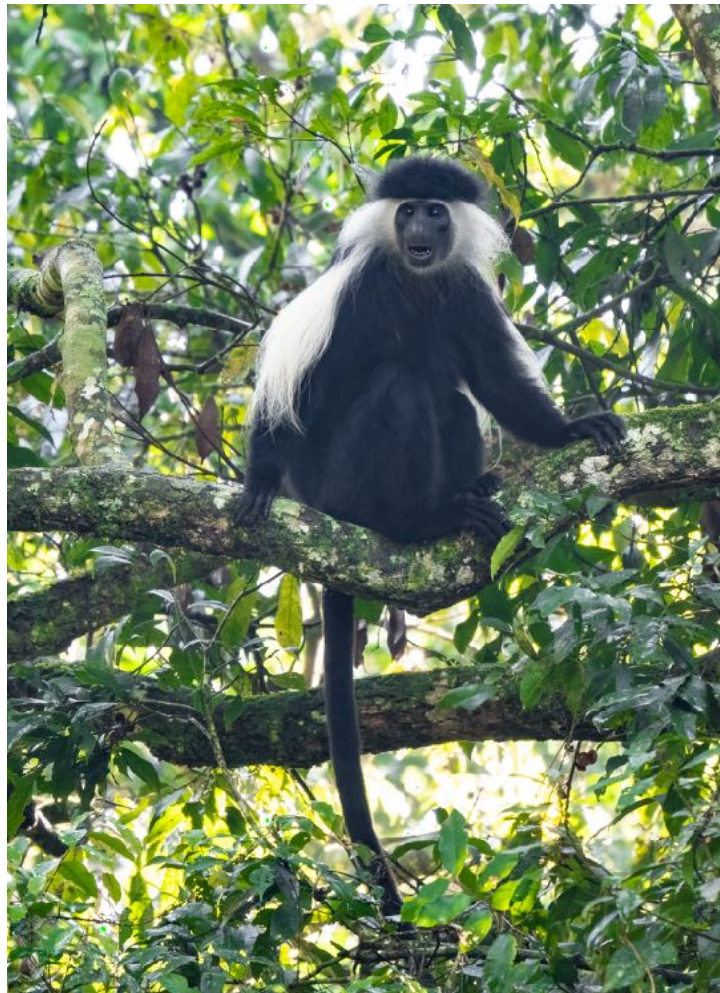
African Wood-Owl: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



### **March 26th (Day 3): Full Day in the Western Usambaras**

Another early start today along the [Sawmill Track](#). Overall, the track was pretty difficult birding but we did pick up some nice birds like; [African Tailorbird](#), [Usambara Weaver](#), [Hartlaub's Turaco](#), [Black Sawwing](#), [White-tailed Crested-Flycatcher](#), [Mountain Buzzard](#), [Tambourine Dove](#), [African Paradise-Flycatcher](#), [Eastern Mountain Greenbul](#), [Bar-throated Apalis](#), and [African Dusky Flycatcher](#). We attempted to find the Usambara Akalat but didn't have any luck.

After returning to the lodge for lunch and a few hours rest, we went back to [Sawmill Track](#) to catch up with some of the birds we had missed. The afternoon was also quite productive as we added; [Fülleborne's Boubou](#), [African Hill Babbler](#), [Willow Warbler](#), [Gray Wagtail](#), [African Swift](#), [Waller's Starling](#), [Usambara Thrush](#), [Cape Robin-Chat](#), [Streaky Seedeater](#), [Yellow-bellied Waxbill](#), [Southern Citril](#), [Baglafecht Weaver](#), [Village Weaver](#), [Bar-tailed Trogon](#) and a very impressive grasshopper later ID'd as a [African Brush Grasshopper](#), a gorgeous and slightly terrifying creature! Lastly, one of the cooler monkeys in this region is the [Black-and-white Colobus](#) but a different race that has a slender black tail, rather than the fluffy white tail found on the "milk-run". We did manage to see those in Arusha so keep reading to see the difference!



Black-and-white Colobus: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot

As the afternoon grew darker we retreated back towards the lodge but we made a quick attempt to find the “Usambara” Nightjar. I put that in quotes because currently (as of April-2023) Clements does not declare this a separate species from the Ruwenzori Nightjar. Either way, we didn’t find it so it was back to the lodge after another great day. A nice dinner, and a quick checklist and we were off to bed.

### **March 27th (Day 4): Western Usambaras to Eastern Usambaras**

Today we made the journey down the western side of the mountains. Because of the road situation, it is actually faster for a car to go down the mountain, around, then back up the other side rather than taking the shorter steeper and very rocky/bumpy short-cut. That road is more conducive to motorcycles and as the one sitting in the back, I thought this was a brilliant idea.

On our way down the mountain, we made a quick stop on a side track off the main road for one more try at the Usambara Akalat. No luck again. To bad on that account but we did add some nice birds like; **Shelley’s Greenbul, Olive Woodpecker, Yellow-streaked Greenbul, Green-backed Camaroptera, Red-faced Crimsonwing, Mountain Wagtail, African Goshawk, Green Barbet, Common Waxbill,** and another beautiful look at **Bar-tailed Trogon.**



Green-backed Camaroptera: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot (from recon)



After we dropped our local guide off at the bus-stop (he was taking a bus over to the East) I decided to stop at some of the well placed pullouts and do some road birding. This turned out to be a terrific idea as we nailed some really epic birds. Things like; **Black-headed Heron**, **African Golden-Weaver**, **Klaas's Cuckoo**, **Yellow Bishop**, **Bronze Mannikin**, **House Crow**, **Plain Martin**, **Eurasian Golden Oriole**, **Brown-hooded Kingfisher**, **Garden Warbler**, **Blue-spotted Wood-Dove**, **White-browed Robin-Chat**, a strikingly handsome **Scarlet-chested Sunbird** and what would turn out to be everyone's "Bird of the Extension" a fabulous pair of **Peter's Twinspot**. I saw these stunners fly across the road and thankfully they stopped, perched and then proceeded to preen for a good few minutes before a large truck came by and scared them into the thicket. Amazingly beautiful sighting that was not great for photos but WHAT A BIRD!



Brown-hooded Kingfisher: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot

Once we reached our meeting point with our local guide in the east, we slow birded our way up to our next overnight halt in **Amani Forest Camp**. The afternoon was hot but treated us to a few great birds like; **Green-headed Oriole**, **Chestnut-fronted Helmetshrike**, **Palm-nut Vulture**, **Grosbeak Weaver**, **Spotted Flycatcher**, **Cabanis's Bunting** and **Yellow Flycatcher**. This time I did have my camera!



Chestnut-fronted Helmetshrike: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot

After a long but fruitful day, we finally made it to [Amani Forest Camp](#). The long, slow and very bumpy road definitely wore us out so a nice beer was earned over dinner. A good checklist session and then we turned in for the night

### **March 28th (Day 5): Full Day in Eastern Usambaras**

The entire day was spent in the higher elevations of the reserve. We began by visiting a little stream where we were hoping....oh wait, there they go! And just like that we quickly had two out of our two targets sitting just about 10ft from each other. A tiny and neon orange **Malachite Kingfisher** and a slightly larger and more-like thunder blue **Half-collared Kingfisher**. I do love it when as a guide I'll arrive on a location and just after I am done telling the guests what I am looking for you get to say, "Ah, here it is!" - bloody brilliant stuff...Nearly all of our time in East Usambara was wandering around the roads so I am lumping them all into the location "[East Usambara](#)".



Half-collared Kingfisher: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot

Continuing up the mountain we stopped at the beginning of a track and then proceeded to walk it. It was clear why we were there as almost immediately I heard the distinct rattling display call of **African Broadbill**. A few minutes of triangulating and eureka...there he was and everyone even got to see him do a few of his “loop displays”. This was voted “Second-Best” bird of the extension, just two points behind the Peter’s Twin-spot!



African Broadbill: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



Continuing up the trail we were hot on the heels of one of the big targets. Well, “big” actually means akalat sized. The **Sharpe’s Akalat** was an incredibly skittish bird and by the time the local guide or myself got on it with a light, it would fly away. We tried again and again but unfortunately, this is one of the ‘guide only’ birds for the trip. Something I actively try to avoid are ‘guide only’ sightings but sometimes that’s just how the cookie crumbles. In that same area we also managed to pick up a **Pale-breasted Illadopsis** and added a new mammal, the **Red-legged Sun Squirrel**. We also bore witness to the making of a new **Blue Monkey** as we rudely intruded on some private time between a pair of adults. Though frankly...it doesn’t look as if she minded or even knew we were there...



Blue Monkey’s Mating: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot

After lunch we birded the “town” of **Amani** and a few of those tracks. Pretty quiet for the most part except when a huge flock of **Silvery-cheeked Hornbills** took notice to us and vacated their roosting tree. THAT WAS LOUD! We also saw; **Fasciated Snake-Eagle**, **African Green-Pigeon**, **Little Rush Warbler**, **African Stonechat**, **Red-tailed Ant-Thrush**, **Long-billed Tailorbird**, **Forest Weaver**, **Kretschmer’s Longbill**, **Gray Cuckooshrike**, **Black-and-white Mannikin** and on the way back, another bird of the extension was spotted, the stunning **Fischer’s Turaco**. So fun to watch them fly through the forest, flashing those red wings!

We also unfortunately had one more ‘guide only’ on the way back. A **Purple-banded Sunbird** was seen well by myself and the local guide but before any guest could get on it, it took for the hills. I mean that literally and figuratively as a brief attempt was made to follow the bird in the binoculars but was lost once it achieved a considerable distance. Bummer. After this solid day we returned to Amani Forest Camp for another delicious dinner and a good nights rest.

### **March 29th (Day 6): 2nd Full Day in Eastern Usambaras**

Today was our second full day in the Eastern Usambaras and the last day we would be with our local guide. For the morning, we ventured down to the lower elevations, trying to pick up some birds we had missed on the first afternoon coming up the mountain. Right from the get-go it was slow, hot, noisy (lots of traffic) and the birds were scarce. We walked down the road quite a ways without really seeing much. Then, like someone turned on a faucet, just 20-meters from the car on the return walk, we hit the birds and we hit them hard. **Usambara Hyliota, Black-and-white Shrike-flycatcher, Delegorgue’s Pigeon, Fischer’s Greenbul, Tiny Greenbul, African Harrier-Hawk, Short-tailed Batis, Eastern Nicator, Black-headed Apalis, Pale Flycatcher, Plain-backed Sunbird and Green-backed Woodpecker** all came into view after about 20minutes of enjoying this increased activity.



Tiny Greenbul: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



A few minutes into returning to the lodge, I noticed a **Uluguru Violet-backed Sunbird** family feeding quite low so I ran back to everyone's cabins to get them and I am happy to say they were still hanging around and everyone got to see this stunning little sunbird.



Uluguru Violet-backed Sunbird: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot

Since we were now wrapping things up, the afternoon saw a fewer number of species but still some great ones like; **Green and Moustached Tinkerbird, Pale Batis, Amani Sunbird, Mombassa Woodpecker, Kenrick's Starling, Spectacled Weaver**, better looks at **Forest Weaver** and unfortunately another 'guide only' **Zanzibar Boubou**.



Moustached Tinkerbird: Photo by guide - Ben Knot

### **March 30th (Day 7): Eastern Usambaras to Pemba Island**

Today we said goodbye to our local Usambara guide and headed for the airport in Tanga. We had a pretty early flight so we went with purpose, only stopping for one new bird, a **Lizard Buzzard** perched well on a wire over a farm. Those who wanted snapped a couple of pics and we continued on towards the airport. We saw lots of familiar birds like **Cattle Egret**, **African Pipit**, **Pied Crow**, etc. The morning and early afternoon are booked as travel days so we didn't see all that much.

After a few little “hopper planes”, first to Zanzibar Island and then to Pemba Island, we were picked up by our local driver Eddie. Eddie was quite a character and very enthusiastic. He loved birding and clearly knew a good deal about birds. On the way to our lodge, we stopped for a wonderful pair of **Dickinson's Kestrel** and a colony of **Pemba Flying Fox**. A quick rest and then it was down to business.



Dickinson's Kestrel: Photo by guide - Ben Knot

The afternoon went really well very quickly. We started off by snagging **Pemba White-eye** and **Pemba Sunbird** at **Gecko Nature Lodge**. Then, after picking up the local ranger (who allows us to walk in the forest) we stumbled upon a group that already found a perched **Pemba Green-Pigeon**. Wow, three out of four endemics just like that...auspicious to say the least! We continued on birding for the afternoon, just killing time until we could go and look for the fourth endemic. We visited several water areas, fields and trails and found the following; **Little Egret**, **Mangrove Kingfisher**, **Blue-cheeked Bee-eater**, **Crowned Hornbill**, **Broad-billed Roller**, **Black-bellied Starling** and our first proper look at **House Sparrow** - haha!

Okay here we go...darkness started to settle in and the anticipation was high. The question ringing in everyone's ears, "Can we find the Pemba Scops-Owl...can we get all four endemics within 4hrs." We parked the vehicle and walked about a kilometer into the forest. Our local ranger said we're going to wait here, it will start calling around 6:45pm. In silence we stood, then a hoot, another and another...our bird, calling just maybe 30meters away. The time? It was 6:43pm and by the time we tracked down our target just before 7:00pm. There in the darkness a stunning little **Pemba Scops-Owl** graced us with its presence. But what was that in the distance? Ah yes, another scops owl calling, most likely the mate of the one we were illuminating with our flashlights. After ample viewing time, we wandered back to the car, but not before I spotted a **Western Tree Hyrax** and several **Zanzibar Short-eared Greater Galago** or "**Bush Babies**" wandering around in the trees. A fantastic evening to round out the day. Four endemics, 3.5hrs...awesome.





Pemba Scops-Owl: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot

Very content with our day, we settled back into our lodge, had a quick dinner and checklist session and then went off to bed.

### **March 31st (Day 8): Full Day on Pemba Island**

We took advantage of our full day and try to find some coastal and water birds. Since we had already nailed the endemics, this seemed like the best use of our time. For this day I am just going to assume you know we have lunch in the middle with a break and then go back out in the afternoon so here are some highlights from the entire day: **Water Thick-knee, Zitting Cisticola, Black Goshawk, Eurasian Moorhen, African Jacana, White-faced Whistling-Duck, Crab Plover, Little Stint, Curlew Sandpiper, Black-bellied Plover, Common-ringed Plover, Saunders's Tern, Lesser Crested Tern, Great Crested Tern, Gull-billed Tern, "Diamorphic Heron" (black morph of Little Egret), Great Egret, Greater and Lesser Sand-Plover, Senegal Lapwing, Ruddy Turnstone, Common Sandpiper, Marsh Sandpiper, Whimbrel, African Pygmy Kingfisher, Pied Kingfisher and Brown-headed Parrot.** A pretty spectacular finish to our extension. We grabbed another night of shut-eye in **Gecko Nature Lodge** and prepped ourselves for tomorrow's travel day.



African Pygmy Kingfisher: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot

### **April 1st (Day 9): Travel Day: Pemba Island to Arusha**

Nothing really of note today. We woke up early and left [Gecko Nature Lodge](#) and Eddie took us to the Pemba Airport. We took a small plane to Dar es Salaam, waited in the business lounge (so we could have lunch, comfortable chairs and nice drinks) for 6-hrs until our plane from Dar es Salaam took off to Arusha. Once we landed in Arusha, we met our new driver Elia who got us to African View Lodge in good time. We got settled into our rooms, met for dinner and said goodbye to one of our traveling companions and prepped for the next day.

### **April 2nd (Day 10/Day 1 of Main Tour): Arusha National Park**

In the morning we met our two new friends and after a quick packing and a quick walk around the lodge where we saw; [Golden-backed Weaver](#), [White-eared Barbet](#), [Rüppell's Robin-Chat](#), [Common Bulbul](#), [Variable and Collared Sunbird](#), [Spotted Flycatcher](#) and [Speckled Mousebird](#), we hit the road for [Arusha National Park](#). We started off by birding the parking lot while our driver dealt with the paperwork. We saw our first [Northern Gray-headed Sparrow](#), [White-rumped Swift](#), [Horus Swift](#), and [Nyanza Swift](#). Ready to roll into the park we drove slow on the entrance road, immediately picking up [Moustached Grass-Warbler](#), [Little Bee-eater](#), [Brown-crowned Tchagra](#), [Tropical Boubou](#), [Yellow Bishop](#), [Variable Sunbird](#) and [Trilling Cisticola](#).



Golden-backed Weaver: Photo by guide - Ben Knot (from recon)



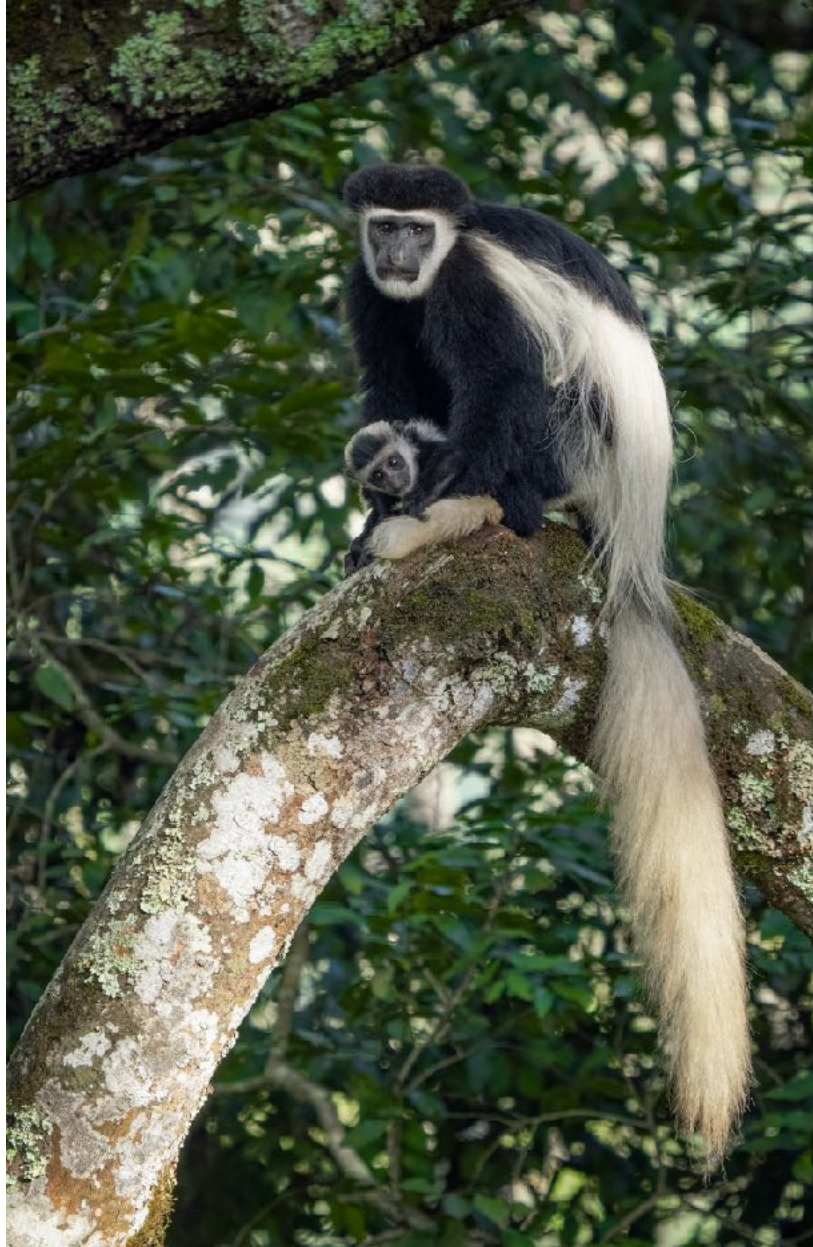
Variable Sunbird: Photo by guide - Ben Knot (from recon)



Based on the current weather conditions, mainly the low, dense clouds, we opted to stay out of the forests and hit the more open parts of [Arusha NP](#) first. We made our way to one of the only places in Arusha you can walk freely, [Tululusia Waterfall](#). Before we got there, we managed to find a troop of [Olive Baboons](#) with some newly minted youngin's. We then managed to see the other three “must-see” mammals of this park, the [Red Duiker](#), [Suni](#) and the other race of [Black-and-white Colobus](#) (this one with the fuzzy white tail).



Olive Baboon: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



Black-and-white Colobus: Photo by guide - Ben Knot

When we finally arrived at the waterfall hike, we linked up with an armed ranger and they took us on foot across a savanna, through a forest and then to the waterfall. This was a great experience as it is the only time in a national park we were able to do something on foot. We saw some cool birds like; **Pangani Longclaw**, **White-fronted Bee-eater**, **Red-fronted Tinkerbird**, **Brown Woodland-Warbler**, **Willow Warbler** and then a pretty crazy **Green Bee** colony hard at work. On foot we were treated to **African Buffalo**, **Common Warthog**, **Masai Giraffe**, more **Olive Baboons** and a pretty waterfall.





White-fronted Bee-eater: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot (from recon)



Pangani Longclaw: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



As it was now getting close to lunch, we headed for the lakes. There is a great picnic site on [Small Momella Lake](#) and that is exactly where we ended up. Just before the turn off however, we found a roosting pair of [Spotted Eagle-Owl](#), trying their best to remain hidden in the dense trees. Once we got to the picnic area, I ate quickly so I could scope the lake for a very specific bird. After a few minutes, I called everyone over in the middle of their lunch. I found it, a beautiful male [Maccoa Duck](#). I told everyone to hurry as I could tell it was headed for a cove we wouldn't be able to see into. Sure enough, a few minutes after everyone had a great look, it disappeared and did not show again during our time scanning the lake for more birds. Additionally we managed; [Great and Long-tailed Cormorant](#), [Southern Pochard](#), [Cape Teal](#), [Blacksmith Lapwing](#), [Egyptian Goose](#), [Wood Sandpiper](#), [Marsh Sandpiper](#), [Little Grebe](#), [Common Sandpiper](#), [Three-banded Plover](#), [Ruff](#), [Little Stint](#), [Black-winged Stilt](#) and a pair of very cooperative [Nubian Woodpeckers](#).



Nubian Woodpecker: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot

Though this was a ton of fun, the real party was happening over at [Big Momella Lake](#). On the way over we saw; [Red-faced Crombec](#), [Sulphur-breasted Bushshrike](#), [African Fish-Eagle](#), [Northern Fiscal](#), and oddly, a dead Lesser Flamingo stuck in a tree...likely from the fish-eagle but it did give away the secret of what was hiding around the corner. A sea of pink and a cacophony of sound from thousands of [Lesser Flamingos](#) and a few hundred [Greater Flamingos](#) filled the air and our eyes. Also present were some; [Spur-winged Lapwing](#), [Yellow-breasted Apalis](#) and a wonderful [Pied Cuckoo](#).



Pied Cuckoo: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot

Now a little crunched for time, we booked it towards the forest. Unfortunately, park rules dictate we must be out of the park by 6:00pm. With sunset around 7:00pm, this is a serious bummer but rules are rules. We get into the forest and it's quiet. Way too quiet. On top of that, we discover quickly how difficult thick forest birding is going to be from our vehicle. We managed to see a few birds like **Cinnamon-chested Bee-eater**, **Crowned Eagle**, **Rameron Pigeon** and **Silvery-cheeked Hornbill** but overall a bit quieter in the forest than I wanted. We began our trek down the hill and just at the entrance gate, we got a few more bonus species, a stunning **Bronze Mannikin** actively tending a nest and a wonderful little family of **Scaly Spurfowl**.





Lesser Flamingo: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



Silvery-cheeked Hornbill: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot





Crowned Eagle: Photo by guide - Ben Knot

We got back to the lodge and it was still light out so I walked around a bit and ended up pulling some of the guests out of their rooms for a **Golden-breasted Bunting**, **Red-chested Cuckoo** and a stunning male **African Paradise-Flycatcher**. A very cool way to end a great day.



African Paradise-Flycatcher: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



Red-chested Cuckoo: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



Golden-breasted Bunting: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



**April 3rd (Day 11/Day 2 of Main Tour): Lark Plains, Acacia Scrubland to Ilboru Lodge**

Today we left African View Lodge with all of our belongings and journeyed towards the flat expanse of the [Lark Plains](#). In this seemingly desolate area, the small brown birds reign supreme and our job for the morning was to find a few very special individuals. Happily we did not have to search long. Amongst the [Short-tailed](#), [Red-capped](#) and [Fawn-colored Larks](#) we found a pair of [Spike-heeled Lark](#) feeding in the short grass. There isn't much to this bird other than the fact it is a super isolated and declining species, so, very cool that we all got to see it and see it so well.



Spike-heeled Lark: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot

We continued walking the flats just to reach the end of the [adjoining acacia scrub patch](#). On the walk and in the patch of acacia we noted: [Capped and Isabelline Wheatear](#), [Rattling Cisticola](#), [Variable Sunbird](#), [Chestnut Sparrow](#), [Red-fronted Prinia](#), [Red-backed Scrub-Robin](#), [African Pipit](#), [Taita Fiscal](#), [Crowned Lapwing](#), [Chestnut-bellied Sandgrouse](#), [African Hobby](#), [Lanner Falcon](#), [Yellow-bellied Eremomela](#), [Banded Parisoma](#) and a few distance [Lesser Kestrel](#).

We made our way through the brush back to the car when I finally heard a call I had been missing all morning. Our first of many [Beautiful Sunbirds](#) appeared to give the guests one final goodbye from this location. He was indeed a beauty, showing off his green, yellow and red front and that brilliant long tail. Such a stunner.





Capped Wheatear: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



Taita Fiscal: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



Isabelline Wheatear: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot

Next, it was time to move into what I am calling “[Thorn-scrub Area Adjacent to Lark Plains](#)” mostly because I am not sure what else to call it and that is factually accurate - haha! Anyway, I made the decision to have an earlier lunch now that it was quite hot and we wanted to work the area quite thoroughly. So, after a nice picnic lunch under a shady tree, we began to search for some of the drier country specialties. Over the course of the next few hours or so, we walked the main road and into the denser forest close to the local washing station. It was hot (very hot) walking but we found; [Lesser Masked-Weaver](#), [Viteline Masked-Weaver](#), [Buff-bellied Warbler](#), [Dideric Cuckoo](#), [Blue-capped Cordonbleu](#), [Purple Grenadier](#), [Black-throated Barbet](#), [Tiny Cisticola](#), [Scarlet-chested Sunbird](#), [Red-throated Tit](#), [Pygmy Falcon](#), [White-bellied Go-Away-Bird](#), [African Firefinch](#), [Gray Wren-Warbler](#), [White-bellied Canary](#), [White-necked Raven](#), [Tawny-flanked Prinia](#), [Chinspot](#) and [Pygmy Batis](#), [Brubru](#), [Yellow-spotted Bush Sparrow](#), [Kenya Rufous Sparrow](#), [Abyssinian Scimitarbill](#), [African Gray Flycatcher](#), [White-headed Buffalo-Weaver](#), [Lesser Honeyguide](#), [Little Bee-eater](#), [Fork-tailed Drongo](#) and a very quick view of [Little Sparrowhawk](#).





Brubu: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot (from recon)



Red-throated Tit: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot (from recon)





Abyssinian Scimitarbill: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot (from recon)



Pygmy Falcon: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



Fork-tailed Drongo: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot (from recon)



Tiny Cisticola: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot (from recon)



Little Bee-eater: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot

It really was a terrific morning and afternoon packed with some great birds. And as a bonus, our first **Rock Hyrax** and **Slender Mongoose** made for some nice mammal watching.



Slender Mongoose: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot

Now it was time to head to the lodge. We pretty much just went straight over. It was a long, hot and tiring day so I think everyone was really looking forward to a shower, a drink and a nice meal. All of which we had in spades at **Ilboru Safari Lodge**. Lovely food, great people and cool grounds all around. After a nice round of checklists and a review of the plan for the morning, we went off to bed.

### **April 4th (Day 12/Day 3 of Main Tour): Ilboru Lodge to Tarangire National Park**

We had a bit of a sleep in today and got breakfast around 6:45am. We weren't in a huge rush to get over to Tarangire NP so we made it a casual morning and after packing up the vehicle, we left around 7:30am for the road to our first big safari park on "the milk-run". On the way we made a few stops. One for **Steppe Eagle**, another for a nesting group of **Golden-backed Weaver** and finally, for our first **Southern Red Bishop**.

It was about 10:00am when we made it to the gate of **Tarangire National Park**. While our driver/guide took care of paperwork, we used the facilities and while doing so, I noticed a very sweet pair of **Yellow-collared Lovebirds** in a nest cavity and a nearby perched **Speckled Pigeon**.





Yellow-collared Lovebird: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot

We popped the top, put the vehicle in first gear and headed in. Our first big safari park, you could definitely feel the excitement in the air...or at least I could! We started off by grabbing an easy endemic, the **Ashy Starling**. These guys were absolutely everywhere but I never managed a good photo of one for one reason or another but onward we went adding things like; **Striped Kingfisher**, **Hildebrandt's and Superb Starling**, a distant **Buff-crested Bustard** (improved views later on), **Common Ostrich**, **Yellow-necked and Red-necked Spurfowl**, **Red-billed Oxpecker**, **Rüppell's Griffon**, **Secretarybird**, **Spur-winged Goose**, **White-backed and Lappet-faced Vulture** and **Gray Kestrel**. Just to name a few.

Our birding was rudely, but forgivingly, interrupted by a troop of **Dwarf Mongoose**. They were hilariously and playfully running around their converted termite home chasing each other, playfully wrestling, and they just looked like they were living life. These guys were my "mammals of the day" for sure!



Dwarf Mongoose: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



Gray Kestrel: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot

We kept driving and it started to look like rain. Some light sprinkles turned to a light shower and I thought, well, it was nice while it lasted...then...**OH, MY, GOODNESS**. Our first **African Elephants** were spotted and thanks to some amazing guess work by our driver we had an amazing moment when a big family walked right by our vehicle in the steady rain. We watched as big mothers, tiny babies and one massive, towering bull made their way through the forest, right next to our vehicle (and I mean right next to it), across the road and then disappearing into the next woodland. It was a truly wonderful moment for many of us. So much so in fact that at the bottom of this report just above the annotated checklist there is a section called “Guests Top 5 - Subsection “Other Mammals”. You’ll notice that African Elephant is at the top of that list and a big reason for that was this first magical encounter. We would see many elephants doing all sorts of things for the rest of the trip but just the rain, the proximity, the sounds, smells and the entire experience made this first encounter one I don’t think any of us will forget anytime soon. I decided to take a video of the whole experience so I don’t have any images of this moment but it was an epic photoshoot for the guests!





Superb Starling: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot

We pressed forward and with the rain now subdued we popped the top up again and continued to add some great birds to our growing list of species. We saw; [Saddle-billed Stork](#), [Red-bellied Parrot](#), [Knob-billed Duck](#), [Brown Snake-Eagle](#), [Martial Eagle](#), [Magpie Shrike](#), [White-rumped Shrike](#), [Helmeted Guineafowl](#), [White-bellied Bustard](#), [Green Sandpiper](#), [Water Thick-knee](#), [Black-winged Lapwing](#), [Double-banded Courser](#), [Black-faced Sandgrouse](#), quite literally thousands of [Ring-necked Doves](#), [Namaqua Dove](#), [Eurasian Hobby](#), [Bare-faced Go-Away-Bird](#), [Gray-headed and Woodland Kingfisher](#), [Northern Red-billed Hornbill](#), [Mountain Gray Woodpecker](#), [Bearded Woodpecker](#), [Black-necked Weaver](#), [Little Weaver](#), [Croaking Cisticola](#), [Desert Cisticola](#), [Arrow-marked Babbler](#), [Rufous-tailed Weaver](#), [Wattled Starling](#), [Red-billed Buffalo-Weaver](#), [White-winged Widowbird](#), and [Red-cheeked Cordonbleu](#)....WHEW! Crazy awesome list of birds but it definitely puts into perspective just how many birds you can find in this National Park...and remember, those are just highlights, it doesn't include a multitude of species we had already seen. This was easily a 100+ species game drive, easily. Enjoy some of the pictures below...this was a photo happy place for sure :D

After this fantastic afternoon, we checked into [Tarangire Safari Camp](#) where we're based for three nights.





Lilac-breasted Roller: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



Magpie Shrike: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



Knob-billed Duck: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



Red-bellied Parrot: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



Gray-headed Kingfisher: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



Black-faced Sandgrouse: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



**April 5th (Day 13/Day 4 of Main Tour): Full Day in Tarangire - “Silale Swamp”**

Today we would venture out over 40km to Silale Swamp. To many, 40km doesn't sound like a lot but when you have this many birds and wildlife around you well, let's just say we did 40km in just under 5-hours...you can do the math on average speed...

Just before we got started, our driver/guide got a call over the radio. A male lion had been spotted. As this was our first, we turned around and high-tailed it about 3km back down another road and we were elated to find this stunner sitting on a pretty epic looking log. He was a bit beat up but there he was, our first **African Lion**. So cool! Nearby keeping a healthy eye on things was a male **Common Waterbuck**, a very pretty mammal with some striking features, especially the white around the rump, a good ID feature.



African Lion: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot

Onward! On the way to the swamp we saw many of the same species but added a few great birds like; **Gray-headed Silverbill**, **Levaillant's Cuckoo**, **Green Woodhoopoe**, **Northern Pied-Babbler**, **Speckle-fronted Weaver**, **Fischer's Sparrow-Lark**, **Reichenow's Seedeater**, **European and Blue-cheeked Bee-eater**, **Black-winged Kite**, **Knob-billed Duck**, **Crested Francolin**, **Common and African Cuckoo**, **Silverbird**, **Red-billed Quelea**, **Straw-tailed**, **Eastern Paradise** and **Pin-tailed Whydah**, **Crimson-rumped Waxbill**, and a really beautiful viewing of a **Vitelline Masked-Weaver** constructing a near perfect nest. Pretty sweet! We also saw loads of **Common Waterbuck**, **Impala** and **Rock Hyrax**.





Green Woodhoopoe: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



Secretarybird: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



Eastern Paradise-Whydah: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



Levaillant's Cuckoo: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



Straw-tailed Whydah: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot





Beautiful Sunbird: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



Yellow Bishop: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot





D'Arnaud's Barbet: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



Red-and-Yellow Barbet: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot

Once we approached the swamp, we took a quick right turn towards the picnic grounds for lunch. Here we could use the restrooms and enjoy a nice packed lunch in the presence of some cool birds like; **White-headed Buffalo-Weaver, Hildebrandt's and Superb Starling, Yellow Bishop, Beautiful Sunbird, Little Swift, D'Arnaud's and Red-and-Yellow Barbet.**

Once we finished our lunch, we cleaned up our area and ventured down to the edge of **Silale Swamp**. At first glance, the swamp was pretty quiet. We noted a stunning pair of closely perched **African Fish-Eagle** before digging into some long range viewing of the marsh. In the marsh itself we saw; **African Jacana, Whiskered Tern, Gull-billed Tern, Cattle Egret, Squacco Heron, Rufous-bellied Heron and White-faced Whistling-Duck.** Everything in the marsh was super distant, including our first Yellow-billed Stork and Fan-tailed Widowbirds which were so distant, the guests chose not to count them for the day on the nightly checklist. Understandably!



African Fish-Eagle: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



Leopard: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



We continued down the track and added a few new birds like **Pearl-spotted Owlet**, **Great Spotted Cuckoo**, **Greater Honeyguide**...oh...and just as we were doing this our driving calls out, “Leopard!” WAHOO! Our first **Leopard** and in a classic sleeping position in a tree. Very, very cool. We spent about 10-minutes watching her when suddenly she got up, stretched and slowly made her way down the tree for some epic views...awesome!

We finally reached the end of the swamp edge road and as a special treat, a close and cooperative pair of stunning **Gray Crowned-Cranes** were there to see us off. These are absolutely stunning birds.



Pearl-spotted Owlet: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



Gray Crowned-Crane: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot





Red-cheeked Cordonbleu: Photo by guide - Ben Knot



Common Ostrich: Photo by guide - Ben Knot



Southern Ground-Hornbill: Photo by guide - Ben Knot

We turned around and went back down the same road with a bit more speed than before as we were now headed for a big loop back towards our safari camp but were running a little behind schedule. The loop was long, bumpy and relatively quiet to start. A few of the common spur fowl, shrikes, fiscals and **Red-cheeked Cordonbleu** entertained us for a bit but then a very special bird appeared. Four huge, black ground birds peeked through the grass and we had ourself a squadron of **Southern Ground-Hornbill**. Very fun to watch these oddities trot around the long grass. We continued on now in a light drizzle and with thunderous clouds building. It was very quiet but we ran into a few more feeding **African Elephants**, loads of **Masai Giraffe**, **Impala**, **Vervet Monkey**, **Olive Baboon** and all of the typical birds I have already mentioned.

We had a brief moment of excitement when we spotted our first and what turned out to be our only **Rufous-crowned Roller** of the entire trip. The angle was terrible for photos but a stunning bird nonetheless. We then ran into a pride of **African Lions** based on a directional tip from a passing safari vehicle and after spending some time with them, they lazily meandered into the grasses for some peace and quiet. Activity definitely started picking up when we got closer to the lodge. We saw many of the same species but got some better looks at birds like; **White-bellied Bustard**, **Namaqua Dove**, **Common Ostrich**, **White-winged Widowbird**, **Woodland Kingfisher**, **Secretarybird** and **African Cuckoo**.



Woodland Kingfisher: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot





White-bellied Bustard: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



Coke's Hartebeest: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



Near the lodge we saw a beautiful group of **Coke's Hartebeest** a female lion with a very fresh baby warthog kill (still in mouth) which was a solid reminder to stay near the tents at night! We had a lovely evening and some folks had a **Verreaux's Eagle-Owl** on the way to their tents as well as **African Scops-Owl** seen well with a flashlight. Not everyone got to see these two but we were able to find both of them later on in the trip. The African Scops-Owl roosts around the tents so I found one the next morning and you'll have to read on to find out where we saw the other Verreaux's Eagle-Owl! :D

#### **April 6th (Day 14/Day 5 of Main Tour): 2nd Full Day in Tarangire - Clean Up Day!**

Today's purpose is simple, elegant and straightforward...find everything we've missed. An ambitious goal I'll admit but I was feeling quite cheeky when I spotted one of our targets just 5-minutes into our drive, the cute **Three-banded Courser**. A pair of these little fellas were hiding in the grass and while looking at them, I kid you not, I spot another one of our targets walking around, a **Hildebrandt's Spurfowl**! Awesome to have two of our targets in one stop.



Hildebrandt's Spurfowl: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



Slate-colored Boubou: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



Purple Grenadier: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot





Tawny Eagle: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



Silverbird (juvenile): Photo by guide - Ben Knoot

Continuing on and we added another epic little bird. This year, this bird seemed to be around a lot more than in previous years which is great for birders as the **Bronze-winged Courser** is definitely a highlight species for a lot of people. We saw a pair of these cuties on the “**River Circuit**”. That was kind of it really for our good luck morning. We saw a lot of the same species but added some cool photos of a pair of **Tawny Eagle**, **Silverbird**, **Gray-headed Kingfisher**, and a nice **Slate-colored Boubou**. The biggest win on the way back towards the lodge was one of our targets, a lone **Meyer’s Parrot** showing off his beautiful yellow shoulder patches. We returned to the lodge for a good lunch and a little rest. We did quite well for the morning, snagging about half of our targets we needed to catch up before we left Tarangire. As I mentioned previously, on the way back to the tents from the restaurant I showed everyone a roosting **African Scops-Owl** and there was a beautiful **Purple Grenadier** hanging out by the tents as well. After a good rest, we hit the road again for the afternoon, this time towards “**Little Serengeti**”.





Beisa Oryx: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot

The afternoon was fantastic. Beautiful, cool but sunny weather, no flies, fun off-roading and some amazing mammals. We had a beautiful **Black-backed Jackal** and then a group of very rare (Tarangire NP is the only place on tour to see these) **Beisa Oryx**. Just fantastic stuff. Along with the typical doves, weavers, and larks we added a cute **Desert Cisticola** to our list. We caught up with a bird I thought we had missed (because we missed it in Lark Plains), THREE **Rosy-patched Bushshrikes** made a wonderfully unsolicited appearance. We then ran into our final whydah species, the steely **Steel-blue Whydah**, displaying on territory to a nearby female. Our afternoon didn't stop there. We then arrived at a small pond where something yellow caught my eye and sure enough upon a quick binocular view, we had ourselves another bishop species and this, probably the hardest, the **Yellow-crowned Bishop!** We watched as a total of three males competed for some nearby females. Time to head back but before getting too far, a streak of yellow, brown and black flashed by the vehicle. A beautiful lone female **Black Cuckooshrike** gave us quite a tease but eventually showed herself to round out this fantastic afternoon.

The crazy thing? NONE of those birds were on my target list and we didn't see a single one of the target list birds...haha - isn't that funny how things work out sometimes? Anyway, another great dinner, quick checklist and off to bed. Tomorrow we would leave Tarangire NP and head for Ngorongoro.

**April 7th (Day 15/Day 6 of Main Tour): Tarangire to Ngorongoro via Lake Manyara**

We still had a few targets I wanted to see for the group so we slow drove out and immediately picked one up. We had been hearing them near constantly in the park but were never able to lay eyes on. That changed when a noisy little **Coqui Francolin** decided he would sing from the top of a small grassy knoll and give us a goodbye song. Thanks little buddy!



Coqui Francolin: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot

Continuing out of the park, we were inundated with all of our usuals at this point. I was still looking for a few things but a small little **Common Quail** that took flight just off the road wasn't one of them. It did however only show itself to me and I would be the only one on the trip to see one...another 'guide only' ...grrr...

A little further down the road now and ZOOM another little quail steps out into the road pauses momentarily and then scurries off. This time, a striking **Harlequin Quail**. The question goes out to the vehicle, "Did you guys see it?!!" The answer is a "eh, sort of.." Not good enough yet we'll have to keep our fingers crossed for another view of this beautiful little quail. Then finally, while checking a cisticola, I spotted our main morning target in the air performing his display

flight, the beautiful (and really rather odd) **Black-bellied Bustard**. We had seen White-bellied and Buff-crested thus far in the park and I was genuinely shocked it took us this long but nevertheless, we had him and he was a beauty. Funny enough after this sighting we had about four more individuals between that point and the gate! We also had one more really lovely showing of **Yellow-collared Lovebirds**.

After a fairly decent 2hr or so drive, we arrived in **Lake Manyara National Park**. Recently this park has suffered a pretty serious flood crisis. The lake is way above normal levels and that has driven out most of the water birds, shorebirds and a lot of the birds that rely on the vegetation close to shore. A real shame but nothing to do about it. The park itself was also rather quiet. We picked up a few birds like; **Collared Palm Thrush, Brown-backed Woodpecker, Eastern Nicator, White-backed Vulture, African Sacred Ibis, Rufous Chatterer, Brown-hooded Kingfisher, Blue-naped Mousebird, Black-backed Puffback, Lesser Gray Shrike, Sulphur-breasted Bushshrike, Yellow-bellied Greenbul, Spotted Morning-Thrush** and the two big highlights for me personally (because they rounded out our Bishops) were the **Black and Black-winged Bishops**. And the top mammal highlight was watching a herd of African elephant play in a muddy waterhole. Slippin' and slidin' all over the place!



Spotted Morning-Thrush: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot (from recon)





Yellow-collared Lovebirds: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



Black Bishop: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot (from recon)

Now it was really time to get out of Lake Manyara NP and head for Ngorongoro. Another several hour drive found us at the entrance to this iconic region of Tanzania. We were short on time but we had to stop off at the first scenic overlook. The weather was stunning, the light gorgeous and we just couldn't ignore the beauty of this crater. The greens were so vibrant and the whole area just looked so pure. It took us awhile to even realize there were roads down there and we were just in awe that we'd get to drive inside tomorrow. The overlook itself had some nice birds for us too. We saw some "rim-specialties" like; **Gray-capped Warbler**, **Eastern Double-collared Sunbird**, **Ashy Flycatcher**, **Streaky Seedeater** and **Gray-rumped Swallow**. Continuing towards **Ngorongoro Serena Lodge** (our base for the next two nights) we also saw **Jackson's Widowbird**, **Northern Ant-eater Chat**, **African Stonechat**, **Rufous-naped Lark**, **Cinnamon-breasted Bunting** and lots of **Baglafaecht Weaver**. We had a lovely dinner in this stunning lodge, did our nightly checklist and then it was off to bed for tomorrow, we descend.

**April 8th (Day 16/Day 7 of Main Tour): Ngorongoro Crater and Crater Rim**

Today was our day in the [Ngorongoro Crater](#) and I was beyond thrilled. I have heard so much about this near mythical place and now we were finally on our way. We grabbed an early and quick breakfast and headed for the descent road. A stunning fairytale style sunrise greeted us on the way down amidst the calls of Hunter's Cisticolas, Cinnamon-breasted Bunting and a variety of other birds. We didn't stop for the cisticola or the bunting mainly because we knew we'd find one later but we did stop briefly for a little [Abyssinian Wheatear](#), our first for the trip. Down in the crater we were greeted by thousands of animals. Things like; [Wildebeest](#), [African Lion](#), giant, old bull [African Elephants](#), [Golden Jackal](#), [Common Zebra](#) and lumbering [Hippopotamus](#). The best mammal sighting however truly left most of speechless and in awe of the power and will of nature. While we were looking at a [Fan-tailed Widowbird](#), our driver/guide said, "Oh, this [Thompson's Gazelle](#) just had a baby..." Expecting to turn and find a few week old youngster, we were utterly shocked to find that we had just missed the birth of this little gazelle by maybe 15-seconds. The adorable little thing was still soaked in fluids, laying down with its eyes half open and its mother quickly and diligently cleaning. It was beautiful to see. The comedy and chuckles started when the little fella tried to get up and tried to find its legs. The mom encouraging its every step by continuing on like she hadn't just given birth was truly a remarkable thing. One of those nature moments I don't think any of us will forget anytime soon!



Wildebeest: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



Over the course of the next 7hrs (with a nice 1hr picnic lunch) or so we birded the various tracks, marshes, ponds, and forests of the crater floor and found most of our targets. Mostly it was just a dream come true to be in this haven for wildlife. Sightings included; **Rosy-throated Longclaw**, **Red-necked Falcon**, **Speke's Weaver**, **Kori Bustard**, **Marabou Stork**, **Cape Teal**, **Red-billed Duck**, **Blue-billed Teal**, **Gray-hooded Gull**, **Yellow-billed Stork**, **Red-knobbed Coot**, **Kittlitz's Plover**, **Black-crowned Tchagra**, **Abdim's Stork**, **White-headed Barbet**, **Pectoral-patch Cisticola**, **Black Crake**, **Intermediate Egret**, and **White Stork**.



Marabou Stork: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot

Another typical highlight of this location is its population of **Black Rhinoceros**. Our sighting was of a pair that were a little distant but still a very cool thing to see the final member of "The Big Five". Now it was about 2:30pm and we had a choice. We could continue to circle around the crater and look for a few really tough birds we missed, or we could leave the crater and head for the rim to do some birding there. Everyone was thrilled with the crater experience so unanimously we voted to leave and head for the rim. A slow and steep climb out of the crater takes about 30-minutes and then from there, we could begin some more good birding.





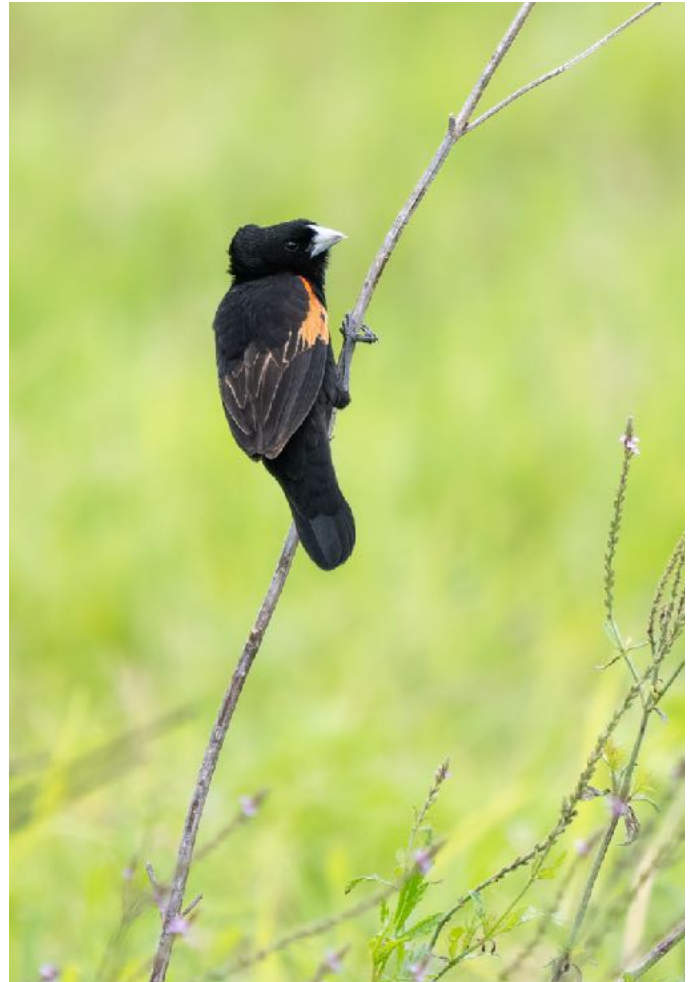
Rosy-throated Longclaw: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



Black Kite (yellow-billed): Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



Black-crowned Tchagra: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



Fan-tailed Widowbird: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot

The “[Ngorongoro Crater Rim](#)” is really just a term used for the areas on top of the crater and there is no specific place but on our afternoon outing we managed to find some excellent birds, specifically, sunbirds. We started by nabbing the [Hunter’s Cisticola](#) and [Abyssinian Thrush](#) and then after a bit of a search, the striking [Golden-winged Sunbird](#), [Malachite Sunbird](#) and [Bronze Sunbirds](#) put on a lovely display of color and activity for us while the rather dull but still cool [Brown Parisoma](#) skulked around in the trees above. We also added [Whinchat](#) and some gorgeous displaying [Red-cowled Widowbirds](#).

As the sun began to sink, we bid a retreat back to our lodge. When we arrived, it was only about 5:30pm and there was still about an hour of light or so left so I offered a little walk around the grounds. I didn’t get any takers so I went on my own. All of the birds I saw we were able to see again the next morning when I insisted we walk the grounds except for one, the [Thick-billed Seedeater](#). That though we tried to find it remained a ‘guide only’ for the trip. We met for our 7:30pm dinner, did a nice trip list update and then hit the hay.





Malachite Sunbird: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot

### **April 9th (Day 17/Day 8 of Main Tour): Ngorongoro Crater Rim to Ndutu**

As I mentioned above, I took the group (or rather a hotel guide and I) took the group around the grounds of [Ngorongoro Serena Lodge](#) for a little walk around, mainly to find the species I had found the previous afternoon but also for whatever else we could find.

Thankfully it didn't take long to find the first. As we rounded the first corner, feeding on some sage flowers was a beautiful **Tacazze Sunbird**. A male and female were actually building a nest in a tree very near the road so we had several wonderful encounters with this purple gem. We continued to walk around and added our first of many **Yellow-fronted Canary**, **White-browed Robin-Chat**, **Rameron Pigeon**, **Cinnamon-breasted Bee-eater**, **Dusky Turtle-Dove**, **Brown-backed Woodpecker**, **Speckled Mousebird**, **Streaky Seedeater**, and **Yellow-bellied Waxbill** were also very welcomed. As the time started to tick down I got a bit nervous as I hadn't heard the big target I wanted for the group so I decided to go "fishing" and fired up my speaker. No response and after 10-minutes of calling I all but gave up when I saw it...the stunning flashes of red as a **Schalow's Turaco** made his appearance for the group. A huge sigh of relief on my end as I had seen this bird the previous afternoon. Little did I know it would be chosen as **BIRD OF THE TRIP!** And as I mentioned, no Thick-billed Seedeater...oh well, 2 out of 3 and the prettier two!



Tacazze Sunbird: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



Rameron Pigeon: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



Cinnamon-chested Bee-eater: Photo by guide - Ben





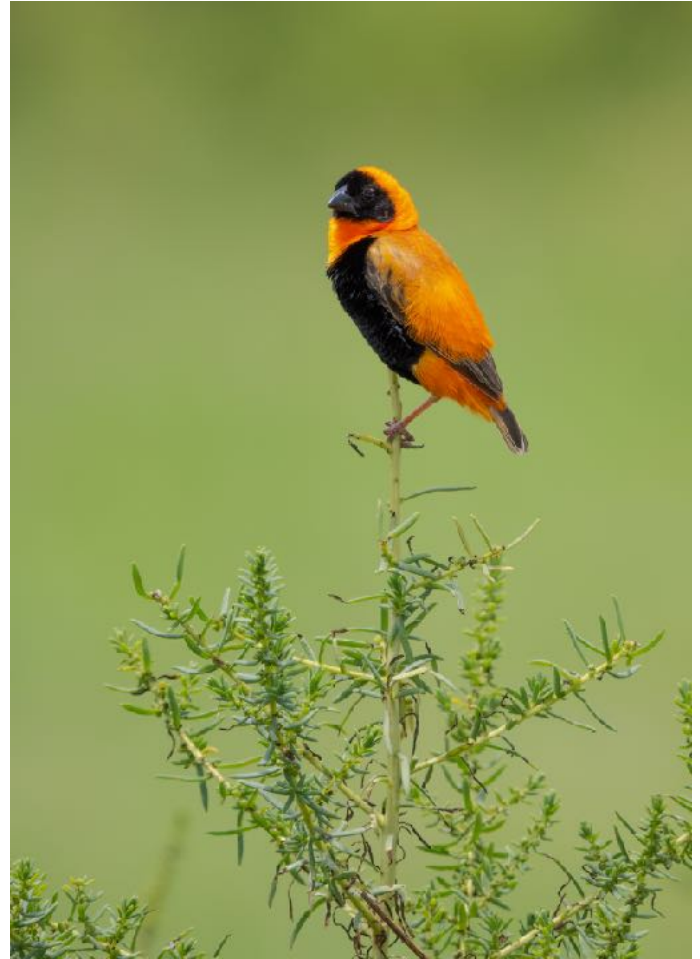
Schalow's Turaco (same as cover but why not show this beauty again?!): Photo by guide - Ben Knot

We made our way slowly down the rim and towards Ndutu. We stopped briefly when a pair of **Yellow-throated Sandgrouse** were spotted and then we just, went to them! That is a huge draw for this area. Because it is not officially a National Park but rather conservation land, you can drive wherever your vehicle can make it. So we had some excellent close views of these cool birds. We also added a female **Montagu's Harrier**.

Now officially in “Ndutu”, we slowed down, popped the top and started searching for what we'd hope would be a plethora of new birds and wildlife. We all realized that as we get further and further along in the trip we see less and less new birds but it is always great to see things like a lake full of **Lesser Flamingos**, the elegant **Long-crested Eagle**, **White-backed and Lappet-faced Vultures** gorging themselves on deceased Wildebeest and glowing **Southern Red Bishop** along with a host of other familiar feathered friends. Some of the new sightings for this afternoon included; **Cardinal Quelea**, **Slender-tailed Nightjar**, **Gray-breasted Spurfowl**, the “Usimbiro” **D'Arnaud's Barbet**, **Red-fronted Barbet**, **Fischer's Lovebird**, **Golden-tailed Woodpecker**, **Red-rumped Swallow**, **Gray-backed Fiscal**, **Black-lored Babbler**, and **Black-faced Waxbill**. Ndutu was also “land of the **Kirk's Dikdik**” so lots of those little guys running around!



Steel-blue Whydah: Photo by guide - Ben Knot



Southern Red Bishop: Photo by guide - Ben Knot

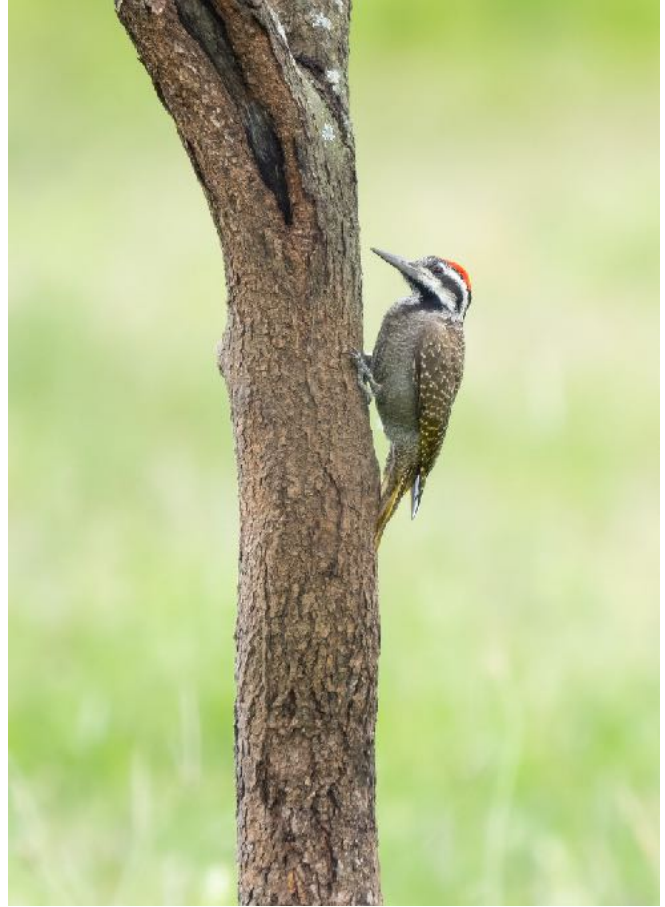


Yellow-throated Sandgrouse: Photo by guide - Ben Knot





Kirk's Dikdik: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



Bearded Woodpecker: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



Common Cuckoo: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot

We returned to [Ndutu Safari Lodge](#) to find a few low feeding [Common Cuckoo](#), [African Gray](#) and [Bearded Woodpeckers](#). Not much else was around so we grabbed our checklists and headed into the restaurant. While eating, the mascot of this lodge came out to greet all of the restaurant goers, a beautiful and friendly family of [Common Genet](#). They come out every night around 8:00pm so they've become quite tame, lovable and of course, photographable! We called it an early evening and went to bed after another fine Tanzanian meal.



Common Genet: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot





Common Genet (whole family): Photo by guide - Ben Knoot

### **April 10th (Day 18/Day 9 of Main Tour): Full-Day in Ndotu**

For the morning we had several big mammal goals and just a few small bird targets. We didn't wait long for one of the birds. A quick scan of the [Ndotu Lake](#) shore and we were able to locate a small squadron of [Chestnut-banded Plovers](#) huddled together feeding in the muck. We then moved into the "[Cheetah Plains](#)" and found [Somali Short-toed Lark](#) without too much difficulty. We also had a fun dance around with a female [Hartlaub's Bustard](#). But here we were really looking for two mammals. One, was one of the guests most wanted mammals and I am happy to say that after about 20-minutes or so, we saw it, a stupendous [Bat-eared Fox](#). We had some short but satisfying views of this shy creature before it scampered away.

Well, 3.5hrs had now passed. It was hot, everything stopped moving and though we had been surrounded by the most wonderful spectacle of migrating [Wildebeest](#) we could not locate our target, the Cheetah. I big bummer but just reinforces the fact that out here you are not in a zoo and you can go to the best place at the best time and just have no luck. Not that it helped all that much but no group that morning saw the ultimate prize, it just wasn't meant to be for those involved that day! All good though, a wonderful morning drive then back to the lodge for lunch and nice 3hr rest to let the heat of the day dissipate.

The afternoon had us driving more tracks in search of new birds and wildlife (as if we do much else!) and luckily, we found some. First up, an **Egyptian Mongoose**. Not a common sight but when I spotted a large slender, gray animal running through the grass, I knew had something different. It didn't pose well for photos but what a giant beast he was! We also had a pride of **African Lions** resting in a tree, including a few teenage years cubs, a big male and several females. Very cool to hang out with these guys for a few minutes and watch some of the family dynamics at work.

One of the top highlights for the afternoon was at "The Big Marsh". Sharp eyes of our driver/guide spotted something in the reeds and upon further investigation it turned out to be a pair of **Greater Painted-Snipe**! A bird I thought we had missed completely when we missed it in Tarangire NP. An excellent find indeed! Another bird came soon after but for the group only the female **Cut-throat** was seen. I originally yelled out stop after spotting the male but he took off before anyone could get on it. Then as the day drew to a close, a stunning display by a **Verreaux's Eagle-Owl** stole the show. His pink eyelids so saturated and stunning, it really was a great way to end the day.



Verreaux's Eagle-Owl: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



**April 11th (Day 19/Day 10 of Main Tour): Nduvu to Serengeti National Park**

The final “leg” of the journey, [Serengeti National Park](#). Nduvu and Serengeti NP are neighbors so we weren't rushed out in the morning. We did some slow driving and spotted a beautifully perched [Bateleur](#), our first perched individual.



Bateleur: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot

We then made a stop at [Nduvu Lake](#) to have one last look at the flamingos and it was a good thing we did because we ended up adding two migrating birds to our list! A group of [Eared Grebe](#) and a group of [Pied Avocet](#). Want to know something crazy? We were at this lake the day before and didn't see either of those species. While it's possible we missed them, it is more likely they arrived sometime after we birded the lake. After looking at the avocets we started watching the grebes and then I noticed the avocets take flight. I told everyone to check them out in flight, assuming they were just moving to a different part of the lake. In reality what they were doing was MOVING ON! They must've just wanted the overnight rest and spent an hour or so in the morning waking and fueling up and then just like that they disappeared into the distance, far beyond the edges of the lake...that is the beauty and struggle of birding during migration, you just never know what you're going to see and you can miss something by seconds without knowing it. Crazy.

Once we left Ndutu, we entered an incredibly flat expanse of just about nothing but short grass and animals...the [Serengeti](#). Here the Impala are replaced by [Thompson's and Grant's Gazelle](#) and of course, [Wildebeest](#) and [Common Zebra](#). We added a few new birds like [European Roller](#), a male [Montagu's Harrier](#) and my personal favorite in that section, a pair of [Temminck's Courser](#).



Temminck's Courser: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot

Our first stop after crossing the first seemingly endless expanse of nothingness was an area called [Naabi Hill Gate](#). This is one of the main entrances into Serengeti NP so after a quick restroom break, a nice look at [Red-headed Weaver](#), [Red-rumped Swallow](#) and another [Red-fronted Barbet](#) we continued to look for a big target for the area. A quick trip down the "out road" for Greater Kestrel but unfortunately no such bird was seen so we turned around, went through the gate and continued our afternoon game drive towards our lodge.

While driving the track before lunch we noted several [Lesser Kestrels](#) flying and then spotted our main target, a pair of [Greater Kestrel](#) sitting quietly in bush. With this, we had ourselves a "kestrel sweep" Wahoo! Continuing on through the immense herds of [Common Zebra](#) we saw many of the same species we'd seen already, mostly larks, ostrich, raptors, and the occasional roller.





Lesser Kestrel: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



Greater Kestrel: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot

Things then began to pick up when a local told us about a **Leopard** he had seen hiding in the tall grass. It took a few minutes but once we got everyone on it, we sat and waited. Sure enough after about 10-minutes a huge unit of a male stood up, slunk through the grass, crossed the road in front of us and disappeared into a marsh. A pretty neat experience and great to see a big bulky male.

After this experience the ball started rolling and the afternoon gave way to great birds like; **Lesser-spotted Eagle**, **Black Coucal**, **Red-fronted Tinkerbird**, **Red-backed Shrike**, **Dark Chanting-Goshawk**, **Rattling Cisticola**, **Cape Crow**, **Flappet Lark**, **Quailfinch**, **Yellow-throated Longclaw**, and the stunning **Rüppell's Starling**. We also were now in the territory for a new antelope, the **Topi**! A very beautiful, big and rich chestnut antelope. And if you like **Hippopotamus** then this place is for you. We visited several pools for this aquatic giant and had fun watching them wrestle, growl and grunt at each other. Then while getting nearer to the exit gate, I spotted a roosting group of **Yellow-winged Bat**.

Now arriving at our lodge, the **Serengeti Samba Safari Lodge** we were faced with a very steep and slow climb but just before the vehicle came to a halt when our guide/driver spotted our first and only **Klipspringer**! A very cute little antelope similar to the dikdik but much less common.



Black Coucal: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot





Yellow-throated Longclaw: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



Flappet Lark: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot

Once we got to our hotel, we again had about an hour or so before darkness so I asked if anyone wanted a walk around the lodge. We had a long day so understandably, everyone opted out. After dropping some stuff off in my room, I was about to close the door when I heard a call I had been wanting to hear and playing for ever since Tarangire NP. I thought to myself, “Oh no..no freakin’ way...” And sure enough, right outside my cabin singing at the top of a tree, a **White-bellied Tit**. We had been chasing this bird across three parks and now it decides to show up...NOW?!?! So I ran to everyone cabins furiously knocking and saying “White-bellied Tit, White-bellied Tit!” A few were able to hustle out and unfortunately, a few were in the shower. Those who were able to hustle out had some great looks of it and a few **Mariqua Sunbird**. I was doing my best to keep them around but just a minute before those were in the shower were able to join, it flew off and wouldn’t return. A big bummer but now that we knew he was in the area, we could try again the next day. We met for dinner and one of our second to last checklist then went off to bed.



White-bellied Tit: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



**April 12th (Day 20/Day 11 of Main Tour): Serengeti National Park - Western Corridor**

Today was our last real full day of the tour. I say this because the next day is just driving back to Arusha without any serious birding stops. For our last day, we make a long journey to the “Western Corridor” of Serengeti NP. Oddly enough, here you just get into range for some five new birds you wouldn’t see anywhere else in the national park. Happy to say we got four of those five, unfortunately missing out on the Gray-crested Helmetshrike, the rarest of the bunch. We did however see; **Black-headed Gonolek, Karamoja Apalis, Eastern Plantain-eater and Tanzanian Red-billed Hornbill**. We also saw a very cool and rather large **Leopard Tortoise** crossing the track in front of us and a **Holub’s Golden-Weaver** was a nice bonus bird.

Unfortunately we ran into another animal that was quite prevalent in this section of the park. The Tsetse Fly. These biting buggers made it very difficult to enjoy our time here and to take photos as I needed one hand for swatting near constantly. Having these little things biting your face is not a pleasurable experience so I didn’t get any photos on this morning.

We ventured back towards our lodge to get an earlier dinner and early evening for tomorrows long drive. Quite near the hotel while scanning out of the window, I stopped the car for an odd looking bird I saw perched on a low branch. A quick binocular view proved it to be a bird I was not expecting for this tour, a **Yellow-mantled Widowbird**. A stunning male that was displaying for nearby females along with at least two other males. A very cool and unexpected addition. I was also scanning the wet fields for Pratincole but only found our typical **Crowned Lapwings** and another pair of **Temminck’s Courser**.



Crowned Lapwing: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot

When we arrived, I again offered a little walk around and this time, everyone took it. Unfortunately, it was a bit slow and though we tried again, no White-bellied Tit was found. We did add a migrating **Icterine Warbler**, a stunning male **Mocking Cliff-Chat** and a rather dull but new, **Familiar Chat**. In the shadow of a magnificent thunderstorm brewing we enjoyed our last dinner together, did a final checklist and went off to bed with a very nice escort from the lodge who kindly held an umbrella for us and walked us to our cabins. Very nice service from Serengeti Simba Lodge!

### **April 13th (Day 21/Day 12 of Main Tour): Serengeti NP to Arusha via Gibbs Farm/Depart**

Today we had a simple itinerary. Drive back to Arusha. This is a massive 9hr or so drive and in between we were needing to make a 12:30pm lunch reservation at Gibbs Farm for our final meal together.

We left around 6:30am and were only planning on stopping for something new and or very exciting. Well, the new came just after leaving **Naabi Hill Gate** when we rolled up on a mother lioness and her three adorable little babies. I foolishly put the camera away (on top of the vehicle) - DON'T DO THAT ON THIS TOUR - haha...but it was a wonderful way to end our time in the Serengeti Area. We didn't stop after this and arrived with near perfect timing for an amazing lunch in **Gibb's Farm**. This was by far the best food of the trip and set in a wonderful setting. We had a nice look at a colony of **Grosbeak Weaver** and another pair of **Tacazze Sunbird** but really we just enjoyed the good food, delicious beverages, each-others company and the rounding out of overall fantastic trip.

I would again like to thank our fantastic guides and drivers; **Njano, Elia, Eddie, Mfaume** who made this a very special trip for us all. And of course a big thanks to the guests for making this such a fun and memorable trip!

Please find the annotated trip list, guests favorites and a link to my full gallery below.

Until next time Tanzania...KWAHERI! (Goodbye in Swahili)

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## *Species Account*

\*Below is a list of species seen. For a species to count on the tour, the guide and at least one member of the group has to have seen it, otherwise, it is a “guide-only”.

## *Guests Top 5 of the Trip*

Boy-oh-boy did the guests love me for this one! What a trip to have to cull down so many amazing birds into a list of favorites but they did it and they came up with some great ones, check them out!

## **Extension: Usambara Mountains and Pemba Island Endemics**

- 1) Peter’s Twinspot
- 2) African Broadbill (specifically watching him display)
- 3) Fischer’s Turaco
- 4) Crab Plover
- 5) Red-and-yellow Barbet

## **Main Tour: Birding Among the Beasts**

- 1) Schalow’s Turaco (cover photo)
- 2) Two-way-tie
  - i. Lilac-breasted Roller
  - ii. Saddle-billed Stork
- 3) Four-way-tie
  - i. African Paradise-Flycatcher
  - ii. Gray Crowned-Crane
  - iii. White-bellied Go-Away-Bird
  - iv. Secretary Bird
- 4) Common Ostrich
- 5) Two-way-tie
  - i. Red-cheeked Cordonbleu
  - ii. Purple Grenadier

I am also always curious what “other animals” piqued peoples interest the most...that list is the following!

## “Other Animals”

- 1) African Elephant
- 2) Leopard
- 3) Thompson’s Gazelle (specifically one that had just given birth about 20-seconds before)
- 4) Common Zebra
- 5) Masai Giraffe

### *Trip List of Birds and “Other Animal” Species with Annotations*

#### List Summary:

- 512 Bird species seen overall (on extension and main tour)
- 115 Bird species seen only on the extension
- 397 Bird species seen on the main tour
- 06 Bird species as “Guide-Only with Clients Present”
- 02 Bird species as “Guide-Only without Clients Present”
- 64 “Other Animal” species seen overall
- 01 “Other Animal” species as “Guide-Only”
- \*\*This group DID NOT want to do “Heard Only”\*\*
- Endemic birds are highlighted in **SALMON**
- “Guide-Only with Clients Present” are highlighted in **Lavender** (Counted in total)
- “Guide-Only with out Clients Present” are highlighted in **SAGE** (Not Counted in total)

	Usambara and Pemba Island Ext.	Main Tour
<b>Bird Species by Family</b>		
<b>Ostriches: Struthionidae</b>		
Common Ostrich ( <i>Struthio camelus</i> )	A few birds seen in Mkomazi NP	Seen throughout the “Safari” portion of this tour west of Arusha.
<b>Ducks, Geese and Waterfowl: Anatidae</b>		
White-faced Whistling-Duck ( <i>Dendrocygna viduata</i> )	Pemba Island freshwater lagoons	Tarangire NP (Silale Swamp)
Knob-billed Duck ( <i>Sarkidiornis melanotos</i> )	Seen on the road to Same	Arusha NP Tarangire NP
Egyptian Goose ( <i>Alopochen aegyptiaca</i> )	Mkomazi NP	Seen throughout tour in various locations

	<b>Usambara and Pemba Island Ext.</b>	<b>Main Tour</b>
Spur-winged Goose ( <i>Plectropterus gambensis</i> )		Tarangire NP Ngorongoro Crater
Blue-billed Teal ( <i>Spatula hottentota</i> )		Ngorongoro Crater
Cape Teal ( <i>Anas capensis</i> )		Arusha NP Ngorongoro Crater
Red-billed Duck ( <i>Anas erythrorhyncha</i> )		Ngorongoro Crater
Southern Pochard ( <i>Netta erythrophthalma</i> )		Arusha NP Ngorongoro Crater
<b>Guineafowl: Numididae</b>		
Helmeted Guineafowl ( <i>Numida meleagris</i> )	Mkomazi NP	Seen throughout tour in various locations
<b>Pheasant, Grouse and Allies: Phasianidae</b>		
Common Quail ( <i>Coturnix coturnix</i> )		Seen briefly by guide only (in flight) - Tarangire
Harlequin Quail ( <i>Coturnix delegorguei</i> )		Tarangire NP Nduu "Cheetah Plains"
Scaly Spurfowl ( <i>Pternistis squamatus</i> )		Arusha NP
Hildebrandt's Spurfowl ( <i>Pternistis hildebrandti</i> )		Tarangire NP Ngorongoro Crater (on the way down)
Yellow-necked Spurfowl ( <i>Pternistis leucoscepus</i> )	Mkomazi NP	Very common in Tarangire NP
Gray-breasted Spurfowl ( <i>Pternistis rufopictus</i> )		Very common in Nduu
Red-necked Spurfowl ( <i>Pternistis afer</i> )		Very common in Tarangire NP
Crested Francolin ( <i>Dendroperdix sephaena</i> )		Very common in Tarangire NP
Coqui Francolin ( <i>Peliperdix coqui</i> )		Very common in Tarangire NP
<b>Flamingos: Phoenicopteridae</b>		
Greater Flamingo ( <i>Phoenicopterus roseus</i> )		Arusha NP Ngorongoro Crater
Lesser Flamingo ( <i>Phoeniconaias minor</i> )		Arusha NP Ngorongoro Crater
<b>Grebes: Podiicipedidae</b>		



	<b>Usambara and Pemba Island Ext.</b>	<b>Main Tour</b>
Little Grebe ( <i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i> )	Seen on Pemba Island freshwater lagoons	Ngorongoro Crater freshwater ponds/lakes
Eared Grebe ( <i>Podiceps nigricollis</i> )		A small migrating group was seen on our last day in Ndotu
<b>Pigeons and Doves: Columbidae</b>		
African Green-Pigeon ( <i>Treron calvus</i> )	West Usambara	
Pemba Green-Pigeon ( <i>Treron pembaensis</i> )	Pemba Island	
Rock Pigeon ( <i>Columba livia</i> )	Seen throughout tour in various locations	Seen throughout tour in various locations
Delegorgue's Pigeon ( <i>Columba delegorguei</i> )	West Usambara	
Speckled Pigeon ( <i>Columba guinea</i> )		On route to Lark Plains Entrance gate of Tarangire NP
Rameron Pigeon ( <i>Columba arquatrix</i> )		Ngorongoro (Serena Lodge) Arusha NP
Dusky Turtle-Dove ( <i>Streptopelia lugens</i> )		Ngorongoro (Serena Lodge)
Mourning Collared-Dove ( <i>Streptopelia decipiens</i> )		Tarangire NP
Red-eyed Dove ( <i>Streptopelia semitorquata</i> )	Seen throughout tour in various locations	Seen throughout tour in various locations
Ring-necked Dove ( <i>Streptopelia capicola</i> )	Seen throughout tour in various locations	Seen throughout tour in various locations
Laughing Dove ( <i>Streptopelia senegalensis</i> )		Seen throughout tour in various locations
Emerald-spotted Wood-Dove ( <i>Turtur chalcospilos</i> )	Mkomazi NP and East Usambara	Many seen at Manyara Lake NP
Blue-spotted Wood-Dove ( <i>Turtur afer</i> )	West Usambara	
Tambourine Dove ( <i>Turtur tympanistria</i> )	East Usambaras	
Namaqua Dove ( <i>Oena capensis</i> )		Tarangire NP
<b>Sandgrouse: Pteroclididae</b>		
Chestnut-bellied Sandgrouse ( <i>Pterocles exustus</i> )		Lark Plains
Yellow-throated Sandgrouse ( <i>Pterocles gutturalis</i> )		On the plains en route to Ndotu Serengeti NP
Black-faced Sandgrouse ( <i>Pterocles decoratus</i> )		Tarangire NP

	<b>Usambara and Pemba Island Ext.</b>	<b>Main Tour</b>
<b>Bustards: Otidae</b>		
Kori Bustard ( <i>Ardeotis kori</i> )	Mkomazi NP	Ngorongoro Crater
White-bellied Bustard ( <i>Eupodotis senegalensis</i> )		Tarangire NP
Buff-crested Bustard ( <i>Eupodotis gindiana</i> )		Tarangire NP
Black-bellied Bustard ( <i>Eupodotis gindiana</i> )		Tarangire NP Ngorongoro Crater
Hartlaub's Bustard ( <i>Lissotis hartlaubii</i> )		A confirmed female (noting the important ID features) seen well in Ndotu "Cheetah Plains"
<b>Turacos: Turacidae</b>		
Schalow's Turaco ( <i>Tauraco schalowi</i> )		Ngorongoro (Serena Lodge)
Fischer's Turaco ( <i>Tauraco fischeri</i> )	East Usambaras	
Hartlaub's Turaco ( <i>Tauraco hartlaubi</i> )	West Usambara	
Bare-faced Go-away-bird ( <i>Corythaixoides personatus</i> )		Tarangire NP, Ndotu and Serengeti NP
White-bellied Go-away-bird ( <i>Corythaixoides leucogaster</i> )	Seen on the road to Same Mkomazi NP	Tarangire NP and Ndotu
Eastern Plantain Eater ( <i>Crinifer zonurus</i> )		Serengeti NP - Western Corridor
<b>Cuckoos: Cuculidae</b>		
White-browed Coucal ( <i>Centropus superciliosus</i> )	Seen throughout tour in various locations	Seen throughout tour in various locations
Black Coucal ( <i>Centropus grillii</i> )		One bird seen in Serengeti NP
Red-chested Cuckoo ( <i>Cuculus solitarius</i> )		Seen throughout tour in various locations
Great Spotted Cuckoo ( <i>Clamator glandarius</i> )		First encountered in Tarangire NP (Silale Swamp) then few sightings in Ndotu
Pied Cuckoo ( <i>Clamator jacobinus</i> )		Arusha NP Lake Manyara NP
Levaillant's Cuckoo ( <i>Clamator levaillantii</i> )		Only one bird in Tarangire NP

	<b>Usambara and Pemba Island Ext.</b>	<b>Main Tour</b>
Common Cuckoo ( <i>Cuculus canorus</i> )		Seen throughout the “Safari” portion of this tour west of Arusha.
African Cuckoo ( <i>Cuculus gularis</i> )		Few 100% confirmed sightings (very similar to Common Cuckoo)s
Dideric Cuckoo ( <i>Chrysococcyx caprius</i> )		Thornscrubland adjacent Lark Plains
Klaas’s Cuckoo ( <i>Chrysococcyx klaas</i> )	Road out of the West Usambaras	
<b>Nightjars and Allies: Caprimulgidae</b>		
Slender-tailed Nightjar ( <i>Caprimulgus clarus</i> )		One juvenile bird seen well in Ndotu
<b>Swifts: Apodidae</b>		
African Palm Swift ( <i>Cypsiurus parvus</i> )	Seen throughout tour in various locations	Seen throughout tour in various locations
Mottled Swift ( <i>Apus aequatorialis</i> )		Ngorongoro Crater
Common Swift		Seen well in Serengeti NP
Nyanza Swift ( <i>Apus niansae</i> )		Arusha NP
African Swift ( <i>Apus barbatus</i> )	West Usambara	
Little Swift ( <i>Apus affinis</i> )	Seen throughout tour in various locations	Seen throughout tour in various locations
White-rumped Swift ( <i>Apus caffer</i> )	West and East Usambara Mountains	A few sightings in Serengeti NP
Horus Swift ( <i>Apus horus</i> )		Arusha NP
<b>Rails, Gallinules and Coots: Rallidae</b>		
Black Crake ( <i>Zapornia flavirostra</i> )		Five individuals in Ngorongoro Crater
Red-knobbed Coot ( <i>Fulica cristata</i> )		Ngorongoro Crater
Eurasian Moorhen ( <i>Gallinula chloropus</i> )	Pemba Island freshwater lagoons	Ngorongoro Crater
<b>Cranes: Gruidae</b>		
Gray-crowned Crane ( <i>Balearica regulorum</i> )		Distant views in Arusha Many in Tarangire NP Many in Ngorongoro Crater



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<b>Thick-knees: Burhinidae</b>		
Water Thick-knee ( <i>Burhinus vermiculatus</i> )	Pemba Island coastal shoreline	Tarangire NP
Spotted Thick-knee ( <i>Burhinus capensis</i> )		A pair in Nduu
<b>Stilts and Avocets: Recurvirostridae</b>		
Pied Avocet ( <i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i> )		A small migrating group was seen on our last day in Nduu
Black-winged Stilt ( <i>Himantopus himantopus</i> )		Seen throughout tour in various locations
<b>Plovers and Lapwings: Charadriidae</b>		
Long-toed Lapwing ( <i>Vanellus crassirostris</i> )		Tarangire NP (Silale Swamp) Ngorongoro Crater
Blacksmith Lapwing ( <i>Vanellus armatus</i> )		Seen throughout tour in various locations
Spur-winged Lapwing ( <i>Vanellus spinosus</i> )		Arusha NP
Senegal Lapwing ( <i>Vanellus lugubris</i> )	Pemba Island near our hotel	
Black-winged Lapwing ( <i>Vanellus melanopterus</i> )		Tarangire NP
Crowned Lapwing ( <i>Vanellus coronatus</i> )		Seen throughout tour in various locations
Black-bellied Plover ( <i>Pluvialis squatarola</i> )	Pemba Island coastal shoreline	
Kittlitz's Plover ( <i>Charadrius pecuarius</i> )		Ngorongoro Crater
Common Ringed Plover ( <i>Charadrius hiaticula</i> )	Pemba Island coastal shoreline	
Three-banded Plover ( <i>Charadrius tricollaris</i> )	Pemba Island coastal shoreline	Tarangire NP Ngorongoro Crater
Chestnut-banded Plover ( <i>Charadrius pallidus</i> )		A small flock recorded on the shores of Nduu Lake
Greater Sand Plover ( <i>Charadrius leschenaultii</i> )	Pemba Island coastal shoreline	
Lesser Sand Plover ( <i>Charadrius mongolus</i> )	Pemba Island coastal shoreline	
<b>Painted Snipe: Rostratulidae</b>		

	<b>Usambara and Pemba Island Ext.</b>	<b>Main Tour</b>
Greater Painted-Snipe ( <i>Rostratula benghalensis</i> )		A pair well spotted in Ndutu "Big Marsh"
<b>Jacanas: Jacanidae</b>		
African Jacana ( <i>Actophilornis africanus</i> )	Pemba Island freshwater lagoons	Tarangire NP (Silale Swamp)
<b>Sandpipers: Scolopacidae</b>		
Ruff ( <i>Calidris pugnax</i> )		Arusha NP Ngorongoro Crater
Ruddy Turnstone ( <i>Arenaria interpres</i> )	Pemba Island coastal shoreline	
Whimbrel ( <i>Numenius phaeopus</i> )	Pemba Island coastal shoreline	
Common Snipe ( <i>Gallinago gallinago</i> )		
Little Stint ( <i>Calidris minuta</i> )	Pemba Island coastal shoreline	Arusha NP Ngorongoro Crater
Curlew Sandpiper ( <i>Calidris ferruginea</i> )	Pemba Island coastal shoreline	
Common Sandpiper ( <i>Actitis hypoleucos</i> )	Pemba Island coastal shoreline	Seen throughout tour in various locations
Green Sandpiper ( <i>Tringa ochropus</i> )		Tarangire NP
Marsh Sandpiper ( <i>Tringa stagnatilis</i> )		Arusha NP
Wood Sandpiper ( <i>Tringa glareola</i> )	Pemba Island freshwater lagoons	Seen throughout tour in various locations
Common Greenshank ( <i>Tringa nebularia</i> )	Pemba Island coastal shoreline	Arusha NP
<b>Crab Plover: Dromadidae</b>		
Crab Plover ( <i>Dromas ardeola</i> )	Pemba Island coastal shoreline	
<b>Pratincoles and Coursers: Glareolidae</b>		
Temminck's Courser ( <i>Cursorius temminckii</i> )		A pair seen in Serengeti NP A pair seen in a field on the way to Serengeti Simba Lodge
Double-banded Courser ( <i>Smutsornis africanus</i> )		Tarangire NP
Three-banded Courser ( <i>Rhinoptilus cinctus</i> )		Tarangire NP Ndutu

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Bronze-winged Courser ( <i>Rhinoptilus chalcopterus</i> )		Tarangire NP
<b>Gulls, Terns, and Skimmers: Laridae</b>		
Gray-hooded Gull ( <i>Chroicocephalus cirrocephalus</i> )		Ngorongoro Crater
Saunders's Tern ( <i>Sternula saundersi</i> )	Pemba Island coastal shoreline	
Gull-billed Tern ( <i>Chroicocephalus cirrocephalus</i> )		Tarangire NP (Silale Swamp) Ngorongoro Crater
Whiskered Tern ( <i>Chlidonias hybrida</i> )		Tarangire NP (Silale Swamp) Ngorongoro Crater
Great Crested Tern ( <i>Thalasseus bergii</i> )	Pemba Island coastal shoreline	
Lesser Crested Tern ( <i>Thalasseus bengalensis</i> )	Pemba Island coastal shoreline	
<b>Storks: Ciconiidae</b>		
Abdim's Stork ( <i>Ciconia abdimii</i> )		Ngorongoro Crater
White Stork ( <i>Ciconia ciconia</i> )	Mkomazi NP	Ngorongoro Crater
African Woolly-necked Stork ( <i>Ciconia microscelis</i> )	Mkomazi NP	
Saddle-billed Stork ( <i>Ephippiorhynchus senegalensis</i> )		Tarangire NP
Marabou Stork ( <i>Leptoptilos crumenifer</i> )		Tarangire NP Ngorongoro Crater
Yellow-billed Stork ( <i>Mycteria ibis</i> )		Distant bird at Tarangire NP (Silale Swamp) Ngorongoro Crater
<b>Cormorants and Shags: Phalacrocoracidae</b>		
Great Cormorant ( <i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i> )		A group seen in Arusha NP
Long-tailed Cormorant ( <i>Microcarbo africanus</i> )		A group seen in Arusha NP One individual in Ngorongoro Crater
<b>Hamerkops: Scopidae</b>		
Hamerkop ( <i>Scopus umbretta</i> )	Seen in Mkomazi and Western Usambaras	Arusha NP
<b>Hérons, Egrets, and Bitterns: Ardeidae</b>		



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Gray Heron ( <i>Ardea cinerea</i> )		Seen throughout the “Safari” portion of this tour west of Arusha.
Black-headed Heron ( <i>Ardea melanocephala</i> )	Seen throughout tour in various locations	Seen throughout the tour in various locations
Great Egret ( <i>Ardea alba</i> )	Pemba Island coastal shoreline	Ngorongoro Crater
Intermediate Egret ( <i>Ardea intermedia</i> )		Ngorongoro Crater
Little Egret ( <i>Egretta garzetta</i> )	Seen throughout tour in various locations	Seen throughout tour in various locations
Cattle Egret ( <i>Bubulcus ibis</i> )	Seen throughout tour in various locations mostly while driving through farmland	Seen throughout tour in various locations mostly while driving through farmland
Squacco Heron ( <i>Ardeola ralloides</i> )		Tarangire NP (Silale Swamp) Ngorongoro Crater
Rufous-bellied Heron ( <i>Ardeola rufiventris</i> )		Tarangire NP (Silale Swamp)
Striated Heron ( <i>Butorides striata</i> )	Pemba Island freshwater lagoons	
Black-crowned Night-Heron ( <i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i> )		Ngorongoro Crater
<b>Ibis and Spoonbills: Threkiornithidae</b>		
Glossy Ibis ( <i>Plegadis falcinellus</i> )		Ngorongoro Crater
African Sacred Ibis ( <i>Threskiornis aethiopicus</i> )		Ngorongoro Crater
Hadada Ibis ( <i>Bostrychia hagedash</i> )	Seen on the road to Same as well as Pemba Island	Arusha NP Ngorongoro Crater
African Spoonbill ( <i>Platalea alba</i> )		Ngorongoro Crater
<b>Secretarybirds: Sagittariidae</b>		
Secretarybird ( <i>Sagittarius serpentarius</i> )	Mkomazi NP	Seen throughout tour in various locations
<b>Hawks, Eagles and Kites: Accipitridae</b>		
Black Kite ( <i>Milvus migrans</i> )	Seen throughout tour in various locations	Seen throughout tour in various locations
Black-winged Kite ( <i>Elanus caeruleus</i> )		Tarangire NP

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African Harrier-Hawk ( <i>Polyboroides typus</i> )	West and East Usambara Mountains	
Palm-nut Vulture ( <i>Gypohierax angolensis</i> )	West and East Usambara Mountains Coastal Pemba	
White-headed Vulture ( <i>Trigonoceps occipitalis</i> )		Tarangire NP
Lappet-faced Vulture ( <i>Torgos tracheliotos</i> )		Tarangire NP Ngorongoro Crater
Hooded Vulture ( <i>Necrosyrtes monachus</i> )		Ndutu
White-backed Vulture ( <i>Gyps africanus</i> )		Tarangire NP Ngorongoro Crater
Rüppell's Griffon ( <i>Gyps rueppelli</i> )		Tarangire NP
Bateleur ( <i>Terathopius ecaudatus</i> )	Mkomazi NP	Tarangire NP Ndutu
African Fish Eagle ( <i>Haliaeetus vocifer</i> )		Tarangire NP Serengeti NP
Fasciated Snake-Eagle ( <i>Circaetus fasciolatus</i> )	East Usambaras near Amani town	
Black-chested Snake-Eagle ( <i>Circaetus pectoralis</i> )	Seen on the road to Same	Ngorongoro Crater
Brown Snake-Eagle ( <i>Circaetus cinereus</i> )	Seen on the road to Same Mkomazi NP	Tarangire NP
Crowned Eagle ( <i>Stephanoaetus coronatus</i> )		Arusha NP
Martial Eagle ( <i>Polemaetus bellicosus</i> )	A juvenile seen circling in Mkomazi NP	Tarangire NP
Long-crested Eagle ( <i>Lophaetus occipitalis</i> )	Seen on the road to Same and throughout east and west Usambaras	
Lesser Spotted Eagle ( <i>Clanga pomarina</i> )		A few sightings in Ndutu
Wahlberg's Eagle ( <i>Hieraetus wahlbergi</i> )	Seen on the road to Same	
Booted Eagle ( <i>Hieraetus pennatus</i> )	Near Mkomazi NP	One sighting in Ndutu
Tawny Eagle ( <i>Aquila rapax</i> )	Seen throughout tour in various locations	Seen throughout tour in various locations
Steppe Eagle ( <i>Aquila nipalensis</i> )		Seen on road to Tarangire Tarangire NP Ngorongoro Crater
African Hawk-Eagle ( <i>Aquila spilogaster</i> )	A pair seen in Mkomazi NP	

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Lizard Buzzard ( <i>Kaupifalco monogrammicus</i> )	Seen on the road towards Tanga from West Usambaras	
Common Buzzard ( <i>Buteo buteo</i> )	Seen throughout tour in various locations	Seen throughout tour in various locations
Mountain Buzzard ( <i>Buteo oreophilus</i> )	East Usambaras	
Augur Buzzard ( <i>Buteo augur</i> )	East Usambaras	Seen throughout tour in various locations
Dark Chanting Goshawk ( <i>Melierax metabates</i> )		Few sightings in Serengeti NP
Eastern Chanting Goshawk ( <i>Melierax poliopterus</i> )	Seen on the road to Same and in Mkomazi NP	Lark Plains Tarangire NP
Gabar Goshawk ( <i>Micronisus gabar</i> )	A stunning dark morph seen in Mkomazi NP	Tarangire NP
Black Goshawk ( <i>Accipiter melanoleucus</i> )	Pemba Island	
African Goshawk ( <i>Accipiter tachiro</i> )	East Usambaras and Pemba (potentially new species)	
Little Sparrowhawk ( <i>Accipiter minullus</i> )		Thornscrubland adjacent Lark Plains
African Marsh Harrier ( <i>Circus ranivorus</i> )		Tarangire NP
Montagu's Harrier ( <i>Circus pygargus</i> )		A female seen in Tarangire "little Serengeti" and then a nice male seen in Serengeti NP
<b>Owls: Strigidae</b>		
African Scops-Owl ( <i>Otus senegalensis</i> )		Tarangire Safari Lodge
Pemba Scops-Owl ( <i>Otus pembaensis</i> )	Pemba Island	
Spotted Eagle-Owl ( <i>Bubo africanus</i> )		Arusha NP
Verreaux's Eagle-Owl ( <i>Ketupa lacteus</i> )		Tarangire NP Tarangire Safari Lodge
Pearl-spotted Owlet ( <i>Glaucidium perlatum</i> )		Tarangire NP
African Wood-Owl ( <i>Strix woodfordii</i> )	West Usambaras - Mullers Lodge	
<b>Mousebirds: Colidae</b>		
Speckled Mousebird ( <i>Colius striatus</i> )	Seen throughout tour in various locations	Seen throughout tour in various locations



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Blue-naped Mousebird ( <i>Urocolius macrourus</i> )	Seen on the road to Same	Lake Manyara NP
White-headed Mousebird ( <i>Colius leucocephalus</i> )	Seen on the road to Same	
<b>Trogons: Trogonidae</b>		
Bar-tailed Trogon ( <i>Apaloderma vittatum</i> )	East Usambaras	
<b>Hoopoes: Upupidae</b>		
Eurasian (African) Hoopoe ( <i>Upupa epops africana</i> )	Mkomazi NP	Seen throughout the “Safari” portion of this tour west of Arusha.
<b>Woodhoopoes and Scimitarbills</b>		
Green Woodhoopoe ( <i>Phoeniculus purpureus</i> )		Tarangire NP
Abyssinian Scimitarbill ( <i>Rhinopomastus minor</i> )	Mkomazi NP	Thornscrubland adjacent Lark Plains Tarangire NP
<b>Ground-Hornbills: Bucorvidae</b>		
Southern Ground-Hornbill ( <i>Bucorvus leadbeateri</i> )		A few sightings in Tarangire NP
<b>Hornbills: Bucerotidae</b>		
Crowned Hornbill ( <i>Lophoceros alboterminatus</i> )	Pemba Island	Lake Manyara NP
African Gray Hornbill ( <i>Lophoceros nasutus</i> )	Mkomazi NP	Seen throughout the tour in various locations
Northern Red-billed Hornbill ( <i>Tockus erythrorhynchus</i> )	Mkomazi NP	Tarangire NP
Tanzanian Red-billed Hornbill ( <i>Tockus ruahae</i> )		A few sightings in Serengeti - Western Corridor
Von der Decken’s Hornbill ( <i>Tockus deckeni</i> )	Mkomazi NP	Seen throughout the “Safari” portion of this tour west of Arusha.
Silvery-cheeked Hornbill ( <i>Bycanistes brevis</i> )	Same (at our hotel) East and West Usambara Mountains	Arusha NP
Trumpeter Hornbill ( <i>Bycanistes bucinator</i> )	Same (at our hotel)	
<b>Kingfishers: Alcedinidae</b>		
African Pygmy-Kingfisher ( <i>Ispidina picta</i> )	Pemba Island	
Half-collared Kingfisher ( <i>Alcedo semitorquata</i> )	East Usambaras	

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Malachite Kingfisher ( <i>Corythornis cristatus</i> )	East Usambaras	Ngorongoro Crater
Gray-headed Kingfisher ( <i>Halcyon leucocephala</i> )		Seen throughout the “Safari” portion of this tour west of Arusha.
Woodland Kingfisher ( <i>Halcyon senegalensis</i> )		Tarangire NP
Mangrove Kingfisher ( <i>Halcyon senegaloides</i> )	Pemba Island	
Brown-hooded Kingfisher ( <i>Halcyon albiventris</i> )	East Usambaras	Seen regularly after and including Tarangire NP
Striped Kingfisher ( <i>Halcyon chelicuti</i> )		Tarangire NP Serengeti NP
Pied Kingfisher ( <i>Ceryle rudis</i> )	Pemba Island coastal shoreline	
<b>Bee-eaters: Meropidae</b>		
White-fronted Bee-eater ( <i>Merops bullockoides</i> )		Arusha NP
Little Bee-eater ( <i>Merops pusillus</i> )	Mkomazi NP	Seen throughout the tour in various locations
Cinnamon-chested Bee-eater ( <i>Merops oreobates</i> )	West Usambara	Arusha NP Ngorongoro (Serena Lodge)
Blue-cheeked Bee-eater ( <i>Merops persicus</i> )	Mkomazi NP and Pemba Island	Tarangire NP
European Bee-eater ( <i>Merops apiaster</i> )		Tarangire NP Serengeti NP
Northern Carmine Bee-eater ( <i>Merops nubicus</i> )	Mkomazi NP Seen en route to Tanga Airport	
<b>Rollers: Coraciidae</b>		
European Roller ( <i>Coracias garrulus</i> )	Mkomazi NP	A few sightings in Serengeti
Lilac-breasted Roller ( <i>Coracias caudatus</i> )	Mkomazi NP	Seen throughout the tour in various locations
Rufous-crowned Roller ( <i>Coracias naevius</i> )		Just one bird seen in Tarangire NP
Broad-billed Roller ( <i>Eurystomus glaucurus</i> )	Pemba Island	
<b>African Barbets: Lybiidae</b>		
Moustached Tinkerbird ( <i>Pogoniulus leucomystax</i> )	East Usambara Mountains	

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Red-fronted Tinkerbird ( <i>Pogoniulus pusillus</i> )		Arusha NP Serengeti NP
Green Tinkerbird ( <i>Pogoniulus simplex</i> )	East Usambara Mountains	
Red-and-yellow Barbet ( <i>Trachyphonus erythrocephalus</i> )	Seen on the road to Same Mkomazi NP	Seen throughout the tour in various locations
D'Arnaud's Barbet ( <i>Trachyphonus darnaudii</i> )	Seen on the road to Same and in Mkomazi NP	Seen throughout the tour in various locations
"Usambiro" Barbet ( <i>Trachyphonus darnaudii usambiro</i> )		Ndutu Serengeti NP
White-eared Barbet ( <i>Stactolaema leucotis</i> )	West and East Usambara Mountains	Arusha NP
Green Barbet ( <i>Stactolaema olivacea</i> )	West Usambara	
Red-fronted Barbet ( <i>Tricholaema diademata</i> )		One bird seen in Ndutu and another seen at Naabi Hill Gate in the Serengeti Area
Spot-flanked Barbet ( <i>Tricholaema lacrymosa</i> )	Seen on the road to Same	
Black-throated Barbet ( <i>Tricholaema melanocephala</i> )		Thornscrubland adjacent Lark Plains
Brown-breasted Barbet ( <i>Lybius melanopterus</i> )	West Usambaras - Mullers Lodge (guide only- no guests present)	
White-headed Barbet ( <i>Lybius leucocephalus</i> )		Ngorongoro Crater (forest section)
<b>Honeyguides: Indicatoridae</b>		
Pallid Honeyguide ( <i>Indicator meliphilus</i> )		One individual seen well in Ndutu
Lesser Honeyguide ( <i>Indicator minor</i> )		Thornscrubland adjacent Lark Plains
Greater Honeyguide ( <i>Indicator indicator</i> )		Tarangire NP
<b>Woodpeckers: Picidae</b>		
Nubian Woodpecker ( <i>Campethera nubica</i> )		Seen throughout the tour in various locations
Cardinal Woodpecker ( <i>Dendropicos fuscescens</i> )	Mkomazi NP	Seen throughout the tour in various locations
Bearded Woodpecker ( <i>Dendropicos namaquus</i> )	Mkomazi NP	Seen throughout the "Safari" portion of this tour west of Arusha.



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Olive Woodpecker ( <i>Chloropicus griseocephalus</i> )	West Usambara	
Mountain Gray Woodpecker ( <i>Dendropicos spodocephalus</i> )		Tarangire NP
African Gray Woodpecker ( <i>Dendropicos goertae</i> )		Tarangire NP
Brown-backed Woodpecker ( <i>Chloropicus obsoletus</i> )		Lake Manyara NP Ngorongoro (Serena Lodge)
Golden-tailed Woodpecker ( <i>Campethera abingoni</i> )	Arusha (African View Lodge)	Lake Manyara NP
Mombasa Woodpecker ( <i>Campethera mombassica</i> )	East Usambaras	
Green-backed Woodpecker ( <i>Campethera cailliautii</i> )	East Usambaras	
<b>Falcons: Falconidae</b>		
Pygmy Falcon ( <i>Polihierax semitorquatus</i> )	Mkomazi NP	Seen throughout tour in various locations
Lesser Kestrel ( <i>Falco naumanni</i> )	Mkomazi NP	Seen throughout the tour in various locations
Eurasian Kestrel ( <i>Falco tinnunculus</i> )		Ngorongoro Crater Rim
Greater Kestrel ( <i>Falco rupicoloides</i> )		Few sightings in the Serengeti
Gray Kestrel ( <i>Falco ardosiaceus</i> )		Tarangire NP
Dickinson's Kestrel ( <i>Falco dickinsoni</i> )	Common on Pemba Island	
Red-necked Falcon ( <i>Falco chicquera</i> )		Ngorongoro Crater
Eurasian Hobby ( <i>Falco subbuteo</i> )		Tarangire NP Ngorongoro Crater
African Hobby ( <i>Falco cuvierii</i> )		Lark Plains
Lanner Falcon ( <i>Falco biarmicus</i> )		On route to Ngorongoro
<b>Old World Parrots: Psittaculidae</b>		
Fischer's Lovebird ( <i>Agapornis fischeri</i> )		Common after and including Ndiutu
Yellow-collared Lovebird ( <i>Agapornis personatus</i> )		Tarangire NP
<b>New World &amp; African Parrots: Psittacidae</b>		
Meyer's Parrot ( <i>Poicephalus meyeri</i> )		One bird seen in Tarangire NP

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Red-bellied Parrot ( <i>Poicephalus rufiventris</i> )		Tarangire NP
Brown-headed Parrot ( <i>Poicephalus cryptoxanthus</i> )	Pemba Island	
<b>African and Green Broadbills: Calyptomenidae</b>		
African Broadbill ( <i>Smithornis capensis</i> )	East Usambara Mountains	
<b>Cuckoo-shrikes: Capephagidae</b>		
Black Cuckooshrike ( <i>Campephaga flava</i> )		Tarangire NP Serengeti Simba Lodge
Gray Cuckooshrike ( <i>Coracina caesia</i> )	East Usambaras	
<b>Old-World Orioles: Oriolidae</b>		
Eurasian Golden Oriole ( <i>Oriolus oriolus</i> )	West and East Usambara Mountains	
African Black-headed Oriole ( <i>Oriolus larvatus</i> )	Mkomazi NP	
Green-headed Oriole ( <i>Oriolus chlorocephalus</i> )	East Usambara Mountains	
<b>Wattle-Eyes and Batises: Platysteridae</b>		
Chinspot Batis ( <i>Batis molitor</i> )		Seen throughout the “Safari” portion of this tour west of Arusha.
Short-tailed Batis ( <i>Batis mixta</i> )	East Usambara Mountains	
Pale Batis ( <i>Batis soror</i> )	East Usambara Mountains	
Pygmy Batis ( <i>Batis perkeo</i> )		A pair was seen in the scrublands adjacent to Lark Plains
<b>Vangas, Helmetshrikes &amp; Allies: Vangidae</b>		
Chestnut-fronted Helmetshrike ( <i>Prionops scopifrons</i> )	East Usambara Mountains	
Black-and-white Shrike-flycatcher ( <i>Bias musicus</i> )	East Usambara Mountains	
<b>Bushshrikes and Allies: Malaconotidae</b>		
Brubru ( <i>Nilaus afer</i> )	Mkomazi NP	Seen throughout the “Safari” portion of this tour west of Arusha.
Black-backed Puffback ( <i>Dryoscopus cubla</i> )	East Usambara Mountains	Lake Manyara NP
Black-crowned Tchagra ( <i>Tchagra senegalus</i> )		Ngorongoro Crater (forest section)

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Brown-crowned Tchagra ( <i>Tchagra australis</i> )		Seen throughout the tour in various locations
Tropical Boubou ( <i>Laniarius major</i> )		Seen throughout the tour in various locations
Zanzibar Boubou ( <i>Laniarius sublacteus</i> )	East Usambara Mountains (seen briefly)	
Slate-colored Boubou ( <i>Laniarius funebris</i> )	Mkomazi NP	Seen throughout the tour in various locations
Rosy-patched Bushshrike ( <i>Rhodophoneus cruentus</i> )		Tarangire NP
Fülleborn's Boubou ( <i>Laniarius fuelleborni</i> )	West Usambara	
Sulphur-breasted Bushshrike ( <i>Telophorus sulfureopectus</i> )	Mkomazi NP (guide only)	Arusha NP
Black-fronted Bushshrike ( <i>Telophorus nigrifrons</i> )	West Usambara	
Black-headed Gonolek ( <i>Laniarius erythrogaster</i> )		A pair seen well in Serengeti NP - Western Corridor
<b>Drongos: Drongidae</b>		
Fork-tailed Drongo ( <i>Dicrurus adsimilis</i> )	Seen throughout tour in various locations	Seen throughout tour in various locations
Common Square-tailed Drongo ( <i>Dicrurus ludwigii</i> )	West and East Usambara Mountains	
<b>Monarch Flycatchers: Monarchidae</b>		
African Paradise-Flycatcher ( <i>Terpsiphone viridis</i> )	West and East Usambara Mountains	Seen throughout tour in various locations
<b>Shrikes: Laniidae</b>		
Red-backed Shrike ( <i>Lanius collurio</i> )	Mkomazi NP	Seen throughout the "Safari" portion of this tour west of Arusha.
Red-tailed Shrike ( <i>Lanius phoenicuroides</i> )	Mkomazi NP	
Isabelline Shrike ( <i>Lanius isabellinus</i> )	Mkomazi NP	
Lesser Gray Shrike ( <i>Lanius minor</i> )	Mkomazi NP	Seen throughout the "Safari" portion of this tour west of Arusha.
Gray-backed Fiscal ( <i>Lanius excubitoroides</i> )		Seen throughout the "Safari" portion of this tour west of Arusha.



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Long-tailed Fiscal ( <i>Lanius cabanisi</i> )	Mkomazi NP	Seen throughout the tour in various locations
Taita Fiscal ( <i>Lanius dorsalis</i> )	Mkomazi NP	Lark Plains
Northern Fiscal ( <i>Lanius humeralis</i> )	West and East Usambara Mountains	Seen throughout the tour in various locations
Magpie Shrike ( <i>Corvinella melanoleuca</i> )		Tarangire NP Serengeti NP
White-rumped Shrike ( <i>Eurocephalus ruppelli</i> )	Mkomazi NP	Seen throughout the “Safari” portion of this tour west of Arusha.
<b>Crows, Jays and Magpies: Corvidae</b>		
Cape Crow ( <i>Corvus capensis</i> )		A few sightings in Ngorongoro Rim and Serengeti NP
Pied Crow ( <i>Corvus albus</i> )	Seen throughout tour in various locations	Seen throughout tour in various locations
House Crow ( <i>Corvus splendens</i> )	Seen throughout tour in various locations	
White-necked Raven ( <i>Corvus albicollis</i> )	Seen on the road to Same	Seen throughout tour in various locations
<b>Hyliotas: Hyliotidae</b>		
Usambara Hyliota ( <i>Hyliota usambara</i> )	East Usambaras	
<b>Fairy Flycatchers: Stenostiridae</b>		
White-tailed Crested-Flycatcher ( <i>Elminia albonotata</i> )	West Usambara	
<b>Tits, Chickadees and Titmice: Paridae</b>		
Red-throated Tit ( <i>Melaniparus fringillinus</i> )		Scrublands adjacent to Lark Plains
White-bellied Tit ( <i>Melaniparus albiventris</i> )		One individual seen around Serengeti Simba Lodge
<b>Fairy Flycatchers: Stenostiridae</b>		
White-tailed Crested-Flycatcher ( <i>Elminia albonotata</i> )	West Usambara	
<b>Larks: Alaudidae</b>		
Fischer’s Sparrow-Lark ( <i>Eremopterix leucopareia</i> )		First encountered in Tarangire and then commonly encountered throughout rest of the tour

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Spike-heeled Lark ( <i>Chersomanes albofasciata</i> )		6 pairs in the Lark Plains
Rufous-naped Lark ( <i>Mirafra africana</i> )		Common after and including Ngorongoro Crater
Fawn-colored Lark ( <i>Calendulauda africanoides</i> )		Few sightings in Lark Plains
Flappet Lark ( <i>Mirafra rufocinnamomea</i> )		Few sightings in Serengeti
Red-capped Lark ( <i>Calandrella cinerea</i> )		Common in Lark Plains and Ngorongoro Crater
Somali Short-toed Lark ( <i>Alaudala somalica</i> )		Common around the Serengeti “Cheetah Plains”
Short-tailed Lark ( <i>Spizocorys fremantlii</i> )		Abundant in Lark Plains
<b>Nicatoridae</b>		
Eastern Nicator ( <i>Nicator gularis</i> )	East Usambara Mountains	One bird seen well in Lake Manyara
<b>Macrosphenidae</b>		
Red-faced Crombec ( <i>Sylvietta whytii</i> )		Seen throughout tour in various locations
Moustached Grass-Warbler ( <i>Melocichla mentalis</i> )		One individual in Arusha NP
Kretschmer’s Longbill ( <i>Macrosphenus kretschmeri</i> )	East Usambara Mountains	
<b>Cisticolidae</b>		
Red-faced Cisticola ( <i>Cisticola erythrops</i> )		Ngorongoro Crater Rim
Trilling Cisticola ( <i>Cisticola woosnami</i> )		Arusha NP
Hunter’s Cisticola ( <i>Cisticola hunteri</i> )		Ngorongoro Crater Rim
Rattling Cisticola ( <i>Cisticola chiniana</i> )		Seen throughout tour in various locations
Winding Cisticola ( <i>Cisticola marginatus</i> )	Seen en route to Same	Arusha NP Ngorongoro Crater
Ashy Cisticola ( <i>Cisticola cinereolus</i> )	Mkomazi NP	
Croaking Cisticola ( <i>Cisticola natalensis</i> )		Tarangire NP
Tiny Cisticola ( <i>Cisticola nana</i> )		Scrublands adjacent to Lark Plains

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Zitting Cisticola ( <i>Cisticola juncidis</i> )	Pemba Island	Tarangire NP (Silale Swamp)
Desert Cisticola ( <i>Cisticola aridulus</i> )		Tarangire “Little Serengeti”
Wailing Cisticola ( <i>Cisticola lais</i> )		One in Lark Plains and one in Ngorongoro Crater (on the way down)
Pectoral-patch Cisticola ( <i>Cisticola brunnescens</i> )		Ngorongoro Crater
Gray-capped Warbler ( <i>Eminia lepida</i> )		Ngorongoro Crater Rim
Buff-bellied warbler ( <i>Phyllolais pulchella</i> )		Seen throughout tour in various locations
Red-fronted Prinia ( <i>Prinia rufifrons</i> )		Lark Plains
Tawny-flanked Prinia ( <i>Prinia subflava</i> )	Seen throughout tour in various locations	Seen throughout tour in various locations
Yellow-bellied Eremomela ( <i>Eremomela icteropygialis</i> )		Lark Plains
Gray Wren-Warbler ( <i>Calamonastes simplex</i> )	Mkomazi NP	Scrublands adjacent to Lark Plains
Green-backed Camaroptera ( <i>Camaroptera brachyura</i> )	Seen on the road to Same	Seen throughout tour in various locations
Brown-headed Apalis ( <i>Apalis alticola</i> )		Arusha NP
Black-headed Apalis ( <i>Apalis melanocephala</i> )	East Usambara Mountains	
Yellow-breasted Apalis ( <i>Apalis flavida</i> )	Seen on the road to Same	Arusha NP
Bar-throated Apalis ( <i>Apalis thoracica</i> )	West and East Usambara Mountains	
Karamoja Apalis ( <i>Apalis karamojae</i> )		Seen in Serengeti NP “Western Corridor”
African Tailorbird ( <i>Artisornis metopias</i> )	West Usambara	
Long-billed Tailorbird ( <i>Artisornis moreaui</i> )	East Usambaras	
<b>Reed Warblers and Allies: Acrocephalidae</b>		
Eastern Olivaceous Warbler ( <i>Iduna pallida</i> )	Seen on the road to Same	
Icterine Warbler ( <i>Hippolais icterina</i> )		*A migrating bird responding to Pearl Spotted Owlet mob call in Serengeti Simba Lodge
<b>Grassbirds and Allies: Locustellidae</b>		



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Little Rush-Warbler ( <i>Bradypterus baboecala</i> )	East Usambara Mountains	
<b>Swallows: Hirundidae</b>		
Plain Martin ( <i>Riparia paludicola</i> )	Seen throughout tour in various locations	Seen throughout tour in various locations
Banded Martin ( <i>Riparia cincta</i> )	Pemba Island	One individual in Arusha and a few sightings in Ngorongoro Crater
Rock Martin ( <i>Ptyonoprogne fuligula</i> )	West and East Usambara Mountains	Seen throughout tour in various locations
Common House-Martin ( <i>Delichon urbicum</i> )		Only one flock found in Ngorongoro Crater
Barn Swallow ( <i>Hirundo rustica</i> )	Seen throughout tour in various locations	Seen throughout tour in various locations
Wire-tailed Swallow ( <i>Hirundo smithii</i> )	Pemba Island	Seen throughout tour in various locations
Gray-rumped Swallow ( <i>Pseudhirundo griseopyga</i> )		Only two individuals seen in Ngorongoro Crater
Red-rumped Swallow ( <i>Cecropis daurica</i> )		Small numbers encountered in and after Ngorongoro
Lesser Striped Swallow ( <i>Cecropis abyssinica</i> )	Seen throughout tour in various locations	Seen throughout the tour in various locations
Mosque Swallow ( <i>Cecropis senegalensis</i> )	Seen throughout tour in various locations	A few birds seen near Arusha
Black Sawwing ( <i>Psalidoprocne pristoptera</i> )	West and East Usambara Mountains	
<b>Bulbuls: Pycnonotidae</b>		
Common Bulbul ( <i>Pycnonotus barbatus</i> )	Seen throughout tour in various locations	Seen throughout the tour in various locations
Sombre Greenbul ( <i>Andropadus importunus</i> )	Seen on the road to Same and in West Usambara	
Fischer's Greenbul ( <i>Phyllastrephus fischeri</i> )	East Usambaras	
Tiny Greenbul ( <i>Phyllastrephus debilis</i> )	East Usambaras	
Shelley's Greenbul ( <i>Arizelocichla masukuensis</i> )	West and East Usambara Mountains	
Eastern Mountain Greenbul ( <i>Arizelocichla nigriceps</i> )	West Usambara	
Stripe-cheeked Greenbul ( <i>Arizelocichla milanjensis</i> )	West Usambara	

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Yellow-bellied Greenbul ( <i>Chlorocichla flaviventris</i> )		A pair seen in Lake Manyara
Yellow-streaked Greenbul ( <i>Phyllastrephus flavostriatus</i> )	West and East Usambara Mountains	
<b>Leaf-Warblers: Phylloscopidae</b>		
Brown Woodland-Warbler ( <i>Phylloscopus umbrovirens</i> )		A small flock seen in Arusha NP
Yellow-throated Woodland-Warbler ( <i>Phylloscopus ruficapilla</i> )	West and East Usambara Mountains	
Willow Warbler ( <i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i> )	West Usambara	Seen throughout tour in various locations
<b>Bush Warblers and Allies: Scotocercidae</b>		
Yellow Flycatcher ( <i>Erythrocerus holochlorus</i> )	East Usambara Mountains	
<b>Sylviid Warblers, Parrotbills and Allies: Sylviidae</b>		
African Hill Babbler ( <i>Sylvia abyssinica</i> )	West Usambara	
Greater Whitethroat ( <i>Curruca communis</i> )	West Usambara	
Banded Parisoma ( <i>Curruca boehmi</i> )		Lark Plains
Brown Parisoma ( <i>Curruca lugens</i> )		Ngorongoro Crater Rim
Garden Warbler ( <i>Sylvia borin</i> )	West Usambara	Arusha NP
<b>White-eyes, Yuhinas and Allies: Zosteropidae</b>		
Pemba White-eye ( <i>Zosterops vaughani</i> )	Pemba Island	
Southern Yellow White-eye ( <i>Zosterops anderssoni</i> )	East and West Usambaras	
<b>Ground Babblers and Allies: Pellorneidae</b>		
Pale-breasted Illadopsis ( <i>Illadopsis rufipennis</i> )	Seen briefly in East Usambaras	
<b>Laughingthrushes: Leiothrichidae</b>		
Rufous Chatterer ( <i>Turdoides rubiginosa</i> )		Lake Manyara NP
Black-lored Babbler ( <i>Turdoides sharpei</i> )		Ndutu
Northern Pied-Babbler ( <i>Turdoides hypoleuca</i> )		Tarangire NP
Arrow-marked Babbler ( <i>Turdoides jardineii</i> )		Tarangire NP

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<b>Oxpeckers: Buphagidae</b>		
Red-billed Oxpecker ( <i>Buphagus erythrorhynchus</i> )		Seen throughout tour in various locations
Yellow-billed Oxpecker ( <i>Buphagus africanus</i> )	Mkomazi NP	Seen throughout tour in various locations
<b>Starlings: Sturnidae</b>		
Wattled Starling ( <i>Creatophora cinerea</i> )	Mkomazi NP	Seen throughout the “Safari” portion of this tour west of Arusha.
Kenrick’s Starling ( <i>Poeoptera kenricki</i> )	East Usambara Mountains	
Red-winged Starling ( <i>Onychognathus morio</i> )	Seen throughout tour in various locations	Seen throughout tour in various locations
Waller’s Starling ( <i>Onychognathus walleri</i> )	West and East Usambara Mountains	
Hildebrandt’s Starling ( <i>Lamprotornis hildebrandti</i> )		Seen throughout tour in various locations
Rüppell's Starling ( <i>Lamprotornis purpuroptera</i> )		Serengeti NP
Black-bellied Starling ( <i>Notopholia corusca</i> )	Pemba Island	
Ashy Starling ( <i>Lamprotornis unicolor</i> )		Very common in Tarangire NP
Superb Starling ( <i>Lamprotornis superbus</i> )	Seen on the road to Same	Seen throughout tour in various locations
Fischer’s Starling ( <i>Lamprotornis fischeri</i> )	Mkomazi NP	
<b>Thrushes and Allies: Turdidae</b>		
Abyssinian Thrush ( <i>Turdus abyssinicus</i> )		Ngorongoro Crater Rim
Usambara Thrush ( <i>Turdus roehli</i> )	West Usambara	
African Bare-eyed Thrush ( <i>Turdus tephronotus</i> )		Seen briefly by GUIDE ONLY in scrublands adjacent to Lark Plains
Red-tailed Ant-Thrush ( <i>Neocossyphus Rufus</i> )	East Usambara Mountains	
<b>Old World Flycatcher: Muscicapidae</b>		
African Dusky Flycatcher ( <i>Muscicapa adusta</i> )	West Usambara	Seen throughout the tour in various locations
Spotted Flycatcher ( <i>Muscicapa striata</i> )	Arusha (African View Lodge)	Seen throughout the tour in various locations



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African Gray Flycatcher ( <i>Bradornis microrhynchus</i> )	Seen throughout tour in various locations	Seen throughout tour in various locations
Ashy Flycatcher ( <i>Fraseria caerulescens</i> )		Ngorongoro Crater Rim
Silverbird ( <i>Melaenornis semipartitus</i> )		Seen throughout the “Safari” portion of this tour west of Arusha.
Pale Flycatcher ( <i>Agricola pallidus</i> )	East Usambaras	
Southern Black-Flycatcher ( <i>Melaenornis pammelaina</i> )	Seen throughout tour in various locations	
White-eyed Slaty-Flycatcher ( <i>Melaenornis fischeri</i> )		Arusha NP Ngorongoro Crater Rim
Red-backed Scrub-Robin ( <i>Cercotrichas leucophrys</i> )	Mkomazi NP	Seen throughout tour in various locations
Rufous-tailed Rock-Thrush ( <i>Monticola saxatilis</i> )	Mkomazi NP	Scrublands adjacent to Lark Plains
Collared Palm-Thrush ( <i>Cichladusa arquata</i> )		Lake Manyara NP
Spotted Morning-Thrush ( <i>Cichladusa guttata</i> )		Seen throughout tour in various locations
White-starred Robin ( <i>Pogonocichla stellata</i> )	West Usambara	
White-throated Robin ( <i>Irania gutturalis</i> )		Seen briefly by GUIDE ONLY in scrublands adjacent to Lark Plains
Whinchat ( <i>Saxicola rubetra</i> )		Ngorongoro Crater Rim
African Stonechat ( <i>Saxicola torquatus</i> )	West and East Usambara Mountains	Seen throughout tour in various locations
Familiar Chat ( <i>Oenanthe familiaris</i> )		A pair at Serengeti Simba Lodge
Northern Anteater-Chat ( <i>Myrmecocichla aethiops</i> )		Ngorongoro Crater
Cape Robin-Chat ( <i>Cossypha caffra</i> )	West Usambara	
Rüppell’s Robin-Chat ( <i>Cossypha semirufa</i> )	Arusha (African View Lodge)	Arusha (African View Lodge)
White-browed Robin-Chat ( <i>Cossypha heuglini</i> )	West Usambara	Ngorongoro Crater Rim
Mocking Cliff-Chat ( <i>Thamnolaea cinnamomeiventris</i> )	West Usambara	A male seen brilliantly at Serengeti Simba Lodge
Abyssinian Wheatear ( <i>Oenanthe lugubris</i> )		Seen en route to Lark Plain Ngorongoro Crater (on the way down)

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Capped Wheatear ( <i>Oenanthe pileata</i> )		Lark Plains Ngorongoro Crater
Isabelline Wheatear ( <i>Oenanthe isabellina</i> )		Lark Plains
Sharpe's Akalat ( <i>Sheppardia sharpei</i> )	East Usambara Mountains (seen briefly by guide only)	
<b>Dapple-throats and Allies: Modulatricidae</b>		
Spot-throat ( <i>Modulatrix stictigula</i> )	West Usambara	
<b>Sunbirds and Spiderhunters: Nectarinidae</b>		
Plain-backed Sunbird ( <i>Anthreptes reichenowi</i> )	East Usambara Mountains	
Usambara Double-collared Sunbird ( <i>Cinnyris usambaricus</i> )	East Usambara Mountains	
Tacazze Sunbird ( <i>Nectarinia tacazze</i> )		Ngorongoro (Serena Lodge) Gibbs Farm
Eastern Violet-backed Sunbird ( <i>Anthreptes orientalis</i> )	Mkomazi NP	
Uluguru Violet-backed Sunbird ( <i>Anthreptes neglectus</i> )	East Usambara Mountains	
Collared Sunbird ( <i>Hedydipna collaris</i> )	Seen throughout tour in various locations	
Olive Sunbird ( <i>Cyanomitra olivacea</i> )	West and East Usambara Mountains	
Bronze Sunbird ( <i>Nectarinia kilimensis</i> )		Ngorongoro Crater Rim
Amani Sunbird ( <i>Hedydipna pallidigaster</i> )	East Usambara Mountains	
Amethyst Sunbird ( <i>Chalcomitra amethystina</i> )	Arusha (African View Lodge)	Seen throughout tour in various locations
Scarlet-chested Sunbird ( <i>Chalcomitra senegalensis</i> )	West Usambara	Seen throughout tour in various locations
Golden-winged Sunbird ( <i>Drepanorhynchus reichenowi</i> )		Ngorongoro Crater Rim
Malachite Sunbird ( <i>Nectarinia famosa</i> )		Ngorongoro Crater Rim
Eastern Double-collared Sunbird ( <i>Cinnyris mediocris</i> )		Ngorongoro Crater Rim
Hunter's Sunbird ( <i>Chalcomitra hunteri</i> )	Mkomazi NP	
Beautiful Sunbird ( <i>Cinnyris pulchellus</i> )		Seen throughout tour in various locations

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Mariqua Sunbird ( <i>Cinnyris mariquensis</i> )		Serengeti Simba Lodge
Purple-banded Sunbird ( <i>Cinnyris bifasciatus</i> )	East Usambara Mountains (guide only)	
Variable Sunbird ( <i>Cinnyris venustus</i> )	Arusha (African View Lodge)	Arusha (African View Lodge) Arusha NP
Pemba Sunbird ( <i>Cinnyris pembae</i> )	Pemba Island	
<b>Weavers and Allies: Ploceidae</b>		
Red-billed Buffalo-Weaver ( <i>Bubalornis niger</i> )		Seen throughout tour in various locations
White-headed Buffalo-Weaver ( <i>Dinemellia dinemelli</i> )	Mkomazi NP	Common in Tarangire and a few birds seen in Serengeti NP
Speckle-fronted Weaver ( <i>Sporopipes frontalis</i> )		Seen throughout the “Safari” portion of this tour west of Arusha.
White-browed Sparrow-Weaver ( <i>Plocepasser mahali</i> )	Seen on the road to Same and in Mkomazi NP	Scrublands adjacent to Lark Plains
Rufous-tailed Weaver ( <i>Histurgops ruficauda</i> )		Seen throughout tour in various locations
Gray-headed Social-Weaver ( <i>Pseudonigrita arnaudi</i> )		Common in Serengeti NP
Baglafaecht Weaver ( <i>Ploceus baglafaecht</i> )	East Usambara Mountains	Seen throughout tour in various locations
Red-headed Weaver ( <i>Anaplectes rubriceps</i> )		A few sightings in Naabi Hill Gate, Serengeti
Lesser Masked-Weaver ( <i>Ploceus intermedius</i> )		Seen throughout tour in various locations
Little Weaver ( <i>Ploceus luteolus</i> )		One bird seen in Tarangire Np
Usambara Weaver ( <i>Ploceus nicolli</i> )	West Usambara	
Black-necked Weaver ( <i>Ploceus nigricollis</i> )		Tarangire NP
Spectacled Weaver ( <i>Ploceus ocularis</i> )	East Usambara Mountains	
African Golden-Weaver ( <i>Ploceus subaureus</i> )	Seen on the road out of West Usambaras	
Holub’s Golden-Weaver ( <i>Ploceus xanthops</i> )		One seen in Tarangire NP and one seen in Serengeti NP



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Vitelline Masked-Weaver ( <i>Ploceus vitellinus</i> )	Mkomazi NP	Seen throughout tour in various locations
Speke's Weaver ( <i>Ploceus spekei</i> )		In the picnic grounds in Ngorongoro Crater
Village Weaver ( <i>Ploceus cucullatus</i> )	West Usambara	Seen at the souvenir shop on the last day and outside of the African View Lodge on the first
Golden-backed Weaver ( <i>Ploceus jacksoni</i> )		Seen throughout tour in various locations
Chestnut Weaver ( <i>Ploceus rubiginosus</i> )	Mkomazi NP	Seen throughout tour in various locations
Grosbeak Weaver ( <i>Amblyospiza albifrons</i> )	East Usambara Mountains	Seen poorly in Ngorongoro Crater "marsh" and then seen very well in Gibb's Farm
Forest Weaver ( <i>Ploceus bicolor</i> )	East Usambara Mountains	
Red-billed Quelea ( <i>Quelea quelea</i> )	Mkomazi NP	Seen throughout tour in various locations up to Ndotu where Cardinal Quelea became more dominant
Cardinal Quelea ( <i>Quelea cardinalis</i> )		Seen regularly after and including Ndotu
Southern Red Bishop ( <i>Euplectes orix</i> )		Seen throughout the "Safari" portion of this tour west of Arusha.
Black-winged Bishop ( <i>Euplectes hordeaceus</i> )		First encountered in Lake Manyara and then few sightings throughout rest of the tour
Yellow-crowned Bishop ( <i>Euplectes afer</i> )		5 individuals seen in "little Serengeti" Tarangire NP
Yellow Bishop ( <i>Euplectes capensis</i> )	Seen on the road out of West Usambaras	A few sightings in Arusha NP and in Tarangire NP "Silale Swamp"
Zanzibar Bar Bishop ( <i>Euplectes nigroventris</i> )	Seen on the road to Mkomazi NP	
Black Bishop ( <i>Euplectes gierowii</i> )		Few sightings in Lake Manyara
White-winged Widowbird ( <i>Euplectes albonotatus</i> )		Seen throughout tour in various locations

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Jackson's Widowbird ( <i>Euplectes jacksoni</i> )		Few sightings on Ngorongoro Rim
Fan-tailed Widowbird ( <i>Euplectes axillaris</i> )		Very common in Ngorongoro Crater
Red-cowled Widowbird ( <i>Euplectes laticauda</i> )		Ngorongoro Crater Rim
Yellow-mantled Widowbird ( <i>Euplectes macroura</i> )		Serengeti Simba Lodge
<b>Waxbills and Allies: Estrildidae</b>		
Gray-headed Nigrita ( <i>Nigrita canicapillus</i> )		Seen by guide in Arusha NP
Green-winged Pytilia ( <i>Pytilia melba</i> )	Mkomazi NP	Seen well in Ndutu
African Firefinch ( <i>Lagonosticta rubricata</i> )		Lark Plains
Red-billed Firefinch ( <i>Lagonosticta senegala</i> )		Seen throughout tour in various locations
Purple Grenadier ( <i>Granatina ianthinogaster</i> )		First encountered in the scrubland adjacent to lark plains and then seen throughout the tour in various locations
Quailfinch ( <i>Ortygospiza atricollis</i> )		A pair seen well in Serengeti NP
Cut-throat ( <i>Amadina fasciata</i> )		A pair seen well by guide and the female seen well by guests in Ndutu
Gray-headed Silverbill ( <i>Odontospiza griseicapilla</i> )		Seen throughout tour in various locations after and including Tarangire NP
African Silverbill ( <i>Euodice cantans</i> )	Mkomazi NP	
Peter's Twinspot ( <i>Hypargos niveoguttatus</i> )	A stunning pair seen while doing roadside birding in the West Usambaras. Voted BIRD OF THE EXTENSION!	
Red-faced Crimsonwing ( <i>Cryptospiza reichenovii</i> )	A pair seen well in the western usambaras	
Yellow-bellied Waxbill ( <i>Coccyzygia quartinia</i> )	West Usambara	Few sightings in Ngorongoro Serena Lodge
Crimson-rumped Waxbill ( <i>Estrilda rhodopygia</i> )		Seen in Tarangire NP
Common Waxbill ( <i>Estrilda astrild</i> )	East Usambara Mountains	Few sightings in Tarangire and Ndutu

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Black-faced Waxbill ( <i>Brunhilda erythronotos</i> )		Few sightings in Ndotu and Serengeti
Red-cheeked Cordonbleu ( <i>Uraeginthus bengalus</i> )		Seen throughout the "Safari" portion of this tour west of Arusha.
Blue-capped Cordonbleu ( <i>Uraeginthus cyanocephalus</i> )		Seen throughout the "Safari" portion of this tour west of Arusha.
Bronze Mannikin ( <i>Spermestes cucullata</i> )	West and East Usambara Mountains	Arusha NP
Black-and-white Mannikin ( <i>Spermestes bicolor</i> )	West and East Usambara Mountains	
<b>Indigobirds: Viduidae</b>		
Pin-tailed Whydah ( <i>Vidua macroura</i> )	West and East Usambara Mountains	Seen throughout the "Safari" portion of this tour west of Arusha.
Eastern Paradise-Whydah ( <i>Vidua paradisaea</i> )	Mkomazi NP	Seen throughout the "Safari" portion of this tour west of Arusha.
Steel-blue Whydah ( <i>Vidua hypocherina</i> )		Seen throughout the "Safari" portion of this tour west of Arusha.
Straw-tailed Whydah ( <i>Vidua fischeri</i> )	Mkomazi NP	Seen throughout the "Safari" portion of this tour west of Arusha.
Village Indigobird ( <i>Vidua chalybeata</i> )	Mkomazi NP	Seen throughout the "Safari" portion of this tour west of Arusha.
<b>Old World Sparrows: Passeridae</b>		
House Sparrow ( <i>Passer domesticus</i> )	Seen in towns throughout tour but most prevalent on Pemba Island	Around Arusha
Kenya Rufous Sparrow ( <i>Passer rufocinctus</i> )		Seen throughout tour in various locations
Northern Gray-headed Sparrow ( <i>Passer griseus</i> )	Mkomazi NP	Seen throughout tour in various locations
Swahili Sparrow ( <i>Passer suahelicus</i> )		Seen throughout tour in various locations
Chestnut Sparrow ( <i>Passer eminibey</i> )		Lark Plains and in Ndotu
Yellow-spotted Bush Sparrow ( <i>Gymnoris pyrgita</i> )	Mkomazi NP	Scrublands adjacent to Lark Plains



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<b>Wagtails and Pipits: Motacillidae</b>		
Western Yellow Wagtail ( <i>Motacilla flava</i> )		Ngorongoro Crater
African Pied Wagtail ( <i>Motacilla aguimp</i> )	Seen throughout tour in various locations	Seen throughout tour in various locations
Mountain Wagtail ( <i>Motacilla Clara</i> )	West and East Usambara Mountains	
Gray Wagtail ( <i>Motacilla cinerea</i> )	West and East Usambara Mountains	
African Pipit ( <i>Anthus cinnamomeus</i> )	Pemba Island	Seen throughout tour in various locations
Plain-backed Pipit ( <i>Anthus leucophrys</i> )		Ngorongoro Crater
Long-billed Pipit ( <i>Anthus similis</i> )	Mkomazi NP	Ngorongoro Crater
Pangani Longclaw ( <i>Macronyx aurantiigula</i> )		Arusha NP
Rosy-throated Longclaw ( <i>Macronyx ameliae</i> )		Ngorongoro Crater
Yellow-throated Longclaw ( <i>Macronyx croceus</i> )		Serengeti NP
<b>Finches, Euphonias and Allies: Fringillidae</b>		
Yellow-fronted Canary ( <i>Crithagra mozambica</i> )		Ngorongoro (Serena Lodge)
Yellow-crowned Canary ( <i>Serinus flavivertex</i> )		One seen well in Nduu
White-bellied Canary ( <i>Crithagra dorsostriata</i> )		Seen throughout tour in various locations
Southern Citril ( <i>Crithagra hyposticta</i> )	Seen throughout tour in various locations	Seen throughout tour in various locations
Reichenow's Seedeater ( <i>Crithagra reichenowi</i> )		Tarangire NP
Streaky Seedeater ( <i>Crithagra striolata</i> )	West Usambara	Seen throughout tour in various locations
Thick-billed Seedeater ( <i>Crithagra burtoni</i> )		Seen by GUIDE ONLY (no guests present) around Ngorongoro Serena Lodge
<b>Old World Buntings: Emberizidae</b>		
Cinnamon-breasted Bunting ( <i>Emberiza tahapisi</i> )		Ngorongoro Crater Rim Serengeti Simba Lodge
Golden-breasted Bunting ( <i>Emberiza flaviventris</i> )		Arusha (African View Lodge)

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Cabanis's Bunting ( <i>Emberiza cabanisi</i> )	Seen near Amani Forest Camp in East Usambaras	
<b>“Other Animal” Species</b>		
Black-and-white Colobus	Eastern race seen frequently in Western and Eastern Usambaras	Western race seen frequently in Arusha NP
Olive Baboon	Seen throughout tour in various locations	Seen throughout tour in various locations
Yellow Baboon		Seen in the east usambaras
Vervet Monkey	Seen throughout tour in various locations	Seen throughout tour in various locations
Blue Monkey	Seen throughout tour in various locations	Seen throughout tour in various locations
Zanzibar Small-eared Greater Galago (Bush-Baby)	Pemba Island	
Pemba Flying Fox	Seen on the way to Gecko Retreat from Airport	
Yellow-winged Bat		First seen in scrubland adjacent to Lark Plains then again in Ndutu
Scrub Hare		Seen briefly scampering away in Lark Plains
Unstriped Ground Squirrel	East Usambara Mountains	Seen throughout tour in various locations
Unstriped Grass Rat		Commonly around Ndutu Safari Lodge
Golden Jackal		Few sightings in Serengeti
Black-backed Jackal		Few sightings in Serengeti and Ndutu
Bat-eared Fox		One pair in Serengeti “Cheetah Plains”
Spotted Hyaena		Frequently encounter after the drive down Ngorongoro Rim
Common Genet		A family living in Ndutu Lodge

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Leopard		First encountered in Tarangire “Silale Swamp” then two sighting in Serengeti NP
Lion		Seen regularly after and including Tarangire NP
Yellow-spotted Hyrax		One individual seen while leaving Tarangire NP
Black-necked Rock Hyrax		Common in Tarangire and on the cliffs in the scrubland adjacent to Lark Plains
Southern Tree Hyrax	Seen well by guide only on Pemba Island	
African Elephant		Commonly encounter after and including Tarangire NP
Boehm’s Common Zebra		Commonly encounter after and including Tarangire NP
Black Rhinoceros		Three individuals seen a bit of a distance in Ngorongoro Crater
Hippopotamus		Commonly encounter after and including Ngorongoro Crater
Common Warthog	Common in Mkomazi NP	Seen throughout tour in various locations
Masai Giraffe	Common in Mkomazi NP	Seen throughout tour in various locations
Buffalo	Common in Mkomazi NP	Seen throughout tour in various locations
Bushbuck	Common in Mkomazi	Seen throughout tour in various locations
Eland	Common in Mkomazi NP	Serengeti NP
Klipspringer		One individual seen around Serengeti Simba Lodge
Suni		Few sightings in Arusha NP
Gray Duiker	Few sightings in Mkomazi NP	
Red Duiker		Few sightings in Arusha NP
Bohor Reedbuck		Few sightings in Arusha NP



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Steinbuck (Steenbok)		Few sightings in Ndutu
Kirk's Dikdik	Seen well in Mkomazi	Seen throughout tour in various locations
Common Waterbuck		Seen throughout tour in various locations
Thompson's Gazelle		Seen throughout tour in various locations
Grant's Gazelle		Serengeti NP
Impala		Seen throughout tour in various locations
Topi		Serengeti NP
Coke's Hartebeest (Kongoni)		Seen throughout tour in various locations
Brindled Gnu (Blue Wildebeest)		Seen regularly after and including Ngorongoro Crater
Beisa Oryx		A small herd seen well in Tarangire NP
Ichneumon (Egyptian) Mongoose		One individual seen well in Ndutu
Banded Mongoose		Seen throughout the tour in various locations
Slender Mongoose		One individual seen well in the scrubland adjacent to Lark Plains
Red-legged Sun Squirrel	Usambara Mountains	
Dwarf Mongoose		Commonly encountered in Ndutu
Leopard Tortoise		One sighting in Tarangire and another in Serengeti NP
Helmeted (Marsh) Terrapin	Seen throughout tour in various locations	Seen throughout the tour in various locations
Tropical House Gecko	Seen throughout tour in various locations	Seen throughout the tour in various locations
Striped Skink	Seen throughout tour in various locations	Seen throughout tour in various locations
Three-horned Chameleon	Muller's Lodge (West Usambaras)	



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Two-horned Chameleon	West Usambaras	
Flap-necked Chameleon		Ndutu Safari Lodge
Battersby Green Snake		Tarangire NP
Coconut Crab	Pemba Island	
Red-headed Rock Agama		Few sightings but best views were in the scrubland adjacent to the Lark Plains
Mwanza Flat-headed Agama		A few individuals at the rest stop of Naabi Hill Gate in the Serengeti
African Bush Grasshopper	East Usambara Mountains	
White-ringed Atlas		Arusha NP
Nile (Water) Monitor		Few sightings but mostly around Tarangire
Nile Crocodile		Few sightings in Serengeti (rivers)