

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: This tour had some alterations that were made from last years tour that ended up being perfect additions/changes that will be utilized in all future tours with the exception of one accommodation that will be changed out as a newer and better lodge was being built and should be ready to receive visitors by the tours time next year (2025). Enjoy the report!

Tour Introduction

Over the past few months I have been asked “Ben, what’s a really good Africa tour that is also really good for mammals and a little bit of photography...say I wanted to do Africa once, where would you go?” Well, after this, my second Tanzania tour, I can confidently say that our Tanzania tour is that tour. An incredibly display of bird and mammal life in this spectacularly rich country will give you an amazing overall African experience.

This tour included the extension into the Usambara Mountains and to the tiny but awesome little Pemba Island. The Usambara Mountains are tough birding and that was not made any easier by the non-stop rain. This dense forest environment can be tough but the guests did really well here, picking up a lot of species. Once we hit Pemba Island, we began our search for the four endemics as well as a host of other great birds like Mangrove Kingfisher and Crab Plover.

Once we started “the Milk Run”, the weather unfortunately never really improved but overall only affected us a little bit but the guests did have fun counting the rainy days and the net result was near as makes no difference, rain every single day of the tour. Sometimes it was a quick shower and sometimes a torrential downpour. Luckily this didn’t stop us from seeing amazing birds and wildlife, including a 5 cat trip, an impressive display of colorful birds like parrots, turacos, storks, pelicans and finches and of course, witnessing one of the greatest spectacles on earth, the wildebeest and zebra migration into the Serengeti.

Overall I would classify this tour as a massive success and most of that is due to the wonderful team we have on the ground and the amazing guests that were on this trip. Birding by vehicle is not easy but these guests were truly excellent at getting on birds, helping to spots mammals and then there was our driver and local guide, absolutely top notch and by no means would we have the success rate we do without his expertise, especially the navigating tricky roads under extreme weather conditions. I know I personally can’t wait to get back to Tanzania and until you yourself visit, enjoy this report...cheers!



Itinerary

- March 29th.....Arusha to Same & Mkomazi National Park
- March 30th.....Mkomazi National Park
- March 31st.....Mkomazi National Park to West Usambara Mountains
- April 1st.....West Usambara Mountains
- April 2nd.....West Usambara Mountain to East Usambara Mountains
- April 3rd.....East Usambara Mountains
- April 4th.....East Usambara Mountains to Pemba Island
- April 5th.....Pemba Island
- April 6th.....Pemba Island to Arusha/START MAIN TOUR (evening)
- April 7th.....Arusha National Park
- April 8th.....Arusha to Lark Plains and Thorn-scrubland Birding
- April 9th.....Arusha to Tarangire National Park
- April 10th.....Tarangire National Park
- April 11th.....Tarangire National Park to Ngorongoro via Lake Manyara
- April 12th.....Ngorongoro Crater
- April 13th.....Nduu Conservation Area
- April 14th.....Nduu Conservation Area
- April 15th.....Serengeti National Park
- April 16th.....Serengeti National Park (Western Corridor)
- April 17th.....Serengeti to Elephant Falls/Gibbs Farm Area
- April 18th.....Gibbs Farm Area to Arusha
- April 19th.....Guests Depart at their Leisure/END OF TOUR

Tour Summary

March 29th (Day 1): Katambuga House to Same and Mkomazi National Park

The first day of this tour is always exciting and always a little slow to start due to the nearly 5hr drive we have to take to Samé and Mkomazi National Park. The roads are slow and the early morning start means we can't really bird the grounds before hand so really, until our lunch stop, we don't see that many birds. Once we stopped for lunch however...it was game on. We found some great birds like; **Red-cheeked Cordonbleu, Cut-throat, Lesser Masked Weaver, White-browed Sparrow Weaver, Bronze Mannikin, Village Indigobird, Pin-tailed Whydah, Little Swift, African Palm Swift, White-browed Coucal, Abdim's Stork, Hadada Ibis, Peregrine Falcon, Red-billed Quelea, and Reichenow's Seedeater.** We also saw some really cool **Horse-nosed Bats** roosting right out in the open on a tree trunk! A nice start but it was time to continue on to our location.



Pin-tailed Whydah: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot

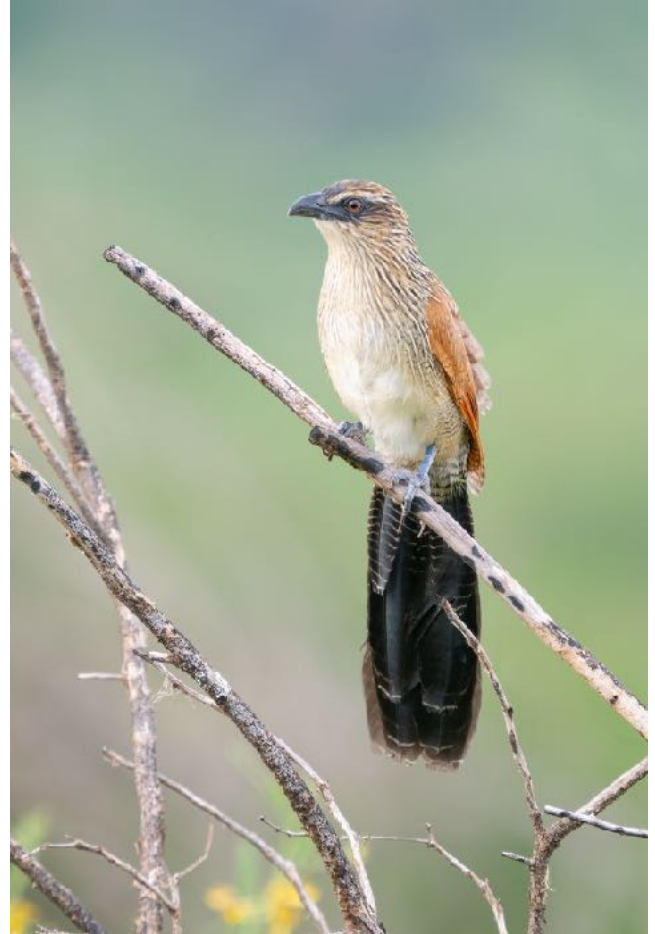
After this great lunch, we continued on towards our primary location. We entered [Mkomazi National Park](#) in the early part of the afternoon allowing us some good birding time before needing to make our overnight halt at Baboo's Camp. This park is absolutely packed with birds and for our first afternoon we were introduced to some of the parks more common birds like; [Wahlberg's Eagle](#), [Von der Decken's Hornbill](#), [African Gray Hornbill](#), [Helmeted Guineafowl](#), [Pangani Longclaw](#), [Northern Gray-headed Sparrow](#), [White-winged Widdowbird](#), [Staw-tailed Whydah](#), [Fischer's Starling](#), [White-bellied Go-Away-Bird](#), [Gabar Goshawk](#), [White-rumped Shrike](#), [Red-tailed Shrike](#), [Eastern Violet-backed Sunbird](#), [Emerald-spotted Wood-Dove](#), [Augur Buzzard](#), [Black-winged Kite](#), [Lilac-breasted Roller](#), [Long-tailed Fiscal](#), [Yellow-necked Sprufowl](#), [Northern Red-billed Hornbill](#), [Superb Starling](#), [Blue-cheeked Bee-eater](#), [Purple Grenadier](#), [Red-billed and White-headed Buffalo Weaver](#). We also had a pretty lucky view of a [Verreaux's Eagle](#) flying along the cliffs at the entrance of the park...wild! Honestly the list goes on and on as this park is truly packed with species.



Yellow-necked Spurfowl: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



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



White-browed Coucal: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



Long-tailed Fiscal: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



Lilac-breasted Roller: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



Purple Grenadier: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



Black-winged Kite: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot

March 30th (Day 2): Mkomazi National Park

This day is a new addition to this tour. We have never had a full day in [Mkomazi Nation Park](#)... and I am DELIGHTED to say it paid off wonderfully. We had some amazing experiences with great birds like; [White Helmetshrike](#), [Golden-breasted Starling](#), [Fischer's Starling](#), [Blue-cheeked](#), [Little and European Bee-eater](#), [Chestnut Weaver](#), [Spur-winged Goose](#), [Crested Francolin](#), [Fire-fronted Bishop](#), [Red-eyed](#), [Laughing](#), [Ring-necked Doves](#), [Hartlaub's Bustard](#), [Eastern Chanting Goshawk](#), [White-bellied Go-Away-Bird](#), [Pied and Common Cuckoo](#), [African Swift](#), [African Openbill](#), [Bateleur](#), [Common Buzzard](#), [Red-and-yellow](#) and [D'Arnaud's Barbet](#), [Lesser and Greater Honeyguide](#), [Vitelline Masked Weaver](#), [Eurasian Golden Oriole](#), [Rosy-patched Bushshrike](#), [Flappet Lark](#), [Red-faced Crombec](#), [Ashy](#), [Tiny](#), and [Rattling Cisticola](#), [Red-rumped](#), [Barn](#), and [Lesser Striped Swallow](#), [Willow Warbler](#), [Greater Whitethroat](#), [Tsavo](#), [Hunter's and Scarlet-chested Sunbirds](#), [Green-winged Pytilia](#), [Crimson-rumped Waxbill](#), [Eastern Paradise Whydah](#) and [Yellow-spotted Bush Sparrow](#). We added our first set of great animals like; [Yellow Baboon](#), [African Elephant](#) (a quite exciting bluff charge and territorial stand-off!!), [Boehm's Common Zebra](#), [Masai Giraffe](#), [Impala](#), [Coke's Hartebeest](#), [Slender Mongoose](#) and [Flap-necked Chameleon](#). It is very common in this park to have over 100 species days...no problem! Such an amazing place.



Golden-breasted Starling: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



Vitelline Masked Weaver : Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



Eastern Chanting Goshawk : Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



Blue-checked Bee-eater : Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



Pangani Longclaw : Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



White-winged Widowbird: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



Yellow Baboon: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



Lesser Striped Swallow: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



Little Bee-Eater : Photo by guide - Ben Knoot

March 31st (Day 3): Mkomazi National Park to Western Usambara Mountains

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 one stop off at “[Zebra Camp](#)” for lunch where we managed a few great birds like; [Eastern Violet-backed Starling](#), [Green-backed Camaroptera](#), [Purple Heron](#), [Wire-tailed Swallow](#), [Great Reed Warbler](#), [Zanzibar Red Bishop](#), [Taveta Golden Weaver](#), [White-faced Whistling Duck](#), [Striped, Pied and Malachite Kingfisher](#), and a couple of [Brown-breasted Barbet](#).

After we finished up here, we left for Lushoto to pick up our local guide for our time in the [Western Usambaras](#). The afternoon wasn’t overly productive as we had quite a bit of rain and terrible weather overall. We actually had some pretty tough weather during our entire time in the Usambaras, really hitting us in the proverbially gut but we did our best throughout the western and eastern portion of this section. In the paragraph below I will list out some of the highlights from the west from both this afternoon, our full day and half morning.



Wire-tailed Swallow: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot

April 1st (Day 4): Full Day in the Western Usambaras

As mentioned, our time in the [Western Usambaras](#) was heavily impacted by weather but we managed to still do pretty well. We hit loads of hotspots over and over again. Highlights for us were; [Usambara Double-collared Sunbird](#), [Pin-tailed Whydah](#), [African Wood Owl](#), [African Black Duck](#), [Delegorgue's Pigeon](#), [Hartlaub's Turaco](#), [Long-crested Eagle](#), [Olive Sunbird](#), [Augur Buzzard](#), [Cinnamon-chested Bee-eater](#), [African Palm Swift](#), [Horus Swift](#), [White-rumped Swift](#), [White-eared Barbet](#), [Black-fronted Bushshrike](#), [Common Square-tailed Drongo](#), [Lizard Buzzard](#), [Giant Kingfisher](#), [Shikra](#), [Lesser and Scaly-throated Honeyguide](#), [Mombasa Woodpecker](#), [Black Cuckooshrike](#), [Lanner Falcon](#), [Rock Martin](#), [Mountain Wagtail](#), [White-starred Robin](#), [Stripe-cheeked Greenbul](#), [Eurasian Golden Oriole](#), [Short-tailed Batis](#), [White-tailed Crested Flycatcher](#), [African Tailorbird](#), [Bar-breasted and Black-headed Apalis](#), [Cinnamon Bracken Warbler](#), [Shelley's](#), [Eastern Mountain and Cabana's Greenbul](#), [Yellow-throated Woodland Warbler](#), [Waller's Starling](#), [Usambara Thrush](#), [Usambara Akalat](#), [Spot-throat](#), [Uluguru Violet-backed Sunbird](#), [Village Weaver](#), [Yellow Bishop](#), [Abyssinian Crimsonwing](#), [Yellow-bellied Waxbill](#), [Cabanis's Bunting](#), [Fulleborns Boubou](#) and [Southern Yellow White-eye](#). A decent haul considering most of our days were heavily affected by rain. We also saw; [Two-horned Chameleon](#), [Tanganikan Mountain Squirrel](#), [Striped Skink](#), [Lushoto Sun Squirrel](#), [Black-and-white Colobus](#), and [Blue Monkey](#).



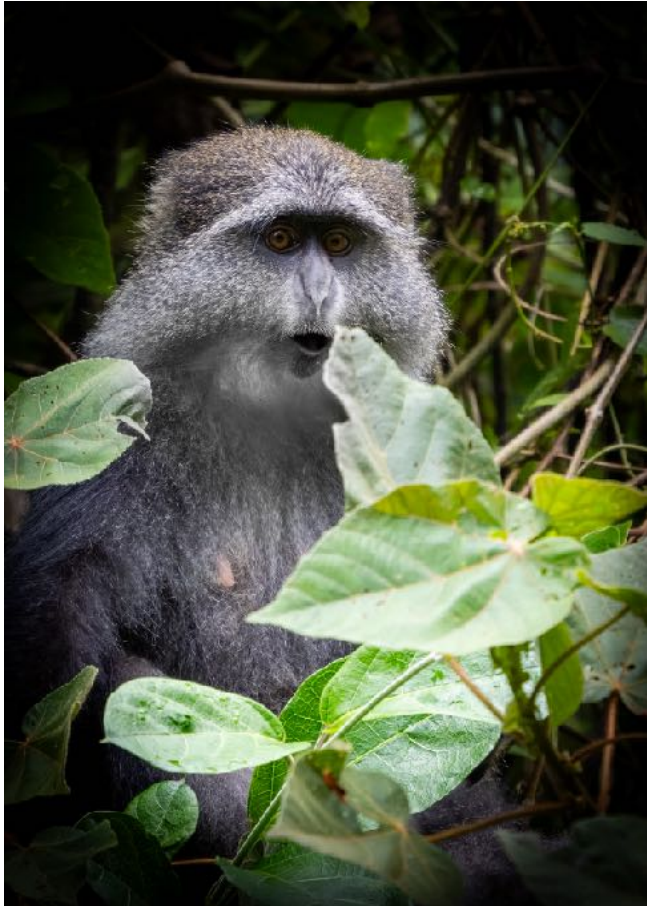
African Wood Owl: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



Augur Buzzard: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



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



Blue Monkey: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



Lanner Falcon: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



Giant Kingfisher: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot

April 2nd (Day 5): 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.

All of the birds seen during this morning were noted in the paragraph above with the exception of a **African Golden Weaver and Coastal Cisticola**. The drive over is long but luckily, our fantastic driver made it as comfortable as possible and so just after about 5hrs of travel, we arrived in the Eastern ranges of the Usambaras. As with before, the paragraph below will host the highlights from this afternoon, a full day and a morning in the **Eastern Usambaras**.



African Golden Weaver: Photo by guide - Ben Knot

April 3rd (Day 6): Full Day in Eastern Usambaras

Nearly all of our time in East Usambara was wandering around the roads so I am lumping them all into the location “[East Usambara](#)”. We also had incredibly poor weather here unfortunately but still managed some good birds like; [African Broadbill](#), [Blue-spotted Wood Dove](#), [Fischer’s Turaco](#), [Klaas’s Cuckoo](#), [Crowned Eagle](#), [Black Goshawk](#), [Speckled Mousebird](#), [Brown-hooded Kingfisher](#), [Mustached and Yellow-rumped Tinkerbird](#), [Green-backed Woodpecker](#), [Pale Batis](#), [Black Sawwing](#), [Red-backed Shrike](#), [Amani](#), [Olive and Collared Sunbird](#), [Silvery-cheeked Hornbill](#), [African Green-Pigeon](#), [Little Rush Warbler](#), [African Stonechat](#), [Red-tailed Ant-Thrush](#), [Long-billed Tailorbird](#), [Forest Weaver](#), [Kretschmer’s Longbill](#), [Black-bellied Starling](#), [African Goshawk](#), [White-browed Robin Chat](#), [Black-and-white](#) and [Bronze Mannikin](#), and unfortunately a guide only [Sharpe’s Akalat](#) and [Little Greenbul](#).



Mustached Tinkerbird: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



Fischer's Turaco: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



Speckled Mousebird: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot

April 4th (Day 7): Eastern Usambaras to Pemba Island

Today we said goodbye to our local Usambara guide and headed for the airport in Tanga. We managed a bit of birding during the morning but we really needed to get to the airport to make our journey towards the last section of this extension, Pemba Island. After several hopper planes, we finally landed on the lovely Pemba Island. This year I changed the hotel for our stay and I am delighted to say it was a positive change. Much more comfortable than the last one, with much better food, incredible service, terrific ocean side accommodation all around...beautiful! The rain just did not let up but despite this, we managed all of the endemics as well as just about every target we needed except for one, the African Pygmy Goose...this is a tough bird in general so overall, I was incredibly happy with our final species grab for the extension. The next entry will host the species highlights from our afternoon, full day and brief morning on [Pemba](#).



Pied Kingfisher: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot

April 5th (Day 8): Full Day on Pemba Island

With our local guide and driver we really did quite well. We had some great looks at birds like; Water Thick-knee, White-backed Duck, Pemba Green Pigeon, Pemba White-eye, Pemba Sunbird, Pemba Scops Owl, Dickinson's Kestrel, Mangrove Kingfisher, Eurasian Moorhen, African Jacana, Black-bellied Plover, Crab Plover, Little Stint, Curlew Sandpiper, Common Ringed Plover, Saunders's Tern, Lesser Crested Tern, Great Crested Tern, White-cheeked Tern, Crowned Hornbill, Broad-billed Roller, Java Sparrow, Terek Sandpiper, Sooty Gull, Zitting Cisticola, Black-winged Bishop, Gull-billed Tern, "Diamorphic Heron" (black morph of Little Egret), Great Egret, Greater and Tibetan Sand-Plover, Senegal Lapwing, Ruddy Turnstone, Common Sandpiper, Marsh Sandpiper, Whimbrel, African Pygmy Kingfisher, Pied Kingfisher and Brown-headed Parrot. We also enjoyed two new mammals...an endemic Pemba Flying Fox and a Great Galago, a.k.a Bush Baby. A really good time on Pemba in general and overall I thought it was really successful. The hosts of our hotel were lovely and the grounds were fantastic. It was also really nice to be in a place with proper A/C as much of our extension takes place in hot and humid conditions, even when we're in the mountains. A really nice change of pace and a great haul of some fantastic birds.



Curlew Sandpiper: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



African Jacana: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot

April 6th (Day 9): Travel Day: Pemba Island to Arusha

Nothing really of note today. We woke up early and left our wonderful accommodation. We tried hard on this morning to find our last main target, the African Pygmy Goose but unfortunately, no such luck. Once we landed in Arusha, we met up with our man and we went over to our accommodation for the night, [Katambuga House](#), a really cool place. Very comfortable, delicious food, excellent staff and a terrific garden for birding and photography...by all accounts a perfect place to settle in for the night as we began the main section of our trans Tanzania tour.

April 7th (Day 10/Day 1 of Main Tour): Arusha National Park

After meeting our newest member of the tour, we had a quick breakfast and then left for [Arusha National Park](#). Once in the park, we raced around to grab as many species as possible, hitting the lake district, the forests and the savannas for an amazing day out on safari. We also took a lovely guided walk to [Tululusia Waterfall](#) and after a full day (whereabouts we had to deal with a bit of rain) we returned back to Katambuga House. Highlights for the day included (but were not limited too); [Pangani Longclaw](#), [White-fronted Bee-eater](#), [Red-fronted and Mustached Tinkerbird](#), [Yellow-breasted Apalis](#), [Little Rock Thrush](#), [Palm Nut Vulture](#), [Nyanza](#), [Scarce and White-rumped Swift](#), [Cape Teal](#), the massively impressive colony of [Greater and Lesser Flamingo](#), [African Emerald Cuckoo](#), [Crowned Eagle](#), [Bronze Sunbird](#), [Red-headed Weaver](#), [Moustached Grass Warbler](#), [Singing, Siffling and Trilling Cisticola](#), [Buff-bellied Warbler](#), [Ruff](#),

Great and Long-tailed Cormorant, Silvery-cheeked Hornbill, Red-fronted, White-eared and Spot-flanked Barbet, Golden-tailed Woodpecker, Black Cuckooshrike, Plain Martin, Sombre Greenbul, Ruppell's Robin Chat, Eastern Violet-backed Sunbird, Long-billed Pipit, Southern Citril and a Kilimanjaro White-Eye. [Arusha NP](#) is also really great for mammals...in fact, it is the first introduction to a lot of really great animals, if the extension isn't taken that is. Highlight mammals were; [Black-and White Colobus](#) (the one with the fuzzy white tail), [Olive Baboon](#), [Vervet](#) and [Blue Monkey](#), [Boehms Common Zebra](#), [Bushbuck](#), [Suni](#), [Harvey's \(Red\) Duiker](#), [Common Waterbuck](#) and [Batterby's Green Snake](#). While I love this park, I wasn't able to get any great photos, especially with the onslaught of rain we experienced. After a lovely day in the park, we returned to [Katambuga House](#) for a lovely dinner and a great night.

April 8th (Day 11/Day 2 of Main Tour): Lark Plains, Acacia Scrubland to Tarangire NP

Today we left [Katambuga House](#) after a quick walk around the grounds. Here we scored a few nice birds like; [Winding Cisticola](#), [Black-backed Puffback](#), [Red-chested Cuckoo](#), [Arrow-marked Babbler](#), [Southern Black Flycatcher](#), [Black Bishop](#), [Klaas's Cuckoo](#), [Golden-backed](#) and [Chestnut Weaver](#), [Tropical Boubou](#), [Spotted Morning Thrush](#), [African Paradise Flycatcher](#) and a beautiful [Eurasian Hobby](#). A pretty lovely morning but now it was time to head towards our main event for the morning, 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 two 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.



Chestnut-bellied Sandgrouse: 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: [Rosy-patched Bushshrike](#), [Lesser Gray Shrike](#), [Capped Wheatear](#), [Rattling Cisticola](#), [Variable Sunbird](#), [Chestnut Sparrow](#), [Red-fronted Prinia](#), [Red-backed Scrub-Robin](#), [African Pipit](#), [Taita Fiscal](#), [Crowned Lapwing](#), [Chestnut-bellied Sandgrouse](#), [Kenya Rufous Sparrow](#), [Yellow-bellied Eremomela](#), and a very cooperative [Banded Parisoma](#).



Capped Wheatear: Photo by guide - Ben Knot



Banded Parisoma: 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! Over the course of the next few hours or so, we walked the main road and into the denser forest and found some great birds like; [Rufous-crowned Roller](#), [Lesser Masked-Weaver](#), [Scaly Chatterer](#), [Red-cheeked Cordonbleu](#), [Purple Grenadier](#), [Scarlet-chested Sunbird](#), [Red-throated Tit](#), [Pygmy Falcon](#), [White-bellied Go-Away-Bird](#), [Red-billed Firefinch](#), [Gray-headed Silverbill](#), [Gray Wren-Warbler](#), [White-bellied Canary](#), [Tawny-flanked Prinia](#), [Chinspot](#) and [Pygmy Batis](#), [Brubru](#), [Yellow-spotted Bush Sparrow](#), [Kenya Rufous Sparrow](#), [Abyssinian Scimitarbill](#), [African Gray Flycatcher](#), [African Bare-eyed Thrush](#), [White-headed Buffalo-Weaver](#), [White-browed Sparrow Weaver](#), [Little Bee-eater](#), [Fork-tailed Drongo](#), [Spotted Flycatcher](#) and [Nubian Woodpecker](#). We also managed several cool animals, the [Yellow-winged Bat](#), [Blue-headed Tree Agama](#) and a [Red-legged Sun Squirrel](#). After great success here we sauntered over towards Tarangire NP.

We finally made it to the gate of [Tarangire National Park](#) and got straight to work. While our driver/guide took care of paperwork, we used the facilities and while doing so, I noticed a very sweet [Banded Mongoose](#) in a burrow.



Banded Mongoose: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot

Once we got into the park, we popped the top, put the vehicle in first gear and headed in. Our time in [Tarangire NP](#) is spent mostly driving roads round and round looking for new species. For ease of the report, the next few days will be recapped in a single paragraph below...more time to enjoy some photos! :D The lodge and staff in Tarangire Safari Lodge, are lovely, making our three night stay here a real highlight for me personally but also for most of the guests. There were a few days where we easily had 120+ species per day...amazing park full of great opportunities.

We finished up the afternoon with some great birds like; **Common Ostrich, Egyptian goose, Yellow-necked Spurfowl, Red-necked Spurfowl, White-bellied Bustard, Rufous-tailed Weaver, Ashy Starling, Lilac-breasted Roller, White-backed Vulture, Steppe Eagle, Blue-naped Mousebird, Eurasian (African) Hoopoe, Von-der-Decken's, African Gray Hornbill and Northern Red-billed Hornbill, European Roller, Yellow-collared Lovebird, Red-bellied Parrot, Slate-colored Boubou, Fischer's Sparrow Lark, Rattling Cisticola, Hildebrant's, Wattled and Superb Starlings, Red-backed Scrub Robin, Beautiful Sunbird, Green-winged Pytilia** and flocks and flocks of **Chestnut Sparrow**.



Yellow-collared Lovebird: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



Rattling Cisticola: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



African Gray Hornbill: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



Von-der-Decken's Hornbill: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



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

April 9th (Day 12/Day 3 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...the entire day was spent traveling towards the swamp and then back to the lodge. We again ran into rain but luckily, our amazing driver was up to the task and the birds cooperated pretty well.

We saw lots of great species throughout the day like; [Striped Kingfisher](#), [Blue-cheeked Bee-eater](#), [Gray-headed Kingfisher](#), [Gray Kestrel](#), [Black-chested Snake Eagle](#), [Little Swift](#), [Kori Bustard](#), [Gabar Goshawk](#), [Namaqua Dove](#), [Buff-crested Bustard](#), [Hildebrandt's Spurfowl](#), [African Fish Eagle](#), [Great Spotted Cuckoo](#), [Great Honeyguide](#), [Gray-crowned Crane](#), [Pearl-spotted Owlet](#), [Verreaux's Eagle Owl](#), [Blacksmith](#), [Spur-winged and Long-toed Lapwings](#), [Northern Gray-headed Sparrow](#), [Pied Cuckoo](#), [Knob-billed Duck](#), [Helmeted Guineafowl](#), [Harlequin Quail](#), [Coqui Francolin](#), [Mourning Collared Dove](#), [Bare-fared Go-Away-Bird](#), [Water Thick-knee](#), [Three-banded Plover](#), [Common and Wood Sandpiper](#), [Double-banded Courser](#), [Whiskered Tern](#), [Yellow-billed and Saddle-billed Stork](#), [Goliath](#), [Squacco and Purple Heron](#), [Martial Eagle](#), [African Harrier Hawk](#), [European Honey-buzzard](#), [African Hawk Eagle](#), [African](#)

Marsh Harrier, Green Wood Hoopoe, Woodland Kingfisher, European Bee-eater, Brown-crowned Tchagra, Isabelline Shrike, Flappet and Fawn-colored Lark, Desert Cisticola, Northern Pied-babbler, Silverbird, Red-billed Quelea, Village Weaver, Eastern-paradise Whydah, Reichenow's Seedeater and perhaps the most impressive number of Dwarf Bittern that I have ever encountered...incredible stuff. How's that for a day anyway...?!?! That's not including the other animals that I will disclose in a later paragraph.



Kori Bustard: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



Buff-crested Bustard: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



Namaqua Dove: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



Blue-checked Bee-eater: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



Northern Pied Babbler: Photo by guide - Ben Knot



Gray-headed Kingfisher: Photo by guide - Ben Knot



Striped Kingfisher: Photo by guide - Ben Knot



Black-chested Snake Eagle: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



Gray Kestrel: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



Gabber Goshawk: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



Little Swift: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



Hildebrandt's Spurfiowl: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



Nubian Woodpecker: Photo by guide - Ben Knot



Bronze-winged Courser: Photo by guide - Ben Knot



Dwarf Bittern: Photo by guide - Ben Knot



Crested Francolin: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot

April 10th (Day 13/Day 4 of Main Tour): 2nd Full Day in Tarangire NP - Clean Up Day!

Today's goal was to clean up on species we'd missed. While we saw and photographed many of the same species, we also added a few new ones like; **African Green Pigeon, Black-bellied Bustard, Black-faced Sandgrouse, Bronze-winged Courser, Secretarybird, African Scops Owl, Broad-billed Roller, Bearded Woodpecker, Mountain Gray Woodpecker, Meyer's Parrot, African Black-headed Oriole, Mosque Swallow, White-winged Widowbird and Black-faced Waxbill.**

During our time in **Tarangire NP**, we saw many spectacular animals. Things like fleets of **African Elephants**, towering **Masai Giraffe**, inquisitive and numerous little **Kirk's Dikdik**, the exceptionally consistent **Vervet Monkey**, several pairs of **Black-backed Jackal**, the adorable and somewhat lethargic looking **Rock Hyrax**, iconic **Common Warthogs**, our only look at a **Bohor Reedbuck**, troops of **Banded and Dwarf Mongoose** and individual showings from **Slender Mongoose**. An amazing location for mammals. We also saw plenty of lions but those were best this year in the Serengeti and Ndutu...which I will get to soon!



Black-backed Jackal: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



Dwarf Mongoose: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



Vervet Monkey: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot

April 11th (Day 14/Day 5 of Main Tour): Tarangire to Ngorongoro via Lake Manyara

Today we left [Tarangire NP](#) and headed towards Ngorongoro...easily the most beautiful place on this tour and a very, very special location. Before we got there though, we made one stop at a new watering hole and found our two last targets rather quickly...a [Southern Red](#) and [Yellow-crowned Bishop](#) colony...excellent! We also bagged a [Golden-breasted Bunting](#) while driving out of the park. Our next quick stop off was to be in [Lake Manyara NP](#). We stop here mostly because it is on the way and it breaks up the journey. There are a few species we picked up like; [Collared Palm Thrush](#), [Dideric Cuckoo](#), [Amethyst Sunbird](#), [Blue-capped Cordonbleu](#), [Yellow-billed Heron](#), [Gray Heron](#), [Booted Eagle](#), [Tambourine Dove](#), [Black-necked Weaver](#), [Southern Ground](#) and [Crowned Hornbill](#). A pretty fun place but really pales in comparison to where we were headed so we stepped on it and headed for our next lodge, Ngorongoro Serena on the Rim of Ngorongoro Crater.



Helmeted Guineafowl: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot

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**, **Rameron Pigeon**, **White-necked Raven**, **Common House Martin** and **Gray-rumped Swallow**. As we pulled into **Ngorongoro Serena Lodge** it was getting a bit dark so we didn't manage much. Instead, we decided to head inside and check out the stunning sunset from the comfort of our private 'crater view' balconies.



Ngorongoro Crater: Photo by guide - Ben Kroot (iPhone)

April 12th (Day 15/Day 6 of Main Tour): Ngorongoro Crater and Crater Rim

Today was our day in the **Ngorongoro Crater** and I, like last year, was stupidly excited. This is such a unique and special location that must be experienced by every nature lover. After an early and quick breakfast we headed for the descent road. Before even leaving the hotel property, we hit a major target, the stunning **Schalow's Turaco**. WOW! Continuing down the hill, we had a little misty and cloudy morning but we were still able to find a little **Abyssinian Wheatear** on the way down. Now in the crater we were greeted by thousands of animals. Things like; **Wildebeest**, **Spotted Hyena**, **Thompson's and Grant's Gazelle**, **Eland**, **African Lion**, giant, old bull **African Elephants**, **Golden Jackal**, **Common Zebra** and lumbering **Hippopotamus**. We saw a total of 4 big **Black Rhinoceros**...none that were exceptionally close but still an amazing tank of an animal.



Golden Jackal: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



African Lion: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



Black Rhinoceros: 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**, **African Spoonbill**, **Spur-winged Goose**, **Cape Teal**, **Red-billed Duck**, **Blue-billed Teal**, **Gray-hooded Gull**, **Yellow-billed Stork**, **Red-knobbed Coot**, **Kittlitz's and Chestnut-banded Plover**, **Little Stint**, **Marsh Sandpiper**, **Western Marsh Harrier**, **Black-crowned Tchagra**, **Mottled Swift**, **Pectoral-patch**, **Croaking**, **Wailing**, and **Red-faced Cisticola**, **Banded Martin**, **Jackson's**, **Fan-tailed** and **Red-cowled Widowbird**, **Quailfinch**, **Zitting Cisticola**, **Western Yellow Wagtail**, **Black Kite**, tremendously huge flocks of **Lesser Flamingo**, distant but confirmative views of **Great White Pelican**, **Lesser Moorhen**, **African Swamphen**, **Pied Avocet**, **Gull-billed Tern**, and amazing views of **Greater Painted Snipe**.



Lesser Flamingo: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



Jackson's Widowbird: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



Yellow-billed Stork: Photo by guide - Ben Knot



African Spoonbill: Photo by guide - Ben Knot



Rosy-throated Longclaw: Photo by guide - Ben Knot



Fan-tailed Widowbird: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot

We spent the entire day in the crater and on our way back to [Ngorongoro Serena Lodge](#) we did some birding in the hotel parking lot. Here we had some great luck with; [Dusky Turtle Dove](#), [Tacazze Sunbird](#), [Streaky Seedeater](#), [Thick-billed Seedeater](#), [Cape and White-browed Robin Chat](#), [Abyssinian Thrush](#), [Brown-headed Apalis](#) and a dozen or so [Chestnut-breasted Bee-eaters](#). A very cool way to end the day!



Abyssinian Thrush: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



Tacazze Sunbird: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



Cape Robin Chat: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot

April 13th (Day 16/Day 7 of Main Tour): Ngorongoro Crater Rim to Ndutu

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 in either case, our morning outing was quite successful. We managed to find some excellent birds. We saw almost all of the major targets, birds like; the striking Golden-winged, Eastern Double-collared and Malachite Sunbird 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 saw plenty of African Stonechats and Baglafaecht Weaver.



Malachite Sunbird: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



Baglafaecht Weaver: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



Golden-winged Sunbird: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



African Stonechat: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot

After some impeccable driving by our man Njano, we continued down the rim and made our way slowly towards Ndotu. Before we left “the rim” a large pond provided us with some distant views of **Southern Pochard**, a first for the trip and some great flight views of **Common Swift** and a very very friendly pair of **Red-fronted Barbet**. We arrived in **Ndotu** in the early afternoon and on the way to our accommodation for the night, got straight to work picking up some great birds like; **Long-crested Eagle**, **Eastern Chanting Goshawk**, **Straw-tailed Whydah**, **White Stork**, **Great Spotted Cuckoo**, **Plain-backed Pipit**, **Speckled Pigeon**, **Common Buzzard**, **Abyssinian Scimitarbill**, **Fischer’s Lovebird**, **Little Weaver**, **White-backed**, **Hooded** and **Lappet-faced Vultures**, **Rüppell’s Griffon**, **Steel-blue Whydah**, **Gray-breasted Spurfowl**, **Leviellant’s**, **Common** and **African Cuckoo**.

We stayed in a new location this year which turned out to be just lovely. The permanent tenting site of **Masek Camp** was a lovely place to be based for our time in Ndotu. Not only were the accommodations lovely with fantastic food, outdoor showers and lavish rooms but the grounds themselves were really “birdy” as well! We had one spectacular new mammal for the day...the incredibly skittish and hard to find, **African Wild Cat**...so EPIC!



African Wild Cat: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



Steel-blue Whydah: Photo by guide - Ben Knot



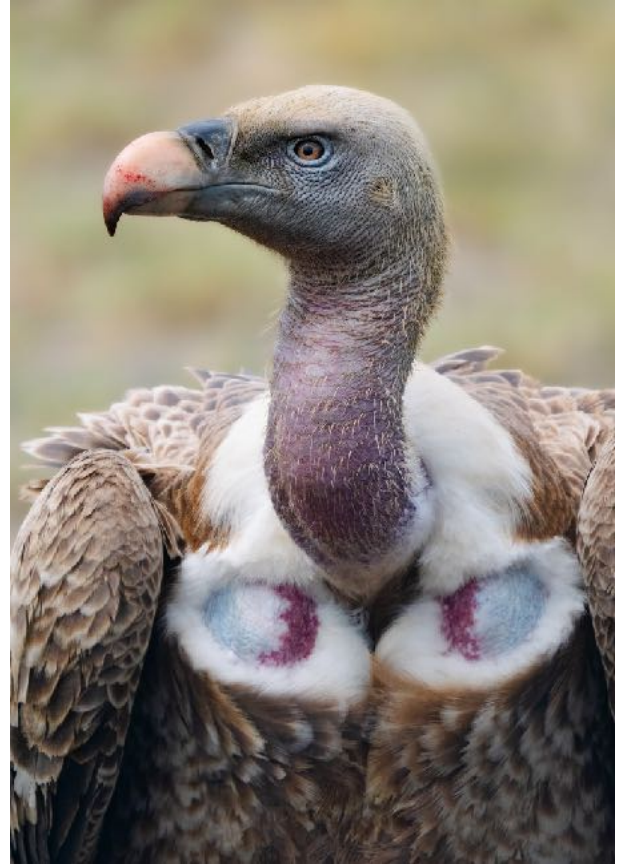
Eastern Chanting Goshawk: Photo by guide - Ben Knot



Straw-tailed Whydah: Photo by guide - Ben Knot



Wattled Starling: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



Rüppell's Griffon: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



Great Cuckoo: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



Common Buzzard: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



Long-crested Eagle: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



Fischer's Lovebird: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



Black-lored Babbler: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



Gray-breasted Spurfiowl: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



Abyssinian Scimitarbill: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



Kittlitz's Plover: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



Specked Pigeon: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot

April 14th (Day 17/Day 8 of Main Tour): Full-Day in Ndutu

For our full day in [Ndutu](#), we relied heavily on the expertise of our driver to pick a good route and explore specific areas of this conservation area. Ndutu is special because it is one of the few places on this tour where we are actually allowed to get out of the vehicle and literally go where the wind takes us. During our full day of exploration, we encountered several new birds (getting harder and harder as I mentioned above) and got some even better views and experiences with some birds we had seen before. Our highlights for the day were; **Rufous Chatterer, Black-lored Babbler, Cardinal Quelea, Greater Kestrel, Coqui Francolin, African Silverbill, Gray-headed Social Weaver, African Gray Woodpecker, Silverbird, Buff-bellied Warbler, Dideric Cuckoo, White-tailed and Somali Short-toed Lark, Gray-backed Fiscal** and the towering **Secretarybird**. We added several new mammals to our list as well...that is getting harder and harder as the tour progresses...same with the birds! The new mammals we added were; **Bat-eared Fox and Steinbok**. And even though they weren't new mammals, seeing the massive herds and trains of **Wildebeest** was still incredibly impressive even though I had seen it before and watching several **African Lions** stalking and lounging about really humbles you quick!



Blue-naped Mousebird: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



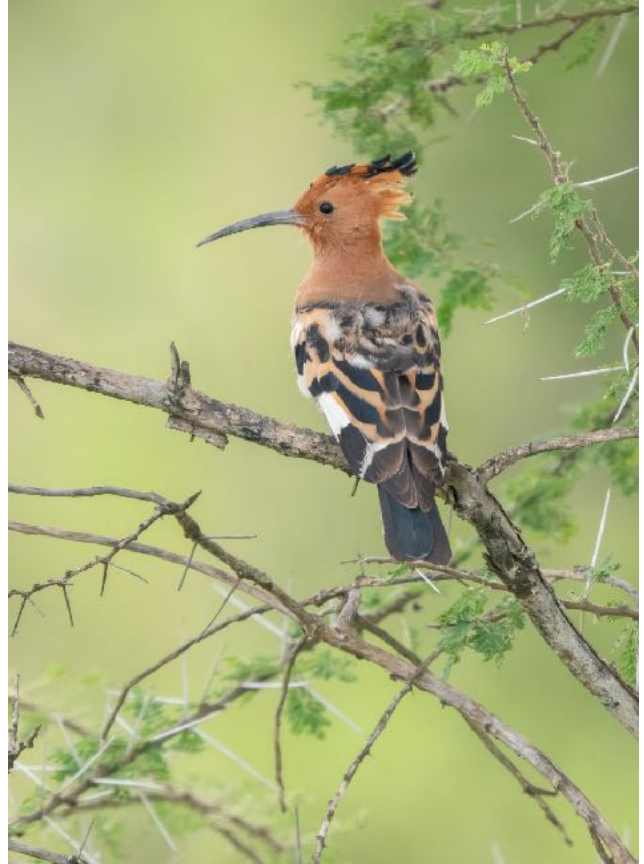
Secretarybird: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



Nubian Woodpecker: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



African Cuckoo: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



Eurasian (African) Hoopoe: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



Rüppell's Griffon: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



Rufous Chatterer: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



Dideric Cuckoo: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



Buff-bellied Warbler: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



Silverbird: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot

April 15th (Day 18/Day 9 of Main Tour): Nduvu to Serengeti National Park

By the time we leave Nduvu and venture towards our final “leg” of the journey we are really picking off species one by one. We made a quick stop to pick up **Eared Grebe** and then on the way out of **Nduvu** towards **Naabi Hill Gate**, we grabbed one of our last sandgrouse of the tour, the **Yellow-throated Sandgrouse**.

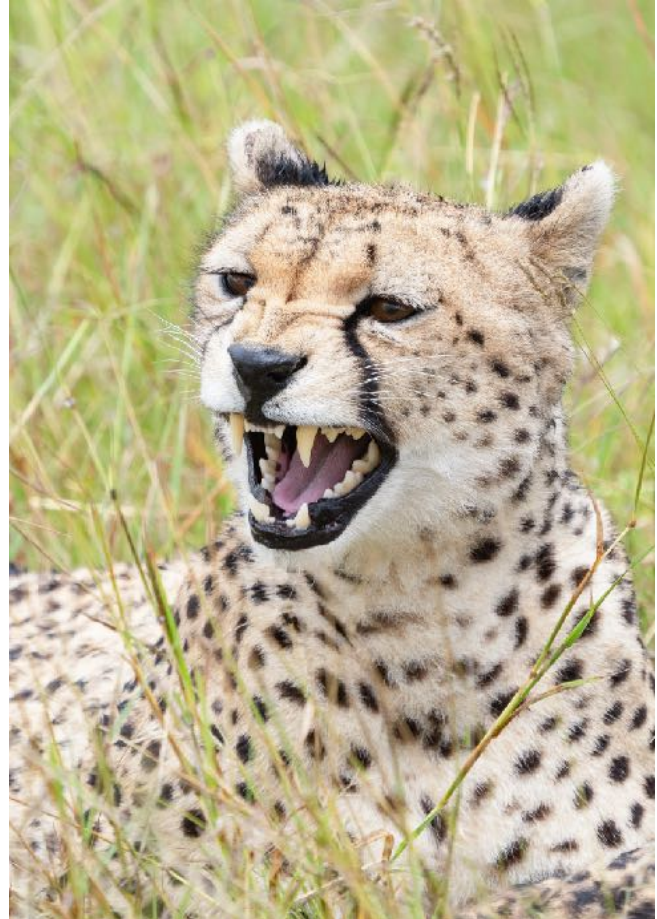


Yellow-throated Sandgrouse: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot

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 **Cardinal Woodpecker** we continued to look for bigger targets for the area. There is really no other way to put this so let's just say it outright... WE HAD AN AMAZING FIRST AFTERNOON in **Serengeti NP**. Incredible downpours and terrible roads couldn't stop us as we laid eyes on four big cats...that's right, FOUR! First up, an incredible encounter with **Cheetah** brothers...we enjoyed watching them from point blank range as they used the vehicle to tease chase zebra and one brother even jumped on a nearby vehicles spare tire to get a better vantage point...WOW. What an encounter honestly...so cool! Our next amazing cat was a hunting **Serval**! We watched as this cat successfully pursued a vole or rat of some kind. Spectacular stuff from this sneaky predator. Next up a sun bathing female **Leopard** on a giant rock placed gracefully in a Kopi outcropping. Couldn't believe our luck. Wonderful to watch this graceful hunter move about. Last but not least, the most common large cat, the **African Lion**...but this time a pair that had decided to use the entrance road of **Serengeti Serena Lodge** for a bit of mating. What an afternoon for cats!



African Lion: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



Cheetah: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



Serval: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



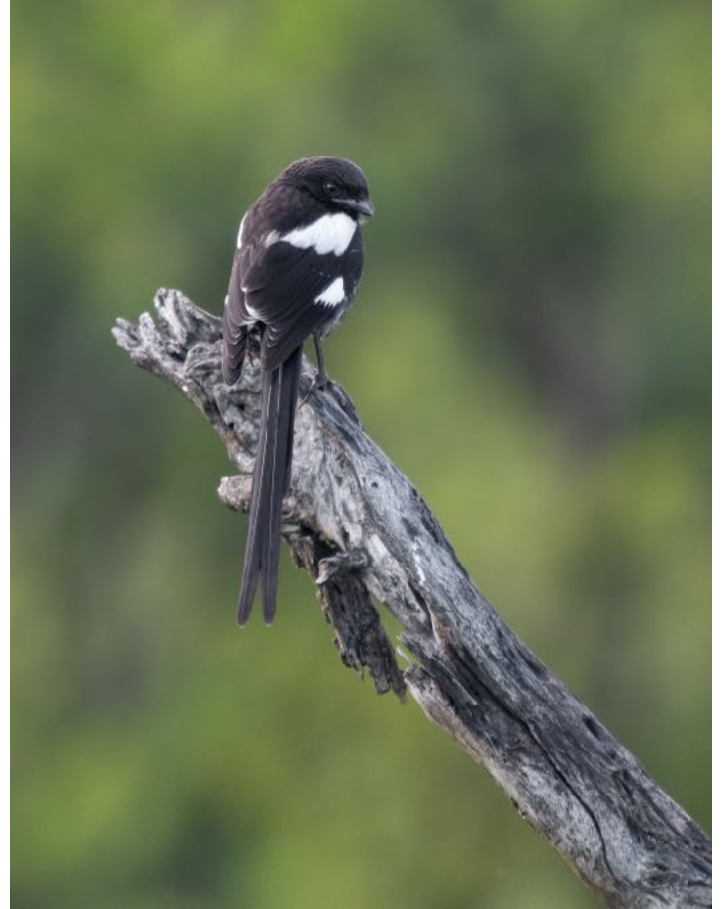
Leopard: Photo by guide - Ben Knot



Rufous-naped Lark: Photo by guide - Ben Knot



Cardinal Woodpecker: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



Magpie Shrike: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



White-rumped Shrike: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



Kenya Rufous Sparrow: Photo by guide - Ben Kroot

In terms of bird life...we didn't add to many. We did add; **Cape Crow**, **Black-winged Lapwing** and we rounded out our vultures with a few **White-headed Vultures**. Just about every other bird like **Magpie and White-rumped Shrike**, **Kenya Rufous Sparrow** and **Rufous-naped Lark** were all birds we had seen really well in the past so I think everyone was pleased even though it was a lower bird count day and in my opinion, in terms of an afternoon...wow...incredible stuff! Two other animals were; **Nile Crocodile** and the **Defasa Waterbuck**. We checked into our lodge, and had a fantastic dinner and went to bed early to prep for our full day in the Serengeti.

April 16th (Day 19/Day 10 of Main Tour): Serengeti National Park - Western Corridor

For our full day in the Serengeti, we chose to spend a majority of it in a section called "**The Western Corridor**". We do this to get some really tough birds. Birds like; **Eastern Plantain-eater**, **Black-headed Gonolek**, **Karamoja Apalis**, **Dark Chanting Goshawk**, **Temminck's Courser**, **Yellow-throated Longclaw**, **Tanzanian Red-billed Hornbill**, **Gray-crested Helmetshrike**, **Wattled Lapwing**, **Gray-headed Bushshrike**, **Stout Cisticola**, **Holub's Golden Weaver** (which kills me because it means we just missed ONE weaver...the endemic in Usambaras (due to terrible weather) - but we almost had a weaver sweep!) **Rüppell's Starling**, **Black Crake**, **African Crake** and a surprise new bird for me, the **Small Buttonquail**! A fantastic day that wasn't quite over. On the grounds of **Serengeti Serena Lodge**, just before the sun sank below the horizon, we nabbed; **Mocking Cliff Chat**, **Scarlet-chested** and **Marico Sunbird**. After our nightly checklist and some good food, we said goodnight and prepped to head back towards Arusha the next day.



Gray-crested Helmetshrike: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



Pygmy Falcon: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



Black Crake: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



European Roller: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



Marico Sunbird: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



Scarlet-chested Sunbird: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



Red-winged Starling: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



Bare-faced Go-Away-Bird: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



Tanzanian Red-billed Hornbill: Photo by guide - Ben Knot



Slate-colored Boubou: Photo by guide - Ben Knot

April 17th (Day 20/Day 11 of Main Tour): Serengeti NP to Gibbs Farm/Elephant Falls Hike

Today we had a simple but lengthy itinerary. Drive back to Gibbs Farm. Last year we drove all the way back to Arusha...a massive 9hr or so drive so this year I decided to try something new. We left the [Serengeti NP](#), didn't pick up anything new except a nice [Lesser Kestrel](#). But what this did allow us to do was have a nice relaxing lunch at Gibbs Farm and then take a sweet hike towards [Elephant Falls](#). We couldn't get all the way to the falls due to lack of time...and the trail conditions. We also had a great species grab to really round out our tours "major locations". We'd have one more short walk around the grounds of our last hotel but in all real terms, this was our last true outing and I am excited to say it went very well. We picked up some great birds like; [White-tailed Blue Flycatcher](#), [Purple-throated Cuckooshrike](#), [Abyssinian Crimsonwing](#), [Brown-backed Woodpecker](#), [Gray-headed Nigrita](#), [Eastern Mountain Greenbul](#), [Gray-olive Greenbul](#), [Mbulu White-eye](#), [Green-headed Sunbird](#) and by far everyone's highlight of the walk, a magnificent [Peter's Twinspot](#)...awesome bird! After this successful outing we checked into our hotel and had a lovely dinner at Ngorongoro Farm House.



Peter's Twinspot: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot

April 18th (Day 21/Day 12 of Main Tour): Gibbs Farm Area to Arusha/Departure

Our final day is a travel day pure and simple. We arrived at our final accommodation, [Kia Lodge](#) and had a quick walk around in the afternoon. Picking up a few nice birds like; [Greater Whitethroat](#), [Violet-backed Starling](#), [Pale White-eye](#) and [Red-tailed Shrike](#). A lovely ending walk to an incredible tour. I think I can speak for all of the guests when I conclude with a BIG "Thank You" to our incredible driver and the overall amazing hospitality brought forth by the Tanzanian people and eco-tourism sector...I can't wait to go back ...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) Two-way-tie
 - i. Crab Plover
 - ii. Pemba Sunbird
- 2) Fischer's Turaco
- 3) Two-way-tie
 - i. Amani Sunbird
 - ii. Forest Weaver
- 4) Two-way-tie
 - i. Pemba White-eye
 - ii. White Helmetshrike
- 5) Two-way-tie
 - i. African Wood Owl
 - ii. Pemba Scops Owl

Wildebeest: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot

Main Tour: Birding Among the Beasts

- 1) Peter's Twinspot
- 2) Secretarybird
- 3) Eurasian (African) Hoopoe
- 4) Southern Ground Hornbill
- 5) Three-way-tie
 - i. Blue-capped Cordonbleu
 - ii. Little Bee-eater
 - iii. Greater Flamingo

I am also always curious what "other animals" interested people the most...that list is the following!

"Other Animals"

- 1) Three-way-tie
 - i. Cheetah
 - ii. African Lion
 - iii. Blue Gnu (Wildebeest)
- 2) Leopard
- 3) African Elephant
- 4) Serval
- 5) Black Rhinoceros

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

List Summary:

- 532 Bird species seen overall (on extension and main tour)
- 65 “Other Animal” species seen overall
- Endemic birds are highlighted in **SALMON**
- “Guide-Only with Clients Present” are highlighted in **Lavender** (Counted in total)

	Usambara and Pemba Island Ext.	Main Tour
Bird Species by Family		
Ostriches: Struthionidae		
Common Ostrich (<i>Struthio camelus</i>)		Seen throughout the “Safari” portion of this tour west of Arusha.
Ducks, Geese and Waterfowl: Anatidae		
White-faced Whistling-Duck (<i>Dendrocygna viduata</i>)	Seen throughout tour in various locations	Seen throughout tour in various locations
Fulvous Whistling Duck	Mkomazi NP	Ngorongoro Crater
White-backed Duck	Pemba Island freshwater lagoons	
Knob-billed Duck (<i>Sarkidiornis melanotos</i>)	Mkomazi NP	Arusha NP Tarangire NP
Egyptian Goose (<i>Alopochen aegyptiaca</i>)	Mkomazi NP	Seen throughout tour in various locations
Spur-winged Goose (<i>Plectropterus gambensis</i>)	Mkomazi NP	Ngorongoro Crater
Blue-billed Teal (<i>Spatula hottentota</i>)		Ngorongoro Crater
African Black Duck	East Usambaras	
Cape Teal (<i>Anas capensis</i>)		Arusha NP Ngorongoro Crater
Red-billed Duck (<i>Anas erythrorhyncha</i>)	West Usambaras	Ngorongoro Crater
Southern Pochard (<i>Netta erythrophthalma</i>)		Ngorongoro Crater Rim (vernal pond)
Guineafowl: Numididae		
Helmeted Guineafowl (<i>Numida meleagris</i>)	Mkomazi NP	Seen throughout tour in various locations

	Usambara and Pemba Island Ext.	Main Tour
Pheasant, Grouse and Allies: Phasianidae		
Common Quail (<i>Coturnix coturnix</i>)	Mkomazi NP	
Harlequin Quail (<i>Coturnix delegorguei</i>)	Mkomazi NP (guide only)	Tarangire NP Ndotu “Cheetah Plains”
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 Ndotu
Red-necked Spurfowl (<i>Pternistis afer</i>)		Very common in Tarangire NP
Crested Francolin (<i>Dendroperdix sephaena</i>)	Very common in Mkomazi NP	Very common in Tarangire NP
Coqui Francolin (<i>Peliperdix coqui</i>)		Very common in Tarangire NP Serengeti NP
Flamingos: Phoenicopteridae		
Greater Flamingo (<i>Phoenicopus roseus</i>)		Arusha NP Ngorongoro Crater
Lesser Flamingo (<i>Phoeniconaias minor</i>)		Arusha NP Ngorongoro Crater
Grebes: Podicipedidae		
Little Grebe (<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>)	Seen on Pemba Island freshwater lagoons	Ngorongoro Crater freshwater ponds/lakes
Eared Grebe (<i>Podiceps nigricollis</i>)		A few individuals at lake Ndotu
Pigeons and Doves: Columbidae		
African Green-Pigeon (<i>Treron calvus</i>)	East Usambara	Tarangire NP
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>)	Entrance road into Mkomazi NP	Seen throughout tour in various locations

	Usambara and Pemba Island Ext.	Main Tour
Rameron Pigeon (<i>Columba arquatrix</i>)		Ngorongoro (Serena Lodge) and Rim
Dusky Turtle-Dove (<i>Streptopelia lugens</i>)		Ngorongoro (Serena Lodge)
Mourning Collared-Dove (<i>Streptopelia decipiens</i>)		Tarangire NP Ndotu Serengeti 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	Seen throughout tour in various locations
Emerald-spotted Wood-Dove (<i>Turtur chalcospilos</i>)	Mkomazi NP and East Usambara	Seen throughout tour in various locations
Blue-spotted Wood-Dove (<i>Turtur afer</i>)	East Usambara	
Tambourine Dove (<i>Turtur tympanistria</i>)		Lake Manyara NP
Namaqua Dove (<i>Oena capensis</i>)		Mkomazi NP Tarangire NP
Sandgrouse: Pteroclididae		
Chestnut-bellied Sandgrouse (<i>Pterocles exustus</i>)		Lark Plains Entrance road into Ndotu
Yellow-throated Sandgrouse (<i>Pterocles gutturalis</i>)		On the plains en route to Ndotu
Black-faced Sandgrouse (<i>Pterocles decoratus</i>)		Tarangire NP Serengeti NP
Bustards: Otidae		
Kori Bustard (<i>Ardeotis kori</i>)		Seen regularly after and including Tarangire NP
White-bellied Bustard (<i>Eupodotis senegalensis</i>)		Seen regularly after and including 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 male seen very well in Mkomazi NP	
Turacos: Turacidae		

	Usambara and Pemba Island Ext.	Main Tour
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, Ndudtu and Serengeti NP
White-bellied Go-away-bird (<i>Corythaixoides leucogaster</i>)	Mkomazi NP	Tarangire NP Lake Manyara
Eastern Plantain Eater (<i>Crinifer zonurus</i>)		Serengeti NP - Western Corridor
Cuckoos: Cuculidae		
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>)		Tarangire NP Ndutu
Great Spotted Cuckoo (<i>Clamator glandarius</i>)		First encountered in Tarangire NP (Silale Swamp) then few sightings in Ndutu
Pied Cuckoo (<i>Clamator jacobinus</i>)	Mkomazi NP	Seen throughout the "Safari" portion of this tour west of Arusha.
Levaillant's Cuckoo (<i>Clamator levaillantii</i>)		Only one bird in Ndutu
Common Cuckoo (<i>Cuculus canorus</i>)		Seen throughout the "Safari" portion of this tour west of Arusha.
African Cuckoo (<i>Cuculus gularis</i>)		Two 100% confirmed sightings in Ndutu
Dideric Cuckoo (<i>Chrysococcyx caprius</i>)	Mkomazi NP	Seen throughout tour in various locations
Klaas's Cuckoo (<i>Chrysococcyx klaas</i>)	East Usambara Mountains	Morning walk around Katambuga House
African Emerald Cuckoo (<i>Chrysococcyx cupreus</i>)	One bird seen well in Arusha NP	
Swifts: Apodidae		
African Palm Swift (<i>Cypsiurus parvus</i>)	Seen throughout tour in various locations	Seen throughout tour in various locations

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Scarce Swift (<i>Schoutedenapus myoptilus</i>)		Arusha NP
Mottled Swift (<i>Apus aequatorialis</i>)		Ngorongoro Crater
Common Swift		Ngorongoro Crater Rim en route to Ndutu
Nyanza Swift (<i>Apus niansae</i>)		Arusha NP
African Swift (<i>Apus barbatus</i>)	Mkomazi NP	
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>)	Mkomazi NP	Arusha NP Tarangire NP Ngorongoro Crater
Horus Swift (<i>Apus horus</i>)	East Usambara Mountains	Seen throughout tour in various locations
Rails, Gallinules and Coots: Rallidae		
Black Crake (<i>Zapornia flavirostra</i>)	West Usambaras	Serengeti NP
African Crake (<i>Crex egregia</i>)	Mkomazi NP	Serengeti NP
African Swampphen (<i>Porphyrio madagascariensis</i>)		Ngorongoro Crater
Red-knobbed Coot (<i>Fulica cristata</i>)		Ngorongoro Crater
Eurasian Moorhen (<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>)	Pemba Island freshwater lagoons	Ngorongoro Crater
Lesser Moorhen (<i>Paragallinula angulata</i>)		Ngorongoro Crater
Cranes: Gruidae		
Gray-crowned Crane (<i>Balearica regulorum</i>)		Arusha NP Tarangire NP
Thick-knees: Burhinidae		
Water Thick-knee (<i>Burhinus vermiculatus</i>)	Pemba Island coastal shoreline	Tarangire NP
Stilts and Avocets: Recurvirostridae		
Pied Avocet (<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>)		Ngorongoro Crater Ndutu
Black-winged Stilt (<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>)		Arusha NP Ngorongoro Crater

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Plovers and Lapwings: Charadriidae		
Long-toed Lapwing (<i>Vanellus crassirostris</i>)		Tarangire NP (Silale Swamp) Ngorongoro Crater
Blacksmith Lapwing (<i>Vanellus armatus</i>)	Mkomazi NP	Seen throughout tour in various locations
Spur-winged Lapwing (<i>Vanellus spinosus</i>)	Mkomazi NP	Arusha NP Serengeti NP
Senegal Lapwing (<i>Vanellus lugubris</i>)	Pemba Island Farmlands	
Black-winged Lapwing (<i>Vanellus melanopterus</i>)		Serengeti NP
Crowned Lapwing (<i>Vanellus coronatus</i>)		Seen throughout tour in various locations
Wattled Lapwing (<i>Vanellus melanopterus</i>)		Serengeti NP - Western Corridor
Black-bellied Plover (<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>)	Pemba Island coastal shoreline	Tarangire NP
Kittlitz's Plover (<i>Charadrius pecuarius</i>)		Ngorongoro Crater Nduu
Common Ringed Plover (<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>)	Pemba Island coastal shoreline	Ngorongoro Crater Nduu
Three-banded Plover (<i>Charadrius tricollaris</i>)		Seen throughout the "Safari" portion of this tour west of Arusha.
Chestnut-banded Plover (<i>Charadrius pallidus</i>)		Ngorongoro Crater Nduu
Greater Sand Plover (<i>Charadrius leschenaultii</i>)	Pemba Island coastal shoreline	
Tibetan Sand Plover (<i>Anarhynchus atrifrons</i>)	Pemba Island coastal shoreline	
Painted Snipe: Rostratulidae		
Greater Painted-Snipe (<i>Rostratula benghalensis</i>)		Ngorongoro Crater
Jacanas: Jacanidae		
African Jacana (<i>Actophilornis africanus</i>)	Pemba Island freshwater lagoons	Tarangire NP (Silale Swamp)
Sandpipers: Scolopacidae		
Ruff (<i>Calidris pugnax</i>)		Arusha NP Ngorongoro Crater

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Ruddy Turnstone (<i>Arenaria interpres</i>)	Pemba Island coastal shoreline	
Whimbrel (<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>)	Pemba Island coastal shoreline	
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
Terek Sandpiper (<i>Xenus cinereus</i>)	Pemba Island coastal shoreline	
Marsh Sandpiper (<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>)		Tarangire 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	Ngorongoro Crater
Buttonquails: Turnicidae		
Small Buttonquail (<i>Turnix sylvaticus</i>)		Serengeti NP - Western Corridor
Crab Plover: Dromadidae		
Crab Plover (<i>Dromas ardeola</i>)	Pemba Island coastal shoreline	
Pratincoles and Coursers: Glareolidae		
Temminck's Courser (<i>Cursorius temminckii</i>)		A pair seen well in Serengeti NP - Western Corridor
Double-banded Courser (<i>Smutsornis africanus</i>)		Seen throughout the "Safari" portion of this tour west of Arusha.
Three-banded Courser (<i>Rhinoptilus cinctus</i>)		Tarangire NP Ndotu
Bronze-winged Courser (<i>Rhinoptilus chalcopterus</i>)		Tarangire NP
Gulls, Terns, and Skimmers: Laridae		
Sooty Gull (<i>Ichthyaetus hemprichii</i>)	Pemba Island coastal shoreline	
Gray-hooded Gull (<i>Chroicocephalus cirrocephalus</i>)		Ngorongoro Crater

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Saunders's Tern (<i>Sternula saundersi</i>)	Pemba Island coastal shoreline	
Gull-billed Tern (<i>Chroicocephalus cirrocephalus</i>)		Ngorongoro Crater Serengeti NP
Whiskered Tern (<i>Chlidonias hybrida</i>)		Tarangire NP (Silale Swamp)
White-cheeked Tern (<i>Sterna repressa</i>)	Pemba Island coastal shoreline	
Great Crested Tern (<i>Thalasseus bergii</i>)	Pemba Island coastal shoreline	
Lesser Crested Tern (<i>Thalasseus bengalensis</i>)	Pemba Island coastal shoreline	
Storks: Ciconiidae		
African Openbill (<i>Anastomus lamelligerus</i>)	Mkomazi NP	Tarangire NP
Abdim's Stork (<i>Ciconia abdimii</i>)	Mkomazi NP	En route to Arusha from Serengeti in a roadside Vernal Pool
White Stork (<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>)		En route to Ndutu
African Woolly-necked Stork (<i>Ciconia microscelis</i>)	Mkomazi NP	
Saddle-billed Stork (<i>Ephippiorhynchus senegalensis</i>)		Tarangire NP Lake Manyara
Marabou Stork (<i>Leptoptilos crumenifer</i>)		Tarangire NP Ngorongoro Crater
Yellow-billed Stork (<i>Mycteria ibis</i>)		Tarangire NP, Ngorongoro Crater and Serengeti NP
Cormorants and Shags: Phalacrocoracidae		
Great Cormorant (<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>)		A group seen in Arusha NP
Long-tailed Cormorant (<i>Microcarbo africanus</i>)	West Usambaras	Arusha NP Tarangire NP Ngorongoro Crater
Pelicans: Pelecanidae		
Great White Pelican (<i>Pelicans onocrotalus</i>)		Ngorongoro Crater
Hamerkops: Scopidae		
Hamerkop (<i>Scopus umbretta</i>)	Mkomazi NP	Seen throughout the tour in various locations

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Hérons, Egrets, and Bitterns: Ardeidae		
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
Goliath Heron (<i>Ardea goliath</i>)		Tarangire NP
Purple Heron (<i>Ardea purpurea</i>)	“Zebra Camp” lunch stop	Tarangire NP (Silale Swamp)
Great Egret (<i>Ardea alba</i>)	Pemba Island coastal shoreline	Seen throughout the tour in various locations
Yellow-billed Egret (<i>Ardea brachyrhyncha</i>)	Pemba Island coastal shoreline	Lake Manyara NP
Little Egret (<i>Egretta garzetta</i>)	Seen throughout tour in various locations	Seen throughout tour in various locations
Black Heron (<i>Egret ardesiaca</i>)	Pemba Island coastal shoreline	
Western 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)
Striated Heron (<i>Butorides striata</i>)	Pemba Island freshwater lagoons	
Black-crowned Night-Heron (<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>)		Arusha NP Ngorongoro Crater
Dwarf Bittern (<i>Ixobrychus sturmii</i>)		Incredible numbers in Tarangire NP
Ibis and Spoonbills: Threkiornithidae		
Glossy Ibis (<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>)		Tarangire NP Ngorongoro Crater
African Sacred Ibis (<i>Threskiornis aethiopicus</i>)		Seen throughout tour in various locations
Hadada Ibis (<i>Bostrychia hagedash</i>)	Seen on the road to Same as well as Pemba Island	Seen throughout tour in various locations
African Spoonbill (<i>Platalea alba</i>)		Ngorongoro Crater
Secretarybirds: Sagittariidae		

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Secretarybird (<i>Sagittarius serpentarius</i>)	Mkomazi NP	Seen throughout tour in various locations
Hawks, Eagles and Kites: Accipitridae		
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>)	Mkomazi NP	Seen throughout tour in various locations
African Harrier-Hawk (<i>Polyboroides typus</i>)	West and East Usambara Mountains	Seen throughout tour in various locations
Palm-nut Vulture (<i>Gypohierax angolensis</i>)	West and East Usambara Mountains Coastal Pemba	Arusha NP Lake Manyara
White-headed Vulture (<i>Trionoceph occipitalis</i>)		Serengeti NP
Lappet-faced Vulture (<i>Torgos tracheliotos</i>)		Ndutu Serengeti NP
Hooded Vulture (<i>Necrosyrtes monachus</i>)		Ndutu Serengeti NP
White-backed Vulture (<i>Gyps africanus</i>)		Seen throughout the “Safari” portion of this tour west of Arusha.
Rüppell’s Griffon (<i>Gyps rueppelli</i>)		Ndutu Serengeti NP
Bateleur (<i>Terathopius ecaudatus</i>)	Mkomazi NP	Seen throughout the “Safari” portion of this tour west of Arusha.
African Fish Eagle (<i>Haliaeetus vocifer</i>)	Pemba Island coastal shoreline	Tarangire NP Lake Manyara NP
Black-chested Snake-Eagle (<i>Circaetus pectoralis</i>)	Mkomazi NP	Seen throughout tour in various locations
Brown Snake-Eagle (<i>Circaetus cinereus</i>)	Mkomazi NP	Seen throughout tour in various locations
Crowned Eagle (<i>Stephanoaetus coronatus</i>)	East Usambara Mountains	Lake Manyara NP
Martial Eagle (<i>Polemaetus bellicosus</i>)	Mkomazi NP	Seen throughout tour in various locations
Long-crested Eagle (<i>Lophaetus occipitalis</i>)	East Usambara Mountains	Ndutu
Wahlberg’s Eagle (<i>Hieraaetus wahlbergi</i>)	Mkomazi NP	Tarangire NP
Booted Eagle (<i>Hieraaetus pennatus</i>)		Lake Manyara NP

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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 en route to Tarangire NP from Lark Plains
Verreaux's Eagle (<i>Aquila rapax</i>)	A bird seen soaring over a ridge upon our arrival in Mkomazi NP	
African Hawk-Eagle (<i>Aquila spilogaster</i>)	West Usambaras	Tarangire NP Serengeti NP
European Honey-buzzard (<i>Pernis aprivorus</i>)		Tarangire NP
Lizard Buzzard (<i>Kaupifalco monogrammicus</i>)	Seen on the road towards West Usambaras from East Usambaras	
Common Buzzard (<i>Buteo buteo</i>)	Mkomazi NP	Ngorongoro Crater Rim
Mountain Buzzard (<i>Buteo oreophilus</i>)	West Usambaras	
Augur Buzzard (<i>Buteo augur</i>)	Seen throughout tour in various locations	Seen throughout tour in various locations
Dark Chanting Goshawk (<i>Melierax metabates</i>)		Ndutu Serengeti NP
Eastern Chanting Goshawk (<i>Melierax poliopterus</i>)	Mkomazi NP	Lark Plains Tarangire NP
Gabar Goshawk (<i>Micronisus gabar</i>)	Mkomazi NP	Tarangire NP Ndutu
Shikra (<i>Accipiter badius</i>)	Muller's Lodge (West Usambaras)	
Black Goshawk (<i>Accipiter melanoleucus</i>)	East Usambara Mountains Pemba Island	Arusha NP
African Goshawk (<i>Accipiter tachiro</i>)	West Usambaras	
Western Marsh Harrier (<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>)		Ngorongoro Crater
African Marsh Harrier (<i>Circus ranivorus</i>)		Tarangire NP (Silale Swamp)
Owls: Strigidae		
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>)	Mkomazi NP	

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Verreaux's Eagle-Owl (<i>Ketupa lacteus</i>)	Mkomazi NP	Tarangire NP
Pearl-spotted Owlet (<i>Glaucidium perlatum</i>)		Tarangire NP
African Wood-Owl (<i>Strix woodfordii</i>)	West Usambaras - Mullers Lodge	
Mousebirds: Colidae		
Speckled Mousebird (<i>Colius striatus</i>)	Seen throughout tour in various locations	Seen throughout tour in various locations
Blue-naped Mousebird (<i>Urocolius macrourus</i>)		Seen throughout the "Safari" portion of this tour west of Arusha.
Hoopoes: Upupidae		
Eurasian (African) Hoopoe (<i>Upupa epops africana</i>)		Seen throughout the "Safari" portion of this tour west of Arusha.
Woodhoopoes and Scimitarbills		
Green Woodhoopoe (<i>Phoeniculus purpureus</i>)		Tarangire NP Lake Manyara NP Serengeti NP - Western Corridor
Common Scimitarbill (<i>Rhinopomastus cyanomelas</i>)	Mkomazi NP	
Abyssinian Scimitarbill (<i>Rhinopomastus minor</i>)	Mkomazi NP	Ndutu Serengeti NP
Ground-Hornbills: Bucorvidae		
Southern Ground-Hornbill (<i>Bucorvus leadbeateri</i>)		Tarangire NP Lake Manyara NP
Hornbills: Bucerotidae		
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.

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Silvery-cheeked Hornbill (<i>Bycanistes brevis</i>)	East and West Usambara Mountains	Arusha NP Lake Manyara NP
Kingfishers: Alcedinidae		
African Pygmy-Kingfisher (<i>Ispidina picta</i>)	Pemba Island freshwater lagoons	
Malachite Kingfisher (<i>Corythornis cristatus</i>)	Mkomazi NP East Usambaras Arusha NP	Ngorongoro Crater Tarangire NP
Gray-headed Kingfisher (<i>Halcyon leucocephala</i>)	Mkomazi NP	Tarangire NP
Woodland Kingfisher (<i>Halcyon senegalensis</i>)		Tarangire NP Serengeti NP
Mangrove Kingfisher (<i>Halcyon senegaloides</i>)	Pemba Island freshwater lagoons	
Brown-hooded Kingfisher (<i>Halcyon albiventris</i>)	East Usambaras Pemba Island	Arusha NP
Striped Kingfisher (<i>Halcyon chelicuti</i>)	Seen throughout the tour in various locations	Seen throughout the tour in various locations
Pied Kingfisher (<i>Ceryle rudis</i>)	Pemba Island coastal shoreline	Tarangire NP
Giant Kingfisher (<i>Megaceryle maxima</i>)	Seen en route from Western Usambaras to Eastern Usambaras	
Bee-eaters: Meropidae		
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>)	Mkomazi NP	Tarangire NP
Rollers: Coraciidae		
European Roller (<i>Coracias garrulus</i>)	Mkomazi NP	Lark Plains Nduu Serengeti NP
Lilac-breasted Roller (<i>Coracias caudatus</i>)	Seen throughout the tour in various locations	Seen throughout the tour in various locations

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Rufous-crowned Roller (<i>Coracias naevius</i>)	Mkomazi NP	Acacia Scrubland Adjacent to lark plains
Broad-billed Roller (<i>Eurystomus glaucurus</i>)	Pemba Island	Tarangire NP Serengeti NP
African Barbets: Lybiidae		
Moustached Tinkerbird (<i>Pogoniulus leucomystax</i>)	East Usambara Mountains	Arusha NP
Red-fronted Tinkerbird (<i>Pogoniulus pusillus</i>)		Arusha NP
Yellow-rumped Tinkerbird (<i>Pogoniulus bilineatus</i>)	East Usambara Mountains	
Red-and-yellow Barbet (<i>Trachyphonus erythrocephalus</i>)	Mkomazi NP	Tarangire NP
D'Arnaud's Barbet (<i>Trachyphonus darnaudii</i>)	Mkomazi NP	Tarangire NP
"Usambiro" Barbet (<i>Trachyphonus darnaudii usambiro</i>) - not officially a recognized species at the moment (Jun, 2024)		Ndutu Seregenti NP
White-eared Barbet (<i>Stactolaema leucotis</i>)	East Usambara Mountains	Arusha NP
Green Barbet (<i>Stactolaema olivacea</i>)	East Usambara Mountains	
Red-fronted Barbet (<i>Tricholaema diademata</i>)		Arusha NP Ndutu
Spot-flanked Barbet (<i>Tricholaema lacrymosa</i>)	West Usambaras	Arusha NP
Black-throated Barbet (<i>Tricholaema melanocephala</i>)	West Usambaras	
Brown-breasted Barbet (<i>Lybius melanopterus</i>)	"Zebra Camp" lunch stop	
Honeyguides: Indicatoridae		
Scaly-throated Honeyguide (<i>indicator variegatus</i>)	West Usambaras	
Lesser Honeyguide (<i>Indicator minor</i>)	Seen regularly throughout the pre-extension	Tarangire NP
Greater Honeyguide (<i>Indicator indicator</i>)	Mkomazi NP	Tarangire NP
Woodpeckers: Picidae		
Nubian Woodpecker (<i>Campethera nubica</i>)		Seen throughout the tour in various locations
Cardinal Woodpecker (<i>Dendropicos fuscescens</i>)		Seen throughout the tour in various locations

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Bearded Woodpecker (<i>Dendropicos namaquus</i>)		Seen throughout the “Safari” portion of this tour west of Arusha.
Mountain Gray Woodpecker (<i>Dendropicos spodocephalus</i>)		Seen throughout the “Safari” portion of this tour west of Arusha.
African Gray Woodpecker (<i>Dendropicos goertae</i>)		Ndutu
Brown-backed Woodpecker (<i>Chloropicus obsoletus</i>)		Elephant Falls walk around Gibbs Farm
Golden-tailed Woodpecker (<i>Campethera abingoni</i>)		Arusha NP
Mombasa Woodpecker (<i>Campethera mombassica</i>)	West Usambaras	
Green-backed Woodpecker (<i>Campethera cailliautii</i>)	East Usambaras	
Falcons: Falconidae		
Pygmy Falcon (<i>Polihierax semitorquatus</i>)	Mkomazi NP	Seen throughout tour in various locations
Lesser Kestrel (<i>Falco naumanni</i>)		Seen en route to Arusha from Serengeti
Greater Kestrel (<i>Falco rupicoloides</i>)		Ndutu Serengeti NP
Gray Kestrel (<i>Falco ardosiaceus</i>)		Tarangire NP Serengeti 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>)	Mkomazi NP	Lark Plains Tarangire NP
Peregrine Falcon (<i>Falco peregrinus</i>)	Seen en route to Same	
Lanner Falcon (<i>Falco biarmicus</i>)		On route to Ngorongoro
Old World Parrots: Psittaculidae		
Fischer’s Lovebird (<i>Agapornis fischeri</i>)		Common after and including Ndiutu
Yellow-collared Lovebird (<i>Agapornis personatus</i>)		Tarangire NP
New World & African Parrots: Psittacidae		
Meyer’s Parrot (<i>Poicephalus meyeri</i>)		A pair seen in Tarangire NP Serengeti Serena Lodge

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Red-bellied Parrot (<i>Poicephalus rufiventris</i>)	Mkomazi NP	Tarangire NP
Brown-headed Parrot (<i>Poicephalus cryptoxanthus</i>)	Pemba Island	
African and Green Broadbills: Calyptomenidae		
African Broadbill (<i>Smithornis capensis</i>)	East Usambara Mountains	
Cuckoo-shrikes: Capephagidae		
Black Cuckooshrike (<i>Campephaga flava</i>)	East Usambaras	Arusha NP
Purple-throated Cuckooshrike (<i>Campephaga quiscalina</i>)		Elephant Falls walk around Gibbs Farm
Old-World Orioles: Oriolidae		
Eurasian Golden Oriole (<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>)	West and East Usambara Mountains	
African Golden Oriole (<i>Oriolus auratus</i>)	East Usambara Mountains	Lake Manyara NP
African Black-headed Oriole (<i>Oriolus larvatus</i>)		Tarangire NP
Wattle-Eyes and Batises: Platysteridae		
Chin-spot Batis (<i>Batis molitor</i>)	Mkomazi NP	Arusha NP Lark Plains Serengeti NP
Short-tailed Batis (<i>Batis mixta</i>)	West Usambara Mountains	
Pale Batis (<i>Batis soror</i>)	East Usambara Mountains	
Pygmy Batis (<i>Batis perkeo</i>)		Acacia Scrubland Adjacent to lark plains
Vangas, Helmetshrikes & Allies: Vangidae		
White Helmetshrike (<i>Prionops plumatus</i>)	Mkomazi NP	
Gray-crested Helmetshrike		Serengeti NP - Western Corridor
Bushshrikes and Allies: Malaconotidae		
Brubru (<i>Nilaus afer</i>)		Acacia Scrubland Adjacent to lark plains Ndotu
Black-backed Puffback (<i>Dryoscopus cubla</i>)	Seen throughout the tour in various locations	Seen throughout the tour in various locations

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Black-crowned Tchagra (<i>Tchagra senegalus</i>)		Ngorongoro Crater (forest section)
Brown-crowned Tchagra (<i>Tchagra australis</i>)	Mkomazi NP	Seen throughout the tour in various locations
Tropical Boubou (<i>Laniarius major</i>)		Seen throughout the tour in various locations
Slate-colored Boubou (<i>Laniarius funebris</i>)		Seen throughout the tour in various locations
Rosy-patched Bushshrike (<i>Rhodophoneus cruentus</i>)	Mkomazi NP	Lark Plains
Fülleborn's Boubou (<i>Laniarius fuelleborni</i>)	West Usambaras	
Sulphur-breasted Bushshrike (<i>Telophorus sulfureopectus</i>)	Mkomazi NP (guide only)	Arusha NP Lake Manyara Serengeti NP
Black-fronted Bushshrike (<i>Telophorus nigrifrons</i>)	East and West Usambaras	
Gray-headed Bushshrike (<i>Malaconotus blanchoti</i>)		Serengeti NP - Western Corridor
Black-headed Gonolek (<i>Laniarius erythrogaster</i>)		A pair seen well in Serengeti NP - Western Corridor
Drongos: Drongidae		
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>)	East Usambara Mountains	
Monarch Flycatchers: Monarchidae		
African Paradise-Flycatcher (<i>Terpsiphone viridis</i>)	East Usambara Mountains	Katambuga House Elephant Falls walk around Gibbs Farm
Shrikes: Laniidae		
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	KIA Lodge
Isabelline Shrike (<i>Lanius isabellinus</i>)		Tarangire NP
Lesser Gray Shrike (<i>Lanius minor</i>)		Seen throughout the "Safari" portion of this tour west of Arusha.

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Gray-backed Fiscal (<i>Lanius excubitoroides</i>)		Seen throughout the “Safari” portion of this tour west of Arusha.
Long-tailed Fiscal (<i>Lanius cabanisi</i>)	Mkomazi NP	Tarangire NP
Taita Fiscal (<i>Lanius dorsalis</i>)		Lark Plains
Northern Fiscal (<i>Lanius humeralis</i>)	West Usambara Mountains	Seen throughout the “Safari” portion of this tour west of Arusha.
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.
Crows, Jays and Magpies: Corvidae		
Cape Crow (<i>Corvus capensis</i>)		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	Seen throughout tour in various locations
White-necked Raven (<i>Corvus albicollis</i>)	Seen en route from Mkomazi to West Usambaras	Lark Plains Lake Manyara Area
Fairy Flycatchers: Stenostiridae		
White-tailed Blue-Flycatcher (<i>Elmira albicauda</i>)		Elephant Falls walk around Gibbs Farm
White-tailed Crested-Flycatcher (<i>Elminia albonotata</i>)	West Usambara	
Tits, Chickadees and Titmice: Paridae		
Red-throated Tit (<i>Melaniparus fringillinus</i>)		Scrublands adjacent to Lark Plains
Larks: Alaudidae		
Fischer’s Sparrow-Lark (<i>Eremopterix leucopareia</i>)		First encountered in Tarangire and then commonly encountered throughout rest of the tour
Spike-heeled Lark (<i>Chersomanes albofasciata</i>)		2 pairs in the Lark Plains

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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
Pink-breasted Lark (<i>Calendulauda poecilosterna</i>)	Seen en route to Same	
Flappet Lark (<i>Mirafra rufocinnamomea</i>)	Mkomazi NP	Few sightings in Serengeti - Western Corridor
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” - Ndutu
White-tailed Lark (<i>Mirafra albicauda</i>)		Ndutu “Cheetah Plains” Serengeti NP
Short-tailed Lark (<i>Spizocorys fremantlii</i>)		Abundant in Lark Plains
African Warblers: Macrosphenidae		
Red-faced Crombec (<i>Sylvietta whytii</i>)	Mkomazi NP	Seen throughout tour in various locations
Moustached Grass-Warbler (<i>Melocichla mentalis</i>)		Arusha NP
Kretschmer’s Longbill (<i>Macrosphenus kretschmeri</i>)	East Usambara Mountains	
Cisticolas and Allies: Cisticolidae		
Red-faced Cisticola (<i>Cisticola erythrops</i>)		Ngorongoro Crater (forest section)
Singing Cisticola (<i>Cisticola cantans</i>)		Arusha NP
Trilling Cisticola (<i>Cisticola woosnami</i>)		Arusha NP
Hunter’s Cisticola (<i>Cisticola hunteri</i>)		Ngorongoro Crater Rim
Rattling Cisticola (<i>Cisticola chiniana</i>)	Mkomazi NP	Seen throughout tour in various locations
Winding Cisticola (<i>Cisticola marginatus</i>)		Arusha NP Ngorongoro Crater
Ashy Cisticola (<i>Cisticola cinereolus</i>)	Mkomazi NP	
Siffling Cisticola (<i>Cisticola brachypterus</i>)		Arusha NP
Stout Cisticola (<i>Cisticola robustus</i>)		Serengeti NP - Western Corridor

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Croaking Cisticola (<i>Cisticola natalensis</i>)		Ngorongoro Crater Serengeti NP - Western Corridor
Tiny Cisticola (<i>Cisticola nana</i>)	Mkomazi NP	
Zitting Cisticola (<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>)	Pemba Island	Ngorongoro Crater
Desert Cisticola (<i>Cisticola aridulus</i>)		Tarangire NP
Coastal Cisticola (<i>Cisticola haematocephalus</i>)	Seen en route to East Usambaras from West Usambaras	
Wailing Cisticola (<i>Cisticola lais</i>)		Ngorongoro Crater
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>)		Arusha NP Nduu
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 throughout tour in various locations
Brown-headed Apalis (<i>Apalis alticola</i>)		Ngorongoro (Serena Lodge) Elephant Falls walk around Gibbs Farm
Black-headed Apalis (<i>Apalis melanocephala</i>)	East Usambara Mountains	
Yellow-breasted Apalis (<i>Apalis flavida</i>)		Arusha NP Serengeti NP
Bar-throated Apalis (<i>Apalis thoracica</i>)	West Usambara Mountains	Serengeti NP
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 moreau</i>)	East Usambaras	

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Reed Warblers and Allies: Acrocephalidae		
Great Reed Warbler (<i>Acrocephalus arundinaceus</i>)	En route to West Usambaras from Same	
Cinnamon Bracken Warbler	East Usambara Mountains	
Grassbirds and Allies: Locustellidae		
Little Rush-Warbler (<i>Bradypterus baboecala</i>)	East Usambara Mountains	
Swallows: Hirundidae		
Plain Martin (<i>Riparia paludicola</i>)		Arusha NP Serengeti NP
Banded Martin (<i>Riparia cincta</i>)		Ngorongoro Crater
Rock Martin (<i>Ptyonoprogne fuligula</i>)	West Usambaras	Seen throughout tour in various locations
Common House-Martin (<i>Delichon urbicum</i>)		Ngorongoro Crater Rim
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>)	Seen throughout tour in various locations	Seen throughout tour in various locations
Gray-rumped Swallow (<i>Pseudhirundo griseopyga</i>)		Ngorongoro Crater Rim
Red-rumped Swallow (<i>Cecropis daurica</i>)	Seen throughout tour in various locations	Seen throughout tour in various locations
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	Tarangire NP
Black Sawwing (<i>Psalidoprocne pristoptera</i>)	West and East Usambara Mountains	Seen throughout tour in various locations
Bulbuls: Pycnonotidae		
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>)		Arusha NP
Little Greenbul (<i>Eurillas virens</i>)	East Usambaras (guide only)	

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Shelley's Greenbul (<i>Arizelocichla masukuensis</i>)	West and East Usambara Mountains	
Eastern Mountain Greenbul (<i>Arizelocichla nigriceps</i>)	West Usambara	Elephant Falls walk around Gibbs Farm
Stripe-cheeked Greenbul (<i>Arizelocichla milanjensis</i>)	West and East Usambara Mountains	
Gray-olive Greenbul (<i>Phyllastrephus flavostriatus</i>)		Elephant Falls walk around Gibbs Farm
Cabanis's Greenbul (<i>Phyllastrephus cabanisi</i>)	West Usambaras	
Yellow-streaked Greenbul (<i>Phyllastrephus flavostriatus</i>)	East Usambara Mountains	
Leaf-Warblers: Phylloscopidae		
Yellow-throated Woodland-Warbler (<i>Phylloscopus ruficapilla</i>)	West and East Usambara Mountains	
Willow Warbler (<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>)	Seen throughout tour in various locations	Seen throughout tour in various locations
Sylviid Warblers, Parrotbills and Allies: Sylviidae		
Greater Whitethroat (<i>Curruca communis</i>)	Mkomazi NP	KIA Lodge
Banded Parisoma (<i>Curruca boehmi</i>)		Lark Plains Serengeti NP
Brown Parisoma (<i>Curruca lugens</i>)		Ngorongoro Crater Rim
Garden Warbler (<i>Sylvia borin</i>)		Katambuga House Lake Manyara
White-eyes, Yuhinas and Allies: Zosteropidae		
Pemba White-eye (<i>Zosterops vaughani</i>)	Pemba Island	
Southern Yellow White-eye (<i>Zosterops anderssoni</i>)	East and West Usambaras	
Pale Yellow White-eye (<i>Zosterops flavilateralis</i>)		KIA Lodge
Kilimanjaro White-eye (<i>Zosterops eurycricotus</i>)		Arusha NP
Mbulu White-eye (<i>Zosterops mbuluensis</i>)		Elephant Falls walk around Gibbs Farm
Laughingthrushes: Leiothrichidae		
Rufous Chatterer (<i>Turdoides rubiginosa</i>)		Ndutu Serengeti NP

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Scaly Chatterer (<i>Argya aylmeri</i>)		Acacia Scrubland Adjacent to lark plains
Black-lored Babbler (<i>Turdoides sharpei</i>)		Ndutu
Northern Pied-Babbler (<i>Turdoides hypoleuca</i>)		Tarangire NP
Arrow-marked Babbler (<i>Turdoides jardineii</i>)		Katambuga House Tarangire NP
Oxpeckers: Buphagidae		
Red-billed Oxpecker (<i>Buphagus erythrorhynchus</i>)	Mkomazi NP	Seen throughout tour in various locations
Yellow-billed Oxpecker (<i>Buphagus africanus</i>)	Mkomazi NP	Seen throughout tour in various locations
Starlings: Sturnidae		
Wattled Starling (<i>Creatophora cinerea</i>)	Mkomazi NP	Seen throughout the “Safari” portion of this tour west of Arusha.
Golden-breasted Starling (<i>Lamprotornis regius</i>)	Mkomazi NP	
Violet-backed Starling (<i>Cinnyricinclus leucogaster</i>)	Katambuga House	KIA Lodge
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	Seen throughout tour in various locations
Rüppell's Starling (<i>Lamprotornis purpuroptera</i>)		Serengeti NP
Black-bellied Starling (<i>Notopholia corusca</i>)	East Usambaras Pemba Island	
Ashy Starling (<i>Lamprotornis unicolor</i>)		Very common in Tarangire NP
Superb Starling (<i>Lamprotornis superbus</i>)	Seen throughout tour in various locations	Seen throughout tour in various locations
Fischer’s Starling (<i>Lamprotornis fischeri</i>)	Mkomazi NP	
Thrushes and Allies: Turdidae		
Abyssinian Thrush (<i>Turdus abyssinicus</i>)		Ngorongoro (Serena Lodge)
Usambara Thrush (<i>Turdus roehli</i>)	West Usambara	

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African Bare-eyed Thrush (<i>Turdus tephronotus</i>)		Acacia Scrubland Adjacent to lark plains
Red-tailed Ant-Thrush (<i>Neocossyphus rufus</i>)	East Usambara Mountains	
Old World Flycatcher: Muscicapidae		
African Dusky Flycatcher (<i>Muscicapa adusta</i>)	West Usambara	Seen throughout the tour in various locations
Spotted Flycatcher (<i>Muscicapa striata</i>)	West Usambara Mountains	Acacia Scrublands adjacent to Lark Plains Elephant Falls walk around Gibbs Farm
African Gray Flycatcher (<i>Bradornis microrhynchus</i>)	Mkomazi NP	Seen throughout tour in various locations
Silverbird (<i>Melaenornis semipartitus</i>)		Seen throughout the "Safari" portion of this tour west of Arusha.
Pale Flycatcher (<i>Agricola pallidus</i>)		Acacia Scrublands adjacent to Lark Plains Elephant Falls walk around Gibbs Farm
Southern Black-Flycatcher (<i>Melaenornis pammelaina</i>)		Morning walk around Katambuga House
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
Little Rock Thrush		Arusha NP
Collared Palm-Thrush (<i>Cichladusa arquata</i>)		Lake Manyara NP
Spotted Morning-Thrush (<i>Cichladusa guttata</i>)		Katambuga House Elephant Falls walk around Gibbs Farm
White-starred Robin (<i>Pogonocichla stellata</i>)	East and West Usambaras	
African Stonechat (<i>Saxicola torquatus</i>)	West and East Usambara Mountains	Seen throughout tour in various locations
Northern Anteater-Chat (<i>Myrmecocichla aethiops</i>)		Ngorongoro Crater Lake Masek Tent Camp (odd location)
Cape Robin-Chat (<i>Cossypha caffra</i>)		Ngorongoro (Serena Lodge)
Rüppell's Robin-Chat (<i>Cossypha semirufa</i>)		Arusha NP

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White-browed Robin-Chat (<i>Cossypha heuglini</i>)	East Usambara Mountains	Ngorongoro (Serena Lodge) Elephant Falls walk around Gibbs Farm
Mocking Cliff-Chat (<i>Thamnolaea cinnamomeiventris</i>)		Serengeti Serena Lodge
Abyssinian Wheatear (<i>Oenanthe lugubris</i>)		Ngorongoro Crater (on the way down)
Capped Wheatear (<i>Oenanthe pileata</i>)		Lark Plains Ngorongoro Crater
Usambara Akalat (<i>Sheppardia montana</i>)	West Usambara Mountains	
Sharpe's Akalat (<i>Sheppardia sharpei</i>)	East Usambara Mountains (seen briefly by guide only)	
Dapple-throats and Allies: Modulatricidae		
Spot-throat (<i>Modulatrix stictigula</i>)	West Usambara	
Sunbirds and Spiderhunters: Nectarinidae		
Plain-backed Sunbird (<i>Anthreptes reichenowi</i>)	East Usambara Mountains	
Usambara Double-collared Sunbird (<i>Cinnyris usambaricus</i>)	East and West Usambara Mountains	
Tacazze Sunbird (<i>Nectarinia tacazze</i>)		Ngorongoro (Serena Lodge) Gibbs Farm
Eastern Violet-backed Sunbird (<i>Anthreptes orientalis</i>)	Mkomazi NP	Acacia Scrubland Adjacent to lark plains Lake Manyara NP
Uluguru Violet-backed Sunbird (<i>Anthreptes neglectus</i>)	Emau Hills Lodge	
Collared Sunbird (<i>Hedydipna collaris</i>)	West Usambara Mountains	Ngorongoro Crater Rim
Olive Sunbird (<i>Cyanomitra olivacea</i>)	East Usambara Mountains	
Bronze Sunbird (<i>Nectarinia kilimensis</i>)		Arusha NP Ngorongoro Crater Rim
Amani Sunbird (<i>Hedydipna pallidigaster</i>)	East Usambara Mountains	
Amethyst Sunbird (<i>Chalcomitra amethystina</i>)		Lake Manyara NP
Scarlet-chested Sunbird (<i>Chalcomitra senegalensis</i>)	Seen throughout tour in various locations	Seen throughout tour in various locations
Golden-winged Sunbird (<i>Drepanorhynchus reichenowi</i>)		Ngorongoro Crater Rim

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Malachite Sunbird (<i>Nectarinia famosa</i>)		Ngorongoro Crater Rim
Eastern Double-collared Sunbird (<i>Cinnyris mediocris</i>)		Ngorongoro Crater Rim
Green-headed Sunbird (<i>Cyanomitra verticalis</i>)		Elephant Falls walk around Gibbs Farm
Hunter's Sunbird (<i>Chalcomitra hunteri</i>)	Mkomazi NP	
Beautiful Sunbird (<i>Cinnyris pulchellus</i>)	Mkomazi NP	Seen throughout tour in various locations
Marico Sunbird (<i>Cinnyris mariquensis</i>)		Serengeti Serena Lodge
Tsavo Sunbird (<i>Cinnyris tsavoensis</i>)		Serengeti Serena Lodge
Variable Sunbird (<i>Cinnyris venustus</i>)	Seen throughout tour in various locations	Seen throughout tour in various locations
Pemba Sunbird (<i>Cinnyris pembae</i>)	Pemba Island	
Weavers and Allies: Ploceidae		
Red-billed Buffalo-Weaver (<i>Bubalornis niger</i>)	Mkomazi NP	Seen throughout tour in various locations
White-headed Buffalo-Weaver (<i>Dinemellia dinemelli</i>)	Mkomazi NP	Seen throughout tour in various locations
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 en route to Same	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>)		Ndutu
Baglafaecht Weaver (<i>Ploceus baglafaecht</i>)	Seen throughout tour in various locations	Seen throughout tour in various locations
Red-headed Weaver (<i>Anaplectes rubriceps</i>)		Arusha NP Tarangire NP Serengeti NP
Lesser Masked-Weaver (<i>Ploceus intermedius</i>)	Seen throughout tour in various locations	Seen throughout tour in various locations
Little Weaver (<i>Ploceus luteolus</i>)		One bird seen in Ndutu
Black-necked Weaver (<i>Ploceus nigricollis</i>)		Lake Manyara NP

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Spectacled Weaver (<i>Ploceus ocularis</i>)	East and West Usambara Mountains	Arusha NP Lake Manyara
African Golden-Weaver (<i>Ploceus subaureus</i>)	West and East Usambaras	
Holub's Golden-Weaver (<i>Ploceus xanthops</i>)		One bird seen in Serengeti NP
Taveta Golden-Weaver (<i>Ploceus castaneiceps</i>)	"Zebra Camp" lunch stop	Arusha NP
Vitelline Masked-Weaver (<i>Ploceus vitellinus</i>)	Mkomazi NP	Seen throughout tour in various locations
Speke's Weaver (<i>Ploceus spekei</i>)		Ngorongoro Crater
Village Weaver (<i>Ploceus cucullatus</i>)	West and East Usambara	Seen at the souvenir shop on the last day
Golden-backed Weaver (<i>Ploceus jacksoni</i>)		Katambuga House
Chestnut Weaver (<i>Ploceus rubiginosus</i>)	Mkomazi NP	Katambuga House Tarangire NP Lake Manyara
Grosbeak Weaver (<i>Amblyospiza albifrons</i>)	Seen throughout the pre-extension	Katambuga House
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 in a vernal pond outside of Tarangire NP
Fire-fronted Bishop (<i>Euplectes diadematus</i>)	Mkomazi NP	
Black-winged Bishop (<i>Euplectes hordeaceus</i>)	Mkomazi NP Pemba Island	Lake Manyara NP
Yellow-crowned Bishop (<i>Euplectes afer</i>)		Seen in a vernal pond outside of Tarangire NP
Yellow Bishop (<i>Euplectes capensis</i>)	Seen on the road out of West Usambaras	Lake Manyara NP Ngorongoro
Zanzibar Bar Bishop (<i>Euplectes nigroventris</i>)	Mkomazi NP "Zebra Camp" Lunch stop	

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Black Bishop (<i>Euplectes gierowii</i>)		Katambuga House Nduu
White-winged Widowbird (<i>Euplectes albonotatus</i>)	Mkomazi NP	Seen throughout tour in various locations
Jackson's Widowbird (<i>Euplectes jacksoni</i>)		Ngorongoro Crater
Fan-tailed Widowbird (<i>Euplectes axillaris</i>)		Very common in Ngorongoro Crater
Red-cowled Widowbird (<i>Euplectes laticauda</i>)		Ngorongoro Crater
Waxbills and Allies: Estrildidae		
Gray-headed Nigrita (<i>Nigrita canicapillus</i>)		Elephant Falls walk around Gibbs Farm
Green-winged Pytilia (<i>Pytilia melba</i>)	Mkomazi NP	Seen throughout tour in various locations
Red-billed Firefinch (<i>Lagonosticta senegala</i>)	Mkomazi NP	Seen throughout tour in various locations
Purple Grenadier (<i>Granatina ianthinogaster</i>)	Mkomazi NP	Seen throughout tour in various locations
Quailfinch (<i>Ortygospiza atricollis</i>)		Serengeti NP Ngorongoro Crater
Cut-throat (<i>Amadina fasciata</i>)	Seen en route to Same	
Gray-headed Silverbill (<i>Odontospiza griseicapilla</i>)		Acacia Scrubland Adjacent to lark plains Nduu
African Silverbill (<i>Euodice cantans</i>)		Nduu
Peter's Twinspot (<i>Hypargos niveoguttatus</i>)		Elephant Falls walk around Gibbs Farm
Abyssinian Crimsoning (<i>Cryptospiza salvadorii</i>)	Western Usambaras	Elephant Falls walk around Gibbs Farm
Yellow-bellied Waxbill (<i>Coccyzygia quartinia</i>)	West Usambara	Elephant Falls walk around Gibbs Farm
Crimson-rumped Waxbill (<i>Estrilda rhodopygaa</i>)	West Usambara	Tarangire NP
Common Waxbill (<i>Estrilda astrild</i>)	West Usambara	Ngorongoro Crater
Black-faced Waxbill (<i>Brunhilda erythronotos</i>)	Seen en route to Same	Seen throughout tour in various locations

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Red-cheeked Cordonbleu (<i>Uraeginthus bengalus</i>)	Seen throughout tour in various locations	Seen throughout tour in various locations
Blue-capped Cordonbleu (<i>Uraeginthus cyanocephalus</i>)		Seen throughout the “Safari” portion of this tour west of Lake Manyara
Bronze Mannikin (<i>Spermestes cucullata</i>)	Seen en route to Same East Usambara Mountains Pemba Island	Arusha NP
Black-and-white Mannikin (<i>Spermestes bicolor</i>)	Seen en route to Same East Usambara Mountains Pemba Island	Arusha NP
Indigobirds: Viduidae		
Pin-tailed Whydah (<i>Vidua macroura</i>)	Seen throughout tour in various locations	Seen throughout tour in various locations
Eastern Paradise-Whydah (<i>Vidua paradisaea</i>)	Mkomazi NP	Tarangire NP
Steel-blue Whydah (<i>Vidua hypocherina</i>)	Seen en route to Same	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.
Old World Sparrows: Passeridae		
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
Java Sparrow (<i>Lonchura oryzivora</i>) - non-native	Pemba Island	
Northern Gray-headed Sparrow (<i>Passer griseus</i>)	Mkomazi NP	Seen throughout tour in various locations
Swahili Sparrow (<i>Passer suahelicus</i>)		Ndutu
Chestnut Sparrow (<i>Passer eminibey</i>)		Lark Plains Ndutu
Yellow-spotted Bush Sparrow (<i>Gymnoris pyrgita</i>)	Mkomazi NP	Scrublands adjacent to Lark Plains Lake Manyara

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Wagtails and Pipits: Motacillidae		
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	Lake Manyara NP
African Pipit (<i>Anthus cinnamomeus</i>)	Pemba Island	Seen throughout tour in various locations
Plain-backed Pipit (<i>Anthus leucophrys</i>)		Ndutu
Long-billed Pipit (<i>Anthus similis</i>)		Arusha NP Ndutu
Pangani Longclaw (<i>Macronyx aurantiigula</i>)	Mkomazi NP	Arusha NP
Rosy-throated Longclaw (<i>Macronyx ameliae</i>)		Ngorongoro Crater
Yellow-throated Longclaw (<i>Macronyx croceus</i>)		Serengeti NP
Finches, Euphonias and Allies: Fringillidae		
Yellow-fronted Canary (<i>Crithagra mozambica</i>)	East Usambara	Ndutu
White-bellied Canary (<i>Crithagra dorsostriata</i>)		Seen throughout tour in various locations
Southern Citril (<i>Crithagra hyposticta</i>)	West and East Usambara	Seen throughout tour in various locations
Reichenow's Seedeater (<i>Crithagra reichenowi</i>)	Seen en route to Same	Tarangire NP
Streaky Seedeater (<i>Crithagra striolata</i>)		Ngorongoro (Serena Lodge)
Thick-billed Seedeater (<i>Crithagra burtoni</i>)		Ngorongoro (Serena Lodge)
Old World Buntings: Emberizidae		
Golden-breasted Bunting (<i>Emberiza flaviventris</i>)		One seen leaving Tarangire NP
Cabanis's Bunting (<i>Emberiza cabanisi</i>)	Western Usambaras	

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“Other Animal” Species		
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
Yellow Baboon	Mkomazi NP	
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 Paradise Hotel	
Pemba Flying Fox	Pemba Island	
Yellow-winged Bat		First seen in scrubland adjacent to Lark Plains then again in Ndotu
Horse-nosed Bat	En route to Same	
Scrub Hare		Seen briefly scampering away in Lark Plains
Unstriped Ground Squirrel	Mkomazi NP	Tarangire NP
Unstriped Grass Rat		Seen throughout the tour in various locations
Golden Jackal		Ngorongoro Crater
Black-backed Jackal		Tarangire NP Ngorongoro Crater Serengeti NP
Bat-eared Fox		Ndotu
Spotted Hyaena		Frequently encountered west of the Ngorongoro Rim
Leopard		Serengeti NP Kapi outcropping
African Wild Cat		Ndotu

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Serval		Serengeti NP
Cheetah		Serengeti NP
Lion		Seen regularly after and including Tarangire NP
Black-necked Rock Hyrax		Tarangire NP
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
Cape Buffalo	Common in Mkomazi NP	Seen throughout tour in various locations
Bushbuck		Arusha NP
Eland		Common after and including Ngorongoro Crater
Suni		Few sightings in Arusha NP
Red Duiker		Few sightings in Arusha NP
Bohor Reedbuck		Tarangire NP
Steinbuck (Steenbok)		Few sightings in Nduu
Kirk's Dikdik		Seen throughout tour in various locations
Common Waterbuck		Seen throughout tour in various locations
Defasa Waterbuck		Serengeti NP

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Thompson's Gazelle		Seen throughout tour in various locations
Grant's Gazelle		Seen throughout tour in various locations
Impala		Seen throughout tour in various locations
Topi	Mkomazi NP	Serengeti NP
Coke's Hartebeest (Kongoni)	Mkomazi NP	Seen throughout tour in various locations
Brindled Gnu (Blue Wildebeest)		Seen regularly after and including Ngorongoro Crater
Banded Mongoose		Lark Plains Lake Manyara Serengeti NP
Slender Mongoose	Mkomazi NP	Seen throughout tour in various locations
Red-legged Sun Squirrel	Pemba Island	Lark Plains
Tanganika Mountain Squirrel	East Usambara Mountains	
Dwarf Mongoose		Commonly encountered in Tarangire NP
Leopard Tortoise	Mkomazi NP	Tarangire NP Nduu
Helmeted (Marsh) Terrapin	Mkomazi NP	Seen throughout the tour in various locations
Tropical House Gecko	Seen throughout tour in various locations - in hotels mostly	Seen throughout tour in various locations - in hotels mostly
Striped Skink	West Usambara Mountains	Serengeti NP
Two-horned Chameleon	West Usambaras - Mullers Lodge	
Flap-necked Chameleon	Mkomazi NP	
Battersby Green Snake		Arusha NP
Coconut Crab	Pemba Island	
Red-headed Rock Agama	En route to Same	



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Blue-headed Rock Agama	Acacia Scrubland adjacent Lark Plains	
Mwanza Flat-headed Agama		Serengeti NP
Greater Flatted Lizard		Tarangire NP
African Bush Grasshopper	East Usambara Mountains	
Greater Rhinoceros Beetle		Ndutu
Nile (Water) Monitor		Tarangire NP
Nile Crocodile		Serengeti NP