



## Field Guides Tour Report

### KENYA HIGHLIGHTS

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This was our first ever Kenya Highlights tour, with just over two weeks on the ground, visiting the best of Kenya's parks, reserves, and other birding areas.

From our base in Nairobi, we started with a day trip to Lake Magadi, seeing over 80 species from 42 different families. It was a fabulous start, with new birds at every stop as we made the descent from 7000 to 2000 feet, pausing along the way in a variety of wooded and bush country habitats. Just some of the highlights were Eastern Chanting-Goshawk, White-bellied Go-away-bird, Blue-naped Mousebird, Red-and-yellow Barbet, African Penduline-Tit, Yellow-bellied Eremomela, Superb Starling, Blue-capped Cordon-bleu, and Eastern Paradise-Whydah. And then at the lake itself we enjoyed both Greater and Lesser flamingos, Pink-backed Pelican, Chestnut-banded Plover and Pied Avocet. And on our return journey, a brief stop in the Ngong Hills at a flowering patch of 'Leonotis' gave us time to enjoy Bronze, Golden-winged, Variable, and Scarlet-chested sunbirds, as they repeatedly returned to feed on this rich source of nectar- it was a great first day!

After a comfortable night in Nairobi, we then headed north through the Kikuyu farmlands to Mountain Lodge on the south-west slopes of Mt. Kenya. In this area we added Scaly Francolin, Crowned Hawk-Eagle, Delegorgue's Pigeon, Red-fronted Parrot, Silvery-cheeked Hornbill, Grey-headed Bushshrike, Black-tailed Oriole, Mountain Yellow Warbler, Black-throated Apalis, African Hill Babbler, Rueppell's Robin-Chat, White-starred Robin, and Oriole Finch. And we also saw our first big mammals, with African Elephant, African Buffalo, and Bushbuck present at the waterhole for most of the afternoon, and then at night some seldom seen species like Marsh Mongoose, Large-spotted Genet, and a gorgeous male Leopard - another fabulous day!

From the forested slopes around Mountain Lodge (at 7200 ft.) we then continued still further north, but also dropped in elevation to around 3000ft at Samburu - a small reserve with a mix of semi-desert bush country, Doum Palms, and large riverine Acacia trees. The bird life here was totally different from the previous two days and we were soon enjoying such varied species as 'Somali' Ostrich, Helmeted and Vulturine guineafowl, Lappet-faced Vulture, Martial Eagle, Pygmy Falcon, Buff-crested Bustard, Black-faced Sandgrouse, White-headed Mousebird, Lilac-breasted Roller, Nubian Woodpecker, Rosy-patched Bushshrike, Somali Tit, Golden-breasted Starling, Golden Pipit (surely the world's most gorgeous pipit) and Somali Bunting. Samburu is also the home to three rather localized mammals, and we had excellent close looks at Reticulated Giraffe, Beisa Oryx, and Gerenuk, plus no less than three separate sightings of Cheetah, and a Leopard with its prey - a freshly killed Impala in an Acacia tree - amazing!

We then back-tracked to Naro Moru as we broke the journey to one of Kenya's most famous Rift Valley lakes - Lake Baringo. After almost 2 years of exceptional rains the lake was at an all-time high, with the water literally lapping the steps of many of the guest rooms - this was of course great for our birding, as Black Crakes, Squacco Herons, and African Jacanas all fed busily just feet from our verandas. Walks in the nearby bush and along the cliffs provided us with many new birds, including the local 'specials'; just some of the most memorable sightings were African Fish-Eagle (right in the garden), Three-banded Courser (a difficult crepuscular species), African Scops-Owl, Northern White-faced Owl, Grayish Eagle-Owl, Slender-tailed Nighthawk, Jackson's Hornbill, White Helmetshrike, Mocking Cliffchat, Brown-tailed Chat, Bristle-crowned and Magpie starlings, White-billed Buffalo-Weaver, Northern Masked Weaver, and the gorgeous Green-winged Pytilia.

Leaving Baringo behind, we then headed west for a three night stay at the famed Kakamega Forest, seeing White-crested Turaco, Narina Trogon, Double-toothed Barbet, and Black-headed Gonolek along the way. However, it was within the forest itself that we really began to find new birds, with just some of our favorites being Great Blue Turaco, Blue-headed Bee-eater, flocks of Black-and-white-casqued Hornbills, Yellow-billed and Yellow-spotted barbets, Brown-eared Woodpecker, a displaying African Broadbill, Brown-throated Wattle-eye, Luehder's Bushshrike, Western Black-headed Oriole, 10 species of greenbuls, Banded Prinia, Turner's Eremomela, Southern Hyliota (now placed in the new family Hyliotidae), Equatorial Akalat, Green-throated Sunbird, Red-headed Malimbe, and Red-headed Bluebill.

We then headed back to the Great Rift Valley for a one night stay at Lake Nakuru. As at Baringo, the lake was exceptionally

high, with a different mix of birds than what are usually present. Hottentot and Cape teals were new ducks for us, as were hundreds of Great White Pelicans, Saddle-billed Stork, Madagascar Pond-Heron, and Greater Painted-snipe, while in the grasslands we added Coqui and Hildebrandt's francolins, Gray-backed Fiscal, Rufous-naped Lark, Arrow-marked Babbler, Little Rock-Thrush, Yellow-throated Longclaw, and spectacular Long-tailed Widowbirds. An ambling close Black Rhino was a totally unexpected bonus.

We concluded our tour with a flight to Masai Mara, and then a three night stay at Bateleur Camp. Ecologically speaking the Mara is the northern part of the Serengeti, and is world-famous for its numbers and variety of large African mammals. During both morning and afternoon drives, we slowly made our way across the plains in an open-sided Land Rover, enjoying such wonderful sightings as female Lions with 5 large cubs, two male Lions feeding on a buffalo, two large Cheetahs stalking through the long grass, many Elephants with young of all ages, Spotted Hyaenas, herds of Burchell's Zebra and Blue Wildebeest, Warthog, Common Giraffes, Common Eland, Defassa Waterbuck, Topi, Impala, and Thomson's Gazelles. While bird highlights were Red-necked Francolin, the uncommon Rufous-bellied Heron, Banded Snake-Eagle, Gray Kestrel, White-bellied Bustard, Wattled Lapwing, Temminck's Courser, Meyer's Parrot, Schalow's and Ross's turacos, Black Coucal, Southern Ground-Hornbill, Rufous-necked Wryneck, Black-crowned Tchagra, Moustached Grass-Warbler, and Violet-backed Starling - just stunning!

All in all, it was an exciting inaugural Kenya Highlights tour, hopefully just the first of many. Many thanks for joining me on this trip!

--Terry

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#### KEYS FOR THIS LIST

One of the following keys may be shown in brackets for individual species as appropriate: \* = heard only, I = introduced, E = endemic, N = nesting, a = austral migrant, b = boreal migrant

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## BIRDS

### Struthionidae (Ostrich)

**OSTRICH (COMMON)** (*Struthio camelus massaicus*) – Two males and a female at Lake Baringo, and then about 14 at Masai Mara; these are the pink-necked form.

**OSTRICH (SOMALI)** (*Struthio camelus molybdophanes*) – We had a fabulous close encounter with a pair and 15 half grown young birds at Samburu; these blue-necked birds are often split as Somali Ostrich.

### Anatidae (Ducks, Geese, and Waterfowl)

**WHITE-FACED WHISTLING-DUCK** (*Dendrocygna viduata*) – About 80 at roadside pools on the way to Lake Baringo, 35 at Lake Victoria, and 6 at Limuru Pond.

**WHITE-BACKED DUCK** (*Thalassornis leuconotus*) – Six adults and a pair with 9 tiny juveniles at Limuru Pond.

**COMB DUCK (OLD WORLD)** (*Sarkidiornis melanotos melanotos*) – A saw a female on a small pool north of Isiolo.

**EGYPTIAN GOOSE** (*Alopochen aegyptiaca*) – Common and widespread at a variety of wetlands throughout the tour; in all we saw about 160.

**YELLOW-BILLED DUCK** (*Anas undulata*) – About 15 at Gatarakwa, and 12 at Lake Nakuru.

**RED-BILLED DUCK** (*Anas erythrorhyncha*) – Two at Sagana Fish Ponds, and 8 at Lake Nakuru.

**HOTTENTOT TEAL** (*Anas hottentota*) – Six at Lake Nakuru.

**CAPE TEAL** (*Anas capensis*) – About 30 at Lake Nakuru.

### Numididae (Guineafowl)

**HELMETED GUINEAFOWL** (*Numida meleagris*) – About 100 at Samburu, 30 at Solio, 30 at Nakuru, and 20 in Masai Mara.

**VULTURINE GUINEAFOWL** (*Acryllium vulturinum*) – Excellent close looks at about 100 at Samburu.

### Phasianidae (Pheasants, Grouse, and Allies)

**COQUI FRANCOLIN** (*Francolinus coqui*) – We saw pairs of these rather shy francolins at Nakuru and Masai Mara.

**CRESTED FRANCOLIN** (*Francolinus sephaena*) – Six at Samburu.

**SCALY FRANCOLIN** (*Francolinus squamatus*) – Another shy francolin, so we were lucky to get good looks at pairs on the track to Mountain Lodge and at Masai Mara.

**HILDEBRANDT'S FRANCOLIN** (*Francolinus hildebrandti*) – Two fighting and chasing females at Lake Nakuru.

**YELLOW-NECKED FRANCOLIN** (*Francolinus leucoscepus*) – Common at Samburu and along the road through Solio Game Ranch; in all we saw about 80.

**RED-NECKED FRANCOLIN** (*Francolinus afer*) – Ten at Masai Mara.

**HARLEQUIN QUAIL** (*Coturnix delegorguei*) – We flushed a female as we drove through long grass at Masai Mara.

*Podicipedidae (Grebes)*

**LITTLE GREBE** (*Tachybaptus ruficollis*) – About 10 on the dam near Gatarakwa, 60 at Lake Nakuru, and 20 at Limuru Pond.

*Phoenicopteridae (Flamingos)*

**GREATER FLAMINGO** (*Phoenicopterus roseus*) – Two hundred and fifty at Lake Magadi.

**LESSER FLAMINGO** (*Phoenicopterus minor*) – About 150 at Lake Magadi.

*Ciconiidae (Storks)*

**AFRICAN OPENBILL** (*Anastomus lamelligerus*) – Two in a marshy field near Lake Victoria.

**WOOLLY-NECKED STORK** (*Ciconia episcopus*) – A pair flew along the top of the cliffs at Lake Baringo, and we then saw 2 singles at Masai Mara.

**SADDLE-BILLED STORK** (*Ephippiorhynchus senegalensis*) – One at Lake Nakuru.

**MARABOU STORK** (*Leptoptilos crumeniferus*) – About 20 in Nairobi, 1 at Samburu, and about 40 at Lake Nakuru.

**YELLOW-BILLED STORK** (*Mycteria ibis*) – Two hundred and fifty at Lake Nakuru were by far the largest concentration, but we also saw about 20 others at a variety of widespread wetlands.

*Phalacrocoracidae (Cormorants and Shags)*

**GREAT CORMORANT** (*Phalacrocorax carbo*) – About 800 at Lake Nakuru were the first time in many years that so many have been present there.

**LONG-TAILED CORMORANT** (*Phalacrocorax africanus*) – Small numbers were widespread at a variety of wetlands throughout the tour.

*Anhingidae (Anhingas)*

**AFRICAN DARTER** (*Anhinga rufa*) – Two singles at Lake Baringo.

*Pelecanidae (Pelicans)*

**GREAT WHITE PELICAN** (*Pelecanus onocrotalus*) – Several large flocks (totalling about 1000) were at Lake Nakuru.

**PINK-BACKED PELICAN** (*Pelecanus rufescens*) – Two at Lake Magadi.

*Scopidae (Hamerkop)*

**HAMERKOP** (*Scopus umbretta*) – Common and widespread at wetlands throughout the tour.

*Ardeidae (Herons, Egrets, and Bitterns)*

**GRAY HERON** (*Ardea cinerea*) – Small numbers along the shores of several widespread lakes and rivers.

**BLACK-HEADED HERON** (*Ardea melanocephala*) – Prefers more marshy grasslands than the previous species; in all we saw about 110, including a breeding colony of 40 at Masai Mara.

**GREAT EGRET (AFRICAN)** (*Ardea alba melanorhyncha*) – One at Sagana, 3 at Baringo, 40 at Lake Nakuru, and 2 at Masai Mara.

**INTERMEDIATE EGRET** (*Mesophoyx intermedia*) – We saw a distant bird at the Ahero rice fields and then good close looks at Lake Nakuru.

**LITTLE EGRET** (*Egretta garzetta*) – Singles at Magadi and Baringo, and about 70 at Lake Victoria.

**CATTLE EGRET (IBIS)** (*Bubulcus ibis ibis*) – Common and widespread throughout the tour.

**SQUACCO HERON** (*Ardeola ralloides*) – Great looks right in front of our rooms at Lake Baringo.

**MADAGASCAR POND-HERON** (*Ardeola idae*) – One at Lake Nakuru; generally an uncommon 'winter visitor' from Madagascar.

**RUFOUS-BELLIED HERON** (*Ardeola rufiventris*) – Uncommon and restricted to Masai Mara in Kenya; we saw 2 adults near Little Governor's Camp.

**STRIATED HERON** (*Butorides striata*) – About 5 along the shore at Lake Baringo Club.

**BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT-HERON** (*Nycticorax nycticorax*) – Six at Masai Mara.

*Threskiornithidae (Ibises and Spoonbills)*

**GLOSSY IBIS** (*Plegadis falcinellus*) – About 12 at Lake Nakuru.

**SACRED IBIS** (*Threskiornis aethiopicus*) – Common and widespread throughout the tour; in all we saw about 500.

**HADADA IBIS** (*Bostrychia hagedash*) – Most common in the high country, but we also saw them in lower areas like Samburu and Baringo.

**AFRICAN SPOONBILL** (*Platalea alba*) – One at Lake Magadi, and 40 at Lake Nakuru.

*Accipitridae (Hawks, Eagles, and Kites)*

**BLACK-SHOULDERED KITE** (*Elanus caeruleus*) – Singles at Samburu, Solio, Nakuru, and Masai Mara.

**BLACK KITE** (*Milvus migrans*) – Common around Nairobi; all the birds we saw were the form 'parasitus' which is often split as Yellow-billed Kite.

**AFRICAN FISH-EAGLE** (*Haliaeetus vocifer*) – Fabulous close scope views of a pair at Lake Baringo.

**HOODED VULTURE** (*Necrosyrtes monachus*) – Three at Samburu; very uncommon in Kenya these days.

**WHITE-BACKED VULTURE** (*Gyps africanus*) – About 60 along the river at Samburu, and 20 at Masai Mara.

**LAPPET-FACED VULTURE** (*Torgos tracheliotus*) – Two at Samburu, and 1 at Masai Mara.

**BLACK-BREASTED SNAKE-EAGLE** (*Circaetus pectoralis*) – Three at Masai Mara.

**BROWN SNAKE-EAGLE** (*Circaetus cinereus*) – Two singles at Masai Mara.

**BANDED SNAKE-EAGLE** (*Circaetus cinerascens*) – We saw this rather uncommon snake-eagle along the Oloololo Escarpment, Masai Mara.

**BATELEUR** (*Terathopius ecaudatus*) – Singles at Samburu, Solio, and Masai Mara.

**AFRICAN HARRIER-HAWK** (*Polyboroides typus*) – We saw a single adults at Samburu and Masai Mara.

**EASTERN CHANTING-GOSHAWK** (*Melierax poliopterus*) – Three along the Magadi road and 5 at Samburu.

**GABAR GOSHAWK** (*Micronisus gabar*) – An immature in the grounds of our lodge at Samburu.

**BLACK GOSHAWK** (*Accipiter melanoleucus*) – Some of the group saw an immature bird near Mt. Kenya.

**MOUNTAIN BUZZARD** (*Buteo oreophilus*) – One on the way to Mountain Lodge.

**AUGUR BUZZARD** (*Buteo augur*) – Small numbers in the highlands; in all we saw about 20.

**TAWNY EAGLE** (*Aquila rapax*) – Six at Samburu, 1 at Solio, and 2 at Lake Nakuru.

**AFRICAN HAWK-EAGLE** (*Aquila spilogaster*) – Nice looks at a flying adult over the cliffs at Baringo, and then 2 more adults at Masai Mara.

**AYRES'S HAWK-EAGLE** (*Hieraaetus ayresii*) – We saw this uncommon eagle circling over the Kakamega Forest.

**MARTIAL EAGLE** (*Polemaetus bellicosus*) – Just fantastic this tour with 2 adults and an immature at Samburu, another immature at Gatarakwa, and then 2 more adults at Nakuru and Masai Mara.

**LONG-CRESTED EAGLE** (*Lophaetus occipitalis*) – Singles at Gatarakwa, in the Tugen Hills, Kakamega, Nakuru, and at Masai Mara.

**CROWNED HAWK-EAGLE** (*Stephanoaetus coronatus*) – One at Mountain Lodge.

*Sagittariidae (Secretary-bird)*

**SECRETARY-BIRD** (*Sagittarius serpentarius*) – Two close birds at Samburu.

*Falconidae (Falcons and Caracaras)*

**PYGMY FALCON** (*Polihierax semitorquatus*) – Two singles (a male and then a female) at Samburu.

**EURASIAN KESTREL (EURASIAN)** (*Falco tinnunculus rufescens*) – One over the cliffs at Baringo; the form 'rufescens' is sometimes split as Rock Kestrel.

**GRAY KESTREL** (*Falco ardosiaceus*) – Good looks at a perched bird at Masai Mara.

**LANNER FALCON** (*Falco biarmicus*) – Good looks at an adult at Samburu.

*Otididae (Bustards)*

**WHITE-BELLIED BUSTARD** (*Eupodotis senegalensis*) – A pair at Masai Mara.

**BUFF-CRESTED BUSTARD** (*Eupodotis gindiana*) – Four at Samburu.

**BLACK-BELLIED BUSTARD** (*Lissotis melanogaster*) – We saw a single female right next to the vehicle at Masai Mara.

*Rallidae (Rails, Gallinules, and Coots)*

**WHITE-SPOTTED FLUFFTAIL** (*Sarothrura pulchra*) – Heard at Kakamega Forest.

**BLACK CRAKE** (*Amaurornis flavirostra*) – We saw about half a dozen really tame birds at Lake Baringo.

**EURASIAN MOORHEN** (*Gallinula chloropus*) – Recently split from the American birds; we saw 3 at Masai Mara.

**LESSER MOORHEN** (*Gallinula angulata*) – One in the floating vegetation at the Sagana Fish Ponds.

**RED-KNOBBED COOT** (*Fulica cristata*) – One at Gatarakwa, and about 100 at Limuru Pond.

*Gruidae (Cranes)*

**GRAY CROWNED-CRANE** (*Balearica regulorum*) – We saw these striking cranes at Isiolo, Eldoret, Lake Nakuru, and at Masai Mara; in all we saw about 85.

*Burhinidae (Thick-knees)*

**WATER THICK-KNEE** (*Burhinus vermiculatus*) – At least 6 were along the river bank at Samburu, 3 at Lake Victoria, and 1 at Masai Mara.

**SPOTTED THICK-KNEE** (*Burhinus capensis*) – We saw 2 of these well camouflaged birds at Samburu.

*Charadriidae (Plovers and Lapwings)*

**LONG-TOED LAPWING** (*Vanellus crassirostris*) – Two at Lake Victoria.

**BLACKSMITH PLOVER** (*Vanellus armatus*) – Small numbers were widespread at a variety of widespread wetlands; in all we saw about 25.

**SPUR-WINGED PLOVER** (*Vanellus spinosus*) – Two near Isiolo, 4 at Lake Victoria, and about a dozen at Masai Mara.

**BLACK-HEADED LAPWING** (*Vanellus tectus*) – We saw 2 adults and a juvenile at Lake Baringo; generally rather scarce and localized.

**BLACK-WINGED LAPWING** (*Vanellus melanopterus*) – Three in the highland grasslands east of Naro Moru.

**CROWNED LAPWING** (*Vanellus coronatus*) – Two in the grasslands east of Naro Moru, 10 at Nakuru, and about 30 at Masai Mara.

**WATTLED LAPWING** (*Vanellus senegallus*) – Sixteen at Masai Mara.

**KITTLITZ'S PLOVER** (*Charadrius pecuarius*) – Two at Lake Magadi.

**THREE-BANDED PLOVER** (*Charadrius tricollaris*) – Small numbers at Mogotio, Nakuru, and at Masai Mara.

**CHESTNUT-BANDED PLOVER** (*Charadrius pallidus*) – Very localized in Kenya; we had great looks at an adult at Lake Magadi.

*Recurvirostridae (Stilts and Avocets)*

**BLACK-WINGED STILT** (*Himantopus himantopus*) – Four at Lake Magadi, and 6 at Lake Nakuru.

**PIED AVOCET** (*Recurvirostra avosetta*) – Eight at Lake Magadi.

*Jacanidae (Jacanas)*

**AFRICAN JACANA** (*Actophilornis africanus*) – Great close looks right in front of our rooms at Lake Baringo (12), and then 10 at Masai Mara.

*Scolopacidae (Sandpipers and Allies)*

**COMMON SANDPIPER** (*Actitis hypoleucos*) – One at the Ahero rice fields.

**GREEN SANDPIPER** (*Tringa ochropus*) – One at Lake Nakuru.

**WOOD SANDPIPER** (*Tringa glareola*) – Singles at Lake Nakuru and Masai Mara.

*Glareolidae (Pratincoles and Coursers)*

**TEMMINCK'S COURSER** (*Cursorius temminckii*) – Two on the Kichwa Plains, Masai Mara.

**THREE-BANDED COURSER** (*Rhinoptilus cinctus*) – Thanks to our local guide we all had wonderful looks at a pair at Lake Baringo.

*Rostratulidae (Painted-Snipes)*

**GREATER PAINTED-SNIPE** (*Rostratula benghalensis*) – Two males and a female in the flooded grasslands at Lake Nakuru.

Laridae (Gulls, Terns, and Skimmers)

**GRAY-HOODED GULL** (*Chroicocephalus cirrocephalus*) – More commonly known as Grey-headed Gull, we saw 3 at Lake Magadi, and about 200 at Lake Nakuru.

**GULL-BILLED TERN** (*Gelochelidon nilotica*) – Twenty at Lake Nakuru.

**WHISKERED TERN** (*Chlidonias hybrida*) – Six (including 2 in fine breeding plumage) at Lake Magadi, and about 20 at Lake Nakuru.

Pteroclididae (Sandgrouse)

**BLACK-FACED SANDGROUSE** (*Pterocles decoratus*) – We saw a total of about 60 at Samburu.

Columbidae (Pigeons and Doves)

**ROCK PIGEON** (*Columba livia*) – Six near Thomson's Falls.

**SPECKLED PIGEON** (*Columba guinea*) – Small numbers were widespread throughout the tour.

**RAMERON PIGEON** (*Columba arquatrix*) – About 20 at Masai Mara.

**DELEGORGUE'S PIGEON** (*Columba delegorguei*) – We saw a single female from the roof of Mountain Lodge.

**DUSKY TURTLE-DOVE** (*Streptopelia lugens*) – Four on the north side of Mt. Kenya.

**MOURNING COLLARED-DOVE** (*Streptopelia decipiens*) – Common in the dry country like Magadi, Samburu and Baringo; in all we saw about 160.

**RED-EYED DOVE** (*Streptopelia semitorquata*) – Small numbers at several sites in the highlands and at Masai Mara; in all we saw about 50.

**RING-NECKED DOVE** (*Streptopelia capicola*) – Common and widespread.

**LAUGHING DOVE** (*Streptopelia senegalensis*) – Common and widespread.

**EMERALD-SPOTTED WOOD-DOVE** (*Turtur chalcospilos*) – Two at Magadi, 8 at Samburu, 3 near Lake Victoria, and 4 at Masai Mara.

**BLUE-SPOTTED WOOD-DOVE** (*Turtur afer*) – One at Dunga Point, Lake Victoria.

**TAMBOURINE DOVE** (*Turtur tympanistria*) – Good looks at a male at Gatarakwa.

**NAMAQUA DOVE** (*Oena capensis*) – Six at Magadi, and about 45 at Samburu.

**AFRICAN GREEN-PIGEON** (*Treron calvus*) – A shy pair were at a nest at the Blue Posts Hotel near Thika, but we then had excellent looks at a flock of 12 at Masai Mara.

Psittacidae (Parrots)

**RED-FRONTED PARROT** (*Poicephalus gulielmi*) – About 6 were seen flying over Mountain Lodge.

**MEYER'S PARROT** (*Poicephalus meyeri*) – We saw a total of about 15 at Masai Mara.

**RED-BELLIED PARROT** (*Poicephalus rufiventris*) – More commonly known as African Orange-bellied Parrot, we saw 8 at Samburu.

Musophagidae (Turacos)

**GREAT BLUE TURACO** (*Corythaëola cristata*) – After a couple of 'heard only' flocks that got away, we then had great scope looks at 2 in the Kakamega Forest.

**SCHALOW'S TURACO** (*Tauraco schalowi*) – Nice looks at 1 during our last morning walk at Masai Mara.

**WHITE-CRESTED TURACO** (*Tauraco leucolophus*) – We saw 2 of these beautiful turacos in the Kerio Valley.

**HARTLAUB'S TURACO** (*Tauraco hartlaubi*) – Fabulous looks at 1 along the river at Naro Moru River Lodge.

**ROSS'S TURACO** (*Musophaga rossae*) – One at Masai Mara.

**WHITE-BELLIED GO-AWAY-BIRD** (*Corythaixoides leucogaster*) – Fairly common at Samburu and Baringo, with a few others at Lake Magadi.

**EASTERN PLANTAIN-EATER** (*Crinifer zonurus*) – About a dozen along the shore near Kisumu, Lake Victoria.

Cuculidae (Cuckoos)

**RED-CHESTED CUCKOO** (*Cuculus solitarius*) – One seen well at Lake Baringo, and a few other 'heards' at several widespread locations.

**KLAAS'S CUCKOO** (*Chrysococcyx klaas*) – One near Mountain Lodge.

**AFRICAN EMERALD CUCKOO** (*Chrysococcyx cupreus*) – Heard in the Tugen Hills.

**BLACK COUCAL** (*Centropus grillii*) – Good looks at this rather shy coucal at Masai Mara.

**WHITE-BROWED COUCAL** (*Centropus superciliosus*) – Two singles at Masai Mara.

Strigidae (Owls)

**AFRICAN SCOPS-OWL** (*Otus senegalensis*) – One at Lake Baringo.

**NORTHERN WHITE-FACED OWL** (*Ptilopsis leucotis*) – Again, thanks to our local guides, we had excellent looks at Lake Baringo.

**CAPE EAGLE-OWL** (*Bubo capensis mackinderi*) – Sometimes split as Mackinder's Eagle-Owl, we had good views of a roosting bird near Gatarakwa.

**GRAYISH EAGLE-OWL** (*Bubo cinerascens*) – One along the cliffs at Baringo.

**VERREAUX'S EAGLE-OWL** (*Bubo lacteus*) – One at Mountain Lodge.

**PEARL-SPOTTED OWLET** (*Glaucidium perlatum*) – After a good deal of effort we finally found a responsive bird at Samburu.

Caprimulgidae (Nightjars and Allies)

**SLENDER-TAILED NIGHTJAR** (*Caprimulgus clarus*) – Good day time views at Lake Baringo.

Apodidae (Swifts)

**SCARCE SWIFT** (*Schoutedenapus myoptilus*) – About 15 over the Kakamega Forest.

**NYANZA SWIFT** (*Apus niansae*) – Ten at Thomson's Falls, and about 50 at Lake Nakuru.

**LITTLE SWIFT** (*Apus affinis*) – Widespread (especially around buildings) throughout the tour.

**AFRICAN PALM-SWIFT** (*Cypsiurus parvus*) – Four at Kisumu.

Coliidae (Mousebirds)

**SPECKLED MOUSEBIRD** (*Colius striatus*) – Common and widespread throughout the tour.

**WHITE-HEADED MOUSEBIRD** (*Colius leucocephalus*) – We saw 5 of this very localized species at Samburu.

**BLUE-NAPED MOUSEBIRD** (*Urocolius macrourus*) – Fairly common in the dry acacia country.

Trogonidae (Trogons)

**NARINA TROGON** (*Apaloderma narina*) – Great looks at a male in the Tugen Hills.

Alcedinidae (Kingfishers)

**MALACHITE KINGFISHER** (*Corythornis cristatus*) – Four at Sagana, 4 at Lake Baringo, 10 at Lake Victoria, and about 12 at Masai Mara.

**AFRICAN PYGMY-KINGFISHER** (*Ispidina picta*) – Singles at Baringo and Kakamega.

**GRAY-HEADED KINGFISHER** (*Halcyon leucocephala*) – Widespread in small numbers; in all we saw about 16.

**WOODLAND KINGFISHER** (*Halcyon senegalensis*) – One at Lake Baringo, and 3 near Kisumu.

**STRIPED KINGFISHER** (*Halcyon chelicuti*) – Some of the group saw 1 at Masai Mara.

**GIANT KINGFISHER** (*Megaceryle maximus*) – We did well for these kingfishers this tour, with no less than 6 at Baringo, Nakuru and Masai Mara.

**PIED KINGFISHER** (*Ceryle rudis*) – Common at wetlands throughout the tour.

Meropidae (Bee-eaters)

**BLUE-HEADED BEE-EATER** (*Merops muelleri*) – Generally very rare but we were lucky and saw them on three separate occasions at Kakamega Forest.

**LITTLE BEE-EATER** (*Merops pusillus*) – Four near Lake Magadi, 3 at Samburu, and 4 at Masai Mara.

**CINNAMON-CHESTED BEE-EATER** (*Merops oreobates*) – About a dozen at Mt. Kenya, 10 at Kakamega, and 2 at Masai Mara.

**SOMALI BEE-EATER** (*Merops revoilii*) – We saw this localized 'northern species' at Samburu.

**WHITE-THROATED BEE-EATER** (*Merops albicollis*) – Common at Magadi, Samburu and Baringo.

**MADAGASCAR BEE-EATER** (*Merops superciliosus*) – One at Lake Baringo.

Coraciidae (Rollers)

**LILAC-BREASTED ROLLER** (*Coracias caudatus*) – This striking species was fairly common in areas of open bushed grassland throughout the tour.

**RUFOUS-CROWNED ROLLER** (*Coracias naevius*) – A total of 5 at Samburu.

**BROAD-BILLED ROLLER** (*Eurystomus glaucurus*) – One along the shore at Lake Victoria.

*Upupidae (Hoopoes)*

**EURASIAN HOOPOE (AFRICAN)** (*Upupa epops africana*) – One on the way to Lake Magadi, and 1 at Nakuru.

*Phoeniculidae (Woodhoopoes and Scimitar-bills)*

**GREEN WOODHOOPOE** (*Phoeniculus purpureus*) – Five at Naro Moru River Lodge, and 2 at Lake Baringo.

**ABYSSINIAN SCIMITAR-BILL** (*Rhinopomastus minor*) – Four near Lake Magadi, and 2 at Samburu.

*Bucerotidae (Hornbills)*

**NORTHERN RED-BILLED HORNBILL** (*Tockus erythrorhynchus*) – About 150 at Samburu.

**EASTERN YELLOW-BILLED HORNBILL** (*Tockus flavirostris*) – Three at Samburu.

**JACKSON'S HORNBILL** (*Tockus jacksoni*) – About 20 in the Baringo area, including some exceptionally tame birds at the Club.

**VON DER DECKEN'S HORNBILL** (*Tockus deckeni*) – Four near Lake Magadi, and about 10 at Samburu.

**CROWNED HORNBILL** (*Tockus alboterminatus*) – Good looks at 3 in the grounds of Naro Moru River Lodge.

**HEMPRICH'S HORNBILL** (*Tockus hemprichii*) – One in flight as we left Lake Baringo.

**AFRICAN GRAY HORNBILL** (*Tockus nasutus*) – Four at Baringo.

**SILVERY-CHEEKED HORNBILL** (*Ceratogymna brevis*) – Two on the lower slopes of Mt. Kenya.

**BLACK-AND-WHITE-CASQUED HORNBILL** (*Ceratogymna subcylindrica*) – About 40 at Kakamega, and 1 at Masai Mara.

**SOUTHERN GROUND-HORNBILL** (*Bucorvus leadbeateri*) – We had brief looks at 1 in flight at Lake Nakuru, but then good long looks at 5 at Masai Mara.

*Lybiidae (African Barbets)*

**YELLOW-BILLED BARBET** (*Trachyphonus purpuratus*) – Good looks at 1 feeding on fruits at Kakamega.

**RED-AND-YELLOW BARBET** (*Trachyphonus erythrocephalus*) – We saw these striking barbets at Magadi, Samburu, and Baringo.

**D'ARNAUD'S BARBET** (*Trachyphonus darnaudii*) – About 15 at Samburu.

**D'ARNAUD'S BARBET (USAMBIRO)** (*Trachyphonus darnaudii usambiro*) – Four at Masai Mara; most African authorities now split this form as Usambiro Barbet.

**GRAY-THROATED BARBET** (*Gymnobucco bonapartei*) – Small numbers at Kakamega, and in the forest above Kichwa Tembo.

**YELLOW-RUMPED TINKERBIRD** (*Pogoniulus bilineatus*) – Singles at Mountain Lodge and Kakamega.

**RED-FRONTED TINKERBIRD** (*Pogoniulus pusillus*) – We saw a very responsive bird at Baringo.

**YELLOW-SPOTTED BARBET** (*Buccanodon duchaillui*) – Two in the garden at Rondo Retreat, Kakamega.

**HAIRY-BREASTED BARBET** (*Tricholaema hirsuta*) – Heard in the canopy at Kakamega Forest.

**SPOT-FLANKED BARBET** (*Tricholaema lacrymosa*) – Two near Thika, and 1 at Masai Mara.

**BLACK-THROATED BARBET** (*Tricholaema melanocephala*) – Four in the bush country north of Lake Magadi.

**WHITE-HEADED BARBET** (*Lybius leucocephalus*) – One near Thika.

**BLACK-BILLED BARBET** (*Lybius guifsobalito*) – We had a responsive bird along the shore at Lake Victoria.

**DOUBLE-TOOTHED BARBET** (*Lybius bidentatus*) – One in the Kerio Valley.

*Indicatoridae (Honeyguides)*

**LEAST HONEYGUIDE** (*Indicator exilis*) – Two in the Kakamega Forest.

**LESSER HONEYGUIDE** (*Indicator minor*) – One along the cliffs at Baringo.

*Picidae (Woodpeckers)*

**RUFOUS-NECKED WRYNECK** (*Jynx ruficollis*) – Great looks along the Oloololo Escarpment, Masai Mara.

**NUBIAN WOODPECKER** (*Campethera nubica*) – Two were seen well at Samburu, and we had 'heard' birds at Baringo and Masai Mara.

**BUFF-SPOTTED WOODPECKER** (*Campethera nivosa*) – One in the canopy at Kakamega.

**BROWN-EARED WOODPECKER** (*Campethera caroli*) – One at Kakamega.

**CARDINAL WOODPECKER** (*Dendropicos fuscescens*) – Singles and pairs at Magadi, Samburu, Baringo, and

Kakamega.

**BEARDED WOODPECKER** (*Dendropicos namaquus*) – One at Masai Mara.

**GRAY WOODPECKER** (*Dendropicos goertae*) – One at Kisumu.

**GRAY-HEADED WOODPECKER** (*Dendropicos spodocephalus*) – One near Mt. Kenya.

*Calypptomenidae (African and Green Broadbills)*

**AFRICAN BROADBILL** (*Smithornis capensis*) – Fantastic looks at a close displaying bird at Kakamega.

*Platysteiridae (Wattle-eyes and Batises)*

**BROWN-THROATED WATTLE-EYE** (*Platysteira cyanea*) – We saw a single male at Kakamega, and heard several around Kichwa Tembo.

**JAMESON'S WATTLE-EYE** (*Platysteira jamesoni*) – Some of the group saw 1 in the undergrowth at Kakamega.

**CHINSPOT BATIS** (*Batis molitor*) – One on the way to Mountain Lodge.

**PYGMY BATIS** (*Batis perkeo*) – Pairs at Samburu and Baringo.

*Prionopidae (Helmetshrikes and Allies)*

**WHITE HELMETSHRIKE** (*Prionops plumatus*) – We saw about 6 of these fabulous birds at Lake Baringo, and then another 3 at Lake Nakuru.

*Malaconotidae (Bushshrikes and Allies)*

**BRUBRU** (*Nilaus afer*) – We saw 4 singles in widespread areas of acacia country.

**NORTHERN PUFFBACK** (*Dryoscopus gambensis*) – Two at Samburu, and 1 in the Kerio Valley.

**BLACK-BACKED PUFFBACK** (*Dryoscopus cubla*) – One at Sagana, and 2 at Masai Mara.

**PINK-FOOTED PUFFBACK** (*Dryoscopus angolensis*) – A pair at Kakamega.

**BLACK-CROWNED TCHAGRA** (*Tchagra senegalus*) – One on the Oololo Escarpment, Masai Mara.

**BROWN-CROWNED TCHAGRA** (*Tchagra australis*) – One along the forest edge at Kakamega.

**LUEHDER'S BUSHSHRIKE** (*Laniarius luehderi*) – Two at Kakamega.

**TROPICAL BOUBOU** (*Laniarius aethiopicus*) – Common at Mt. Kenya, and others heard elsewhere in the highlands.

**BLACK-HEADED GONOLEK** (*Laniarius erythrogaster*) – Four in the Kerio Valley.

**SLATE-COLORED BOUBOU** (*Laniarius funebris*) – Small numbers at Magadi, Samburu, and Baringo.

**ROSY-PATCHED BUSHSHRIKE** (*Rhodophoneus cruentus*) – Six at Samburu.

**GRAY-GREEN BUSHSHRIKE** (*Telophorus bocagei*) – Also known as Bocage's Bushshrike, we saw 1 at Kakamega.

**GRAY-HEADED BUSHSHRIKE** (*Malaconotus blanchoti*) – Great looks at 1 feeding in the undergrowth on the lower slopes of Mt. Kenya.

*Campephagidae (Cuckoo-shrikes)*

**BLACK CUCKOO-SHRIKE** (*Campephaga flava*) – We saw females at Lake Magadi, Kakamega, and at Masai Mara.

**PURPLE-THROATED CUCKOO-SHRIKE** (*Campephaga quiscalina*) – We saw a single male at Mt. Kenya.

*Laniidae (Shrikes)*

**GRAY-BACKED FISCAL** (*Lanius excubitoroides*) – Five at Lake Nakuru, and 8 at Masai Mara.

**TAITA FISCAL** (*Lanius dorsalis*) – Three at Samburu.

**MACKINNON'S SHRIKE** (*Lanius mackinnoni*) – Three at Kakamega.

**COMMON FISCAL** (*Lanius collaris*) – Common and widespread in the highlands.

**WHITE-RUMPED SHRIKE** (*Eurocephalus rueppelli*) – Small numbers at Samburu and Baringo.

*Oriolidae (Old World Orioles)*

**WESTERN BLACK-HEADED ORIOLE** (*Oriolus brachyrhynchus*) – We saw a pair in the canopy at Kakamega.

**AFRICAN BLACK-HEADED ORIOLE** (*Oriolus larvatus*) – Singles at Naro Moru and Baringo.

**BLACK-TAILED ORIOLE** (*Oriolus percivali*) – Good looks in the forest around Mountain Lodge.

*Dicruridae (Drongos)*

**SQUARE-TAILED DRONGO** (*Dicrurus ludwigii*) – One seen and several heard in the forest interior at Kakamega.

**FORK-TAILED DRONGO** (*Dicrurus adsimilis*) – Common and widespread in a variety of habitats away from forest.

Monarchidae (Monarch Flycatchers)

**AFRICAN PARADISE-FLYCATCHER** (*Terpsiphone viridis*) – Widespread in small numbers.

Corvidae (Crows, Jays, and Magpies)

**CAPE CROW** (*Corvus capensis*) – Small numbers in the highlands.

**PIED CROW** (*Corvus albus*) – Common and widespread; in all we saw about 200.

**FAN-TAILED RAVEN** (*Corvus rhipidurus*) – About 8 at Samburu, and 1 at Baringo.

Alaudidae (Larks)

**RUFOUS-NAPED LARK** (*Mirafraga africana*) – Two at Nakuru, and about a dozen at Masai Mara.

**PINK-BREASTED LARK** (*Calendulauda poecilosterna*) – Eight at Samburu.

**FOXY LARK** (*Calendulauda alopex*) – Six at Samburu; formerly lumped with southern Africa's Fawn-colored Lark.

**FISCHER'S SPARROW-LARK** (*Eremopterix leucopareia*) – About 20 to the north of Lake Magadi.

**RED-CAPPED LARK** (*Calandrella cinerea*) – Two on the Kichwa Plains, Masai Mara.

Hirundinidae (Swallows)

**PLAIN MARTIN** (*Riparia paludicola*) – Six over the Sagana Fish Ponds, and about 100 at Masai Mara.

**ROCK MARTIN** (*Ptyonoprogne fuligula*) – Small numbers near Magadi, Mt. Kenya, Baringo, and Nakuru.

**ANGOLA SWALLOW** (*Hirundo angolensis*) – About 40 on the electricity wires near Kisumu.

**WIRE-TAILED SWALLOW** (*Hirundo smithii*) – Widespread; in all we saw about 50.

**RED-RUMPED SWALLOW** (*Cecropis daurica*) – Singles on the way to Magadi, at Sagana, and about 12 at Nakuru.

**LESSER STRIPED-SWALLOW** (*Cecropis abyssinica*) – Two at Sagana, 2 in the Kerio Valley, 6 near Kisumu, and 4 at Masai Mara.

**MOSQUE SWALLOW** (*Cecropis senegalensis*) – Nice looks at 2 perched birds near Thomson's Falls, and 4 at Lake Nakuru.

**WHITE-HEADED SAWWING** (*Psalidoprocne albiceps*) – We saw about 50 of these attractive swallows in the Kakamega area, and 20 at Masai Mara.

**BLACK SAWWING** (*Psalidoprocne pristoptera*) – About 40 in the Mt. Kenya to Naro Moru area.

Stenostiridae (Fairy Flycatchers)

**AFRICAN BLUE-FLYCATCHER** (*Elminia longicauda*) – About 8 of these attractive little monarchs were along the forest edge at Kakamega, we also saw a single bird at Bateleur Camp, Masai Mara.

**WHITE-TAILED CRESTED-FLYCATCHER** (*Elminia albonotata*) – Two in the Tugen Hills.

Paridae (Chickadees and Tits)

**WHITE-BELLIED TIT** (*Melaniparus albiventris*) – One on top of the Oloololo Escarpment.

**DUSKY TIT** (*Melaniparus funereus*) – Six at Kakamega.

**SOMALI TIT** (*Melaniparus thruppi*) – Two distantly at Samburu, and then 4 (very close) at Baringo.

Remizidae (Penduline-Tits)

**AFRICAN PENDULINE-TIT** (*Anthoscopus caroli sylviella*) – The form 'sylviella' is often considered a distinct species, Buff-bellied Penduline-Tit; we saw 3 at the bottom of the Ngong Hills during our day trip to Lake Magadi.

Pycnonotidae (Bulbuls)

**SLENDER-BILLED GREENBUL** (*Stelgidillas gracilirostris*) – Four at Mountain Lodge, and 2 at Kakamega.

**SHELLEY'S GREENBUL (KAKAMEGA)** (*Arizelocichla masukuensis kakamegae*) – The form 'kakamegae' is often split as Kakamega Greenbul; we had good looks at 1 as it crept along a mossy branch in Kakamega Forest.

**JOYFUL GREENBUL** (*Chlorocichla laetissima*) – We saw several small flocks at Kakamega.

**ANSORGE'S GREENBUL** (*Eurillas ansorgei*) – Good looks at this globally threatened species at Kakamega.

**PLAIN GREENBUL** (*Eurillas curvirostris*) – Two were seen feeding on fruits in the middle-levels at Kakamega Forest.

**YELLOW-WHISKERED GREENBUL** (*Eurillas latirostris*) – Singles at Mountain Lodge and Naro Moru, and then several at Kakamega.

**LITTLE GREENBUL** (*Eurillas virens*) – Many were heard, and some of the group saw 1 at Kakamega.

**NORTHERN BROWNBUL** (*Phyllastrephus strepitans*) – One at Samburu.

**TORO OLIVE-GREENBUL** (*Phyllastrephus hypochloris*) – We had good looks at this rather uncommon greenbul at Kakamega Forest.

**CABANIS'S GREENBUL (CABANIS'S)** (*Phyllastrephus cabanisi placidus*) – One along the river at Naro Moru.

**CABANIS'S GREENBUL (CABANIS'S)** (*Phyllastrephus cabanisi sucusus*) – One (of a group of 3-4) was very responsive to playback at the edge of Kakamega Forest.

**COMMON BULBUL (DODSON'S)** (*Pycnonotus barbatus dodsoni*) – The form with the white neck-patch 'dodsoni' was common at Samburu.

**COMMON BULBUL (DARK-CAPPED)** (*Pycnonotus barbatus tricolor*) – Very common and widespread.

*Macrosphenidae (African Warblers)*

**NORTHERN CROMBEC** (*Sylvietta brachyura*) – Two near Lake Magadi, and 4 at Samburu.

**MOUSTACHED GRASS-WARBLER** (*Melocichla mentalis*) – One near our camp at Masai Mara.

*Phylloscopidae (Leaf-Warblers)*

**UGANDA WOOD-WARBLER** (*Phylloscopus budongoensis*) – Many heard and 1 seen at Kakamega.

*Acrocephalidae (Reed-Warblers and Allies)*

**MOUNTAIN YELLOW WARBLER** (*Chloropeta similis*) – Nice looks at a singing bird at Mountain Lodge.

**LESSER SWAMP-WARBLER** (*Acrocephalus gracilirostris*) – Three at the Sagana Fish Ponds.

*Cisticolidae (Cisticolas and Allies)*

**BLACK-COLLARED APALIS** (*Apalis pulchra*) – Three in the undergrowth at Kakamega.

**BLACK-THROATED APALIS** (*Apalis jacksoni*) – Great looks from the roof at Mountain Lodge.

**YELLOW-BREASTED APALIS** (*Apalis flavida*) – Two at Sagana, and 5 at Naro Moru.

**BUFF-THROATED APALIS** (*Apalis rufogularis*) – Several heard and a single male seen at Kakamega.

**CHESTNUT-THROATED APALIS** (*Apalis porphyrolaema*) – Heard at Mountain Lodge.

**GRAY APALIS** (*Apalis cinerea*) – One at Mountain Lodge, and 4 in the Tugen Hills.

**GREEN-BACKED CAMAROPTERA (GRAY-BACKED)** (*Camaroptera brachyura brevicaudata*) – Common and widespread throughout the tour.

**OLIVE-GREEN CAMAROPTERA** (*Camaroptera chloronota*) – Four singles at Kakamega Forest.

**RED-FRONTED WARBLER** (*Urorhipis rufifrons*) – One on the way to Lake Magadi, and 4 at Baringo.

**GRAY WREN-WARBLER** (*Calamonastes simplex*) – Two near Lake Magadi.

**WHITE-CHINNED PRINIA** (*Schistolais leucopogon*) – Common along the forest edge at Kakamega; in all we saw about 40.

**RED-FACED CISTICOLA** (*Cisticola erythroptus*) – One in the tangled undergrowth at Masai Mara.

**TRILLING CISTICOLA** (*Cisticola woosnami*) – Good looks at 1 on the Ooloolo Escarpment, Masai Mara.

**CHUBB'S CISTICOLA** (*Cisticola chubbi*) – Five at Kakamega.

**HUNTER'S CISTICOLA** (*Cisticola hunteri*) – Three at Mountain Lodge.

**RATTLING CISTICOLA** (*Cisticola chiniana*) – Small numbers at Nakuru and Masai Mara.

**WINDING CISTICOLA (WINDING)** (*Cisticola galactotes amphilectus*) – Four along the dykes at Sagana Fish Ponds.

**CARRUTHERS'S CISTICOLA** (*Cisticola carruthersi*) – One in the papyrus at Lake Victoria.

**TINKLING CISTICOLA** (*Cisticola tinniens*) – More commonly known as Levaillant's Cisticola, we saw 1 at the small dam near Gatarakwa.

**STOUT CISTICOLA** (*Cisticola robustus*) – Two in the clearing at Kakamega, and then 'hundreds' at Masai Mara.

**GRAY-CAPPED WARBLER** (*Eminia lepida*) – Two at the Blue Posts Hotel near Thika, and 2 at Mountain Lodge.

**BLACK-FACED RUFOUS-WARBLER** (*Bathmocercus rufus*) – Nice looks at a striking male in the Kakamega undergrowth.

**BANDED PRINIA** (*Prinia bairdii*) – Difficult this tour, but eventually we all had good looks at Kakamega.

**YELLOW-VENTED EREMOMELA** (*Eremomela flavicrissalis*) – Two singles at Samburu.

**YELLOW-BELLIED EREMOMELA** (*Eremomela icteropygialis*) – Two on the way to Lake Magadi.

**TURNER'S EREMOMELA** (*Eremomela turneri*) – We saw 2 of these globally threatened birds in the canopy at Kakamega.

Sylviidae (Old World Warblers)

**AFRICAN HILL BABBLER** (*Pseudoalcippe abyssinica*) – One at Mountain Lodge.

**BROWN WARBLER** (*Parisoma lugens*) – Two at Naro Moru.

**BANDED WARBLER** (*Parisoma boehmi*) – One at Samburu.

**GREEN HYLIA** (*Hylia prasina*) – One at the edge of Kakamega Forest.

Zosteropidae (Yuhinas, White-eyes, and Allies)

**AFRICAN YELLOW WHITE-EYE** (*Zosterops senegalensis*) – Four in the Tugen Hills, and about a dozen at Kakamega.

**BROAD-RINGED WHITE-EYE (KIKUYU)** (*Zosterops poliogastrus kikuyuensis*) – One at Mountain Lodge.

**WHITE-BREASTED WHITE-EYE** (*Zosterops abyssinicus flavilateralis*) – More commonly known as Abyssinian White-eye, we saw 1 near the Ngong Hills, and 4 at Thika.

Pellorneidae (Fulvettas and Ground Babblers)

**SCALY-BREASTED ILLADOPSIS** (*Illadopsis albipectus*) – Two on a small track within Kakamega Forest.

Leiothrichidae (Laughingthrushes)

**RUFOUS CHATTERER** (*Turdoides rubiginosa*) – One at Samburu, and 5 at Baringo.

**BROWN BABBLER** (*Turdoides plebejus*) – A flock of 7 were seen both days at Lake Baringo.

**ARROW-MARKED BABBLER** (*Turdoides jardineii*) – Three at Lake Nakuru.

Promeropidae (Sugarbirds)

**GRAY-CHESTED ILLADOPSIS** (*Kakamega poliothorax*) – Two birds were heard at Kakamega.

Hyliotidae (Hyliotas)

**SOUTHERN HYLIOTA** (*Hyliota australis*) – This uncommon species (recently placed in the new family Hyliotidae) was seen in the canopy at Kakamega Forest.

Muscicapidae (Old World Flycatchers)

**PALE FLYCATCHER** (*Bradornis pallidus*) – We saw an adult and 2 juveniles at Masai Mara.

**GRAYISH FLYCATCHER** (*Bradornis microrhynchus*) – Small numbers at Magadi, Samburu, and Baringo.

**WHITE-EYED SLATY-FLYCATCHER** (*Melaenornis fischeri*) – Fairly widespread in the central and western highlands.

**NORTHERN BLACK-FLYCATCHER** (*Melaenornis edolioides*) – One at Rondo Retreat, Kakamega, and 2 at Masai Mara.

**SOUTHERN BLACK-FLYCATCHER** (*Melaenornis pammelaina*) – One at Thika.

**SWAMP FLYCATCHER** (*Muscicapa aquatica*) – Six along the shores of Lake Victoria.

**DUSKY-BROWN FLYCATCHER** (*Muscicapa adusta*) – Usually known as African Dusky Flycatcher they were common in the Mt. Kenya area.

**BROWN-BACKED SCRUB-ROBIN** (*Cercotrichas hartlaubi*) – Very localized in Kenya, but we had great views of 1 on the lower slopes of Mt. Kenya.

**RED-BACKED SCRUB-ROBIN** (*Cercotrichas leucophrys*) – About a dozen along the Magadi Road, and 2 at Samburu.

**CAPE ROBIN-CHAT** (*Cossypha caffra*) – One at Thomson's Falls, and 1 in the Tugen Hills.

**GRAY-WINGED ROBIN-CHAT** (*Cossypha polioptera*) – Great looks at this usually shy robin-chat at Kakamega.

**RUEPPELL'S ROBIN-CHAT** (*Cossypha semirufa*) – Two at Mountain Lodge, and 1 near Gatarakwa.

**WHITE-BROWED ROBIN-CHAT** (*Cossypha heuglini*) – Singles at Thika and Naro Moru, and then about 15 more at Nakuru and Masai Mara.

**SNOWY-CROWNED ROBIN-CHAT** (*Cossypha niveicapilla*) – Great looks in the garden at Rondo Retreat, Kakamega.

**SPOTTED MORNING-THRUSH** (*Cichladusa guttata*) – Small numbers near Magadi, at Samburu, and at Lake Baringo; in all we saw about 30.

**WHITE-STARRED ROBIN** (*Pogonocichla stellata*) – One at Mountain Lodge, and 2 in the Tugen Hills.

**BROWN-CHESTED ALETHE** (*Pseudalethe poliocephala*) – Some of the group saw 1 on a trail within Kakamega Forest.

**EQUATORIAL AKALAT** (*Sheppardia aequatorialis*) – One at Kakamega Forest.

**LITTLE ROCK-THRUSH** (*Monticola rufocinereus*) – Good looks at a pair and a juvenile at Lake Nakuru.

**STONECHAT** (*Saxicola torquatus*) – We saw a single male on the north side of Mt. Kenya.

**NORTHERN ANTEATER-CHAT** (*Myrmecocichla aethiops*) – Four along the Solio Game Ranch road, and about 20 at

Lake Nakuru.

**SOOTY CHAT** (*Myrmecocichla nigra*) – About a dozen at Masai Mara.

**MOCKING CLIFF-CHAT** (*Thamnolaea cinnamomeiventris*) – We saw a pair along the cliffs at Baringo, and 2 males at Lake Nakuru.

**BROWN-TAILED CHAT** (*Cercomela scotocerca*) – Very localized in Kenya, but common at Baringo where we saw 10.

**MOURNING WHEATEAR (SCHALOW'S)** (*Oenanthe lugens schalowi*) – Often split and known as Schalow's Wheatear, we saw a male at the bottom of the Ngong Hills.

*Turdidae (Thrushes and Allies)*

**ABYSSINIAN THRUSH** (*Turdus abyssinicus*) – Small numbers in the central highlands including Nairobi; previously known as Olive Thrush.

**AFRICAN THRUSH** (*Turdus pelios*) – One at Rondo Retreat, Kakamega.

*Sturnidae (Starlings)*

**WATTLED STARLING** (*Creatophora cinerea*) – Flocks at Magadi, Samburu, and Baringo; in all we saw about 400.

**GREATER BLUE-EARED GLOSSY-STARLING** (*Lamprotornis chalybaeus*) – Small flocks at Nanyuki, Naro Moru and Baringo, and then about 300 at Nakuru, and 20 at Masai Mara.

**RUEPPELL'S GLOSSY-STARLING** (*Lamprotornis purpuroptera*) – About 30 at Lake Baringo, 6 at Nakuru, and 20 at Masai Mara.

**GOLDEN-BREADED STARLING** (*Lamprotornis regius*) – One of Africa's most gorgeous birds; we saw 11 at Samburu.

**SUPERB STARLING** (*Lamprotornis superbus*) – Another stunning starling, they were widespread throughout the tour and we saw a total of about 500.

**VIOLET-BACKED STARLING** (*Cinnyricinclus leucogaster*) – Fabulous looks at a male on the Oloololo Escarpment.

**FISCHER'S STARLING** (*Spreo fischeri*) – One at Samburu.

**RED-WINGED STARLING** (*Onychognathus morio*) – Two along the cliffs at Baringo.

**BRISTLE-CROWNED STARLING** (*Onychognathus salvadorii*) – Largest of the 'red-winged group', we saw about 20 at Lake Baringo.

**STUHLMANN'S STARLING** (*Poeoptera stuhlmanni*) – Several small flocks at Kakamega.

**MAGPIE STARLING** (*Speculipastor bicolor*) – Some of the group saw 1 at Lake Baringo.

*Buphagidae (Oxpeckers)*

**RED-BILLED OXPECKER** (*Buphagus erythrorhynchus*) – Twenty at Mountain Lodge, 30 at Samburu, and 40 at Masai Mara.

**YELLOW-BILLED OXPECKER** (*Buphagus africanus*) – We saw a total of about 30 (mainly feeding on giraffe and buffalo) at Masai Mara.

*Nectariniidae (Sunbirds and Spiderhunters)*

**KENYA VIOLET-BACKED SUNBIRD** (*Anthreptes orientalis*) – Six along the Magadi road, and 3 at Baringo.

**COLLARED SUNBIRD** (*Hedydipna collaris*) – Four at Mountain Lodge, 4 at Kakamega, and 1 at Masai Mara.

**GREEN-HEADED SUNBIRD** (*Cyanomitra verticalis*) – Two at Naro Moru, and 6 at Kakamega.

**EASTERN OLIVE SUNBIRD** (*Cyanomitra olivacea*) – Two at Mountain Lodge.

**WESTERN OLIVE SUNBIRD** (*Cyanomitra obscura ragazzii*) – Two at Kakamega.

**GREEN-THROATED SUNBIRD** (*Chalcomitra rubescens*) – At least 2 males were in a flowering tree in the grounds of Rondo Retreat.

**AMETHYST SUNBIRD** (*Chalcomitra amethystina*) – One at the Blue Posts Hotel, Thika, and 1 on the Oloololo Escarpment, Masai Mara.

**SCARLET-CHESTED SUNBIRD** (*Chalcomitra senegalensis*) – Small numbers at Nairobi, Naro Moru, Kakamega, and Nakuru.

**HUNTER'S SUNBIRD** (*Chalcomitra hunteri*) – Singles at Samburu and Baringo.

**TACAZZE SUNBIRD** (*Nectarinia tacazze*) – We saw a fabulous male at Thomson's Falls.

**BRONZE SUNBIRD** (*Nectarinia kilimensis*) – Common in both the central and western highlands.

**GOLDEN-WINGED SUNBIRD** (*Drepanorhynchus reichenowi*) – We saw a single male near the top of the Ngong Hills.

**NORTHERN DOUBLE-COLLARED SUNBIRD** (*Cinnyris reichenowi*) – Common in both the central and western

highlands.

**EASTERN DOUBLE-COLLARED SUNBIRD** (*Cinnyris mediocris*) – About 6 in the forest around Mountain Lodge.

**BEAUTIFUL SUNBIRD** (*Cinnyris pulchellus*) – Ten along the Magadi Road, and a dozen at Lake Baringo.

**MARIQUA SUNBIRD** (*Cinnyris mariquensis*) – Two females in the Ngong Hills, and about 6 (including some nice males) at Samburu.

**RED-CHESTED SUNBIRD** (*Cinnyris erythrocerus*) – Six in the flowering shrubs along the shores of Lake Victoria.

**BLACK-BELLIED SUNBIRD** (*Cinnyris nectarinioides*) – Four (all in non-breeding plumage) at Samburu.

**SHINING SUNBIRD** (*Cinnyris habessinicus*) – We saw a single female at Samburu.

**VARIABLE SUNBIRD** (*Cinnyris venustus*) – Six in the Ngong Hills, and 2 at Kakamega.

#### Motacillidae (Wagtails and Pipits)

**CAPE WAGTAIL** (*Motacilla capensis*) – One at Mountain Lodge.

**MOUNTAIN WAGTAIL** (*Motacilla clara*) – One at Naro Moru River Lodge, 1 at Kakamega, and 2 along the stream at Kichwa Tembo.

**AFRICAN PIED WAGTAIL** (*Motacilla aguimp*) – Common and widespread throughout the tour.

**AFRICAN PIPIT** (*Anthus cinnamomeus*) – One in the Masai Mara grasslands.

**LONG-BILLED PIPIT** (*Anthus similis*) – One near the top of the Oloololo Escarpment.

**PLAIN-BACKED PIPIT** (*Anthus leucophrys*) – One at Nakuru, and about 20 at Masai Mara.

**GOLDEN PIPIT** (*Tmetothylacus tenellus*) – Probably the world's most beautiful pipit; we saw a male and 2 females at Samburu.

**YELLOW-THROATED LONGCLAW** (*Macronyx croceus*) – Two at Nakuru, and about 40 at Masai Mara.

#### Emberizidae (Buntings, Sparrows and Allies)

**CINNAMON-BREASTED BUNTING** (*Emberiza tahapisi*) – Two along the Magadi Road.

**SOMALI BUNTING** (*Emberiza poliopleura*) – One at Samburu.

#### Fringillidae (Siskins, Crossbills, and Allies)

**ORIOLE FINCH** (*Linurgus olivaceus*) – Some of the group saw a male at Mountain Lodge.

**YELLOW-CROWNED CANARY** (*Serinus flavivertex*) – One at Mountain Lodge.

**YELLOW-FRONTED CANARY** (*Serinus mozambicus*) – Several small flocks at Masai Mara.

**AFRICAN CITRIL** (*Serinus citrinelloides kikuyensis*) – About 10 at the Blue Posts Hotel, Thika.

**REICHENOW'S SEEDEATER** (*Serinus reichenowi*) – Three near Kisumu, Lake Victoria.

**WHITE-BELLIED CANARY** (*Serinus dorsostriatus*) – One along the Magadi Road.

**BRIMSTONE CANARY** (*Serinus sulphuratus*) – Two were seen bathing in a puddle at Nanyuki Airstrip.

**STREAKY SEEDEATER** (*Serinus striolatus*) – Small numbers were widespread in the central highlands.

#### Passeridae (Old World Sparrows)

**HOUSE SPARROW** (*Passer domesticus*) – Two at Eldoret, and 10 at Kericho.

**KENYA RUFIOUS SPARROW** (*Passer rufocinctus*) – About 20 in the Mt. Kenya area, and 15 at Lake Nakuru.

**NORTHERN GRAY-HEADED SPARROW** (*Passer griseus*) – Two in the Ngong Hills, and 6 at Kakamega.

**PARROT-BILLED SPARROW** (*Passer gongonensis*) – Common at Samburu, and few at Lake Baringo.

**SWAHILI SPARROW** (*Passer suahelicus*) – Two on the Kichwa Plains, Masai Mara.

**CHESTNUT SPARROW** (*Passer eminibey*) – Flocks totalling several hundred were at Samburu.

**YELLOW-SPOTTED PETRONIA** (*Petronia pyrgita*) – Three along Magadi Road, and 4 at Samburu.

#### Ploceidae (Weavers and Allies)

**WHITE-BILLED BUFFALO-WEAVER** (*Bubalornis albirostris*) – About 60 in the grounds of Lake Baringo Club.

**WHITE-HEADED BUFFALO-WEAVER** (*Dinemellia dinemelli*) – Fairly common at Samburu and Baringo; in all we saw about 50.

**SPECKLE-FRONTED WEAVER** (*Sporopipes frontalis*) – Two singles at Samburu.

**WHITE-BROWED SPARROW-WEAVER** (*Plocepasser mahali*) – Common and widespread in acacia country like along the Magadi Road, at Samburu, and at Baringo.

**CHESTNUT-CROWNED SPARROW-WEAVER** (*Plocepasser superciliosus*) – Two on the lower slopes of the Tugen

Hills.

**DONALDSON-SMITH'S SPARROW-WEAVER** (*Plocepasser donaldsoni*) – We saw this localised northern species at Samburu.

**GRAY-HEADED SOCIAL-WEAVER** (*Pseudonigrita arnaudi*) – Six along the Magadi Road.

**BLACK-CAPPED SOCIAL-WEAVER** (*Pseudonigrita cabanisi*) – Several hundred at Samburu.

**RED-HEADED MALIMBE** (*Malimbus rubricollis*) – Good looks at 1 creeping along a mossy branch in Kakamega Forest.

**RED-HEADED WEAVER** (*Anaplectes rubriceps*) – Singles (including 3 nice males) at Thika, Samburu, and at Masai Mara.

**BAGLAFECHE WEAVER** (*Ploceus baglafecht*) – Common in both the central and western highlands.

**LITTLE WEAVER** (*Ploceus luteolus*) – Six at Lake Baringo.

**BLACK-NECKED WEAVER** (*Ploceus nigricollis*) – Two along Magadi road, 1 at Samburu, and 1 at Kakamega.

**SPECTACLED WEAVER** (*Ploceus ocularis*) – Four at Naro Moru River Lodge, and 2 at Masai Mara.

**BLACK-BILLED WEAVER** (*Ploceus melanogaster*) – Four at Kakamega - very different from other weavers - being black with a yellow face mask!

**AFRICAN GOLDEN-WEAVER** (*Ploceus subaureus*) – One at Sagana Fish Ponds.

**HOLUB'S GOLDEN-WEAVER** (*Ploceus xanthops*) – Two at Masai Mara.

**NORTHERN BROWN-THROATED WEAVER** (*Ploceus castanops*) – About 20 along the shores of Lake Victoria.

**NORTHERN MASKED-WEAVER** (*Ploceus taeniopterus*) – We saw this very localized weaver along the shores of Lake Baringo.

**LESSER MASKED-WEAVER** (*Ploceus intermedius*) – Four along the Magadi Road.

**VITELLINE MASKED-WEAVER** (*Ploceus vitellinus*) – Three along the Magadi Road.

**SPEKE'S WEAVER** (*Ploceus spekei*) – About 20 near Mt. Kenya, and 2 at Lake Nakuru.

**VIEILLOT'S WEAVER** (*Ploceus nigerrimus*) – Three in non-breeding plumage at Kakamega.

**VILLAGE WEAVER** (*Ploceus cucullatus*) – Very common at Lake Baringo.

**BLACK-HEADED WEAVER** (*Ploceus melanocephalus*) – Two males and a female at Lake Victoria.

**GOLDEN-BACKED WEAVER** (*Ploceus jacksoni*) – We saw about 10 of these very attractive weavers at Lake Baringo.

**FOREST WEAVER** (*Ploceus bicolor*) – Four at Kakamega.

**BROWN-CAPPED WEAVER** (*Ploceus insignis*) – Two at Mountain Lodge, and 2 at Kakamega.

**RED-BILLED QUELEA** (*Quelea quelea*) – About 200 along the Magadi Road, and 100 at Samburu.

**RED BISHOP** (*Euplectes orix*) – We saw a single rather pale orange bird at the Ahero rice fields.

**BLACK BISHOP** (*Euplectes gierowii*) – One was seen briefly in the maize fields at the edge of Kakamega Forest.

**YELLOW-CROWNED BISHOP** (*Euplectes afer*) – About 6 at the Sagana rice fields.

**YELLOW BISHOP** (*Euplectes capensis*) – We saw a very nice male in breeding plumage at Gatarakwa.

**WHITE-WINGED WIDOWBIRD** (*Euplectes albonotatus*) – About 20 at the Sagana rice fields.

**RED-COLLARED WIDOWBIRD** (*Euplectes ardens*) – A single male on the north side of Mt. Kenya.

**FAN-TAILED WIDOWBIRD** (*Euplectes axillaris*) – Three at Lake Victoria, and 2 at Masai Mara.

**LONG-TAILED WIDOWBIRD** (*Euplectes progne*) – We saw about 6 of these spectacular birds at Lake Nakuru.

**JACKSON'S WIDOWBIRD** (*Euplectes jacksoni*) – Ten on the north side of Mt. Kenya.

**GROSBEAK WEAVER** (*Amblyospiza albifrons*) – Ten at Sagana.

#### *Estrildidae (Waxbills and Allies)*

**GRAY-HEADED NEGROFINCH** (*Nigrita canicapillus*) – Two singles at Kakamega.

**WHITE-BREASTED NEGROFINCH** (*Nigrita fusconotus*) – One at Kakamega.

**CRIMSON-RUMPED WAXBILL** (*Estrilda rhodopyga*) – Six along the Magadi Road.

**COMMON WAXBILL** (*Estrilda astrild*) – Small numbers at Kakamega, Nakuru, and at Masai Mara; in all we saw about 60.

**BLACK-CROWNED WAXBILL** (*Estrilda nonnula*) – One at Kakamega.

**BLACK-CHEEKED WAXBILL** (*Estrilda erythronotos*) – Two on the slopes of the Ngong Hills.

**RED-RUMPED WAXBILL** (*Estrilda charmosyna*) – About a dozen at Samburu.

**RED-HEADED BLUEBILL** (*Spermophaga ruficapilla*) – One on the road at Kakamega.

**RED-CHEEKED CORDONBLEU** (*Uraeginthus bengalus*) – Widespread in small numbers.  
**BLUE-CAPPED CORDONBLEU** (*Uraeginthus cyanocephalus*) – A male and 2 females along the Magadi Road.  
**PURPLE GRENADIER** (*Granatina ianthinogaster*) – Two on the Magadi Road, and 2 at Gatarakwa.  
**GREEN-WINGED PYTILIA** (*Pytilia melba*) – We saw a striking male at Lake Baringo.  
**RED-BILLED FIREFINCH** (*Lagonosticta senegala*) – Widespread in small numbers.  
**CUT-THROAT** (*Amadina fasciata*) – We saw a single male along the Magadi Road.  
**ZEBRA WAXBILL** (*Sporaeginthus subflavus*) – Six at the Sagana rice fields.  
**AFRICAN QUAILFINCH** (*Ortygospiza fuscocrissa*) – Hard to see well, but we were lucky and watched 7 as they fed in the open along the road at Masai Mara.  
**BRONZE MANNIKIN** (*Spermestes cucullatus*) – Six near Thika, and 8 at Masai Mara.  
**BLACK-AND-WHITE MANNIKIN (BLACK-AND-WHITE)** (*Spermestes bicolor poensis*) – Eight in a field at the edge of Kakamega Forest.

*Viduidae (Indigobirds)*

**PIN-TAILED WHYDAH** (*Vidua macroura*) – We saw single males at lakes Baringo and Victoria.  
**EASTERN PARADISE-WHYDAH** (*Vidua paradisaea*) – A male in breeding plumage was seen displaying over the road to Lake Magadi.

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## MAMMALS

**YELLOW-WINGED BAT** (*Lavia frons*) – Six at Samburu.  
**BLUE MONKEY** (*Cercopithecus mitis*) – Common at Kakamega (80) and a few at Masai Mara (15).  
**SYKES MONKEY** (*Cercopithecus albogularis*) – Common (and somewhat pesty) at Mountain Lodge.  
**BLACK-CHEEKED WHITE-NOSED MONKEY** (*Cercopithecus ascanius*) – Also known as Red-tailed Monkey, we saw 6 at Kakamega, and about 8 at Masai Mara.  
**BLACK-FACED VERVET MONKEY** (*Cercopithecus aethiops*) – Common and widespread especially in areas with acacia trees.  
**OLIVE BABOON** (*Papio anubis*) – Very common and widespread throughout the tour.  
**MANTLED GUEREZA** (*Colobus guereza*) – More commonly known as Eastern Black-and-white Colobus, we saw them at Mountain Lodge, Naro Moru, and Kakamega.  
**CAPE HARE** (*Lepus capensis*) – Singles at Mountain Lodge, Samburu, and Masai Mara.  
**UNSTRIPED GROUND SQUIRREL** (*Xerus rutilus*) – Common at Samburu, and a few others elsewhere in semi-arid country.  
**OCHRE BUSH SQUIRREL** (*Paraxerus ochraceus*) – Twenty at Mountain Lodge, and singles at Naro Moru and Baringo.  
**RED-LEGGED SUN SQUIRREL** (*Heliosciurus rufobrachium*) – One at Kakamega.  
**BLACK-BACKED JACKAL** (*Canis mesomelas*) – Two at Samburu, 4 at Nakuru, and 6 at Masai Mara.  
**LARGE-SPOTTED GENET** (*Genetta tigrina*) – One at Mountain Lodge.  
**SLENDER MONGOOSE** (*Herpestes sanguineus*) – Singles near Mt. Kenya and at Samburu.  
**BANDED MONGOOSE** (*Mungos mungo*) – Several large groups at Masai Mara.  
**EASTERN DWARF MONGOOSE** (*Helogale hirtula*) – Five at Samburu.  
**MARSH MONGOOSE** (*Atilax paludinosus*) – We saw 1 of these seldom seen nocturnal mongoose at Mountain Lodge.  
**SPOTTED HYAENA** (*Crocuta crocuta*) – One briefly at Mountain Lodge, and then several good looks at about 8 at Masai Mara.  
**LEOPARD** (*Panthera pardus*) – Great looks this tour, with 1 at Mountain Lodge, and then 1 up a tree at Samburu with a freshly killed Impala.  
**LION** (*Panthera leo*) – In Masai Mara we saw 2 females with about six young ones, and also for some of us 2 large males feeding on a buffalo.  
**CHEETAH** (*Acinonyx jubatus*) – Just amazing this tour with 3 sightings at Samburu (including 1 feeding on a Grant's Gazelle) and then 2 more at Masai Mara.  
**AFRICAN ELEPHANT** (*Loxodonta africana*) – One at Mountain Lodge, about 50 at Samburu, and then several great encounters at Masai Mara where we saw a total of about 120.  
**ROCK HYRAX** (*Procavia capensis*) – Small numbers at Baringo and Nakuru.

**BUSH (YELLOW-SPOTTED) HYRAX** (*Heterohyrax brucei*) – Five along the cliffs at Baringo.  
**TREE HYRAX** (*Dendrohyrax arboreus*) – Great day time looks at a mother and baby at Naro Moru.  
**GREVY'S ZEBRA** (*Equus grevyi*) – Three of these globally threatened zebras were seen at Samburu.  
**BURCHELL'S ZEBRA** (*Equus burchelli*) – Eight at Solio, about 200 at Nakuru, and 2000+ at Masai Mara.  
**BLACK RHINOCEROS** (*Diceros bicornis*) – Good looks along the lake-shore at Nakuru.  
**WHITE RHINOCEROS** (*Ceratotherium simum*) – We saw 4 of these introduced rhinos at Lake Nakuru.  
**WARTHOG** (*Phacochoerus aethiopicus*) – Common and widespread in the major game parks like Samburu and Masai Mara.  
**HIPPOPOTAMUS** (*Hippopotamus amphibius*) – Five at Baringo, and 100 at Masai Mara.  
**COMMON GIRAFFE** (*Giraffa camelopardalis*) – About 100 at Masai Mara.  
**RETICULATED GIRAFFE** (*Giraffa reticulata*) – Forty at Samburu.  
**ROTHSCHILD'S GIRAFFE** (*Giraffa rothschildi*) – We saw about 30 of this range restricted species at Lake Nakuru.  
**BUSHBUCK** (*Tragelaphus scriptus*) – Twenty at Mountain Lodge, and 3 at Masai Mara.  
**COMMON ELAND** (*Taurotragus oryx*) – About 30 at Masai Mara.  
**AFRICAN BUFFALO** (*Syncerus caffer*) – About 50 at Mountain Lodge, 400 at Nakuru, and 550 at Masai Mara.  
**COMMON WATERBUCK** (*Kobus ellipsiprymnus*) – One at Samburu.  
**DEFASSA WATERBUCK** (*Kobus defassa*) – Very common at Lake Nakuru and Masai Mara; in all we saw about 600.  
**BEISA ORYX** (*Oryx beisa*) – Great looks at about a dozen of these beautiful 'northern' arid country antelopes at Samburu.  
**TOPI** (*Damaliscus lunatus*) – About 550 at Masai Mara.  
**BLUE WILDEBEEST** (*Connochaetes taurinus*) – Close views of 20 and more distant views of about 2000 at Masai Mara.  
**KLIPSPRINGER** (*Oreotragus oreotragus*) – Two on the Oloololo Escarpment, Masai Mara.  
**KIRK'S DIK-DIK** (*Modoqua kirki*) – Very common at Samburu (150) and a few others elsewhere.  
**IMPALA** (*Aepyceros malampus*) – Common and widespread with a total of about 750.  
**GERENUK** (*Litocranius walleri*) – About 60 at Samburu.  
**THOMSON'S GAZELLE** (*Gazella thomsoni*) – Fifty in the grasslands of Solio, and then about 1200 at Masai Mara.  
**GRANT'S GAZELLE** (*Gazella granti*) – Common at Samburu (150) and about 50 at Masai Mara.

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## ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Reptiles seen on the tour included;

Red-headed Rock Agama; these orange and turquoise lizards were fairly common along the Magadi Road, at Baringo, and at Nakuru.

Mwanza Flat-headed Agama; we saw a few of these purple and pink agama's at Masai Mara.

Blue-headed Tree Agama; 1 in the Rift Valley.

Water Monitor; 3 at Lake Baringo.

Nile Crocodile; about 10 at Samburu, 3 at Baringo, and 10 (including some huge ones) in the Mara River.

Leopard Tortoise; 4 in the Baringo area, and 1 at Nakuru.

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**Totals for the tour: 462 bird taxa and 48 mammal taxa**