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Ghana Trip Report 1st to 14th November 2008 by Robert Ntakor of Ashanti African Tours

Client

Sunbird Tours

Number of Tour Participants

11

Tour Leader

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Top 10 Birds Seen on the Trip Voted By Tour Participants

- Yellow – headed Picathartes
- Blue-Headed Bee-Eater
- Congo Serpent-Eagle
- Black Bee-Eater
- White-Spotted Flufftail
- Long Tailed Hawk
- Yellow Footed Honeyguide
- Brown Nightjar
- African Finfoot
- African Piculet



Standard Winged Nightjar Sam Woods Ghana 2008 Tour

Tour Highlights

This was a 14 day tour covering the entire vegetation zones of Ghana, from the coastal wetlands through the lowland evergreen upper guinea rainforest, transitional woodlands in central Ghana, the high mountainous ranges and finally the Guinea savannah of the North.

During the trip, Ghana's 2 main National Parks were visited, in addition to other wildlife protected areas. We also visited some unprotected areas in search of the many quality bird species Ghana has to offer. In total there were 10 full days of birdwatching during this tour, each day was split into 2 birding sections each averaging approximately 4 hours in duration with a 3 hour afternoon break when the bird activities are down. The remainder of the days were dedicated to travelling to and from destinations with some stopovers at special birding areas.

The trip was very successful especially since approximately 30% of birding areas at Mole National Park were inaccessible due to the record rain fall of the previous 2 months. More than 350 birds species were recorded including the main target species of every Ashanti African birdwatching trip, "the stunning Yellow-Headed Picathartes". Other highlights were the extraordinary Brown Nightjar, eye catching Rufous – Sided Broadbill, beautiful Blue-Headed and Black Bee-Eaters, Oriole Warbler, legendary Long-Tailed Hawk, distinguished Dwarf Hornbill, elusive African Finfoot as well as the majority of Ghana's upper guinea endemic species.

Quality mammal species were in abundance which included the worlds largest land moving animal, "African Elephant" seen on foot at a close range on a number of occasions. Primates were a plenty with the endangered Olive Colobus a highlight from the canopy walkway in the North Patas, Baboons and Vervet monkeys were common as were Kobs, Waterbuck and Bushbucks.

Daily Activities

Day 1+2

As the majority of flights arrive in the evening our first night was spent in Accra acclimatising ourselves to tropical Africa. Day 2 was the very first birding day and the only late start of the entire trip, our first destination was at the Sakumono lagoon in Tema which was teeming with shore birds and many species were recorded. We left the lagoon at around 10.30am and headed on for lunch at Winneba. From there, we visited the winneba plains for some coastal savannah birds and excellent views of Black Bellied Bustard after which we left and transferred to Hans Cottage Botel near Cape Coast. At this point, around 90 species had already been recorded including species such as, Collared Pratincole, African Spoonbill, Black coucal, Vieillot's Barbet, and Snowy Crown Robin-chat.

Day 3 to 7

Day 3 was the beginning of our Upper Guinea Rainforest birding adventure at the amazing Kakum National Park. We started off on the wonderful canopy walkway, continuing the following day venturing deep into the park exploring the many trails it has to offer and incorporated birding on old timber roads around the reserve to cover both strict rainforest, canopy and forest edge species. The rainforest birding was excellent with many quality species recorded which included excellent views of some specialities like the secretive White-Spotted Fluftail, Blue -Headed Wood Dove, African Grey Parrot, Yellow Billed Turaco, African Emerald Cuckoo, the incredible Brown nightjar, Black Bee-eater, White-Crested, Piping, Black casqued, Yellow Casqued and Brown Cheeked Hornbills, Fraser's Eagle Owl, an abundance of Barbets that included Bristle Nosed, Naked-Faced, Hairy-Breasted, Yellow-Spotted and Yellow Billed. Other sought after species included excellent views of African Piculet, displaying Rufous-sided Broadbill and the dream bird "Yellow Headed Picathartes" (what a bird). We should not overlook the beautiful White-throated Blue Swallow, many Greenbuls, Starlings and the four Malimbés of Ghana. By the time we left Kakum after five days of intensive rainforest birding we had recorded well over 240 species in 6 days of birding. We transferred to Kumasi, capital of the Ashanti region after evening birding on day 7.

Day 8

Today was dedicated to driving the 415km to Mole National Park in the Northern region of Ghana, leaving the upper guinea rainforest and moving into the guinea woodland and sahelian savannah plains of the dryer North. During the journey we picked different species not yet recorded, stopped for a packed lunch and a few leg stretch and scanning breaks. On our arrival at Mole we enjoyed the final few hours of daylight on the terrace overlooking the two watering holes picking more new bird and mammal species.

Day 9+10

The next two days were highly productive birding as we added to our lists barley catching our breath between new species, but taking our time to enjoy the wonderful birdlife and mammals Mole has to offer. The guinea savannah woodland produced some special birds like the immense Abyssinian Ground Hornbill, Stone Partridge, Four Banded Sandgrouse, Woolly-necked and Saddle-billed Storks, African White-backed,

and White-headed Vultures, Martial Eagle, Wahlbergs Eagle, Bruce's Pigeon, Violet Turaco, Greyish Eagle Owl and Oriole Warbler. Considering 30% of the birding areas were not accessible due to the record rain fall during the previous 2 months which hindered our chance of more quality species we still achieved an impressive and enjoyable few days birding. Other species we had excellent views of included Striped Kingfisher, Red-throated Bee-eater, Northern Red billed-hornbill, Bearded Barbet, Greater Honeyguide Sulphur-Breasted Bush-shrike, White-breasted and Red-shouldered Cuckoo-Shrikes, African Golden oriole, Yellow-Throated Leaflove, Pygmy, Splendid, Scarlet-chested, and Beautiful Sunbirds, Chestnut-crowned Sparrow Weaver, Bush Patronia, Red-billed Firefinch, Red cheeked cordonbleu, Wilson's indigobird, Togo and Exclamatory paradise whydahs and Cinnamon-Breasted (rock) Bunting to mention but a few species recorded.



Violet Turaco Sam Woods Mole National Park 2008

Day 11

After spending three nights and two days in the northern woodland savannah of Ghana, we set off back to the upper guinea rainforest zone of the south, our guests always comment how nice it is to break up the forest and savannah birding and this tour combines both perfectly. The day was again dedicated to travel but as usual we always pick off new species en-route to new destinations.

Day 12+13

Day 12 took us to the beautiful Bobiri forest which is actually a sanctuary for butterflies you can see why when one bush has recorded more than 128 species. Here we recorded the rarely seen Afep Pigeon, excellent views of Black Dwarf Hornbill Purple-Throated

Cuckoo-Shrike, Red-Thighed Sparrow Hawk, Western Bluebill, Black-capped Apalis. With the definite highlight being the stunning Long-Tailed Hawk. Atewa threw up some specialities and none more so than the beautiful Blue-Headed Bee-eater, Yellow Footed Honeyguide and Narinas Trogon. After a final mornings birding at Atewa on day 13 we returned to where we started as we transferred back to our beach front hotel near Accra. The following morning we visited the Shi-hills Resource Reserve picking up the final species for our trip and some only found here like the Mocking Cliff Chat other species included Blue-spotted Wood Dove, Blackcap Babbler, Double Toothed Barbet, and the impressive Blue Bellied Roller. We returned to our hotel freshened up and enjoyed a complementary late check out (courtesy of Ashanti African Tours) as our flights were not leaving until later in the evening. On reflection the trip was very successful with excellent feedback from all of the participants, we enjoyed well over 350 species which was an excellent achievement especially since so many birding areas were cut off due to the record rainfall of the previous two months.

Annotated List Of Bird Species Recorded.

BIRD LIST

Taxonomic order and nomenclature follow Clements, 6th edition updated 2007.

All bird species mentioned below were seen as we do not record heard or leader only

Cormorants & Shags *Phalacrocoracidae*

Long-Tailed Cormorant

Phalacrocorax africanus

Hérons, Egrets, & Bitterns *Ardeidae*

Striated Heron

Butorides stratus

Squacco Heron

Adeola raloides

Cattle Egret

Bubulcus ibis

Grey Heron

Ardea cinerea

Great White Egret

Egretta alba

Purple Heron

Ardea purpurea

Intermediate Egret

Egretta termdea

Black Heron

Egretta ardsaica

Little Egret

Egretta garzetta

Western Reef Egret

Egretta gularis

Black-headed Heron

Ardea melanocephala

Hamerkop *Scopidae*

Hamerkop

Scopus umbretta

Storks *Ciconidae*

Woolly-necked Stork

Ciconia episcopus

Saddle-billed Stork

Ephippiorhynchus senegalensis

Ibis & Spoonbills *Threskiornithidae*

Glossy Ibis

Plegadis falcinellus

Hadada Ibis

Bostrychia hagedash

African Spoonbill

Platalea alba

Swans, Geese & Ducks *Anatidae*

White-Faced Whistling-Duck

Dendrocygna viduata

Hawks, Kites, Eagles & Vultures *Accipitridae*

Black-shouldered Kite	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>
Black [Yellow-billed] Kite	<i>Milvus [migrans] aegyptius</i>
Ruppel's Vulture	<i>Gyps ruoellii</i>
Hooded Vulture	<i>Necrosyrtes monachus</i>
Palm-nut Vulture	<i>Gypohierax angolensis</i>
African White-backed Vulture	<i>Gyps africanus</i>
White-headed Vulture	<i>Trindonoceph occipitalis</i>
Dark Chanting-goshawk	<i>Meliterax metabates</i>
Bateleur	<i>Terathopius ecaudatus</i>
Western [European] Marsh-Harrier	<i>Circus aerugenosus</i>
African Harrier-Hawk [Gymnogene]	<i>Polyboroides typus</i>
European Honey Buzzard	<i>Pernis apivorus</i>
African Cuckoo-hawk	<i>Aviceda cuculoides</i>
Black Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter melanoleucus</i>
Red-thighed Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter erythropus</i>
Gabar Goshawk	<i>Meliterax gabar</i>
Red-necked Buzzard	<i>Buteo auguralis</i>
Grasshopper Buzzard	<i>Butastur rufipennis</i>
Lizard Buzzard	<i>Kaupifalco monogrammicus</i>
Red-chested Goshawk	<i>Accipiter toussenelii</i>
Shikra [Little Banded Goshawk]	<i>Accipiter badius</i>
Wahlberg's Eagle	<i>Aquila wahlbergi</i>
Congo Serpent Eagle	<i>Dryotriorchis spectabilis</i>
Martial Eagle	<i>Polemaetus bellicosus</i>

Falcons & Caracaras *Falconidae*

Common [Eurasian] Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>
Grey Kestrel	<i>Falco ardosiaceus</i>
African Hobby	<i>Falco cuvierii</i>
Lanner Falcon	<i>Falco biarmicus</i>

Pheasants & Partridges *Phasianidae*

Ahanta Francolin	<i>Francolinus achantesis</i>
Double-spurred Francolin	<i>Francolinus bicalcaratus</i>
Stone Partridge	<i>Ptilopachus petrosus</i>

Guineafowl *Numididae*

Helmeted Guineafowl	<i>Numida meleagris</i>
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Rails, Gallinules & coots *Rallidae*

Black Crake	<i>Amaurornis flavirostra</i>
White-spotted Fluftail	<i>Sarothrura pulchra</i>
Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>

Finfoots *Heliornithidae*

African Finfoot	<i>Podica senegalensis</i>
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BUSTARDS: *Otididae*

Black Bellied Bustard	<i>Lissotis melanogaster</i>
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Jacanas *Jacaniidae*

African Jacana

Actophilornis africanus

Painted Snipes *Rostratulidae*

Painted Snipe

Rostratula benghalensis

Stilts & Avocets *Recurvirosteidae*

Black-winged Stilt

Himantopus himantopus

Thick-Knees *Burhinidae*

Senegal Thick-knee

Burhinus senegalensis

Coursers & Pratincoles *Glareolidae*

Collared [Red-winged] Pratincole

Glareola pratincola

Rock Pratincole

Glareola nuchalis

Plovers & Lapwings *Charadriidae*

Spure-winged Plover [Lapwing]

Vanellus spinosus

Senegal [Wattled] Plover [Lapwing]

Vanellus senegalensis

Common Ringed Plover

Charadrius hiaticula

Grey Plover

Pluvialis squatarola

Kittlitz's Plover

Charadrius pecuarius

Sandpipers & Allies *Scolopacidae*

Whimbrel

Numenius pjaeopus

Common Redshank

Tringa tetanus

Spotted Redshank

Tringa erythropus

Common Greenshank

Tringa nebularia

Marsh Sandpiper

Tringa stagnatilis

Wood Sandpiper

Tringa glareola

Black-tailed Godwit

Limosa limosa

Common Sandpiper

Actitis hypoleucos

Curlew Sandpiper

Calidris ferruginea

Sanderling

Calideis alba

Dunlin

Calidris alpina

Little Stint

Calidris minuta

Ruff

Philomachus pugnax

Skuas *Stercorariidae*

Arctic Skua

Stercorarius parasiticus

Terns *Sternidae*

Sandwich Tern

Sterna sandvicensis

Common Tern

Sterna hirundo

Black Tern

Chlidonias niger

Little Tern

Sterna albifrons

Sandgrouses *Pteroclididae*

Four-banded Sandgrouse

Pterocles flavirostris

Doves & Pigeons *Collumbidae*

Rock [Feral] Pigeon

Columba livia

Red-eyed Dove

Streptopelia semitoquata

Vinaceous Dove
Laughing Dove
Black-billed Wood Dove
Red-billed [Blue-spotted] Wood Dove
Tambourine Dove
Blue-headed Wood Dove
Afepe Pigeon
Bronze-naped Pigeon
Bruce's Pigeon
African Green Pigeon

Streptopelia vinacea
Streptopelia senegalensis
Turtur abyssinicus
Turtur afar
Turtur tympanistria
Turtur brehmeri
Columba unicincta
Columba malherbii
Treron waalia
Treron calva

Parrots, Macaws & Allies Psittacidae

Rose-ringed Parakeet
African Grey Parrot
Red-fronted Parrot
Black-collared Lovebird
Senegal Parrot

Psittacula krameri
Psittacus erithacus
Poicephalus gulielmi
Agapornis swinderniana
Poicephalus senegalensis

Turacos Musophagidae

Yellow-billed Turaco
Violet Turaco
Western Grey Plantain-eater

Tauraco macrorhynchus
Musophaga violacea
Crinifer piscator

Cuckoos Cucullidae

Levaillant's Cuckoo
Black Cuckoo
Diederik Cuckoo
Klaas' Cuckoo
African Emerald Cuckoo
Thick-billed Cuckoo
Great-spotted Cuckoo
Black-throated Coucal
Black Coucal
Yellowbill [Green Malkhoa]
Senegal Coucal

Clamator levaillantii
Cuculus clamosus
Chrysococcyx caprius
Chrysococcyx klaas
Chrysococcyx cupreus
Pachycoccyx audeberti
Clamator glandarius
Centropus leucogaster
Centropus grilii
Ceuthmochares aereus
Centropus senegalensis

Typical Owls Strigidae

Fraser's Eagle-Owl
Grayish Eagle-Owl
Pearl-spotted Owlet

Bubo poensis
Bubo cinerascens
Glaucidium perlantum

Nightjars & Allies Caprimulgidae

Brown Nightjar
Long-tailed Nightjar
Standard-winged Nightjar

Caprimulgus binotatus
Scotornis climacuras
Macrodypterix longipennis

Swift Apodidae

Black Spinetail
Sabine's Spinetail
Cassin's Spinetail
African Palm-Swift
Common Swift
Little Swift

Telacanthura melanopygia
Rhaphidura sabini
Neafrapus cassini
Cypsiurus parvus
Apus apus
Apus affinis

Trogons Trogonidae

Narina's Trogon

Apaloderma narina

Kingfishers Alcedinidae

Malachite Kingfisher

Alcedo cristata

African Pygmy-Kingfisher

Ispidina picta

Chocolate-backed Kingfisher

Halcyon badia

Striped Kingfisher

Halcyon cheliculi

Grey-headed Kingfisher

Halcyon leucocephala

Woodland Kingfisher

Halcyon senegalensis

Blue-breasted Kingfisher

Halcyon malimbica

Giant Kingfisher

Megaceryle maxima

Pied Kingfisher

Ceryle rudis

Bee-eaters Meropidae

Blue-headed Bee-eater

Merops muelleri

White-throated Bee-eater

Merops albicollis

Black Bee-eater

Merops gularis

Red-throated Bee-eater

Merops bullocki

Little Bee-eater

Merops pusilus

Rollers Coraciidae

Abyssinian Roller

Coracias abyssinica

Rufous-crowned Roller

Coracias naevia

Blue-bellied Roller

Coracias cyanogaster

Broad-billed Roller

Eurystomus glaucurus

Blue-throated Roller

Eurystomus gularis

Woodhoopoes Phoeniculidae

Green Woodhoopoe

Phoeniculus purpureus

White-headed Woodhoopoe

Phoeniculus bollei

Forest Woodhoopoe

Phoeniculus castaneiceps

Hornbills Bucerotidae

White-crested Hornbill

Tockus albocristatus

Red-billed Dwarf Hornbill

Tockus camurus

Black Dwarf Hornbill

Tockus hartlaubi

Northern Red-billed Hornbill

Tockus erythrorhynchus

African Pied Hornbill

Tockus fasciatus

African Gray Hornbill

Tockus nasutus

Piping Hornbill

Ceratogymna fistulator

Brown-cheeked Hornbill

Bycanistes cylindricus

Black-casqued Hornbill

Ceratogymna atrata

Yellow-casqued Hornbill

Ceratogymna elata

Barbets Capitonidae

Naked-faced Barbet

Gymnobucco calvus

Bristle-nosed Barbet

Gymnobucco peli

Speckle Tinkerbird

Pogoniulus scolopaeceus

Red-rumped Tinkerbird

Pogoniulus atroflavus

Yellow-throated Tinkerbird

Pogoniulus subsulphureus

Yellow (Golden)-rumped Tinkerbird
Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird
Yellow-spotted Barbet
Hairy-breasted Barbet
Vieillot's Barbet
Double-toothed Barbet
Bearded Barbet
Yellow-billed Barbet

Pogoniulus bilineatus
Pogoniulus chrysoconus
Buccanodon duchaillui
Tricholaema hirsuta
Lybius vieilloti
Lybius bidentatus
Lybius dubius
Trachyphonus purpuratus

Honeyguides Indicatoridae

Least Honeyguide
Yellow-footed Honeyguide
Cassin's honeybird

Indicator exilis
Melignomon eisentrauti
prodotiscus insignis

Woodpecker & Allies Picidae

Little Green Woodpecker
Buff-spotted woodpecker
Melancholy woodpecker
Fire-bellied woodpecker
Gray woodpecker

Campethera maculosa
Campethera nivosa
Dendropicos lugubris
Dendropicos pyrrhogaster
Dendropicos goertae

Broadbills Eurylaimidae

Rufous-sided broadbill

Smithornis rufolateralis

Swallows Hirundinidae

Barn Swallow
Ethiopian Swallow
Wire-tailed Swallow
White-throated Blue Swallow
Lesser-striped Swallow
Mosque Swallow
Preuss' Cliff-Swallow
Fanti Sawwing

Hirundo rustica
Hirundo aethiopica
Hirundo smithii
Hirundo nigrita
Cecropis abyssinica
Cecropis senegalensis
Hirundo preussi
Psalidoprocne obscura

Wagtails Pipits Motacillidae

African Pied Wagtail
Yellow-throated Longclaw
Yellow Wagtail
Plain-backed Pipit
Tree Pipit

Motacilla aguimp
Macronyx croceus
Motacilla flava
Anthus leucophrys
Anthus trivialis

Cuckoo-shrikes Campephagidae

Blue Cuckoo-shrike
Red-shouldered Cuckoo-shrike
Purple-throated Cuckoo-shrike

Coracina azurea
Campephaga phoenicea
Campephaga quiscalina

Bulbuls Pycnonotidae

Common Bulbul
Little Greenbul
Ansorge's Greenbul
Plain Greenbul
Slender-billed Greenbul
Yellow-whisked Greenbul

Pycnonotus barbatus
Andropadus virens
Andropadu ansorgei
Andropadus curvirostris
Andropadus grcilirostris
Andropadus latirostris

Golden Greenbul
Honeyguide Greenbul
Yellow-throated Greenbul
Simple Greenbul
Swamp-palm Greenbul
White-throated Greenbul
Red-tailed Greenbul
Icterine Greenbul
Western Bearded Greenbul
Little-grey Greenbul
Red-tailed Bristlebill
Gray-headed Bristlebill
Western Nicator

Calyptocichla serina
Baeopogon indicator
Chlorochicla flavicollis
Chlorochicla simplex
Thescelocichla leucopleura
Phyllastrephus albigularis
Griniger calurus
Phyllastrephus icterinus
Criniger barbatus
Andropadus gracilis
Blada syndactyla
Blada canicapilla
Nicator chloris

Thrushes & Allies *Turdidae*

White-tailed Ant-thrush
Finsch's Flycatcher-Thrush
African Thrush
White-tailed Alethe
Snowy-crown Robin-chst
Mockling Cliff-chat
Forest Robin

Neocossyphus poensis
Neocossyphus finschii
Turdus pelios
Pseudaethe diademata
Cossypha niveicapilla
Myrmecocichla cinnamomeiventris
Stiphornis erythrothorax

Old world Warblers *Sylviidae*

Red-faced Cisticola
Siffling [Short-winged] Cisticola
Zitting [Fan-tailed] Cisticola
Whistling Cisticola
Singing Cisticola
Tawny-flanked Prinia
Willow Warbler
Red-winged Prinia [Warbler]
Black-capped Apalis
Yellow-breasted Apalis
Sharpe's Apalis
Oriole Warbler
Gray-backed Camaroptera
Yellow-browed Camaroptera
Olive-green Camaroptera
Moustached Grass-Warbler
Senegal Eremomela
Rufou-crowned Eremomela
Green Crombec
Gray Longbill
Violet-backed Hylia
Green Hylia

Cisticola erythropus
Cisticola brachypterus
Cisticola juncidis
Cisticola lateralis
Cisticolacantaris
Prinia subflava
Phylloscopus trochilus
Heliolais erythroptera
Apalis nigriceps
Apalis flavida
Apalis sharpie
Hypergerus atriceps
Camaroptera brachyura
Camaroptera superciliaris
Camaroptera chloronota
Melocichla mentalis
Eremomela pusilla
Eremomela badiceps
Sylvietta virens
Macrosphenus concolor
Hylia violacea
Hylia prasina

Old World Flycatchers *Muscicapidae*

Pale Flycatcher
Northern Black-Flycatcher
Spotted Flycatcher
Ashy Flycatcher
Ussher's Flycatcher
Pied Flycatcher

Bradornis pallidus
Melaenornis edolioides
Muscicapa striata
Muscicapa caerulescens
Artomyias ussheri
Ficedula hypoleuca

Forest Flycatcher
Dusky-blue Flycatcher
Grey-throated Tit Flycatcher
Grey Tit-Flycatcher

Fraseria ocreata
Muscicapa comitata
Muscicapa griseigularis
Myioparus plumbeus

Monarch Flycatchers *Monarchidae*

Chestnut-capped Flycatcher
African Blue Flycatcher
Black-headed Paradise-Flycatcher
African Paradise-Flycatcher
Blue-headed Crested Flycatcher

Erythrocercus mccallii
Elminia longicauda
Terpsiphone rufiventer
Terpsiphone viridis
Trochocercus nitens

Wattle-eyes & Allies *Platysteiridae*

Chestnut Wattle-eye
Common Wattle-eye
Senegal Batis

Platysteira castanea
Platysteira cyanea
Batis senegalensis

Picathartes *Picathartidae*

Yellow-headed Picathartes
BIRD OF THE TRIP

Picathartes gymnocephalus

Babblers *Timaliidae*

Black-cap Babbler
Brown Babbler
Brown Illadopsis

Turdoides reinwardtii
Turdoides plebejus
Trichastoma fulvescens

Chickadees & Tits *Paridae*

White-shouldered Black Tit

Melaniparus guineensis

Penduline Tits *Remizidae*

Tit-hylia

Pholidornis rushiae

Sunbirds and Allies *Nectariniidae*

Collared Sunbird
Fraser's Sunbird
Green Sunbird
Olive-bellied Sunbird
Buff-throated Sunbird
Splendid Sunbird
Copper Sunbird
Blue-throated Brown Sunbird
Johanna's Sunbird
Tiny Sunbird
Olive Sunbird
Pygmy Sunbird
Beautiful Sunbird
Little Green Sunbird
Scarlet-chested Sunbird
Superb Sunbird
Green-headed Sunbird

Anthreptes collaris
Anthreptes fraseri
Anthreptes rectirostris
Nectarinia chloropygia
Nectarinia adelberti
Nectarinia coccinigaster
Nectarinia cuprea
Nectarinia cyanolaema
Nectarinia johannae
Nectarinia minulla
Nectarinia olivacea
Hedydypna platura
Nectarinia pulchella
Nectarinia seimundi
Nectarinia senegalensis
Nectarinia superba
Nectarinia verticalis

White-eyes *Zosteropidae*

Yellow White-eye

Zosterops senegalensis

True Shrikes *Lanidae*

Common Fiscal
Yellow-billed Shrike

Lanius collaris
Corvinella corvina

Bush-Shrikes *Malaconotidae*

Northern Puff-back
Sabine's Puff-back
Common Gonolek
Sulpher-breasted Bush-shrike
Black-crown Tchagra
Brubru

Dryoscopus gambensis
Dryoscopus sabinus
Laniarius barbarus
Malaconotus sulfureopectus
Tchagra senegalensis
Nilaus afer

Helmet-Shrikes *Prionopidae*

Red-billed Helmet-shrike
White-crested Helmet-shrike

Prionops caniceps
Prionops plumata

Orioles *Oriolidae*

African Golden Oriole
Black-headed Oriole
Western Black-winged Oriole

Oriolus auratus
Oriolus brachyrhynchus
Oriolus nigripennis

Drongos *Dicruridae*

Velvet-mantled Drongo
Shining Drongo
Fork-tailed Drongo

Dicrurus modestus
Dicrurus atripennis
Dicrurus adsimilis

Crows & Allies *Corvidae*

Pied Crow
Piapiac

Corvus alba
Ptilostomus afer

Starlings *Sturnidae*

Violet-backed Starling
Long-tailed Glossy Starling
Bronze-tailed Glossy Starling
Greater Blue-eared Glossy Starling
Copper-tailed Glossy Starling
Purple Glossy Starling
Splendid Glossy Starling
Forest Chestnut-winged Starling
Chestnut-bellied Starling

Cinnyricinclus leucogaster
Lamprotornis caudatus
Lamprotornis chalcurus
Lamprotornis chalybaeus
Lamprotornis cupreocauda
Lamprotornis purpureus
Lamprotornis splendidus
Onychognathus fulgidus
Spreo pulcher

Sparrows *Passeridae*

Grey-headed Sparrow
Bush Petronia
Chestnut-crown Sparrow-weaver

Passer griseus
Petronia dentata
Plocepasser superciliosus

Weavers & Allies

Grosbeak Weaver
Maxwell's Black Weaver
Golden-backed Weaver

Amblyospiza albifrons
Ploceus albinucha
Ploceus preussi

Orange Weaver
 Village Weaver
 Little Weaver
 Black-headed Weaver
 Vieillot's Black Weaver
 Black-necked Weaver
 Yellow-mantled Weaver
 Crested Malimbe
 Grey's Malimbe
 Red-headed Malimbe
 Red-vented Malimbe
 Red-headed Weaver
 Yellow-mantled Widow-bird
 Northern Red Bishop
 Black-winged Red Bishop
 Red-headed Quelea

Ploceus aurantius
Ploceus cucullatus
Ploceus luteolus
Ploceus melanocephalus
Ploceus nigerrimus
Ploceus nigricollis
Ploceus tricolor
Malimbus malimbicus
Malimbus nitens
Malimbus rubricollis
Malimbus scutatus
Malimbus rubriceps
Euplectes macrourus
Euplectes orix
Euplectes hordeaceus
Quelea erythroptera

Finches Estrildidae

Red-cheeked Cordon-roule
 Orange-cheeked Waxbill
 Bar-breasted fire-Finch
 Black-bellied fire-Finch
 Black & White Mannikin
 Bronze Mannikin
 Chestnut-breasted Nigro-Finch
 Grey-headed Nigro-Finch
 White-breasted Nigro-Finch
 Western Blue-bill

Estrilda bengala
Estrilda melpoda
Lagonosticta rufopicta
Lagonosticta rara
Lonchura bicolor
Lonchura cucullata
Nigrita bicolor
Nigrita canicapilla
Nigrita fusconota
Spermophaga haematina

Indigobirds & Whydahs

Wilson's Indigobird
 Pin-tailed Whydah
 Exclamatory Paradise Whydah

Vidua wilsoni
Vidua macroura
Vidua interjecta

True Finches Fringillidae

Yellow-fronted Canary

Serinus mozambicus

Buntings Emberizidae

Cinnamon-breasted Rock-bunting

Emberiza tahapisi

