

# Kenya

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## Introduction

Between June 2004 and April 2005 I traveled around the globe birding, starting in Colombia and at Palmarí Lodge on the border between Brazil and Peru. After a couple of hectic weeks back in Sweden I headed out on my next adventure, a solo trip to Kenya. Since this was only my second trip to Africa and the first to East Africa it was quite an exciting and different experience. Even though I had to spend all my time outside of national parks (except Mt. Kenya) and game reserves I managed rather well given the circumstances, recording 602 species of birds and 25 species of mammals.

Kenya is a well visited country by birdwatchers, but the vast majority takes an organized bird tour or safari. Because of this there are few good trip reports available. Very few try to bird Kenya on public transport and trip reports from such journeys are almost non-existent; only two that I know of, written by Michiel de Boer (1996) [www.birdtours.co.uk/tripreports/kenya/kenya2/KENYA96.htm](http://www.birdtours.co.uk/tripreports/kenya/kenya2/KENYA96.htm) and Frank Rheindt (2002) [www.camacdonald.com/birding/africakenyaRheindttripreport.htm](http://www.camacdonald.com/birding/africakenyaRheindttripreport.htm). I had great help from these reports, especially the former, but I also had to improvise quite a bit. In the site notes section I add a lot of valuable and up-to-date information from all the places I visited.

Kenya is not what it once was. Despite indications of a deteriorating economy in recent years, I wasn't quite prepared for the poverty I would meet. Widespread corruption, mismanagement, overpopulation and unemployment are serious obstacles to Kenya's development. Add to this the HIV/AIDS-problem, invisible at large to the casual visitor except for the omnipresent advertising for "Trust" condoms. Also, several serious terrorist attacks a few years ago have resulted in much fewer tourists than before (especially Americans). The government has promised to fight the corruption, but no one believes it – why should the political leaders fight themselves? People here are hoping for a real change first when the old guard among politicians are gone, which might take another 10 years. Then, if the corruption is defeated, you just have to brake through the barriers set up by tribal loyalty – there are 42 tribes in Kenya, and it works in about the same way here as it does in much of the rest of Africa and central Asia. The tribe is more important than anything else, making true democracy virtually impossible.

Why am I writing this bleak description of Kenya? Because it's the reality, and it had an important impact on my travels and my impressions of the country. If you go on a regular safari you probably see very little of all this, but as a (lone) traveler relying on public transport it's quite a different thing and you need to be rather tough and patient. Generally, people are friendly and helpful, but still you have a feeling that most people see you only as a *mzungo* (white man) who has a lot of money. A direct quote from 23-year-old George in the coastal tourist town of Watamu says it all in a nutshell: "When I see you, I see money". Uncountable people asked me to give them money (some kids made it sound almost like an attempt to robbery: "Give me your money!", and once "Give me your microscope" [meaning my binoculars!]), not few tried (and often succeeded, at least in the beginning) to overcharge me and despite being careful I was fooled at least twice when I'd decided to really trust someone. Maybe you understand that sometimes it just became too much, what I call the "Mzungo syndrome", making you a bit harsh or even insensitive at times.

Having said all this, I would also like to point out some highlights from my trip, when I met good and honest people. I spent a couple of hours speaking to 18-year-old Kennedy at the shores of Lake Victoria. He was revisiting a favorite place from his childhood where his late mother used to recite poems for him. In Port Victoria, 57-year-old hotel owner Godfrey took me out bird watching out of

courtesy in marshes where no white man ever had set foot before, resulting in interesting encounters with the local people including scaring some kids half to insanity – they had never seen a white man before! We had many interesting conversations during my stay. Bird watching guide Moses at Lake Baringo was an honest and pleasant young man who took me out for a nice walk at a decent price while so many others tried to rip me off. We still have contact. The people of Isiolo, gateway to northern Kenya, Ethiopia and Somalia, were very friendly. I was invited for tea, being escorted without any thought of money and taught about the ongoing Ramadan by some young men – in response I told them about my Christian faith. High school teacher Gabriel with colleague, made my somewhat weird stay in Mtito Andei much more pleasant. Hotel owner William in Athi River showed me such great friendship that I returned at the end of the trip. He took me to visit maasais and his family farm and even drove me to the nearby airport on departure.

In conclusion I can say this thing for certain: Birding on public transport in Kenya is a challenging, colorful and rewarding adventure!

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## **Itinerary**

**10/10** Stockholm-Heathrow-  
**11/10** Arrival in Nairobi. To Naivasha. Birding from noon.  
**12/10** Fisherman´s Camp (morning), Lake Naivasha (afternoon).  
**13/10** Lake Naivasha (morning). To Kisumu.  
**14/10** Dunga.  
**15/10** Kisumu (morning). To Port Victoria.  
**16-17/10** Port Victoria.  
**18/10** To Kakamega Forest.  
**19-22/10** Kakamega Forest.  
**23/10** To Kampi Ya Samaki, Lake Baringo.  
**24-25/10** Lake Baringo.  
**26/10** To Nyahururu. Afternoon birding.  
**27/10** Nyahururu.  
**28/10** To Naro Moru. Birding 11.00-12.30 and late afternoon.  
**29-30/10** Mt. Kenya. Back to Naro Moru.  
**31/10** Naro Moru (morning). To Isiolo. Late afternoon birding.,  
**1/11** Isiolo.  
**2/11** To Athi River. Late afternoon birding.  
**3/11** Athi River.  
**4/11** Athi River (morning). To Mtito Andei.  
**5/11** Mtito Andei. To Voi.  
**6/11** Voi-Mombasa-Watamu. Mida Creek (late afternoon)  
**7/11** Arabuko-Sokoke Forest.  
**8/11** Sabaki Rivermouth and Gongoni.  
**9/11** Arabuko-Sokoke Forest  
**10/11** Resting day.  
**11/11** Sabaki Rivermouth and Gongoni.  
**12/11** Mida Creek (morning).  
**13/11** To Sagala Lodge. Afternoon birding.  
**14/11** Sagala Lodge. To Athi River.  
**15-16/11** Athi River.  
**17/11** To Johannesburg, South Africa.

## **General information**

### **Transportation**

The easiest way to get around is to take a matatu, mini bus. They go virtually everywhere, but not until they are full. You might have to wait an hour or two before it leaves, even if you're told that it will leave immediately, and the engine is often going to strengthen this impression. There is generally little space for luggage, so it might be a bit problematic if there are two people with big back packs (three would be very problematic – in that case you would have to pay for an extra seat or two). Buses are generally slightly cheaper and safer, though they are mostly running only between major towns and longer distances. Generally you need to book seats in advance. Taxis are not cheap, as gasoline is quite expensive. In the western part of the country bicycle taxi, Buda-Buda, is a good means of transportation if you need to cover shorter distances. Remember to agree on a price before hand and that you likely will be overcharged.

### **Accommodation**

Budget travelers are, in most places, restricted to simple accommodation. Forget the fancy lodges, most of which are situated in or near the national parks and reserves and thus out of limit anyway. If you really want to rough it there are always some really dingy places (KS 150-200) but for a little more (KS 300-500) you will get a rather decent room with private bath ("self contained") and a fan. I seldom chose hotels from the Lonely Planet, and it went just fine.

### **Food**

I don't play very much according to the tourist-precaution-rules nowadays, still I had no problems at all except for a case of food poisoning on the very last night. Soft drinks are very cheap. I especially liked the Bitter Lemon and almost got addicted to it! The food in the restaurant's menus is often varied, though several of the dishes might not be available. You can often get a quite sturdy meal with both soup and a main dish for KS 15. Also try the ugali with half a kilo of meat (they wanted me to order a whole kilo in Kisumu!).

### **Money**

During my stay one US Dollar was about 80 Kenya Shillings. Barclay's Bank has ATM machines taking VISA. The ones I used were in Kakamega, Nakuru and Nanyuki. It's wise to have some US\$ as well.

### **People**

As a budget birder you get in contact with people all the time, something I've emphasized quite a bit in the introduction. Sometimes it's very interesting and fun, sometimes frustrating and sometimes annoying, but there is no getting away from any of it. The poverty can be heart-breaking to witness, and you feel sorry for a lot of people that struggle hard for their daily living.

I can well understand that people see any tourist as a walking wallet with hopes of getting at least a little bit of the cake. The problem is that you get too much of it, and it's sad when you after a while meet friendliness with a bit of suspicion because there have been too many friendly guys before that in the end only wanted money from you (which of course in a way is quite understandable). It's always worst where tourists are more or less regularly or frequently encountered - it's almost guaranteed that somebody will beg you for money or try to overcharge you. In stark contrast comes my experience from a shanty town in Athi River that I walked through several times. Not a single person there was begging, but the kids really went wild at the rare sight of a *mzungo* – especially when I walked past the school and they literally left their classes to greet me.

The encounters with people are certainly putting extra color to a budget birder's journey to Kenya. You won't see as many species of birds as groups from Birdquest, but you can get pretty close and get a very different experience of the country thanks to its people.

## Site notes

The following site notes are meant to be a complement to the reports by Michiel de Boer and Frank Rheindt. The sites follow the chronological order of my trip (except Sagala Lodge) and have a touch of diary as well. De Boer has several good maps in his report, which I recommend to use and I've made a few new maps myself with the help of satellite images from Google Earth (which, by the way, is really excellent stuff and free to download at [www.earth.google.com](http://www.earth.google.com) – get it!).

### Lake Naivasha

From the airport I went immediately to a bus stand in Nairobi (KS 1000 by taxi), and from here straight to Naivasha by matatu (KS 150). I checked in at Othaya Annex (KS 300), a simple hotel mentioned in Lonely Planet. Keep an eye overhead – I had both Secretarybird and Eleonora's Falcon above town itself.

Following the road southwards from town you have the railway and the escarpment immediately on your left hand side. Look for White-fronted Bee-eater, Blue-naped Mousebird, White-bellied Tit, Red-winged Starling etc. Overhead I had both White-backed and Rüppell's Vultures, two Steppe Eagles and a Fan-tailed Raven. In the residential areas above the escarpment I had a few nice birds, including Gabar Goshawk, Northern Anteater-Chat, Schalow's Wheatear and Bronze Sunbird.



To get to a nice area by the lake take the first dirt road to the right (after c. 1 km). Don't walk past the gate – I was told not to. Instead find your way through the *Euforbia* hedge and walk next to it until you reach the lake. Do *not* stroll away far from the hedge. There are Water Buffalos in the area, and a close encounter with one of them could be your last moment on earth. There are also Giraffes, Zebras, Water Bucks, Grant's Gazelles and Impalas around, likely also Hippos. Some of the best birds in this area were Eared Grebe, Great White Pelican, African Spoonbill, Hottentot Teal, Blacksmith and Crowned Lapwings, Klaas's Cuckoo, Mottled and African Black Swifts (among lots of Nyanzas), Common Scimitarbill, Grey-rumped Swallow, Buff-bellied Warbler, Black-lored Babbler, White-browed Robin-Chat, Red-headed Weaver, Yellow-crowned Canary and Southern Citril. Wahlberg's Honeybird should be looked for.

Another lakeside place is found following a long, straight road flanked by greenhouses (see map). Species here are similar to those of the former site, but here I also found Heuglin's Robin-Chat, Grey-capped Warbler, Red-billed Quelea and waders in good numbers.

There are regular matatus to Fisherman's Camp (KS 50/60), which has nice grounds and plenty of birds. There is an entry fee of KS 100 for non-campers. Notable birds for me included Squacco Heron, Black Crake, Mottled Swift, Lesser Swamp Warbler, Grey-capped Warbler, Arrow-marked and Black-lored Babbler, Southern Black Flycatcher and Holub's Golden Weaver. A walk in the scrubby hillside just opposite the road gave several goodies, including White-tailed Lark, Yellow-bellied Eremomela, Northern Anteater-Chat, Schalow's Wheatear and Purple Grenadier. Hell's Gate NP is nearby, but tough to bird on foot. De Boer had Hildebrandt's Francolin and Verreaux's Eagle there and other possibilities might include Lesser Rock-Thrush.

### **Dunga, Kisumu**

Hippo Point and the Dunga area is just south of Kisumu by Lake Victoria. Kisumu offers a wide variety of accommodation. I stayed at Novelty Guest House Annex KS 750/950 (500), which isn't low budget but nice, clean and quiet with fan. I was taken there by the matatu driver. A good way of getting around is to take a Buda-Buda. Within town you shouldn't pay more than KS 20-30, slightly more to Hippo Point. Most guys will try to get much more money from you than from the locals!

The area around Hippo Point has some papyrus, and apparently most papyrus specialities can be seen here albeit in (very) small numbers, including Swamp Flycatcher, Carruthers's Cisticola, Papyrus Gonolek and Papyrus Canary. Take great care with the identification of the canary - African Citril is quite similar, and I saw it in papyrus both here and at Port Victoria. Similarly, both Carruthers's and Winding Cisticolas are found in papyrus, the latter being the more common of the two.

Dunga Point, not mentioned in the other trip reports, is a terrific wetland area with mudflats and extensive papyrus. I was offered boat rides for KS 1000/500 per hour and ended up taking the latter alternative - there are several competitors who fight for the customers. Afterwards I learned from 18-year-old student Kennedy that Kenyans only pay 200 per hour. The guys told me that African Skimmer was almost guaranteed, and that's what got me into the deal. African Skimmers were indeed around, 29 of them, and the whole place was full of birds! Unfortunately I didn't arrive until noon, and didn't have nearly enough time to do the area justice. Some of the other birds seen were African Open-billed Stork (150), Lesser Flamingo, Spur-winged Goose, Comb Duck, Purple Swamphen, Water Thick-knee, Long-toed Lapwing, African Jacana (100!), Kittlitz's Plover (30) and plenty of Holarctic waders. Papyrus Gonolek and Greater Swamp Warbler were heard. Strong possibilities include African Pygmy-Teal, Lesser Jacana, Allen's Gallinule and Papyrus Yellow-Warbler.

### **Port Victoria**

There are only a couple of direct buses from Kisumu to Port Victoria, but I managed to get one with some help (chaotic bus stand!). Otherwise there is frequent transportation to Busia on the border with Uganda, and here you will find some connecting vehicle to take you to Port Victoria. Few tourists ever come here, which makes the extra effort an interesting and rewarding experience – at least it turned out that way for me!

Mulukoba Tourist Lake Side Hotel, owned by the very friendly and helpful Godfrey S. O. Adams, has the only decent accommodation in town plus a bar/restaurant. I think I paid KS 250/night. Godfrey insisted to accompany me in the field and show me around, and so he did all the time in spite of not feeling that well on the second day. Without his local knowledge I would never had gone out into the extensive marshlands, which was certainly an interesting experience. At the same time the birding suffered a bit as I couldn't stroll around on my own. My original plan was to spend most of the time around the Sioport Swamp en route to Port Victoria. Sioport has no accommodation, however, and transportation is a problem. I'm quite sure all papyrus specialities can be found at Port Victoria as well – you just need to give enough time for exploration.

The marshlands south of Port Victoria are huge and should no doubt be considered an IBA. My very limited birding showed that it's a good area for Blue-breasted Bee-eater (a totally new site, only the fourth i Kenya) and Papyrus Gonolek, and Port Victoria might also be a strategic point for migration (350 Abdim's Storks, 40 Steppe Buzzards and a Honey Buzzard in a couple of hours over the hills). Buda-Budas are available, good to use if going to the marshlands. Also, you need to cross the river by boat (a regular "ferry") to access this area.. For various reasons I recommend to use a guide here.



Godfrey can probably arrange for somebody to join you. Other species of note: Long-toed Lapwing, Eastern Grey Plantain-eater, Blue-headed Coucal, African Pygmy Kingfisher, Angola Swallow, tens of thousands of Barn Swallows, White-headed Saw-wing, Carruthers's Cisticola, Swamp Flycatcher, Golden-backed, Slender-billed and Northern Brown-throated Weavers.

The small island visible from all of town is an important nesting site for herons and storks. It would be interesting if someone could make a full census. The area around the hills and Bukoma Beach gave Grey-headed Kingfisher, Red-fronted and White-hooded Barbets, Lesser Honeyguide, Eastern Olivaceous Warbler, Purple-banded Sunbird and African Citril. From a look-out point I could spot both Blue-breasted Bee-eater and Blue-headed Coucal. There is great potential to find many interesting birds around Port Victoria!

### **Kakamega Forest**

To get to the southern part of Kakamega forest, take a matatu from Kakamega to Shinyalu (KS 60). From here you can take a Buda-Buda or two, depending on how much luggage you have, for KS 60 each (on the way there I paid 150 each). You could also bargain with the matatu driver to take you to the Forest Guest House, but it will be much more expensive. The government run Forest Guest House, which have decent rooms with private toilet, is the only budget accommodation available (KS 350). The Rondo Resort a couple of kilometers away is quite expensive but of course very nice.

Food: The housekeeper at the Guest House lied to me when saying that the canteen was no longer in business, instead offering to get me some food if I ordered in advance. It turned out that it wasn't closed at all. Before I discovered that I had to do with biscuits and soft drinks which I purchased at a nearby kiosk (in a private home, see map) and I also had an expensive lunch at the Rondo Resort (KS 580). It is best to order food from the canteen in advance, so that they can get all the ingredients they need in time. For a full meal, expect to pay KS 150-200.

The birding is first class, although the forest suffers from increasing fragmentation. Several species that were still found 10-20 years ago have probably disappeared, i.e. Sabine's Spinetail, Speckled Tinkerbird, White-breasted Cuckoo-Shrike and Yellow-mantled Weaver. Some other birds have become increasingly scarce, notably Grey Parrot and Hairy-breasted Barbet. Probably there is a negative population trend for many forest species. When studying Kakamega Forest with Google Earth you realize that there are many areas to explore. For example, beyond the grassland there is extensive primary forest. I would recommend to take a guide with you to explore this area, though. Below follow lists of notable birds seen in the different areas I visited, all found on the map.

Entry road: Lizard Buzzard, Ovambo Sparrowhawk, Pink-footed Puffback.

Forestry Department grounds (in flowering trees): Vielliot's and Black-billed Weavers, Green, Olive-bellied, Copper, Bronze, Green-throated and Green-headed Sunbirds.

Trails near the Forest Guest House (to the left on the map – there is a maze of trails!): Great Blue Turaco, Blue-headed Bee-eater, Yellow-spotted, Yellow-billed and Hairy-breasted Barbets, Brown-eared Woodpecker, Dusky Crested-Flycatcher, Square-tailed Drongo, Western Black-headed Oriole, Snowy-headed and Blue-shouldered Robin-Chats, Chapin's Flycatcher, Brown-chested Alethe, White-tailed Ant-Thrush, Equatorial Akalat, Pale-breasted Illadopsis, Dusky Tit, Bocage's Bush-Shrike, Grey-headed Negrofinch, Red-headed Bluebill, Red-headed Malimbe, Green Sunbird.

The grassland inside the forest: Stout Cisticola, Broad-tailed Warbler, Yellow-mantled Widowbird, Orange-tufted Sunbird.

Pump house trail (including the clearing behind the canteen): Eastern Bronze-naped Pigeon, Black and Red-chested Cuckoos, Scarce Swift, Yellow-spotted and Yellow-billed Barbets, Brown-eared and Golden-crowned Woodpeckers, African Broadbill, Square-tailed Drongo, Petit's Cuckoo-Shrike, Dusky Crested-Flycatcher, Mackinnon's Shrike, Lühder's Bush-Shrike, Chestnut Wattle-eye, Buff-throated

Apalis, Banded and White-chinned Prinias, Brown and Scaly-breasted Illadopsises, Dusky Tit, Brown-capped Weaver.

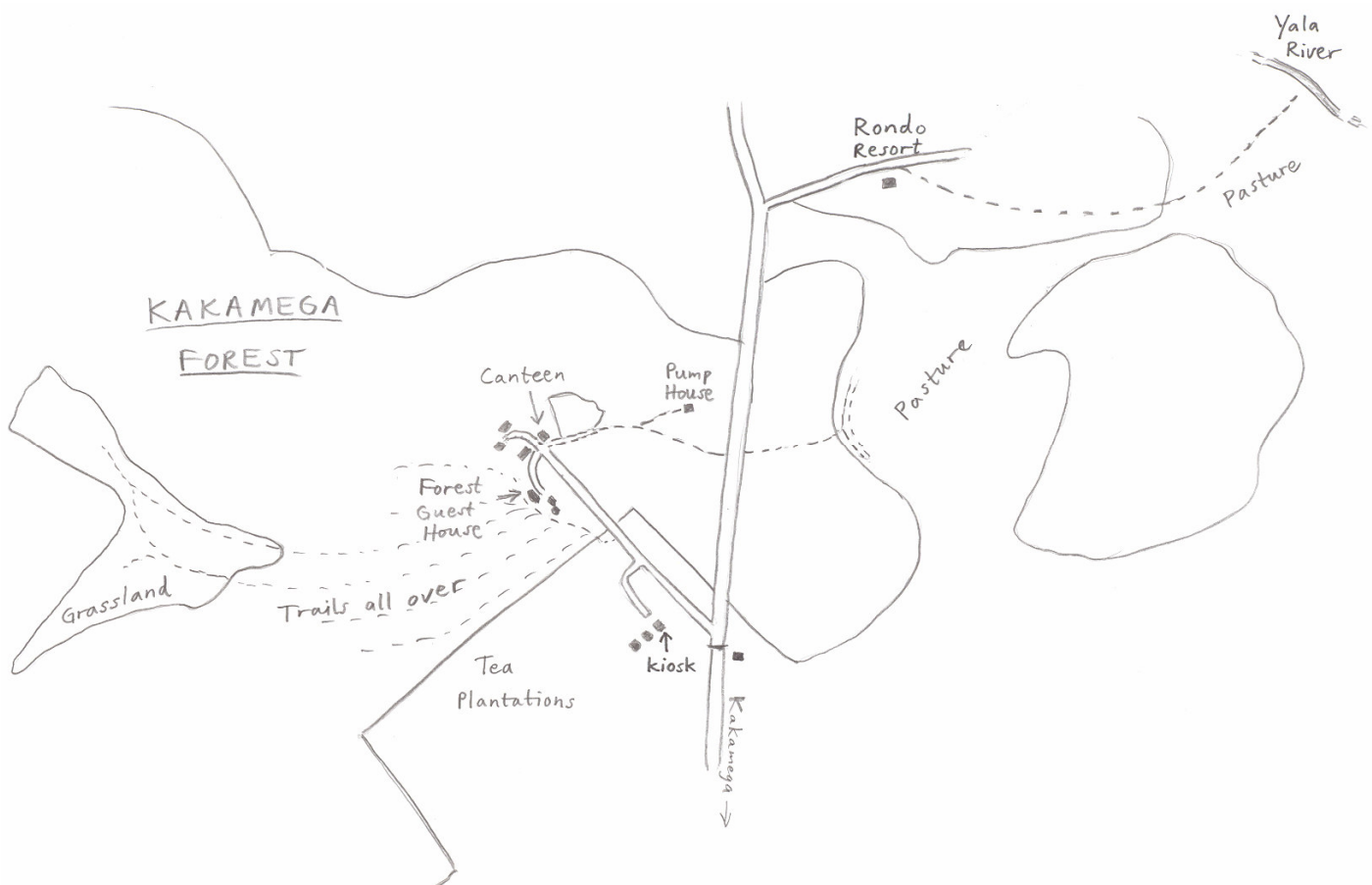
The forest road: Great Blue Turaco, African Emerald-Cuckoo, Lüher's Bush-Shrike, African Shrike-Flycatcher, Buff-throated Apalis, White-chinned Prinia, Turner's Eremomela, Uganda Woodland-Warbler, Black-and-white Mannikin.

The trail on the opposite side of the forest road: Uganda Woodland-Warbler, Black-crowned Waxbill, Northern Double-collared Sunbird. Brown Parisoma seems very likely to occur.

Rondo Resort and surroundings: Olive Pigeon, Red-chested Cuckoo, Cinnamon-chested Bee-eater, Double-toothed, Yellow-billed and Hairy-breasted Barbets, Petit's Cuckoo-Shrike, Bocage's Bush-Shrike, Stuhlmann's Starling, Anson's Greenbul, Chubb's Cisticola, Olive-bellied, Northern Double-collared and Green-headed Sunbirds.

Yala River trail: Chestnut Wattle-eye, Stuhlmann's Starling, Mosque Swallow, Turner's Eremomela, Grassveld Pipit, Mountain Wagtail, Pale Flycatcher.

Greenbuls proved to be a real challenge, except for obvious species like Joyful. I have no idea whether I saw Little, Little Grey and Toro Olive Greenbuls or not, even if I really tried to get good views and look for miniscule details. I only felt comfortable enough to call one bird an Anson's Greenbul. Much harder than Tyrants and Antbirds of South America, I can assure you!





## **Lake Baringo**

From Nakuru, take a matatu towards Lake Baringo. The last 10 kilometers or so you'll probably need to take a shared taxi, because most matatus don't go down to Kampi Ya Samaki by the lake.

Accommodation: There are a few budget options. I stayed at Weaver's Lodge for KS 500/night which wasn't cheap, especially since the fan didn't work. One of the managers, Samuel Kibos, was a nice and helpful guy, though. I stayed one day less than planned, mainly because of the heat.

Guided activities: Boat trips on the lake can be arranged for KS 1800+, some people will ask for considerably more (see Rheindt's report). Kids and teenagers will likely offer to show you owls and nightjars, and they are happy even if they don't get much money. Lake Baringo Bird Club is a gathering of serious and knowledgeable birdwatchers led by Moses Kandie ([kandyrop@yahoo.com](mailto:kandyrop@yahoo.com)), with an office opposite the Lake Baringo Country Club. They offer bird walks, boat rides and excursions in the general area for very reasonable prices. For example, a morning's bird walk is KS 400/person. Highly recommended!

De Boer's map is pretty accurate. The area around the cliffs is quite nice. It takes about 40 minutes to walk here from town. I started out very early to be able to spot-light for nightjars and ended up waiting for dawn! No nightjars, but a Northern White-faced Owl and a Verreaux's Eagle-Owl was heard. Good birds by the escarpment included Lanner Falcon, Blue-naped Mousebird (common), Abyssinian Scimitarbill, Jackson's and Hemprich's Hornbills, Red-fronted Tinkerbird, Red-fronted and Black-throated Barbets, Cliff Chat, Brown-tailed Rock-Chat, Red-fronted Warbler, Rufous Chatterer, Somali Tit, Kenya Violet-backed Sunbird, Brubru, Bristle-crowned Starling, Green-winged Pytilia, Blue-capped Cordon-bleu and Grey-headed Waxbill. On the way back to town I had 7 Slender-tailed Nightjars shown to me by two kids (on pebble-strewn ground), Red-and-yellow Barbet, Pygmy Batis, Magpie Starling, Speckle-fronted, Chestnut, Little and Grosbeak Weavers.

The lakeside and short grass near the Country Club had Ostrich, Goliath Heron, Glossy Ibis, White-faced Whistling-Duck and many other water birds in small numbers. Watch out for Hippos here! Greater and Lesser Honeyguides hang around in the acacias on the way down to the lake, as well as Bush-Shrikes, Northern Brownbul and Palearctic warblers.

Moses took me on a walk north of town and showed me many nice birds, including Senegal Thick-knee, Heuglin's Courser (fantastic bird – with chick!), Black-headed Lapwing, Lichtenstein's Sandgrouse (one male had been shot with an arrow that was still holding on to the bird!), Mozambique Nightjar, Mouse-colored Penduline-Tit and Three-streaked Tchagra.

## **Nyahururu**

Nyahururu is reached within an hour/hour and a half from Nakuru, with good connections also to Nyeri. I stayed at the rather nice Baron Hotel in central Nyahururu, KS 350/night. Situated at 2600 m, Nyahururu is pleasantly cool. Like de Boer, I spent my time birding to the south and west of town, in the Nakuru direction. De Boer has a good map, but note that Nakuru is pointed out in the wrong (opposite) direction and that the petrol station is near the outskirts of town (there are at least two closer to the city center). A few people indicated that there was a certain risk of getting robbed if walking around alone, so it might be a good idea to be a bit cautious.

The temperate forest near Thomson Falls (a couple of kilometers from the city centre) is pretty good, but the immediate area near the falls is very touristy with plenty of persistent souvenir sellers. Step into one shop and you'll have a hard time getting away from "shopping". I don't blame any of these women for being persistent, though - I think they have a tough time surviving like so many other Kenyans. Birds: African Black Duck, Mountain Buzzard, Olive Pigeon, Dusky Turtle-Dove, Hartlaub's Turaco, Red-fronted Parrot, Cinnamon-chested Bee-eater, Yellow-rumped Tinkerbird, Mountain and Grey Wagtails, Mountain Greenbul, Cape Robin-Chat, Hunter's Cisticola, Brown Woodland Warbler, Blackcap, Broad-ringed White-eye, Bronze, Golden-winged (superb views!) and Eastern Double-collared Sunbirds, Brown-crowned Tchagra and Thick-billed Seed-eater.

Follow the small river upstream to the marshy area mapped by de Boer and continue beyond into the grasslands. Some of my best species were White-faced Whistling-Duck, African Marsh-Harrier, African Snipe, Malachite Kingfisher, Rufous-naped Lark, Cape Wagtail, Northern Anteater-Chat, Levillant's Cisticola, African Bush-Warbler, Brown Parisoma (in acacias near the road), Greater Blue-eared Starling, Grosbeak and Speke's Weavers, plenty of Long-tailed Widowbirds and, quite surprisingly, two Hippos.

The sewage treatment ponds were full of birds, including Little Grebe (2), Red billed (60) and Hottentot (35) Teals, Yellow-billed Duck (30), Northern Shoveler (69), Garganey (2), Southern Pochard (18), Red-knobbed Coot (90) and Blacksmith Lapwing (6).

### **Naro Moru**

Naro Moru is a popular base for excursions to Mt. Kenya, surrounded by grasslands and some riparian forest. It's a dusty and noisy town with plenty of accommodation options. I stayed one night at Mountain View Hotel (KS 520), because I arranged my trip to Mt. Kenya through their travel agency. When I came back I changed for Joruna Lodge (KS 350), one of many cheaper places in town. It was OK, but a neighboring night club was extremely noisy, keeping me awake all night long.

This is by no means a top birding place, but still there are quite a few species around. Just to the north of town the main road crosses a river with good riparian vegetation. Here I saw several nice birds, including African Green-Pigeon, Red-fronted Parrot, Cinnamon-chested Bee-eater, Cape Robin-Chat, Pale Flycatcher, Black-throated Wattle-eye, Tacazze, Golden-winged, Northern Double-collared and Amethyst Sunbirds, Mountain Wagtail and Grey Apalis. On your right 150 meters further ahead there is a dam, which is not visible from the road. Small numbers of wetland birds were around, as well as a splendid male Pallid Harrier, Yellow Bishop and Grey-capped Warbler.

The grasslands, mainly south of the town and fenced off, produced Yellow-necked Spurfowl, Grey Crowned Crane, Black-bellied Bustard, Red-capped Lark, Yellow-throated Longclaw, Plain-backed Pipit, Common Rock-Thrush, Stout (common) and Pectoral-patch Cisticolas, Cape Crow, Speke's Weaver and plenty of Long-tailed Widows in eclipse plumage.

### **Mt. Kenya**

There are various travel agencies in Naro Moru that all seem to heavily overcharge western customers. I fell in the same trap as Frank Rheindt; at least I think it was the same agency, named Mountain View Tours & Tracking Safaris. The travel agent, Castor, made a very professional and serious impression. I was prepared for a hard bargain (something I'm almost incapable of!) and managed to lower the price for a two day hike with a guide/porter from US\$ 250 to 150 after a long discussion, which still was \$50 more than I'd been prepared to pay. Castor made me almost believe that he would get hardly any benefit from the deal. My guide Paul was not much of a guide, but it didn't matter much since I could bird at my own pace. In any case he was quite experienced with the mountain. When we came back to the park HQ after the hike I found out that Castor had been lying about the entrance fee (of all things!) to the park, which started an argument when I came back. Of course he denied this and also tried to make me feel guilty because I wouldn't give Paul a voluntary tip. Only afterwards I realized that he also had been lying about the expenses for food.

The cheapest alternative is probably to arrange everything (in advance) through the Mountain Club of Kenya ([www.mountkenya.com](http://www.mountkenya.com)). They have their quarters about halfway between Naro Moru and the park entrance.

Birding is confined to the road leading to the met station (3200 m) and the trail continuing towards the top of the mountain. Long stretches have a "wall" of bamboo separating the forest from immediate contact with the road, which makes birding possibilities limited, but otherwise the surrounding habitat is little disturbed. At the HQ I found Red-fronted Parrot, White-headed Wood-Hoopoe, Red-billed Oxpecker and White-browed Crombec. Among my best birds along the the road can be mentioned African Crowned Eagle, Mountain Buzzard, Scarce and Alpine Swifts, Moustached Green Tinkerbird,

Tullberg's Woodpecker, White-starred Robin, Cinnamon Bracken-Warbler, Chestnut-throated Apalis, Eastern Double-collared Sunbird and Black-tailed Oriole. Hunter's Cisticola, Mountain Yellow-Warbler, African Dusky Flycatcher and Black-headed Waxbill were all common.

The clearing at the met station held Olive Ibis (heard), Jackson's Francolin (very tame!), Hartlaub's Turaco, Abyssinian Ground-Thrush, Moorland Chat, Tacazze Sunbird (soo beautiful!), Grey-headed Negrofinch and Bushbuck. After nightfall Greyish Eagle-Owl, African Wood-Owl and Abyssinian Nightjar were heard.

The strenuous climb through the *Hagenia* and moorland zones gave little of ornithological value, but the wet grasslands above tree line produced multiple Moorland Chats, an African Snipe and the much wanted Scarlet-tufted Sunbird (at 3800 m). The peak of Mt. Kenya was visible in all its spectacular glory. As a matter of fact I was very lucky with the weather, since October-November is the rainy season.

### **Isiolo**

Isiolo is a multiethnic town, something of a gateway to northeastern Kenya, surrounded by dry forested savanna. The northeast is more or less beyond limits for budget birders. Samburu is not far away (c. 40 km), but to go there you need to join an organized safari. North of Samburu, along the road to Marsabit, bandits have been operating for years, and it's necessary to travel with a military convoy. If you'd like to visit Marsabit, please check out the current situation and don't take any unnecessary risks. I had even been warned that Isiolo might not be safe, but I had no troubles whatsoever – as a matter of fact it was one of the friendliest towns I visited in Kenya.

After the expensive Mt. Kenya experience I chose to stay at the very simple Farmer's Hotel near the bus stop in central Isiolo, paying KS 150/night. There are many other alternatives as well. At the corner next to the hotel you can buy fresh yogurt, which tasted pretty good. Fruit and vegetables were very cheap in Isiolo.

The sewage treatment plant visited by de Boer in 1996 was a downright filthy place, situated just next to the town's rubbish dump. A bunch of rude street kids didn't improve the site, but I had company by a nice student and despite the horrific state of the ponds there were good birds around. A female Greater Painted-Snipe was the star bird, followed by a fly-by Kori Bustard. Other species of note were the only Black-crowned Night-Heron of the trip, a colony of Black-headed Herons, White-winged Tern, Mottled Swift, Fischer's Sparrow-Lark, Pied Wheatear, Rufous-tailed Shrike, Taita Fiscal, Bristle-crowned Starling and Chestnut Weaver.

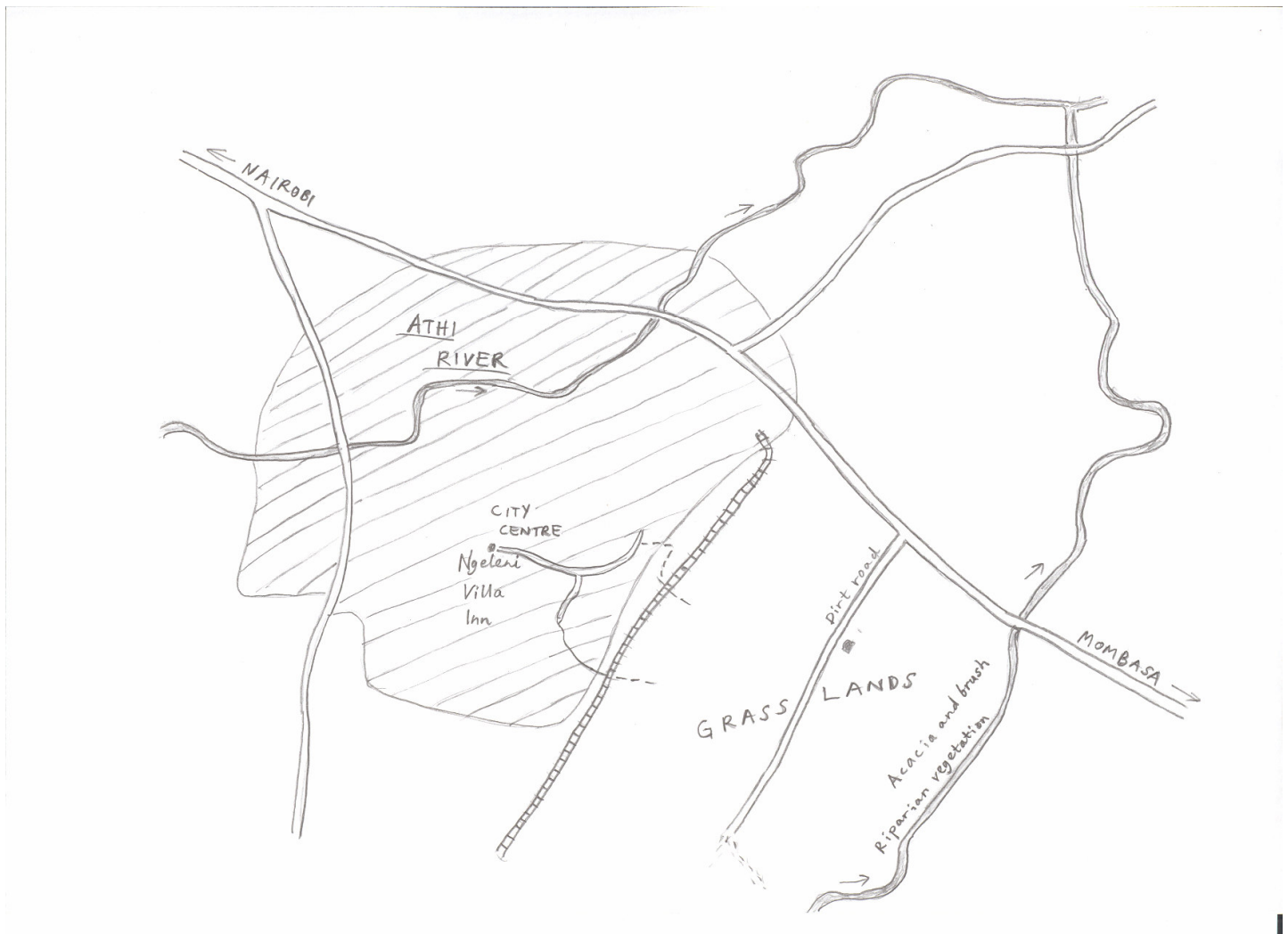
The following morning I walked in the Nairobi direction and took a dirt road to the left next to a souvenir shop and police checkpoint (almost 5 km from the city center). Heavy rains during the night had made the soil to nothing but clay, so it was tough conditions and a very slow pace. The habitat was quite fragmented but still held goodies like White-headed Mousebird, Ashy Cisticola, Grey Wren-Warbler, Taita Fiscal, Three-streaked Tchagra, Rosy-patched Bush-Shrike, Donaldson-Smith's Sparrow-Weaver and Red-billed Buffalo-Weaver. Back in town I had a pair of Pygmy Falcons and was invited for tea at the home of a Samburu handicraft seller who recently had been to Sweden and Denmark. Nice! A Spotted Morning-Thrush on nest and a pair of Hunter's Sunbird made it even better.

The afternoon brought me on a dirt road towards the hills north of town, starting within the town in the Marsabit direction. People were stunned by my appearance and very curious. A few kids followed me for a long time, including one guy who wanted my binoculars (microscope!). Another guy asked me to be his sponsor, which I politely declined. Birding wasn't easy, and they kept warning me for lions however remote that risk seemed to be. Anyway, some of the birds: Booted Eagle, Striped Kingfisher, Foxy Lark, Mariqua Sunbird, Hildebrandt's Starling, Crimson-rumped Waxbill and Straw-tailed Whydah.

## Athi River

This industrial suburb to Nairobi is certainly no touristy place. Accommodation is very sparse, but I can warmly recommend the Ngeleni Villa Inn (KS 300/500) situated near the town center, owned by the very friendly and generous William Pinndeti who became a good friend of mine. Say hi from me if you stay there!

De Boer's map gives a fair idea of the area, my map is giving a larger picture. The best grasslands, however, are probably found further south of the mapped area where the Athi Short-toed Lark and Bustards are more likely to occur. The grasslands, acacias and riparian vegetation close to town offer varied birding, though. This was one of the most quiet areas I birded in Kenya, I did hardly meet anybody out there! Some of the birds: African Black Duck (out of range?), Rüppell's Vulture, Montagu's Harrier, Tawny and Martial Eagles, Eastern Chanting-Goshawk, Gabar Goshawk, Grey Crowned Crane, Spotted Thick-knee, Sombre Nightjar, Striped and Giant Kingfishers, Red-fronted Tinkerbird, Silvery-cheeked Hornbill, Rufous-naped and Foxy Larks, Fischer's Sparrow-Lark, Plain-backed Pipit, Yellow-bellied Eremomela, Banded Parisoma, Buff-bellied Warbler, Red-throated Tit, White-breasted White-eye, Long-tailed Fiscal, Sulphur-breasted Bush-Shrike, Slate-coloured Boubou, Red-billed Oxpecker, Hildebrandt's Starling, Grey-capped Social-Weaver, Speckle-fronted Weaver, Chestnut Sparrow, Black-faced Waxbill. The proximity to Nairobi NP means that there are quite a few mammals around as well. I saw Zebra, Grant's and Thomson's Gazelles, Impala, Eland and Blue Wildebeest.



One day William took me to visit maasais and returned home with a live sheep in the trunk! Another day we went to the family farm, which is slightly to the east of the mapped area north of the Mombasa road. Here I had the much wanted Yellow-throated Sandgrouse (32 in flight) and Black-breasted Snake-Eagle. A bit of exploration around Athi River could turn up nice surprises.

### **Mtito Andei**

I spent about 23 hours in this mysterious town along the Nairobi-Mombasa road before I felt it necessary to leave. Tsavo West NP is just east of town, and walking inside is strictly prohibited. Signs on roadside buildings make the impression that there were several hotels in town, but almost all seemed to be closed. High school teacher Gabriel with two friends helped me to find a place, strongly promoting smoking through advertising, though not the nicest and without a fan (KS 180).

I arrived in late afternoon and had no time for birding until next morning, when I crossed the railroad and walked along dirt roads and tracks to the north/northwest of town. Quite birdy, despite heavily fragmented habitats. People seemed to think I was totally out of place, though. One woman even asked if my walking around was authorized. I turned around a few hundred meters before a rocky outcrop that perhaps could hold Rock-loving Cisticola. Species I did see included Little Sparrowhawk, Tawny, Wahlberg's and Martial Eagles, Lanner Falcon, Black-headed Lapwing, Red-bellied Parrot, Giant and Grey-headed Kingfishers, Von der Decken's and Eastern Yellow-billed Horbills, Mosque Swallow, Grey Wren-Warbler, Rufous and Scaly Chatterers, Tsavo, Hunter's, Black-bellied and Kenya Violet-backed Sunbirds, Long-tailed Fiscal, Sulphur-breasted Bush-Shrike, Hildebrandt's and Fischer's Starlings, Black-necked Weaver, Red-billed Quelea (30 000-50 000!), Purple Grenadier and Straw-tailed Whydah.

In the afternoon I tried to bird just west of town. I managed to see a Spot-flanked Barbet and an African Bare-eyed Thrush before the trouble began. First some men from a nearby plant of some sort told me I wasn't allowed to walk here and that it wasn't safe anyway because of animals and God knows what (Gabriel had told me there was no problem!). They made sure I walked away from there. Then I started to walk on a road leading northwards but was soon stopped by a car full of policemen in civil clothing. We had a long, unbelievable conversation. Basically they didn't want me to walk around on my own. They didn't believe me when I said that I couldn't afford it and claimed to know everything about Sweden and our way of life. After a while I was offered to come with them to the police station, where an escorting police would be provided for free. If I denied this they would not lift a finger to help me, should anything happen! In the end I was driven to the police station, but the whole thing felt so absurd that I went to fetch my stuff at the hotel and took the first available bus towards Voi. Again, Gabriel came to my help, because I was standing at a place where buses won't stop (you have to stand by the petrol stations at the eastern edge of town). Mtito Andei was a weird place...

### **Sagala Lodge**

Sagala Lodge, formerly known as Ndara Ranch, is situated 15 km east of Voi and 2.5 km south of the Nairobi-Mombasa highway (good exercise with a heavy backpack!). It's well signed and most matatu/bus drivers should know about the place. I didn't know about the name change, so I passed it without noticing when coming from Voi and had to continue to Mombasa. My guide Jonathan in Arabuko-Sokoke Forest informed me of the new name, so I stopped here on the way back to Nairobi (Athi River) instead.

It's a very bird rich area, in a region hard to access without your own vehicle. The nearby hills are part of the Taita formation and could hold one or perhaps all three of the endemic taxa. Unfortunately it's a bit too expensive for the budget birder - KS 2500 half board/day. I managed to "negotiate" down the price to KS 2000 without really negotiating - I just wanted to make sure there were no other alternatives than the standard package. Food and accommodation is excellent. A bit of Kenya from the average tourist's viewpoint!

I spent about 27 hours around the lodge and saw lots of birds. With a vehicle and local knowledge the day list could get really impressive. Good birds: Bateleur, Pygmy Falcon, Vulturine Guinea fowl, Red-bellied Parrot, White-rumped Swift, White-headed and Blue-naped Mousebirds, Blue-cheeked Bee-eater, Abyssinian Scimitarbill, Von der Decken's and Eastern Yellow-billed Hornbills, Red-and-yellow and Black-throated Barbets, Pink-breasted Lark, African Bare-eyed Thrush, Thrush and Common Nightingales, Tiny Cisticola, Pale Prinia, Red-fronted Warbler, Grey Wren-Warbler, Marsh Warbler, Pygmy Batis, Scaly Chatterer, Tsavo, Black-bellied and Hunter's Sunbirds, Three-streaked Tchagra, Sulphur-breasted Bush-Shrike, White-crested Helmetshrike, Golden-breasted Starling (superb bird!), Fischer's Starling, Yellow-spotted Petronia, Eastern Paradise-Whydah, Straw-tailed Whydah, Chestnut Weaver, Green-winged Pytilia, Black-cheeked Waxbill and Purple Grenadier.

### **Watamu**

Upon arrival in a hot and humid Watamu (it was that kind of weather all week, including almost daily rain), a tourist town by the Indian Ocean, I was facing a few touts as usual. This time I chose to join one of them to a private house on "New Road", where a guy called Eric had a few rooms for rent. Though I was skeptical at first it turned out very good in the end. An Italo-Kenyan couple shared the kitchen and living room the first day, but then I had the whole house to myself the rest of my stay paying KS 750/day, down negotiated from an initial 1200. Cooking my own food made the prize quite reasonable. There are many options when it comes to accommodation, but be prepared to pay KS 1000+/day. It might be worth to take a look at [www.watamu.net](http://www.watamu.net), which has a lot of other information as well.

This is of course no birding site, but still I recorded a surprise Banded Martin, Ethiopian Swallow, Sooty Gull and Mouse-coloured Sunbird. A boat trip to the nearby marine reserve could produce Roseate Tern and Crab Plover, perhaps even some pelagic sea bird.

### **Arabuko-Sokoke Forest**

The superb Arabuko-Sokoke forest is largely accessible on foot, but to reach some of the more distant areas, including the *Cynometra* forest which holds the Sokoke Scops-Owl, you need a vehicle and sometimes a guide. There are three entry points to the forest - at the HQ, Mida and Kararache (about 20 km south of the HQ) - and there is a daily entry fee of US\$10. You must go to the HQ (opening at 07.00) and pay the entry fee before heading into the forest. Excellent information about the reserve and its conservation can be found at [www.birdlife.org/action/ground/arabuko/arabuko\\_sokoke\\_plan.pdf](http://www.birdlife.org/action/ground/arabuko/arabuko_sokoke_plan.pdf).

From Gede you can get to the HQ in 10-15 minutes if you walk fast - to get a matatu that's willing to drop you off can easily take longer time. If you want or need to use one of the very competent bird guides (best to book a day or two in advance) the fee is KS 800 for a half day/1400 for the full day - it's definitely worth it if you want to see the tougher specialities, including Sokoke Pipit, Clarke's Weaver, Green-headed Oriole and Sokoke Scops-Owl. It is sometimes possible to hire a vehicle with driver from the HQ, otherwise you can try to bargain with some taxi driver in Watamu/Malindi. Expect to pay at least KS 2000 for half a day and 3000 for a full day. I chose not to hire a vehicle, thus sacrificing the Scops-Owl, which afterwards seems a bit foolish, although it is by no means guaranteed.

From the HQ you can walk through the mixed forest and reach the important *Brachystegia* after 5-6 kilometers. I walked 6-7 kilometers and back the same way, interrupted by some heavy showers and downright wet before I turned. The rain did help up the activity throughout the day, though, and in the end I had a pretty good list, including: African Goshawk, Crested Guinea fowl, Böhm's Spinetail, Narina Trogon, Trumpeter Hornbill, Green Barbet, Eastern Nicator, Terrestrial Brownbul, Fischer's and Tiny Greenbuls, Red-tailed Ant-Thrush, Eastern Scrub-Robin, Black-headed Apalis, Ashy Flycatcher, Short-tailed Batis, African Crested-Flycatcher, Little Yellow Flycatcher, Scaly Babbler, Amani, Plain-backed and Eastern Olive Sunbirds, Chestnut-fronted Helmet-Shrike, Scaly Babbler, Forest Weaver and Peters's Twinspot. A very probable Southern Banded Snake-Eagle was seen too briefly.

I took a guide, the very knowledgeable Jonathan, to the Kararache area (by matatu/bus). Here the *Brachystegia* is reached after just 1-2 kilometers, and it's one of the best accessible areas of the entire forest. We did very well, only missing Green-headed Oriole among the most important species. Some

of the birds: African Goshawk, Fischer's Turaco (heard – mixed forest), Thick-billed Cuckoo, Crowned Hornbill (heard), Mombasa Woodpecker, Sokoke Pipit, Eastern Nicator, Tiny and Yellow-bellied Greenbuls, East Coast Akalat, Red-tailed Ant-Thrush, Little Yellow Flycatcher, Amani Sunbird, Four-coloured Bush-Shrike, Chestnut-fronted and Retz's Helmet-Shrikes, Forest and Clarke's Weavers.

November seems to be a good time of the year to see all of the important endemics. Clarke's Weaver is absent part of the year and Amani Sunbird, which is bound to the availability of nectar supplies, can sometimes be difficult. Some southern migrants aren't here in November, i.e. African Pitta, Barred Long-tailed Cuckoo and Madagascar Cuckoo, but these are all tricky to see anyway.

### **Mida Creek**

To get to Mida Creek from Watamu you need to take a Matatu for Malindi, get off at Gede and take a Malindi-Mombasa matatu from here (KS 30+30). Mida Creek is signposted, although most matatu drivers know exactly where to drop you. After less than a kilometer's walk you reach the creek, a small visitor center and a nice walkway through the mangrove (entry fee KS 70). The numbers of birds and the observation circumstances vary with the tide. If you've come at the wrong time of the day, somebody at the visitor center can give you information about high and low tide hours. A few guides usually hang around, some offering a boat trip to an island at high tide.

The Crab Plover is the obvious highlight of Mida Creek. On my first visit I saw 475 birds in total! Also Terek Sandpiper (55), Greater Sandplover (100), Whimbrel (90) and Eurasian Curlew (25) were seen in good numbers, while Eurasian Oystercatcher (1) and Bar-tailed Godwit (2) represented uncommon but regular species. The surrounding habitats didn't produce much of greater value, but at least a Mangrove Kingfisher was seen nicely and a male Eurasian Golden Oriole flew by.

### **Sabaki River mouth**

From Malindi take a matatu towards Gongoni (5 km - KS 30) and get off at the far side of the Sabaki River bridge. Here you will likely be met by a few kids that offer themselves to guide you to the river mouth, some very persistent. A heavy shower rescued me the first time! There is a rather well-marked track leading towards the river mouth – if in doubt of the right direction, just ask somebody. De Boer mentions cases of robbery along the beach between Malindi and Sabaki, so I was quite cautious on my first visit. The second time I let go of my fears and walked all the way out to the beach. The few people around didn't take much notice of me.

I birded the area twice at different water levels. Species and numbers varied considerably. To get closer looks at gulls and terns you will likely need to walk quite a bit, while shorebirds are everywhere. Among my best findings can be mentioned 1 African Skimmer, 2 White-cheeked Terns and no less than 56 Broad-billed Sandpipers. Other nice birds were White-fronted Plover, Lesser Sandplover, Heuglin's and Sooty Gulls, Saunders's, Lesser Crested and Greater Crested Terns etc. The area of short grass held a single Caspian Plover and 5 Collared Pratincoles, while the shrubberies offered species like Zanzibar and Fire-fronted Bishops, Yellowbill, Zanzibar Sombre Greenbul, and Golden Palm-Weaver. Carmine Bee-eaters sat on telephone wires between Sabaki and Malindi.

### **Gongoni**

From Sabaki you can continue to the salt works at Gongoni (KS 30, KS 50 from there back to Malindi), which is supposed to be a good site for Malindi Pipit. Despite trying to see it twice (Rheindt found it immediately!), I didn't succeed, perhaps mainly because I wasn't allowed to enter the area. One guard wouldn't even allow me to scan the area properly from his watch hut. The locals walk right through the place, but I needed special permission from the company's office in Mombasa! I met a couple of guys that took me to a quiet edge of the area the first time (only asking for tea money, and becoming disappointed when they got no more than that), and on my second visit I birded the salt flats just south of the ponds. There were quite a few birds around, notably Glossy Ibis, Kittlitz's and White-fronted Plovers, Greater Flamingo and Ethiopian Swallow, but the only pipits I found were Grassveld Pipits. Later I read in a trip report by Jon Hornbuckle that the pipit is regularly found just north of Gongoni on a football pitch on the eastern side of the road.



## Species list

I have adopted the nomenclature from HBW and Clements's checklist of the birds of the world, meaning that some species have different names compared to the various field guides.

**Ostrich** *Struthio camelus* 24-25/10 2 ♀ Lake Baringo, 4/11 3 Athi River-Kibwezi.

**Little Grebe** *Tachybaptus ruficollis* 26/10 2, 27/10 1 Nyahururu, 28/10 1 Naro Moru, 31/10 9 Isiolo.

**Eared Grebe** *Podiceps nigricollis* 12/11 1 Lake Naivasha.

**Great White Pelican** *Pelecanus onocrotalus* 11/10 c. 40, 12/10 c. 30, 13/10 a few Lake Naivasha, 8/11 4 Sabaki.

**Pink-backed Pelican** *Pelecanus rufescens* 11/10 1, 12/10 c. 5 Lake Naivasha, 17/10 1 Port Victoria, 28/10 1 Naro Moru, 8 and 11/11 10 Sabaki.

**Great Cormorant** *Phalacrocorax carbo* 12/10 c. 60 Fisherman's Camp, 2 Lake Naivasha, 14/10 3 Dunga, 15/10 2 Kisumu, 16/10 c. 10 Port Victoria, 28/10 2 Naro Moru, 2/11 1 Athi River, 8/11 5 Gongoni.

**Long-tailed Cormorant** *Phalacrocorax africanus* 13/10 1 Lake Naivasha, 14/10 c. 50 Dunga, 16/10 c. 100 Port Victoria, 25/10 3 Lake Baringo, 26-27/10 1 juv. Nyahururu, 2/11 2 Athi River.

**Gray Heron** *Ardea cinerea* 11/10 1 Lake Naivasha, 16/10 1 Port Victoria, 25/10 1 Lake Baringo, 26-27/10 2 Nyahururu, 28/10 2 Naro Moru, 2/11 2, 3/11 2 Athi River, 6/11 2, 12/11 a few Mida Creek, 8/11 4, 10/11 1 Sabaki.

**Black-headed Heron** *Ardea melanocephala* 11/10 3, 12/10 1 Fisherman's Camp, 14/10 2 Dunga, 16/10 1 juv. Port Victoria, 19/10 1 subad. Kakamega, 26/10 2, 27/10 1 Nyahururu, 28/10 2, 31/10 1 Naro Moru, 31/10 c. 50, 1/11 c. 5 Isiolo, 6/11 2 Mida Creek, 10/11 2 Watamu.

**Goliath Heron** *Ardea goliath* 24/10 1 ad., 25/10 1 ad. Lake Baringo. A mighty bird!

**Great Egret** *Egretta alba* 14/10 c. 5 Dunga, 24/10 c. 10, 25/10 2 Lake Baringo, 6/11 c. 20, 12/10 1 Mida Creek.

**Dimorphic Egret** *Egretta (gularis) dimorpha* 6/11 1 of dark morph Mida Creek.

**Little Egret** *Egretta garzetta* 12/10 2 Lake Naivasha, 14/10 c. 10 Dunga, 15/10 c. 40, 16/10 c. 50 Port Victoria, 24/10 1, 25/10 2 Lake Baringo, 31/10 2 Isiolo, 6/11 c. 10 Mida Creek, 8/11 c. 10, 12/11 c. 10 Sabaki, 11/11 13 Gongoni.

**Cattle Egret** *Bubulcus ibis* 11/10 c. 30, 12/10 c. 15, 13/10 c. 20 Lake Naivasha, 14/10 c. 50 Dunga, 16-17/10 100s Port Victoria, 24/10 c. 10, 25/10 c. 15 Lake Baringo, 31/10 c. 200 Isiolo.

**Squacco Heron** *Ardeola ralloides* 12/10 1 Fisherman's Camp, 24/10 1 Lake Baringo, 28/10 1 Nyahururu-Nyeri.

**Striated Heron** *Butorides striata* 2/11 1 Athi River.

**Black-crowned Night-Heron** *Nycticorax nycticorax* 31/10 1 ad. Isiolo.

**Hammerkop** *Scopus umbretta* 14/10 c. 20 Dunga, 15/10 2 Kisumu, 16/10 2, 17/10 2 Port Victoria, 24/10 2, 25/10 2 Lake Baringo, 26/10 1 Nyahururu, 28/10 2 Nyahururu-Nyeri, 4/11 1 Athi River, 5/11 1 Mtito Andei.

**Yellow-billed Stork** *Mycteria ibis* 11/10 c. 10, 12/10 c. 15, 13/10 3 Lake Naivasha, 14/10 c. 15 Dunga, 24/10 1, 25/10 c. 20 Lake Baringo, 28/10 2 Naro Moru, 6/11 c. 15 Mida Creek, 8/11 c. 15, 11/11 c. 10 Sabaki.

**African Openbill** *Anastomus lamelligerus* 14/10 c. 150 Dunga, 15/10 c. 10, 16/10 c. 100 Port Victoria.

**Abdim's Stork** *Ciconia abdimii* 17/10 c. 350 on southward migration Port Victoria.

**White Stork** *Ciconia ciconia* 19/10 1 migr. Kakamega.



**Marabou** *Leptoptilos crumeniferus* 11/10 c. 20 Nairobi, 11/10 c. 15, 12/10 c. 12 Lake Naivasha, 24/10 2, 25/10 2 Lake Baringo, 26/10 2, 27/10 3 Nyahururu, 31/10 c. 40 Isiolo, 2/11 1 Nyeri-Nairobi, 3/11 4 Athi River, 4/11 c. 15, 5/11 c. 15 Mtito Andei.

**Sacred Ibis** *Threskiornis aethiopicus* 11/10 c. 20, 12/10 c. 15, 13/10 c. 15 Lake Naivasha, 13/10 2 E Kisumu, 14/10 c. 10 Dunga, 15/10 3 Kisumu, 23/10 1 Nakuru-Baringo, 24/10 c. 5, 25/10 3 Lake Baringo, 26/10 6, 27/10 3 Nyahururu, 28/10 2 Naro Moru, 1/11 2 Isiolo, 3/11 1 Athi River, 6/11 c. 10, 11/11 1 Mida Creek, 8/11 1 Sabaki, 15/11 1 Athi River.

**Olive Ibis** *Bostrychia olivacea* 29/10 1 heard Mt. Kenya. Not difficult to hear, but shy and difficult to actually see.

**Hadada Ibis** *Bostrychia hagedash* Fairly common.

**Glossy Ibis** *Plegadis falcinellus* 11-12/10 2, 13/10 1 Lake Naivasha, 14/10 c. 10 Dunga, 16/10 5 Port Victoria, 24/10 c. 20 Lake Baringo, 11/11 9 Gongoni.

**African Spoonbill** *Platalea alba* 11/10 8, 12/10 c. 10 Lake Naivasha, 24/10 1 Lake Baringo, 6/11 2 Mida Creek, 8/11 10, 11/11 8 Sabaki.

**Greater Flamingo** *Phoenicopterus roseus* 6/11 103, 12/11 c. 50 Mida Creek, 8/11 c. 140, 11/11 c. 50 Sabaki, 11/11 c. 50 Gongoni.

**Lesser Flamingo** *Phoeniconaias minor* 13/10 100 000s Lake Nakuru (from matatu), 14/10 2 Dunga. Uncommon at Lake Victoria.

**White-faced Whistling-Duck** *Dendrocygna viduata* 24/10 c. 50 Lake Baringo, 26/10 5 Nyahururu, 12/11 2 Mida Creek.

**Egyptian Goose** *Alpochen aegyptiacus* Fairly common-common near water.

**Spur-winged Goose** *Plectropterus gambensis* 14/10 4 Dunga.

**Comb Duck** *Sarkidiornis melanotos* 14/10 2 Dunga, 5/11 3 Mtito Andei, 12/11 1 Mida Creek.

**African Black Duck** *Anas sparsa* 26-27/10 1 pair Nyahururu, 2/11 1 Athi River. The bird seen near Athi River was likely outside of its normal range.

**Yellow-billed Duck** *Anas undulata* 12/10 6 Lake Naivasha, 16/10 6 Port Victoria, 26-27/10 c. 30 Nyahururu, 28/10 8 Naro Moru.

**Red-billed Duck** *Anas erythrorhyncha* 12/10 4, 13/10 2 Lake Naivasha, 26-27/10 c. 60 Nyahururu.

**Hottentot Teal** *Anas hottentota* 11-12/10 4 Lake Naivasha, 14/10 10 Dunga, 26-27/10 c. 35 Nyahururu.

**Garganey** *Anas querquedula* 26/10 1 ♂, 1 ♀ Nyahururu.

**Northern Shoveler** *Anas clypeata* 15/10 1 ♀ Kisumu, 26-27/10 69 Nyahururu.

**Southern Pochard** *Netta erythrophthalma* 26/10 18, 27/10 a few Nyahururu.

**Osprey** *Haliaeetus albicilla* 17/10 1 Port Victoria, 8/11 2 Sabaki, 1 Gongoni.

**Western Honey-Buzzard** *Pernis apivorus* 17/10 1 Port Victoria, 21/10 1 juv. Kakamega.

**Black-shouldered Kite** *Elanus caeruleus* 23/10 2 Nakuru-Baringo, 25/10 1 Lake Baringo, 26/10 1, 27/10 2 Nyahururu, 8/11 1 Sabaki, 15/11 2 Athi River.

**Black Kite** *Milvus migrans* Fairly common-common.

**African Fish Eagle** *Haliaeetus vocifer* 11/10 2 ad. Lake Naivasha, 12/10 2 ad., 1 juv. Fisherman's Camp, 14/10 3 ad. Dunga, 17/10 1 ad., 1 juv. Port Victoria, 24/10 3 ad. Lake Baringo, 6/11 2 ad. Mida Creek, 8/11 1 ad. Sabaki. Apparently decreasing in Kenya.

**Egyptian Vulture** *Neophron percnopterus* 1/11 1 juv. (2K?) Isiolo.

**African White-backed Vulture** *Gyps africanus* 11/10 3 Naivasha, 5/11 1 ad. Mtito Andei. Several unidentified juvenile vultures were also seen.

**Rüppell's Vulture** *Gyps rueppellii* 11/10 5 Naivasha, 3/11 1 ad. Athi River.

**Black-breasted Snake-Eagle** *Circaetus pectoralis* 15/11 1 ad. Athi River.

**Bateleur** *Terathopus ecaudatus* 13/11 1 ♂+1 Sagala.

**Western Marsh-Harrier** *Circus aeruginosus* 12/10 1 ad. ♂, 1 2K ♂ Lake Naivasha, 24/10 1 3K ♂ Lake Baringo, 26/10 1 ♀ Nyahururu, 4/11 1 ♂ Athi River.

**African Marsh-Harrier** *Circus ranivorus* 27/10 1 ad. Nyahururu.

**Pallid Harrier** *Circus macrourus* 13/10 1 ♂ Naivasha-Nakuru, 28/10 1 ♂ Naro Moru, 2/11 1 ♂ Isiolo-Nanyuki.

**Montagu's Harrier** *Circus pygargus* 1/11 1 ♂, 1 ♀ Isiolo, 2/11 1 ♂, 4/11 1 ♂ Athi River, 5/11 1 ♀ Mtito Andei, 11/11 1 ♀ Sabaki.

**African Harrier-Hawk** *Polyboroides typicus* 12/10 1 Fisherman's Camp, 2/11 1 Nanyuki-Nyeri, 5/11 2 Mtito Andei, 12/11 1 Mida Creek.

**Lizard Buzzard** *Kaupifalco monogrammicus* 22/10 1 ad. Kakamega, 6/11 1 Mida, 11/11 1 ad. Sabaki.

**Dark Chanting-Goshawk** *Melierax metabates* 25/10 1 ad. Lake Baringo.

**Eastern Chanting-Goshawk** *Melierax poliopterus* 3/11 2, 4/11 1 Athi River, 6/11 2 Voi-Mombasa, 14/11 1 Voi-Sultan Hamud.

**Gabar Goshawk** *Micronisus gabar* 13/10 1 ad. Naivasha, 4/11 1 Athi River.

**African Goshawk** *Accipiter tachiro* 7/11 3, 9/11 1 Arabuko-Sokoke.

**Shikra** *Accipiter badius* 13/10 1 pair Kisumu, 24/10 1 ad. Lake Baringo, 26/10 1 Nyahururu.

**African Little Sparrowhawk** *Accipiter minullus* 5/11 1 ad., 1 juv. Mtito Andei.

**Ovambo Sparrowhawk** *Accipiter ovampensis* 18/10 1 ad. Kakamega. Rare in this part of Kenya, but I saw it pretty well.

**Steppe Buzzard** *Buteo buteo vulpinus* 13/10 1 Naivasha, 17/10 40 migr. Port Victoria, 18/10 18 migr., 19/10 128 migr., 21/10 1 ad. dark morph, 22/10 50 migr. Kakamega, 27/10 1 ad. Dark morph Nyahururu, 5/11 1 Mtito Andei. The dark morph is very similar to a small *Aquila* eagle.

**Mountain Buzzard** *Buteo oreophilus* 27/10 1 juv. Nyahururu, 29/10 6 ex., 30/10 2 ex. Mt. Kenya.

**Augur Buzzard** *Buteo augur* 11/10 1 juv. Nairobi-Naivasha, 11-13/10 1-2 juv. Naivasha, 13/10 1 W Nakuru, 21/10 1 juv. Kakamega, 23/10 1 Kakamega-Nakuru, 26/10 2 ad., 27/10 1 Nyahururu, 29/10 2 ad., 1 juv., 30/10 3 Mt. Kenya, 1/11 2 Isiolo.

**Tawny Eagle** *Aquila rapax* 2/11 1 ad., 3/11 1 juv. Athi River, 5/11 2 Mtito Andei.

**Steppe Eagle** *Aquila nipalensis* 11/10 2 juv. Naivasha.

**Wahlberg's Eagle** *Aquila wahlbergi* 5/11 3-4 Mtito Andei.

**Booted Eagle** *Hieraetus pennatus* 1/11 1 dark morph Isiolo.

**Martial Eagle** *Polemaetus bellicosus* 3/11 1 ad., 4/11 2 ad. Athi River, 5/11 2-3 ad. Mtito Andei.

**Long-crested Eagle** *Lophaetus occipitalis* 13/10 1 W Nakuru, 17/10 1 ad. Port Victoria, 28/10 1 ad. Nyahururu-Nyeri, 1 ad. Naro Moru, 12/11 1 ad. Mida Creek, 15/11 1 ad. Athi River.

**Crowned Hawk-Eagle** *Stephanoaetus coronatus* 29/10 3, 30/10 3 Mt. Kenya.

**Secretarybird** *Sagittarius serpentarius* 12/10 2 soaring above Naivasha town, 23/10 1 W Nakuru. Cool!

**African Pygmy-Falcon** *Polihierax insignis* 1/11 1 pair Isiolo, 13/11 1 ♂ Sagala.

**Common Kestrel** *Falco tinnunculus* 22/10 1 ♀ Kakamega, 28/10 1 ♂ Naro Moru, 3/11 1 ♂ Athi River.

**Eleonora's Falcon** *Falco eleonora* 11/10 1 above Naivasha town.

**Eurasian Hobby** *Falco subbuteo* 25/10 1 ad. Lake Baringo, 31/10 1 ad., 1/11 c. 5 Isiolo.

**Lanner Falcon** *Falco biarmicus* 13/10 2 ad., 1 juv. Naivasha, 24/10 3 ad. Lake Baringo, 1/11 1 ad. Isiolo, 5/11 1 ad., 1 juv. Mtito Andei, 8/11 1 juv. Sabaki

**Crested Francolin** *Francolinus sephaena* 25/10 2 Lake Baringo, 13/11 6, 14/11 3 Sagala, 15/11 3 Athi River.

**Yellow-necked Francolin** *Francolinus leucoscepus* 28/10 3 Naro Moru, 1/11 5 Isiolo, 15/11 2 Athi River.

**Jackson's Francolin** *Francolinus jacksoni* 29/10 2, 30/10 1 Mt. Kenya. Very tame!

**Helmeted Guineafowl** *Numida meleagris* 12/10 14 Lake Naivasha, 25/10 1 Lake Baringo, 28/10 20, 31/10 2 heard Naro Moru, 3/11 3 Athi River, 6/11 5 Voi-Mombasa, 15/11 2 Athi River.

**Crested Guineafowl** *Guttera pucherani* 7/11 2 Arabuko-Sokoke. Beautiful close-up!

**Vulturine Guineafowl** *Acryllium vulturinum* 13/11 4, 14/11 2 Sagala. Attractive plumage!

**Grey Crowned Crane** *Balearica regulorum* 28/10 1 pair Naro Moru, 3/11 1 pair Athi River. A splendid bird!

**Black Crake** *Amaurornis flavirostris* 12/10 1 ad., 1 pull Fisherman's Camp, 14/10 3 Dunga, 24/10 1 Lake Baringo, 26/10 1 Nyahururu, 28/10 1 Naro Moru.

**Purple Swamphen** *Porphyrio porphyrio* 14/10 2 Dunga. According to *Birds of Kenya and Northern Tanzania* this species is not supposed to breed in the vicinity of Lake Victoria.

**Common Moorhen** *Gallinula chloropus* 26/10 3 Nyahururu.

**Red-knobbed Coot** *Fulica cristata* 11/10 c. 10 Nairobi-Naivasha, 26/10 c. 90, 27/10 c. 40 Nyahururu, 28/10 2 Naro Moru.

**Kori Bustard** *Ardeotis kori* 31/10 1 Isiolo. In flight.

**Black-bellied Bustard** *Lissotis melanogaster* 28/10 1 ♂, 31/10 1 ♂ Naro Moru.

**African Jacana** *Actophilornis africana* 12/10 3 Fisherman's Camp, 14/10 c. 100 Dunga, 16/10 1 Port Victoria, 24/10 c. 8 Lake Baringo, 26/10 1 Nyahururu.

**Greater Painted-Snipe** *Rostratula benghalensis* 31/10 1 ♀ Isiolo. Yes! A very filthy place to stick around, though.

**Crab Plover** *Dromas ardeola* 6/11 c. 475, 12/11 c. 50 Mida Creek. Beautiful birds!

**Eurasian Oystercatcher** *Haematopus ostralegus* 6/11 1 Mida Creek.

**Black-winged Stilt** *Himantopus himantopus* 11/10 2 Nairobi-Naivasha, 12/10 2 Lake Naivasha, 14/10 c. 40 Dunga, 16/10 c. 20 Port Victoria, 31/10 c. 20 Isiolo.

**Pied Avocet** *Recurvirostra avocetta* 11/10 3, 12/10 2 Lake Naivasha, 8/11 6, 11/11 9 Sabaki.

**Senegal Thick-knee** *Burhinus senegalensis* 25/10 2 Lake Baringo. Irregular here, at the southernmost limit of its range.

**Water Thick-knee** *Burhinus vermiculatus* 14/10 5 Dunga.

**Spotted Thick-knee** *Burhinus capensis* 3/11 2 Athi River.

**Three-banded Courser** *Rhinoptilus cinctus* 25/10 3 ad., 1 pull Lake Baringo. Close-up encounters, thanks to Moses and an old man.

**Collared Pratincole** *Glareola pratincola* 8/11 5 Sabaki.

**Long-toed Lapwing** *Vanellus crassirostris* 14/10 4 Dunga, 16/10 1 Port Victoria.

**Blacksmith Lapwing** *Vanellus armatus* 11/10 c. 10, 12/10 c. 15, 13/10 6 Lake Naivasha, 13/10 2 Naivasha-Nakuru, 26/10 6 Nyahururu.

**Spur-winged Lapwing** *Vanellus spinosus* Fairly common-common in the vicinity of water.

**Black-headed Lapwing** *Vanellus tectus* 25/10 2 Lake Baringo, 5/11 1 Mtito Andei.

**Black-winged Lapwing** *Vanellus melanopterus* 28/10 2 Nyahururu-Nyeri.

**Crowned Lapwing** *Vanellus coronatus* 11/10 3, 12/10 4, 13/10 4 Lake Naivasha, 28/10 2 Nyahururu-Nyeri, 4 Naro Moru, 2/11 6 Athi River, 5/11 2 Mtito Andei.

**Grey Plover** *Pluvialis squatarola* 6/11 c. 70, 12/11 c. 100 Mida Creek, 8/11 c. 50 Sabaki.

**Great Ringed Plover** *Charadrius hiaticula* 14/10 5 Dunga, 16/10 c. 15 Port Victoria, 24/10 5 Lake Baringo, 6/11 c. 70, 12/11 c. 20 Mida Creek, 8/11 c. 100, 11/11 c. 30 Sabaki, 9/11 1 Arabuko-Sokoke, 11/11 c. 10 Gongoni.

**Kittlitz's Plover** *Charadrius pecuarius* 14/11 c. 30 ex. Dunga, 16/10 1 Port Victoria, 11/11 3 pairs Sabaki, 4 Gongoni.

**Three-banded Plover** *Charadrius tricollaris* 11/10 2, 12/10 1, 13/10 4 Lake Naivasha, 31/10 1 Isiolo, 2/11 1 Athi River, 9/11 2 Arabuko-Sokoke.

**White-fronted Plover** *Charadrius marginatus* 6/11 3 Mida Creek, 8/11 c. 10 Sabaki, 11/11 c. 10 Gongoni.

**Lesser Sandplover** *Charadrius mongolus* 6/11 c. 15 Mida Creek, 8/11 c. 30, 11/11 2 Sabaki.

**Greater Sandplover** *Charadrius leschenaultii* 6/11 c. 100, 12/11 c. 30 Mida Creek, 8/11 c. 200, 11/11 c. 50 Sabaki, 11/11 c. 10 Gongoni.

**Caspian Plover** *Charadrius asiaticus* 11/11 1 juv. Sabaki. Not common along the coast, much easier to see in Masai Mara or Serengeti.

**African Snipe** *Gallinago nigripennis* 26/10 1 Nyahururu, 30/10 1 Mt. Kenya.

**Common Snipe** *Gallinago gallinago* 11/10 1 Lake Naivasha, 24/10 1 heard Lake Baringo, 26/10 2 Nyahururu, 2/11 4 Athi River.

**Black-tailed Godwit** *Limosa limosa* 12/10 1 Lake Naivasha, 14/10 c. 20 Dunga.

**Bar-tailed Godwit** *Limosa lapponica* 11/11 1 Sabaki, 12/11 2 Mida Creek.

**Whimbrel** *Numenius phaeopus* 6/11 c. 25, 12/11 c. 90 Mida Creek, 8/11 c. 10, 11/11 c. 10 Sabaki.

**Eurasian Curlew** *Numenius arquata* 6/11 c. 15, 12/11 c. 25 Mida Creek, 8/11 3, 11/11 2 Sabaki.

**Marsh Sandpiper** *Tringa stagnatilis* 12/10 1 Fisherman's Camp, 12/10 1, 13/10 1 Lake Naivasha, 14/10 c. 5 Dunga, 8/11 4, 11/11 3 Sabaki.

**Common Greenshank** *Tringa nebularia* 12/10 2 Lake Naivasha, 14/10 c. 5 Dunga, 16/10 c. 5, 17/10 1 heard Port Victoria, 25/10 1 Lake Baringo, 26/10 2 Nyahururu, 2/11 2 Athi River, 6/11 c. 5 Mida Creek, 8/11 c. 10, 11/11 c.5 Sabaki.

**Green Sandpiper** *Tringa ochropus* 14/10 1 Dunga, 24/10 4, 25/10 1 Lake Baringo, 26/10 1 Nyahururu, 31/10 1 Naro Moru.

**Wood Sandpiper** *Tringa glareola* 12/10 2 Fisherman's Camp, 13/10 c. 10 Lake Naivasha, 14/10 c. 10 Dunga, 16/10 c. 15 Port Victoria, 24/10 1, 25/10 1 Lake Baringo, 26/10 3 Nyahururu, 31/10 c. 5 Isiolo, 9/11 1 Arabuko-Sokoke, 11/11 1 Gongoni.

**Terek Sandpiper** *Xenus cinereus* 6/11 55, 12/11 c. 15 Mida Creek, 8/11 c. 5, 11/11 c. 10 Sabaki.

**Common Sandpiper** *Actitis hypoleucos* 12/10 4 Fisherman's Camp, 13/10 2 Lake Naivasha, 14/10 c. 5 Dunga, 15/10 1 Port Victoria, 24/10 2, 25/10 2 Lake Baringo, 31/10 3 Isiolo, 2/11 1 Athi River, 6/11 1 Mida Creek, 8/11 c. 10 Sabaki.

**Ruddy Turnstone** *Arenaria interpres* 6/11 1, 12/11 1 Mida Creek, 8/11 3, 11/11 6 Sabaki.

**Sanderling** *Calidris alba* 6/11 c. 15 Mida Creek, 8/11 c. 25 Sabaki.

**Little Stint** *Calidris minuta* 13/10 1 Lake Naivasha, 14/10 c. 20 Dunga, 16/10 c. 20 Port Victoria, 24/10 3 Lake Baringo, 6/11 c. 300, 12/11 100s Mida Creek, 8/11 c. 400, 11/11 c. 300 Sabaki, 11/11 c. 15 Gongoni.

**Temminck's Stint** *Calidris temminckii* 16/10 c. 15 Port Victoria, 24/10 c. 5 Lake Baringo, 31/10 c. 10 Isiolo.

**Curlew Sandpiper** *Calidris ferruginea* 12/10 c. 20 Lake Naivasha, 31/10 1 Isiolo, 6/11 c. 500, 12/11 100s Mida Creek, 8/11 c. 1000, 11/11 c. 500 Sabaki.

**Broad-billed Sandpiper** *Limicola falcinellus* 8/11 56 Sabaki. Flocks of this size are rare in Kenya.

**Ruff** *Philomachus pugnax* 12/10 2 Fisherman's Camp, 12/10 2, 13/10 5 Lake Naivasha, 14/10 c. 50 Dunga, 16/10 1 Port Victoria, 31/10 c. 10, 1/11 6 Isiolo.

**Sooty Gull** *Larus hemprichii* 8/11 c. 100 ex. Sabaki, 12/11 c. 5 Watamu.

**Lesser Black-backed Gull** *Larus fuscus* 16/10 1 ad. Port Victoria, 8/11 c. 15, 11/11 13 Sabaki.

**Heuglin's Gull** *Larus heuglini* 8/11 6 ad., 11/11 4 ad., 1 juv. Sabaki.

**Gray-hooded Gull** *Larus cirrocephalus* 12/10 c. 5 Fisherman's Camp, 1 Lake Naivasha, 14/10 c. 30 Dunga, 24/10 2 Lake Baringo.

**Gull-billed Tern** *Gelochelidon nilotica* 12/10 1 ad., 2 juv. Fisherman's Camp, 14/10 c. 20 Dunga, 16/10 c. 10, 17/10 1 Port Victoria, 24/10 2, 25/10 1 Lake Baringo, 6/11 c. 30, 12/11 c. 30 Mida Creek, 8/11 c. 30, 11/11 c. 25 Sabaki, 8/11 3, 11/11 c. 5 Gongoni.

**Caspian Tern** *Hydroprogne caspia* 8/11 c. 30, 11/11 37 Sabaki.

**Lesser Crested Tern** *Thalasseus bengalensis* 8/11 c. 400, 11/11 4 Sabaki.

**Greater Crested Tern** *Thalasseus bergii* 8/11 2 Sabaki.

**Common Tern** *Sterna hirundo* 8/11 c. 200 Sabaki.

**Saunders's Tern** *Sterna saundersi* 6/11 2, 12/11 c. 10 Mida Creek, 8/11 c. 50, 11/11 c. 240 Sabaki.

**White-cheeked Tern** *Sterna repressa* 8/11 at least 2 Sabaki. Regularly roosts at Sabaki, otherwise semipelagic. Probably a few more seen.

**Whiskered Tern** *Chlidonias hybrida* 12/10 1 ad. Fisherman's Camp, c. 10 Lake Naivasha, 14/10 c. 30 Dunga, 24/10 2 Lake Baringo.

**White-winged Tern** *Chlidonias leucopterus* 14/10 1 ad.+ a few Dunga.

**African Skimmer** *Rynchops flavirostris* 14/10 29 Dunga, 8/11 1 Sabaki. Normally a scarce species, so it was a good result to see it at two different sites.

**Yellow-throated Sandgrouse** *Pterocles gutturalis* 15/11 32 Athi River.

**Lichtenstein's Sandgrouse** *Pterocles lichtensteinii* 25/10 6 Lake Baringo. One male had been shot with an arrow but was alive and well – but for how long?

**Feral Pigeon** *Columba livia domest.* Common in cities and villages.

**Speckled Pigeon** *Columba guinea* 12/10 4, 13/10 c. 10 Lake Naivasha, 14/10 3 Dunga, 24/10 2, 25/10 6 Lake Baringo.

**African Olive-Pigeon** *Columba arquatrix* 21/10 1 Kakamega, 27/10 1 Nyahururu, 29/10 1 Mt. Kenya.

**Eastern Bronze-naped Pigeon** *Columba delegorguei* 19/10 1 ♂ Kakamega.

**Dusky Turtle-Dove** *Streptopelia lugens* 27/10 1 Nyahururu.

**African Mourning Dove** *Streptopelia decipiens* Locally fairly common.

**Red-eyed Dove** *Streptopelia semitorquata* Fairly common-common.

**Ring-necked Dove** *Streptopelia capicola* Fairly common-common.

**Laughing Dove** *Streptopelia senegalensis* Fairly common-common.

**Emerald-spotted Wood-Dove** *Turtur chalcospilos* 24/10 c. 10, 25/10 3 Lake Baringo, 5/11 c. 20 Mtito Andei, 11/11 1 Gongoni, 12/11 2 Mida Creek, 13/11 5, 14/11 c. 10 Sagala.

**Blue-spotted Wood-Dove** *Turtur afer* 14/10 1 Dunga, 16/10 2, 17/10 1 Port Victoria, 19/10 1, 21/10 1 Kakamega.

**Tambourine Dove** *Turtur tympanistria* 16/10 1 ♂ Port Victoria, 20/10 4, 21/10 2, 22/10 4 Kakamega, 7/11 2, 9/11 2 Arabuko-Sokoke.

**Long-tailed Dove** *Oena capensis* 24/10 1 ♂, 1 ♀, 25/10 c. 10 Lake Baringo, 8/11 c. 10, 11/11 2 Sabaki, 15/11 2 ♂ Athi River.

**African Green-Pigeon** *Treron calva* 12/10 1 ♂ Lake Naivasha, 21/10 3 Kakamega, 31/10 4 Naro Moru.

**Fischer's Lovebird** *Agapornis fischeri* 11/10 6, 12/10 3 Lake Naivasha, 1/11 2 Isiolo, 3/11 5, 15/11 5 Athi River. Also some hybrids at Naivasha. Does not occur naturally in Kenya.

**Red-fronted Parrot** *Poicephalus gularis* 27/10 3 Nyahururu, 29/10 c. 20 Mt. Kenya, 31/10 14 Naro Moru.

**Red-bellied Parrot** *Poicephalus rufiventris* 5/11 5 Mtito Andei, 13/11 3, 14/11 6 Sagala.

**Great Blue Turaco** *Corythaeola cristata* 21/10 5, 22/10 4 Kakamega. The absence of these fabulous birds made nervous for a few days, but I got excellent views in the end.

**Fischer's Turaco** *Tauraco fischeri* 9/11 1 heard Arabuko-Sokoke.

**Hartlaub's Turaco** *Tauraco hartlaubi* 27/10 3 Nyahururu, 29/10 6, 30/10 3 Mt. Kenya.

**White-bellied Go-away-bird** *Corythaixoides leucogaster* 23/10 1 Nakuru-Baringo, 24/10 c. 10, 25/10 4 Lake Baringo, 3/11 1, 4/11 2 Athi River, 13/11 c. 10, 14/11 c. 10 Sagala.

**Eastern Go-away-bird** *Crinifer zonurus* 14/10 1 Dunga, 16/10 6, 17/10 2 Port Victoria.

**Thick-billed Cuckoo** *Pachycoccyx audeberti* 9/11 1 ad. Arabuko-Sokoke.

**Red-chested Cuckoo** *Cuculus solitarius* 19/10 3 ad. Kakamega.

**Black Cuckoo** *Cuculus clamosus* 21/10 2 Kakamega.

**Common Cuckoo** *Cuculus canorus* 19/10 1 ad. Kakamega.

**Klaas's Cuckoo** *Chrysococcyx klaas* 12/10 3 ♂, 1 ♀ Lake Naivasha, 1/11 1 ♂ Isiolo, 5/11 1 ♂ Mtito Andei.

**African Emerald Cuckoo** *Chrysococcyx cupreus* 19/10 2 ♂, 1 ♀, 21/10 2 ♂, 22/10 1 heard Kakamega, 7/11 2 heard Arabuko-Sokoke.

**Diederik Cuckoo** *Chrysococcyx caprius* 25/10 1 ♂ Lake Baringo, 1/11 1 ♂, 2 ♀ Isiolo, 14/11 1 ♂ Sagala, 15/11 1 pair Athi River.

**Yellowbill** *Ceuthmochares aureus* 8/11 1 Sabaki.

**Blue-headed Coucal** *Centropus monachus* 16/10 2 Port Victoria.

**White-browed Coucal** *Centropus superciliosus* 11/10 1, 13/10 1 Lake Naivasha, 14/10 c. 5 Dunga, 15/10 1+1 heard Kisumu, 16/10 2+2 heard Port Victoria, 25/10 1+2 heard Lake Baringo, 31/10 1+1 heard, 1/11 2 heard Isiolo, 2/11 2 heard, 3/11 3 heard Athi River, 7/11 6 heard Arabuko-Sokoke, 8/11 2+heard, 11/11 1 Sabaki, 14/11 1+heard Sagala, 15/11 1 Athi River.

**Northern White-faced Owl** *Ptilopsis leucotis* 24/10 1 heard Lake Baringo.

**Verreaux's Eagle-Owl** *Bubo lacteus* 24/10 1 heard, 25/10 1 heard (11.30!) Lake Baringo.

**Greyish Eagle-Owl** *Bubo cinerascens* 30/10 1 heard Mt. Kenya.

**African Wood-Owl** *Strix woodfordi* 29/10 1 heard Mt. Kenya.

**Sombre Nightjar** *Caprimulgus fraenatus* 15/11 1 pair Athi River.

**Abyssinian Nightjar** *Caprimulgus poliocephalus* 29/10 1 sj. Mt. Kenya.

**Slender-tailed Nightjar** *Caprimulgus clarus* 24/10 7 Lake Baringo.

**Mozambique Nightjar** *Caprimulgus fossii* 25/10 1 Lake Baringo. Icelly photographed. This constitutes one of the northernmost records in Kenya – it's a poorly known austral migrant.

**Scarce Swift** *Schoutedenapus myoptilus* 19/10 5 Kakamega, 30/10 c. 200 Mt. Kenya.

**Böhm's Spinetail** *Neafrapus boehmi* 7/11 3 Arabuko-Sokoke. A fabulous little swift!

**African Palm-Swift** *Cypsiurus parvus* 14/10 c. 30 Dunga, 17/10 c. 20 Port Victoria, 31/10 4 Isiolo, 5/11 2 Mtito Andei, 6/11 c. 10 Mida Creek, 7/11 c. 40, 9/11 c. 15 Arabuko-Sokoke, 8/11 c. 20 Sabaki, 13/11 c. 30 Mida Creek.

**Alpine Swift** *Tachymarptis melba* 30/10 7 Mt. Kenya.

**Mottled Swift** *Tachymarptis aequatorialis* 11/10 4, 12/10 c. 25 Lake Naivasha, 31/10 c. 5, 1/11 2 Isiolo.

**Common Swift** *Apus apus* 20/10 at least 2 Kakamega.

**Nyanza Swift** *Apus niansae* 11/10 c.a 150, 12/10 c. 130, 13/10 c. 50 Lake Naivasha.

**African Swift** *Apus barbatus* 12/10 2 Lake Naivasha, 30/10 c. 20 Mt. Kenya. Not supposed to breed to the east of the Great Rift Valley, but the Mt. Kenya birds felt very good.

**Little Swift** *Apus affinis* Fairly common.

**White-rumped Swift** *Apus caffer* 11/10 2 Lake Naivasha, 13/11 3 Sagala.

**Speckled Mousebird** *Colius striatus* Common. These strange birds were everywhere!

**White-headed Mousebird** *Colius leucocephalus* 1/11 3-4 Isiolo, 14/11 3 Sagala. Said to be uncommon and rather local.

**Blue-naped Mousebird** *Urocolius macrourus* 11/10 3 Naivasha, 24/10 c. 40, 25/10 c. 50 Lake Baringo, 1/11 2 Isiolo, 13/11 c. 10, 14/11 c. 20 Sagala.

**Narina Trogon** *Apaloderma narina* 7/11 1 pair Arabuko-Sokoke.

**Grey-headed Kingfisher** *Halcyon leucocephala* 17/10 2 Port Victoria, 24/10 3 Lake Baringo, 1/11 3 Isiolo, 5/11 3 Mtito Andei.

**Striped Kingfisher** *Halcyon chelicuti* 1/11 1 Isiolo, 4/11 1 Athi River.

**Woodland Kingfisher** *Halcyon senegalensis* 13/10 2 Kisumu, 14/10 2 Dunga, 15/10 1, 16/10 3, 17/10 3 Port Victoria.

**Mangrove Kingfisher** *Halcyon senegaloides* 12/11 1 Mida Creek.

**African Pygmy-Kingfisher** *Ceyx pictus* 16/10 1 Port Victoria, 19/10 1, 21/10 1 Kakamega.

**Malachite Kingfisher** *Alcedo cristata* 14/10 2 Dunga, 16/10 2 Port Victoria, 26/10 1 Nyahururu, 3/11 2 Athi River.

**Giant Kingfisher** *Megaceryle maximus* 27/10 1 Nyahururu, 3/11 1 Athi River, 5/11 1 Mtito Andei. Huge!

**Pied Kingfisher** *Ceryle rudis* 12/10 3 Fisherman's Camp, 14/10 c. 10 Dunga, 16/10 c. 10, 17/10 c. 10 Port Victoria, 24/10 2 Lake Baringo, 2/11 1 Athi River, 5/11 1 Mtito Andei, 11/11 1 Sabaki.

**Blue-headed Bee-eater** *Merops muelleri* 19-20/10 2 Kakamega. A real beauty!

**Little Bee-eater** *Merops pusillus* 16/10 1 Port Victoria, 24/10 1, 25/10 2 Lake Baringo, 1/11 1 Isiolo, 4/11 3, 15/11 2 Athi River, 13/11 7, 14/11 3 Sagala.

**Blue-breasted Bee-eater** *Merops variegatus* 16/10 2 Port Victoria. Officially only known from three different swamps in westernmost Kenya. This is a new site!



**Cinnamon-chested Bee-eater** *Merops oreobates* 19/10 2, 21/10 3 Kakamega, 27/10 1 Nyahururu, 28/10 2, 31/10 2 Naro Moru, 29/10 2, 30/10 6 Mt. Kenya.

**White-fronted Bee-eater** *Merops bullockoides* 11/10 c. 10, 13/10 c. 13, 12/10 c. 5 Lake Naivasha.

**White-throated Bee-eater** *Merops albicollis* 14/10 c 10 Dunga, 15/10 2 Kisumu, 15/10 1, 16/10 3, 17/10 4 Port Victoria, 18/10 4, 19/10 c. 20, 20/10 c. 15 Kakamega, 7/11 2 Arabuko-Sokoke, 8/11 1, 11/11 2 Gongoni-Malindi, 11/11 2 Sabaki, 12/10 c. 10 Mida Creek.

**Blue-cheeked Bee-eater** *Merops persicus* 13/11 c. 10 Sagala.

**Olive Bee-eater** *Merops superciliosus* 5/11 3 Mtito Andei. Small numbers summer in Kenya, a few might even breed.

**European Bee-eater** *Merops apiaster* 12/10 11 Lake Naivasha, 18/10 4, 19/10 c. 20, 20/10 c. 25, 21/10 c. 35, 22/10 c. 10 Kakamega, 24/10 c. 10, 25/10 c. 50 Lake Baringo, 1/11 2 Isiolo.

**Carmine Bee-eater** *Merops nubicus* 8/11 4+, 11/11 3 Gongoni-Malindi.

**Purple Roller** *Coracias naevius* 6/11 1 Voi-Mombasa, 14/11 1 Voi-Sultan Hamud.

**Lilac-breasted Roller** *Coracias caudatus* 12/10 1 pair at nest hole Fisherman's Camp, 1/11 2 Isiolo, 3/11 2, 4/11 2 Athi River, 5/11 6 Mtito Andei, 9-10/11 1 Watamu, 11/11 5 Gongoni-Malindi, 14/11 2 Sagala, 15/11 3 Athi River.

**Cinnamon Roller** *Eurystomus glaucurus* 17/10 2 Port Victoria, 21/10 1 Kakamega.

**Hoopoe** *Upupa epops* 11/10 1, 12/10 3, 13/10 2-3 Lake Naivasha, 5/11 1 Mtito Andei, 13/11 heard Sagala.

**White-headed Wood-Hoopoe** *Phoeniculus bollei* 29/10 5, 30/10 3 Mt. Kenya. Nice bird.

**Green Woodhoopoe** *Phoeniculus purpureus* 12/10 2 at nest hole Fisherman's Camp, 31/10 a few Naro Moru, 8/11 2 Gongoni-Malindi, 9/11 3 Arabuko-Sokoke.

**Common Scimitarbill** *Rhinopomastus cyanomelas* 11/10 1 Lake Naivasha, 7/11 2, 9/11 1 Arabuko-Sokoke.

**Abyssinian Scimitarbill** *Rhinopomastus minor* 24/10 2 Lake Baringo, 3/11 2, 4/11 1 Athi River, 13/11 4, 14/11 2 Sagala.

**Crowned Hornbill** *Tockus alboterminatus* 9/11 1 heard Arabuko-Sokoke.

**Hemprich's Hornbill** *Tockus hemprichii* 24/10 3 Lake Baringo. By the cliffs, which is a regular but not guaranteed site.

**African Grey Hornbill** *Tockus nasutus* 24/10 4, 25/10 1 Lake Baringo, 3/11 3, 4/11 2 Athi River.

**Red-billed Hornbill** *Tockus erythrorhynchus* 25/10 4 Lake Baringo, 1/11 2 Isiolo, 5/11 c. 10 Mtito Andei, 13/11 c. 5, 14/11 c. 5 Sagala.

**Eastern Yellow-billed Hornbill** *Tockus flavirostris* 24/10 4 Lake Baringo, 5/11 1 Mtito Andei, 14/11 1 Sagala.

**Von der Decken's Hornbill** *Tockus deckeni* 5/11 c. 10 Mtito Andei, 6/11 several Voi-Mombasa, 13/11 3, 14/11 c. 10 Sagala.

**Jackson's Hornbill** *Tockus (deckeni) jacksoni* 24/10 c. 15, 25/10 c. 5 Lake Baringo.

**Trumpeter Hornbill** *Bycanistes bucinator* 7/11 1 ♂, 9/11 3 heard Arabuko-Sokoke.

**Grey-cheeked Hornbill** *Bycanistes subcylindricus* 18/10 9, 19/10 c. 10, 20/11 c. 10, 21/11 c. 35, 22/11 c. 15 Kakamega.

**Silvery-cheeked Hornbill** *Bycanistes brevis* 2/11 3 Nyeri-Nairobi, 3/11 1 Athi River.

**Yellow-billed Barbet** *Trachyphonus purpuratus* 19/10 5, 21/10 1 Kakamega.

**Red-and-yellow Barbet** *Trachyphonus erythrocephalus* 24/10 1, 25/10 2 Lake Baringo, 1/11 3 Isiolo, 14/11 2 Sagala.

**D'Arnaud's Barbet** *Trachyphonus darnaudii* 24/10 6, 25/10 3 Lake Baringo, 1/11 5 Isiolo, 3/11 1, 4/11 2 Athi River, 5/11 7 Mtito Andei, 13/11 3, 14/11 c. 5 Sagala.

**Grey-throated Barbet** *Gymnobucco bonapartei* 19/10 c. 20, 20/10 3, 21/10 c. 10, 22/11 c. 15 Kakamega.

**Green Barbet** *Stactolaema olivacea* 7/11 5+c. 15 heard, 9/11 3+c. 5 heard Arabuko-Sokoke.

**Moustached Green Tinkerbird** *Pogoniulus leucomystax* 29/10 2 Mt. Kenya.

**Yellow-rumped Tinkerbird** *Pogoniulus bilineatus* 19/10 2+2 heard, 20/10 4+4 heard, 21/10 1+2 heard, 22/11 2+4 heard Kakamega, 9/11 2 heard Arabuko-Sokoke.

**Red-fronted Tinkerbird** *Pogoniulus pusillus* 24/10 4 Lake Baringo, 3/11 1 Athi River, 9/11 1 Arabuko-Sokoke, 14/11 2 Sagala.

**Yellow-spotted Barbet** *Buccanodon duchaillui* 19/10 3, 20/10 1, 21/11 1, 22/11 1 Kakamega.

**Hairy-breasted Barbet** *Tricholaema hirsuta* 19/10 2 Kakamega. Only a small population remains in Kakamega and Kenya,

**Red-fronted Barbet** *Tricholaema diademata* 17/10 1 Port Victoria, 24/10 3 Lake Baringo, 1/11 3 Isiolo, 3/11 3, 4/11 1 Athi River.

**Spot-flanked Barbet** *Tricholaema lacrymosa* 5/11 1 Mtito Andei.

**Black-throated Barbet** *Tricholaema melanocephala* 24/10 4, 25/10 3 Lake Baringo, 13/11 c. 10, 14/11 c. 10 Sagala.

**White-headed Barbet** *Lybius leucocephalus* 17/10 2 Port Victoria.

**Black-billed Barbet** *Lybius guifsobalito* 14/10 3 Dunga.

**Double-toothed Barbet** *Lybius bidentatus* 15/10 2 Kisumu, 19/10 2 Kakamega, 23/10 1 Kakamega-Kapsabet.

**Lesser Honeyguide** *Indicator minor* 17/10 1 Port Victoria, 25/10 4 Lake Baringo. Unidentified honeyguides were seen at both Kakamega and Lake Baringo, possibly a few Pallid Honeyguides at the latter site.

**Greater Honeyguide** *Indicator indicator* 25/10 1 juv. Lake Baringo.

**Nubian Woodpecker** *Campethera nubica* 12/10 1 Lake Naivasha, 15/10 1 ♂ Kisumu, 25/10 2 Lake Baringo, 2/11 1 ♂, 4/11 1 Athi River, 5/11 3 Mtito Andei, 13/11 3, 14/11 2 Sagala.

**Mombasa Woodpecker** *Campethera mombassica* 9/11 1 ♂+1 Arabuko-Sokoke.

**Tullberg's Woodpecker** *Campethera tullbergi* 30/10 2 ♀ Mt. Kenya.

**Brown-eared Woodpecker** *Campethera caroli* 21/10 2-3, 22/10 1 at nest hole Kakamega.

**Cardinal Woodpecker** *Dendropicos fuscescens* 19/10 1 ♀ Kakamega, 24/10 2., 25/10 3 Lake Baringo, 5/11 1 ♂, 1 ♀ Mtito Andei.

**Golden-crowned Woodpecker** *Dendropicos xantholophus* 21/10 1, 22/10 3 Kakamega.

**Grey Woodpecker** *Dendropicos goertae* 12/10 4 Fisherman's Camp, 15/10 1 Kisumu, 16/10 1 Port Victoria, 25/10 1 Lake Baringo, 27/10 2 Nyahururu, 2/11 1 Athi River.

**African Broadbill** *Smithornis capensis* 22/10 1 heard Kakamega. Only a few wing-burrs.

**White-tailed Lark** *Mirafra albicauda* 12/10 2 Fisherman's Camp.

**Rufous-naped Lark** *Mirafra africana* 26/10 6+2 heard, 27/10 1+3 heard Nyahururu, 28/10 1 heard Nyahururu-Nyeri, 4+2 heard Naro Moru, 3/11 3, 4/11 4, 15/11 c. 10 Athi River.

**Pink-breasted Lark** *Calendulauda poecilosterna* 13/11 4 Sagala.

**Foxy Lark** *Calendulauda alopex* 1/11 2 Isiolo, 3/11 c. 8, 4/11 c. 5, 15/11 3 Athi River.

**Fischer's Sparrow-Lark** *Eremopterix leucopareia* 31/10 1 ♂, 5 ♀, 1/11 2 pairs Isiolo, 3/11 c. 30, 4/11 c. 20, 15/11 2 ♂ Athi River.

**Red-capped Lark** *Calandrella cinerea* 28/10 1 Naro Moru.

**White-headed Saw-wing** *Psalidoprocne albiceps* 16/10 c. 30 Port Victoria, 18/10 c. 15, 20/10 c. 30, 21/10 c. 25 Kakamega. Handsome!

**Black Saw-wing** *Psalidoprocne pristopectera* 12/10 1 Fisherman's Camp, 16/10 c. 30 Port Victoria, 21/10 1 Kakamega, 26/10 c. 10, 27/10 c. 40 Nyahururu, 28/10 c. 5 Naro Moru, 29/10 c. 150, 30/10 c. 50 Mt. Kenya. Numerous nest holes along the track at Mt. Kenya.

**Grey-rumped Swallow** *Pseudhirundo griseopyga* 11/10 c. 15, 12/10 c. 10 Lake Naivasha.

**Plain Martin** *Riparia paludicola* 11/10 c. 20, 12/10 c. 50, 13/10 c. 10 Lake Naivasha, 24/10 4 Lake Baringo, 27/10 3 Nyahururu, 28/10 c. 20 Naro Moru, 29/10 c. 20, 30/10 c. 50 Mt. Kenya.

**Collared Sand Martin** *Riparia riparia* 15/10 c. 10, 16/10 c. 25, 17/10 c. 10 Port Victoria, 24/10 c. 10, 25/10 c. 20 Lake Baringo, 4/11 1 Athi River, 8/11 5 Sabaki.

**Banded Martin** *Riparia cincta* 9/11 1 Watamu. A surprising find!

**Barn Swallow** *Hirundo rustica* Common. Tens of thousands were seen near Port Victoria 16/10!

**Angolan Swallow** *Hirundo angolensis* 15/10 c. 5, 16/10 c. 15, 17/10 c. 10 Port Victoria.

**Ethiopian Swallow** *Hirundo aethiopica* 8/11 c. 5, 11/11 c. 15 Gongoni, 9/11 4, 10/11 5 Watamu.

**Wire-tailed Swallow** *Hirundo smithii* 11/10 1 juv. Lake Naivasha, 14/10 3 Dunga.

**Rock Martin** *Hirundo fuligula* 11/10 c. 15, 12/10 c. 8 Lake Naivasha, 24/10 c. 15, 25/10 5 Lake Baringo.

**Northern House Martin** *Delichon urbicum* 11/10 c. 10, 12/10 c. 7, 13/10 a few Lake Naivasha, 15/10 c. 10 Kisumu, 15/10 c. 10, 16/10 c. 10, 17/10 c. 20 Port Victoria, 21/10 2 Kakamega, 30/10 c. 5 Mt. Kenya.

**Lesser Striped Swallow** *Cecropis abyssinica* 14/10 5 Dunga, 16/10 1, 17/10 1-2 Port Victoria, 20/10 c. 10, 21/10 c. 25, 22/10 c. 5 Kakamega, 13/11 c. 50, 14/11 c. 20 Sagala.

**Mosque Swallow** *Cecropis senegalensis* 21/10 1 Kakamega, 5/11 5 Mtito Andei.

**Red-rumped Swallow** *Cecropis daurica* 12/10 1-2, 13/10 1 Lake Naivasha, 1/11 4 Isiolo, 3/11 c. 10 Athi River, 10/11 c. 5 Watamu.

**Grassveld Pipit** *Anthus cinnamomeus* 21/10 3-4, 22/10 1 Kakamega, 26/10 c. 15, 27/10 c. 5 Nyahururu, 28/10 c. 10 Naro Moru, 3/11 2 Athi River, 8/11 3, 11/11 c. 10 Sabaki, 8/11 1 Gongoni, 12/11 2 Mida Creek, 15/11 2 Athi River.

**Long-billed Pipit** *Anthus similis* 11/10 4, 12/10 4, 13/10 3 Lake Naivasha, 28/10 2 Naro Moru.

**Plain-backed Pipit** *Anthus leucophrys* 28/10 2, 31/10 1 Naro Moru, 4/11 2 Athi River.

**Tree Pipit** *Anthus trivialis* 16/10 1 Port Victoria, 20/10 2 heard Kakamega, 31/10 2 Naro Moru.

**Sokoke Pipit** *Anthus sokokensis*\*\* 9/11 1 Arabuko-Sokoke. Stellar views of this shy and difficult-to-see pipit!

**Yellow-throated Longclaw** *Macronyx croceus* 18/10 1 Sioport-Busia, 28/10 2 Naro Moru, 29/10 2 Naro Moru-Mt. Kenya, 12/11 7 Mida Creek.

**African Pied Wagtail** *Motacilla aguimp* 12/10 1 ex. Fisherman's Camp, 13/10 6 ex. Lake Naivasha, 14/10 3 ex. Dunga, 16/10 3 ex., 17/10 3 ex. Port Victoria, 18/10 4 ex., 20-22/10 2 ex. dagl. Kakamega, 25/10 1 ex. Lake Baringo, 26/10 1 ex. Nyahururu, 28/10 1 ex., 31/10 2 ex. Naro Moru, 1/11 1 ex. Isiolo, 5/11 2 ex. Mtito Andei, 7/11 1 ex. Arabuko-Sokoke, 12/11 2 ex. Mida Creek, 13/11 2 ex. Gede.

**Yellow Wagtail** *Motacilla flava* 11/10 3, 12/10 2 heard, 13/10 3 Lake Naivasha, 16/10 c. 15, 17/10 c. 5 Port Victoria, 24/10 c. 15 Lake Baringo, 27/10 1 ♂ (*lutea*) Nyahururu, 1/11 c. 15 Isiolo, 3/11 1 Athi River, 8/11 c. 15, 11/11 c. 10 Sabaki, 8/11 c. 20 (*lutea*), 11/11 c. 15 Gongoni.

**Cape Wagtail** *Motacilla capensis* 26/10 4, 27/10 2 Nyahururu.

**Grey Wagtail** *Motacilla cinerea* 27/10 1-2 Nyahururu, 29/10 1 Mt. Kenya.

**Mountain Wagtail** *Motacilla clara* 21/10 2 Kakamega, 26/10 1, 27/10 3-4 Nyahururu, 28 and 31//10 1 Naro Moru. A nice wagtail!

**Grey Cuckoo-Shrike** *Coracina caesia* 29/10 2, 30/10 1 Mt. Kenya.

**Petit's Cuckoo-Shrike** *Campephaga petiti* 19/10 1 ♀, 20/10 1 ♂, 21/10 1 ♀ Kakamega.

**Black Cuckoo-Shrike** *Campephaga flava* 18/10 1 ♀, 19/10 1 ♂, 1 ♀ Kakamega, 6/11 1 ♀ Mida Creek, 7/11 2 ♀, 9/11 1 ♂, 2 ♀ Arabuko-Sokoke.

**Red-shouldered Cuckoo-Shrike** *Campephaga phoenicea* 21/10 1 ♀ Kakamega.

**Common Bulbul** *Pycnonotus barbatus* Common.

**Shelley's Greenbul** *Andropadus masukuensis* 18/10 1, 19/10 4, 20/10 4, 21/10 c. 5, 22/10 c. 10 Kakamega.

**Ansorge's Greenbul** *Andropadus ansorgei* 21/10 1 Kakamega. Very hard to identify – the Greenbuls of Kakamega presented my hardest ornithological challenge ever, I think. Did I see any Little Grey, Little or Toro Olive? I have no idea!

**Cameroon Sombre Greenbul** *Andropadus curvirostris* 19/10 a few, 22/10 1 Kakamega.

**Slender-billed Greenbul** *Andropadus gracilirostris* 18/10 2, 19/10 2, 20/10 1, 22/10 1 Kakamega.

**Zanzibar Sombre Greenbul** *Andropadus importunus* 8/11 6, 11/11 1 Sabaki, 12/11 1 Mida Creek, 13/11 2, 14/11 4 Sagala.

**Yellow-whiskered Greenbul** *Andropadus latirostris* 19/10 1, 20/10 3, 21/10 c. 10, 22/10 c. 10 Kakamega, 31/10 1 Naro Moru.

**Eastern Mountain-Greenbul** *Andropadus nigriceps* 27/10 2 Nyahururu, 29/10 6, 30/10 3 Mt. Kenya.

**Yellow-bellied Greenbul** *Chlorocichla flaviventris* 9/11 4 Arabuko-Sokoke.

**Joyful Greenbul** *Chlorocichla laetissima* 19/10 c. 8, 20/10 4, 21/10 c. 10, 22/10 c. 10 Kakamega.

**Cabanis's Greenbul** *Phyllastrephus cabanisi* 18/10 2, 19/10 c. 20, 20/10 c. 15, 21/10 c. 5, 22/10 c. 10 Kakamega.

**Fischer's Greenbul** *Phyllastrephus fischeri* 7/11 5 Arabuko-Sokoke.

**Terrestrial Brownbul** *Phyllastrephus terrestris* 7/11 1 Arabuko-Sokoke.

**Northern Brownbul** *Phyllastrephus strepitans* 25/10 2 Lake Baringo, 14/11 1 Sagala.

**Tiny Greenbul** *Phyllastrephus debilis* 7/11 1, 9/11 1 Arabuko-Sokoke.

**Common Bristlebill** *Bleda syndactyla* 18/10 1, 19/10 c. 10, 20/10 4, 21/10 3., 22/10 c. 10, 23/10 3+1 heard Kakamega.

**Eastern Nicator** *Nicator gularis* 7/11 1+1 heard, 9/11 c. 5 heard Arabuko-Sokoke.

**Red-tailed Ant-Thrush** *Neocossyphus rufus* 7/11 2, 9/11 1 Arabuko-Sokoke.

**White-tailed Ant-Thrush** *Neocossyphus poensis* 19-20 and 22/10 1 daily Kakamega.

**Rufous-tailed Rock-Thrush** *Monticola saxatilis* 28/10 2 Naro Moru, 4/11 1 Athi River.

**Abyssinian Ground-Thrush** *Zoothera piaggiae* 29/10 1, 30/10 2 ♂+2 heard Mt. Kenya.

**Olive Thrush** *Turdus olivaceus* 19/10 1 juv. Kakamega, 26/10 3, 27/10 c. 10 Nyahururu, 29/10 c. 10, 30/10 6 Mt. Kenya, 31/10 3 Naro Moru.

**African Bare-eyed Thrush** *Turdus tephronotus* 5/11 1 Mito Andei, 13/11 5, 14/11 c. 10 Sagala.

**African Thrush** *Turdus pelios* 14/10 2 Dunga, 16/10 3, 17/10 3 Port Victoria, 18-19/10 1 daily, 20/10 2, 22/10 2 Kakamega, 25/10 1 Lake Baringo.

**Brown-chested Alethe** *Alethe poliocephala* 19/10 6, 20/10 3, 22/10 c. 15, 23/10 2 Kakamega.

**Red-faced Cisticola** *Cisticola erythrops* 14/10 2 Dunga.

**Chubb's Cisticola** *Cisticola chubbi* 19/10 1 ♂, 21/10 2 ♂ Kakamega.

**Hunter's Cisticola** *Cisticola hunteri* 27/10 6+4 heard Nyahururu, 9/10 c. 30, 30/10 c. 25 Mt. Kenya. Very conspicuous.

**Rattling Cisticola** *Cisticola chiniana* Common in drier areas.

**Ashy Cisticola** *Cisticola cinereolus* 1/11 1 Isiolo.

**Winding Cisticola** *Cisticola galactotes* 13/10 2 Lake Naivasha, 14/10 c. 5 Dunga, 16/10 c. 20, 17/10 a few Port Victoria, 8/11 c. 10, 11/11 c. 10 Sabaki, 8/11 2 Gongoni, 12/11 c. 5 Mida Creek.

**Carruthers's Cisticola** *Cisticola carruthersi* 16/10 3 Port Victoria.

**Levaillant's Cisticola** *Cisticola tinniens* 26/10 2 Nyahururu.

**Stout Cisticola** *Cisticola robustus* 20/10 2 Kakamega, 28/10 c. 25, 31/10 c. 5 Naro Moru.

**Tiny Cisticola** *Cisticola nanus* 13/11 2 Sagala.

**Zitting Cisticola** *Cisticola juncidis* 26/10 1 Nyahururu, 3/11 c. 10, 4/11 5, 15/11 c. 5 Athi River.

**Pectoral-patch Cisticola** *Cisticola brunnescens* 28/10 at least 2 Naro Moru.

**Tawny-flanked Prinia** *Prinia subflava* Fairly common.

**Pale Prinia** *Prinia somalica* 14/11 2 Sagala.

**White-chinned Prinia** *Prinia leucopogon* 18/10 4, 19/10 c. 10, 20/10 6, 21/10 c. 5, 22/10 c. 10 Kakamega.

**Banded Prinia** *Prinia bairdii* 19-20/10 2 ad., 1 juv. Kakamega.

**Black-collared Apalis** *Apalis pulchra* 19/10 1, 21/10 1 Kakamega.

**Yellow-breasted Apalis** *Apalis flavida* 11/10 2, 13/10 1 Lake Naivasha, 24/10 2, 25/10 3 Lake Baringo, 26/10 2 Nyahururu, 28/10 c. 5 Naro Moru, 3/11 1 Athi River, 5/11 2 Mtito Andei, 13/11 1, 14/11 c. 5 Sagala, 15/11 1 Athi River.

**Buff-throated Apalis** *Apalis rufogularis* 20/10 1 pair, 21/10 2 pairs Kakamega.

**Chestnut-throated Apalis** *Apalis porphyrolaema* 30/10 1+3 heard Mt. Kenya.

**Black-headed Apalis** *Apalis melanocephala* 7/11 c. 10, 9/11 4 Arabuko-Sokoke.

**Grey Apalis** *Apalis cinerea* 28/10 1 Naro Moru, 30/10 1 Mt. Kenya.

**Red-fronted Warbler** *Urorhipis rufifrons* 24/10 5, 25/10 1 Lake Baringo, 13/11 7, 14/11 c. 8 Sagala.

**Grey-capped Warbler** *Eminia lepida* 12/10 4 Fisherman's Camp, 13/10 1 Lake Naivasha, 15/10 1 Kisumu, 28/10 1 Naro Moru.

**Green-backed Camaroptera** *Camaroptera brachyura* 11/10 4., 12/10 6 Lake Naivasha, 16/10 1 Port Victoria, 18/10 3, 19/10 3+several heard, 20/10 2, 21/10 3+3 heard, 22/10 2 Kakamega, 24/10 1, 25/10 2 Lake Baringo, 27/10 4+2 heard Nyahururu, 31/10 1 Naro Moru, 2/11 2 Athi River, 5/11 2 Mtito Andei, 9/11 c. 5 Arabuko-Sokoke, 14/11 1 Sagala.

**Olive-green Camaroptera** *Camaroptera chloronota* 19/10 6, 20/10 3, 21/10 1, 22/10 6 Kakamega.

**Grey Wren-Warbler** *Calomonastes fasciolatus* 1/11 1 Isiolo, 5/11 3 Mtito Andei, 14/11 c. 20 Sagala.

**African Bush-Warbler** *Bradypterus baboecala* 26/10 1 Nyahururu.

**Cinnamon Bracken-Warbler** *Bradypterus cinnamomeus* 29/10 2+6 heard, 30/10 2+5 heard Mt. Kenya.

**Black-faced Rufous-Warbler** *Bathmocercus rufus* 18/10 2 ♂, 19/10 c. 12, 20/10 c. 10, 21/10 4, 22/10 c. 20 Kakamega.

**Eurasian Reed-Warbler** *Acrocephalus scirpaceus* 14/10 1 Dunga.

**Marsh Warbler** *Acrocephalus palustris* 14/11 4 Sagala.

**Greater Swamp-Warbler** *Acrocephalus rufescens* 14/10 1 heard Dunga.

**Lesser Swamp-Warbler** *Acrocephalus gracilirostris* 12/10 1 Fisherman's Camp.

**Eastern Olivaceous Warbler** *Hippolais pallida* 17/10 2 Port Victoria, 25/10 1 Lake Baringo, 13/11 4, 14/11 2 Sagala.

**Mountain Yellow Warbler** *Chloropeta similis* 29/10 c. 10+c. 10 heard, 30/10 2+c. 5 heard Mt. Kenya.

**Buff-bellied Warbler** *Phyllolais pulchella* 11/10 3 Lake Naivasha, 25/10 c. 5 Lake Baringo, 2/11 3, 4/11 2, 15/11 2 Athi River.

**Yellow-bellied Eremomela** *Eremomela icteropygialis* 12/10 1 Fisherman's Camp, 2/11 1, 3/11 1, 15/11 2 Athi River.

**Turner's Eremomela** *Eremomela turneri*\*\* 18/10 1, 20/10 1, 21/10 1 Kakamega. Known from only a few sites In the world!

**White-browed Crombec** *Sylvietta leucophrys* 29/10 1 Mt. Kenya.

**Northern Crombec** *Sylvietta brachyura* 24/10 5 Lake Baringo, 31/10 2 Naro Moru, 1/11 1 Isiolo, 14/11 2 Sagala.

**Red-faced Crombec** *Sylvietta whytii* 11/10 1, 12/10 1 Lake Naivasha, 3/11 2, 4/11 1 Athi River, 5/11 1 Mtito Andei.

**Uganda Woodland-Warbler** *Phylloscopus budongoensis* 18/10 1, 21/10 3, 22/10 4 Kakamega.

**Brown Woodland-Warbler** *Phylloscopus umbrovirens* 27/10 1 ♂ Nyahururu, 29/1 1+2 heard, 30/10 6+2 heard Mt. Kenya.

**Willow Warbler** *Phylloscopus trochilus* 11/10 1, 12/10 3, 13/10 1+1 heard Lake Naivasha, 14/10 2 Dunga, 16/10 1, 17/10 4 Port Victoria, 21/10 1+2 heard Kakamega, 1/11 3 Isiolo, 15/11 1 Athi River.

**Fan-tailed Grassbird** *Shoenicola brevirostris* 20/10 2 Kakamega.

**Blackcap** *Sylvia atricapilla* 27/10 1 ♀ Nyahururu, 31/10 1 ♀ Naro Moru.

**Garden Warbler** *Sylvia borin* 15/10 1 Kisumu, 22/10 1 Kakamega.

**Greater Whitethroat** *Sylvia communis* 15/11 1 Athi River.

**Brown Parisoma** *Parisoma lugens* 27/10 1 Nyahururu.

**Banded Parisoma** *Parisoma boehmi* 3/11 1 ♂ Athi River.

**Pale Flycatcher** *Bradornis pallidus* 21/10 1 Kakamega, 31/10 1 juv. Naro Moru.

**African Grey Flycatcher** *Bradornis microrhynchus* 24/10 c. 10, 25/10 c. 15 Lake Baringo, 1/11 c. 5 Isiolo, 2/11 c. 5, 3/11 c. 10, 4/11 c. 10 Athi River, 5/11 2 Mtito Andei, 13/11 3, 14/11 1 Sagala, 15/11 c. 5 Athi River.

**White-eyed Slaty-Flycatcher** *Melaenornis fischeri* 12/10 1-2 Lake Naivasha, 19/10 1 Kakamega, 26/10 2, 27/10 5 Nyahururu, 29/10 c. 7, 30/10 3 Mt. Kenya, 31/10 c. 5 Naro Moru.

**Northern Black Flycatcher** *Melaenornis edolioides* 16/10 1 Port Victoria, 18/10 5, 19/10 c. 10 Kakamega.

**Southern Black-Flycatcher** *Melaenornis pammelaina* 12/10 1 Fisherman's Camp, 1 Lake Naivasha, 27/10 2 Nyahururu.

**Spotted Flycatcher** *Muscicapa striata* 12/10 1 Fiserhman's Camp, 22/10 1 Kakamega, 24/10 1, 25/10 1 Lake Baringo, 28/10 1 Naro Moru, 1/11 1 Isiolo, 5/11 1 Mtito Andei, 8/11 1 Sabaki, 12/11 2 Mida Creek, 13/11 c. 7, 14/11 c. 10 Sagala.

**Swamp Flycatcher** *Muscicapa aquatica* 14/10 6 Dunga, 16/10 10-15 Port Victoria.

**Chapin's Flycatcher** *Muscicapa lendu*\*\* 19/10 1 Kakamega. One of trickier specialities of Kakamega, of which little is known.

**African Dusky Flycatcher** *Muscicapa adusta* 11/10 1, 13/10 1 Lake Naivasha, 18/10 1, 22/10 2 Kakamega, 27/10 1 Nyahururu, 29/10 c. 15, 30/10 c. 10 Mt. Kenya, 31/10 3 Naro Moru.

**Ashy Flycatcher** *Muscicapa caerulescens* 7/11 2, 9/11 2 Arabuko-Sokoke.

**White-starred Robin** *Pogonocichla stellata* 29/10 1 ♂, 30/10 1 Mt. Kenya.

**Equatorial Akalat** *Sheppardia aequatorialis* 19/10 1, 22/10 2 Kakamega.

**East Coast Akalat** *Sheppardia gunningi*\*\* 9/11 1+3 heard Arabuko-Sokoke.

**Thrush Nightingale** *Luscinia luscinia* 3/11 1 Athi River, 13/11 1, 14/11 5 Sagala.

**Common Nightingale** *Luscinia megarhynchos* 11/11 1 Sabaki (*hafizi*), 14/11 2 Sagala.

**Cape Robin-Chat** *Cossypha caffra* 27/10 5 Nyahururu, 31/10 1 Naro Moru.

**Blue-shouldered Robin-Chat** *Cossypha cyanocampter* 20-22/10 1 daily Kakamega.

**Rüppell's Robin-Chat** *Cossypha semirufa* 13/10 1 Lake Naivasha.

**White-browed Robin-Chat** *Cossypha heuglini* 12/10 1 Lake Naivasha, 15/10 1 Kisumu, 17/10 2 Port Victoria.

**Red-capped Robin-Chat** *Cossypha natalensis* 9/11 1 heard Arabuko-Sokoke.

**Snowy-crowned Robin-Chat** *Cossypha niveicapilla* 19/10 2 Kakamega.

**Spotted Morning-Thrush** *Cichladusa guttata* 24/10 6, 25/10 c. 10 Lake Baringo, 1/11 1 at nest+3 Isiolo, 5/11 5 Mtito Andei, 14/11 c. 5 Sagala, 15/11 1 Athi River.

**Bearded Scrub-Robin** *Cercotrichas quadrivirgata* 7/11 2 Arabuko-Sokoke.

**Red-backed Scrub-Robin** *Cercotrichas leucophrys* 17/10 1 Port Victoria, 24/10 6, 25/10 4 Lake Baringo, 3/11 3, 4/11 2, 15/11 3 Athi River, 5/11 4 Mtito Andei, 14/11 c. 10 Sagala.

**Whinchat** *Saxicola rubetra* 16/10 2 juv. Port Victoria, 28/10 1 Naro Moru

**African Stonechat** *Saxicola torquata* 11-13/10 1 pair daily Lake Naivasha, 20/10 3 pairs, 21/10 3 pairs Kakamega, 26/10 2 Nyahururu.

**Northern Wheatear** *Oenanthe oenanthe* 12/10 1 ♂, 2 ♀ Fisherman's Camp, 13/10 2 ♀ Naivasha, 25/10 1 Lake Baringo, 26/10 1 ♂, 1 ♀ Nyahururu, 28/10 c. 10 Naro Moru, 1/11 c. 5 Isiolo, 3/11 4 Athi River, 8/11 1 Gongoni, 11/11 2 Sabaki.

**Schalow's Wheatear** *Oenanthe (lugens) schalowi* 12/10 2 ♂, 3 ♀ Fisherman's Camp, 13/11 1 ♂ Naivasha. Surely a good species!

**Pied Wheatear** *Oenanthe pleschanka* 25/10 1 ♂, 2 ♀ Lake Baringo, 31/10 1 ♂, 1/11 1 ♀ Isiolo.

**Isabelline Wheatear** *Oenanthe isabellina* 24/10 4, 25/10 3 Lake Baringo, 28/10 2 Naro Moru.

**Brown-tailed Chat** *Cercomela scotocerca* 24/10 c. 10 Lake Baringo.

**Moorland Chat** *Cercomela sordida* 29/10 2 ad., 2 juv., 30/10 c. 15 Mt. Kenya.

**Northern Anteater-Chat** *Myrmecocichla aethiops* 12/10 6 Fisherman's Camp, 13/10 4 Naivasha, 26/10 6, 27/10 2 Nyahururu.

**Mocking Cliff-Chat** *Thamnolaea cinnamomeiventris* 24/10 1 ♂ Lake Baringo.

**African Shrike-Flycatcher** *Megabyas flammulatus* 18/10 1 ♂ Kakamega. Uncommon.

**Brown-throated Wattle-eye** *Platysteira cyanea* 18/10 3, 19/10 4+2 heard, 21/10 2 heard, 22/10 2 ♀+1 heard Kakamega.



**Black-throated Wattle-eye** *Platysteira peltata* 31/10 1 Naro Moru.

**Chestnut Wattle-eye** *Platysteira castanea* 19/10 1 ♂, 21/10 1 ad. ♂, 1 subad. ♂, 22/10 1 ♂ Kakamega.

**Jameson's Wattle-eye** *Platysteira jamesoni* 18/10 2 ♂, 19/10 2 ♂, 20/10 1 ♂+3 heard, 21/10 4 heard, 22/10 c. 5 heard Kakamega.

**Short-tailed Batis** *Batis mixta* 7/11 3 ♂ Arabuko-Sokoke. Also called Forest Batis.

**Chin-spot Batis** *Batis molitor* 11/10 1 ♀, 12/10 1 pair Lake Naivasha, 2/11 1 pair, 3/11 3 ♂, 4/11 2 ♂, 1 ♀ Athi River.

**Pale Batis** *Batis soror* 6/11 1 ♀ Mida Creek, 7/11 5, 9/11 2 Arabuko-Sokoke.

**Pygmy Batis** *Batis perkeo* 24/10 1 pair, 25/10 3 Lake Baringo, 13/11 1-2 ♀ Sagala.

**Yellow Flycatcher** *Erythrocerus holochlorus* 7/11 4, 9/11 3 Arabuko-Sokoke.

**African Blue-Flycatcher** *Elminia longicauda* 19/10 1, 20/10 3, 21/10 1, 22/10 4 Kakamega.

**Dusky Crested-Flycatcher** *Elminia nigromitrata* 19/10 4, 20/10 ., 22/10 1 Kakamega.

**African Crested-Flycatcher** *Trochocercus cyanomelas* 7/11 c. 10, 9/11 2 heard Arabuko-Sokoke.

**African Paradise-Flycatcher** *Terpsiphone viridis* 11/10 1-2 ♀, 12/10 2 ♀ Lake Naivasha, 19/10 2 ♂, 4 ♀, 20/10 2, 21/10 2, 22/10 1 ♀ Kakamega, 24/10 2 white ♂, 2 ♀, 25/10 6 Lake Baringo, 31/10 1 ♀ Naro Moru, 13/11 3 white ♂, 4 ♀, 14/11 4 Sagala.

**Scaly-breasted Illadopsis** *Illadopsis albipectus* 22/10 2 Kakamega. Difficult to separate from next species.

**Pale-breasted Illadopsis** *Illadopsis rufipennis* 19/10 2 Kakamega.

**Brown Illadopsis** *Illadopsis fulvescens* 19/10 1, 22/10 2 Kakamega.

**Scaly Chatterer** *Turdoides aylmeri* 5/11 3 Mtito Andei, 14/11 c. 15 Sagala.

**Rufous Chatterer** *Turdoides rubiginosus* 24/10 8, 25/10 1 Lake Baringo, 5/11 2 Mtito Andei, 8/11 4 Sabaki.

**Black-lored Babbler** *Turdoides sharpei* 11/10 4 Lake Naivasha, 12/10 c. 10 Fisherman's Camp.

**Scaly Babbler** *Turdoides squamulatus* 7/11 4 Arabuko-Sokoke.

**Arrow-marked Babbler** *Turdoides jardineii* 12/10 5 Fisherman's Camp.

**White-bellied Tit** *Melaniparus albiventris* 11/10 1, 12/10 3 Lake Naivasha, 29/10 1, 30/10 4 Mt. Kenya, 31/10 3 Naro Moru.

**Dusky Tit** *Melaniparus funereus* 20/10 c. 10, 21/10 2, 22/10 c. 5 Kakamega.

**Red-throated Tit** *Melaniparus fringillinus* 2/11 1, 3/11 c. 8, 4/11 1 Athi River. Nice tit!

**Somali Tit** *Melaniparus thruppi* 24/11 3 Lake Baringo.

**Mouse-coloured Penduline-Tit** *Anthoscopus musculus* 25/11 2 Lake Baringo.

**Plain-backed Sunbird** *Anthreptes reichenowi* 7/11 2 ♂, 2 ♀ Arabuko-Sokoke.

**Kenya Violet-backed Sunbird** *Anthreptes orientalis* 24/10 10, 25/10 3 Lake Baringo, 5/11 2 ad. ♂, 1 juv. ♂ Mtito Andei, 13/11 c. 7, 14/11 1 Sagala.

**Green Sunbird** *Anthreptes rectirostris* 20/10 1 ♂, 21/10 1 ♂, 22/10 1 ♂ Kakamega.

**Collared Sunbird** *Hedydipna collaris* 18/10 c. 5, 19/10 c. 5, 20/10 1 subad. ♂, 22/10 1 ♂ Kakamega, 7/11 c. 15, 9/11 6 Arabuko-Sokoke, 11/11 1 pair Sabaki.

**Amani Sunbird** *Hedydipna pallidigaster*\*\* 7/11 1 ♂+1 heard, 9/11 1 pair Arabuko-Sokoke. Good!

**Green-headed Sunbird** *Cyanomitra verticalis* 19/10 2 ♂, 22/10 1 ♀ Kakamega.

**Eastern Olive-Sunbird** *Cyanomitra olivacea* 7/11 1 pair (in a fantastic duet display!) Arabuko-Sokoke, 11/11 1 Sabaki.

**Western Olive-Sunbird** *Cyanomitra obscura* 18/10 1 ♂, 19/10 3, 20/10 1, 22/10 1 Kakamega.

**Mouse-coloured Sunbird** *Cyanomitra veroxii* 10/11 1 ♂ Watamu.

**Green-throated Sunbird** *Chalcomitra rubescens* 18/10 c. 5 ♂, 19/10 4 ♂, 2 ♀, 20/10 1 ♂ Kakamega.

**Amethyst Sunbird** *Chalcomitra amethystina* 31/10 1 ♂ Naro Moru, 12/11 1 ♂ Mida Creek.

**Scarlet-chested Sunbird** *Chalcomitra senegalensis* 11/10 c. 10, 12/10 5, 13/10 c. 15 Lake Naivasha, 14/10 c. 10 Dunga, 15/10 c. 5 Kisumu, 17/10 2 ♂ Port Victoria, 18/10 2 ♂, 21/10 1 subad. ♂ Kakamega, 3/11 2 ♂, 4/11 1 ♀, 15/11 1 ♀ Athi River.

**Hunter's Sunbird** *Chalcomitra hunteri* 1/11 1 pair Isiolo, 5/11 1 ♂ Mtito Andei, 13/11 1 ♀, 14/11 2 ♂ Sagala. A beauty, like its close relative Scarlet-chested.

**Golden-winged Sunbird** *Drepanorhynchus reichenowi* 26/10 1 pair, 27/10 c. 15 Nyahururu, 31/10 1 ♂ Naro Moru. A fantastic bird!

**Tacazze Sunbird** *Nectarinia tacazze* 29/10 5 ♂, 1 ♀, 30/10 2 ♂ Mt. Kenya, 31/10 2 ♂, 1 ♀ Naro Moru. A fabulous sunbird – the African equivalent to the South American Topazes!

**Bronze Sunbird** *Nectarinia kilimensis* 13/10 3 ♂ Naivasha, 14/10 1 ♂ Dunga, 15/10 1 ♂ Kisumu, 16/10 1 juv. ♂ Port Victoria, 18/10 2 ♂, 1 ♀, 19/10 3 ♂, 1 ♀, 20/10 1 ♂, 21/10 1-2 ♂, 22/10 1 ♂ Kakamega, 26/10 6, 27/10 c. 10 Nyahururu, 28/10 1 pair Naro Moru.

**Red-tufted Sunbird** *Nectarinia johnstoni* 30/10 1 ♂ Mt. Kenya. It was worth the strenuous climb to see this beauty – plus the beautiful Mt. Kenya of course.

**Olive-bellied Sunbird** *Cinnyris chloropygius* 18/10 1 ♂, 19/10 2 ♂ Kakamega.

**Northern Double-collared Sunbird** *Cinnyris reichenowi* 21/10 2 pairs, 22/10 1 pair Kakamega, 28/10 1 ♂, 31/10 c. 10 Naro Moru.

**Eastern Double-collared Sunbird** *Cinnyris mediocris* 27/10 c. 10 Nyahururu, 29/10 4 ♂, 2 ♀, 30/10 5 ♂, 3 ♀ Mt. Kenya.

**Beautiful Sunbird** *Cinnyris pulchella* 24/10 6, 25/10 9 Lake Baringo. All males were in eclips plumage.

**Mariqua Sunbird** *Cinnyris mariquensis* 15/10 1 sj. ♂ Kisumu, 16/10 1 ♂, 17/10 2 ♂ Port Victoria, 1/11 2 ♂, 1 ♀ Isiolo.

**Red-chested Sunbird** *Cinnyris erythrocerca* 14/10 c. 15 Dunga, 15/10 c. 5 Kisumu, 16/10 c. 20, 17/10 c. 25 Port Victoria.

**Black-bellied Sunbird** *Cinnyris nectarinioides* 5/11 c. 10 ♂, a few ♀ Mtito Andei, 14/11 3 ♂ Sagala.

**Purple-banded Sunbird** *Cinnyris bifasciatus* 17/10 1 ♂ Port Victoria.

**Tsavo Sunbird** *Cinnyris (bifasciatus) tsavoensis* 5/11 2 ♂ Mtito Andei, 13/11 1 juv. ♂, 14/11 6 Sagala. Whether this is a separate species from Purple-banded Sunbird is highly questionable, but listed as such by Clements.

**Orange-tufted Sunbird** *Cinnyris bouvieri* 20/11 2-3 pairs Kakamega. One of Kenya's rarest sunbirds.

**Variable Sunbird** *Cinnyris venusta* 11/10 1 pair, 12/10 2 ♂, 1 ♀, 13/10 2 Lake Naivasha, 19/10 6, 20/10 c. 5, 21/10 6, 22/10 c. 5 Kakamega, 27/10 2 ♂ Nyahururu, 31/10 1 ♂, 1 ♀ Naro Moru, 4/11 2 ♂ Athi River, 5/11 3 ♂, 1 ♀ Mtito Andei, 15/11 1 ♂, 2 ♀ Athi River.

**Copper Sunbird** *Cinnyris cupreus* 19/10 1 ♂ Kakamega.

**African Yellow White-eye** *Zosterops senegalensis* 13/10 1 Naivasha, 15/10 2 Kisumu, 18 and 21-22/10 3 daily, 19/10 c. 7, 20/10 2 Kakamega.

**Broad-ringed White-eye** *Zosterops poliogastrus* 26/10 3, 27/10 c. 10 Nyahururu, 29/10 c. 25, 30/10 c. 50 Mt. Kenya, 31/10 c. 10 Naro Moru.

**White-breasted White-eye** *Zosterops abyssinicus* 3/11 1 Athi River, 5/11 3 Mtito Andei. Also called Abyssinian White-eye, which I actually like better.

**Eurasian Golden Oriole** *Oriolus oriolus* 12/10 1 ♂ Fisherman's Camp, 12/11 1 ♂ Mida Creek, 14/11 1 ♀ Sagala.

**Western Black-headed Oriole** *Oriolus brachyrhynchus* 18-20/11 1 ♂ daily, 21/10 2 ♂ Kakamega.

**African Black-headed Oriole** *Oriolus larvatus* 11/10 1 pair, 12/10 2 ♂ Lake Naivasha, 25/10 1 ♂ Lake Baringo, 28/10 1 ♂, 31/10 2 Naro Moru, 5/11 2 Mtito Andei, 7/11 c. 10, 9/11 3 Arabuko-Sokoke, 12/11 1 Mida Creek, 13/11 1 Sagala.

**Black-tailed Oriole** *Oriolus percivali* 29/10 1 ad. Mt. Kenya.

**Red-backed Shrike** *Lanius collurio* 24/10 1 ♂ Lake Baringo, 31/10 1 ♂ Naro Moru, 1/11 1 ♂, 1 ♀-f. Isiolo, 3/11 c. 5, 4/11 1 ♂ Athi River, 13/11 1 ♂, 1 juv., 14/11 4 Sagala, 15/11 c. 5 Athi River.

**Rufous-tailed Shrike** *Lanius isabellinus* 31/10 2, 4/11 4 Isiolo, 3/11 2 juv. Athi River, 14/11 1 juv. Sagala.

**Grey-backed Fiscal** *Lanius excubitoroides* 11/10 c. 20, 12/10 c. 30, 13/10 c. 5 Lake Naivasha, 16/10 5 Port Victoria, 24/10 c. 5 Lake Baringo.

**Long-tailed Fiscal** *Lanius cabanisi* 3/11 c. 10, 4/11 5-10, 15/11 c. 5 Athi River, 5/11 c. 10 Mtito Andei, 8/11 2, 11/11 3 Sabaki, 11/11 c. 5 Gongoni-Malindi, 12/11 2 Mida Creek.

**Taita Fiscal** *Lanius dorsalis* 31/10 3, 1/11 4 Isiolo.

**Mackinnon's Fiscal** *Lanius mackinnoni* 19/10 1 ♂ Kakamega.

**Common Fiscal** *Lanius collaris* Fairly common-common.

**White-rumped Shrike** *Eurocephalus rueppelli* 24/10 2, 25/10 6 Lake Baringo, 1/11 7 Isiolo, 4/11 2, 5/11 2 Mtito Andei, 13/11 7, 14/11 c. 7 Sagala. Also called Northern White-crowned Shrike.

**Brubru** *Nilaus afer* 24/10 c. 5+1 heard, 25/10 4 Lake Baringo, 1/11 1 pair Isiolo, 2/11 3 Athi River, 13/11 1 Sagala.

**Pink-footed Puffback** *Dryoscopus angolensis* 22/10 1 ♂, 1 ♀ Kakamega.

**Marsh Tchagra** *Tchagra minuta* 17/10 1 Port Victoria.

**Black-crowned Tchagra** *Tchagra senegalus* 1/11 1 Isiolo, 11/11 2 Sabaki, 12/11 2 Mida Creek.

**Brown-crowned Tchagra** *Tchagra australis* 27/10 3 Nyahururu, 28/10 1 Naro Moru, 3/11 1, 4/11 1, 15/11 2 Athi River.

**Three-streaked Tchagra** *Tchagra jamesi* 25/11 5 Lake Baringo, 1/11 1 Isiolo, 14/11 3 Sagala.

**Lühder's Bush-Shrike** *Laniarius luehderi* 19/10 1, 21/10 2, 22/10 2-3 Kakamega.

**Tropical Boubou** *Laniarius aethiopicus* 12/10 6 Fisherman's Camp, 13/10 1 Lake Naivasha, 27/10 3 Nyahururu, 28/10 2, 31/10 1 heard Naro Moru, 29/10 2 Mt. Kenya, 7/11 4+2 heard, 9/11 2 heard Arabuko-Sokoke, 8/11 2 heard Sabaki.

**Black-headed Gonolek** *Laniarius erythrogaster* 13/10 1, 15/10 1+1 heard Kisumu, 14/10 2+2 heard Dunga, 16/10 2+2 heard, 17/10 4+2 heard Port Victoria.

**Papyrus Gonolek** *Laniarius mufumbiri*\* 14/10 1 heard Dunga, 16/10 4+1 heard Port Victoria. Skulking, near-threatened papyrus dweller.

**Slate-coloured Boubou** *Laniarius funebris* 24/10 1, 25/10 4+2 heard Lake Baringo, 2/11 2, 3/11 5 +3 heard, 15/11 1 Athi River, 5/11 c. 15 Mtito Andei, 13/11 6, 14/11 several Sagala. Mysterious song...

**Rosy-patched Bush-Shrike** *Rhodophoneus cruentus* 1/11 5 Isiolo.

**Bocage's Bush-Shrike** *Telophorus bocagei* 19/10 1 ♂+1 heard, 20/10 1 heard, 21/10 1, 22/10 2 Kakamega.

**Sulphur-breasted Bush-Shrike** *Telophorus sulfureopectus* 2/11 1 Athi River, 5/11 1 Mtito Andei, 14/11 1 Sagala.

**Four-coloured Bush-Shrike** *Telophorus viridis* 9/11 1 ♂ Arabuko-Sokoke. Very nice!

**Grey-headed Bush-Shrike** *Telophorus blanchoti* 25/10 1 Lake Baringo.

**White Helmet-Shrike** *Prionops plumata* 13/11 7, 14/11 5 Sagala.

**Retz's Helmet-Shrike** *Prionops retzii* 9/11 3 Arabuko-Sokoke. Cool bird.

**Chestnut-fronted Helmet-Shrike** *Prionops scopifrons* 7/11 c. 20, 9/11 c. 15 Arabuko-Sokoke.

**Square-tailed Drongo** *Dicrurus ludwigii* 19/10 c. 7, 20/10 3, 21/10 5, 22/10 3 Kakamega.

**Fork-tailed Drongo** *Dicrurus adsimilis* Fairly common-common.

**House Crow** *Corvus splendens* Common near the coast.

**Cape Crow** *Corvus capensis* 13/10 2 Naivasha-Nakuru, 28/10 3 Nyahururu-Nyeri, 28/10 c. 25, 31/10 2 Naro Moru.

**Pied Crow** *Corvus albus* Fairly common-common.

**Fan-tailed Raven** *Corvus rhipidurus* 11/10 1 Naivasha, 24/10 5, 25/10 1 Lake Baringo. Probably very irregular as far south as lake Naivasha.

**Wattled Starling** *Creatophora cinerea* 11/10 c. 15, 12/10 c. 15, 13/10 c. 20 Lake Naivasha, 24/10 c. 40, 25/10 c. 10 Lake Baringo, 26/10 2 Nyahururu, 3/11 c. 10 Athi River.

**Greater Blue-eared Starling** *Lamprotornis chalybaeus* 13/10 1 Naivasha-Nakuru, 26/10 c. 10, 27/10 3 Nyahururu, 28/10 c. 15 Nyahururu-Nyeri.

**Rüppell's Glossy-Starling** *Lamprotornis purpuropterus* 13/10 2, 15/10 c. 10 Kisumu, 14/10 6 Dunga, 16/10 c. 20, 17/10 2 Port Victoria, 24/10 c. 10, 25/10 c. 20 Lake Baringo, 2/11 1 Athi River, 8/11 1 Sabaki.

**Golden-breasted Starling** *Lamprotornis regius* 13/11 6, 14/11 4 Sagala. A superb bird!

**Black-bellied Glossy-Starling** *Lamprotornis corruscus* 6/11 2, 12/11 2 Mida Creek, 7/11 c. 10, 9/11 c. 15 Arabuko-Sokoke.

**Superb Starling** *Lamprotornis superbus* Common. Absent in the Victoria basin and at Kakamega.

**Hildebrandt's Starling** *Lamprotornis hildebrandti* 1/11 5 Isiolo, 2/11 2, 4/11 2 Athi River, 5/11 4 Mtito Andei.

**Fischer's Starling** *Spreo fischeri* 5/11 c. 30 Mtito Andei, 13/11 4 Sagala.

**Red-winged Starling** *Onychognathus morio* 11/10 c. 15, 13/10 4 Naivasha, 27/10 3 Nyahururu.

**Slender-billed Starling** *Onychognathus tenuirostris* 26/10 4 Nyahururu.

**Bristle-crowned Starling** *Onychognathus salvadorii* 24/10 3 Lake Baringo, 31/10 2, 1/11 2 Isiolo. Cool bird!

**Stuhlmann's Starling** *Poeoptera stuhlmanni* 21/11 c. 40 Kakamega.

**Magpie Starling** *Speculipastor bicolor* 24/10 c. 35 Lake Baringo. Nomadic, present certain times of the year at Baringo.

**Red-billed Oxpecker** *Buphagus erythrorhynchus* 29/10 2 Mt. Kenya, 3/11 2 Athi River.

**House Sparrow** *Passer domesticus* 18/10 1 ♂ Kakamega town, 26/10 c. 5 Baringo-Nakuru, 31/10 c. 5 Isiolo.

**Kenya Rufous Sparrow** *Passer rufocinctus* 11/10 1 ♂, 12/10 5, 13/10 6 Lake Naivasha, 26/10 a few Baringo-Nakuru, 27/10 c. 20 Nyahururu, 28/10 c. 15 Nyahururu-Nyeri, 3/11 c. 20, 15/11 c. 15 Athi River.

**Northern Grey-headed Sparrow** *Passer griseus* 13/10 c. 5 Naivasha, 14/10 2 Dunga, 15/10 3 Kisumu, 16/10 3, 17/10 c. 20 Port Victoria, 18-19/10 2, 21/10 1 Kakamega.

**Parrot-billed Sparrow** *Passer gongonensis* 26/10 1 Baringo-Nakuru, 31/10 3 Isiolo, 5/11 c. 10 Mtito Andei, 8/11 4 Gongoni.

**Chestnut Sparrow** *Passer eminiibey* 3/11 c. 10 Athi River.

**Yellow-spotted Petronia** *Petronia pyrgita* 1/11 1 Isiolo, 4/11 1 Athi River, 13/11 4, 14/11 2 Sagala.

**White-billed Buffalo-Weaver** *Bubalornis albirostris* 25/10 2 ♂, 1 ♀ Lake Baringo.

**Red-billed Buffalo-Weaver** *Bubalornis niger* 1/11 3 ♂, 3 ♀ Isiolo, 5/11 c. 30 Mtito Andei, 13/11 4 ♂ Sagala.

**White-headed Buffalo-Weaver** *Dinemellia dinemelli* 24/10 c. 10, 25/10 4 Lake Baringo, 1/11 c. 25 Isiolo.

**Speckle-fronted Weaver** *Sporopipes frontalis* 24/10 1 Lake Baringo, 2/11 1, 3/11 c. 20, 4/11 3 Athi River.

**White-browed Sparrow-Weaver** *Plocepasser mahali* 17/10 1 Port Victoria, 23/10 4 Kakamega-Nakuru, c. 10 Nakuru-Baringo, 24/10 c. 50, 25/10 c. 70 Lake Baringo, 1/11 c. 100 Isiolo, 4/11 c. 50, 5/11 >100 Mtito Andei, 15/11 c 20 Athi River.

**Donaldson-Smith's Sparrow-Weaver** *Plocepasser donaldsoni* 1/11 c. 40 Isiolo. This is about the southernmost limit for the species.

**Grey-headed Social-Weaver** *Pseudonigrita arnaudi* 2/11 c. 10, 3/11 c. 5, 4/11 c. 10 Athi River.

**Baglafecht Weaver** *Ploceus baglafechti* 11/10 6, 12/10 c. 10, 13/10 1 ♂ Lake Naivasha, 15/10 4 Kisumu, 18/10 1, 19/10 2 Kakamega, 26/10 2, 27/10 c. 10 Nyahururu, 28/10 c. 15 Naro Moru, 29/10 c. 5, 30/10 2 Mt. Kenya, 1/11 1 Isiolo.

**Slender-billed Weaver** *Ploceus pelzelni* 14/10 3 ♂, c. 10 ♀ Dunga, 16/10 c. 50, 17/10 c. 50 Port Victoria.

**Little Weaver** *Ploceus luteolus* 24/10 1 ♂, 2 ♀ Lake Baringo.

**Lesser Masked-Weaver** *Ploceus intermedius* 11/10 2 ♂, 12/10 1 ♂, 2 ♀, 13/10 2 Lake Naivasha, 24/10 a few ♂, c. 30 ♀, 25/10 4 ♂, c. 20 ♀ Lake Baringo, 31/10 c. 200 Isiolo, 5/11 a few Mtito Andei.

**Spectacled Weaver** *Ploceus ocularis* 11-13/10 1 ♂ daily Lake Naivasha, 14/10 5-10 Dunga, 15/10 1 ♂ Kisumu, 16/10 a few, 17/10 c. 5 Port Victoria.

**Black-necked Weaver** *Ploceus nigricollis* 18/10 1 pair, 19/10 2 pairs, 20/10 1 ♀ Kakamega, 5/11 2 ♂ Mtito Andei.

**Black-billed Weaver** *Ploceus melanogaster* 18/10 1 ♀, 19/10 1 ♂, 22/10 1 Kakamega.

**Holub's Golden-Weaver** *Ploceus xanthops* 12/10 1 ♀ Fisherman's Camp.

**Golden Palm Weaver** *Ploceus bojeri* 8/11 3 ♂, 5 ♀, 11/11 c. 10 Sabaki, 12/11 1 ♂ Mida.

**Northern Brown-throated Weaver** *Ploceus castanops* 13/10 c. 5 ♀ Kisumu, 14/10 1 ♂, c. 5 ♀ Dunga, 16/10 2 ♂, c. 5 ♀ Port Victoria.

**Vitelline Masked-Weaver** *Ploceus vitellinus* 24/10 2 ♂, c. 20 ♀ Lake Baringo, 1/11 c. 20 Isiolo, 13/11 c. 10, 14/11 c. 20 Sagala, 15/11 2 ♂ Athi River.

**Village Weaver** *Ploceus cucullatus* 13/10 c. 30 Kisumu, 14/10 100s Dunga, 21/10 1 ♂ Kakamega, 5/11 c. 200 Mtito Andei.

**Speke's Weaver** *Ploceus spekei* 27/10 c. 15 Nyahururu, 28/10 1 ♂, 31/10 c. 10 Naro Moru.

**Vieillot's Weaver** *Ploceus nigerrimus* 18/10 2 ♂, 19/10 c. 15, 20/10 1 ♀, 21/10 c. 15, 22/10 c. 10 Kakamega.

**Clarke's Weaver** *Ploceus golandii*\*\* 9/11 c. 15 Arabuko-Sokoke. The breeding area for this extremely local species is still unknown. Travels in fast-moving groups, chattering when flying and dead silent while sitting.

**Black-headed Weaver** *Ploceus melanocephalus* 14/10 c. 30 Dunga, 16/10 c. 10, 17/10 c. 10 Port Victoria.

**Golden-backed Weaver** *Ploceus jacksoni* 16/10 c. 10, 17/10 c. 40 Port Victoria.

**Chestnut Weaver** *Ploceus rubiginosus* 24/10 2 ♂, 3 ♀ Lake Baringo, 31/10 2 ♂ Isiolo, 14/11 c. 10 Sagala.

**Forest Weaver** *Ploceus bicolor* 18/10 3, 19/10 c. 10, 20/10 4, 21/10 1, 22/10 c. 8 Kakamega, 7/11 c. 5, 9/11 8 Arabuko-Sokoke. Also called Dark-backed Weaver. This bird surely has one of the world's strangest bird songs – phenomenal!

**Brown-capped Weaver** *Ploceus insignis* 18/10 4, 19/10 2, 20/10 1, 21/10 4, 22/10 2 Kakamega.

**Red-headed Malimbe** *Malimbus rubricollis* 20/10 2 Kakamega.

**Red-headed Weaver** *Anaplectes rubriceps* 11/10 1 ♀, 12/10 1 ♂, 3 ♀ Lake Naivasha, 24/10 1 ♂, c. 5 ♀ Lake Baringo, 1/11 c. 5 ♀ Isiolo, 14/11 1 ♀ Sagala.

**Red-billed Quelea** *Quelea quelea* 13/10 1 ♀ Lake Naivasha, 24/10 c. 25 Lake Baringo, 1/11 1 pair Isiolo, 5/11 30 000-50 000 Mtito Andei, 8/11 1 ♀ Sabaki.

**Fire-fronted Bishop** *Euplectes diadematus* 11/11 1 ♂ Sabaki.

**Zanzibar Bishop** *Euplectes nigroventris* 8/11 4 ♂, 11/11 2 ♂ Sabaki.

**Yellow Bishop** *Euplectes capensis* 28/10 1 pair Naro Moru.

**Fan-tailed Widowbird** *Euplectes axillaris* 14/10 c. 20 Dunga, 16/10 1 ♂ Port Victoria.

**Yellow-shouldered Widowbird** *Euplectes macrourus* 20/10 1 ♂ Kakamega.

**White-winged Widowbird** *Euplectes albonotatus* 11/10 c. 20, 12/10 c. 80 Lake Naivasha, 20/10 3 ♂ Kakamega, 1/11 c. 30 Isiolo, 5/11 c. 20 Mtito Andei.

**Long-tailed Widowbird** *Euplectes progne* 26/10 c. 70, 27/10 c. 100 Nyahururu, 28/10 c. 100 Nyahururu-Nyeri, c. 200 Naro Moru. All males were in eclipse plumage.

**Grosbeak Weaver** *Amblyospiza albifrons* 24/10 c. 20 Lake Baringo, 26/10 c. 20 Nyahururu, 31/10 2 ♂ Isiolo.

**Grey-headed Negrofinch** *Nigrita canicapilla* 20/10 5 Kakamega, 30/10 1 Mt. Kenya.

**Green-winged Pytilia** *Pytilia melba* 24/10 2 ♂, 2 ♀ Lake Baringo, 14/11 1 pair Sagala.

**Red-headed Bluebill** *Spermophaga ruficapilla* 19/10 1 pair, 21/10 1 ♀ Kakamega.

**Peters's Twinspace** *Hypargos niveoguttatus* 7/11 1 pair Arabuko-Sokoke. A great-looking little bird!

**Red-billed Firefinch** *Lagonosticta senegala* Fairly common-common i open and semiopen habitats. Frustratingly I couldn't find any other species of Firefinch.

**Red-cheeked Cordonbleu** *Uraeginthus bengalus* Fairly common-common i open and semiopen habitats.

**Blue-capped Cordonbleu** *Uraeginthus cyanocephalus* 24/10 1 pair Lake Baringo.

**Purple Grenadier** *Uraeginthus ianthinogaster* 12/10 3 ♂, 4 ♀ Lake Naivasha, 25/10 1 ♀ Lake Baringo, 3/11 1 ♀ Athi River, 5/11 c. 10 Mtito Andei, 14/11 6 Sagala.

**Crimson-rumped Waxbill** *Estrilda rhodopyga* 17/10 1 Port Victoria, 1/11 4 Isiolo.

**Common Waxbill** *Estrilda astrild* 16/10 4, 17/10 3 Port Victoria, 21/10 2 Kakamega, 28/10 4, 31/10 1 Naro Moru, 5/11 c. 30 Mtito Andei.

**Black-crowned Waxbill** *Estrilda nonnula* 22/10 5 Kakamega.

**Black-headed Waxbill** *Estrilda atricapilla* 29/10 c. 25, 30/10 c. 25 Mt. Kenya.

**Black-cheeked Waxbill** *Estrilda erythronotus* 14/11 2 Sagala.

**Red-rumped Waxbill** *Estrilda charmosyna* 3/11 2 Athi River.

**African Silverbill** *Lonchura cantans* 25/11 2 Lake Baringo.

**Grey-headed Silverbill** *Odontospiza griseicapilla* 24/11 9 Lake Baringo.

**Bronze Mannikin** *Spermestes cucullatus* 13/10 1, 15/10 5 Kisumu, 14/10 1 Dunga, 16/10 7, 17/10 c. 10 Port Victoria, 19/10 1, 20/10 2, 21/10 c. 10, 22/10 c. 20 Kakamega, 27/10 c. 10 Nyahururu.

**Black-and-white Mannikin** *Spermestes bicolor* 21/10 6 Kakamega.

**Village Indigobird** *Vidua chalybeata* 15/10 3 ♂, 17/10 c. 20 Port Victoria

**Steel-blue Whydah** *Vidua hypocherina* 18/11 1 ♂ Sioport-Busia. Seen from the bus window.

**Straw-tailed Whydah** *Vidua fischeri* 1/11 1-2 ♂ Isiolo, 5/11 c. 10 Mtito Andei, 13/11 1 ♂ Sagala, 15/11 2 ♂, c. 5 ♀ Athi River.

**Pin-tailed Whydah** *Vidua macroura* 14/10 1 ♂, 1 ♀ Dunga, 16/10 1 ♂ Port Victoria, 21/10 1 ♂ Kakamega, 24/10 c. 5 ♂, c. 100 ♀ Lake Baringo, 26/10 c. 5 ♂, c. 5 ♀, 27/10 1 ♂, 4 ♀ Nyahururu, 28/10 1 ♂ Naro Moru, 31/10 1 ♂, 1/11 1 ♂ Isiolo, 4/11 c. 30 Athi River, 5/11 1 ♂ Mtito Andei, 8/11 1 ♂ Gongoni, 14/11 1 ♂ Sagala.

**Eastern Paradise-Whydah** *Vidua paradisaea* 13/11 4 ♂, c. 10 ♀, 14/11 3 ♂ Sagala.

**Yellow-crowned Canary** *Serinus flavivertex* 11/10 1 ♂ Lake Naivasha, 29/10 c. 30, 30/10 c. 10 Mt. Kenya. Probably an uncommon guest at Naivasha.

**African Citril** *Serinus citrinelloides* 14/10 1 ♂ Dunga, 17/10 1 ♂ Port Victoria, 22/10 3 Kakamega. Quite similar to Papyrus Canary, caution should be taken separating the two species.

**Southern Citril** *Serinus hyopostictus* 11/10 5, 13/10 4 Lake Naivasha, 28/10 4, 31/10 2 Naro Moru.

**Reichenow's Seedeater** *Serinus reichenowi* 11/10 4, 12/10 2, 13/10 2 Lake Naivasha, 13/10 4 Kisumu, 17/10 1 Port Victoria, 28/10 2 Naro Moru, 1/11 a few Isiolo, 15/11 1 Athi River. Also called Yellow-rumped Seedeater.

**Yellow-fronted Canary** *Serinus mozambicus* 14/10 c. 5 Dunga, 16/10 6, 17/10 c. 5 Port Victoria, 19/10 1 ♂ Kakamega, 8/11 1 ♂ Sabaki, 12/11 1 Mida Creek.

**White-bellied Canary** *Serinus dorsostriatus* 14/10 1 pair Dunga, 24/10 c. 10 Lake Baringo, 1/11 c. 10 Isiolo, 2/11 c. 15 Athi River.

**Brimstone Canary** *Serinus sulphuratus* 11-13/10 1 ♂ daily Naivasha, 16/10 2, 17/10 8 Port Victoria, 22/10 1 ♂ Kakamega, 28/10 4 Naro Moru.

**Streaky Seedeater** *Serinus striolatus* 13/10 2 Naivasha, 26/10 1, 27/10 c. 15 Nyahururu, 28/10 c. 15, 31/10 c. 10 Naro Moru, 29/10 c. 40, 30/10 c. 20 Mt. Kenya.

**Thick-billed Seedeater** *Serinus burtoni* 27/10 3 Nyahururu, 29/10 6 Mt. Kenya.

## 602 species

\*\* = threatened

\* = near-threatened



## Mammals

**Golden-rumped Elephant-Shrew** *Rhynchocyon chrysopygus* 7/11 a few, 9/11 3 Arabuko-Sokoke.

**Savanna Baboon** *Papio cynocephalus* 13/10 c. 10 Naivasha-Nakuru, 4-6/11 several groups Athi River-Mombasa, 9/11 3 Arabuko-Sokoke.

**Vervet Monkey** *Cercopithecus aethiops* 14/10 1 Dunga, 16/10 1, 17/10 3 Port Victoria, 24/10 2 Lake Baringo, 2/11 3, 3/11 2, 4/11 c. 5 Athi River.

**Sykes's Monkey** *Cercopithecus mitis* 18-22/10 fairly common Kakamega (*stuhmanni*), 29/10 c. 20, 30/10 c. 10 Mt. Kenya, 7/11 c. 20 Arabuko-Sokoke (*albogularis*).

**Red-tailed Guenon** *Cercopithecus ascanius* 19/10 3, 20/10 2, 21/10 c. 10 Kakamega.

**Guereza Black-and-white Colobus** *Colobus guereza* 12/10 3 Fisherman's Camp, 18-22/10 common Kakamega, 29/10 3 Mt. Kenya.

**Large-spotted Genet** *Genetta tigrina* 14/11 1 Sagala. Cool!

**Dwarf Mongoose** *Helogale parvula* 25/10 c. 5 Lake Baringo.

**Cape Clawless Otter** *Aonyx capensis* 26/11 1 Nyahururu.

**Rock Hyrax** *Procavia capensis* 24/10 c. 20 Lake Baringo.

**Red-legged Sun Squirrel** *Heliosciurus rufobrachium* 18-21/10 a few daily Kakamega, 7/11 c. 5, 9/11 1 Arabuko-Sokoke.

**Western Ground Squirrel** *Xerus erythropus* 19/10 1 Kakamega.

**Unstriped Ground Squirrel** *Xerus rutilus* 5/11 a few Mtito Andei, 13/11 c. 5, 14/11 c. 5 Sagala.

**Plains Zebra** *Equus burchellii* 11/10 c. 30, 12/10 c. 30 Lake Naivasha, 28/10 11 Naro Moru, 2/11 3, 3/11 c. 40, 15/11 3 Athi River.

**Common Hippopotamus** *Hippopotamus amphibius* 14/10 4 Dunga, 24/10 7 Lake Baringo, 26/10 2 Nyahururu. Dangerous creatures...

**Maasai Giraffe** *Giraffa camelopardalis* 11/10 6, 12/10 5 Lake Naivasha. Cool!

**Common Eland** *Tragelaphus oryx* 29/10 2 Mt. Kenya (wild or not?), 4/11 2 ♂ Athi River.

**Bushbuck** *Tragelaphus scriptus* 29/10 5, 30/10 c. 5 Mt. Kenya.

**Waterbuck** *Kobus ellipsiprymnus* 11/10 c. 30 ex., 12/10 c. 50 Lake Naivasha.

**Blue Wildebeest** *Connochaetes taurinus* 3/11 4 Athi River.

**Impala** *Aepyceros melampus* 11/10 c. 10, 12/10 c. 20 Lake Naivasha, 28/10 at least 10 Naro Moru, 2/11 1 ♂, 4/11 c. 20 Athi River, 4/11 c. 50 Athi River-Kibwezi.

**Grant's Gazelle** *Gazella granti* 11/10 3, 12/10 c. 5 ex. Lake Naivasha, 3/11 6, 15/11 1 Athi River.

**Thomson's Gazelle** *Gazella thomsoni* 2/11 2 ♂, 3/11 c. 25, 4/11 c. 30, 15/11 c. 5 Athi River.

**Kirk's Dik-dik** *Madoqua kirki* 13/11 4, 14/11 c. 5 Sagala.

**Scrub Hare** *Lepus saxatilis* 23/10 1 Nakuru-Baringo, 24/10 2, 25/10 2 Lake Baringo.