

Gambia

A week's birding in Gambia

I have been to the Gambia a couple of times at the end of the dry season in February. Although they were family holidays, I had still a pretty decent Gambia list. However, I wanted to fill in a few notable gaps in my list, but to significantly improve it I would have to go at the end of the wet season and go upriver to do it. I had not been upriver before, and I certainly did not think my family would fancy it. Therefore this would be a birding frenzy with my brother Paul. Frankly if you want a birding buddy for a bit of relentless birding he is your man. He had been to Africa before but was a Gambian virgin. We both produced wanted lists and there was sufficient synergy in them to form a plan.

The beginning of November is the earliest cheap holiday charter of the season and we wanted to be in Gambia as near the rainy season as possible. We booked an 8th November departure from Gatwick with Thomas Cook staying at the Senegambia Hotel. I wanted to stay there because it (barely) meets my minimum standard for a hotel and the gardens are good for birding - not that we planned to be there much!

I contacted Modou Jarju who is the bird guide at the Senegambia Hotel. Modou had been my guide previously and has unbelievable sight and hearing, but.....Anyway he responded with his price and a suggestion of the birds we could see upriver. I decided that we would go with Modou despite my misgivings on the basis of "better the devil you know".

As the trip got near, I was worried that I had not had any tangible itinerary from Modou. Out of desperation I sent a list of potential birding areas to him and got a less than ideal response from him. I was now very worried, but nothing is unrecoverable. I did some more planning! We set a target species list of 250 which seemed a reasonable stretch target for a weeks birding. But in reality my target was 30 – 40 new species for my Gambia list with a couple of "must gets" Egyptian Plover, Red throated and Northern Carmine Bee Eaters, two species of Bunting and an outside chance of Kittlitz's Plover

The flight left on time (both ways) and after a ridiculously cramped flight we arrived at Banjul. Whether it was because it was so early in the season or the Gambian tourist authority is finally getting its act together, but there was virtually no hassle at the airport. In fact we were not hassled at all on the Senegambia strip for the four nights we were there, making the strip a tolerable experience. We waited forever to be transferred to the hotel, but we eventually arrived, checked in, and were immediately greeted by Modou whose money radar was clearly in working order. He suggested that we had a rest! We suggested that he took us to Bijilo. It was a predictably hot 34 degrees when we set off for Bijilo at 16:15. We didn't see the Bijilo specialities but it was good to go out and set the tone for the week. We did pick up White throated and Swallow tailed Bee Eaters. When we got back to the hotel we discussed where we were going tomorrow. Incredibly – but not unexpectedly Modou tried to renegotiate the agreed daily rate. Modou tried to jack the rate up for both coastal birding and the upriver element based on the fact that there as only two in our party. Fortunately I had a print out of the agreed rates which stated that there were only two of us and we stuck with them. There seem to be some doubt as to whether we could go upriver for three nights. Modou had a very animated conversation in Gambian with his partner which was ominous. Eventually Modou agreed we would go upriver on Wednesday for three nights, but he didn't seem happy. We agreed to meet the following morning for a trip to Tujering and Brufut Woods.

(At the end of my ramblings is a table of GPS positions for the independent traveller and following that is a trip list presented by location which is how I prefer to see information presented.)

Tuesday morning broke bright and clear, a quick breakfast, snaffle some food for Modou and off to the gate to meet him. He was not quite ready but by Gambian standards impressively prompt. We travelled in a Merc saloon which was an odd choice for the sandy tracks around Tujering. We headed out and the birds started coming thick and fast, the usual suspects at

first, then breeding plumage Bishops, first Northern then black winged. Breeding plumage – this is the reason I had come in November. A flyover Pin tailed Whydah was a new bird, then came a bunch of Cisticolas, good numbers of Rufus, Siffling, Whistling and Singing along with Red winged Warbler (surely a Cisticola rather than a Warbler). I took really rubbish photographs of these so that I could check the id later. I didn't need to as every picture confirmed the correct identification which was particularly gratifying as there was more than one occasion when my brother and I looked at each other eyebrow raised and noted the camera image number! As I said earlier Modou has exceptional sight and hearing and he never let us down in respect of his id skills. Yellow Penduline, White shouldered Black Tits, Brown backed Woodpecker and Black Scimitarbill covered the best of the rest.



Just before mid-day the birds started drying up, Modou suggested we try our luck at Brufut. We passed by Tanji fishing village on the way but the tide was high and the gull roost area empty. Brufut was very slow and very hot yielding nothing exceptional or new for the trip and we departed after about an hour. As we were travelling back to the hotel Modou stated that he didn't see the point of doing Tujering and Brufut in one day as it was a waste of time. I was speechless, it was his plan – I had wanted to go to Marakissa for the Spotted Honeyguide in the afternoon! Arriving back at the hotel by 14:00 was not my idea of a full days birding. However in an attempt to make the most of it we spent a couple of hours mooching around the grounds of the Senegambia. It was surprising to say the least. In previous February visits the grounds were teeming with birds, in this visit the grounds were virtually empty. The species count was there or thereabouts but the quantity was well down. I think it was because the water features were all dried up making the grounds a lot less attractive than previous visits. Anyway, after a quick dip we joined the bird walk round the Senegambia grounds adding Pearl spotted Owlet and Bronze tailed Glossy Starling to my Senegambia list and Paul saw a flyover Violet Turaco which would have been a nice addition to my list – but I dipped.

We ordered takeaway breakfast for our early start on Wednesday. Modou was ready(ish) and we were introduced to his "apprentice" and Moses our driver as we piled into an old 4 x 4 minibus in the dark. We trundled out of Kololi stopping about an hour later between New Faraba Banta and Sotokai on the South Bank Road. We exited the bus for breakfast; the Gambian crew were hungry so we gave them our packed breakfast. It was already 32c and very cloudy and I wasn't optimistic about birding. Modou claimed that we had stopped here for breakfast as this was a good spot for Brown necked Parrot. Nothing. After they had eaten we birded a track to the north of the road. Despite my misgivings the track through the open woodland produced Greater and Lesser Honeyguide, Vitalline masked Weaver, Fine spotted Woodpecker, Klaas's Cuckoo and a fantastic pair of Red Shouldered Cuckoo Shrike. As we returned to the bus thunder could be heard in the distance.

We stopped again between Samianga and Bulok for another lightly wooded track which opened out into a sandy open area with areas of tall grasses. I cannot remember what we were looking for (it might have been Cut throat) but we had 5 African Green Pigeons, Bearded and Velliot's Barbets before it started raining. Not biblical but quite hard. A check of the temperature and it had dropped to 26c. When we go back to the bus we realised to our horror that the open windows of the bus were actually missing windows, so for now we were getting wet. We trundled on down the tarmac (which eventually ran out) until we reached

Karjending. The rain had stopped but there was a covering of high white cloud as we strolled around the peanut fields. Modou was looking for Coursers but we were looking for whatever we could get. ☺ This was an excellent spot. Female Pin tailed Whydah and a male Village Indigobird, Yellow white Eye, Brubru and Bruce's Green Pigeon were the best of the passerines. Raptors were represented by White Backed Vulture, Bateleur and the sight of a pair of displaying African Hawk Eagles was breathtaking.



Lunch had been ordered in advance and we stopped by the river at Kalagito rest. The stop seemed to take forever with few distractions on the birding front. Paul paid the bill for everyone despite the fact that meals were included in the fees. Eventually we boarded the minibus and headed down the dirt road towards Tendaba. We detoured along a bush track at Wurokang to try for Spotted Thicknee – dipped, but we did get Brown Snake Eagle, Grasshopper Buzzard and Dark Chanting Goshawk. Then we encountered one of those magical trees where a Tchagra was being mobbed by Scarlet-chested Sunbird, Green-backed Eremomela, Common White Eye, two Melodious Warblers, two Willow Warblers and 3 Pygmy Sunbirds. Eventually we were cajoled away so that we could fit in Tendaba Airport which is another site for Brown necked Parrot. Needless to say, no Brown necked Parrot, but we did slot in Western Banded Snake Eagle and Gabar Goshawk amongst the usual wetland species.

We pulled into Tendaba Camp at about 18:00 utterly filthy, basic room, bed, mosquito net and cold shower was quite acceptable, however no beer! The evening buffet was excellent - bush pig, chicken and fish, did I mention there was no beer?

Thursday dawned and we moved out after breakfast. We bumped along the south bank dirt road towards the Farafenni ferry. The light was still poor when the shout that everyone wants to hear rang out "Egyptian Plover". We were adjacent to Soma wetlands where on the other side of the road were two of these fantastic birds. Photos were taken in the orange early morning light but we were soon ushered back into the minivan – we would see many more and we had to press on. We boarded the ferry after a short wait without fuss, was this really the ferry I had read about? We disembarked on the north bank – what a difference. Masses of people milling about, with a queue of trucks and buses seemingly stretching miles along the worst dirt road we had encountered to date. We eventually bumped into Farafenni town where we stopped to pump up a tyre. While we waited for the air compressor to be started we had good views of three Bearded Barbets. We then watched in fascination as the valve

was removed from the tyre, high pressure air forced in, a finger held over the hole until the valve was screwed back in. Clearly these are relatively low pressure tyres! After waiting around for Modou to blag some hot water for his coffee we moved out onto the North bank road. Tarmac – hurrah!



We soon pulled over near Saback Sukoto for a roadside pool. It was busy! African Collared Dove and Black rumped Waxbill, a Northern Crombec within stroking distance. Black Scimitarbill, Red billed Quelia, White fronted Blackchat and two magnificent male Exclamatory Paradise Whydahs were the best of the bunch. All too soon were back in the minivan, but before long we were stopping again at another roadside pool between Balanghar Kerr N'derry and Jakau-Ur. This was even better. We immediately found at least 3 of the sought after Cinnamon breasted Bunting. Two (possibly three) Rufus Scrub Robin, a pair of Chestnut-backed Sparrow Lark, a male Village Indigobird and up to seven male Exclamatory Paradise Whydah which Modou suggested were two different races. None of the desirable Sudan Golden Sparrow were found so reluctantly returning to the minivan, within 15 minutes we were at Kau-ur Wetlands.

It was 34 degrees without a breath of wind, but it doesn't matter when you are looking at White crowned Plover (11) and Egyptian Plover (2). These were supported by Woodland Kingfisher, 7 Chestnut-backed Sparrow Lark, 2 breeding plumage Yellow crowned Bishop and a pair of Bush Petronia. No Kittlitz Plover, so despite having had a superb morning I felt vaguely suicidal as I boarded the minivan. Modou had a timetable and wanted to stick to it. We stopped three more times on the way to the Georgetown Ferry. The "Vulture tree", Njau for Northern Anteater Chat and Wassau for Northern Carmine Bee-Eater. We had to wait a short time for the Georgetown ferry.



We were at the front of the queue so we knew we would get on the next crossing. As we wandered around to stretch our legs we were accosted by hordes of young men trying to coerce us into “sponsoring” local football teams. It wasn’t particularly intimidating, but it was incessant. Soon enough we boarded the ferry, the crossing was short and uneventful and we rolled into Boabolong Camp. Paul had said as we were leaving Tendaba that we would look forward to the luxury of the Senegambia. Looking round the camp we would look forward to the luxury of Tendaba!

After a quick check in to our rooms we were introduced to another guide Junkung Jadama known as “JJ” and his client “Toni” a photographer from Barcelona. We were to share a boat trip with them. Our slightly enlarged party strolled down to the jetty to board the boat at about 16:00 pausing to photograph Bruce’s Green Pigeon and GabarGoshawk. We gently cruised west along the north bank of the river pulling little nuggets out of the bank vegetation. Oriole Warbler then Yellow backed Weaver – lots of them, then, JJ found a female African Finfoot. We had brief but excellent views until it found refuge in the mangroves leaving just a red foot on view. Swamp Flycatchers we abundant as the boat continued west, incredibly Modou pointed out a second Finfoot, a male. This one was a little showier than the female, but none



the less disappeared all too soon. We continued onwards collecting African Fish Eagle, Hadada Ibis, Red necked Falcon and European Turtle Dove. A family of Hippopotamus were spotted further downriver and we continued on until we go close, in fact, far to close. Pictures were secured and we set off back to camp. As we neared the camp Modou spotted a pair of

Red-throated Bee Eaters and in a final flourish a small flock of Four banded Sandgrouse flew across the river calling quietly in the gathering gloom. What a fantastic river trip.

The camp was quiet as we were the first visitors to arrive this season; a much needed cold shower was taken as we were filthy again. A buffet dinner of chicken and rice was taken with JJ, his colleague (whose name also escapes me) and Toni. The conversation was unexpectedly lively and interesting as we discussed habitat decline, species reintroductions and the limitations of the Gambian field guide. I made up my mind there and then that when I return to Gambia I will use the services of JJ and his colleague. Toni held back as he felt his English was not sufficient, however it was more than good enough to discuss football and his beloved Barcelona. Unfortunately once again there was no beer, cold or otherwise. However we could reflect on a great day as we hit the sack.

Friday breakfast was taken a little later than ideal, but by 08:00 we were moving on to Brikama Ba in convoy with JJ. A brief stop for Red throated Bee Eater, followed by a tyre change at FullaBantang which fortuitously was by a tree teeming with Maribou Stork and a couple of White-rumped Seed Eaters. We arrived at the roosting site for Verreaux’s Eagle Owl. JJ and Toni were already there. Pictures were duly taken and we headed off to the rice fields. Modou and JJ led the way pointing out Black Crake and several Winding Cisticola. Yellow crowned Bishops were next, then Modou found 2 Quailfinch – top man! The more common waders and egrets were spotted as we walked around the rice fields and as a finale 3 Cotton Pygmy Goose.

We moved off and headed to Kudang for another go at Spotted Thick-Knee. Modou had us spread out and was soon lost to sight. Four banded Sandgrouse were frequently being

flushed, JJ motioned to come across, Toni was already there taking pictures of two settled Sandgrouse. No Spotted Thick Knee, we circled back to the road. JJ's companion had heard Green winged Pytilia and pretty soon we had it in sight. Although this bird was on both my and Paul's "want" list, I had not really thought that much about it. But there it was, absolutely perfect and for me by far the best bird of the trip. Modou turned up a bit later, he seemed bent out of shape that JJ was finding birds for us. We boarded the minivan and trundled towards Tendaba on the south bank road. JJ and Toni stopped at a roadside pool. We just kept on driving. Eventually we stopped at 13:45 in a town not far short of Tendaba. Modou and his crew wanted to pray and we were left standing in a pile of rubbish for 45 minutes while they did their thing. I checked the temperature as we boarded the bus again and it was 39c. We rattled on and pulled into Tendaba camp before 3pm. We checked in quickly but Modou did not want to go out before 5pm. We idled around for a couple of hours until our arranged meeting time, a period made more difficult as once again there was no beer! We were told of a pair of Black Crowned Cranes that had been seen at Tendaba airfield that morning which had since left. Despite our protests, Modou was adamant that we should go to the airfield. We trudged around but needless to say they had not returned. We did get lucky and bump into a pair of Grey headed Bush Shrikes on the way back to camp. I was furious with Modou as we had wasted a good portion of the day and blown our chances of Nightjar in his personal quest for the Cranes. Once again we had dinner with JJ and Toni and Modou. Modou Colley had turned up and he joined us as well.. By now the camp was full of visitors and supplies had arrived, therefore I was finally able to buy Toni a beer! JJ was surprised that we had not stopped at the "usual" sites and regaled us with stories of seeing the Red winged Pytilia at the "usual" place – aargh. The discussion amongst the guides was that although it was early in the season, few guides had many or even any bookings.



Saturday morning broke bright and clear, and after the usual breakfast fare Modou blagged places on a small boat that a couple had already booked for a river trip. We set off grateful that we didn't have to share a packed long boat with what appeared to be a large group of ladies looking for an African experience rather than dedicated birders. The trip to the north bank was uneventful and we were soon amongst the mangroves. Whimbrel and Common Sandpiper were plentiful at the muddy fringes. As we penetrated deeper into the creek we could see the exposed nests of Mouse-brown Sunbird. Eventually the birds themselves, we recorded seven but there were many more. Modou asked if we had a "tape" as the only way we would see African Blue flycatcher was by luring it out. I did have one but not in my "river bag". A single Goliath Heron was another new bird for the trip. Different birds were more frequent now with Woolly-necked and Yellow-billed Storks. Modou heard a Diederik Cuckoo, and sure enough, there it was, an excellent view. Modou called for quiet as we approached the spot for White backed Night Heron, we drifted slowly peering deep into the dark Mangroves. Needless to say Modou spotted it first and eventually everyone got onto it albeit with some difficulty. We paused again, this time looking at a Marshall Eagle nest and sure enough Modou pointed out an adult bird which was surprisingly difficult to see. Well done again Modou! We cruised back along the creeks seeing Gull-billed Tern and at least 10 Hamerkop. Another excellent river trip. Back in camp by 11:00 we paid our bills eager to get back on the road.

A short drive took us to the Batteling Bush Track. A flyover Mottled Spinetail captured our attention but it was 32c and the raptors were up. African Hawk Eagle, Brown Snake Eagle and Short toed Eagle preceded an adult and juvenile Bateleur. We reached the spot where Brown Rumped Bunting can be found. Modou imitated the call of the Pearl spotted Owlet and

called in a Yellow White Eye, Yellow fronted Tinkerbird, Yellow fronted Canary, Green backed Eromomela and even a Brown backed Woodpecker. Modou (as usual) heard the target species. I really wanted this one, so setting my conscience aside I admitted having an MP3 with me. Soon enough after a couple of blasts we had 3 Brown-Rumped Bunting, one very showy one which posed for photographs. We wandered on eventually coming to some more peanut fields where Modou wanted to look for Ground Hornbill. However I suspect he was really looking for very early Courser because you really do not have to look that close to see Ground Hornbill in a field! We saw neither, but we did see a perched Grasshopper Buzzard.



Back in the minivan we passed swiftly along the sandy track until Modou call a halt again. Once again being in the back, Paul and I had no idea why we had stopped. However, Modou had spotted an African Cuckoo and we were soon onto it. While we were admiring the Cuckoo Modou got the scope on a White-headed Vulture. I got a brief glimpse but Paul didn't. When we reached the south bank road Moses (the driver) declared that a tyre needed air. Since we had already used the spare we had to stop at a village. We were then treated to a moment of pure comedy. The valve was removed from the tyre, a rubber tube connected to a bicycle pump was held against the hole. Pumping commenced! After a while it was clear that nothing was happening inflation wise. Modou stepped up to take charge barking out instructions and handling the pump himself. Eventually common sense prevailed. Moses changed the wheels for the better inflated tyres and we would wait while he limped off to find air.

We strolled up the road looking for likely habitat. A scrubby area with a dried up watercourse produced typical passerines. A slightly deeper forested area attracted African Oriole and a noisy party of White-crested helmet Shrike. But the best part of the two hour wait was the raptors. We had excellent views of Whalberg's Eagle, Tawny Eagle, Grasshopper Buzzard and a juvenile White headed Vulture. Moses eventually turned up. He was embarrassed at the inconvenience we had suffered but he should not have worried. To make up time he kept his foot down on the dirt road towards the coast and as we banged and crashed our way down the road the dust in the back of the minivan was unbelievable. As we neared the coast we reached the tarmac road which lessened the dust slightly. Moses kept stopping to buy a sack of charcoal but never actually completed a transaction. The sacks cost about £3 so I told him that I would buy the charcoal. We stopped again and he loaded 3 sacks on the roof. I paid up feeling good about myself. That represented 3 months cooking fuel for Moses and his family. We eventually pulled into the Senegambia at about 19:30. I looked across at Paul where the dust had settled about half an inch thick on him, he didn't look amused! We didn't think we would see Modou's apprentice again so Paul presented him with a brand new copy of Birds of the Gambia. He had lugged the scope and tripod about wherever we were – even in the forest where there is only a very small chance of using them and he deserved his gift. We walked through the lobby of the Senegambia hotel amid the stares of the other guests. I could understand it as we were covered from head to foot in red dust. We had planned on having a couple of cups of tea, a hot shower and dinner down the strip. However we soon discovered that the safe was not working with our stuff inside and the safe man had gone home for the evening. We had insufficient cash in pocket for dinner so I went to reception. They claimed that they could not get the safe man back at night so I demanded that the duty manager lent me 2000 dalasi for our dinner. Not surprisingly the safe man turned up after about 30 mins! We wandered out to the gate of the hotel to agree with Modou tomorrow's itinerary. We would go to Farasutu Forest and Bonto Rice fields. Once again Modou jacked up the price by about £10 and reduced it to a long half day. Our options were limited at this late hour so we agreed.

Sunday morning was slightly cloudy with a north westerly breeze. We secured breakfast for Modou and Moses who turned up on time. Moses must have spent all night cleaning the minibus as it was spotless as we boarded. We set off for Farasutu unexpectedly picking up Modou's apprentice at the airport entrance. The forest was very quiet at first so we went to an adjacent pool where a pair of White-backed Night Heron was easily viewed. Four Blue-



cheeked Bee Eater flew overhead as did two Black Egret. We plunged back into the forest and found Green headed Sunbird and Yellow breasted Apalis. Reaching the area where Leaflove can be found Modou spoke the words I was dreading "MP3". We spent the next 30 minutes trying to lure a Leaflove into view. We succeeded in seeing a Grey headed Bristlebill feeding a juvenile. Modou suggested that Leaflove sometimes respond to Bristlebill calls, so he gave it a go. Bingo a pair of Leaflove right away. Too dark for a picture but seen well enough to identify. We

picked up a few more forest species, Wattle-eye, both Turaco and a Common Redstart. Leaving the forest Modou heard a Sulphur-breasted Bush-Shrike. He imitated an Owlet for a while then stared intently at a tree in the distance. After a short while said "there it is". Paul and I scanned for a while without success until Modou found it with the scope. And there it was exactly where Modou said it was. Time was getting on (for a long half day) and I reminded Modou were going to Bontoas I wanted Yellow Shouldered Widowbird. We trundled down the road to Bonto and pulled up by the police building. Modou suggested I didn't take pictures as the police didn't like it. Fair enough. Within minutes Modou had found a Yellow-throated Longclaw on the radio mast wires. Top bird. While we were scoping that Modou discovered a breeding male Yellow Shouldered Widowbird – fantastic. As we walked back to the minibus two more Yellow-throated Longclaw flew over our heads landing in the rice fields and Yellow crowned Bishop rounded the morning off nicely. Modou was quite animated as he hadn't seen any Yellow-throated Longclawhere for three years. We drew stumps and returned to the hotel by 14:00. Paul and I debated walking down to Kotu Creek but Modou reasoned we would not get anything we hadn't already seen. Fair point.

We decided that we would chill by the pool and later have an evening mooch around the grounds. Sitting at the beach pool bar consuming our lunch and a well earned beer we still managed to add Grey headed Gull, Arctic Skua, Royal and Lesser Crested Terns to our list. We even became tourists for a couple of hours and had a swim in both the sea and the pool. Our final mooch around the grounds added Olivaceous Warbler and flyover White-faced Whistling Duck to our Senegambia list. We took Modou out for a pizza dinner (his choice) and we agreed that on our final morning we would go to Abuko, then be dropped off at the airport. Once again he wanted to charge extra and as we had no real options we agreed. We were very mindful of the fact that we needed to get to the airport on time. We paid the hotel bill that evening and packed ready for our departure.

We arrived at Abuko in bright sunshine. Shunning the pool we plunged into the forest. As usual we had no idea what we were searching for. With a flash of wings an African Goshawk erupted in front of us seeking the security of the higher canopy. Apparently that was what we were looking for. As we tried to position ourselves for a better view there was a shout of “ants”. We had blundered upon an area of ant activity and they were angry. After a



couple of minutes of getting ants out of our pants we were off again. While searching for Snowy-crowned Robin Chat, Little Greenbul seemed comparatively abundant. Two African Paradise Flycatchers were found while searching for Collared Sunbird. A good deal of time was well spent looking for Western Bluebill and Orange-cheeked Waxbill. Frankly Abuko was slow and hard work so we called it a day and headed for the airport.

In summary it was a brilliant week. We achieved the target 256 species for the week and I added 96 to my Gambian list. We didn't find it particularly challenging or relentless and I feel that we could have achieved a bit more. I am probably not a great candidate for being guided but to maximise the benefit from a week in the Gambia having a guide is essential. If for nothing else it helps with the numerous checkpoints to get upriver. In one village close to the Senegal border (whose name I can't remember) we had to stop 3 times in 300 meters. Police, Army and Customs, each was “greased” to ensure a smooth and swift passage. There must be at least thirty between Kololi and Georgetown.

I am still a few birds short of a full Gambian set. I intend to return to the Gambia in the future with my family for a “human” holiday and I will attempt to complete the set hopefully when the roads are finished. Would I go with Modou? – no, he did a job but it could have been so much better. The itinerary which was made up on the hoof by negotiation was good but he charged top rates but provided the worst transport imaginable. He never told us why we were stopping or what we were looking for which was very frustrating. At every opportunity he tried to jack the price up.

I would however seek out JJ's services. In the short time we spent with him and his colleague he was a good companion and an excellent bird guide. Very considerate of what his client wanted and even considerate of our needs and we weren't paying him! Top bloke and he had his own decent transport.

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The Waypoints and species accounts follows.

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Gambia Waypoints

	North	East
Senegambia Beach Hotel	13 26.601	-16 43.356
Bijilo	12 26.122	-16 43.598
Tujering	13 17.778	-16 47.391
Brufut Woods	13 22.164	-16 46.185
Sotokai	13 14.406	-16 30.475
Bulok	13 11.048	-16 25.729
Sibanor	13 12.476	-16 12.026
Karjending	13 13.960	-15 59.579
Kalagi	13 15.109	-15 49.940
Mutaro Kunda Forest Park	13 21.865	-15 49.400
Wurokang	13 23.132	-15 49.240
Tendaba "Airport"	13 25.244	-15 48.042
Soma	13 26.267	-15 32.817
Yelitenda	13 30.358	-15 34.003
Farafenni	13 34.283	-15 35.750
Saback Sukoto	13 33.832	-15 32.786
Jakau-Ur	13 40.972	-15 22.803
Kau-Ur Wetlands	13 42.246	-15 21.419
Medina-Duisi	13 43.095	-15 16.624
Njau	13 44.644	-15 12.045
Wassau	13 40.814	-14 52.433
Janjanbureh	13 32.402	-14 45.448
Youo Beri Kunda	13 30.165	-14 45.315
Fulla Bantang	13 29.950	-14 50.017
Brikama Ba (Owl roost)	13 52.530	-14 55.406
Brikama Ba (Rice Fields)	13 33.022	-14 56.302
Kudang	13 39.312	-15 03.081
Bumari	13 24.217	-15 46.585
Batteling Bush track	13 24.682	-15 48.919
	13 22.475	-15 48.555
Farasutu Forest	13 17.791	-16 33.922
Bonto rice Fields	13 17.670	-16 33.124
Abuko	13 23.353	-16 38.530

The Gambia 2010

Event period: 08-Nov-2010 to 15-Nov-2010

Senegambia Beach Hotel (Western Division, The Gambia)

08/11/2010

34c, sunny

Cattle Egret [sp] (<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>)	1
Wattled Lapwing [sp] (<i>Vanellus senegallus</i>)	2
Speckled Pigeon [sp] (<i>Columba guinea</i>)	1
Laughing Dove [sp] (<i>Streptopelia senegalensis</i>)	1
Western Grey Plantain-Eater (<i>Crinifer piscator</i>)	1
Pearl-spotted Owlet [sp] (<i>Glaucidium perlatum</i>)	1
Broad-billed Roller [sp] (<i>Eurystomus glaucurus</i>)	3
Yellow-crowned Gonolek (<i>Laniarius barbarus barbarus</i>)	1
Common Bulbul [sp] (<i>Pycnonotus barbatus</i>)	2

Bijilo Forest Park (Western Division, The Gambia)

08/11/2010 16:15 to 08/11/2010 17:50

34c, sunny

Rhun Palm forest and coastal scrub

Long-tailed Cormorant [sp] (<i>Phalacrocorax africanus</i>)	2
Shikra [sp] (<i>Accipiter badius</i>)	2
Grey Kestrel (<i>Falco ardosiaceus</i>)	1
Whimbrel [sp] (<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>)	1
Royal Tern [sp] (<i>Thalasseus maximus</i>)	1
Sandwich Tern [sp] (<i>Thalasseus sandvicensis</i>)	1
Red-eyed Dove (<i>Streptopelia semitorquata</i>)	1
Vinaceous Dove (<i>Streptopelia vinacea</i>)	1
Laughing Dove [sp] (<i>Streptopelia senegalensis</i>)	1
Senegal Parrot [sp] (<i>Poicephalus senegalus</i>)	1
Senegal Coucal [sp] (<i>Centropus senegalensis</i>)	c.3
Mottled Spinetail [sp] (<i>Telacanthura ussheri</i>)	1
African Palm Swift [sp] (<i>Cypsiurus parvus</i>)	1
Blue-breasted Kingfisher [sp] (<i>Halcyon malimbica</i>)	1
Little Bee-eater [sp] (<i>Merops pusillus</i>)	2
Swallow-tailed Bee-eater [sp] (<i>Merops hirundineus</i>)	7
White-throated Bee-Eater (<i>Merops albicollis</i>)	1
Green Woodhoopoe [sp] (<i>Phoeniculus purpureus</i>)	9
Red-billed Hornbill [sp] (<i>Tockus erythrorhynchus</i>)	c.5
African Grey Hornbill [sp] (<i>Tockus nasutus</i>)	c.2
African Grey Woodpecker [sp] (<i>Dendropicos goertae</i>)	1
Yellow-crowned Gonolek (<i>Laniarius barbarus barbarus</i>)	2
Red-bellied Paradise-flycatcher [sp] (<i>Terpsiphone rufiventer</i>)	1
Piapiac (<i>Ptilostomus afer</i>)	c.11
Pied Crow (<i>Corvus albus</i>)	c.7
Northern Crombec [sp] (<i>Sylvietta brachyura</i>)	1
White-crowned Robin-chat [sp] (<i>Cossypha albicapilla</i>)	1
African Thrush [sp] (<i>Turdus pelios</i>)	1
Blackcap Babbler [sp] (<i>Turdoides reinwardtii</i>)	3
Brown Babbler [sp] (<i>Turdoides plebejus</i>)	c.5
Long-tailed Glossy Starling (<i>Lamprotornis caudatus</i>)	3
Grey-headed Sparrow [sp] (<i>Passer griseus</i>)	2
Red-billed Firefinch [sp] (<i>Lagonosticta senegala</i>)	2

Tujering (Western Division, The Gambia)

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34c, sunny

Black-headed Heron (<i>Ardea melanocephala</i>)	1
Osprey [sp] (<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>)	1
Black-shouldered Kite [sp] (<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>)	1
Black Kite [sp] (<i>Milvus migrans</i>)	1
Hooded Vulture (<i>Necrosyrtes monachus</i>)	1
African Harrier-hawk [sp] (<i>Polyboroides typus</i>)	1
Shikra [sp] (<i>Accipiter badius</i>)	3
Grey Kestrel (<i>Falco ardosiaceus</i>)	1
Black-billed Wood Dove (<i>Turtur abyssinicus</i>)	2
Western Grey Plantain-Eater (<i>Crinifer piscator</i>)	1
Klaas's Cuckoo (<i>Chrysococcyx klaas</i>)	1
Senegal Coucal [sp] (<i>Centropus senegalensis</i>)	1
African Pygmy Kingfisher [sp] (<i>Ispidina picta</i>)	1
Striped Kingfisher [sp] (<i>Halcyon chelicuti</i>)	1
Little Bee-eater [sp] (<i>Merops pusillus</i>)	c.20
Swallow-tailed Bee-eater [sp] (<i>Merops hirundineus</i>)	1
Abyssinian Roller (<i>Coracias abyssinicus</i>)	1
Rufous-crowned Roller [sp] (<i>Coracias naevius</i>)	1
Blue-bellied Roller (<i>Coracias cyanogaster</i>)	c.5
Black Woodhoopoe [sp] (<i>Rhinopomastus aterrimus</i>)	2
Red-billed Hornbill [sp] (<i>Tockus erythrorhynchus</i>)	1
Vieillot's Barbet [sp] (<i>Lybius vieillotii</i>)	2
Cardinal Woodpecker [sp] (<i>Dendropicos fuscescens</i>)	2
African Grey Woodpecker [sp] (<i>Dendropicos goertae</i>)	2
Brown-backed Woodpecker [sp] (<i>Dendropicos obsoletus</i>)	1
Senegal Batis (<i>Batis senegalensis</i>)	2
Black-crowned Tchagra [sp] (<i>Tchagra senegalus</i>)	c.3
African Golden Oriole [sp] (<i>Oriolus auratus</i>)	1
Pied Crow (<i>Corvus albus</i>)	1
Red-chested Swallow [sp] (<i>Hirundo lucida</i>)	1
Pied-winged Swallow (<i>Hirundo leucosoma</i>)	2
Fanti Saw-Wing (<i>Psalidoprocne obscura</i>)	2
White-shouldered Black Tit (<i>Melaniparus guineensis</i>)	2
Yellow Penduline Tit [sp] (<i>Anthoscopus parvulus</i>)	1
Common Bulbul [sp] (<i>Pycnonotus barbatus</i>)	1
Willow Warbler [sp] (<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>)	2
Common Chiffchaff [sp] (<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>)	1
Melodious Warbler (<i>Hippolais polyglotta</i>)	1
Grey-backed Camaroptera [sp] (<i>Camaroptera brachyura</i>)	1
Singing Cisticola [sp] (<i>Cisticola cantans</i>)	c.5
Whistling Cisticola [sp] (<i>Cisticola lateralis</i>)	c.2
Short-winged Cisticola [sp] (<i>Cisticola brachypterus</i>)	1
Rufous Cisticola (<i>Cisticola rufus</i>)	c.2
Tawny-flanked Prinia [sp] (<i>Prinia subflava</i>)	1
Red-winged Warbler [sp] (<i>Prinia erythroptera</i>)	c.5
Senegal Eremomela (<i>Eremomela pusilla</i>)	1
Northern Crombec [sp] (<i>Sylvietta brachyura</i>)	1
Whinchat (<i>Saxicola rubetra</i>)	1
Scarlet-chested Sunbird [sp] (<i>Chalcomitra senegalensis</i>)	2
Beautiful Sunbird [sp] (<i>Cinnyris pulchellus</i>)	1
Variable Sunbird [sp] (<i>Cinnyris venustus</i>)	2

Tujering (Western Division, The Gambia)

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34c, sunny

Copper Sunbird [sp] (<i>Cinnyris cupreus</i>)	c.2
Yellow-fronted Canary [sp] (<i>Serinus mozambicus</i>)	1
Grey-headed Sparrow [sp] (<i>Passer griseus</i>)	1
Bush Petronia (<i>Petronia dentata</i>)	1
Chestnut-crowned Sparrow-Weaver (<i>Plocepasser superciliosus</i>)	c.10
Little Weaver (<i>Ploceus luteolus</i>)	1
Vitelline Masked Weaver [sp] (<i>Ploceus vitellinus</i>)	1
Village Weaver [sp] (<i>Ploceus cucullatus</i>)	c.20
Orange Bishop (<i>Euplectes franciscanus</i>)	3
Black-winged Bishop (<i>Euplectes hordeaceus</i>)	2
Red-cheeked Cordonbleu [sp] (<i>Uraeginthus bengalus</i>)	c.20
Pin-tailed Whydah (<i>Vidua macroura</i>)	1

Brufut Woods (Western Division, The Gambia)

09/11/2010 12:00 to 09/11/2010 13:00

34c, hazy cloud

Osprey [sp] (<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>)	1
Lizard Buzzard [sp] (<i>Kaupifalco monogrammicus</i>)	1
Vinaceous Dove (<i>Streptopelia vinacea</i>)	1
Black-billed Wood Dove (<i>Turtur abyssinicus</i>)	1
Little Bee-eater [sp] (<i>Merops pusillus</i>)	1
Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird [sp] (<i>Pogoniulus chrysoconus</i>)	1
Vieillot's Barbet [sp] (<i>Lybius vieilloti</i>)	1
Northern Puffback [sp] (<i>Dryoscopus gambensis</i>)	2
Black-crowned Tchagra [sp] (<i>Tchagra senegalus</i>)	1
Fork-tailed Drongo [sp] (<i>Dicrurus adsimilis</i>)	1
Melodious Warbler (<i>Hippolais polyglotta</i>)	1
Singing Cisticola [sp] (<i>Cisticola cantans</i>)	1
Whistling Cisticola [sp] (<i>Cisticola lateralis</i>)	1
Senegal Eremomela (<i>Eremomela pusilla</i>)	1
Brown Babbler [sp] (<i>Turdoides plebejus</i>)	c.5
Splendid Sunbird (<i>Cinnyris coccinigastrus</i>)	2
Variable Sunbird [sp] (<i>Cinnyris venustus</i>)	2
Yellow-fronted Canary [sp] (<i>Serinus mozambicus</i>)	1
Grey-headed Sparrow [sp] (<i>Passer griseus</i>)	1
Chestnut-crowned Sparrow-Weaver (<i>Plocepasser superciliosus</i>)	3
Little Weaver (<i>Ploceus luteolus</i>)	1
Village Weaver [sp] (<i>Ploceus cucullatus</i>)	c.10

Senegambia Beach Hotel (Western Division, The Gambia)

09/11/2010 17:00 to 09/11/2010 18:20

34c, sunny

Cattle Egret [sp] (<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>)	1
Black Kite [sp] (<i>Milvus migrans</i>)	1
Hooded Vulture (<i>Necrosyrtes monachus</i>)	c.20
African Harrier-hawk [sp] (<i>Polyboroides typus</i>)	1
Speckled Pigeon [sp] (<i>Columba guinea</i>)	3
African Mourning Dove [sp] (<i>Streptopelia decipiens</i>)	1
Red-eyed Dove (<i>Streptopelia semitorquata</i>)	1
Western Grey Plantain-Eater (<i>Crinifer piscator</i>)	1
Senegal Coucal [sp] (<i>Centropus senegalensis</i>)	4
Pearl-spotted Owlet [sp] (<i>Glaucidium perlatum</i>)	1
Little Swift [sp] (<i>Apus affinis</i>)	c.3
African Palm Swift [sp] (<i>Cypsiurus parvus</i>)	1
Blue-breasted Kingfisher [sp] (<i>Halcyon malimbica</i>)	1
Broad-billed Roller [sp] (<i>Eurystomus glaucurus</i>)	1

Senegambia Beach Hotel (Western Division, The Gambia)

09/11/2010 17:00 to 09/11/2010 18:20

34c, sunny

African Grey Hornbill [sp] (<i>Tockus nasutus</i>)	c.4
Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird [sp] (<i>Pogoniulus chrysoconus</i>)	1
African Grey Woodpecker [sp] (<i>Dendropicos goertae</i>)	1
Yellow-billed Shrike [sp] (<i>Corvinella corvina</i>)	1
Piapiac (<i>Ptilostomus afer</i>)	8
Pied Crow (<i>Corvus albus</i>)	2
Mosque Swallow [sp] (<i>Cecropis senegalensis</i>)	1
Common Bulbul [sp] (<i>Pycnonotus barbatus</i>)	c.5
Oriole Warbler (<i>Hypergerus atriceps</i>)	2
Northern Black Flycatcher [sp] (<i>Melaenornis edoloides</i>)	3
White-crowned Robin-chat [sp] (<i>Cossypha albicapilla</i>)	2
African Thrush [sp] (<i>Turdus pelios</i>)	1
Bronze-tailed Glossy Starling [sp] (<i>Lamprotornis chalcurus</i>)	c.30
Long-tailed Glossy Starling (<i>Lamprotornis caudatus</i>)	3
Beautiful Sunbird [sp] (<i>Cinnyris pulchellus</i>)	1
Variable Sunbird [sp] (<i>Cinnyris venustus</i>)	2
Grey-headed Sparrow [sp] (<i>Passer griseus</i>)	2
Village Weaver [sp] (<i>Ploceus cucullatus</i>)	c.100
Red-billed Firefinch [sp] (<i>Lagonosticta senegala</i>)	1
Bronze Mannikin [sp] (<i>Spermestes cucullatus</i>)	6

Sotokai (Western Division, The Gambia)

10/11/2010 07:30

32-26c, cloudy, and thundery

Open woodland between FB and Sotokai on the South Bank Road

Yellow-billed Kite [group] (<i>Milvus migrans aegyptius/parasitus</i>)	1
Hooded Vulture (<i>Necrosyrtes monachus</i>)	1
Spur-winged Lapwing (<i>Vanellus spinosus</i>)	1
Rose-ringed Parakeet [sp] (<i>Psittacula krameri</i>)	c.7
Senegal Parrot [sp] (<i>Poicephalus senegalus</i>)	7
Klaas's Cuckoo (<i>Chrysococcyx klaas</i>)	1
Pearl-spotted Owlet [sp] (<i>Glaucidium perlatum</i>)	2
Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird [sp] (<i>Pogoniulus chrysoconus</i>)	1
Lesser Honeyguide [sp] (<i>Indicator minor</i>)	1
Greater Honeyguide (<i>Indicator indicator</i>)	1
Fine-spotted Woodpecker [sp] (<i>Campethera punctuligera</i>)	1
Northern Puffback [sp] (<i>Dryoscopus gambensis</i>)	1
Red-shouldered Cuckoo-Shrike (<i>Campephaga phoenicea</i>)	2
Yellow-billed Shrike [sp] (<i>Corvinella corvina</i>)	1
African Golden Oriole [sp] (<i>Oriolus auratus</i>)	5
Square-tailed Drongo [sp] (<i>Dicrurus ludwigii</i>)	1
Fork-tailed Drongo [sp] (<i>Dicrurus adsimilis</i>)	1
Piapiac (<i>Ptilostomus afer</i>)	12
Common Bulbul [sp] (<i>Pycnonotus barbatus</i>)	1
Grey-backed Camaroptera [sp] (<i>Camaroptera brachyura</i>)	1
Red-winged Warbler [sp] (<i>Prinia erythroptera</i>)	c.5
Brown Babbler [sp] (<i>Turdoides plebejus</i>)	1
Lesser Blue-eared Glossy Starling [sp] (<i>Lamprotornis chloropterus</i>)	5
Beautiful Sunbird [sp] (<i>Cinnyris pulchellus</i>)	1
Variable Sunbird [sp] (<i>Cinnyris venustus</i>)	2
Little Weaver (<i>Ploceus luteolus</i>)	1

Sotokai (Western Division, The Gambia)

10/11/2010 07:30

32-26c, cloudy, and thundery

Open woodland between FB and Sotokai on the South Bank Road

Black-necked Weaver [sp] (<i>Ploceus nigricollis</i>)	2
Vitelline Masked Weaver [sp] (<i>Ploceus vitellinus</i>)	2
Orange Bishop (<i>Euplectes franciscanus</i>)	2
Lavender Waxbill (<i>Estrilda caerulescens</i>)	c.4
Black-rumped Waxbill (<i>Estrilda troglodytes</i>)	1
Red-billed Firefinch [sp] (<i>Lagonosticta senegala</i>)	1

Bulok (Western Division, The Gambia)

10/11/2010 10:00

26c, raining

open scrub with wide track between Samianga and Bulok on the south bank road

Palm-nut Vulture (<i>Gypohierax angolensis</i>)	1
Wattled Lapwing [sp] (<i>Vanellus senegallus</i>)	1
Black-billed Wood Dove (<i>Turtur abyssinicus</i>)	2
African Green Pigeon [sp] (<i>Treron calvus</i>)	c.5
Vieillot's Barbet [sp] (<i>Lybius vieilloti</i>)	1
Bearded Barbet (<i>Lybius dubius</i>)	1
Greater Honeyguide (<i>Indicator indicator</i>)	1
Brown Babbler [sp] (<i>Turdoides plebejus</i>)	1
Vitelline Masked Weaver [sp] (<i>Ploceus vitellinus</i>)	4
Orange Bishop (<i>Euplectes franciscanus</i>)	1
Black-winged Bishop (<i>Euplectes hordeaceus</i>)	1
Red-cheeked Cordonbleu [sp] (<i>Uraeginthus bengalus</i>)	c.10

Sibanor (Western Division, The Gambia)

10/11/2010 10:40

28c, White cloud

Brief roadside stop on edge of town

Levaillant's Cuckoo (<i>Clamator levaillantii</i>)	1
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Gebangar (Western Division, The Gambia)

10/11/2010 11:15

30c, white cloud

Water body by South Bank Road

Shikra [sp] (<i>Accipiter badius</i>)	1
Long-crested Eagle (<i>Lophaelix occipitalis</i>)	1
African Jacana (<i>Actophilornis africanus</i>)	6
Malachite Kingfisher [sp] (<i>Alcedo cristata</i>)	1

Karjending (Western Division, The Gambia)

10/11/2010 11:40 to 10/11/2010 13:00

30c, White cloud

Peanut fields with occasional trees and scrub

Pink-backed Pelican (<i>Pelecanus rufescens</i>)	1
African White-backed Vulture (<i>Gyps africanus</i>)	2
Bateleur (<i>Terathopius ecaudatus</i>)	1
African Harrier-hawk [sp] (<i>Polyboroides typus</i>)	1
African Hawk-Eagle (<i>Aquila spilogaster</i>)	2
Grey Kestrel (<i>Falco ardosiaceus</i>)	1
Black-headed Lapwing [sp] (<i>Vanellus tectus</i>)	3
Laughing Dove [sp] (<i>Streptopelia senegalensis</i>)	1
Namaqua Dove [sp] (<i>Oena capensis</i>)	1
Bruce's Green Pigeon (<i>Treron waalia</i>)	c.3
Mottled Spinetail [sp] (<i>Telacanthura ussheri</i>)	1
African Palm Swift [sp] (<i>Cypsiurus parvus</i>)	1
Striped Kingfisher [sp] (<i>Halcyon chelicuti</i>)	1

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Karjending (Western Division, The Gambia)

10/11/2010 11:40 to 10/11/2010 13:00

30c, White cloud

Peanut fields with occasional trees and scrub

European Bee-Eater (<i>Merops apiaster</i>)	1
Abyssinian Roller (<i>Coracias abyssinicus</i>)	1
Rufous-crowned Roller [sp] (<i>Coracias naevius</i>)	1
Green Woodhoopoe [sp] (<i>Phoeniculus purpureus</i>)	1
Red-billed Hornbill [sp] (<i>Tockus erythrorhynchus</i>)	1
Brubru [sp] (<i>Nilaus afer</i>)	2
African Yellow White-eye [sp] (<i>Zosterops senegalensis</i>)	1

Greater Blue-eared Glossy Starling [sp] (*Lamprotornis chalybaeus*)Lesser Blue-eared Glossy Starling [sp] (*Lamprotornis chloropterus*)Variable Sunbird [sp] (*Cinnyris venustus*)British Yellow Wagtail (*Motacilla flava flavissima*)Red-cheeked Cordonbleu [sp] (*Uraeginthus bengalus*)Pin-tailed Whydah (*Vidua macroura*)Village Indigobird [sp] (*Vidua chalybeata*)**Kalagi (Western Division, The Gambia)**

10/11/2010 14:00 to 10/11/2010 15:20

30c, sunny with white cloud

Lunch stop by river

Spur-winged Goose [sp] (<i>Plectropterus gambensis</i>)	3
Great Egret [sp] (<i>Ardea alba</i>)	1
Little Egret [sp] (<i>Egretta garzetta</i>)	1
Hamerkop [sp] (<i>Scopus umbretta</i>)	1
Osprey [sp] (<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>)	1
Senegal Thick-Knee (<i>Burhinus senegalensis</i>)	c.5
Spur-winged Lapwing (<i>Vanellus spinosus</i>)	1
Common Sandpiper (<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>)	1
Speckled Pigeon [sp] (<i>Columba guinea</i>)	c.10
Malachite Kingfisher [sp] (<i>Alcedo cristata</i>)	1
Pied Kingfisher [sp] (<i>Ceryle rudis</i>)	3
Abyssinian Roller (<i>Coracias abyssinicus</i>)	2
Red-billed Hornbill [sp] (<i>Tockus erythrorhynchus</i>)	1
Long-tailed Glossy Starling (<i>Lamprotornis caudatus</i>)	1

Mutaro Kunda Forest Park (Lower River Division, The Gambia)

10/11/2010 16:00 to 10/11/2010 16:05

30c, sunny

Brief roadside stop

White Helmetshrike [sp] (<i>Prionops plumatus</i>)	4
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Wurokang (Lower River Division, The Gambia)

10/11/2010 16:15 to 10/11/2010 17:00

32C Sunny

bush track

Brown Snake Eagle (<i>Circaetus cinereus</i>)	1
Dark Chanting Goshawk [sp] (<i>Melierax metabates</i>)	1
Grasshopper Buzzard (<i>Butastur rufipennis</i>)	1
Namaqua Dove [sp] (<i>Oena capensis</i>)	2
Rose-ringed Parakeet [sp] (<i>Psittacula krameri</i>)	7
Greater Honeyguide (<i>Indicator indicator</i>)	1
Brown-backed Woodpecker [sp] (<i>Dendropicos obsoletus</i>)	1
Black-crowned Tchagra [sp] (<i>Tchagra senegalus</i>)	1
Rufous-chested Swallow [sp] (<i>Cecropis semirufa</i>)	1
Willow Warbler [sp] (<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>)	2

Wurokang (Lower River Division, The Gambia)

10/11/2010 16:15 to 10/11/2010 17:00

32C Sunny

bush track

Melodious Warbler (*Hippolais polyglotta*) 2
 Senegal Eremomela (*Eremomela pusilla*) 1
 African Yellow White-eye [sp] (*Zosterops senegalensis*) 1

Yellow-billed Oxpecker [sp] (*Buphagus africanus*) 3
 Pygmy Sunbird (*Hedypipna platyura*) 3
 Scarlet-chested Sunbird [sp] (*Chalcomitra senegalensis*) 1

Copper Sunbird [sp] (*Cinnyris cupreus*) 2

Tendaba "airport" (Lower River Division, The Gambia)

10/11/2010 17:15 to 10/11/2010 18:00

32c, sunny

Flat expanse of mud and wetlands

Pink-backed Pelican (*Pelecanus rufescens*) c.12
 Great Egret [sp] (*Ardea alba*) 1
 Little Egret [sp] (*Egretta garzetta*) 1
 Western Banded Snake Eagle (*Circaetus cinerascens*) 1
 Gabar Goshawk [sp] (*Micronisus gabar*) 1
 Senegal Thick-Knee (*Burhinus senegalensis*) 5
 Wattled Lapwing [sp] (*Vanellus senegallus*) 1
 Black-winged Stilt (*Himantopus himantopus*) 4
 Common Greenshank (*Tringa nebularia*) c.10
 Bruce's Green Pigeon (*Treron waalia*) 1
 Senegal Parrot [sp] (*Poicephalus senegalus*) c.
 Senegal Coucal [sp] (*Centropus senegalensis*) 1
 Abyssinian Roller (*Coracias abyssinicus*) 2
 Red-billed Hornbill [sp] (*Tockus erythrorhynchus*) 1
 African Grey Woodpecker [sp] (*Dendropicos goertae*) 2
 Yellow-billed Shrike [sp] (*Corvinella corvina*) 1
 Square-tailed Drongo [sp] (*Dicrurus ludwigii*) 1
 Brown Babbler [sp] (*Turdoides plebejus*) c.3
 Lesser Blue-eared Glossy Starling [sp] (*Lamprolornis chloropterus*) 1
 Purple Glossy Starling [sp] (*Lamprolornis purpureus*) 1
 Long-tailed Glossy Starling (*Lamprolornis caudatus*) 1

Soma (Lower River Division, The Gambia)

11/11/2010 07:20

29c sunny

Wetland area, causeway crossing

Egyptian Plover (*Pluvianus aegyptius*) 2

Yelitenda (Lower River Division, The Gambia)

11/11/2010 07:45

29c, sunny

Rice paddy and river crossing

Spur-winged Goose [sp] (*Plectropterus gambensis*) 15
 Western Reef Egret [sp] (*Egretta gularis*) 2
 Squacco Heron (*Ardeola ralloides*) 1
 Osprey [sp] (*Pandion haliaetus*) 1
 Common Sandpiper (*Actitis hypoleucos*) 1
 Senegal Parrot [sp] (*Poicephalus senegalus*) 1
 Blue-breasted Kingfisher [sp] (*Halcyon malimbica*) 1
 Red-rumped Swallow [group] (*Cecropis daurica* [daurica-group]) 1
 Village Weaver [sp] (*Ploceus cucullatus*) c.30

Banbatenda (North Bank Division, The Gambia)

11/11/2010 09:00

29c, sunny

Palm-nut Vulture (*Gypohierax angolensis*) 1
 Senegal Thick-Knee (*Burhinus senegalensis*) 2
 African Grey Woodpecker [sp] (*Dendropicos goertae*) 1

Farfenni (North Bank Division, The Gambia)

11/11/2010 09:15

29c, sunny

Waiting for a tyre repair

Bearded Barbet (*Lybius dubius*) 3

Saback Sukuto (North Bank Division, The Gambia)

11/11/2010 09:40

32c, sunny

Pool adjacent to North Bank Road on south side. Fringed with bushes and track passing through nearby scrub

African Collared Dove [sp] (*Streptopelia roseogrisea*) 1
 Little Green Bee-eater [sp] (*Merops orientalis*) 2
 Black Woodhoopoe [sp] (*Rhinopomastus aterrimus*) 1
 African Grey Hornbill [sp] (*Tockus nasutus*) 1
 Yellow-crowned Gonolek (*Laniarius barbarus barbarus*) 1

African Golden Oriole [sp] (*Oriolus auratus*) 1
 Common Bulbul [sp] (*Pycnonotus barbatus*) 1
 Willow Warbler [sp] (*Phylloscopus trochilus*) 2
 Senegal Eremomela (*Eremomela pusilla*) 1
 Blackcap [sp] (*Sylvia atricapilla*) 1
 Northern Crombec [sp] (*Sylvietta brachyura*) 1
 White-fronted Black Chat [sp] (*Myrmecocichla albifrons*) 1

Greater Blue-eared Glossy Starling [sp] (*Lamprolornis chalybaeus*) 1
 Lesser Blue-eared Glossy Starling [sp] (*Lamprolornis chloropterus*) 3
 Yellow-fronted Canary [sp] (*Serinus mozambicus*) 1
 Red-billed Quelea [sp] (*Quelea quelea*) 1
 Orange Bishop (*Euplectes franciscanus*) c.8
 Black-rumped Waxbill (*Estrilda troglodytes*) c.12
 Long-tailed Paradise Whydah (*Vidua interjecta*) 2

Jakau-ur (Central River Division, The Gambia)

11/11/2010 10:15 to 11/11/2010 11:30

32c, sunny

Pool adjacent to North Bank Road on south side. Fringed with bushes general scrubby area.

Eurasian Marsh Harrier [sp] (*Circus aeruginosus*) 1
 Namaqua Dove [sp] (*Oena capensis*) 2
 Chestnut-backed Sparrow-lark [sp] (*Eremopterix leucotis*) 2
 Rufous Scrub Robin [sp] (*Cercotrichas galactotes*) 3
 Cinnamon-breasted Bunting [sp] (*Emberiza tahapisi*) c.3
 Grey-headed Sparrow [sp] (*Passer griseus*) 1
 Orange Bishop (*Euplectes franciscanus*) c.10
 Black-rumped Waxbill (*Estrilda troglodytes*) c.20
 Red-cheeked Cordonbleu [sp] (*Uraeginthus bengalus*) c.10
 Long-tailed Paradise Whydah (*Vidua interjecta*) c.7
 Village Indigobird [sp] (*Vidua chalybeata*) 1

Kau-ur Wetlands (Central River Division, The Gambia)

11/11/2010 11:40 to 11/11/2010 12:15

34c, sunny

Grass fringed lake with scattered trees, drying out. Plovers at the Jamwilli end of water.

Grey Heron [sp] (<i>Ardea cinerea</i>)	1
Great Egret [sp] (<i>Ardea alba</i>)	c.50
Black Kite [sp] (<i>Milvus migrans</i>)	1
Senegal Thick-Knee (<i>Burhinus senegalensis</i>)	c.100
Spur-winged Lapwing (<i>Vanellus spinosus</i>)	c.20
Black-headed Lapwing [sp] (<i>Vanellus tectus</i>)	c.9
White-headed Lapwing (<i>Vanellus albiceps</i>)	11
Black-winged Stilt (<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>)	2
Common Sandpiper (<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>)	1
Wood Sandpiper (<i>Tringa glareola</i>)	1
Ruff (<i>Philomachus pugnax</i>)	1
Egyptian Plover (<i>Pluvianus aegyptius</i>)	2
Mottled Spinetail [sp] (<i>Telacanthura ussheri</i>)	5
Woodland Kingfisher [sp] (<i>Halcyon senegalensis</i>)	2
Chestnut-backed Sparrow-lark [sp] (<i>Eremopterix leucotis</i>)	7
British Yellow Wagtail (<i>Motacilla flava flavissima</i>)	c.6
Bush Petronia (<i>Petronia dentata</i>)	2
Yellow-crowned Bishop [sp] (<i>Euplectes afer</i>)	2

Medina - Duisi (Central River Division, The Gambia)

11/11/2010 12:30 to 11/11/2010 12:35

34c, sunny

Open savannah with scattered trees between Medina and Duisi north of the North Bank Road.

Hooded Vulture (<i>Necrosyrtes monachus</i>)	1
African White-backed Vulture (<i>Gyps africanus</i>)	5
Rueppell's Griffon [sp] (<i>Gyps rueppellii</i>)	4
Eurasian Griffon [sp] (<i>Gyps fulvus</i>)	2

Njau (Central River Division, The Gambia)

11/11/2010 12:45

34c, hazy cloud with light easterly breeze

Open country lightly farmed

Little Green Bee-eater [sp] (<i>Merops orientalis</i>)	2
Northern Anteater Chat [sp] (<i>Myrmecocichla aethiops</i>)	3

Wassau (Central River Division, The Gambia)

11/11/2010 13:40 to 11/11/2010 13:50

34c, hazy cloud, slight easterly breeze

brief roadside stop in open savannah country

Wattled Lapwing [sp] (<i>Vanellus senegallus</i>)	2
Northern Carmine Bee-Eater (<i>Merops nubicus</i>)	2

Janjanbureh (Georgetown) (Central River Division, The Gambia)

11/11/2010 16:00 to 11/11/2010 18:32

34c, sunny

Boat trip west for a couple of miles skirting the north bank of the River Gambia. Dense vegetation and Mangroves

Spur-winged Goose [sp] (<i>Plectropterus gambensis</i>)	14
Long-tailed Cormorant [sp] (<i>Phalacrocorax africanus</i>)	2
Grey Heron [sp] (<i>Ardea cinerea</i>)	2
Squacco Heron (<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>)	4
Striated Heron [sp] (<i>Butorides striata</i>)	c.11
Hadada Ibis [sp] (<i>Bostrychia hagedash</i>)	1
Hamerkop [sp] (<i>Scopus umbretta</i>)	3

Janjanbureh (Georgetown) (Central River Division, The Gambia)

11/11/2010 16:00 to 11/11/2010 18:32

34c, sunny

Boat trip west for a couple of miles skirting the north bank of the River Gambia. Dense vegetation and Mangroves

Marabou Stork (<i>Leptoptilos crumeniferus</i>)	1
African Fish Eagle (<i>Haliaeetus vocifer</i>)	1
Palm-nut Vulture (<i>Gypohierax angolensis</i>)	1
Gabar Goshawk [sp] (<i>Micronisus gabar</i>)	1
Red-necked Falcon [sp] (<i>Falco chicquera</i>)	1
African Finfoot [sp] (<i>Podica senegalensis</i>)	2
Senegal Thick-Knee (<i>Burhinus senegalensis</i>)	10
Spur-winged Lapwing (<i>Vanellus spinosus</i>)	c.15
Four-banded Sandgrouse (<i>Pterocles quadricinctus</i>)	2
European Turtle Dove [sp] (<i>Streptopelia turtur</i>)	1
African Collared Dove [sp] (<i>Streptopelia roseogrisea</i>)	2
Bruce's Green Pigeon (<i>Treron waalia</i>)	2
Malachite Kingfisher [sp] (<i>Alcedo cristata</i>)	1
Grey-headed Kingfisher [sp] (<i>Halcyon leucocephala</i>)	4
Woodland Kingfisher [sp] (<i>Halcyon senegalensis</i>)	2
Blue-breasted Kingfisher [sp] (<i>Halcyon malimbica</i>)	1
Pied Kingfisher [sp] (<i>Ceryle rudis</i>)	c.3
Red-throated Bee-eater [sp] (<i>Merops bulocki</i>)	2
Bearded Barbet (<i>Lybius dubius</i>)	2
Oriole Warbler (<i>Hypergerus atriceps</i>)	1
Swamp Flycatcher [sp] (<i>Muscicapa aquatica</i>)	8
Black-headed Weaver [sp] (<i>Ploceus melanocephalus</i>)	c.15
Black-rumped Waxbill (<i>Estrilda troglodytes</i>)	10

Youo Beri Kunda (Central River Division, The Gambia)

12/11/2010 08:10 to 12/11/2010 08:15

32c, sunny

trees adjacent to crossroad.

African Harrier-hawk [sp] (<i>Polyboroides typus</i>)	1
Red-throated Bee-eater [sp] (<i>Merops bulocki</i>)	3

Fulla Bantang (Central River Division, The Gambia)

12/11/2010 08:25 to 12/11/2010 08:45

34c, sunny

village with large "roosting" tree

Marabou Stork (<i>Leptoptilos crumeniferus</i>)	11
White-rumped Seedeater [sp] (<i>Serinus leucopygius</i>)	2

Brikama Ba (Central River Division, The Gambia)

12/11/2010 09:00 to 12/11/2010 09:15

36c, sunny

Isolated trees on the edge of a small village

Eurasian Marsh Harrier [sp] (<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>)	1
Verreaux's Eagle-Owl (<i>Bubo lacteus</i>)	2
Northern House Martin [sp] (<i>Delichon urbicum</i>)	c.100
White-rumped Seedeater [sp] (<i>Serinus leucopygius</i>)	1

Brikama Ba (Central River Division, The Gambia)

12/11/2010 09:30 to 12/11/2010 11:12

36c, sunny

Rice fields, sown and unsown, wet and dry, bushy fringes

White-faced Whistling Duck (<i>Dendrocygna viduata</i>)	c.40
African Pygmy Goose (<i>Nettapus auritus</i>)	3
Darter [sp] (<i>Anhinga melanogaster</i>)	1
Grey Heron [sp] (<i>Ardea cinerea</i>)	2
Black-headed Heron (<i>Ardea melanocephala</i>)	1

Brikama Ba (Central River Division, The Gambia)

12/11/2010 09:30 to 12/11/2010 11:12

36c, sunny

Rice fields, sown and unsown, wet and dry, bushy fringes

Purple Heron [sp] (<i>Ardea purpurea</i>)	1
Great Egret [sp] (<i>Ardea alba</i>)	c.10
Intermediate Egret [sp] (<i>Mesophoyx intermedia</i>)	3
Little Egret [sp] (<i>Egretta garzetta</i>)	1
Cattle Egret [sp] (<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>)	c.10
Squacco Heron (<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>)	3
Marabou Stork (<i>Leptoptilos crumeniferus</i>)	1
Eurasian Marsh Harrier [sp] (<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>)	2
Lanner Falcon [sp] (<i>Falco biarmicus</i>)	1
Black Crane (<i>Amaurornis flavirostra</i>)	2
Senegal Thick-Knee (<i>Burhinus senegalensis</i>)	2
Black-headed Lapwing [sp] (<i>Vanellus tectus</i>)	3
Black-winged Stilt (<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>)	4
African Jacana (<i>Actophilornis africanus</i>)	c.10
Common Greenshank (<i>Tringa nebularia</i>)	1
Wood Sandpiper (<i>Tringa glareola</i>)	2
Common Snipe [sp] (<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>)	c.7
Winding Cisticola sp. [sp] (<i>Cisticola galactotes</i>)	5
Yellow-crowned Bishop [sp] (<i>Euplectes afer</i>)	4
Black-faced Quailfinch [sp] (<i>Ortygospiza atricollis</i>)	4

Kudang (Central River Division, The Gambia)

12/11/2010 11:45 to 12/11/2010 12:25

36c, sunny

Scrubby area with sandy tracks

Western Banded Snake Eagle (<i>Circaetus cinerascens</i>)	1
Four-banded Sandgrouse (<i>Pterocles quadricinctus</i>)	c.6
Green-winged Pytilia [sp] (<i>Pytilia melba</i>)	1

Bumari (Lower River Division, The Gambia)

12/11/2010 13:00

39c, sunny

Double-spurred Francolin [sp] (*Francolinus bicalcaratus*)Bateleur (*Terathopius ecaudatus*)**Tendaba "airport" (Lower River Division, The Gambia)**

12/11/2010 17:00

38c, sunny

Airfield and track

Hamerkop [sp] (<i>Scopus umbretta</i>)	1
African Hobby (<i>Falco cuvierii</i>)	1
Grey Plover (<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>)	1
Royal Tern [sp] (<i>Thalasseus maximus</i>)	1
Rose-ringed Parakeet [sp] (<i>Psittacula krameri</i>)	c.10
Senegal Parrot [sp] (<i>Poicephalus senegalus</i>)	c.7
Abyssinian Roller (<i>Coracias abyssinicus</i>)	2
Red-billed Hornbill [sp] (<i>Tockus erythrorhynchus</i>)	1
Grey-headed Bushshrike [sp] (<i>Malaconotus blanchoti</i>)	2

Katchang (North Bank Division, The Gambia)

13/11/2010 08:00 to 13/11/2010 11:00

28c, sunny

River trip from Tendaba Camp amongst mangrove creeks of the north bank of the River Gambia

Spur-winged Goose [sp] (<i>Plectropterus gambensis</i>)	5
Pink-backed Pelican (<i>Pelecanus rufescens</i>)	c.20
Darter [sp] (<i>Anhinga melanogaster</i>)	c.10

Katchang (North Bank Division, The Gambia)

13/11/2010 08:00 to 13/11/2010 11:00

28c, sunny

River trip from Tendaba Camp amongst mangrove creeks of the north bank of the River Gambia

Grey Heron [sp] (<i>Ardea cinerea</i>)	c.10
Goliath Heron (<i>Ardea goliath</i>)	1
Great Egret [sp] (<i>Ardea alba</i>)	c.5
Little Egret [sp] (<i>Egretta garzetta</i>)	c.5
Western Reef Egret [sp] (<i>Egretta gularis</i>)	c.10
Squacco Heron (<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>)	c.5
White-backed Night Heron (<i>Gorsachius leuconotus</i>)	1
Hamerkop [sp] (<i>Scopus umbretta</i>)	c.10
Woolly-necked Stork [sp] (<i>Ciconia episcopus</i>)	c.6
Yellow-billed Stork (<i>Mycteria ibis</i>)	4
Osprey [sp] (<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>)	1
Black Kite [sp] (<i>Milvus migrans</i>)	1
Short-toed Eagle (<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>)	1
Martial Eagle (<i>Polemaetus bellicosus</i>)	1
Common Kestrel [sp] (<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>)	1
Peregrine Falcon [sp] (<i>Falco peregrinus</i>)	1
Common Sandpiper (<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>)	c.20
Common Greenshank (<i>Tringa nebularia</i>)	1
Common Redshank [sp] (<i>Tringa totanus</i>)	1
Whimbrel [sp] (<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>)	c.30
Gull-billed Tern [sp] (<i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i>)	2
Red-eyed Dove (<i>Streptopelia semitorquata</i>)	1
Bruce's Green Pigeon (<i>Treron waalia</i>)	2
Dideric Cuckoo (<i>Chrysococcyx caprius</i>)	1
Malachite Kingfisher [sp] (<i>Alcedo cristata</i>)	1
Grey-headed Kingfisher [sp] (<i>Halcyon leucocephala</i>)	c.5
Pied Kingfisher [sp] (<i>Ceryle rudis</i>)	c.6
European Bee-Eater (<i>Merops apiaster</i>)	c.10
Abyssinian Roller (<i>Coracias abyssinicus</i>)	c.4
Woodchat Shrike [sp] (<i>Lanius senator</i>)	1
Red-chested Swallow [sp] (<i>Hirundo lucida</i>)	8
Wire-tailed Swallow [sp] (<i>Hirundo smithii</i>)	1
Northern House Martin [sp] (<i>Delichon urbicum</i>)	c.20
Greater Blue-eared Glossy Starling [sp] (<i>Lamprotornis chalybaeus</i>)	3
Mouse-brown Sunbird (<i>Anthreptes gabonicus</i>)	c.7

Batteling (Lower River Division, The Gambia)

13/11/2010 11:45 to 13/11/2010 13:00

32c, sunny

Bush track through open woodland

Black Kite [sp] (<i>Milvus migrans</i>)	1
Short-toed Eagle (<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>)	1
Brown Snake Eagle (<i>Circaetus cinereus</i>)	1
Bateleur (<i>Terathopius ecaudatus</i>)	2
African Hawk-Eagle (<i>Aquila spilogaster</i>)	1
Mottled Spinetail [sp] (<i>Telacanthura ussheri</i>)	1
Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird [sp] (<i>Pogoniulus chrysoconus</i>)	2
Brown-backed Woodpecker [sp] (<i>Dendropicos obsoletus</i>)	1
Senegal Eremomela (<i>Eremomela pusilla</i>)	1
African Yellow White-eye [sp] (<i>Zosterops senegalensis</i>)	1
Brown-rumped Bunting [sp] (<i>Emberiza affinis</i>)	3
Yellow-fronted Canary [sp] (<i>Serinus mozambicus</i>)	1

Batteling (Lower River Division, The Gambia)

13/11/2010 13:30 to 13/11/2010 14:15

32c, sunny

Agricultural land, cattle and peanut plantation

Dark Chanting Goshawk [sp] (<i>Melierax metabates</i>)	1
Grasshopper Buzzard (<i>Butastur rufipennis</i>)	1
Lanner Falcon [sp] (<i>Falco biarmicus</i>)	2
Fork-tailed Drongo [sp] (<i>Dicrurus adsimilis</i>)	1
Common Bulbul [sp] (<i>Pycnonotus barbatus</i>)	1
Tawny-flanked Prinia [sp] (<i>Prinia subflava</i>)	1
Yellow-billed Oxpecker [sp] (<i>Buphagus africanus</i>)	11
Grey-headed Sparrow [sp] (<i>Passer griseus</i>)	1
Orange Bishop (<i>Euplectes franciscanus</i>)	1

Wurokang (Lower River Division, The Gambia)

13/11/2010 14:15 to 13/11/2010 14:20

32c, sunny

Open savannah with scattered trees

White-headed Vulture (<i>Trionoceps occipitalis</i>)	1
African Cuckoo (<i>Cuculus gularis</i>)	1

Wurokang (Lower River Division, The Gambia)

13/11/2010 14:30 to 13/11/2010 16:00

32c, sunny

Open woodland adjacent to South Bank Road. Enforced stop due to flat tyres

White-headed Vulture (<i>Trionoceps occipitalis</i>)	1
Grasshopper Buzzard (<i>Butastur rufipennis</i>)	1
Tawny Eagle [sp] (<i>Aquila rapax</i>)	1
Wahlberg's Eagle (<i>Hieraetus wahlbergi</i>)	1
Green Woodhoopoe [sp] (<i>Phoeniculus purpureus</i>)	3
White Helmetshrike [sp] (<i>Prionops plumatus</i>)	4
African Golden Oriole [sp] (<i>Oriolus auratus</i>)	1
Fork-tailed Drongo [sp] (<i>Dicrurus adsimilis</i>)	1
Grey-backed Camaroptera [sp] (<i>Camaroptera brachyura</i>)	2
Tawny-flanked Prinia [sp] (<i>Prinia subflava</i>)	1
Senegal Eremomela (<i>Eremomela pusilla</i>)	1
Black-rumped Waxbill (<i>Estrilda troglodytes</i>)	c.20

Farasutu Forest (Western Division, The Gambia)

14/11/2010 08:45 to 14/11/2010 10:30

32c, 10NW, Sunny with white clouds

Dense canopy forest with adjacent open pool from gravel extraction

Black Heron (<i>Egretta ardesiaca</i>)	2
Cattle Egret [sp] (<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>)	2
White-backed Night Heron (<i>Gorsachius leuconotus</i>)	2
Hamerkop [sp] (<i>Scopus umbretta</i>)	1
African Harrier-hawk [sp] (<i>Polyboroides typus</i>)	3
Spur-winged Lapwing (<i>Vanellus spinosus</i>)	4
Blue-spotted Wood Dove (<i>Turtur afer</i>)	1
Guinea Turaco [sp] (<i>Tauraco persa</i>)	1
Violet Turaco (<i>Musophaga violacea</i>)	1
Western Grey Plantain-Eater (<i>Crinifer piscator</i>)	c.7
Woodland Kingfisher [sp] (<i>Halcyon senegalensis</i>)	2
Giant Kingfisher [sp] (<i>Megaceryle maximus</i>)	1
Pied Kingfisher [sp] (<i>Ceryle rudis</i>)	3
Little Bee-eater [sp] (<i>Merops pusillus</i>)	1
Blue-cheeked Bee-eater [sp] (<i>Merops persicus</i>)	4
Green Woodhoopoe [sp] (<i>Phoeniculus purpureus</i>)	6
African Pied Hornbill [sp] (<i>Tockus fasciatus</i>)	2
Greater Honeyguide (<i>Indicator indicator</i>)	1

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Farasutu Forest (Western Division, The Gambia)

14/11/2010 08:45 to 14/11/2010 10:30

32c, 10NW, Sunny with white clouds

Dense canopy forest with adjacent open pool from gravel extraction

Brown-throated Wattle-eye [sp] (<i>Platysteira cyanea</i>)	2
Northern Puffback [sp] (<i>Dryoscopus gambensis</i>)	1
Sulphur-breasted Bushshrike [sp] (<i>Telophorus sulfureopectus</i>)	1
Common Bulbul [sp] (<i>Pycnonotus barbatus</i>)	1
Leaf-love [sp] (<i>Phyllastrephus scandens</i>)	2
Grey-headed Bristlebill [sp] (<i>Bleda canicapillus</i>)	2
Willow Warbler [sp] (<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>)	1
Yellow-breasted Apalis [sp] (<i>Apalis flavida</i>)	c.4
Senegal Eremomela (<i>Eremomela pusilla</i>)	1
Common Redstart [sp] (<i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus</i>)	1
Green-headed Sunbird [sp] (<i>Cyanomitra verticalis</i>)	c.6
Beautiful Sunbird [sp] (<i>Cinnyris pulchellus</i>)	1
Village Weaver [sp] (<i>Ploceus cucullatus</i>)	c.20
Red-cheeked Cordonbleu [sp] (<i>Uraeginthus bengalus</i>)	c.10
Red-billed Firefinch [sp] (<i>Lagonosticta senegala</i>)	3

Bonto (Western Division, The Gambia)

14/11/2010 13:00 to 14/11/2010 13:30

34c, 10NW, Sunny with clouds

Rice fields by radio mast

Yellow-billed Kite [group] (<i>Milvus migrans aegyptius/parasitus</i>)	1
Yellow-throated Longclaw (<i>Macronyx croceus</i>)	3
Orange Bishop (<i>Euplectes franciscanus</i>)	8
Yellow-crowned Bishop [sp] (<i>Euplectes afer</i>)	4
Yellow-shouldered Widowbird [sp] (<i>Euplectes macroura</i>)	1

Senegambia Beach Hotel (Western Division, The Gambia)

14/11/2010 14:20 to 14/11/2010 18:00

32c, 15NW, sunny with clouds

White-faced Whistling Duck (<i>Dendrocygna viduata</i>)	19
Osprey [sp] (<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>)	1
Black Kite [sp] (<i>Milvus migrans</i>)	3
Hooded Vulture (<i>Necrosyrtes monachus</i>)	1
Grey-headed Gull [sp] (<i>Chroicocephalus cirrocephalus</i>)	10

Royal Tern [sp] (<i>Thalasseus maximus</i>)	1
Sandwich Tern [sp] (<i>Thalasseus sandvicensis</i>)	1
Lesser Crested Tern [sp] (<i>Thalasseus bengalensis</i>)	c.10
Arctic Skua (<i>Stercorarius parasiticus</i>)	2
Speckled Pigeon [sp] (<i>Columba guinea</i>)	1
Vinaceous Dove (<i>Streptopelia vinacea</i>)	1
Senegal Parrot [sp] (<i>Poicephalus senegalus</i>)	1
Western Grey Plantain-Eater (<i>Crinifer piscator</i>)	1
Pearl-spotted Owlet [sp] (<i>Glaucidium perlatum</i>)	1
Blue-breasted Kingfisher [sp] (<i>Halcyon malimbica</i>)	1
Broad-billed Roller [sp] (<i>Eurystomus glaucurus</i>)	2
Red-billed Hornbill [sp] (<i>Tockus erythrorhynchus</i>)	1
Northern Puffback [sp] (<i>Dryoscopus gambensis</i>)	4
Yellow-crowned Gonolek (<i>Laniarius barbarus barbarus</i>)	1
Piapiac (<i>Ptilostomus afer</i>)	9
Pied Crow (<i>Corvus albus</i>)	19
Mosque Swallow [sp] (<i>Cecropis senegalensis</i>)	2
Common Bulbul [sp] (<i>Pycnonotus barbatus</i>)	1
Western Olivaceous Warbler (<i>Hippolais opaca</i>)	1

Senegambia Beach Hotel (Western Division, The Gambia)

14/11/2010 14:20 to 14/11/2010 18:00

32c, 15NW, sunny with clouds

Northern Black Flycatcher [sp] (<i>Melaenornis edolioides</i>)	1
White-crowned Robin-chat [sp] (<i>Cossypha albicapilla</i>)	1
Long-tailed Glossy Starling (<i>Lamprotornis caudatus</i>)	1
Beautiful Sunbird [sp] (<i>Cinnyris pulchellus</i>)	2
Red-billed Firefinch [sp] (<i>Lagonosticta senegala</i>)	1

Senegambia Beach Hotel (Western Division, The Gambia)

15/11/2010 07:30

30c, sunny

House Sparrow [sp] (<i>Passer domesticus</i>)	1
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Abuko Nature Reserve (Western Division, The Gambia)

15/11/2010 08:30 to 15/11/2010 12:00

30c, sunny

Gallery Forest

White-breasted Cormorant (<i>Phalacrocorax carbo lucidus</i>)	1
African Goshawk [sp] (<i>Accipiter tachiro</i>)	1
Guinea Turaco [sp] (<i>Tauraco persa</i>)	c.2
Violet Turaco (<i>Musophaga violacea</i>)	c.3
Western Grey Plantain-Eater (<i>Crinifer piscator</i>)	1
Giant Kingfisher [sp] (<i>Megaceryle maximus</i>)	1
Bearded Barbet (<i>Lybius dubius</i>)	1
Brown-throated Wattle-eye [sp] (<i>Platysteira cyanea</i>)	3
African Paradise-flycatcher [sp] (<i>Terpsiphone viridis</i>)	2
Fanti Saw-Wing (<i>Psalidoprocne obscura</i>)	2
Little Greenbul [sp] (<i>Andropadus virens</i>)	c.5
Senegal Eremomela (<i>Eremomela pusilla</i>)	1
Snowy-crowned Robin-chat [sp] (<i>Cossypha niveicapilla</i>)	2
African Thrush [sp] (<i>Turdus pelios</i>)	c.2
Collared Sunbird [sp] (<i>Hedydipna collaris</i>)	1
Variable Sunbird [sp] (<i>Cinnyris venustus</i>)	1
Orange-cheeked Waxbill (<i>Estrilda melpoda</i>)	c.4
Western Bluebill [sp] (<i>Spermophaga haematina</i>)	c.4
Red-billed Firefinch [sp] (<i>Lagonosticta senegala</i>)	6
Bronze Mannikin [sp] (<i>Spermestes cucullatus</i>)	20