

TRIP REPORT

The GAMBIA 10 – 17 November 2015

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All pictures as this Black-crowned Crane belongs to Mr Ingvar Jansson

ITINERARY

Tuesday 10/11 Arrivel to Banjul and Hotel African Village at 4 pm.
Wednesday 11/11 Abuko Nature reserve and Lamin Lodge area.
Thursday 12/11 Start of four days trip to/via Tendaba, Kaur, Wassau, Georgetown , we stayed at Tendaba Bush Camp 3 nights. With birding stops at Pirang forest, Kampanti ricefields, Kiang West and several places at north bank.
Friday 13/11 Tendaba, boat tour in mangrove creeks at the northern bank of Gambia (Katchang) and Kiang West in the afternoon.
Saturday 14/11 North Bank Km 19, km 21, Kau Ur wetlands, Wassu and Georgtown
Sunday 15/11 Back to the coast with some stops.
Monday 16/11 Brufut wood and Kartong.
Tuesday 17/11 Lazy day around our hotel until leaving at 1 pm.

Group

The birding activities and holiday were shared with old friends, Stig Larsson, Ingvar Jansson and Kristoffer Olofsson.

Flights and hotel

We booked a "Vingresor" trip for one week, flights, hotel African Village and breakfast included, for a total fair of appr. 600 euro. African Village is a nice place to stay in with pool and own beach. You can have your breakfast looking out over the sea and all seabirds. I booked Tendaba Camp by phone, for us 650 Dalasis each/night for a single Standard/VIP including breakfast. We stayed 3 nights.

Literature

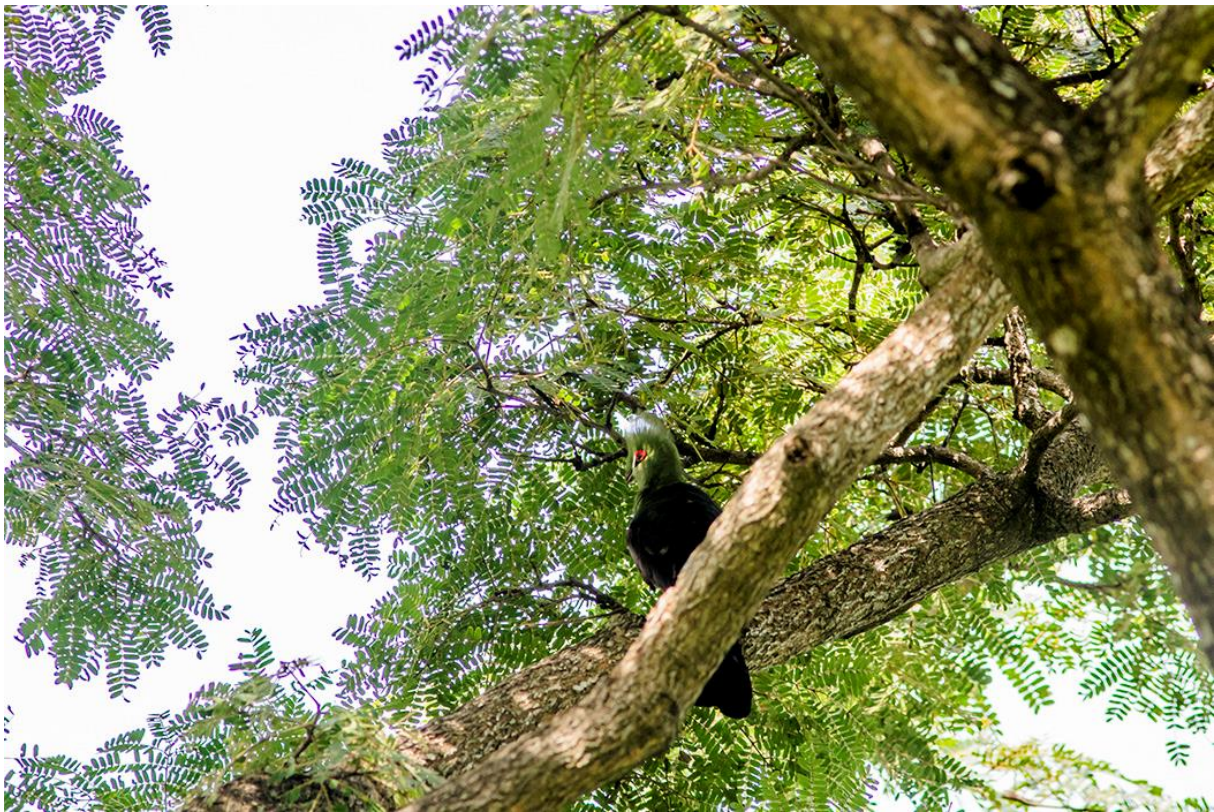
Field Guide to the Birds of The Gambia and Senegal; Clive Barlow and Helms Field Guides Birds of Senegal and The Gambia, Nick Borrow.

Guide

Jag hittade Buba på nätet(info@bubasgambia.nl) Jag skrev till 6 olika guider/chaufförer. Fyra svarade. Buba kändes mest seriös och lämnade priser på det jag bad om. De övriga ville göra upp priser på plats i Gambia eller kom med orealistiska förslag. Vi hade ingen fågelguide utan bara engelsk språkig chaufför (Lamin) med liten buss (3 säten) vilket fungerade. Vi hade lokala fågelguider, finns på alla populära ställen, Brufut, Pirang, Lamin Lodge mfl. "Blackrhino" vid Lamin Lodge är mkt duktig. Öppenmarks skådning inne i landet klarar man bra själv. **Tveka inte köp..**man får så mycket för pengarna.

Information on Visited sites

Kotu Creek Course, Kotu ponds and Casino cycle track. From the bridge over the Kotu Creek, excellent views could be obtained daily of 10+ wader species, Senegal Thick-Knees, most of the heron and egret species, Hamerkops, Sacred Ibis, and many passerine species. The rice fields and wet areas between the Kotu Creek and the Casino cycle track were rather rich in birds. The Kotu Ponds contained quite a number of wader and a lot of bird-guides.



Abuko Nature Reserve 11/11

We visited this small but very attractive forest reserve which gave a lot. Green and Violet Turaco, African Pied Hornbill, Giant Kingfisher, Red-bellied Paradise Flycatchers, Common Wattle-eye, Yellow-breasted Apalis, Little Greenbul, Bristlebill, Beautiful and Collared Sunbird, Greater Honeyguide, Y-F Thinkerbird and Lanner. Green Vervet, Western Red Colobus Monkeys and two species of squirrels.



Lamin Lodge area 11/11

After Lunch we met “Blackrhino” (a friend of Buba) and he joined us. He was excellent, knew every bird in the area. With eyes like a hawk, without bins and ears like an owl. All Bishops most of the small Estrildis-birds, woodpeckars, Turacoos, Babblers and even a pair of Lesser Honeyguide were about.

Pirang Forrest 12/11

The shrimp farm and surrounding is not possible to visit any longer but the forest is real nice. Ask for The Guide Kausa. He showed us White-spotted Flufftail (4-5 heard, 2 seen), African Wood-owl, Green Hylia, Green Crombeck (what a tiny bird) Pygmy Kingfisher and a lot more.





Tendaba, Soma, Farrafenni, Kau Ur, Wassu, Georgetown 12-15/11

The first day of the 4-days' inland trip we drove from Bakau to Tendaba with two major stops. Pirang forest and at the Kampanti rice fields. Both stops were a very good. When we went back to the coast again a lot of raptor species were seen at Kampanti. The road is all tarmac and in perfect condition. Kiang West is always nice with all Savanna-birds. We stayed at the Tendaba Bush Camp. It is much better than ten years ago and the pool was nice. The 13/11 we made a "creek tour" to Katchang, from 08.00 – 12.00 h using a small motorboat, exploring two interconnected mangrove-fringed creeks at the northern bank of Gambia River.

Interesting birds seen during this creek tour were African Blue Flycatcher 3 (seen well when I played). Woolly-necked Stork 40, Goliath-, White-backed Night Heron 4 ad and 3 chicks, Mouse-brown-, Pygmy-, Copper Sunbird, Blue-breasted Kingfisher .





In the afternoon 13/11 we visited Kiang West and The village Batteling. We had some stunning birds here as a lovely pair of Four-banded Sandgrouse, Brown-rumped Bunting, Green-headed Sunbird, White-fronted Blackchat, African Oriole and more.





Next day 14/11 we drove to Kau Ur Wetlands passing Soma-Farafenni ferry with stops on the road. At km 21 North bank there is a good waterhole with many passerines Sahel Paradise Whyda 5 males, Sudan Golden Sparrow 2, Chestnut-backed Sparrowlark 6 for ex. Kaur Wetlands were very good, Egyptian Plover 3, Senegal Thickknee 70, Black-crowned Crane a pair and some passerines. Panchang Wetlands 30 km to the east gave a lot of birds and the first White-headed Vulture. But the best was Wassu gravels at the waterhole just north of town. There were a lot of passerines, about 70 Redthroated Bee-eaters, 50 White-cheeked Bee-eaters, 2 Zebra Waxbill and other small birds. In the air, 2 Tawny Eagles and one Rueppels Vulture. South of the city we had 15 Northern Carmine Bee-eaters on the wires. We passed Georgetown late afternoon and came back to Tendaba after dark.

15/11 we went back to African village, with stops at Kampanti and Pirang. At Kampanti again a lot of raptors appeared such as White-headed -, European Griffon -, White-backed Vulture and Booted eagle.

Brufut Woods 16/11

Also Brufut Woods turned out to be a very good for birding. It contains areas of relatively undisturbed savannah woodland and a small Wood, harbouring many attractive species. Here we found Black-crowned Tchagra, Swallow-tailed Bee-eater, Verreaux's Eagle Owl (a pair), Bearded Barbet, Longtailed nightjahn (a pair), Klaas's Cuckoo and a nice pair of Stone Partridge on the road. We then followed the road south to Senegal border.





Kartong wetlands and Senegal 16/11.

In the afternoon we visited the wetlands. We had 5 Purple Swamphen and one Allen's Gallinule, breeding Jacanas and +100 White-headed W-Ducks. Black-crowned Tchagra were singing, and a pair of "Donkey-peckers" was found. We also payed at visit to Senegal in a wooden canoe without "passport".

Lazy day 17/11





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BIRDLIST

In total we recorded 235 species.

Names/species (splits) are following

Birds of Western Africa, by Nick Borrow
Ron Demey, Helm Identification Guides.



1. **Little Grebe** *Tachybaptus ruficollis* Kartong Pond
2. **Gannet** *Sula bassana* Our hotel one bird far out the windy day.
3. **Long-tailed Cormorant** *Phalacrocorax africanus* Common in all wetland
4. **Great Cormorant** *Phalacrocorax carbo* Common
5. **African Darter** *Anhinga rufa* Katchang, at least 30.
6. **Hamerkop** *Scopus umbretta* Common in wetlands like Tendaba.
7. **Goliath Heron** *Ardea goliath* Katchang Mangroves 4 of this "beast"
8. **Purple Heron** *Ardea purpurea* Just one at Brufut marshes.
9. **Grey Heron** *Ardea cinerea* Common.
10. **Black-headed Heron** *Ardea melanocephala* Small numbers

11. **Great White Egret** *Casmerodius albus melanorhynchos* Common in wetlands.
12. **Intermediate Egret** *Egretta intermedia brachyrhyncha* Fairly common.
13. **Little Egret** *Egretta garzetta* Small numbers in wetlands.
14. **Western Reef Heron** *Egretta gularis* Common, mostly black morph.
15. **Black Heron** *Egretta ardesiaca* Just one flying at Lamin Lodge.
16. **Cattle Egret** *Bubulcus ibis* Very common.
17. **Squacco Heron** *Ardeola ralloides* Small numbers in wetlands
18. **Striated Heron** *Butorides striatus atricapillus* Lamin Lodge 2, Katchang 3.



19. **White-backed Night Heron** *Gorsachius leuconotus* Katchang, seven (4 adult and 3 “chicken” in a nest)
20. **Black-crowned Night Heron** *Nycticorax nycticorax* Georgetown 2.
21. **African Sacred Ibis** *Threskiornis aethiopicus* Katchang 10



22. **Pink-backed Pelican** *Pelecanus rufescens* Common in wetlands like Tendaba/Katchang.
23. **Woolly-necked Stork** *Ciconia episcopus* Katchang 20.
24. **White-faced Whistling Duck** *Dendrocygna viduata* Kartong 150, Brufut 30.
25. **Spur-winged Goose** *Plectropterus gambensis* Katchang 20
26. **Black Kite** *Milvus migrans* Small numbers inland
27. **Yellow-billed Kite** *Milvus parasitus* Common all over, + 100 at airport
28. **Osprey** *Pandion haliaetus* Small numbers, a breeding pair in Senegal?
29. **African Fish Eagle** *Haliaeetus vocifer* Tendaba 2, Bambatenda ferry 4.
30. **Palm-nut Vulture** *Gypohierax angolensis* Just two, near the coast
31. **Hooded Vulture** *Necrosyrtes monachus monachus* Very common all over.
32. **White-headed Vulture** *Trionoceph occipitalis* North bank 1, Kampanti 3
33. **African White-backed Vulture** *Gyps africanus* Kampanti 2, North Bank 2.
34. **European Griffon** *Gyps fulvus* Kampanti 3
35. **Rueppell's Griffon** *Gyps rueppellii rueppellii*: Wassu 1 juvenile
36. **Brown Snake Eagle** *Circaetus cinereus* Tendaba/Kwinella 2



37. **Beaudouin's Snake Eagle** *Circaetus beaudouini* Tendaba 3-4, North Bank 2
38. **Banded Snake Eagle** *Circaetus cinerascens* Kwinella 1
39. **Bateleur** *Terathopius ecaudatus* Kwinella 4 ad. Tendaba to coast 1 juvenile.



- 40. **African Harrier Hawk** *Polyboroides typus* 1 – 5 every day
- 41. **Montagu's Harrier** *Circus pygargus* Just one at Katchang
- 42. **Eurasian Marsh Harrier** *Circus aeruginosus* Singles



- 43. **Dark Chanting Goshawk** *Melierax metabates* Small numbers. The bird above was “sunbathing” (+35 C in shadow).
- 44. **Shikra** *Accipiter badius* Abuko 1 and 1 at Tendaba Camp.
- 45. **Grasshopper Buzzard** *Butastur rufipennis* Kartong one, a few daily inland.
- 46. **Tawny Eagle** *Aquila rapax* Four together, even in Senegal
- 47. **Wahlberg's Eagle** *Aquila wahlbergi* North Bank one and Kwinella one.
- 48. **Booted Eagle** *Hieraaetus pennatus* 4-5 during the week. Senegal one dark.
- 49. **African Hawk Eagle** *Hieraaetus spilogaster* Tendaba 2
- 50. **Long-crested Eagle** *Lophaetus occipitalis* North Bank one and Jataba one.
- 51. **Grey Kestrel** *Falco ardosiaceus* Fairly common, regularly seen, 1-4 / day.
- 52. **Lanner Falcon** *Falco biarmicus* Abuko one and Kwinella one.
- 53. **Stone Partridge** *Ptilopachus petrosus* Brufut, a pair very close.
- 54. **Double-spurred Francolin** *Francolinus bicalcaratus* 4-5 heard or seen.
- 55. **Black Crake** *Amauornis flavirostris* Abuko two and Kampanti and Tanji.
- 56. **Black Crowned Crane** *Balearica pavonina* Kau Ur a pair of this stunning bird.
- 57. **African Jacana** *Actophilornis africanus* Kotu Ponds, and other swamp areas.
- 58. **Purple Swamphen** *Porphyria porphyria* Kartong, 5 birds (breeding?).
- 59. **Allen's Gallinule** *Porphyria alleni* One bird at Kartong swamp.
- 60. **Senegal Thick-knee** *Burhinus senegalensis* Tendaba 40 and Kau Ur 70.



61. **Egyptian Plover** *Pluvianus aegyptius* Kau Ur three of this juvel, very close.
62. **African Wattled Lapwing** *Vanellus senegallus* A few, Tendaba and Brufut.



63. **Black-headed Lapwing** *Vanellus tectus* North Bank 10 at km 19.
64. **Spur-winged Plover** *Vanellus spinosus* Common.

- 65. **Black-winged Stilt** *Himantopus himantopus* Common
- 66. **Ruff** *Philomachus pugnax* Kau Ur 5
- 67. **Bar-tailed Godwit** *Limosa lapponica* African Village 2
- 68. **Whimbrel** *Numenius phaeopus* Common at wetlands and coast.
- 69. **Common Greenshank** *Tringa nebularia* A few in wetlands.
- 70. **Green Sandpiper** *Tringa ochropus* Just one.
- 71. **Wood Sandpiper** *Tringa glareola* Singles
- 72. **Common Sandpiper** *Actitis hypoleucos* Common in wetlands.



- 73. **Ruddy Turnstone** *Arenaria interpres* Kartong 12 and Senegal
- 74. **Pomarine Jaeger** *Stercorarius pomarinus* African Village one plus five.
- 75. **Parasitic Jaeger** *Stercorarius parasiticus* African Village one.
- 76. **Kelp Gull** *Larus dominicanus* African Village Common windy days.
- 77. **Grey-headed Gull** *Larus cirrocephalus* Very common near our hotel.
- 78. **Slender-billed Gull** *Larus genei* African Village, one passing.
- 79. **Gull-billed Tern** *Gelochelidon nilotica* Lamin Lodge, just one bird.
- 80. **Caspian Tern** *Sterna caspia* Common at coast +50 one morning at the hotel.
- 81. **Royal Tern** *Sterna maxima* African Village 10-20 every morning.
- 82. **Lesser Crested Tern** *Sterna bengalensis* Very common over 500 passing one windy morning.
- 83. **Sandwich Tern** *Sterna sandvicensis* Common at coast.
- 84. **Four-banded Sandgrouse** *Pterocles quadricinctus* Kiang West a pair close on the road, a wonderful view of this cute pair.
- 85. **Speckled Pigeon** *Columba guinea* Common in all areas.
- 86. **Rock Dove** *Columba livia* Common near villages at the coast
- 87. **Red-eyed Dove** *Streptopelia semitorquata* Common in all areas
- 88. **African Mourning Dove** *Streptopelia decipiens* Common in all areas
- 89. **Vinaceous Dove** *Streptopelia vinacea* Fairly common in moist habitat
- 90. **Laughing Dove** *Streptopelia senegalensis* Common

91. **African Collared Dove** *Streptopelia roseogrisea* Wassu 2
92. **African Green Pigeon** *Treron calva* Pirang forest 2 and 1 at Brufut.
93. **Bruce's Green Pigeon** *Treron waalia* Common inland e.g. Tendaba area 50
94. **Blue-spotted Wood Dove** *Turtur afer* Singles, Abuko, Pirang and Brufut.
95. **Black-billed Wood Dove** *Turtur abyssinicus* Common.
96. **Namaqua Dove** - *Oena capensis* Fairly common.
97. **Brown-necked Parrot** *Poicephalus robustus* A pair near Kampanti.
98. **Senegal Parrot** *Poicephalus senegalus* Common, in most areas.
99. **Rose-ringed Parakeet** *Psittacula krameri* Common
100. **Green Turaco** *Tauraco persa* Abuko, just one.



101. **Violet Turaco** *Musophaga violacea* Abuko 3, Lamin Lodge 3, and Brufut 2.
102. **Western Grey Plantain-eater** *Crinifer piscator* Common.
103. **Diederik's Cuckoo** *Oxylophus levillantii* Katchang 1
104. **Klaas's Cuckoo** *Chrysococcyx Klaas* Brufut 2
105. **Senegal Coucal** *Centropus senegalensis senegalensis* Fairly common.

W-G-P-eater





106. **Verraux's Eagle Owl** *Bubo lacteus* Brufut A pair of this powerful bird.
107. **Pearl-spotted Owlet** - *Glaucidium perlatum* One at hotel and at Buba's home.
108. **African Wood owl** *Strix woodfordii* Pirang Forrest, one most wanted.
109. **Barn Owl** *Tyto alba* Serrekunda one calling



- 110. **Long-tailed Nightjar** *Caprimulgus climacurus* Brufut, a pair roosting.
- 111. **African Palm Swift** *Cypsiurus parvus* Common.
- 112. **Little Swift** *Apus affinis* Very common (some birds with white forehead)
- 113. **White-rumped Swift** *Apus caffer* A few at Brufut
- 114. **Mottled Spinetail** *Telacanthura ussheri* A few at north bank.
- 115. **Green Wood-hoopoe** *Phoeniculus purpureus senegalensis* Common.
- 116. **Hoopoe** *Upupa epops* Kotu 1
- 117. **Blue-breasted Kingfisher** *Halcyon malimbica* African Village 1 Katchang 8, Kampanti 2.
- 118. **Woodland Kingfisher** *Halcyon senegalensis* Tendaba 3 and Kartong one



- 119. **Striped Kingfisher** *Halcyon chelicuti chelicuti* Katchang 2
- 120. **Malachite Kingfisher** *Alcedo cristata* Fairly common





121. **African Pygmy Kingfisher** *Ceyx picta* Pirang forest, one of this tiny creatures
122. **Grey-headed Kingfisher** *Halcyon leucocephala* Katchang 3 and a few more.
123. **Giant Kingfisher** *Megaceryle maxima* Abuko just one flying.
124. **Pied Kingfisher** *Ceryle rudis* Common.
125. **Rufous-crowned Roller** *Coracias naevius* Fairly common inland
126. **Blue-bellied Roller** *Coracias cyanogaster* Fairly common
127. **Abyssinian Roller** *Coracias abyssinicus* Common inland,+ 50
128. **Broad-billed Roller** *Eurystomus glaucurus* Fairly common
129. **Little Bee-eater** *Merops pusillus* Fairly common
130. **Swallow-tailed Bee-eater** *Merops hirundineus* Singles at Kiang West and Brufut.
131. **Little Green Bee-eater** *Merops orientalis* North bank +10



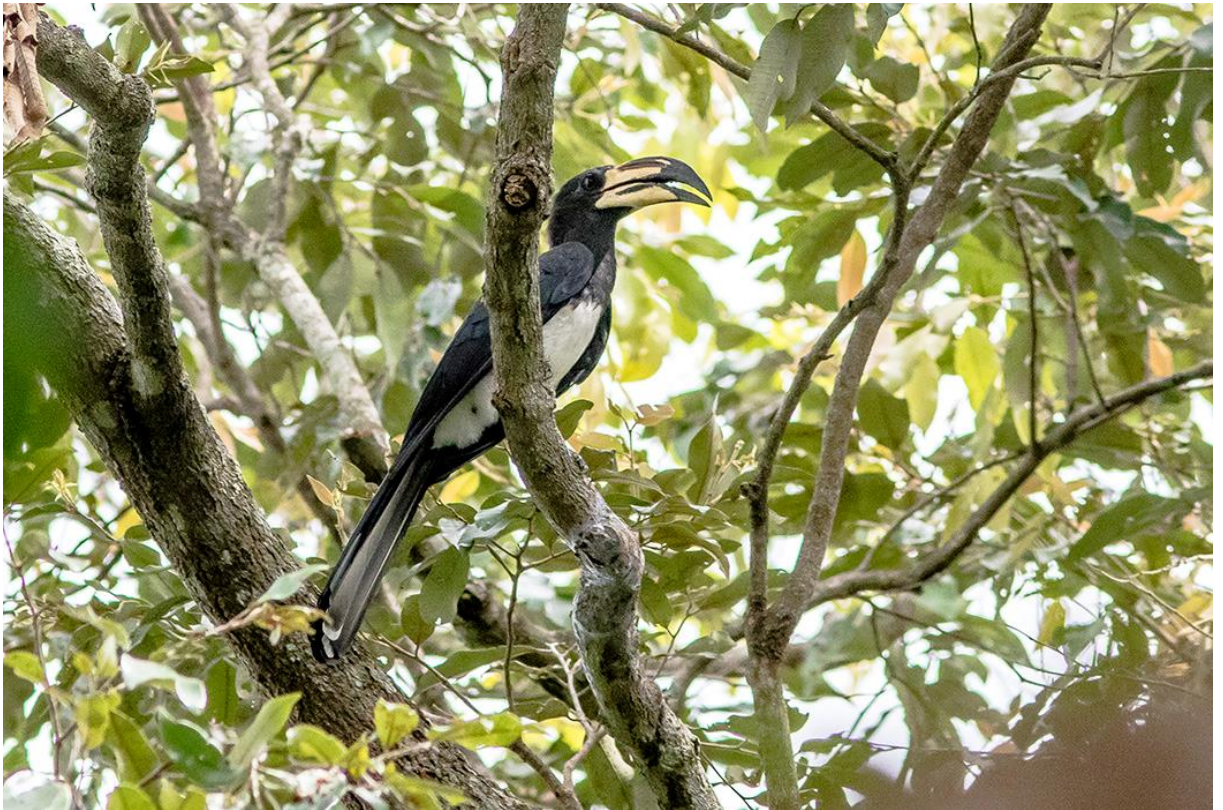
132. **Red-throated Bee-eater** *Merops bulocki* Wassu +60



133. **Northern Carmine Bee-eater** *Merops nubicus* Wassu +15

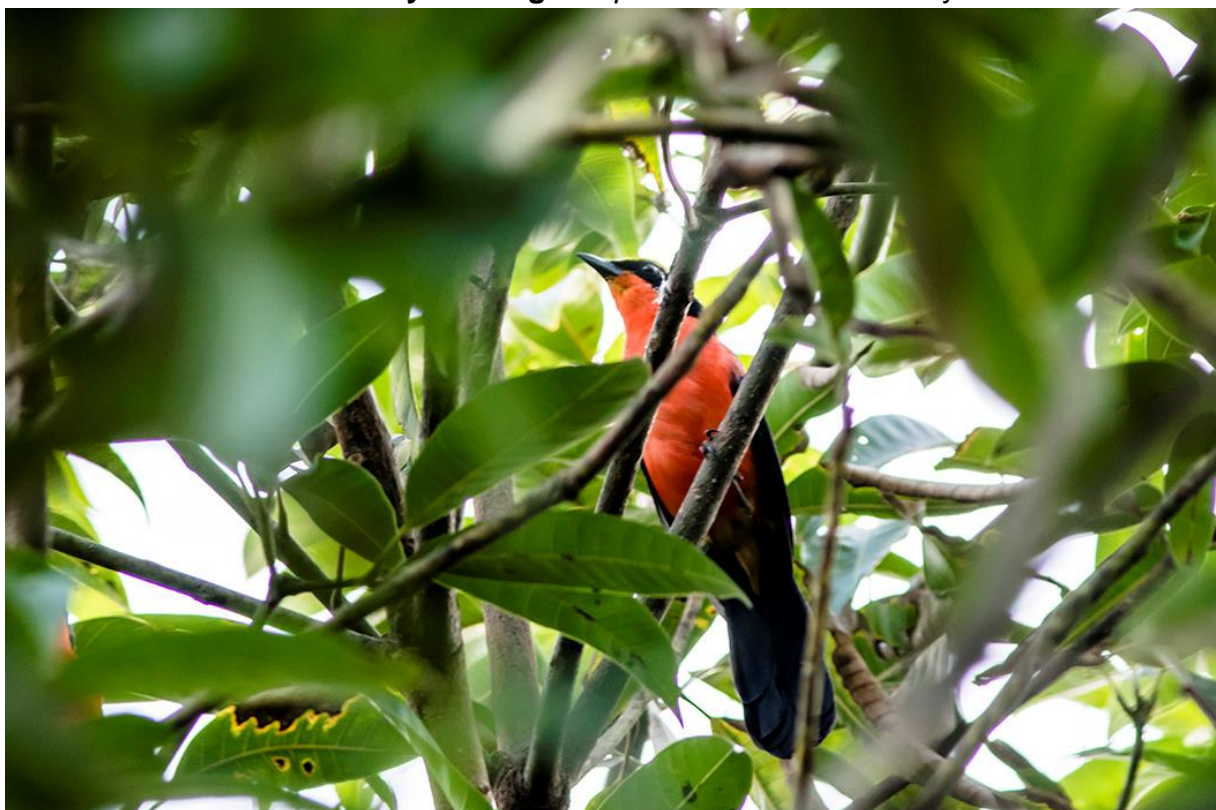


134. **White-cheeked Bee-eater** *Merops albicollis* Wassu gravels +40
135. **Blue-cheeked Bee-eater** *Merops persicus* Katchang +200
136. **European Bee-eater** *Merops apiaster* Just one at Katchang
137. **Abysinian Ground-Hornbill** *Bucorvus abyssinicus* North Soma one.
138. **Red-billed Hornbill** *Tockus erythrorhynchus* Common
139. **African Grey Hornbill** *Tockus nasutus nasutus* Common



140. **African Pied Hornbill** *Tockus fasciatus* Pirang forest 10, Brufut 4.
141. **Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird** *Pogoniulus chrysoconus* Singles
142. **Bearded Barbet** *Lybius dubius* Fairly common, 1-3 / day
143. **Greater Honeyguide** *Indicator indicator* Abuko one and Brufut one male.
144. **Lesser Honeyguide** *Indicator minor* A pair at Lamin Lodge
145. **Fine-spotted Woodpecker** *Campethera punctuligera* One at Lamin Lodge
146. **Grey Woodpecker** *Dendropicos goertae* Lamin Lodge 3, then singles.
147. **Crested Lark** *Galerida cristata* North Bank 2.
148. **Chestnut-backed Sparrow Lark** *Eremopterix leucotis* North bank km 21 and
Kau Ur, 6 in total.
149. **Plain Martin** *Riparia paludicola* 2-3 almost every day
150. **Sand Martin** *Riparia riparia* Tendaba 3
151. **Fanti Saw-wing** *Psalidoprocne obscura* Abuko 4-5, Brufut +20
152. **Mosque Swallow** *Hirundo senegalensis* 4-5 each day inland
153. **West African Swallow** *Hirundo domicella* Very common breeder
154. **Wire-tailed Swallow** *Hirundo smitthi* A pair near Kampanti
155. **Red-chested Swallow** *Hirundo lucida* Common breeder
156. **Pied-winged Swallow** *Hirundo leucosoma* 2-3 near Brufut one at airport.
157. **Barn Swallow** *Hirundo rustica rustica* Common +500 at airport
158. **Plain-backed Pipit** *Antus leucophrys* a pair at Kau Ur
159. **Yellow Wagtail** *Motacilla flavissima* +10 near Tendaba and Kau Ur
160. **White Wagtail** *Motacilla alba* Singles
161. **Fork-tailed Drongo** *Dicrurus adsimilis* Singles
162. **African Golden Oriole** *Oriolus auratus* Abuko 1, Kiang West 1, Brufut 1.
163. **Pied Crow** *Corvus albus* Common in all coastal areas.
164. **Piapiac** *Ptilostomus afer* Kotu 18 birds, just one day.
165. **Yellow Penduline Tit** *Anthoscopus parvulus* Kiang West 1
166. **Brown Babbler** *Turdoides plebejus* Common
167. **Blackcap Babbler** *Turdoides reinwardtii* +5 at Brufut.

168. **Little Greenbul** *Andropadus virens erythropterus* Common in Abuko, Lamin Lodge and Pirang forest.
169. **Yellow-throated Leaflove** *Chlorocichla flavicollis* Lamin Lodge 2 birds
170. **Grey-headed Bristlebill** *Bleda canicapilla morelorum* Abuko, Lamin Lodge and Pirang +5
171. **Common Bulbul** *Pycnonotus barbatus* Common in all areas.
172. **White-fronted Black-chat** *Myrmecocichla albifrons* Kiang West 1
173. **Snowy-crowned Robin Chat** *Cossypha niveicapilla* Abuko +3-4 .
174. **White-crowned Robin Chat** *Cossypha albicapilla* Lamin Lodge a pair
175. **African Reed Warbler** *Acrocephalus baeticatus* Katchang +5 singing and nesting
176. **Chiffchaff** *Phylloscopus collybita collybita* Katchang just one
177. **Subalpine Warbler** *Sylvia cantillans* Katchang 2
178. **Singing Cisticola** *Cisticola cantans* Brufu: 1-2
179. **Winding Cisticola** *Cisticola galactotes* Bambatenda ferry 1
180. **Zitting Cisticola** *Cisticola juncidis uropygialis* Common
181. **Yellow-breasted Apalis** *Apalis flavida* Pirang forest 4.
182. **Tawny-flanked Prinia** *Prinia subflava* Common, wooded savanna
183. **Green-backed Eremomela** *Eremomela pusilla* Fairly common Pirang.
184. **Northern Crombec** *Sylvietta brachyura* Lamin Lodge 1 Tendaba 1.
185. **Green Crombec** *Sylvietta virens* Pirang forest 4 small ones.
186. **Green Hylia** *Hylia prasina* Pirang forest 2
187. **Grey-backed Camaroptera** *Camaroptera brachyura* Singles
188. **Northern Black Flycatcher** *Melaenornis edoloides* Brufut 2
189. **African Paradise Flycatcher** *Terpsiphone viridis* Katchang 1
190. **Red-bellied Paradise Flycatcher** *Terpsiphone rufiventer* Abuko 1.
191. **Common Wattle-eye** *Platysteira cyanea* Common in all wooded areas
192. **Yellow-billed Shrike** *Corvinella corvina* Common in semi wooded areas
193. **Black-crowned Tchagra** *Tchagra senegala* Brufut 1, Kartong 2.
194. **Sulphur-breasted Bushshrike** *Telophorus sulfureopectus* Brufut one bird.
195. **Yellow-crowned Gonolek** *Laniarius barbarus* Lamin Lodge a pair, several heard a few seen, throughout
196. **White Helmet-shrike** *Prionops plumatus* Kiang West 12
197. **Purple Glossy Starling** *Lamprotornis purpureus* Common at Tendaba
198. **Bronze-tailed Glossy Starling** *Lamprotornis chalcurus* Fairly common



199. **Greater Blue-eared Glossy Starling** *Lamprotornis chalybaeus* Common at Tendaba and inland
200. **Lesser Blue-eared Glossy Starling** *Lamprotornis chloropterus* Singles.
201. **Long-tailed Glossy Starling** *Lamprotornis caudatus* Common
202. **Yellow-billed Oxpecker** *Buphagus africanus* Kartong two.
203. **(Mouse-)Brown Sunbird** *Anthreptes gabonicus* Tendaba +5
204. **Scarlet-Chested Sunbird** *Chalcomitra senegalensis* Brufut 2
205. **Collared Sunbird** *Hedydipna collaris subcollaris* Abuko 2
206. **Pygmy Sunbird** *Hedydipna platura* Katchang 2
207. **Green-headed Sunbird** *Cyanomitra verticalis* Tendaba 2



208. **Beautiful Sunbird** *Cinnyris pulchellus* Common in suitable habitat.
209. **Variable Sunbird** *Cinnyris venustus* Two at Brufut Town.
210. **Splendid Sunbird** *Cinnyris coccinigaster* Brufut 2, Abuko 2.
211. **Copper Sunbird** *Cinnyris cupreus* Brufut one
212. **House Sparrow** *Passer domesticus* Fairly common.
213. **Northern Grey-headed Sparrow** *Passer griseus* Common
214. **Sudan Golden Sparrow** *Passer luteus* North bank km 21, 1 male 1 juvenile.
215. **White-billed Buffalo Weaver** *Bubalornis albirostris* Kotu 10 birds.
216. **Village Weaver** *Ploceus cucullatus* Common
217. **Black-headed Weaver** *Ploceus melanocephalus* Katchang 3.
218. **Black-necked Weaver** *Ploceus nigricollis* Abuko 4, Pirang 3, Soma ferry 10.
219. **Yellow-crowned Bishop** *Euplectes afer* Fairly common
220. **Black-winged Red Bishop** *Euplectes hordeaceus* Fairly common
221. **Red-billed Quelea** *Quelea quelea* Huge flocks at North bank +500
222. **African Silverbill** *Lonchura cantans* Wassu 2



- 223. **Northern Red Bishop** *Euplectes franciscanus* Common in grassland.
- 224. **Red-billed Firefinch** *Lagonosticta senegala* Common
- 225. **Zebra Waxbill** *Sporaeginthus subflavus* Wassu, two at the waterhole.
- 226. **Bronze Mannikin** *Lonchura cucullata* Dispersed over most areas.
- 227. **Red-cheeked Cordon-Bleu** *Uraeginthus bengalus* Common.
- 228. **Lavender Waxbill** *Estrilda caerulescens* Lamin lodge, eight birds.
- 229. **Orange-cheeked Waxbill** *Estrilda melpoda* Fairly common
- 230. **Black-rumped Waxbill** *Estrilda troglodytes* Common throughout
- 231. **Village Indigobird** *Vidua chalybeata* Wassu and North bank 4, Brufut 2
- 232. **Pin-tailed Whydah** *Vidua macroura* Tendaba one juvenile
- 233. **Sahel Paradise Whydah** *Vidua interjecta* North Bank 10, at km 21



234. **Yellow-fronted Canary** *Serinus mozambicus* Fairly common dry savanna.
235. **White-rumped Seedeater** *Serinus leucopygius* Kiang West 3, north bank 2.

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Tawny Eagle
Osprey
Booted Eagle
African Harrier Hawk
Western Reef-heron
Ruddy Turnstone
Whimbrel
Common Gonolek
Greater Blue-eared Glossy Starling and some more.

Mammals

Callithrix Monkey *Cercopithecus sabaesus* Common at the coast.
Patas Monkey *Erythrocebus patas* Tendaba a big group of 38 near the camp.
Western Red Colobus Monkey *Piliocolobus badius* One seen in Abuko,
Gambian Sun-squirrel *Heliosciurus gambianus* A lot in Abuko and Pirang.
Striped Ground Squirrel *Xerus erythropus* Common Abuko and Tendaba.
Straw-coloured Fruit Bat *Eidolon helvum* Bakau >20
Dwarf Epauletted Fruit Bat *Micropteropus pusillus* Tendaba common
Yellow-winged Bat *Lavia frons* Bakau common around the hotel
Lizards etc.
Nile Crocodile *Crocodylus niloticus* Abuko 1, Kampanti and Katchang singles
Nile Monitor *Varanus niloticus* Pirang 1, Katchang 2.
Agama *Agama sp.* Many seen.
Gecko *Gecko sp.* Few seen indoors at Tendaba Camp.
Frog sp North bank, drying up waterhole +100
Toad sp Tendaba Camp +10, eating butterflies at night, hiding in my shoe.

