

# TROPICAL BIRDING

## Tanzania

*Custom tour*

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A tour to Tanzania provides most of what people would expect of their 'once in a lifetime' safari experience, with endless Acacia strewn-savannas covered by huge herds of wildebeest, hunted by dangerous predators. Also, the iconic Ngorogoro Crater and the stunning backdrop of Mt Kilimanjaro. On this custom tour, in addition to this well-trodden but unmissable safari circuit of the north, we explored the East and West Usambara mountains and Pemba Island, with their range of fascinating endemics, Our tour started on the paradise island of Pemba, surrounded by crystal-clear, turquoise waters. Here we found all 4 of the island endemics, which bare its name, plus the handsome Mangrove Kingfisher. In the Usambara Mountains, we did remarkably well, sweeping through our list of targets, many baring the name Usambara, including Usambara Eagle-Owl, Thrush, Weaver, Hyliota & Akalat. Other targets we found were Spot-throat, Banded & Uluguru Violet-backed Sunbirds plus Long-billed & African Tailorbirds. Arusha National Park on the slopes of Mt Meru gave us our first big mammals, with Buffalos, Giraffes & Zebras but also Grey Crowned Cranes and both species of flamingo. At the Engikaret Lark plains we found our target Beesley's Lark, and at Tarangire NP, an almost overwhelming array of mammals and birds, including our first Leopard, Hyaena, plus countless raptors, hornbills, bustards... the list goes on. Our first view of the Ngorogoro crater left us breathless, and our exploration inside the crater the next day was fascinating. Our trip finished in spectacular safari fashion in the incomparable Serengeti with Lions, Cheetahs, Leopard and an awesome Serval.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> October – Dar es Salaam to Pemba Island

The Clients had arrived last night in Dar es Salaam and today I met them off their flight to Pemba around midday. It was a 90-minute drive to our hotel and we had a quick stop to try for our target Mangrove Kingfisher, but in the midday heat, there were none calling. After a gracious welcome at our luxurious beach resort, we enjoyed a nice lunch with a sea view, before retiring to our rooms for a rest. A short afternoon walk in the garden produced our first endemic, the **Pemba Sunbird**, along with **African Paradise Flycatcher**, the pemba endemic race of **African Goshawk** and **White-browed Coucal**. In the late afternoon, our driver was waiting to take us to the nearby Ngezi forest to meet up with a forest ranger. On the way I heard a **Mangrove Kingfisher** next to the road, and we jumped out to find it calling in the top of a Mango tree. We carried on to the forest where we met up with the friendly ranger who took us on a walk along a forest trail. We checked out a small pond that had **White-faced Whistling-Duck** and **Eurasian Moorhen**, and in the forest we saw the endemic **Pemba White-eye**, the localised race of **Olive Sunbird** and heard **African Pygmy Kingfisher** and **Black-bellied Starling**. We waited until dusk and heard the first bushbaby's wailing calls signalling that it was time to start owling.



**Mangrove Kingfisher with its eye-catching wing-flicks.**

We moved into the forest one more time and when the light fell a little more, we heard the first 'Boop!' call of the **Pemba Scops-Owl**. I had been here the previous night to look for the owl, and noticed that it was quite a tricky species to see. It didn't fly in to playback, but just sat up in the canopy calling. What made it tricky was that it would call a few times and then just stop. We made our way quickly to the first calling bird and sure enough when we got close, it went silent. Another one started nearby and we rushed towards it through the forest undergrowth and when we got close, it stopped... and so it went on. We crossed the road to the forest of the other side and the ranger got into a conversation with a local man. He then told us that the man had an owl in his clove tree plantation. I was sceptical, but what we were doing clearly wasn't working so anything was worth a shot. We followed the man, named Jumar, and we reached some trees and I was told to illuminate one with the spotlight. Nothing. Then another tree. Nothing. My optimism was diminishing. He indicated a third tree and I moved the light to see a beautiful, medium-sized, deep rufous **Pemba Scops-Owl**. I took a few shots, then we left the obliging bird in peace, my faith in local knowledge restored. We returned for dinner at the resort with smiles on our faces.



Two of Pemba's endemic bird species: Pemba White-eye & Pemba Scops-Owl

### 3<sup>rd</sup> October – Pemba Island

With 3 out of 4 endemics in the bag, before breakfast we walked down to the beach to do a bit of sea-watching. The sea was calm and terns just starting to become active. We scanned through the dozens of non-breeding **Common Terns** to find single **Roseate**, **Lesser Crested**, **Saunders's** and finally our target **White-cheeked Tern**. After a nice breakfast, our driver took us around the back of Ngezi forest where we got out in some mixed cultivation with a nice view over the forest edge. I had seen **Pemba Green Pigeon** here a couple of days ago and hoped that they would reappear. They had been easy the other day and I had seen several, but today they seemed thinner on the ground; just a couple of distant birds in flight. After 30 minutes I was starting to get a bit nervous, but luckily I spotted a movement in a tree low down on the forest edge and put the scope on it to see a perched **Pemba Green Pigeon**. Another individual flew in to join it and we had great views of the pair, noting their slate-grey plumage, Yellow feet, creamy under-tail coverts and red-and-yellow bill.



**Pemba Green-Pigeon was our final Pemba endemic.**

Our final target lifer found, we went back to the resort. It was only mid-morning, so we enjoyed another stroll around the gardens during which we found a nice pair of **Violet-backed Starlings** and a calling **Blue-spotted Wood-Dove**. We relaxed on the patio until lunch and in the afternoon enjoyed a complementary spar treatment. Other than the 4 endemic species, we had seen several interesting, localised races of other birds, but one we were still missing was the **Brown-headed Parrot**. I heard one doing its high pitch, screeching call above our rooms and went to disturb the clients from their afternoon rest. Luckily, they stuck around long enough to show themselves. After a relaxed afternoon, we enjoyed our last starlight dinner on the patio, where we were briefly joined by a **Northern Greater Galago** which casually lolloped past our table. A lovely way to finish the day.

#### 4<sup>th</sup> October – Pemba Island to Lushoto, West Usambaras

Our flight left Pemba airport around 9am, so it was an early start to get there on time. Dawn was just breaking as we had breakfast and a family of **Broad-billed Rollers** were starting their day in a nearby tree. We enjoyed the last scenes of Pemba life on the way to the airport and enjoyed another scenic hop across to Tanga over the Turquoise-blue ocean. Our driver for the rest of the trip was waiting on the other side and welcomed us. It was about a 4-hour drive to our lodge in the Usambara mountains and we had lunch at a typical Tanzanian buffet on the way. We turned off the highway and started winding our way upwards, past Lushoto and onto our scenically located lodge in the West Usambara mountains. Just before we got there, we past a small patch of forest where I had previously seen **Barred Long-tailed Cuckoo**. Lo and behold, the bird started calling and after some effort, we had good views of the clients final barred cuckoo species.

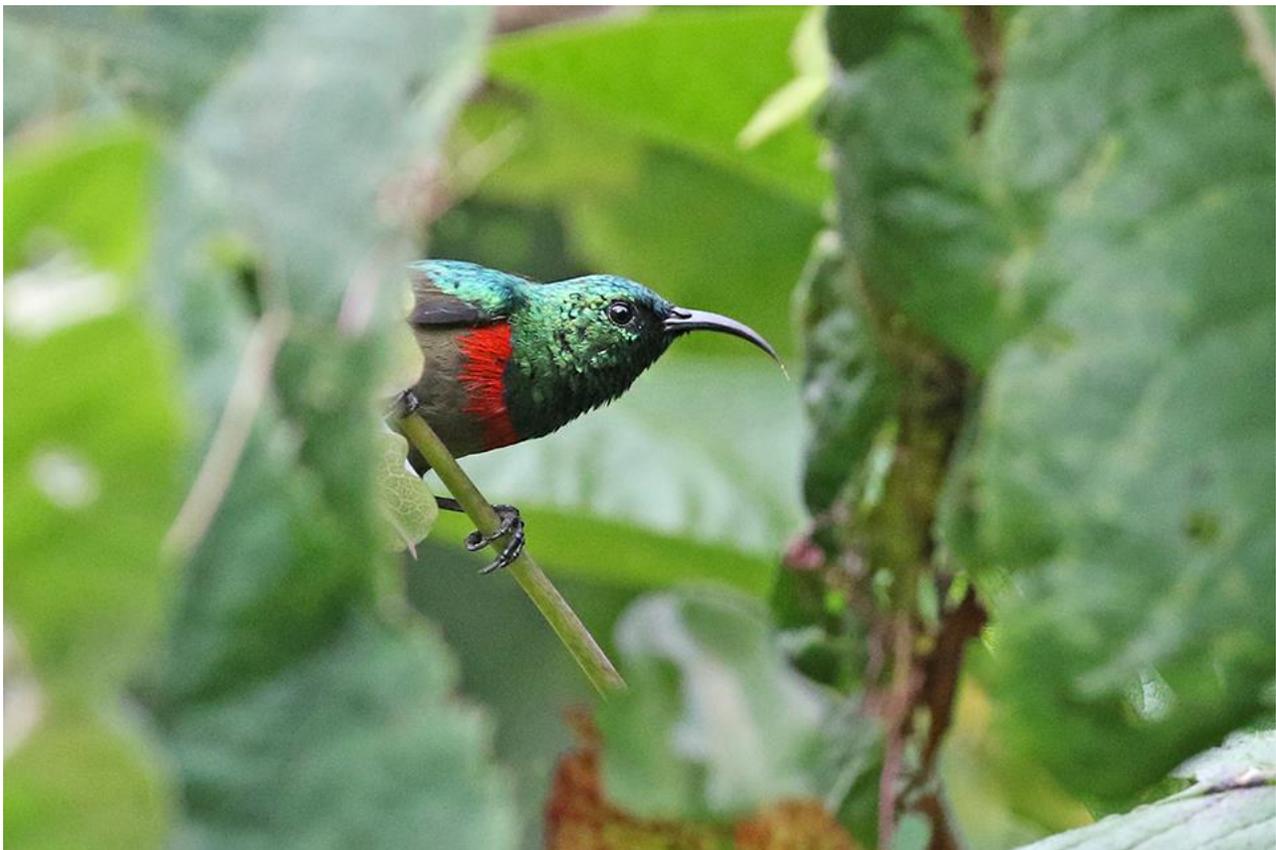


**Spot-throat is an elusive member of the 3-member Modulatricidae family.**

We were welcomed at the lodge, but we were keen to get out birding so walked up a trail behind the buildings and into the forest. On the way we picked up **Amethyst** and the localised **Eastern Double-collared Sunbirds** feeding in a bottlebrush tree. The target in the forest was the unusual and very skulking **Spot-throat**. We got them calling straight away, but it was a while before we managed views of this secretive bird. We moved on to searching for **Usambara Akalat**, and we heard several but unfortunately couldn't persuade and to come in. We got views of a juvenile **White-starred Robin** and **Yellow-streaked Greenbul** and heard **Green Barbet** before it was time to start heading back to the lodge. In the evening, they put on a lovely open fire in the living room while we waited for dinner.

## 5<sup>th</sup> October – West Usambaras

The main birding site in the West Usambaras is known as the old Sawmill Track. It's a rough track accessing an old logging area with remnant montane forest that now forms part of the Magamba Forest Reserve. We left nice and early with packed breakfasts in order to catch some early morning activity there. The aim was to go straight to the upper part of the reserve where most of our targets were to be found. It seems the road had deteriorated since the driver had last been there, but it was still no problem for our heavy-duty 4x4. Passing the old sawmill, we got to a stretch of forest where the driver had seen the rare **Usambara Weaver** in the past. We got out of the vehicle and had our packed breakfasts prepared by our hotel. I heard a drongo calling nearby which is often a sign of a mixed species flock which the weavers are often members. I put the scope on one of the drongos and in the same field of view there was the unmistakable **Usambara Weaver** with its yellowish crown and chestnut breast feathers. It flew closer in and we got a few photos of it. After the weavers had moved on, we noticed that next to us was a large fruiting tree with many birds visiting it. We identified several species of starlings, including **Sharpe's**, **Waller's** and **Kenrick's**. We also spotted the target **Usambara Thrush** with its tell-tale orange bill.



Eastern Double-collared Sunbirds are common in the West Usambaras.

We started walking back down the track and during the morning found some fantastic birds, including **Mountain Buzzard**, **Moustached Tinkerbird**, **Cinnamon Bracken Warbler**, **Eastern Mountain Greenbul** and numerous **Eastern Double-collared Sunbirds**. On the bottom section of the road, we picked up a couple of final targets, namely **Black-headed Apalis** and **African Tailorbird**, before we drove back to the lodge for lunch. After a rest, we ventured out again to explore a wonderful forest trail. It started off with a steep climb up from the road, but soon levelled off and entered beautiful lush montane forest. It wasn't easy, but we eventually found our target **Usambara Akalat**, not the most awe-inspiring bird but an endangered endemic nevertheless. Our other target, the **White-chested Alethe** was not playing ball at all, and despite a few strong-reactions to the tape, we weren't quite quick enough to get on it. We saw some other nice birds, with **White-tailed Crested-Flycatcher**, **Shelley's & Cabanis's Greenbul**, **White-starred Robin**, **Yellow-throated Woodland-Warbler** and **African Hill-Babbler**, before we called it a day and headed back to the lodge. At night we had terrific views of **African Wood-Owl** in the garden.



**African Wood-Owl & Hartlaub's Turaco in the West Usambaras.**

## 6<sup>th</sup> October – West Usambaras

Although we only had a couple of remaining targets, we returned to the Old Sawmill Track as this was our best chance to see them. The first was the **Evergreen Forest Warbler** which we had overlooked on our list yesterday. It was a fairly common bird by voice and we had soon located an individual doing its distinctive double-note call. It flew across the road a couple of times before it hopped around a tangle and allowed us some brief but good views. Our second target was **Fulleborne's Boubou** which is renowned to be a difficult bird to catch up with. We tried a few known territories with no response, so we just continued walking along stretches of the road hoping to stumble across one. We walked along the road through a bracken-filled clearing which didn't look like suitable habitat at all. Nevertheless, from a dense bush came the unmistakable call of the boubou. I recorded it and played it back and out popped a medium-sized jet-black bird. It flew to the edge of the clearing and higher and higher into the trees until it found a suitable spot to sing from and we put it in the scope. Our second target under our belts, the only other possible lifer was the super rare and elusive Usambara Greenbul, which was nowhere to be found. We enjoyed some general birding down the road and found plenty of other nice birds: including **Hartlaub's Turaco**, scope views of a gorgeous **Bar-tailed Trogon**, **Black-fronted Bushshrike**, **African Hill-Babbler** plus greenbuls galore.



**Usambara Eagle-Owl was one of the birds of the trip.**

We went back to the lodge for lunch, and after a rest, we went back to the same trail that we went along yesterday. The only target we had here was the elusive and frustrating White-chested Alethe. We started later than yesterday as the alethes only start singing in the late afternoon. Indeed, we heard several but not a single one gave so much as a fly-over. We saw **Usambara Thrush** again, plus **Shelley's** and **Stripe-cheeked Greenbuls**, plus some pretty **Cinnamon-chested Bee-eaters**. We had pretty much given up on the alethe and were on our way out, when I heard a commotion that sounded like greenbul alarm calls. I scanned the source of the noise, and on a thick branch nearby was what looked like a large owl. Must just be an odd-shaped branch, I thought. Checking it out with my bins, I was amazed to be looking at the mega **Usambara Eagle-Owl**. Not wanting to flush the bird I very calmly pointed it out to the client, and for a few magical seconds it sat there staring at us before it decided it was time to make itself scarce. We returned to our patiently waiting driver still hardly believing what we had seen. What a great way to finish the day!

### 7<sup>th</sup> October – West to East Usambaras

We were on our way from the West to the East Usambaras. After looking at our last few birds in the garden, namely **Mosque Swallow**, **Rock Martin** and **Southern Citril**, we packed up the vehicle and set off. We made our way back east and turned off the main road at Muheza, where the road became a lot rougher. Our first birding stop was just outside the Amani Nature Reserve in the base of the mountains. We had several targets in this lower section, the first of which were the rather drab **Fischer's Greenbul** and **Pallid Honeyguide**. Other birds of interest in the surrounding trees were **Cardinal Woodpecker**, **Silvery-cheeked Hornbill** and the unmistakeable sound of **Eastern Nicator**. Unfortunately, our target Usambara Hyliota was nowhere to be seen. After eating our packed lunch, we walked up a track which lead to a lookout over the trees. With the scope we got good views of **Green-headed Oriole** and **Uluguru Violet-backed Sunbirds**, plus **White-eared Barbet** and another target, **Kretschmar's Longbill** skulking in a nearby tangle. We set off again and a short while later saw soaring **Palmnut Vultures** and a juvenile **Wahlberg's Eagle**.



**Blue Monkeys grooming.**

We carried on up into the mountains and stopped for some more birding around the offices of the nature reserve while our driver went through the registration procedure. There were several flowering trees around the buildings and we scanned them for some of the special species of sunbird present here. We saw more **Uluguru Violet-backed Sunbirds**, plus **Olive** and **Collared Sunbirds**. After quite a bit of searching, we found the tiny **Banded Sunbird** foraging for insects, and with patience had scope views of a male with its narrow chest band. We continued up the final 5km of road, the state of which deteriorated for the last stretch. It was a relief to make it to our lodge and we took it easy for the rest of the afternoon ahead of the next 2 full days of exploration. The forest around the lodge was home to both **Blue Monkeys** and Angola Colobus.

## 8<sup>th</sup> October – East Usambaras

Doing so well finding our targets over the last few days had left us with a rather short list of birds still to see. An enviable position to find ourselves in. One of the most important of the remaining targets was the extremely rare **Long-billed Tailorbird** and our local guide was one of the best people to help us find it. After an early breakfast, we made our way slowly down the very bumpy road from our lodge. We met our guide at the junction and he navigated us to the closest territory of the tailorbirds. We spent some time trying for them, but there was no response. We did however have fantastic views of the delightful **Fischer's Turaco** with its snazzy red crest. A mixed flock also came by, containing **Square-tailed Drongo**, **Yellow-streaked Greenbul** and **Black-bellied Starling**. We moved on to the next territory which was on the edge of a huge tea plantation. Driving by the plantation we picked up a **Southern Citril** and a nice **White-browed Coucal**. We found a spot with some wonderful tangles on the border of the forest, and almost immediately the **Long-billed Tailorbirds** started responding. They came right in, offering fantastic views before disappearing back into the forest. Here we also had improved views of **Kretschmar's Longbill**, plus **Black-backed Puffback** and a **Zanzibar Boubou** calling nearby.



**Long-billed Apalis is one of the main targets in the Eastern Usambaras.**

The last site of the morning was a forest track in the Amani Nature Reserve. Our target here was the secretive **Sharpe's Akalat**. We drove some way up the track in our 4x4, and then started our walk. We were scanning for movement, but the forest was pretty quiet. Our local guide proved his worth by finding us an **African Broadbill** that was carrying nest material, and our driver even found us a **Shelley's Greenbul** on a nest. We finally found the **Sharpe's Akalat** singing but it took a while before we all got on the bird. Our target in the bag, we went back for lunch and an afternoon rest before venturing out again in search of our arch-nemesis **White-chested Alethe**. This bird had been a real pain in our neck, and this wasn't about to change. We spent a couple of hours in another patch of forest and had a few birds calling close but unfortunately we couldn't manage anything more than a flyby. We did have brief views of **Red-tailed Ant-Thrush** and **Short-tailed Batis**, but the alethe had succeeded in frustrating us once again.

## 9<sup>th</sup> October – East Usambaras

We had the whole day set aside for exploring the lower reaches of the park, but in reality, we only had 1 target left to find down there. It wasn't just any bird though, and it had taken the previous birding group 2 days to find. The **Usambara Hyliota** is the most restricted range species in this small family. They are canopy birds and known to follow mixed flocks through the treetops. After descending the bumpy road and picking up **African Green Pigeon** and **Half-collared Kingfisher** on the way, we began birding the lower parts of the forest. There were a few large trees that were known to be popular with the hyliota and we began scanning them with the scope. After about 10 minutes, our birding driver said he thought he had it. Checking his bird through the scope, I confirmed the ID and we were soon all having good scope views of this rare bird. What a score so early in the day, and what a relief! We could now enjoy a bit of pressure-free, casual birding. We added a couple of new birds for the trip, including **Black-and-white Shrike-Flycatcher** and **Green Camaroptera**, plus a few other good species like **Chestnut-fronted Helmetshrike**, **Uluguru Violet-backed Sunbird** and **White-eared Barbet**.



**Usambara Two-horned Chameleon.**

After lunch and a well-deserved rest, we went back into the forest for our last try at the seemingly impossible **White-chested Alethe**. On the drive down the hill, we had a nice **Augur Buzzard** perched by the road, and walking down through the forest, had our first view of **Green Barbet**. We polished off another couple of birds that we were looking for: **Little Rush-Warbler** at a small marsh and only a flyby of another skulker, the **Pale-breasted Illadopsis** across the forest trail. We tried everything in order to see the alethes and even had a pair flying across the trail, showing their white bellies, but unfortunately the client was looking the other way. We admitted defeat to a very worthy opponent and left the forest having a quick look again at the **Banded Sunbird** and some **White-eared Barbets**. That was it. The end of our Usambara birding and tomorrow, a long drive north where we would begin the safari section of the tour. On the way back to the lodge, some locals pointed out the endemic **Usambara Two-horned Chameleon** they had found in the bushes.

### 10<sup>th</sup> October – Amani to Arusha

Today was our longest travel day of the tour with a 400km drive from Amani to Arusha. The first part was descending the mountain, so it was bumpy and slow. We kept birding stops short, but we did have nice views of **African Golden-Weaver** and **Brown-breasted Barbet** on the way to Muheza. The latter, one of our targets. It was a relief to be on the smooth main road and we started to make good time, just occasionally getting stuck behind large, slow-moving trucks. The habitat changed gradually to dry, Acacia scrub. We picked up a few interesting birds on the wires with **Pin-tailed Whydah**, **Gray-headed Kingfisher**, **Lilac-breasted Roller**, **Madagascar Bee-eater** and **White-rumped Shrike**. We had a very pleasant lunch stop by the Pangani River, and we had our first glittering emerald **Dideric Cuckoo**, plus **Taveta Golden & Lesser Masked Weavers** after turning off the main road. There were numerous birds were coming in to drink at the water during the heat of the day. We saw **Namaqua Dove**, **Red-billed Quelea**, plus both **Common & Crimson-rumped Waxbills**. We saw **Palmnut Vultures** and the regal **African Fish-Eagle** soaring overhead. On our way out, we also had a family of **Blue-naped Mousebirds** and a **Striped Kingfisher** too. We were back on the road, but had another stop in some dry scrub further on where we picked up **White-headed Mousebird**. After a long day of driving, we arrived at our comfortable lodge in Arusha. Those with energy left, explored the garden a little and picked up **Gray-Olive Greenbul**, **White-eared Barbet**, **Violet-backed Starling** and the spectacular black and white **Guereza Colobus** monkey.



**Taveta Golden-Weaver** has a limited distribution but is locally common.

### 11<sup>th</sup> October – Amani to Arusha

Today we had a full day in the wonderful Arusha National Park, just a short distance from our luxurious hotel. Our trip thus far had had a strong birding bias, but now we hoped to add some opportunities to see large mammals, with plenty of birds thrown in too. While our driver sorted out our permits at the entrance, we birded nearby and found **Tropical Boubou**, **Arrow-marked Babbler**, **Speckled Mousebird**, **Variable Sunbird** and **Taveta Golden-Weaver**. After the entrance formalities, we entered the park and one of our first stops was at an open plain where we saw our first **Plains Zebras** and **African Buffalos**. There were a good amount of water birds there too, with lots of egrets, herons and the several **Marabous**, whose faces only their mothers could love. An **African Fish-Eagle** sat on the ground while the **Marabous** were fishing in a pool, obviously hoping to rob them of their catch. In the nearby bushes, we had some **Trilling Cisticolas**.

From here we drove up into the beautiful lush forest around the crater rim. We had a very productive time outside the museum, seeing **Delegorgue's Pigeon**, **Tambourine Dove**, **Silvery-cheeked Hornbill**, **Cinnamon-chested Bee-eater**, **Black-backed Puffback**, **Black Cuckooshrike**, **White-eyed Slaty-Flycatcher**, **Rüppell's Robin-Chat**, **Kenrick's Starling** and **Red-headed Weaver**. We also saw **Guereza Colobus** monkeys with their absurd black and white fur. We left here, heading for the lake area, finding **Hartlaub's Turaco** in some trees along the road. We stopped at a small marsh on the way where we saw **Spur-winged Goose** and **African Jacana**. We found some **Plains Zebras** with **Red-billed Oxpeckers** on them, plus several **Warthogs** and our first **Bushbuck**. We found the area great for bee-eaters, and saw **European**, **White-fronted** and **Little Bee-eaters**. We also located a pair of **Moustached Grass-Warbler** and a **Whinchat** down in a grassy valley. We reached the first large lake where we were allowed to alight the vehicle to access the bathroom. This was a very active area, and in the nearby Acacia trees we found **Greater Honeyguide**, several migrant **Willow Warblers**, **Speke's Weaver**, **Crimson-rumped Waxbill** and **Grosbeak Weaver**.



A delightful family of Gray Crowned-Cranes.

Of course there were many water birds too, with **Green Sandpiper**, **Common Greenshank**, **Cape Teal**, **Southern Pochard**, numerous **Little Grebes** and **Pied Avocet**. We drove around the edge of the lake, adding some nice **Yellow-billed Storks**, **Long-billed Pipits**, our first **Winding Cisticola** plus the main attraction here, **Greater & Lesser Flamingos**. We enjoyed our lunch at a hilltop picnic area with a great view, before starting our drive back to the park entrance. We drove through some more forest to get there, and we saw the tiny antelopes **Suni & Red Duiker**, plus many more birds, including **Brown-hooded Kingfisher**, **Eurasian Hoopoe**, **White-eared Barbet** giving their alarm calls next to an **African Harrier-Hawk**, **African Hawk-Eagle**, **Black Goshawk** and a striking male **Black-throated Wattle-Eye**. We ended up at the grass plain near the entrance, and our last birds of the day were a delightful family of **Grey Crowned Cranes**, including 2 fluffy chicks. After a wonderful day, we drove back for our last night in our comfortable lodge.

## 12<sup>th</sup> October – Lark Plains to Tarangire

We packed up and left our comfortable Arusha lodgings and drove south, heading for the Engikaret Lark Plains to look for one of the rarest birds in the world; **Beesley's Lark**. Along the main road heading south, there were so many birds, almost all of which were new for the trip. **Bronze & Variable Sunbirds, Kenya Rufous & Chestnut Sparrow**, and the appropriately named **Superb Starling**. We had several raptors along the road, with **Black-winged Kite, White-backed Vulture, Tawny Eagle** and **Eurasian Kestrel**. Further on, the species composition changed again and now we were looking at **Abyssinian Wheatear, Hildebrandt's & Fischer's Starlings** and **White-browed Sparrow-Weaver**. We reached the turn off for the plains and while the driver sorted out our entries with the local guide, we spent a few minutes birding the Acacia scrub nearby, where we saw **Black-throated Barbet, Rosy-patched Bushshrike, Yellow-bellied Eremomela, White-headed Buffalo-Weaver** and **Singing Bushlark**. From here we drove towards the grasslands and started seeing more open country birds, such as **Crowned Lapwing, Temminck's Courser, Taita Fiscal, Fischer's Sparrow-Lark** and **African Pipit**.



The incredibly range-restricted Beesley's Lark.

We reached the spot for **Beesley's Lark** and started our search. The vast majority of birds were **Red-capped Larks** and **Capped Wheatears**, but the local guide finally found us our target **Beesley's Lark**. After watching them for a while and getting a few photos, we had a look around for our other target, the Short-tailed Lark, but this bird seems somewhat nomadic, and didn't seem to be around. We did see a few interesting mammals, with **Cape Hare, Golden Jackal, Common Zebra** and **Thomson's Gazelle**. We left the plains, saying goodbye to the local guide, and drove to a nearby woodland. We didn't have so much time available, but we did manage to rack up quite a list of birds, with **Brubru, African Penduline-Tit, Northern Crombec, Red-fronted Prinia, Red-backed Scrub-Robin** and **White-bellied Canary**. We drove back to the highway and picked up a surprise pair of **Fischer's Lovebirds**, unexpected in this area. After a lunch stop in Arusha, where we saw **Abyssinian White-eye** and **Golden-backed Weaver**, we were on our way to Tarangire. The area around the national park entrance, was full of birds, and while the driver went through the lengthy entrance procedure, we took a look around. With a constant stream of people passing here, the birds were rather tame and perfect photographic subjects.

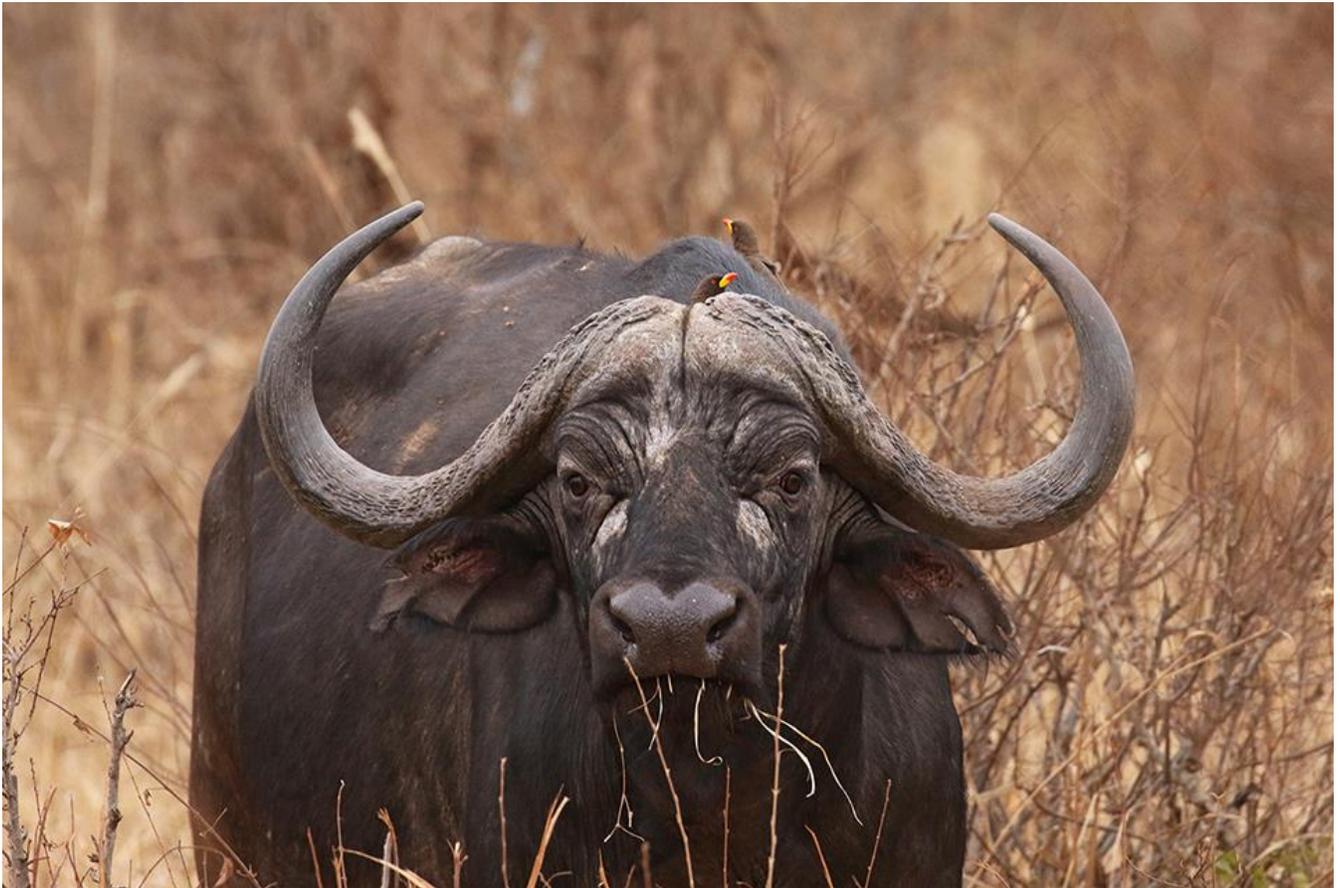
At a small drinking pond, we saw **Swahili Sparrow**, **Blue-capped Cordonbleu** and **Red-billed Firefinch**, while in the nearby trees, we saw **Northern Pied-Babbler**, our target **Ashy Starling** and some **Yellow-collared Lovebirds**. Time was ticking and we still had a long way to go to get to our lodge in the park, but we couldn't help but make a few stops. Along the first section, we picked up the sinister-looking **Southern Ground-Hornbill**, **Black-faced Sandgrouse**, **Lilac-breasted Roller**, **Pygmy Falcon**, **Long-tailed Fiscal**, **Maggie Shrike** plus **Von der Decken's** & **Northern Red-billed Hornbills**. We passed some open areas where we saw our first **Common Ostrich**, **Coqui Francolin**, **White-bellied Bustard**, **Pallid Harrier** and **Double-banded Courser**; then woodlands with **Helmeted Guineafowl**, **Yellow-necked & Crested Francolins**, **White-bellied Go-away-bird**, **Lappet-faced Vulture**, a **Brown Snake-Eagle** perched in a Baobab, a flock of **Blue-naped Mousebirds** and our first **Rufous-tailed Weavers**. Close to the lodge, we drove along the edge of the Silale swamp where we added **Knob-billed Duck**, **Spur-winged Goose**, **Long-toed Lapwing**, **African Jacana**, **African Marsh-Harrier**, **Collared Pratincole**, **Whiskered Tern** and a **African Fish-Eagle**. We had awesome mammals too, with numerous wildebeest, zebra, elephant and lion sightings. We made it to the lodge just after sunset and had time to freshen up before a tasty dinner.



**Coqui Francolin is a difficult bird in other African countries, but easy in Tanzania.**

### **13<sup>th</sup> October – Tarangire NP**

We had a full day to explore the wonderful Tarangire National Park. After an early breakfast on the deck of the lodge, listening to the wonderful sounds of the bush, we drove along the entrance road from the lodge, which had a lot of bird activity and we saw **Yellow-necked Francolin**, a very close **Buff-crested Bustard**, noisy **White-bellied Go-away-birds**, **Spotted Thick-knee**, **D'Arnaud's Barbet**, **Nubian Woodpecker**, **Slate-colored Boubou**, **Bush Pipit**, **Gray-headed Social-Weaver** and several **Cut-throats**. We added the cryptic **Foxy Lark** and then our first **Yellow-billed Oxpecker** which was on a buffalo's head. We got to the swamp and drove along the edge, where we saw **Hottentot Teal**, **Ruff**, a **Purple Heron** in a tree, a ghostly male **Pallid Harrier** which winged its way by and several **African Quailfinches** giving their distinctive calls as they flushed. One of our main targets was **Yellow-throated Sandgrouse**. After finding many **Black-faced** and even **Chestnut-bellied Sandgrouse**, we found several **Yellow-throateds** coming to the edge of the swamp, to drink water.



Birding among beasts. Yellow-billed Oxpecker on a African Buffalo and Lilac-breasted Roller on a zebra.

Next, we passed several displaying **Common Ostriches**, with a pair taking things to their natural conclusion. In the open areas on the other side of the swamp, we also found **Double-banded & Temminck's Coursers**, the uncommon **Chestnut-backed** and the abundant **Fischer's Sparrow-Lark**, plus several raptors, including **White-headed & Lappet-faced Vultures**, **Rüppell's Griffon** and **Bateleur**. We explored the black cotton soil for our target **White-tailed Lark**. To begin with, we found some **Desert Cisticolas** and only when we had all but given up hope and had started making our way back did we flush one. We followed it and got a few nice photos of this very scarce bird. During the morning we had several **Lions** including a very close one plus many other great animal encounters. We also picked up a pair of **Verreaux's Eagle-Owls** on the way back to the lodge for lunch. Later in the afternoon we took another drive along the swamp. On the way we again picked up plenty of interesting birds, like **Kori Bustard**, **Little Bee-eater**, **Brown Snake-Eagle**, **Von der Decken's Hornbill**, **Eastern Paradise-Whydah** and **Village Indigobird**.



**White-tailed Lark: A rare LBJ.**

We saw several new water birds along the edge of the swamp, with **White-backed & Red-billed Ducks**, **Hottentot Teal**, **Southern Pochard**, **Marsh Sandpiper**, **Saddle-billed Stork**, **Squacco Heron**, **Glossy Ibis** and **African Spoonbill**. We had a few nice raptors, like **African Harrier-Hawk**, a **Brown Snake-Eagle** who had just caught a snake, and an impressive **Martial Eagle**. A further assortment of birds included **Northern Red-billed Hornbill**, **Mountain Gray Woodpecker**, **Red-bellied Parrot** and **Rufous-tailed Weaver**. Despite all these great birds, the main target of the afternoon was a mammal. A **Leopard** to be more specific, which our driver had heard about from some of the other drivers. It was a bit of a distance, but we found the animal just where it was supposed to be, hanging out in a Candelabra Euphorbia tree. What a day it had been!

## 14<sup>th</sup> October – Tarangire to Ngorogoro

We enjoyed another lovely birding breakfast on the deck during which a **Spotted Hyaena** loped by, seriously upsetting the **Yellow-necked Francolins** which shot up in the air in a cacophony of raucous cackles, one even landing on our breakfast table. We packed the vehicle and said goodbye to our wonderful hosts at the camp and birded our way slowly back along the entrance road. There were birds everywhere and we saw **Abyssinian Scimitarbill**, **Slate-coloured Boubou** and a large flock of non-breeding-plumaged **White-winged Widowbirds**, to name but a few. We made our way along the Silale Swamp and had some raptor excitement when our first **Common Buzzard** flushed up a pair of **White-bellied Bustards**, and we saw a **Pygmy Falcon** carrying off a small bird. We saw **Saddle-billed Stork** again but added the new **African Swamphen**, **Silverbird** and some perched **Banded Martens**. We had good views of a full-house of hornbills, with **Southern Ground-**, **African Grey**, **Northern Red** and the handsome **Von Der Decken's**. Further on we had more raptors, with **Brown & Black-chested Snake-Eagles**, **Martial Eagle**, **Pallid Harrier**, **Gabar Goshawk**, **Bateleur**, plus **White-backed**, **Ruppell's** and **Lappet-faced Vultures**. We climbed up out of the plain into a raised area with a very different, Miombo-type habitat. Here we saw our first **Yellow-spotted Hyraxes**, eyeing us curiously, and imitating pygmy-owl calls brought in **Greater Blue-eared Starling**, **White-bellied Tit**, **Yellow-spotted Petronia**, **Red-headed Weaver** and **Brubru**.



Golden-winged Sunbird is one of the the most beautiful members of its family.

We made it to the Matete picnic site for an early lunch and enjoyed pleasant views of the river below where many zebras, wildebeest and elephants were coming down to drink in the heat of the day. After lunch, we managed a few more interesting sightings with many **Yellow-throated Sandgrouse** resting in the shade of some huge baobabs, **Red-bellied Parrot**, **Red-necked Francolin** and our first **Red-and-yellow Barbet** digging for termites in the base of a mound, plus some new mammals, namely **Unstriped Ground-Squirrel** and **Slender Mongoose**. It was time to leave Tarangire after a truly enjoyable stay and make our way along the initially smooth road to the world-famous Ngorogoro Crater. After the speedy entrance procedure, we climbed up the road to an amazing and popular viewpoint over the crater where we had scope views of **Black Rhino** way below. We then drove along the rim, picking up our first birds here, with numerous **Cinnamon-chested Bee-eaters**, a soaring **Mountain Buzzard**, **Streaky Seedeater**, and a gorgeous breeding-plumaged male **Golden-winged Sunbird**. After settling in to our comfortable lodge, with unbeatable views over the crater, we took a short walk in the gardens where we saw **Hunter's Cisticola**, **Mountain Yellow-Warbler**, **Abyssinian Thrush**, the snazzy **Tacazze Sunbird** and **Brown-headed Apalis**.

### 15<sup>th</sup> October – Ngorogoro Crater

Today was our day trip into the world famous Ngorogoro Crater. Just the groups staying at our hotel comprised a lot of vehicles, but with all the other lodges nearby, we were expecting it to get busy. We were the first in and out of breakfast which meant that we could bird our way down for at least the first while uninterrupted. This plan paid dividends straight away when we found our target **Hildebrandt's Francolin** feeding by the side of the road. We added a few more interesting birds, with **Hunter's & Singing Cisticolas**, **Tree Pipit**, **White-browed Coucal**, **Bronzy Sunbird** and even a **Eurasian Hobby**. We dropped down into the crater and moved into more open country with a different set of birds, including our first **Yellow-throated Longclaws**, **Northern Wheatears**, **Northern Anteater-Chats** and the tiny **Pectoral Patch Cisticola**. We started to see a lot of herbivores, with both **Grant's & Thomson's Gazelles**, **Coke's Hartebeest**, thousands of **Wildebeest** and **Zebras**, and a large herd of **African Buffalo** close to the road with both **Yellow-billed & Red-billed Oxpeckers** in attendance.



Running the gauntlet: A Black Crake walking over Hippos.

With this much potential prey, there is bound to be some Lions, and seeing these seemed to be the main focus of most of the vehicles. There was a family of lions hiding in a line of trees but we had seen so many in Tarangire that we chose to leave the scrum quickly and avoid the crowds. We headed for a burnt area with many **Grey Crowned Cranes** and several early migrant **White Storks** joined by **Black-backed** and **Golden Jackals**, all looking for tasty, flame-grilled morsels. There were huge numbers of swallows flying over and we added the uncommon **Grey-rumped Swallow**. We also tracked down **Somali Short-toed Larks** which had evaded us earlier in the trip. We had good raptors too with **Augur & Common Buzzards**, **Secretarybirds** and **Black-breasted Snake-Eagles**. We got to a small water body known as Hippo Pool, and other than its namesake, contained a staggering variety of waterbirds. Some of the highlights here were our first **Northern Shovelers**, a beautiful purple **African Swamphen**, a plucky **Black Crake** walking over the hippos backs, many shorebirds, including **Three-banded Plover**, **Ruff** and **Little Stint**, **African Spoonbills**, plus our first **Malachite Kingfisher**.



**Malechite Kingfisher & Rosy-throated Longclaw.**

By the large saline lake, we saw many **Greater** and **Lesser Flamingos**, and in the clumps of grass next to the road, our target **Rosy-throated Longclaw**. It was time for lunch and a well-deserved bathroom break, so we headed to the picnic site located by another lake. While we ate our packed lunches, we added our first **Great White Pelicans**, **Rufous-tailed** and **Speke's Weavers** which were unbelievably tame and hopping around our feet. We had another short drive through an Acacia woodland where we saw **White-headed Barbet**, **Broad-billed Rollers**, a **Lappet-faced Vulture** on a nest, and **Western Yellow Wagtails**, **Kittlitz's Plover** and **African Quailfinch** in the grasslands, before starting to climb the road back up to our hotel on the crater rim. It had been a surprisingly tiring day and we enjoyed a rest before some of us took a stroll around the gardens to find the beautiful **Schalow's Turaco** and a surprise **Eastern Tree Hyrax**. On our way to dinner, I even had an **Abyssinian Nightjar** flying over head. Another amazing day in Africa!



Schalow's Turaco sporting its absurd crest.

#### 16<sup>th</sup> October – Ngorogoro to Serengeti

Unlike the thick mist from yesterday, we had a clear view of the crater this morning and the early morning light was stunningly beautiful. We were on the bumpy, dusty road once again and happened upon another **Hildebrandt's Francoling** in a ditch on the way down. Our first birding stop was at the Ngorogoro airstrip where we saw flocks of non-breeding **Red-collared** and **Jackson's Widowbirds**. We past grassy slopes which changed gradually into dry acacia forest. We spent some time birding this area and were rewarded with some great birds. **Pearl-spotted Owlet** calls brought in **Red-fronted Barbet & Tinkerbird**, several **Chinspot Batises**, **African Penduline Tit**, **Red-faced Crombec**, **Red-throated Tit**, **Beautiful Sunbird** many **White-bellied Canaries**, **Golden-breasted Bunting** and **Black-faced Waxbill**. We continued down the gentle slope to the vast plain of the Serengeti below, passing many Masai people with their blue and red checked robes and long spears. Serengeti means 'endless plain' in the Masai language, and it did appear that way as we made our way along the bumpy road. The only birds appear to be the numerous **Red-capped Larks** and **Capped Wheatears** until we got to the gate where there were a pair of Greater Kestrels.

Out of the plain, jutted a rocky hill that was covered in trees, totally out of place with the desolate surroundings. This was Naabi Hill, where we ate our lunch while our driver went through the entrance procedure. In contrast to the plain, this place was full of different birds and while we ate our lunch we watched the Usamiro race of **D'Arnaud's Barbet**, **Hildebrandt's Starling**, **Black-lored Babbler**, **Yellow-billed Oxpecker**, **Rufous-tailed Weaver** and **White-bellied Canary**. As we travelled West into the park, the grass became a little lush and spotted with occasional trees. The diversity of birds increased, and we saw **Grey-breasted Francolin**, **White-bellied**, **Black-bellied & Kori Bustards**, **Black-winged Lapwing**, **Cape Crow**, **Rufous-naped & White-tailed Larks**, **Yellow-throated Longclaw**, **Ruppell's Starling** and **Croaking Cisticola**. This area of the Serengeti is famous for its cats and we saw several **Lions**, including a black-maned male at close range under a tree. We also had a distant family of **Cheetahs** and a **Leopard** up in a tree. At the Seronero Pond, we had a nice selection of water birds, with **Common Ringed & Three-banded Plovers**, **Little Stint** and **Wood & Marsh Sandpipers**, along with many **Hippos** laying in the mud. We arrived at our tented camp and were welcomed with a drink and cool face towel after a long but rewarding day.



**A Leopard hanging out in a tree.**

### **17<sup>th</sup> October – Serengeti**

We had 2 full days to explore the Serengeti. Our second full day we decided it would be wise to start winding down and take it a little easier, so today we decided to go for it and explore some interesting areas further afield. We set off nice and early, picking some nice birds including **Blue-naped Mousebird**, **D'Arnaud's Barbet**, **Slate-colored Boubou** and our first **Plain-backed Pipits**. We also had some **Eland** posing nicely next to the road. We crossed a small bridge with many **Little & White-rumped Swifts** overhead and a colourful **Gray-headed Kingfisher** perched nearby. One of the targets of the day was the restricted range **Tanzanian Red-billed Hornbill**, and we soon found our first ones, noting their key feature of having a dark patch around the eye, giving them an interesting 'panda-look'. We also saw our first **Dark Chanting-Goshawk** and **Red-backed Shrike**. **Gray-headed Social-Weavers** became common in the wooded savanna, as did the attractive **Silverbird**.

We studied a perched pair of swallows and found that they were the locally rare **Rufous-chested Swallow** which our driver was surprised to see. Our next target was the rare and localized **Karamoja Apalis** which is found in a strange habitat comprised of isolated, spindly Whistling Thorn Acacias. These have an interesting feature in that they provide housing for ants in their plant gall, the entrance hole for which supposedly makes a whistling sound when wind blows over it. We tried a couple of spots before we finally found a very responsive pair that posed well. It was a good morning for raptors and we saw many **Bateleurs** and **Common Buzzards**, and on the other end of the size spectrum, our first **Gray Kestrel** and the pint-sized **Pygmy Falcon**. We also enjoyed **Abyssinian Scimitarbill** and our first family of **Green Woodhoopoes**. We arrived at the beginning of the habitat for our final target, the Grey-crested Helmetshrike. We tried Pearl-spotted Owlet calls at several spots which brought in a variety of birds, including **Scarlet-chested, Mariqua & Beautiful Sunbirds**, the interesting black-faced form of **Red-headed Weaver** and **Black-faced Waxbill**. Further on, a group of **Gray-backed Fiscals** were causing a commotion along with some **Black-lored Babblers**. We tried a spot next to a small river where we saw **Green Sandpiper, Hamerkop, White-bellied Tit** plus our first **White-headed Sawwing** and **Buff-bellied Warblers**.



The globally threatened Karamoja Apalis is rare and localized.

We crossed an open plain where recent rain on the burnt areas had provided fresh grazing for large herds of **Topi, wildebeest** and **zebra**. We also found our first **Wattled Lapwing** here. We reached a new habitat which was a band of green woodland at the base of some hills. This was supposed to be the best spot for our helmetshrike and we continued the search. A real **Pearl-spotted Owlet** took over the job of calling and it brought in **Sulphur-breasted & Gray-headed Bushshrikes, Lesser & Greater Honeyguides, African Paradise-Flycatcher, Red-faced Crombec, Yellow-breasted Apalis, Tabora Cisticola** and the tiny **Little Weaver**. We also saw our first **Eastern Plantain-eater**, which is not a common bird in the Serengeti. We passed more open plains with **Southern Ground-Hornbill** and several perched raptors, with **Lesser Spotted, Long-crested, Steppe** & even a **Tawny Eagle** eating a genet! We had lunch at an airstrip with picnic tables and bathrooms. What a luxury! In the afternoon, we spent more time trying for the helmetshrike but struck out with this rare bird. On the way back, we added our first **Meyer's Parrots**, a handsome **Pallid Harrier** and 2 wonderful lionesses with a beautiful backdrop of Acacia savanna and distant herd of **Zebra**. Clouds had been gathering throughout the day and finally the heavens open and showered the dry landscape. It had been an enjoyable day exploring the west of the park.

## 18<sup>th</sup> October – Serengeti

We had been concentrating on birds until now and today we had promised a slightly less avid birding participant that we would concentrate on mammals. More specifically the cats which were particularly prevalent in the central Serengeti. We started well with a huge herd of **African Buffalo** spanning both side of the road. There were a couple of bulls separated from the herd which were motioning aggressively to us. We ended up at some safari watching the aftermath of a pride of **lions** that had killed a **zebra**. They had dragged most of the corpse under the trees and weren't really visible, but the real interesting stuff was going on in the open. **Lesser Spotted & Tawny Eagles** battled for remainders with **Hooded & White-backed Vultures**, until a couple of **Spotted Hyaenas** turned up and flushed everything, all the while, a very sinister group of **Marabou Storks** lingered around the edges like a bad smell. It was a fascinating scene to watch but, soon all the remaining morsels had been snapped up and things calmed down. We left the group of cars waiting for the lions to reappear and went in search of our own. We saw more raptors, with **Black-breasted Snake-Eagle**, **Secretarybird** and **Pygmy Falcon**, plus other interesting birds like **Von der Decken's & Tanzanian Red-billed Hornbills** and a tree full of colourful **Fischer's Lovebirds**, before coming across more lions. This was a large pride which we counted up to 16 individuals and they were on the move.



A playful family of lions.

Several adult lionesses took the lead and they were followed by some playful half-grown cubs and a couple of young males. At a point they flushed a reedbeek from the long grass in the river bed, but it was such a surprise to them that they didn't manage to take advantage and the potential prey bounded off to safety. The group moved off and we continued our drive. We came to a small pond with **Black-winged Stilt**, **Three-banded Plover**, **Ruff**, **Little Stint**, **Marsh & Wood Sandpipers** and our first **African Snipe**. We drove into the areas with dry short grass in search of cheetahs and on the way found **Yellow-throated Sandgrouse**, **Rufous-naped Lark** and **Northern Wheatear**. We found a couple of **Cheetahs** but they were still a bit more distant than we would have liked. We had some nice birds in the open plains, with **Chestnut-bellied Sandgrouse**, **Temminck's Courser** and the uncommon **Senegal Lapwing** which we definitively identified when it flew and showed us its distinctive flight profile. Then our driver found what we had been looking for, a **Serval**. It was walking slowly through the long grass in search of prey and we watched it at our leisure for about 20 minutes. We found it a methodical and patient predator and finally we watched it pounce, although whatever it was after, got away.



**A hunting Serval & the beautiful Purple Grenadier.**

We started heading back towards the lodge and had another couple of **Cheetah** sightings, each closer than the last. We added a few more interesting birds too, with **Spotted Thick-knee**, **Lappet-faced Vulture**, **Eurasian Kestrel**, **Winding Cisticola** and hundreds of **African Quailfinches**. Despite the number of the latter, they were a devil to see, but patience prevailed and we finally got good views of some drinking at a puddle in the road. After lunch and a rest, we went back out in the afternoon for our final game drive. Pulling out of the lodge, we had our first **Bearded Woodpecker**, followed by **Long-crested Eagle**, **Black-winged Kite** and **Black-breasted Snake-Eagle**. We drove to the other side of a hill, into some wooded country full of **Kirk's Dik-diks**. Pearl-spotted Owlet calls brought in **Purple Grenadier** and **Green-winged Pytilia** which we got nice views of. We saw several **European Bee-eaters** perched in a tree, followed by a **Gray-breasted Francolin** and **Gray-headed Kingfisher**. Our final stop was at a huge hippo pool with well over 100 animals all flatulating and defecating in their ever-decreasing water, fast becoming the consistency of thick soup. Many **Little Bee-eaters** gave a splash of colour to the surroundings, and we drove back to the lodge for our final dinner. The next day was a short flight back to Arusha where we connected with our international flights.



The Tanzanian endemic **Gray-breasted Francolin**.

## BIRD LIST

Avian taxonomy follows ebird/Clements v2018

### Ostriches (Struthionidae)

**Common Ostrich** *Struthio camelus massaicus*  
Seen in Tarangire, Ngorogoro & Serengeti.

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

**White-faced Whistling-Duck** *Dendrocygna viduata*

Seen on Pemba.

**White-backed Duck** *Thalassornis l. leuconotus*

Seen in Tarangire.

**Knob-billed Duck** *Sarkidiornis melanotos*

Seen in Tarangire.

**Egyptian Goose** *Alopochen aegyptiaca*

Seen at Arusha, Tarangire, Ngorogoro & Serengeti.

**Spur-winged Goose** *Plectropterus g. gambensis*

Seen at Arusha & Tarangire.

**Hottentot Teal** *Spatula hottentota*

Seen in Tarangire & Ngorogoro.

**Northern Shoveler** *Spatula clypeata*

Seen in Ngorogoro.

**Cape Teal** *Anas capensis*

Seen at Arusha & Ngorogoro.

**Red-billed Duck** *Anas erythrorhyncha*

Seen in Tarangire & Ngorogoro.

**Southern Pochard** *Netta erythrophthalma brunnea*

Seen at Arusha & Tarangire.

### Guineafowl (Numididae)

**Helmeted Guineafowl** *Numida meleagris mitratus*

Seen in Tarangire, Ngorogoro & Serengeti.

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

**Scaly Francolin** *Pternistis squamatus*

Heard at Arusha.

**Hildebrandt's Francolin** *Pternistis hildebrandti*

Seen at Ngorogoro.

**Yellow-necked Francolin** *Pternistis leucoscepus*

Seen in Tarangire.

**Gray-breasted Francolin** *Pternistis rufopictus*

Seen in Serengeti.

**Red-necked Francolin** *Pternistis afer harterti* (?)

Seen in Tarangire.

**Crested Francolin** *Dendroperdix sephaena grantii*

Seen in Tarangire.

**Coqui Francolin** *Peliperdix c. coqui* (?)

Seen in Tarangire & Serengeti.

### Flamingos (Phoenicopteridae)

**Greater Flamingo** *Phoenicopterus roseus*

Seen at Arusha & Ngorogoro.

**Lesser Flamingo** *Phoeniconaias minor*

Seen at Arusha & Ngorogoro.

Endemic

### Grebes (Podicipedidae)

#### **Little Grebe**

*Tachybaptus ruficollis capensis*

Seen on Pemba, Arusha & Ngorogoro.

### Pigeons and Doves (Columbidae)

#### **Rock Pigeon**

*Columba livia*

Seen widely in urban areas.

#### **Speckled Pigeon**

*Columba guinea*

Seen in Tarangire & Serengeti.

#### **Rameron Pigeon**

*Columba arquatrix*

Seen in W Usambaras.

#### **Delegorgue's Pigeon**

*Columba delegorguei sharpei*

Heard in W Usambaras. Seen in Arusha.

#### **Lemon Dove**

*Columba l. larvata*

Seen in W & E Usambaras.

#### **Mourning Collared-Dove**

*Streptopelia decipiens pespicillata*

Heard at Engikaet. Seen at Tarangire.

#### **Red-eyed Dove**

*Streptopelia semitorquata*

Heard in W Usambaras. Seen near Arusha & at Ngorogoro.

#### **Ring-necked Dove**

*Streptopelia capicola tropica*

Seen in Tarangire, Ngorogoro & Serengeti.

#### **Laughing Dove**

*Streptopelia s. senegalensis*

Seen in Tarangire & Serengeti.

#### **Emerald-spotted Wood-Dove**

*Turtur chalcospilos*

Seen in Tarangire & Serengeti.

#### **Blue-spotted Wood-Dove**

*Turtur afer*

Seen on Pemba, W & E Usambaras.

#### **Tambourine Dove**

*Turtur tympanistria*

Heard on Pemba & in W Usambaras.

#### **Namaqua Dove**

*Oena c. capensis*

Seen in Tarangire & Serengeti.

#### **Pemba Green-Pigeon**

*Treron pembaensis*

Vulnerable. Seen on Pemba.

#### **African Green-Pigeon**

*Treron calvus granti* (?)

Seen in E Usambaras.

**Endemic**

### Sandgrouse (Pteroclididae)

#### **Chestnut-bellied Sandgrouse**

*Pterocles exustus olivascens*

Seen at Engikaret, Tarangire & Serengeti.

#### **Yellow-throated Sandgrouse**

*Pterocles gutturalis saturatior*

Seen in Tarangire, Ngorogoro & Serengeti.

#### **Black-faced Sandgrouse**

*Pterocles decoratus loveridgei*

Seen in Tarangire & Serengeti.

### Bustards (Otididae)

#### **Kori Bustard**

*Ardeotis kori struthiunculus*

Seen in Tarangire, Ngorogoro & Serengeti.

#### **White-bellied Bustard**

*Eupodotis senegalensis erlangeri*

Seen in Tarangire & Serengeti.

#### **Buff-crested Bustard**

*Eupodotis gindiana*

Seen in Tarangire

#### **Black-bellied Bustard**

*Lissotis m. melanogaster*

Seen in Serengeti.

### Turacos (Musophagidae)

#### **Schalow's Turaco**

Seen at Ngorogoro.

#### **Fischer's Turaco**

Seen in E Usambaras.

#### **Hartlaub's Turaco**

Seen in W Usambaras & Arusha.

#### **Bare-faced Go-away-bird**

Seen in Tarangire & Serengeti.

#### **White-bellied Go-away-bird**

Seen in Tarangire.

#### **Eastern Plantain-eater**

Seen in Serengeti.

*Tauraco schalowi*

*Tauraco f. fischeri*

*Tauraco hartlaubi*

*Corythaixoides personatus leupoldi*

*Corythaixoides leucogaster*

*Crinifer zonurus*

### Cuckoos (Cuculidae)

#### **White-browed Coucal**

Seen on Pemba, E Usambaras, Ngorogoro & Serengeti.

#### **Dideric Cuckoo**

Seen near Mkomazi & Ngorogoro.

#### **Klaas's Cuckoo**

Seen in W Usambaras.

#### **African Emerald Cuckoo**

Heard in W Usambaras.

#### **Barred Long-tailed Cuckoo**

Seen in W Usambaras.

#### **Red-chested Cuckoo**

Heard in W Usambaras, Ngorogoro & Serengeti.

*Centropus s. superciliosus*

*Chrysococcyx caprius*

*Chrysococcyx klaas*

*Chrysococcyx c. cupreus*

*Cercococcyx montanus patulus*

*Cuculus solitarius*

### Nightjars and Allies (Caprimulgidae)

#### **Abyssinian Nightjar**

Seen at Ngorogoro

#### **Square-tailed Nightjar**

Heard in Serengeti.

*Caprimulgus poliocephalus*

*Caprimulgus clarus*

### Swifts (Apodidae)

#### **Scarce Swift**

Seen in W Usambaras.

#### **Mottled Swift**

Seen at Ngorogoro.

#### **Common Swift**

Seen in W Usambaras.

#### **African Swift**

Seen in Arusha.

#### **Little Swift**

Seen on the way to Lushoto & Serengeti.

#### **White-rumped Swift**

Seen in Tarangire, Ngorogoro & Serengeti.

#### **African Palm-Swift**

Seen on Pemba, in E Usambaras & Serengeti.

*Schoutedenapus m. myoptilus*

*Apus a. aequatorialis*

*Apus a. apus*

*Apus barbatus roehli*

*Apus a. affinis*

*Apus caffer*

*Cypsiurus parvus myochrous*

### Rails, Gallinules, and Coots (Rallidae)

#### **Black Crake**

Seen in Tarangire & Ngorogoro.

*Zapornia flavirostra*

**Eurasian Moorhen** *Gallinula chloropus meridionalis*  
Seen on Pemba, Tarangire & Ngorogoro.

**Red-knobbed Coot** *Fulica cristata*  
Seen in Serengeti.

**African Swamphen** *Porphyrio madagascariensis*  
Seen in Tarangire & Ngorogoro.

#### Cranes (Gruidae)

**Gray Crowned-Crane** *Balearica regulorum gibbericeps*  
Endangered. Seen in Arusha & Ngorogoro.

#### Thick-knees (Burhinidae)

**Spotted Thick-knee** *Burhinus c. capensis*  
Seen in Tarangire & Serengeti.

#### Stilts and Avocets (Recurvirostridae)

**Black-winged Stilt** *Himantopus himantopus*  
Seen in Tarangire, Ngorogoro & Serengeti.

**Pied Avocet** *Recurvirostra avosetta*  
Seen in Arusha & Ngorogoro.

#### Plovers and Lapwings (Charadriidae)

**Long-toed Lapwing** *Vanellus crassirostris leucopterus*  
Seen in Tarangire.

**Blacksmith Lapwing** *Vanellus armatus*  
Seen in Arusha, Tarangire, Ngorogoro & Serengeti.

**Spur-winged Lapwing** *Vanellus spinosus*  
Seen at Mkomazi, Ngorogoro & Serengeti.

**Senegal Lapwing** *Vanellus lugubris*  
Seen in Serengeti.

**Black-winged Lapwing** *Vanellus melanopterus minor*  
Seen at Ngorogoro & Serengeti.

**Crowned Lapwing** *Vanellus c. coronatus*  
Seen at Engikaret, Tarangire, Ngorogoro & Serengeti.

**Wattled Lapwing** *Vanellus s. senegallus*  
Seen in Serengeti.

**Kittlitz's Plover** *Charadrius pecuarius*  
Seen at Ngorogoro.

**Common Ringed Plover** *Charadrius hiaticula tundrae*  
Seen in Serengeti.

**Three-banded Plover** *Charadrius t. tricoloris*  
Seen at Ngorogoro & Serengeti.

#### Jacanas (Jacanidae)

**African Jacana** *Actophilornis africanus*  
Seen in Tarangire & Ngorogoro.

#### Sandpipers and Allies (Scolopacidae)

**Ruff** *Calidris pugnax*  
Seen in Tarangire, Ngorogoro & Serengeti.

**Little Stint** *Calidris minuta*  
Seen at Ngorogoro & Serengeti.

**African Snipe** *Gallinago nigripennis aequatorialis*  
Heard in Serengeti.

<b>Common Sandpiper</b> Seen in Arusha & Serengeti.	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>
<b>Green Sandpiper</b> Seen in Arusha & Serengeti.	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>
<b>Common Greenshank</b> Seen in Arusha.	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>
<b>Marsh Sandpiper</b> Seen in Tarangire & Serengeti.	<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>
<b>Wood Sandpiper</b> Seen in Tarangire & Serengeti.	<i>Tringa glareola</i>

#### **Pratincoles and Coursers (Glareolidae)**

<b>Temminck's Courser</b> Seen at Engikaret, Tarangire & Serengeti.	<i>Cursorius temminckii</i>
<b>Double-banded Courser</b> Seen in Tarangire & Serengeti.	<i>Smutsornis africanus gracilis</i>
<b>Collared Pratincole</b> Seen in Tarangire & Ngorogoro.	<i>Glareola pratincole fuelleborni</i>

#### **Gulls, Terns, and Skimmers (Laridae)**

<b>Gray-hooded Gull</b> Seen in Ngorogoro.	<i>Chroicocephalus cirrocephalus poliocephalus</i>
<b>Saunders's Tern</b> Seen on Pemba.	<i>Sternula saundersi</i>
<b>Gull-billed Tern</b> Seen in Ngorogoro.	<i>Gelochelidon n. nilotica</i>
<b>Whiskered Tern</b> Seen in Tarangire & Ngorogoro.	<i>Chlidonias hybrida delalandii</i>
<b>Roseate Tern</b> Seen on Pemba.	<i>Sterna d. dougallii</i>
<b>Common Tern</b> Seen on Pemba.	<i>Sterna h. hirundo</i>
<b>White-cheeked Tern</b> Seen on Pemba.	<i>Sterna repressa</i>
<b>Great Crested Tern</b> Seen on Pemba.	<i>Thalasseus bergii thalassinus</i>
<b>Lesser Crested Tern</b> Seen on Pemba.	<i>Thalasseus b. bengalensis</i>

#### **Storks (Ciconiidae)**

<b>White Stork</b> Seen at Ngorogoro.	<i>Ciconia c. ciconia</i>
<b>Saddle-billed Stork</b> Seen in Tarangire & Ngorogoro.	<i>Ephippiorhynchus senegalensis</i>
<b>Marabou Stork</b> Seen at Arusha, Tarangire & Serengeti.	<i>Leptoptilos crumenifer</i>
<b>Yellow-billed Stork</b> Seen at Arusha, Ngorogoro & Serengeti.	<i>Mycteria ibis</i>

#### **Pelicans (Pelecanidae)**

<b>Great White Pelican</b> Seen at Ngorogoro.	<i>Pelecanus onocrotalus</i>
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### Hamerkop (Scopidae)

**Hamerkop** *Scopus u. umbretta*  
Seen at Arusha, Ngorogoro & Serengeti.

### Hérons, Egrets, and Bitterns (Ardeidae)

**Gray Heron** *Ardea c. cinerea*  
Seen at Arusha & Ngorogoro.

**Black-headed Heron** *Ardea melanocephala*  
Seen on Pemba & Lushoto, Arusha, Tarangire, Ngorogoro & Serengeti.

**Purple Heron** *Ardea p. purpurea*  
Seen in Tarangire.

**Great Egret** *Ardea alba melanorhynchos*  
Seen at Arusha.

**Intermediate Egret** *Ardea intermedia brachyrhincha*  
Seen at Arusha & Tarangire.

**Little Egret** *Egretta g. garzetta*  
Seen in Tarangire & Ngorogoro.

**Cattle Egret** *Bubulcus i. ibis*  
Seen at Arusha, Tarangire & Ngorogoro.

**Squacco Heron** *Ardeola ralloides*  
Seen in Tarangire.

**Black-crowned Night-Heron** *Nycticorax n. nycticorax*  
Seen at Ngorogoro.

### Ibises and Spoonbills (Threskiornithidae)

**Glossy Ibis** *Plegadis falcinellus*  
Seen in Tarangire & Ngorogoro.

**Sacred Ibis** *Threskiornis a. aethiopicus*  
Seen at Arusha, Tarangire & Ngorogoro.

**Hadada Ibis** *Bostrychia hagedash brevirostris*  
Heard on Pemba. Seen at Arusha & Tarangire.

**African Spoonbill** *Platalea alba*  
Seen in Tarangire & Ngorogoro.

### Secretarybird (Sagittariidae)

**Secretarybird** *Sagittarius serpentarius*  
Vulnerable. Seen in Tarangire, Ngorogoro & Serengeti.

### Hawks, Eagles, and Kites (Accipitridae)

**Black-shouldered Kite** *Elanus c. caeruleus*  
Seen at Engikaret, Ngorogoro & Serengeti.

**African Harrier-Hawk** *Polyboroides t. typus*  
Seen on Pemba, in E Usambaras, Arusha, Tarangire & Ngorogoro.

**Palm-nut Vulture** *Gypohierax angolensis*  
Seen on Pemba & in E Usambaras.

**White-headed Vulture** *Trigonoceps occipitalis*  
Critically endangered. Seen in Tarangire.

**Lappet-faced Vulture** *Torgos tracheliotus tracheliotus*  
Endangered. Seen in Tarangire, Ngorogoro & Serengeti.

**Hooded Vulture** *Necrosyrtes monachus*  
Critically endangered. Seen in Serengeti.

**White-backed Vulture** *Gyps africanus*  
Critically endangered. Seen at Engikaret, Tarangire, Ngorogoro & Serengeti.

<b>Rüppell's Griffon</b> Critically endangered. Seen in Tarangire & Ngorogoro.	<b><i>Gyps r. rueppelli</i></b>
<b>Bateleur</b> Seen in Tarangire, Ngorogoro & Serengeti.	<b><i>Terathopius ecaudatus</i></b>
<b>Black-breasted Snake-Eagle</b> Seen in Tarangire, Ngorogoro & Serengeti.	<b><i>Circaetus pectoralis</i></b>
<b>Brown Snake-Eagle</b> Seen in Tarangire.	<b><i>Circaetus cinereus</i></b>
<b>Crowned Eagle</b> Heard at Arusha.	<b><i>Stephanoaetus coronatus</i></b>
<b>Martial Eagle</b> Vulnerable. Seen in Tarangire.	<b><i>Polemaetus bellicosus</i></b>
<b>Long-crested Eagle</b> Seen in Serengeti.	<b><i>Lophaetus occipitalis</i></b>
<b>Lesser Spotted Eagle</b> Seen in Serengeti.	<b><i>Clanga pomarina</i></b>
<b>Wahlberg's Eagle</b> Seen in E Usambaras.	<b><i>Hieraaetus wahlbergi</i></b>
<b>Tawny Eagle</b> Seen in Engikaret, Tarangire, Ngorogoro & Serengeti.	<b><i>Aquila r. rapax</i></b>
<b>Steppe Eagle</b> Endangered. Seen at Ngorogoro & Serengeti.	<b><i>Aquila nipalensis orientalis</i></b>
<b>African Hawk-Eagle</b> Seen at Arusha.	<b><i>Aquila spilogaster</i></b>
<b>Lizard Buzzard</b> Seen near Tanga.	<b><i>Kaupifalco monogrammicus meridionalis</i></b>
<b>Dark Chanting-Goshawk</b> Seen in Serengeti.	<b><i>Melierax m. metabates</i></b>
<b>Eastern Chanting-Goshawk</b> Seen on the way to Arusha & Enikaret.	<b><i>Melierax poliopterus</i></b>
<b>Gabar Goshawk</b> Seen in Tarangire.	<b><i>Micronisus gabar aequatorialis</i></b>
<b>African Marsh-Harrier</b> Seen in Tarangire.	<b><i>Circus ranivorus</i></b>
<b>Pallid Harrier</b> Seen in Tarangire, Ngorogoro & Serengeti.	<b><i>Circus macrourus</i></b>
<b>Montagu's Harrier</b> Seen at Ngorogoro & Serengeti.	<b><i>Circus pygargus</i></b>
<b>African Goshawk</b> Endemic <i>A.t.pembaensis</i> seen on Pemba. <i>A.t.sparsimfasciatus</i> seen in W Usambaras. Heard at Arusha.	<b><i>Accipiter tachiro</i></b>
<b>Black Goshawk</b> Seen at Arusha.	<b><i>Accipiter m. melanoleucus</i></b>
<b>Black Kite</b> <i>M.m.migrans</i> seen at Ngorogoro. <i>M.m.parasitus</i> seen on Pemba, in W Usambaras & Ngorogoro.	<b><i>Milvus migrans</i></b>
<b>African Fish-Eagle</b> Seen at Arusha & Tarangire.	<b><i>Haliaeetus vocifer</i></b>
<b>Common Buzzard</b> Seen in Tarangire, Ngorogoro & Serengeti.	<b><i>Buteo buteo vulpinus</i></b>
<b>Mountain Buzzard</b> Seen in W Usambaras & Ngorogoro.	<b><i>Buteo oreophilus</i></b>
<b>Augur Buzzard</b> Seen in W & E Usambaras, Arusha & Ngorogoro.	<b><i>Buteo augur</i></b>

### Owls (Strigidae)

#### **Pemba Scops-Owl**

Vulnerable. Seen on Pemba.

*Otus pembaensis*

Endemic

#### **African Scops-Owl**

Heard in Tarangire.

*Otus s. senegalensis*

#### **Usambara Eagle-Owl**

Vulnerable. Seen in W Usambaras.

*Bubo vosseleri*

Endemic

#### **Verreaux's Eagle-Owl**

Seen in Tarangire.

*Bubo lacteus*

#### **Pearl-spotted Owlet**

Seen in Tarangire & Serengeti.

*Glaucidium perlatum licua*

#### **African Wood-Owl**

Seen in W Usambaras.

*Strix woodfordii nigricantior*

### Mousebirds (Coliidae)

#### **Speckled Mousebird**

Seen in W Usambaras, Ngorogoro & Serengeti.

*Colius striatus mombassicus(?)*

#### **White-headed Mousebird**

Seen near Mkomazi.

*Colius l. leucocephalus*

#### **Blue-naped Mousebird**

Seen near Mkomazi, in Tarangire & Serengeti.

*Urocolius macrourus pulcher*

### Trogon (Trogonidae)

#### **Bar-tailed Trogon**

Seen in W Usambaras.

*Apaloderma v. vittatum*

### Hoopoes (Upupidae)

#### **Eurasian Hoopoe**

Seen at Engikaret, Tarangire, Ngorogoro & Serengeti.

*Upupa epops africana*

### Woodhoopoes and Scimitarbills (Phoeniculidae)

#### **Green Woodhoopoe**

Seen in Serengeti.

*Phoeniculus purpureus marwitzi*

#### **Abyssinian Scimitarbill**

Seen in Tarangire & Serengeti.

*Rhinopomastus minor cabanisi*

### Ground-Hornbills (Bucorvidae)

#### **Southern Ground-Hornbill**

Vulnerable. Seen in Tarangire & Serengeti.

*Bucorvus leadbeateri*

### Hornbills (Bucerotidae)

#### **Crowned Hornbill**

Seen on Pemba.

*Lophoceros alboterminatus*

#### **African Gray Hornbill**

Seen in Tarangire & Serengeti.

*Lophoceros nasutus epirhinus*

#### **Von der Decken's Hornbill**

Seen in Tarangire & Serengeti.

*Tockus deckeni*

#### **Tanzanian Red-billed Hornbill**

Seen in Serengeti.

*Tockus ruahae*

Endemic

#### **Northern Red-billed Hornbill**

Seen in Tarangire.

*Tockus erythrorhynchus*

#### **Silvery-cheeked Hornbill**

Seen in W & E Usambaras & Arusha.

*Bycanistes brevis*

### **Kingfishers (Alcedinidae)**

#### **Half-collared Kingfisher**

Seen in E Usambaras.

*Alcedo semitorquata tephria*

#### **Malachite Kingfisher**

Seen at Ngorogoro.

*Corythornis cristatus galeritus*

#### **African Pygmy-Kingfisher**

Heard on Pemba.

*Ispidina p. picta*

#### **Gray-headed Kingfisher**

Seen near Mkomazi, in Tarangire & Serengeti.

*Halcyon leucocephala pallidiventris*

#### **Mangrove Kingfisher**

Seen on Pemba.

*Halcyon senegaloides ranivorus*

#### **Brown-hooded Kingfisher**

Seen in E Usambaras & Arusha.

*Halcyon albiventris orientalis*

#### **Striped Kingfisher**

Seen near Mkomazi & Serengeti.

*Halcyon c. chelicuti*

#### **Pied Kingfisher**

Seen on Pemba.

*Ceryle r. rudis*

### **Bee-eaters (Meropidae)**

#### **White-fronted Bee-eater**

Seen in Arusha.

*Merops b. bullockoides*

#### **Little Bee-eater**

Seen in Arusha, Tarangire, Ngorogoro & Serengeti.

*Merops pusillus meridionalis*

#### **Cinnamon-chested Bee-eater**

Seen in W Usambaras, Arusha & Ngorogoro.

*Merops oreobates*

#### **Madagascar Bee-eater**

Seen in Mkomazi.

*Merops s. surperciliosus*

#### **European Bee-eater**

Seen in Arusha & Serengeti.

*Merops apiaster*

### **Rollers (Coraciidae)**

#### **Lilac-breasted Roller**

Seen on the way to Lushoto, Arusha, Tarangire, Ngorogoro & Serengeti.

*Coracias c. caudatus*

#### **Rufous-crowned Roller**

Seen in Tarangire.

*Coracias n. naevius*

#### **Broad-billed Roller**

Seen on Pemba, Ngorogoro & Serengeti.

*Eurystomus glaucurus suahelicus*

### **African Barbets (Lybiidae)**

#### **Red-and-yellow Barbet**

Heard at Engikaret. Seen in Tarangire.

*Trachyphonus e. erythrocephalus*

#### **D'Arnaud's Barbet**

*T.d.emini* sin Tarangire. *T.d.usambiro* seen in Serengeti.

*Trachyphonus darnaudii*

#### **White-eared Barbet**

Seen in E Usambaras & Arusha.

*Stactolaema leucotis kilimensis*

#### **Green Barbet**

Heard in W & seen in the E Usambaras.

*Stactolaema o. olivacea*

#### **Green Tinkerbird**

Heard in E Usambaras.

*Pogoniulus simplex*

#### **Moustached Tinkerbird**

Seen in W & heard in the E Usambaras.

*Pogoniulus leucomystax*

#### **Red-fronted Tinkerbird**

Seen near Ngorogoro.

*Pogoniulus pusillus affinis*

<b>Red-fronted Barbet</b> Seen in Ngorogoro & Serengeti.	<i>Tricholaema diademata massaica</i>
<b>Spot-flanked Barbet</b> Seen in Serengeti.	<i>Tricholaema l. lacrymosa</i>
<b>Black-throated Barbet</b> Seen at Engikaret.	<i>Tricholaema melanocephala stigmatothorax</i>
<b>White-headed Barbet</b> Seen at Ngorogoro.	<i>Lybius leucocephalus albicauda</i> (?)
<b>Brown-breasted Barbet</b> Seen near Muheza.	<i>Lybius melanopterus</i>

### Honeyguides (Indicatoridae)

<b>Pallid Honeyguide</b> Seen in E Usambaras.	<i>Indicator m. meliphilus</i>
<b>Lesser Honeyguide</b> Seen in Serengeti.	<i>Indicator minor teitensis</i>
<b>Greater Honeyguide</b> Seen in Tarangire & Serengeti. Heard at Ngorogoro.	<i>Indicator indicator</i>

### Woodpeckers (Picidae)

<b>Nubian Woodpecker</b> Seen in Tarangire & Serengeti.	<i>Campethera n. nubica</i>
<b>Golden-tailed Woodpecker</b> Seen in Arusha.	<i>Campethera abingoni suahelica</i>
<b>Cardinal Woodpecker</b> Seen in E Usambaras, Tarangire, Ngorogoro & Serengeti.	<i>Chloropicus fuscescens hartlaubii</i> (?)
<b>Bearded Woodpecker</b> Seen in Serengeti.	<i>Chloropicus n. namaquus</i>
<b>Mountain Gray Woodpecker</b> Seen at Engikaret & Tarangire.	<i>Chloropicus spodocephalus rhodeogaster</i>

### Falcons and Caracaras (Falconidae)

<b>Pygmy Falcon</b> Seen in Tarangire & Serengeti.	<i>Polihierax semitorquatus</i>
<b>Eurasian Kestrel</b> Seen at Engikaret & Serengeti.	<i>Falco tinnunculus rufescens</i>
<b>Greater Kestrel</b> Seen in Serengeti.	<i>Falco rupicoloides arthuri</i>
<b>Gray Kestrel</b> Seen in Serengeti.	<i>Falco ardosiaceus</i>
<b>Dickinson's Kestrel</b> Seen by the guide on Pemba.	<i>Falco dickinsoni</i>
<b>Eurasian Hobby</b> Seen at Ngorogoro.	<i>Falco s. subbuteo</i>
<b>Lanner Falcon</b> Seen near Muheza.	<i>Falco b. biarmicus</i>

### Old World Parrots (Psittaculidae)

<b>Fischer's Lovebird</b> Seen at Engikaret & Serengeti.	<i>Agapornis fischeri</i>	<b>Endemic</b>
<b>Yellow-collared Lovebird</b> Seen at Tarangire.	<i>Agapornis personatus</i>	<b>Endemic</b>

### New World and African Parrots (Psittacidae)

<b>Meyer's Parrot</b> Seen in Serengeti.	<i>Poicephalus meyeri saturates</i> (?)
<b>Brown-headed Parrot</b> Seen on Pemba.	<i>Poicephalus cryptoxanthus tanganyikae</i>
<b>Red-bellied Parrot</b> Seen in Tarangire.	<i>Poicephalus r. rufiventris</i>

### African and Green Broadbills (Calyptomenidae)

<b>African Broadbill</b> Seen in E Usambaras.	<i>Smithornis capensis medianus</i>
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### Wattle-eyes and Batises (Platysteiridae)

<b>Black-throated Wattle-eye</b> Seen at Arusha.	<i>Platysteira peltate mentalis</i> (?)
<b>Short-tailed Batis</b> Seen in W & E Usambaras.	<i>Batis m. mixta</i>
<b>Chinspot Batis</b> Heard at Arusha. Seen near Ngorogoro & Serengeti.	<i>Batis molitor puella</i>

### Vangas, Helmetshrikes, and Allies (Vangidae)

<b>White Helmetshrike</b> Seen in Tarangire.	<i>Prionops plumatus vinaceigularis</i> (?)
<b>Chestnut-fronted Helmetshrike</b> Seen in E Usambaras.	<i>Prionops scopifrons kirki</i>
<b>Black-and-white Shrike-flycatcher</b> Seen in E Usambaras.	<i>Bias musicus changamwensis</i>

### Bushshrikes and Allies (Malaconotidae)

<b>Brubru</b> Seen at Engikaret, Tarangire, Ngorogoro & Serengeti.	<i>Nilaus afer massaicus</i> (?)	
<b>Black-backed Puffback</b> Seen in W & E Usambaras, Ngorogoro & Serengeti.	<i>Dryoscopus cubla nairobiensis</i> (?)	
<b>Black-crowned Tchagra</b> Heard at Arusha.	<i>Tchagra senegalus armenus</i>	
<b>Brown-crowned Tchagra</b> Heard at Engikaret. Seen at Tarangire, Ngorogoro & Serengeti.	<i>Tchagra australis minor</i> (?)	
<b>Tropical Boubou</b> Seen at Arusha & Serengeti. Heard at Ngorogoro.	<i>Laniarius m. major</i>	
<b>Zanzibar Boubou</b> Heard in E Usambaras.	<i>Laniarius sublacteus</i>	
<b>Slate-colored Boubou</b> Seen in Tarangire & Serengeti.	<i>Laniarius funebris</i>	
<b>Fuelleborn's Boubou</b> Seen in W Usambaras.	<i>Laniarius fuelleborni usambaricus</i>	Endemic subspecies
<b>Rosy-patched Bushshrike</b> Seen at Engikaret.	<i>Rhodophoneus cruentus cathemagmenus</i>	
<b>Sulphur-breasted Bushshrike</b> Seen in Serengeti.	<i>Telophorus sulfureopectus similis</i>	
<b>Gray-headed Bushshrike</b> Seen in Serengeti.	<i>Malaconotus blanchoti approximans</i>	
<b>Black-fronted Bushshrike</b> Seen in W Usambaras.	<i>Telophorus n. nigrifrons</i>	

### **Cuckooshrikes (Campephagidae)**

**Gray Cuckooshrike** *Coracina caesia pura*

Seen in E Usambaras.

**Black Cuckooshrike** *Campephaga flava*

Seen at Arusha.

### **Shrikes (Laniidae)**

**Gray-backed Fiscal** *Lanius excubitoroides boehmi*

Seen in Serengeti.

**Long-tailed Fiscal** *Lanius cabanisi*

Seen at Tarangire.

**Taita Fiscal** *Lanius dorsalis*

Seen at Engikaret.

**Northern Fiscal** *Lanius h. humeralis*

Seen in W Usambaras, Arusha & Ngorogoro.

**Magpie Shrike** *Corvinella melanoleuca aequatorialis*

Seen at Tarangire & Serengeti.

**White-rumped Shrike** *Eurocephalus ruppelli*

Seen at Tarangire & Serengeti.

### **Old World Orioles (Oriolidae)**

**Green-headed Oriole** *Oriolus chlorocephalus amani*

Seen in E Usambaras.

**African Black-headed Oriole** *Oriolus larvatus reichenowi*

Seen at Arusha & Serengeti.

### **Drongos (Dicruridae)**

**Square-tailed Drongo** *Dicrurus ludwigii muenzneri*

Seen in E Usambaras

**Fork-tailed Drongo** *Dicrurus adsimilis fugax*

Seen in W & E Usambaras, Ngorogoro & Serengeti.. Birds seen in the Usambaras may be different and are sometimes known as Usambara Drongo.

### **Monarch Flycatchers (Monarchidae)**

**African Crested-Flycatcher** *Trochocercus cyanomelas bivittatus*

Heard in E Usambaras.

**African Paradise-Flycatcher** *Terpsiphone viridis*

*T.v.ungujaensis* seen on Pemba. *T.v.suahelica* seen in E Usambaras. *T.v.ferreti* (?) seen in Serengeti.

### **Crows, Jays, and Magpies (Corvidae)**

**House Crow** *Corvus splendens*

Commonly seen in the coastal lowlands.

**Cape Crow** *Corvus capensis kordofanensis*

Seen in Serengeti.

**Pied Crow** *Corvus albus*

Seen in W Usambaras, Tarangire & Serengeti.

**White-necked Raven** *Corvus albicollis*

Seen in W Usambaras & Ngorogoro.

### **Nicators (Nicatoridae)**

**Eastern Nicator** *Nicator gularis*

Heard in E Usambaras.

**Larks (Alaudidae)**

<b>Beesley's Lark</b> Seen at Engikaet.	<i>Chersomanes beesleyi</i>
<b>Chestnut-backed Sparrow-Lark</b> Seen in Tarangire.	<i>Eremopterix leucotis madaraszi</i>
<b>Fischer's Sparrow-Lark</b> Seen at Engikaet, Tarangire, Ngorogoro & Serengeti.	<i>Eremopterix leucopareia</i>
<b>Foxy Lark</b> Seen in Tarangire.	<i>Calendulauda alopex intercedens</i>
<b>Rufous-naped Lark</b> Seen at Arusha, Ngorogoro & Serengeti.	<i>Mirafra africana tropicalis</i>
<b>Flappet Lark</b> Seen in Serengeti.	<i>Mirafra rufocinnamomea torrida</i>
<b>White-tailed Lark</b> Seen in Tarangire & Serengeti.	<i>Mirafra albicauda</i>
<b>Singing Bushlark</b> Seen at Engikaret.	<i>Mirafra cantillans marginata</i>
<b>Red-capped Lark</b> Seen at Engikaret, Ngorogoro & Serengeti.	<i>Calandrella cinerea williamsi</i> (?)
<b>Somali Short-toed Lark</b> Seen at Ngorogoro.	<i>Alaudala somalica athensis</i>

**Swallows (Hirundinidae)**

<b>Plain Martin</b> Seen at Arusha & Ngorogoro.	<i>Riparia paludicola ducis</i>
<b>Banded Martin</b> Seen in Tarangire & Ngorogoro.	<i>Riparia cincta suahelica</i>
<b>Rock Martin</b> Seen in W Usambaras, Ngorogoro & Serengeti.	<i>Ptyonoprogne fuligula fusciventris</i>
<b>Barn Swallow</b> Seen at Arusha, Ngorogoro & Serengeti.	<i>Hirundo r. rustica</i>
<b>Wire-tailed Swallow</b> Seen at Arusha & Serengeti.	<i>Hirundo s. smithii</i>
<b>Red-rumped Swallow</b> Seen at Ngorogoro & Serengeti.	<i>Cecropis daurica emini</i>
<b>Lesser Striped-Swallow</b> Seen near Tanga.	<i>Cecropis abyssinica unitatis</i>
<b>Mosque Swallow</b> Seen in W Usambaras, Ngorogoro & Serengeti.	<i>Cecropis senegalensis saturatior</i>
<b>White-headed Sawwing</b> Seen in Serengeti.	<i>Psalidoprocne a. albiceps</i>
<b>Black Sawwing</b> Seen in W Usambaras.	<i>Psalidoprocne pristoptera massaica</i>
<b>Gray-rumped Swallow</b> Seen at Ngorogoro.	<i>Pseudhirundo g. griseopyga</i>

**Fairy Flycatchers (Stenostiridae)**

<b>White-tailed Crested-Flycatcher</b> Seen in W Usambaras.	<i>Elminia a. albonotata</i> (?)
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**Tits, Chickadees, and Titmice (Paridae)**

<b>Red-throated Tit</b> Seen on the way to Serengeti.	<i>Melaniparus fringillinus</i>
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**White-bellied Tit**

Seen in Tarangire & Serengeti.

*Melaniparus albiventris*

**Penduline-Tits (Remizidae)****African Penduline-Tit**

Seen at Engikaret & Ngorogoro.

*Anthoscopus caroli sharpei*

**Bulbuls (Pycnonotidae)****Shelley's Greenbul**

Seen in W & E Usambaras.

*Arizelocichla masukuensis roehli*

Endemic subspecies

**Eastern Mountain-Greenbul**

Seen in W Usambaras & Ngorogoro.

*Arizelocichla nigriceps usambarae*

**Stripe-cheeked Greenbul**

Seen in W Usambaras.

*Arizelocichla milanjensis striifacies*

**Little Greenbul**

Seen in E Usambaras.

*Eurillas virens zombensis*

**Fischer's Greenbul**

Seen in E Usambaras.

*Phyllastrephus fischeri*

**Cabanis's Greenbul**

Seen in W Usambaras.

*Phyllastrephus cabanisi placidus*

**Yellow-streaked Greenbul**

Seen in the W & E Usambaras.

*Phyllastrephus flavostriatus tenuirostris*

**Common Bulbul**

Seen in W & E Usambaras, Ngorogoro & Serengeti.

*Pycnonotus barbatus layardi*

**African Warblers (Macrosphenidae)****Northern Crombec**

Seen at Engikaret.

*Sylvietta brachyura leucopsis*

**Red-faced Crombec**

Seen at Arusha & Serengeti.

*Sylvietta whytii jacksoni*

**Moustached Grass-Warbler**

Seen at Arusha.

*Melocichla mentalis incana*

**Kretschmer's Longbill**

Seen in E Usambaras.

*Macrosphenus k. kretschmeri*

**Leaf Warblers (Phylloscopidae)****Yellow-throated Woodland-Warbler**

Seen in W Usambaras.

*Phylloscopus ruficapilla minullus*

**Willow Warbler**

Seen at Arusha.

*Phylloscopus trochilus yakutensis*

**Reed Warblers and Allies (Acrocephalidae)****Mountain Yellow-Warbler**

Seen at Ngorogoro.

*Iduna similis*

**Grassbirds and Allies (Locustellidae)****Evergreen-forest Warbler**

Seen in W Usambaras.

*Bradypterus lopezi usambarae* (?)

**Cinnamon Bracken-Warbler**

Seen in W Usambaras.

*Bradypterus cinnamomeus nyassae*

**Little Rush-Warbler**

Seen in E Usambaras.

*Bradypterus baboecala tongensis*

### Cisticolas and Allies (Cisticolidae)

<b>Bar-throated Apalis</b> Seen in W Usambaras.	<i>Apalis thoracica griseiceps</i>
<b>Yellow-breasted Apalis</b> Seen in Serengeti.	<i>Apalis flavida golzi</i>
<b>Black-headed Apalis</b> Seen in W & E Usambaras.	<i>Apalis melanocephala moschi</i>
<b>Brown-headed Apalis</b> Seen at Ngorogoro.	<i>Apalis a. alticola</i>
<b>Karamoja Apalis</b> Vulnerable. Seen in Serengeti.	<i>Apalis karamojae stronachi</i>
<b>Green-backed Camaroptera</b> Seen in E Usambaras & Serengeti.	<i>Camaroptera brachyura pileata</i>
<b>Red-fronted Warbler</b> Seen at Engikaret.	<i>Prinia rufifrons smithi</i>
<b>African Tailorbird</b> Seen in W Usambaras.	<i>Artisornis m. metopias</i>
<b>Long-billed Tailorbird</b> Endangered. Seen in E Usambaras.	<i>Artisornis m. moreaui</i>
<b>Singing Cisticola</b> Seen at Arusha & Ngorogoro.	<i>Cisticola cantans pictipennis</i>
<b>Trilling Cisticola</b> Seen at Arusha.	<i>Cisticola w. woosnami</i>
<b>Hunter's Cisticola</b> Seen at Ngorogoro.	<i>Cisticola hunteri</i>
<b>Rattling Cisticola</b> Seen at Arusha, Tarangire & Serengeti.	<i>Cisticola chiniana victoria (?)</i>
<b>Winding Cisticola</b> Seen in Arusha, Ngorogoro & Serengeti.	<i>Cisticola galactotes suahelicus</i>
<b>Croaking Cisticola</b> Seen in Serengeti.	<i>Cisticola n. natalensis</i>
<b>Tabora Cisticola</b> Seen in Serengeti.	<i>Cisticola angusticauda</i>
<b>Zitting Cisticola</b> Seen in Tarangire & Serengeti.	<i>Cisticola juncidis europygialis</i>
<b>Desert Cisticola</b> Seen in Tarangire & Serengeti.	<i>Cisticola aridulus tanganyika</i>
<b>Pectoral-patch Cisticola</b> Seen at Ngorogoro.	<i>Cisticola brunnescens nakuruensis</i>
<b>Gray-capped Warbler</b> Heard at Ngorogoro.	<i>Eminia lepida</i>
<b>Buff-bellied Warbler</b> Seen in Serengeti.	<i>Phyllolais pulchella</i>
<b>Tawny-flanked Prinia</b> Seen in E Usambaras.	<i>Prinia subflava tenella</i>
<b>Yellow-bellied Eremomela</b> Seen at Engikaret.	<i>Eremomela icteropygialis griseoflava</i>

### Sylviid Warblers (Sylviidae)

<b>African Hill Babbler</b> Seen in W Usambaras.	<i>Sylvia a. abyssinica (?)</i>
<b>Banded Warbler</b> Heard at Engikaret.	<i>Sylvia b. boehmi</i>

### White-eyes, Yuhinas, and Allies (Zosteropidae)

<b>African Yellow White-eye</b> Seen in W Usambaras.	<i>Zosterops senegalensis jacksoni</i>	
<b>Broad-ringed White-eye</b> <i>Z.p.mbuluensis</i> seen in W Usambaras. <i>Z.p.eurycricotus</i> seen at Ngorogoro.	<i>Zosterops poliogastrus</i>	
<b>White-breasted White-eye</b> Seen in Arusha.	<i>Zosterops abyssinicus flavilateralis</i>	
<b>Pemba White-eye</b> Seen on Pemba.	<i>Zosterops vaughani</i>	Endemic

### Ground Babblers and Allies (Pellorneidae)

<b>Pale-breasted Illadopsis</b> Seen briefly in E Usambaras.	<i>Illadopsis rufipennis distans</i>	
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### Laughingthrushes and Allies (Leiothrichidae)

<b>Black-lored Babbler</b> Seen in Serengeti.	<i>Turdoides s. sharpei</i>	
<b>Northern Pied-Babbler</b> Seen at Tarangire.	<i>Turdoides hypoleuca</i>	
<b>Arrow-marked Babbler</b> Seen at Arusha.	<i>Turdoides jardineii emini</i>	

### Dapple-throat and Allies (Modulatricidae)

<b>Spot-throat</b> Seen in the W USambaras.	<i>Modulatrix s. stictigula</i>	
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### Hyliotas (Hylotiidae)

<b>Usambara Hyliota</b> Endangered. Seen in E Usambaras.	<i>Hyliota usambara</i>	Endemic
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### Old World Flycatchers (Muscicapidae)

<b>Dusky-brown Flycatcher</b> Seen in W Usambaras.	<i>Muscicapa adusta pumila</i>	
<b>Spotted Flycatcher</b> Seen at Arusha.	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>	
<b>Grayish Flycatcher</b> Seen at Engikaret & Ngorogoro.	<i>Bradornis m. microrhynchus</i>	
<b>Pale Flycatcher</b> Seen in Serengeti.	<i>Agricola pallidus griseus</i>	
<b>Silverbird</b> Seen in Tarangire & Serengeti.	<i>Melaenornis semipartitus</i>	
<b>White-eyed Slaty-Flycatcher</b> Seen at Arusha & Ngorogoro.	<i>Melaenornis f. fischeri</i>	
<b>Red-backed Scrub-Robin</b> Seen at Engikaret & Serengeti.	<i>Cercotrichas leucophrys bruneiceps</i>	
<b>Cape Robin-Chat</b> Seen in W Usambaras & Ngorogoro.	<i>Cossypha caffra iolaema</i>	
<b>Rüppell's Robin-Chat</b> Seen at Arusha.	<i>Cossypha semirufa intercedens</i>	
<b>White-browed Robin-Chat</b> Seen in E Usambaras. Heard at Ngorogoro.	<i>Cossypha heuglini intermedia</i>	
<b>White-starred Robin</b> Seen in W Usambaras.	<i>Pogonocichla stellate intense (?)</i>	

<b>White-chested Alethe</b> Seen poorly in W & E Usambaras.	<i>Chmamaetylas fuelleborni</i>	
<b>Sharpe's Akalat</b> Seen in E Usambaras.	<i>Sheppardia sharpie usambarae</i>	
<b>Usambara Akalat</b> Endangered. Seen at W Usambaras.	<i>Sheppardia montana</i>	<b>Endemic</b>
<b>Whinchat</b> Seen at Arusha & Ngorogoro.	<i>Saxicola rubetra</i>	
<b>African Stonechat</b> Seen in W Usambaras & Ngorogoro.	<i>Saxicola torquatus axillaris</i>	
<b>Northern Anteater-Chat</b> Seen at Ngorogoro.	<i>Myrmecocichla aethiops cryptoleuca</i>	
<b>Mocking Cliff-Chat</b> Seen by the client of the way to Lushoto.	<i>Thamnolaea cinnamomeiventris subrufipennis</i>	
<b>Northern Wheatear</b> Seen at Tarangire, Ngorogoro & Serengeti.	<i>Oenanthe o. oenanthe</i>	
<b>Abyssinian Wheatear</b> Seen at Engikaret.	<i>Oenanthe lugubris schalowi</i>	
<b>Capped Wheatear</b> Seen at Engikaet, Ngorogoro & Serengeti.	<i>Oenanthe pileata livingstonii</i>	
<b><u>Thrushes and Allies (Turdidae)</u></b>		
<b>Red-tailed Ant-Thrush</b> Seen in E Usambaras.	<i>Neocossyphus r. rufus</i>	
<b>Abyssinian Thrush</b> Seen at Ngorogoro.	<i>Turdus abyssinicus oldeani</i>	
<b>Usambara Thrush</b> Seen in W Usambaras.	<i>Turdus roehli</i>	<b>Endemic</b>
<b><u>Starlings (Sturnidae)</u></b>		
<b>Wattled Starling</b> Seen at Tarangire, Ngorogoro & Serengeti.	<i>Creatophora cinerea</i>	
<b>Violet-backed Starling</b> Seen on Pemba.	<i>Cinnyricinclus l. leucogaster</i>	
<b>Red-winged Starling</b> Seen in the W Usambaras.	<i>Onychognathus m. morio</i>	
<b>Waller's Starling</b> Seen in W Usambaras.	<i>Onychognathus w. walleri</i>	
<b>Sharpe's Starling</b> Seen in W Usambaras.	<i>Pholia sharpii</i>	
<b>Kenrick's Starling</b> Seen in W Usambaras.	<i>Poeoptera k. kenricki</i>	<b>Endemic subspecies</b>
<b>Black-bellied Starling</b> <i>N.c.vaughani</i> seen on Pemba. <i>N.c.corrusca</i> seen in E Usambaras.	<i>Notopholia corrusca</i>	<b>Endemic subspecies</b>
<b>Hildebrandt's Starling</b> Seen at Engikaret & Ngorogoro.	<i>Lamprotornis hildebrandti</i>	
<b>Rüppell's Starling</b> Seen in Serengeti.	<i>Lamprotornis p. purpuroptera</i>	
<b>Ashy Starling</b> Seen at Tarangire.	<i>Lamprotornis unicolor</i>	<b>Endemic</b>
<b>Superb Starling</b> Seen at Engikaret, Tarangire, Ngorogoro & Serengeti.	<i>Lamprotornis superbis</i>	
<b>Fischer's Starling</b> Seen at Engikaret.	<i>Lamprotornis fischeri</i>	

**Greater Blue-eared Starling**      *Lamprotornis chalybaeus sycobius*  
Seen in Tarangire.

**Oxpeckers (Buphagidae)**

**Red-billed Oxpecker**      *Buphagus erythrorhynchus*

Seen at Arusha, Ngorogoro & Serengeti.

**Yellow-billed Oxpecker**      *Buphagus a. africanus*

Seen in Tarangire, Ngorogoro & Serengeti.

**Sunbirds and Spiderhunters (Nectariniidae)**

**Uluguru Violet-backed Sunbird**      *Anthreptes neglectus*

Seen in E Usambaras.

**Banded Sunbird**      *Anthreptes rubritorques*

Vulnerable. Seen in E Usambaras.

**Collared Sunbird**      *Hedydipna collaris zambesiana*

Seen in E Usambaras & Arusha.

**Amani Sunbird**      *Hedydipna pallidigaster*

Endangered. Seen by the guide in E Usambaras.

**Olive Sunbird**      *Cyanomitra olivacea*

*C.o.granti* seen on Pemba. *C.o.neglecta* (?) seen in W & E Usambaras.

**Amethyst Sunbird**      *Chalcomitra amethystine kirkii*

Seen in W Usambaras & Arusha.

**Scarlet-chested Sunbird**      *Chalcomitra senegalensis lamperti*

Seen at Arusha, Tarangire & Serengeti.

**Tacazze Sunbird**      *Nectarinia tacazze jacksoni*

Seen at Ngorogoro.

**Bronze Sunbird**      *Nectarinia k. kilimensis*

Seen at Engikaet & Ngorogoro.

**Golden-winged Sunbird**      *Drepanorhynchus r. reichenowi*

Seen at Ngorogoro.

**Eastern Double-collared Sunbird**      *Cinnyris mediocris*

*C.m.usambaricus* seen in the W Usambaras. *C.m.mediocris* seen at Ngorogoro.

**Beautiful Sunbird**      *Cinnyris pulchellus melanogastrus*

Seen in Serengeti.

**Mariqua Sunbird**      *Cinnyris mariquensis suahelicus*

Seen in Serengeti.

**Purple-banded Sunbird**      *Cinnyris bifasciatus microrhynchus*

Seen in E Usambaras.

**Pemba Sunbird**      *Cinnyris pembae*

Seen on Pemba.

**Variable Sunbird**      *Cinnyris venustus falkensteini*

Seen at Engikaret & Ngorogoro.

**Wagtails and Pipits (Motacillidae)**

**Western Yellow Wagtail**      *Motacilla flava*

Seen at Ngorogoro.

**Gray Wagtail**      *Motacilla c. cinerea*

Seen in E Usambaras.

**Mountain Wagtail**      *Motacilla clara torrentium*

Seen in W & E Usambaras.

**African Pied Wagtail**      *Motacilla aguimp vidua*

Seen in W & E Usambaras & Serengeti.

**African Pipit**      *Anthus cinnamomeus annae*

Seen on Pemba, Engikaret, Ngorogoro & Serengeti.

**Endemic**

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<b>Long-billed Pipit</b> Seen at Arusha.	<i>Anthus similis chyuluensis</i>
<b>Plain-backed Pipit</b> Seen in Serengeti.	<i>Anthus leucophrys zenkeri</i>
<b>Bush Pipit</b> Seen in Tarangire.	<i>Anthus caffer blayneyi</i>
<b>Tree Pipit</b> Seen at Arusha.	<i>Anthus t. trivialis</i>
<b>Yellow-throated Longclaw</b> Seen at Ngorogoro & Serengeti.	<i>Macronyx croceus</i>
<b>Rosy-throated Longclaw</b> Seen at Ngorogoro.	<i>Macronyx ameliae wintoni</i>

#### Finches, Euphonias, and Allies (Fringillidae)

<b>Yellow-fronted Canary</b> Seen in Tarangire.	<i>Crithagra mozambica</i>
<b>Southern Citril</b> Seen in W & E Usambaras & Ngorogoro.	<i>Crithagra h. hyposticta</i>
<b>White-bellied Canary</b> Seen at Engikaret & Serengeti.	<i>Crithagra d. dorsostriata</i>
<b>Streaky Seedeater</b> Seen at Ngorogoro.	<i>Crithagra s. striolatas</i>

#### Old World Buntings (Emberizidae)

<b>Golden-breasted Bunting</b> Seen in Serengeti.	<i>Emberiza flaviventris kalaharica</i>
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#### Old World Sparrows (Passeridae)

<b>House Sparrow</b> Introduced. Commonly seen in urban areas.	<i>Passer domesticus</i>
<b>Kenya Rufous Sparrow</b> Seen at Engikaret, Ngorogoro & Serengeti.	<i>Passer rufocinctus</i>
<b>Northern Gray-headed Sparrow</b> Seen near Muheza.	<i>Passer griseus ugandae</i>
<b>Swahili Sparrow</b> Seen at Tarangire & Serengeti.	<i>Passer suahelicus</i>
<b>Chestnut Sparrow</b> Seen at Engikaret, Tarangire & Serengeti.	<i>Passer eminibey</i>
<b>Yellow-spotted Petronia</b> Seen in Tarangire & Serengeti.	<i>Gymnornis p. pyrgita</i>

#### Weavers and Allies (Ploceidae)

<b>Red-billed Buffalo-Weaver</b> Seen at Tarangire & Serengeti.	<i>Bubalornis niger intermedius</i>
<b>White-headed Buffalo-Weaver</b> Seen at Engikaret & Serengeti.	<i>Dinemellia dinemelli boehmi</i>
<b>Speckle-fronted Weaver</b> Seen at Engikaret, Tarangire & Serengeti.	<i>Sporopipes frontalis emini</i>
<b>White-browed Sparrow-Weaver</b> Seen at Engikaret.	<i>Plocepasser mahali pectoralis</i>
<b>Rufous-tailed Weaver</b> Seen at Tarangire, Ngorogoro & Serengeti.	<i>Histurgops ruficauda</i>
<b>Gray-headed Social-Weaver</b> Seen at Tarangire & Serengeti.	<i>Pseudonigrita a. arnaudi</i>

**Endemic**

<b>Red-headed Weaver</b> Seen at Arusha & Serengeti.	<i>Anaplectes rubriceps leuconotus</i>
<b>Baglafaecht Weaver</b> Seen in W Usambaras & Ngorogoro.	<i>Ploceus baglafaecht reichenowi</i>
<b>Black-necked Weaver</b> Seen in Tarangire.	<i>Ploceus n. nigricollis</i>
<b>Spectacled Weaver</b> Heard in W & E Usambaras.	<i>Ploceus ocularis suahelicus</i>
<b>African Golden-Weaver</b> Seen near Muheza.	<i>Ploceus subaureus aureoflavus</i>
<b>Taveta Golden-Weaver</b> Seen at near Mkonmazi & Arusha.	<i>Ploceus castaneiceps</i>
<b>Lesser Masked-Weaver</b> Seen at Arusha & Serengeti.	<i>Ploceus i. intermedius</i>
<b>Vitelline Masked-Weaver</b> Seen at Engikaret.	<i>Ploceus vitellinus uluensis</i>
<b>Speke's Weaver</b> Seen at Arusha & Ngorogoro.	<i>Ploceus spekei</i>
<b>Golden-backed Weaver</b> Seen in Arusha.	<i>Ploceus jacksoni</i>
<b>Chestnut Weaver</b> Seen in Engikaret.	<i>Ploceus r. rubiginosus</i>
<b>Forest Weaver</b> Heard in E Usambaras.	<i>Ploceus bicolor kersteni</i>
<b>Usambara Weaver</b> Endangered. Seen in W Usambaras.	<i>Ploceus n. nicolli</i>
<b>Red-billed Quelea</b> Seen in Mkomazi, Tarangire & Ngorogoro.	<i>Quelea quelea aethiopica</i>
<b>Yellow Bishop</b> Seen at Arusha & Ngorogoro.	<i>Euplectes capensis cassirostris</i>
<b>White-winged Widowbird</b> Seen in Tarangire.	<i>Euplectes albonotatus eques</i>
<b>Red-collared Widowbird</b> Seen at Ngorogoro.	<i>Euplectes a. ardens</i>
<b>Fan-tailed Widowbird</b> Seen at Ngorogoro.	<i>Euplectes axillaris phoeniceus</i>
<b>Jackson's Widowbird</b> Seen in Ngorogoro airstrip.	<i>Euplectes jacksoni</i>
<b>Grosbeak Weaver</b> Seen at Arusha.	<i>Amblyospiza albifrons montana</i>
<b><u>Waxbills and Allies (Estrildidae)</u></b>	
<b>Yellow-bellied Waxbill</b> Seen at Ngorogoro.	<i>Coccyzygia quartinia kilimensis</i>
<b>Red-faced Crimsonwing</b> Seen in W Usambaras.	<i>Cryptospiza reichenovii australis</i>
<b>Crimson-rumped Waxbill</b> Seen near Mkomazi & Arusha.	<i>Estrilda rhodopyga centralis</i>
<b>Common Waxbill</b> Seen in W & E Usambaras.	<i>Estrilda astrild minor</i>
<b>Black-faced Waxbill</b> Seen in Serengeti.	<i>Estrilda erythronotos delamerei</i>
<b>Red-cheeked Cordonbleu</b> Seen in Tarangire & Serengeti.	<i>Uraeginthus bengalus ugogensis</i>

**Endemic**

<b>Blue-capped Cordonbleu</b> Seen at Tarangire.	<i>Uraeginthus cyanocephalus</i>
<b>Purple Grenadier</b> Seen at Tarangire & Serengeti.	<i>Granatina ianthinogaster</i>
<b>Green-winged Pytilia</b> Seen in Tarangire & Serengeti.	<i>Pytilia melba percivali</i>
<b>Red-billed Firefinch</b> Seen at Engikaret, Tarangire & Serengeti.	<i>Lagonosticta senegala ruberrima</i>
<b>Cut-throat</b> Seen in Tarangire.	<i>Amadina fasciata alexanderi</i>
<b>African Quailfinch</b> Seen in Tarangire, Ngorogoro & Serengeti.	<i>Ortygospiza fuscocrissa muelleri</i>
<b>Bronze Mannikin</b> Seen on Pemba.	<i>Spermestes cucullata scutata</i>
<b>Black-and-white (Red-backed) Mannikin</b> Seen on Pemba & E Usambaras.	<i>Spermestes bicolor nigriceps</i>

### Indigobirds (Viduidae)

<b>Pin-tailed Whydah</b> Seen near Mkomazi.	<i>Vidua macroura</i>
<b>Eastern Paradise-Whydah</b> Seen in Tarangire.	<i>Vidua paradisaea</i>
<b>Straw-tailed Whydah</b> Seen near Mkomazi & Tarangire.	<i>Vidua fischeri</i>
<b>Village Indigobird</b> Seen in Tarangire.	<i>Vidua chalybeate centralis</i>

### MAMMAL LIST

#### Old Wold monkeys (Cercopihecidae)

<b>Guereza</b> Seen at Arusha.	<i>Colobus guereza</i>
<b>Angola Colobus</b> Seen in W & E Usambaras.	<i>Colobus angolensis</i>
<b>Olive Baboon</b> Seen at Arusha, Ngorogoro & Serengeti.	<i>Papio anubis</i>
<b>Yellow Baboon</b> Seen on the way to Arusha.	<i>Papio cynocephalus</i>
<b>Vervet Monkey</b> Seen on Pemba, on the way to Lushoto, Ngorogoro & Serengeti.	<i>Cercopithecus pygerythrus</i>
<b>Blue Monkey</b> Seen in W & E Usambaras, Arusha & Ngorogoro.	<i>Cercopithicus mitis</i>

#### Galagos (Galagidae)

<b>Northern Greater Galago</b> Seen on Pemba.	<i>Otolemur g. garnetti</i>
<b>Mountain Dwarf Galago</b> Heard in W Usambaras	<i>Galagoides orinus</i>

#### Megabats (Pteropodidae)

<b>Pemba Flying Fox</b> Seen on Pemba	<i>Pteropus voeltzkowi</i>
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**Endemic**

### **False Vampire bats (Megadermatidae)**

**Yellow-winged Bat** *Lavia frons*

Seen at Serengeti.

### **Rabbits & Hares (Leporidae)**

**African Savanna Hare** *Lepus victoriae*

Seen in Serengeti.

**Cape Hare** *Lepus capensis*

Seen at Engikaret.

### **Squirrels (Sciuridae)**

**Unstriped Ground Squirrel** *Xerus rutilus*

Seen in Tarangire.

**Red-legged Sun Squirrel** *Heliosciurus rufobrachium*

Seen in E Usambaras.

### **Rats & mice (Muridae)**

**Unstriped Grass Rat** *Arvicanthis niloticus*

Seen in Serengeti.

### **Canids (Canidae)**

**Golden Jackal** *Canis aureus*

Seen at Engikaret & Ngorogoro.

**Black-backed Jackal** *Canis mesomelas*

Seen in Tarangire, Ngorogoro & Serengeti.

**Bat-eared Fox** *Otocyon megalotis*

Seen briefly in Tarangire.

### **Hyaenidae (Hyaenas)**

**Spotted Hyaena** *Crocuta crocuta*

Seen in Tarangire, Ngorogoro & Serengeti.

### **Cats (Felidae)**

**Serval** *Felis serval*

Seen in Serengeti.

**Leopard** *Panthera pardus*

Vulnerable. Seen in Tarangire.

**Lion** *Panthera leo*

Vulnerable. Seen in Tarangire, Ngorogoro & Serengeti.

**Cheetah** *Acinonyx jubatus*

Vulnerable. Seen in Serengeti.

### **Mongoose (Herpestidae)**

**Banded Mongoose** *Mungos mungo*

Seen at our lodge in the W Usambaras, at Arusha, Tarangire & Serengeti.

**Egyptian Mongoose** *Herpestes ichneumon*

Seen in W Usambaras.

**Slender Mongoose** *Herpestes sanguinea*

Seen in Tarangire, Ngorogoro & Serengeti.

**Dwarf Mongoose** *Helogale parvula*

Seen in Tarangire & Serengeti.

**Hyraxes (Procaviidae)**

**Yellow-spotted Hyrax**

Seen in Tarangire.

*Heterohyrax brucei*

**Eastern Tree Hyrax**

Seen by the guide at Ngorogoro.

*Dendrohyrax validus*

**Elephants (Elephantidae)**

**African Elephant**

Vulnerable. Seen in Tarangire, Ngorogoro & Serengeti.

*Loxodonta africana*

**Horses (Equidae)**

**Plains Zebra**

Seen in Tarangire, Ngorogoro & Serengeti.

*Equus quagga*

**Rhinoceroses (Rhinocerotidae)**

**Black Rhinoceros**

Critically endangered. Seen at Ngorogoro.

*Diceros bicornis*

**Hippos (Hippopotamidae)**

**Hippopotamus**

Seen at Arusha, Ngorogoro & Serengeti.

*Hippopotamus amphibious*

**Pigs (Suidae)**

**Common Warthog**

Seen at Arusha, Ngorogoro & Serengeti.

*Phacochoerus africanus*

**Giraffes (Giraffidae)**

**"Masai" Giraffe**

Vulnerable. Seen at Arusha, Tarangire & Serengeti.

*Giraffa camelopardalis tippelskirchi*

**Bovids (Bovidae)**

**Cape Buffalo**

Seen at Arusha, Tarangire, Ngorogoro & Serengeti.

*Syncerus caffer*

**Bushbuck**

Seen at Arusha & Ngorogoro.

*Tragelaphus scriptus*

**Eland**

Seen in Tarangire & Serengeti.

*Tragelaphus oryx*

**Suni**

Seen in Tarangire.

*Nesotragus moschatus*

**Red Duiker**

Seen at Arusha.

*Cephalophus natalensis*

**Bohor Reedbuck**

Seen in Tarangire & Serengeti.

*Redunca redunca*

**Steenbok**

Seen in Tarangire.

*Raphicerus campestris*

**Kirk's Dikdik**

Seen in Tarangire & Serengeti.

*Madoqua kirkii*

**Defassa Waterbuck**

Seen in Serengeti.

*Kobus ellipsiprymnus defassa*

**Common Waterbuck**

Seen in Tarangire.

*Kobus ellipsiprymnus ellipsiprymnus*

**Thompson's Gazelle**

Seen at Engikaret, Ngorogoro & Serengeti.

*Eudorcas thomsoni*

<b>Grant's Gazelle</b>	<i>Nanger granti</i>
Seen in Tarangire, Ngorogoro & Serengeti.	
<b>Impala</b>	<i>Aepyceros melampus</i>
Seen in Tarangire & Serengeti.	
<b>Topi</b>	<i>Damaliscus lunatus</i>
Seen in Serengeti.	
<b>Coke's Hartebeest</b>	<i>Alcelaphus buselaphus cokei</i>
Seen in Tarangire, Ngorogoro & Serengeti.	
<b>White-bearded Wildebeest</b>	<i>Connochaetes taurinus albojutatus</i>
Seen at Engikaet, Tarangire, Ngorogoro & Serengeti.	

## REPTILE LIST

### Helmeted Turtle (Pelomedusidae)

<b>Marsh Terrapin</b>	<i>Pelomedusa subrufa</i>
Seen in Serengeti.	

### Geckos (Gekkonidae)

<b>Tropical House Gecko</b>	<i>Hemidactylus mabouia</i>
Seen on Pemba.	
<b>Cape Dwarf Gecko</b>	<i>Lyodactylus capensis</i>
Seen in W Usambaras.	

### Skinks (Scincidae)

<b>Speckle-lipped Skink</b>	<i>Trachylepis maculilabris</i>
Seen in E Usambaras.	
<b>Striped Skink</b>	<i>Trachylepis striata</i>
Seen on Pemba & in Serengeti.	

### Agamas (Agamidae)

<b>Blue-headed Tree Agama</b>	<i>Acanthocerus atricollis</i>
Seen at Ngorogoro & Serengeti.	
<b>Mwanza Flat-headed Agama</b>	<i>Agama mwanzae</i>
Seen in Serengeti.	

### Chameleons (Chamaeleonidae)

<b>Usambara Two-horned Chameleon</b>	<i>Chamaeleo fischeri</i>
Seen in E Usambaras.	

### Crocodylians (Crocodylidae)

<b>Nile Crocodile</b>	<i>Crocodylus niloticus</i>
Seen in Serengeti.	

### Colubrid snakes (Colubridae)

<b>Usambara Forest Snake</b>	<i>Buhoma vauerocegae</i>
Seen in E Usambaras.	