

Ann and Roland Go Birding in Kenya

July 22nd – August 7th 2012

Travel

Travelled from Manchester to Brussels with Brussels Airways and then Brussels to Nairobi. No problems. Food rubbish! Sat by emergency exit with extra leg-room on Nairobi flight at no extra cost!

Travelled from Malinde to Nairobi with Fly 540. Malinde the smallest airport I have ever been to and a bit short on facilities but it was clean and everyone was polite and friendly. Flight was 30 mins late. Free seating. Refreshments served onboard. Ten hour wait at Nairobi. I used to think Chicago O'Hare was the worst airport in the world but this may have been superseded by Nairobi..... We decided against accepting various peoples' offers to take us on a tour of the city or on safari etc and caught a few rays sitting on a wall before moving to a handily placed café for a bite to eat and our first view of the Olympic Games. Show-jumping no less and we won a gold! ☺ Warning – the bar outside serves the worst coffee I have ever attempted to drink in the world! Our flight to Brussels was on time. No problems. Two-hour wait at Brussels. Raining in Manchester.

Money

We transferred some money to Jonathan's account the week before we left England to cover our costs up to the coast and to supply us with some Kenyan shillings. The exchange rate was 126/- to the pound. We got 130 or more from the ATMs in Watamu. We also took some sterling and American dollars with us.

Lodgings

Based on 2 people sharing

Nairobi: Jupiter Guest Resort Lang'ata Hotel, Nairobi for two nights at a cost of 4,500Ksh per night for b&b. Nice room. Restaurant on premises. Buffet dinner cost 700/- each with fruit juice.

<http://www.jupiterguestresort.com/home/langata>

Amboseli: Kibo Camp for two nights full board at a cost of 180USD per night.

<http://www.kibosafaricamp.com/>

Tsavo East: Ngulia Lodge for one night full board 180USD.

<http://www.safari-hotels.com>

Sagala Lodge for one night full board 7,900/-

http://www.blueskycorporate.com/Sagala_Lodge.html

Tsavo West: Tarhi Camp for one night full board 150USD (my favourite)

<http://www.sentrimhotels.net/sentrim-tsavo-east/>

A Rocha, Watamu: Seven nights full board accommodation 49.000/-

<http://www.arocha.org/ke-en/index.html>

Admission fees

Based on two people for one day plus one safari van with two guides/drivers

Nairobi National Park: 80USD plus vehicle 1,600Ksh

Amboseli: 160USD plus 2,000

Tsavo East: 130USD plus 1.500Ksh

Tsavo West: 130USD plus 1.500Ksh

Arabuko Sakoke Forest: 30USD plus 1.00Ksh for a van or 300Ksh for a car.

Sabaki: 600Ksh for 3 people

Gede Ruins: 1.000Ksh

Mida Creek: free to visit the Creek but you have to pay to go on the exciting boardwalk

Guiding

We used Jonathan Baya from Watamu throughout. He made all the ground arrangements for us except for our stay at A Rocha. All we had to do was pay up and turn up which was excellent. We transferred some money to his Barclay's account the week before leaving England and took an assortment of pounds sterling and USD with us. Jonathan supplied us with Ksh and any extra we needed we got from ATMs. You can only withdraw 2000 at a time but the exchange rate was far better (130 or more) and we had no fees to pay thanks to our Halifax card!

Jonathan's website is www.tracktours.weebly.com and Bob Biggs is his contact in England. Please note that Bob does not take a cut of the profits – these all go to Jonathan. His son, James, accompanied us on safari so that he and his father could share the driving. James is not a birder but loves the animals and can arrange a safari and/or taxi services in Watamu. They were both thoroughly professional throughout the fortnight and very easy to get on with. Quiet and reserved with a sense of humour and very accommodating. We would

whole-heartedly recommend them. Jonathan's excitement on spotting a difficult bird was infectious and at times he well-deserved the nick-name Hawkeye!

Diary

July 22nd

Travelling. Left Preston at 5h00 and arrived in Nairobi at 22h45 local time (2 hours ahead of GMT). James and Jonathan were waiting for us and took us straight to the hotel. They were frozen but it wasn't cold to us! Our room was fine. Nice view of the slums and close to the National Park. Perfect for us.

July 23rd

Breakfast was basic: beans, sausages, toast, juice, tea, coffee.

Cloudy day. Not particularly warm. Heavy shower a.m.

Went to Nairobi National Park where we picked up a local guide, Nicolas. Lunch at the park was a buffet meal which cost 2,000/- each with a drink. I am sure I saw a Swallow-tailed Kite but unfortunately Roland missed it so I have not included it on our list. James drove so that Jonathan could stand and spot with Nicolas though it wasn't long before we were on our feet too. Tiring but exhilarating.

Everyone astounded by Roland's (android) phone and the apps on it!

Views of Wilson airport, Uhuru Gardens and the prison on the way.

Sign at entrance: Children and warthogs have priority.

Park not very big but impressive and has good wild life. Bizarre to see skyscrapers, an airport and housing on the skyline!

Camera shopping after the safari at the Nettex complex in Nairobi. Searched on way in.

Marabou storks abound on the square nearby! Absolutely amazing sight. Surreal.

Saw 59 species of bird plus Cape Buffalo, Congoni Hartbeest, Warthogs, Reticulated Giraffes, a Leopard-backed Tortoise, Red Duiker and 2 Lionesses. I couldn't get over the ostriches – I have seen them many times in zoos but these were like totally different birds! So, so beautiful! Loved the Mousebirds!

Disgusted by the people who drove up close to the lionesses and were literally feet away with their camera lenses. I was willing one of the animals to leap/swipe out at them. No respect.

Tea at hotel. Three course buffet. Not wonderful but adequate 2000/- with a drink of fruit juice.

Nairobi Birds

African Darter	Anhinga rufa
African Fish-Eagle	Haliaeetus vocifer
African Pied Wagtail	Motacilla aguimp
Amethyst Sunbird	Chalcomitra amethystina
Baglafaecht Weaver	Ploceus baglafaecht
Black Crake	Amaurornis flavirostra
Black Kite	Milvus migrans
Black-and-white Mannikin	Spermestes bicolor
Black-bellied Bustard	Lissotis melanogaster
Black-lored Babbler	Turdoides sharpei
Blacksmith Plover	Vanellus armatus
Blue-naped Mousebird	Urocolius macrourus
Bronze Mannikin	Spermestes cucullatus
Cattle Egret	Bubulcus ibis
Chestnut Weaver	Ploceus rubiginosus
Common Bulbul	Pycnonotus barbatus
Common Fiscal	Lanius collaris
Dusky Turtle-Dove	Streptopelia lugens
Eastern Olive Sunbird	Cyanomitra olivacea
Fan-tailed Widowbird	Euplectes axillaris
Grasshopper Buzzard	Butastur rufipennis
Grey Crowned-Crane	Balearica regulorum
Hadada Ibis	Bostrychia hagedash
Helmeted Guineafowl	Numida meleagris
Lesser Striped Swallow	Cecropis abyssinica
Little Bee-eater	Merops pusillus
Long-tailed Fiscal	Lanius cabanisi
Malachite Kingfisher	Corythornis cristatus
Marabou Stork	Leptoptilos crumeniferus
Martial Eagle	Polemaetus bellicosus
Northern Grey-headed Sparrow	Passer griseus
Olive Thrush	Turdus olivaceus abyssinicus
Ostrich	Struthio camelus
Pied Crow	Corvus albus
Purple Grenadier	Granatina ianthinogaster
Red-billed Firefinch	Lagonosticta senegala
Red-billed Oxpecker	Buphagus erythrorhynchus
Red-cheeked Cordonbleu	Uraeginthus bengalus
Red-eyed Dove	Streptopelia semitorquata
Red-winged Lark	Mirafraga hypermetra
Ring-necked Dove	Streptopelia capicola
Rueppell's Griffon Vulture	Gyps rueppellii
Sacred Ibis	Threskiornis aethiopicus

Scarlet-chested Sunbird	<i>Chalcomitra senegalensis</i>
Slate-coloured Boubou	<i>Laniarius funebris</i>
Somali Short-toed Lark	<i>Calandrella somalica</i>
Speckled Mousebird	<i>Colius striatus</i>
Spectacled Weaver	<i>Ploceus ocularis</i>
Spotted Morning-Thrush	<i>Cichladusa guttata</i>
Striated Heron	<i>Butorides striata</i>
Tawny-flanked Prinia	<i>Prinia subflava</i>
Tiny Cisticola	<i>Cisticola nana</i>
Tropical Boubou	<i>Laniarius aethiopicus</i>
Variable Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris venustus</i>
Western Black-headed Oriole	<i>Oriolus brachyrhynchus</i>
White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>
White-browed Coucal	<i>Centropus superciliosus</i>
White-browed Robin-Chat	<i>Cossypha heuglini</i>
White-browed Scrub-Robin	<i>Cercotrichas leucophrys</i>
White-browed Sparrow-Weaver	<i>Plocepasser mahali</i>
White-rumped Swift	<i>Apus caffer</i>

Animals

Cape Buffalo
 Congoni Hartebeest
 Warthog
 Reticulated Giraffe
 Leopard-backed Tortoise
 Red Duiker
 Lioness x2

July 24th

Series of power cuts led to interesting showering!

Breakfast basic; beans, sausages, toast, fruit, juice, tea, coffee

Long drive to Amboseli. Curio shops=souvenir shops. Stopped at one to use the facilities.

Buffet lunch good.

Massai Mara selling jewellery, carvings etc at entrances/exits to park.

Weather good but couldn't see Kilimanjaro for cloud.

Tented camp. Small tent with all facilities we needed except for hot water and heating! Palm roof over the top so looks more like a house. On the edge looking out onto bush. Nicely laid out camp with gardens and swimming-pool. Shop expensive – 150/- for a postcard!! All meals buffet with plenty of choice. Tea and coffee included. All other drinks extra. Fruit juice 400/-. Mango better than passion but still not good! This was the case everywhere we went which was a bit of a disappointment. Drivers and guides get same food

but eat in a separate area. Bit of time away from their clients! Massai dancing at night – looked really interesting but very poorly lit.

We started birding as soon as we had had lunch and only had a few hours of daylight left but still managed to see plenty of birds and animals including at least 10 Secretary Birds!! If you think Peafowl look strange roosting in trees, try looking at Secretary Birds doing the same!!

July 25th

Long queues for buffet breakfast – everyone waiting for omelettes.

A much quieter day birding. Only saw a couple of Secretary Birds today though we had a full day in the park.

A pleasant day weather wise tho the two Js were still suffering in the cold! The cloud lifted enough for us to see parts of Kilimanjaro. Great excitement late afternoon when we got held up in a van-jam. We thought they had all stopped to look at the long line of elephants crossing the road then R saw a lioness crossing the road! As you do. Some vans started moving off at that point so we thought we would be able to follow them and be on our way but we got stuck again. We couldn't see why until I turned round and saw FIVE lionesses lying not far away. Amazing! By this time all the elephants had crossed except for three who were not happy about all the vans. Don't blame them. There must have been about 50. We thought one of the elephants was going to charge the vans – a couple moved to make way for them and 2 crossed but the other one who was very unhappy indeed, walked the length of the vans before crossing. After this, the vans started to move off but it was too late for us to get to where we had been going. Never mind – it's not all about birds. Wonderful views.

Met Jeff Mwok from Wild Sounds Adventures.at the camp. Very nice man.

Cold at night.

July 26th

Early start meant we beat the queues!

Last drive through Amboseli. Not too much time to spare or we would have had to pay for another day's pass! Very quiet both on the bird and the animal front. Partial views of Kilimanjaro.

Amboseli birds

African Fish-Eagle

African Jacana

African Mourning Dove

African Pied Wagtail

African Spoonbill

Ashy Cisticola

Haliaeetus vocifer

Actophilornis africanus

Streptopelia decipiens

Motacilla aguimp

Platalea alba

Cisticola cinereolus

Bateleur	<i>Terathopius ecaudatus</i>
Black Crake	<i>Amaurornis flavirostra</i>
Black Sawwing	<i>Psalidoprocne pristopectera</i>
Black-faced Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles decoratus</i>
Black-headed Heron	<i>Ardea melanocephala</i>
Black-necked Weaver	<i>Ploceus nigricollis</i>
Blacksmith Plover	<i>Vanellus armatus</i>
Blue-naped Mousebird	<i>Urocolius macrourus</i>
Buff-bellied Warbler	<i>Phyllolais pulchella</i>
Cardinal Woodpecker	<i>Dendropicos fuscescens</i>
Collared Pratincole	<i>Glareola pratincola</i>
Common Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus barbatus</i>
Common Drongo	<i>Dicrurus adsimilis</i>
Common Waxbill	<i>Estrilda astrild</i>
Crowned Lapwing	<i>Vanellus coronatus</i>
Fischer's Sparrow-Lark	<i>Eremopterix leucopareia</i>
Fischer's Starling	<i>Spreo fischeri</i>
Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>
Gray Crowned-Crane	<i>Balearica regulorum</i>
Gray-headed Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon leucocephala</i>
Greater Painted-snipe	<i>Rostratula benghalensis</i>
Green Woodhoopoe	<i>Phoeniculus purpureus</i>
Hildebrandt's Starling	<i>Lamprotornis hildebrandti</i>
House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>
Intermediate Egret	<i>Mesophoyx intermedia</i>
Kittlitz's Plover	<i>Charadrius pecuarius</i>
Lappet-faced Vulture	<i>Torgos tracheliotus</i>
Laughing Dove	<i>Streptopelia senegalensis</i>
Lesser Masked-Weaver	<i>Ploceus intermedius</i>
Lesser Striped-Swallow	<i>Cecropis abyssinica</i>
Lilac-breasted Roller	<i>Coracias caudatus</i>
Little Swift	<i>Apus affinis</i>
Long-toed Lapwing	<i>Vanellus crassirostris</i>
Malachite Kingfisher	<i>Corythornis cristatus</i>
Marabou Stork	<i>Leptoptilos crumeniferus</i>
Martial Eagle	<i>Polemaetus bellicosus</i>
Namaqua Dove	<i>Oena capensis</i>
Northern Gray-headed Sparrow	<i>Passer griseus</i>
Northern White-crowned Shrike	<i>Eurocephalus rueppelli</i>
Ostrich	<i>Struthio camelus</i>
Pangani Longclaw	<i>Macronyx aurantiigula</i>
Pied Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle rudis</i>
Pygmy Falcon	<i>Polihierax semitorquatus</i>
Red-billed Buffalo-Weaver	<i>Bubalornis niger</i>
Red-cheeked Cordonbleu	<i>Uraeginthus bengalus</i>

Red-eyed Dove	<i>Streptopelia semitorquata</i>
Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Cecropis daurica</i>
Rosy-patched Bushshrike	<i>Rhodophoneus cruentus</i>
Rueppell's Griffon Vulture	<i>Gyps rueppellii</i>
Sacred Ibis	<i>Threskiornis aethiopicus</i>
Secretary-bird	<i>Sagittarius serpentarius</i>
Senegal Coucal	<i>Centropus senegalensis</i>
Somali Short-toed Lark	<i>Calandrella somalica</i>
Southern Ground-Hornbill	<i>Bucorvus leadbeateri</i>
Speckled Mousebird	<i>Colius striatus</i>
Speckled Pigeon	<i>Columba guinea</i>
Spotted Morning-Thrush	<i>Cichladusa guttata</i>
Squacco Heron	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>
Superb Starling	<i>Lamprotornis superbus</i>
Taita Fiscal	<i>Lanius dorsalis</i>
Tawny Eagle	<i>Aquila rapax</i>
Three-banded Plover	<i>Charadrius tricollaris</i>
Von der Decken's Hornbill	<i>Tockus deckeni</i>
Wattled Starling	<i>Creatophora cinerea</i>
White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>
White-backed Vulture	<i>Gyps africanus</i>
White-bellied Bustard	<i>Eupodotis senegalensis</i>
White-bellied Go-away-bird	<i>Corythaixoides leucogaster</i>
White-headed Buffalo-Weaver	<i>Dinemellia dinemelli</i>
Winding Cisticola	<i>Cisticola galactotes</i>
Wire-tailed Swallow	<i>Hirundo smithii</i>
Yellow-billed Oxpecker	<i>Buphagus africanus</i>
Yellow-necked Francolin	<i>Francolinus leucoscepus</i>

Animals in Amboseli

Hippos
 Wildebeest
 Common Zebra
 Elephant
 Thomson Gazelle
 Grant's Gazelle
 Black-faced Vervet Monkey
 Okive Baboon
 Warthog
 Spotted Hyena
 Silver-backed jackal
 Cape Buffalo
 Lioness x7

Good drive to Tsavo East – changing scenery – “forest” of baobab trees. Happy, happy.
 Destination: Ngalia Lodge, a luxury safari hotel. Fabulous spot and great surroundings but a
 real blot on the landscape. Swimming pool etc. Concrete construction full of noise and echoes

but glad to have hot water and a small balcony overlooking the terrace and the man-made water-hole. Enjoyed watching the elephants etc coming down for a drink. Nice birds too including a hoopoe. Arrived too late for lunch so just went out spotting. We were fortunate enough to see a leopard. What a lovely animal. Unfortunately there were no rhino to be seen and little activity around the water hole we went to. Dinner was a buffet. We all ate together. Jonathan took us to see the porcupine who comes to visit – he was lovely! Scoffing rice so a tame one really but still nice!

Saw the leopard that comes every night for his tea! They suspend a great big chunk of meat from a piece of wood and he stays around to eat it.

I loved the scenery in this park – it was very dramatic with lots of rocks and mountains.

Croaking frog kept us awake along with people sitting out on the terrace.

July 27th

Nice breakfast – fresh pancakes! Yum!

Went to a stream running downhill through a series of small pools. Very pretty but also pretty deserted. The highlight of the day was Mzima Springs. This is an unenclosed area where you can get out of your vehicle and go for a walk. There are baboons, hippos and crocodiles about so you do so at your own risk. We had the place to ourselves and it was so lovely – I could have spent hours here. See http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mzima_Springs but as it was we had to make a quick dash to get to the gate by 12h15.

We picnicked at lunchtime. So impressive we photographed our packed lunch! Little did we know worse was to come....

Tsavo East Birds

African Darter	Anhinga rufa
African Gray Hornbill	Tockus nasutus
African Mourning Dove	Streptopelia decipiens
African Orange-bellied Parrot	Poicephalus rufiventris
African Paradise-Flycatcher	Terpsiphone viridis
African Pied Wagtail	Motacilla aguimp
Augur Buzzard	Buteo augur
Bateleur	Terathopius ecaudatus
Black Crake	Amaurornis flavirostra
Black-backed Puffback	Dryoscopus cubla
Black-capped Social-Weaver	Pseudonigrita cabanisi
Black-crowned Tchagra	Tchagra senegalus
Black-faced Sandgrouse	Pterocles decoratus
Black-headed Heron	Ardea melanocephala
Black-headed Lapwing	Vanellus tectus
Black-necked Weaver	Ploceus nigricollis

Blacksmith Plover	<i>Vanellus armatus</i>
Brown Snake-Eagle	<i>Circaetus cinereus</i>
Common Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus barbatus</i>
Common Drongo	<i>Dicrurus adsimilis</i>
Crested Francolin	<i>Francolinus sephaena</i>
D'Arnaud's Barbet	<i>Trachyphonus darnaudii</i>
Eastern Chanting-Goshawk	<i>Melierax poliopterus</i>
Egyptian Goose	<i>Alopochen aegyptiaca</i>
Emerald-spotted Wood-Dove	<i>Turtur chalcospilos</i>
Gambaga Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa gambagae</i>
Giant Kingfisher	<i>Megaceryle maximus</i>
Golden-breasted Starling	<i>Lamprotornis regius</i>
Gray Wren-Warbler	<i>Calamonastes simplex</i>
Gray-headed Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon leucocephala</i>
Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>
Green-winged Pytilia	<i>Pytilia melba</i>
Hamerkop	<i>Scopus umbretta</i>
Helmeted Guineafowl	<i>Numida meleagris</i>
Hildebrandt's Starling	<i>Lamprotornis hildebrandti</i>
Hoopoe (African)	<i>Upupa epops africana</i>
Laughing Dove	<i>Streptopelia senegalensis</i>
Lilac-breasted Roller	<i>Coracias caudatus</i>
Little Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter minullus</i>
Long-tailed Fiscal	<i>Lanius cabanisi</i>
Malachite Kingfisher	<i>Corythornis cristatus</i>
Mountain Wagtail	<i>Motacilla clara</i>
Northern Crombec	<i>Sylvietta brachyura</i>
Northern Gray-headed Sparrow	<i>Passer griseus</i>
Northern Red-billed Hornbill	<i>Tockus erythrorhynchus</i>
Northern White-crowned Shrike	<i>Eurocephalus rueppelli</i>
Ostrich	<i>Struthio camelus</i>
Pied Crow	<i>Corvus albus</i>
Pied Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle rudis</i>
Purple Grenadier	<i>Granatina ianthinogaster</i>
Pygmy Falcon	<i>Polihierax semitorquatus</i>
Red-billed Buffalo-Weaver	<i>Bubalornis niger</i>
Red-billed Firefinch	<i>Lagonosticta senegala</i>
Red-billed Oxpecker	<i>Buphagus erythrorhynchus</i>
Red-billed Quelea	<i>Quelea quelea</i>
Red-cheeked Cordonbleu	<i>Uraeginthus bengalus</i>
Red-eyed Dove	<i>Streptopelia semitorquata</i>
Red-winged Starling	<i>Onychognathus morio</i>
Ring-necked Dove	<i>Streptopelia capicola</i>
Rosy-patched Bushshrike	<i>Rhodophoneus cruentus</i>
Scarlet-chested Sunbird	<i>Chalcomitra senegalensis</i>
Slate-colored Boubou	<i>Laniarius funebris</i>
Southern Ground-Hornbill	<i>Bucorvus leadbeateri</i>

Striated Heron	<i>Butorides striata</i>
Superb Starling	<i>Lamprotornis superbus</i>
Tawny Eagle	<i>Aquila rapax</i>
Three-banded Plover	<i>Charadrius tricollaris</i>
Tsavo Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris tsavoensis</i>
Von der Decken's Hornbill	<i>Tockus deckeni</i>
Wahlberg's Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus wahlbergi</i>
Western Black-headed Oriole	<i>Oriolus brachyrhynchus</i>
White-bellied Bustard	<i>Eupodotis senegalensis</i>
White-bellied Go-away-bird	<i>Corythaixoides leucogaster</i>
White-browed Sparrow-Weaver	<i>Plocepasser mahali</i>
White-headed Buffalo-Weaver	<i>Dinemellia dinemelli</i>
Yellow-breasted Apalis	<i>Apalis flavida</i>
Yellow-rumped Seedeater	<i>Serinus reichenowi</i>

Animals at Tsavo West

Impala
 Dikdik
 Massai Giraffe
 Lesser Coudou
 Waterbuck
 Leopard
 Elephant
 Cape Buffalo
 Rock Hyax and baby
 Congoni Hartebeest
 Banded Mongoose
 Eland
 Olive baboon
 Yellow Baboon
 Crocodile
 Hippo
 Black-faced Vervet Monkey
 Porcupine

Our next destination was Sagalla where we again got out of the van for a walk though I don't think you were supposed to. We didn't see anything except birds anyway. We were to stay the night at the lodge which looked pretty run down when we arrived. Bungalows masquerading as wooden huts here. The water is heated by wooden fires – very effective. Scaldingly hot shower but not much of a flow. The huts were good – patio and lounging area and there was a tortoise pen outside ours. There is a small shop and a swimming pool. We had a walk round the site and saw the Spotted Eagle owl. Very handsome! There were lots of Go-away Birds too! 😊 The evening meal is plated and served by waiters who murmur what it is as they present it to you. Soft music in the background ... All very nice except that the food was rubbish! Soup, alleged pepper steak and soggy fruit salad. We were escorted back to our hut by a young man with a torch. Breakfast was beans, sausages and scrambled eggs.

We had been for a pre-breakfast walk so by the time we got there they were cold but they did cook some more eggs. The toast was good. A special feature of this lodge is the Wildlife Reserve which is kept locked. We were allowed in with Jonathan – it contains one zebra and one eland. Specially tamed.... We did not see them.

Very flat round here.

Birds at Sagalla

Abyssinian Scimitar-bill	Rhinopomastus minor
African Grey Hornbill	Tockus nasutus
African Orange-bellied Parrot	Poicephalus rufiventris
Amethyst Sunbird	Chalcomitra amethystina
Black-cheeked Waxbill	Estrilda erythronotos
Black-headed Batis	Batis minor
Black-headed Heron	Ardea melanocephala
Black-necked Weaver	Ploceus nigricollis
Chinspot Batis	Batis molitor
Common Drongo	Dicrurus adsimilis
Crested Francolin	Francolinus sephaena
D'Arnaud's Barbet	Trachyphonus darnaudii
Eastern Chanting-Goshawk	Melierax poliopterus
Emerald-spotted Wood-Dove	Turtur chalcospilos
Fan-tailed Widowbird	Euplectes axillaris
Fischer's Starling	Spreo fischeri
Golden-breasted Starling	Lamprotornis regius
Grey Wren-Warbler	Calamonastes simplex
Grey-headed Bushshrike	Malaconotus blanchoti
Green-backed Eremomela	Eremomela canescens
Lesser Striped-Swallow	Cecropis abyssinica
Little Bee-eater	Merops pusillus
Little Swift	Apus affinis
Northern Grey-headed Sparrow	Passer griseus
Northern White-crowned Shrike	Eurocephalus rueppelli
Nubian Woodpecker	Campethera nubica
Olive Thrush	Turdus olivaceus abyssinicus
Pale Flycatcher	Bradornis pallidus
Pied Crow	Corvus albus
Pin-tailed Whydah	Vidua macroura
Purple Grenadier	Granatina ianthinogaster
Red-billed Buffalo-Weaver	Bubalornis niger
Red-billed Oxpecker	Buphagus erythrorhynchus
Red-billed Quelea	Quelea quelea
Red-cheeked Cordonbleu	Uraeginthus bengalus
Red-eyed Dove	Streptopelia semitorquata
Red-fronted Tinkerbird	Pogoniulus pusillus
Red-headed Weaver	Anaplectes rubriceps
Slate-coloured Boubou	Laniarius funebris

Somali Bunting	Emberiza poliopleura
Speckled Pigeon	Columba guinea
Spot-flanked Barbet	Tricholaema lacrymosa
Spotted Eagle-Owl	Bubo africanus
Von der Decken's Hornbill	Tockus deckeni
Vulturine Guineafowl	Acryllium vulturinum
Wattled Starling	Creatophora cinerea
Western Black-headed Oriole	Oriolus brachyrhynchus
White-bellied Go-away-bird	Corythaixoides leucogaster
White-browed Sparrow-Weaver	Plocepasser mahali
White-crested Helmetshrike	Prionops plumatus

July 28th

Off to Tsavo East with a packed lunch. A very changing landscape: hills at first then wide open savannah with very little vegetation leading to a greener damper area following the river and superceded by desert! Many different habitats. We were hoping to see a lion because the Tsavo West lions do not have manes but we think we only saw lionesses. Lots of!! We lunched in the van on a bit of a rise so we could have a good view and also see if anything was taking an objection to our presence there! Record sandwiches with the skimpiest filling ever! It was slow birding but there were hundreds of elephants. I just couldn't get over the size of some of the bulls! At one point we were threatened by one who started to charge but we were well away and James reversed skilfully and speedily. No Verreaux Owl for us but we were delighted with the puffed up Southern Ground Hornbills!

Loved the camp. Best place so far. Would have loved more time here. I think it was the atmosphere and the fact that you were so close to the animals. We had a massive tent with a huge comfy bed and a lovely sitting-out area opposite the restaurant and the elephant viewing platform next to the water-hole. Seventh heaven. Everything I dreamt of... Of course there were not just the elephants. I would so much have liked to sit there for a few hours.... Even during the night but was knackered! Lovely evening meal – not as great a choice as elsewhere but better quality. The juice was cheaper here than anywhere else. A dream come true. Sad to leave.

Birds at Tsavo East

Abyssinian Scimitar-bill	Rhinopomastus minor
African Harrier-Hawk	Polyboroides typus
African Palm-Swift	Cypsiurus parvus
African Pied Wagtail	Motacilla aguimp
Bateleur	Terathopius ecaudatus
Black-backed Puffback	Dryoscopus cubla
Black-capped Social-Weaver	Pseudonigrita cabanisi
Black-faced Sandgrouse	Pterocles decoratus
Blue-naped Mousebird	Urocolius macrourus
Brown Snake-Eagle	Circaetus cinereus
Brubru	Nilaus afer
Buff-crested Bustard	Eupodotis gindiana

Cardinal Woodpecker	<i>Dendropicos fuscescens</i>
Common Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus barbatus</i>
Common Drongo	<i>Dicrurus adsimilis</i>
Crested Francolin	<i>Francolinus sephaena</i>
Crowned Lapwing	<i>Vanellus coronatus</i>
Cut-throat	<i>Amadina fasciata</i>
Eastern Olive Sunbird	<i>Cyanomitra olivacea</i>
Eastern Yellow-billed Hornbill	<i>Tockus flavirostris</i>
Egyptian Goose	<i>Alopochen aegyptiaca</i>
Fawn-coloured Lark	<i>Calendulauda africanoides</i>
Fischer's Sparrow-Lark	<i>Eremopterix leucopareia</i>
Fischer's Starling	<i>Spreo fischeri</i>
Golden Palm Weaver	<i>Ploceus bojeri</i>
Golden Pipit	<i>Tmetothylacus tenellus</i>
Golden-breasted Starling	<i>Lamprotornis regius</i>
Grey Wren-Warbler	<i>Calamonastes simplex</i>
Greater Blue-eared Glossy-Starling	<i>Lamprotornis chalybaeus</i>
Helmeted Guineafowl	<i>Numida meleagris</i>
Hoopoe (African)	<i>Upupa epops africana</i>
Intermediate Egret	<i>Mesophoyx intermedia</i>
Lanner Falcon	<i>Falco biarmicus</i>
Laughing Dove	<i>Streptopelia senegalensis</i>
Lesser Masked-Weaver	<i>Ploceus intermedius</i>
Lilac-breasted Roller	<i>Coracias caudatus</i>
Little Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter minullus</i>
Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>
Long-tailed Fiscal	<i>Lanius cabanisi</i>
Martial Eagle	<i>Polemaetus bellicosus</i>
Namaqua Dove	<i>Oena capensis</i>
Northern Grey-headed Sparrow	<i>Passer griseus</i>
Northern Red-billed Hornbill	<i>Tockus erythrorhynchus</i>
Northern White-crowned Shrike	<i>Eurocephalus rueppelli</i>
Ostrich	<i>Struthio camelus</i>
Pale Flycatcher	<i>Bradornis pallidus</i>
Red-billed Buffalo-Weaver	<i>Bubalornis niger</i>
Red-cheeked Cordonbleu	<i>Uraeginthus bengalus</i>
Red-headed Weaver	<i>Anaplectes rubriceps</i>
Red-winged Lark	<i>Miraфра hypermetra</i>
Ring-necked Dove	<i>Streptopelia capicola</i>
Rueppell's Griffon Vulture	<i>Gyps rueppellii</i>
Singing Bushlark	<i>Miraфра cantillans</i>
Slate-coloured Boubou	<i>Laniarius funebris</i>
Southern Ground-Hornbill	<i>Bucorvus leadbeateri</i>
Spotted Morning-Thrush	<i>Cichladusa guttata</i>
Spur-winged Plover	<i>Vanellus spinosus</i>
Steppe Eagle	<i>Aquila nipalensis</i>
Superb Starling	<i>Lamprotornis superbus</i>

Taita Fiscal	Lanius dorsalis
Tawny Eagle	Aquila rapax
Three-banded Plover	Charadrius tricollaris
Tsavo Sunbird	Cinnyris tsavoensis
Von der Decken's Hornbill	Tockus deckeni
White-bellied Go-away-bird	Corythaixoides leucogaster
White-bellied Tit	Melaniparus albiventris
White-billed Buffalo-Weaver	Bubalornis albirostris
White-browed Sparrow-Weaver	Plocepasser mahali
White-rumped Swift	Apus caffer
Wood Sandpiper	Tringa glareola
Woolly-necked Stork	Ciconia episcopus
Yellow-necked Francolin	Francolinus leucoscepus
Yellow-rumped Seedeater	Serinus reichenowi

Animals at Tsavo East

Impala
 Dikdik
 Olive baboon
 Red-bellied Sand Squirrel;
 Rock Hyrax
 Waterbuck
 Buffalo
 Common Zebra
 Grant's Gazelle
 Warthog
 Giraffe
 Eland
 Elephant
 Lioness x4
 Congoni Hartebeest
 Oryx
 Black-faced Vervet Monkey

July 29th

The alarm didn't go off. Bit of an oops. Breakfast, one last look at the water-holes and it was time to say goodbye safari, hello Watamu. Long drive getting increasingly warmer. We stopped off at a curio shop so we could picnic at their inside table and use the facilities. Strange arrangements. Better quality lunch with 2 drinks included!

Just after we left Tsavo East we stopped by a curio shop for views of the river. Two Woolly Storks landed and there were a few waders and plenty of crocodiles. Hot! Later, we passed through a village where the people have decided to take up begging as a mode of life. We did not stop or give them anything. The question of aid is such a tricky one. We have so much compared to most of the Kenyans but know better than to encourage begging as a lifestyle. Foreign aid is so often wrong too: wrong motives, wrong sort of aid, too much profiteering etc.

We arrived at A.Rocha Kenya mid-afternoon and were very warmly welcomed by Belinda. We were shown to our white-washed room. One in a series of four which was to be home for the next seven nights. Jonathan and James left for a well-deserved rest and we had a look round before the evening-meal. Our room had a fan, two single beds with a mosquito net above it and a desk area. We had our own bathroom with a small wash-basin, flushing toilet and shower. Unfortunately the flow of hot water was little more than a dribble but there was plenty of cold water. The beach is literally minutes away and we walked along it towards the Turtle Bay Beach Resort which was a lot more expensive than our accommodation but had better facilities! There was a lot of seaweed on the beach – not the bladder wrack we are used to though. It was lovely to paddle in the sea and the sand really is silver. A lovely, quiet spot with small dunes separating the beach from our lodgings. I loved listening to the waves whilst lying in bed.

Dinner was served at 7. They ring a bell and everyone congregates for Grace. You serve yourself from the bowls that are set out and then sit wherever there's room usually balancing your bowl on your knee. Tonight there was a bowl of rice, a bowl of tomato-based stew and a bowl of grated cabbage. There was fruit for dessert and you could help yourself to water or make tea or coffee or buy a soda (45/-). This was generally the pattern for lunch and dinner every day though breakfast was a mostly make-your-own along with pancakes/omelette/boiled eggs. The other people eating were either staff, volunteers or paying guests like ourselves. Not everyone's cup of tea, helping with the washing-up, monotonous food, doing your own cleaning So think carefully before staying here. The people are friendly and there is a pleasant atmosphere but it is isolated and has few facilities. There is a nature walk which we went on several times but we only saw 5 species of bird altogether and a few butterflies. There is allegedly a Monitor Lizard but I doubt it because of the lack of water as much as anything! There are monkeys round the gardens but they didn't cause any problems except for making a noise on the tin roofs! If you wait patiently by the compost heap you stand a good chance of seeing the Mangrove Kingfisher who visits daily. To get into Watamu, you have to walk down to the main road and along to the Turtle Bay Beach Resort to catch a bus, tuk-tuk or taxi. It is a good half hour's walk and there is no transport after 20h00. There isn't a lot to do in Watamu. We went to the supermarket and the Italian Ice-cream Parlours! Yes – there are two of them! Another surreal experience.... We preferred the one on the main road – nicer people, nicer atmosphere, nicer ice-cream, bigger scoops and an interesting path to the toilet. To get to the other one you have to take a tuk-tuk to the door or run the gamut of the tourist stalls and **Fatima**. She lurks unobtrusively then pounces and gives you all the usual annoying banter. She sticks to you like a leech. Damned nuisance as are some of the other hangers-on. Most of the stall holders are ok and are truly grateful if you do stop and buy something. Let's face it, it's their livelihood and we have so much compared to them it doesn't hurt to stop and buy one or two items. If you go late afternoon there is also delicious smelling food on sale (kebabs, samosas etc) and the fruit is ridiculously cheap. 10/- for a mango in season. Anyway, back to the ice-cream. The orange Italian place sells Italian food, croissants, pastries etc as well as coffee and ice-cream. They have more choice of flavours and the passion fruit is to die for but we didn't like the people or the atmosphere as much. The price is the same in both places: 100/- for one scoop. There

are also a few banks in Watamu and we got a much better exchange rate at the ATMs here. More information about A Rocha is available here: www.arocha.org. There is a Bird Field Study Centre based here and run by Colin Jackson with opportunities for study/volunteering. The house used to belong to a Mrs. Barbara Simpson who must have been a truly inspiring and fascinating woman. See www.coastweek.com/obit/obit-02.htm

July 30th

Our day off.

Pancakes for breakfast. Absolutely yum! ☺

We went snorkelling this morning. Jonathan arranged it with Captain John. He dropped us off at 8h00 just coming up to low-tide which is the best time. We got one and a half hour's snorkelling for 2,500/-. We had our own masks etc but you could borrow them if you wanted. The coral reef is protected and you have to pay a fee to go snorkelling. This was included in the price. The lads on the boat took bread so the fish would come to the top of the water! The coral itself isn't very good but the fish were lovely. See <http://www.watamu.net/watamu-marine.html> , <http://www.kws.go.ke/> or Wikipedia. When our time was up they dropped us off near where we were staying.

While we were waiting for our trip Captain John and the local Master Carver took us for a walk across the mattress of dead seaweed covering the coral rock pools (exciting!) to see a family of Moray Eels. Fascinating but unfortunately we didn't have cameras with us. It was a bit unfortunate for tourists at the hotel who wanted to go on the beach because it was literally covered with this mass of seaweed which stretched a long way and the full depth of the beach. It is so thick it really is just like walking on a mattress and as it covers the dead coral with has lots of rock pools, some visible, some not. It makes walking exciting!

After the snorkelling we went for a walk on the Nature Trail, had lunch and went into Watamu for an ice-cream tasting session which I'll gloss over. Suffice it to say, we did very thorough and prolonged research....

July 31st

No breakfast today – we were out at 5h30 for our first trip to the Arabuko-Sokoke Forest. See www.assets-kenya.org or www.watamu.net Jonathan came in a loan car today. It was a long morning – it soon got very hot, the birding was very slow but fruitful and there were millions of pesky flies. Forest birding can be notoriously difficult and Jonathan took us to several spots in order to seek out as many birds as possible. The forest is not renowned for the quantity of its birds but for their quality! It is a lovely forest and we had good views of the Golden Rumped Elephant Shrew! Cute.

In the afternoon we met up with David Ngala, a lovely man and a great birder who had spent the previous night in the forest to locate the Sokoke Scops Owl's roost. Very brave

given the preponderance of wild elephants and buffalo but apparently building a big bonfire keeps them away. He led us straight to the spot and we had excellent views. Jonathan gave him part of today's fee as a thank you.

August 1st

Another early start and Jonathan arrived with a neighbour involved with the Turtle Watch Scheme. Did we want to see a Green Turtle laying eggs, he asked. You bet we did! So J went off to make a cup of tea whilst we headed for the dunes two minutes away. And there she was, sending sand flying everywhere and going dig, dig, dig. Unfortunately, she didn't get round to laying any eggs and headed back to the sea. ☹️ We were told she must have hit a root and was therefore unable to dig any deeper but that she would come back. I was really annoyed with the stupid volunteers who turned up and took loads of photos using flash – dimwits. We would have liked to have witnessed some baby turtles hatching but none were due to do so during our stay. After this exciting start to the day we set off for the forest again. First stop was the “swamp” to look for the Malindi Pipit which David said had moved area because of the cattle at its usual spot near Lake Chem Chem. We had to walk a good way to avoid paying the entrance fees and got well and truly rained on but at least it was warm and welcome. The water-melon field was our target We searched high and low and were just walking away when we suddenly spotted one. Hurrah! Time for the long walk back to the van ... and a drive to Lake Chem Chem for another long walk! There wasn't much of a lake there and some of the birds were hidden in the grass/reeds plus there was a terrific heat haze but we did our best from our elevated vantage point and managed to identify 14 waders before making the long walk back to the van. And we saw Malindi Pipit too! We arrived back at Mwamba just in time for lunch and then we were off again this time to Mida Creek having checked the tide times. Nice spot with a welcome breeze, eco-restaurant, information centre and a boardwalk. Jonathan didn't want to go on the boardwalk because he said we would miss all the birds but we thought it was a wind-up and insisted. He was right. We did miss all the birds . We hadn't realised that it was so long (250m) or that it was a full moon and consequentially a high spring tide which came in amazingly fast! A definite oops. The boardwalk itself had only just been re-opened following repairs but it was definitely wobbly and not for the faint-hearted. There is a hide at the end with information boards. I want a tee shirt now like my Ghana Canopy Tower one but saying “I survived the Mida Creek Boardwalk”! ☺️ Anyway, we had a bit of a potter round the area and saw a few good species including Golden Pipit and Bare-eyed Thrush but later got trapped at the “shop”! I paid 150/- for a bracelet with mangrove seeds in it .

See <http://www.watamu.net/mida-creek-activites.html>

<http://walkingtrailskenya.com/trails/mida-creek-boardwalk-and-bird-hide/>

The water was very hot tonight so we were able to have a good warm shower and there were chapattis for dinner. Not like any I have eaten before but certainly very tasty indeed.

Arabuko Sokoke Swamp & Lake Chem Chem

African Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus auratus</i>
African Harrier-Hawk	<i>Polyboroides typus</i>
African Openbill	<i>Anastomus lamelligerus</i>
African Paradise-Flycatcher	<i>Terpsiphone viridis</i>
Banded Snake-Eagle	<i>Circaetus cinerascens</i>
Black Cuckoo-shrike	<i>Campephaga flava</i>
Black-and-white Mannikin	<i>Spermestes bicolor</i>
Black-bellied Glossy-Starling	<i>Lamprotornis corruscus</i>
Black-headed Apalis	<i>Apalis melanocephala</i>
Black-headed Heron	<i>Ardea melanocephala</i>
Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>
Common Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus barbatus</i>
Common Drongo	<i>Dicrurus adsimilis</i>
Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>
Dark-backed Weaver	<i>Ploceus bicolor</i>
Emerald-spotted Wood-Dove	<i>Turtur chalcospilos</i>
Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>
Grassland Pipit	<i>Anthus cinnamomeus lacuum</i>
Green Barbet	<i>Stactolaema olivacea</i>
Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>
Gull-billed Tern	<i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i>
Intermediate Egret	<i>Mesophoyx intermedia</i>
Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>
Long-tailed Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax africanus</i>
Long-tailed Fiscal	<i>Lanius cabanisi</i>
Malindi Pipit	<i>Anthus melindae</i>
Pallid Honeyguide	<i>Indicator meliphilus</i>
Rattling Cisticola	<i>Cisticola chiniana</i>
Red-billed Quelea	<i>Quelea quelea</i>
Red-cheeked Cordonbleu	<i>Uraeginthus bengalus</i>
Red-eyed Dove	<i>Streptopelia semitorquata</i>
Ring-necked Dove	<i>Streptopelia capicola</i>
Speckled Mousebird	<i>Colius striatus</i>
Spur-winged Plover	<i>Vanellus spinosus</i>
Tawny-flanked Prinia	<i>Prinia subflava</i>
Village Weaver	<i>Ploceus cucullatus</i>
White-faced Whistling-Duck	<i>Dendrocygna viduata</i>
Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>
Woolly-necked Stork	<i>Ciconia episcopus</i>
Yellow-throated Longclaw	<i>Macronyx croceus</i>
Zanzibar Bishop	<i>Euplectes nigroventris</i>

Friday August 2nd

It poured down during the night and was still raining when we set off for Roca Pools. Another lovely spot where we were looking for Brown headed Parrot and Collared Palm Thrush. This area used to be quarried for minerals but now only the pools are left and many people come for water pumped from them. It is slightly salty and costs 10/- for 20 litres or you can scoop it up for free from the overflow puddle. Doing a roaring trade. We soon found our parrots in a baobab tree and were right chuffed to find that they were actually nesting there! We think they were feeding young. Soon afterwards I heard our thrush and tried to flush it out but without success. A couple of minutes later one bobbed out just in front of us – absolutely beautiful! Well worth the waiting and searching. We walked down to the water after this to see what was about but the area was definitely short on waders so we went back to Mida Creek. This time we passed on the boardwalk! Again the low numbers of waders were disappointing but we loved the Crab Plovers. No flamingos. No sign of Crimson Bee Eaters although the guides said they had seen some passing through. I bought four more bracelets but declined the pictures. A large group of small children arrived just before we left. It is good that school children are taken out and shown the area. It is interesting because of the mangroves as well as the birds etc.

Lunch was as usual then we went had the afternoon free. We spent a bit of time ogling the Mangrove Kingfisher near the compost heap then set off for Watamu. It was very hot and we were glad when a tuk-tuk stopped just before we got to Turtle Beach. Not difficult to guess where we went – we do take our research seriously and had to confirm our previous findings. We walked on through the village past the stall holders today but the road just peters out into a housing area which we didn't investigate. We weren't able to avoid the dreaded Fatima completely but most of the people were ok with us knowing we had already bought some things. Most. Not all! Before leaving we bought some mangoes. We paid over the odds for them at 30/- each but didn't mind. They were really good!

Mida Creek (Combined list)

African Bare-eyed Thrush	<i>Turdus tephronotus</i>
African Black-headed Oriole	<i>Oriolus larvatus</i>
Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>
Black-bellied Glossy-Starling	<i>Lamprotornis corruscus</i>
Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>
Collared Sunbird	<i>Hedydipna collaris</i>
Common Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus barbatus</i>
Common Drongo	<i>Dicrurus adsimilis</i>
Crab Plover	<i>Dromas ardeola</i>
Curlew Sandpiper	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>
Eastern Olive Sunbird	<i>Cyanomitra olivacea</i>
Eurasian Curlew	<i>Numenius arquata</i>
Golden Pipit	<i>Tmetothylacus tenellus</i>
Grey Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>

Great Egret
Greater Sand-Plover
House Sparrow
Lesser Sand-Plover
Little Egret
Little Stint
Mangrove Kingfisher
Northern Gray-headed Sparrow
Pale Flycatcher
Pin-tailed Whydah
Purple-banded Sunbird
Red-cheeked Cordonbleu
Ruddy Turnstone
Sacred Ibis
Sanderling
Terek Sandpiper
Three-banded Plover
Village Weaver
Whimbrel
Wood Sandpiper
Woolly-necked Stork
Yellow-billed Stork
Yellow-fronted Canary
Yellow-rumped Seedeater
Zanzibar Sombre Greenbul

Ardea alba
Charadrius leschenaultii
Passer domesticus
Charadrius mongolus
Egretta garzetta
Calidris minuta
Halcyon senegaloides
Passer griseus
Bradornis pallidus
Vidua macroura
Cinnyris bifasciatus
Uraeginthus bengalus
Arenaria interpres
Threskiornis aethiopicus
Calidris alba
Xenus cinereus
Charadrius tricollaris
Ploceus cucullatus
Numenius phaeopus
Tringa glareola
Ciconia episcopus
Mycteria ibis
Serinus mozambicus
Serinus reichenowi
Andropadus importunus

Roca Pools

African Palm-Swift
African Pied Wagtail
Black-headed Heron
Brown-headed Parrot
Collared Palm-Thrush
Common Bulbul
Common Drongo
Common Sandpiper
Dunlin
Ethiopian Swallow
Golden Palm Weaver
Grassland Pipit
Grey-headed Bushshrike
Great Sparrowhawk
Green Woodhoopoe
Little Stint
Lizard Buzzard
Marsh Sandpiper
Mosque Swallow
Northern Grey-headed Sparrow

Cypsiurus parvus
Motacilla aguimp
Ardea melanocephala
Poicephalus cryptoxanthus
Cichladusa arquata
Pycnonotus barbatus
Dicrurus adsimilis
Actitis hypoleucos
Calidris alpina
Hirundo aethiopica
Ploceus bojeri
Anthus cinnamomeus lacuum
Malaconotus blanchoti
Accipiter melanoleucus
Phoeniculus purpureus
Calidris minuta
Kaupifalco monogrammicus
Tringa stagnatilis
Cecropis senegalensis
Passer griseus

Pied Crow	Corvus albus
Purple-banded Sunbird	Cinnyris bifasciatus
Red-cheeked Cordonbleu	Uraeginthus bengalus
Red-eyed Dove	Streptopelia semitorquata
Speckled Mousebird	Colius striatus
Spur-winged Plover	Vanellus spinosus
Striped Kingfisher	Halcyon chelicuti
Village Indigobird	Vidua chalybeata
Water Thick-knee	Burhinus vermiculatus
White-browed Coucal	Centropus superciliosus
White-fronted Plover	Charadrius marginatus
Winding Cisticola	Cisticola galactotes
Wire-tailed Swallow	Hirundo smithii
Zanzibar Sombre Greenbul	Andropadus importunus

Saturday, August 3rd

The usual early start. Our destination today was the Gede Ruins and we wanted to get there before the tourists did! We had a good walk round and were pleased to see Suni, Golden Rumped Elephant Shrews, Saks Monkeys and several species of bird including Pygmy Kingfisher, Eastern Nicator (splendid views) and a Barn Owl in a well! We also saw a dead hedgehog – it looked as though someone had stamped on it ☹ and hundreds of millipedes! We would have liked to have gone up onto the tree platform but it was closed for repair. Then the first group of Italian tourists arrived hell bent on feeding the monkeys and taking loads of cutey pictures. I do hate to see people feeding wild animals. Pity none of them got scratched or bitten. Not entirely the tourists' fault though when they are encouraged to do so by the guides. Just the same at Bijilo in The Gambia. We had time to visit the museum before we left and that was really interesting too. I was particularly impressed by the model of a sewn boat. There were a few showers while we were at Gede but the trees provided adequate cover.

Xymenai Americanus: this tree is completely smooth and nothing can climb it. Harrier Hawks like to nest at the top because they are safe from predators.

See: <http://www.watamu.biz/watamu-attractions.php?cid=4>

<http://www.museums.or.ke/>

Gede Ruins Birds

African Harrier-Hawk	Polyboroides typus
African Paradise-Flycatcher	Terpsiphone viridis
African Pygmy-Kingfisher	Ispidina picta
Barn Owl	Tyto alba
Black-bellied Glossy-Starling	Lamprotornis corruscus

Eastern Nicator
Green Barbet
Tambourine Dove

Nicator gularis
Stactolaema olivacea
Turtur tympanistria

Animals

Suni
Golden Rumped Elephant Shrew
Saks Monkeys

The Butterfly Farm is next to the ruins: <http://www.kipepeo.org/index.php> Kipepeo currently sells butterfly and moth pupae and other live insects as well as honey and silk cloth produced by the community. The pupae are exported and the live insects hatched and displayed in insect parks globally. As you walk about in the forest, you can see butterfly traps and we met some boys who had just been to empty theirs. They also use nets to catch the more fragile species. We saw lots of lovely specimens on our walks but the only ones we could put a name to were the Purple Tip, Golden Banded Forester, Dark Blue Pansy and the Danaid Eggfly.

From Gede we went to Sabaki, stopping off at a small pond on the way. It was covered in vegetation, mostly beautiful blue water lilies so it was difficult to see what was about. We watched a stunning Malachite Kingfisher and showed it through the telescope to the small group of boys who had tagged along. Many of the people we came across during our stay did not understand that we were using binoculars and a telescope – they thought they were cameras and were frightened of them. Difficult to explain that you are not spying on them and exploiting them.

There were lots of fruit stalls just after the Sabaki Bridge and a bit of a village. I bought some mangoes and a water melon from the women milling around our van then turned off into the village and down the “road towards the river mouth. We did not go all the way because apparently you risk having your tyres let down by the boys there! Instead we stopped off at a Hotel partly managed by an Australian and walked the rest of the way. The sun was burning hot and there was a good wind. No sign of hippos and not too much around bird wise but we had great views of Pink-backed Pelicans and Yellow Billed Stork. As we walked back up to the hotel we were amused by the three school buses completely blocking the track.

Sabaki Birds

African Palm-Swift
African Pied Wagtail
Common Bulbul
Common Drongo
Common Sandpiper
Common Waxbill
Croaking Cisticola
Curlew Sandpiper

Cypsiurus parvus
Motacilla aguimp
Pycnonotus barbatus
Dicrurus adsimilis
Actitis hypoleucos
Estrilda astrild
Cisticola natalensis
Calidris ferruginea

Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>
Golden Palm Weaver	<i>Ploceus bojeri</i>
Grassland Pipit	<i>Anthus cinnamomeus lacuum</i>
Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>
Grey Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>
Greater Sand-Plover	<i>Charadrius leschenaultii</i>
Gull-billed Tern	<i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i>
Intermediate Egret	<i>Mesophoyx intermedia</i>
Kentish Plover	<i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>
Lesser Sand-Plover	<i>Charadrius mongolus</i>
Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>
Long-tailed Fiscal	<i>Lanius cabanisi</i>
Madagascar Pratincole	<i>Glareola ocularis</i>
Malachite Kingfisher	<i>Corythornis cristatus</i>
Mangrove Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon senegaloides</i>
Marsh Sandpiper	<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>
Pale Flycatcher	<i>Bradornis pallidus</i>
Pink-backed Pelican	<i>Pelecanus rufescens</i>
Red-billed Quelea	<i>Quelea quelea</i>
Red-cheeked Cordonbleu	<i>Uraeginthus bengalus</i>
Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Cecropis daurica</i>
Sacred Ibis	<i>Threskiornis aethiopicus</i>
Speckled Mousebird	<i>Colius striatus</i>
Spur-winged Plover	<i>Vanellus spinosus</i>
Striated Heron	<i>Butorides striata</i>
Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>
White-browed Sparrow-Weaver	<i>Plocepasser mahali</i>
White-fronted Plover	<i>Charadrius marginatus</i>
Winding Cisticola	<i>Cisticola galactotes</i>
Woolly-necked Stork	<i>Ciconia episcopus</i>
Yellow-billed Stork	<i>Mycteria ibis</i>
Yellow-rumped Seedeater	<i>Serinus reichenowi</i>

Our next stop was Malindi Harbour via the airport where we were able to confirm our flights to Nairobi. The harbour was the beach really. Very nice but nothing much about. Malindi looked like an interesting little town but we don't know how much we might have been hassled walking round on our own and would have been restricted with what we could photograph.

Malindi Harbour Birds

African Palm-Swift	<i>Cypsiurus parvus</i>
Black-headed Heron	<i>Ardea melanocephala</i>
Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>
Ethiopian Swallow	<i>Hirundo aethiopica</i>
Intermediate Egret	<i>Mesophoyx intermedia</i>
Sacred Ibis	<i>Threskiornis aethiopicus</i>

Back at Mwamba we had another unsuccessful look round for the Red Capped Robin Chat then went down on the beach for a walk but it was high tide. We saw three Sand Plovers. They didn't have flags on their legs so had obviously not been caught by Colin!

Roland had an unmissable experience today when a millipede crawled across his foot

Sunday August 4th

Our last day. I got up at quarter to two instead of quarter to four! My phone's fault....

Our first stop was in the Arabuko Sokoke Forest and our target was Fischer's Turacao. We heard them calling, saw them flying but only Roland had view of one. Our next target was Sokoke Pipit and Jonathan knew just the spot Unfortunately, there were a couple of elephants on the track so we had to wait for them to move up a bit. And a bit more.... They were hardly in a rush but we were! As we were pondering what to do, the bull turned round and spotted us. He didn't look right happy so J reversed out without hesitation. We were really pleased to have seen elephant in the forest even though we didn't get to see the pipits! J knew another spot and we wandered about for what felt like ages but they proved to be just too elusive. Never mind, the Green-backed Twinspot awaited us... this too proved rather elusive! We could see two bobbing about in the grass and I saw it clearly but Roland didn't despite hanging about for quite a while. We made several stops here and there looking for feeding parties but weren't overly successful until we happened upon some Green Wood Hoopoe who led us on a merry dance! We were so glad we kept up with them though because there was a small group of Clarke's Weaver accompanying them! Yippee! What a bird to finish the morning on!

Arabuko Sokoke Forest Birds

African Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus auratus</i>
African Paradise-Flycatcher	<i>Terpsiphone viridis</i>
Black Cuckoo-shrike	<i>Campephaga flava</i>
Black-bellied Glossy-Starling	<i>Lamprotornis corruscus</i>
Chestnut-fronted Helmetshrike	<i>Prionops scopifrons</i>
Clarke's Weaver	<i>Ploceus golangi</i>
Collared Sunbird	<i>Hedydipna collaris</i>
Common Drongo	<i>Dicrurus adsimilis</i>
Dark-backed Weaver	<i>Ploceus bicolor</i>
East Coast Akalat	<i>Sheppardia gunningi</i>
Eastern Olive Sunbird	<i>Cyanomitra olivacea</i>
Gray-backed Camaroptera	<i>Camaroptera brachyura</i>
Green Barbet	<i>Stactolaema olivacea</i>
Green Woodhoopoe	<i>Phoeniculus purpureus</i>
Lizard Buzzard	<i>Kaupifalco monogrammicus</i>
Red-billed Helmetshrike	<i>Prionops caniceps</i>

Red-capped Robin-Chat
Scaly Babbler
White-browed Coucal
Yellow-bellied Greenbul
Yellow-rumped Tinkerbird

Cossypha natalensis
Turdoides squamulata
Centropus superciliosus
Chlorocichla flaviventris
Pogoniulus bilineatus

Animals

Elephant

The afternoon saw us back at Mida Creek. We felt the forest would probably be too quiet in the afternoon heat to be worthwhile. It was amazing the difference a bit of rain had made to the area. There were pools in the mangroves which had previously been dry but they hadn't attracted much bird life apart from Three Banded Plover! We had some stunning views of a Fish Eagle today and managed to find a Greenshank and some Ruddy too. There may have been a few flamingos but they were just too far away to be sure.... As we drove away, Trumpeter Hornbill flew across. A special treat and nice end to our day.

Mida Creek Birds

African Fish-Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus vocifer</i>
African Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus auratus</i>
African Palm-Swift	<i>Cypsiurus parvus</i>
Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>
Black-bellied Glossy-Starling	<i>Lamprotornis corruscus</i>
Collared Sunbird	<i>Hedydipna collaris</i>
Common Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus barbatus</i>
Common Drongo	<i>Dicrurus adsimilis</i>
Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>
Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>
Crab Plover	<i>Dromas ardeola</i>
Curlew Sandpiper	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>
Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>
Eurasian Curlew	<i>Numenius arquata</i>
Grassland Pipit	<i>Anthus cinnamomeus lacuum</i>
Gray Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>
Gray Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>
Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>
Gull-billed Tern	<i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i>
Lesser Sand-Plover	<i>Charadrius mongolus</i>
Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>
Mangrove Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon senegaloides</i>
Pale Flycatcher	<i>Bradornis pallidus</i>
Purple-banded Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris bifasciatus</i>
Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>
Sacred Ibis	<i>Threskiornis aethiopicus</i>
Tawny-flanked Prinia	<i>Prinia subflava</i>
Terek Sandpiper	<i>Xenus cinereus</i>

Three-banded Plover
Trumpeter Hornbill
Whimbrel

Charadrius tricollaris
Ceratogymna bucinator
Numenius phaeopus

Monday August 5th

Hometime. ☺ At least we were able to have a lie-in until 6h30 and breakfast! Rather yummy omelettes today.

Jonathan collected us just after 10 to take us to Malindi Airport. We spotted a few birds on the way but nothing we needed to stop the van for. All too soon it was time to say our thank yous and goodbyes. How do you say an adequate thank you to someone who has been your almost constant companion for the past fortnight, enriching your every experience with his knowledge and support? Our time with Jonathan and with James was memorable to say the least. Nothing was too much trouble for them and they had everything organised to a t. They made sure we got to the right place at the right time without rushing us too much and set an excellent pace. Jonathan's pleasure at finding a few Lifers of his own was heart-warming and we shared many memorable moments. He was exactly the right guide for us and I would not hesitate to use him again if in the area or to recommend him. A lovely man and an ambassador for his country.

Whole Trip Bird List

Jonathan kept a record of the birds we had seen and where. He was very careful that we both got good views of each bird and did not include it on the list unless we had.

Abyssinian Scimitar-bill	Rhinopomastus minor
African Bare-eyed Thrush	Turdus tephronotus
African Black-headed Oriole	Oriolus larvatus
African Darter	Anhinga rufa
African Fish-Eagle	Haliaeetus vocifer
African Golden Oriole	Oriolus auratus
African Goshawk	Accipiter tachiro
African Gray Hornbill	Tockus nasutus
African Harrier-Hawk	Polyboroides typus
African Jacana	Actophilornis africanus
African Mourning Dove	Streptopelia decipiens
African Openbill	Anastomus lamelligerus
African Orange-bellied Parrot	Poicephalus rufiventris
African Palm-Swift	Cypsiurus parvus
African Paradise-Flycatcher	Terpsiphone viridis
African Pied Wagtail	Motacilla aguimp
African Pygmy-Kingfisher	Ispidina picta
African Spoonbill	Platalea alba
Amani Sunbird	Hedydipna pallidigaster

Amethyst Sunbird	<i>Chalcomitra amethystina</i>
Ashy Cisticola	<i>Cisticola cinereolus</i>
Augur Buzzard	<i>Buteo augur</i>
Baglafaecht Weaver	<i>Ploceus baglafaecht</i>
Banded Snake-Eagle	<i>Circaetus cinerascens</i>
Barn Owl	<i>Tyto alba</i>
Bateleur	<i>Terathopius ecaudatus</i>
Black Crake	<i>Amaurornis flavirostra</i>
Black Cuckoo-shrike	<i>Campephaga flava</i>
Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>
Black Sawwing	<i>Psalidoprocne pristopectera</i>
Black-and-white Mannikin	<i>Spermestes bicolor</i>
Black-backed Puffback	<i>Dryoscopus cubla</i>
Black-bellied Bustard	<i>Lissotis melanogaster</i>
Black-bellied Glossy-Starling	<i>Lamprotornis corruscus</i>
Black-capped Social-Weaver	<i>Pseudonigrita cabanisi</i>
Black-cheeked Waxbill	<i>Estrilda erythronotos</i>
Black-crowned Tchagra	<i>Tchagra senegalus</i>
Black-faced Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles decoratus</i>
Black-headed Apalis	<i>Apalis melanocephala</i>
Black-headed Batis	<i>Batis minor</i>
Black-headed Heron	<i>Ardea melanocephala</i>
Black-headed Lapwing	<i>Vanellus tectus</i>
Black-lored Babbler	<i>Turdoides sharpei</i>
Black-necked Weaver	<i>Ploceus nigricollis</i>
Blacksmith Plover	<i>Vanellus armatus</i>
Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>
Blue-mantled Crested-Flycatcher	<i>Trochocercus cyanomelas bivittatus</i>
Blue-naped Mousebird	<i>Urocolius macrourus</i>
Bronze Mannikin	<i>Spermestes cucullatus</i>
Brown Snake-Eagle	<i>Circaetus cinereus</i>
Brown-headed Parrot	<i>Poicephalus cryptoxanthus</i>
Brubru	<i>Nilaus afer</i>
Buff-bellied Warbler	<i>Phyllolais pulchella</i>
Buff-crested Bustard	<i>Eupodotis gindiana</i>
Cardinal Woodpecker	<i>Dendropicos fuscescens</i>
Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>
Chestnut Weaver	<i>Ploceus rubiginosus</i>
Chestnut-fronted Helmetshrike	<i>Prionops scopifrons</i>
Chinspot Batis	<i>Batis molitor</i>
Clarke's Weaver	<i>Ploceus golandi</i>
Collared Palm-Thrush	<i>Cichladusa arquata</i>
Collared Pratincole	<i>Glareola pratincola</i>
Collared Sunbird	<i>Hedydipna collaris</i>
Common Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus barbatus</i>
Common Drongo	<i>Dicrurus adsimilis</i>
Common Fiscal	<i>Lanius collaris</i>

Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>
Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>
Common Scimitar-bill	<i>Rhinopomastus cyanomelas</i>
Common Waxbill	<i>Estrilda astrild</i>
Crab Plover	<i>Dromas ardeola</i>
Crested Francolin	<i>Francolinus sephaena</i>
Croaking Cisticola	<i>Cisticola natalensis</i>
Crowned Lapwing	<i>Vanellus coronatus</i>
Curlew Sandpiper	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>
Cut-throat	<i>Amadina fasciata</i>
Dark-backed Weaver	<i>Ploceus bicolor</i>
D'Arnaud's Barbet	<i>Trachyphonus darnaudii</i>
Desert Cisticola	<i>Cisticola aridulus</i>
Double-banded Courser	<i>Smutsornis africanus</i>
Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>
Dusky Turtle-Dove	<i>Streptopelia lugens</i>
East Coast Akalat	<i>Sheppardia gunningi</i>
Eastern Chanting-Goshawk	<i>Melierax poliopterus</i>
Eastern Nicator	<i>Nicator gularis</i>
Eastern Olive Sunbird	<i>Cyanomitra olivacea</i>
Eastern Yellow-billed Hornbill	<i>Tockus flavirostris</i>
Egyptian Goose	<i>Alopochen aegyptiaca</i>
Emerald-spotted Wood-Dove	<i>Turtur chalcospilos</i>
Ethiopian Swallow	<i>Hirundo aethiopica</i>
Eurasian Curlew	<i>Numenius arquata</i>
Fan-tailed Widowbird	<i>Euplectes axillaris</i>
Fawn-colored Lark	<i>Calendulauda africanoides</i>
Fischer's Sparrow-Lark	<i>Eremopterix leucopareia</i>
Fischer's Starling	<i>Spreo fischeri</i>
Gambaga Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa gambagae</i>
Giant Kingfisher	<i>Megaceryle maximus</i>
Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>
Golden Palm Weaver	<i>Ploceus bojeri</i>
Golden Pipit	<i>Tmetothylacus tenellus</i>
Golden-breasted Starling	<i>Lamprotornis regius</i>
Grasshopper Buzzard	<i>Butastur rufipennis</i>
Grassland Pipit	<i>Anthus cinnamomeus lacuum</i>
Grey Crowned-Crane	<i>Balearica regulorum</i>
Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>
Grey Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>
Grey Wren-Warbler	<i>Calamonastes simplex</i>
Grey-backed Camaroptera	<i>Camaroptera brachyura</i>
Grey-headed Bushshrike	<i>Malaconotus blanchoti</i>
Grey-headed Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon leucocephala</i>
Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>
Great Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter melanoleucus</i>
Greater Blue-eared Glossy-Starling	<i>Lamprotornis chalybaeus</i>

Greater Painted-snipe	<i>Rostratula benghalensis</i>
Greater Sand-Plover	<i>Charadrius halybeates</i>
Green Barbet	<i>Stactolaema olivacea</i>
Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>
Green Woodhoopoe	<i>Phoeniculus purpureus</i>
Green-backed Eremomela	<i>Eremomela canescens</i>
Green-winged Pytilia	<i>Pytilia melba</i>
Gull-billed Tern	<i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i>
Hadada Ibis	<i>Bostrychia hagedash</i>
Hamerkop	<i>Scopus umbretta</i>
Helmeted Guineafowl	<i>Numida meleagris</i>
Hildebrandt's Starling	<i>Lamprotornis hildebrandti</i>
Hoopoe (African)	<i>Upupa epops halybea</i>
House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>
Intermediate Egret	<i>Mesophoyx intermedia</i>
Kentish Plover	<i>Charadrius halybeates</i>
Kittlitz's Plover	<i>Charadrius pecuarius</i>
Lanner Falcon	<i>Falco biarmicus</i>
Lappet-faced Vulture	<i>Torgos tracheliotus</i>
Laughing Dove	<i>Streptopelia senegalensis</i>
Lesser Masked-Weaver	<i>Ploceus intermedius</i>
Lesser Sand-Plover	<i>Charadrius mongolus</i>
Lesser Striped-Swallow	<i>Cecropis abyssinica</i>
Lilac-breasted Roller	<i>Coracias caudatus</i>
Little Bee-eater	<i>Merops pusillus</i>
Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>
Little Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter minullus</i>
Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>
Little Swift	<i>Apus affinis</i>
Little Yellow Flycatcher	<i>Erythrocerus holochlorus</i>
Lizard Buzzard	<i>Kaupifalco monogrammicus</i>
Long-tailed Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax africanus</i>
Long-tailed Fiscal	<i>Lanius cabanisi</i>
Long-toed Lapwing	<i>Vanellus crassirostris</i>
Madagascar Pratincole	<i>Glareola ocularis</i>
Malachite Kingfisher	<i>Corythornis cristatus</i>
Malindi Pipit	<i>Anthus melindae</i>
Mangrove Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon senegaloides</i>
Marabou Stork	<i>Leptoptilos crumeniferus</i>
Marsh Sandpiper	<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>
Martial Eagle	<i>Polemaetus bellicosus</i>
Mosque Swallow	<i>Cecropis senegalensis</i>
Mountain Wagtail	<i>Motacilla clara</i>
Namaqua Dove	<i>Oena capensis</i>
Northern Crombec	<i>Sylvietta halybeate</i>
Northern Gray-headed Sparrow	<i>Passer griseus</i>
Northern Red-billed Hornbill	<i>Tockus erythrorhynchus</i>

Northern White-crowned Shrike	<i>Eurocephalus rueppelli</i>
Nubian Woodpecker	<i>Campethera nubica</i>
Olive Thrush	<i>Turdus olivaceus abyssinicus</i>
Ostrich	<i>Struthio camelus</i>
Pale Flycatcher	<i>Bradornis pallidus</i>
Pallid Honeyguide	<i>Indicator meliphilus</i>
Pangani Longclaw	<i>Macronyx aurantiigula</i>
Pied Crow	<i>Corvus albus</i>
Pied Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle rudis</i>
Pink-backed Pelican	<i>Pelecanus rufescens</i>
Pin-tailed Whydah	<i>Vidua macroura</i>
Plain-backed Sunbird	<i>Anthreptes reichenowi</i>
Purple Grenadier	<i>Granatina ianthinogaster</i>
Purple-banded Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris bifasciatus</i>
Pygmy Falcon	<i>Polihierax semitorquatus</i>
Rattling Cisticola	<i>Cisticola chiniana</i>
Red-billed Buffalo-Weaver	<i>Bubalornis niger</i>
Red-billed Firefinch	<i>Lagonosticta senegala</i>
Red-billed Helmetshrike	<i>Prionops caniceps</i>
Red-billed Oxpecker	<i>Buphagus erythrorhynchus</i>
Red-billed Quelea	<i>Quelea quelea</i>
Red-capped Robin-Chat	<i>Cossypha natalensis</i>
Red-cheeked Cordonbleu	<i>Uraeginthus bengalus</i>
Red-eyed Dove	<i>Streptopelia semitorquata</i>
Red-fronted Tinkerbird	<i>Pogoniulus pusillus</i>
Red-headed Weaver	<i>Anaplectes rubriceps</i>
Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Cecropis daurica</i>
Red-winged Lark	<i>Miraфра hypermetra</i>
Red-winged Starling	<i>Onychognathus morio</i>
Ring-necked Dove	<i>Streptopelia capicola</i>
Rosy-patched Bushshrike	<i>Rhodophoneus cruentus</i>
Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>
Rueppell's Griffon	<i>Gyps rueppellii</i>
Sacred Ibis	<i>Threskiornis aethiopicus</i>
Sanderling	<i>Calidris alba</i>
Scaly Babbler	<i>Turdoides squamulata</i>
Scaly-throated Honeyguide	<i>Indicator variegatus</i>
Scarlet-chested Sunbird	<i>Chalcomitra senegalensis</i>
Secretary-bird	<i>Sagittarius serpentarius</i>
Senegal Coucal	<i>Centropus senegalensis</i>
Singing Bushlark	<i>Miraфра cantillans</i>
Slate-colored Boubou	<i>Laniarius funebris</i>
Sokoke Scops-Owl	<i>Otus ireneae</i>
Somali Bunting	<i>Emberiza poliopleura</i>
Somali Short-toed Lark	<i>Calandrella somalica</i>
Southern Ground-Hornbill	<i>Bucorvus leadbeateri</i>
Speckled Mousebird	<i>Colius striatus</i>

Speckled Pigeon	<i>Columba guinea</i>
Spectacled Weaver	<i>Ploceus ocularis</i>
Spot-flanked Barbet	<i>Tricholaema lacrymosa</i>
Spotted Eagle-Owl	<i>Bubo africanus</i>
Spotted Morning-Thrush	<i>Cichladusa guttata</i>
Spur-winged Plover	<i>Vanellus spinosus</i>
Squacco Heron	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>
Steppe Eagle	<i>Aquila nipalensis</i>
Striated Heron	<i>Butorides striata</i>
Striped Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon chelicuti</i>
Superb Starling	<i>Lamprotornis superbus</i>
Taita Fiscal	<i>Lanius dorsalis</i>
Tambourine Dove	<i>Turtur tympanistria</i>
Tawny Eagle	<i>Aquila rapax</i>
Tawny-flanked Prinia	<i>Prinia subflava</i>
Terek Sandpiper	<i>Xenus cinereus</i>
Three-banded Plover	<i>Charadrius tricollaris</i>
Tiny Cisticola	<i>Cisticola nana</i>
Tropical Boubou	<i>Laniarius aethiopicus</i>
Trumpeter Hornbill	<i>Ceratogymna bucinator</i>
Tsavo Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris tsavoensis</i>
Variable Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris venustus</i>
Village Indigobird	<i>Vidua halybeate</i>
Village Weaver	<i>Ploceus cucullatus</i>
Von der Decken's Hornbill	<i>Tockus deckeni</i>
Vulturine Guineafowl	<i>Acryllium vulturinum</i>
Wahlberg's Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus wahlbergi</i>
Water Thick-knee	<i>Burhinus vermiculatus</i>
Wattled Starling	<i>Creatophora cinerea</i>
Western Black-headed Oriole	<i>Oriolus brachyrhynchus</i>
Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>
White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>
White-backed Vulture	<i>Gyps africanus</i>
White-bellied Bustard	<i>Eupodotis senegalensis</i>
White-bellied Go-away-bird	<i>Corythaixoides leucogaster</i>
White-bellied Tit	<i>Melaniparus albiventris</i>
White-billed Buffalo-Weaver	<i>Bubalornis albirostris</i>
White-browed Coucal	<i>Centropus superciliosus</i>
White-browed Robin-Chat	<i>Cossypha heuglini</i>
White-browed Scrub-Robin	<i>Cercotrichas leucophrys</i>
White-browed Sparrow-Weaver	<i>Plocepasser mahali</i>
White-crested Helmetshrike	<i>Prionops plumatus</i>
White-faced Whistling-Duck	<i>Dendrocygna viduata</i>
White-fronted Plover	<i>Charadrius marginatus</i>
White-headed Buffalo-Weaver	<i>Dinemellia dinemelli</i>
White-rumped Swift	<i>Apus caffer</i>
Winding Cisticola	<i>Cisticola galactotes</i>

Wire-tailed Swallow
Wood Sandpiper
Woolly-necked Stork
Yellow-bellied Greenbul
Yellowbill
Yellow-billed Oxpecker
Yellow-billed Stork
Yellow-breasted Apalis
Yellow-fronted Canary
Yellow-necked Francolin
Yellow-rumped Seedeater
Yellow-rumped Tinkerbird
Yellow-throated Longclaw
Zanzibar Bishop
Zanzibar Sombre Greenbul
Total:

Hirundo smithii
Tringa glareola
Ciconia episcopus
Chlorocichla flaviventris
Ceuthmochares aereus
Buphagus africanus
Mycteria ibis
Apalis flavida
Serinus mozambicus
Francolinus leucoscepus
Serinus reichenowi
Pogoniulus bilineatus
Macronyx croceus
Euplectes nigroventris
Andropadus importunes

Whole Trip Animal List

Banded Mongoose
Black-faced Vervet Monkey
Cape Buffalo
Common Zebra
Congoni Hartebeest
Crocodile
Dikdik
Eland
Elephant
Ghost Crab
Golden Rumped Elephant Shrew
Grant's Gazelle
Green Turtle
Hippo
Impala
Leopard
Leopard-backed Tortoise
Lesser Coudou
Lioness
Masai giraffe
Moray Eel
Olive Baboon
Oryx
Porcupine
Red Duiker
Red-bellied Sand Squirrel

Reticulated Giraffe
Rock Hyax
Saks Monkeys
Silver-backed Jackal
Spotted hyena
Suni
Thompson's gazelle
Warthog
Waterbuck
Wildebeest
Yellow baboon
Total: 37