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Black Bee-eater by David Shackelford

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Tour Leader's Top 10 Notable Birds:

1. Black-collared Lovebird
2. Emin's Shrike
3. Togo Paradise-Whydah
4. Spotted Honeyguide
5. Latham's Forest Francolin
6. Congo Serpent-Eagle
7. Fraser's Eagle-Owl
8. Yellow-winged Pytilia
9. Yellow-footed Honeyguide
10. Rosy Bee-eater (perched)



Standard-winged Nightjar and Group with Elephants in Mole National Park

Tour Summary

“No one knows when the hour of Africa’s redemption cometh. It is in the wind, it is coming. One day like a storm, it will be here. When that day comes, all Africa will stand together.” ~Marcus Garvey

A peculiar opaque haze prevented us from sweeping our eyes over the surrounding scenery as we touched down into the capital city of Ghana in West Africa. This hazy occurrence was due to Harmattan, a yearly phenomenon of winds swept across northwestern Africa filling the air with sediment from the great Sahara Desert. Considering that this was the dry season, undoubtedly this miasma also kept the sun’s rays from scorching the land preventing what would likely have been unbearable sweltering temperatures.

Passing through the outskirts of Accra, we were delighted to see a thriving local economy of entrepreneurial vendors along the roadside selling everything imaginable including a wide variety of fresh produce and colorful textiles. Economically Ghana specializes in the production of maize, yams, and especially cocoa, but in fact cocoa was brought to Ghana only in the late 1800s leading to an economic revolution resulting in extensive deforestation. Historically however, Ghana is probably most famous for its gold mining industry, and formerly the nation was known as the ‘Gold Coast’ before its independence from British colonial rule in 1957. Consequently the boundaries of Ghana were established as a result of colonization rather than following long-established ethnic lines, and today there are still more than sixty distinct cultural groups that include separate languages, customs, and traditions straddling across the neighboring countries of Ivory Coast, Burkina Faso, and Togo.

From our beach resort neatly nestled on the Gulf of Guinea, we set out for the dry coastal savannah and scrub with abrupt rocky hillsides scenically protruding across the landscape. Troops of inquisitive Olive Baboons greeted us as we entered the Shai Hills Wildlife Sanctuary and within short time we had encountered some amazing bird species including the absolutely gorgeous Blue-bellied Roller, a cooperative group of Red-faced Lovebirds, shy Black-capped Babbler, Guinea and the dazzling Violet Turaco both drinking from the forested edge of a small dam, and outstanding scope views of several perched Rosy Bee-eater, a very rare occurrence as these charming but highly nomadic birds are invariably seen perched only during the breeding season at sites in remote regions of Nigeria and Gabon.

Traveling to the great Volta Dam, we stopped to marvel at this structure that holds back one of the largest man-made bodies of water in the world while we also enjoyed scope views of the elegant White-tailed Swallow feeding acrobatically over a nearby swamp. Along the Gulf of Guinea we watched the fishermen along the shoreline beaches wading through their tallies of the day while eagerly repairing the tattered nets in preparation for the next day's sail. Exploring a series of coastal wetlands we carefully scanned through a host of migrant waders and terns while observing an exhibition of Black Herons brilliantly umbrella feeding with a sudden spectacular flare of wings. Nearby along the outskirts of Accra we paused to marvel at a series of intricately decorated coffins, a unique tradition in Ghana meticulously carved and painted in all imaginable shapes such as a lion, tennis shoe, space rocket, cobra, and even a coffin constructed in fine detail to replicate a traditional German Castle!

For our first taste of region's biodiverse Upper Guinea forest, we ascended the steep slope of Atewa trekking through remarkable deciduous rainforest. Massive buttress roots of emergent Kapok trees lined the dense undergrowth of the forest trail as streams of impressive multicolored butterflies dazzled us fluttering past and often landing on our bodies in search of moisture and salt. A profusion of birds greeted us along the trail and we managed a collection of rarely encountered West African birds such as a rapid congregator of Bates's Swift and the scarce Baumann's Greenbul as well as dazzling species such as the turquoise and crimson Black Bee-eater and Yellow-billed Turaco, the latter a spectacular bird that naturally produces a crimson pigment unique in the bird world called turacin which can most easily be on the bird's wings in flight.

A series of impressive colonial forts dominate the Ghanaian coastline where for close to four hundred years the Atlantic slave trade fueled the expansion of European plantations of sugar, cotton, indigo, and tobacco in the Americas. Today these hauntingly beautiful structures are used as museums, prisons, and hotels masking a sordid history. One such impressive structure we visited, the Cape Coast Castle, served as British operations headquarters for almost two hundred years hoarding countless thousands upon thousands of African slaves in appalling conditions before their transport across the Atlantic in efforts to quench the rising demand for plantation labor in the Americas. It was an impacting reminder of an abominable past as we walked through the chambers of the fort to see it parapet first-hand and discover its historical corridors. Sadly as we left the Cape Coast, we could see local merchants on the roadside hoisting dead antelopes and other wildlife poached from the rapidly disappearing forest pockets as we travelled along the road towards an area of striking contrast: one of the best preserved rainforest reserves in Africa, the incredible Kakum National Park.

This splendid reserve is perhaps most famous for its forty meter high canopy walkway that winds through the treetops allowing for breathtaking views of the surrounding Upper Guinea forest and a rare insight into the existence of arboreal wildlife. Shrouded in the morning mist we walked the narrow forest trails emerging on the walkway to hear the cacophony of morning chorus at dawn. The birding was truly spectacular and to the curious background sounds of Olive Colobus and Mona's Monkey howling in the distance we sorted through waves of birds including exceptional species such as the tiny Black-collared Lovebird, both Black and Yellow-casqued Hornbills, screeching Gray Parrot, the localized endemic Sharpe's Apalis, and the rare Yellow-footed Honeyguide. The network of forest trails left us feeling minuscule next to the massive buttress roots and broad-leaved foliage, but with persistence we obtained amazing views of the secretive Latham's Forest Francolin, both Red and Black-billed Dwarf-Hornbills, a displaying Rufous-sided

Broadbill, furtive White-spotted Flufftail, and the almost mythical Spotted Honeyguide. From our lodge built over the water we set out on a nocturnal excursion, and while listening to the shrill screams of Western Tree Hyrax we managed impressive sightings such as the poorly known Brown Nightjar, unique Giant Pouched Rat, and eventually everyone saw a phenomenal Fraser's Eagle-Owl illuminated in my spotlight!

Heading northwards into the Sahelian region to explore the colorful traditional dress of the Ashanti tribe, we were offered a vibrant contrast to the widespread ethnic mixture of the coast. West Africa is famous for the vast beauty, vitality, and range of its textiles. The Kente cloth is widely regarded as one of the finest examples of these textiles and produced exclusively in this region, woven in brightly colored strips with complex patterns and rich hues. Here we were able to witness first-hand skilled men laboring over looms past down through generations creating some of the finest traditional West African material we had ever seen.

Much of Ghana is low laying in elevation, but as we ascended over the barren scorched plains of the Gambaga Escarpment covering the northernmost portions of the country we were given a markedly different impression of this diverse nation. The vegetation became denser and thornier, impressive termite mounds towered above us sometimes over twenty feet in height, and scattered bushfires attracted swarms of the highly nomadic Grasshopper Buzzard feeding on the resulting spoils. In route we stopped inside the local village of Larabanga, famous for its traditional-styled mud-and-stick mosque and thought to be the oldest extant building in Ghana.

Our final destination was the extensive reserve of Mole National Park covering an impressive five thousand square kilometers and probably most famous for its large herds of approachable African Elephant. Covering extensive territory with 4x4 jeep and trekking overland on foot we were able to inspect a wide variety of habitats rewarding us with sought-after avian species such as the scarce Yellow-winged Pytilia, often elusive Spotted Creeper, a vocal flock of Bruce's Green Pigeon, and a pair of seldom encountered White-fronted Black-Chat. We were approached exhilaratingly close by a herd of fifteen elephants while exploring thicker riparian habitat and while watching their amazing behavior at only a few meters away we were also rewarded with views of the attractive Oriole Warbler, delicately patterned Lavender Waxbill and Black-faced Firefinch, and both Exclamatory and Togo Paradise Whydah in spectacular breeding plumage. During a night drive along a wooded dirt track we were thrilled to find a small covey of White-throated Francolins scurrying in front of our vehicle at dusk, a spectacular Grayish Eagle-Owl that we approached remarkably close without disturbance, and of course one of the trip highlights was marveling at the sight of several displaying Standard-winged Nightjars each sporting elongated shafts on the wing followed by a club-like racquet offering a visual exhibition like none other in the natural world!

Ghana offers what few other African nations can boast: reliable infrastructure allowing access to a staggeringly diverse selection of impressive nature reserves teeming with wildlife combined with traditional West African culture and exceptionally few tourists to blemish the sensation of true adventure.



Cape Coast Castle and Blue-bellied Roller

BIRD SPECIES LIST

Grebes

Little Grebe

Cormorants

Great (White-breasted) Cormorant

Long-tailed Cormorant

Anhingas & Darters

(African) Darter

Hérons, Egrets & Bitterns

Gray Heron

Black-headed Heron

Purple Heron

Great Egret

Black Heron

Intermediate Egret

Little Egret

Western Reef Egret

Squacco Heron

Cattle Egret

Striated (Green-backed) Heron

Black-crowned Night-Heron

Little Bittern

Hamerkop

Hamerkop

Storks

Woolly-necked Stork

Ibises & Spoonbills

Hadada Ibis

Ducks & Geese

White-faced Whistling-Duck

Hawks, Eagles & Kites

European Honey-buzzard

Black-shouldered Kite

Black Kite [Yellow-billed Kite]

African Fish-Eagle

Palm-nut Vulture

Hooded Vulture

(African) White-backed Vulture

White-headed Vulture

Short-toed Eagle

Brown Snake-Eagle

Bateleur

Congo Serpent-Eagle

Western (Eurasian) Marsh-Harrier

Podicipedidae

Tachybaptus ruficollis

Phalacrocoracidae

Phalacrocorax carbo

Phalacrocorax africanus

Anhingidae

Anhinga melanogaster

Ardeidae

Ardea cinerea

Ardea melanocephala

Ardea purpurea

Ardea alba

Egretta ardesiaca

Egretta intermedia

Egretta garzetta

Egretta gularis

Ardeola ralloides

Bubulcus ibis

Butorides striatus

Nycticorax nycticorax

Ixobrychus minutus

Scopidae

Scopus umbretta

Ciconiidae

Ciconia episcopus

Threskiornithidae

Bostrychia hagedash

Anatidae

Dendrocygna viduata

Accipitridae

Pernis apivorus

Elanus caeruleus

Milvus migrans

Haliaeetus vocifer

Gypohierax angolensis

Necrosyrtes monachus

Gyps africanus

Trionoceph occipitalis

Circaetus gallicus

Circaetus cinereus

Terathopius ecaudatus

Dryotriorchis spectabilis

Circus aeruginosus

Pallid Harrier	<i>Circus macrourus</i>
African Harrier-Hawk	<i>Polyboroides typus</i>
Lizard Buzzard	<i>Kaupifalco monogrammicus</i>
Dark Chanting-Goshawk	<i>Melierax metabates</i>
Gabar Goshawk	<i>Melierax gabar</i>
Red-chested (African) Goshawk	<i>Accipiter toussenelii</i>
Shikra	<i>Accipiter badius</i>
Red-thighed Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter erythropus</i>
Black Goshawk (Sparrowhawk)	<i>Accipiter melanoleucus</i>
Grasshopper Buzzard	<i>Butastur rufipennis</i>
Red-necked Buzzard	<i>Buteo auguralis</i>
Tawny Eagle	<i>Aquila rapax</i>
Wahlberg's Eagle	<i>Aquila wahlbergi</i>
Ayres' Hawk-Eagle	<i>Aquila ayresii</i>
Cassin's Hawk-Eagle	<i>Spizaetus africanus</i>
<u>Falcons & Kestrels</u>	<u>Falconidae</u>
Eurasian (Common) Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>
Gray Kestrel	<i>Falco ardosiaceus</i>
Red-necked Falcon	<i>Falco chicquera</i>
African Hobby	<i>Falco cuvierii</i>
Lanner Falcon	<i>Falco biarmicus</i>
Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>
<u>Francolins & Quails</u>	<u>Phasianidae</u>
White-throated Francolin	<i>Francolinus albogularis</i>
(Latham's) Forest Francolin	<i>Francolinus lathamii</i>
Ahanta Francolin	<i>Francolinus ahantensis</i>
Double-spurred Francolin	<i>Francolinus bicalcaratus</i>
Stone Partridge	<i>Ptilopachus petrosus</i>
<u>Guineafowl</u>	<u>Numididae</u>
Helmeted Guineafowl	<i>Numida meleagris</i>
Crested Guineafowl	<i>Guttera pucherani</i>
<u>Rails, Gallinules & Coots</u>	<u>Rallidae</u>
White-spotted Flufftail	<i>Sarothrura pulchra</i>
African Crake	<i>Crecopsis egregia</i>
Black Crake	<i>Amaurornis flavirostris</i>
Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>
<u>Finfoots</u>	<u>Heliornithidae</u>
African Finfoot	<i>Podica senegalensis</i>
<u>Bustards</u>	<u>Otididae</u>
Black-bellied Bustard	<i>Lissotis melanogaster</i>
<u>Jacanas</u>	<u>Jacanidae</u>
African Jacana	<i>Actophilornis africanus</i>
<u>Stilts & Avocets</u>	<u>Recurvirostridae</u>
Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>
<u>Thick-knees</u>	<u>Burhinidae</u>
Water Thick-knee	<i>Burhinus vermiculatus</i>
Senegal Thick-knee	<i>Burhinus senegalensis</i>
<u>Couriers & Pratincoles</u>	<u>Glareolidae</u>
Collared Pratincole	<i>Glareola pratincola</i>
<u>Plovers & Lapwings</u>	<u>Charadriidae</u>
Spur-winged Plover (Lapwing)	<i>Vanellus spinosus</i>
(African) Wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus senegallus</i>
Black-bellied (Grey) Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>
Common Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>
<u>Sandpipers & Allies</u>	<u>Scolopacidae</u>
Common Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>
Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>
Spotted Redshank	<i>Tringa erythropus</i>
Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>
Marsh Sandpiper	<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>
Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>

Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>
Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>
Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>
Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>
Sanderling	<i>Calidris alba</i>
Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>
Curlew Sandpiper	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>
<u>Terns</u>	<u>Sternidae</u>
Gull-billed Tern	<i>Sterna nilotica</i>
Caspian Tern	<i>Sterna caspia</i>
Sandwich Tern	<i>Sterna sandvicensis</i>
Royal Tern	<i>Sterna maxima</i>
Roseate Tern	<i>Sterna dougallii</i>
Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>
<u>Sandgrouse</u>	<u>Pteroclididae</u>
Four-banded Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles quadricinctus</i>
<u>Doves & Pigeons</u>	<u>Columbidae</u>
Rock Pigeon	<i>Columba livia</i>
(Western) Bronze-naped Pigeon	<i>Columba iriditorques</i>
Red-eyed Dove	<i>Streptopelia semitorquata</i>
Vinaceous Dove	<i>Streptopelia vinacea</i>
Laughing Dove	<i>Streptopelia senegalensis</i>
Black-billed Wood-Dove	<i>Turtur abyssinicus</i>
Blue-spotted Wood-Dove	<i>Turtur afer</i>
Tambourine Dove	<i>Turtur tympanistria</i>
Blue-headed Wood-Dove	<i>Turtur brehmeri</i>
Namaqua Dove	<i>Oena capensis</i>
Bruce's Green-Pigeon	<i>Treron waalia</i>
African Green-Pigeon	<i>Treron calva</i>
<u>Parrots</u>	<u>Psittacidae</u>
Rose-ringed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula krameri</i>
Red-headed Lovebird	<i>Agapornis pullarius</i>
Black-collared Lovebird	<i>Agapornis swinderniana</i>
Gray Parrot	<i>Psittacus erithacus</i>
Red-fronted Parrot	<i>Poicephalus gularis</i>
Senegal Parrot	<i>Poicephalus senegalus</i>
<u>Turacos</u>	<u>Musophagidae</u>
Guinea (Green) Turaco	<i>Tauraco persa</i>
Yellow-billed Turaco	<i>Tauraco macrorhynchus</i>
Violet Turaco	<i>Musophaga violacea</i>
Western (Grey) Plantain-eater	<i>Crinifer piscator</i>
<u>Cuckoos & Coucals</u>	<u>Cuculidae</u>
Levaillant's Cuckoo	<i>Clamator levaillantii</i>
Thick-billed Cuckoo	<i>Pachycoccyx audeberti</i>
Black Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus clamosus</i>
African Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus gularis</i>
Red-chested Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus solitarius</i>
Klaas' Cuckoo	<i>Chrysococcyx klaas</i>
African Emerald Cuckoo	<i>Chrysococcyx cupreus</i>
Dideric (Didric) Cuckoo	<i>Chrysococcyx caprius</i>
Yellowbill	<i>Ceuthmochares aereus</i>
Black Coucal	<i>Centropus grillii</i>
Black-throated Coucal	<i>Centropus leucogaster</i>
Blue-headed Coucal	<i>Centropus monachus</i>
Senegal Coucal	<i>Centropus senegalensis</i>
<u>Typical Owls</u>	<u>Strigidae</u>
African Scops-Owl	<i>Otus senegalensis</i>
Northern White-faced Owl	<i>Ptilopsis leucotis</i>
Grayish (Spotted) Eagle-Owl	<i>Bubo cinerascens</i>
Fraser's Eagle-Owl	<i>Bubo poensis</i>
African Wood-Owl	<i>Strix woodfordii</i>

Pearl-spotted Owlet

Nightjars & Allies

Brown Nightjar

Black-shouldered Nightjar

Plain Nightjar

Freckled Nightjar

Long-tailed Nightjar

Standard-winged Nightjar

Swifts

Black Spinetail

Sabine's Spinetail

Cassin's Spinetail

African Palm-Swift

Common Swift

Little Swift

Horus Swift

Bates' Swift

Kingfishers

Malachite Kingfisher

White-bellied Kingfisher

African Pygmy-Kingfisher

Gray-headed Kingfisher

Woodland Kingfisher

Blue-breasted Kingfisher

Striped Kingfisher

Giant Kingfisher

Pied Kingfisher

Bee-eaters

Black Bee-eater

Red-throated Bee-eater

Little Bee-eater

Swallow-tailed Bee-eater

White-throated Bee-eater

Rosy Bee-eater

Northern Carmine Bee-eater

Rollers

Abyssinian Roller

Rufous-crowned Roller

Blue-bellied Roller

Broad-billed Roller

Blue-throated Roller

Woodhoopoes

Green Woodhoopoe

White-headed Woodhoopoe

Forest Woodhoopoe

Black Scimitar-bill (Woodhoopoe)

Hornbills

White-crested Hornbill

Black Dwarf Hornbill

Red-billed Dwarf Hornbill

Red-billed Hornbill

African Pied Hornbill

African Gray Hornbill

Piping Hornbill

Brown-cheeked Hornbill

Black-casqued Hornbill

Yellow-casqued Hornbill

Abyssinian Ground-Hornbill

Barbets

Naked-faced Barbet

Bristle-nosed Barbet

Glaucidium perlatum

Caprimulgidae

Caprimulgus binotatus

Caprimulgus nigriscapularis

Caprimulgus inornatus

Caprimulgus tristigma

Caprimulgus climacurus

Macrodipteryx longipennis

Apodidae

Telacanthura melanopygia

Rhaphidura sabini

Neafrapus cassini

Cypsiurus parvus

Apus apus

Apus affinis

Apus horus

Apus batesi

Alcedinidae

Alcedo cristata

Alcedo leucogaster

Ispidina picta

Halcyon leucocephala

Halcyon senegalensis

Halcyon malimbica

Halcyon chelicuti

Megaceryle maxima

Ceryle rudis

Meropidae

Merops gularis

Merops bullocki

Merops pusillus

Merops hirundineus

Merops albicollis

Merops malimbicus

Merops nubicus

Coraciidae

Coracias abyssinica

Coracias naevia

Coracias cyanogaster

Eurystomus glaucurus

Eurystomus gularis

Phoeniculidae

Phoeniculus purpureus

Phoeniculus bollei

Phoeniculus castaneiceps

Rhinopomastus aterrimus

Bucerotidae

Tockus albocristatus

Tockus hartlaubi

Tockus camurus

Tockus erythrorhynchus

Tockus fasciatus

Tockus nasutus

Ceratogymna fistulator

Ceratogymna cylindricus

Ceratogymna atrata

Ceratogymna elata

Bucorvus abyssinicus

Capitonidae

Gymnobucco calvus

Gymnobucco peli

Speckled Tinkerbird
 Red-rumped Tinkerbird
 Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird
 Yellow-spotted Barbet
 Hairy-breasted Barbet
 Vieillot's Barbet
 Double-toothed Barbet
 Bearded Barbet
 Yellow-billed Barbet
Honeyguides
 Spotted Honeyguide
 Greater Honeyguide
 Lesser Honeyguide
 Thick-billed Honeyguide
 Willcock's Honeyguide
 Yellow-footed Honeyguide
 Cassin's Honeyguide (Honeybird)
Woodpeckers & Wrynecks
 Fine-spotted Woodpecker
 Golden-tailed Woodpecker
 Buff-spotted Woodpecker
 Cardinal Woodpecker
 Melancholy (Gabon) Woodpecker
 Fire-bellied Woodpecker
 Gray Woodpecker
 Brown-backed Woodpecker
Broadbills
 Rufous-sided Broadbill
Larks & Sparrowlarks
 Flappet Lark
 Sun Lark
Swallows & Martins
 Bank Swallow (Common Sand Martin)
 Rock Martin
 Barn Swallow
 Red-chested Swallow
 Ethiopian Swallow
 Wire-tailed Swallow
 White-throated Blue Swallow
 Pied-winged Swallow
 Lesser Striped-Swallow
 Rufous-chested Swallow
 Mosque Swallow
 Preuss' (Cliff) Swallow
 Fanti Sawwing
Wagtails, Pipits & Longclaws
 African Pied Wagtail
 Yellow Wagtail
 Yellow-throated Longclaw
 Plain-backed Pipit
 Tree Pipit
Cuckoo-shrikes
 White-breasted Cuckoo-shrike
 Blue Cuckoo-shrike
 Red-shouldered Cuckoo-shrike
 Purple-throated Cuckoo-shrike
Bulbuls
 Common Bulbul
 Little Greenbul
 (Little) Gray Greenbul
 Ansorge's Greenbul

Pogoniulus scolopaceus
Pogoniulus atroflavus
Pogoniulus chrysoconus
Buccanodon duchaillui
Tricholaema hirsuta
Lybius vieilloti
Lybius bidentatus
Lybius dubius
Trachyphonus purpuratus
Indicatoridae
Indicator maculatus
Indicator indicator
Indicator minor
Indicator conirostris
Indicator willcocksi
Melignomon eisentrauti
Prodotiscus insignis
Picidae
Campethera punctuligera
Campethera abingoni
Campethera nivosa
Dendropicos fuscescens
Dendropicos lugubris (gabonensis)
Dendropicos pyrrhogaster
Dendropicos goertae
Dendropicos obsoletus
Eurylaimidae
Smithornis rufolateralis
Alaudidae
Mirafra rufocinnamomea
Galerida modesta
Hirundinidae
Riparia riparia
Ptyonoprogne fuligula
Hirundo rustica
Hirundo lucida
Hirundo aethiopica
Hirundo smithii
Hirundo nigrita
Hirundo leucosoma
Cecropis abyssinica
Cecropis semirufa
Cecropis senegalensis
Petrochelidon preussi
Psalidoprocne obscura
Motacillidae
Motacilla aguimp
Motacilla flava
Macronyx croceus
Anthus leucophrys
Anthus trivialis
Campephagidae
Coracina pectoralis
Coracina azurea
Campephaga phoenicea
Campephaga quiscalina
Pycnonotidae
Pycnonotus barbatus
Andropadus virens
Andropadus gracilis
Andropadus ansorgei

Plain (Cameroon Sombre) Greenbul	<i>Andropadus curvirostris</i>
Slender-billed Greenbul	<i>Andropadus gracilirostris</i>
Yellow-whiskered Bulbul	<i>Andropadus latirostris</i>
Golden Greenbul	<i>Calyptocichla serina</i>
Honeyguide Greenbul	<i>Baeopogon indicator</i>
Spotted Greenbul	<i>Ixonotus guttatus</i>
Simple Greenbul (Leaflove)	<i>Chlorocichla simplex</i>
Swamp Greenbul (Swamp Palm Bulbul)	<i>Thescelocichla leucopleura</i>
Leaf-love	<i>Phyllastrephus scandens</i>
Baumann's Greenbul	<i>Phyllastrephus baumanni</i>
White-throated Greenbul	<i>Phyllastrephus albigularis</i>
Icterine Greenbul	<i>Phyllastrephus icterinus</i>
Common (Red-tailed) Bristlebill	<i>Bleda syndactyla</i>
Gray-headed Bristlebill	<i>Bleda canicapilla</i>
Yellow-spotted (Western) Nicator	<i>Nicator chloris</i>
Red-tailed Greenbul	<i>Criniger calurus</i>
Western Bearded-Greenbul	<i>Criniger barbatus</i>
<u>Thrushes</u>	<u>Turdidae</u>
Finsch's Flycatcher-Thrush	<i>Neocossyphus finschii</i>
African Thrush	<i>Turdus pelios</i>
Fire-crested Alethe [White-tailed]	<i>Alethe diademata</i>
<u>Cisticolas & Allies</u>	<u>Cisticolidae</u>
Red-faced Cisticola	<i>Cisticola erythrops</i>
Singing Cisticola	<i>Cisticola cantans</i>
Whistling Cisticola	<i>Cisticola lateralis</i>
Rock-loving Cisticola	<i>Cisticola aberrans</i>
Dorst's Cisticola	<i>Cisticola dorsti</i>
Winding Cisticola	<i>Cisticola galactotes</i>
Croaking Cisticola	<i>Cisticola natalensis</i>
Siffling (Short-winged) Cisticola	<i>Cisticola brachypterus</i>
Rufous Cisticola	<i>Cisticola rufus</i>
Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>
Black-necked (Black-backed) Cisticola	<i>Cisticola eximius</i>
Tawny-flanked Prinia	<i>Prinia subflava</i>
Red-winged Prinia (Warbler)	<i>Prinia erythroptera</i>
Black-capped Apalis	<i>Apalis nigriceps</i>
Yellow-breasted Apalis	<i>Apalis flavida</i>
Sharpe's Apalis	<i>Apalis sharpii</i>
Oriole Warbler	<i>Hypergerus atriceps</i>
Green-backed (Grey-backed) Camaroptera	<i>Camaroptera brachyura</i>
Yellow-browed Camaroptera	<i>Camaroptera superciliaris</i>
Olive-green Camaroptera	<i>Camaroptera chloronota</i>
<u>Old World Warblers</u>	<u>Sylviidae</u>
Moustached Grass-Warbler (African Moustached Warbler)	<i>Melocichla mentalis</i>
Western Olivaceous Warbler	<i>Hippolais opaca</i>
Melodious Warbler	<i>Hippolais polyglotta</i>
Senegal Eremomela	<i>Eremomela pusilla</i>
Rufous-crowned Eremomela	<i>Eremomela badiceps</i>
Green Crombec	<i>Sylvietta virens</i>
Lemon-bellied Crombec	<i>Sylvietta denti</i>
Northern Crombec	<i>Sylvietta brachyura</i>
Kemp's Longbill	<i>Macrosphenus kempii</i>
Gray Longbill	<i>Macrosphenus concolor</i>
Green Hylia	<i>Hylia prasina</i>
Willow Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>
Common Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>
Wood Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus sibilatrix</i>
Violet-backed Hyliota	<i>Hyliota violacea</i>
<u>Old World Flycatchers</u>	<u>Muscicapidae</u>
Pale Flycatcher	<i>Bradornis pallidus</i>
Northern Black-Flycatcher	<i>Melaenornis edolioides</i>

Spotted Flycatcher
 Ussher's Flycatcher
 Swamp Flycatcher
 Little Gray Flycatcher
 Dusky-blue Flycatcher
 Tessmann's Flycatcher
 Gray-throated Tit-Flycatcher
 Gray Tit-Flycatcher (Lead-coloured Flycatcher)
 European Pied Flycatcher
 Forest Robin
 Snowy-crowned Robin-Chat
 White-crowned Robin-Chat
 Common Redstart
 Whinchat
 Northern Wheatear
 Familiar Chat
 White-fronted Black-Chat
 Mocking Cliff-Chat
Batises, Wattle-eyes & Allies
 Black-and-white Shrike-flycatcher
 Brown-throated (Common) Wattle-eye
 Chestnut Wattle-eye
 Senegal Batis
Monarch Flycatchers
 Chestnut-capped Flycatcher
 African Blue-Flycatcher
 Blue-headed Crested-Flycatcher
 Black-headed (Red-bellied) Paradise-Flycatcher
 African Paradise-Flycatcher
Babblers
 Rufous-winged Illadopsis
 Brown Illadopsis
 Blackcap Babbler
 Brown Babbler
Tits & Allies
 White-shouldered Black-Tit
 Creepers
 Spotted Creeper
Penduline Tits
 Tit-hylia
Sunbirds & Spiderhunters
 Scarlet-tufted (Fraser's) Sunbird
 Mouse-brown (Brown) Sunbird
 Little Green Sunbird
 Green Sunbird
 Collared Sunbird
 Pygmy Sunbird
 Blue-throated Brown Sunbird
 Western Olive-Sunbird
 Buff-throated Sunbird
 Scarlet-chested Sunbird
 Olive-bellied Sunbird
 Tiny Sunbird
 Beautiful Sunbird
 Splendid Sunbird
 Johanna's Sunbird
 Superb Sunbird
 Bates' Sunbird
 Copper Sunbird
White-eyes
 African Yellow White-eye

Muscicapa striata
Muscicapa ussheri
Muscicapa aquatica
Muscicapa epulata
Muscicapa comitata
Muscicapa tessmanni
Myioparus griseigularis
Myioparus plumbeus
Ficedula hypoleuca
Stiphornis erythrothorax
Cossypha niveicapilla
Cossypha albicapilla
Phoenicurus phoenicurus
Saxicola rubetra
Oenanthe oenanthe
Cercomela familiaris
Myrmecocichla albifrons
Thamnolaea cinnamomeiventris
Platysteiridae
Bias musicus
Platysteira cyanea
Platysteira castanea
Batis senegalensis
Monarchidae
Erythrocerus mcallii
Elminia longicauda
Trochocercus nitens
Terpsiphone rufiventer
Terpsiphone viridis
Timaliidae
Illadopsis rufescens
Illadopsis fulvescens
Turdoides reinwardtii
Turdoides plebejus
Paridae
Melaniparus guineensis
Certhiidae
Salpornis spilonotus
Remizidae
Pholidornis rushiae
Nectarinidae
Deleornis fraseri
Anthreptes gabonicus
Anthreptes seimundi
Anthreptes rectirostris
Hedydipna collaris
Hedydipna platara
Cyanomitra cyanolaema
Cyanomitra obscura
Chalcomitra adelberti
Chalcomitra senegalensis
Cinnyris chloropygius
Cinnyris minullus
Cinnyris pulchellus
Cinnyris coccinigaster
Cinnyris johannae
Cinnyris superbus
Cinnyris batesi
Cinnyris cupreus
Zosteropidae
Zosterops senegalensis

Old World Orioles

African Golden Oriole

Black-winged Oriole

Shrikes

Emin's Shrike

Common Fiscal

Woodchat Shrike

Yellow-billed Shrike

Bushshrikes & Allies

Brubru

Northern Puffback

Large-billed (Sabine's) Puffback

Black-crowned Tchagra

Tropical Boubou

Common (Yellow-crowned) Gonolek

Sulphur-breasted Bushshrike

Helmetshrikes

White Helmetshrike

Chestnut-bellied (Red-billed) Helmetshrike

Drongos

Square-tailed Drongo

Shining Drongo

Fork-tailed Drongo

Velvet-mantled Drongo

Crows, Jays & Magpies

Piapiac

Pied Crow

Starlings

Lesser Blue-eared Glossy-Starling

Bronze-tailed Glossy-Starling

Splendid Glossy-Starling

Purple Glossy-Starling

Long-tailed Glossy-Starling

Copper-tailed Glossy-Starling

Violet-backed Starling

(Forest) Chestnut-winged Starling

Narrow-tailed Starling

Yellow-billed Oxpecker

Old World Sparrows

(Northern) Gray-headed Sparrow

Bush Petronia

Weavers & Allies

Chestnut-crowned Sparrow-Weaver

Little Weaver

Black-necked Weaver

Orange Weaver

Heuglin's Masked-Weaver

Vitelline Masked-Weaver

Village Weaver

Vieillot's (Black) Weaver

Black-headed Weaver

Yellow-mantled Weaver

Maxwell's Black Weaver

Red-vented Malimbe

Gray's (Blue-billed) Malimbe

Crested Malimbe

Red-headed Malimbe

Red-headed Weaver

Black-winged (Red) Bishop

Orange (Northern Red) Bishop

Grosbeak Weaver

Oriolidae*Oriolus auratus**Oriolus nigripennis***Laniidae***Lanius gubernator**Lanius collaris**Lanius senator**Corvinella corvina***Malaconotidae***Nilaus afer**Dryoscopus gambensis**Dryoscopus sabinii**Tchagra senegala**Laniarius aethiopicus**Laniarius barbarus**Telophorus sulfureopectus***Prionopidae***Prionops plumatus**Prionops caniceps***Dicruridae***Dicrurus ludwigii**Dicrurus atripennis**Dicrurus adsimilis**Dicrurus modestus***Corvidae***Ptilostomus afer**Corvus albus***Sturnidae***Lamprotornis chloropterus**Lamprotornis chalcurus**Lamprotornis splendidus**Lamprotornis purpureus**Lamprotornis caudatus**Lamprotornis cupreocauda**Cinnyricinclus leucogaster**Onychognathus fulgidus**Poeoptera lugubris**Buphagus africanus***Passeridae***Passer griseus**Petronia dentata***Ploceidae***Plocepasser superciliosus**Ploceus luteolus**Ploceus nigricollis**Ploceus aurantius**Ploceus heuglini**Ploceus vitellinus**Ploceus cucullatus**Ploceus nigerrimus**Ploceus melanocephalus**Ploceus tricolor**Ploceus albinucha**Malimbus scutatus**Malimbus nitens**Malimbus malimbicus**Malimbus rubricollis**Anaplectes rubriceps**Euplectes hordeaceus**Euplectes franciscanus**Amblyospiza albifrons*

Waxbills & Allies

White-breasted Nigrofinch
 Chestnut-breasted Nigrofinch
 Gray-headed (-crowned) Nigrofinch
 Red-winged Pytilia
 Red-faced (Yellow-winged) Pytilia
 Green-backed Twinspot
 Western Bluebill
 Bar-breasted Firefinch
 Red-billed Firefinch
 Black-bellied Firefinch
 African (Blue-billed) Firefinch
 Black-faced Firefinch
 Red-cheeked Cordonbleu
 Lavender Waxbill
 Orange-cheeked Waxbill
 Black-rumped Waxbill
 Bronze Mannikin
 Black-and-white Mannikin
 Magpie Mannikin

Indigobirds

Village Indigobird
 Jambandu Indigobird
 Pale-winged (Wilson's) Indigobird
 Pin-tailed Whydah
 Togo Paradise-Whydah
 Long-tailed (Exclamatory) Paradise-Whydah

Siskins, Crossbills & Allies

Yellow-fronted Canary

Buntings & Allies

Cinnamon-breasted (Rock) Bunting
 Brown-rumped Bunting

Estrildidae

Nigrita fusconota
Nigrita bicolor
Nigrita canicapilla
Pytilia phoenicoptera
Pytilia hypogrammica
Mandingoa nitidula
Spermophaga haematina
Lagonosticta rufopicta
Lagonosticta senegala
Lagonosticta rara
Lagonosticta rubricata
Lagonosticta larvata
Uraeginthus bengalus
Estrilda caerulescens
Estrilda melpoda
Estrilda troglodytes
Spermestes cucullatus
Spermestes bicolor
Spermestes fringilloides

Viduidae

Vidua chalybeata
Vidua raricola
Vidua wilsoni
Vidua macroura
Vidua togoensis
Vidua interjecta

Fringillidae

Serinus mozambicus

Emberizidae

Emberiza tahapisi
Emberiza affinis

MAMMAL SPECIES LIST**Squirrels**

Striped Ground Squirrel
 Red-legged Sun Squirrel
 Slender-tailed Squirrel
 Forest Giant Squirrel

Pouched Rats

Giant (Pouched) Rat

Murid Rats & Mice

African Grass Rat

Mongoose

Marsh Mongoose

Large-winged Bats

Yellow-winged Bat

Galagos

Senegal Galago
 Demidoff's Galago

Colobid Monkeys

Olive Colobus
 Guinea [Hamadryas] Baboon
 Lowe's [Mona] Monkey
 Callithrix [Vervet] Monkey
 Patas Monkey

Pigs

(Common) Warthog

Chevrotains

Water Chevrotain (roadside dead)

Sciuridae

Xerus erythropus
Heliosciurus rufobrachium
Protoxerus aubinnii
Protoxerus stangeri

Cricetomyinae

Cricetomys emini

Muridae

Arvicanthis niloticus

Herpestidae

Atilax paludinosus

Megadermatidae

Lavia frons

Galagonidae

Galago senegalensis
Galago demidoff

Cercopithecidae

Colobus verus
Papio [hamadryas] papio
Cercopithecus [mona] lowei
Cercopithecus [aethiops] sabaues
Erythrocebus patas

Suidae

Phacochoerus africanus

Tragulidae

Hyemoschus aquaticus

Horned Ungulates

Bushbuck
Kob
Waterbuck
Roan Antelope
Hartebeest (Kongoni)
Maxwell's Duiker
Red-flanked Duiker
Bush Duiker
Hyraxes
Western Tree Hyrax
Elephants
African Elephant

Bovidae

Tragelaphus scriptus
Kobus kob
Kobus ellipsiprymnus
Hippotragus equinus
Alcelaphus buselaphus
Cephalophus maxwellii
Cephalophus rufilatus
Sylvicapra grimmia
Procaviidae
Dendrohyrax dorsalis
Elephantidae
Loxodonta africana

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