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Uganda Birds & Gorillas IV Trip Report

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Tour Summary

No other area in Africa can match the incredible diversity of habitats found in equatorial Uganda. From the source of the White Nile on Lake Victoria to the snow-capped Rwenzori Range and the montane forests of the Virunga Volcanoes, incredible habitat diversity is represented. Similarly, the avifaunal representation is equally diverse, with over 1000 species recorded in a country equal in size to Great Britain. It's just no wonder this Pearl of Africa keeps on producing some of the most

incredible birding and mammal experiences on earth, from viewing of the prehistoric-looking Shoebill to life-changing encounters with the endangered Mountain Gorillas or watching one of the most sought after bird species on the continent, Grauer's Broadbill.

We departed Entebbe, which is situated on the banks of Lake Victoria and headed toward Lake Mbuo National Park. The small country of Uganda is best described as "birdy", pleasantly surprising as most of the natural habitat in Uganda, except for the National Parks, has been replaced by the product of a subsistence based population, thereby creating a kaleidoscope of landscapes dominated by cultivated fields, with only remnant patches of marshes, swamps, forest, woodland and dry *Acacia* scrub in between. Small patches of habitat in this varied landscape are enough to create an environment that hosts roadside species such as Angola Swallow, African Hobby, Papyrus Gonolek, Blue-headed Coucal, Ross's Turaco, Saddle-billed Stork and the magnificent Shoebill. Besides these fabulous birds we also found a lovely Sitatunga before we arrived at Lake Mbuo. Lake Mbuo National Park comprises well-developed *Acacia* woodland and is situated in an area where a number of southern savanna species reach their most northern distributional limits. We only had an afternoon and the following morning to explore the *Euphorbia* and *Acacia* dotted savanna, wetlands and lakes of this beautiful park, but still managed to obtain good looks at Brown-chested Lapwing, Trilling Cisticola, Spot-flanked Barbet, Black-lored Babbler, White-winged Black-Tit, Long-tailed Cisticola, Red-headed Lovebird, the rare and localised Red-faced Barbet as well as White-backed Night Heron and African Finfoot. Mammals seen included Zebra, Impala, Topi, Warthog, Eland, melanistic Greater Galago and White-tailed Mongoose, all before rushing to make the Rwandan border post before sunset. Despite the stress associated with reaching the border post in time, we made some brief stops which yielded



Cinnamon-chested Bee-eater, Mackinnon's Fiscal, Chubb's Cisticola, Bronze Sunbird and White-eyed Slaty Flycatcher, before entering the small country of Rwanda.



A two night stay in Rwanda ensured that a full day could be dedicated to the tracking, locating and viewing of one of the Great Apes and one of the most endangered mammals on earth, the Eastern Mountain Gorilla. Everyone enjoyed this, one of the most amazing wildlife experiences on the planet when they were entertained for a full hour by a group of Gorillas in true Virunga Mountain gorilla style. Not only was today a special day for the group, but it was an extra special day for Julia, who celebrated her birthday, undoubtedly an exceptional present and a dream come true! There was not much time to bird while gorilla tracking but sightings were had of Cape Robin-Chat, Ruwenzori Double-collared Sunbird, Red-faced Woodland Warbler and Archer's Ground Robin while Mountain Buzzard, African Goshawk and Martial Eagle were seen flying overhead.

Back into Uganda and we were heading toward a true highlight of any visit to Uganda, Bwindi

Impenetrable National Park. This famous Park, which is situated in the Kigezi Highlands of south-western Uganda protects a continuum of lowland and montane forest, which due to its location on the Albertine Rift combined with variation in altitude, is the richest forest in East Africa with regards to trees, butterflies and birds. En route we had a most convenient stop in Echuya Forest where a good wide road cuts through the forest, and we quickly managed to make up for the lack of birding in Rwanda. Highlights included many Albertine Rift endemics such as Regal and Ruwenzori Double-collared Sunbird, Collared and Mountain Masked Apalis, Doherty's Bushshrike, Stripe-breasted Tit, Dwarf Honeyguide, Strange Weaver, Dusky Crimsonwing, Ruwenzori Batis and Red-faced Woodland Warbler as well as other goodies such as Mountain Oriole, White-browed Crombec, Mountain and Yellow-whiskered Greenbul, African Emerald Cuckoo and Olive Woodpecker before rain pushed us back onto the road. We arrived at Ruhija late in the afternoon with enough time to bird close to our camp and pick up another endemic in the form of Handsome Francolin as well as Black-billed and Great Blue Turaco. It rained throughout the evening, however after a restless night we awoke to the most perfect day! The journey from Ruhija at 2300m to Mubwindi swamp at 2100m is packed full of breathtaking scenery, with excellent birds being seen such as Grey-throated Barbet, Green-headed Sunbird, White-headed Wood-hoopoe, White-chinned Prinia, Chestnut-throated and Black-throated Apalis, Waller's Starling, White-tailed Blue Flycatcher and Cassin's Hawk Eagle. Other specials encountered included Carruthers's Cisticola, Least Honeyguide, Velvet-mantled Drongo, Elliot's Woodpecker, White-collared Oliveback and Bar-tailed Trogon while the day's clear highlights included Dwarf Honeyguide, Archer's Ground Robin, Grauer's Warbler, Grauer's Swamp-Warbler, Yellow-eyed Black Flycatcher and a brilliant pair of Grauer's Broadbill.

Leaving Ruhija, we drove through a medium altitude section of Bwindi Impenetrable Forest where Pink-footed Puffback, Red-headed Malimbe, Black-necked Weaver, White-throated Greenbul, Dusky Tit and Western Bronze-naped Pigeon were found before rain forced us south to the lowland forest at Buhoma. Set in the valley of the Munyaga River, Buhoma is flanked to the south by steep forested hills, and is a true birding mecca. A break in the rain gave us a short productive session featuring the likes of Willcocks's Honeyguide, Buff-spotted Woodpecker, White-tailed Blue Flycatcher, Red-headed Bluebill, Black-billed Weaver, Bocage's and Luder's Bushshrike, Brown-throated Wattle-eye and Brown-crowned Tchagra. Then amazingly while we were enjoying the birds a small group of Mountain Gorilla crossed the path ahead of us.

The following day we birded a wide, gently undulating track through excellent forest, walking for nine hours in a southerly direction before we turned around in order to get back before dark. Thick vegetation along the first few hundred metres produced our first target for the day, Equatorial Akalat. At the top of our first ascent, we came to open forest with high exposed perches where we saw Black Bee-eater, Petit's Cuckooshrike, Green Malkoha and Yellow-spotted, Grey-throated and Hairy-breasted Barbet. The track then levelled out and in the undergrowth we managed looks at Black-faced Rufous Warbler and White-bellied Robin-Chat. We then enjoyed excellent Red-throated Alethe and one of Bwindi's star avian attractions, Neumann's Warbler. A little further on we picked up Grey-chested Illadopsis, White-tailed and Fraser's Rufous Thrush, Grey-chinned and Grey-headed Sunbird, Dusky Long-tailed Cuckoo, Blue-mantled and White-bellied Crested Flycatcher and Yellow-crested Woodpecker. The day was filled with exciting birding, and on one of the river crossings an African Black Duck landed upstream from us, while further ahead on the trail we heard and then caught sight of Crested Guineafowl. The last additions to our day's lists included Afep Pigeon, Eurasian Honey Buzzard, Olive-green Camaroptera, Grey-throated Tit-Flycatcher, Chestnut Wattle-eye and Blue-headed Sunbird.

We left Bwindi in the morning and drove the short distance to Queen Elizabeth National Park, arriving mid-morning in the southern Ishasha sector of the reserve. Moving from dense montane rainforest to sprawling woodlands and open grasslands dotted with big game certainly provided a stark contrast! Mammals seen once in the reserve included Uganda Kob, Buffalo, Elephant and a long distance view of a male Lion. We headed to the Ishasha River for lunch, the thick riverine vegetation producing views of Western Nicator and Superb Sunbird, before proceeding to look for the famed tree climbing Lions. A single lioness was found up a *Ficus* tree, while later we discovered another two lionesses up an *Acacia*. Thereafter it was time to head north to Mweya Lodge, the journey producing African Crake, Black-headed Gonolek, Little, Olive and Blue-cheeked Bee-eater, Black-rumped Buttonquail, Red-necked Spurfowl, Western Banded Snake Eagle, Madagascar Pond Heron and Pennant-winged Nightjar. The next morning we were greeted by open savanna, studded in some areas with a dense cover of *Acacia* and *Euphorbia* trees, crater lakes, grasslands, swamp and in the distance what looked like a mass of black cloud, the Ruwenzori Mountains. We headed straight for the damp, rank, long grasslands and with it came Marsh Tchagra, Black Coucal, Fan-tailed Grassbird, Moustached Grass Warbler, Blue Quail and Kurrichane Buttonquail. As the day warmed up we had views of Copper Sunbird, White-throated Bee-eater, Flappet Lark, Northern and Black-winged Red Bishop and Fawn-breasted Waxbill. During the afternoon we had a leisurely boat cruise on the Kazinga Channel where we enjoyed close looks at Hippo, Buffalo, Elephant and Crocodile were taken in while Collared Pratincole, African Skimmer, Yellow-billed and Saddle-billed Stork and Pied and Malachite Kingfisher added to the scene.



We then made our way to Kibale National Park, a superb reserve protecting a lush block of stunning rain forest that harbours a the highest density and diversity of primates found anywhere in East Africa, coupled with superb birding opportunities. Between birding the tall forest, chimp tracking and an outing at Bigodi Swamp we were rewarded with some exciting specials, such as Red-bellied Paradise Flycatcher, Western Oriole, Green Crombec, Red-tailed Rufous Thrush, Brown and Scaly-breasted Illadopsis, Little Green and Northern Double-collared Sunbird, Grey-winged Robin-Chat, Sabine's Spinetail, Black Bishop and White-spotted Flufftail.

Leaving the main section of the forest, we began the long drive to Masindi, stopping en route at Sebitole where we picked up Lowland Masked Apalis, Cassin's Spinetail, Bruce's Green Pigeon and Chestnut-winged Starling. The following day we drove the short distance from Masindi to the "Royal Mile" (an area in Budongo Forest Reserve and considered to be one of Uganda's premier forest birding site), the day starting in disappointing fashion as it bucketed with rain, but the forest soon started living up to its reputation and ended up being as good as ever, producing a huge variety of rare and seldom encountered specials in East Africa. As soon as the rain slowed the tempo of birding began to increase with Chocolate-backed, African Dwarf and Blue-breasted Kingfisher, Brown-eared Woodpecker, Jameson's Wattle-eye, Buff-throated Apalis, Spotted Greenbul, Chestnut-capped Flycatcher, Yellow and Grey Longbill, Uganda Woodland Warbler, Rufous-crowned Eremomela, Lemon-bellied Crombec, Fire-crested Alethe, Eastern Forest Robin, Fraser's Forest Flycatcher, Blue-throated Brown Sunbird and a perched Crowned Eagle all putting on a show. Later in the afternoon we birded the agricultural lands on the edge of the forest, where Whistling and Red-faced Cisticola, Brown Twinspot, Black-

bellied Firefinch, Brown-backed Scrub Robin and Compact Weaver all showed well.



The following day we were on the road early, heading north to Murchison Falls National Park, Uganda's largest protected area. On arrival at Murchison Falls NP we spent some time in the Kanyo Pabidi section of Budongo Forest Reserve, the only site in East Africa for Puvel's Illadopsis which we fortunately located and viewed soon after arriving. Combining superb scenery which included views of the Victoria Nile boiling down a narrow gorge and the game filled and scenic dry savanna area north of the Nile, this park also rewarded us with some excellent birds. Here we saw the rare

Dusky and Brown Babbler, White-crested Turaco, Rock and Black-winged Pratincole, Bat Hawk, a plethora of nightjars that included Plain, Long-tailed, Slender-tailed, Square-tailed and Pennant-winged, Pel's Fishing and Greyish Eagle Owl, Red-throated and Northern Carmine Bee-eater, White-tailed Lark, Foxy Cisticola, Red-winged Grey and Red-winged Warbler, Yellow-bellied Hyliota, Green-backed Eremomela, Silverbird, Spotted Palm Thrush, Red-necked and Peregrine Falcon, Chestnut-crowned Sparrow-Weaver, Speckle-fronted Weaver, Cardinal and Red-headed Quelea, White-rumped Seedeater and Brown-rumped Bunting.

Exiting the park, we made a few stops along the way, first in the open scrub lands outside the park where we got Red-winged Pytilia, Black-backed Cisticola and Black-billed Barbet before moving up the Rift Valley (Butiaba) Escarpment where we made a stop and picked up Cinnamon-breasted Bunting and Mocking Cliff Chat. Thereafter we again visited Budongo Forest Reserve (this time at a section known as Busingiro) where after much searching, Vincent located our target bird, the canopy-dwelling Ituri Batis, as well as a fly over African Pied Hornbill. A short stop in the dark before we reached the Masindi Hotel gave us Black-shouldered Nightjar.

Our final forest birding was at Mabira Forest just west of Jinja, where despite being disrupted by rain we managed to see Weyns's Weaver, Yellow-throated Tinkerbird, Shrike-flycatcher, Nahan's Francolin and Blue-shouldered Robin-Chat. Thereafter we headed to Entebbe where we enjoyed our last birding session together in the 100 year old National Botanical Garden (located on the shore of Lake Victoria), and finished our wonderful tour off with sightings of Purple-banded Sunbird, Golden-backed Weaver, African Hobby and a brief Purple-throated Cuckooshrike.

Photo Credits: Blue-breasted Kingfisher, Red-faced Barbet and Pennant-winged Nightjar by Keith Valentine, Brown-chested Lapwing and Abyssinian Ground Hornbill by Simon Woolley.

Annotated List of Birds recorded

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Total species recorded (540)

An asterisk (*) indicates an Albertine Rift endemic (ARE) species.

QEP = Queen Elizabeth National Park

NP = National Park

Guineafowl Numididae

Helmeted Guineafowl

Numida meleagris

Common and ubiquitous, Helmeted Guineafowl were encountered in good numbers at many sites.

Crested Guineafowl

Guttera pucherani

This shy forest Guineafowl was seen on our walk into Bwindi Forest from Buhoma.

Pheasants, Fowl and Allies Phasianidae

Nahan's Francolin

Ptilopachus nahani

Despite calling from a few metres away in the undergrowth in Budongo, only one participant saw this species while on a comfort stop in Mabira Forest.

Crested Francolin

Dendroperdix sephaena

Seen well at Lake Mburo and Murchison Falls NP.

Heuglin's Francolin

Pternistis icterorhynchus

A good-looking gamebird, it was scoped near Budongo Forest and also seen at Murchison Falls NP.

Handsome Francolin*

Pternistis nobilis

Viewed in Ruhija, Bwindi Impenetrable NP.

Red-necked Francolin

Pternistis afer

The most frequently recorded francolin of the tour; large numbers seen in Lake Mburo & Queen Elizabeth NP's.

Scaly Francolin

Pternistis squamatus

Seen on last morning at Murchison Falls NP.

Blue Quail

Coturnix adansonii

Flushed from the side of the road in QEP.

Ducks, Geese and Swans Anatidae

White-faced Whistling Duck

Dendrocygna viduata

Seen on the Victoria Nile in Murchison Falls on our river cruise.

Knob-billed Duck

Sarkidiornis melanotos

Seen in QEP and Murchison Falls NP.

Egyptian Goose

Alopochen aegyptiacus

This is another common waterfowl, seen at scattered locations on the tour.

African Black Duck

Anas sparsa

First sighted on a river crossing on route from Rwanda to Ruhija in Uganda and again on the Munyaga River in Bwindi Impenetrable NP.

Yellow-billed Duck

Anas undulata

On route to Lake Mburo NP at a roadside stop.

Grebes Podicipedidae

Little Grebe

Tachybaptus ruficollis

Seen on a lake on route from Rwanda to Ruhija in Uganda.

Great Crested Grebe

Podiceps cristatus

Seen on a lake on route from Rwanda to Ruhija in Uganda.

Storks Ciconiidae

- Yellow-billed Stork** *Mycteria ibis*
Small numbers were recorded at scattered wetland sites, with our first sighting at Lake Mburo.
- African Openbill** *Anastomus lamelligerus*
A widespread and common species in Uganda, first recorded at Lake Mburo.
- Woolly-necked Stork** *Ciconia abdimii*
We saw these birds in Lake Mburo and in QEP.
- Saddle-billed Stork** *Ephippiorhynchus senegalensis*
A stunning bird, we recorded at Lake Mburo, in QEP, on the Nile in Murchison.
- Marabou Stork** *Leptoptilos crumeniferus*
This huge bird was seen throughout Uganda.

Ibises & Spoonbills Threskiornithidae

- Sacred Ibis** *Threskiornis aethiopicus*
Recorded at a few sites, with good views on the Kazinga Channel.
- Hadada Ibis** *Bostrychia hagedash*
These noisy and conspicuous birds were frequently seen (note these birds pale eye, not present in southern African birds).
- Glossy Ibis** *Plegadis falcinellus*
We recorded this species at Entebbe Botanical Gardens.
- African Spoonbill** *Platalea alba*
We recorded this bird on the Kazinga Channel.

Hérons & Bitterns Ardeidae

- White-backed Night Heron** *Gorsachius leuconotus*
A stunning, localised species, we had outrageous views of a pair in the open at Lake Mburo!
- Black-crowned Night Heron** *Nycticorax nycticorax*
Our only sighting of this species was on our Lake Mburo boat cruise.
- Striated Heron** *Butorides striata*
Seen in Lake Mburo and on the Nile in Murchison Falls.
NOTE: A polytypic and cosmopolitan superspecies with over 30 recognized forms. The IOC recognizes three full species, the North American Green Heron B. virescens, Galapagos Heron B. sundevalli and the most widespread nominate form that we recorded in Uganda.
- Squacco Heron** *Ardeola ralloides*
Recorded on the Nile and Kazinga Channel.
- Madagascar Pond Heron** *Ardeola idae*
Recorded on route to Mweya Lodge in QEP.
- Western Cattle Egret** *Bubulcus ibis*
A common, easily seen species, often in association with big game.
NOTE: This group may be split into 2 species, the nominate Western Cattle Egret and the Asian/Australasian Eastern Cattle Egret E. coromanda. This split is recognised by the IOC.
- Grey Heron** *Ardea cinerea*
Seen at scattered localities throughout the tour. An aquatic hunter unlike the following species.
- Black-headed Heron** *Ardea melanocephala*
The most frequently recorded heron in Uganda, this terrestrial bird was seen on most days.
- Goliath Heron** *Ardea goliath*
The largest heron on earth, we had excellent views on the Kazinga and the Nile.
- Purple Heron** *Ardea purpurea*

A handsome bird, a few were seen at Lake Mburo and on the Nile in Murchison.

NOTE: The Cape Verde Islands *A. p. bournei* is sometimes split off as Cape Verde Purple Heron or Bourne's Heron.

Western Great Egret *Ardea alba*

We recorded this species at Lake Mburo then QEP and on the Nile.

NOTE: The nominate Great Egret which occurs in North and South America, Africa and central Asia may be split from the *A. a. egretta* which is found in Australasia and south-east Asia. This split is recognised by the IOC.

Yellow-billed Egret *Egretta intermedia*

Small numbers were seen on the Nile. Generally an uncommon bird.

Little Egret *Egretta garzetta*

Seen at scattered localities throughout Uganda.

NOTE: This species complex is often split into three species, Little Egret *E. garzetta*, Dimorphic Egret *E. dimorpha* and Western Reef Heron *E. gularis*. The IOC splits these species.

Hamerkop Scopidae

Hamerkop *Scopus umbretta*

In a monotypic family, and endemic to the Afrotropics and Madagascar, we saw it regularly in wetland areas throughout Uganda.

Shoebill Balaenicipitidae

Shoebill *Balaeniceps rex*

We were treated to great views of one on route to Lake Mburo and had a pair circling over head on the north bank of the Nile.

Pelicans Pelecanidae

Pink-backed Pelican *Pelecanus rufescens*

Common in Uganda, we had our best views on the Kazinga and in Jinja.

Great White Pelican *Pelecanus onocrotalus*

We had our only views on the Kazinga.

Cormorants Phalacrocoracidae

Reed Cormorant *Phalacrocorax africanus*

Commonly seen at wetland sites throughout.

White-breasted Cormorant *Phalacrocorax lucidus*

Our best views were of a flock on the Kazinga in Queen Elizabeth NP.

Anhingas Anhangidae

African Darter *Anhinga rufa*

The Victoria Nile provided our first views of this piscivore.

NOTE: This species is occasionally split into three separate species, African Darter *A. rufa*, Oriental Darter *A. melanogaster* and Australasian Darter *A. novaehollandiae*. The IOC accepts this split.

Kites Hawks & Eagles Accipitridae

Bat Hawk *Macheiramphus alcinus*

A very sought after bird, we were very fortunate to see one at Murchison Falls.

Black-winged Kite *Elanus caeruleus*

One of the more frequently recorded raptors on the tour.

NOTE: This species complex is occasionally split into three species. Black-winged Kite *E. caeruleus*, which is found in Africa and Asia, Black-shouldered Kite *E. axillaris*, which is found in Australasia and White-tailed Kite *E. leucurus*, which occurs throughout North and South America. The IOC accepts this split.

Black Kite *Milvus migrans*

A ubiquitous species; its forked tail was a familiar sight in many open country and city environments. All birds seen were of the resident Yellow-billed form.

NOTE: Many authorities treat the resident African subspecies of this raptor as a separate species, Yellow-billed Kite *M. aegyptius*, however the IOC does not accept this split.

African Fish Eagle *Haliaeetus vocifer*

We had great views in a number of watery habitats.

Palm-nut Vulture *Gypohierax angolensis*

It was recorded with the greatest frequency in Queen Elizabeth NP.

Hooded Vulture *Necrosyrtes monachus*

Good numbers were seen around human habitation, especially in and around Kampala.

White-backed Vulture *Gyps africanus*

Good numbers were seen in Queen Elizabeth and Murchison Falls NP.

Rüppell's Vulture *Gyps rueppellii*

Single birds were seen at QEP and on the North bank of the Nile Murchison Falls NP.

White-headed Vulture *Aegypius occipitalis*

We had good views of this species in QEP.

Lappet-faced Vulture *Aegypius tracheliotus*

The biggest Afro-tropical vulture, we recorded it in QEP and Murchison Falls NP.

Black-chested Snake Eagle *Circaetus pectoralis*

Seen in Lake Mburo, the Kasenyi area of QEP and Murchison Falls.

Brown Snake Eagle *Circaetus cinereus*

A few birds were recorded at scattered savanna sites throughout the country.

Western Banded Snake Eagle *Circaetus cinerascens*

Recorded at QEP.

Bateleur *Terathopius ecaudatus*

Typical raptor of savanna areas across Africa, seen in Lake Mburo, Queen Elizabeth and Murchison Falls NP's.

African Marsh Harrier *Circus aeruginosus*

Seen at Lake Mburo and then between Kibale and Masindi.

African Harrier-Hawk *Polyboroides typus*

Seen at Lake Mburo and Murchison Falls.

Dark Chanting Goshawk *Melierax metabates*

It was recorded in Lake Mburo and Murchison Falls NP.

Eastern Chanting Goshawk *Melierax poliopterus*

Recorded in Murchison Falls NP.

Gabar Goshawk *Micronisus gabar*

Seen a number of times in QEP.

African Goshawk *Accipiter tachiro*

Seen in Lake Mburo, and later Kibale and Budongo Forest.

NOTE: The West African forms are sometimes separated as Red-chested Goshawk *A. toussenelii*. The IOC accepts this split.

Shikra (Little Banded Goshawk) *Accipiter badius*

Seen by most participants in the garden of Boma and on route from Masindi to Jinja.

NOTE: We recorded the Northern Shikra *A. b. sphenurus* which some authorities consider distinct from the southern African Southern Shikra *A. b. polyzonoides*. These forms may also be split from the Asian nominate *A. b. badius* and other Asian forms. These splits are not widely recognized and not accepted by the IOC.

Black Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter melanoleucus</i>
Seen near Buhoma, later in QENP.	
Lizard Buzzard	<i>Kaupifalco monogrammicus</i>
Seen in Lake Mburo, Buhoma and Kibale.	
Mountain Buzzard	<i>Buteo augur</i>
We saw good numbers in the highland areas in Volcanoes NP Rwanda and in the south-west of Uganda.	
Augur Buzzard	<i>Buteo augur</i>
We saw good numbers in the highland areas in the south-west of Uganda.	
Tawny Eagle	<i>Aquila rapax</i>
We saw it daily at Murchison Falls NP.	
Wahlberg's Eagle	<i>Aquila wahlbergi</i>
T-shaped silhouette was a common sight in Murchison Falls NP.	
Martial Eagle	<i>Polemaetus bellicosus</i>
Seen near Lake Mburo, QEP and Murchison Falls NP.	
Long-crested Eagle	<i>Lophaetus occipitalis</i>
This was a common roadside eagle.	
Cassin's Hawk-Eagle	<i>Spizaetus africanus</i>
A great bird, it was recorded at Ruhija.	
Crowned Eagle	<i>Stephanoaetus coronatus</i>
Seen in QEP, Kibale and Budongo Forest Reserve.	

Falcons Falconidae

Grey Kestrel	<i>Falco ardosiaceus</i>
A species that was seen well in a number of places throughout the tour.	
Red-necked Falcon	<i>Falco chicquera</i>
A very handsome falcon, we had a great view of one bird in Murchison Falls on the Nile.	
African Hobby	<i>Falco cuvierii</i>
This sought-after raptor is not uncommon in Uganda, and we saw individuals in Entebbe and Jinja.	
Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>
We scoped one individual in Murchison Falls NP, also seen on route to Rwanda.	
Lanner Falcon	<i>Falco biarmicus</i>
This species was seen on route to Ruhija, between Ruhija and Buhoma and in QEP.	

Flufftails Sarothruridae

White-spotted Flufftail	<i>Sarothrura pulchra</i>
All participants were treated to excellent views at Bigodi Swamp.	
Red-chested Flufftail	<i>Sarothrura rufa</i>
A very secretive species, it was heard calling at Mubwindi Swamp.	

Rails, Crakes & Coots Rallidae

African Crake	<i>Crecopsis egregia</i>
Seen regularly whilst in QEP!	
Black Crake	<i>Amaurornis flavirostra</i>
Seen on a number of occasions in wetland situations.	
Allen's Gallinule	<i>Porphyrio alleni</i>
Seen on the boat cruise at Lake Mburo and on the Nile in Murchison Falls NP.	

Common Moorhen *Gallinula chloropus*
 Seen on Lake Mburo and on route to Ruhija from Rwanda.

Finfoots Heliornithidae

African Finfoot *Podica senegalensis*
 We were treated to excellent views of a male at Lake Mburo NP.

Cranes Gruidae

Grey Crowned Crane *Balearica regulorum*
 This, Uganda's national bird, was frequently seen in the beginning part of the tour.

Buttonquail Turnicidae

Kurrichane Buttonquail *Turnix sylvaticus*
 Seen in the moist grassland near Mweya Lodge in QEP.

Black-rumped Buttonquail *Turnix hottentottus*
 Seen close to the Ishasha River in QEP.

Thick-knees Burhinidae

Senegal Thick-knee *Burhinus senegalensis*
 A few individuals were seen on the Victoria Nile in Murchison Falls NP.

Water Thick-knee *Burhinus vermiculatus*
 Recorded at Lake Mburo and on our Kazinga Channel boat cruise.

Stilts & Avocets Recurvirostridae

Black-winged Stilt *Himantopus himantopus*
 Seen at Lake Katwe and the Kazinga Channel, Queen Elizabeth NP.

Pied Avocet *Recurvirostra avocetta*
 A few birds were seen at Lake Katwe.

Plovers & Lapwings Charadriidae

Long-toed Lapwing *Vanellus crassirostris*
 This species was recorded at Lake Mburo and Murchison Falls NP.

Spur-winged Lapwing *Vanellus spinosus*
 First recorded in QEP and then again at Murchison Falls, this is the northern counterpart for the Black-smith Lapwing.

Senegal Lapwing *Vanellus lugubris*
 Both days they were seen in QEP.

Crowned Lapwing *Vanellus coronatus*
 Good numbers were seen in QENP.

African Wattled Lapwing *Vanellus senegallus*
 First seen in Lake Mburo NP, and later recorded at QEP.

Brown-chested Lapwing *Vanellus superciliosus*
 This sought-after Intra-African migrant (an east west migrant) was seen at Lake Mburo (a rare sighting indeed!).

Kittlitz's Plover *Charadrius pecuarius*
 Seen on both our days in QEP.

Jacanas Jacanidae**African Jacana***Actophilornis africanus*

This widespread bird was frequently recorded at a number of wetland sites throughout the tour.

Sandpipers & Allies Scolopacidae**Marsh Sandpiper***Tringa stagnatilis*

Only seen on our Kazinga Channel boat cruise.

Common Greenshank*Tringa nebularia*

Seen on the Kazinga Channel in QEP.

Curlew Sandpiper*Calidris ferruginea*

Seen in Queen Elizabeth NP.

Wood Sandpiper*Tringa glareola*

Recorded on the Kazinga Channel.

Coursers & Pratincoles Glareolidae**Collared Pratincole***Glareola pratincola*

We saw good numbers on our Kazinga Channel boat cruise.

Rock Pratincole*Glareola nuchalis*

Scoped and seen well around Murchison Falls.

Black-winged Pratincole*Glareola nordmanii*

A single bird was seen at Murchison Falls.

Gulls, Terns & Skimmers Laridae**Grey-headed Gull***Larus cirrocephalus*

A couple of birds recorded on the Kazinga Channel.

Gull-billed Tern*Sterna nilotica*

Good numbers were seen on the Kazinga Channel.

White-winged Tern*Chlidonias leucopterus*

We saw birds in non-breeding plumage on the Kazinga Channel and the Victoria Nile.

African Skimmer*Rynchops flavirostris*

Good numbers were seen on the Kazinga Channel.

Pigeons and Doves Columbidae**Common Pigeon***Columba livia*

Seen in urban environments and settlements throughout the tour.

Speckled Pigeon*Columba guinea*

Small numbers were recorded in Kampala and in Entebbe.

Afep Pigeon*Columba uncinata*

Recorded in Buhoma and in the Kibale Forest.

African Olive Pigeon*Columba arquatrix*

This bird was seen in the montane forests of Ruhija, Bwindi Impenetrable NP.

Western Bronze-naped Pigeon*Columba iriditorques*

This skulky canopy species was seen on route from Ruhija to Buhoma and in Buhoma.

Mourning Collared Dove*Streptopelia decipiens*

This species was heard in QEP and later seen in Murchison Falls NP.

Red-eyed Dove*Streptopelia semitorquata*

Seen in a number of localities throughout the tour. Probably the most frequently recorded Streptopelian.

Ring-necked Dove*Streptopelia capicola*

We saw this species in good numbers in scattered localities throughout the tour.

Vinaceous Dove*Streptopelia vinacea*

This species was seen in good numbers in the general Murchison Falls area. Most easily separated from Ring-necked Dove by call.

Laughing Dove*Streptopelia senegalensis*

A widespread species, we saw it commonly throughout.

Emerald-spotted Wood Dove*Turtur chalcospilos*

Seen at Lake Mburo NP and QEP, restricted to the south and east of Uganda.

Black-billed Wood Dove*Turtur abyssinicus*

This is the common wood dove in northern savannas such as those around Murchison Falls, where we recorded a number of birds.

Blue-spotted Wood Dove*Turtur afer*

Common; the most widespread wood dove in Uganda, and frequently seen.

Tambourine Dove*Turtur tympanistria*

Seen (and heard) on numerous occasions in forest environments throughout the country. The forest equivalent of the wood doves.

Namaqua Dove*Oena capensis*

This dry country species was recorded in QEP.

Bruce's Green Pigeon*Treron waalia*

Scoped in Sebitole, northern section of Kibale Forest.

African Green Pigeon*Treron calva*

Recorded in wooded environs throughout the tour.

Parrots and Allies Psittacidae**Red-headed Lovebird***Agapornis pullarius*

A flock of up to twenty birds was seen in Lake Mburo NP.

Grey Parrot*Psittacus erithacus*

Seen at Kibale and again close views at Budongo Forest and Entebbe Botanical Gardens.

Meyer's Parrot*Poicephalus meyeri*

Our first encounter was en route to Lake Mburo NP, at Lake Mburo and in the Entebbe Botanical Gardens.

Turacos Musophagidae**Great Blue Turaco***Corythaeola cristata*

Seen on a number of occasions, first sighting was on route to Lake Mburo then in Bwindi Impenetrable NP, in Kibale and in Botanical Gardens in Entebbe.

Black-billed Turaco*Tauraco schuettii*

Recorded in Ruhija where good views were had then heard in Kibale and Budongo.

White-crested Turaco*Tauraco leucolophus*

We had great views in Murchison Falls and near Masindi.

Ross' Turaco*Musophaga rossae*

We saw bird on route to Lake Mburo and between Kibale and Masindi.

Bare-faced Go-away-bird*Corythaixoides personatus*

Great views were had in Lake Mburo NP.

Eastern Plantain-eater

Crinifer zonurus

This species was seen in scattered localities throughout Uganda.

Cuckoos Cuculidae

Senegal Coucal

Centropus senegalensis

Recorded in Murchison Falls NP.

Blue-headed Coucal

Centropus monachus

A large wetland coucal, with our best sightings being in Masindi area.

White-browed Coucal

Centropus superciliosus

Definitely the most common coucal in Uganda, we had excellent views Lake Mburo and QEP.

NOTE: The IOC does not recognise the widely accepted split of the southern dark-browed Burchell's Coucal C. burchelli from the northern White-browed Coucal C. superciliosus which we recorded in Uganda.

Black Coucal

Centropus grillii

A species favouring rank grass, seen well in Queen Elizabeth NP.

Green Malkoha

Ceuthmochares aereus

We had great views of this skulking species at Buhoma.

Note: Some authorities split this species into Green Malkoha, C. australis that occurs in East and Southern Africa and Blue Malkoha, C. aereus that we observed and occurs in East, West and Central Africa. IOC accepts this split.

Levaillant's Cuckoo

Clamator levaillantii

Seen on our last morning at Sambiya Lodge.

Dideric Cuckoo

Chrysococcyx caprius

Seen in Buhoma, QEP and in Murchison Falls NP.

Klaas's Cuckoo

Chrysococcyx klaas

Seen in scattered localities throughout the tour.

African Emerald Cuckoo

Chrysococcyx cupreus

Seen in Echuya Forest and better views of this shy species were had in Budongo Forest.

Dusky Long-tailed Cuckoo

Cercococcyx mechowi

Heard in a number of forests, this notorious skulker did provide one good look in Buhoma.

Olive Long-tailed Cuckoo

Cercococcyx olivinus

Unfortunately only heard in Ruhija and Buhoma, Bwindi Impenetrable NP.

Barred Long-tailed Cuckoo

Cercococcyx montanus

Also only heard in Echuya Forest.

Red-chested Cuckoo

Cuculus solitarius

Seen in Lake Mburo NP, on route to Ruhija, Kibale, Murchison Falls and near Masindi.

Typical Owls Strigidae

African Scops Owl

Otus senegalensis

This, one of the smallest owls in Africa, was only heard at Lake Mburo.

Greyish Eagle-Owl

Bubo cinerascens

Three were seen well at Murchison Falls NP.

NOTE: The IOC splits this northern form from the widespread Spotted Eagle-Owl B. africanus that occurs south of the Equator.

Pel's Fishing Owl

Scotopelia peli

Seen in the afternoon at Sambiya Lodge in Murchison Falls NP by two members of the group and later heard by the entire group.

African Wood Owl

Strix woodfordii

Only heard in Ruhija and in Kibale NP.

Red-chested Owlet*Glaucidium tephronotum*

This forest species was heard at Buhoma.

Nightjars & Allies Caprimulgidae**Black-shouldered Nightjar***Caprimulgus nigriscapularis*

Recorded at Murchison Falls NP and near Masindi.

Long-tailed Nightjar*Caprimulgus climacurus*

We had views of a bird flush from the road at Murchison Falls NP.

Slender-tailed Nightjar*Caprimulgus clarus*

Recorded at Murchison Falls NP.

Square-tailed Nightjar*Caprimulgus fossii*

Recorded at Lake Mburo NP and Murchison Falls NP.

Pennant-winged Nightjar*Macrodipteryx vexillarius*

Without a doubt a highlight of any trip to Uganda, this amazing bird was seen on a number of occasions during the tour.

Plain Nightjar*Caprimulgus inornatus*

Recorded at Murchison Falls NP.

Swifts Apodidae**Scarce Swift***Schoutedenapus myoptilus*

This montane species with a long, pointed tail was seen over Echuya Forest and the forest at Buhoma.

Sabine's Spinetail*Rhaphidura sabini*

A scarce spinetail found over forest, we sighted birds over Kibale and the Royal Mile.

Cassin's Spinetail*Neafrapus cassini*

Another scarce species. Seen well on the Royal Mile at Budongo Forest.

African Palm Swift*Cypsiurus parvus*

Plentiful around palms throughout, we observed large numbers at Murchison Falls NP.

*NOTE: The nominate African form of the Palm Swift is considered to be distinct from the Malagasy form C. p. gracilis by some authorities. The IOC does not as yet recognise this split.***Alpine Swift***Tachymarptis melba*

Recorded in Kibale and close to Masindi.

African Black Swift*Apus barbatus*

Recorded on route to Buhoma and in QEP.

Little Swift*Apus affinis*

Good numbers were seen throughout the tour.

Horus Swift*Apus horus*

Seen at the Falls in Murchison Falls NP.

White-rumped Swift*Apus caffer*

Seen in QEP and in Murchison Falls NP.

Mousebirds Coliidae**Speckled Mousebird***Colius striatus*

One of the commonest birds of the trip, with birds seen almost daily.

Blue-naped Mousebird*Urocolius macrourus*

A more elegant and faster flying version of the previous bird, with birds sighted in Lake Mburo and Murchison Falls NP's.

Trogon Trogonidae**Narina Trogon***Apaloderma narina*

A forest beauty, with a bird seen at Ruhija.

Bar-tailed Trogon*Apaloderma vittatum*

Arguably a more beautiful version of the previous species, we had two incredible sightings At Ruhija and in Buhoma.

Rollers Coraciidae**Lilac-breasted Roller***Coracias caudata*

Birds were seen in Lake Mburo NP.

Blue-throated Roller*Eurystomus gularis*

This species was only heard at Kaniyo Pabidi.

Broad-billed Roller*Eurystomus glaucurus*

Good numbers were seen in moister woodland environments throughout the country.

Kingfishers Alcedinidae**Chocolate-backed Kingfisher***Halcyon badia*

This amazing forest kingfisher was seen incredibly well at the Royal Mile.

Grey-headed Kingfisher*Halcyon leucocephala*

Some excellent sightings of this woodland species were had in QEP and Murchison Falls NP's.

Striped Kingfisher*Halcyon chelicuti*

A noisy woodland species first seen at Lake Mburo NP then QEP and Murchison Falls NP.

Blue-breasted Kingfisher*Halcyon malimbica*

The forest equivalent of the Woodland Kingfisher, seen well at Budongo.

Woodland Kingfisher*Halcyon senegalensis*

We regularly heard and saw this species throughout the tour.

African Dwarf Kingfisher*Ispidina lecontei*

A stunning forest kingfisher (and the smallest in Africa). We had excellent views on the Royal Mile.

African Pygmy Kingfisher*Ispidina picta*

Great views were had in QEP, and later along the Royal Mile.

Malachite Kingfisher*Alcedo cristata*

A jewel of the waterways, and seen in aquatic environments throughout the tour.

Giant Kingfisher*Megaceryle maxima*

Seen on the boat cruise on the Victoria Nile.

Pied Kingfisher*Ceryle rudis*

Possibly the most common species kingfisher in the world, we saw huge numbers in aquatic environments throughout the tour.

Bee-eaters Meropidae**Black Bee-eater***Merops gularis*

We were treated to great views in Buhoma Bwindi Impenetrable NP.

Blue-cheeked Bee-eater*Merops persicus*

Recorded in the Ishasha section of QEP.

Little Bee-eater*Merops pusillus*

First seen at Lake Mburo NP then QEP and later Murchison Falls NP.

Cinnamon-chested Bee-eater*Merops oreobates*

Good numbers of this higher altitude version species were seen in Rwanda, Bwindi and Kibale.

Red-throated Bee-eater*Merops bulocki*

We had excellent views of this northern equivalent of the White-throated Bee-eater in Murchison Falls NP.

White-throated Bee-eater*Merops albicollis*

We had excellent views of this species at QEP and on the Royal Mile, Budongo Forest.

Olive Bee-eater*Merops superciliosus*

Only recorded in QEP.

Northern Carmine Bee-eater*Merops nubicus*

North Bank of the Nile in Murchison Falls NP produced great sightings of this species.

Woodhoopoes Phoeniculidae**White-headed Woodhoopoe***Phoeniculus bollei*

Seen in Bwindi a number of times and in Kibale.

Green Woodhoopoe*Phoeniculus purpureus*

We had great views in Lake Mburo NP.

Black Scimitarbill*Rhinopomastus aterrimus*

Recorded at QEP.

Common Scimitarbill*Rhinopomastus cyanomelas*

Seen at QEP.

Hornbills Bucerotidae**Crowned Hornbill***Tockus alboterminatus*

On route to Lake Mburo NP, QEP and Mabira Forest.

African Pied Hornbill*Tockus fasciatus*

Seen at Busingiro in Budongo.

African Grey Hornbill*Tockus nasutus*

The common savanna hornbill in Uganda, with birds seen in Lake Mburo, Queen Elizabeth and Murchison Falls NP's.

White-thighed Hornbill*Bycanistes albotibialis*

Good views were had of birds outside the Royal Mile, Budongo Forest.

Black-and-white-casqued Hornbill*Bycanistes subcylindricus*

A relatively common species in forested areas throughout the country.

Ground Hornbills Bucorvidae**Abyssinian Ground Hornbill***Bucorvus abyssinicus*

Was seen on a number of occasions in Murchison Falls NP.

Barbets Ramphastidae**Grey-throated Barbet***Gymnobucco bonapartei*

This species with a "tufted nose" was first encountered in Bwindi Impenetrable NP then Kibale.

Speckled Tinkerbird*Pogoniulus scolopaceus*

Recorded at Buhoma, Kibale and Budongo.

Western Tinkerbird*Pogoniulus coryphaeus*

A difficult species that we had excellent views of at Ruhija.

Yellow-throated Tinkerbird*Pogoniulus subsulphureus*

Heard at most forest locations but seen well at Buhoma.

Yellow -rumped Tinkerbird*Pogoniulus bilineatus*

The most common forest tinkerbird in Uganda, we had multiple sightings throughout the tour. Although similar to the previous species, has white moustachial stripes and yellow washed underparts.

Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird *Pogoniulus chrysoconus*

A savanna Tinkerbird, viewed at Lake Mburo.

Yellow-spotted Barbet *Buccanodon duchaillui*

Seen on two occasions, first in Buhoma and again in Budongo.

Hairy-breasted Barbet *Tricholaema hirsuta*

We had some excellent views of this species in Kibale, Bwindi and Mabira.

Note: Some authorities split this species into Hairy-breasted Barbet T. hirsuta that occurs in West Africa and Streakythroated Barbet T. flavipunctata that we observed and occurs in East and Central Africa. The IOC does not as yet accept this split.

Spot-flanked Barbet *Tricholaema lacrymosa*

A savanna species, with excellent views at Lake Mburo NP.

Red-faced Barbet *Lybius rubrifacies*

A very special bird that in Uganda can only be seen at Lake Mburo NP. We were fortunate to see at least three birds.

Black-billed Barbet *Lybius guifsobalito*

Seen just outside Murchison Falls NP.

Double-toothed Barbet *Lybius bidentatus*

This spectacular bird of moist habitats was first seen in on route to Lake Mburo and again in QEP.

Yellow-billed Barbet *Trachyphonus purpuratus*

First seen in Bwindi and again in Mabira Forest.

Honeyguides Indicatoridae

Dwarf Honeyguide* *Indicator pumilio*

We were treated to excellent views of this sought after and range restricted species at Ruhija and Buhoma.

Willcocks's Honeyguide *Indicator willcocksii*

Seen on an afternoon walk when we arrived at Buhoma.

Least Honeyguide *Indicator exilis*

Another sought after species that was seen at Mabwindi Swamp, Ruhija.

Lesser Honeyguide *Indicator minor*

First seen on route to Masindi from Murchison and again at Mabira.

Scaly-throated Honeyguide *Indicator variegatus*

A very tough bird in Uganda, we had great views in Kaniyo Pabidi.

Greater Honeyguide *Indicator indicator*

Only heard in Buhoma.

Woodpeckers Picidae

Red-throated Wryneck *Jynx ruficollis*

We had superb views of 2 shortly after leaving Buhoma.

Nubian Woodpecker *Campethera nubica*

Recorded in Murchison Falls NP.

Buff-spotted Woodpecker *Campethera nivosa*

Seen at Ruhija and Buhoma.

Brown-eared Woodpecker *Campethera caroli*

First recorded on the Royal Mile and then Busingiro in Budongo Forest Reserve.

Cardinal Woodpecker*Dendropicos fuscescens*

Seen in Ruhija, QEP and Murchisons Falls NP.

Yellow-crested Woodpecker*Dendropicos xantholophus*

The forest version of Bearded Woodpecker, viewed at Buhoma and then on The Royal Mile.

Elliot's Woodpecker*Dendropicos elliotii*

Good views were had of birds at Ruhija, Buhoma and Kibale.

Olive Woodpecker*Dendropicos griseocephalus*

Only recorded at Ruhija in Bwindi.

Broadbills Eurylaimidae**Grauer's Broadbill ****Pseudocalyptomena graueri*

The only accessible place in the world to see this highly prized species, all participants were lucky enough to get great scope views of two birds at Ruhija. A tour highlight!

Wattle-eyes, Batises Platysteiridae**Shrike-flycatcher***Megabias flammulatus*

A large forest flycatcher, with a curious side-to-side tail wag. Birds were seen at Buhoma, Kibale and Mabira.

Black-and-white Flycatcher*Bias musicus*

An interesting bird, with a hammer shaped head, it was seen the Boma Guesthouse in Entebbe.

Chestnut Wattle-eye*Dyaphorophya castanea*

This species was well seen at Buhoma, Kibale and the Royal Mile.

Jameson's Wattle-eye*Dyaphorophya jamesoni*

Some got views of this beauty at the Royal Mile.

*NOTE: This species is sometimes lumped into the West African Red-cheeked Wattle-eye D. blissetti. The IOC splits them.***Ruwenzori Batis ****Batis diops*

Seen in Echuya, Ruhija and Buhoma, an attractive bird with characteristic white "stars" on the forecrown.

Chinspot Batis*Batis molitor*

We observed this species at Lake Mburo and at Ruhija (a strange montane site for this species!).

Black-headed Batis*Batis minor*

Seen at Lake Mburo NP, QEP and in Murchison Falls NP.

Ituri Batis*Batis ituriensis*

Seen at Busingiro in Budongo Forest.

Brown-throated Wattle-eye*Platysteira cyanea*

Recorded at Lake Mburo, Bwindi and Murchison Falls NP.

Black-throated Wattle-eye*Platysteira peltata*

Seen in the gardens at our guesthouse in Jinja.

Helmetsrikes and Bushshrikes Malaconotidae**White-crested Helmetshrike***Prionops plumatus*

We had great views on two occasions at Murchison Falls NP.

Grey-headed Bushshrike*Malaconotus blanchoti*

Only heard at QEP and at Kaniyo Pabidi.

Lagden's Bushshrike*Malaconotus lagdeni*

The forest version of Grey-headed Bushshrike, this mega was unfortunately only heard at Echuya Forest and at the Neck.

- Many-colored Bushshrike** *Chlorophoneus multicolor*
This species was heard at Sebitole in Kibale Forest
- Bocage's Bushshrike** *Chlorophoneus bocagei*
Excellent views were had at Buhoma in secondary forest.
- Orange-breasted Bushshrike** *Chlorophoneus sulfureopectus*
A bird was seen in Acacia scrub at Lake Mburo NP and Murchison Falls NP.
- Doherty's Bushshrike*** *Chlorophoneus dohertyi*
Seen really well in Echuya Forest.
- Marsh Tchagra** *Bocagia minuta*
First encountered in QEP. Has a preference for rank grass areas.
NOTE: The more southerly forms of this species are often separated as Anchieta's Tchagra B. anchietae with the Ugandan form retained in the nominate group.
- Brown-crowned Tchagra** *Tchagra australis*
Our initial encounter with this species was near Ruhija, where good views were obtained at Buhoma.
- Black-crowned Tchagra** *Tchagra senegalus*
First encountered at Lake Mburo, and encountered at several savanna localities thereafter.
- Pink-footed Puffback** *Dryoscopus angolensis*
An uncommon forest shrike, we saw a pair at the Neck, Buhoma and Kibale.
- Northern Puffback** *Dryoscopus gambensis*
The most common Puffback in Uganda, we first encountered it near Ruhija, Buhoma and in Murchison Falls NP.
- Lowland Sooty Boubou** *Laniarius leucorhynchus*
Recorded in thick tangles in gardens in Jinja.
- Mountain Sooty Boubou** *Laniarius poensis*
Some obtained great views of this skulky species at Buhoma.
- Lühder's Bushshrike** *Laniarius luehderi*
We obtained great views at Ruhija, Buhoma and Kibale.
- Tropical Boubou** *Laniarius aethiopicus*
A widespread species, of which we encountered maximum numbers at QEP.
- Papyrus Gonolek** *Laniarius mufumbiri*
We were treated to outrageous views of this sought-after stunner en route to Lake Mburo and again on the Victoria Nile boat cruise.
- Black-headed Gonolek** *Laniarius erythrogaster*
We had numerous good views in savanna areas starting with QEP and then in Murchison Falls NP.
- Brubru** *Nilaus afer*
First encountered in Acacia woodland at Murchison Falls NP.

Cuckooshrikes Campephagidae

- Grey Cuckooshrike** *Coracina caesia*
A number of good sightings in the higher areas of Bwindi Impenetrable NP.
- Black Cuckooshrike** *Campephaga flava*
First seen at Lake Mburo then Ruhija and Buhoma.
- Petit's Cuckooshrike** *Campephaga petiti*
An uncommon forest cuckooshrike, of which we had good views of at Buhoma.
- Purple-throated Cuckooshrike** *Campephaga quiscalina*
Brief views of this species were had at Entebbe Botanical Gardens.

Shrikes Laniidae**Mackinnon's Shrike***Lanius mackinnoni*

A forest edge bird, we first recorded this species on route to Rwanda, in Rwanda and on the edge of Bwindi Impenetrable NP near Ruhija.

Grey-backed Fiscal*Lanius excubitoroides*

Seen on most days in moist woodland habitats.

Common Fiscal*Lanius collaris*

Commonly seen throughout Uganda.

Old World Orioles Oriolidae**African Golden Oriole***Oriolus auratus*

This intra-African migrant was seen in the Ishasha section of QEP.

Western Oriole*Oriolus brachyrhynchus*

We had great views of this forest interior bird at Kibale, Royal Mile and Busingiro in Budongo Forest and Mabira.

Mountain Oriole*Oriolus percivali*

Recorded at the montane forest site of Ruhija.

Black-headed Oriole*Oriolus larvatus*

Generally a woodland and savanna species in Uganda, we saw a few at Lake Mburo NP.

Drongos Dicruridae**Fork-tailed Drongo***Dicrurus adsimilis*

A common bird of savanna habitats throughout the tour.

Velvet-mantled Drongo*Dicrurus modestus*

The forest version of Fork-tailed Drongo, seen at Mabwindi Swamp, Kibale and Mabira.

Monarch Flycatchers Monarchidae**Blue-mantled Crested Flycatcher***Trochocercus cyanomelas*

Recorded on day walk from Buhoma

White-bellied Crested Flycatcher*Trochocercus albiventris*

Also recorded at Buhoma.

Red-bellied Paradise Flycatcher*Terpsiphone rufiventer*

Was seen at Kibale Forest.

African Paradise Flycatcher*Terpsiphone viridis*

Seen frequently throughout the trip.

Crows Corvidae**Piapiac***Ptilostomus afer*

First observed in QEP then Murchison Falls NP. Often associated with cattle and game.

Pied Crow*Corvus albus*

Widespread, and often seen in towns and along roadsides.

White-necked Raven*Corvus albicollis*

Recorded in Lake Mburo and in Jinja.

Tits Paridae**White-shouldered Black Tit***Melaniparus guineensis*

A few birds were seen in Murchison Falls in dry woodland. Possesses a pale eye, and is found in woodland in the northern part of Uganda.

Dusky Tit *Melaniparus funereus*

Good looks were had the Neck in Bwindi Impenetrable NP.

Stripe-breasted Tit * *Melaniparus fasciiventer*

This handsome Albertine Rift endemic was seen in Echuya and at Ruhija.

Larks Alaudidae

White-tailed Lark *Mirafra albicauda*

We had excellent views in Murchison Falls NP.

Rufous-naped Lark *Mirafra africana*

Decent numbers were seen in QNP and in Murchison Falls NP.

Flappet Lark *Mirafra rufocinnamomea*

Recorded in both QNP and in Murchison Falls NP.

Bulbuls Pycnonotidae

Dark-capped Bulbul *Pycnonotus tricolor*

Probably the most commonly seen bird of the trip, recorded virtually every day.

Note: A confusing genus, the birds we saw have been split from Common Bulbul P. barbatus which is found further north in Africa.

Kakamega Greenbul *Andropadus kakamegae*

A number were seen at Echuya Forest, as they work mossy stems and vines in small groups.

Note: A recent split from Shelley's Greenbul A. masukuensis, which is restricted to the Eastern Arc Mountains of Tanzania and northern Malawi. Kakamega Greenbul is restricted to the Albertine Rift and a few scattered forest sites in East Africa, and named for the forest in western Kenya from which it was described.

Olive-breasted Greenbul *Andropadus nigriceps*

A conspicuous bird of the montane forests of which we recorded good numbers at Echuya and Ruhija.

Note: The Mountain Greenbuls have recently been split into a number of species scattered in higher altitude forest patches across Africa. The birds we saw are endemic to the Albertine Rift and central Kenya. The IOC accepts these splits.

Little Greenbul *Andropadus virens*

Along with Yellow-whiskered Greenbul, the most common and vocal greenbul of the tour, recorded in Bwindi Impenetrable NP, Mabira and Kibale.

Little Grey Greenbul *Andropadus gracilis*

Viewed in Bwindi and at Mabira Forest.

Ansorge's Greenbul *Andropadus ansorgei*

We had excellent views of this indistinct species at Buhoma. Only recently discovered in Uganda, first confirmed record in August 2001 by Nik Borrow and Adam Riley.

Slender-billed Greenbul *Andropadus gracilirostris*

Quite a common species, with many birds seen in a number of forests starting at Buhoma.

Yellow-whiskered Greenbul *Andropadus latirostris*

It was frequently recorded starting at Echuya Forest.

Honeyguide Greenbul *Baeopogon indicator*

First recorded at Buhoma, possessing a pale iris, white outer tail feathers.

Spotted Greenbul *Ixonotus guttatus*

Recorded at Kibale and Busingiro.

Joyful Greenbul *Chlorocichla laetissima*

Viewed well perched and vocalizing at Buhoma.

Yellow-throated Leaflove *Chlorocichla flavicollis*

Seen on many occasions in Buhoma, Kibale and Mabira where it inhabits moist woodland and thickets.

Note: Birds in Uganda belong to the subspecies *flavigula* (also known as *pallidigula*).

Toro Olive Greenbul *Phyllastrephus hypochloris*

Seen well at the Neck and in Kibale.

White-throated Greenbul *Phyllastrephus albigularis*

We recorded it at the Neck and in Buhoma.

Yellow-streaked Greenbul *Phyllastrephus flavostriatus*

Recorded in Bwindi and in Kibale.

Red-tailed Bristlebill *Bleda syndactylus*

Has a relatively inconspicuous call and was unfortunately only heard at Kibale Forest.

Red-tailed Greenbul *Criniger calurus*

This is one of the more common greenbuls in Uganda first recorded at Buhoma, then on the Royal Mile and Kaniyo Pabidi.

Swallows, Martins Hirundinidae

White-headed Saw-wing *Psalidoprocne albiceps*

Found regularly throughout the country.

Black Saw-wing *Psalidoprocne holomelas*

Completely black as the name suggests, it generally replaces the previous species at high altitude sites in the country where we saw it.

NOTE: The Black Saw-wing complex is sometimes split into eight full species with the Ugandan form being retained in *P. holomelas*. The IOC only splits Mountain Saw-wing *P. nitens* and Square-tailed Saw-wing *P. fuliginosa* from this complex.

Grey-rumped Swallow *Pseudhirundo rustica*

Recorded on route to Lake Mburo NP.

Brown-throated Martin *Riparia paludicola*

We had a big flock on the Kazinga Channel, QEP.

Sand Martin *Riparia riparia*

We had a couple of birds on the Kazinga Channel in QEP.

Banded Martin *Riparia cincta*

A few small flocks were seen over grasslands in the Kibale area and in Murchison Falls NP.

Barn Swallow *Hirundo rustica*

A Palearctic migrant, of which we saw a few birds over grassland at QEP. Possibly were the first early arrivals from Eurasia?

Angola Swallow *Hirundo angolensis*

Seen on most days of the tour.

Wire-tailed Swallow *Hirundo smithii*

Small numbers were seen along predominantly large waterways throughout Uganda.

Rock Martin *Ptyonoprogne fuligula*

This dark hirundine was seen in good numbers in Rwanda and on the outskirts of Bwindi Impenetrable Forest.

NOTE: This confusing polytypic complex is being reviewed for multi-species splitting. Within the African populations, three potential species exist. The southern African nominate form *H. f. fuligula* would remain as Rock Martin and the more northern populations would become Red-throated Rock Martin *H. pusilla* which is resident in Uganda. Palearctic birds would become Pale Crag Martin *H. obsoleta*. IOC accepts *H. obsoleta* as a separate species only.

Lesser Striped Swallow *Cecropis abyssinica*

This species was seen regularly throughout the tour.

Mosque Swallow *Cecropis senegalensis*

Seen in most open woodland sites, often near water.

Family Uncertain Incertae sedis**Western Nicator***Nicator chloris*

First recorded at QEP on the Ishasha River.

Chestnut-capped Flycatcher*Erythrocerus mccallii*

Recorded in Budongo Forest on the Royal Mile and Busingiro.

African Blue Flycatcher*Elminia longicauda*

We had excellent views of this species at Buhoma, Kibale and Mabira.

White-tailed Blue Flycatcher*Elminia albicauda*

This montane equivalent of the previous species was well seen around Buhoma and Kibale, constantly fans its tail to expose white outer tail feathers.

Old World Warblers Sylviidae**Neumann's Warbler ****Hemitesia neumanni*

Great views were had of this Albertine Rift endemic at Buhoma.

Fan-tailed Grassbird*Schoenicola brevirostris*

Recorded in the damp, rank, long grasslands close to Mweya Lodge in QEP.

Little Rush Warbler*Bradypterus baboecala*

Heard while doing our boat cruise at Lake Mburo NP.

Grauer's Swamp Warbler **Bradypterus graueri*

An Albertine Rift endemic, seen in the Mubwindi Swamp, Ruhija.

White-winged Swamp Warbler*Bradypterus carpalis*

Seen in the Papyrus on our boat cruise in Lake Mburo.

Evergreen Forest Warbler*Bradypterus cinnamomeus*

Only heard at Echuya Forestland in Ruhija.

Cinnamon Bracken Warbler*Bradypterus lopezi*

Unfortunately only heard at Echuya Forest.

Black-faced Rufous Warbler*Bathmocercus rufus*

Good views were had of this shy species at Buhoma.

Moustached Grass Warbler*Melocichla mentalis*

Viewed in the long grasslands at QEP.

Greater Swamp Warbler*Acrocephalus rufescens*

This species was only heard in Papyrus at Lake Mburo.

African Reed Warbler*Acrocephalus baeticatus*

Seen in the gardens at Sambiya Lodge in Murchison Falls NP.

Dark-capped Yellow Warbler*Chloropeta natalensis*

A single bird was seen in rank grass near the Royal Mile.

Mountain Yellow Warbler*Chloropeta similis*

This montane species was seen in bracken at Ruhija.

Yellow Longbill*Macrosphenus flavicans*

This species was seen in Budongo Forest on the Royal Mile, Busingiro and at Mabira Forest.

Grey Longbill*Macrosphenus concolor*

We recorded this species in Kibale, on the Royal Mile and in Mabira Forest.

Yellow-bellied Hyliota*Hyliota flavigaster*

Seen in mature woodland on the southern bank of the Nile at Murchison Falls NP.

Green Hylia*Hylia prasina*

Its distinctive call was frequently heard in forest patches throughout the country, obtained first good looks in Kaniyo Pabidi.

Red-faced Woodland Warbler * *Phylloscopus laetus*

We had excellent views of this endemic at Ruhija and Buhoma.

Grauer's Warbler * *Graueria vittata*

This Albertine Rift endemic was seen at Ruhija and Buhoma.

Rufous-crowned Eremomela *Eremomela badiceps*

A localised species in east Africa (only found in western Uganda), we recorded it at Budongo Forest on the Royal Mile and in Busingiro.

Northern Crombec *Sylvietta brachyura*

Recorded in Murchison Falls NP.

Green Crombec *Sylvietta virens*

Seen at Kibale Forest and at Busingiro.

Lemon-bellied Crombec *Sylvietta denti*

Locally common in Budongo Forest, we recorded a single bird along the Royal Mile.

White-browed Crombec *Sylvietta leucophrys*

Some had excellent views of this crombec at Echuya Forest, Ruhija and Buhoma.

Cisticolas & Allies Cisticolidae

Red-faced Cisticola *Cisticola erythrops*

A widespread species in Uganda, often associated with riparian vegetation, seen in QEP and Murchison Falls NP.

Whistling Cisticola *Cisticola lateralis*

Was well seen in agricultural lands near the Royal Mile.

Trilling Cisticola *Cisticola woosnami*

A widespread woodland cisticola, it was well seen at Lake Mburo and QEP.

Chubb's Cisticola *Cisticola chubbi*

A noisy inhabitant of the higher lying areas, our first sighting was on route to Rwanda as well as numerous individuals in and around Bwindi Impenetrable NP.

Rattling Cisticola *Cisticola cheniana*

Encountered on the North Bank of the Nile.

Winding Cisticola *Cisticola galactotes*

Associated with wetland environs throughout the country, we first encountered this species at Lake Mburo NP.

NOTE: Some authorities split this widespread African species into five species. Winding Cisticola C. marginatus, which occurs in East, Central and West Africa. The other four species are Coastal Cisticola C. haematocephalus that occurs in coastal East Africa, Luapula Cisticola C. luapula occurring largely in Zambia, Rufous-winged Cisticola C. galactotes of coastal Southern Africa and Ethiopian Cisticola C. lugubris endemic to Ethiopia. IOC ratifies all of these splits.

Carruthers's Cisticola *Cisticola carruthersi*

Occurs in wetlands at higher altitudes where Winding Cisticola is absent, we had views at Mubwindi Swamp.

Croaking Cisticola *Cisticola natalensis*

A big, large billed cisticola, good views were had at QEP and Murchison Falls NP.

Long-tailed Cisticola *Cisticola angusticaudus*

Very range restricted in Uganda, we saw an individual well feeding on a Catydid in Lake Mburo NP.

Short-winged Cisticola *Cisticola brachypterus*

We had good views on the last morning in Murchison Falls NP.

Foxy Cisticola *Cisticola troglodytes*

Excellent views had on the North Bank in Murchisons.

Zitting Cisticola *Cisticola juncidis*

The most widespread cisticola in the world, seen in good numbers in QEP and Murchison Falls NP.

Black-backed Cisticola *Cisticola eximius*

Seen outside of Murchison Falls NP.

Tawny-flanked Prinia *Prinia subflava*

We saw a number of individuals in scattered sites throughout the country.

Banded Prinia *Prinia melanops*

We saw a number of birds in Bwindi Impenetrable NP.

NOTE: The Ugandan form is sometimes split off as Black-faced Prinia P. melanops. The western form P. bairdii is the nominate. This species is split by the IOC.

White-chinned Prinia *Schistolais leucopogon*

Great views were had in Bwindi Impenetrable NP and in Kibale.

Red-winged Warbler *Heliolais erythropterus*

Fairly local in Uganda, viewed on two occasions in Murchison Falls NP.

Red-winged Grey Warbler *Drymocichla incana*

Very localised bird, we had excellent views in Murchison Falls NP.

Buff-bellied Warbler *Phyllolais pulchella*

A few birds were seen working through Acacia's, First sighting was in QEP on route to Kibale.

Ruwenzori Apalis * *Apalis ruwenzorii*

Restricted to Albertine Rift, seen well in Ruhija.

NOTE: This species is sometimes lumped into Black-collared Apalis A. pulchra.

Yellow-breasted Apalis *Apalis flavida*

A pair was well seen in Acacia woodland at Lake Mburo NP.

NOTE: This widespread polytypic African species is likely to be split into two or more species, with the central Ugandan form becoming Green-tailed Apalis A. caniceps. IOC does not as yet recognise this split.

Lowland Masked Apalis *Apalis binotata*

Range restricted in Uganda, seen at Sebitole in Kibale Forest.

Mountain Masked Apalis * *Apalis personata*

Restricted to the Albertine Rift, good views at Echuya and Ruhija.

Black-throated Apalis *Apalis jacksoni*

Probably the commonest forest (and forest edge) apalis in Uganda, we had excellent views of numerous individuals in Kibale and especially in Bwindi Impenetrable NP.

Chestnut-throated Apalis *Apalis porphyrolaema*

Seen at Ruhija, its "ringing telephone" call was a frequently heard sound in the montane forests.

Buff-throated Apalis *Apalis rufogularis*

We recorded decent numbers in lower altitude forest, Royal Mile and Busingiro in Budongo Forest,

Grey Apalis *Apalis cinerea*

Seen at the Neck, Buhoma and in Kibale Forest.

Grey-capped Warbler *Eminia lepida*

More frequently heard than seen, was well seen on boat cruise in Lake Mburo and again in Buhoma.

Grey-backed Camaroptera *Camaroptera brevicaudata*

A widespread bird in Uganda, we first recorded it on a travel day en route to Lake Mburo.

Yellow-browed Camaroptera *Camaroptera superciliaris*

We were treated to good views at Mabira Forest.

Olive-green Camaroptera *Camaroptera chloronota*

A skulky bird, and usually more often heard than seen, we had good views of this species at Buhoma.

Babblers Timaliidae**Scaly-breasted Illadopsis***Illadopsis albipectus*

Frequently heard at all the forest sights and seen unbelievably well at Kibale Forest.

Puvel's Illadopsis*Illadopsis puveli*

Only known from Kaniyo Pabidi section of Budongo Forest in East Africa where we were lucky to get excellent views.

Brown Illadopsis*Illadopsis fulvescens*

Seen only by some participants at Kibale Forest.

Mountain Illadopsis*Illadopsis pyrrhoptera*

This species was seen at Ruhija.

Grey-chested Babbler*Kakamega poliothorax*

A rare sighting, especially a good one, seen at Buhoma.

African Hill Babbler*Pseudoalcippe abyssinica*

A skulky bird, of which we obtained excellent views at Ruhija.

*NOTE: The black-headed Rwenzori form that we saw in south-western Uganda, I. a. atriceps is sometimes split off as Rwenzori Hill Babbler. The subspecies occurring in East Africa from Zambia to Eritrea remain with the nominate grouping I. a. abyssinica African Hill Babbler. The IOC accepts this split.***Dusky Babbler***Turdoides tenebrosa*

At least five birds were seen crossing the road at Murchison Falls NP, rufous tinged rump and vent was diagnostic. The first Rockjumper tour to see this species!!!

Black-lored Babbler*Turdoides sharpei*

A number of birds were seen at Lake Mburo NP.

Brown Babbler*Turdoides plebejus*

This uncommon species was recorded in Murchison Falls NP.

Arrow-marked Babbler*Turdoides jardineii*

First recorded at Lake Mburo NP and later in QEP.

White-eyes Zosteropidae**African Yellow White-eye***Zosterops senegalensis*

The only white-eye in Uganda, recorded from most woodland and forest sights.

Starlings Sturnidae**Wattled Starling***Creatophora cinerea*

This species was recorded at Lake Mburo NP.

Greater Blue-eared Starling*Lamprotornis chalybaeus*

Recorded in Lake Mburo NP, this species is restricted to the south of the country.

Lesser Blue-eared Starling*Lamprotornis chloropterus*

Seen in Murchison Falls NP, a common species in the northern savannas of Uganda.

*NOTE: This species complex is widely treated as two distinct species, the nominate group which we recorded in Uganda, remains as Lesser Blue-eared Starling and the southern broad-leafed woodland form becomes Miombo Blue-eared Starling L. elisabeth. The IOC recognises this split.***Splendid Starling***Lamprotornis splendidus*

Viewed at Lake Mburo NP, Jinja and in the Entebbe Botanical Gardens.

Rüppell's Starling*Lamprotornis purpuroptera*

A common starling in Uganda, recorded in most open woodland habitats throughout Uganda.

Purple-headed Starling*Lamprotornis purpureiceps*

This forest starling was recorded in the biggest numbers at Kibale Forest.

Violet-backed Starling*Cinnyricinclus leucogaster*

Seen at scattered localities throughout Uganda.

Slender-billed Starling *Onychognathus tenuirostris*

Recorded only on one day in Ruhija.

Chestnut-winged Starling *Onychognathus fulgidus*

A flock of this large forest starling were seen at Sebitole in Kibale Forest.

Waller's Starling *Onychognathus walleri*

Recorded all three days in Bwindi Impenetrable NP.

Stuhlmann's Starling *Poeoptera stuhlmanni*

This forest starling was recorded at Buhoma.

Narrow-tailed Starling *Poeoptera lugubris*

A really small forest starling seen at Buhoma.

Yellow-billed Oxpecker *Buphagus africanus*

Where there were game animals this species was recorded, Lake Mburo, Queen Elizabeth and Murchison Falls NP.

Thrushes Turdidae

Red-tailed Rufous Thrush *Neocossyphus rufus*

We got great views at Kibale and on the Royal Mile in Budongo Forest.

White-tailed Rufous Thrush *Neocossyphus poensis*

Great views we had at Buhoma.

Fraser's Rufous Thrush *Stizorhina fraseri*

We encountered this species at Buhoma and in Budongo Forest on the Royal Mile and Kaniyo Pabidi.

African Thrush *Turdus pelios*

The most frequently recorded thrush throughout Uganda.

Olive (Mountain/Abyssinian) Thrush *Turdus (abyssinicus) olivaceus*

Recorded in Bwindi Impenetrable NP and in Kaniyo Pabidi.

NOTE: The Ugandan form is sometimes split off as Mountain/Abyssinian Thrush, Turdus abyssinicus.

Fire-crested Alethe *Alethe diademata*

Brief views of this forest skulker were had at Budongo on the Royal Mile.

NOTE: The Ugandan form is sometimes split from the nominate White-tailed Alethe of West Africa, becoming A. castanea.

Red-throated Alethe * *Pseudalethe poliophrys*

Great views were had along the forest trail at Buhoma.

Chats and Old World Flycatchers Muscicapidae

White-starred Robin *Pogonocichla stellata*

This Afromontane species was seen well at Ruhija.

Eastern Forest Robin *Stiphornis xanthogaster*

This very shy but vocal bird was seen at the Royal Mile, Busingiro in Budongo and at Mabira Forest..

NOTE: This widespread tropical genus has been split into four species (which IOC accepts), which are variably distributed from east across to west Africa. Interestingly, a new species, Olive-backed Forest Robin Stiphornis pyrrholaemus has recently been discovered in Gabon, bringing the Stiphornis genus to a total of five species.

Equatorial Akalat *Sheppardia aequatorialis*

Showed well on the forest trail at Buhoma.

White-bellied Robin-Chat *Cossyphicula roberti*

We had great views of this species as it perched out in the open at Buhoma.

Archer's Ground Robin * *Cossypha archeri*

Was first seen by the participants on their Gorilla trek in Rwanda and again at Ruhija.

Blue-shouldered Robin-Chat *Cossypha cyanocampter*

This incredibly difficult species showed briefly at Mabira Forest.

Grey-winged Robin-Chat *Cossypha polioptera*

Another incredibly shy bird that gave us a brief look at Bigodi Swamp in Kibale.

White-browed Robin-Chat *Cossypha heuglini*

Recorded in most woodland areas on tour, our first views were at Lake Mburo NP.

Red-capped Robin-Chat *Cossypha natalensis*

Only recorded at Murchison Falls NP close to the falls.

Snowy-crowned Robin-Chat *Cossypha niveicapilla*

Seen well in QEP.

Spotted Palm Thrush *Cichladusa guttata*

Seen in Murchison Falls NP.

Brown-backed Scrub Robin *Cercotrichas hartlaubi*

First only heard at Buhoma on the forest edge and then seen well near the Royal Mile.

White-browed Scrub Robin *Cercotrichas leucophrys*

Most often heard but seen in QEP.

Eurasian Stonechat *Saxicola torquatus*

A widespread bird of higher lying areas that we first recorded daily from Lake Mburo to Ruhija.

NOTE: Many authorities recognise the split of African S. torquatus and European S. rubicola Stonechats (the latter a Palaearctic species), which is accepted by the IOC. Further splitting may occur in both groups including the highland Ethiopian form S. t. albofasciata that may become Ethiopian Stonechat.

Sooty Chat *Myrmecocichla nigra*

Very common in grassy areas in savanna throughout Uganda.

Mocking Cliff Chat *Thamnolaea cinnamomeiventris*

A pair showed well on the Butiaba Escarpment.

Fraser's Forest Flycatcher *Fraseria ocreata*

Recorded at the Royal Mile and again in Budongo Forest but at Kaniyo Pabidi.

White-eyed Slaty Flycatcher *Dioptrornis fischeri*

The race we encountered *toruensis* lacks a white eye-ring, was first encountered on route to Rwanda and frequently encountered in Bwindi Impenetrable NP.

Yellow-eyed Black Flycatcher* *Melaenornis ardeciacus*

This species restricted to the Albertine Rift was seen well at Ruhija and Buhoma in Bwindi Impenetrable NP.

Northern Black Flycatcher *Melaenornis edolioides*

Encountered in dry woodland areas close to Bwindi, in QEP and Murchison Falls NP.

Southern Black Flycatcher *Melaenornis pammelaina*

Only recorded one bird close to Lake Mburo NP as this species is restricted to the southern savanna area of Uganda.

Pale Flycatcher *Bradornis pallidus*

Recorded in QEP & Murchison Falls NP.

Silverbird *Empidornis semipartitus*

Seen well on a number of occasions in Murchison Falls NP.

Ashy Flycatcher *Muscicapa caerulescens*

Recorded at Murchison Falls NP close to Kaniyo Pabidi.

Swamp Flycatcher *Muscicapa aquatica*

Associated with papyrus in swamps, recorded a number of times on route to Lake Mburo, at Lake Mburo and in QEP.

Cassin's Flycatcher *Muscicapa cassinii*

Recorded at the Neck and again on the Ishasha River in QEP, this species is always associated with streams.

African Dusky Flycatcher *Muscicapa adusta*

Frequently encountered in and around Bwindi Impenetrable NP and Budongo where it predominantly inhabits forest the edge.

Dusky-blue Flycatcher *Muscicapa comitata*

This species was seen well at Buhoma.

Sooty Flycatcher *Muscicapa infuscata*

This forest species was recorded at Buhoma and on the Royal Mile.

Grey-throated Tit-Flycatcher *Myioparus griseigularis*

Recorded at Buhoma and Kibale NP, associated with forest.

Grey Tit-Flycatcher *Myioparus plumbeus*

Viewed at the start of the Royal Mile and again close to Kaniyo Pabidi in Murchison Falls NP, this is a woodland version of the previous species.

Sunbirds Nectariniidae

Grey-headed Sunbird *Deleornis axillaris*

A mid-strata forest sunbird that was seen at Buhoma.

Little Green Sunbird *Anthreptes seimundi*

Seen in Bwindi Impenetrable NP, Kibale and Mabira Forest.

Grey-chinned Sunbird *Anthreptes rectirostris*

First encountered at Buhoma in Bwindi Impenetrable NP at a nest and again at Kibale NP.

NOTE: This species is sometimes split into two forms, the eastern (including Ugandan) Grey-chinned Sunbird A. tephrolaemus and the nominate western Yellow-chinned Sunbird. This is not accepted by IOC.

Collared Sunbird *Hedydipna collaris*

One of the most commonly recorded forest sunbirds seen throughout Uganda.

Pygmy Sunbird *Hedydipna platura*

A sunbird species of semi-arid bush and wooded grasslands that was recorded in Murchison Falls NP.

Green-headed Sunbird *Cyanomitra verticalis*

Was seen at Bwindi Impenetrable NP and Kibale NP.

Blue-throated Brown Sunbird *Cyanomitra cyanoaema*

We had great views this large forest sunbird at the Royal Mile.

Blue-headed Sunbird * *Cyanomitra alinae*

Not the best views but seen along the forest trail at Buhoma.

Western Olive Sunbird *Cyanomitra olivacea*

Frequently encountered on the tour, Buhoma, Kaniyo Pabidi, Busingiro and Mabira Forests.

NOTE: The Olive Sunbird species complex is often split into two full species by some other authorities, namely the nominate Eastern Olive Sunbird C. olivacea and the form which we recorded in Uganda, Western Olive Sunbird. There has been a review of this split and several authorities are in doubt of the validity, which is based upon the presence, or lack there-of, of pectoral tufts in the females of the various forms within the complex. The split is not accepted by the IOC.

Green-throated Sunbird *Chalcomitra rubescens*

Recorded at Buhoma and in Kibale NP.

Scarlet-chested Sunbird *Chalcomitra senegalensis*

Recorded at Lake Mburo NP, Murchison Falls NP in Jinja and Entebbe Botanical Gardens

Bronzy Sunbird *Nectarinia kilimensis*

We recorded our first specimen on route to Rwanda, with peak numbers at Buhoma.

Olive-bellied Sunbird *Cinnyris chloropygius*

Recorded from forested sites in Buhoma and Budongo to lush woodland in Murchison Falls NP.

Northern Double-collared Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris reichenowi</i>
Peak numbers were seen at Kibale NP.	
Regal Sunbird *	<i>Cinnyris regius</i>
An outrageously beautiful Albertine Rift endemic that was seen really well at Echuya and Bwindi Impenetrable NP.	
Beautiful Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris pulchella</i>
Recorded in good numbers in Murchison Falls NP.	
Red-chested Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris erythrocerus</i>
A lake and marsh associated species that was recorded in Entebbe, Lake Mburo NP, QEP and Murchison Falls NP.	
Purple-banded Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris bifasciatus</i>
A woodland species seen in Jinja and in Entebbe Botanical Gardens.	
Superb Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris superbus</i>
First recorded on the Ishasha River in QEP, again in Busingiro and Mabira Forests.	
Variable Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris venustus</i>
Recorded in Lake Mburo NP, Bwindi Impenetrable NP and close to Masindi.	
Copper Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris cupreus</i>
Recorded at QEP, Murchison Falls and Busingiro.	

Old World Sparrows Passeridae

Chestnut-crowned Sparrow-Weaver	<i>Plocepasser superciliosus</i>
Seen in Murchison Falls NP.	
Kenya Sparrow	<i>Passer rufocinctus</i>
Recorded on the north bank of the Nile in Murchison Falls NP.	
<i>NOTE: Some authorities split this African sparrow into five species. Shelley's Rufous Sparrow P. shelleyi that we observed occurs largely in Ethiopia, Great Sparrow P. motitensis occurs in Southern Africa, Kenya Rufous Sparrow P. rufocinctus occurs in East Africa, Kordofan Rufous Sparrow P. cordofanicus occurs in Sudan and Socotra Sparrow is endemic to Socotra. IOC however, only accepts Great, Kenya and Socotra Sparrows as full species, and according to their classification the birds we recorded (Shelley's Rufous Sparrow) are treated as Kenya Sparrow.</i>	
Northern Grey-headed Sparrow	<i>Passer griseus</i>
By far the commonest sparrow in Uganda, seen almost daily throughout the tour.	

Weavers, Widowbirds Ploceidae

Speckle-fronted Weaver	<i>Sporopipes frontalis</i>
This uncommon species was seen in Murchison Falls NP.	
Thick-billed Weaver	<i>Amblyospiza albifrons</i>
Sighted in flocks at Kibale Forest.	
Baglafaecht Weaver	<i>Ploceus baglafaecht</i>
Recorded at scattered locations throughout the tour, predominantly in moister habitats.	
Slender-billed Weaver	<i>Ploceus pelzelni</i>
Seen well, especially in QEP around the lunch tables.	
Little Weaver	<i>Ploceus luteolus</i>
A dry country species that was seen outside of QEP.	
Spectacled Weaver	<i>Ploceus ocularis</i>
Recorded at Lake Mburo.	
Black-necked Weaver	<i>Ploceus nigricollis</i>
Recorded at Buhoma, Kibale and the Royal Mile.	
Strange Weaver *	<i>Ploceus alienus</i>

An Albertine Rift endemic that was seen well Echuya Forest and Ruhija.

Black-billed Weaver *Ploceus melanogaster*

Recorded in Buhoma.

African Golden Weaver *Ploceus xanthops*

Recorded in rank grassland in QEP.

Northern Brown-throated Weaver *Ploceus castanops*

Seen close to water at Lake Mburo NP.

Lesser Masked Weaver *Ploceus ocularis*

A scarce bird in Uganda, we saw this species daily in QEP.

Vitelline Masked Weaver *Ploceus velatus*

This species was recorded in Murchison Falls NP.

Village Weaver *Ploceus cucullatus*

The *bohndorffi* subspecies that we recorded was a common species throughout Uganda.

NOTE: This widespread African complex is a candidate for multi-species splitting and the subspecies P. c. bohndorffi which we recorded in Uganda will probably remain within the nominate Village Weaver P. cucullatus group. These splits are not as yet recognized by IOC.

Vieillot's Black Weaver *Ploceus nigerrimus*

Another extremely common Ugandan weaver, which we recorded frequently.

NOTE: The distinctive West African form of this weaver is sometimes split off as Chestnut-and-black Weaver P. castaneofuscus. Not split by the IOC.

Weyns's Weaver *Ploceus weynsi*

A very nomadic forest wanderer seen well at Mabira Forest.

Black-headed Weaver *Ploceus melanocephalus*

Recorded at Lake Mburo, QEP and Murchison Falls NP.

Golden-backed Weaver *Ploceus jacksoni*

This scarce weaver was seen by at Entebbe Botanical Gardens.

Compact Weaver *Pachyphantus superciliosus*

This uncommon species was seen near Budongo Forest, Masindi.

Dark-backed Weaver *Ploceus bicolor*

Only heard in Jinja.

Red-headed Malimbe *Malimbus rubricollis*

Seen initially at the Neck, then Buhoma in Bwindi Impenetrable forest and Kaniyo Pabidi.

Cardinal Quelea *Quelea cardinalis*

Recorded on the north bank of the Nile in Murchison Falls NP.

Red-headed Quelea *Quelea erythrops*

Seen in mixed flocks with the former species on the north bank of the Nile, in Murchison Falls NP.

Red-billed Quelea *Quelea quelea*

Recorded at Lake Mburo NP, QEP, Royal Mile and Murchison Falls NP.

Black Bishop *Euplectes gierowii*

A number of birds were seen in the Kibale area, the best sighting was at Bigodi Swamp.

Black-winged Red Bishop *Euplectes hordeaceus*

Good views were had of this species at QEP, Royal Mile and Murchison Falls NP.

Northern Red Bishop *Euplectes franciscanus*

Recorded in good numbers at Murchison Falls NP.

Yellow Bishop *Euplectes capensis*

Recorded at Volcanoes NP in Rwanda.

Fan-tailed Widowbird *Euplectes axillaris*

Sighted in Lake Mburo NP for the first time.

Yellow-mantled Widowbird*Euplectes macrourus*

Seen abundantly in Murchison Falls NP.

NOTE: We also observed a potential split, Yellow-shouldered Widowbird, currently classified as *Euplectes macrourus macrocercus* (which has a black mantle in place of the yellow, and has yellow shoulders only) near Masindi. This split is not recognised by IOC.

White-winged Widowbird*Euplectes hartlaubi*

A localised bird in Uganda, seen in QEP.

Red-collared Widowbird*Euplectes ardens*

A few good looking males were seen near the Royal Mile, Masindi.

Waxbills & Allies Estrildidae**White-breasted Nigrita***Nigrita fusconotus*

Recorded at all the forest sights throughout Uganda.

Grey-headed Nigrita*Nigrita canicapillus*

Also commonly seen and heard in forests throughout the country.

White-collared Oliveback*Nesocharis ansorgei*

A short but good look at this difficult species was had at Ruhija.

Red-winged Pytilia*Pytilia phoenicoptera*

Seen in and just outside Murchison Falls NP.

Dusky Crimsonwing **Cryptospiza jacksoni*

This Albertine Rift endemic was recorded at Echuya Forest and in Ruhija.

Red-headed Bluebill*Spermophaga ruficapilla*

Great views of this bird were at Buhoma.

Brown Twinspot*Clytospiza monteiri*

This stunning bird was recorded at the Royal Mile in the agricultural lands.

Black-bellied Firefinch*Lagonosticta rara*

Also recorded in the agricultural lands at the Royal Mile.

Red-billed Firefinch*Lagonosticta senegala*

Recorded at Lake Mburo NP, near Ruhija and Bigodi Swamp.

African Firefinch*Lagonosticta rubricata*

This widespread species in Uganda seen almost daily.

Red-cheeked Cordon-bleu*Uraeginthus bengalus*

Seen in savanna habitat at Lake Mburo and Murchison Falls NP's.

Yellow-bellied Waxbill*Estrilda quartinia*

This species was seen in the highland area of Ruhija.

Fawn-breasted Waxbill*Estrilda paludicola*

This species was recorded in QEP and in the agricultural lands at the Royal Mile.

Black-rumped Waxbill*Estrilda troglodytes*

Recorded at Murchison Falls NP.

Common Waxbill*Estrilda astrild*

Seen on the outskirts of QEP and in Jinja.

Black-faced Waxbill*Estrilda erythronotos*

Seen at Lake Mburo NP.

Black-crowned Waxbill*Estrilda nonnula*

This species was seen at Echuya Forest, Buhoma and later the Royal Mile.

Black-headed Waxbill*Estrilda atricapilla*

A higher elevation species than the former, seen at Ruhija.

African Quail-Finch*Ortygospiza fuscocrissa*

We saw a number of scattered flocks in Murchison Falls NP.

Bronze Mannikin *Lonchura cucullata*

Commonly recorded species in moister habitats throughout Uganda.

Black-and-white Mannikin *Lonchura bicolor*

Recorded at Ruhizha.

NOTE: This species is often split as two distinct species. Red-backed Mannikin, L. nigriceps of southern Africa and the nominate which we recorded in Uganda. The IOC does accept this split.

Indigobirds, Whydahs Viduidae

Village Indigobird *Vidua chalybeata*

Recorded between Ruhija and Buhoma, QEP and later outside of Murchison Falls NP.

Pin-tailed Whydah *Vidua macroura*

Seen in good numbers in the latter half of the tour.

Wagtails & Pipits Motacillidae

Cape Wagtail *Motacilla capensis*

A few birds were seen in Bwindi Impenetrable NP.

African Pied Wagtail *Motacilla aguimp*

One of the more common birds of the tour, seen almost daily.

Yellow-throated Longclaw *Macronyx croceus*

Inhabitant of grassy habitats, it was seen at Lake Mburo NP, QEP and Murchison Falls NP.

African Pipit *Anthus cinnamomeus*

We first recorded it at Lake Mburo NP, between Ruhija and Buhoma, in QEP and Murchison Falls NP.

NOTE: African pipit taxonomy is in rather disarray and much further research is required in the phylogeny of this grouping. Several forms which are considered subspecies are likely to become full species in their own rights and several new forms are surely still to be described. The identification of two new species of pipits from an urban hockey field in Kimberley, South Africa, provides an excellent illustration regarding how little is know about African pipits and how little attention has been paid to them.

Plain-backed Pipit *Anthus leucophrys*

We got great views of this species at Lake Mburo NP, in QEP and at Royal Mile.

NOTE: A. l. goodsoni of central and SW Kenya may be split off from the nominate group A. leucophrys. The Ugandan races we recorded would probably remain within the nominate complex. The IOC does not recognise this split.

Finches Fringillidae

Western Citril *Crithagra frontalis*

This bird was seen in Rwanda at Ruhija and later near the Royal Mile.

NOTE: This complex is now split into three distinct species, the eastern Southern Citril C. hyposticta, the western Western Citril C. frontalis (which is the form occurring in Uganda) and the nominate African Citril C. citrinelloides. IOC recognizes these splits.

White-rumped Seedeater *Crithagra leucopygia*

Excellent views were had of this scarce species outside of Murchison Falls NP.

Yellow-fronted Canary *Crithagra mozambica*

A widespread species in Uganda, we recorded it in scattered localities throughout.

Brimstone Canary *Crithagra sulphurata*

This large canary was seen in Rwanda, QEP and later in Kibale NP.

Streaky Seedeater *Crithagra striolata*

We got multiple views of this highland forest edge species while in Rwanda and at Ruhija.

Thick-billed Seedeater *Crithagra burtoni*

Another highland canary common in Bwindi Impenetrable NP, where we recorded a few individuals in Ruhija.

NOTE: The Tanzanian endemic *S. b. melanochrous* is sometimes split off a Kipengere Seed-eater. The split is accepted by the IOC.

Buntings Emberizidae

Cinnamon-breasted Bunting *Emberiza tahapisi*

Recorded on the Butiaba Escarpment.

Golden-breasted Bunting *Emberiza flaviventris*

Seen in Ruhija and in QEP.

Brown-rumped Bunting *Emberiza affinis*

We had excellent views of a single bird at Sambiya Lodge in Murchison Falls NP.

Annotated List of Mammal Species recorded

Taxonomy and nomenclature follows ‘The Kingdon Field Guide to African Mammals’ by Jonathan Kingdon, Academic Press, 1997.

Total species recorded (45)

Apes Hominidae

Chimpanzee *Pan troglodytes*

Our first sighting was of a female and her youngster feeding in a fig tree, while we were on an afternoon walk shortly after arriving in Kibale NP. The next morning we found about twelve individuals in the same fruiting fig tree as the day before. We had another great sighting in Kaniyo Pabidi where we saw two adult chimpanzees moving along the forest floor.

(Mountain) Gorilla *Gorilla gorilla*

This incredible mammal is one of the primary reasons we travel to this part of Africa and it was in Rwanda that the participants spent that one invaluable hour with these gentle giants. On arrival at Buhoma we went on an afternoon birding walk to the visitors centre and a family group crossed over the road in front of us, some members saw the entire group and some only a part of one.

Colobid Monkeys Colobidae

Central African Red Colobus *Piliocolobus oustaleti*

A leaf feeding monkey that is present in good numbers in Kibale Forest. This forest holds by far the largest population of these monkeys in East Africa, and despite the supposed large off-take by chimps each year, the population seems to be doing well. We saw this monkey every day while at Kibale NP.

Guereza Colobus *Colobus guereza*

A common monkey of forest patches in Uganda and we were treated to multiple excellent views throughout the tour.

Cheek-Pouch Monkeys Cercopithecidae

Olive Baboon *Papio anubis*

A common primate in Uganda, we saw large numbers in woodland and forest edge, with particularly large numbers in the Ishasha section of QEP.

Grey-cheeked Mangabey *Lophocebus albigena*

This primate was seen in Echuya Forest, Kibale and Mabira Forests.

Vervet Monkey *Cercopithecus pygerythrus*

This light-grey guenon is readily identified by its black face and the male's distinctive blue genitals. Associated with a wide variety of habitats, it is the only guenon you are likely to see outside of the forests and it is thought to be the most numerous monkey species in the world. Widespread throughout Uganda and seen frequently throughout the trip.

Tantalus Monkey *Cercopithecus tantalus*

A race of Vervet Monkey that was seen close to Jinja.

L'Hoest's Monkey *Cercopithecus lhoesti*

Probably the most handsome of Uganda's primates, we recorded it in Bwindi Impenetrable NP and later Kibale NP. It is essentially a terrestrial species, but ascends trees to feed or to escape danger.

Blue Monkey *Cercopithecus mitis stuhlmanni*

We had good views of this monkey in Budongo, Kaniyo Pabidi and Busingiro Forests.

Red-tailed Monkey *Cercopithecus ascanius*

This species was seen in Ruhija, Kibale, Budongo on the Royal Mile and Busingiro.

Lorisids Loridae

Thick-tailed Galago *Otolemur crassicaudatus*

At least three were seen in Lake Mburo NP on a night drive and were black in colour, the melanistic black morph.

Flying-Foxes Pteropidae

Straw-coloured Fruit Bat *Eidolon helvum*

We saw this impressive bat in the late afternoon and early evening near Masindi and at Jinja.

Large-Winged Bats Megadermatidae

Yellow-winged Bat *Lavia frons*

Seen at Lake Mburo, Murchison Falls NP and QEP.

Hares & Rabbits Leporidae

Uganda Grass-Hare *Poelagus marjorita*

Uganda grass-hares physically resemble a domestic rabbit, which is reflected in its colloquial name, Bunyoro rabbit. This species has relatively short ears and truncated limbs when compared to other Leporidae. A couple of these were seen at Murchison Falls NP.

Squirrels Sciuridae

Carruther's Mountain Squirrel *Funisciurus carruthersi*

A few specimens were seen in Bwindi Impenetrable NP.

Boehm's Squirrel *Paraxerus boehmi*

We saw this tiny squirrel Bwindi Impenetrable NP and in Budongo Forest.

Rwenzori Sun Squirrel *Heliosciurus ruwenzori*

Seen in Echuya Forest and in Ruhija.

Mustelids Mustelidae

Zorilla (Striped Polecat) *Ichonyx striatus*

Seen in Murchison Falls NP on a night drive.

Spot-necked Otter

Lutra maculicollis

Seen at Lake Bunyoni on route to Ruhija from Rwanda.

Mongoose Herpestriidae

Ichneumon (Egyptian) Mongoose

Herpestes ichneumon

Seen on the North bank of the Nile in Murchison Falls NP.

Slender Mongoose

Herpestes sanguinea

A widespread African mongoose, it was seen in Lake Mburo NP.

Dwarf Mongoose

Helogale parvula

This little mongoose was seen in Lake Mburo NP and in Murchison Falls NP.

Banded Mongoose

Mungos mungo

Seen in agricultural lands close to the Royal Mile.

White-tailed Mongoose

Ichneumia albicauda

Seen on a night drive in Lake Mburo NP.

Hyaenas Hyaenidae

Spotted Hyaena

Crocuta crocuta

Heard in Lake Mburo, QEP and in Murchison Falls NP, only one seen near Masindi.

Cats Felidae

Leopard

Panthera pardus

A great surprise and highlight, we had an outstanding view of a single individual right alongside the road while in Murchison Falls NP.

Lion

Panthera leo

We had a male lion in the grassland when we arrived in QEP and later viewed a single then two lionesses up trees, the lions in this area of QEP, Ishasha are renowned for this tree climbing activity.

Elephants Elephantidae

African Elephant

Loxodonta africana

Good numbers were seen in both QEP and in Murchison Falls NP.

Horses Equidae

Common (Burchell's) Zebra

Equus quagga

This species is restricted to the southern savannas of Uganda and was seen in good numbers at Lake Mburo NP.

Hippopotamuses Hippopotamidae

Hippopotamus

Hippopotamus amphibius

Good views were had of these amphibious mammals, Ishasha River, Kazinga Channel and in Murchison Falls NP.

Pigs Suidae

Common Warthog

Phacochoerus africanus

A common savanna inhabitant seen at Lake Mburo, Queen Elizabeth and Murchison Falls NP's.

Giraffes Giraffidae

Giraffe

Giraffa camelopardalis

We had views of several of these, the tallest land mammal on earth while on the north bank of the Nile River in Murchison Falls NP. We recorded the distinctive Rothschild's form, which, may be split into a separate species, based on coat pattern and range differences, as well as genetic work, the one species of giraffe currently accepted may be split into six distinct species!

Bovids & Horned Ungulates

African Buffalo

Syncerus caffer

We saw numerous individuals in Lake Mburo, Queen Elizabeth and Murchison Falls NP's. This bovid provided excellent photographic opportunities along the Kazinga Channel and the Nile in Murchison Falls NP, but definite highlights were the enormous herds scattered across vast areas of luscious grassland on the north bank of the Nile.

Bushbuck

Tragelaphus scriptus

Encountered in Lake Mburo NP, QEP and in Murchison Falls NP.

Sitatunga

Tragelaphus spekei

One of the shyest of Africa's antelope, we were extremely fortunate to see a single animal in a papyrus swamp in the south of the country on route to Lake Mburo NP.

Black-fronted Duiker

Cephalophus nigrifrons

This forest antelope was seen at Buhoma.

Yellow-backed Duiker

Cephalophus silvicultor

The largest duiker species in the world was seen at Buhoma.

Oribi

Ourebia ourebi

Good numbers of this rare and difficult to see species were seen in the grasslands on the north bank of the Nile in Murchison Falls NP.

Bohor Reedbuck

Redunca redunca

Generally uncommon, we saw individuals in Lake Mburo NP.

Uganda Kob

Kobus kob thomasi

Seen in large numbers in QENP on the Kasenyi Track and later on the north bank of the Nile in Murchison Falls NP.

Defassa Waterbuck

Kobus ellipsiprymnus defassa

We saw this antelope in Lake Mburo, Queen Elizabeth and Murchison Falls NP.

Impala

Aepyceros melampus

A special of the southern savannas, therefore only occurring at Lake Mburo where we saw numerous individuals. These animals are much longer horned than those from southern Africa.

Topi

Damaliscus lunatus

One of the swiftest of African antelopes, seen in Lake Mburo and QEP.

Kongoni (Jackson's Hartebeest)

Alcelaphus buselaphus

We saw a few individuals on the north bank of the Nile in Murchison Falls NP.

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