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GHANA I

Rockfowl & Upper Guinea Specials

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White-necked Rockfowl by Paul Ellis

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Trip Summary

Our record breaking trip total of 460 species in 19 days reflects the immense birding potential of Ghana. Whilst the focus of the tour was certainly the rich assemblage of Upper Guinea specialties, we did not neglect the interesting diversity of mammals. Participants were treated to 15 Upper Guinea specialties and an array of rare, elusive, localized and stunning species. These included secretive Forest



and White-throated Francolin, Saddle-billed Stork, White-backed Night Heron, a very rare migrant Eurasian Bittern, Beaudouin's Snake Eagle, low density Red-thighed Sparrowhawk, Long-tailed Hawk, splendid Fox Kestrel, African Finfoot, the mesmerising Egyptian Plover, Forbes's Plover, a vagrant American Golden Plover, Four-banded Sandgrouse, Great Blue Turaco, Black-throated Coucal, Olive Long-tailed Cuckoo, Northern White-faced Owl, Fraser's Eagle-Owl, Red-chested Owlet, Black-shouldered and Standard-winged Nightjar, Narina Trogon, Blue-bellied Roller, Chocolate-backed Kingfisher, Blue-headed, Black

and Rosy Bee-eaters, all 10 species of Hornbill, all 13 species of Barbet, Spotted Honeyguide, African Piculet, Little Green, Fire-bellied and Gabon Woodpeckers, Rufous-sided Broadbill displaying, Red-billed Helmetshrike, magnificent White-necked Rockfowl, rare Rufous-rumped Lark, Oriole Warbler, Western Bonelli's Warbler, Green-tailed Bristlebill, Rufous-winged Illadopsis, Copper-tailed Starling, rare Nimba and Gambaga Flycatcher, Buff-throated and Johanna's Sunbird, Maxwell's and Preuss's Weaver, Black-bellied Seedcracker, and both Exclamatory and Togo Paradise Whydah amongst many others. Some of the mammalian highlights included fantastic views of Olive Colobus, Lowe's and Lesser White-nosed Monkey and African Elephant.

It's funny to think that when we first pioneered birding trips to Ghana, there were very few tourists, let alone birdwatchers in the country. It is therefore pleasing to see how this has changed significantly, with many tourists and birdwatchers now visiting this wonderful place. I had the great opportunity of sharing many birding highlights with two of my colleagues who were leading concurrent birding tours to the region, with the result that all of us benefitted from our shared knowledge. Ghana is fast becoming *the* country to visit in West Africa, particularly the Upper Guinea region, as it is well known to be one of the friendliest African nations, offering good food and a sound infrastructure, together with a wonderful diversity of birds and mammals – all of which makes this a truly fabulous tour!

Our extremely successful trip started off with a visit to the nearby Shai Hills. We made an early start to avoid traffic, and soon found ourselves in this fantastic reserve. Whilst exploring the wonderful rocky outcrops and mixed woodland we found some great birds, including several obliging Stone Partridges, a Red-necked Buzzard soaring overhead, smart Senegal Parrots feeding on fruiting trees, striking Violet Turaco, Vieillot's and Double-toothed Barbets, stunning Yellow-crowned Gonolek, Rock Martin, a couple of migrant Wood Warbler, for once a confiding



Blackcap Babbler, the localized White-crowned Cliff Chat and migrant Spotted and European Pied Flycatchers, amongst many others.

Leaving the reserve we made our way north to the Volta, finding our first splendid White-bibbed Swallow and enjoying a buffet lunch. Thereafter we travelled to Kalakpa, stopping en route for the magnificent Blue-bellied Roller. We later enjoyed some great evening birding, finding a delightful African Scops Owl, a hooting African Wood Owl that suddenly appeared right in front of us, and both Black-shouldered and Long-tailed Nighthjars. What a great way to end off our first day!



spent at Kalakpa was frustrating at times, as the forest seemed particularly quiet. However, with patience and persistence, we managed to see a good selection of birds that included Black Sparrowhawk, Brown-necked Parrot, White-crested Hornbill (sporting his very long tail), Spotted Honeyguide, Fine-spotted Woodpecker, elusive Blue-headed Crested Flycatcher, Western Nicator, Red-tailed Leaflove, White-throated Greenbul, Puvell's Illadopsis, secretive Capuchin Babbler and Western Forest Robin.

Thereafter we made our way to Sakamono Lagoon where we enjoyed a wonderful diversity of waders and herons. This included a Black Heron using its "umbrella" hunting technique alongside a dark morph Western Reef Heron, giving us the pleasure of comparing these similar birds side by side. We also ticked off Royal Tern, Collared Pratincoles and a bonus in the form of a vagrant American Golden Plover!

From Accra we headed west towards the famous Kakum National Park. After an early breakfast and leaving the hustle and bustle of Accra with its attendant Hooded Vultures and Black Kites, we stopped at the coastal grasslands on the Winneba plains. Here we witnessed two Grey Kestrels flying together and locking talons (an impressive sight indeed), a splendid male Black-bellied Bustard, Guinea Turaco showing well for us all, displaying Flappet Lark, several Red-winged Warblers, migrant Whinchat and Plain-backed Pipit. From the plains we then made our way down to the lagoon where many waders were seen, along with a new addition to our ever growing list in the form of three Bar-tailed Godwits.

Continuing on, we stopped briefly at a roadside wetland that produced African Pygmy Goose, Purple Heron, lily trotting Black Crake, African Swampphen and magnificent views of Splendid Starling. We then made our way to our hotel for a delicious lunch. In the late afternoon we visited Brimsu Reservoir where we obtained scope views of African Finfoot, a lovely female Giant Kingfisher, tiny Speckled Tinkerbird, beautiful Chestnut Wattle-eye and Grey-headed Bristlebill.

Our time in Kakum National Park was particularly productive. Here we explored several sites and the diversity of habitats, ranging from the famous canopy walkway to primary forest, secondary forest and thicket. Some of our highlights here included Red-chested Goshawk, scope views of a Red-thighed Sparrowhawk (which sat for what seemed an eternity!), a fleeting Long-tailed Hawk, a pair of Blue-headed Wood Doves, Grey and Red-fronted Parrot, one Great Blue Turaco – sadly now rare in Ghana due to



habitat loss and over hunting, stunning close-up views of Yellow-billed Turaco, Blue Malkoha,



dazzling male African Emerald Cuckoo, confiding Red-chested Owlet, a truly magnificent Fraser's Eagle-Owl, Sabine's and Cassin's Spinetails, beautiful Black and Rosy Bee-eater, Forest Woodhoopoe, a feast of hornbills that included Red-billed Dwarf, Brown-cheeked and both Black and Yellow-casqued Wattled, Red-rumped Tinkerbird, Cassin's Honeybird, tiny African Piculet, Gabon and Fire-bellied Woodpecker, a very impressive male Rufous-sided Broadbill displaying (what a sight!), Red-billed Helmeshrike, Blue Cuckooshrike, Fanti Saw-wing, Preuss's Cliff Swallow, Tit Hylia (the smallest bird in Africa), Black-capped and Sharpe's Apalis, Kemp's Longbill, smart Violet-backed Hylia, Copper-tailed and Chestnut-winged Starling, Ussher's Flycatcher, Buff-throated and Johanna's Sunbird, Maxwell's and Preuss's Weaver, and to top it all off, a splendid male Western Bluebill. We also visited the large Pra River that hosted White-crowned Lapwing, Green



Sandpiper, Rock Pratincole and White-bibbed Swallow. Wheh! And the continual flow of new birds didn't stop there...

From Kakum we then travelled to a remote forested area. Excitement mounted as we neared the forest in great anticipation of what was to come. We were in search of the near-mythical – yes, you guessed it, the pre-historic looking White-necked Rockfowl! This species was thought to be extinct in Ghana for 50 years and only rediscovered a few years ago. We set off through this beautiful primary forest to a rocky outcrop where some rockfowl had cleverly built their nests under a protected overhang. It was a fairly long walk but not too arduous. On arriving at the site we found a suitable place to sit, quietly waited for some time, and then suddenly there they were: three magnificent White-necked Rockfowl! At one point an individual hopped onto a vine so close by that we almost dared not to breathe; what an absolutely exhilarating experience! With our spirits as high as they could ever be, we then made our way to Kumasi where much celebrating took place over dinner.

From Kumasi we made our way to the extensive broad-leafed woodlands of Mole National Park. En route we found a confiding African Cuckoo-Hawk, followed by a pair of White-throated Francolin right on the road – what a coup! This fabulous park covers well over 4000-km² and is a real wilderness. Traversing the network of roads and habitats by both car and foot we were treated to a remarkable number of species. On one occasion we visited an area that had recently been burnt by the park management. Carefully working our way through this spot we were delighted to find a wonderful assortment of great birds, including a smart Fox Kestrel, Forbes's Plovers, splendid Northern White-faced Owl, Black Scimitarbill, Brown-backed Woodpecker, White-breasted Cuckooshrike, rare Rufous-rumped and Sun Lark, the highly sought-after Spotted Creeper, a pair of White-fronted Black Chats, elusive Gambaga Flycatcher and striking Red-headed Weaver. Other highlights of our stay in Mole included Saddle-billed Stork, White-backed Night Heron, White-headed Vulture, numerous Grasshopper Buzzards, African Hawk-Eagle, a pair of cryptic Four-banded Sandgrouse,



Bruce's Green Pigeon, Rose-ringed Parakeet, Red-headed Lovebird, African Cuckoo, Greyish Eagle-Owl, Standard-winged Nightjar (we saw several males sporting their impressive standards), Blue-breasted Kingfisher, a large colony of Red-throated Bee-eater, stunning Northern Carmine Bee-eater, Bearded Barbet, Red-shouldered Cuckooshrike, African Blue Flycatcher, Oriole Warbler, Yellow-bellied Hyliota, spectacular Long-tailed Glossy Starling, the secretive White-crowned Robin-Chat, Western Violet-backed and Pygmy Sunbird, Black-bellied and Black-faced Firefinch, and both Exclamatory and Togo Paradise Whydah. We also enjoyed sightings of huge, bull African Elephants.

Heading into the far North, we stopped en route near the White Volta and were very pleasantly



surprised to find a superb Eurasian Bittern – only the second confirmed record for Ghana! We then visited the Tongon Hills, an area of rocky hills that rewarded us with further sightings of Fox Kestrel as well as Wahlberg's Eagle, several smart Rock-loving Cisticola, a male Blue Rock Thrush and two Ortolan Buntings. Our time spent in the area around Bolgatanga and Tono Dam proved to be most rewarding with sightings of Beaudouin's Snake Eagle, Dark Chanting Goshawk, Tawny and Booted Eagle a splendid Red-necked Falcon, Spotted Thick-knee, Namaqua Dove, Great Spotted Cuckoo, Western Barn Owl, smart

Woodchat Shrike, flocks of Piapiac, Red-chested and West African Swallow, Sedge and Great Reed Warbler, Western Bonelli's Warbler (very few records exist for Ghana), Dorst's Cisticola, Northern Crombec, flocks of Chestnut-bellied Starling, White-billed Buffalo Weaver at their nests, Speckle-fronted Weaver, Black-rumped Waxbill, Black-faced Quailfinch, African Silverbill and White-rumped Seedeater. A further visit to the White Volta saw us finding many Spur-winged Lapwing and Mourning Collared Dove, but the undoubted highlight was seeing at least six magnificent Egyptian Plovers – truly one of the world's most beautiful waders!

From the North we travelled back to Kumasi where we spent the morning in the small but productive Bobiri Butterfly Sanctuary. And what a morning it turned out to be! Here we soon added a number of great forest species, including Forest Francolin, a superb male Narina Trogon, the elusive Black Dwarf Hornbill, Bristle-nosed Barbets at a nesting colony, Willcock's Honeyguide, Little Green Woodpecker, a lovely pair of Purple-throated Cuckooshrikes, Dusky Tit and Finsch's Rufous Thrush.

Travelling further south we headed for the great Atewa Forest. Excitedly we boarded 4x4 vehicles to take us up the rough track into the forest proper, and we were soon enjoying some fabulous birding. Even though we had already spent almost two weeks in the forest zone, we still picked up a significant number of great birds, including Olive Long-tailed Cuckoo, Chocolate-backed Kingfisher, exquisite Blue-headed Bee-eater, Brown-crowned Tchagra, Sabine's Puffback, Western Bearded Greenbul, Square-tailed Saw-wing, White-tailed Alethe, Fraser's Forest Flycatcher, Fraser's Sunbird, Thick-billed Weaver, Black-bellied Seedcracker and three Upper Guinea endemics, Green-tailed Bristlebill, Rufous-winged Illadopsis and Nimba Flycatcher – the latter only discovered in Ghana in 2006. On our return back to the hotel in the evening we found a hunting Bat Hawk, a fitting finale to a fantastic trip!



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Annotated List of Birds recorded

Nomenclature and taxonomy follows the IOC 2.3 List of: Gill, F. and Wright, M. 20/12/2009. Birds of the World: Recommended English Names. Princeton NJ: Princeton University Press.

Brackets indicate Clements [omissions] and (changes)

Total species recorded: 460 (443 seen and 17 heard)

E = Upper Guinea Endemic, NE = Upper Guinea Near Endemic.

Guineafowl Numididae

Helmeted Guineafowl

Numida meleagris

We saw up to forty daily in Mole NP.

Pheasants, Fowl & Allies Phasianidae

Stone Partridge

Ptilopachus petrosus

We had excellent sightings in Shai Hills and Mole NP with peak sightings of eight birds daily.

Forest Francolin

Peliperdix lathamii

We had good but brief views of two near Kumasi, a secretive and seldom seen species.

White-throated Francolin

Peliperdix albogularis

We were extraordinarily lucky to see a pair on the road during our drive to Mole NP.

Ahanta Francolin (NE)

Pternistis ahantensis

We heard several calling at Antwikwaa.

Double-spurred Francolin

Pternistis bicalcaratus

A pair was seen in Shai Hills, with peak sightings of up to eight daily in Mole NP.

Note: Clements places this in the genus Francolinus

Ducks, Geese & Swans Anatidae

White-faced Whistling Duck

Dendrocygna viduata

Our first sighting was on a roadside pond near Winneba and we later had good numbers in Mole NP and at Tono Dam where we had peak sightings of three hundred.

African Pygmy Goose

Nettapus auritus

We had superb scope views of five en route to Kakum NP.

Storks Ciconiidae

Woolly-necked Stork

Ciconia episcopus

We had daily sightings at the wetland below our accommodations in Mole NP.

Saddle-billed Stork

Ephippiorhynchus senegalensis

This magnificent bird was seen in Mole NP, where we had great scope views of a female.

Ibises & Spoonbills Threskiornithidae

Hadada Ibis

Bostrychia hagedash



We had daily sightings of small numbers in Mole NP.

Hérons & Bitterns Ardeidae

Eurasian Bittern

Botaurus stellaris

We were extremely fortunate to see one near the White Volta. A great find by Carole and we even managed to get some photos of this rarity. A very rare migrant to Ghana, according to Grimes only the second certain record!

White-backed Night Heron

Gorsachius leuconotus

We had good views of three in Mole NP.

Black-crowned Night Heron

Nycticorax nycticorax

We found three at the Brimsu Reservoir.

Striated Heron

Butorides striata

Seen at several wetlands including Hans Cottage and in Mole NP

Squacco Heron

Ardeola ralloides

Seen in small numbers at several sites including three in Mole NP

[Western] Cattle Egret

Bubulcus ibis

Seen on almost everyday of the tour – especially prevalent in the drier northern parts of Ghana with peak sightings of two hundred during the drive from Mole NP to Bolgatanga

Grey Heron

Ardea cinerea

Recorded at most wetland localities on tour – highest numbers were forty at Sakamono Lagoon.

Black-headed Heron

Ardea melanocephala

Small numbers were seen in Mole NP and grasslands in the north.

Purple Heron

Ardea purpurea

Our first sighting was of two at a roadside wetland en route to Kakum and others seen in Mole NP.

[Western] Great Egret

Ardea alba

Five were seen at Sakamono Lagoon.

Intermediate Egret

Egretta intermedia

We had good scope views of two at Sakamono Lagoon and one in Mole NP.

Black Heron

Egretta ardesiaca

We enjoyed watching these smart birds hunting with their “umbrella wings” at Sakamono Lagoon.

Little Egret

Egretta garzetta

We had regular encounters with this bird at most wetlands – highest count was ten at Sakamono.

Western Reef Heron

Egretta gularis

Recorded at Sakamono Lagoon, where we had good scope views of three

Hamerkop Scopidae

Hamerkop

Scopus umbretta

We had numerous sightings in Mole NP where up to six were seen daily.

Cormorants Phalacrocoracidae

Reed (Long-tailed) Cormorant

Microcarbo africanus

Small numbers were seen at several wetlands with a peak count of forty near Cape Coast.

Ospreys Pandionidae

[Western] Osprey

Pandion haliaetus

We had two sightings, one near the Volta Dam and another in Mole NP. Rarely encountered in Ghana



Kites, Hawks, Eagles Accipitridae

- African Cuckoo-Hawk** *Aviceda cuculoides*
We had a fabulous sighting of an adult en route from Kumasi to Mole NP.
- European Honey Buzzard** *Pernis apivorus*
Our first sighting was of one in flight in Shai Hills, with a further sighting near Ebekawopa.
- Bat Hawk** *Macheiramphus alcinus*
We had good views of one hunting at dusk near Atewa.
- Black-winged (-shouldered) Kite** *Elanus caeruleus*
We had ten sightings of this species in the more open grasslands of Ghana.
- Black Kite** *Milvus migrans*
One of the most common birds of the tour, seen on virtually every day
Note: We saw the Yellow-billed Kite, M. parasiticus on a daily basis in good numbers and Black Kite, M. migrans a flock of twenty in Mole NP.
- Palm-nut Vulture** *Gypohierax angolensis*
We had good views of three in Kakum NP and a further juvenile in Mole NP.
- Hooded Vulture** *Necrosyrtes monachus*
Another very common bird, we had daily sightings where they were most commonly encountered in towns and cities.
- White-backed Vulture** *Gyps africanus*
We had a total of five in Mole NP.
- White-headed Vulture** *Trigonoceps occipitalis*
We enjoyed good views of one in Mole NP.
- Beaudouin's Snake Eagle** *Circaetus beaudouini*
We had good sightings of two en route from Mole NP to Bolgatanga.
- [Western] Banded Snake Eagle** *Circaetus cinerascens*
We heard this species in Mole NP.
- Bateleur** *Terathopius ecaudatus*
A bird that is mostly seen in larger parks and reserves, we had daily sightings in Mole NP.
- Congo Serpent Eagle** *Dryotriorchis spectabilis*
We heard one in Kakum NP and another near Atewa Forest.
- Western Marsh Harrier** *Circus aeruginosus*
We had many sightings in the north including peak numbers of ten daily near Bolgatanga
- African Harrier-Hawk** *Polyboroides typus*
Common and seen well in Kakum NP, including several sightings from the canopy walkway
- Dark Chanting Goshawk** *Melierax metabates*
Small numbers were seen daily in the far north around Tono Dam and Bolgatanga.
- Gabar Goshawk** *Micronisus gabar*
One seen in Mole NP
- Red-chested Goshawk** *Accipiter toussenelii*
One seen briefly but well near Ebekawopa and another at Atewa Forest
- Shikra** *Accipiter badius*
We recorded this common species at many sites including Shai Hills, Ho, Accra and Mole NP. A total of fourteen sightings during the tour
- Red-thighed Sparrowhawk** *Accipiter erythropus*
We had magnificent scope views of one near Ebekawopa. A rare species that is seldom seen



Black Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter melanoleucus</i>
We had a single sighting near Kalakpa.	
Long-tailed Hawk	<i>Urotriorchus macrourus</i>
We had a brief sighting of an adult at Aboabo.	
Lizard Buzzard	<i>Kaupifalco monogrammicus</i>
Seen near Kalakpa and in Mole NP	
Grasshopper Buzzard	<i>Butastur rufipennis</i>
First seen on our way to Mole NP, with further sightings near Bolgatanga and at Tono Dam. Peak numbers of thirty were seen daily near Mole NP.	
Red-necked Buzzard	<i>Buteo auguralis</i>
Seen in Shai Hills, Winneba Plains, Antwikwaa, Mole NP and Atewa. We enjoyed a total of thirteen sightings.	
Tawny Eagle	<i>Aquila rapax</i>
We had a good sighting of one en route from Bolgatanga to Kumasi.	
African Hawk-Eagle	<i>Aquila spilogaster</i>
We enjoyed superb views of an adult in Mole NP.	
Wahlberg's Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus wahlbergi</i>
We had good views of one at the Tongon Hills.	
Booted Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus pennatus</i>
We had superb views of one near Bolgatanga.	

Falcons Falconidae

Common (Eurasian) Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>
First seen in the town of Ho, we had a further sighting in Kumasi.	
Fox Kestrel	<i>Falco alopex</i>
Our first sighting was awesome scope views of an adult in Mole NP with further sightings of up to four in the Tongon Hills.	
Grey Kestrel	<i>Falco ardosiaceus</i>
We enjoyed wonderful sightings of two tumbling, with talons locked at the Winneba plains and several more sightings near Bolgatanga.	
Red-necked Falcon	<i>Falco chicquera</i>
We had fantastic scope views of one near Tono Dam.	
African Hobby	<i>Falco cuvierii</i>
We had a brief sighting of one flying over near Ebekawopa.	
Lanner Falcon	<i>Falco biarmicus</i>
We had several sightings including a pair hunting near Bolgatanga.	
Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>
We found a pair near the Volta River and a further one en route from Mole to Bolgatanga.	

Bustards Otididae

Black-bellied Bustard	<i>Lissotis melanogaster</i>
We had superb views of one on the Winneba plains.	

Flufftails Sarothruridae

White-spotted Flufftail	<i>Sarothrura pulchra</i>
We heard several calling in Kakum NP.	



Finfoots Heliornithidae

African Finfoot *Podica senegalensis*
We had good scope views of a female at Brimsu Reservoir.

Rails, Crakes & Coots Rallidae

Nkulengu Rail *Himantornis haematopus*
We heard two pairs calling at Kalakpa.

Black Crake *Amaurornis flavirostra*
We found several at a wetland en route from Accra to Kakum NP.

African Swamphen *Porphyrio madagascariensis*
We had great scope views of three at a wetland en route from Accra to Kakum NP.

Note: Clements lumps this with Purple Swamphen (P. porphyrio)

Common Moorhen *Gallinula chloropus*
We found six at a wetland en route to Kakum NP.

Thick-knees Burhinidae

Senegal Thick-knee *Burhinus senegalensis*
We had numerous sightings in Mole NP.

Spotted Thick-knee *Burhinus capensis*
We had great views of three near Tono Dam.

Stilts & Avocets Recurvirostridae

Black-winged Stilt *Himantopus himantopus*
Highest count of thirty at Sakamono Lagoon and a further six seen on the White Volta

Plovers Charadriidae

Spur-winged Lapwing *Vanellus spinosus*
Small numbers were seen at Sakamono Lagoon and a further forty five on the White Volta.

Black-headed Lapwing *Vanellus tectus*
We had superb scope views of three near Tono Dam.

White-crowned Lapwing *Vanellus albiceps*
We had great views of a pair near Twifo Praso.

[African] Wattled Lapwing *Vanellus senegallus*
Recorded in small numbers at Sakamono Lagoon and in Mole NP

American Golden Plover *Pluvialis dominica*
We had great scope views of one at Sakamono Lagoon. A rare vagrant

Grey (Black-bellied) Plover *Pluvialis squatarola*
We had small numbers at Sakamono and Winneba Lagoons.

Common Ringed Plover *Charadrius hiaticula*
We had sightings at Sakamono Lagoon and a peak count of three hundred at Winneba Lagoon.

Kittlitz's Plover *Charadrius pecuarius*
We found three at Sakamono Lagoon.

Forbes's Plover *Charadrius forbesi*
We were particularly fortunate to find three at a boval in Mole NP.



Egyptian Plover Pluvianidae**Egyptian Plover***Pluvianus aegyptius*

This magnificent bird was seen very well on the White Volta where we found a total of six.

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

We saw these 'lily-trotters' at most waterbodies with floating vegetation. Our highest count was of ten daily in Mole NP.

Sandpipers & Allies Scolopacidae**Bar-tailed Godwit***Limosa lapponica*

We had good scope views of three at Winneba Lagoon.

Whimbrel*Numenius phaeopus*

We found two at Sakamono Lagoon and a further four at Winneba Lagoon.

Spotted Redshank*Tringa erythropus*

We found one at a wetland in Mole NP.

Common Redshank*Tringa totanus*

At least four seen at Sakamono Lagoon

Marsh Sandpiper*Tringa stagnatilis*

We saw one bird at Sakamono Lagoon and a further two at Winneba Lagoon.

Common Greenshank*Tringa nebularia*

We had sightings at Sakamono and Winneba Lagoons, Mole NP and Tono Dam.

Green Sandpiper*Tringa ochropus*

We had a single bird near Twifo Praso.

Wood Sandpiper*Tringa glareola*

We had small numbers at Sakamono Lagoon and in Mole NP.

Common Sandpiper*Actitis hypoleucos*

We had sightings at most wetland localities on tour.

Ruddy Turnstone*Arenaria interpres*

We found three at Sakamono Lagoon and a further four at Winneba Lagoon.

Sanderling*Calidris alba*

We had a flock of forty at Sakamono Lagoon and a further thirty at Winneba Lagoon.

Little Stint*Calidris minuta*

At least one hundred were seen at Sakamono Lagoon and a further forty at Winneba Lagoon.

Curlew Sandpiper*Calidris ferruginea*

Up to thirty were seen at Sakamono Lagoon and a further one hundred at Winneba Lagoon.

Ruff*Philomachus pugnax*

We had good views of six at Sakamono Lagoon.

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

We found twenty at Sakamono Lagoon.

Rock Pratincole*Glareola nuchalis*

We found two birds on the Pra River near Twifo Praso.



Gulls, Terns & Skimmers Laridae

- Gull-billed Tern** *Gelochelidon nilotica*
We had good views of two at Sakamono Lagoon.
- Royal Tern** *Thalasseus maximus*
We enjoyed good scope views of one at Sakamono Lagoon.
- Sandwich Tern** *Thalasseus sandvicensis*
We had a total of six at Sakamono Lagoon.
- Common Tern** *Sterna hirundo*
A single bird was seen at Sakamono Lagoon.

Sandgrouse Pteroclididae

- Four-banded Sandgrouse** *Pterocles quadricinctus*
We had superb scope views of a pair in Mole NP.

Pigeons & Doves Columbidae

- Common (Rock) Pigeon** *Columba livia*
Recorded at many urban centres throughout the country
- Speckled Pigeon** *Columba guinea*
Were commonly recorded in the far north of the country of the distinctive pale-rumped race *guinea*
- [Western] Bronze-naped Pigeon** *Columba iriditorques*
We heard one calling in Atewa Forest.
- Mourning Collared Dove** *Streptopelia decipiens*
We had fantastic views of eight near the White Volta river.
- Red-eyed Dove** *Streptopelia semitorquata*
This large dove was seen on many days of the tour.
- Vinaceous Dove** *Streptopelia vinacea*
Our first sighting was at Shai Hills, with more sightings at Kalakpa and daily in the north.
- Laughing Dove** *Spilopelia senegalensis*
Another very common bird, seen on many days of the tour
- Black-billed Wood Dove** *Turtur abyssinicus*
Daily sightings in Mole NP and near Tono Dam
- Blue-spotted Wood Dove** *Turtur afer*
We had good views of one walking on the road at Antwikwaa.
- Tambourine Dove** *Turtur tympanistria*
First seen in Kakum, we had later sightings at Aboabo and Atewa.
- Blue-headed Wood Dove** *Turtur brehmeri*
We had stunning scope views of one near the canopy walkway in Kakum NP and a further pair at Aboabo.
- Namaqua Dove** *Oena capensis*
We found a single bird near Tono Dam.
- Bruce's Green Pigeon** *Treron waalia*
Our time spent in Mole produced several sightings of this smart species.
- African Green Pigeon** *Treron calvus*
This was a common bird at all the forested sites in Ghana.

Parrots Psittacidae



Rose-ringed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula krameri</i>
We had numerous sightings in Mole NP.	
Red-headed Lovebird	<i>Agapornis pullarius</i>
We were fortunate to see a pair briefly in Mole NP.	
Grey Parrot	<i>Psittacus erithacus</i>
We had a total of three birds fly over us during our time spent in Kakum NP.	
[Brown-necked Parrot]	<i>Poicephalus fuscicollis</i>
We had fair views of one at Kalakpa.	
Red-fronted Parrot	<i>Poicephalus gulielmi</i>
We had sightings of one in Kakum NP and a pair at Atewa.	
Senegal Parrot	<i>Poicephalus senegalus</i>
Recorded at most savanna sites, with our highest count being twenty on one day in Mole NP	

Turacos Musophagidae

Great Blue Turaco	<i>Corythaeola cristata</i>
We had wonderful scope views of one on the canopy walkway in Kakum NP.	
Guinea Turaco	<i>Tauraco persa</i>
We had a good sighting of one on the Winneba plains and brief sightings in Kalakpa.	
Yellow-billed Turaco	<i>Tauraco macrorhynchus</i>
A noisy species heard all over the forest areas, with magnificent sightings from the canopy walkway.	
Violet Turaco	<i>Musophaga violacea</i>
This stunning species was seen at Shai Hills and in Mole NP, including wonderful scope views.	
Western Plantain-eater	<i>Crinifer piscator</i>
Seen on many days of the tour, especially in the north	

Cuckoos Cuculidae

Black-throated Coucal	<i>Centropus leucogaster</i>
A tricky species to see in forest tangles, we located one at Aboabo.	
Senegal Coucal	<i>Centropus senegalensis</i>
A common species, seen at Shai Hills, Mole and Tono Dam	
Blue-headed Coucal	<i>Centropus monachus</i>
One was seen at Atewa Forest, a leader only sighting.	
Blue Malkoha (Yellowbill)	<i>Ceuthmochares aereus</i>
This is a common species in the forests of Ghana and we saw them in Kakum NP and Atewa.	
Great Spotted Cuckoo	<i>Clamator glandarius</i>
We had brief views of one near Tono Dam.	
Levaillant's Cuckoo	<i>Clamator levaillantii</i>
We had a single bird at Shai Hills and several more seen in Mole NP.	
Thick-billed Cuckoo	<i>Pachycoccyx audeberti</i>
We heard one calling at Kalakpa.	
Dideric Cuckoo	<i>Chrysococcyx caprius</i>
We had a superb sighting at Ebekawopa and another in the Tongon Hills.	
Klaas's Cuckoo	<i>Chrysococcyx klaas</i>
We had several sightings in Kakum NP.	
African Emerald Cuckoo	<i>Chrysococcyx cupreus</i>
Far more often heard than seen, we had good scope views of a splendid male on the canopy walkway.	



Olive Long-tailed Cuckoo*Cercococcyx olivinus*

This species was heard on several occasions in Kakum NP and seen by some in Atewa Forest.

Black Cuckoo*Cuculus clamosus*

We heard one calling in Atewa Forest.

Red-chested Cuckoo*Cuculus solitarius*

Heard at Bonkro Forest

African Cuckoo*Cuculus gularis*

We found two in Mole NP.

Barn Owls Tytonidae**Western Barn Owl***Tyto alba*

We enjoyed superb views of one near our hotel in Bolgatanga.

Note: Clements lumps both Eastern and Western Barn Owls. IOC splits the Western Barn Owl, T.alba of the Americas and Africa from the Eastern Barn Owl, T.javanica of Australasia

Owls Strigidae**African Scops Owl***Otus senegalensis*

We had superb scope views of one at Kalakpa.

Northern White-faced Owl*Ptilopsis leucotis*

We had fantastic views of one in Mole NP.

Greyish Eagle-Owl*Bubo cinerascens*

We observed several birds hunting for insects in Mole NP.

Fraser's Eagle-Owl*Bubo poensis*

We had a magnificent sighting of one in the early evening in Kakum NP.

African Wood Owl*Strix woodfordii*

We had superb views of one at Kalakpa.

Pearl-spotted Owlet*Glaucidium perlatum*

We enjoyed six sightings in Mole NP.

Red-chested Owlet*Glaucidium tephronotum*

We had magnificent views of one in Kakum NP.

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

We had good views of one at Kalakpa.

Freckled Nightjar*Caprimulgus tristigma*

We heard one calling nearby in the Tongon Hills.

Long-tailed Nightjar*Caprimulgus climacurus*

We had good views of at least six at Kalakpa and a further six in Mole NP.

Standard-winged Nightjar*Macrodipteryx longipennis*

We had two stunning males in Mole NP.

Swifts Apodidae**Mottled Spinetail***Telacanthura ussheri*

We had a superb sighting of one at Kalakpa.

Sabine's Spinetail*Rhaphidura sabini*

We had sightings of two daily in Kakum NP.



Cassin's Spinetail*Neafrapus cassini*

Up to four seen daily in Kakum NP.

African Palm Swift*Cypsiurus parvus*

Seen virtually everywhere where tall palms were present.

Common Swift*Apus apus*

Up to fifty were seen daily over the forest in Kakum NP.

Little Swift*Apus affinis*

Seen at almost every bridge in the country! Our sightings included some really large flocks.

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

We had magnificent scope views of a male in Bobiri Butterfly Sanctuary.

Rollers Coraciidae**Purple (Rufous-crowned) Roller***Coracias naevius*

We had one near Shai Hills and several more in northern Ghana.

Abyssinian Roller*Coracias abyssinicus*

We had daily sightings of this stunner in the north of the country.

Blue-bellied Roller*Coracias cyanogaster*

We had great looks at Kalakpa, followed by sightings in Mole NP.

Blue-throated Roller*Eurystomus gularis*

We had several sightings in Kakum NP.

Broad-billed Roller*Eurystomus glaucurus*

We had sightings at Kalakpa, Shai Hills, Brimsu and Mole.

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

We had great looks at one in Kakum NP and even better views of another at Atewa Forest.

Grey-headed Kingfisher*Halcyon leucocephala*

We had daily sightings of small numbers in Mole NP.

Striped Kingfisher*Halcyon chelicuti*

We had one on the Winneba plains and two in Mole NP.

Blue-breasted Kingfisher*Halcyon malimbica*

We had wonderful views of several in Mole NP.

Woodland Kingfisher*Halcyon senegalensis*

A common species seen in small numbers almost daily

African Pygmy Kingfisher*Ispidina picta*

We had stunning views of one in Mole NP.

Malachite Kingfisher*Alcedo cristata*

We saw this little gem of a bird at various wetlands on the tour.

Giant Kingfisher*Megaceryle maxima*

We enjoyed wonderful scope views of a female at the Brimsu Reservoir.

Pied Kingfisher*Ceryle rudis*

This, the world's most widespread kingfisher, was seen at various wetlands on tour.

Bee-eaters Meropidae

Blue-headed Bee-eater	<i>Merops muelleri</i>
We had cracking views of this beauty in Atewa Forest.	
Black Bee-eater	<i>Merops gularis</i>
Another stunning species and we had magnificent views of three at Antwikwaa.	
Swallow-tailed Bee-eater	<i>Merops hirundineus</i>
We had good views of a pair birds in Mole NP.	
Little Bee-eater	<i>Merops pusillus</i>
Three birds were seen near Tono Dam.	
Red-throated Bee-eater	<i>Merops bulocki</i>
We found large numbers of this stunning bird in Mole NP.	
White-throated Bee-eater	<i>Merops albicollis</i>
An intra-African migrant, prevalent only during the dry season in Ghana, seen at most forested sites on tour and in good numbers	
Rosy Bee-eater	<i>Merops malimbicus</i>
Small numbers were seen daily in Kakum NP.	
Northern Carmine Bee-eater	<i>Merops nubicus</i>
We had a wonderful sighting of two in Mole NP.	

Hoopoes Upupidae

Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>
We had superb views of a pair in Mole NP.	

Wood Hoopoes Phoeniculidae

Forest Wood Hoopoe	<i>Phoeniculus castaneiceps</i>
We had good views of one on the canopy walkway and a further two at Aboabo and one at Atewa.	
White-headed Wood Hoopoe	<i>Phoeniculus bollei</i>
We had a lovely pair at Ebekawopa.	
Green Wood Hoopoe	<i>Phoeniculus purpureus</i>
We had sightings at Kalakpa and in Mole NP.	
Black Scimitarbill	<i>Rhinopomastus aterrimus</i>
We enjoyed good views of several in Mole NP.	

Hornbills Bucerotidae

African Pied Hornbill	<i>Tockus fasciatus</i>
A common inhabitant of forest and forest edge, recorded on almost every day of the tour.	
African Grey Hornbill	<i>Tockus nasutus</i>
First seen in Shai Hills, with more at Kalakpa and daily sightings in the north	
Northern Red-billed Hornbill	<i>Tockus erythrorhynchus</i>
We saw this bird in Mole NP and near Tono Dam.	
Black Dwarf Hornbill	<i>Tockus hartlaubi</i>
We had great views of this rare species in Bobiri Butterfly Sanctuary.	
Red-billed Dwarf Hornbill	<i>Tockus camurus</i>
We enjoyed good views of one at Ebekawopa.	
White-crested Hornbill	<i>Tropicranus albocristatus</i>
This funky-looking hornbill was seen in Kalakpa and even better views were obtained in Kakum NP.	
<i>Note: Clements places this in the genus Tockus</i>	



Piping Hornbill	<i>Bycanistes fistulator</i>
We had distant scope views of one at Brenu Akyim.	
Brown-cheeked Hornbill (E)	<i>Bycanistes cylindricus</i>
We enjoyed two separate sightings in Kakum NP.	
Black-casqued Wattled Hornbill	<i>Ceratogymna atrata</i>
We had magnificent views of eight from the canopy walkway.	
Yellow-casqued Wattled Hornbill	<i>Ceratogymna elata</i>
We had good views of two from the canopy walkway.	

African Barbets Lybiidae

Bristle-nosed Barbet	<i>Gymnobucco peli</i>
Small numbers were seen in Kakum NP with a final sighting of thirty in Bobiri Butterfly Sanctuary.	
Naked-faced Barbet	<i>Gymnobucco calvus</i>
Very similar in appearance to the previous species, we had sightings in Kakum NP and Atewa.	
Speckled Tinkerbird	<i>Pogoniulus scolopaceus</i>
Our first sighting was of a pair near Brimsu Reservoir and small numbers were seen daily in Kakum.	
Red-rumped Tinkerbird	<i>Pogoniulus atroflavus</i>
We had good views of one from the canopy walkway.	
Yellow-throated Tinkerbird	<i>Pogoniulus subsulphureus</i>
We had good scope views of two at Antwikwaa.	
Yellow-rumped Tinkerbird	<i>Pogoniulus bilineatus</i>
We had good views of one at Kalakpa and another at Aboabo.	
Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird	<i>Pogoniulus chrysoconus</i>
Three were seen very well in Shai Hills and several more in Mole NP.	
Yellow-spotted Barbet	<i>Buccanodon duchaillui</i>
We had brief views of two at Ebekawopa and a further two at Atewa Forest.	
Hairy-breasted Barbet	<i>Tricholaema hirsuta</i>
Small numbers were seen in Kakum NP.	
Vieillot's Barbet	<i>Lybius vieilloti</i>
A fairly common bird of savanna, we had good sightings at Shai Hills and near Tono Dam.	
Double-toothed Barbet	<i>Lybius bidentatus</i>
We had great views of a pair in Shai Hills.	
Bearded Barbet	<i>Lybius dubius</i>
At least two seen daily in Mole NP and a further two seen daily around Tono Dam	
Yellow-billed Barbet	<i>Trachyphonus purpuratus</i>
We had good views of one at Antwikwaa.	

Honeyguides Indicatoridae

Cassin's Honeybird	<i>Prodotiscus insignis</i>
We found a single bird from the canopy tower.	
Willcocks's Honeyguide	<i>Indicator willcocksii</i>
We had good but brief views of one at Bobiri Butterfly Sanctuary.	
Lesser Honeyguide	<i>Indicator minor</i>
We saw one in Shai Hills and another in Mole NP.	
Spotted Honeyguide	<i>Indicator maculatus</i>
We had fantastic views of one bird at Kalakpa.	



Greater Honeyguide*Indicator indicator*

We found three in Mole NP. This is the only species known to actually guide mammals to a beehive.

Woodpeckers Picidae**African Piculet***Sasia africana*

We enjoyed good views of one at Aboabo.

Fine-spotted Woodpecker*Campethera punctuligera*

First seen at Kalakpa with further sightings in Mole NP

Little Green Woodpecker (NE)*Campethera maculosa*

We had superb scope views of one at Bobiri Butterfly Sanctuary.

Buff-spotted Woodpecker*Campethera nivosa*

We had a great sighting of this elusive forest woodpecker in gallery forest in Mole NP.

Cardinal Woodpecker*Dendropicos fuscescens*

We found two in Mole NP.

Gabon (Melancholy) Woodpecker*Dendropicos gabonensis*

We enjoyed four separate sightings in Kakum NP.

Note: Clements splits Gabon Woodpecker into Gabon (D. gabonensis) and Melancholy (D. lugubris) Woodpeckers. Following this view, Melancholy Woodpecker would become an Upper Guinea Endemic.

Fire-bellied Woodpecker (NE)*Dendropicos pyrrhogaster*

We had a superb sighting of three at Aboabo.

African Grey Woodpecker*Dendropicos goertae*

We found four in Mole NP.

Brown-backed Woodpecker*Picoides obsoletus*

We had fantastic views of two of this low density species in Mole NP.

Broadbills Eurylaimidae**Rufous-sided Broadbill***Smithornis rufolateralis*

This splendid species was seen exceptionally well on two occasions in Kakum NP.

Wattle-eyes and Batises Platysteiridae**Black-and-white Shrike-flycatcher***Bias musicus*

We found a female at Ebekawopa and a male at Aboabo.

Chestnut Wattle-eye*Dyaphorophya castanea*

Seen in small numbers at most forest sites

Red-cheeked Wattle-eye (NE)*Dyaphorophya blissetti*

We heard this species at Kalakpa and Atewa.

Senegal Batis*Batis senegalensis*

First seen in Shai Hills, with further sightings in Mole NP

Brown-throated Wattle-eye*Platysteira cyanea*

We had good views of several in Mole NP.

Helmetshrikes Prionopidae**White-crested Helmetshrike***Prionops plumatus*

We had good views of several flocks in Mole NP.

Note: Clements calls this species White Helmetshrike

Red-billed (Chestnut-bellied) Helmetshrike (NE) *Prionops caniceps*

We enjoyed good views of one at Ebekawopa.

Bushshrikes Malaconotidae

- Grey-headed Bushshrike** *Malaconotus blanchoti*
We saw one well in Mole NP.
- Orange-breasted Bushshrike** *Chlorophoneus sulfureopectus*
We had good views of two in Mole NP.
- Brown-crowned Tchagra** *Tchagra australis*
We had good but brief views of one at Atewa.
- Black-crowned Tchagra** *Tchagra senegalus*
We enjoyed numerous sightings including six at Winneba Plains.
- Sabine's Puffback** *Dryoscopus sabini*
After only hearing this species in Kakum NP we were rewarded with good sightings of two at Atewa.
- Northern Puffback** *Dryoscopus gambensis*
First seen in Shai Hills, we had later enjoyed many sightings in Mole NP.
- [Lowland] Sooty Boubou** *Laniarius leucorhynchus*
We heard one calling at Atewa.
- Tropical Boubou** *Laniarius aethiopicus*
We heard one calling near Ebekawopa.
- Yellow-crowned (Common) Gonolek** *Laniarius barbarus*
This outrageously colourful bird was seen well in Shai Hills and a further two in Mole NP.
- Brubru** *Nilaus afer*
Two were seen in Mole NP.

Cuckooshrikes Campephagidae

- White-breasted Cuckooshrike** *Coracina pectoralis*
We found two pairs of this smart species in Mole NP.
- Blue Cuckooshrike** *Coracina azurea*
This stunning species was seen particularly well on the canopy walkway and further sightings at Bobiri.
- Red-shouldered Cuckooshrike** *Campephaga phoenicea*
A pair was seen in Mole NP. Another good-looking bird!
- Purple-throated Cuckooshrike** *Campephaga quiscalina*
We found a pair in Bobiri Butterfly Sanctuary. A scarce bird in Ghana!

Shrikes Laniidae

- Yellow-billed Shrike** *Corvinella corvina*
A common species of open savanna, seen well in Shai Hills and Mole NP
- Common Fiscal** *Lanius collaris*
Most common during the drive from Kumasi to Atewa where we saw ten
- Woodchat Shrike** *Lanius senator*
This Palaearctic migrant was seen near Tono Dam.

Figbirds & Orioles Oriolidae

- African Golden Oriole** *Oriolus auratus*
We had at least eight birds in Mole NP.
- Western (Black-headed) Oriole** *Oriolus brachyrhynchus*



We had good views of two at Atewa.

Black-winged Oriole*Oriolus nigripennis*

Very similar in appearance to the previous species, it was seen more regularly in Kakum with other sightings at Atewa.

Drongos Dicruridae**Square-tailed Drongo***Dicrurus ludwigii*

We had fantastic views of two in gallery forest in Mole NP.

Fork-tailed Drongo*Dicrurus adsimilis*

We had two birds on our first day in Shai Hills, followed by later sightings in Mole NP.

Velvet-mantled Drongo*Dicrurus modestus*

This bird was commonly seen in all forested localities on tour.

Monarchs Monarchidae**Blue-headed Crested Flycatcher***Trochocercus nitens*

We had good but brief views of one at Kalakpa and another at Aboabo.

Red-bellied (Black-headed) Paradise Flycatcher*Terpsiphone rufiventer*

A common bird of the forest interior, with sightings at Kalakpa, Kakum and Atewa

African Paradise Flycatcher*Terpsiphone viridis*

We had daily sightings in Mole NP.

Crows & Jays Corvidae**Piapiac***Ptilostomus afer*

We saw one flock near Kalakpa and up to twenty daily in the north.

Pied Crow*Corvus albus*

One of the most common birds of the tour, with large numbers on most days

Rockfowl Picathartidae**White-necked Rockfowl (E)***Picathartes gymnocephalus*

Undoubtedly the highlight of the tour! We had very good sightings of three birds bounding through the undergrowth and over boulders in Bonkro Forest.

Fairy Flycatchers Stenostiridae**African Blue Flycatcher***Elminia longicauda*

We had good views of two in Mole NP.

Tits & Chickadees Paridae**White-shouldered Black Tit***Parus guineensis*

We had brief sightings of a pair in Shai Hills and up to four daily in Mole NP.

Note: Clements places this in the genus Melaniparus

Dusky Tit*Parus funereus*

We had good views of a pair at Bobiri Butterfly Sanctuary.

Nicators Nicatoridae**Western (Yellow-spotted) Nicator***Nicator chloris*

We had good views of one at Kalakpa and another at Brimsu Reservoir.

Larks Alaudidae

Flappet Lark

Mirafra rufocinnamomea

We had good views of two displaying at the Winneba Plains.

Rufous-rumped Lark

Pinarocorys erythropygia

We had fantastic views of three individuals of this rare species in Mole NP.

Sun Lark

Galerida modesta

We had good views of one in Mole NP and another near Tono Dam.

Chestnut-backed Sparrow-Lark

Eremopterix leucotis

A flock of up to fifteen birds was seen in Mole NP and several more in the Tongon Hills.

Bulbuls Pycnonotidae

Common Bulbul

Pycnonotus barbatus

As its name implies, this species was common throughout and seen every day.

Little Greenbul

Andropadus virens

Far more often heard than seen, this skulker was seen on a few occasions in Kakum NP.

Little Grey Greenbul

Andropadus gracilis

We had good views of one at Antwikwaa.

Note: Clements calls this Gray Greenbul

Ansorge's Greenbul

Andropadus ansorgei

Surprisingly we only heard this species in Kakum NP.

Plain Greenbul

Andropadus curvirostris

We found two birds at Kalakpa and several in Kakum NP.

Slender-billed Greenbul

Andropadus gracilirostris

We found small numbers daily at Kalakpa, Kakum NP and Atewa Forest.

Yellow-whiskered Greenbul (Bulbul)

Andropadus latirostris

A species which can be difficult to see, we saw a single bird in Kakum NP and another at Atewa.

Honeyguide Greenbul

Baeopogon indicator

A good-looking greenbul with a beautiful call, we had good sightings on the canopy walkway.

Spotted Greenbul

Ixonotus guttatus

A pair was seen on the canopy walkway and a further five at Ebekawopa.

Simple Greenbul

Chlorocichla simplex

We had good sightings at Antwikwaa and Ebekawopa.

Yellow-throated Leaflove (Greenbul)

Chlorocichla flavicollis

We had good views of a pair in gallery forest in Mole NP.

Swamp [Palm] Bulbul

Thescelocichla leucopleura

This noisy species was seen in Kalakpa and Kakum NP.

Red-tailed Leaflove

Pyrrhurus scandens

We had brief views of two of these shy birds at Kalakpa.

Icterine Greenbul

Phyllastrephus icterinus

We had superb views of two in Kakum NP.

White-throated Greenbul

Phyllastrephus albigularis

We had good views of one at Kalakpa.

Red-tailed (Common) Bristlebill

Bleda syndactylus

This species was seen in Atewa Forest.



Green-tailed Bristlebill (E)	<i>Bleda eximius</i>
We had superb views of one in Atewa Forest.	
Grey-headed Bristlebill	<i>Bleda canicapillus</i>
One was seen briefly at Brimsu Reservoir.	
Western Bearded Greenbul (NE)	<i>Criniger barbatus</i>
We had a good sighting of three in Atewa Forest.	
Red-tailed Greenbul	<i>Criniger calurus</i>
Several were heard in Bonkro Forest.	

Swallows & Martins Hirundinidae

Square-tailed Saw-wing	<i>Psalidoprocne nitens</i>
We had fantastic views of one in a clearing in Atewa forest.	
Fanti Saw-wing	<i>Psalidoprocne obscura</i>
We had superb views of two at Ebekawopa.	
Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>
A common migrant, up to fifty were seen daily in Kakum NP.	
Red-chested Swallow	<i>Hirundo lucida</i>
Up to thirty were recorded daily in the far North.	
Ethiopian Swallow	<i>Hirundo aethiopica</i>
We found small numbers in the Accra area.	
Wire-tailed Swallow	<i>Hirundo smithii</i>
We had good sightings in Mole NP.	
White-bibbed (White-throated Blue) Swallow	<i>Hirundo nigrita</i>
We found one on the Volta River and a further four at Twifo Praso.	
Rock Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne fuligula</i>
We had good views of two at Shai Hills.	
Lesser Striped Swallow	<i>Cecropis abyssinica</i>
Commonly found in the forested areas near Kakum.	
Mosque Swallow	<i>Cecropis senegalensis</i>
We had good views of four in Mole NP.	
West African Swallow	<i>Cecropis domicella</i>
Up to forty were seen between Bolgatanga and Tono Dam.	
<i>Note: Clements lumps this with Red-rumped Swallow (C. daurica), calling it as such</i>	
Preuss's [Cliff] Swallow	<i>Petrochelidon preussi</i>
We had a flock of about fifty at Brenu Akyim with several more seen very well near Aboabo.	

Cettia Bush Warblers & Allies Cettidae

Chestnut-capped Flycatcher	<i>Erythrocercus mccallii</i>
We had good views of three on the canopy walkway and a further two at Ebekawopa.	
Green Hylia	<i>Hylia prasina</i>
Small numbers were seen almost daily in Kakum NP.	
Tit Hylia	<i>Pholidornis rushiae</i>
We had superb views of a pair on the canopy walkway and a further two at Antwikwaa.	

Leaf Warblers & Allies Phylloscopidae

Willow Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>
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We had good views of several in Mole NP.

Western Bonelli's Warbler *Phylloscopus bonelli*

We had superb views of one near Tono Dam.

Wood Warbler *Phylloscopus sibilatrix*

We had good views of two in Shai Hills.

Reed Warblers & Allies Acrocephalidae

Great Reed Warbler *Acrocephalus arundinaceus*

We had good views of one en route to Bolgatanga.

Sedge Warbler *Acrocephalus schoenobaenus*

We found two at a stream crossing on our way north toward Bolgatanga.

Western Olivaceous Warbler *Iduna opaca*

We had great views of one in Mole NP.

Melodious Warbler *Hippolais polyglotta*

We found several in Mole NP.

Cisticolas & Allies Cisticolidae

Red-faced Cisticola *Cisticola erythrops*

We found two near Twifo Praso

Singing Cisticola *Cisticola cantans*

We had good views of one in rank vegetation near Tono Dam.

Whistling Cisticola *Cisticola lateralis*

We saw a single bird and heard many more at Kalakpa.

Rock-loving Cisticola *Cisticola emini*

We had fantastic views of three in the Tongon Hills.

Winding Cisticola *Cisticola marginatus*

We had good views of two en route from Bolgatanga to Kumasi.

Note: This species complex has been split into five species by the IOC, while Clements has it as one species, Winding Cisticola (C. galactotes)

Croaking Cisticola *Cisticola natalensis*

We found several at Shai Hills.

Dorst's Cisticola *Cisticola dorsti*

We had good but brief views of one near Tono Dam.

Short-winged (Siffling) Cisticola *Cisticola brachypterus*

We had good views of one in Shai Hills.

Rufous Cisticola *Cisticola rufus*

We had good views of one in Mole NP.

Zitting Cisticola *Cisticola juncidis*

We found one on the Winneba Plains.

Black-backed (-necked) Cisticola *Cisticola eximius*

This range-restricted bird was seen at the Sakamono Lagoon.

Tawny-flanked Prinia *Prinia subflava*

Fairly common in rank vegetation, we had numerous sightings throughout the tour.

Red-winged Warbler *Heliolais erythropterus*

We enjoyed superb views of four of these smart warblers on the Winneba Plains.

Yellow-breasted Apalis *Apalis flavida*



A scarce species in Ghana, we had good views of four in Mole NP.

Black-capped Apalis *Apalis nigriceps*

We had superb views of a pair at Aboabo.

Sharpe's Apalis (E) *Apalis sharpii*

We had good views of two on the canopy walkway and a further two at Atewa Forest.

Oriole Warbler *Hypergerus atriceps*

After an extensive search we were rewarded with great views of three in Mole NP.

Grey-backed Camaroptera *Camaroptera brevicauda*

A common species of dense shrubbery everywhere, we had sightings at most forest sites.

Note: Clements lumps this species with Green-backed Camaroptera (C. brachyura)

Yellow-browed Camaroptera *Camaroptera superciliaris*

Far more often heard than seen, we had good views at Antwikwaa and Aboabo.

Olive-green Camaroptera *Camaroptera chloronota*

Can be difficult to see, we saw one at Atewa.

Senegal Eremomela *Eremomela pusilla*

Common in the savanna areas, we had many sightings in Shai Hills, Mole NP and Tono Dam area.

Rufous-crowned Eremomela *Eremomela badiceps*

We had good views of four at Aboabo and three in Atewa.

Family Uncertain Incertae Sedis

Moustached Grass Warbler *Melocichla mentalis*

We heard one during our time at Kalakpa.

Kemp's Longbill (NE) *Macrosphenus kempii*

One was seen by Bill at Antwikwaa and several more heard in the forest at Atewa.

Grey Longbill *Macrosphenus concolor*

We had good views of two in Kalakpa and another in Atewa.

Northern Crombec *Sylvietta brachyura*

We had good views of one near Tono Dam.

Green Crombec *Sylvietta virens*

We had good views of a pair at Antwikwaa.

Lemon-bellied Crombec *Sylvietta denti*

We had brief views of one on the canopy walkway.

Babblers & Parrotbills Timaliidae

Blackcap Illadopsis *Illadopsis cleaveri*

We heard one calling at Ebekawopa and another at Atewa

Rufous-winged Illadopsis (E) *Illadopsis rufescens*

We were fortunate to see one of these upper guinea endemics at Atewa.

Puvel's Illadopsis *Illadopsis puveli*

We had cracking views of one at Kalakpa.

Brown Illadopsis *Illadopsis fulvescens*

We had brief views of two in Kalakpa and a further three at Atewa.

Blackcap Babbler *Turdoides reinwardtii*

We had superb scope views of a pair in Shai Hills and a further five in Mole NP.

Brown Babbler *Turdoides plebejus*



We had good views of two at our hotel in Accra and further sightings on the Winneba Plains and in Mole NP.

Capuchin Babbler *Phyllanthus atripennis*

We had brief views of two of this ultra skulker at Kalakpa.

Sylviid Babblers Sylviidae

Common (Greater) Whitethroat *Sylvia communis*

We had good views of one near Tono Dam.

White-eyes Zosteropidae

African Yellow White-eye *Zosterops senegalensis*

We found one at Antwikwaa, another in the Tongon Hills and one near Tono Dam.

Hyliotas Hylotiidae

Yellow-bellied Hyliota *Hyliota flavigaster*

We had good but brief views of one in a mixed species flock in Mole NP.

Violet-backed Hyliota *Hyliota violacea*

We had brief views of a pair from the canopy walkway with a further sighting of one at Aboabo where we enjoyed scope views of a stunning male.

Treecreepers Certhiidae

Spotted Creeper *Salpornis spilonotus*

We had fantastic views of this enigmatic species in Mole NP.

Starlings Sturnidae

Copper-tailed (Glossy) Starling (E) *Hyalopsar cupreocauda*

We had fantastic views of one on the canopy walkway and a further four at Ebekawopa.

Lesser Blue-eared (Glossy) Starling *Lamprotornis chloropterus*

We found up to forty daily in Mole NP.

Splendid (Glossy) Starling *Lamprotornis splendidus*

This large glossy starling was seen at all the forested sites, with highest numbers of ten in Kakum.

Purple (Glossy) Starling *Lamprotornis purpureus*

Up to ten seen daily in Mole NP with smaller numbers around Tono Dam.

Long-tailed Glossy Starling *Lamprotornis caudatus*

Commonly seen in Mole and around Bolgatanga and Tono Dam

Chestnut-bellied Starling *Lamprotornis pulcher*

We found twenty near Tono Dam.

Violet-backed Starling *Cinnyricinclus leucogaster*

We saw a large flock of fifty from the canopy walkway and a further thirty at Ebekawopa.

Chestnut-winged Starling *Onychognathus fulgidus*

We had great views of a pair on the canopy walkway.

Thrushes Turdidae

White-tailed Rufous Thrush *Neocossyphus poensis*

We had brief views of two in Atewa Forest.



Finsch's Rufous Thrush (NE)*Stizorhina finschii*

We had good views of one at Bobiri Butterfly Sanctuary.

Note: Clements calls this Finsch's Flycatcher-Thrush (*Neocossyphus finschii*)

African Thrush*Turdus pelios*

First seen in Shai Hills and further sightings in Mole NP

White-tailed Alethe*Alethe diademata*

We had glimpses of one at Aboabo and later fantastic views of two in the forest at Atewa.

Note: Some authors split Fire-crested Alethe into Fire-crested (*A. castanea*) and White-tailed (*A. diademata*) Alethes. Clements does not follow this view.

Chats & Old World Flycatchers Muscipidae

Western Forest Robin*Stiphronis erythrothorax*

We had good views of one at Kalakpa and later fantastic views of one in Kakum NP.

White-crowned Robin-Chat*Cossypha albicapilla*

We had cracking views of a pair in Mole NP.

Whinchat*Saxicola rubetra*

We had great views of three on the plains near Winneba and a further three in Mole NP.

Familiar Chat*Cercomela familiaris*

We had great views of a single bird in Mole NP.

White-fronted Black Chat*Pentholaea albifrons*

We had fantastic views of three birds during our time in Mole NP. A scarce bird!

White-crowned Cliff Chat*Thamnolaea coronata*

We enjoyed scope views of a pair in Shai Hills and another pair in the Tongon Hills.

Note: Clements lumps this with Mocking Cliff Chat (*T. cinnamomeiventris*), calling it as such

Blue Rock Thrush*Monticola solitarius*

We had superb views of a male in the Tongon Hills.

Fraser's Forest Flycatcher*Fraseria ocreata*

We had good views of one at Atewa Forest.

Nimba Flycatcher (E)*Melaenornis annamarulae*

We had good views of one at Atewa Forest, a rare Upper Guinea endemic only discovered in Ghana in 2006.

Northern Black Flycatcher*Melaenornis edolioides*

We enjoyed several sightings in Mole NP.

Pale Flycatcher*Bradornis pallidus*

We had good views of two in Mole NP.

Spotted Flycatcher*Muscicapa striata*

We had good views of three in Shai Hills.

Gambaga Flycatcher*Muscicapa gambagae*

We had wonderful views of two of these rare birds in Mole NP.

Ashy Flycatcher*Muscicapa caerulescens*

We had good views of a pair from the canopy walkway.

Swamp Flycatcher*Muscicapa aquatica*

We had good views of three in Mole NP.

Dusky-blue Flycatcher*Muscicapa comitata*

We had good views of one in the forest at Aboabo.

Ussher's Flycatcher (E)*Muscicapa ussheri*

We had good views at Ebekawopa and Aboabo.



Grey Tit-Flycatcher *Myioparus plumbeus*

We had great views of one in Mole NP.

European Pied Flycatcher *Ficedula hypoleuca*

We had a few sightings in Shai Hills and Mole NP.

Sunbirds Nectariniidae

Fraser's (Scarlet-tufted) Sunbird *Deleornis fraseri*

This warbler-like sunbird was seen very well at Atewa where we found three birds.

Western Violet-backed Sunbird *Anthreptes longuemarei*

We had superb sightings of several in Mole NP.

Little Green Sunbird *Anthreptes seimundi*

We had several sightings in Kakum NP.

Grey-chinned (Green) Sunbird *Anthreptes rectirostris*

We found one from the canopy walkway and another at Aboabo.

Collared Sunbird *Hedydipna collaris*

Common in all the forests, where we had numerous sightings

Pygmy Sunbird *Hedydipna platura*

We had several sightings near Mole NP with further sightings around Tono Dam.

Green-headed Sunbird *Cyanomitra verticalis*

We had superb views of a male at the entrance to Kakum NP.

Blue-throated Brown Sunbird *Cyanomitra cyanoaema*

We enjoyed several sightings in Kakum NP.

(Western) Olive Sunbird *Cyanomitra olivacea*

We had several sightings in Kakum NP and at Atewa.

Note: Some authorities including Clements split this species into two species. This split is not widely recognized.

Buff-throated Sunbird (NE) *Chalcomitra adalberti*

We saw several stunning males, first seen at Kalakpa and further sightings in Kakum NP.

Scarlet-chested Sunbird *Chalcomitra senegalensis*

We had several sightings in Mole NP and near Tono Dam.

Olive-bellied Sunbird *Cinnyris chloropygius*

This species of forest edge was seen in Kakum NP.

Beautiful Sunbird *Cinnyris pulchellus*

A couple were seen in Mole NP and another near Bolgatanga.

Splendid Sunbird *Cinnyris coccinigastrus*

We had a total of three in Shai Hills and up to ten in Mole NP.

Johanna's Sunbird *Cinnyris johannae*

We enjoyed magnificent views of several from the canopy walkway and four at Antwikwaa.

Superb Sunbird *Cinnyris superbus*

We had good but brief sightings of a female at Kalakpa and a pair at Atewa.

Copper Sunbird *Cinnyris cupreus*

We had good views of several in Mole NP and around Bolgatanga.

Old World Sparrows Passeridae

Chestnut-crowned Sparrow-Weaver *Plocepasser superciliosus*

Small numbers were seen daily in Mole NP.

[Northern] Grey-headed Sparrow *Passer griseus*



A common species which is often seen in towns, we had almost daily sightings.

Bush Petronia *Gymnoris dentata*

A common species in and around Mole, where we had many sightings

Weavers & Widowbirds Ploceidae

White-billed Buffalo Weaver *Bubalornis albirostris*

We had great views of two near Bolgatanga.

Speckle-fronted Weaver *Sporopipes frontalis*

We had good views of two near Tono Dam.

Thick-billed (Grosbeak) Weaver *Amblyospiza albifrons*

We had good views of one female at Atewa Forest.

Little Weaver *Ploceus luteolus*

A number of individuals were seen in Mole NP.

Black-necked Weaver *Ploceus nigricollis*

We had good views of several in Mole NP and a further pair at Atewa.

Orange Weaver *Ploceus aurantius*

We had fantastic views of two males at our accommodation near Kakum NP.

Village Weaver *Ploceus cucullatus*

A common weaver, seen on most days in the south of the country

Vieillot's Black Weaver *Ploceus nigerrimus*

A striking bird, seen near Kakum NP

Black-headed Weaver *Ploceus melanocephalus*

We found several during the drive north to Bolgatanga.

Yellow-mantled Weaver *Ploceus tricolor*

This tri-coloured weaver was seen well in Kakum NP and Atewa.

Maxwell's Black Weaver *Ploceus albinucha*

We had good views of two in Kakum NP and a further ten at Atewa.

Preuss's Weaver *Ploceus preussi*

We found a pair at Antwikwaa, a further pair at Bobiri and finally one at Atewa.

Red-vented Malimbe *Malimbus scutatus*

We had several sightings in Kakum NP.

Blue-billed (Gray's) Malimbe *Malimbus nitens*

We had good views of three in Kakum NP.

Red-headed Malimbe *Malimbus rubricollis*

The most common of the malimbes, seen regularly in Kakum (including Antwikwaa and Aboabo) and Bobiri

Crested Malimbe *Malimbus malimbicus*

We had good views of two at Aboabo.

Red-headed Weaver *Anaplectes melanotis*

We had good views of a pair in Mole NP.

Red-billed Quelea *Quelea quelea*

We found several en route to Bolgatanga.

Yellow-crowned Bishop *Euplectes afer*

We found one partial breeding plumaged male en route to Bolgatanga.

Black-winged [Red] Bishop *Euplectes hordeaceus*

We saw four birds at Atewa.



Northern Red (Orange) Bishop	<i>Euplectes franciscanus</i>
Up to twenty were seen near Tono Dam.	
Yellow-mantled Widowbird	<i>Euplectes macrourus</i>
Up to six were seen around the Winneba Plains.	

Waxbills, Munias & Allies Estrildidae

White-breasted Nigrita (Negrofinch)	<i>Nigrita fusconotus</i>
We had several sightings in Kakum NP.	
Chestnut-breasted Nigrita (Negrofinch)	<i>Nigrita bicolor</i>
Small numbers were seen daily in Kakum NP.	
Grey-headed Nigrita (Negrofinch)	<i>Nigrita canicapillus</i>
We had sightings from the canopy walkway, at Aboabo and Atewa.	
Black-bellied Seedcracker	<i>Pyrenestes ostrinus</i>
We had superb scope views of a female at Atewa.	
Western Bluebill	<i>Spermophaga haematina</i>
A single stunning male was seen exceptionally well at Antwikwaa.	
Black-bellied Firefinch	<i>Lagonosticta rara</i>
One male was seen very well in Mole NP.	
Bar-breasted Firefinch	<i>Lagonosticta rufopicta</i>
We found this species to be particularly common in Mole NP with up to ten daily.	
Red-billed Firefinch	<i>Lagonosticta senegala</i>
We had a number of sightings in Mole NP and at the Tongon Hills.	
Black-faced Firefinch	<i>Lagonosticta vinacea</i>
A splendid male was seen very well in Mole NP.	
Red-cheeked Cordon-bleu	<i>Uraeginthus bengalus</i>
A common bird in the north of the country, where we had daily sightings	
Orange-cheeked Waxbill	<i>Estrilda melpoda</i>
This stunning waxbill was seen at on several occasions in Kakum NP.	
Black-rumped Waxbill	<i>Estrilda troglodytes</i>
Up to twenty were seen daily in the north.	
Black-faced Quail-Finch	<i>Ortygospiza atricollis</i>
One bird was seen briefly en route to Bolgatanga.	
African Silverbill	<i>Euodice cantans</i>
We enjoyed great views of six en route to the White Volta.	
Bronze Mannikin	<i>Lonchura cucullata</i>
A common species in woodland and forest edge alike, seen on most days of the tour	
<i>Note: Clements places this in the genus Spermestes</i>	
Black-and-white Mannikin	<i>Lonchura bicolor</i>
Seen in small numbers daily in Kakum NP	
<i>Note: Clements places this in the genus Spermestes</i>	

Indigobirds & Whydahs Viduidae

Village Indigobird	<i>Vidua chalybeata</i>
We had a couple of sighting, one in Mole NP and another at the Tongon Hills.	
Wilson's Indigobird	<i>Vidua wilsoni</i>
We had good views of one male in Mole NP.	



Pin-tailed Whydah	<i>Vidua macroura</i>
We had several sightings in Mole NP.	
Exclamatory Paradise Whydah	<i>Vidua interjecta</i>
We had good views of two males in Mole NP.	
Togo Paradise Whydah	<i>Vidua togoensis</i>
A single male sporting his breeding plumage was seen in Mole NP.	

Wagtails & Pipits Motacillidae

Western Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>
We had good views of two at the White Volta.	
<i>Note: Clements just calls this Yellow Wagtail</i>	
African Pied Wagtail	<i>Motacilla aguimp</i>
First seen at Sakamono Lagoon with scattered sightings elsewhere	
Yellow-throated Longclaw	<i>Macronyx croceus</i>
We enjoyed good views of a pair at Sakamono Lagoon and a further pair at Winneba Plains.	
Plain-backed Pipit	<i>Anthus leucophrys</i>
We had good views of a pair on the Winneba Plains.	
Tree Pipit	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>
We had good views of three in Mole NP.	

Finches Fringillidae

White-rumped Seed eater	<i>Crithagra leucopygia</i>
This rather non-descript bird was seen near Tono Dam.	
Yellow-fronted Canary	<i>Crithagra mozambica</i>
Small numbers were seen daily in Mole NP.	

Buntings & Allies Emberizidae

Ortolan Bunting	<i>Emberiza hortulana</i>
Two birds were seen exceptionally well in the Tongon Hills.	
Cinnamon-breasted Bunting	<i>Emberiza tahapisi</i>
We found two in Mole NP and up to twenty in the Tongon Hills.	

Annotated List of Mammals recorded (20 species)

Note: Names and taxonomical order of the land mammals follow that of 'The Kingdon Field Guide to African Mammals'; additional names are given in parenthesis and are likely to appear in other popular field guides.

Colobid Monkeys Colobidae

Olive Colobus	<i>Colobus verus</i>
We had superb views of fifteen in Kakum NP.	

Cheek-pouch Monkeys Cercopithecidae

Olive Baboon	<i>Papio papio</i>
We had great views of up to twenty daily in Shai Hills and Mole NP.	
Lowe's [Mona] Monkey	<i>Cercopithecus lowei</i>
We had great views of up to thirty in Kakum NP.	



- Lesser White-nosed Monkey** *Cercopithecus petaurista*
 We had great views of three in Kakum NP.
- Callithrix [Vervet] Monkey** *Cercopithecus sabaeus*
 We had great views of several daily in Mole NP.

Fruit Bats Pteropodidae

- Straw-colored Fruit Bat** *Eidolon helvum*
 Many were seen around Accra.

Large-winged Bats Megadermatidae

- Yellow-winged Bat** *Lavia frons*
 We had fantastic views of one at Brenu Akyim.

Hares Leporidae

- African Savanna (Scrub) Hare** *Lepus victoriae (saxatilis)*
 We had several sightings in Mole NP.

Squirrels Sciuridae

- Striped Ground Squirrel** *Xerus erythropus*
 We had great views of several in Mole NP.
- Red-legged Sun Squirrel** *Heliosciurus rufobrachium*
 We had good views of one at Kalakpa.
- Green Bush Squirrel** *Paraxerus poensis*
 We saw one in gallery forest in Mole NP and another at Bobiri.

Mongoose Herpestidae

- Slender Mongoose** *Herpestes sanguinea*
 We saw one at the Winneba Plains and another at Aboabo.

Genets and Civets Viverridae

- Panther (Blotched) Genet** *Genetta maculata (tigrina)*
 We saw one briefly on a night drive in Mole NP.

Pigs Suidae

- Common Warthog** *Phacochoerus africanus*
 We had wonderful views of up to ten daily in Mole NP.

Horned Ungulates Bovidae

- Bushbuck** *Tragelaphus scriptus*
 Up to four were seen daily in Mole NP.
- Kob** *Kobus kob*
 Up to eighty were seen daily in Mole NP.
- Waterbuck** *Kobus ellipsiprymnus*
 Small numbers were seen daily in Mole NP.
- Western Tree Hyrax** *Dendrohyrax dorsalis*



We heard this species on two successive nights in Kakum NP.

Hyraxes Procavidae

Western Tree Hyrax

Dendrohyrax dorsalis

We heard this species on an evening walk in Kakum.

Elephants Elephantidae

African Elephant

Loxodonta africana

We had great views of two large bulls in Mole NP.

REPTILES

Tropical House Gecko

Hemidactylus mabouia

We found several in our hotels throughout the tour.

Rainbow Skink

Mabuya margaritifer

We had good views of a male in Mole NP.

Red-headed Rock Agama

Agama agama

We had good views of several daily in Mole NP.

Flap-necked Chameleon

Chamaeleo dilepis

We had superb views of one during the drive from Bolgatanga to Kumasi.

White-throated Savanna Monitor

Varanus albigularis

We had good views of one in Mole NP.

Nile Monitor

Varanus niloticus

We had good views of two in Mole NP.

Nile Crocodile

Crocodylus niloticus

Several were seen in Mole NP.

Puff Adder

Bitis arietans

We had superb views of one in Mole NP.

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