# Birding Uganda, Bird Watching Africa Trip Reports

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#### Introduction

I spent the period between 14th July and 5th August 2004 birding in Uganda on a privately organised trip with five other people. We used Herbert Byaruhanga of Uganda Bird Safaris as our ground agent and would not hesitate to recommend him to others, we had a great time. Herbert can be contacted on director@birduganda.com. Our itinerary was designed in consultation with Herbert and worked reasonably well - possible improvements are discussed below. Herbert accompanied us throughout the trip and is a useful guy in the field and knows all the major sites and a number of great little stop-offs en route to places. Herbert was flexible during the trip and happy to make changes to the itinerary. Make sure you get Herbert to lead your trip if you use his services! Herbert has a network of local guides that he uses wherever possible and on the whole these guys are very good and definitely added value to our trip. We only had reservations about the guide at Bwindi who failed to measure up to the high standards set by the majority. Herbert charged us an all-inclusive \$2780 per person (including gorilla permits) which as it was timed with a fall in the value of the US dollar worked out reasonably well.

We flew with British Airways - booking well in advance secured the best seat prices (£560). Remember to get a visa in advance - available for Uganda High Commission in London - and do check that you are up to date with all your vaccinations. We all took Doxycycline as a malaria prophylaxis.

We could not heed Sam Woods' excellent advice re timing of trips due to other commitments but can only reinforce what he says on the subject. July/August is great for seeing grassland species (e.g. bishops and widows) in full plumage, and the weather is benign, but it is a very hard time to be birding generally, especially during dry spells. We had little response to tapes and found things very difficult, especially at Bwindi. Consider going in April/May (during short wet season) or September (just at start of big wet) for better birding (although the roads may be tricky at this time - best to check with Herbert). African green broadbill nests are usually located in April/May and staked out at Mubwindi.

We found the people of Uganda to be very welcoming and experienced no trouble of any kind. The recent successful attacks on the Lords Republican Army by the UPDF in the Sudan are likely to signal the end of this movement and may ensure that the Foreign Office advisory against travel to and within Murchison Falls NP will soon be lifted.

#### Strategy and tips

We followed the itinerary outlined below:

- **Day 1** Overnight flight from London Heathrow arrived in the early morning. Herbert picked us up and drove us onto to Mabamba for the shoebill. Afternoon spent resting in Kampala (Red Chilli Lodge) OK birding in garden.
- **Day 2** Drove to Lake Mburo stopping off en route for brief look at Mpanga Forest (just outside Kampala) and at Kaaku Swamp. Birding into Mburo during late afternoon. Night walk for owls in vicinity of campsite.
- **Day 3** Pre-dawn session for nightjars. Boat trip out onto Lake Mburo and brief (but successful) search for Red-faced Barbet before heading to Bwindi arriving at dusk.
- **Day 4** Gorilla tracking at Buhoma in the early morning. A quick finish meant the rest of day up main track birding.
- **Day 5** All day birding up main track at Buhoma.
- **Day 6** Birding to Ruhiija, great birding en route including the forest at The Neck. Afternoon spent on track through good disturbed forest. Evening drive for mammals
- **Day 7** The descent to the Mubwindi Swamp and the big dip experience. Evening drive for nightjars and owls.
- **Day 8** Birding through bamboo zone at Ruhiija, stop at Lake Bunyoni and on to Kisoro, late pm spent at wetland near Kisoro.
- Day 9 All day birding Mgahinga.
- **Day 10** Drive to Queen Elizabeth NP. Stopping en route along shores of Lake Bunyoni. Arrive at QENP (Mweya) at dusk. Spotlighting around campsite in evening.
- **Day 11** Game drives during the morning. Boat trip along Kazinga Channel in the afternoon.
- **Day 12** Drive over to Jacana Lodge, pm spent birding in Maramagembo Forest.
- Day 13 Drive to Bundibugyo, birding in Semliki Forest en route.
- Day 14 Birding Kirumia Trail (Semliki NP) all day.
- **Day 15** Birding Hot Springs Trails (Semliki NP) all day, drive out birding scarp forest to Fort Portal.
- **Day 16** Birding nearby Kithingama Swamp before drive to Budongo (arrival at dusk).
- **Day 17** All day birding Royal Mile and cultivated areas thereabouts.
- **Day 18** All day birding Busingiro section and Royal Mile. Evening spotlighting session for mammals along Royal Mile.
- **Day 19** Birding along road to Butiaba escarpment and on into Murchison Falls NP.
- **Day 20** Boat to delta for shoebills, pm game drive to Falls, dusk at bat cave and night drive back for nightjars.
- **Day 21** All day north of Nile on game drives (we cancelled our afternoon boat ride to the base of the falls).
- **Day 22** Drive south, stopping at Kanio Pabidi (Budongo) for chimp and Puvel's illadopsis en route to Kampala.
- **Day 23** Birding Mabira Forest, quick visit to source of Nile before lunch and early return to Kampala.
- Day 24 Flight home

In hindsight I would offer the following advice:

- Herbert was careful to ensure that we were well fed and watered. Although we were
  always grateful for this, at times it got in the way of birding, i.e. when we terminated
  game drives in order to get back for a hot lunch. Make sure you make it plain when
  planning your itinerary that you want to maximise time in the field and take packed
  breakfasts/lunches whenever required.
- Note that we planned to do this itinerary in reverse (i.e. Murchison first and finishing at Bwindi and Mburo) but we were unable to because of availability of gorilla permits. It is much easier if you arrive at Bwindi having done a lot of forest birding beforehand. I got over 50 new birds on the first day at Buhoma, which made targetting Albertine Rift endemics problematical!
- If you want to gain a day on the itinerary above, just drive through to Lake Mburo on Day 1.
- make sure you do the Butiaba escarpment road en route from Budongo to Murchison Falls as we did it was a great days birding and not on our original itinerary.
- If you do Semliki NP do not stay at Bundibugyo (a full hours drive on a bumpy track) better to camp on site.
- Try and get a full day in the Maramagembo Forest (QENP) you will need to spend two nights at Jacana Lodge to do this.

#### References

We used the following field-guides during the trip (mostly the first but dipping into the others of an evening or during long drives):

Stevenson and Fanshawe (2002) *Field Guide to the Birds of East Africa*. T & A D Poyser. Zimmerman *et al.* (1996) *Birds of Kenya and Northern Tanzania*. Helm. Borrow and Demey (2002) *A Guide to the Birds of Western Africa*. Helm. Kingdon (1997) *The Kingdon field guide to African mammals*. Academic Press.

## We used gen included within:

Roussouw and Sacchi (1998) *Where to watch birds in Uganda*. Uganda Tourist Board. Sam Woods (2002) *Uganda 5th-26th August*. Unpublished trip report available on birdtours website.

Jan Vermeulen (2002) <u>Uganda, July 2002</u>. Unpublished trip report available on birdtours website.

Most of the essential bird songs and calls are included on the epic CD collection: Chappuis (2000) *Birds of North, West and Central Africa and neighbouring Atlantic Islands*. SEOF.

We also bought a BLOWS recording of the African Green Broadbill for good measure. To order contact Richard Ranft (British Library of Wildlife Sounds).

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#### Sites visited

#### 14/7 Mabamba

Close to Kampala we visited this site on our first morning, fresh from an overnight flight! We just sat in the boat and enjoyed the shoebill basically. Other highlights included: African pygmygoose, purple swamphen and Weyn's weaver.

# 15/7 Mpanga Forest

Just outside Kampala - we stopped here for a couple of hours en route to Lake Mburo, it was the only place we saw yellow-mantled weaver and looks like a great spot although Mabira Forest is obviously much better.

#### 15-16/7 Lake Mburo

This fantastic site deserves more time than we were able to give it. We stayed in the tented camp, which was great for night birding. In the morning the boat trip was great but then we had very little time to chase down the many species that just creep into Uganda in this park (eg long-tailed cisticola). Highlights included: African finfoot (boat), coqui francolin, wood sandpiper, emerald-spotted wood-dove, African scops-owl, red-faced barbet, Nubian woodpecker, green-backed woodpecker, African reed warbler, white-winged warbler (boat), red-faced crombec, marico sunbird, papyrus gonolek (boat), spectacled weaver and red-headed weaver.

## 16-21/7 Bwindi Impenetrable Forest

This is the spot to chase down the Albertine Rift endemics and we had an awful time of it. Conditions were very dry and on some days bird activity was very low. Tape response was poor although perhaps an artefact that every guide uses playback, which must be making birds tapeshy? Buhoma was very hard work generally but is a great spot. We stayed at the basic but acceptable "Bwindi View" bandas. Buhoma is the base for the famous gorilla tracking activities and we were not disappointed on this front, getting excellent views just behind our accommodation! Gorilla tracking permits cost \$250 per person and must be arranged as far in advance as you can manage. We picked up Emmy as a guide here (and he stayed with us through to Mgahinga).

Ruhiija was excellent. Herbert's mobile catering unit (a chef on a moped) kicked into action and we had a very pleasant stay in the basic hostel here. We could have used another day at Ruhiija

however to try and track down the African green broadbill - a monstrous dip that left us all in a sour mood.

Highlights a plenty at Bwindi however included: mountain buzzard (Ruhiija), Ayre's hawk-eagle (Buhoma), handsome francolin (Ruhiija), black-billed turaco, barred long-tailed cuckoo (Ruhiija), African wood-owl (Ruhiija), Rwenzori nightjar (Ruhiija), scarce swift (Buhoma), bartailed trogon, cinnamon-chested bee-eater, black bee-eater (Buhoma), western green tinkerbird (Ruhiija), Tullberg's woodpecker, Elliot's woodpecker (Buhoma), African Green broadbill (Buhoma), Petit's cuckoo-shrike (Buhoma), grey cuckoo-shrike (Ruhiija), Ansorge's greenbul (Buhoma), equatorial akalat (Buhoma), red-throated alethe (Buhoma), white-bellied robin-chat (Buhoma), olive thrush (Ruhiija), white-tailed ant-thrush, Grauer's rush-warbler (Ruhiija), shorttailed warbler (Buhoma), black-faced rufous warbler, Grauer's warbler, banded prinia, blackthroated apalis (Buhoma), mountain masked apalis, yellow-eyed black-flycatcher, ashy flycatcher (The Neck), dusky-blue flycatcher (Buhoma), chinspot batis (Ruhiija), Rwenzori batis, black-and-white shrike-flycatcher (Buhoma), white-bellied crested-flycatcher, mountain illadopsis (Buhoma), African hill-babbler (Ruhiija), dusky tit, blue-throated brown sunbird (Buhoma), blue-headed sunbird (Buhoma), northern double-collared sunbird (Buhoma), greyheaded sunbird (Buhoma), Mackinnon's fiscal, sooty boubou (Buhoma), pink-footed puffback (Buhoma), Doherty's bush-shrike (Ruhiija), white-naped raven (Ruhiija), montane oriole (Ruhiija), African golden oriole (Ruhiija), Stuhlmann's starling (Ruhiija), narrow-tailed starling (Buhoma), Waller's starling (Ruhiija), strange weaver (Ruhiija), brown-capped weaver, blackbilled weaver, dusky crimsonwing (Ruhiija), yellow-bellied waxbill (Ruhiija), magpie mannikin (Buhoma), yellow-crowned canary (Buhoma), thick-billed seedeater, streaky seedeater (Ruhiija) and oriole finch (Buhoma).

#### 21/7 and 23/7 Lake Bunyoni

Quick stops here produced some entertaining birding (plus great views of spot-necked otter). Highlights included: Little rush warbler and Northern masked weaver (the latter apparently expanding its range in Africa).

#### 21/7 wetland near Kisoro

We visited this spot at the end of a day largely spent in the minibus. A pleasant wetland site. Highlights included: Little grebe, Lanner and "Jackson's pipit" (race of Grassland pipit).

## 22/7 Mgahinga

We elected to visit this site in order to have a chance of Rwenzori turaco, which are very easy here. We walked to the gorge and back but would have liked to have gone round the loop trail (too far according to Herbert). Other highlights included: dusky turtle dove, Cape robin-chat, Kivu ground-thrush, white-tailed crested-flycatcher and Rwenzori double-collared sunbird.

## 23/7 Echuya Forest

Great stop en route to Mgahinga. Try and do it early in the morning though as the road is dusty and once the traffic starts up it gets pretty unpleasant. We saw a lot of birds here during a short space of time including our best views of White-browed crombec and my only Olive woodpecker.

# 23-26/7 Queen Elizabeth NP

We spent two nights at the hostel at Mweya and one night at the delightful Jacana Lodge on the outskirts of the park. Game drives from Mweya were poor on the whole, although we did see giant hog around the HQ area and in the park and kob are plentiful throughout. Birding here was also rather disappointing on the whole. We only had a short amount of time in the Maramagembo Forest (close to Jacana Lodge), which would have repaid more work I suspect. Highlights included: great white pelican, little egret, yellow-billed stork, glossy ibis, blue quail, African crake, collared pratincole, crowned lapwing, Kittlitz's plover, Common greenshank, African skimmer, alpine swift, Narina trogon (Maramagembo Forest), least honeyguide (Maramagembo Forest), Rufous-naped lark, Red-capped lark, Little grey greenbul (Maramagembo Forest), Brown-chested alethe (Maramagembo Forest), Red-capped robin-chat, Brown-backed scrub-robin, Stout cisticola, Yellow-bellied wattle-eye (Maramagembo Forest and my bird of the trip!), Purple-headed starling, Lesser masked weaver, Little weaver, Compact weaver, Red bishop and Common waxbill.

#### 26-28/7 Semliki NP

To do this site justice you need to give it a few more days and camp along the Kirumia trail but we did not regret our quick snapshot at the avifauna. We stayed in a basic hotel in Bundibugyo, which was at least an hour away from the park and meant that we never got into the field very early. We spent one day along the Kirumia trail with the splendid Godfrey (easily the best birder out of our many guides during the trip. The next day was spent along the Hot Springs trail where despite Godfrey's absence we managed to see a number of great birds bit it was generally quieter. What you really need is at least three whole days camping up the Kirumia trail. Highlights here included: Piping hornbill, Red-billed dwarf hornbill, White-crested hornbill, Black-casqued wattled hornbill, Red-rumped tinkerbird, Rufous-sided broadbill, Icterine greenbul, Swamp palm bulbul, Crested malimbe and Blue-billed malimbe.

## 29/7 Kithingama Swamp

We overnighted at Fort Portal en route to Budongo and this allowed us a morning at this site just outside town. Habitat here consists of a swamp surrounded by low, scrubby secondary forest and cultivation. It is a good site for a number of birds that are hard to find elsewhere and we scored with speckle-breasted woodpecker, Cabanis's greenbul and Joyful greenbul (all of which we failed to find at other sites).

## 29/7 - 1/8 and 4/8 Budongo

Splendid forest birding here and the surrounding cultivation is good too. We stayed three nights in a basic hostel near the Royal Mile whilst birding the Royal Mile itself as well as the great

forest in the Busingiro section. On our last day we drove to Murchison via the Butiaba escarpment - a very enjoyable day's birding. We elected to bird the outlying Kanio Pabidi section later on the drive between Murchison and Kampala and this worked well. Whilst at the Royal Mile we used the excellent Vincent as a guide and he put us onto to a lot of great birds. Highlights included: crested guineafowl (Kanio Pabidi), Nahan's francolin (Busingiro section), red-headed lovebird, Madagascar lesser cuckoo, Black cuckoo, Mottled swift, Eurasian swift, Mottled spinetail, Cassin's spinetail, Shining-blue kingfisher, White-thighed hornbill, Cameroon sombre greenbul, Spotted greenbul, Uganda woodland warbler, Lemon-bellied crombec, Yellow longbill, Grey longbill, Rufous-crowned eromomela, Whistling cisticola, Black-capped apalis, forest flycatcher, Chestnut-capped flycatcher, Brown illadopsis, Puvel's illadopsis (Kanio Pabidi), Superb sunbird, Grey-headed oliveback, Brown twinspot and Cabanis's bunting. Two of us scored with chimp at Kanio Pabidi.

#### 1-4/8 Murchison Falls NP

Fantastic Park. We stayed in the comfortable Red Chilli Lodge on the south side of the Nile. North of the Nile the game numbers are more like you would expect from an east African savannah and there are plenty of birds to keep you occupied on both sides. Make sure you do a drive to the falls for dusk (bathawk) and the drive back is good for nightjars. The boat ride to the delta was excellent for shoebill. Highlights included: Little bittern, Madagascar pond-heron (one in small roadside pool after dropping off the Butiaba escarpment en route to park), Blackcrowned night-heron, Intermediate egret, Osprey, Shoebill (3-4), White-headed vulture, Eurasian marsh harrier, Eastern chanting-goshawk, Dark chanting-goshawk, Bat hawk, Heuglin's francolin, Harlequin quail, Senegal thick-knee, Rock pratincole, Vinaceous dove, Namaqua dove, Spotted eagle-owl, Long-tailed nightjar, Swamp nightjar, Horus swift, Giant kingfisher, Swallow-tailed bee-eater, Red-throated bee-eater, Northern carmine bee-eater, Black scimitarbill, Abyssinian ground-hornbill, White-headed barbet (Butiaba escarpment), Black-billed barbet (Butiaba escarpment), Spotted mourning-thrush, Northern crombec (Butiaba escarpment), Rattling cisticola, Singing cisticola (Butiaba escarpment), Red-faced cisticola (Butiaba escarpment), Foxy cisticola, Red-winged grey warbler, Silverbird, brown babbler (Butiaba escarpment), Beautiful sunbird, Grey-headed bush-shrike (Butiaba escarpment), Lesser blueeared starling, Rufous sparrow, Speckle-fronted weaver, White-browed sparrow-weaver, Chestnut-crowned sparrow-weaver, Vitelline weaver, Cardinal quelea, Northern red bishop, Black-winged red bishop, Red-winged pytilia, Bar-breasted firefinch, Black-rumped waxbill, Black-faced waxbill, Cinnamon-breasted rock bunting (Butiaba escarpment) and Brown-rumped bunting.

#### 5/8 Mabira Forest

This was our last site and we were more than a little tired, nevertheless a morning here allowed us to fill a few gaps in the list - most notably I caught up with Jameson's wattle-eye after failing to see it at Semliki. We used Ibrahim as our guide and he took us some distance from the HQ in the van to a track leading off the main road. The birding here was fantastic. Highlights included: Forest wood-hoopoe, Buff-spotted woodpecker, Purple-throated cuckoo-shrike, Blue-shouldered robin-chat, Jameson's wattle-eye and Red-headed bluebill.

# Birds recorded in Uganda between 14th July and 5th August 2004

Sites visited: Mabamba (MB) 14/7; Mpanga Forest (MP) 15/7; Lake Mburo (LM) 15-16/7; Bwindi Impenetrable Forest, Buhoma (BH) and Ruhiza (RZ) 16-21/7; Lake Bunyoni (LB) 21/7 and 23/7; wetland near Kisoro (KW) 23/7; Mgahinga (MG) 22/7; Echuya Forest (EF) 23/7; Queen Elizabeth NP (QE) 23-26/7; Semliki (SM) 26-28/7; Kithingama Swamp (KS) 29/7; Budongo (B) 29/7 - 1/8 and 4/8; Murchison Falls NP (MU) 1-4/8; and Mabira Forest (MF) 5/8.

Great white pelican	Pelecanus onocrotalus	QE
Pink-backed pelican	P. rufescens	widespread
Little Crebe	Tachybaptus ruficollis	KW
Great cormorant	Phalacrocorax carbo	widespread
Long-tailed cormorant	P. africanus	widespread
	•	MU, Kampala
African darter	Anhinga rufa	area
	D 11	LM - female and
African finfoot	Podica senegalensis	juvenile from boat
Little bittern	Ixobrychus minuta	MU
Black-crowned night-heron	Nycticorax nycticorax	MU
Cattle egret	Bubulcus ibis	widespread
Common squacco heron	Ardeola ralloides	widespread
		single on small
		roadside pool en
Madagascar pond-heron	A. idea	route to MU on
		1/8 was a big
		surprise
Striated heron	Butorides striatus	LM, MU
		single at Kaaku
		Swamp (en route
Rufous-bellied heron	Ardeola rufiventris	to LM), another en
		route to MU on
~~	_	1/8
Little egret	Egretta garzetta	QE
Intermediate egret	Mesophoyx intermedia	MU
Great egret	Casmerodius albus	Kaaku Swamp,
Goliath heron	A d 1: d l.	QE, MU
	Ardea goliath	MB, LM, QE, MU
Purple heron	A. purpurea A. cinerea	widespread
Grey heron Black-headed heron	A. cinerea A. melanocephala	widespread widespread
Hamerkop	Scopus umbretta	widespread
Yellow-billed stork	Mycteria ibis	QE
	Mycieria ibis	Kabale, en route to
Wooly-necked stork	Ciconia episcopus	RZ
African open-billed stork	Anastomus lamelligerus	widespread
Saddle-billed stork	Ephippiorhynchus senegalensis	QE, MU, en route
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		to Kampala
Marabou stork	Leptoptilos crumeniferus	widespread
Shoebill	Balaeniceps rex	single at MB, at least three at MU
Sacred ibis	Threskiornis aethiopicus	widespread
Hadada ibis	Bostrychia hagedash	widespread
Glossy ibis	Plegadis falcinellus	QE
African spoonbill	Platalea alba	KW, QE
Egyptian goose	Alopochen aegyptiacus	KW, QE, MU
Spur-winged goose	Plectropterus gambensis	Kaaku Swamp, MU
Knob-billed duck	Sarkidiornis melanotos	Kaaku Swamp, QE, MU
African pygmy-goose	Nettapus auritus	2 at MB
White-faced whistling-duck	Dendrocygna viduata	MB, MU
Hottentot teal	Anas hottentota	Kaaku Swamp
Yellow-billed duck	A. undulata	widespread
Black kite	Milvus migrans	widespread
Black-shouldered kite	Elanus caeruleus	MG, MU
African fish-eagle	Haliaeetus vocifer	widespread
Palm-nut vulture	Gypohierax angolensis	widespread
Osprey	Pandion haliaetus	MU (single)
Hooded vulture	Necrosyrtes monachus	Kampala area
	·	2 birds (adult
		female and sub-
White-headed vulture	Trigonoceps occipitalis	adult) in the
		vicinity of a kill at MU
African white-backed vulture	Gyps africanus	QE, MU
Ruppell's griffon vulture	G. rueppellii	LM, QE, MU
Lappet-faced vulture	Torgos tracheliotus	QE, MU
Black-chested snake-eagle	Circaetus pectoralis	Kaaku Swamp, QE
Brown snake-eagle	C. cinereus	singles at QE and
Diown snake-eagle	c. cincreus	en route to MU
Western banded snake-eagle	C. cinerascens	single en route to MU
African marsh harrier	Circus ranivorus	MB, Kaaku Swamp, MU
Eurasian marsh harrier	Circus aeruginosus	single female at MU
Eastern chanting-goshawk	Melierax poliopterus	MU
Dark chanting-goshawk	M. metabates	MU
Lizard buzzard	Kaupifalco monogrammicus	MB, QE, B
Shikra	Accipiter badius	MB, Kampala, en route to MU

African goshawk	A. tachiro	confusion at Buhoma over the identity of an immature raptor (being claimed by local birders as a Congo serpent eagle) - examination of photographs when
Great sparrowhawk	A. melanoleucos	we got home revealed that it was in fact this species. LB (pair), B (three birds)
		single at dusk at
Bat hawk	Macheiramphus alcinus	the bat cave at MU
African harrier-hawk	Polyboroides typus	widespread
Augur buzzard	Buteo augur	widespread
Mountain buzzard	B. oreophilus	RZ
Tawny eagle	Aquila rapax	single going south along the escarpment near Butiaba on 1/8
Wahlberg's eagle	A. wahlbergi	widespread
Ayre's hawk-eagle	Hieraaetus ayresii	BH (single)
Bateleur	Terathopius ecaudatus	LM, en route to Bwindi, QE, MU
Long-crested eagle	Lophaetus occipitalis	widespread
Martial eagle	Polemaetus bellicosus	singles at QE and en route to MU
African crowned eagle	Stephanoetus coronatus	BH (single), B (2 pairs)
Common kestrel	Falco tinnunculus	single en route to Bwindi
Grey kestrel	F. ardosiacus	en route to LM, MU area (including one taking bats at the bat cave)
African hobby	F. cuvieri	3 from garden of Red Chilli Lodge, Kampala

BH, EF, B. There

was some

Eurasian hobby	F. subbuteo	single from garden of Red Chilli
Lanner falcon	F. biarmicus	Lodge, Kampala 2 birds at KW
Peregrine falcon	F. peregrinus	single hunting successfully in Bundibugyu
Helmeted guineafowl	Numida meleagris	LM, QE, MU B - three birds in
Crested guineafowl	Guttera pucherani	response to proactive playback
[Scaly francolin]	Francolinus squamatus	at Kanio Pabidi [QE] B - three birds
Nahan's francolin	F. nahani	whistled in by Vincent gave good views
Handsome francolin	F. nobilis	RZ - single taped in at the end of the bamboo zone
Coqui francolin	F. coqui	single seen well at close range at LM [B], MU - 4+ birds
Heuglin's francolin	F. icterorhynchus	seen during game drives including a very amorous male in full display
Crested francolin	F. sephaena	LM, MU area (numerous in habitat)
Red-necked spurfowl	F. afer	LM, QE
Harlequin quail	Coturnix delagorguei	MU - single on track
Blue quail	C. adansonii	QE - single fluttered across track to Jacana Lodge
Common button-quail	Turnix sylvatica	QE, MU (patchily common at both sites)
White-spotted flufftail	Sarothrura pulchra	[QE], KS, B, [MF]
African crake	Crex egregia	QE - 2 birds from game drives
Black crake Purple swamphen	Amaurornis flavirostris Porphyrio porphyrio	widespread MB

Kaaku Swamp, Common moorhen Gallinula chloropus **KW** Actophilornis africanus widespread African jacana widespread in Grey crowned crane Balearica regulorum south **Black-bellied bustard** LM, MU (singles) Eupodotis melanogaster Water thick-knee Burhinus vermiculatus LM, QE Senegal thick-knee B. senegalensis MU (single) Glareola pratincola Collared pratincole OE **Rock pratincole** G. nuchalis MU **Spur-winged lapwing** OE, MU Vanellus spinosus MB, Kaaku **Long-toed lapwing** V. crassirostris Swamp, MU African wattled lapwing LM, QE, MU V. senegalensis **Crowned lapwing** V. coronatus QΕ en route to MU, **Black-headed lapwing** V. tectus MU LM, QE Senegal lapwing V. lugubris **Brown-chested lapwing** V. superciliosus LM (6), QE (2) Kittlitz's plover Charadrius pecuarius QΕ Three-banded plover C. tricollaris QE, SM **Common sandpiper** Actitis hypoleucos QE, MU **Wood sandpiper** Tringa glareola LM **Common greenshank** Tringa nebularia QE Grev-headed gull Larus cirrocephalus MB, QE African skimmer Rhynchops flavirostris QE Chlidonias leucopterus White-winged tern MB, QE, MU African green pigeon Treron calva widespread Speckled pigeon Columba guinea Kampala, Kisoro Afep pigeon C. unicincta [SM], B Olive pigeon C. arquatrix RZ, BH, EF, SM Feral pigeon C. livia widespread **Emerald-spotted wood-dove** Turtur chalcospilos LM BH, QE, B **Blue-spotted wood-dove** T. afer en route to MU, **Black-billed wood-dove** T. abyssinicus MU Tambourine dove widespread T. typanistria en route to MU, Namaqua dove Oena capensis MU LM, QE, MU Streptopelia capicola Ring-necked dove Red-eyed dove S. semitorquata widespread African mourning dove S. decipens QE, SM, MU Vinaceous dove S. vinacea MU (single) Laughing dove S. senegalensis OE, MU **Dusky turtle dove** S. lugens MG

Poicephalus meyeri

LM, Kampala,

**Brown parrot** 

Grey parrot	Psittacus erithacus	Masindi BH (pair flying over high), Bundibugyo (pair), B (70+ flying to roost)
Red-headed lovebird	Agapornis pullarius	B (2 sightings of singles)
Great blue turaco	Corythaeola cristata	widespread
Ross's turaco	Musophaga rossae	Kampala, LM, BH, B
Rwenzori turaco	Tauraco johnstoni	MG (common at this site)
White-crested turaco	T. leucolophus	B, MU
Black-billed turaco	T. schuetti	BH, RZ (heard elsewhere)
Bare-faced go-away-bird	Corythaixoides personata	LM area, QE area
Eastern grey plantain-eater	Crinifer zonurus	widespread
Black-and-white cuckoo	Oxylophus jacobinus	single near MF
Madagascar lesser cuckoo	Cuculus rochii	single seen well at B
Red-chested cuckoo	C. solitarius	1 immature at BH, common at B
Black cuckoo	C. clamosus	1 at B
Barred long-tailed cuckoo	Cercococcyx montanus	RZ (single)
Dusky long-tailed cuckoo	C. mechowi	BH, SM, [B]
Diederik cuckoo	Chrysococcyx caprius	LM, MU
Klaas's cuckoo	C. klaas	widespread
African emerald cuckoo	C. cupreus	MB, BH, B
Yellowbill	Ceuthmochares aereus	BH, B, MF
White-browed coucal	Centropus superciliosus	widespread
Blue-headed coucal	C. monachus	MB, KW, MU
Senegal coucal	C. senegalensis C. leucogaster	B, [MU]
[Black-throated coucal] African wood-owl	Strix woodfordii	[SM] RZ, [Kisoro]
African wood-owl	Sirix woodjoraii	[B] - almost
[Barn owl]	Tyto alba	certainly heard from the hostel pre-dawn but this is viewed with
African scops-owl	Otus senegalensis	some scepticism by Herbert and Vincent! LM - we walked in on calling birds
<b>F</b>	0	near the campsite

Verreaux's eagle-owl	Bubo lacteus	after dusk QE, MU (singles) 2 birds during night drive at MU
Spotted eagle-owl	Bubo africanus	- note that this cinarescens race is split by Clements as "grayish eagleowl"
Square-tailed nightjar	Caprimulgus fossii	LM, QE
Long-tailed nightjar	C. climacurus	1 during night
Long-taneu ingrijar	C. Cumacarus	drive at MU
Swamp nightjar	C. natalensis	MU - female hunting at dawn from the Red Chilli Lodge
Rwenzori nightjar	C. ruwenzorii	RZ - singles noted on two occasions from or on the roads around the resthouse.  Lumped into montane nightjar by Clements.
Black-shouldered nightjar	C. nigriscapularis	LM, B
Pennant-winged nightjar	Macrodipteryx vexilllaris	QE, B, MU
Little swift	Apus affinis	widespread
White-rumped swift	A. caffer	widespread
Horus swift	A. horus	2 over falls at MU single swift over B during weather
Mottled swift	A. aequatorialis	related passage of swifts was considered to be this species
Alpine swift	A. melba	QE
Eurasian swift	A. apus	B (small numbers)
= <del></del>	12. Up 110	BH - birds flying
Scarce swift	Schoutedenapus myoptilus	high over the forest here were considered to be this species
African palm swift	Cypsiurus parvus	SM, B, MU
Sabine's spinetail	Rhaphidura sabini	B (small numbers
-	•	over forest), MF
Cassin's spinetail	R. cassini	B (2 over forest)

Speckled mousebird Colius striatus widespread Blue-naped mousebird Urocolius macrourus LM, QE, MU QΕ Narina trogon Apaloderma narina (Maramagembo) BH. RZ **Bar-tailed trogon** A. vittatum Pied kingfisher Ceryle rudis widespread Striped kingfisher Halcyon chelicuti MB, LM, [B], MU Grey-headed kingfisher H. leucocephala widespread single bird on Nile Giant kingfisher Megaceryle maxima at MU. Woodland kingfisher Halccyon senegalensis en route to RZ Blue-breasted kingfisher H. malimbica QE, [SM], B **Chocolate-backed kingfisher** H. badia SM, [B] Malachite kingfisher Alcedo cristata MB, LM, LB African pygmy-kingfisher MB, QE, MU Ispidina picta African dwarf-kingfisher I. lecontei QE, SM, B Shining-blue kingfisher Alcedo quadribrachys [SM], B Merops pusillus Little bee-eater LM, QE M. oreobates BH, RZ Cinnamon-chested bee-eater Blue-breasted bee-eater M. variegatus MB, LB, MU White-throated bee-eater M. albicollis Kampala, QE, B Swallow-tailed bee-eater M. hirundineus MU area Black bee-eater M. gularis BH (2) M. supercilosus QE, MU Madagascar bee-eater Red-throated bee-eater M. bulocki MU Northern carmine bee-eater M. nubicus MU **Broad-billed roller** MB, MU area Eurystomus glaucurus The Neck (flight Blue-throated roller E. gularis view), SM (single perched) Lilac-breasted roller Coracias caudata en route to LM Green wood-hoopoe Phoeniculus purpureus QE, MU **Forest wood-hoopoe** P. castaneiceps MF (single) Rhinopomastus aterrimus MU **Black scimitarbill** African grev hornbill Tockus nasutus LM, MU area **Crowned hornbill** T. alboterminatus MB, MP, MG, SM African pied hornbill T. fasciatus MB, MP, SM, MU Piping hornbill Bycanistes fistulator SM **Red-billed dwarf hornbill** Tockus camurus SM SM White-crested hornbill Tropicranus albocristatus Black-and-white casqued hornbill Bycanistes subcylindricus widespread White-thighed hornbill B. cylindricus В **Black-casqued wattled hornbill** Ceratogymna atrata SM Abyssinian ground-hornbill Bucorvus abyssinicus MU (pair)

Pogoniulus bilineatus

P. subsulphureus

widespread

widespread

Yellow-rumped tinkerbird

Yellow-throated tinkerbird

Red-rumped tinkerbird Western green tinkerbird Speckled tinkerbird Grey-throated barbet Yellow-fronted tinkerbird Spot-flanked barbet Hairy-breasted barbet Yellow-spotted barbet White-headed barbet Black-billed barbet Red-faced barbet	P. atroflavus P. coryphaeus P. scolopaceus Gymnobucco bonapartei Pogoniulus chrysoconus Trcholaema lacrymosa T. hirsuta Buccanodon duchaillui Lybius leucocephalus L. guifsobalito L. rubrifacies	SM RZ widespread BH, MF Kampala, QE, MF LM, QE, MU area MP, BH, MF [MP], BH, B en route to MU en route to MU LM (single)
Double-toothed barbet	L. bidentatus	Kampala (2), MU (1)
Yellow-billed barbet	Trachylaemus purpuratus	SM, [B], MF
Greater honeyguide	Indicator indicator	LM, en route to MU
Lesser honeyguide	I. minor	QE, KS, en route to MU
Willcock's honeyguide	I. willcocksi	BH, B
Least honeyguide	I. exilis	QE (Maramagembo) -
Tullberg's woodpecker Buff-spotted woodpecker Brown-eared woodpecker Nubian woodpecker Green-backed woodpecker Cardinal woodpecker Elliott's woodpecker	Campethera tullbergi C. nivosa C. caroli C. nubica C. cailliautii Dendropicos fuscescens D. elliottii	single BH, RZ MF QE, SM, B LM LM BH, RZ, QE BH
Speckle-breasted woodpecker	D. poecilolaemus	single female at KS
Yellow-crested woodpecker Grey woodpecker Olive woodpecker	D. xantholophus D. goertae D. griseocephalus	BH, SM, B, MF QE, MU [MG], EF BH - single bird displaying in
African broadbill	Smithornis capensis	response to proactive tape playback SM - single bird displaying in
Rufous-sided broadbill	S. rufolateralis	response to proactive tape playback
[African green broadbill]	Pseudocalyptomena graueri	[RZ] - single bird heard and seen

flying in and out of tree in response to tape playback could we get views though? Disappointing result

		result
Rufous-naped lark	Mirafra africana	QE
Flappet lark	M. rufocinnamomea	QE, MU
Red-capped lark	Calandrella cinerea	QE
Rock martin	Hirundo fuligula	highlands
Plain martin	Riparia paludicola	LM, QE, MU
Banded martin	R. cincta	LM, MU
Mosque swallow	Hirundo senegalensis	QE, Fort Portal
<b>Rufous-chested swallow</b>	H. semirufa	LM, QE
Lesser striped swallow	H. abyssinica	widespread
Barn swallow	H. rustica	QE, MU
Angola swallow	H. angolensis	lowlands
Wire-tailed swallow	H. smithii	QE, MU
Black saw-wing	Psalidoprocne holomelas	BH, RZ, MG
White-headed saw-wing	P. albiceps	LM, QE, MU
African pied wagtail	Motacilla aguimp	widespread
Cape wagtail	M. capensis	MB, BH
Yellow-throated longclaw	Macronyx croceus	MB, LM, QE, MU
		I.M "lackson's ninit"

# **Grassland pipit**

Plain-backed pipit Black cuckoo-shrike Red-shouldered cuckoo-shrike **Purple-throated cuckoo-shrike** Petit's cuckoo-shrike Grev cuckoo-shrike Western nicator [Yellow-throated nicator] **Common bulbul** Yellow-whiskered greenbul Little greenbul Mountain greenbul

Slender-billed greenbul Shellev's greenbul Yellow-streaked greenbul Cabanis's greenbul Ansorge's greenbul Little grey greenbul Toro olive greenbul Cameroon sombre greenbul

Anthus cinnamomeus A. leucophrys Campephaga flava C. phoenicea C. quiscalina C. petiti Coracina caesia Nicator chloris N. vireo Pycnonotus barbatus Andropadus latirostris A. virens

A. masukensis Phyllastrephus flavostriatus [BH], RZ, SM P. cabinisi Andropadus ansorgei A. gracilis Phyllastrephus hypochloris

Andropadus curvirostris

A. nigriceps

A. gracilirostris

LM, "Jackson's pipit" near

KW B. MU BH, SM, QE QE, MU MF BH RZSM, B [SM] widespread BH, RZ, MF widespread RZ, BH, MG, EF

BH. RZ KS BH OE QE, B В

widespread

Icterine greenbul	Phyllastrephus ic	eterinus	with voca	n the next species nout using alisations and a little
Xavier's greenbul	P. xavieri		-	SM
Joyful greenbul	Chlorocichla laei	tissima	KS	
Red-tailed bristlebill	Bleda syndactyla		QE,	[SM], B, [MF]
[Green-tailed bristlebill]	B. eximia		[SM	[]
Red-tailed greenbul	Criniger calurus		BH,	RZ, SM, B, MF
White-throated greenbul	Phyllastrephus al	lbigularis	B, N	ИF
Yellow-throated greenbul	Chlorocichla flav	vicollis	MP.	, B, MU
Swamp palm bulbul	Thescilocichla lei	-	SM	
Honeyguide greenbul	Baeopogon indica	ator	[BH	[], SM
Spotted greenbul	Ixonotus guttatus		В	
White-starred robin	Pogonocichla ste			MG, EF
Equatorial akalat	Sheppardia aequ		BH	_
Forest robin	Stiphrornis eryth		SM.	, В
Brown-chested alethe	Alethe poliocepho	ala	QE	
Red-throated alethe	A. poliophrys		BH	D
Fire-crested alethe	A. diademata		SM.	
Cape robin-chat	Cossypha caffra		MG	
White-browed robin-chat	C. heuglini			espread
Blue-shouldered robin-chat	C. cyanocampter			I], [KS], MF
Snowy-headed robin-chat	C. niveicapilla			, QE
Red-capped robin-chat	C. natalensis		QE D7	MC
Archer's robin	C. archeri	anti		MG
White-bellied robin-chat Olive thrush	Cossyphicula rob Turdus olivaceus		BH RZ	
African thrush	T. pelios			espread (except RZ)
African tiffusii	1. pellos			- bad views in
Kivu ground-thrush	Zoothera tanganj	iicae		onse to tape playback
White-tailed ant-thrush	Neocossyphus po	onsis	-	[], RZ
Red-tailed ant-thrush	теосовзурниз ро	N. rufus	[DI	SM, QE, B
		Stizorhina	!	_
Rufous flycatcher-thrush		fraseri	,	MP, BH, SM, QE, B
Sooty chat		Myrmecoo	cichle	widespread
Sooty chat		nigra		widespieau
African stonechat		Saxicola		widespread in
An ican stolicellat		torquata		uplands
White-browed scrub-robin		Cercotrici		B, en route to MU
Brown-backed scrub-robin		leucophry C. hartlau		QE
		Cichladus		
Spotted mourning-thrush		guttata		MU area
Dark-capped yellow warbler		Chloropet	a	QE, B

SM - difficult to separate

	natalensis	
Mountain yellow warbler	C. similis	RZ, MG
Lesser reed warbler	Acrocephalus gracilirostris	LB, QE
[Greater swamp warbler] African reed warbler	A. rufescens A. baeticus	[MB], [LM] LM
White-winged warbler	Bradypterus carpalis	LM - single seen very well from boat
Cinnamon bracken warbler	B. cinnamomeus	[RZ], MG (common)
Little rush warbler	B. baboecala	LB
Grauer's rush-warbler	B. graueri	RZ
Buff-bellied warbler	Phyllolais pulchella	LM, en route to MU
Uganda woodland warbler	Phylloscopus budongoensis	B - tricky canopy species eventually taped into the scope
Red-faced woodland warbler Green hylia	P. laetus Hylia prasina	BH, RZ, EF MP, BH, SM, B
Short-tailed warbler	Hemitesia neumanni	BH - appalling and brief view of this skulking little b****r in response to tape playback
White-browed crombec	Sylvietta leucophrys	MG, EF
Green crombec  Lemon-bellied crombec	S. virens S. denti	BH, SM B (single - very tape responsive, coming right out of the canopy to within a
	Macrosphenus	few metres)
Yellow longbill	flavicans	В
Grey longbill	M. concolor	B, [MF]
Northern crombec	Sylvietta brachyura	en route to MU
Red-faced crombec	S. whytii	LM
Rufous-crowned eromomela	Eromomela badiceps	В
Black-faced rufous warbler	Bathmocercus rufus	BH, [MF]
African moustached warbler	Melocichla mentalis	QE, B, MU
Grauer's warbler	Graueria vittata	[BH], RZ (one eventually seen after

	an awful lot of tape
	playback)
Cisticola	MU, QE
juncidis	MU, QE
C. robustus	QE
C. natalensis	QE, MU
C. chiniana	MU area
C. galactotes	MB, en route to RZ,
C. carruthersi	QE MB, LM, LB, MU
C. cantans	en route to MU
C. erythrops	en route to MU
C. chubbi	BH, RZ, MG
C. woosnami	LM, QE
C. lateralis	В
<i>C</i> .	IM OF
brachypterus	LM, QE
C. troglodytes	MU area
	MU - family group
Drymocichla	taped in on the
incana	northside of the Paraa
	ferry
Prinia subflava	-
P. leucopogon	
P. bairdii	BH, RZ
Eminia lepida	[LM], en route to
_	Kisoro, [MU]
Camaroptera brachyura	widespread
C. chloronota	BH, KS, [B], [MF]
C. superciliaris	
Apalis flavida	
A. cinerea	BH, SM, KS, QE, B
<i>A</i> .	RZ, MG
porphyrolaema	!
	widespread
A. ruwenzorii	RZ, EF
A. jacksoni	ВН

BH, RZ

BH, RZ, MG

en route to MU

widespread

В

A. personata

A. nigriceps

Melaenornis

M. edoloides

**Bradornis** 

pallidus

M. ardesiacus BH, RZ

fischeri

Foxy cisticola Red-winged grey warbler Tawny-flanked prinia White-chinned prinia Banded prinia **Grey-capped warbler Grey-backed camaroptera** Olive-green camaroptera Yellow-browed camaroptera Yellow-breasted apalis **Grey apalis Chestnut-throated apalis Buff-throated apalis** Collared apalis **Black-throated apalis** Mountain masked apalis **Black-capped apalis** White-eyed slaty flycatcher

Northern black flycatcher

Pale flycatcher

Yellow-eyed black-flycatcher

Zitting cisticola

Stout cisticola Croaking cisticola

Rattling cisticola

Winding cisticola

Singing cisticola

Red-faced cisticola

Chubb's cisticola

Trilling cisticola

Siffling cisticola

Whistling cisticola

Carruther's cisticola

Ashy flycatcher		Muscicapa caerulescens	The Neck
African dusky flycatcher		M. adusta	widespread
Lead-coloured flycatcher		Myioparus plumbeus	QE, B
Grey-throated flycatcher		M. griseigularis	MP, B
Swamp flycatcher		Muscicapa aquatica	MB, LB, QE, MU
Cassin's grey flycatcher		M. cassini	bridge over Ihihizo River at The Neck, river en route to B
<b>Dusky-blue flycatcher</b> Sooty flycatcher		M. comitata M. infuscata	BH BH, MF
Forest flycatcher		Fraseria ocreata	B (3)
Chin-spot batis Black-headed batis Rwenzori batis		Batis molitor B. minor B. diops	RZ QE, MU, B BH, RZ
African shrike-flycatcher		Megabias flammulatus	ВН, В
Black-and-white shrike-flycatche	r	Bias musicus	ВН
Brown-throated wattle-eye		Platysteira cyanea	widespread
Chestnut wattle-eye		Dyaphorophyi castanea	aQE, SM, B
Jameson's wattle-eye		D. jamesoni	[SM], MF QE - a single in
Yellow-bellied wattle-eye		D. concreta	Maramagembo Forest was a real surprise and a tick for Herbert! Widespread - watch
African paradise flycatcher		Terpsiphone viridis	out for the melanistic population in the Maramagembo Forest (QE)!
Red-bellied paradise-flycatcher		T. rufiventer	SM, B
Silverbird		Empidornis semipartitus	MU area
White-tailed crested-flycatcher		Trochocercus albonotatus	MG
White-bellied crested-flycatcher	T. albiventris		
African blue-flycatcher	Elminia longicauda	BH, QE, MU	
White-tailed blue-flycatcher	E. albicauda	BH (under-record	ed)

Erythrocercus B **Chestnut-capped flycatcher** mccallii Illadopsis **Scaly-breasted illadopsis** KS, B albipectus I. pyrrhoptera BH **Mountain illadopsis Brown illadopsis** I. fulvescens Pale-breasted illadopsis I. rufipennis BH, MF B - seemingly present throughout the forest here, we saw one well whilst I. puveli **Puvel's illadopsis** chimp-tracking Pseudoalcippe<sub>RZ</sub> area African hill-babbler abyssinica **Turdoides** Arrow-marked babbler LM, QE iardineii T. plebejus **Brown babbler** en route to MU **Black-lored babbler** T. sharpei LM, MG, Kisoro, QE Parus BH**Dusky tit** funereus White-shouldered tit P. guineensis B, MU, MF Stripe-breasted tit P. fasciiventer RZ, MG Zosterops Yellow-white-eye widespread senegalensis Nectarinia **Bronze sunbird** BH, en route to SM kilimensis Cyanomitra Green-headed sunbird BH, QE, MU verticalis Blue-throated brown sunbird BHcyanolaema Blue-headed sunbird C. alinae BH Northern double-collared sunbird  $^{Cinnyris}$ BHpreussi *C*. Olive-bellied sunbird B. BH chloropygia Rwenzori double-collared sunbirdC. stuhlmanni MG C. regia RZ, MG Regal sunbird Chalcomitra BH, MF Green-throated sunbird rubescens Anthreptes Green sunbird BH, B rectirostris widespread - split as obscura or western Cvanomitra Olive sunbird olive sunbird by Clements olivacea **Anthreptes** BH, B Little green sunbird

seimundi Deleornis

axillaris

Cinnyris

BH

LB, QE, B

**Grey-headed sunbird** 

Copper sunbird

cuprea

Superb sunbird C. superba B - single female

Marico sunbird C. mariquensis LM **Purple-banded sunbird** C. bifasciata Kampala

Chalcomitra Kampala, QE, MU **Scarlet-chested sunbird** 

senegalensis

Cinnyris **Beautiful sunbird** MU area pulchella

**Red-chested sunbird** C. erythrocerca MB, Kampala, LB, QE

Variable sunbird C. venusta Kampala Hedydipna Collared sunbird BH, B, MU collaris

**Common fiscal** Lanius collaris widespread

L. **Grey-backed fiscal** widespread excubitoroides

Mackinnon's fiscal L. mackinnoni BH, RZ

Laniarius Tropical boubou [LM], [Kisoro], QE aethiopicus

Luedher's bush-shrike L. luedheri BH, KS

**Black-headed gonolek** L. erythrogasterKaaku Swamp, LM, QE

Papyrus gonolek L. mufumbiri LM, [QE] Mountain black boubou RZ, MG L. poensis

L. **Sooty boubou** BH leucorhynchus

Dryoscopus Northern puffback RZ, B, MU area gambensis

Pink-footed puffback D. angolensis BH

*Tchagra* **Black-crowned tchagra** OE, MU senegala

T. australis single en route to RZ **Brown-crowned tchagra** 

QE, B Marsh tchagra T. minuta Malaconotus Sulphur-breasted bush-shrike LM, QE sulfureopectus

M. blanchoti Grey-headed bush-shrike en route to MU [Lagden's bush-shrike] M. lagdeni [en route to Kisoro]

Doherty's bush-shrike M. dohertyi RZBocages's bush-shrike M. bocagei BH, QE

Dicrurus Fork-tailed drongo LM, QE, MU adsimilis

D. modestus MP, BH, MF **Velvet-mantled drongo** 

Ptilostomus Houmia, en route to B, en route **Piapiac** 

afer to MU, MU Pied crow widespread Corvus albus

Corvus White-naped raven RZalbicollis

African black-headed oriole **Oriolus** en route to LM

Montane oriole O. percivali RZ0. brachyrhynchus SM, B Western black-headed oriole RZO. auratus African golden oriole

Buphagus Yellow-billed oxpecker LM, QE, MU africanus

Poeoptera Stuhlmann's starling RZstuhlmanni Narrow-tailed starling P. lugubris BH **Onychognathus** RZWaller's starling walleri

Lamprotornis

**Greater blue-eared starling** Bundibugyo, SM, QE chalybeus

L. chloropterus common in MU area **Lesser blue-eared starling** 

L. **Ruppell's long-tailed starling** widespread purpuropterus

L. purpureiceps QE (2-3 near Maramagembo) **Purple-headed starling** 

rufocinctus

Cinnyricinclus **Violet-backed starling** MP, QE, SM, MU leucogaster

Sharpe's starling C. sharpei RZ, EF Creatophora Wattled starling LM, QE cinerea

Passer **Rufous sparrow** 

**Sporopipes Speckle-fronted weaver** MUfrontalis

**Grey-headed sparrow** Passer griseus widespread Plocepasser White-browed sparrow-weaver MU (2) mahali

**Chestnut-crowned sparrow-weaver** P. superciliosus MU area

Ploceus **Black-headed weaver** LM, QE, SM, MU cucullatus

Lesser masked weaver P. intermedius OE P. velatus MU area

Vitelline weaver LB - small colony present at the

outflow of this lake, this species Northern masked weaver P. taeniopterus appears to be expanding its

range.

MU

LM P. ocularis **Spectacled weaver Black-necked weaver** 

P. nigricollis BH, QE, MF **Baglafecht** weaver P. baglafecht widespread Ambylospiza widespread Grosbeak weaver albifrons

Ploceus Little weaver QΕ luteolus

Slender-billed weaver	P. pelzelni	Kaaku Swamp, LM
Yellow-backed weaver	P. melanocephalus	Kisoro, QE, MU
Northern brown-throated weaver Compact weaver	P. castanops P. superciliosus	Kaaku Swamp, LM, Fort Portal
Holub's golden weaver	P. xanthops	LM, en route to RZ, Kisoro, QE, en route to MU
Weyn's weaver Strange weaver Brown-capped weaver Yellow-mantled weaver	P. weynsi P. alienus P. insignis P. tricolor	MB (small flock near jetty) RZ BH, RZ MP
Black-billed weaver	P. melanogaster	ВН
Viellot's black weaver Red-billed quelea Cardinal quelea Red-headed quelea	P. nigerrimus Quelea quelea Q. cardinalis Q. erythrops	widespread QE, MU MU B, MU area
Red-headed weaver	Anaplectes rubriceps	single female at LM
Red-headed malimbe	Malimbus rubricollis	MP, BH, MF
Crested malimbe	M. malimbicus	SM
Blue-billed malimbe	M. nitens	SM - two birds on the Hot Springs trail
Red-collared widowbird	Euplectes ardens	QE, en route to B
Fan-tailed widowbird	E. axillaris	MB, Kaaku Swamp, Kisoro
Black bishop	E. geirowii	QE, en route to B
Yellow bishop Yellow-mantled widowbird	E. capensis E. macrourus	en route to RZ, MG en route to B, MU
Red bishop	E. orix	QE
Northern red bishop	E. franscicanus	~
Black-winged red bishop	E. hordaceus	MU area
Grey-headed negro-finch	Nigrita canicapilla	widespread
White-breasted negrofinch	N. fusconotata	widespread
Green-winged pytilia	Pytilia melba	QE, MU area
Red-winged pytilia	P. phoenicoptera	MU area (2 birds in total)
Grey-headed oliveback	Nesocharis capistrata	B (3)
Brown twinspot	Clytospiza monteiri	В
Dusky crimsonwing	Cryptospiza jacksoni	RZ
Red-headed bluebill	Spermophaga	MF

Black-bellied seedcracker Red-cheeked cordonbleu Red-billed firefinch African firefinch Bar-breasted firefinch	ruficapilla Pyrenestes ostrinus Uraeginthus bengalus Lagonosticta senegala L. rubricata  L. rufopicta	SM, B  MB, LM, B  widespread  QE, B, MU area  MU - pair at regular spot down by Paraa ferry crossing (south side)
Yellow-bellied waxbill	Estrilda quartinia	RZ
Common waxbill Black-rumped waxbill Fawn-breasted waxbill Black-crowned waxbill Black-headed waxbill Black-faced waxbill	E. astrilid E. troglodytes E. paludicola E. nonnula E. atricapilla E. erthronotos	QE MU area B, QE BH, en route to RZ RZ, MG en route to MU
Bronze mannikin Black-and-white mannikin	Lonchura cucullata L. bicolor	widespread en route to RZ, SM, B
Magpie mannikin Pin-tailed whydah	L. fringilloides Vidua	
Village indigobird	macroura V. chalybeata Serinus	QE, B, en route to MU
Brimstone canary	sulphuratus	LB, QE, MF
Yellow-fronted canary Yellow-crowned canary Thick-billed seedeater African citril White-rumped seedeater Streaky seedeater	S. canicollis S. burtoni S. citrinelloides S. leucopygius S. striolatus	BH (under-recorded) BH BH, RZ BH, B, LB, MF MU RZ
Oriole finch	Linurgus olivaceus Emberiza	BH (single) single en route to MU
Cinnamon-breasted rock bunting	tahapisi	(escarpment near Butiaba)
African golden-breasted bunting Brown-rumped bunting	E. flaviventris E. affinis	BH (nest found), QE MU - pair north of the Nile
Cabanis's bunting	E. cabanisi	B - single in cultivated area before Royal Mile.

# Birds we missed and where you might see them

African green ibis

Semliki (only)

**Spot-breasted ibis** Semliki (only) **Hartlaub's duck** Semliki (only)

African black duck possible along rivers throughout

**Rufous-breasted sparrowhawk** Bwindi

**Long-tailed hawk** Semliki (only)

Cassin's hawk-eagle Mabira Forest, Budongo

**Congo serpent-eagle** Semliki (only)

**Red-chested flufftail** Mubwindi Swamp (Ruhiza)

**Grey-throated rail** Semliki (only) **Nkulengu rail** Semliki (only)

**Temminck's courser** Queen Elizabeth, Murchison Falls

Bruce's green pigeon
Western bronze-naped pigeon
White-naped pigeon
Black-collared lovebird
Murchison Falls
Buhoma, Semliki
forest throughout (rare)
Budongo, Semliki

Olive long-tailed cuckoo

Buhoma - silent during the dry season and

therefore hard to observe Semliki (not uncommon)

Yellow-throated cuckoo Semliki (not uncommon)

**Fraser's eagle-owl** Ruhiza, Buhoma **Red-chested owlet** Buhoma, Ruhiza

White-headed wood-hoopoe
Black dwarf-hornbill
Southern ground-hornbill
Black-collared barbet
Buhoma
Semliki only
Lake Mburo (only)
Lake Mburo (only)

Scaly-throated honeyguide Bwindi

**Dwarf honeyguide** Ruhiza (Albertine Rift endemic)

Spotted honeyguide

Lyre-tailed honeyguide

Zenker's honeyguide

African piculet

Semliki

Semliki

Semliki

Green-breasted pitta Kibale, Budongo White-tailed lark Queen Elizabeth

**Blue swallow** Mabamba **White-throated blue swallow** Semliki

Mountain wagtail rivers throughout

Leaf-love Semliki

Lowland akalatSemliki, Queen ElizabethGrey-winged robin-chatBuhoma, Queen Elizabeth

White-fronted black-chat Murchison Falls
Papyrus yellow warbler Lake Mburo

**Evergreen forest warbler** The Neck (Bwindi)

Brown woodland warbler

Long-tailed cisticola

Broad-tailed warbler

Mgahinga

Lake Mburo

Oueen Elizabeth

Chapin's flycatcher Buhoma

Yellow-footed flycatcher Buhoma and Budongo

Ituri batis Budongo and Semliki

**Black-throated wattle-eye** Herbert has never seen this!

Blue-headed crested flycatcher Kithingama Swamp, Mabira Forest

Grey-chested illadopsis Ruhiza and Budongo
Dusky babbler Murchison Falls

Capuchin babblerSemlikiWhite-winged titLake MburoTit-hyliaMabira Forest

**African penduline-tit** Lake Mburo and Queen Elizabeth

Malachite sunbirdMgahingaScarlet-tufted malachite sunbirdMgahingaWestern viollet-backed sunbirdMurchison Falls

Fiery-breasted bush-shrike

Many-coloured bush-shrike

Black-winged oriole

Chestnut-winged starling

Semliki

Budongo area

Slender-billed starling Ruhiza
Golden-backed weaver widespread!

Orange weaver possible at the source of the Nile near Mabira

Red-bellied malimbe
Pale-fronted negrofinch
Forest
Semliki
Semliki

Woodhouse's antpecker Bwindi, Semliki

White-collared oliveback Bwindi, Kithingama Swamp

**Dusky twinspot** Ruhiza

**Shelley's crimsonwing** Ruhiza (Albertine Rift endemic)

Papyrus canary

Murchison Falls, Queen Elizabeth, Lake

Bunyoni

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