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### **JUNE 16/17**

After 18 months in the planning a group of us finally left my house by bus, picked up Gary and Pauline in Medway and we were on our way to Heathrow. We had all checked in on line and it was a fairly painless procedure to get airside. A reasonably short wait and we were boarding our Airbus A380 800, a very comfortable double-decker plane to Dubai from where, after a couple of hours, we flew the second leg on a Boeing 777. It was a long overnight journey but eventually we arrived in Entebbe about lunchtime.

We did the normal things, bought our visas, collected our luggage and exited the terminal where we met up with Prossy our lady guide for the next two weeks.

We met up with Sam too, our bus driver, and set off for our ten minute drive to our hotel Boma where we were to stay for the next two nights.

We checked in, had a quick lunch and despite everybody being tired from our long journey, we felt we needed to stretch our legs and see some birds.

We set off for the close-by botanical gardens and started our birding. We managed about 36 species in a couple of hours including the amazing GREAT BLUE TURACO of which we had stunning views. A pair of PALMNUT VULTURES were great to see too and we had fun trying to sort out the many WEAVERS, all which look much the same, a pair of AFRICAN FISH EAGLES, BLACK AND WHITE CASQUED and CROWNED HORNBILLS. A number of BROAD-BILLED ROLLERS were flying about too. The garden at the hotel proved productive also with EASTERN PLANTAIN EATER, BLACK-HEADED GONOLEK, WHITE-BROWED ROBINCHAT, AFRICAN YELLOW WHITE-EYE and RED-CHESTED and SCARLET-CHESTED SUNBIRDS all giving great views.

We had an early dinner followed by a well earned early night trying to sleep in anticipation of what was to follow.

### **JUNE 18**

Today was the day many of us were really looking forward to as we spent the morning doing a boat ride through Mabanba Swamp of papyrus on the edge of the great Victoria Lake. It took nearly two hours to get there on a very bumpy and dusty road along which we saw a few birds such as LIZARD BUZARD, some BLACK AND WHITE CASQUES HORNBILLS which appear to be quite common here. WOODLAND KINGFISHERS were abundant and a single STRIPED KINGFISHER was noted too.

Eventually we arrived at the swamp where many motorised canoes were waiting for their passengers. We hired two boats and as soon as we set off we were seeing nice birds such MALACHITE and bucket loads of PIED KINGFISHERS and as expected JACANAS in profusion. The odd BLACK CRAKE put in an appearance along the water's edge.

WHITE-WINGED TERNS and GREY-HEADED GULLS were flying overhead most of the time. As we appeared in some open water we noticed three stationary boats on the far side. As we approached we could see the head of a large grey bill sticking out of the vegetation. Well that was easy, a fantastic adult SHOEBILL at close range. We watched it for about half an hour, took loads of photos but it was clear it might just stay there virtually motionless for the rest of the day and so we decided to move on and try and find the lake specialities such as the SWAMP GONOLEK and the WEYN'S WEAVER, neither of which we would see for the rest of the trip. It did not take much to get both species.

We visited a very busy GREY-HEADED GULL colony where a pair of LONG-TOED PLOVERS had a couple of chicks. Clearly the gulls were considered no risk to the youngsters. Many more birds were noted such as herons and egrets, YELLOW-BILLED DUCKS, BLUE-BREASTED BEE-EATERS and another somewhat distant SHOEBILL was seen in flight.



After our boat ride, we sat and ate our picnic lunch after which we did a short but very productive walk through some scrubland. Both KLAAS'S and DIEDERIK CUCKOO were seen, the latter being a juvenile being fed by a Red-chested Sunbird which really looked bizarre as the cuckoo must have been four times the size of its confused parent.

We were lucky to find the huge SUPERB SUNBIRD, AFRICAN BLUE FLYCATCHER, some people had a brief glimpse of a PYGMY KINGFISHER. A GREY-HEADED NEGROFINCH was building its nest whilst RED-BILLED FIREFINCH and BLACK-CAPPED WAXBILLS were noted scabbling around on the path.

A little further on a more open area produced PLAIN-BACKED and GRASSLAND (AFRICAN) PIPITS and a pair of RED-NAPED LARKS. A NORTHERN FISCAL now split from Common Fiscal was noted too.

We returned along a better road to the ferry which made the return journey much more bearable. Whilst waiting for the ferry we found

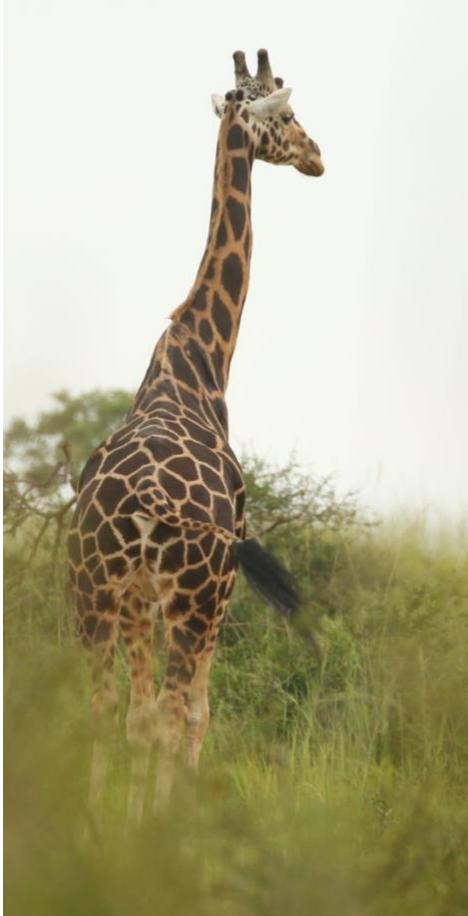
another AFRICAN HARRIER HAWK, a SIDE STRIPED SQUIRREL and some more GUEREZA COLOBUS MONKEYS (Black and white C. monkeys).

On the ferry crossing a huge tight flock of WHITE-WINGED TERNS, looking just like a large wader flock, passed us by which was quite a spectacle.

On return to the lodge we were met by a beautiful pair of ROSS'S TURACOS and a MEYER'S PARROT. What a stunning first full day it had been nicely rounded off by some of us watching England narrowly beating Tunisia in our first World Cup match.

## **JUNE 19**

An early start on our way to Murchison Falls. A drive of over 300 km on bumpy roads. A stop along the road at a marshy area produced a few new species such as the YELLOW-MANTLED WIDOWBIRD, PIN-TAILED WHYDAH in full plumage, a pair of PURPLE-BANDED SUNBIRDS and a few WHITE-FACED



WHISTLING DUCKS whilst a BLACK-AND WHITE CUCKOO put in a brief appearance. Just after that we spotted a tree covered in PINK-BACKED PELICANS on the nest. A LONG-CRESTED EAGLE and a couple of BROWN SNAKE EAGLES were seen next to the road en route.

A brief coffee stop produced GREATER BLUE-EARED STARLING, YELLOW-THROATED GREENBUL, GREY-HEADED KINGFISHER and BEAUTIFUL SUNBIRD.

We crossed the Kafu River and the beautiful green scrub land just continues for miles and miles interspersed with patches of agriculture and pine plantations. A GREY-CROWNED CRANE was also noted en route.

Eventually we entered Murchison Falls National Park where HONEYGUIDE GREENBUL was a new bird for all and a DARK CHANTING GOSHAWK sat on a bare tree next to the road. OLIVE BABOONS and COLOBUS MONKEYS were seen again.

RED-THROATED BEE-EATERS were now becoming common in the forest and a few HELMETED GUINEAFOWL were noted on the road. Eventually we arrived at the ferry terminal and a tin pot ferry which was to take us across the mighty Nile although at this point it is not that wide and so it only took about ten minutes. A couple of WIRE-TAILED SWALLOWS hitched a ride. These were the first ones we had seen. A small party of ELEPHANTS were noted feeding

along the riverbank and WARTHOGS were present in small numbers throughout the latter stages of the day.

After 700 m from the river we arrived at our new accommodation, the Paraa Lodge, a rather large place with good facilities. We checked in, had some coffee and set off again.

It was a brief two hour ride which produced a few birds including our first SCALY FRANCOLIN but it was the mammals which created the most interest. The LEWLEN HAARTEBEEEST subspecies is one of 8 varieties was great to see and the delicate little ORIBI was new to all. It was great to see ELEPHANTS again. They never fail to amaze and no matter how many photos one has on one's computer, there is always room for more it seems.

As the light faded we managed just one brief glimpse of a PENNANT-WINGED NIGHTJAR as it took off from the road in front of the bus as did a large Eagle Owl of indeterminate species

## **JUNE 20**

Today was the day that started with a magical game drive in the Murchison NP where we saw many great species of bird. It was a mixture of riverine forest followed by rolling hills of green savanna. We had good views of quite a lot of ABYSSINIAN GROUND HORN BILLS, a couple GREY-CROWNED CRANES, and spectacular close views of DENHAM'S BUSTARD as well as a fly a-by of a pair of BLACK-BELLIED KORHAANS. Both SENEGAL and SPOTTED THICK-KNEES stood motionless by the roadside, the latter sheltering from the sun under some bushes. The bird list for the morning must have totalled about 80 species.

The mammals were spectacular too with ELEPHANTS, ROTHCHILD'S GIRAFFES, HAARTEBEEEST, OROBI, the gorgeous UGANDAN KOB, WATERBUCK, singles of BUSHBUCK and BOHOR REEDBUCK. The highlights of the morning were three 14 month old LIONS, one of which sat in the road before joining its siblings and disappearing into the long grass. This was followed later by a mating pair which gave

more prolonged views. The male unfortunately had a rather severe snare injury across his back but now was wearing a rather large radio collar. Not a pretty sight.

It had been a great safari and by the time we got back to the lodge we had just one hour to have lunch and get down to the river to catch the boat which was to take us to the Falls. It was a three hour round trip with plenty to see. Hundreds of HIPPOS, a few rather large CROCODILES and many PIED KINGFISHERS ( 16 in one tree alone), a rather splendid GIANT KINGFISHER, a few AFRICAN FISH EAGLES, three or four GOLIATH HERONS and a couple of ROCK PRATINCOLES.

The Falls where the river Nile disgorges it's water through a seven metre gap causing absolute "aqua chaos" resulting in whirlpools and eddies before settling down to carry its foam, caused by the pressure, downstream. By now it was raining quite hard at times and so a potential walk was abandoned. I don't think it was planned anyway.

The return journey was fairly uneventful and we got back in time to freshen up before doing our nightly bird log and having yet another tasty dinner.

### **JUNE 21**

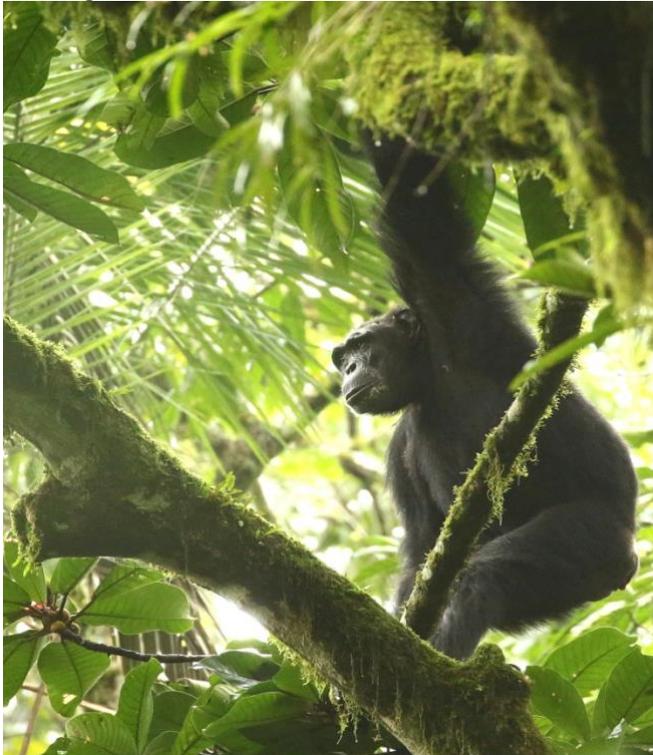
Today we had the very long drive from Paraa Lodge to Kibale NP. The bumpy road through the forest for the first 73kms produced lots of OLIVE BABOONS and a lovely party of CRESTED GUINEAFOWL. Three HARRIER HAWKS, a few GREY KESTRELS, MARABOU STORKS, LONG-CRESTED EAGLE were about the most interesting.

A brief stop produced some RED-TAILED MONKEYS and DUSKY BLUE FLYCATCHER.

We did not arrive at Mountains to the Moon lodge until about 7pm. Dinner took forever and we finally retired about 10pm. It had just been a travelling day.

### **JUNE 22**

A very early start with a 4.30 breakfast although most people stuck to just a few bits of fruit. We left the lodge at 5am for the hour's drive to Kibale National Park which is famous for its 13 species of primates.



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Our walk started at 6.15 am through a rather damp forest after all the rain yesterday and overnight. We were looking and listening for the sought after Green-breasted Pitta but we had no luck. They hadn't been recorded for eight days so it was no surprise we did not get it.

There were quite a few birds calling but apart from a RED-BELLIED PARADISE FLYCATCHER and a pair of fly-over AFRICAN GREY PARROTS not a lot was seen. But we were there for the primates really and soon some RED-TAILED MONKEYS, BLACK-AND-WHITE and CENTRAL AFRICAN RED COLOBUS were noted but it was the screaming of the CHIMPANZEES that got us all excited. We were soon watching one coming down a tree and disappearing into the undergrowth. A little further on we were taken to probably the largest tree in the forest where quite a number of these

aggressive beasts were seen. It was very difficult to photograph them because of the bad light and the thick foliage. However we did manage a few nice shots.

We stayed with them for about 30 minutes or more and it had been an amazing experience. We returned to the base and after a wee earned rest for half an hour or so we left to visit a swamp which was productive too. We again had wonderful views of GREAT BLUE TURACO, a group of GREY-CHEEKED MANGABEY, a pair of L'HOEST MONKEYS and a few more birds new to the list including GROSBEAK WEAVER.

Just as the rain was about to come down in buckets Sam turned up with the bus. We returned to the lodge for a restful afternoon watching World Cup football, drinking coffee, sleeping or just catching up with emails, notes, photos etc.

### **JUNE 23**

Left Mountains of the Moon lodge for our drive to Queen Elizabeth Park. A brief stop along the road produced ELLIOT'S WOODPECKER, YELLOW THROATED and YELLOW-RUMPED TINKERBIRDS, WHITE-CHINNED PRINIA, a family group of DUSKY TITS and a rather amusing and cheeky troupe of OLIVE BABOONS taking advantage of passing motorists and their generosity. A couple more stops added a few goodies to the list including CHUBB'S CISTICOLA, GREY-THROATED BARBET, GREEN CROMBEC, GREY-GREEN BUSHSHRIKE, BLACK CUCKOOSHRIKE and OLIVE-BELLIED SUNBIRD.

Other birds of interest were PALE-FRONTED and GREY-HEADED NEGROFINCH, COLLARED SUNBIRD and some NARROW-TAILED STARLINGS.

Along the road, LONG-CRESTED EAGLES, AFRICAN CUCKOOHAWK, LESSER KESTREL, GREY-BACKED FISCAL, ARROW-MARKED BABBLER, SENEGAL PLOVERS were noted.

A troupe of RED COLOBUS MONKEYS were seen near the road and as the mist lifted and sun burned through we were able to get some nice pictures.

The afternoon was spent on safari in Queen Elizabeth NP en route Enganzi Lodge and more ELEPHANTS, KOBS, WATERBUCK and a single HIPPO was seen. HOODED and WHITE-RUMPED VULTURES gave good views

### **JUNE 24**

Game drive in the morning in the Park did not really produce much in terms of mammals but birds were excellent with HARLEQUIN QUAIL being seen by a few of us. Other interesting species included FLAPPET and WHITE-TAILED LARKS, the latter the only ones of the trip and GREY-GREEN BUSHSHRIKE and BLACK CUCKOOSHRIKE were seen too. A pair of VERREAUX'S EAGLE OWLS were great to see too.



The afternoon was spent doing another boat ride along the Kazinga Channel and again apart from Hippos and Buffalo mammals were in short supply. Birds however stole the show but for the non birdwatchers it was rather lacking in interest. A pair of SADDLE-BILLED STORKS kept up with the boat, lots of WATER THICK-KNEES were found loitering on the riverbank and a single THREE-BANDED PLOVER was discovered. A sizeable flock of GULL-BILLED TERNS was joined by a couple of WHITE-WINGED TERNS and kingfishers were represented by dozens of PIED, a few GREY-HEADED and a single MALACHITE.

Both LONG-TAILED and GREAT CORMORANT were present, the latter in a huge flock where locals were cleaning fish. Here too was a large gathering of WHITE PELICANS with the odd PINK-BACKED thrown in.

We returned to the lodge for a shower, a log call and dinner before retiring for the night.

## **JUNE 25**

The problem with Uganda is that if one wants to visit all the main sites one will spend a lot of time on bad roads and thus many hours travelling between sites. And so we again spent much of the day in the bus but a party of ARROW-MARKED BABBLERS were seen.

We arrived at Buhoma Haven Lodge at 2 pm, checked in, waited for the rain to stop. The balcony here was a great place for birding and in no time at all several species were added to the list. GREY-THROATED TIT-FLYCATCHER, CHUBB'S CISTICOLA, AFRICAN GOLDEN-BREASTED BUNTING, WHITE-TAILED BLUE FLYCATCHER, SLENDER-BILLED GREENBUL were just some of the new ones noted.

A short bird-walk at 4pm along the main Bwindi forest trail produced yet more new ones such as LUEHDER'S BUSHSHRIKE, PETIT'S CUCKOOSHRIKE, BROWN-THROATED WATTLE-EYE, PINK-FOOTED PUFFBACK amongst others.

This is a beautiful with great rooms in individual chalets and wonderful raised terrace from which to birdwatch, have a drink etc. Great staff and lovely food. We again had an early night because tomorrow we may need some energy.

## **JUNE 26**

Today was the day filled with anxiety, excitement and anticipation. We had been prepared for a tough trek with lots of ups and downs and scrambling through thick and thorn covered vegetation. We were told to have good footwear and wear gloves and were expected to be reasonably fit.

We left the lodge at 0530 and arrived at the gate of the Bwindi Impenetrable National Park at about 0800. We signed in and joined a half hour briefing about the forest and it's gorillas, how to behave and what to expect on the trek. If that was to put our minds at rest, it did not work. Take a stick, hire a porter were the order of the day. We all had our individual porter, not only to carry our bags but to drag us up the slope when required. There was a guard with a rifle in case a rogue elephant should appear.

We were told that if you can't go any further they will bring a stretcher to carry us to see the gorillas and in worst case scenarios a helicopter can be brought in to get us out of there.

So the walk started with a long downward slope, which of course had to be ascended on the way back. A short flat bit and up we went for what seemed like ages. After 45 minutes of walking the path, the call came through that the trackers, who had been in the forest since 07.30 had located the Bitukura family of Gorillas. A family of 11 animals consisting of a silverback, a retired adult male, a young male a couple of females and series of youngsters of differing ages including a baby.

We could hear the trackers but they were somewhere up the hill and so we were physically dragged up the 45 degree slope, slipping and sliding, by our porters. We now saw the need for individual porters. To say it was tough is perhaps an understatement. In fact it was a bit scary, but even the least mobile of us got there in the end. We were greeted by a sighting of an adult female busily stripping leaves of their stems when a young one appeared. They took absolutely no notice of us multi-coloured relatives with unusual hairdos and strange metal appendices. They just went about their business. A little further down the track was the dominant silverback of the family also accompanied

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by a youngster and again he took no notice of us with our clicking cameras and staring into the distance with total disdain . Further females and youngsters were seen until a total of ten out of the eleven family members were seen and photographed. The ousted adult male who apparently sometimes joins the group had gone out for the day.

At one stage a young male with a baby on his back brushed my leg and walked within inches of our group.

It had been an incredible and quite humbling experience and one none of us will ever forget. I have had many amazing animal experiences on our tours but this one must be rated as the top one and perhaps on this occasion the photographs do the experience justice.

We had indeed been very fortunate to meet a family so close to the gate, to have such excellent trackers and porters to enable us to see the animals which fortunately sat out in the open for much of the time.

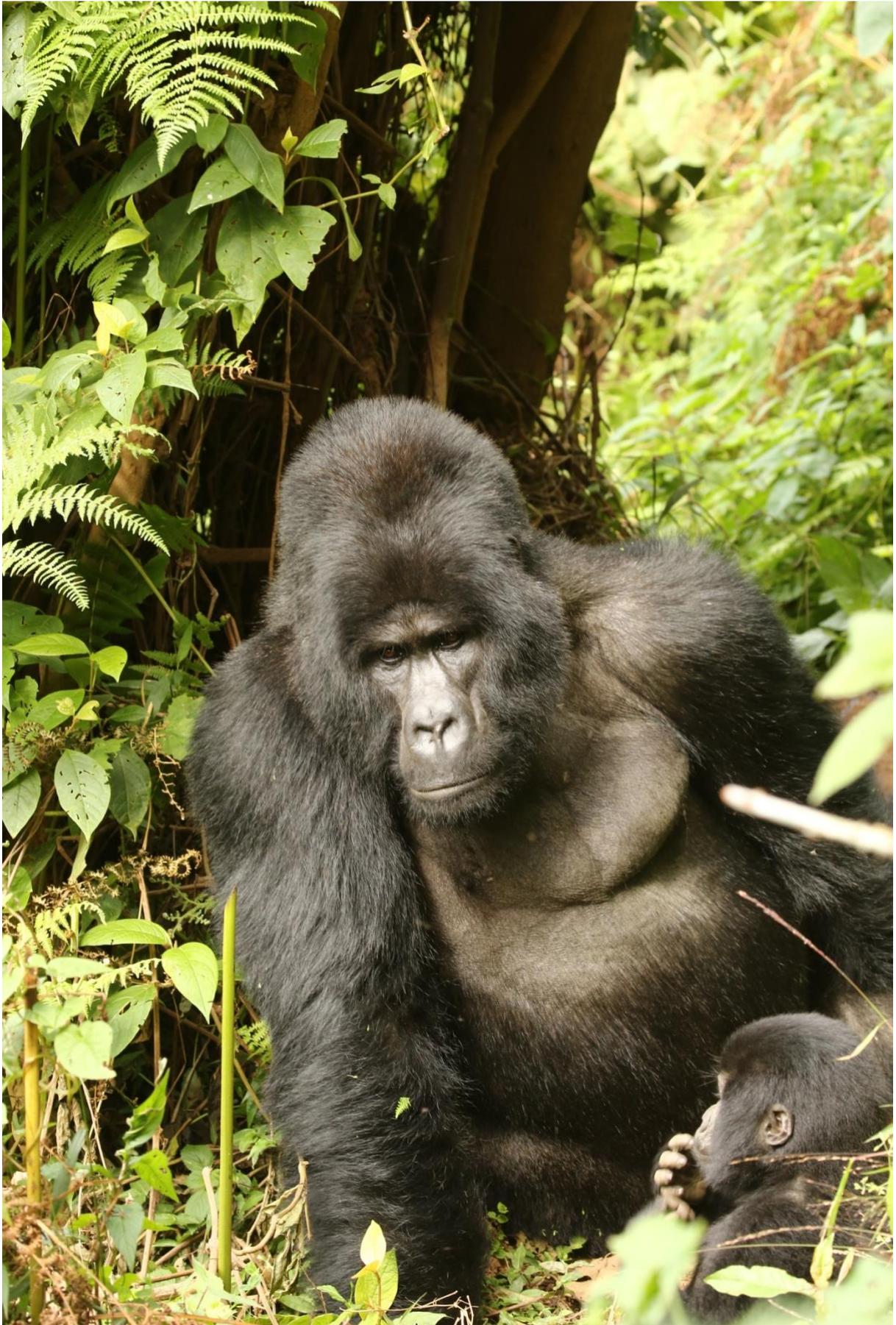
We returned to the gate which as the itinerary suggested was far easier than the inward walk with our minds occupied with thoughts from the last hour.

Then we had the de-brief and the graduation ceremony. We were each presented with a personal certificate to indicate our survival and successful Gorilla sighting.

We returned to the lodge and on arrival the rain came down. Such timing. It put pay to the afternoon's bird-walk but I don't think many were too worried as this morning's activities had drained our energy banks.

Dinner was followed by a very early night.





**JUNE 27**

This morning we went for a Birding walk with Prossy and a local birding guide we met the other day called Matthew. Both very good birders and we had a good list of new birds including CASSIN'S HAWK EAGLE, BLACK BEE-EATER, WHITE-TAILED ANT-THRUSH, MOUNTAIN ORIOLE, SEIMUND'S or LITTLE GREEN SUNBIRD, BLUE-THROATED BROWN SUNBIRD, BLACK-FACED RUFOUS WARBLER etc. Another spectacular walk on which we also had brief views of BLACK-FRONTED DUIKER, a new mammal for the trip.

Back for lunch, a bit of a siesta, which was intended to be followed by another walk. We made a start but again as is so often in rain forest we got rained off. However the terrace is a great place to watch birds from and some goodies included AFRICAN DUSKY FLYCATCHER, BLACK-NECKED WEAVER, GOLDEN-BREASTED BUNTING, LITTLE and SLENDER-BILLED GREENBULS, BLACK SAW-WING, CHUBB'S CISTICOLA, NORTHERN DOUBLE-COLLARED SUNBIRD and some of the more common species such as the PIED WAGTAIL were all seen again.

Bird-wise it had been an excellent with quite a few added to the list.

RED-TAILED AND L'HOEST MONKEYS, RED-LEGGED SUNSQUIRREL and BOEHM'S SQUIRREL were seen too.

I had to move hotel for just our last night here as our was fully booked. Not quite the luxury of the Haven Lodge but for just one night sort of acceptable.

**JUNE 28**

Back to the Haven for breakfast and off on yet another long drive.

Rock Rwakobo was our next destination. This is yet another one of these incredible lodges for which Africa is so famous. It is set on top of a rocky outcrop surrounded by miles of savanna. The setting is just amazing and romantic as the sun rises or sets. Views and sounds all around.

A few nice birds en route included HANDSOME and CRESTED FRANCOLINS, AFRICAN HAWK EAGLE, MOUNTAIN and AUGUR BUZZARDS, a couple more VERREAUX'S EAGLE OWLS, our second pair of the tour, CRESTED BARBET, our only WHITE-NECKED RAVEN of the trip, a number of passerines including RED-FACED WOODLAND WARBLER, WHITE-EYED SLATY and CASSIN'S FLYCATCHERS.

As the sun set over the savanna a SWAMP NIGHTJAR flew past the dining area. A lovely meal again and off to bed. It had been a long and sometime a little arduous day with our 12 hour drive.

**JUNE 29**

Today started off with a boat trip on Lake Mburo. We did not go far and while dodging the many HIPPOS we managed a few good birds including male and female FINFOOT which were the main target species of the trip, BLACK-CROWNED and WHITE-BACKED NIGHT HERONS, AFRICAN MARSH HARRIER and at least 5 AFRICAN FISH EAGLES in the air at once. The boatman spotted a fly-by Shining Blue Kingfisher and much to our annoyance we never found it.

The afternoon was spent doing yet another safari during which perhaps the most interesting species were ELAND, COMMON SCIMITARBILL, WHITE-WINGED TIT, BROWN PARROT, LONG-TAILED CISTICOLA, LAPPET-FACED VULTURE, CRESTED and SPOT-FLANKED BARBETS.

Back at the lodge we had a very relaxing evening meal with a few drinks as we have a relatively late start tomorrow.

**JUNE 30**

Our last long journey back to Entebbe for our last night in Uganda back at Boma Lodge where it all started. As we left Rock Rwadoba on the unmade road we had the opportunity for some last minute birding. NORTHERN CROMBEC was added to the list.

We had our final packed lunch, most of which was left in the restaurant where we ordered some of the weakest coffee I have had the pleasure of tipping into the flower border.

There were lots of tourist shops here and I managed to purchase three rather nice shirts for just \$25. We finally arrived back at Boma Hotel where we started our tour two weeks ago. We watched some World Cup football, had a lovely meal and retired reasonably early again.

**JULY 1**

Our only lie in of the trip with a late breakfast at 9 but it did not stop us waking up early.

We left the hotel lunchtime, drove to the airport, said goodbye to our brilliant driver Sam and our fantastic guide Prossy. They both had done a fantastic job over the last two weeks.

The journey home was uneventful but long via the Gulf but at least back to Gatwick. The bus was waiting for us and after dropping Gary and Pauline off we arrived home in Worth about 09.30.

A fantastic trip enjoyed by all with the main highlight being the Gorillas, an experience none of us will ever forget.



White-faced Whistling Duck	Great Egret
Egyptian Goose	Intermediate Egret
Spur-winged Goose	Little Egret
Yellow-billed Duck	Cattle Egret
Helmeted Guineafowl	Squacco Heron
Crested Guineafowl	Striated Heron
Harlequin Quail	Black-crowned Night-Heron
Handsome Francolin	White-backed Night-Heron
Heuglin's Francolin	Sacred Ibis
Scaly Francolin	Hadada Ibis
Red-necked Francolin	African Spoonbill
Crested Francolin	Black-shouldered Kite
Ring-necked Francolin	African Harrier-Hawk
Lesser Flamingo	Palm-nut Vulture
African Openbill	African Cuckoo-Hawk
Wooly-necked Stork	White-headed Vulture
Saddle-billed Stork	Lappet-faced Vulture
Marabou Stork	Hooded Vulture
Yellow-billed Stork	White-backed Vulture
Long-tailed Cormorant	Ruppell's Vulture
Great Cormorant	Bateleur
African Darter	Black-breasted Snake- Eagle
Great White Pelican	Brown Snake-Eagle
Pink-backed Pelican	Banded Snake-Eagle
Shoebill	Martial Eagle
Hamerkop	Long-crested Eagle
Grey Heron	Cassin's Hawk-Eagle
Black-headed Heron	African Hawk-Eagle
Goliath Heron	Lizard Buzzard
Purple Heron	Dark Chanting Goshawk
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Eurasian Marsh Harrier	Grey-hooded Gull
African Marsh Harrier	Heuglin's Gull
Shikra	Lesser Black-backed Gull
Little Sparrowhawk	Gull-billed Tern
Yellow-billed Kite	White-winged Tern
African Fish-Eagle	Speckled Pigeon
Mountain Buzzard	Mourning Collared Dove
Augur Buzzard	Red-eyed Dove
Denham's Bustard	Ring-necked Dove
Black-bellied Bustard	Vinaceous Dove
Striped Crake	Laughing Dove
Black Crake	Emerald Spotted Dove
African Finfoot	Black-billed Wood-Dove
Grey-crowned Crane	Blue-spotted Wood-Dove
Water Thick-knee	Tambourine Dove
Senegal Thick-knee	African Green Pigeon
Spotted Thick-knee	Great Blue Turaco
Black-winged Stilt	Black-billed Turaco
Long-toed Lapwing	Ross's Turaco
Spur-winged Plover	Bare-faced Go-away-bird
Black-headed Lapwing	Eastern Plantain-eater
Senegal Lapwing	Blue-headed Coucal
Crowned Lapwing	White-browed Coucal
Wattled Lapwing	Black Coucal
Kittlitz's Plover	Levaillant's Cuckoo
Three-banded Plover	Pied Cuckoo
African Jacana	Dideric Cuckoo
Common Greenshank	Klaas's Cuckoo
Collared Pratincole	African Emerald Cuckoo
Rock Pratincole	

Red-chested Cuckoo	Red-throated Bee-eater
Verreaux's Eagle Owl	Little Bee-eater
Pennant-winged Nightjar	Blue-breasted Bee-eater
Swamp Nightjar	Cinnamon-chested Bee-eater
Freckled Nightjar	Swallow-tailed Bee-eater
Little Swift	White-throated Bee-eater
White-rumped swift	Madagascar Bee-eater
African Palm Swift	Northern Carmine Bee-eater
Speckled Mousebird	Lilac-breasted Roller
Blue-naped Mousebird	Broad-billed Roller
Narina Trogon	Yellow-billed Barbet
Green Woodhoopoe	Crested Barbet
Common Scimitarbill	Grey-throated Barbet
African Hoopoe	Speckled Tinkerbird
Abyssinian Ground-Hornbill	Yellow-throated Tinkerbird
Crowned Hornbill	Yellow-rumped Tinkerbird
African Pied Hornbill	Spot-flanked Barbet
African Grey Hornbill	Black-billed Barbet
Black-and-white Casqued Hornbill	Double-toothed Barbet
Malachite Kingfisher	Cassin's Honeyguide
African Pygmy Kingfisher	Least Honeyguide
Grey-headed Kingfisher	Lesser Honeyguide
Woodland Kingfisher	Nubian Woodpecker
Striped Kingfisher	Tullberg's Woodpecker
Giant Kingfisher	Cardinal Woodpecker
Pied Kingfisher	Elliot's Woodpecker
Black Bee-eater	Lesser Kestrel

Grey Kestrel	White-necked Raven
African Hobby	Western Nicator
Grey Parrot	Rufous-naped Lark
Meyer's Parrot	Flappet Lark
Brown-throated Wattle-eye	White-tailed Lark
Chinsdpot Batis	Angola Swallow
Black-headed Batis	Wire-tailed Swallow
Black-and-white Shrike-flycatcher	Red-rumped Swallow
Pink-footed Puffback	Lesser Striped Swallow
Black-crowned Tchagra	Mosque Swallow
Brown-crowned Tchagra	Common House Martin
Luehder's Bushshrike	White-headed Sawwing
Black-headed Gonolek	Black Sawwing
Papyrus Gonolek	Grey-rumped Swallow
Willard's Sooty Boobou	African Blue Flycatcher
Grey-green Bushshrike	White-tailed Blue Flycatcher
Black Cuckooshrike	White-winged Black Tit
Petit's Cuckooshrike	Dusky Tit
Grey-backed Fiscal	Slender-billed Greenbul
Mackinnon's Shrike	Eastern Mountain Greenbul
Northern Fiscal	Joyful Greenbul
Black-tailed (Mountain)Oriole	Honeyguide Greenbul
Fork-tailed Drongo	Yellow-throated Greenbul
Black-headed Paradise Flycatcher	Red-tailed Greenbul
African Paradise Flycatcher	Sombre Greenbul
Piapiac	Yellow-whiskered Greenbul
Pied Crow	Little Greenbul

Toro Olive-Greenbul	Cassin's Flycatcher
Common Bulbul	Sooty Flycatcher
Green Crombec	Dusky-blue Flycatcher
Northern Crombec	Grey-throated Tit-Flycatcher
Green Hylia	Silverbird
Red-faced Woodland Warbler	Northern Black Flycatcher
Buff-throated Apalis	White-eyed Slaty Flycatcher
Grey Apalis	Brown-backed Scrub- Robin
Green-backed Camaroptera	Grey-winged Robin-Chat
Olive-green Camaroptera	White-browed Robin-Chat
Red-faced Cisticola	Red-capped Robin-Chat
Singing Cisticola	Snowy-crowned Robin-Chat
Chubb's Cisticola	Spotted Morning Thrush
Rattling Cisticola	Equatorial Akalat
Winding Cisticola	Sooty Chat
Stout Cisticola	Familiar Chat
Long-tailed Cisticola	White-tailed Ant-Thrush
Zitting Cisticola	African Thrush
Grey-capped Warbler	Violet-backed Starling
Black-faced Rufous Warbler	Narrow-tailed Starling
Buff-bellied Warbler	Purple-headed Starling
Tawny-flanked Prinia	Ruppell's Starling
White-chinned Prinia	Splendid Starling
African Yellow White-eye	Greater Blue-eared Starling
Brown Babbler	Red-billed Oxpecker
Arrow-marked Babbler	Yellow-billed Oxpecker
Swamp Flycatcher	Little Green Sunbird

Collared Sunbird	Shelley's Rufous Sparrow
Green-headed Sunbird	Northern Grey-headed Sparrow
Blue-throated Brown Sunbird	Speckle-fronted Weaver
Blue-headed Sunbird	Chestnut-crowned Sparrow-Weaver
Western Olive Sunbird	Red-headed Malimbe
Green-throated Sunbird	Red-headed Weaver
Scarlet-chested Sunbird	Baglafaecht Weaver
Bronze Sunbird	Little Weaver
Olive-bellied Sunbird	Slender-billed Weaver
Northern Double-collared Sunbird	Black-necked Weaver
Regal Sunbird	Black-billed Weaver
Beautiful Sunbird	Holub's Golden Weaver
Red-chested Sunbird	Orange Weaver
Purple-banded Sunbird	Northern Brown-throated Weaver
Supern Sunbird	Lesser Masked Weaver
Copper Sunbird	Vieillot's Weaver
African Pied Wagtail	Village Weaver
African Pipit	Weyns's weaver
Plain-backed Pipit	Black-headed Weaver
Yellow-throated Longclaw	Golden-backed Weaver
Golden-breasted Bunting	Yellow-mantled Weaver
Yellow-crowned Canary	Brown-capped Weaver
Yellow-fronted Canary	Red-headed Quelea
Western Citril	Red-billed Quelea
Streaky Seedeater	Northern Red Bishop
Thick-billed Seedeater	Southern red Bishop
House Sparrow	Black-winged Bishop

Black Bishop

White-winged Widowbird

Yellow-mantled Widowbird

Fan-tailed Widowbird

Grosbeak Weaver

Grey-headed Nigrita

White-breasted Nigrita

Common Waxbill

Black-crowned Waxbill

Red-cheeked Cordonblue

Red-winged Pytilia

Green-winged Pytilia

Red-billed Firefinch

Black-bellied Firefinch

African Firefinch

Bronze Mannikin

Black-and-white Mannikin

Pin-tailed Whydah

Village Indigobird



### BYE BYE Uganda

This was an amazing trip and despite the long road journeys we saw a huge amount of wildlife. Over 350 species of birds seen, further ones heard only and an impressive list of mammals.

The highlights of the tour must have been the Gorillas and perhaps the enigmatic Shoebill.

Thanks are due to Neblina Forest, Ecuador and Bird Uganda who for Sandwich Bird Tours put the holiday together. Prossy, our lovely guide without whom we would not have seen half the species encountered and our guests without whom there would be no tour. Thank you to you all.

We will be back.

John van der Dol

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**MAMMALS**

Bush Elephant

Patas Monkey

Vervet Monkey

Red-tailed Monkey

L'Hoest's Monkey

Blue Monkey

Grey-cheeked Mangabey

Olive Baboon

Guereza Colobus

Central African Red Colobus

Eastern Mountain Gorilla

Common Chimpanzee

Striped Ground Squirrel

Thoms' Rope Squirrel

Red-legged Sun Squirrel

Boehm's Bush Squirrel

Scrub Hare

Yellow-winged Bat

African Lion

Dwarf Mongoose

Burchel's Zebra

Common Warthog

Hippopotamus

Rothschild'd Giraffe

Lelwel Hartebeest

Oribi

African BuffaloCommon Eland

Bushbuck

Black-fronted Duiker

Impala

Waterbuck

Kob

Bohor Reedbuck