

Birding Uganda, Bird Watching Africa Trip Report.

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Introduction

Spanning the equator and bounded in the west by Africa's Great Rift Valley, Uganda is a country of great natural beauty and geographical diversity. The soaring volcanic peaks of the Virunga and Rwenzori Mountains, a chain of huge inland lakes, the source of the mighty River Nile, large areas of savannah and acacia dotted grassland and large tracts of primary forest which include the western edge of the great Ituri Forest of the Congo Basin and Bwindi Impenetrable Forest, these habitats are home to a great diversity of bird and animal life.

Often referred to as the 'Pearl of Africa' Uganda boasts a list of around 1080 bird species including the legendary and monotypic Shoebill probably more accessible here in Uganda than anywhere else in its limited range of the papyrus swamps of east central Africa. The birdlist also contains the very localised Albertine Rift endemics of which 23 out of 24 may be found in Uganda. The country's long established game parks provide refuge to a wonderful assortment of mammals which, although sadly depleted during the Amin years, are now recovering , and its highland forests are home to half or more than half of the world's remaining gorilla population.

Always a classic birding destination, the genesis for our trip lay in a chance meeting with Sam Woods in the forest at Rajah Sikatuna National Park on Bohol in the Philippines where he, and we, were searching unsuccessfully for Visayan Broadbill. Sam enthused about his recent trip to Uganda, sent us a copy of his report and the trip was born. We contacted Uganda Bird Guides, who Sam had recommended, and in the planning stages, discovered that Phil Benstead, whom we knew from an earlier trip to Borneo, was also planning to go about the same time, and so we joined forces for a 24 day trip to most of the major birding areas in Uganda including a couple of the lesser known.

In the event the trip was a great success; we recorded **540 species of birds** which exceeded our expectation (the group as a whole probably recorded 550 odd) and saw some 50 mammal species including a wonderful hour at close quarters with the Rushegura gorilla group at Bwindi. Regrettably the chimpanzees at Kanio Pabide performed only briefly for some. We found the people of Uganda to be open and friendly and the cry of "Hey Mazungu - how are you?" will live long in the memory. The Uganda Bird Club and its associated guides did a great job in planning and supporting our trip and Herbert Byaruhanga worked tirelessly on our behalf to make sure everything went smoothly. In addition to sorting out all the logistics, doing all the driving Herbert also accompanied us on the trails where his birding skills and sense of humour added

greatly to the trip. In summary we had an excellent trip and would recommend it as a great destination

Birding Highlights

Perhaps, most surprisingly the **Shoebill** was not "bird of the trip", that accolade going to the stunning **Yellow-bellied Wattle-eye** an avian jewel whose shining orange underparts, magenta blue back and outrageous apple green eye wattle had to be seen to be believed. Indeed the *Dyaphorophya* genus of Wattle eyes rather stole the show; **Jameson's** and **Chestnut Wattle-eye** are also exquisite. Amongst the smaller forest dwellers the tiny **Ugandan Woodland Warbler**, **Black-faced Rufous Warbler**, **Rufous-crowned Eremomela**, **Rwenzori Batis**, **Chestnut-throated**, **Black-throated** and **Mountain Masked Apalis** all stood out. The vibrant endemic **Red-throated Alethe** on the trail at Buhoma, **Rwenzori Turaco** at Mgahinga, **Brown Twinspot** near Budongo, the stately **Grey Crowned Crane** and of course the **Shoebill** on the Nile were other highlights. All 5 possible turacos, 9 cuckoos including Madagascar Lesser, Dusky and Barred Long-tailed Cuckoo, 11 kingfishers, 9 bee-eaters including Madagascar, Red-throated and Northern Carmine and 10 species of hornbill including the great Red-billed Dwarf Hornbill at Semliki were all memorable.

Major Misses

Our double endemic dip at Bwindi was unfortunate to say the least. Short-tailed Warbler at Buhoma never showed despite the grass twitching a few metres in front of us and we failed to make any contact with African Green Broadbill on the Mubwindi Swamp Trail. Other birds we missed included:

Lake Mburo - Papyrus Yellow Warbler, Long-tailed Cisticola, Southern Ground Hornbill.

Buhoma - Western Bronze-naped Pigeon, Olive-Long-tailed Cuckoo, Red-chested Owlet, White-headed Wood hoopoe, Chapin's & Yellow-footed Flycatcher, Many-coloured Bushshrike.

Ruhijja - Dwarf Honeyguide, Red-chested Owlet, and the difficult Fraser's Eagle Owl, Dusky Twinspot, and Shelley's Crimsonwing

Mgahinga - Malachite & Scarlet Tufted Sunbird.

Security

The notion of Uganda as an unsafe destination needs to be changed. The country has suffered a number of post colonial tragedies culminating in the brutal regime of Idi Amin and although events beyond its boundaries in Rwanda and Congo have given cause for regional concern Uganda now appears a safe and stable country working hard to rebuild its eco-tourism. We felt entirely safe throughout, indeed the discreet presence of the soldiers who accompanied us at Bwindi and Mgahinga gave an added sense of comfort that the country took the security of its tourist visitors very seriously indeed. The FCO still

advise against travel north of the Nile at Murchison Falls because of the activities of the Lord's Resistance Army, although by all accounts the Ugandan army has pushed them back over the border into Sudan and any threat seems minimal. Indeed the Head of the Ugandan Tourist Board joked with us that despite the FCO Travel Advisory the British High Commissioner is often seen on game drives at the weekend.

LOGISTICS, TIMING AND COSTS.

In the past year or two Uganda Safari Guides Association(USAGA) generaloffice@ugasaf.org has come to prominence as the most reliable, enthusiastic and knowledgeable bird tour company based in Uganda. Based upon our experience this reputation is thoroughly deserved as they did a great job on all aspects of the trip. Led by the irrepressible and energetic Herbert Byaruhanga director@birduganda.com they provide a good package at very competitive prices and can tweak itineraries and accommodation to suit all budgets. Local bird guides on the whole were of a high standard and knew their local patch. Godfrey at Semliki was perhaps the best of the lot with Vincent at Budongo a close second. Herbert's presence throughout the trip was of great benefit as were his birding skills which helped find a number of species that we might otherwise have missed.

We arranged a 24 days itinerary designed to cover the major sites and one or two less visited areas. The itinerary worked well although as is often the case an extra day here and there would have been useful. We did not give enough time to do justice to Lake Mburo; Maramagambo Forest would also have repaid extra time spent there and the Butiaba escarpment which was not on our original itinerary proved to be probably the best birding day of the trip. Going to Semliki NP was undoubtedly worthwhile but poor road connections and complete absence of facilities on site make it a time consuming business and as suggested by Woods may be worthy of a separate trip of several days if the camping logistics can be sorted.

Timing of trips remains an issue. Probably the best time to see many of the birds is the month of May during the breeding and wet season as Woods strongly recommends in his report. It's a balance - birds are more active and easily seen but roads are likely to be difficult and heavy rain may curtail birding. Semliki may even be inaccessible at that time. During our visit in July/August we found conditions dry but birding sometimes difficult with little response to tapes.

Transport throughout was in a 10 seater minivan with a roof that could be raised for game viewing /night birding . Food was plentiful and accommodation ranged from adequate to excellent. Jacana Lodge was by far the most comfortable (and expensive), Traveller's Rest in Kisoro (Mgahinga) a good second, Red Chilli at Murchison and Kampala were fine, the Bwindi View bandas at Buhoma were clean and comfortable and the staff were kindness itself, the ITFC building at Ruhijja, whilst basic, was comfortable and great fun thanks to the efforts of the cook and the mobile catering unit. QENP accommodation was a bit run down but when the electricity failed Herbert took us for dinner to the swish Mweya Safari Lodge for an excellent dinner .

The all-inclusive price per individual for a party of 6 Kampala/Kampala was \$2780 .

SITE INFORMATION AND ACCOMMODATION.

Much information on sites is available on Uganda Wildlife Authority and Uganda Tourist Board websites as well as in other trip reports particularly that of Sam Woods 2002. What follows may be seen as somewhat repetitive but is included here for completeness and personal comment where that may be useful.

Mabamba Wetlands

This papyrus wetland located about 1 hour from the airport at Entebbe is home to a small number of Shoebill and provides an excellent starting point to any trip particularly if you have arrived early morning following the overnight flight from London. The track that leads to the 'jetty' supports a lot of birds and by late morning at Mabamba we had seen over 50 species. As many birders do, we stayed in the Red Chilli Camp in Kampala which was fine and boasts a list of 80 species in the grounds.

Mpanga Forest

A small patch of remnant forest about 2 hours from Kampala en route to Lake Mburo.

Lake Mburo

Situated between Masaka and Mbarara in Western Uganda this park covers some 260 square kilometres comprising largely savannah and acacia stands and several expanses of water the largest of which is Lake Mburo. There is an excellent variety of water and savannah species (357 bird species) as well as an impressive mammal list. The entrance road to the park also contains many bird species. We spent only one night here and if doing it again would certainly spend a second night. Accommodation was in permanent two person tents scattered through the bush affording privacy and the chance to enjoy some of the sounds of the African night. There is a restaurant by the lake. A boat trip round the papyrus reed beds is a must. Key species include Papyrus Gonolek, African Finfoot, White-winged Warbler and Papyrus Yellow Warbler, Brown-chested Lapwing, Red-faced Barbet, Long-tailed Cisticola, African Scops Owl, Black-shouldered Nightjar, Common Scimitarbill.

Bwindi Impenetrable Forest

Located in the far south west corner of Uganda about 3-4 hours drive from Kabale on a dirty road this heavily protected forest is the pre-eminent location in Uganda for gorilla tracking. There are 3 habituated gorilla groups and with a maximum of 6 visitors assigned to each group on a daily basis there is great demand for the permits which cost \$500 per person and should be booked several months in advance. Once you get here chances of seeing gorillas are pretty good - around 90%. However while the gorillas, with good reason, are the key attraction the trails in the 2 principal sections of the park at

Buhoma and Ruhija support a host of wonderful bird species including 23 of the 24 Albertine Rift Endemics.

Buhoma

There is essentially one wide main trail through the primary forest at Buhoma which offers easy access to some wonderful species. Although we saw a good number of species, birds were generally hard to find and not particularly responsive to tape and we missed a few. Key species include Western Bronz-naped Pigeon,

Black Bee-eater, African Broadbill, Equatorial Akalat, Red-throated Alethe, Short-tailed and Grauer's Warbler, Ludher's & Many-coloured Bushshrike, Black-faced Rufous Warbler, Red-fronted Antpecker.

Ruhija

Located on the other side of the mountain range from Buhoma there are two principal birding areas; the trail from the ITFC Ranger Station (the base for your stay) to the Mubwindi Swamp and the bamboo zone through which you pass on the road out of the park heading to the Ndego Gate. There is another area known as the Neck a small patch of remnant forest straddling the road. Key species include Handsome Francolin, Rwenzori Nightjar, Black-Bee-eater, Western Green Tinkerbird, Dwarf Honeyguide, African Green Broadbill, Archer's Robin Chat, Cassin's Grey Flycatcher, Grauer's Rush Warbler, Shelley's and Dusky Crimsonwing.

Mgahinga Gorilla National Park.

Situated in the far south west of the country about an hour from Kisoro the park shares its boundaries with Parc National des Volcans in Rwanda and Parc National des Virungas in the Congo. Spectacularly located in the shadow of the Virungas, the Gorge Trail is the best place to see Rwenzori Turaco in Uganda and is reached by an easy 2-3 hour walk through the scrub and bamboo covered foothills. Key species include Dusky Turtle Dove, Kivu Ground Thrush, Rwenzori Turaco, Rwenzori Double-collared, Malachite & Scarlet Tufted Sunbird.

Semliki National Park.

Lying in the shadow of the mighty Ruwenzori Mountains, Ptolemy's fabled Mountains of the Moon, Semliki NP forms the extreme eastern edge of the Ituri Forest and is geographically part of the great Congo Basin which stretches all the way to the Atlantic Ocean. Comprised largely of dense lowland forest all the streams and rivers from the surrounding areas drain into the Park and then on into the Semliki River. Poor drainage and topography means that the park is subject to major inundation during the rainy season and may remain partly flooded or just wet for the rest of the year. Conditions can be somewhat unpredictable because in the same month that Sam Woods experienced waist high water on the Kuraima Trail we encountered only a few small brooks that could be easily crossed.

There are no facilities at Semliki and camping on the Kuraima Trail still looks like the best/only option to get to grips with the great bird list, although perhaps a damp and uncomfortable one. Logistics for this will be tricky as all supplies will have to be brought in and ported down the trail. However if it can be arranged a 3 day/2 night trip on site would be terrific. We tried the nearest hotel in Bundibugyo some 30 kilometres west of the Park but because of the poor quality of the road this still took over 1 hour to drive. The hotel was not great and the food poor but given the fact that we were 10 kilometres from the Congo in one of the poorest parts of Uganda it was not all that bad and it should not be written off as a possibility although Herbert hated it.

However the problem remains that, unless you camp, you have to return from the forest at night. Accordingly the chance of seeing birds such as Spot-breasted and African Green Ibis and Nkulengu Rail which are rare to begin with and really only active around dawn and dusk are significantly reduced. Nevertheless there are still fantastic birds to be seen.

Queen Elizabeth National Park

This massive and long established park offers a variety of habitats from the savannah and acacia woodland around Mweya, the Kazinga Channel linking Lake Edward and Lake George and the forest of Maramagambo in the southern section. Accommodation at Mweya in the Institute of Ecology was average and noisy but the Jacana Lodge at Maramagambo was idyllic and peaceful (and pricey). We found the area around Mweya a bit disappointing and mammals were few but the Kazinga Channel boat trip and Maramagambo Forest were excellent. We experienced our only really heavy rain of the trip.

Key birds include

Mweya. - Pennant-winged Nightjar, Martial Eagle, White-backed, Lappet-faced and Ruppell's Griffon Vultures,

Kazinga. -African Spoonbill, African Black Skimmer , Saddle-bill Stork, Collared Pratincole, Madagascar Bee-eater

Maramagambo. -Yellow-bellied Wattle-eye, Chestnut Wattle-eye, Yellow-breasted Apalis, Green-winged Pytillia, Sulphur-breasted Bushshrike, White-throated Bee-eater, Narina Trogon, Red-tailed Bristlebill White-spotted Flufftail (h).; Red-capped Robin Chat, Red-shouldered Cuckoo-shrike.

Budongo Forest

The famous Royal Mile at Budongo provides wide trail access to some excellent forest. If staying at Nyabyeya Forestry College (closer than Masindi, food good but water and electricity supply a challenge) do not overlook the scrubby, cultivated fields between there and the Royal Mile which hold a variety of good birds. Spotlighting at night may be very rewarding if the screams of the Tree Hyrax don't put you

off. We spent little time at Busingiro which has trails through good forest and a morning at Kaniyo Pabide unsuccessfully looking for Chimpanzee but seeing Puvells' Illadopsis. Key birds include, Nahan's Francolin, Dusky Long-tailed Cuckoo, Sabine's and Cassins Spinetails, Chocolate-backed and Shining Blue Kingfishers, White-thighed Hornbill, Puvell's Illadopsis, Grey and Yellow Longbill, Yellow-browed Cameroptera, Rufous-crowned Eremomela, Ugandan Wood Warbler.

Butiaba Escarpment

From Budongo there are 2 routes to Murchison Falls NP - an 'inland route' via Masindi and a road over the Butiaba Escarpment that descends towards Lake Albert and then on to Murchison Falls. This route and the roadside birding it offered proved exceptional as we saw almost 100 different species in the day. Key birds include; Northern Crombec, Foxy Cisticola, Chestnut-crowned Sparrow Weaver, Green Woodhoopoe, Black-billed and White-headed Barbet, Greater & Lesser Honeyguide, Brubru, Silverbird, Tawny Eagle, Spotted Morning Thrush, Cinnamon-breasted Rock Bunting, Bar-breasted Firefinch, Namaqua Dove, Heughlin's Robin Chat.

Murchison Falls NP

Situated in the west central part of Uganda where the Victoria Nile plunges spectacularly over the falls on its onward journey to Lake Albert, the riverine habitat below the falls offers probably the best opportunity to see Shoebill in Uganda and therefore in Africa.

The last census in the late 1990s revealed 9 pairsof Shoebill in and around the area known as the delta and easily accessible by launch from the Paraa Ferry. The spectacular falls are home to Rock Pratincole, Bruce's Green Pigeon is seen there, Bat Hawk is regular at dusk at the top of the falls and the drive back from the falls is good for nightjars. Finally there are many birds to be observed in the acacia savannah north of the Nile. Accommodation at the excellent Red Chilli Camp near the Paraa Ferry.

Key species include; Shoebill, Heughlin's Francolin, Denham's Bustard, Abyssinian Ground Hornbill, Long-tailed and Pennant winged Nightjar, Northern Carmine, Red-throated, and Swallow-tailed Bee-eater, Bruce's Green Pigeon, Bar-breasted Firefinch.

Mabira Forest

A forest reserve with easy access about 1 hour from Kampala. We went there on our last morning so probably did not do the site justice because it does hold many good species and is easy to access. Key species include; Nahan's Francolin, Forest Woodhoopoe, White-spotted Flufftail, Purple-throated Cuckooshrike, Tit Hylia, Buff-spotted Woodpecker, Chestnut and Jamesons Wattle-eye, Red-headed Bluebill.

REFERENCE SOURCES.

Books

It was just as well that we had a mini-van to transport us around otherwise the weight of the library collection would have been too much of a burden for us. However the variety of books did prove very useful and helped pass the time on long drives.

Lonely Planet Guide to East Africa Lonely Planet Publications

Field Guide to the Birds of East Africa. Stevenson and Fanshawe (2002) T & A D Poyser.

Birds of Kenya and Northern Tanzania. Zimmerman et al. (1996) Helm.

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Where to Watch Birds in Uganda. Uganda. Rossouw and Sacchi (1998) Tourist Board.

Trip Reports

There are 17 trip reports out there on the web. Just use the really helpful Eurobirding site <http://www.eurobirding.com/tripreports> to access them all with ease Undoubtedly among the best reports are those by Sam Woods (2002) Uganda 5th-26th August. and Jan Vermeulen Uganda, July 2002. both available on <http://www.birdtours.co.uk>

Tapes

There is one authoritative source for virtually all the bird calls you will ever need for a trip anywhere in Africa. That is the magnum opus CD collection: Chappuis (2000) Birds of North, West and Central Africa and Neighbouring Atlantic Islands. SEOF. It is an amazing piece of work. We also purchased a copy of the only recording of the insipid tsssss....tsssss....tsssss of African Green Broadbill from the British Library of Sound.....not that it did us any good !!

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DAILY ACCOUNT.

14 JULY (DAY 1)

Arrived at Entebbe Airport around 06.00 following the overnight BA flight from London. We were met at the airport by Herbert, proceeding directly to Mabamba Swamp on the edge of Lake Victoria where, as a

flaming red sun gradually cleared the mists over the lake, we boarded small dug out canoes and began the search for the Shoebill along the narrow channels that wend their way through the extensive papyrus beds.

After about an hour a far-off grey shape gradually resolved itself into the prehistoric figure of a Shoebill. Although a little distant, scopes allowed us to obtain decent views. Great start! Headed back to the jetty area and birded the productive track out of the swamp, then drove to the Red Chilli Hideaway in Kampala. Spent the rest of the day relaxing and birding the gardens.

Highlights: Shoebill, Goliath Heron, Black & White Casqued Hornbill, African Emerald Cuckoo, White-browed Robin Chat, African Hobby, Ross's Turaco, Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird, Double-toothed Barbet.

15 JULY (DAY 2)

Departed Red Chilli at 07.00 for breakfast, banking and Brown Parrots at the Speke Hotel in Kampala and then on to the dry Mpanga Forest arriving 09.30. Seemed pretty quiet although birds eventually began to appear and the experience served to reconfirm that forest birding in Africa can be just as slow as S.E.Asia. Delightful male and female Chestnut Wattle-eye and Red-headed Malimbe were excellent although others seemed more taken with the Arctic Warbler-like Green Hylia. Stopped at Masaka for lunch before heading to Lake Mburo with one very productive stop at Kaku Swamp. Reached the turn-off for Lake Mburo at 16.45 and birded our way to the HQ . Brown-chested Lapwing was an early success; the later night drive less so, although a co-operative African Scops Owl was a splendid conclusion.

Highlights: Chestnut Wattle-eye, Rufous-bellied Heron, Black-headed Gonolek, Brown-chested Lapwing,

Black-bellied Bustard, Grey-crowned Crane, African Scops Owl, Bare-faced Go Away Bird.

Mammals; Topi, Waterbuck, Reedbuck, Impala, Burchell's Zebra, Black-faced Vervet Monkey.

16 JULY (DAY 3)

Awakened by the sound of Black-shouldered Nightjar calling followed at dawn by a wonderful chorus of deep rhythmical African song in the distance as the Uganda Wildlife staff began their day. Down to the jetty for 07.30 where the canoe trip round the papyrus fringes yielded many birds including the gaudy and much wanted Papyrus Gonolek. Left camp at 09.00 and a short drive along the Waukiri Track proved fortuitous as we turned up the difficult Red-faced Barbet. Birded our way out of the park and then sped off to Mbarara where lunch was prolonged by the need for emergency repairs to the vehicle undercarriage which hit the rough road with a heavy thump as we left Mburo. Arrived in Kabale at 16.00, checked in at the Gorilla Tracking Office and then spent the next 3 hours on a fast and tedious drive arriving at Buhoma at 19.00 where we checked into the basic but comfortable Bwindi View

bandas.

Highlights; Papyrus Gonolek, African Finfoot, Snowy-capped Robin Chat, Red-faced Barbet.

17 JULY (DAY 4)

Gathered around 08.00a.m. to be briefed on the do's and don'ts of gorilla tracking and to be allocated to one of the 3 habituated gorilla groups at Bwindi Impenetrable Forest. We were allocated to the Rushegura Group comprising a silverback, 4 adult females, 2 immatures and 2 babies. Almost immediately the radio burst into life as the advance trackers told the guides that our gorilla group had left their overnight nests, were on the move and had just crossed the river. We headed off over a bridge into the primary forest where from time to time the radio crackled to let our guide know where we were in relation to the gorillas. After about 20-30 minutes the gorillas re-crossed the stream so we headed back over - this time without the aid of a bridge. Now in chest high fern and scrubby secondary growth still soaking from the overnight dew we could clearly see the tracks of the gorillas. Encouraged we pressed on for another half an hour until the guide beckoned us to stop and be quiet as the gorilla group were now very close. Emerging from the scrub we walked steeply uphill and suddenly onto a track which seemed familiar..... we had in fact described a perfect circle and were within 100 metres of our bandas. Then without warning the gorillas appeared from the undergrowth no more than 5 metres away led by the massive silverback who strode steadfastly across the road followed by the rest of the group who scrambled up the hillside. Over the track and on up the hill we caught up with the forward trackers. One held up his hand, turned, pointed and not 5 metres away was the silverback tearing great chunks of bark off a eucalyptus tree, all rippling muscles, huge hands, pensive brown eyes and an air of considerable authority. We sat 7 metres away for an hour as he and his family group ate a leisurely breakfast - wonderful. Not exactly Diane Fossey struggling uphill in the humid forest, nor perhaps the full David Attenborough experience but nevertheless a privilege to watch these great gentle apes with whom we share 97% of our genetic make-up. We spent the rest of the day birding the trail at Buhoma.

Highlights; Black Bee-eater, Red-throated Alethe, Dusky Long-tailed Cuckoo, Rwenzori Batis, Equatorial Akalat, Great Blue Turaco, Common Wattle-eye, Black-faced Rufous Warbler.

Mammals; Mountain Gorilla.

18 JULY (DAY 5)

Spent the whole day on the main trail at Buhoma. It proved to be something of a slow day, birds not tape responsive and my notes for the day at 10.00 records the comment VERY, VERY QUIET. To cap it all the endemic, skulking Short-tailed Warbler proved very uncooperative and despite seeing the grass twitch on a number of occasions no-one saw the bird. Nevertheless we managed to add a few new species.

Highlights; Black-billed Turaco, Mountain Illadopsis, African Broadbill, Bar-tailed Trogon

Mammals; Blue Monkey, Bohm's Squirrel, Rwenzori Sun Squirrel.

19 JULY (DAY 6)

Departed from Buhoma 07.30 and drove to Ruhijja via the Neck birding on the way. We accumulated birds steadily arriving at the ITFC hut at Ruhijja 14.00. Headed off down the School Trail, taking some time to tape in a Grauers Warbler which we had heard daily at Buhoma but had failed to see. The School Trail proved very productive and we remained there until late afternoon. Following an excellent dinner served al fresco, we went spotlighting which proved good for mammals but nightjars and owls proved unresponsive. However from the ridge near the little village from the pitch darkness the view of the night sky was nothing less than spectacular enhanced by a number of shooting stars and the distant call of Wood Owl.

Highlights; Stripe-breasted Tit, Chestnut-throated Apalis, Chinspot Batis, Grauers Warbler, Luhder's Bushshrike, Dusky Crimsonwing, Barred Long-tailed Cuckoo.

Mammals; Alexander's Squirrel, Guezara Colobus, Senegal Galago(Bushbaby)

20 JULY (DAY 7)

Pre-dawn start for some was rewarded by excellent views of a pair of Wood Owl taped in at the junction of the main track and the School Trail. The remainder of the day was spent on the trail to and around the Mubwindi swamp in what eventually proved to be an unsuccessful search for African Green Broadbill. Someone remarked that the Broadbill was a tiny green bird in a huge green forest whose habit was to sit around quietly for most of the day occasionally emitting a soft sibilant hiss so perhaps no surprise that we missed it. The next group through also dipped and, as Woods states, this is definitely one for the breeding season when it's a bit more active. Still some cracking birds seen on the trail and both owl and nightjar co-operated after dark.

Highlights; Doherty's Bushshrike, Archer's Ground Robin, African Wood Owl, Rwenzori Nightjar, Mountain Masked Apalis, Grauers Rush Warbler.

21 JULY (DAY 8)

Departed Ruhijja at 07.30 to drive through the bamboo zone to the Ndego Gate exit from Bwindi Impenetrable Forest. A beautiful White-starred Robin proved an early success as did Western Green Tinkerbird but as we walked the trail it became evident that, it being market day, there were long straggling lines of individuals and groups walking the trail putting at risk our chances of seeing the bamboo specialist endemic Handsome Francolin on the road. However luck was with us and one fine specimen appeared, wandered along the trail before disappearing into the bush. We were unsuccessful with the very difficult Shelleys Crimsonwing (at a small dried out marsh in the forest) and Dusky

Twinspot in fields just beyond the Ndego Gate. Then it was off to Kisoro, our base for Mgahinga, with only a short stop at Lake Bunyoni to relieve a long dusty drive. We tried a stop at Echuya Forest near Kisoro but the dust on the road continually being churned by traffic made it impossible although the forest looked good. Arriving at 16.30 the border town of Kisoro (Rwanda is only 10kms) appeared to have little to recommend it but the very comfortable Travellers Rest (one time base for Diane Fossey) proved a nice surprise. Elected to have coffee and bird the garden for what remained of the day.

Highlights ; Handsome Francolin, Mountain Black Boubou, Yellow-bellied & Black-headed Waxbill

Mammals; Spot-necked Otter.

22 JULY (DAY 9)

Left Kisoro around 07.30 on the poor road to Mgahinga. Checked in at the HQ and left at 08.30 with a larger than usual complement of soldiers. Walked steadily uphill through scrub picking up a few new birds and then through the head high bamboo zone to arrive late morning at the drop down into the Gorge Trail. From the gorge the impact of the mighty Virungas was stunning, steep forested slopes rising dramatically upwards to their conical volcanic summits; we were dwarfed by the landscape. We soon heard the low growling call of the Rwenzori Turaco from dense canopy high on a ridge but seeing was a different matter. Initial distant flight views gradually improved as 5-6 birds glided down over the forest and perched up in nearby trees. The main objective achieved and with Herbert indicating it was too far to walk the whole trail we headed down where a tape duel with Kivu Ground Thrush concluded with poor flight views.

23 JULY (DAY 10)

Departed Kisoro 07.20a.m. and stopped in Echuya Forest which, in the early morning, with much less traffic than 2 days ago proved a very birdy spot. However we faced a long drive and after 45 minutes had to head off. Stopped again at the marsh at Lake Bunyoni and at Karukara Swamp where Papyrus Canary (or not) led to great debate. Arrived Mbarara 13.30 and at 16.15 arrived at Herbert's home village where most of the school was assembled to hear their "Old Boy" give a talk on the benefits of eco-tourism and present gifts and prizes. The kids sang a couple of well rehearsed songs and we handed out the goodies we had brought along - it was a nice interlude. Eventually arrive at Mweya in QENP to find that the electricity and running water at the pretty basic Institute of Ecology Hostel were off so Herbert immediately and generously said we would eat at the nearby upmarket Mweya Safari Lodge which was excellent.

Highlights Olive Pigeon, Olive Woodpecker, Brown Snake Eagle, Verraux's Eagle Owl, Black Sparrowhawk.

24 JULY (DAY 11)

A magnificent Pennant-winged Nightjar was just reward for an early start as we drove/birded slowly through the savannah woodland eventually reaching the main road which we crossed into drier country with several burns favoured by Senegal Lapwing and the odd Brown-chested Lapwing. There must have been a carcass somewhere out in the grassland as late morning a colony of vultures appeared, spiralling down clearly with food in mind. Half a Ugandan Kob in a thorn tree suggested a Leopard had also been successful but of the beast we saw no sign. By now it was late morning and we were miles from Mweya so we raced back for a quick bite of lunch before taking the boat along the Kazinga Channel that connects Lake George and Lake Victoria. Very enjoyable boat ride that produced many birds before heavy rain brought the day to an early close. Moira and I ate dinner in the Mweya Safari Lodge which again was excellent and good value.

Highlights Pennant-winged Nightjar, Martial Eagle, White-backed, Lappet-faced and Ruppell's Griffon Vultures, African Spoonbill, Madagascar Bee-eater, African Black Skimmer Saddle-bill Stork, Collared Pratincole.

Mammals; Golden-winged Fruit Bat, Giant Hog, Hippopotamus.

25 JULY (DAY 12)

Departed the Mweya Camp at 06.45 following excellent early morning coffee and cake at Mweya Safari Lodge. Birded around the trails picking up a few species until suddenly a great roar rent the morning air. Herbert yelled "leopard" so we turned the vehicle and raced along the appropriately named Leopard Loop to where the sound seemed to have emanated. However, as yesterday, despite intense looking and listening no big cat appeared leaving us to reflect somewhat ruefully that we have now dipped on Leopard and Cheetah in at least 10 game parks in 5 African countries. One day!! Drove out of the park crossing the Kazinga Channel on the old stone bridge that in pre-war days spanned the upper reaches of the Thames. By 10.30a.m. We reached the turn-off for the Maramagambo section of QENP seeing lots of birds on the way to the excellent Jacana Lodge. At 14.00 despite the fact that it was still very hot we made our way to the Nyamasingiri Ranger Station, picked up a guide and headed off down the track. Things started well with Blue-breasted Kingfisher and Brown-eared Woodpecker and this set the tone for some of the best forest birding of the trip culminating in the late afternoon with great views of the stunning Yellow-bellied Wattle-eye. Voted bird of the trip by most this tiny avian jewel with its fiery orange-yellow underparts, contrasting dark blue back and outrageous apple-green wattle was extraordinary. Fabulous little bird like a miniature and arboreal Banded Pitta it is vastly better in real life than its field guide illustration suggests.

Highlights Yellow-bellied Wattle-eye, Chestnut Wattle-eye, Yellow-breasted Apalis, Green-winged Pytilia, Sulphur-breasted Bushshrike, White-throated Bee-eater, Narina Trogon, Red-tailed Bristlebill, White-spotted Flufftail (h).

26 JULY (DAY 13)

Early morning birded the track from the Jacana Lodge to Nyamasingiri Ranger Station which was productive, finally leaving Maramagambo at 11.30 for the drive to Semliki. Stopped for lunch in Fort Portal where, following a telephone call, Herbert seemed very concerned over the ability of our untested hotel in Bundibugyo to provide packed lunches for our days on the trails at Semliki. (In the event his foresight proved inspired and an expedition to the supermarket ensured that if the hotel failed to provide {which it did} we would still eat.) Left Fort Portal 16.30 arriving at Ntandi Camp, Semliki late afternoon for a short birding session before driving, somewhat uncertainly, to the Hotel Vanilla in Bundibugyo. In the event the hotel was just about okay, tiny rooms, cold shower but the newspaper in the hotel entrance describing how vanilla farmers were summarily executing or cutting the ears off presumed vanilla thieves was novel if somewhat alarming.

Highlights; Red-capped Robin Chat, Red-shouldered Cuckoo-shrike, Forest Robin, Piping Hornbill, Western Nicator.

27 JULY (DAY 14)

Left at 07.30 for the one hour drive to the start of the Kuraima Trail arrived 08.30 but no sign of the guide. Herbert returned at 09.30 with Godfrey and we set off down the trail. We spent the entire day on the trail, Godfrey proved to be an excellent guide; together he and Herbert were a formidable pair and delivered a great days birding. Returned at 19.00 passing a troop of soldiers complete with rocket launchers, but in some case no boots, making their way by night to the Congo border 10kms beyond Budibugyo.

Highlights Yellow-billed Barbet, Blue-throated Roller, Red-billed Dwarf Hornbill, Black-casqued Wattled Hornbill, Green-tailed Bristlebill, Rufous-sided Broadbill, Crested Malimbe, Red-rumped Tinkerbird, Fire-crested Alethe, Chocolate-backed Kingfisher, Black-bellied Seedcracker.

28 JULY (DAY 15)

We had planned to spend 3 nights in Bundibugyo but Herbert was uncomfortable with the hotel and we agreed with his decision that we should bird until late afternoon and then return to Fort Portal as staying overnight would only allow us limited time on the trail the following morning anyway. Accordingly packed up and arrived at the HQ to be met by Moses the guide for the day on the Hot Springs Trail. Red-billed Hornbill gave great eye level views whereas the previous day all the birds stayed up in canopy; Jameson's Wattle-eye was another cracking Dyaphorophya. A White-crested Hornbill seen by Phil from the vehicle as we drove out, then lost and refound was a great way to finish this exciting park. Drove back to Fort Portal where we stayed in the very good Atco Country Resort.

Highlights Icterine & Xaviers Greenbul, Chestnut & Jameson's Wattle-eye, Blue-billed Malimbe.

Mammals; Blue Monkey.

29 JULY (DAY 16)

Departed 07.50 for the short drive to the Kihingami Wetlands. Here we were met by Moses II our guide to what was really more scrub than wetlands. Spent the morning at Kihingami picking up quite a few new birds including Joyful and Cabanis's Greenbuls - the only site we saw them. A stunning White-spotted Flufftail concluded the morning and as it had become very hot we headed back to Fort Portal for lunch. Left Fort Portal at 13.30 for Budongo via Hoima arriving at the Nyabyeya Forestry College Guest House 18.30. No electricity or running water; however they did produce an excellent evening meal. Met up with the Premier League birders who were doing Uganda in the reverse direction and with Vincent our guide.

Highlights; Scaly-breasted Illadopsis, White-spotted Flufftail, Joyful and Cabanis's Greenbuls

Mammals; Red Colobus Monkey

30 JULY (DAY 17)

Fantastic early morning birding in the cultivated fields and scrubby surrounds between the College and the Royal Mile. Perched African Grey Parrot and a Brown Twin-spot presaged an excellent days birding.

Drove the short distance to the Royal Mile where we spent the remainder of the day returning via the fields in the late afternoon. A sudden storm blew up which put an end to planned nightbirding and mammal spotlighting. However, as the storm abated, dusk fell and darkness grew and the banshee screams of the Tree Hyrax rent the night - has to be one of the great sounds of the Ugandan Forest.

Highlights; Brown Twinspot, Red-headed Quela, Village Indigobird, Grey-headed Oliveback, Madagascar Lesser Cuckoo, Rufous-capped Eremomela, African Dwarf Kingfisher Lemon-bellied Crombec, Black-capped Apalis

31 JULY (DAY 18)

Early morning saw us in a different section of the forest where a combination of local knowledge and expert whistling in by Vincent gave us all great views of the rare Nahan's Francolin as 3 crossed a narrow trail deep in the forest. Walked the main track for the remainder of the morning before heading off for brief stops at Businguro and the pond at Jamil Waljid sugar fields for a stake out Shining Blue Kingfisher. A pair of Red-headed Lovebird in the garden at lunch were a bonus and afternoon saw us back on the main trail which had grown very quiet. We remained there until heavy rain in the late afternoon forced us back to the guesthouse from which balcony we saw the only White-crested Turacos of the trip.

Highlights; Nahans Francolin, Grey and Yellow Longbill, Yellow-browed Cameroptera, Rufous-crowned

Eremomela, Ugandan Wood Warbler, Vinaceous Dove, Ross's and White-crested Turaco.

1 AUGUST (DAY 19)

Herbert had originally planned that we should leave early for the Kaniyo Pabide section of Budongo Forest and then on to Murchison Falls NP via Masindi. However he juggled the itinerary to allow us to take a different route over the Butiaba escarpment then skirting Lake Albert and on to Murchison Falls which meant birding Kaniyo Pabide on the way out of the park on 04 August. It proved an inspired choice because we saw almost 100 different species in what was the best days birding of the trip. Thus, departing at 07.45 we birded from many roadside stops arriving at the Bugungo Gate at 15.30, checked in to the Red Chilli bandas and birded around the camp and Paraa Ferry until dusk.

Highlights; Northern Crombec, Foxy Cisticola, Chestnut-crowned Sparrow Weaver, Green Woodhoopoe, Black-billed barbet, White-headed Barbet, Greater & Lesser Honeyguide, Brubru, Silverbird, Tawny Eagle, Spotted Morning Thrush, Cinnamon-breasted Rock Bunting, Bar-breasted Firefinch, Namaqua Dove, Heughlin's Robin Chat.

2 AUGUST (DAY 20)

Boarded the appropriately name Shoebill for the trip down the Nile to the area locally known as the delta. Not far down the river we saw another boat nose in to the reeds, its occupants clearly studying a Shoebill. This seemed the perfect opportunity to drift in gently to the papyrus reed bed a little distance from the first boat but instead the boatman gunned the engine, performed a tight racing turn, succeeding only in flushing the bird much to our disappointment and the understandable chagrin of the occupants of the other boat. It was inept and unnecessary. Drifted down river for an hour or so picking up some new birds, landed on an island where we thankfully had good views of 2 Shoebill before heading back upstream where a flock of Northern Carmine Bee-eaters stole the show. After lunch headed out to the top of the spectacular Murchison Falls where we waited until dusk for the Bat Hawk which duly appeared to dine on the thousands of bats flooding out of their daytime cave roost. Headed back to the Red Chilli spotlighting as we went.

Highlights; Shoebill, Red-throated, Blue-breasted, Madagascar and Northern Carmine Bee-eaters, Senegal Thick-Knee, Giant Kingfisher, Rock Pratincole, Spotted Eagle Owl.

Mammals; Common Genet.

3 AUGUST (DAY 21)

After a brief argument between our guide and the ferry boatmen over who had priority on the ferry we were left on the bank until the locals (who were there first) were quite rightly taken over the Nile. Did not delay us much and soon we were out on the game drive north of the Nile. Slight trepidation over this day because of its proximity to areas where the Lord's Resistance Army have been active. Acouple of

camouflaged tanks were a reminder of the conflict but in the event we encountered no problems. We saw a few mammals including a distant sleepy lion, before returning to the Paraa Safari Lodge for lunch where we decided that the trip to the base of the Falls should be abandoned in favour of spending the afternoon back on the game drive. Added a number of new birds although we dipped on Temmincks Courser; a herd of 50 Rothschild's Giraffes was quite a sight we returned to the ferry around 18.15 still adding new birds with Red-winged Grey Warbler in the scrub near the jetty.

Highlights; Brown-rumped Bunting, Heughlin's Francolin, Double-toothed Barbet, White-headed Vulture, White-browed Sparrow Weaver, Black Scimitarbill, Abyssinian Ground Hornbill.

Mammals: Lion, Elephant, Rothschild's Giraffe, Bush Duiker, Pattas Monkey.

4 AUGUST (DAY 22)

Departed 06.45, stopping at a safari lodge for an unexpected but welcome breakfast before arriving at Kaniyo Pabide where we were allocated one of the Chimpanzee groups and set off at a fast pace to try and locate them. Did stop long enough to get good views of Brown and Puvell's Illadopsis (the local speciality). Found the nest used by the chimps the previous night, heard them briefly in the distance but despite thrashing around in the forest we never saw them. (2 members of the group glimpsed one chimp as it walked quietly by) Soon it was time to leave for the long drive to Kampala, via Masindi where we stopped for lunch arriving at the Red Chilli at 17.30. Quiet evening enlivened by Herbert and his 3 great kids who joined us after dinner.

Highlights; Puvell's Illadopsis.

5 AUGUST (DAY 23)

Departed Red Chilli 06.45 for the excellent Mabira Forest where we spent the morning birding, still seeing new birds, before heading off to Jinja for lunch and then on to the source of the Nile - the channel where the Nile drains from Lake Victoria and begins its long course to the Mediterranean. The falls that used to be there were blow up as part of a hydro scheme so the effect is now somewhat diminished although it is perhaps worthwhile reflecting on the extraordinary lengths gone to, and privations endured, by men like Burton and Speke (whose memorial overlooks the spot) to find the 'source of the Nile'. Returned to Kampala for tourist and medical shopping. The tour concluded with an excellent dinner at the Grand Imperial Hotel hosted by Herbert and attended by a number of interested parties including the Head of the Ugandan Tourist Board whose reply to the guests speech reminded us all of halcyon days pre Idi Amin, when Uganda was the Pearl of Africa, and the strenuous efforts that are being made to recapture those days.

Highlights; Forest Wodhoopoe, Purple-throated Cuckoo-shrike, Buff-spotted Woodpecker, Blue-shouldered Robin Chat, Chestnut and JamesonsWattle-eye, Red-headed Bluebill.

Annotated BIRD Species List

No. Common Name (*Latin Name*)

7. Great White Pelican (*Pelecanus onocrotalus*)

A few birds seen in the Kazinga Channel at QENP on 24/7.

7. Pink-backed Pelican (*Pelecanus rufescens*)

Recorded at Kaku Swamp, Lake Mburo, QENP and Murchison Falls NP.

8. African Darter (*Anhinga melanogaster*)

Seen only along the Nile at Murchison Falls NP with 10-15 birds daily and at the Source of the Nile.

8. Long-tailed Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax africanus*)

Recorded in small numbers at Mabamba Wetland, Lake Mburo and at the Source of the Nile.

8. Great Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax carbo*)

50+ birds on the Kazinga channel at QENP and along the Nile at Murchison Falls NP.

8. African Finfoot (*Podica senegalensis*)

A pair seen well during an early morning boat trip around the papyrus fringes of Lake Mburo on 16/7.

9. Little Bittern (*Ixobrychus minutus*)

Good views of an adult bird perched in the reeds along the Nile at Murchison Falls NP on 02/8.

9. Black-crowned Night-Heron (*Nycticorax nycticorax*)

Single bird perched in the reeds along the Nile at Murchison Falls NP on 02/8.

10. Common Squacco Heron (*Ardeola ralloides*)

Seen in small numbers at Mabamba Wetland and at Lake Mburo.

10. Madagascar Pond Heron (*Ardeola idae*)

Single in a small roadside pool as we drove into Murchison Falls NP from the escarpment on 01/8.

10. Rufous-bellied Heron (*Ardeola rufiventris*)

Two birds at Kaku Swamp a roadside stop between Mpanga Forest and Lake Mburo on 15/7.

10. Cattle Egret (*Bubulcus ibis*)

Seen at Lake Mburo, Queen Elizabeth NP and Murchison Falls NP.

10. Striated Heron (*Butorides striatus*)

Seen at Lake Mburo, Queen Elizabeth NP and Murchison Falls NP.

11. Great Egret (*Ardea alba*)

Seen at Mabamba Wetland, Queen Elizabeth NP and Murchison Falls NP.

11. Little Egret (*Egretta garzetta*)

Only recorded at Queen Elizabeth NP, but probably overlooked at other sites.

11. Intermediate Egret (*Egretta intermedia*)

2 or 3 birds on a small island in the Nile delta area at Murchison Falls NP.

12. Grey Heron (*Ardea cinerea*)

Recorded regularly in swamp and wetland areas throughout the trip.

12. Goliath Heron (*Ardea goliath*)

Recorded regularly in swamp and wetland areas throughout the trip.

12. Black-headed Heron (*Ardea melanocephala*)

Recorded regularly throughout the trip.

12. Purple Heron (*Ardea purpurea*)

Odd singles at Kaku Swamp, Lake Mburo, the Kazinga Channel at QENP, and at Murchison Falls NP.

13. Yellow-billed Stork (*Mycteria ibis*)

Only a few birds on the Kazinga Channel at QENP and at Murchison Falls NP.

13. Hamerkop (*Scopus umbretta*)

Seen regularly throughout the trip.

14. African Openbill (*Anastomus lamelligerus*)

A big flock at dusk at Semliki on 27/7 otherwise small numbers at Lake Mburo and Murchison Falls.

14. Woolly-necked Stork (*Ciconia episcopus*)

A couple of birds feeding in fields near the entrance to Buhoma on 19/7.

15. Shoebill (*Balaeniceps rex*)

Good scope views of a bird at Mabamba Wetland on 14/7 and three others along the Nile at Murchison Falls NP on 02/8 and a further bird soaring high later the same morning. Our opportunity for a very close encounter with another bird on the Nile was denied by the inept boatmen who roared in flushing the bird immediately. Still great views of this leviathan — the last census in 1995 revealed 10 pairs on the delta.

15. Saddle-billed Stork (*Ephippiorhynchus senegalensis*)

3 or 4 of these elegant and stately birds on the sandbar at the end of the Kazinga Channel , a couple more at Murchison Falls NP and 3 in flight near Mabira Forest on our last day.

15. Marabou Stork (*Leptoptilos crumeniferus*)

Common, seen throughout the trip sometimes in large numbers in urban areas.

16. Hadada Ibis (*Bostrychia hagedash*)

Common, seen throughout the trip.

16. Glossy Ibis (*Plegadis falcinellus*)

2 Or 3 birds on the Kazinga Channel at QENP on 24/7 and similar numbers at Semliki NP on 25/7 were the only records.

16. Sacred Ibis (*Threskiornis aethiopicus*)

Odd singles or pairs at Lake Mburo, QENP, Semliki and Murchison Falls.

17. African Spoonbill (*Platalea alba*)

Between 5-10 birds along the Kazinga Channel at QENP.

18. Egyptian Goose (*Alopochen aegyptiacus*)

Only at Queen Elizabeth NP with 2 or 3 birds on the banks of the Kazinga Channel.

18. African Pygmy-goose (*Nettapus auritus*)

Poor views of 4 or 5 birds at lake Mburo on 14/7 flushed from the water as our canoe approached.

18. Spur-winged Goose (*Plectropterus gambensis*)

A couple of birds at Kaku Swamp en route to Lake Mburo on 15/7 and at Murchison Falls on 02/8

18. Comb/Knob-billed Duck (*Sarkidiornis melanotos*)

A single female at Kaku Swamp and 2 or 3 birds on the banks of the Kazinga Channel at QENP.

19. White-faced Whistling-Duck (*Dendrocygna viduata*)

A small flock of 15 or so birds on the Nile at Murchison Falls on 02/8.

20. Hottentot Teal (*Anas hottentota*)

Only recorded at Lake Mburo on 15/7.

21. Yellow-billed Duck (*Anas undulata*)

Seen in small numbers at Mabamba Wetland, Lake Mburo, near Buhoma and QENP

24. Black-shouldered Kite (*Elanus caeruleus*)

Two birds seen at Mgahinga on 22/2 and another 2 at Murchison Falls NP on 02/8.

24. Black Kite (*Milvus migrans*)

Seen regularly throughout the trip

25. Palmnut Vulture (*Gypohierax angolensis*)

Seen regularly throughout the trip.

25. Osprey (*Pandion haliaetus*)

2 or 3 birds seen along the Nile at Murchison Falls NP on 02/8.

25. African Fish-Eagle (*Haliaeetus vocifer*)

Recorded regularly at all wetland areas

26. Hooded Vulture (*Necrosyrtes monachus*)

Seen regularly around Kampala but this was the only area we saw them.

26. White-headed Vulture (*Trigonoceps occipitalis*)

Seen only at Murchison Falls NP on 03/8 with an immature perched in a tree was followed by 3 adult bird drifting low across the savannah giving great views.

27. African White-backed Vulture (*Gyps africanus*)

Up to 10 birds spiralling down at QENP on 24/7 and smaller numbers the next day.

27. Ruppell's Griffon Vulture (*Gyps rueppellii*)

Several birds perched at Lake Mburo on 15/7 and a couple more in the flock with African White-backed Vultures at QENP on 24/7.

27. Lappet-faced Vulture (*Torgos tracheliotus*)

Only at QENP in the mixed vulture flock on 24/7.

28. Western Banded Snake-Eagle (*Circaetus cinerascens*)

Single bird perched by the road as we descended the escarpment leading to Murchison Falls.

28. Brown Snake-Eagle (*Circaetus cinereus*)

Single birds at QENP on 23 & 25/7 and at Murchison Falls on 01/8.

28. Black-chested Snake-Eagle (*Circaetus pectoralis*)

Only one record from Lake Mburo on 15/7.

29. African Marsh-Harrier (*Circus ranivorus*)

Single birds recorded at Mabamba Wetland, Lake Mburo, and on the Nile at Murchison Falls.

29. Eurasian Marsh Harrier (*Circus aeruginosus*)

A single perched along the riverbank on the Nile on 02/8.

30. Lizard Buzzard (*Kaupifalco monogrammicus*)

Single birds seen at Lake Mburo, QENP and Budongo Forest.

30. Dark Chanting-Goshawk (*Melierax metabates*)

Seen only in and around Murchison Falls NP with singles on 1 & 3/8.

30. Eastern Chanting-Goshawk (*Melierax poliopterus*)

Several single birds seen daily in and around Murchison Falls NP from 01-04/8.

31. Shikra (*Accipiter badius*)

Seen in the gardens of the Red Chilli in Kampala on 14/7 and at Lake Mburo the following day.

32. African Goshawk (*Accipiter tachiro*)

Usually heard first in flight making its sharp chitt chitt call. Seen at Buhoma, QENP and Budongo where we finally saw one perched.

33. Great Sparrowhawk (*Accipiter melanoleucus*)

Great views of a pair with some kind of prey at the small marsh on the edge of Lake Buyoni, and singles at Budongo Forest On 30 & 31/7.

33. Bat Hawk (*Macheiramphus alcinus*)

A single bird at dusk hunting bats at the top of Murchison Falls on 02/8.

34. Gymnogene (*Polyboroides typus*)

Recorded several times during the trip, Buhoma, QENP, Budongo Forest and Murchison Falls.

35. Augur Buzzard (*Buteo augur*)

Seen at Buhoma, Ruhijja and daily at QENP

35. Mountain Buzzard (*Buteo oreophilus*)

Seen on successive days at Ruhijja.

36. Tawny Eagle (*Aquila rapax*)

An immature first seen at Murchison Falls on 01/8 and then an adult there on 03/8.

36. Wahlberg's Eagle (*Aquila wahlbergi*)

Seen regularly at Lake Mburo, Ruhijja, Budongo and Murchison Falls.

38. Ayres' Hawk-Eagle (*Hieraaetus ayresii*)

Seen only once; a bird gliding over the trail at Buhoma on 18/7.

39. Long-crested Eagle (*Lophaetus occipitalis*)

The most regularly recorded eagle, seen at a number of sites.

39. Bateleur (*Terathopius ecaudatus*)

Seen regularly throughout the trip.

40. Martial Eagle (*Polemaetus bellicosus*)

Seen only twice and in flight on both occasions. At QENP on 24/7 and Murchison Falls on 01/8.

40. African Crowned Eagle (*Stephanoaetus coronatus*)

This massive eagle seen only in flight soaring over Budongo Forest on 30 & 31/7.

41. Common Kestrel (*Falco tinnunculus*)

Two birds in the grounds of the hotel in Mbarara as we waited for the van to be repaired on 15/7.

42. Grey Kestrel (*Falco ardosiaceus*)

This rather neat little falcon seen perched on the road to Lake Mburo on 15/7, between Bundibugyo and Semliki on 28/7 and daily at Murchison Falls NP.

43. African Hobby (*Falco cuvierii*)

Seen from the grounds of the Red Chilli in Kampala hawking for insects. Gave a nice comparison with Eurasian Hobby which was observed shortly afterwards; its rufous chestnut neck and throat contrasting with the much whiter European bird.

43. Eurasian Hobby (*Falco subbuteo*)

Seen from the grounds of the Red Chilli in Kampala on 14/7.

45. Peregrine Falcon (*Falco peregrinus*)

One flew over the Hotel Vanilla in Budibugyo near Semliki NP on 27/7

46. Crested Guineafowl (*Guttera pucherani*)

Two birds seen on the trail at Kanyo Pabide, Budongo Forest on 04/8. These Ugandan birds appeared to be quite shy and exclusively forest dwelling in total contrast to their much more gregarious savannah dwelling South African relatives.

46. Helmeted Guineafowl (*Numida meleagris*)

Common and easily seen at QENP and Murchison Falls NP.

47. HANDSOME FRANCOLIN (*Francolinus nobilis*)

As we departed from Ruhijja and walked the road we heard several in the dense bamboo thickets but were unable to see them. Because it was market day the road was busy with people even early in the morning and there seemed little chance of one actually remaining on the road. However one single bird obliged by showing very well as it wandered along the road just beyond the bamboo zone .

47. NAHAN'S FRANCOLIN (*Francolinus nahani*)

Classified as Vulnerable this species is heard more often than it is seen. However great work by Herbert and the local guide enabled all of us to obtain excellent views as three birds crossed a narrow trail in the forest at Budongo just uphill from a stream that crosses the Royal Mile.

49. Heuglin's Francolin (*Francolinus icterorhynchus*)

Heard going to roost and glimpsed in the cultivated fields between Nyabyeya Forestry College and the Royal Mile at Budongo. Attempts to surprise it by spotlighting it at roost predictably failed but eventually several birds were seen along the tracks north of Murchison Falls. One displaying male in particular was doing his best to boost the numbers in the park!

50. Red-necked Francolin (*Francolinus afer*)

Seen daily in small numbers at QENP.

50. Crested Francolin (*Francolinus sephaena*)

First seen at Lake Mburo and then daily at Murchison Falls where it appeared common.

51. Blue Quail (*Coturnix adansonii*)

One bird briefly along the track as we drove in to Jacana Lodge at Imaramagambo, QENP on 25/7.

51. Harlequin Quail (*Coturnix delegorguei*)

A single female briefly along the track on the game drive north of the Nile at Murchison Falls on 03/8.

51. Common Buttonquail (*Turnix sylvatica*)

1-2 birds seen on successive days in QENP

52. Red-chested Flufftail (*Sarothrura rufa*)

Heard calling towards dusk on the Kuraima Trail at Semliki NP on 27/7.

52. White-spotted Flufftail (*Sarothrura pulchra*)

Heard first at Imaramagambo in QENP, before being seen very well at Kihingami Wetlands between Fort Portal and Budongo on 29/7. Also heard and seen by others near a stream on the Royal Mile at Budongo the following day. Exquisite creatures.

53. African Crake (*Crex egregia*)

First seen on the road as we drove in to the Mweya Gate at QENP on 23/7 with another record from the same park 2 days later.

54. Black Crake (*Amaurornis flavirostris*)

First seen at Mabamba Wetland on 14/7, the Kazinga Channel and a similar number on the Nile at Murchison Falls. Other odd records at swamps and wetland stops across Uganda.

54. Purple Swamphen (*Porphyrio porphyrio*)

A few birds along the channels through the papyrus at Mabamba Wetland on 14/7.

55. Common Moorhen (*Gallinula chloropus*)

Seen only in small numbers at Mabamba Wetland and Lake Mburo on 14 & 15/7.

55. African Jacana (*Actophilornis africanus*)

Common, seen regularly at all wetland areas.

56. Grey Crowned Crane (*Balerica regulorum*)

Uganda's national bird. This elegant crane seen at Lake Mburo, daily at QENP, roosting in the treetops at the Travellers Rest in Kisoro near Mgahinga and small parties in fields regularly seen as we traversed the country.

58. Black-bellied Bustard (*Eupodotis melanogaster*)

A single male at lake Mburo and another displaying male north of the Nile at Murchison Falls NP.

60. Water Thick-knee (*Burhinus vermiculatus*)

Seen at Lake Mburo, along the Kazinga Channel at QENP, on the Nile at Murchison Falls and along the roads at Murchison as we drove around at dusk.

60. Senegal Thick-knee (*Burhinus senegalensis*)

10-12 birds seen on the boat trip to the delta on the Nile at Murchison Falls NP on 03/8.

62. Collared Pratincole (*Glareola pratincola*)

5-10 birds in singles and pairs on the banks of the Kazinga Channel at Murchison Falls NP

62. Rock Pratincole (*Glareola nuchalis*)

20+ of this elegant species perched on rocks and then feeding, hawking insects at dusk at the top of the falls at Murchison Falls NP on 02/8

63. Long-toed Lapwing (*Vanellus crassirostris*)

Seen first at Lake Mburo, then in twos and threes in open grassland as we drove into Lake Mburo, finally similar numbers on an island in the Nile delta at Murchison Falls NP.

63. African Wattled Lapwing (*Vanellus senegallus*)

Not that common with mainly singles, the odd pair at Lake Mburo, QENP and Murchison Falls.

63. Spur-winged Lapwing (*Vanellus spinosus*)

Up to 20 birds along the Kazinga Channel at QENP and daily in small numbers at Murchison Falls.

64. Crowned Lapwing (*Vanellus coronatus*)

Not common 5-10 birds, mainly singles on the burnt areas at QENP on 24/7 were the only records.

64. Senegal Lapwing (*Vanellus lugubris*)

10-20 birds, usually singles, seen at QENP where they seemed to favour the burnt areas.

64. Brown-chested Lapwing (*Vanellus superciliosus*)

We were lucky to find about 10 birds early in the trip in the grasslands shortly before the entrance to Lake Mburo. Although not on a burnt area the location sounds similar to where Woods et al saw them in 2002. Most were immatures or non-breeding males. A couple more were seen at QENP.

64. Black-headed Lapwing (*Vanellus tectus*)

A pair of these elegant lapwings seen beyond the escarpment on the drive into Murchison Falls NP and

another pair on the short grasslands north of the Nile.

65. Kittlitz's Plover (*Charadrius pecuarius*)

Small numbers <10 seen only on the banks of the Kazinga Channel at Murchison Falls on 24/7.

65. Three-banded Plover (*Charadrius tricollaris*)

Two at Lake Mburo and a few <5 on the banks of the Kazinga Channel at Murchison Falls on 24/7.

68. Common Sandpiper (*Actitis hypoleucos*)

Up to 5 birds on the Kazinga Channel, QENP and similar numbers on the Nile at Murchison Falls.

68. Wood Sandpiper (*Tringa glareola*)

Single record at Lake Mburo and a couple on the Kazinga Channel, QENP.

69. Common Greenshank (*Tringa nebularia*)

Two birds recorded on the Nile at Murchison Falls NP.

75. Grey-headed Gull (*Larus cirrocephalus*)

Small numbers at Lake Mburo, more on the Kazinga Channel at QENP.

80. African Skimmer (*Rynchops flavirostris*)

20+ birds at point at the end of the Kazinga Channel, QENP gave great views.

81. White-winged Tern (*Chlidonias leucopterus*)

100+ birds, many in breeding plumage on the Kazinga Channel, QENP and smaller number on the Nile at Murchison Falls NP and a few at the Source of the Nile.

83. African Green-Pigeon (*Treron calva*)

Seen in trees along the entrance road to Lake Mburo on 15/7 and a tree full of them at near the Ntandi HQ at Semliki and others along the Kuraima Trail on 28/7.

84. Speckled Pigeon (*Columba guinea*)

Seen only once at a roadside stop near Kaku Swamp on the road to Lake Mburo on 15/7

84. Afep Pigeon (*Columba unicincta*)

2-3 birds calling from the canopy at Semliki on 27/7 proved impossible to see but we eventually obtained poor views of a single bird at Budongo on 30/7.

84. Olive Pigeon (*Columba arquatrix*)

Single bird seen on the trail at Buhoma on 18/7, but many seen in the Red Forest as we travelled to and from Lake Bunyoni to Mgahinga on 21 & 23/7. On the 23rd large numbers 30+ were observed. Also seen at Budongo Forest on 30/7.

85. Namaqua Dove (*Oena capensis*)

A single bird along the road as we drove to the Bugungo Gate at Murchison Falls NP on 01/8.

85. Black-billed Wood-Dove (*Turtur abyssinicus*)

Only seen in and around Murchison Falls NP where it was common.

85. Blue-spotted Wood-Dove (*Turtur afer*)

First seen at Buhoma on 17/7 and then daily at QENP where it seemed quite common in both the Mweya area and around Maramagambo.

85. Emerald-spotted W-Dove (*Turtur chalcospilos*)

Seen only at Lake Mburo on 16/7 and then only a few records.

85. Tambourine Dove (*Turtur tympanistria*)

A few records of single birds throughout the trip from Buhoma, Semliki, Budongo and Mabira.

86. Ring-necked Dove (*Streptopelia capicola*)

Fairly common, seen regularly throughout the trip.

86. Red-eyed Dove (*Streptopelia semitorquata*)

Fairly common, seen regularly throughout the trip.

86. African Mourning Dove (*Streptopelia decipiens*)

Recorded daily at QENP and Murchison Falls.

86. Vinaceous Dove (*Streptopelia vinacea*)

Several birds seen north of the Nile at Murchison Falls on 03/8.

87. Dusky Turtle-Dove (*Streptopelia lugens*)

Restricted in range in Uganda to the extreme south west and therefore seen only at Mgahinga where 10-20 birds were recorded.

87. Laughing Dove (*Streptopelia senegalensis*)

Noted only from Lake Mburo on 15 & 16/7 but probably overlooked elsewhere.

88. Meyer's (Brown) Parrot (*Poicephalus meyeri*)

Seen in the trees at the Speke Hotel in Kampala on 15/7 and at Lake Mburo the following day.

89. Grey Parrot (*Psittacus erithacus*)

A couple of birds flying over the Hotel Vanilla in Bundibugyo, near Semliki, on 27/7, then great scope views of 2 birds perched in trees around the cultivated areas near Budongo on 30/7 and the amazing site of 2 large flocks of these parrots totalling some 70 birds flying to roost at dusk later the same day.

90. Red-headed Lovebird (*Agapornis pullarius*)

One bird zipped overhead in the cultivated area near the Nyabyeya Forestry College at Budongo on the morning of but 2 birds perched in the College grounds the following day gave great views.

91. Great Blue Turaco (*Corythaëola cristata*)

3 or 4 birds going to roost at the start of the trail at Buhoma on 17/7 were there the following day and gave great views. The only other record was poor view of a single bird on the Boundary Trail at Semliki on 28/7.

91. Ross' Turaco (*Musophaga rossae*)

Up to 6 birds going to roost in the grounds of the Red Chilli in Kampala on 14/7. Also seen at Lake Mburo and Budongo forest.

91. RUWENZORI TURACO (*Ruwenzorornis johnstoni*)

Restricted to Mgahinga in south-west Uganda on the border with Rwanda we heard a number of birds calling from trees high on the ridge of the Gorge Trail but they remained reolutely hidden until, eventually, first one and then 5 or 6 others glided down and across the valley giving great flight and perched views on 2/7.

91. White-crested Turaco (*Tauraco leucolophus*)

2 birds scoped in nearby trees from the canteen block at the Nyabyeya Forestry College at Budongo on 31/7, with others seen less well at Budongo and Murchison Falls NP.

92. Black-billed Turaco (*Tauraco schuettii*)

Heard regularly in forests throughout the trip but only seen really well at Buhoma on 18/7.

93. Bare-faced Go-away-bird (*Corythaixoides personatus*)

5 or so birds on the entrance road to Lake Mburo on 15/7 were the only record.

93. Eastern Plantain-eater (*Crinifer zonurus*)

Gregarious, small groups at Red Chilli in Kampala, Lake Mburo, Budongo and Murchison Falls.

95. Madagascar Lesser Cuckoo (*Cuculus rochii*)

A single bird at Budongo on 30/7 perched quietly and stayed around long enough to allow careful evaluation of this difficult and uncommon species.

96. Dusky Long-tailed Cuckoo (*Cercococcyx mechowi*)

Great views of a pair of this much wanted species at Buhoma on 17/7. Its ringing call was also heard at Semliki where a single bird allowed brief views and at Budongo.

96. Barred Long-tailed Cuckoo (*Cercococcyx montanus*)

Heard calling on the School Trail on 19/7 the bird flew around out of site until finally lured into the open by playback.

96. Black Cuckoo (*Cuculus clamosus*)

A single bird seen well in flight at Budongo on 31/7.

96. Red-chested Cuckoo (*Cuculus solitarius*)

A single bird seen perched along the Royal Mile at Budongo on 30/7. Heard elsewhere.

97. Klaas' Cuckoo (*Chrysococcyx klaas*)

Seen first on the track leading to Mabamba Wetland on 14/7. Also at Buhoma and Ruhiza.

97. Dideric Cuckoo (*Chrysococcyx caprius*)

Singles seen at Lake Mburo on 15/7, Buhoma on 18/7 and finally Murchison Falls on 02/8.

97. African Emerald Cuckoo (*Chrysococcyx cupreus*)

Great views of this dazzling cuckoo on the track leading to Mabamba Wetland on 14/7, another at Buhoma on 17/7, Ruhija on 19/7.

97. Yellowbill (*Ceuthmochares aereus*)

Single on the trail at Buhoma on 18/7, later at Maramagambo on 26/7 and then daily at Budongo.

xxiv. Black-throated Coucal (*Centroopus leucogaster*)

Heard only, distantly on the Kuraima Trail at Semliki on 27/7.

98. Blue-headed Coucal (*Centropus monachus*)

A couple of birds on reedy islets at Mabamba Wetland on 14/7, and on the Nile at Murchison Falls.

98. Senegal Coucal (*Centropus senegalensis*)

Seen only on the Nile at Murchison Falls where most of the 15-20 coucals observed were Senegal.

98. White-browed Coucal (*Centropus superciliosus*)

Widespread and common in a variety of habitats.

99. African Wood-Owl (*Strix woodfordii*)

A pair taped out pre dawn at the start of the School Trail at Ruhija on 20/7. A further single bird at dusk on the same day from the road a kilometre beyond the turn off to the village heading to Buhoma.

100. African Scops Owl (*Otus senegalensis*)

Great views of a bird spotlighted at night in a huge tree near the tented camp at Lake Mburo. There were several calling all around the camp.

101. Spotted Eagle-Owl (*Bubo africanus*)

A single bird well found by PB perched in a tree by the road as we returned to the Red Chilli from the top of the falls at Murchison NP on 2/8.

101. Verraux's Eagle-Owl (*Bubo lacteus*)

Very close views of a single bird perched atop a euphorbia just before dusk as we entered QENP. On

22/7. Also seen at Murchison Falls NP.

103. Long-tailed Nightjar (*Caprimulgus climacurus*)

A single bird with a somewhat ratty long tail seen on the road as we returned to the Red Chilli from the top of the falls at Murchison NP on 2/8.

103. Square-tailed Nightjar (*Caprimulgus fossii*)

Seen first at Lake Mburo and then at QENP where 2 birds perched and hawked insects by the lights of the security gate at Mweya Camp.

104. Black-shouldered Nightjar (*Caprimulgus nigriscapularis*)

Several heard calling at Lake Mburo on 15/7 and once spotlight perched on a tree at the tented camp.

104. Rwenzori Nightjar (*Caprimulgus ruwenzorii*)

Several heard and a single bird spotlighted at Ruhiza on 20/7 from the road a kilometre beyond the turn off to the village heading to Buhoma.

106. Pennant-winged Nightjar (*Macrodipteryx vexillarius*)

Seen first pennants streaming as it flew over the road pre dawn along the Mweya Camp road at QENP on 24/7. Up to 6 more of this fantastic species seen on the drive back from the top of the falls at Murchison Falls on 01/8 including one sitting on the road a couple of metres away.

107. Little Swift (*Apus affinis*)

Common; seen regularly throughout the trip.

107. White-rumped Swift (*Apus caffer*)

Seen in smaller numbers at Lake Mburo, and Murchison Falls NP

107. Horus Swift (*Apus horus*)

2 or 3 birds seen at the top of the falls at Murchison Falls NP on 02/8.

109. African Palm-Swift (*Cypsiurus parvus*)

Seen regularly at Budongo and at Murchison Falls NP.

109. Sabine's Spinetail (*Rhaphidura sabini*)

Several birds flying over at the start of the Royal Mile at Budongo Forest on 30/7.

109. Scarce Swift (*Schoutedenapus myoptilus*)

A couple of birds flying over the main trail at Buhoma on 18/7.

110. Narina Trogon (*Apaloderma narina*)

Great views of a co-operative pair at Maramagambo Forest on 25/7.

110. Bar-tailed Trogon (*Apaloderma vittatum*)

Seen perched from the main trail at Buhoma on 18/7 and on the MuBuhoma Swamp trail on 20/7

110. Speckled Mousebird (*Colius striatus*)

Very common — recorded almost every day.

110. Blue-naped Mousebird (*Urocolius macrourus*)

Seen along the entrance road to Lake Mburo on 15/7, daily at QENP and also Murchison Falls.

111. Pied Kingfisher (*Ceryle rudis*)

Very common; large numbers on the Kazinga Channel and along the Nile at Murchison NP.

111. Grey-headed Kingfisher (*Halcyon leucocephala*)

Seen regularly, usually singles, occasional pairs at Mabamba Wetland, Lake Mburo, QENP, Semliki and Murchison Falls.

111. Striped Kingfisher (*Halcyon chelicuti*)

Seen at Mabamba Wetland, Lake Mburo, and Murchison Falls.

111. Giant Kingfisher (*Megaceryle maxima*)

Seen only once, from the boat to the delta on the Nile at Murchison Falls on 02/8.

112. Blue-breasted Kingfisher (*Halcyon malimbica*)

Recorded only twice; first at Maramagambo Forest in QENP on 25/7, where they are easily seen, and at the Royal Mile at Budongo on 30/7.

112. Chocolate-backed Kingfisher (*Halcyon badia*)

This fantastic kingfisher seen well on the Kuraima Trail at Semliki on 27/7. Others heard at Budongo sitting high in the canopy proved impossible to see.

112. Woodland Kingfisher (*Halcyon senegalensis*)

First seen in open country near the entrance to Buhoma on 19/7 and later at QENP on 24/7.

113. Shining Blue Kingfisher (*Alcedo quadibrachys*)

Seen only once at a "stake out" pond in the cane fields near at Budongo on 31/7.

113. Malachite Kingfisher (*Alcedo cristata*)

Common in most wetlands and small swamps.

113. African Dwarf Kingfisher (*Ispidina lecontei*)

First seen from the road at Semliki on 28/7 and later 3-4 singles along the Royal Mile at Budongo.

113. African Pygmy-Kingfisher (*Ispidina picta*)

Seen at Mabamba Wetland on 14/7, at QENP on 25/7 and Murchison Falls.

114. Cinnamon-chested Bee-eater (*Merops oreobates*)

Seen daily in montane areas, Buhoma, Ruhija and Mgahinga.

114. Little Bee-eater (*Merops pusillus*)

Not common, odd singles seen at Lake Mburo, QENP and Murchison Falls NP.

114. Blue-breasted Bee-eater (*Merops variegatus*)

4-5 birds seen on the margins of the papyrus swamp at Lake Mburo on 15/7, at Karukara Swamp on 23/7 and at Murchison Falls on 2 & 3/8.

115. White-throated Bee-eater (*Merops albicollis*)

At Lake Mburo, QENP, Budongo and Murchison Falls.

115. Swallow-tailed Bee-eater (*Merops hirundineus*)

Seen only at Murchison Falls NP where it was recorded daily.

115. Black Bee-eater (*Merops gularis*)

Seen only at Buhoma where a pair were scoped high in the canopy on the main trail on 17/7.

116. Red-throated Bee-eater (*Merops bulocki*)

10-15 birds in two small groups on the Nile at Murchison Falls NP on 02/8.

116. Madagascar Bee-eater (*Merops superciliosus*)

2 birds from the boat on the Kazinga Channel, QENP on 24/7.

117. N. Carmine Bee-eater (*Merops nubicus*)

Up to 15 of these exquisite bee-eaters on the Nile at Murchison Falls NP on 02/8.

117. Broad-billed Roller (*Eurystomus glaucurus*)

A couple of birds on poles on the road into Mabamba Wetland on 14/7, several more at the top of the falls at Murchison NP on 02/8.

117. Blue-throated Roller (*Eurystomus gularis*)

2 birds at Semliki on 27/7 one of which gave great scope views.

118. Lilac-breasted Roller (*Coracias caudata*)

A couple by the roadside as we drove from Lake Mburo to Buhoma on 15/07.

119. Forest Woodhoopoe (*Phoeniculus castaneiceps*)

A single bird at the start of the trail at Mabira Forest on 05/8.

119. Green Woodhoopoe (*Phoeniculus purpureus*)

A small flock of c10 birds seen on the escarpment overlooking Lake Albert on 01/8.

120. Black Scimitar-bill (*Rhinopomastus aterrimus*)

Two pairs in the wooded area on the drive north of the Nile at Murchison Falls NP on 03/8.

122. Crowned Hornbill (*Tockus alboterminatus*)

2-3 birds on the dirt track leading to Mabamba Wetland, 4 or 5 at the start of the trail at Mgahinga, similar numbers along the road at Semliki and a couple at Mabira Forest.

122. African Pied Hornbill (*Tockus fasciatus*)

Seen, usually singles or pairs at Lake Mburo, Semliki NP, and at Budongo.

122. African Grey Hornbill (*Tockus nasutus*)

Seen first at Buhoma on 16/7 and the not until Murchison Falls where seen daily from 01-03/08

123. Piping Hornbill (*Bycanistes fistulator*)

4-5 birds seen daily from 26-28/7 at Semliki from the Kurima Trail and along the road.

123. Red-billed Dwarf Hornbill (*Tockus camurus*)

4 or 5 birds calling loudly and darting through the canopy in the forest beyond the first oxbow lake at Semliki on 27/7 eventually settled to give good views. Another 4 or 5 birds the next day at eye-level along the Boundary Trail gave even better views.

123. White-crested Hornbill (*Tropicranus albocristatus*)

Seen at the last gasp. We had departed Semliki on 28/7 when, from the vehicle, PB saw one in a gully beside the road where, as is their habit, a pair were feeding alongside a troupe of monkeys. As we crashed out the vehicle the monkeys became excited and agitated and in turn flushed the birds. Fortunately after some tramping around we managed to relocate them to give good views for most.

124. White-thighed Hornbill (*Ceratogymna albotibialis*)

10 or so birds seen at Budongo on 31/7.

124. Black-and-white-casqued Hornbill (*Ceratogymna subcylindricus*)

Common, seen regularly throughout the trip.

125. Black-casqued Wattled Hornbill (*Ceratogymna atrata*)

Great views of this monster forest hornbill on the Kuraima Trail, Semliki on 27/7. We saw 3 separate birds that day and another on the Boundary Trail the next day.

125. Abyssinian Ground-Hornbill (*Bucorvus abyssinicus*)

A pair found north of the Nile at Murchison Falls NP on 03/8.

126. Red-rumped Tinkerbird (*Pogoniulus atroflavus*)

In Uganda, restricted to Semliki where it is considered scarce. We saw 2 birds along the Kuraima Trail on 27/7.

126. Yellow-rumped Tinkerbird (*Pogoniulus bilineatus*)

Seen regularly in forest throughout the trip; its continuous ponk-ponk-ponk call very evident.

126. Speckled Tinkerbird (*Pogoniulus scolopaceus*)

Looks more like a miniature barbet; seen regularly in forest throughout the trip.

126. Western Green Tinkerbird (*Pogoniulus coryphaeus*)

Seen only in the bamboo zone as we departed Ruhija on 21/7.

126. Yellow-throated Tinkerbird (*Pogoniulus subsulphureus*)

Singles and the odd pair seen at Buhoma, Budongo and Mabira Forest.

127. Grey-throated Barbet (*Gymnobucco bonapartei*)

Small family parties of 4-5 birds regularly recorded at Buhoma, Ruhija, and Mabira.

128. Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird (*Pogoniulus chrysoconus*)

In the grounds of the Red Chilli in Kampala and at QENP.

128. Spot-flanked Barbet (*Tricholaema lachrymosa*)

Only at Lake Mburo on 16/7 and north of the Nile at Murchison Falls on 03/8.

129. Yellow-spotted Barbet (*Buccanodon duchailui*)

Only recorded once on the main trail at Buhoma. on 18/7.

129. Hairy-breasted Barbet (*Tricholaema hirsuta*)

Seen several times during the trip, Mpanga Forest on 15/7, Maramagambo Forest 26 & 27/7 and at Mabira Forest on the final day.

130. Double-toothed Barbet (*Lybius bidentatus*)

This impressive barbet seen in the grounds of the Red Chilli in Kampala on 14/7 and again north of the Nile at Murchison Falls on 03/8.

130. Black-billed Barbet (*Lybius guifsobalito*)

Seen on the escarpment above Lake Albert on 01/8 and in scrubby bush north of the Nile at Murchison Falls on 03/8

130. White-headed Barbet (*Lybius leucocephalus*)

Seen on the escarpment above Lake Albert on 01/8.

130. Red-faced Barbet (*Lybius rubrifacies*)

This East African endemic seen in acacia scrub on the Warukiri Track at Lake Mburo on 16/7.

131. Yellow-billed Barbet (*Trachyphonus purpuratus*)

Poor views of a pair that zipped around in response to tape at Semliki on 27/7.

132. Greater Honeyguide (*Indicator indicator*)

A pair seen harassing barbets and starlings on the escarpment above Lake Albert on 01/8.

133. Least Honeyguide (*Indicator exilis*)

Seen only once in Maramagambo Forest, QENP on 25/7.

133. Willcock's Honeyguide (*Indicator willcocksi*)

A single bird identified on the main trail at Buhoma on 17/7.

133. Lesser Honeyguide (*Indicator minor*)

Seen in secondary forest on the approach to Maramagambo on 25/7 and on the escarpment overlooking Lake Albert on 01/8.

135. Brown-eared Woodpecker (*Campethera caroli*)

Seen on two occasions, first a pair at the start of the trail at Maramagambo on 25/7 and a nother pair at Mabira Forest on 05/8.

135. Buff-spotted Woodpecker (*Campethera nivosa*)

We had to wait for the last day for a pair at Mabira which showed well at very close range.

135. Tullberg's Woodpecker (*Campethera tullbergi*)

Seen daily at Buhoma and Ruhija

136. Green-backed Wpecker (*Campethera cailliautii*)

Seen only once in scrub alongside the track as we departed Lake Mburo on 16/7

136. Nubian Woodpecker (*Campethera nubica*)

A pair seen in scrub by the restaurant on the shores of Lake mburo on 16/7.

137. Cardinal Woodpecker (*Dendropicos fuscescens*)

Singles seen daily at Buhoma, also recorded at Maramagambo on 25/7.

137. Elliot's Woodpecker (*Dendropicos elliotii*)

Recorded only once on the main trail at Buhoma on 17/7.

137. Speckle-breasted Woodpecker (*Dendropicos poecilolaemus*)

Recorded only once a pair at Kihingami Wetlands on 29/7.

138. Grey Woodpecker (*Dendropicos goertae*)

Recorded only once at QENP on 24/7.

138. Olive Woodpecker (*Dendropicos griseocephalus*)

Seen on the lower slopes at Mgahinga on 22/7 and at Echuya Forest the following day.

138. Yellow-crested Woodpecker (*Dendropicos xantholophus*)

Seen at Buhoma, on the Kuraima Trail at Semliki on 27/7 and Mabira on the final day.

139. African Broadbill (*Smithornis capensis*)

Scope views of a bird at Buhoma on 18/7 performing its tight circular display flight and making its weird mechanical burring sound. This however after trawling with a tape for the best part of 2 days.

139. Rufous-sided Broadbill (*Smithornis rufolateralis*)

Fortunately this species proved much more responsive at Semliki on 27/7 with a bird on either side of the Kuraima Trail beyond the first ox-bow lake found minutes after we began playing the tape. Rather than being more responsive its Perhaps more likely that Godfrey the guide knew exactly where to sart playing the tape. Much wanted bird seen through the scope — brilliant.

140. Rufous-naped Lark (*Mirafra africana*)

Several birds at QENP on 24/7.

140. Flappet Lark (*Mirafra rufocinnamomea*)

A few singles on successive days at QENP and in open country at Murchison Falls.

143. Red-capped Lark (*Calandrella cinerea*)

3 or 4 singles at QENP on 24/7.

145. Banded Martin (*Riparia cincta*)

10+ birds over grassland by the waters edge at the furthest extent of the drive north of the Nile at Murchison on 03/8.

145. Plain Martin (*Riparia paludicola*)

Seen at QENP on 24/7.

146. Lesser Striped-Swallow (*Hirundo abyssinica*)

Fairly common; recorded at Lake Mburo, QENP and Budongo.

146. Red-rumped Swallow (*Hirundo dauica*)

Seen at Mabamba Wetland on 14/7.

146. Rufous-chested Swallow (*Hirundo semirufa*)

Seen as we departed Lake Mburo on 16/7 and again at QENP on 24/7.

146. Mosque Swallow (*Hirundo senegalensis*)

Seen daily in ones or twos at QENP.

147. Wire-tailed Swallow (*Hirundo smithii*)

Seen at the bridge over the Kazinga Channel as we left QENP on 25/7 and daily at Murchison Falls including a pair perched on the ferry.

147. Angola Swallow (*Hirundo angolensis*)

Recorded in and around Kampala.

148. White-headed Saw-wing (*Psalidoprocne albiceps*)

Seen at Lake Mburo, Ruhijja, Budongo and Murchison Falls. Dark headed immature birds at Lake Mburo initially caused confusion with the next species.

148. Black Saw-wing (*Psalidoprocne holomelas*)

Seen at Buhoma, Ruhijja, Mgahinga.

149. African Pied Wagtail (*Motacilla aguimp*)

Abundant.

149. Cape Wagtail (*Motacilla capensis*)

A couple of records from Buhoma on 17/7

151. Yellow-throated Longclaw (*Macronyx croceus*)

Seen on the track leading to lake Mburo on 14/7 and at Murchison Falls on 03/8.

152. Grassland Pipit (*Anthus cinnamomeus*)

Only recorded at Lake Mburo,.

153. Plain-backed Pipit (*Anthus leucophrys*)

Recorded only once in the cultivated fields near Budongo on 30/7.

154. Black Cuckoo-shrike (*Campephaga flava*)

A female at Buhoma on 17/7 and a male on the Kuraima Trail at Semliki on 27/7.

154. Red-shouldered Cuckooshrike (*Campephaga phoenicea*)

A pair as we departed Maramagambo Forest on 26/7, also seen at Murchison Falls.

154. Purple-throated Cuckooshrike (*Campephaga quiscalina*)

A male seen at Mabira Forest on 05/8 was the only record.

155. Grey Cuckoo-shrike (*Coracina caesia*)

Seen at Ruhiza on 19 & 20/7 and Mgahinga on 22/7.

155. Western Nicator (*Nicator chloris*)

Seen from the road at Semliki on 26/7 and at Budongo on 31/7.

156. Slender-billed Greenbul (*Andropadus gracilirostris*)

Odd singles at Mpanga Forest, Buhoma, Maramagambo and Budongo.

156. Yellow-whiskered Greenbul (*Andropadus latirostris*)

Seen at Ruhijja and Budongo.

156. Mountain Greenbul (*Andropadus nigriceps*)

Seen daily at Ruhijja and also at Mgahinga.

156. Little Greenbul (*Andropadus virens*)

Seen regularly at all forest sites in Uganda.

156. Common Bulbul (*Pycnonotus barbatus*)

Despite being classified as extremely common we only recorded it at Ruhijja where it was seen daily.

157. Shelley's Greenbul (*Andropadus masukuensis*)

Seen once on the main trail at Buhoma on 17/7.

157. Yellow-streaked Greenbul (*Phyllastrephus flavostriatus*)

Seen daily at Ruhijja from 19-21/07.

159. Cameroon Sombre Greenbul (*Andropadus curvirostris*)

Only once on the Royal Mile at Budongo on 30/7.

159. Little Grey Greenbul (*Andropadus gracilis*)

Seen only once at the far end of the main trail at Buhoma on 18/7.

159. Cabanis' Greenbul (*Phyllastrephus cabanisi*)

Only one record at the Kihingami Wetlands on 29/7.

159. Toro Olive-Greenbul (*Phyllastrephus hypochloris*)

2 birds early morning long the entrance road to Jacana Lodge at Maramagambo on 26/7 and again at Budongo on 30/7.

160. Icterine Greenbul (*Phyllastrephus icterinus*)

In a mixed flock on the Boundary Trail at Semliki on 28/7. Both this and the next very similar species were identified by call and their response to the Chappuis tape.

160. Xavier's Greenbul (*Phyllastrephus xavieri*)

First recorded at Maramagambo Forest on 24/7 and later on the Boundary Trail at Semliki on 28/7.

161. Green-tailed Bristlebill (*Bleda eximia*)

Poor views of a single bird on the Kuraima Trail at Semliki on 27/7.

161. Red-tailed Bristlebill (*Bleda syndactyla*)

A pair seen well at Maramagambo on 25/7.

161. Joyful Greenbul (*Chlorocichla laetissima*)

Only one record at the Kihingami Wetlands on 29/7.

161. Red-tailed Greenbul (*Criniger calurus*)

Seen at Buhoma on 17 & 18/07 and on 27 & 28/07 at Semliki and at Mabira on the last morning.

162. Honeyguide Greenbul (*Baeopogon indicator*)

Heard at Buhoma and at Maramagambo it was finally seen from the road as we emerged from the Boundary Trail at Semliki on 28/7.

162. Yellow-throated Greenbul (*Chlorocichla flavicollis*)

Seen at a roadside between Mpanga Forest and Kaku Swamp on 15/7 and at Budongo on 30/7.

162. Spotted Greenbul (*Ixonotus guttatus*)

At the Royal Mile Budongo on 30/7.

162. Swamp Palm Bulbul (*Thescelocichla leucopleura*)

Heard on successive days at Semliki with poor views of 2 birds on the Kuraima Trail on 27/7.

163. White-starred Robin (*Pogonocichla stellata*)

Seen on 21 & 22/07 at Ruhijja either in or close to the bamboo zone.

163. Equatorial Akalat (*Sheppardia aequatorialis*)

2 birds recorded on the main trail at Buhoma on 17/7.

163. Forest Robin (*Stiphronis erythrothorax*)

Poor views of a bird at Semliki on 26/7, finally seen very well at Budongo on 30 & 31/7.

165. Fire-crested Alethe (*Alethe diademata (castanea)*)

Single bird on the Kuraima Trail at Semliki on 27/7.

165. Brown-chested Alethe (*Alethe poliocephala*)

First seen at Maramagambo on 25/7 and again at Budongo on 30/7

165. RED-THROATED ALETHE (*Alethe poliophrys*)

This stunning endemic gave great views just off the track at Buhoma on 17/7. A single bird perched at close quarters just off the ground seemed unconcerned by our presence and was shortly joined by another. Both birds were still there when we walked back a couple of hours later. A vibrant species which is much better than its field guide illustration suggests.

166. Cape Robin-Chat (*Cossypha caffra*)

Seen in the late afternoon in the scrub area below the bamboo zone at Mgahinga on 25/7.

166. Blue-shouldered Robin-Chat (*Cossypha cyanocampter*)

Saved for the last day at Mabira with great views of this dramatic bird.

166. White-browed Robin-Chat (*Cossypha heuglini*)

Common and seen in forests and gardens throughout the trip; its delightful pre-dawn song usually meant it was time we were up.

166. Snowy-headed Robin-Chat (*Cossypha niveicapilla*)

Seen at the waters edge at Lake Mburo on 16/7 and later at Maramagambo and Budongo.

167. ARCHER'S ROBIN-CHAT (*Cossypha archeri*)

First seen at the base of the Mubwindi Swamp trail, and later on the Gorge Trail at Mgahinga.

167. Red-capped Robin-Chat (*Cossypha natalensis*)

Great views of a single bird along the entrance road to Jacana Lodge at Maramagambo on 26/7.

167. White-bellied Robin-Chat (*Cossyphicula roberti*)

Only recorded once along the main trail at Buhoma on 18/7.

168. Olive Thrush (*Turdus olivaceus*)

Only seen at Ruhijja on 18/7.

168. African Thrush (*Turdus pelios*)

Seen throughout the trip, Kampala, QENP, Maramagambo, Budongo and Murchison Falls.

169. KIVU GROUND-THRUSH (*Zoothera tanganjicae*)

Heard and seen very poorly in flight in the bamboo zone at Mgahinga on 22/7. Proved very elusive and despite tape and playback the bird remains just out of sight except for one fly past.

170. Red-tailed Ant-Thrush (*Neocossyphus rufus*)

Seen briefly at Maramagambo on 25/7, heard on the Boundary trail at Semliki and seen again poorly at Kaniyo Pabide on 04/8. We found identification of this and the next species something of a problem.

170. Rufous Flycatcher-Thrush (*Neocossyphus fraseri*)

Once we got the identification sorted out we saw this species fairly regularly in most forested sites.

Seen at Mpanga, Buhoma, Maramagambo, Semliki and Budongo.

172. Sooty Chat (*Myrmecocichla nigra*)

Common, seen throughout the trip.

173. African Stonechat (*Saxicola axillaris*)

First seen on the road from Lake Mburo to Mbarara, then at Ruhiza and Mgahinga.

176. Brown-backed Scrub-Robin (*Cercotrichas hartlaubi*)

On the track leading to Jacana Lodge, Magaramgambo as we departed on 26/7

176. White-browed Scrub-Robin (*Cercotrichas leucophrys*)

Seen in the cultivated area between Nyabyeya College and the Royal Mile , Budongo on 30/7

177. Spotted Morning-Thrush (*Cichladusa guttata*)

Seen daily at the Red Chilli Camp , Murchison Falls wherethey were tame.

178. Lesser Swamp-Warbler (*Acrocephalus gracilirostris*)

Seen at a marsh on the fringe of Lake Bunyoni on 21/7 and at the old London bridge over the Kazinga Channel on 25/7.

178. Dark-capped Yellow Warbler (*Chloropeta natalensis*)

Seen along the track to Jacana Lodge, Maramagambo on 25/7.

178. Mountain Yellow Warbler (*Chloropeta similis*)

Only recorded once on the Gorge Trail, Mgahinga on 22/7.

179. African Reed Warbler (*Acrocephalus baeticatus*)

At Lake Mburo on 16/7 and the bridge over the Kazinga Channel on 25/7.

180. White-winged Warbler (*Bradypterus carpalis*)

2 or 3 birds from the boat at lake Mburo on 16/7.

181. Cinnamon Bracken-Warbler (*Bradypterus cinnamomeus*)

See on the main trail at Buhoma on 18/7.

181. GRAUER'S RUSH-WARBLER (*Bradypterus graueri*)

A single bird at the edge of Mubwindi Swamp on 20/7

181. Little Rush Warbler (*Bradypterus baboecala*)

Seen only in the small marsh beside Lake Bunyoni on 23/7

183. Buff-bellied Warbler (*Phyllolais pulchella*)

Seen several times, Lake Mburo, QENP and Murchison Falls.

185. SHORT-TAILED WARBLER (*Hemitesia neumanni*)

We heard it and saw the grass move within 5 metres but never saw this elusive species just off the main trail (the Waterfall Trail ?) at Buhoma on 18/7.

185. Green Hylia (*Hylia prasina*)

At Mpanga Forest on 15/7, Buhoma on 17/7 and the Boundary Trail, Semliki on 28/7.

185. Uganda Woodland Warbler (*Phylloscopus budongoensis*)

This tiny warbler seen well at Budongo on 31/7.

185. RED-FACED W-WARBLER (*Phylloscopus laetus*)

Several small flocks seen, Buhoma on 17 & 18/7, Ruhiza 21/7, Mgahinga 22/7.

186. Grey Longbill (*Macrosphenus concolor*)

A single bird at Budongo on 31/7.

186. Yellow Longbill (*Macrosphenus flavicans*)

Seen very well at Budongo on 31/7.

186. Lemon-bellied Crombec (*Sylvietta denti*)

2 birds at Budongo on 30/7.

186. White-browed Crombec (*Sylvietta leucophrys*)

Seen at Mgahinga on 22/7 and at Echuya Forest on 23/7.

186. Green Crombec (*Sylvietta virens*)

On the Kuraima Trail, Semliki on 27/7.

187. Northern Crombec (*Sylvietta brachyura*)

Seen on the escarpment above Lake Albert on 01/8.

187. Red-faced Crombec (*Sylvietta whytii*)

Seen only at Lake Mburo on 15/7

188. Rufous-crowned Eremomela (*Eremomela badiceps*)

A couple of small flocks of these delightful birds at Budongo on 30 & 31/7.

189. Black-faced Rufous-Warbler (*Bathmocercus rufus*)

Odd singles along the main trail at Buhoma on 17 & 18/7

190. GRAUER'S WARBLER (*Graueria vittata*)

Heard several times at Buhoma and Ruhijja before one finally responded well on the School Trail at Ruhiza on 17/7.

190. African Moustached Warbler (*Melocichla mentalis*)

A couple of birds in grassland at QENP on 24/7 on the track back to the Mweya Gate and along the approach road to Maramagambo Forest on 25/7.

191. Wing-snapping Cisticola (*Cisticola ayersii*)

Heard only in grassland at QENP on 24/7 on the track back to the Mweya Gate.

191. Zitting Cisticola (*Cisticola juncidis*)

Seen daily from 24-26/7 at QENP and Maramagambo and north of Murchison Falls on 03/8.

192. Croaking Cisticola (*Cisticola natalensis*)

Seen daily from 24-26/7 at QENP and at Maramagambo.

192. Stout Cisticola (*Cisticola robustus*)

A few seen in grassland at QENP on 24/7 on the track back to the Mweya Gate

193. Rattling Cisticola (*Cisticola chiniana*)

Several seen on the road into Murchison Falls from the escarpment overlooking Lake Albert on 01/8.

194. Carruthers' Cisticola (*Cisticola carruthersi*)

Regularly seen around papyrus swamps and other wetland areas. Mabamba Wetland, Lake Mburo, Lake Bunyoni, and by the Parraa Ferry at Murchison Falls.

194. Winding Cisticola (*Cisticola galactotes*)

At Mbamaba Wetland on 14/7 and along the Nile at Murchison Falls on 02/8.

195. Singing Cisticola (*Cisticola cantans*)

Only on the road from Budongo leading up to the escarpment overlooking Lake Albert on 01/8.

195. Chubb's Cisticola (*Cisticola chubbi*)

Seen daily from 18-22/7 in montane areas around Bugoma to Ruhijja to Mgahinga.

195. Red-faced Cisticola (*Cisticola erythrops*)

Heard and seen poorly in the cultivated fields between Nyabyeya College and the Royal Mile, Budongo on 30/7.

196. Siffling Cisticola (*Cisticola brachypterus*)

Seen on the entrance road to Lake Mburo on 15/7 and at QENP on 24/7.

196. Whistling Cisticola (*Cisticola lateralis*)

Seen in the cultivated fields between Nyabeyeya College and the Royal Mile, Budongo on 30/7.

196. Foxy Cisticola (*Cisticola troglodytes*)

2-3 of these attractive cisticolas seen on the escarpment leading to Lake Albert on 01/8 and again from the track just beyond Paraa Safari Lodge north of the Nile at Murchison Falls on 03/8.

196. Trilling Cisticola (*Cisticola woosnami*)

Seen along the Warukiri Track at Lake Mburo on 16/7.

197. Red-winged Grey Warbler (*Drymnocichla incana*)

2 or 3 birds in the scrub on one of the tracks north of the Nile at Murchison Falls on 03/8.

198. Grey-capped Warbler (*Eminia lepida*)

Seen at the start of the trail at Maramagambo on 25/7.

198. Banded Prinia (*Prinia bairdii*)

Seen on two dates first at Buhoma on 18/7 where they proved incredibly difficult to observe in the scrubby undergrowth as we walked up the trail but sat out singing as we walked back down. Also at Ruhijja on the School Trail.

198. White-chinned Prinia (*Prinia leucopogon*)

Seen regularly throughout; at Buhoma, Ruhijja, Mgahinga, Maramagambo and Budongo.

198. Tawny-flanked Prinia (*Prinia subflava*)

Only recorded in the grounds of Nyabeyeya College on 31/7 and on the escarpment above Lake Albert on 01/8.

199. Grey-backed Camaroptera (*Camaroptera brachyura*)

Heard and seen regularly; first in the grounds of the Red Chilli at Kampala, Buhoma, the road to Ruhijja, QENP and Budongo.

199. Olive-green Camaroptera (*Camaroptera chloronota*)

Seen only at Kihingami Wetlands on 29/7.

199. Yellow-browed Camaroptera (*Camaroptera superciliaris*)

Great views of 2 birds along the Royal Mile at Budongo on 31/7 and at Mabira Forest on 05/8.

200. Grey Apalis (*Apalis cinerea*)

Seen on the main trail at Buhoma on 17&18/07 and at Budongo on 30/7.

200. Yellow-breasted Apalis (*Apalis flavida*)

Seen along the Warukiri Track at Lake Mburo on 16/7 and at QENP on 25/7.

201. Chestnut-throated Apalis (*Apalis porphyrolaema*)

Seen on the School Trail at Ruhijja on 19/7.

202. Buff-throated Apalis (*Apalis rufogularis*)

Seen at Mpanga Forest on 15/7, and at Maramagambo on 25/7.

202. COLLARED (Ruwenzori) APALIS (*Apalis ruwenzori*)

2 birds seen at Ruhijja on 20/7 at the top of the descent to the Mubwindi Swamp.

203. Black-throated Apalis (*Apalis jacksoni*)

On the main trail at Buhoma on 17/7, Mubwindi Swamp on 20/7, and on the descent from Ruhijja below the bamboo zone on 21/7. Also at Kihingami Wetlands on 29/7.

203. MOUNTAIN MASKED APALIS (*Apalis personata*)

Seen daily at both Buhoma and Ruhiza.

203. Black-capped Apalis (*Apalis nigriceps*)

Seen only once at Budongo on 30/7.

204. Northern Black-Flycatcher (*Melaenornis edoloides*)

Only recorded once on the Leopard Loop at QENP on 25/7.

204. White-eyed Slaty-Flycatcher (*Melaenornis fischeri*)

In the gardens of the bandas at Buhoma on 16/7, at the Neck on 19/7 and Mgahinga on 22/7.

204. YELLOW-EYED BLACK-FLY. (*Melaenornis ardesiacus*)

Far along the main trail at Buhoma on 18/7 and on the Trail to Mubwindi Swamp on 20/7.

206. Ashy Flycatcher (*Muscicapa caerulescens*)

At the Neck on 19/7 and in the bamboo area at Ruhija on 21/7.

206. Pale Flycatcher (*Bradornis pallidus*)

An adult and immature just outside Red Chilli camp at Murchison Falls on 02/8 were the only record.

207. African Dusky Flycatcher (*Muscicapa adusta*)

Recorded on the road to Lake Mburo on 15/7 and at Buhoma, Ruhija and Budongo.

207. Grey-throated Tit-Flycatcher (*Myioparus griseigularis*)

At Mpanga Forest on 15/7 and Budongo on 31/7.

207. Lead-coloured Flycatcher (*Myioparus plumbeus*)

On the approach to and around Maramagambo on 25 & 26/7, and at Semliki on 27&28/7.

207. Swamp Flycatcher (*Muscicapa aquatica*)

Common around all papyrus swamp, rivers and wetlands. Mbamaba Wetland, Mubwindi, QENP and Murchison Falls

208. Forest Flycatcher (*Fraseria ocreata*)

The first bird we saw on the Royal Mile at Budongo on 30/7 and the only record.

208. Cassin's Grey Flycatcher (*Muscicapa cassini*)

Seen on 19/7 flycatching from rocks by the bridge that crosses the river at the Neck and later at another bridge over a river between Fort Portal and Hoima on 29/7.

208. CHAPINS' FLYCATCHER (*Muscicapa lendu*)

Recorded at the Neck on the way to Ruhija on 19/7.

208. Dusky-blue Flycatcher (*Muscicapa comitata*)

Seen daily from 17-19/07 at Buhoma and Ruhija.

208. Sooty Flycatcher (*Muscicapa infuscata*)

Seen on 17&18/07 on the amin trail at Buhoma and at Mabira on 05/8.

209. Black-headed Batis (*Batis minor*)

In contrast to Woods et al who found this to be common we only recorded it once on the track leading to Maramagambo and the Jacana Lodge on 25/7

209. Chinspot Batis (*Batis molitor*)

Recorded at Ruhija on 19&20/07.

210. RUWENZORI BATIS (*Batis diops*)

Daily at Buhoma and Ruhiza and at the Echuya Forest on the road from Kisoro to QENP.

210. African Shrike-flycatcher (*Megabyas flammulatus*)

Seen at Buhoma on 17/7 and along the track leading to Maramagambo on 26/7

210. Black-and-white Shrike-flycatcher (*Bias musicus*)

Seen at Buhoma on 17/7 and along the track leading to Maramagambo on 26/7

211. Brown-throated Wattle-eye (*Platysteira cyanea*)

Both male and female seen along the main trail at Buhoma on 17 & 18/7 and at Budongo on 31/7.

211. Chestnut Wattle-eye (*Dyaphorophya castania*)

This great little bird proved relatively common with the very different male and females seen at Mpanga on 15/7, Maramagambo on 25/7, the Boundary Trail at Semliki on 28/7, daily at Budongo and at Mabira on 05/8.

211. Jameson's Wattle-eye (*Dyaphorophya jamesoni*)

Another fantastic and beautifully marked little bird. Stunning views of a male on the Boundary Trail at Semliki on 28/7 and (to the great relief of some) two further males at Mabira on 05/8.

211. Yellow-bellied Wattle-eye (*Dyaphorophya concreta*)

Glowing orange yellow underparts contrasting with deep magenta blue back and its extraordinary apple green eye wattles combined to make this the bird of the trip. Found in a mixed flock at Maramagambo, after some initial panic, it hung around long enough for everyone to see it well. .

212. African Paradise-Flycatcher (*Terpsiphone viridis*)

Recorded regularly in forest areas, first in the grounds of Red Chilli, Kampala and later at Buhoma, Ruhijja, Maramagambo (where the birds were of the all dark form) and QENP.

212. Red-bellied Paradise-Flycatcher (*Terpsiphone rufiventer*)

Seen on the Boundary Trail Semliki on 28/7.

212. Silverbird (*Empidonax semipartitus*)

Several birds on 01/8 on the approach road to Murchison Falls from the escarpment at Lake Albert with others north of the Nile on 03/8.

213. White-bellied Crested-Flycatcher (*Trochocercus albiventris*)

On the main trail at Buhoma on 17/7.

213. White-tailed Crested-Flycatcher (*Trochocercus albonotatus*)

Seen at the start of the Gorge Trail, Mgahinga on 22/7.

214. African Blue-Flycatcher (*Elminia longicauda*)

Seen on 16 & 17/7 at Buhoma.

214. Chestnut-capped Flycatcher (*Erythrocerus mcallii*)

Seen only at Budongo on 30/7.

214. White-tailed Blue-Flycatcher (*Elminia albicauda*)

Seen at Buhoma on 17/7, on departure from Ruhijja on 21/7 and at Mabira on 05/8.

215. African Hill Babbler (*Illadopsis (Alcippe) abyssinica*)

Seen in the bamboo zone on departure from Ruhijja on 21/7.

215. Scaly-breasted Illadopsis (*Illadopsis albipectus*)

Good views eventually at Kihingami Swamp on 29/7.

215. Brown Illadopsis (*Illadopsis fulvescens*)

Seen with Puvell's Illadopsis in the Kaniyo Pabide section, Budongo on 04/8.

215. Puvell's Illadopsis (*Illadopsis puvelli*)

Seen in the Kaniyo Pabide section, Budongo on 04/8.

215. Mountain Illadopsis (*Illadopsis pyrrhoptera*)

This skulker well seen but with considerable difficulty on the main trail at Buhoma on 18/7.

215. Pale-breasted Illadopsis (*Illadopsis rufipennis*)

Seen by others at Budongo we caught up at the last gasp at Mabira Forest on 05/8.

216. Arrow-marked Babbler (*Turdoides jardineii*)

Seen on the entrance road to Lake Mburo on 15/7 and at QENP On 25/7.

216. Black-lored Babbler (*Turdoides sharpei*)

Also seen on the entrance road to Lake Mburo on 15/7 and at QENP on 24/7.

216. Brown Babbler (*Turdoides plebejus*)

On the road leading to the Butiaba escarpment en route to Murchison Falls on 01/8.

218. Dusky Tit (*Melaniparus funereus*)

At Buhoma on 17&18/7.

218. White-shouldered Tit (*Parus guineensis*)

North of the Nile at Murchison Falls on 03/8 and at Mabira Forest on 05/8.

219. STRIPE-BREASTED TIT (*Melaniparus fasciiventer*)

On the School Trail, Ruhiza on 19/7, in the bamboo zone there on 21/7 and at Mgahinga 23/7.

220. Yellow White-eye (*Zosterops senegalensis*)

Common, seen throughout the trip.

221. Bronze Sunbird (*Nectarinia kilimensis*)

In the grounds of the Bwini View bandas on 16/7, at Buhoma on 18/7 and Mgahinga on 22/7.

222. Blue-throated Brown Sunbird (*Cyanomitra cyanoaema*)

Only once-at Buhoma on 18/7.

222. BLUE-HEADED SUNBIRD (*Cyanomitra alinae*)

Seen daily at Buhoma and on the way to and from Ruhijja.

222. Green-headed Sunbird (*Cyanomitra verticalis*)

At Buhoma on 17/7 and at Budongo on 30/7.

223. N. Double-collared Sunbird (*Cinnyris reichenowi (preussi)*)

At Buhoma on 18 &19/7.

223. Olive-bellied Sunbird (*Cinnyris chloropygius*)

At Buhoma on 17/7 and the Royal Mile, Budongo on 30/7.

223. Rwenzori Double-collared Sunbird (*Cinnyris stuhlmanni*)

Only at Mgahinga on 22/7.

224. REGAL SUNBIRD (*Cinnyris regius*)

Seen daily at Ruhijja and Mgahinga where it was common.

225. Green Sunbird (*Anthreptes rectirostris*)

At Buhoma on 18/7 and Budongo on 29 &30/7.

225. Green-throated Sunbird (*Chalcomitra rubescens*)

At Buhoma on 18/7.

226. Copper Sunbird (*Cinnyris cupreus*)

Seen at Karukara Swamp on 23/7, QENP on 24/7, Maramagambo on 26/7 and Budongo.

226. Grey-headed Sunbird (*Deleornis axillaris*)

At Buhoma on 17/7.

226. Little Green Sunbird (*Anthreptes seimundi*)

At Buhoma on 18/7.

226. Olive Sunbird (*Cyanomitra olivacea*)

Seen regularly throughout the trip. Sometimes split off as *C. obscura* Western Olive Sunbird.

226. Superb Sunbird (*Cinnyris superba*)

A single female at Budongo on 31/7.

227. Marico Sunbird (*Cinnyris mariquensis*)

At Lake Mburo on 15/7.

227. Purple-banded Sunbird (*Cinnyris bifasciata*)

In the grounds of the Red Chilli, Kampala on 14/7.

228. Beautiful Sunbird (*Cinnyris pulchellus*)

On the road leading to the Butiaba escarpment on 01/8 and on the Nile at Murchison Falls on 02/8.

228. Red-chested Sunbird (*Cinnyris erythrocerca*)

Seen daily at QENP and at Maramagambo, Budongo and Mabira Forest

228. Scarlet-chested Sunbird (*Chalcomitra senegalensis*)

In the grounds of the Red Chilli, Kampala on 14/7, QENP, Maramagambo and Murchison Falls.

229. Collared Sunbird (*Hedydipna collaris*)

At Buhoma on 17/7, Budongo on 29/7 & 31/7.

229. Variable Sunbird (*Cinnyris venustus*)

At the Red Chilli Kampala on 14/7 and on the road to the Neck on 19/7.

231. Common Fiscal (*Lanius collaris*)

Seen regularly throughout the trip.

232. Grey-backed Fiscal (*Lanius excubitoroides*)

Common and widespread.

232. Mackinnon's Fiscal (*Lanius mackinnoni*)

The only record was on the road from Buhoma to Ruhiza on 19/7.

234. Tropical Boubou (*Laniarius aethiopicus*)

Heard first at lake Mburo on 16/7 and then seen in the gardens of the Travellers Rest in Kisoro on 21/7 and along the track to Maramagambo, QENP on 25&26/7.

234. Black-headed Gonolek (*Laniarius erythrogaster*)

Seen regularly throughout the trip. At Kaku Swamp on 15/7, Lake Mburo on 16/7, Maramagambo on 25/7, daily at Murchison Falls and at Mabur Forest on 05/8.

234. Luehder's Bushshrike (*Laniarius luehderi*)

At Buhoma on 17/8, Ruhija on the School Trail on 18/7 and Kihingami Wetland on 29/7.

234. Papyrus Gonolek (*Laniarius mufumbiri*)

This beautiful bird seen well from the boat in the papyrus at Lake Mburo on 16/7.

235. Brubru (*Nilaus afer*)

A single bird on the Butiaba escarpment on 01/8.

235. Sooty Boubou (*Laniarius leucorhynchus*)

Only at Buhoma on 17/7.

235. Mountain Black Boubou (*Laniarius poensis*)

On the Mubwindi Swamp Trail on 21/7 and at Mgahinga on 22/7.

236. Northern Puffback (*Dryoscopus gambensis*)

At Ruhijja on 19 & 20/7 and Echuya Forest on 23/7

236. Pink-footed Puffback (*Dryoscopus angolensis*)

Only at Buhoma on 17/7.

237. Black-crowned Tchagra (*Tchagra senegala*)

At QENP on 25/7 and Murchison Falls on 01/8.

237. Brown-crowned Tchagra (*Tchagra australis*)

Single between Buhoma and Ruhijja on 19/7.

237. Marsh Tchagra (*Tchagra minuta*)

Several at QENP on 24/7, Budongo on 30/7 and at Murchison Falls on 01/8.

238. Grey-headed Bushshrike (*Malaconotus blanchoti*)

This wonderful sounding, gaudy species seen on the escarpment at Butiaba on 01/8

238. Sulphur-breasted Bushshrike (*Malaconotus sulfureopectus*)

On the Warukiri Track at Lake Mburo on 16/7, along the track to Maramagambo on 25&26/7 and north of the Nile at Murchison Falls on 01/8.

239. Bocage's Bushshrike (*Malaconotus bocagei*)

At the base of the main trail at Buhoma on 17/7 and Kihingami Wetland on 29/7.

239. Doherty's Bushshrike (*Malaconotus dohertyi*)

A pair of these fabulous birds working their way through tangled vines at the top of the Mubwindi Swamp Trail, Ruhijja on 19/7. Also heard on the School Trail at Ruhiza.

241. Fork-tailed Drongo (*Dicrurus adsimilis*)

At Lake Mburo on 15 & 16/7 and at Murchison Falls on 01/8.

241. Piapiac (*Ptilostomus afer*)

First seen at Houima en route to Budongo, then at Murchison Falls .

241. Velvet-mantled Drongo (*Dicrurus modestus*)

Only at Mpanga Forest on 15/7.

242. Pied Crow (*Corvus albus*)

Common and widespread.

242. White-necked Raven (*Corvus albicollis*)

Seen daily at Ruhijja.

243. African Black-headed Oriole (*Oriolus larvatus*)

On the road to lake mburo on and on the track between Maramagambo and Jacana Lodge on 26/7.

243. Montane/Black-tailed Oriole (*Oriolus percivali*)

Seen daily at Ruhijja.

243. Western Black-headed Oriole (*Oriolus brachyrhynchus*)

Seen at Semliki on 26/7 and at Budongo on 30/31/7.

244. Yellow-billed Oxpecker (*Buphagus africanus*)

The only oxpecker we saw at Lake Mburo on 15/7, QENP 24/7 and daily at Murchison Falls.

245. Stuhlmann's Starling (*Poeoptera stuhlmanni*)

Just beyond the bamboo zone on the road to the Ndego gate at Ruhijja on 21/7.

246. Waller's Starling (*Onychognathus walleri*)

At the top of the trail to Mubwindi Swamp on 20/7.

247. Greater Blue-eared Starling (*Lamprotornis chalybaeus*)

Seen on 27 & 28/7 at Semliki.

247. Lesser Blue-eared Starling (*Lamprotornis chloropterus*)

Seen daily at Murchison Falls.

248. Purple-headed Starling (*Lamprotornis purpureiceps*)

Seen along the track between Maramagambo and Jacana lodge on 26/7.

248. Rueppell's Long-tailed Starling (*Lamprotornis purpuropterus*)

Common and widespread.

249. Sharpe's Starling (*Cinnyricinclus sharpii*)

Large flocks at the top of the Mubwindi Swamp Trail on 20/7 and in Echuya Forest on 23/7.

249. Violet-backed Starling (*Cinnyricinclus leucogaster*)

Fairly common – seen at QENP on 24/7, Semliki on 26/7 and Murchison Falls.

250. Wattled Starling (*Creatophora cinerea*)

At Lake Mburo on 15/7 and QENP on 25/7.

251. Rufous Sparrow (*Passer motitensis*)

At Murchison Falls on 01 & 03/8.

251. Speckle-fronted Weaver (*Sporopipes frontalis*)

At Murchison Falls on 02 & 03/8.

252. Grey-headed Sparrow (*Passer griseus*)

Common and widespread.

253. Chestnut-crowned Sp-Weaver (*Plocepasser superciliosus*)

On the Butaiba escarpment above Lake Albert on 01/8.

253. White-browed Sparrow-Weaver (*Plocepaser mahali*)

Two birds in an open area just outside the Red Chilli at Murchison Falls on 03/8.

255. Lesser Masked-Weaver (*Ploceus intermedius*)

Only once in open bush country at QENP on 24/7.

255. Vitelline Masked Weaver (*Ploceus velatus*)

Only once at Murchison Falls on 01/8.

255. Northern Masked Weaver (*Ploceus taeniopterus*)

Well beyond its documented range in a small marsh at an outflow of Lake Bunyonyi on 21/7.

255. Village/Black-headed Weaver (*Ploceus cucullatus*)

At Lake Mburo on 16/7, near Maramagambo on 26/7 and at Murchison Falls on 01 & 02/8.

256. Black-necked Weaver (*Ploceus nigricollis*)

At Buhoma on 17/7 and Mabira Forest on the last morning.

256. Spectacled Weaver (*Ploceus ocularis*)

From the boat at Lake Mburo on 16/7.

257. Baglafaecht Weaver (*Ploceus baglafaecht*)

At Mbamaba Wetland on 14/7 Buhoma, and Ruhiza.

257. Grosbeak Weaver (*Amblyospiza albifrons*)

Seen regularly throughout the trip.

258. Little Weaver (*Ploceus luteolus*)

Only at QENP on 24 & 25/7.

258. Slender-billed Weaver (*Ploceus pelzelni*)

At Lake Mburo on 16/7 and at Kaku Swamp on 21/7.

258. Yellow-backed Weaver (*Ploceus melanocephalus*)

At the canteen at QENP on 24/7, the fields near Budongo on 30/7, and around Murchison Falls NP.

259. Compact Weaver (*Pachyphantus superciliosus*)

At QENP on 24/7, the cultivated fields near Budongo on 30/.

259. N. Brown-throated Weaver (*Ploceus castanops*)

At Kaku Swamp on 15/7, and Kihingami Wetlands on 29/7.

260. Holub's Golden-Weaver (*Ploceus xanthops*)

From the boat at Lake Mburo on 16/7, en route to Ruhiza on 19/7, QENP on 24/7.

261. Dark-backed/Forest Weaver (*Ploceus bicolor*)

Early morning on the track at Jacana Lodge near Maramagambo on 26/7.

261. STRANGE WEAVER (*Ploceus alienus*)

On the Mubwindi Swamp Trail, Ruhiza on 20/7.

261. Weyns' Weaver (*Ploceus weynsi*)

From the boat at Mabamba Wetland on 14/7.

262. Black-billed Weaver (*Ploceus melanogaster*)

On the main trail at Buhoma on 17/7.

262. Brown-capped Weaver (*Ploceus insignis*)

On the main trail at Buhoma on 17/7.

262. Vieillot's Black Weaver (*Ploceus nigerrimus*)

Seen regularly throughout the trip.

262. Yellow-mantled Weaver (*Ploceus tricolor*)

Only at Mpanga Forest on 15/7.

263. Cardinal Quelea (*Quelea cardinalis*)

North of the Nile at Murchison Falls on 03/8.

263. Red-billed Quelea (*Quelea quelea*)

At QENP on 25/7 and on the edge of Murchison Falls on 01/8.

263. Red-headed Quelea (*Quelea erythrops*)

In the cultivated fields between Nyabyeya College and Budongo on 30/7.

263. Red-headed Weaver (*Anaplectes rubriceps*)

Single female at Lake Mburo on 15/7.

264. Blue-billed Malimbe (*Malimbus nitens*)

2 birds on the Boundary Trail, Semliki on 28/7.

264. Crested Malimbe (*Malimbus malimbicus*)

2 or 3 birds at the start of the Kuraima Trail, Semliki on 27/7.

264. Red-headed Malimbe (*Malimbus rubricollis*)

At Mpanga Forest on 15/7, Buhoma on 17/7, Budongo on 30/7 and Mabira Forest on 05/8.

265. Red-collared Widowbird (*Euplectes ardens*)

On the track leading to Maramagambo on 25/7 and in the cultivated fields between Nyabyeya College and Budongo on 30/7.

266. Fan-tailed Widowbird (*Euplectes axillaris*)

Only at Mabamba Wetland on 14/7,.

267. Yellow Bishop (*Euplectes capensis*)

Between Buhoma and Ruhija on 19/7 and Mgahinga on 22/7.

267. Yellow-mantled Widowbird (*Euplectes macrourus*)

In fields between Fort Portal and Budongo on 29/7 and daily at Murchison Falls.

268. Black-winged Red Bishop (*Euplectes hordeaceus*)

In fields on the road to Butiaba escarpment from Budongo on 01/8.

268. Northern Red Bishop (*Euplectes franciscanus*)

Seen daily in and around Murchison Falls.

269. Grey-headed Negrofinch (*Nigrita canicapilla*)

Common and widespread. At the Neck on 19/7, Mgahinga 22/7, Semliki on 17/7 Budongo 30/7 and Mabira on 05/8.

269. White-breasted Negrofinch (*Nigrita fusconota*)

At Buhoma on 17/7, Semliki on 27/7, Budongo on 29/7 and Mabira Forest on 05/8.

270. Green-winged Pytilia (*Pytilia melba*)

On the Leopard Loop at QENP on 25/7 and Murchison Falls 03/8.

270. Grey-headed Oliveback (*Nesocharis capistrata*)

At the edge of the cultivated fields between Nyabyeya College and Budongo on 30/7

270. Red-winged Pytilia (*Pytilia phoenicoptera*)

From the road to Butiaba escarpment from Budongo to Murchison Falls on 01/8.

271. Brown Twinspot (*Clytospiza monteyri*)

2 birds around the edge of the cultivated fields between Nyabyeya College and Budongo on 30/7.

272. DUSKY CRIMSON-WING (*Cryptospiza jacksoni*)

This stunning endemic seen from the School Trail, Ruhixza on 19/7.

273. Black-bellied Seedcracker (*Pyrenestes ostrinus*)

Another dramatic species, seen on successive days at Semliki.

273. Red-headed Bluebill (*Spermophaga ruficapilla*)

Regrettably poor views of another stunner at Mabira Forest on 05/8.

274. Red-cheeked Cordonbleu (*Uraeginthus bengalus*)

At Lake Mburo on 15/7; then daily at Murchison Falls and environs where they seemed abundant.

275. African Firefinch (*Lagonosticta rubricata*)

On the approach track to Maramagambo on 25/7 and Budongo on 30/7.

275. Bar-breasted Firefinch (*Lagonosticta rufopicta*)

Only at the jetty at the Paraa Ferry in Murchison Falls on 01/8; something of a stake-out.

275. Red-billed Firefinch (*Lagonosticta senegala*)

First seen In the grounds of the Red Chilli, Kampala on 14/7, Buhoma on 17/7, then regularly at QENP and Murchison Falls.

276. Black-rumped Waxbill (*Estrilda troglodytes*)

Near the ruined bungalow as the road from Butiaba escarpment descends to Lake Albert on 01/8.

276. Common Waxbill (*Estrilda astrild*)

On the approach track to Maramagambo on 25/7 .

276. Fawn-breasted Waxbill (*Estrilda paludicola*)

On the approach track to Maramagambo on 25/7 .

276. Yellow-bellied Waxbill (*Estrilda quartinia*)

Small flocks in the bamboo zone beyond Ruhiiija heading to the Ndego Gate on 21/7.

277. Black-crowned Waxbill (*Estrilda nonnula*)

At Buhoma on 17/7 and en route to Ruhiiija on 19/7.

277. Black-faced Waxbill (*Estrilda erythronotos*)

On the Butia escarpment en route to Murchison Falls on 01/8.

277. Black-headed Waxbill (*Estrilda atricapilla*)

Seen daily at Ruhiiija and Mgahinga

279. Black-and-white Mannikin (*Lonchura bicolor*)

Seen at Buhoma on 17/7 and on the Boundary Trail, Semliki on 28/7.

279. Bronze Mannikin (*Lonchura cucullata*)

Common and widespread; e.g Mabamba, Mgahinga, Budongo and Murchison Falls.

279. Magpie Mannikin (*Lonchura fringilloides*)

Only at Buhoma on 17/7 where 2 or 3 singles were seen.

280. Pin-tailed Whydah (*Vidua macroura*)

Absent from the first part of the trip they became common QENP, Budongo and Murchison Falls.

281. Village Indigobird (*Vidua chalybeata*)

2 Birds in the cultivated fields near Budongo on 30/7

282. Brimstone/Bully Canary (*Serinus sulphuratus*)

At Buhoma on 18/7, Karukara Swamp on 23/7 and QENP on 25/7.

282. Yellow-crowned Canary (*Serinus canicollis*)

At Buhoma on 18/7.

282. Thick-billed Seedeater (*Serinus burtoni*)

At Buhoma on 17/7, Ruhiiija on 19/7 and Mgahinga on 22/7.

282. Yellow-fronted Canary (*Serinus mozambicus*)

On the track leading to Maramagambo on 25/7 and in the cultivated fields near Budongo on 30/7.

283. African Citril (*Serinus citrinelloides*)

In fields near Buhoma on 19/7, Mgahinga on 22/7, Kihingami Wetland on 29/7 and Mabira on 05/8.

283. White-rumped Seedeater (*Serinus leucopygius*)

Pair in open ground near the entrance to the Red Chilli at Murchison Falls on 01/8.

284. Streaky Seedeater (*Serinus striolatus*)

Seen daily in montane areas Ruhiiija and Mgahinga.

285. Cinnamon-breasted RockBunting (*Emberiza tahapisi*)

On 01/8 on the Butiaba escarpment just as it commences its descent to Lake Albert.

286. African Golden-breasted Bunting (*Emberiza flaviventris*)

In the grounds of the Bwindi View bandas on 18/7 and at QENP on 25/7.

286. Cabanis's Bunting (*Emberiza cabanisi*)

Single in the late afternoon in the cultivated fields near Budongo on 30/7.

286. Brown-rumped Bunting (*Emberiza afinis*)

A pair in scrub north of the Nile at Murchison Falls on 03/8.

ANNOTATED MAMMAL SPECIES LIST.

1. **Chimpanzee** (*Pan troglodytes*) Well we tried, but our chimpanzee group at Budongo refused to cooperate. Spent 3 hours trying to find them but heard only a couple of times as they moved swiftly (and pretty silently) through the forest floor.
2. **Mountain Gorilla** (*Gorilla gorilla*) At Buhoma we were assigned the Rushegura gorilla group comprising 9 individuals; a silverback, 4 mature females, 2 subadults and 2 babies. Instead of leading us across the volcanic hillsides of Buhoma they settled for a short stroll through the forest before settling down to consume most of a non native eucalyptus tree(?) a short distance from our accommodation
3. **Guereza Colobus** (*Colobus guereza*) Ruhijja, Budongo,
4. **Central African Red Colobus** (*Piliocolobus oustaleti*) One by the roadside at Kihingami Wetlands.
5. **Olive Baboon** (*Papio anubis*) Common seen in numbers at Lake Mburo; also The Neck, QENP, Murchison Falls NP
6. **Grey-cheeked Mangabey** (*Lophocebus albigena*) Mabira Forest.
7. **Patas Monkey** (*Cercopithecus patas*) Murchison Falls NP.
8. **Vervet Monkey** (*Cercopithecus pygerythrus*) Lake Mburo.
9. **L'Hoests Monkey** (*Cercopithecus l'hoesti*) Ruhijja.
10. **Red-tailed Monkey** (*Cercopithecus ascanius*) Mpanga, Semliki NP, Budongo,
11. **Blue Monkey** (*Cercopithecus mitis*) Ruhijja, Semliki NP.
11. **Potto** (*Perocliticus potto*) Spotlit on the Royal Mile, Budongo.
12. **Senegal Galago** (*Galago senegalensis*) Ruhijja.
13. **Yellow-winged Bat** (*Lavia frons*) QENP.
14. **Uganda Grass Hare** (*Poelagus marjorita*) Murchison Falls NP.
15. **Boehm's Squirrel** (*Paraxerus boehmi*) Bwindi.
16. **Alexander's Dwarf Squirrel** (*Paraxerus alexandri*) Ruhijja.
17. **Rwenzori Sun Squirrel** (*Heliosciurus ruwenzori*) Bwindi.
18. **Red-legged Sun Squirrel** (*Heliosciurus rufobrachium*) Bwindi.
19. **African Giant Squirrel** (*Proxerus luriatus*) Semliki NP, Budongo.
20. **Mongoose sp** Lake Mburo
21. **Blotched Genet** (*Genetta tringa*) Spotlit on the Warukiri Track at Lake Mburo.
22. **African Palm Civet** (*Nandinia binotata*) Spotlit along the Royal Mile at Budongo
23. **Lion** (*Panthera leo*) One sitting in the shade of an acacia north of the Nile at Murchison Falls.
24. **Western Tree Hyrax** (*Dendrohyrax validus*) The blood-curdling screams of this small furry tree dwelling relative of the elephant were a feature of our nights at Nyabyeya Forestry College and our nocturnal foray along the Royal Mile.
25. **Elephant** (*Loxodonta africana*) Murchison Falls NP.
26. **Common or Burchell's Zebra** (*Equus burchelli*) Lake Mburo.
27. **Hippopotamus** (*Hippotamus amphibius*) Lake Mburo, QENP, Murchison Falls NP
28. **Giant Hog** (*Hylochoerus meinertzhageni*) 5 tame specimens of this usually shy creature at QENP.
29. **Common Warthog** (*Phacochoerus africanis*) Lake Mburo.
30. **Giraffe** (*Giraffa camelopardalis rothschildi*) Murchison Falls NP.

31. **African Buffalo** (*Syncerus caffer*) Lake Mburo, QENP.
32. **Bush Duiker** (*Sylvicapra grimmia*) Murchison Falls NP.
33. **Blue Duiker** (*Cephalophus monticola*) Kaniyo Pabide.
34. **Oribi** (*Ourebia ourebi*) Murchison Falls NP
35. **Bohor Reedbuck** (*Redunca redunca*) Lake Mburo.
36. **Ugandan Kob** (*Kobus kob thomasi*) QENP.
37. **Bushbuck** (*Tragelaphus scriptus*) Murchison Falls NP.
38. **Waterbuck** (*Kobus ellipsiprymnus*) Lake Mburo, QENP, Murchison Falls NP.
39. **Impala** (*Aepyceros luriatus*) Lake Mburo.
40. **Topi** (*Damoliscus luriatus*) Lake Mburo.
41. **Hartebeest** (*Alcephalus buselaphus*) Murchison Falls NP.
42. **Spot-necked Otter** (*Lutra maculicollis*) Lake Bunyoni.
43. **Crocodile** (*Crocodylus niloticus*) QENP, Murchison Falls NP.