

Tanzania Wildlife and Birding Safari Species List | February 9 – 22, 2026 with Naturalist Journeys



Compiled by guide Peg Abbott with local expert guide Martin Joho and driver/guides Peter and Ameniël. Participants included Scott, Mary, Laura, Steve, Patti, Davor, Paula, Jim, Karen and Barbara.

We had an extraordinary journey, with some unseasonal rains that seemed to energize the birds while making driving a bit sporting on some days. Of our 15 days, we recorded over 100 species a day on 9 of them, with our daily high of 162 species in Tarangire NP. We were dazzled by 14 species of sunbirds and challenged by two dozen species of raptors. We marveled at the sheer beauty of Saddle-billed Stork, Goliath Heron, and Gray-crowned Cranes. Secretarybird sightings caused us all to exclaim, along with five species of bustards and amazing Southern Ground Hornbills. How could we not stop for another Lilac-breasted Roller photo, alongside their Purple and European cousins. We watched bee-eaters feed each other winged treasures and a pair of Northern Red-billed Hornbills constructing the mud chamber she would be sealed up in for nesting. Finding Eastern Crested Guinea fowl in Lake Manyara was great, as was seeing an out of place Golden-winged Sunbird (a higher elevation forest bird) down mobbing a Spotted Eagle Owl at a remote rock kopje in the Serengeti. From ostriches to Tanzanian endemic species we stayed on a roll, with our amazing Tanzanian guide and driver team of Martin, Peter and Ameniël providing great hospitality as well as expertise. On top of seeing over 430 species of birds, we saw Lion, Leopard, Cheetah, Serval, Wildcat, Spotted Hyena, African Wolf, Black-backed Jackal and so many more mammals, 51 species in total. The sight of tens of thousands of wildebeest with their calves, intermingled with Zebra, Eland and gazelles has etched itself in our minds. Scott summed it up saying, forget the Big Five, we saw the Big 500!

On the main safari, 436 species of birds were recorded in 81 families. We saw 51 species of mammals, with ample time to observe the iconic African predators and prey. Our extension in Kenya recorded 194 species. Details are included below.

Following is a list of the birds, mammals, reptiles and amphibians we were fortunate to observe during the trip.

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Northern Tanzania 15 day safari: <https://ebird.org/tripreport/475823>

Kenya Amboseli / Nairobi 5 day extension: <https://ebird.org/tripreport/481715>

Family Species or Common Name Scientific Name:

BIRDS

(*TZ) = Endemic to Tanzania

(*RREA) = Range-restricted to East Africa

(#) by family = number of species within family seen on main safari

(#) by species = number of days (out of 14) seen on main safari (extension species are summarized in ebird list only)

OSTRICHES: Struthionidae — (1)

Common Ostrich *Struthio camelus* — (8)

DUCKS, GEESE, AND SWANS: Anatidae — (12)

White-faced Whistling-Duck *Dendrocygna viduata* — (3)

Fulvous Whistling-Duck *Dendrocygna bicolor* — (1)

Knob-billed Duck *Sarkidiornis melanotos* — (3)

Egyptian Goose *Alopochen aegyptiaca* — (11)

Spur-winged Goose *Plectropterus gambensis* — (3)

Blue-billed Teal *Spatula hottentota* — (2)

Northern Shoveler *Spatula clypeata* — (1)

African Black Duck *Anas sparsa* — (2)

Yellow-billed Duck *Anas undulata* — (1)

Cape Teal *Anas capensis* — (3)

Red-billed Duck *Anas erythrorhyncha* — (3)

Southern Pochard *Netta erythrophthalma* — (1)

GUINEAFOWL: Numididae — (2)

Helmeted Guineafowl *Numida meleagris* — (10)

Eastern Crested Guineafowl *Guttera pucherani* — (1)

PARTRIDGES, PHEASANTS, AND ALLIES: Phasianidae — (6)

Crested Francolin *Ortygornis sephaena* — (2)

Coqui Francolin *Campocolinus coqui* — (2)

Hildebrandt's Spurfowl *Pternistis hildebrandti* — (1)

Yellow-necked Spurfowl *Pternistis leucoscepus* — (2)

(* TZ) Gray-breasted Spurfowl *Pternistis rufopictus* — (6)

Red-necked Spurfowl *Pternistis afer* — (3)

PIGEONS AND DOVES: Columbidae — (11)

Rock Pigeon *Columba livia* — (1)

Speckled Pigeon *Columba guinea* — (6)

Dusky Turtle-Dove *Streptopelia lugens* — (2)

Mourning Collared-Dove *Streptopelia decipiens* — (8)

Red-eyed Dove *Streptopelia semitorquata* — (10)

Ring-necked Dove *Streptopelia capicola* — (12)

Laughing Dove *Spilopelia senegalensis* — (7)

Emerald-spotted Wood-Dove *Turtur chalcospilos* — (6)

Tambourine Dove *Turtur tympanistria* — (3)

Namaqua Dove *Oena capensis* — (8)

African Green-Pigeon *Treron calvus* — (2)

SANDGROUSE: Pteroclididae — (3)

Chestnut-bellied Sandgrouse *Pterocles exustus* — (3)

Yellow-throated Sandgrouse *Pterocles gutturalis* — (3)

Black-faced Sandgrouse *Pterocles decoratus* — (3)

BUSTARDS: Otidae — (5)

Kori Bustard *Ardeotis kori* — (5)

White-bellied Bustard *Eupodotis senegalensis* — (7)

Buff-crested Bustard — *Lophotis glandiana* — (2)

Black-bellied Bustard *Lissotis melanogaster* — (5)

Hartlaub's Bustard *Lissotis hartlaubii* — (1)

TURACOS: Musophagidae — (5)

Bare-faced Go-away-bird *Crinifer personatus* — (4)

White-bellied Go-away-bird *Crinifer leucogaster* — (3)

Purple-crested Turaco *Gallirex porphyreolophus* — (1)

Schalow's Turaco *Tauraco schalowi* — (3)

Hartlaub's Turaco *Tauraco hartlaubi* — (1)

CUCKOOS: Cuculidae — (10)

White-browed Coucal *Centropus superciliosus* — (5)

Black Coucal *Centropus grillii* — (1)

Great Spotted Cuckoo *Clamator glandarius* — (3)

Levaillant's Cuckoo *Clamator levaillantii* — (1)

Pied Cuckoo *Clamator jacobinus* — (3)

Dideric Cuckoo *Chrysococcyx caprius* — (6)

African Emerald Cuckoo *Chrysococcyx cupreus* — (3)

Red-chested Cuckoo *Cuculus solitarius* — (4)

African Cuckoo *Cuculus gularis* — (4)

Common Cuckoo *Cuculus canorus* — (5)

SWIFTS: Apodidae — (6)

Mottled Spinetail *Telacanthura ussheri* — (2)

Nyanza Swift *Apus niansae* — (1)

African Swift *Apus barbatus* — (2)

Little Swift *Apus affinis* — (9)

White-rumped Swift *Apus caffer* — (4)

African Palm Swift *Cypsiurus parvus* — (6)

RAILS, COOTS, AND ALLIES: Rallidae — (5)

African Rail *Rallus caerulescens* — (2)

Eurasian Moorhen *Gallinula chloropus* — (5)

Red-knobbed Coot *Fulica cristata* — (4)

African Swamphen *Porphyrio madagascariensis* — (1)

Black Crake *Zapornia flavirostra* — (6)

CRANES: Gruidae — (1)

Gray Crowned-Crane *Balearica regulorum* — (7)

THICK-KNEES: Burhinidae — (2)

Spotted Thick-knee *Burhinus capensis* — (1)

Water Thick-knee *Burhinus vermiculatus* — (3)

STILTS AND AVOCETS: Recurvirostridae — (2)

Black-winged Stilt *Himantopus himantopus* — (6)

Pied Avocet *Recurvirostra avosetta* — (2)

PLOVERS AND LAPWINGS: Charadriidae — (10)

Common Ringed Plover *Charadrius hiaticula* — (3)

Three-banded Plover *Thinornis tricolor* — (5)

Long-toed Lapwing *Vanellus crassirostris* — (3)

Blacksmith Lapwing *Vanellus armatus* — (8)

Spur-winged Lapwing *Vanellus spinosus* — (5)

Senegal Lapwing *Vanellus lugubris* — (2)

Black-winged Lapwing *Vanellus melanopterus* — (4)

Crowned Lapwing *Vanellus coronatus* — (7)

Kittlitz's Plover *Anarhynchus pecuarius* — (2)

Chestnut-banded Plover *Anarhynchus pallidus* — (2)

JACANAS: Jacanidae — (1)

African Jacana *Actophilornis africanus* — (3)

SANDPIPERS AND ALLIES: Scolopacidae — (11)

Black-tailed Godwit *Limosa limosa* — (1)

African Snipe *Gallinago nigripennis* — (1)

Common Sandpiper *Actitis hypoleucos* — (3)

Green Sandpiper *Tringa ochropus* — (5)

Marsh Sandpiper *Tringa stagnatilis* — (7)

Wood Sandpiper *Tringa glareola* — (7)

Common Greenshank *Tringa nebularia* — (5)

Ruff *Calidris pugnax* — (6)

Curlew Sandpiper *Calidris ferruginea* — (1)

Little Stint *Calidris minuta* — (5)

PRATINCOLES AND COURSERS: Glareolidae — (4)

Double-banded Courser *Smutsornis africanus* — (3)

Three-banded Courser *Rhinoptilus cinctus* — (1)

Temminck's Courser *Cursorius temminckii* — (2)

Collared Pratincole *Glareola pratincola* — (2)

GULLS AND TERNS: Laridae — (3)

Gray-hooded Gull *Chroicocephalus cirrocephalus* — (2)

Gull-billed Tern *Gelochelidon nilotica* — (7)

Whiskered Tern *Chlidonias hybrida* — (7)

FLAMINGOS: Phoenicopteridae — (2)

Greater Flamingo *Phoenicopterus roseus* — (2)

Lesser Flamingo *Phoeniconaias minor* — (4)

GREBES: Podicipedidae — (1)

Little Grebe *Tachybaptus ruficollis* — (5)

STORKS: Ciconiidae — (7)

African Openbill *Anastomus lamelligerus* — (1)

Black Stork *Ciconia nigra* — (1)

Abdim's Stork *Ciconia abdimii* — (6)

White Stork *Ciconia ciconia* — (7)

Saddle-billed Stork *Ephippiorhynchus senegalensis* — (2)

Marabou Stork *Leptoptilos crumenifer* — (7)

Yellow-billed Stork *Mycteria ibis* — (6)

CORMORANTS: Phalacrocoracidae — (2)

Reed Cormorant *Microcarbo africanus* — (4)

Great Cormorant *Phalacrocorax carbo* — (1)

IBISES AND SPOONBILLS: Threskiornithidae — (4)

Glossy Ibis *Plegadis falcinellus* — (2)

African Sacred Ibis *Threskiornis aethiopicus* — (2)

Hadada Ibis *Bostrychia hagedash* — (3)

African Spoonbill *Platalea alba* — (2)

HERONS AND EGRETS: Ardeidae — (12)

Black-crowned Night-Heron *Nycticorax nycticorax* — (3)

Black Heron *Egretta ardesiaca* — (1)

Little Egret *Egretta garzetta* — (2)

Little (Striated) Heron *Butorides striata* — (2)

Squacco Heron *Ardeola ralloides* — (3)

Western Cattle-Egret *Ardea ibis* — (5)

Great Egret *Ardea alba* — (3)

Yellow-billed Egret *Ardea brachyrhyncha* — (3)

Gray Heron *Ardea cinerea* — (5)
Purple Heron *Ardea purpurea* — (1)
Black-headed Heron *Ardea melanocephala* — (11)
Goliath Heron *Ardea goliath* — (1)

HAMERKOP: Scopidae — (1)
Hamerkop *Scopus umbretta* — (5)

PELICANS: Pelecanidae — (1)
Great White Pelican *Pelecanus onocrotalus* — (2)

SECRETARYBIRD: Sagittariidae — (1)
Secretarybird *Sagittarius serpentarius* — (4)

HAWKS, KITES, AND EAGLES: Accipitridae — (28)
Black-winged Kite *Elanus caeruleus* — (5)
African Harrier-Hawk *Polyboroides typus* — (4)
Palm Nut Vulture *Gypohierax angolensis* — (1)
Lappet-faced Vulture *Torgos tracheliotos* — (7)
Hooded Vulture *Necrosyrtes monachus* — (6)
White-backed Vulture *Gyps africanus* — (7)
Ruppell's Griffon *Gyps rueppelli* — (5)
Bateleur *Terathopius ecaudatus* — (6)
Black-chested Snake-Eagle *Circaetus pectoralis* — (6)
Brown Snake-Eagle *Circaetus cinereus* — (1)
Crowned Eagle *Stephanoaetus coronatus* — (1)
Martial Eagle *Polemaetus bellicosus* — (3)
Long-crested Eagle *Lophaetus occipitalis* — (3)
Wahlberg's Eagle *Hieraaetus wahlbergi* — (1)
Steppe Eagle *Aquila nipalensis* — (5)
Tawny Eagle *Aquila rapax* — (9)
African Hawk-Eagle *Aquila spilogaster* — (1)
Gabar Goshawk *Micronisus gabar* — (5)
Dark Chanting-Goshawk *Melierax metabates* — (3)
Eastern Chanting-Goshawk *Melierax poliopterus* — (6)
Western Marsh Harrier *Circus aeruginosus* — (3)
African Marsh Harrier *Circus ranivorus* — (5)
Pallid Harrier *Circus macrourus* — (3)
Montagu's Harrier *Circus pygargus* — (7)
Black Kite *Milvus migrans* — (4)
African Fish-Eagle *Ichthyophaga vocifer* — (3)
Augur Buzzard *Buteo augur* — (7)
Mountain Buzzard *Buteo oreophilus* — (2)
Common Buzzard *Buteo buteo* — (2)

BARN OWLS: Tytonidae — (1)
Western Barn Owl *Tyto alba* — (1)

OWLS: Strigidae — (4)
African Scops-Owl *Otus senegalensis* — (1)
Spotted Eagle-Owl *Bubo africanus* — (1)
Verreaux's Eagle-Owl *Ketupa lactea* — (3)
Pearl-spotted Owlet *Glaucidium perlatum* — (3)

MOUSEBIRDS: Coliidae — (3)
Speckled Mousebird *Colius striatus* — (9)
White-headed Mousebird *Colius leucocephalus* — (1)
Blue-naped Mousebird *Urocolius macrourus* — (2)

TROGONS: Trogonidae — (1)
Narina Trogon *Apaloderma narina* — (1)

HOOPOES: Upupidae — (1)
Common (Eurasian) Hoopoe *Upupa epops* — (2)

WOODHOOPES AND SCIMITARBILLS: Phoeniculidae — (2)
Green Woodhoopoe *Phoeniculus purpureus* — (2)
Abyssinian Scimitarbill *Rhinopomastus minor* — (3)

GROUND-HORNBILLS: Bucorvidae — (1)
Southern Ground-Hornbill *Bucorvus leadbeateri* — (2)

HORNBILLS: Bucerotidae — (6)
Crowned Hornbill *Lophoceros alboterminatus* — (1)
African Gray Hornbill *Lophoceros nasutus* — (5)
Von der Decken's Hornbill *Tockus deckeni* — (7)
(* TZ) Tanzanian Red-billed Hornbill *Tockus ruahae* — (1)
Northern Red-billed Hornbill *Tockus erythrorhynchus* — (4)
Silvery-cheeked Hornbill *Bycanistes brevis* — (2)

BEE-EATERS: Meropidae — (6)
White-fronted Bee-eater *Merops bullockoides* — (1)
Little Bee-eater *Merops pusillus* — (8)
Cinnamon-chested Bee-eater *Merops oreobates* — (2)
Blue-cheeked Bee-eater *Merops persicus* — (4)
European Bee-eater *Merops apiaster* — (3)
Northern Carmine Bee-eater *Merops nubicus* — (1)

KINGFISHERS: Alcedinidae — (6)
Gray-headed Kingfisher *Halcyon leucocephala* — (1)
Woodland Kingfisher *Halcyon senegalensis* — (3)
Brown-hooded Kingfisher *Halcyon albiventris* — (1)
Striped Kingfisher *Halcyon chelicuti* — (3)
Giant Kingfisher *Megaceryle maxima* — (1)

Pied Kingfisher *Ceryle rudis* — (1)

ROLLERS: Coraciidae — (3)

European Roller *Coracias garrulus* — (9)

Lilac-breasted Roller *Coracias caudatus* — (9)

Purple Roller *Coracias naevius* — (4)

AFRICAN BARBETS: Lybiidae — (10)

Red-and-yellow Barbet *Trachyphonus erythrocephalus* — (5)

D'Arnaud's Barbet *Trachyphonus darnaudii* — (6)

White-eared Barbet *Stactolaema leucotis* — (3)

Moustached Tinkerbird *Pogoniulus leucomystax* — (2)

Northern Red-fronted Tinkerbird *Pogoniulus uropygialis* — (2)

Red-fronted Barbet *Tricholaema diademata* — (2)

White-headed Barbet *Lybius leucocephalus* — (1)

Spot-flanked Barbet *Tricholaema lacymosa* — (1)

Black-throated Barbet *Tricholaema melanocephala* — (1)

Brown-breasted Barbet *Tricholaema Psilopogon zeylanicus* — (1)

HONEYGUIDES: Indicatoridae — (3)

Lesser Honeyguide *Indicator minor* — (5)

Scaly-throated Honeyguide *Indicator variegatus* — (1)

Greater Honeyguide *Indicator indicator* — (2)

WOODPECKERS: Picidae — (5)

Bearded Woodpecker *Chloropicus namaquus* — (1)

Cardinal Woodpecker *Dendropicos fuscescens* — (2)

African Gray Woodpecker *Dendropicos goertae* — (1)

Mountain Gray Woodpecker *Dendropicos spodocephalus* — (5)

Nubian Woodpecker *Campethera nubica* — (3)

FALCONS: Falconidae — (5)

Pygmy Falcon *Polihierax semitorquatus* — (4)

Lesser Kestrel *Falco naumanni* — (4)

Eurasian Kestrel *Falco tinnunculus* — (5)

Greater Kestrel *Falco rupicoloides* — (2)

Gray Kestrel *Falco ardosiaceus* — (1)

OLD WORLD PARROTS: Psittaculidae — (2)

(* TZ) **Fischer's Lovebird** *Agapornis fischeri* — (6)

(* TZ) **Yellow-collared Lovebird** *Agapornis personatus* — (1)

NEW WORLD PARROTS: Psittacidae — (2)

Meyer's Parrot *Poicephalus meyeri* — (2)

Red-bellied Parrot *Poicephalus rufiventris* — (4)

AFRICAN AND GREEN BROADBILLS: Calyptomenidae — (1)

African Broadbill *Smithornis capensis* — (1-HO)

CUCKOOSHRIKES: Campephagidae — (2)

Black Cuckooshrike *Campephaga flava* — (2)

Purple-throated Cuckooshrike *Campephaga quiscalina* — (1)

OLD WORLD ORIOLES: Oriolidae — (3)

Eurasian Golden Oriole *Oriolus oriolus* — (1)

African Golden Oriole *Oriolus auratus* — (1)

African Black-headed Oriole *Oriolus larvatus* — (3)

WATTLE-EYES AND BATISES: Platysteiridae — (4)

Black-throated Wattle-eye *Platysteira peltata* — (1)

Short-tailed (Forest) *Batis mixta* — (1)

Chin-spot Batis *Batis molitor* — (7)

Pygmy Batis *Batis perkeo* — (1)

VANGAS: Vangidae — (1)

White-crested Helmetshrike *Prionops plumatus* — (2)

BUSHSHRIKES: Malaconotidae — (9)

Brubru *Nilaus afer* — (6)

Black-backed Puffback *Dryoscopus cubla* — (5)

Black-crowned Tchagra *Tchagra senegalus* — (3)

Brown-crowned Tchagra *Tchagra australis* — (3)

Tropical Boubou *Laniarius major* — (6)

Slate-colored Boubou *Laniarius funebris* — (9)

Rosy-patched Bushshrike *Rhodophoneus cruentus* — (1)

Sulphur-breasted Bushshrike *Chlorophoneus sulfureopectus* — (1)

Gray-headed Bushshrike *Malaconotus blanchoti* — (1)

DRONGOS: Dicruridae — (1)

Fork-tailed Drongo *Dicrurus adsimilis* — (9)

MONARCH FLYCATCHERS: Monarchidae — (1)

African Paradise-Flycatcher *Terpsiphone viridis* — (2)

SHRIKES: Laniidae — (9)

Magpie Shrike *Urolestes melanoleucus* — (6)

Red-backed Shrike *Lanius collurio* — (3)

Red-tailed Shrike *Lanius phoenicuroides* — (2)

Isabelline Shrike *Lanius isabellinus* — (6)

Gray-backed Fiscal *Lanius excubitoroides* — (5)

Long-tailed Fiscal *Lanius cabanisi* — (3)

Taita Fiscal *Lanius dorsalis* — (4)

Northern Fiscal *Lanius humeralis* — (5)
White-rumped Shrike *Eurocephalus ruppelli* — (11)

CROWS AND JAYS: Corvidae — (4)

House Crow *Corvus splendens* — (3)
Cape Crow *Corvus capensis* — (2)
Pied Crow *Corvus albus* — (5)
White-necked Raven *Corvus albicollis* — (1)

FAIRY FLYCATCHERS: Stenostiridae — (1)

White-tailed Blue Flycatcher *Elminia albicauda* — (2)

TITS AND CHICKADEES: Paridae — (2)

Somali Tit *Parus thruppi* — (1)
(* RREA) **Red-throated Tit** *Melaniparus fringillinus* — (1)

LARKS: Alaudidae — (1)

(* TZ) **Beesley's Lark** *Chersomanes beesleyi* — (0) Extension in TZ
(* RREA) **Fischer's Sparrow-Lark** *Eremopterix leucopareia* — (9)
Pink-breasted Lark *Calendulauda poecilosterna* — (1)
Fawn-colored (Foxy) Lark *Calendulauda africanoides* — (2)
Flappet Lark *Amirafra rufocinnamomea* — (3)
Rufous-naped Lark *Corypha africana* — (7)
Sentinel Lark *Corypha athi* — (1)
Red-capped Lark *Calandrella cinerea* — (5)
Somali (Athi) Short-toed Lark *Alaudala athensis* — (3)

NICATORS: Nicatoridae — (1)

Eastern Nicator *Nicator gularis* — (1)

AFRICAN WARBLERS: Macrosphenidae — (1)

Red-faced Crombec *Sylvietta whytii* — (7)

CISTICOLAS AND ALLIES: Cisticolidae — (21)

Yellow-bellied Eremomela *Eremomela icteropygialis* — (2)
Green-backed Camaroptera *Camaroptera brachyura* — (13)
Buff-bellied Warbler *Phyllolais pulchella* — (3)
Yellow-breasted Apalis *Apalis flavida* — (4)
Black-headed Apalis *Apalis melanocephala* — (1)
Brown-headed Apalis *Apalis alticola* — (3)
Gray Wren Warbler *Calamonastes simplex* — (1)
Tawny-flanked Prinia *Prinia subflava* — (7)
Red-fronted Prinia *Prinia rufifrons* — (1)
Gray-capped Warbler *Eminia lepida* — (4)
Red-faced Cisticola *Cisticola erythropis* — (2)

Singing Cisticola *Cisticola cantans* — (1)
Hunter's Cisticola *Cisticola hunteri* — (1)
Rattling Cisticola *Cisticola chiniana* — (8)
Winding Cisticola *Cisticola marginatus* — (8)
Croaking Cisticola *Cisticola natalensis* — (2)
Zitting Cisticola *Cisticola juncidis* — (3)
Desert Cisticola *Cisticola aridulus* — (1)
Pectoral-patch Cisticola *Cisticola brunnescens* — (4)
Eastern Olivaceous Warbler *Iduna pallida* — (2)
Icterine Warbler *Hippolais icterina* — (1)

REED WARBLERS: Acrocephalidae — (2)

Lesser Swamp Warbler *Acrocephalus gracilirostris* — (1)
Little Rush Warbler *Bradypterus baboecala* — (1)

SWALLOWS AND MARTINS: Hirundinidae — (10)

Black Sawwing *Psalidoprocne pristopectera* — (3)
Banded Martin *Neophedina cincta* — (3)
Plain Martin *Riparia paludicola* — (5)
Red-throated Crag-Martin *Ptyonoprogne rufigula* — (6)
Barn Swallow *Hirundo rustica* — (10)
Wire-tailed Swallow *Hirundo smithii* — (3)
Western House-Martin *Delichon urbicum* — (2)
African Red-rumped Swallow *Cecropis melanocrissus* — (7)
Lesser Striped Swallow *Cecropis abyssinica* — (4)
Mosque Swallow *Cecropis senegalensis* — (2)

BULBULS: Pycnonotidae — (5)

Sombre Greenbul *Andropadus importunus* — (1)
Yellow-bellied Greenbul *Chlorocichla flaviventris* — (1)
Black-headed Mountain Greenbul *Arzelocichla nigriceps* — (2)
Cabanis's Greenbul *Phyllastrephus cabanisi* — (1)
Common Bulbul (Dark-capped) *Pycnonotus barbatus* — (10)

LEAF WARBLERS: Phylloscopidae — (1)

Willow Warbler *Phylloscopus trochilus* — (7)

SYLVIID WARBLERS: Sylviidae — (3)

Eurasian Blackcap *Sylvia atricapilla* — (1)
Banded Parisoma *Curruca boehmi* — (5)
Brown Parisoma *Curruca lugens* — (1)

WHITE-EYES: Zosteropidae — (3)

Pale White-eye *Zosterops flavilateralis* — (1)
Mbulu White-eye *Zosterops mbuluensis* — (4)
(* TZ) **Kilimanjaro White-eye** *Zosterops eurycricotus* — (1)

LAUGHINGTHRUSHES AND ALLIES: Leiothrichidae — (5)

Rufous Chatterer *Argya rubiginosa* — (2)

Scaly Chatterer *Argya alymeri* — (1)

Arrow-marked Babbler *Turdoides jardineii* — (3)

Black-lored Babbler *Turdoides sharpei* — (5)

Northern Pied-Babbler *Turdoides hypoleuca* — (1)

OXPECKERS: Buphagidae — (2)

Red-billed Opecker *Buphagus erythroryncha* — (7)

Yellow-billed Opecker *Buphagus africanus* — (6)

STARLINGS AND MYNAS: Sturnidae — (7)

Wattled Starling *Creatophora cinerea* — (8)

Violet-backed Starling *Cinnyricinclus leucogaster* — (2)

Red-winged Starling *Onychognathus morio* — (4)

Hildebrandt's Starling *Lamprotornis hildebrandti* — (9)

Ruppell's Starling *Lamprotornis purpuroptera* — (3)

(* TZ) Ashy Starling *Lamprotornis unicolor* — (3)

Superb Starling *Lamprotornis superbus* — (13)

THRUSHES: Turdidae — (2)

African Bare-eyed Thrush *Turdus tephronotus* — (1)

Abyssinian Thrush *Turdus abyssinicus* — (2)

OLD WORLD FLYCATCHERS: Muscicapidae — (23)

African Dusky Flycatcher *Muscicapa adusta* — (4)

Spotted Flycatcher *Muscicapa striata* — (2)

African Gray Flycatcher *Bradornis microrhynchus* — (7)

Ashy Flycatcher *Fraseria caerulescens* — (2)

Silverbird *Empidonis semipartitus* — (7)

Southern Black-Flycatcher *Melaenornis pammelaina* — (1)

White-eyed Slaty-Flycatcher *Melaenornis fischeri* — (5)

White-browed Scrub-Robin *Cercotrichas leucophrys* — (4)

Cape Robin-Chat *Dessonornis caffer* — (2)

Ruppell's Robin-Chat *Cossypha semirufa* — (3)

White-browed Robin-Chat *Cossypha heuglini* — (3)

Spotted Morning-Thrush *Cichladusa guttata* — (6)

White-throated Robin *Irania gutturalis* — (2)

Rufous-tailed Rock Thrush *Monticola saxatilis* — (4)

Whinchat *Saxicola rubetra* — (2)

African Stonechat *Saxicola torquatus* — (2)

Mocking Cliff-Chat *Thamnolaea cinnamomeiventris* — (4)

Northern Anteater-Chat *Myrmecocichla aethiops* — (1)

Northern Wheatear *Oenanthe oenanthe* — (6)

Capped Wheatear *Oenanthe pileata* — (4)

Isabelline Wheatear *Oenanthe isabellina* — (2)

Pied Wheatear *Oenanthe pleschanka* — (5)

Abyssinian Wheatear *Oenanthe lugubris* — (1)

SUNBIRDS: Nectariniidae — (14)

Eastern Violet-backed Sunbird *Anthreptes orientalis* — (2)

Collared Sunbird *Hedydipna collaris* — (6)

Green-headed Sunbird *Cyanomitra verticalis* — (1)

Olive Sunbird *Cyanomitra olivacea* — (2)

Amethyst Sunbird *Chalcomitra amethystina* — (2)

Scarlet-chested Sunbird *Chalcomitra senegalensis* — (4)

Hunter's Sunbird *Chalcomitra hunteri* — (1)

Tacazze Sunbird *Nectarinia tacazze* — (1)

Bronze Sunbird *Nectarinia kilimensis* — (5)

Golden-winged Sunbird *Dreanorhynchus reichenowi* — (1)

Eastern Double-collared Sunbird *Cinnyris mediocris* — (2)

Gorgeous (Beautiful) Sunbird *Cinnyris pulchellus* — (7)

Tsavo Sunbird *Cinnyris tsavoensis* — (1)

Variable Sunbird *Cinnyris venustus* — (8)

WEAVERS: Ploceidae — (27)

Red-billed Buffalo-Weaver *Bubalornis niger* — (6)

White-headed Buffalo-Weaver *Dinemellia dinemelli* — (7)

Speckle-fronted Weaver *Sporopipes frontalis* — (5)

White-browed Sparrow-Weaver *Plocepasser mahali* — (2)

(* TZ) Rufous-tailed Weaver *Histurgops ruficauda* — (8)

Gray-capped Social-Weaver *Pseudonigrita arnaudi* — (4)

Black-capped Social Weaver *Pseudonigrita cabanisi* — (1)

Red-headed Weaver *Anaplectes rubriceps* — (1)

Baglafaecht Weaver *Ploceus baglafaecht* — (5)

Black-necked Weaver *Ploceus nigricollis* — (2)

Spectacled Weaver *Ploceus ocularis* — (1)

Taveta Golden-Weaver *Ploceus castaneiceps* — (1)

Lesser Masked-Weaver *Ploceus intermedius* — (6)

Vitelline Masked-Weaver *Ploceus vitellinus* — (9)

Speke's Weaver *Ploceus spekei* — (3)

Chestnut Weaver *Ploceus rubiginosus* — (5)

Cardinal Quelea *Quelea cardinalis* — (1)

Red-billed Quelea *Quelea quelea* — (5)

Southern Red Bishop *Euplectes orix* — (1)

Black-winged Bishop *Euplectes hordeaceus* — (1)

Black Bishop *Euplectes gierowii* — (3)

Yellow Bishop *Euplectes capensis* — (1)

White-winged Widowbird *Euplectes albonotatus* — (2)

Red-cowled Widowbird *Euplectes laticauda* — (2)

Fan-tailed Widowbird *Euplectes axillaris* — (2)

Jackson's Widowbird *Euplectes jacksoni* — (1)

Grosbeak Weaver *Amblyospiza albifrons* — (6)

Yellow-spotted Bush Sparrow *Gymnoris pyrgita* — (2)

WAGTAILS AND PIPITS: Motacillidae — (10)

Mountain Wagtail *Motacilla clara* — (1)

Western Yellow Wagtail *Motacilla flava* — (2)

African Pied Wagtail *Motacilla aguimp* — (8)

African (Grassland) Pipit *Anthus cinnamomeus* — (5)

Long-billed Pipit *Anthus similis* — (1)

Plain-backed Pipit *Anthus leucophrys* — (4)

Golden Pipit *Tmetothylacus tenellus* — (1)

Yellow-throated Longclaw *Macronyx croceus* — (1)

Pangani Longclaw *Macronyx aurantiigula* — (3)

Rosy-throated Longclaw *Macronyx ameliae* — (1)

FINCHES AND EUPHONIAS: Fringillidae — (7)

Yellow-fronted Canary *Crithagra mozambica* — (2)

Southern Citril *Crithagra hyposticta* — (3)

Reichenow's Seedeater *Crithagra reichenowi* — (4)

White-bellied Canary *Crithagra dorsostriata* — (5)

Southern Grosbeak Canary *Serinus buchanani* — (2)

Streaky Seedeater *Crithagra striolata* — (3)

Thick-billed Seedeater *Crithagra burtoni* — (3)

OLD WORLD BUNTINGS: Emberizidae — (2)

(* RREA) **Golden-breasted Bunting** *Emberiza flaviventris* — (1)

Somali Bunting *Emveiza poliopleura* — (1)

WAXBILLS AND ALLIES: Estrildidae — (12)

Gray-headed Silverbill *Spermestes griseicapilla* — (3)

Black-and-white Mannikin *Spermestes bicolor* — (1)

Gray-headed Nigrita *Nigrita canicapillus* — (1)

Black-faced Waxbill *Brunhilda erythronotos* — (4)

Common Waxbill *Estrilda astrild* — (1)

Crimson-rumped Waxbill *Estrilda rhodopyga* — (2)

Quailfinch *Ortygospiza atricollis* — (2)

Purple Grenadier *Granatina ianthinogaster* — (8)

Red-cheeked Cordonbleu *Uraeginthus bengalus* — (5)

Blue-capped Cordonbleu *Uraeginthus cyanocephalus* — (8)

Green-winged Pytilia *Pytilia melba* — (1)

Red-billed Firefinch *Lagonosticta senegala* — (2)

WHYDAHs AND INDIGOBIRDS: Viduidae — (4)

Pin-tailed Whydah *Vidua macroura* — (4)

Eastern Paradise-Whydah *Vidua paradisaea* — (1)

Steel-blue Whydah *Vidua hypocherina* — (1)

Straw-tailed Whydah *Vidua fischeri* — (3)

OLD WORLD SPARROWS: Passeridae — (7)

House Sparrow (I) *Passer domesticus* — (4)

Kenya Rufous Sparrow *Passer rufocinctus* — (4)

Northern Gray-headed Sparrow *Passer griseus* — (7)

Parrot-billed Sparrow *Passer gongonensis* — (1)

Swahili Sparrow *Passer suahelicus* — (8)

Chestnut Sparrow *Passer eminibey* — (6)

MAMMALS: — 51 species in 20 families

Ssp. indicates subspecies

Procaviidae: Hyrax and Tree Hyrax — (1)

Southern Tree Hyrax *Dendrohyrax arboreus* — (1) Seen in a large spreading tree, resting, in Lake Manyara.

Rock Hyrax *Procavia capensis* — (3) Seen several times in Serengeti, close to the main headquarters area on buildings and rocky outcrops.

Elephantidae: Elephants — (1)

African Bush Elephant. *Loxodonta africana* — (8) An incredible part of our journey, watching them so often, their behaviors and family structure. Magnificent animals.

Orycteropodidae: Aardvarks — (1)

Aardvark *Orycteropus afer* — (1) Seen only by lucky Paula, who spied it in a hole as we drove off road in Ndutu.

Cercopithecidae: Old World Monkeys — (5)

Mount Kilimanjaro Guereza *Colobus g. caudatus* — (3) Known as Colobus monkeys, we had a grand show of family groups in trees around Arusha, and even spied a very young all white baby!

Olive Baboon *Papio anubis* — (8) Very common, we watched their behaviors with intrigue.

Vervet Monkey *Chlorocebus pygerythrus* — (3) Less common, mainly found in areas with trees of Serengeti and Tarangire NPs.

Gentle Monkey *Cercopithecus mitis* — (2) Also known as Blue Monkey, we found them at our lodge outside of Arusha, wild but confiding.

Gentle (Blue) Monkey *Cercopithecus mitis*

Ssp. Manyara Monkey *Cercopithecus m. manyaraensis* — (1) Seen at Lake Manyara, family groups.

Galagidae: Galagos or Bush Babies — (1)

Senegal Lesser Galago *Galago s. senegalensis* — (1) Seen in the spotlight in brush as we returned from our night drive in Tarangire NP.

Sciuridae: Squirrels — (2)

Ochre Bush Squirrel *Paraxerus ochraceus* — (1)

Unstriped Ground Squirrel *Xerus rutilus* — (2) Common in Tarangire NP, around our camp and in woodland areas.

Pedetidae: Springhares — (1)

East African Springhare *Pedetes surdaster* — (1) We had excellent repeated views of this mammal with a kangaroo like way of moving, with numerous individuals spotted on the night drive in Tarangire.

Leporidae: True Hares — (2)

Cape Scrub Hare *Lepus capensis* — (1) Seen on the night drive in Tarangire NP

African Savanna Hare *Lepus victoriae* — (1) Seen in Serengeti.

Pteropodidae: Fruit Bats — (1)

Wahlberg's Epauletted Fruit Bat. *Epomophorus wahlbergi* — (1) Seen in Tarangire NP

Canidae: Canids — (3)

African Wolf (Golden Jackal) *Canis lupaster* — (3) This year, unlike others, this was the most common canid we encountered. We saw them in Ngorongoro Crater as well as in the open grasslands of Ndutu and Serengeti.

Black-backed Jackal *Lupulella mesomelas* — (3) Very few sightings of this species is a concern, normally we see them quite regularly and over the past two years we have seen a real decline.

Bat-eared Fox *Otocyon megalotis* — (3) A pair was seen in the spotlight on our night drive in Tarangire NP. We watched their interesting low-slung gait as they fed and moved at a distance. Great faces and ears!

Felidae: Cats — (5)

Lion *Panthera leo* — (7) We saw many lions, with most observations being of what they do best – sleep! With so much prey around they are well fed and often by day are lounging. Most memorable might be their sounds as we slept in our Ndutu and Serengeti tented camps. Some nights they sounded literally to be right outside our doors! We saw one cute cub being visited by mom in the Crater, and then mostly adults, both male and female.

Leopard *Panthera pardus* — (2) We had an incredible encounter with one in Ndutu, watching it cross a small creek and

then thread through approaching vehicle. We were parked quietly at some distance and it came right towards us, a great reward for our patience. We saw another a few days later, catching a glimpse of a long tail hanging from the limb of a tree then full views of a resting adult.

Serval *Leptailurus serval* — (3) We had two chances to see this often elusive cat, one by day as we crossed the main road through Serengeti, and then for one vehicle at night in Tarangire NP.

Cheetah *Acinonyx jubatus* — (1) Memorable views of this agile predator.

Wildcat *Felis silvestris* — (1) Seen on the night drive in Tarangire NP – each vehicle had a cat, just different cats.

Viverridae: Genets and Civets — (2)

Large-spotted Genet *Genetta maculata* — (1) Seen on the night drive in Tarangire NP.

African Civet *Civettictis civetta* — (1) A glimpse running through tall grass on the night drive in Serengeti.

Hyaenidae: Hyenas — (1)

Spotted Hyaena *Crocuta crocuta* — (6) Seen frequently in all park locations.

Herpestidae: Mongooses — (3)

Slender Mongoose *Herpestes sanguineus* — (5) We saw this species as lone individuals or pairs.

Banded Mongoose *Mungos mungo* — (3) We saw some really large family groups foraging in Serengeti.

Common Dwarf Mongoose *Helogale parvula* — (3) This animal may win the cute award, we saw numerous family groups but perhaps the most memorable were those lodged in tall red termite mounds in Tarangire.

Equidae: Horses and Zebras — (1)

Plains Zebra *Equus quagga* — (11) Seen by the thousands, something hard to describe. Herds within the big herds, stallions, females, young. We saw them grooming each other, dust-bathing, young males sparring, lots of feeding, and at times lines of them moving on to the next edible area of grass. So memorable.

Rhinocerotidae: Rhinos — (1)

Black Rhinoceros *Diceros bicornis* — (2) We first saw seven from the rim of the Crater, pretty incredible! On our day down in the Crater we were able to see several individuals grazing.

Suidae: Hogs — (1)

Common Warthog *Phacochoerus africanus* — (7) Our first views were with the ranger on a walk in Arusha NP, a mother with several young. They were seen regularly, all throughout our journey.

Hippopotamidae: Hippos — (1)

Common Hippopotamus *Hippopotamus amphibius* — (5) We watched big congregations in little pools, listening to their chorteling, trying to get that perfect shot with teeth showing and the mouth spread wide.

Giraffidae: Giraffes — (1)

Giraffe *Giraffa camelopardalis*

Ssp. Maasai Giraffe *Giraffa c. tipperiskirchi* — (11) Our first introduction to this species were two males “necking”, testing their strength in an age old slow ballet of motion with a few hit and kicks thrown in, in Arusha NP. We were close enough to get video and they kept it up a long time. We saw them throughout the journey but always

enjoyed time to watch them feed and interact.

Bovidae: Bovids — (14)

African Buffalo *Syncerus caffer* — (5) Big herds encountered in the Crater, Serengeti and Tarangire.

Bushbuck *Tragelaphus scriptus* — (2) Seen a couple of times around our lodgings, especially in the lush highland areas.

Common Eland *Tragelaphus oryx* — (5) More nomadic than migratory, we saw this species in small groups within the massive Zebra and Wildebeest herds, also seen in the Crater and out in Serengeti.

Harvey's Duiker *Cephalophus harveyi* — (1) Seen by a few of the group in Arusha NP, spotted by Paula, dashing across the road between its preferred forest patches.

Steenbok *Raphicerus campestris* — (1) Seen only on the night drive in Tarangire NP, a couple of different individuals.

Kirk's Dik-dik *Madoqua kirkii*

Ssp. Thomas's/ Ugogo Dik-dik *Madoqua (k.) thomasi* — (8) We saw this species regularly and got good at spotting them, often they seemed most active at day's end when we were heading back to our lodgings.

Thomson's Gazelle *Eudorcas thomsonii* — (4) Abundant, in with the wildebeest and zebra. We saw several very frisky young calves.

Grant's Gazelle *Nanger granti* — (5) Seen regularly throughout the trip, territorial males and groups of females with them.

Bohor Reedbuck *Redunca redunca* — (1) Our guides predicted where we would see them on one of our day safari drives in Tarangire NP and they were right on track, good views.

Waterbuck *Kobus ellipsiprymnus*

Ssp. Common Waterbuck *Kobus e. ellipsiprymnus* — (4) Seen in varied locations.

Ssp. Defassa Waterbuck *Kobus e. defassa* — (2) Seen in and around Gibbs Farm and in travel to and from.

Impala *Aepyceros melampus* — (9) Abundant, common to see.

Topi *Damaliscus lunatus* — (1) Seen in the Serengeti with some effort this year, not far from the central headquarters area.

Hartebeest *Alcelaphus buselaphus*

Ssp. Coke's Hartebeest *Alcelaphus b. cokii* — (3) First seen in Nduu, an elegant herd resting by a waterway. Then seen at other locations.

Common White-bearded Wildebeest *Connochaetes taurinus*

Ssp. Eastern White-bearded Wildebeest *Connochaetes t. albojubatus* — (2) Seen to and from Arusha, east of the main herds.

Ssp. Western White-bearded Wildebeest *Connochaetes t. mearnsi* — (5) Massive numbers highly concentrated in the Nduu and surrounding area.

REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS: — (10)

Leopard Tortoise *Stigmochelys pardalis* — (2)

African Helmeted (Marsh) Terrapin *Pelomedusa subrufa* — (1)

Nile Crocodile *Crocodylus niloticus* — (1)

Tropical House Gecko *Hemidactylus mabouia* — (3)

African Striped Skink *Trachylepis striata* — (1)

Red-headed Agama *Agama agama* — (2)

Blue-headed Tree Agama *Acanthocercus ugandaensis* — (1)

Flap-necked Chameleon *Chamaeleo delpis* — (1)

African Rock Python *Python sebae* — (1)

Guttural Toad *Sclerophrys gutturalis* — (3-HO)