

Botswana and Zambia with Naturalist Journeys

Species List | July 9-27, 2026

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Six participants joined this 19 day, three country journey as part of Naturalist Journeys' in-depth Africa series. We spent time on a private reserve outside of Chobe NP in Botswana, remote Kafue NP in Zambia, as well as more known locations of Chobe NP, Victoria Falls, and South Luangwa NP. We saw 296 species of birds and 51 species of mammals with so many unforgettable moments it is difficult to list highlights. For birds, seeing some of Africa's iconic species is always a treat – Ostrich, Secretarybird, Saddle-billed Stork, African Fish Eagle, four colorful species of bee-eaters, 27 species of raptors and of course, stunning Lilac-breasted Rollers. Regional highlights for us included Racket-tailed Roller, Slaty Egret, Pel's Fishing Owl, Half-collared Kingfisher, White-backed Night-Heron, Wattled Crane, Bradfield's Hornbill, Lillian's Lovebird, Schalow's Turaco, African Finfoot, Long-toed Lapwing, Western Banded Snake Eagle, Dickenson's Kestel, and African Skimmer. In grasslands we found several bustards, two species of longclaw (Rosy and Fülleborn's), and six species of cisticolas. We aced the hornbills with 8 species including massive Southern Ground and showy Trumpeter. Frank was wildly excited about a massive movement of swifts in South Luangwa, a possible first record there for African Swift and an important one for both Alpine and Mottled. Sunlit Pink-bellied Pelicans on a river cruise, a Spotted Eagle Owl flying in to land by our campfire at dinner, magenta painted Crimson-breasted Shrikes coming out of dense brush, and the brilliant colors while feeding in flowers, from five species of sunbird are all memorable. Our mammal experience was over the top, 51 species with extensive time with two different packs of Wild Dog, scent marking and a drama of separation of three Cheetah brothers, five different Leopard sightings, elegant Giraffes, SO many Elephants, many with babies, and night drives to see genets, civets, Serval, African Porcupine and more. Tiny fauna, from Elephant Shrews to estivating frogs filled us with further intrigue.

BIRDS 296 species of which 6 were heard only (HO), were recorded representing 77 bird families. Details are included below, with countries noted BOTS = Botswana (July 9-16), ZAMB = Zambia (July 17-27), ZIMB = Zimbabwe (afternoon July 16 only).

The eBird link below details the 296 species of birds our group observed during the tour. If you're new to eBird, be sure to click "Show All Details" on the right side of the list to expand the report and reveal where and when each of the birds were seen and how many.

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Following is a list of the birds, mammals, reptiles and amphibians we were fortunate to observe during the trip. Butterflies were appreciated and many photographed to work on ID, but were not tallied on this trip.

Family Species or Common Name: Scientific Name — (# of species seen in family)

(#) by species = number of days seen on tour of 19 days total.

OSTRICHES: Struthionidae — (1)

Common Ostrich *Struthio camelus* — (1) BOTS

DUCKS, GEESE, AND WATERFOWL: Anatidae — (7)

White-faced Whistling-Duck *Dendrocygna viduata* — (6) BOTS, ZAMB

Knob-billed Duck *Sarkidiornis melanotos* — (6) BOTS, ZAMB

Egyptian Goose *Alopochen aegyptiaca* — (14) BOTS, ZAMB

Spur-winged Goose *Plectropterus gambensis* — (9) BOTS, ZAMB

Blue-billed Teal *Spatula hottentota* — (1) ZAMB

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

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

GUINEAFOWL: Numididae — (1)

Helmeted Guineafowl *Numida meleagris* — (15) BOTS, ZAMB

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

Crested Francolin *Ortygornis sephaena* — (5) BOTS

Coqui Francolin *Campocolinus coqui* — (1) BOTS

Red-billed Spurfowl *Pternistis adspersus* — (6) BOTS, ZAMB

Natal Spurfowl *Pternistis natalensis* — (HO-2) ZAMB

Swainson's Spurfowl *Pternistis swainsonii* — (5) BOTS, ZAMB

Red-necked Spurfowl *Pternistis afer* — (5) ZAMB

PIGEONS AND DOVES: Columbidae — (7)

Rock Pigeon (I) *Columba livia* — (2) BOTS, ZAMB

Red-eyed Dove *Streptopelia semitorquata* — (18) BOTS, ZAMB

Ring-necked Dove *Streptopelia capicola* — (17) BOTS, ZAMB, ZIMB

Laughing Dove *Spilopelia senegalensis* — (7) BOTS, ZAMB

Emerald-spotted Wood-Dove *Turtur chalcospilos* — (15) BOTS, ZAMB

Namaqua Dove *Oena capensis* — (3) ZAMB

African Green-Pigeon *Treron calvus* — (6) ZAMB

SANDGROUSE: Pteroclididae — (1)

Double-banded Sandgrouse *Pterocles bicinctus* — (2) BOTS

BUSTARDS: Otidae — (2)

Red-crested Bustard *Lophotis ruficrista* — (2) BOTS

White-quilled Bustard *Afrotis afraoides* — (1) ZAMB

TURACOS: Musophagidae — (3)

Gray Go-away-bird *Crinifer concolor* — (15) BOTS, ZAMB

Purple-crested Turaco *Gallirex porphyreolophus* — (3) ZAMB

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

CUCKOOS: Cuculidae — (3)

Senegal Coucal *Centropus senegalensis* — (6) BOTS, ZAMB

Coppery-tailed Coucal *Centropus cupreicaudus* — (2) BOTS, ZAMB

White-browed Coucal *Centropus superciliosus* — (6) BOTS, ZAMB

NIGHTJARS AND ALLIES: Caprimulgidae — (3)

Fiery-necked Nightjar *Caprimulgus pectoralis* — (7) BOTS, ZAMB

Swamp Nightjar *Caprimulgus natalensis* — (2) BOTS, ZAMB

Square-tailed Nightjar *Caprimulgus fossii* — (4) BOTS, ZAMB

SWIFTS: Apodidae — (6)

Alpine Swift *Tachymarptis melba* — (2) ZAMB

Mottled Swift *Tachymarptis aequatorialis* — (1) ZAMB

African Swift *Apus barbatus* — (2) BOTS, ZAMB

Little Swift *Apus affinis* — (3) ZAMB

Horus Swift *Apus horus* — (4) ZAMB

African Palm Swift *Cypsiurus parvus* — (10) BOTS, ZAMB

RAILS, GALLINULES, AND COOTS: Rallidae — (2)

Lesser Moorhen *Paragallinula angulata* — (1) ZAMB

Black Crake *Zapornia flavirostra* — (1) BOTS

FINFOOTS: Heliornithidae — (1)

African Finfoot *Podica senegalensis* — (2) ZAMB

CRANES: Gruidae — (2)

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

Wattled Crane *Grus carunculatus* — (4) ZAMB

THICK-KNEES: Burhinidae — (2)

Spotted Thick-knee *Burhinus capensis* — (4) BOTS, ZAMB

Water Thick-knee *Burhinus vermiculatus* — (8) BOTS, ZAMB

STILTS AND AVOCETS: Recurvirostridae — (1)

Black-winged Stilt *Himantopus himantopus* — (7) BOTS, ZAMB

PLOVERS AND LAPWINGS: Charadriidae — (8)

Three-banded Plover *Thinornis tricolor* — (3) ZAMB

Long-toed Lapwing *Vanellus crassirostris* — (2) BOTS, ZAMB

Blacksmith Lapwing *Vanellus armatus* — (13) BOTS, ZAMB

White-crowned Lapwing *Vanellus albiceps* — (7) BOTS, ZAMB

Crowned Lapwing *Vanellus coronatus* — (8) BOTS, ZAMB

Wattled Lapwing *Vanellus senegallus* — (8) BOTS, ZAMB

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

White-fronted Plover *Anarhynchus marginatus* — (2) ZAMB

PAINTED-SNIPES: Rostratulidae — (1)

Greater Painted-Snipe *Rostratula benghalensis* — (2) ZAMB

JACANAS: Jacanidae — (1)

African Jacana *Actophilornis africanus* — (13) BOTS, ZAMB

SANDPIPERS AND ALLIES: Scolopacidae — (4)

Common Sandpiper *Actitis hypoleucos* — (5) ZAMB

Marsh Sandpiper *Tringa stagnatilis* — (1) ZAMB

Wood Sandpiper *Tringa glareola* — (4) ZAMB

Common Greenshank *Tringa nebularia* — (2) ZAMB

BUTTONQUAIL: Turnicidae — (1)

Small Buttonquail *Turnix sylvaticus* — (2) ZAMB

PRATINCOLES AND COURSERS: Glareolidae — (2)

Three-banded Courser *Rhinoptilus cinctus* — (3) BOTS (day roost), ZAMB (night drives)

Collared Pratincole *Glareola pratincola* — (3) BOTS, ZAMB

GULLS, TERNS, AND SKIMMERS: Laridae — (4)

Gray-hooded Gull *Chroicocephalus cirrocephalus* — (5) BOTS

African Skimmer *Rynchops flavirostris* — (3) BOTS, ZAMB

Whiskered Tern *Chlidonias hybrida* — (1) BOTS

White-winged Tern *Chlidonias leucopterus* — (3) BOTS

GREBES: Podicipedidae — (1)

Little Grebe *Tachybaptus ruficollis* — (1) BOTS

STORKS: Ciconiidae — (5)

African Openbill *Anastomus lamelligerus* — (7) BOTS, ZAMB

African Woolly-necked Stork *Ciconia microscelis* — (2) ZAMB

Saddle-billed Stork *Ephippiorhynchus senegalensis* — (6) ZAMB

Marabou Stork *Leptoptilos crumenifer* — (7) BOTS, ZAMB

Yellow-billed Stork *Mycteria ibis* — (8) BOTS, ZAMB

ANHINGAS: Anhingidae — (1)

African Darter *Anhinga rufa* — (5) BOTS, ZAMB

CORMORANTS AND SHAGS: Phalacrocoracidae — (2)

Reed Cormorant *Microcarbo africanus* — (5) BOTS, ZAMB

Great Cormorant *Phalacrocorax carbo* — (4) BOTS, ZAMB

IBISES AND SPOONBILLS: Threskiornithidae — (4)

Glossy Ibis *Plegadis falcinellus* — (3) BOTS

African Sacred Ibis *Threskiornis aethiopicus* — (8) BOTS, ZAMB

Hadada Ibis *Bostrychia hagedash* — (11) BOTS, ZAMB

African Spoonbill *Platalea alba* — (6) BOTS, ZAMB

HERONS, EGRETS, AND BITTERNS: Ardeidae — (13)

Black-crowned Night Heron *Nycticorax nycticorax* — (4) BOTS, ZAMB

Slaty Egret *Egretta vinaceigula* — (1) BOTS

Little Egret *Egretta garzetta* — (6) BOTS, ZAMB

White-backed Night Heron *Calherodius leuconotus* — (1) BOTS

Little Heron *Butorides atricapilla* — (8) BOTS, ZAMB

Squacco Heron *Ardeola ralloides* — (3) BOTS, ZAMB

Western Cattle-Egret *Ardea ibis* — (5) BOTS, ZAMB

Great Egret *Ardea alba* — (12) BOTS, ZAMB

Yellow-billed Egret *Ardea brachyrhyncha* — (6) BOTS, ZAMB

Gray Heron *Ardea cinerea* — (12) BOTS, ZAMB

Purple Heron *Ardea purpurea* — (2) BOTS, ZAMB

Black-headed Heron *Ardea melanocephala* — (4) BOTS, ZAMB

Goliath Heron *Ardea goliath* — (6) BOTS, ZAMB

HAMERKOP: Scopidae — (1)

Hamerkop *Scopus umbretta* — (14) BOTS, ZAMB

PELICANS: Pelecanidae — (2)

Great White Pelican *Pelecanus onocrotalus* — (2) BOTS

Pink-backed Pelican *Pelecanus rufescens* — (1) ZAM

SECRETARYBIRD: Sagittariidae — (1)

Secretarybird *Sagittarius serpentarius* — (1) BOTS

HAWKS, EAGLES, AND KITES: Accipitridae — (24)

Black-winged Kite *Elanus caeruleus* — (7) BOTS, ZAMB

African Harrier-Hawk *Polyboroides typus* — (5) ZAMB

White-headed Vulture *Trigonoceps occipitalis* — (3) BOTS, ZAMB

Lappet-faced Vulture *Torgos tracheliotos* — (4) ZAMB

Hooded Vulture *Necrosyrtes monachus* — (6) BOTS, ZAMB

White-backed Vulture *Gyps africanus* — (12) BOTS, ZAMB

Bateleur *Terathopius ecaudatus* — (12) BOTS, ZAMB

Western Banded Snake-Eagle *Circaetus cinerascens* — (3) ZAMB

Black-chested Snake-Eagle *Circaetus pectoralis* — (5) BOTS, ZAMB, ZIMB

Brown Snake-Eagle *Circaetus cinereus* — (4) BOTS, ZAMB

Crowned Eagle *Stephanoaetus coronatus* — (1) ZAMB (nest, Luangwa NP)

Martial Eagle *Polemaetus bellicosus* — (1) BOTS

Ayres's Hawk-Eagle *Hieraetus ayresii* — (1) BOTS

Tawny Eagle *Aquila rapax* — (3) ZAMB

Gabar Goshawk *Micronisus gabar* — (1) BOTS

Dark Chanting-Goshawk *Melierax metabates* — (1) ZAMB

Lizard Buzzard *Kaupifalco monogrammicus* — (3) ZAMB

African Goshawk *Aerospiza tachiro* — (2) ZAMB

Little Sparrowhawk *Tachyspiza minulla* — (2) ZAMB

Shikra *Tachyspiza badia* — (2) BOTS, ZAMB

Ovambo Sparrowhawk *Accipiter ovampensis* — (2) ZAMB

African Marsh Harrier *Circus ranivorus* — (1) ZAMB

Black Kite *Milvus migrans* — (1) ZAMB

African Fish-Eagle *Ichthyophaga vocifer* — (15) BOTS, ZAMB

BARN-OWLS: Tytonidae — (1)

Western Barn Owl *Tyto alba* — (2) ZAMB

OWLS: Strigidae — (7)

African Scops-Owl *Otus senegalensis* — (7) BOTS, ZAMB

Southern White-faced Owl *Ptilopsis granti* — (HO-1) BOTS

Spotted Eagle-Owl *Bubo africanus* — (1) BOTS

Pel's Fishing-Owl *Scotopelia peli* — (2) ZAMB

Pearl-spotted Owlet *Glaucidium perlatum* — (5) BOTS, ZAMB

African Barred Owlet *Glaucidium capense* — (HO-3) ZAMB

African Wood-Owl *Strix woodfordii* — (HO-1) ZAMB

MOUSEBIRDS: Coliidae — (1)

Red-faced Mousebird *Urocolius indicus* — (4) BOTS, ZAMB

HOOPOES: Upupidae — (1)

Common Hoopoe *Upupa epops* — (7) BOTS, ZAMB

WOODHOOPOES AND SCIMITARBILLS: Phoeniculidae — (2)

Green Woodhoopoe *Phoeniculus purpureus* — (4) BOTS, ZAMB

Common Scimitarbill *Rhinopomastus cyanomelas* — (3) ZAMB

HORNBILLS: Bucerotidae — (8)

Southern Ground-Hornbill *Bucorvus leadbeateri* — (9) BOTS, ZAMB

Crowned Hornbill *Lophoceros alboterminatus* — (6) ZAMB

Bradfield's Hornbill *Lophoceros bradfieldi* — (4) BOTS

African Gray Hornbill *Lophoceros nasutus* — (8) BOTS, ZAMB

Pale-billed Hornbill *Lophoceros pallidirostris* — (1) ZAMB

Southern Yellow-billed Hornbill *Tockus leucomelas* — (6) BOTS

Southern Red-billed Hornbill *Tockus rufirostris* — (12) BOTS, ZAMB, ZIMB

Trumpeter Hornbill *Bycanistes bucinator* — (7) BOTS, ZAMB

BEE-EATERS: Meropidae — (4)

White-fronted Bee-eater *Merops bullockoides* — (11) BOTS, ZAMB, ZIMB

Little Bee-eater *Merops pusillus* — (14) BOTS, ZAMB

Swallow-tailed Bee-eater *Merops hirundineus* — (2) BOTS

Böhm's Bee-eater *Merops boehmi* — (1) ZAMB

KINGFISHERS: Alcedinidae — (7)

Half-collared Kingfisher *Alcedo semitorquata* — (5) BOTS, ZAMB

Malachite Kingfisher *Corythornis cristatus* — (2) BOTS, ZAMB

Gray-headed Kingfisher *Halcyon leucocephala* — (1) ZAMB

Brown-hooded Kingfisher *Halcyon albiventris* — (8) BOTS, ZAMB

Striped Kingfisher *Halcyon chelicuti* — (1) ZAMB

Giant Kingfisher *Megaceryle maxima* — (7) BOTS, ZAMB

Pied Kingfisher *Ceryle rudis* — (15) BOTS, ZAMB

ROLLERS: Coraciidae — (3)

Lilac-breasted Roller *Coracias caudatus* — (16) BOTS, ZAMB, ZIMB

Racket-tailed Roller *Coracias spatulatus* — (1) ZAMB

Purple Roller *Coracias naevius* — (1) BOTS

AFRICAN BARBETS: Lybiidae — (4)

Crested Barbet *Trachyphonus vaillantii* — (1) BOTS

Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird *Pogoniulus chrysoconus* — (4) ZAMB

Black-collared Barbet *Lybius torquatus* — (7) BOTS, ZAMB, ZIMB

Black-backed Barbet *Pogonornis minor* — (1) ZAMB

HONEYGUIDES: Indicatoridae — (2)

Lesser Honeyguide *Indicator minor* — (1) BOTS

Greater Honeyguide *Indicator indicator* — (5) ZAMB

WOODPECKERS: Picidae — (4)

Bearded Woodpecker *Chloropicus namaquus* — (5) BOTS

Cardinal Woodpecker *Dendropicos fuscescens* — (5) — ()

Olive Woodpecker *Dendropicos griecephalus* — (3) ZAMB

Bennett's Woodpecker *Campethera bennettii* — (HO-1) ZAMB

FALCONS AND CARACARAS: Falconidae — (2)

Dickinson's Kestrel *Falco dickinsoni* — (2) ZAMB

Lanner Falcon *Falco biarmicus* — (2) ZAMB

OLD WORLD PARROTS: Psittaculidae — (1)

Lilian's Lovebird *Agapornis lilianae* — (4) ZAMB

NEW WORLD AND AFRICAN PARROTS: Psittacidae — (2)

Brown-necked Parrot *Poicephalus fuscicollis* — (8) ZAMB

Meyer's Parrot *Poicephalus meyeri* — () BOTS, ZAMB

CUCKOO-SHRIKES: Campephagidae — (2)

Black Cuckoo-shrike *Campephaga flava* — (2) BOTS, ZAMB

Purple-throated Cuckoo-shrike *Campephaga quiscalina* — (1) ZAMB

OLD WORLD ORIOLES: Oriolidae — (1)

African Black-headed Oriole *Oriolus larvatus* — (1) ZAMB

WATTLE-EYES AND BATISES: Platysteiridae — (2)

Black-throated Wattle-eye *Platysteira peltata* — (2) ZAMB

Chinspot Batis *Batis molitor* — (3) BOTS, ZAMB

VANGAS, HELMET-SHRIKES, AND ALLIES: Vangidae — (2)

White-crested Helmetshrike *Prionops plumatus* — (3) BOTS, ZAMB

Retz's Helmetshrike *Prionops retzii* — (1) ZAMB

BUSHSHRIKES AND ALLIES: Malaconotidae — (8)

Brubru *Nilaus afer* — (1) BOTS

Black-backed Puffback *Dryoscopus cubla* — (7) BOTS, ZAMB

Black-crowned Tchagra *Tchagra senegalus* — (4) BOTS, ZAMB

Brown-crowned Tchagra *Tchagra australis* — (2) ZAMB

Tropical Boubou *Laniarius major* — (12) BOTS, ZAMB

Crimson-breasted Gonolek *Laniarius atrococcineus* — (2) BOTS

Sulphur-breasted Bushshrike *Chlorophoneus sulfureopectus* — (2) ZAMB

Gray-headed Bushshrike *Malaconotus blanchoti* — (2) ZAMB

DRONGOS: Dicruridae — (1)

Fork-tailed Drongo *Dicrurus adsimilis* — (18) BOTS, ZAMB, ZIMB

SHRIKES: Laniidae — (2)

Magpie Shrike *Urolestes melanoleucus* — (6) BOTS

Northern Fiscal *Lanius humeralis* — (4) ZAMB

CROWS, JAYS, AND MAGPIES: Corvidae — (1)

Pied Crow *Corvus albus* — (2) ZAMB, ZIMB

TITS, CHICKADEES, AND TITMICE: Paridae — (1)

Southern Black-Tit *Melaniparus niger* — (2) BOTS, ZAMB

LARKS: Alaudidae — (2)

Flappet Lark *Amirafra rufocinnamomea* — (2) ZAMB

Red-capped Lark *Calandrella cinerea* — (3) ZAMB

Nicatoridae: Nicator

Eastern Nicator *Nicator gularis* — (1) ZAMB

AFRICAN WARBLERS: Macrosphenidae — (1)

Long-billed Crombec *Sylvietta rufescens* — (2) ZAMB

CISTICOLAS AND ALLIES: Cisticolidae — (11)

Yellow-bellied Eremomela *Eremomela icteropygialis* — (2) ZAMB

Green-capped Eremomela *Eremomela scotops* — (1) ZAMB

Green-backed Camaroptera *Camaroptera brachyura* — (10) BOTS, ZAMB, ZIMB

Yellow-breasted Apalis *Apalis flava* — (4) ZAMB, ZIMB

Tawny-flanked Prinia *Prinia subflava* — (4) BOTS, ZAMB, ZIMB

Rattling Cisticola *Cisticola chiniana* — (5) BOTS, ZAMB

Luapula Cisticola *Cisticola luapula* — (1) ZAMB

Croaking Cisticola *Cisticola natalensis* — (3) ZAMB

Siffling Cisticola *Cisticola brachypterus* — (1) ZAMB

Zitting Cisticola *Cisticola juncidis* — (3) ZAMB

Desert Cisticola *Cisticola aridulus* — (2) ZAMB

GRASSBIRDS AND ALLIES: Locustellidae — (1)

Little Rush Warbler *Bradypterus baboecala* — (1) BOTS

SWALLOWS: Hirundinidae — (7)

Gray-rumped Swallow *Pseudhirundo griseopyga* — (5) BOTS, ZAMB
Banded Martin *Neophedina cincta* — (3) BOTS, ZAMB
Plain Martin *Riparia paludicola* — (4) BOTS, ZAMB
Wire-tailed Swallow *Hirundo smithii* — (8) BOTS, ZAMB
Lesser Striped Swallow *Cecropis abyssinica* — (8) BOTS, ZAMB, ZIMB
Rufous-chested Swallow *Cecropis semirufa* — (1) ZAMB
Mosque Swallow *Cecropis senegalensis* — (1) ZAMB

BULBULS: Pycnonotidae — (4)

Yellow-bellied Greenbul *Chlorocichla flaviventris* — (8) BOTS, ZAMB
Terrestrial Brownbul *Phyllastrephus terrestris* — (3) BOTS, ZAMB
Gray-olive Greenbul *Phyllastrephus cerviniventris* — (1) ZAMB
Common(Dark-eyed) Bulbul *Pycnonotus barbatus* — (14) BOTS, ZAMB, ZIMB

WHITE-EYES, YUHINAS, AND ALLIES Zosteropidae — (1)

Southern Yellow White-eye *Zosterops anderssoni* — (2) BOTS, ZAMB

LAUGHINGTHRUSHES AND ALLIES: Leiothrichidae — (2)

Arrow-marked Babbler *Turdoides jardineii* — (7) BOTS, ZAMB
Hartlaub's Babbler *Turdoides hartlaubii* — (2) ZAMB

OXPECKERS: Buphagidae — (2)

Red-billed Oxpecker *Buphagus erythrorhyncha* — (10) BOTS, ZAMB
Yellow-billed Oxpecker *Buphagus africanus* — (4) BOTS, ZAMB

STARLINGS: Sturnidae — (8)

Wattled Starling *Creatophora cinerea* — (3) BOTS, ZAMB
Common Myna (I) *Acridotheres tristis* — (1) BOTS
Violet-backed Starling *Cinnyricinclus leucogaster* — (1) ZAMB
Red-winged Starling *Onychognathus morio* — (1) ZIMB
Burchell's Starling *Lamprotornis australis* — (2) BOTS
Meves's Starling *Lamprotornis mevesii* — (8) BOTS, ZAMB
Greater Blue-eared Starling *Lamprotornis chalybaeus* — (8) BOTS, ZAMB
Cape Starling *Lamprotornis nitens* — (4) BOTS

THRUSHES AND ALLIES: Turdidae — (1)

Kurrichane Thrush *Turdus libonyana* — (2) BOTS, ZAMB

OLD WORLD FLYCATCHERS: Muscicapidae — (10)

Marico Flycatcher *Bradornis mariquensis* — (2) BOTS
Pale Flycatcher *Agricola pallidus* — (1) ZAMB
Ashy Flycatcher *Fraseria caerulescens* — (2) ZAMB
Southern Black-Flycatcher *Melaenornis pammelaina* — (4) BOTS, ZAMB
White-browed Scrub-Robin *Cercotrichas leucophrys* — (5) BOTS, ZAMB
White-browed Robin-Chat *Cossypha heuglini* — (9) BOTS, ZAMB
Collared Palm-Thrush *Cichladusa arquata* — (6) BOTS, ZAMB
African Stonechat *Saxicola torquatus* — (4) BOTS, ZAMB
Sooty Chat *Myrmecocichla nigra* — (3) ZAMB

Capped Wheatear *Oenanthe pileata* — (4) ZAMB

SUNBIRDS AND SPIDERHUNTERS: Nectariniidae — (5)

Collared Sunbird *Hedydipna collaris* — (5) ZAMB

Amethyst Sunbird *Chalcomitra amethystina* — (1) ZAMB

Scarlet-chested Sunbird *Chalcomitra senegalensis* — (6) BOTS, ZAMB

White-bellied Sunbird *Cinnyris talatala* — (10) BOTS, ZAMB, ZIMB

Variable Sunbird *Cinnyris venustus* — (4) ZAMB

WEAVERS AND ALLIES: Ploceidae — (15)

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

Scaly Weaver *Sporopipes squamifrons* — (1) BOTS

White-browed Sparrow-Weaver *Plocepasser mahali* — (7) BOTS, ZAMB, ZIMB

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

Spectacled Weaver *Ploceus ocularis* — (1) ZAMB

Holub's Golden-Weaver *Ploceus xanthops* — (7) BOTS, ZAMB

Lesser Masked-Weaver *Ploceus intermedius* — (2) ZAMB

Southern Masked-Weaver *Ploceus velatus* — (11) BOTS, ZAMB

Village Weaver *Ploceus cucullatus* — (2) BOTS, ZAMB

Dark-backed Weaver *Ploceus bicolor* — (1) ZAMB

Red-billed Quelea *Quelea quelea* — (7) BOTS, ZAMB, ZIMB

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

Fan-tailed Widowbird *Euplectes axillaris* — (1) ZAMB

Yellow-mantled Widowbird *Euplectes macroura* — (4) ZAMB

Southern Red Bishop *Euplectes orix* — (2) ZAMB

WAXBILLS AND ALLIES: Estrildidae — (12)

Bronze Mannikin *Spermestes cucullata* — (1) ZAMB

Common Waxbill *Estrilda astrild* — (4) BOTS, ZAMB

Quailfinch *Ortygospiza atricollis* — (1) ZAMB

Cut-throat *Amadina fasciata* — (2) BOTS, ZAMB

Violet-eared Waxbill *Granatina granatina* — (3) BOTS

Southern Cordonbleu *Uraeginthus angolensis* — (17) BOTS, ZAMB

Green-winged Pytilia *Pytilia melba* — (2) ZAMB

Orange-winged Pytilia *Pytilia afra* — (1) BOTS

Red-throated Twinspot *Hypargos niveoguttatus* — (1) ZAMB

Red-billed Firefinch *Lagonosticta senegala* — (11) BOTS, ZAMB

Jameson's Firefinch *Lagonosticta rhodopareia* — (2) ZAMB

Brown Firefinch *Lagonosticta nitidula* — (2) ZAMB

WHYDAHs AND INDIGOBIRDS: Viduidae — (4)

Pin-tailed Whydah *Vidua macroura* — (1) ZAMB

Village Indigobird *Vidua chalybeata* — (3) BOTS, ZAMB

Purple Indigobird *Vidua purpurascens* — (2) ZAMB

Green Indigobird *Vidua Codrington* — (1) ZAMB

OLD WORLD SPARROWS: Passeridae — (4)

House Sparrow (I) *Passer domesticus* — (1) BOTS

Northern Gray-headed Sparrow *Passer griseus* — (1) BOTS, ZAMB

Southern Gray-headed Sparrow *Passer diffusus* — (7) BOTS, ZAMB
Yellow-throated Bush Sparrow *Gymnoris supercilialis* — (1) ZAMB

WAGTAILS AND PIPITS: Motacillidae — (7)

Cape Wagtail *Motacilla capensis* — (2) ZAMB
African Pied Wagtail *Motacilla aguimp* — (8) BOTS, ZAMB
African Pipit *Anthus cinnamomeus* — (4) BOTS, ZAMB
Plain-backed Pipit *Anthus leucophrys* — (2) ZAMB
Buffy Pipit *Anthus vaalensis* — (1) ZAMB
Rosy-throated Longclaw *Macronyx ameliae* — (1) ZAMB
Fülleborn's Longclaw *Macronyx fuelleborni* — (1) ZAMB

FINCHES, EUPHONIAS, AND ALLIES: Fringillidae — (2)

Yellow-fronted Canary *Crithagra mozambica* — (7) BOTS, ZAMB
Black-throated Canary *Crithagra atrogularis* — (2) ZAMB
Brimstone Canary *Crithagra sulphurata* — (1) ZAMB

OLD WORLD BUNTINGS: Emberizidae — (2)

Golden-breasted Bunting *Emberiza flaviventris* — (1) BOTS
Cinnamon-breasted Bunting *Emberiza tahapisi* — (2) ZAMB

MAMMALS: — (51)

Peters' Epauletted Fruit Bat *Epomophorus crypturus* — (3) ZAMB We had a view of a few in flight, and also heard their single note repetitive call at night at Wild Dog Lodge in Lusaka.

Four-toed Elephant Shrew (Sengi) *Petrodromus tetradactylus* — (2) ZAMB Seen on two different night drives, on one long enough to get photos and video – what a fascinating small creature!

African Elephant *Loxodonta africana* — (13) BOTS, ZAMB Glorious time with herds, lots of young ones, some huge solitary bulls. We never stopped enjoying time with Elephants but also learned a lot about their feeding habits and how it structures the ecosystem.

Southern Lesser Galago (Bushbaby) *Galago moholi* — (2) BOTS, ZAMB Seen on night drives, though mainly as glimpse in thick vegetation, active and curious.

Chacma Baboon *Papio ursinus* — (6) BOTS Chobe NP, common and like all baboons we saw, energetic and entertaining to watch.

Yellow Baboon *Papio cynocephalus* — (5) ZAMB – South Luangwa NP, common

Kinda Baboon *Papio kindae* — (3) ZAMB – Kafue NP at Busanga Plain, common

Malbrouck Monkey *Chlorocebus cynosuros* — (2) ZAMB – Kafue NP, common (replaces Vervet Monkey at this location)

Vervet Monkey *Chlorocebus pygerythrus* — (8) BOTS, ZAMB – widespread except Kafue NP

African Savanna Hare *Lepus victoriae* — (7) BOTS, ZAMB Common, seen both on night drives and a few during the day.

Lion *Panthera leo* — (4) BOTS, ZAMB Our first pride was “meat drunk” and resting, cleaning their paws and faces, and trying to find shade in Kafue NP after stealing a kill from Wild Dogs. Our next group, spotted by Roger, were females with cubs in a pile around a tree island of the Busanga Plain, we watched them rest and then get up to drink water and hunt. In Luangwa we saw big males, and got caught up into another bush drama as one was injured and not doing well, parked by a Hippo carcass hoping to heal.

Leopard *Panthera pardus* — (4) BOTS, ZAMB Wow, five different Leopard individuals, each one special. The first was a female, posing like a princess while patient safari drivers waited turns to view her, the second a huge male that seemed like master of Busanga Plain in Kafue NP, then two different individuals very close to each other near Mfuwe Lodge in South Luangwa NP, and perhaps the most memorable, illuminated in Prince's red spotlight (to save brightness on the cat) was a big male we watched decide to hunt, or not...

Serval *Leptailurus serval* — (1) ZAMB One individual seen on our bonanza night drive in Kafue NP, we would have been thrilled with the looks we got at this elegant small cat let alone all the other species we saw.

Cheetah *Acinonyx jubatus* — (2) ZAMB Our first encounter with Kafue NP's Busanga Plains gang of three brothers was rounding the bend on a night drive and finding them engrossed in scent marking a central wooded area used for this purpose. Rumor had it a female might be in the area and they were leaving no tree unmarked, no stone unturned so to speak. We stopped the vehicle and in silence watched them for several minutes. We found them the following afternoon and were told by the Zambian Carnivore Program team that were following them that the three had been split up by interactions with Wild Dogs. After a lot of chasing one was missing and the other two rested in the shade, then got up to locate it, one calling pitifully as he covered ground in the woodland. We waited on pins and needles to hear a few days later they had reunited and had made contact with the female. Nothing like a good bush drama story.

African Civet *Civettictis civetta* — (5) BOTS, ZAMB Unexpected good views, faces that rival Red Panda for cute, we watched them typically dart away but a few stayed around and continued feeding on night drives.

Rusty-spotted Genet *Genetta maculata* — (4) ZAMB Seen on night drives, in both Kafue and especially in Luangwa NP where we saw several in an evening. A stunning and highly patterned mammal.

Banded Mongoose *Mungos mungo* — (4) BOTS, ZAMB Social and entertaining, we enjoyed watching this species which seems to always move in perpetual motion.

Slender Mongoose *Galerella sanguine* — (2) ZAMB Often solitary, they would zip through our view with slender build and a dark tail tip giving them away.

White-tailed Mongoose *Ichneumia albicauda* — (2) ZAMB This largest member of the mongoose family was seen on night drives in Luangwa NP.

Brushy-tailed Mongoose *Bdeogale crassicauda* — (2) ZAMB Seen on night drives in Luangwa NP, handsome dark mongoose.

Spotted Hyena *Crocuta crocuta* — (12) BOTS, ZAMB We heard them from most of our lodges at night, and had some quick looks by day, but it was not until our time in Luangwa Valley that we got good looks and time to watch a clan in depth.

Side-striped Jackal *Canis adustus* — (2) ZAMB Best seen on our first sunset drive in Kafue NP, out in the open plain. A second was seen getting quite close to a pack of Wild Dogs that caused us some angst, but it retreated before there was any altercation.

Black-backed Jackal *Canis mesomelas* — (4) BOTS, ZAMB First seen in Botswana, a handsome individual trailing a pack of Lion that had stolen a kill from Wild Dogs, it in turn awaited the scraps. Seen on several other locations and heard from Waterberry Lodge in Livingstone on the Zambia side of Victoria Falls.

African Wild Dog *Lycaon pictus* — (5) BOTS, ZAMB Unexpected, we had just amazing repeated views of two packs, the first in Chobe NP at two locations about 10 km apart, and the second just outside of our camp in Kafue NP where we watched them chase prey past our pre-dawn breakfast gathering! We saw so much behavior - interaction, play, greeting, hunting, and resting. A highlight of this journey for many of our group.

Spotted-necked Otter *Hydricotis maculicollis* — (1) BOTS Just a quick glimpse in a quiet stretch of the Chobe River

Plains (Burchell's) Zebra *Equus quagga burchellii* — (9) BOTS ZAMB Common throughout all locations except Luangwa NP

ssp. **Plains (Crayshay's) Zebra** *Equus quagga crawshayi* (4) ZAMB Subspecies found in Luangwa NP, common

Common Warthog *Phacochoerus africanus* — (17) We saw them almost every day and never tired of watching them, often in retreat with tails up as we'd stop the vehicles. Memorable was a group that came to drink fresh water from the spigot at our camp in Kafue NP.

Hippopotamus *Hippopotamus amphibious* — (16) BOTS, ZAMB We will always associate Hippos with our trip, seen almost daily, we got so used to their grunts, chortles and rumbles that it seemed like white noise meant to calm us. We watched them in rivers, lagoons filled with Nile Cabbage, and surprisingly, often out on land, as this is winter in the region and cool enough for them to expand their feeding time. We loved finding Hippo piles, along the Chobe a particularly massive one of over 50 individuals. And what is cuter than a baby Hippo...

Southern Giraffe *Giraffa giraffa* — (6) BOTS We stopped pretty much for every group we saw, so elegant and intriguing to see these massive tall animals. We loved to watch their fluid gaits, to watch them bend for water or to lick mineral

salts, and we witnessed several pairs of males testing their strength “necking”, unbelievable, ballet like movements they can keep up for hours. We found them at night resting on their haunches. And a few youngsters, already with impossibly long eyelashes, stole our hearts. A group of giraffes is known (linguistically) as a “journey”. I propose a “reverence”.

Massai (Thornicroft's) Giraffe *Giraffa camelopardalis thornicrofti* — (4) ZAMB There were no Giraffes in Kafue NP so we were delighted to find them again in Luangwa, a different species (and subspecies) related to the valleys Rift Valley roots. The conservation story of this group is really compelling, and it was rewarding to see them doing well.

Blue Wildebeest (Brindled Gnu) *Connochaetes taurinus* — (6) BOTS ZAMB We watched herds in several locations. Not huge numbers but 50 or more as our high counts.

Oribi *Ourebia ourebi* — (4) ZAMB – ZAMB Kafue NP Busanga Plains only. A small antelope, often seen in pairs.

Steenbok *Raphicerus campestris* — (2) BOTS A small territorial antelope of the woodlands. Seen coming and going from our camp in Chobe.

African Buffalo *Syncerus caffer* — (3) BOTS, ZAMB Big herds, impressive!

Common Eland *Tragelaphus oryx* — (4) BOTS, ZAMB Peace was thrilled to find us a large group out in the plains of the Linyanti, part of the migratory pathway that comes north from Makgadikgadi Pans each year. We watched them over our sundowner break – so memorable! We found a few individuals at a distance but this first encounter was our best view.

Bushbuck *Tragelaphus scriptus* — (6) BOTS, ZAMB Lovely patterned males popped up on several of our lodge grounds where they rested in shade, occasionally seen out in the bush.

Greater Kudu *Tragelaphus strepsiceros* — (8) BOTS, ZAMB More common than expected, it was great to see healthy herds of this elegant mammal throughout our journey.

Common (Bush) Duiker *Sylvicapra grimmia* — (2) BOTS, ZAMB Secretive, both times we saw lone individuals.

Sable Antelope *Hippotragus niger* — (4)) BOTS, ZAMB First seen off the main highway, a transit road that bisects Chobe NP. We had a big herd, males and females and got very close – a grand find at the start of our journey. Seeing antelopes in the woods is a switch for those used to savanna terrain and these chocolate-brown coats blended in perfectly. We saw them also in Kafue NP.

Roan Antelope *Hippotragus equinus* — (4) ZAMB We had a fair sized group outside our camp as we arrived in Kafue, then found several lone individuals we could observe at closer range. Frank said they are often called Clown Antelope for their long crazy-shaped ears and face markings – it fits!

Impala *Aepyceros melampus* — (14) BOTS, ZAMB The most regular and abundant antelope we saw in a variety of habitats throughout.

Waterbuck *Kobus ellipsiprymnus* — (6)) BOTS, ZAMB

Puku *Kobus vardonii* — (10) ZAMB Very common, large herds. This is a range-restricted species mainly to Zambia (with a small population over on the Chobe River, but we did not see them there).

Red Lechwe *Kobus leche* — (3) ZAMB Very numerous in herds of 100+ in Kafue NP on the Busanga Plains.

Southern Reedbuck *Redunca arundinum* — (3) ZAMB We saw several scattered individuals, and this species seemed to be regularly hunted by the pack of Wild Dogs in residence near our lodge in Kafue.

Cape (Crested) Porcupine *Hystrix africaeaustralis* — (1) ZAMB Three were seen on our night drive, one just at the side of the road providing wonderful full views.

Smith's Bush (Tree) Squirrel *Paraxerus cepapi* — (7)) BOTS, ZAMB Seen as individuals and family groups, fun to watch and common.

Southern Springhare *Pedetes capensis* — (5) BOTS ZAMB Several seen on our night drives, their kangaroo like movements a joy to observe.

Gambian Sun Squirrel *Heliosciurus gambianus* — (2) ZAMB Spotted along the Lunga River in Kafue.

Mutable Sun Squirrel *Heliosciurus mutabilis* — (2) ZAMB A few individuals seen in Luangwa NP.

Lesser Savanna Door Mouse *Graphiurus parvus* — (2) ZAMB Frank came to get us to see a duo of this species hiding in the slats of his safari tent. Adorable!

REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS — (8)

Tropical House Gecko *Hemidactylus mabouia* — (3) BOTS, ZAMB

Nile Monitor Lizard *Varanus niloticus* — (5) BOTS, ZAMB
Wahlberg's Striped Skink *Trachylepis wahlbergii* — (8) BOTS, ZAMB
Nile Crocodile *Crocodylus niloticus* — (14) BOTS, ZAM
Serrated-hinged Terrapin *Pelusios sinuatus* — (2) ZAMB
Andhieta's Grass Frog *Ptychadena anchietae* — (1) ZAMB
Müller's Clawed Frog *Xenopus muelleri* — (1) ZAMB
Gray Foam-nest Treefrog *Chiromantis xerampelina* — ()