



TANZANIA SPECIES LIST

Birds, Mammals and More

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March 11-17 KENYA EXTENSION

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Linda, Lynn and Nick

KEYS FOR THIS LIST

T = Tanzania: our 11-night / 12-day route was from Arusha, and included Tarangire NP (TG), Lake Manyara (LM), Nduvu of the Ngorongoro Conservation Area (NDU), Western Serengeti (WS) and Ngorongoro Crater (NGC)

K = Kenya, a safari extension of 6 nights, visiting Amboseli (AMB), Nakuru (NK) and Mt. Kenya at Mountain Lodge (ML).

- indicates the number of days it was seen in that country, trimming off the travel days the total days we counted species on 11 days in Tanzania and 5 days in Kenya.

BIRDS

STRUTHIONIDAE: OSTRICHES

OSTRICH *Struthio camelus massaicus* – **(T-11, K-3)** Seen on both days in TG, highlights being adults with young, over 20 in a tight-knit group and then another dozen or so scattered out as gangly youngsters and a scenic group of near adults, female and male, on a ridgeline of the River Circuit drive on afternoon. We saw them at almost all locations, sometimes close, sometimes distant and framed by a huge expanse of sky on ridgelines. At Amboseli a huge brood with agitated adults was impressive!

ANATIDAE: DUCKS & GEESE

WHITE-FACED WHISTLING-DUCK *Dendrocygna viduata* – **(T-1, K-2)** About seventy seen at Lake Manyara, lovely to hear their high pitched calls and get good views (when not distracted by Hippos!)

COMB (NOB-BILLED) DUCK *Sarkidiornis melanotos* – **(T-2, K-1)** Seen both days in TG, flying up and down the river area and on the second day we had a male perch in a tree, then several females in

another. A group of at least five birds were noted. Distant but good views. They were also seen at Lake Nakuru.

EGYPTIAN GOOSE *Alopochen aegyptiaca* – (T-10, K-6) Seen on both days in TG, several pair each day. They were then regulars all along our route, appearing mainly as pairs, a few with large broods, at river crossings and wetlands areas. In the NDU we watched them often through the legs of 1000 Wildebeest feeding along the river which did not seem to disturb the geese at all! Present every day including a pair at the water hole of Mountain Lodge.

SPUR-WINGED GOOSE *Plectropterus gambensis* – (T-3, K-1) Two individuals first seen at Lake Manyara NP, across the marsh but good views. They also were on the small lake our tent camp there and seen in the early morning hours. We found them in NDU, good views in the wetland stops of NGC, a few at a time, with very good views of a group of five in grasslands while driving the road. We found several at Amboseli present in the marshes.

RED-BILLED (TEAL) DUCK *Anas erythrorhyncha* – (T-3, K-1) Seen at Lake Manyara and then two were spotted by Lynn in a rain water catchment along the road into Serengeti NP.

HOTTENTOT TEAL *Anas hottentota* – (T-1, K-1) NGO/NK Seen on two days, at NGO they were quite common, dozens seen at the first Hippo Pool we stopped at. Three were huddled together at the end of the lake where we stopped to view flamingoes at Nakuru.

CAPE TEAL *Anas capensis* – (T-1, K-1) A pair seen at a small watercourse encountered on a game drive in NDU. Also seen at Nakuru, a group of 4 and then a group of 6, shining almost white in the afternoon light before we drove up the Baboon Cliffs, north end of the lake.

NUMIDIDAE: GUINEAFOWL

HELMETED GUINEAFOWL *Numida meleagris* – (T-11, K-3) One of Bill's favorite species for their gaudy pattern and quirky maneuvers, they were actually just about on everyone's list of favorites despite being common and seen on most days, they were comical and colorful and easy to see! Linda commented they were more laterally compressed than she thought, their crazy odd shapes that were fun to watch. Their alarm calls helped us find and track moving predators and were memorable behind the two adolescent Cheetahs that left their mother and a courting new male.

PHASIANIDAE: PHEASANTS, GROUSE, AND ALLIES

SCALY FRANCOLIN *Francolinus squamatus* – (K-1) (ML) Two seen in early light at the gate at Mountain Lodge.

HILDEBRANDT'S FRANCOLIN *Francolinus hildebrandti* – (T-3, K-3) TG, NDU and NGC, good looks.

YELLOW-NECKED (SPURFOWL) FRANCOLIN *Francolinus leucoscepus* – (T-5) Individuals and small groups seen mainly in the first half of our Serengeti week, at TG and LM and NDU.

[E] **GRAY-BREASTED FRANCOLIN** *Francolinus rufopictus* – (T-4) What a lovely bird, with rich rust tones in the pattern of their sides. We saw them regularly in ND and WS, 2-8 individuals a day.

RED-NECKED FRANCOLIN *Francolinus afer* – (T-8) More widespread than the other francolins, occurring as singles or pairs at most locations except NG.

CRESTED FRANCOLIN *Francolinus sephaena* – (T-2, K-1) Seen in our more tree-rich locations at TG and NK. This species was quite vocal.

COQUI FRANCOLIN *Francolinus coqui* – (T-6, K-1) When present we heard coqui music a lot, also highly vocal! Seen at most of our locations in Tanzania, and at Nakuru in Kenya.

PODICIPEDIDAE: GREBES

LITTLE GREBE *Tachybaptus ruficollis* – (T-1, K-1) Lynn spotted our first one at the hippo pools on our NGO day, small but distinctive amid the other water birds. We would find it again in the Nakuru wetlands.

PHOENICOPTERIDAE: FLAMINGOS & STORKS

GREATER FLAMINGO *Phoenicopterus roseu* – (T-5, K-1) Big numbers on the rift valley lakes, feeding in large groups and flying in formations. We enjoyed the spectacle of 300 or more gathered and moving about. Peg described one scene when viewing them for the lakeshore as appearing like porcelain – so elegant!

LESSER FLAMINGO *Phoenicopterus minor* – (T-3, K-1) Two individuals picked out of the hundreds of Greater Flamingos at first, then additional sightings occurred as we visited more rift valley lakes.

CICONIIDAE: WOOD STORKS, OPENBILLS & STORKS

BLACK STORK *Ciconia nigra* – (T-1) We found them just one day in a very open grassy raised area that we traversed in search of Bat-eared Foxes, a half dozen individuals or so.

ABDIM'S STORK *Ciconia abdimii* – (T-8) First seen driving into Tarangire NP from Arusha, big numbers in the area Massai had lost a lot of cattle to drought. They were feeding on carcasses, over 100 birds seen this day, and then good numbers again on subsequent days. Early light on them feeding at NGC was memorable.

WOOLLY-NECKED STORK *Ciconia episcopus* – (T-1) Just one individual and one sighting, on the afternoon game drive from our WS lodge.

(EUROPEAN) WHITE STORK *Ciconia ciconia* – (T-5) Our best views when in the grasslands were from the area we found the lioness and her cubs. We had at least a dozen here, spread out and feeding in small rain-watered areas of the grassland. At NGC early morning light made them shine.

SADDLE-BILLED STORK *Ephippiorhynchus senegalensis* – (K-1) Peg spied our one individual along the lakeshore at Nakuru. We were happy not to miss this impressive wader!

MARABOU STORK *Leptoptilos crumenifer* – (T-9, K-1) Also seen in the Massai area with cattle lost to the drought, not actively feeding when we spotted them, but poised regally, resting. Lynn described them as having the essence of undertakers, standing at attention.

YELLOW-BILLED STORK *Mycteria ibis* – (T-5, K-1) Unbelievable spectacle at Lake Manyara, right at the park entrance a massive roost area (rookery later on?) entertained us as Wilfred did our park entry paperwork. They were at close range by the hundreds, flying in to land on already crowded treetops, often on branches too thick to support their weight, leading to a lot of wing flapping. On photos of raised wings, Peg revealed the amazing underwing pattern of breeding plumage feathers, several rows of magenta feathers with white tips appear as small plumes that wave as the bird flies in – wow! We also saw a few individuals here and there in NDU and Serengeti.

PHALACROCORACIDAE: CORMORANTS & SHAGS

LONG-TAILED CORMORANT *Phalacrocorax africanus* – (K-1) Small numbers amid the prolific Great Cormorants of Lake Nakuru.

GREAT CORMORANT *Phalacrocorax carbo* – (K-2) Big numbers (1000's) at Lake Nakuru, starting their nesting season.

ANHINGIDAE: ANHINGAS

AFRICAN DARTER *Anhinga rufa rufa* – (K-2) Seen on both days at Nakuru in small number.

PELECANIDAE: PELICANS

GREAT WHITE PELICAN *Pelecanus onocrotalus* – (T-3, K-2) Seen on most of the rift valley lakes, but soaring groups at Nakuru were the most memorable. They lifted above us like kites, twirling circles about the hoardes coming up to thermal to join them, thrilling to watch.

PINK-BACKED PELICAN *Pelecanus rufescens* – (T-1, K-1) We had to search for them, numbering maybe 1:20 or fewer, but present where we found Great White Pelicans – several groups on days seen.

SCOPIDAE: HAMERKOP

HAMERKOP *Scopus umbretta* – (T-5, K-1) Seen on our first day into the parks from Arusha, and then several on our two days in TG, one was very close to the Land Rover as we crossed a wash nicely posing on colorful stone. In Nakuru we found a nest, and watched a pair building a nest. Reflections of three together seen at a pond in Serengeti were memorable.

ARDEIDAE: HERONS, EGRETS, AND BITTERNS

GRAY HERON *Ardea cinerea* – (T-6, K-4) Our most frequently encountered heron, one or two individuals present at each wetland area, and often one at smaller water holes or along sections of a river.

BLACK-HEADED HERON *Ardea melanocephala* – (T-4, K-2) This striking heron was always a welcome sight. They were often found as lone individuals, we observed one successfully fishing. Some duos occurred but they did not group up in the larger waterbird congregations as the egrets did.

GOLIATH HERON *Ardea goliath* – (K-1) Three seen on our full day in AMB while watching elephants, they still seemed giant!

PURPLE HERON *Ardea purpurea* – (T-1, K-1) Uncommon, two individuals seen at LM on the main tour, and a few on our second day in AMB in Kenya.

GREAT EGRET *Ardea alba* – (T-2, K-3) Seen at LM and then a lone individual at a Hippo Pool in NGO on the main tour, then seen at AMB and NAK in Kenya.

INTERMEDIATE EGRET *Mesophoyx intermedia* – (K-3) Seen in the more extensive wetlands in Kenya at AMB and NAK. At AMB they were showing colorful ceres and breeding plumes.

LITTLE EGRET *Egretta garzetta* – (T-1, K-3) This species was present in only the most extensive wetland locations, and in these found in just small numbers, one or two. Seen at LM on the main trip, with higher numbers encountered in the very extensive marshes of AMB and NK.

BLACK HERON *Egretta ardesiaca* – (T-1) We had a view of several individuals at one location, the swamp at Lake Manyara NP. One was feeding with its wings over its head in characteristic mantling-style, shading the waters while fishing.

CATTLE EGRET *Bubulcus ibis* – (T-6, K-4) Very common but we enjoyed seeing them where they should be, working around Buffalo and Hippo and Elephant. They also followed Massai livestock so we would see them on travel days as well as in the parks and reserves.

SQUACCO HERON *Ardeola ralloides* – (T - 1, K-2) Two locations, LM and AMB in the extensive reed-beds of the larger marshes.

RUFIOUS-BELLIED HERON *Ardeola rufiventris* – (T) Spotted by Nick in some lush grass in a wet area alongside the road. Great spotting and great views for all of us.

BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERON *Nycticorax nycticorax* – (T) Very local, we found 22 at one Hippo pool visited in NGO, both adults and immatures.

THRESKIORNITHIDAE: IBISES AND SPOONBILLS

GLOSSY IBIS *Plegadis falcinellus* – (T-2, K-2) Present in wetland areas in good number.

SACRED IBIS *Threskiornis aethiopicus* – (T-3, K-3) Present in wetland areas and around grazing mammals in small rivers or water channels that criss-crossed the grasslands, more widespread than the other ibis.

HADADA IBIS *Bostrychia hagedash* – (T-2, K-1) First seen in Arusha, they seem quite confident feeding on lawns and areas associated with settlement. At Flamingo Camp and at the Tulip Hotel their morning wake-up calls were memorable!

AFRICAN SPOONBILL *Platalea alba* – (T-1, K-3) We thoroughly enjoyed watching them feed, first at the Hippo area of LM, and then at AMB and NAK, always seen in water they could wade in and typically in small number.

SAGITTARIIDAE: SECRETARY-BIRD

SECRETARY-BIRD *Sagittarius serpentarius* – (T-6, K-1) This impressive hunter of the grassland made the final top-five favorite bird. They are simply so impressive and stately, the impression broken by their wild head feathers that dangle and turn like fishing lures. Often in pairs, we mainly saw them feeding, one pair was up in a small tree where we looked for Bat-eared Fox in Ndotu, likely starting to think about nesting.

ACCIPITRIDAE HAWKS, EAGLES AND KITES

BLACK-SHOULDERED KITE *Elanus caeruleus* – (T-9, K-2) Quite a common raptor, 1-2 seen on many days, very much at home in the grassland. They often perched on prominent dead snags and were easy to spot. We photographed and observed one with prey on such a perch at NK.

AFRICAN HARRIER-HAWK *Polyboroides typus* – (T-1, K-1) Not common, we were pleased to see this species on two occasions, NDU and on a travel day to ML in Kenya.

WHITE-HEADED VULTURE *Trionocephs occipitalis* – (T-2) Not easy to find, we had good looks while around the huge numbers of Wildebeest both days at NDU.

LAPPET-FACED VULTURE *Torgos tracheliotos* – (T-7) Seen on most days of the main tour when in grasslands, they were very impressive at kills with their huge size and dominant behavior. Typically 1-2 individuals would be near a carcass or resting in a group of the smaller, more abundant vulture species.

HOODED VULTURE *Necrosyrtes monachus* – (T-1) Seen only on one occasion near a kill in NDU.

WHITE-BACKED VULTURE *Gyps africanus* – (T-11, K-3) The most common and frequently observed vulture, seen daily other than in the mountains of Kenya. In the mornings many would be roosting on prominent trees, we had them flying and perched in big numbers around kills.

RUEPPELL'S GRIFFON (VULTURE) *Gyps rueppelli* – (T-9, K-2) Most often mixed in with the White-backed Vultures but in smaller number. We watched interactions at carcasses and in resting areas.

BATELEUR *Terathopius ecaudatus* – (T-10, K-2) We encountered this species often, typically one or two at a time, and learned to id male and female that differ in plumage, and several times got to watch them perched for close inspection.

BLACK-BREASTED SNAKE-EAGLE *Circaetus pectoralis* – (T-3, K-1) An impressive and fierce looking raptor! Lone individuals seen at TG, NDU and NGO, then we encountered one at Nakuru NP.

BROWN SNAKE-EAGLE *Circaetus cinereus* – (T-3) Seen at TG and SER, the most memorable was a perched individual being bombed by an agitated Fork-tailed Drongo that at one point sat on its head! Preston had not seen this behavior before with the drongos and this species.

CROWNED EAGLE *Stephanoaetus coronatus* – (K-1) Linda and Judie got a glimpse of one individual of this large raptor with our local guide on the walk at Mountain Lodge, flying high.

MARTIAL EAGLE *Polemaetus bellicosus* – (T) Seen in Ndotu and TGangire, both times perched, one massive eagle!

LONG-CRESTED EAGLE *Lophaetus occipitalis* – (T-3, K-1) This bird was Linda's favorite, we had great views of it perched, especially in Tarangire and again at Nakuru. We watched it raise the crest feathers when intent on prey, photographs of it as a silhouette in late-afternoon light in Yellow-bark Acacias were memorable.

LESSER SPOTTED EAGLE *Clanga pomarina* – (T-1) We had many eagle sightings in Tarangire especially, and checking them closely found one we could quickly see the spot pattern of the wing.

VERREAUX'S EAGLE *Aquila verreauxii* – (T-1) Fabulous looks at this species from the picnic area of Tarangire, it was being harassed by a smaller Wahlberg's eagle and came very close – as they are declining in number and getting hard to find, this was a thrill.

WAHLBERG'S EAGLE *Hieraetus wahlbergi* – (T-1) We watched one boldly harassing the much-larger Verreaux's Eagle, almost hitting it while on the wing in Tarangire.

TAWNY EAGLE *Aquila rapax* – (T-11, K-3) Seeing this large eagle in good number, so often was a clear sign we were traveling through healthy ecosystems with their predators intact. Seen at all locations except ML where they would not be expected.

STEPPE EAGLE *Aquila nipalensis* – (T-6) Identification by the face pattern when perched proved helpful to separate these from the more abundant Tawny.

AFRICAN HAWK-EAGLE *Aquila spilogaster* – (T-1, K-1) Seen on the first and last day of our journey, both travel days through agricultural country.

DARK CHANTING-GOSHAWK *Melierax metabates* – (T-6) Seen regularly hunting the grasslands. We often caught views of them in flight and watched until they would perch.

EASTERN CHANTING-GOSHAWK *Melierax poliopterus* – (T-1, K-2) Seen at TG and later at AMB.

GABAR GOSHAWK *Micronisus gabar* – (T-3) We found individuals of this smaller and very agile raptor in TG, and then in the Western Serengeti.

AFRICAN GOSHAWK *Accipiter tachiro* – (T-1) Good views in NGC just after we watched a Secretary Bird, it was perched on the roadside and then flew.

EURASIAN MARSH-HARRIER *Circus aeruginosus* – (T-1, K-2) We saw this species in Tarangire, and then later in Amboseli and Nakuru, associated with water areas.

AFRICAN MARSH-HARRIER *Circus ranivorus* – (T,K) We had good looks at one on the ground at one of the water holes in NGC, also saw them at AMB, lone individuals.

PALLID HARRIER *Circus macrourus* – (T-3, K-1) This very pale harrier was quite visible, a couple of times they seemed to buzz the road and we got very good looks. Coming out of NDU as we drove through throngs of Wildebeest we watched one at close range.

MONTAGU'S HARRIER *Circus pygargus* – (T-4, K-2) This species was more common than the Pallid, though on the grasslands we saw both species, males and females.

BLACK KITE *Milvus migrans* – (T-2, K-3) We saw them on the travel day around the towns before Lake Manyara, and at NGC had very close views of one perched near our picnic spot, watching every move! In Kenya we saw them in travel and from the lodge.

AFRICAN FISH-EAGLE *Haliaeetus vocifer* – (T-3, K-3) Our first sighting was at TG, but at Lake Manyara with afternoon light highlighting one perched on a statuesque snag it quickly became a favorite bird. We saw them often when around water, listened to their chirping calls as they were courting, and they were quite common along the shore at NK.

COMMON BUZZARD (STEPPE) *Buteo buteo vulpinus* – (K-1) Just one sighting of two individuals flying above Thompson's Falls.

AUGUR BUZZARD *Buteo augur* – (T-5, K-1) This species is similar to our Red-tailed Hawk in plumage and behavior, easy to ID and seen regularly.

OTIDIDAE: BUSTARDS

KORI BUSTARD *Ardeotis kori* – (T-4) We encountered this impressive large bustard on four days, at each location but seeing one in full display in NGC was the top bird highlight of the trip. It was very close to the road, and stayed in display for a long time, in fact we finally left it strutting about with its huge inflated sac. The first impression from afar was of a Victorian Lady in full garb, approaching it was remarkable, what a sight. We were close enough to hear its courtship sounds. No girls in sight, but we expect they will come.

WHITE-BELLIED BUSTARD *Eupodotis senegalensis* – (T-6) The most common bustard we encountered, several seen on multiple days.

BLACK-BELLIED BUSTARD *Lissotis melanogaster* – (T-5) Seen regularly in the grasslands though fewer in number than White-bellied.

HARTLAUB'S BUSTARD *Lissotis hartlaubii* – (T-1, K-1) We found one of this species on an afternoon drive in Western Serengeti, and then had a close look of one individual at Amboseli.

RALLIDAE: RAILS, GALLINULES AND COOTS

BLACK CRAKE *Amaurornis flavirostra* – (T-3, K-2) Great to see this rail family member well, unlike many family members they are pretty confiding, and we had particularly good looks as we crossed a bridge near the airport strip in Serengeti. Also close looks at Lake Manyara where in one location we had all five members of this family together.

AFRICAN (PURPLE) SWAMPHEN *Porphyrio madagascariensis* – (T-1) A few individuals seen at the swampy end of Lake Manyara.

EURASIAN MOORHEN *Gallinula chloropus* – (T-2) A few individuals seen at Lake Manyara and then again in the Hippo Pools at NGO.

LESSER MOORHEN *Paragallinula angulata* – (T-1) Just one individual, but great looks as it was on the road between reed beds as we drove around Lake Manyara.

RED-KNOBBED COOT *Fulica cristata* – (T-3, K-2) Seen regularly in the more lush and extensive wetland habitats.

GRUIDAE: CRANES

GRAY CROWNED-CRANE *Balearica regulorum* – (T-3, K-3) The first pair was a long way away at Lake Manyara, but fortunately we had many opportunities with this beautiful species. They are mesmerizing with such lovely plumes and colors! A high count of 100 individuals at NGO was most impressive.

BURHINIDAE: THICK-KNEES

WATER THICK-KNEE (WATER DIKKOP) *Burhinus vermiculatus* – (T-2) Seen along the river at several spots, including the rushing water course where we had Hippos and Nile Crocodiles in close proximity.

RECURVIROSTRIDAE: STILTS AND AVOCETS

BLACK-WINGED STILT *Himantopus himantopus* – (T-2, K-2) Seen as singles or pairs, not common but present in appropriate wetland habitat.

PIED AVOCET *Recurvirostra avosetta* – (T-1) Seen in the pond across from the breeding hyenas where Nick pointed out the Zebra up to their bellied watering, four individuals.

CHARADRIIDAE: PLOVERS AND LAPWINGS

LONG-TOED LAPWING *Vanellus crassirostris* – (T-2, K-2) This species liked wetlands, we found them in the more extensive ones with reedbeds and aquatic vegetation.

BLACKSMITH LAPWING *Vanellus armatus* – (T-10, K-3) Widespread, numerous, and seen at all locations except ML.

SPUR-WINGED LAPWING *Vanellus spinosus* – (T-2, K-2) Uncommon, seen at the more extensive wetland areas in smaller numbers, LM, NGO, and AMB.

SENEGAL PLOVER *Vanellus lugubris* – (T-1) A nice surprise, a fairly large group encountered on one afternoon game drive in an open area of Western Serengeti.

BLACK-WINGED LAPWING *Vanellus melanopterus* – (T-2)

CROWNED LAPWING *Vanellus coronatus* – (T-7, K-3) We saw so many pairs of this species, scattered across the grasslands, often vocal. A few were starting nest scrapes.

AFRICAN WATTLED LAPWING (PLOVER) *Vanellus senegallus* – (T-4) First encountered a long way off at Lake Manyara, we then had them at much closer range all three days in Western Serengeti.

KITTLITZ'S PLOVER *Charadrius pecuarius* – (T-2, K-1) Bright-colored breeding plumage individuals were fun to encounter.

COMMON RINGED PLOVER *Charadrius hiaticula* – (T-3, K-1) Seen in small number at wetland sites.

THREE-BANDED PLOVER *Charadrius tricollaris* – (T-2) Ndotu and Western Serengeti, a very pretty and unassuming plover!

ROSTRATULIDAE: PAINTED SNIPES

GREATER PAINTED SNIPE *Rostratula benghalensis* – (K-1) A lost lone buffalo calf led Peg to scan the small pond it was heading to, where she found a great surprise, 5 Greater Painted Snipe! Unexpected and though distant, a delight.

JACANIDAE: JACANAS

AFRICAN JACANA *Actophilornis africanus* – (T-1, K-2) We first encountered this species on the roadway at Lake Manyara, multiple individuals calling and chasing each other into the reedbeds. We then had many (hundreds and hundreds) in the large marshes of Amboseli.

SCOLOPACIDAE: SANDPIPERS AND ALLIES

RUFF *Calidris pugnax* – (T-3, K-3) All individuals that we saw were in their non-showy winter plumage, distinguishable by size and shape and common in wetland areas.

CURLEW SANDPIPER *Calidris ferruginea* – (K-1) Seen with other shorebirds at the end of Lake Nakuru where we had scope views.

TEMMICKS STINT *Calidris temminckii* – (K-1) Also a find at the end of Lake Nakuru, good views with the scope.

LITTLE STINT *Calidris minuta* – (T-3, K-2) We found them as singles or small groups, where one would expect the small shorebirds.

COMMON SNIPE *Gallinago gallinago* – (T-1) Just one sighting of several individuals crouched and feeding along the raised road that passed along the edge of Lake Manyara.

COMMON SANDPIPER *Actitis hypoleucos* – (T-5, K-2) This was the easiest to id shorebird, based on its tail-pumping pattern similar to our Spotted Sandpiper. Seen singly along water courses, and small streams or pools.

GREEN SANDPIPER *Tringa ochropus* – (T-2) ND and WS, sightings as lone individuals at small water holes, feeding.

COMMON GREENSHANK *Tringa nebularia* – (T-1, K-1) Lake Manyara and Amboseli in small number.

MARSH SANDPIPER *Tringa stagnatilis* – (T-2, K-1) Seen at several of the water holes and wetlands, evenly spaced in the marsh habitat.

WOOD SANDPIPER *Tringa glareola* – (T-2, K-2) Seen infrequently at waterholes and then daily at Amboseli in wetlands there.

COMMON REDSHANK *Tringa tetanus* – (K-1) Seen only at Lake Nakuru on the lakeshore where we got out to scan for flamingoes and shorebirds.

GLAREOLIDAE: PRATINCOLES AND COURSERS

DOUBLE-BANDED COURSER *Smutsornis africanus* – (T-5) It was nice to have repeated views of this handsome species. The most memorable was one with a chick at close range to the vehicle.

THREE-BANDED (HEUGLIN'S) COURSER *Rhinoptilus cinctus* – (T-2) We only had two chances with this pretty, but less common species.

COLLARED PRATINCOLE *Glareola pratincola* – (T-1) We saw these in good number at the end of Lake Manyara, while we watched Hippos and a great mix of waterbirds.

LARIDAE: GULLS, TERNS AND SKIMMERS

GRAY-HOODED GULL *Chroicocephalus cirrocephalus* – (T-1, K-1) First seen at NG, two individuals in that vast expanse, then we saw many at Nakuru around the lake.

GULL-BILLED TERN *Gelochelidon nilotica* – (T-6) The most common tern species encountered, present at most wetlands.

WHISKERED TERN *Chlidonias hybrida* – (T-3, K-2) More local than Gull-billed Tern, they seemed to like more extensive reed beds and we'd watch them hunt on the wing, so agile!

PTEROCLIDAE: SANDGROUSE

CHESTNUT-BELLIED SANDGROUSE *Pterocles exustus* – (T-2) Seen on both days while in Tarangire NP, the first at close range at a water crossing, lovely! Mainly seen as pairs.

YELLOW-THROATED SANDGROUSE *Pterocles gutturalis* – (T-2) We encountered this species on two days in Ndutu, multiple individuals at small water crossings.

BLACK-FACED SANDGROUSE *Pterocles decoratus* – (T-1) Three individuals seen our final morning in Tarangire NP.

COLUMBIDAE: PIGEONS AND DOVES

ROCK PIGEON *Columba livia* – (T-1, K-3) Seen in urban areas and on our travel days when crossing them.

SPECKLED PIGEON *Columba guinea* – (T-2, K-1) We found this species at Sopa Lodge roosting in the big trees off our patios at first, and then we found a few on our game drives there, while in Tarangire NP. We then had them at Amboseli on one day as well.

DELEGORGUE'S (EASTERN BRONZE-NAPED) PIGEON *Columba delegorguei* – (K-2) This species came down to the salt lick area of the waterhole at Mountain Lodge in good number, a dozen or more at a time.

DUSKY TURTLE-DOVE *Streptopelia lugens* – (T-1, K-3) Seen at Ngongorogoro Crater, and then at Lake Nakuru and Mountain Lodge in Kenya.

MOURNING COLLARED-DOVE *Streptopelia decipiens* – (T-6, K-3) TG and NDU, then again at AMB and NK.

RED-EYED DOVE *Streptopelia semitorquata* – (T-8, K-2) Less common than the abundant Ring-necked Doves, this species was still present daily and we may have missed some. The easiest way to track them was watching the trail pattern of birds in flight.

RING-NECKED DOVE *Streptopelia capicola* – (T-11, K-2) Common to Abundant throughout the trip.

LAUGHING DOVE *Streptopelia senegalensis* – (T-2, K-1) This pretty, smaller dove was seen well but not common, we were glad to have good looks at a couple of lodge feeders among our sightings.

EMERALD-SPOTTED WOOD-DOVE *Turtur chalcospilos* – (T-3) Seen best at our lovely lodge in the Western Serengeti on paths around the property. Lynn also saw them at Lake Manyara on the guided plant walk.

NAMAQUA DOVE *Oena capensis* – (K-1) Seen on our travel day to Amboseli.

AFRICAN GREEN-PIGEON *Treron calvus* – (T-1, K-2) We had really good looks at one on a cluster of fruiting figs at Ngongorogoro Crater, and then at Mountain Lodge in Kenya we saw them both from the observation deck and on our walk through the forest.

MUSOPHAGIDAE: TURACOS

[E] **HARTLAUB'S TURACO** *Tauraco hartlaubi* – (K-2) What a stunning bird. We had heard "a" turaco at a rest stop in WS, but did not know the species. At Thompson's Falls we had good looks at this fabulous species, and at ML Preston knew of a fruiting tree that attracted them, we got stunning views.

BARE-FACED GO-AWAY-BIRD *Corythaixoides personatus* – (T-6) One of our trip favorites, we enjoyed their antics and vocalizations. They were found often when we stopped to scan on safari and were comfortable in tree cover near the lodges.

WHITE-BELLIED GO-AWAY-BIRD *Corythaixoides leucogaster* – (T-1, K-3) The first we spied were at the place we stayed to watch lion cubs parked in the shade of a large acacia tree. They were more common in Kenya and at Amboseli Peg and Linda were able to photograph them in morning light at close range, nice!

CUCULIDAE: CUCKOOS

WHITE-BROWED COUCAL *Centropus superciliosus* – (T-6, K-2) This great, gaudy bird put on a show for us, several times really posing. They were present at most locations and we enjoyed them.

GREAT SPOTTED CUCKOO *Clamator glandarius* – (T-1) Just one individual of this migratory species that winters in Africa – great views close to the van and on the road before us.

DIDERIC CUCKOO *Chrysococcyx caprius* – (T-5) Heard in TG, but then seen each day in ND and WS, comfortable around the camps and out in the field.

KLAAS'S CUCKOO *Chrysococcyx klaas* – (T-1) One sighting, one individual in ND.

RED-CHESTED CUCKOO *Cuculus solitarius* – (T-6) We had super looks when stopped at the gate in Serengeti, it was feeding in large trees over by the shop and tree-platform, we were able to follow it. They were present at each location except NG.

AFRICAN CUCKOO *Cuculus gularis* – (T-1) One individual, perched high in the top of the fruiting fig tree we enjoyed watching birds at while in NG.

TYTONIDAE: BARN OWLS

BARN OWL *Tyto alba* – (T-1, K-1) This was a surprise to us to find resting in the shade of a large tree we'd been investigating for activity of scimitar-bills. We'd admired dung beetles rolling their giant balls, and looked up to see it watching us. At Amboseli we heard them around Camp.

STRIGIDAE: OWLS

VERREAUX'S EAGLE-OWL *Bubo lacteus* – (T-2, K-4) Lynn spied the first one as we crossed a dry river on the night drive at Lake Manyara, we got super looks. We heard them one late afternoon then in WS. They were also present at NK in the lush acacia trees. At ML they put on a show each night at the water hole. Judie and Bill had them right out their window, perched on the genet feeding platform picking at the bones. We learned just how cheeky they are when a family of Giant Forest Hog got curious over one on the ground, it faced them off, clacked its bill and did not move until the big male made a serious lunge, Preston called it a National Geographic moment and it was!

PEARL-SPOTTED OWLET *Glaucidium perlatum* – (T-2, K-1) Heard only, calling around camps in TG and AMB.

CAPRIMULGIDAE: NIGHTJARS AND ALLIES

MONTANE NIGHTJAR *Caprimulgus poliocephalus* – (K-1) Several seen on the road as we left ML early our final morning.

FRECKLED NIGHTJAR *Caprimulgus tristigma* - (T-1) A British birding group called us out from the bar to see this species flying about the lodge at Tarangire, fun!

SLENDER-TAILED NIGHTJAR *Caprimulgus clarus* – (T-1) Seen well on the night drive at Lake Manyara.

APODIDAE: SWIFTS

MOTTLED SWIFT *Tachymarptis aequatorialis* – (K-1) This large swift was seen on our last full day at Mountain Lodge.

NYANZA SWIFT *Apus niansae* – (T-3) Seen at three locations, Tarangire, Ndotu, and NGC.

AFRICAN (BLACK) SWIFT *Apus barbatus* – (T-1, K-1) Seen by the river crossing on our day between Oldapai Gorge and Ndotu, and again at Thompson's Falls in Kenya.

LITTLE SWIFT *Apus affinis* – (T-5, K-1) Common and widespread.

WHITE-RUMPED SWIFT *Apus caffer* – (T-1) Seen only in Tarangire but we had good looks.

AFRICAN PALM-SWIFT *Cypsiurus parvus* – (T-2) They liked the lush tree areas of Tarangire, we saw them in flight, chattering above palms and other trees.

COLIIDAE: MOUSEBIRDS

SPECKLED MOUSEBIRD *Colius striatus* – (T-11, K-5) Regularly encountered and almost always vocal, groups would feed in shrubbery at many of our stops and they were present at all the camps.

BLUE-NAPED MOUSEBIRD *Urocolius macrourus* – (T-1, K-2) First seen at the lion cub spot, one small group in WS, we then saw them with more time to watch at AMB.

TROGONIDAE: TROGONS

NARINA TROGON *Apaloderma narina* – (K-1) We saw this lovely species, a calling male, on our walk at ML.

UPUPIDAE: HOOPOES

EURASIAN HOOPOE (AFRICAN) *Upupa epops africana* – (T-2, K-1) A trip favorite for several, this species proved elusive for some time, then gave us flight shows and quick perches. We finally got sightings of one on the ground in NK, raising its crest, fun!

PHOENICULIDAE: WOODHOOPES AND SCIMITAR-BILLS

GREEN WOODHOPOE *Phoeniculus purpureus* – (T-1, K-2) This species was always seen as a group, vocal and moving through an area feeding. The closest sighting was on the view platform at AMB where Linda got some nice photos.

ABYSSINIAN SCIMITAR-BILL *Rhinopomastus minor* – (T-2) We watched one pair for some time that seemed interested in a possible nest site in ND. Other sightings were more distant.

BUCORVIDAE: GROUND-HORN BILLS

SOUTHERN GROUND-HORN BILL *Bucorvus leadbeateri* – (T-3, K-1) We got to spend time with this splendid grassland species. On one location we heard them calling each other. They were quite spread out, and the quality of calls was reminiscent of Greater Prairie Chicken at home, designed to carry for distance. At the lion cub spot we had them fly over, great to see the extensive white in the wing in flight.

BUCEROTIDAE: HORNBILLS

CROWNED HORNBILL *Tockus alboterminatus* – (T-1) Only one individual, seen at LM.

AFRICAN GRAY HORNBILL *Tockus nasutus* – (T-6, K-1) One of the more common hornbills encountered, widespread, but usually seen one or two a day, not big numbers.

VON DER DECKEN'S HORNBILL *Tockus deckeni* – (T-4, K-1) Also widespread, we could have several pairs or individuals seen per day.

(E) TANZANIAN RED-BILLED HORNBILL *Tockus ruahae* – (T-6) Regularly seen in Tarangire, Lake Manyara, and the western Serengeti, some days we would have a dozen or more.

NORTHERN RED-BILLED HORNBILL *Tockus erythrorhynchus* – (K-1) Seen at Amboseli, close views on a walk at our lodge.

SILVERY-CHEEKED HORNBILL *Ceratogymna brevis* – (T-1, K-1) We found this species at Lake Manyara and were most impressed, the first encounter a group of 5 or 6 individuals. But the two found sleeping on the night drive would remain the stellar view for us, what a treat!

ALCEDINIDAE: KINGFISHERS

MALACHITE KINGFISHER *Corythornis cristatus* – (K-1) Seen well in a small reedbed where we stopped to watch elephants in Amboseli. We watched it go for a fish.

GRAY-HEADED KINGFISHER *Halcyon leucocephala* – (T-1) Seen well in a dryland area of Western Serengeti where we had stopped to watch lions with cubs.

WOODLAND KINGFISHER *Halcyon senegalensis* – (T-4) Seen in Tarangire and NDU, on some days we'd see 2 or 3.

STRIPED KINGFISHER *Halcyon chelicuti* – (T-1, K-1) Vocalizations alerted us to this species that liked to hide a bit in cover.

GIANT KINGFISHER *Megaceryle maxima* – (T-1) A glimpse is what we had for this bold species, in a small water channel driving in to Lake Manyara.

PIED KINGFISHER *Ceryle rudis* – (K-1) Several pair seen while at Lake Nakuru, one very vocal family group gave us good looks as they fished and carried on with each other on the lakeshore.

MEROPIDAE: BEE-EATERS

LITTLE BEE-EATER *Merops pusillus* – (T-4) We had the best views of all the bee-eaters of this species, colorful and acrobatic, it would perch repeatedly in the same spot, affording good photos and views.

CINNAMON-CHESTED BEE-EATER *Merops oreobates* – (K-2) This large and vocal bee-eater commanded our attention from the observation deck at ML.

WHITE-FRONTED BEE-EATER *Merops bullockoides* – (K-1) Seen on the phone wires as we drove north from the Kenya border crossing to Amboseli.

BLUE-CHEEKED BEE-EATER *Merops persicus* – (K-1) A half a dozen were feeding from aquatic rushes along the edge of the marsh on an open water channel of Amboseli.

EUROPEAN BEE-EATER *Merops apiaster* – (T-5) Seen daily at TG and WS, often 5 or more at a time, and on our final day in WS a group of 30+.

CORACIIDAE: ROLLERS

EUROPEAN ROLLER *Coracias garrulus* – (T-6) Good and repeated views of this handsome species.

LILAC-BREASTED ROLLER *Coracias caudatus* – (T-11, K-3) What can we say, we did keep stopping for this very common but very beautiful and iconic species!

LYBIIDAE: AFRICAN BARBETS

RED-AND-YELLOW BARBET *Trachyphonus erythrocephalus* – (T-1) This bold bird posed for us on a termite mound as we left Tarangire NP, fun!

D'ARNAUD'S BARBET *Trachyphonus darnaudii* – (T-1) Seen in Amboseli, several individuals.

D'ARNAUD'S BARBET (USAMBIRO) *Trachyphonus darnaudii usambiro* – (T-6) Frequently encountered, often as we stopped for various mammal sightings someone would spy a pair.

YELLOW-RUMPED TINKERBIRD *Pogoniulus bilineatus bilineatus* –(K-2) Seen in the forest canopy both days at ML.

RED-FRONTED TINKERBIRD *Tricholaema diademata* – (T-1) This bird put on a good show on our morning walk from the lodge at Lake Manyara, a pair with best views of the male.

SPOT-FLANKED BARBET *Tricholaema lacrymosa* – (T-1) Spotted by Peg before breakfast on a walk around the grounds at our Lake Manyara lodge.

BLACK-THROATED BARBET *Tricholaema melanocephala* – (T-2) We had good views of this species at the Tarangire NP gate where we walked back to the displays, shop and tree platform, and then heard it on the following day.

INDICATORIDAE: HONEYGUIDES

GREATER HONEYGUIDE *Indicator indicator* – (T-2) Heard one day and then seen on one day in WS.

PICIDAE: WOODPECKERS

NUBIAN WOODPECKER *Campethera nubica* – (T-4) Seen at NDU and WS, and then heard on our day in NGC.

BEARDED WOODPECKER *Dendropicos namaquus* – (K-1) Peg spied these from our vehicle as we circled Lake Nakuru, a pair distant but easy to see.

AFRICAN GRAY WOODPECKER *Dendropicos goertae* – (T-3) Seen on each day in wooded parts of TG.

FALCONIDAE: FALCONS AND CARACARAS

PYGMY FALCON *Polihierax semitorquatus* – (T-1) Great looks at this species perched on a prominent dead snag, seen after we encountered lions resting up in a tree-crotch in the shade after the eagle-rich picnic grounds.

LESSER KESTREL *Falco naumanni* – (T-3, K-1) Seen in good numbers, when we got into a group we'd see 3-10 or more, feeding and perched on small shrubs of the grasslands.

GREATER KESTREL *Falco rupicoloides* – (T-4, K-3) A very handsome one held court over Oldapai Gorge. We saw them regularly and well.

LANNER FALCON *Falco biarmicus* – (T-1) Only Peg had good looks at this one, in flight on our travel day from Arusha while passing through Massai cattle areas.

PSITTACULIDAE: OLD WORLD PARROTS

[E] **FISCHER'S LOVEBIRD** *Agapornis fischeri* – (T-4) We had repeated sightings of this handsome bird at NDU and WS.

[E] **YELLOW-COLLARED LOVEBIRD** *Agapornis personatus* – (T-3) First seen at the Tarangire NP gate, they were perched atop the gift store and feeding on the fruits and flowers of a Baobab tree. Seen each day in TG.

PSITTACIDAE: NEW WORLD AND AFRICAN PARROTS

RED-FRONTED PARROT *Poicephalus gulielmi* – (K-2) Seen in flight each late-afternoon, returning to roosts, from ML.

MEYER'S PARROT *Poicephalus meyeri* – (T-7) Seen once or twice a day at TG and WS in pairs or small groups. They were often quick, but in time all got a view.

PLATYSTEIRIDAE: WATTLE-EYES AND BATISES

CHINSPOT BATIS *Batis molitor* – (T-2, K-1) Seen at TG and LM, then again we heard it at Lake Nakuru.

MALACONOTIDAE: BUSHRIKES AND ALLIES

BRUBRU *Nilous afer* – (T-1) One sighting at TG.

BLACK-BACKED PUFFBACK *Dryoscopus cubla* – (T-1, K-1) Seen at Sopa Lodge on the grounds, and heard at ML on our walk in the forest.

BROWN-CROWNED TCHAGRA *Tchagra australis* – (T-2) Seen on two days in TG, even from the vehicle we got good looks.

TROPICAL BOUBOU *Laniarius major* – (K-3) Memorable as the lead performer in the dawn chorus at Mountain Lodge where we saw it both days, also seen at Thompson's Falls.

SLATE-COLORED BOUBOU *Laniarius funebris* – (T-5) Seen regularly at TG, NDU, and WS, several per day and present around our lodges.

ROSY-PATCHED BUSHSHRIKE *Telophorus cruentus* – (T-1) Peg found one individual in a line of shrubs as we watched the drama of five lionesses hunting what we thought were zebra, and turned out to be warthog (unsuccessful).

SULPHUR-BREASTED BUSHSHRIKE *Telophorus sulfureopectus* – (T-1) Lynn and Nick spotted this lovely species at our lodge in WS.

GRAY-HEADED BUSHSHRIKE *Malaconotus blanchoti* – (T-1) Signing and sitting up for inspection on our morning walk at Lake Manyara at our lodge on the cliffs above the lake.

CAMPEPHAGIDAE: CUCKOOSHRIKES

GRAY CUCKOOSHRIKE *Coracina caesia* – (K-1) Good views of one individual, eye level from the deck of Mountain Lodge, it stayed in the lush canopy for some time.

LANIIDAE: SHRIKES

RED-BACKED SHRIKE *Lanius collurio* – (T-1) One individual, one sighting at TG.

RED-TAILED SHRIKE *Lanius phoenicuroides* – (T-1) One sighting in NGC.

GRAY-BACKED FISCAL *Lanius excubitorius* – (T-4, K-1) Seen regularly, 3-8 per day.

(RE) LONG-TAILED FISCAL *Lanius cabanisi* – **(T-2, K-1)** Seen typically in small groups of 2-4 once or twice a day.

TAITA FISCAL *Lanius dorsalis* – **(T-1)** Just one sighting, pointed out by Preston with a lot going on as wildebeest poured through in NDU.

SOUTHERN (COMMON) FISCAL *Lanius collaris* – **(T-5, K-2)** Seen each day at TG and also LM.

MAGPIE SHRIKE *Corvinella melanoleuca* – **(T-7)** TG and WS, encountered in small groups 2-7, active and pretty with their long dark tails.

SOUTHERN WHITE-CROWNED SHRIKE *Eurocephalus anguitemens* – **(T-9)** The most regularly seen shrike, some days over a dozen, spread out and mainly seen as pairs.

ORIOLIDAE: OLD WORLD ORIOLES

GREEN-HEADED (MONTANE) ORIOLE *Oriolus chlorocephalus* – **(K-2)** Seen on both days at ML.

AFRICAN BLACK-HEADED ORIOLE *Oriolus larvatus* – **(T-2, K-1)** TG and Lake Nakuru, a treat to see with its bold pattern and song.

DICRURIDAE: DRONGOS

FORK-TAILED DRONGO *Dicrurus adsimilis* – **(T-9, K-2)** Seen almost daily, often 10 or more sightings a day, common.

MONARCHIDAE: MONARCH FLYCATCHERS

AFRICAN PARADISE-FLYCATCHER *Terpsiphone viridis* – **(T-3, K-3)** Our best views were at a small water feature at the lodge at Lake Manyara, but we had good looks on several occasions. One white-form male was seen, but mainly the rust-backed form.

CORVIDAE: CROWS, JAYS, AND MAGPIES

PIED CROW *Corvus albus* – **(T-3, K-4)** First spied from our hotel in Arusha, we enjoyed their antics and vocalizations, seen mainly as pairs.

CAPE CROW *Corvus capensis* – **(T-1, K-1)** Seen by the entrance to Serengeti NP and then again at the airport in Nairobi.

WHITE-NECKED RAVEN *Corvus albicollis* – **(K-1)** Seen at our lunch picnic spot overlooking the marshes of Amboseli.

ALAUDIDAE: LARKS

FISCHER'S SPARROW-LARK *Eremopterix leucopareia* – **(T-7, K-3)** A very common bird once we were in grassland areas, sometimes present in big numbers 30 or more at a time.

PINK-BREASTED LARK *Calandrella poecilosterna* – **(T-3)** TG and NDU, Preston would spot them and point them out, a few individuals so not a common find.

RUFIOUS-NAPED LARK *Mirafraga africana* – **(T-6)** Our most commonly spotted lark, and one that would pose on elephant dung or rocks, singing away.

RED-CAPPED LARK *Calandrella cinerea* – **(T-4)** Grassland habitat, several individuals per day.

HIRUNDINIDAE: SWALLOWS

BANDED MARTIN *Riparia cincta* – (T, K-2) Seen on two days in the Western Serengeti, hillside views.

ROCK MARTIN *Ptyonoprogne fuligula* – (T-1, K-1) Seen near our rest stop at NGO, and then again near the cliffs at Nakuru.

BARN SWALLOW *Hirundo rustica* – (T-11, K-3) An everyday bird, massive numbers at times, on several days we chose “no count” for our number tally as there were hundreds and hundreds of them, other days 1-20.

WIRE-TAILED SWALLOW *Hirundo smithii* – (T-1, K-1) Not common, though with so many Barn Swallows we may not have looked hard enough!

RED-RUMPED SWALLOW *Cecropis daurica* – (T-3, K-1) First encountered below us, when we walked up the hill by the Visitor Center for an overview of the Serengeti landscape absolutely filled with Wildebeest. Nice to verify the red rumps! We encountered them subsequent Serengeti days, and had them our first day in Kenya en route to Amboseli.

LESSER STRIPED-SWALLOW *Cecropis abyssinica* – (T,K)

COMMON HOUSE-MARTIN *Delichon urbicum* – (K-2) Numerous individuals flew around and perched on the porch and roof of Mountain Lodge.

WHITE-HEADED SAWWING *Psalidoprocne albiceps* – *Leader only* (K-1) Preston pointed out a quick look at one in flight above us on our morning walk to the gate area with the fruiting trees at dawn.

BLACK SAWWING *Psalidoprocne pristoptera* – (T-1) Seen on our last day in Western Serengeti.

PARIDAE: TITS, CHICKADEES, AND TITMICE

WHITE-BELLIED TIT *Melaniparus albiventris* – (K-1) Seen in the broad spreading canopy of Yellow-barked Acacia that so beautifully surround the lake, just one individual.

PYCNONOTIDAE: BULBULS

EASTERN MOUNTAIN-GREENBUL (MOUNTAIN) *Arizelocichla nigriceps nigriceps* – (K-2) Loved hearing their lyrical song, and saw them from the deck and on the walk at Mountain Lodge.

YELLOW-WHISKERED GREENBUL *Eurillas latirostris* – (K-1) Two individuals seen well on the walk at Mountain Lodge.

CABANIS'S GREENBUL *Phyllastrephus cabanisi* – (T-1, K-2) First encountered on our walk from the lodge at Lake Manyara one morning, we then had them again in , several sightings, in the forests both days at Mountain Lodge.

COMMON BULBUL (DARK-CAPPED) *Pycnonotus barbatus tricolor* – (T-3, K-2) Common in our treed locations at Tarangire, Lake Manyara and later in Kenya, Mountain Lodge.

MACROSPHENIDAE: AFRICAN WARBLERS

RED-FACED CROMBEC *Sylvietta whytii* – (T-2) Tarangire with its wonderful mix of trees provided haven for our two chances with this nuthatch act-alike.

PHYLLOSCOPIIDAE: LEAF WARBLERS

WILLOW WARBLER *Phylloscopus trochilus* – (T-4, K-1) We had good views of this little drab migrant to reminiscent of our Orange-crowned Warbler, most often as we stopped to view cats or other mammals, we'd find them in scouting the shrubbery. The most obvious one was at the fruiting fig in NGO.

ACROCEPHALIDAE: REED-WARBLERS AND ALLIES

EASTERN OLIVACEOUS WARBLER *Iduna pallida* – (K-1) One of the small songbirds only encountered on this trip in the forest of Mt. Kenya at Mountain Lodge.

MOUNTAIN YELLOW-WARBLER *Iduna similis* – (K-1) A bright and cheery species, two individuals were the only encounter on this trip in the forest of Mt. Kenya at Mountain Lodge, seen from the observation deck at eye-level.

LESSER SWAMP-WARBLER *Acrocephalus gracilirostris* – (T-1) Heard only, at Lake Manyara in thick reeds by where we watched the moorhens

LOCUSTELLIDAE: GRASSBIRDS, GRASS WARBLERS and BUSH WARBLERS

CINNAMON-BRACKEN WARBLER *Bradypterus cinnamomeus* – (K-2) Good views from the deck and on the walk at Mountain Lodge. One territory was just left of the small freshwater drinking hole in tall shrubs.

CISTICOLIDAE: CISTICOLAS AND ALLIES

BLACK-COLLARED APALIS *Apalis pulchra* – (K-1) A handsome species, seen just one day at Mountain Lodge.

YELLOW-BREASTED APALIS *Apalis flavida* – (T-3) Individuals and pairs seen at Tarangire and Lake Manyara and in one of the wooded stops coming and going from the lodge in Ndotu.

CHESTNUT-THROATED APALIS *Apalis porphyrolaema* – (K-1) This beautiful little songster picked a prominent perch to sing boldly in the morning sun, letting us get superb views. Serious competition from Scaly Francolin and Hartlaub's Turaco did not help us linger, but we had another on the morning walk a bit later that day.

GRAY APALIS *Apalis cinerea* – (T-1, K-1) Seen at Tarangire and Mountain Lodge.

GREEN-BACKED CAMAROPTERA (GRAY-BACKED) *Camaroptera brachyura brevicaudata* – (T-6,K) Seen and heard regularly, this was the most often encountered small songbirds, and one we -2 heard greet the dawn of many mornings.

[E] **HUNTER'S CISTICOLA** *Cisticola hunteri* – (T-1, K-2) Family groups of this vivid songster were common in the shrubby outside our Crater View rooms at the NGO lodge. We had them again at Mountain Lodge, and it was fun to watch them pile onto single twigs, family groups of 4-5 stacked tightly in line and singing.

RATTLING CISTICOLA *Cisticola chiniana* – (T-9, K-2) Our most persistent "little brown job" that made an appearance with many a stop. Their call is in the background of several of our videos.

WINDING CISTICOLA *Cisticola galactotes* – (T-1, K-1) Individuals seen at Ndotu and Nakuru.

STOUT CISTICOLA *Cisticola robustus* – (T-1) Seen only once, on our first full day in Tarangire.

ZITTING CISTICOLA *Cisticola juncidis* – (T-2) Seen at Tarangire and then in NGO, so many in NGO, regularly spaced out along the route we drove and stopped along.

TAWNY-FLANKED PRINIA *Prinia subflava* – (T-1, K-1) Heard only, individuals in shrubbery at Ndotu and again Nakuru, more furtive than normal.

SYLVIIDAE: SYLVIID WARBLERS

BANDED WARBLER (PARISOMA or TIT-WARBLER) *Curruca boehmi* – (T-1) Good views of one singing at the Tarangire Gate where we walked a short trail out to the treetop platform.

ZOSTEROPIDAE: WHITE-EYES, YUHNAS, AND ALLIES

BROAD-RINGED (MONTANE) WHITE-EYE *Zosterops poliogastrus* – (K-2) Seen on both days at Mountain Lodge.

LEIOTHRICIDAE: LAUGHINGTHRUSHES AND ALLIES

RUFIOUS CHATTERER *Turdoides rubiginosa* – (T-1, K-1) Seen well at Ndutu, a striking bird. We had them again at our lodge in Amboseli, seen well as we walked one late afternoon out to the viewpoint.

BLACK-LORED BABBLER *Turdoides sharpei* – (T-4) Common from the Serengeti Visitor Center and subsequent days into Western Serengeti, we encountered groups of 6-12 regularly and had them around our lodges.

ARROW-MARKED BABBLER *Turdoides jardineii* – (T-4, K-1) We did not identify all babbler groups as their calls are similar, but found them with ease at Tarangire, Lake Manyara, and Ndutu.

MUSCICAPIDAE: OLD WORLD FLYCATCHERS

SPOTTED FLYCATCHER *Muscicapa striata* – (T-1, K-2) Western Serengeti seen on our afternoon drive and seen at AMB and NK.

AFRICAN DUSKY FLYCATCHER *Muscicapa adusta* (T-1, K-2) A pair seen at the NGO overlook of the Crater, and then seen each day at Mountain Lodge, quite tame there, several pairs.

GRAYISH FLYCATCHER *Bradornis microrhynchus* – (T-3) Seen on both days in Tarangire, and another individual seen and photographed by the Leopard Tortoise we saw on an afternoon game drive from Western Serengeti.

PALE FLYCATCHER *Bradornis pallidus* – (K-1) One seen well and photographed on our walk at Amboseli, in the area they were watering out by the viewpoint.

SILVERBIRD *Empidonax semipartitus* – (T-7) This species was seen quite regularly, typically lone individuals.

SOUTHERN BLACK FLYCATCHER *Melaenornis pammelaina* – (T-1) One individual, on our walk at the lodge at Amboseli.

WHITE-EYED SLATY-FLYCATCHER *Melaenornis fischeri* – (K-2) Confiding and present both days at Mountain Lodge.

RED-BACKED (WHITE-BROWED) SCRUB ROBIN *Cercotrichas leucophrys* – (T-2) Readily seen at our lodge at Lake Manyara, coming in to the feeders and along trails to our casitas.

RUEPPELL'S ROBIN-CHAT *Cossypha semirufa* – (T-5, K-2) One or two seen at most locations, if a feeder was present at the lodge we got super views.

WHITE-BROWED ROBIN-CHAT *Cossypha heuglini* – (T-2) NDU and WS

SPOTTED MORNING-THRUSH *Cichladusa guttata* – (T-4, K-1)

BROWN-CHESTED ALETHE *Pseudaethe poliocephala* – (K-1) One individual encountered in a mixed flock, feeding at eye-level and on the ground, on the walk at Mountain Lodge.

AFRICAN STONECHAT *Saxicola torquatus* – (T-1, K-1) NGC and AMB.

NORTHERN ANTEATER-CHAT *Myrmecocichla aethiops* – (T-1, K-1) Our best views were at NGC where they were common, and we saw them again at AMB.

NORTHERN WHEATEAR *Oenanthe oenanthe* – (K-2) Seen at AMB, several a day.

CAPPED WHEATEAR *Oenanthe pileata* – (T-2) This pretty bird was a treat to see in the open grasslands of NDU and WS.

WHITE-STARRED ROBIN *Pogonocichla stellate* – (K-1) Several individuals seen and heard singing on our walk at Mountain Lodge.

TURDIDAE: THRUSHES AND ALLIES

OLIVE THRUSH *Turdus olivaceous* – (K-2) Common at Mountain Lodge, a half dozen or more seen per day.

STURNIDAE: STARLINGS

WATTLED STARLING *Creatophora cinerea* – (T-2) Seen well at the Serengeti Visitor Center by the water feature, and in the trees around that facility, then around some of the wildebeest groups.

RED-WINGED STARLING *Onychognathus morio* – (T-2, K-1) Seen both days around our lodge at TG, and on our travel day north to AMB.

[RE] HILDEBRANDT'S STARLING *Lamprotornis hildebrandti* – (T-5, K-1) Common in NDU and WS, at rest stops they would be bold and visit, though far less common than their Superb cousins, we found them regularly.

RUEPPELL'S (GLOSSY) STARLING *Lamprotornis purpuroptera* – (T-4) Numerous in WS, seen daily there.

GREATER BLUE-EARED GLOSSY-STARLING *Lamprotornis chalybaeus* – (T-1, K-1) TG and NK, not common but vocal and easy to see when present.

[E]ASHY STARLING *Spreo unicolor* – (T-3) Seen at Arusha and TG.

SUPERB STARLING *Lamprotornis superbus* – (T-11, K-3) By far the most common and regularly occurring songbird of the region. Confiding and very comfortable around human habitations including lodges, but equally at home in the bush.

FISCHER'S STARLING *Lamprotornis fischerii* - (T-1) Seen attending the Zebras in NGC.

BUPHAGIDAE: OXPECKERS

RED-BILLED OXPECKER *Buphagus erythrorhynchus* – (T-1, K-3) Far less frequent than the Yellow-billed throughout the grasslands, this reversed when we got to Kenya, at NK and ML

YELLOW-BILLED OXPECKER *Buphagus africanus* – (T-9, K-1) Abundant and seen on almost every grazing mammal.

NECTARINIIDAE: SUNBIRDS AND SPIDERHUNTERS

COLLARED SUNBIRD *Hedydipna collaris* – (K-1) Thompson's Falls, several individuals.

GREEN-HEADED SUNBIRD *Cyanomitra verticalis* – (K-1) Thompson's Falls, our jackpot stop for sunbirds!

AMETHYST SUNBIRD *Chalcomitra amethystina* – (K-1) Seen on our walk to the gate at ML.

SCARLET-CHESTED SUNBIRD *Chalcomitra senegalensis* – (T-1, K-1) Seen on our last morning at TG, then seen again very well by the breakfast area, perched, at AMB.

TACAZZE SUNBIRD *Nectarinia tacazze* – (K-1) Seen only at Thompson's Falls, but seen well as we birded in the parking area.

BRONZE SUNBIRD *Nectarinia kilimensis* – (K-2) NK on the grounds of Flamingo Camp and then at Thompson's Falls.

GOLDEN-WINGED SUNBIRD *Drepanorhynchus reichenowi* – (T-1, K-2) This is a stunning sunbird, first encountered on a stop in the Flat-top Acacia forest where a vine was in bloom, and then seen right by our lodge at NGC. We had them again on our morning walk at ML, wow!

NORTHERN DOUBLE-COLLARED SUNBIRD *Cinnyris reichenowi* – (K-1) Seen at Thompson's Falls feeding on blooms.

EASTERN DOUBLE-COLLARED SUNBIRD *Cinnyris mediocris* – (K-1) Seen feeding at Mountain Lodge, Kenya.

BLACK-BELLIED SUNBIRD *Cinnyris nectarinioides* – (T-1) One sighting, Western Serengeti.

BEAUTIFUL SUNBIRD *Cinnyris pulchellus* – (T-3) Widespread, we were able to get good views on three occasions, TG, WS and NGC.

VARIABLE SUNBIRD *Cinnyris venustus* – (T-4, K-1) Our most frequently encountered sunbird.

MOTACILLIDAE: WAGTAILS AND PIPITS

WESTERN YELLOW WAGTAIL *Motacilla flava* – (T-5, K-1) Much at home around grazing animals, we found them widespread in small groups here and there.

MOUNTAIN WAGTAIL *Motacilla clara* – (K-1) Just one individual by the small fresh water pool at Mountain Lodge.

AFRICAN PIED WAGTAIL *Motacilla aguimp* – (T-5, K-3) First seen by the pool in Sopa Lodge at Tarangire, we had them at water spots in that park, and later in WS and NGC. Seen at all three locations in Kenya.

AFRICAN (GRASSLAND) PIPIT *Anthus cinnamomeus* – (T-1, K-1) NGO and AMB.

LONG-BILLED PIPIT *Anthus similis* – (K-1) Seen in AMB, without Preston we surely would have missed it!

PLAIN-BACKED PIPIT *Anthus leucophrys* – (T-1, K-1) NGO and AMB.

YELLOW-THROATED LONGCLAW *Macronyx croceus* – (T-2) WS and NGC, Linda spotted one at the Crater and remarked how much it looked like our meadowlark.

EMBERIZIDAE: BUNTINGS AND NEW WORLD SPARROWS

CINNAMON-BREASTED BUNTING *Emberiza tahapisi* – (T-1) Seen at the picnic area with eagles in flight at TG, seen close to the parking area.

FRINGILLIDAE: FINCHES, EUPHONIAS, AND ALLIES

ORIOLE FINCH *Linurgus olivaceus* – (T-1) One individual seen well in the small reeds at the water hole, and in the shrub hedge rimming the area.

YELLOW-FRONTED CANARY *Crithagra mozambica* – (T-1) Seen at NDU only.

YELLOW-RUMPED SERIN (SEEDEATER) *Crithagra xanthopygia* – (T-1) TG only.

WHITE-BELLIED CANARY *Serinus dorsostriatus* – (T-3, K-1) NDU, WS and NK, best views at the water drip at the entrance to Serengeti NP where we had a picnic.

BRIMSTONE CANARY *Serinus sulphuratus* – (T-1, K-1) NDU and NK

STREAKY SEEDEATER *Serinus striolatus* – (T-1, K-2) Seen at NGC at the rim where our lodge was, and then encountered at ML.

THICK-BILLED SEEDEATER *Serinus burtoni* – (K-1) One individual by the gate at ML.

PASSERIDAE: OLD WORLD SPARROWS

HOUSE SPARROW *Passer domesticus* – (T-1, K-1) NDU on day and at a gas station in Nairobi.

KENYA RUFIOUS SPARROW *Passer rufocinctus* – (K-1) Seen well at the entrance to Nakuru NP where we visited with local school kids.

NORTHERN GRAY-HEADED SPARROW *Passer griseus* – (T-7, K-1) Very common.

SWAHILI SPARROW *Passer suahelicus* – (T-2) Seen well at our camp at NDU.

CHESTNUT SPARROW *Passer eminibey* – (T-6) Quite common.

YELLOW-SPOTTED PETRONIA *Petronia pyrgita* – (T-1, K-1) Seen at Tarangire and on the travel day north to AMB.

PLOCEIDAE: WEAVERS AND ALLIES

RED-BILLED BUFFALO-WEAVER *Bubalornis niger* – (T-5, K-1) Seen well but not common, a few individuals at a time.

WHITE-HEADED BUFFALO-WEAVER *Dinemellia dinemelli* – (T-9, K-2) Striking in plumage, we enjoyed seeing them often.

SPECKLE-FRONTED WEAVER *Sporopipes frontalis* – (T-4) A grassland species, NDU and WS, seen in good-sized flocks.

WHITE-BROWED SPARROW-WEAVER *Plocepasser mahali* – (T-1, K-1) NDU and NK.

[E]RUFIOUS-TAILED WEAVER *Histurgops ruficauda* – (T-6) We worked hard at positioning the vehicle to see them building nests in TG, then found them with ease at the entrance to Serengeti NP parking lot, and on our field days in WS.

GRAY-HEADED SOCIAL-WEAVER *Pseudonigrita arnaudi* – (T-2) Seen on two days in WS.

RED-HEADED WEAVER *Anaplectes rubriceps* – (T-1, K-1) Great views at the Serengeti NP entrance where we had our picnic, nest building, male chasing female. Heard only at AMB.

BAGLAFECHE WEAVER *Ploceus baglafecht* – (T-4, K-4) Seen at our hotel in Arusha, Nairobi and in the wild on several days, common.

NORTHERN MASKED-WEAVER *Ploceus taeniopterus* – (T-3) Best views were in Tarangire.

LESSER MASKED-WEAVER *Ploceus intermedius* – (T-1) Arusha and TG.

VITELLINE MASKED-WEAVER *Ploceus vitellinus* – (T-4) The most frequently encountered of our various masked weavers, seen really well near the feeder at the LM camp.

SPEKE'S WEAVER *Ploceus spekei* – (T-1, K-1) Seen well by the lake at NGC and at NK.

RED-BILLED QUELEA *Quelea quelea* – (T-2, K-1) Seen on two days in WS, flocks. A big flock seen at a road junction on our drive north from AMB.

SOUTHERN RED BISHOP *Euplectes orix* – (T-2) Seen in wetland areas, best views at NGC at lunch.

FAN-TAILED WIDOWBIRD *Euplectes axillaris* – (T-2) LM and NGC.

ESTRILDIDAE: WAXBILLS AND ALLIES

COMMON WAXBILL *Estrilda astrild* – (T-1) Tarangire NP

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YELLOW-BELLIED WAXBILL *Estrilda lidaquartinia* – (K-1) Small group seen at Thompson's Falls in lovely light.

RED-CHEEKED CORDONBLEU *Uraeginthus bengalus* – (T-3, K-1) TG and Nakuru, they were quite numerous by the Tarangire NP gate, feeding. Also at the NK gate where we visited with school children.

BLUE-CAPPED CORDONBLEU *Uraeginthus cyanocephalus* – (T-6) Widespread, we enjoyed them courting, carrying pieces of grass and trying to sing while showing them off, many pairs, sometimes small groups feeding.

PURPLE GRENADIER *Granatina ianthinogaster* – (T-1, K-1) One sighting in WS, we were happy to find them again at close range on our walk around the camp at AMB.

GREEN-WINGED PYTILIA *Pytilia melba* – (T-1) Two individuals seen on the walk at Lake Manyara the camp there (Kirawira Serena Camp).

RED-BILLED FIREFINCH *Lagonosticta senegala* – (T-1) NDU, great to find this colorful species.

AFRICAN FIREFINCH *Lagonosticta rubicata* – (T-1) Kirawira Serena Camp, LM.

BRONZE MANNIKIN *Spermestes cucullata* – (T-3, K-1) TG and NDU, seen as individuals typically mixed in with other species. Seen again at Thompson's Falls.

AFRICAN SILVERBILL *Euodice cantans* – (K-1) Seen on our morning walk at AMB, a group of six or so.

VIDUIDAE: INDIGOBIRDS

PIN-TAILED WHYDAH *Vidua macroura* – (T-2, K-1) One seen alongside the road as we traveled into WS, after seeing the Serval – two nice treats on this day!

STEEL-BLUE WHYDAH *Vidua hypocherina* – (T-2) Peg spied the first one in NS, as we left the sleeping mother lion and one cub to trace her other two cubs to the shade tree. It was feeding below us in a rock cleft so we got views from above and then as it flew off. We had another individual in WS as we explored the following day.

STRAW-TAILED WHYDAH *Vidua fischeri* – (T-1) Seen alongside the road flying, on a travel day.

VILLAGE INDIGOBIRD *Vidua chalybeata* – (T-1, K-1) Seen on two occasions, one day each in WS and AMB.

MAMMALS - 53 species!

BLUE MONKEY *Cercopithecus mitis* – (T-3) Best views in Lake Manyara area

SYKES MONKEY *Cercopithecus albogularis* – (K-2) Seen at Mountain Lodge, one naughty one with one arm proved to be quite the bandit at the lodge itself. We had great sunlit views one morning of a family grooming and greeting the day. Common at this location.

BLACK-FACED VERVET MONKEY *Cercopithecus aethiops* – (T-7, K-1) Commonly encountered, often near Baboon troops, we watched their antics, found several small babies, energetic and on the move this species is always entertaining. And those blue balls...

BLACK-AND-WHITE COLOBUS MONKEY *Colobus gueriza* – (K-1) Peg was lucky to catch the movement coming out of the rest room at the gate to check into Mt. Kenya and Mountain Lodge. The guards let us out to observe from the housing area, we had splendid views of them jumping, feeding and grooming, wow! Lynn and Nick also got to see them on their early day to Arusha NP.

OLIVE BABOON *Papio anubis* – (T-5, K-2) Seen very commonly, we watched them often. In Serengeti the troops were often widely spread out, crossing the new green areas of the grasslands. Never a dull

moment finding behaviors from mating to grooming new young. Sometimes vocal with great spats settled quickly, we saw them come and go from their trees at dawn and dusk and feed throughout the day. One BIG male jumped on our vehicle at Nakuru, not good! Peg yelled and Wilhelm quickly started the engine and it jumped off readily, phew!

YELLOW BABOON *Papio cynocephalus* – (K-2) At Amboseli we saw massive troops, the largest at the abandoned lodge that is now clearly a baboon hotel. Large troops 50-60, at the baboon hotel several 100.

CAPE HARE *Lepus capensis* – (T-3) Individuals spotted on three occasions, with good looks.

UNSTRIPED GROUND SQUIRREL *Xerus rutilus* – (T-2, K-2) Fairly common.

TREE SQUIRREL *Paraxerus cepapi* – (T-4, K-1) Seen regularly at TG and LM, also on travel day back from ML.

GRASSLAND MOUSE *Melomys burtoni* – (T-5, K-1) Quite common, we saw them best at our picnic spots and at the Serengeti entrance rest stop.

AFRICAN PORCUPINE *Hystrix cristata* – (T-1) Great find on our night drive at Lake Manyara.

BAT-EARED FOX *Otocyon megalotis* – (T-2) We had three shy ones that bolted away from a lovely resting spot with cool soil close to the road in WS, then seen again at a distance in NGC.

BLACK-BACKED JACKAL *Canis mesomelas* – (T-3, K-2) ND, WS, and NGC, then seen both days at NK.

GOLDEN JACKAL *Canis aureus* – (T-3) We were lucky with this species, with several sightings in NDU, including a den scene with adults and one young one, quite bold by the cars, just curious as it learned about the world.

SIDE-STRIPED JACKAL *Canis adustus* – (T-1) We saw one individual, while in Western Serengeti, in the same vicinity we first spied Black-backed Jackals. It was distant and on a mission to go somewhere, but we still got a look!

LARGE-SPOTTED GENET *Genetta tigrina* – (K-2) Seen both nights coming into the feeder, Linda was able to get photos, and there were two. Bill and Judie had front row seats!

AFRICAN CIVET *Civettictis civetta* – (K-1) Normally nocturnal, this largest member of its family was amazing to see. An elephant dislodged it from a grassy daybed, and it made several leaps and then a dash to get away. Peg happened to be making a video of the elephant and caught all this action, wow! Preston had not seen one for 20 years!

BANDED MONGOOSE *Mungos mungo* – (T-6) Seen well on several occasions, we'd happen upon the as small troops, and at times we found them with Olive Baboons, racing about in-between them.

WHITE-TAILED MONGOOSE *Ichneumia albicauda* – We saw this species on the night drive at Lake Manyara, and then on the lit-waterhole at Mountain Lodge.

SLENDER MONGOOSE *Herpestes sanguineus* – (T-2, K-1) Seen as single animals, we found them on three occasions; LM, NDU, NK.

COMMON DWARF MONGOOSE *Helogale parvula* – (T-1, K-1) TG and WS, really fun to find this small and inquisitive species!

SPOTTED HYAENA *Crocuta crocuta* – (T-5, K-4) Seen regularly, often as lone individuals "on patrol" and then as groups. Just past the Serengeti NP Visitor Center we happened on a trio where a male and female were repeatedly mating and a third younger male looked on, trying to get in on the action. At AMB we found double dens with two nursing mothers, one with a very young cub. We saw several with huge milk bags, and two that were injured, not an easy life out there with so many large predators!

SERVAL *Felis serval* – (T-1) Cracking views of this elusive cat. We watched it feeding, listening for rodent sounds along a grassy embankment not far from the road. Watched it for several minutes until it gave up and bedded down. Not far from the Serengeti NP Visitor Center. Wow!

CARACAL *Caracal caracal* – (T-1) This tour was charmed. Lynn and Preston spied an adult Caracal very close to the road, it slipped away quickly into tall grass, but we spied a baby, a very small baby, that pretended to hide but was easy to see. It changed positions a few time before we wisely moved off so mom could return. An amazing sighting on the day we left Serengeti to head to NGC!

LEOPARD *Panthera pardus* – (T-1) Less common than on some of our past tours, but Linda saved the day early on in the trip at NDU, spotting just a tail hanging down from a tall and prominent tree with open bare branches. It was still pink with sunrise light and the images we have we'll never forget, the silhouette of this great cat sitting, stretching, scratching claws and then descending the tree – we were thrilled. We watched it move across the woodland until out of sight. This was our only sighting of the trip.

LION *Panthera leo* – (T-8, K-1) We saw so many lions! We saw them sleeping, grooming, attending their cubs, attending very small cubs in a secret cluster of shrubs, and watched the walk elegantly across the plain. This trip provided a lion infusion!

CHEETAH *Acinonyx jubatus* – (T-2, K-1) We called the first one “Sleeping Beauty” and she was, pressed up against a shrub, she rolled and scratched her face and totally captivated us. We watched her quite a long time and finally left her there, resting. The next sighting was marvelous, though crowded, something we did not encounter much. But this was a now famous Cheetah, a female being courted by a new male as her very large almost fledged cubs looked on. We found the four together, but the younger two got restless and wanted to go. They crossed in front of our vehicle, then jumped up on a small leaning tree as Helmeted Guineafowl gave alarm calls. They stretched, used the tree bark as a scratching post, and called out to the female with soft barks. Hesitant but wanting to move, they took off. The female and males posed for another five or ten minutes, then left in tandem, the story to unfold... Our final sighting was at AMB, where a resting female watched a line of forty or more Wildebeest go by, Preston nodding his head saying no action here, too many hooves!

AFRICAN ELEPHANT *Loxodonta africana* – (T-9, K-3) While we expected to see Elephant, our sightings were significant and frequent and we saw more behavior than you can imagine. We saw young ones a day old, interactions between all age groups, elephants at water holes, dust bathing, and remarkably a group interaction with one group approaching the other, complex greetings and their glands weeping – amazing viewing of elephants! In Amboseli we saw long lines going to and from water, so memorable. We watched them in water up to their bellied, feeding with gusto.

ROCK HYRAX *Procavia capensis* – (T-2, K-1) Seen daily at Tarangire, where they were on our porches at Sopa Lodge. They scurried about the natural rock features and our rock hotels walls with equal pleasure, leaving calling cards by our doors. We found them again at a rocky outcrop with cliffs that gave us a view in Nakuru.

TREE HYRAX *Dendrohyrax arboreus* – (K-2) Present both days at Mountain Lodge, very vocal each night.

BURCHELL'S ZEBRA *Equus burchelli* – (T-11, K-3) Not a day went by without seeing Zebra, and seeing Zebra in good number. We saw them exhibit so much behavior, stallions on territory braying, young stallions wrestling, mares tending foals, groups dust bathing, young nursing, herds alert and edgy, running, many just grazing or resting.

BLACK RHINOCEROS *Diceros bicornis* – (K-1) We first found a mother and calf at a VERY long distance on a slope as we descended into NGC. We found several others this day, one closer for a better look. Leaving Nakuru, we found a male not far from the road, active as it was still early. We watched it spray

urine like a fire nozzle to mark its territory and felt certain we would not want to mess with it. This male eventually crossed the road, splendid views!

WHITE RHINOCEROS *Ceratotherium simum* – (K-2) We had superb looks at a mother and calf, urged on by Preston to leave early, we got to an area he knows they use before they went down to water, and watched them feed and work their way down slope. They came very close, the baby about 2.5 months old, a comical blubber ball that captivated our attention. The female was enormous but still attentive and tender. We cringed to think they are killed for just a horn – tragic to imagine and wonderful to see them here. We had several other sightings while in Lake Nakuru, at a greater distance but good.

WARTHOG *Phacochoerus aethiopicus* – (T-7, K-3) We found them at all locations except in any number at NDU and in the mountains. They were often shy and would bolt away as we stopped to photograph. Finally at NGC they were tolerant and seemed to pose. Several were “chocolate” dipped, enjoying the mudholes with gusto. One escaped a fine hunting scheme put on by five lionesses, running like a lightning bolt and looking back with what appeared to be a silly grin with its upturned moustache and tusks. No small babies but some several months old.

GIANT FOREST HOG *Hylochoerus meinertzhageni* (K-2) We watched this largest of the pig family come in to the waterhole at Mountain Lodge, feeding on the short-cropped grasses and drinking. They had a fascinating encounter with a Verreaux’s Eagle Owl cheeky enough to stand its ground – until the big male came in to settle the discussion.

HIPPOPOTAMUS *Hippopotamus amphibius* – (T-6, K-3) Wherever there was water we had Hippos, often lounging in great piles, with various sizes all intermingled. In time we saw quite a few out of the water, and we watched for their huge and queer tracks emanating out from the rivers to far grazing areas, amazing. We watched one that seemed to be at the spa at a raging river in Western Serengeti. We saw many looking like logs with jacanas and Cattle Egrets riding aboard. Their grunts will always be with us.

COMMON GIRAFFE *Giraffa camelopardalis* – (T-11, K-2) We were thrilled to have many close encounters with giraffes of all ages. We saw them as singles, but mainly as loosely distributed groups, a few with fairly young offspring of a few months old. We saw two go down to drink, so awkward and at risk, something to see. While we saw many, we stopped often and also appreciated the oxpeckers so frequently upon them.

ROTHSCHILD'S GIRAFFE *Giraffa rothschildi* – (K-2) We watched several of these lovely giraffes at Nakuru, feeding and moving through the woodlands, white stockings obvious.

BUSHBUCK *Tragelaphus scriptus* – (T-3, K-2) We saw them in Tarangire near our lodge, then had one sighting in NDU, then regularly seen at Mountain Lodge around the waterhold, including some very melanistic (older) bucks.

COMMON ELAND *Taurotragus oryx* – (T-3, K-2) First seen at NDU, then a large group was seen at NGC. We had sightings both days at Amboseli. Never common, we still got very good looks and were able to watch them grazing.

AFRICAN BUFFALO *Syncerus caffer* – (T-7, K-5) Common, we saw many, and we saw huge groups. We watched them feed in grassland and wetland, saw many young calves, watched huge bulls move to water in a line. We watched them for a long time at Mountain Lodge where a group rarely left the waterhole.

COMMON WATERBUCK *Kobus ellipsiprymnus* – (T-3, K-1) Tarangire and the travel day back to Arusha and then Amboseli. We watched herds in the wetland areas.

DEFASSA WATERBUCK *Kobus defassa* – (T-4, K-3) NDU and WS, AMB and NK, we saw groups of 6-12 often, intermingled with other grazing mammals around water areas.

BOHOR REEDBUCK *Redunca redunca* – (T-2, K-2) Associated with wetland areas, we saw this herbivore in small numbers.

TOPI *Damaliscus lunatus* – (T-4) Seen in grassland areas particularly in Western Serengeti where they are common. Often traveling in small herds, or scattered with other grazing animals.

HARTEBEEST (KONGONI) *Alcelaphus buselaphus* – (T-5) Small numbers seen at TG, NDU, WS and NGC.

BLUE WILDEBEEST *Connochaetes taurinus* – (T-6, K-2) We could not have hit the timing better on this, we saw hundreds of thousands of this legendary migrating species in Tanzania, including one small group left behind in Western Serengeti. They were massively abundant at Ndotu stretching into Serengeti fairly close to the entrance but not much farther. We saw several giving birth, though most had calved, it was fun to see the tiny lightning-quick calves exercise and gain confidence each day. They were fat, plenty of food, and in-turn feeding the predator world. An amazing part of our journey to see such numbers. In Kenya, we saw non-migratory herds at AMB and NAK.

SUNI *Neotragus moschatus* – (K-1) Lynn and Nick arrived early and toured Arusha NP where they saw many not counted in this tally. We were able to get good views later on in Kenya, on our extension, early each morning near the gate to the lodge.

KIRK'S DIK-DIK *Madoqua kirki* – (T-7, K-1) We saw pairs of this species often, and one trio with a youngster, feeding in flowering shrubs. Widespread and common.

IMPALA *Aepyceros malampus* – (T-10, K-3) All locations except NGC and the mountains. This graceful antelope shone like bronze in the sun, we loved photographing them in early morning light. We watched males trying to herd females, chasing females, standing alone waiting for females. We found large and small groups, and young a couple months old. Common.

THOMSON'S GAZELLE *Gazella thomsoni* – (T-6, K-3) Widespread, not abundant but scattered in good number throughout the other grazing mammals.

GRANT'S GAZELLE *Gazella granti* – (T-7, K-2) Widespread, we found them in small groups and watched them feeding, marking territory and interacting.

YELLOW-WINGED BAT *Lavia frons* – (T-2) This bat is really a bright yellow, rather shocking to see. We had it one day while afield in a shrubby area, and then off the deck of our lodge at NDU.

Bat, sp. – Near lodges with lights we saw several bat species but could not identify them.

HERPS – 8 species

LEOPARD TORTOISE *Stigmochelys pardalis* – (T-4) – Great to see and watch in the Serengeti grasslands!

RED-HEADED AGAMA LIZARD *Agama agama* – (T-3) Very common on the extensive rock walls of our lodge in Tarangire.

MWANZA AGAMA LIZARD *Agama mwanzae* – (T-1) Seen at the rest stop and Visitor Center at Serengeti, atop the hill males were chasing females with vigor.

SMOOTH CHAMELEON *Chamaeleo laevigatus* – (T-1) Seen after we watched elephants in Tarangire, crossing the road as we returned from the afternoon game drive.

SLENDER CHAMELEON *Chamaeleo gracilis* – (T-1) Seen on the road on an afternoon game drive in Western Serengeti.

TROPICAL HOUSE GECKO *Hemidactylus mabouia* – (T-4) Seen at our lodgings.

STRIPED SKINK *Trachylepis striata* (T-2, K-2) Seen here and there, rocky areas.

GREEN SNAKE, sp. (T-1) One of three possible species, seen by Bill and Judie outside their tent at our luxury camp in the Serengeti.

BUTTERFLIES

AFRICAN BLUE TIGER *Tirumala petiverana* – Seen in the gardens at Amboseli

AFRICAN QUEEN (MONARCH) *Danaus chrysippus* -

LARGE ORANGE TIP *Colotis antevippe* -

ROUND-WINGED ORANGE TIP *Colotis euipe* -

SWAMP PATROLLER *Henotesia perspicua* -

NOBLE SWALLOWTAIL *Papilo nobilis* -

BLUE PANSY *Junnia oenone* -

GARDEN INSPECTOR *Precis archesia* -

GOLDEN ARAB *Colotis chrysonoma* -

CITRIS SWALLOWTAIL *Papilo demodocus* -

DIADEM, sp

And others, yet to ID!