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(HO)= Distinctive enough to be counted as heard only

(I)= Introduced

(E)= Endemic

(#) with species = the number of days seen of total of 20

(3) in family line = number of species in family seen

Tour Summary: While Africa trips are always amazing, this year birding Kenya and Tanzania provided us an unbelievable GREEN tapestry – a wonder to see but challenging for spotting ground-dwelling birds and mammals. Unseasonable rains created wet road conditions; indeed, some areas were simply impassible, particularly roads to wetland areas and marshes that we typically visit. This year rains continued through January into early February (we had rain our first three days, a first for our February dry-season timing). We marveled at how lush the landscape was, so beautiful and green, but tall grasses made it tough to find sandgrouse, bustards, and other terrestrial species. With that in mind we still had a terrific list of birds and amazing time with Lions, Cheetah and Serval. A den of Bat-eared Fox was great to observe. Secretarybirds and Kori Bustards were plentiful. New for the list this year, a Denham's Bustard stole the show seen interacting with a Serval. Twenty-five species of raptors kept us challenged, as did 25 species of weavers. Eleven species of beautiful sunbirds, and a surprise pair of Painted Snipe were all treats. Overall, we'll remember the half a million or more Wildebeest in constant motion. Witnessing this great migration, having front-row seats and listening to their sounds, watching their endless motion was a thrill.

Locations visited:

KY – Kenya

ML - Mt. Kenya NP (Mountain Lodge)

NAK - Nakuru NP

AMB – Amboseli NP

TZ – Tanzania

TG – Tarangire NP

ND – Ndutu

SG – Serengeti

Oldapai

NGC – Ngorongoro Crater

Lake Manyara

BIRDS (384 species recorded, of which 5 were heard only):

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OSTRICHES: Struthionidae (1)

Common Ostrich *Struthio camelus*— KY, TZ (10) Seen daily in Amboseli, males with bright pink necks and their attendant females. High count was 15 there. Seen in the lush high grass at Tarangire, groups of four or five. With us throughout the trip, we watched them dust bathe in the road, and feed in the long grass. We saw them in ND and SG in smaller number as well, widespread throughout the journey.

DUCKS, GEESE, AND SWANS: Anatidae (9)

White-faced Whistling-Duck *Dendrocygna viduata*— KY, TZ (5) Our first two were seen in flight over the small wetland in front of the Ole Serena hotel near Nairobi's airport. A few individuals were present in the marsh areas of Amboseli. We never had high numbers, but at each wetland location, including TG and NGC they were present.

Fulvous Whistling-Duck *Dendrocygna bicolor*— KY, TZ (3) A few were seen flying at Nakuru. Up to thirty a day were seen in the marshes of Amboseli where we got excellent views. A few of the group listed them also in TG.

Knob-billed Duck *Sarkidiornis melanotos*— KY, TZ (3) One individual seen flying into the waste water ponds on the way into our lodge at Nakuru. We had several sightings of them in TG including one bright male that posed regally in a tree that our photographers loved.

Egyptian Goose *Alopochen aegyptiaca*— KY, TZ (17) A pair kept faithful watch over the pond at Mountain Lodge, Mt. Kenya. Numerous at Nakuru, one had a brood of large chicks. Up to 100 per day in pairs regularly spaced through the marshes at Amboseli. They proved to be one of the most regularly encountered birds of the trip, a pair in residence at each small wetland and numerous at larger wetlands. A few pairs had broods but not many.

Spur-winged Goose *Plectropterus gambensis*— TZ (1) Seen only in NGC, the first two spotted by Nancy in an open area amid tall grass. We saw them feeding and in flight, perhaps a half a dozen or so that single day.

Hottentot Teal *Spatula hottentota*— KY (3) One individual seen near the Nakuru NP main entrance station that due to rising lake levels is now underwater. Small groups, up to six, were present in the marshes of Amboseli.

Yellow-billed Duck *Anas undulata*— KY (1) There were six in a quiet pond beyond the south end of Lake Nakuru. Seen swimming and in flight, they quickly hid once disturbed.

Cape Teal *Anas capensis*— KY, TZ (4) About twenty were sitting on the berm of the Lake Nakuru southern edge, mixed in with a hundred or more Gray-headed Gulls. We had close views at pairs here and there at AMB and ND.

Red-billed Duck *Anas erythrorhyncha*— KY (3) Three seen in the same small pond off the end of Lake Nakuru where we found African Black Duck. Present in small number in marshes of Amboseli.

GUINEAFOWL: Numididae (1)

Helmeted Guineafowl *Numida meleagris*— KY, TZ (16) Our first two were calling and active in the open area near the patio of our Nairobi hotel. Nancy spotted a group of ten at Nakuru. Present in Amboseli,

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some had big broods of ten or more chicks. Widespread, we then found them almost daily, sometimes in larger groups, but with the tall grass, our only hope of seeing them was along road margins.

PARTRIDGES AND PHEASANTS: Phasianidae (10)

Harlequin Quail *Coturnix delegorguei*— KY (1) Preston's van had one quick flyby, in the grasslands of Amboseli.

Common Quail *Coturnix coturnix*— TZ (1) One sighting, along the roadside in Nduu.

Scaly Francolin *Pternistis squamatus*— KY (1) Our lead van saw two cross the road going into Mt. Kenya NP and Mountain Lodge.

Hildebrandt's Francolin *Pternistis hildebrandti*— TZ (1) Two seen by the lead van going along the lush forest of the rim of NGC. With tall grass, the only sightings were on the road this year.

Yellow-necked Francolin *Pternistis leucoscepus*— KY, TZ (6) Seen along the roadsides of Amboseli, in the early morning they would perch up and call from dead tree stumps – highly visible.

Gray-breasted Francolin *Pternistis rufopictus*— TZ (5) We first encountered them at Nduu where we saw them regularly.

Red-necked Francolin *Pternistis afer*— TZ (3) First seen at Tarangire, common there.

Crested Francolin *Dendroperdix sephaena*— KY, TZ (7) A couple of pairs frequented the grounds of the Sentrim Amboseli hotel. Seen also along the roadside in Tarangire. Present throughout our time in Nduu and Serengeti in small numbers, usually pairs.

Shelley's Francolin *Scleroptila shelleyi* — TZ (1) Two seen at Nduu returning to camp.

Coqui Francolin *Peliperdix coqui*— TZ (4) Seen in very small numbers, mainly crossing the road, again under-counted this year due to the long, lush grass.

FLAMINGOS: Phoenicopteridae (2)

Greater Flamingo *Phoenicopterus roseus*— KY, TZ (10) What stunning birds. We saw several in flight over the Nakuru wastewater ponds going in to our lodge and then the next day, over 500 clustered together at the southern end of Lake Nakuru. We saw another fifty or so at the north end of the lake later that day. We found them again on Lake Amboseli, thousands – so impressive! At Lake Nduu we got super looks as we left the area, following the shoreline of Lake Masik.

Lesser Flamingo *Phoeniconaias minor*— KY, TZ (11) Good numbers seen at Lake Nakuru, more at the northern end of the lake, feeding along the lakeshore. Also present in Amboseli, about a third of the count for Greaters. Many were really bright pink in coloration. There was a group of forty or so using Lake Nduu.

PIGEONS AND DOVES: Columbidae (13)

Rock Pigeon *Columba livia*— KY, TZ (5) Seen on the wires of urban Nairobi as we left to go north to Mt. Kenya. Seen in larger urban areas on travel days, including our final day through Arusha.

Speckled Pigeon *Columba guinea*— KY, TZ (8) Lovely close views from the porch of Ole Serena hotel, Nairobi. Seen in travel, a few seen while at Nakuru around our lodge. Seen around the entrance gate to Amboseli National Park. Comfortable around humans, they perched atop our tents at Nduu.

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Rameron (Olive) Pigeon *Columba arquatrix* — TZ (1) Sopa Lodge, NGC rim, several around the buildings and grounds.

Delegorgue's (Eastern Bronze-naped) Pigeon *Columba delegorguei*—KY (2) One individual came down to the clay lick behind the Mountain Lodge water hole.

Lemon Dove *Aplopelia larvata*— KY (1) **HO** Heard only on our dense forest walk at Mountain Lodge. They were far enough we could not pursue finding them.

Dusky Turtle-Dove *Streptopelia lugens*—KY, TZ (2) A surprise find and seen well on the wires and fence posts of our Nairobi hotel at the edge of Nairobi National Park. We saw a few again at NGC, using exposed soil mineral licks.

Mourning Collared-Dove *Streptopelia decipiens*—KY, TZ (10) Quite common around our lodge in Amboseli, the morning wake-up call. We heard them and found a small group at Tarangire. They were present at Lake Manyara as we watched shorebirds.

Red-eyed Dove *Streptopelia semitorquata*—KY, TZ (17) One individual in Nairobi at the hotel. Tana Bridge. A few individuals at Mountain Lodge. Seen one or two at a time on travel days, and about 12 a day while at Nakuru, scattered individuals. Scattered individuals throughout Amboseli, esp. in the wooded areas. Tarangire. Widespread, often seen in flight as pairs moved through an area.

Ring-necked Dove *Streptopelia capicola*— KY, TZ (15) Two among the larger Speckled at Nairobi. Scattered individuals seen while traveling. At Flamingo Hill Camp we woke to their “Work Harder” calls and saw them regularly on the grounds, a few out and about while on safari. Encountered daily in Amboseli. The most commonly encountered and numerous dove of our journey.

Laughing Dove *Streptopelia senegalensis*— KY, TZ (8) One of our first birds seen as we drove into the hotel parking lot of Ole Serena hotel, Nairobi. Encountered daily in Amboseli. Widespread but in small numbers the rest of our journey.

Emerald-spotted Wood-Dove *Turtur chalcospilos*— TZ (1) Seen only on our final safari day when Preston noticed three feeding in the short grass at the lakeshore of Lake Manyara.

Namaqua Dove *Oena capensis*— KY, TZ (3) A few individuals in Amboseli, seen on road margins in grassy areas. A quick view of one at Ndutu.

African Green-Pigeon *Treron calvus*— KY, TZ (2) We had a group fly over on the short morning walk to the gate the day we left Mountain Lodge, Mt. Kenya. Peg and Jack were photographing from the pool area overlooking lush vegetation and the Crater floor at Sopa Lodge when a flock flew through, beautiful in morning light.

SANDGROUSE: Pteroclididae (2)

Yellow-throated Sandgrouse *Pterocles gutturalis*— KY, TZ (2) Preston's van picked up a couple in Amboseli one day. Hard to see this year if they did not come out to the road, but we had glimpses in ND and SG.

Black-faced Sandgrouse *Pterocles decorates*— TZ (4) Great views out in the road at Tarangire. Their energetic love of dustbathing meant they did come out to the roads. Seen all days in TG, then one more day in SG.

BUSTARDS: Otidae (4)

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Kori Bustard *Ardeotis kori*— KY, TZ (6) Our first regal individual was walking and feeding under an Umbrella Acacia tree that held a Lappet-faced Vulture pair. It stood as high as the gazelle herd it walked through. This bird was a favorite of our group, encountered fairly often but always a “stop please!” command. We had many in NGC, Nancy counted ten or more. Of note was the close-range looks we got at a male displaying – puffing out his throat and strutting against the beautiful backdrop of scenery at NGC – wow.

Denham’s Bustard *Neotis denhami*— TZ (2) A new trip bird for us this year, and one that eBird asks for documentation on, we were thrilled to see Denham’s Bustard as we approached ND. It was seen in the same area we had just spied a Serval and the interaction between the two was fascinating. At one point we thought the Serval was stalking it, but it turned and purposely chased the Serval out of its lair. They then moved almost side by side, the bustard with a keen eye on the cat and the Serval saying, “I’m not interested in you”.

White-bellied Bustard *Eupodotis senegalensis*— KY, TZ (2) Normally common, in this long grass this was only heard and on one day leaving Amboseli in Kenya. One van had a sighting in SG.

Black-bellied Bustard *Lissotis melanogaster*— TZ (1) Also normally common, in this long grass year, we had just one bird seen in flight, seen by one vehicle in the tall grasses of SG.

TURACOS: Musophagidae (3)

Hartlaub’s Turaco (E) *Tauraco hartlaubi*— KY (2) We finally got good looks at this stunning bird on our walk at Mountain Lodge, Mt. Kenya after hearing it from the observation deck or just getting glimpses.

Bare-faced Go-away-bird *Corythaixoides personatus*— TZ (4) Seen in Ndotu and Serengeti in small numbers.

White-bellied Go-away-bird *Corythaixoides leucogaster*— KY, TZ (8) Great views at Sentrim Amboseli Camp, daily. Seen at Tarangire, their vocalizations often giving their location away. Kathy spied one our final day on the drive back to Arusha.

CUCKOOS: Cuculidae (8)

White-browed Coucal *Centropus superciliosus*— KY, TZ (11) Two individuals seen well as they perched up in Amboseli NP. A pair seen at a dry river crossing in Tarangire. They seemed more numerous and regular this year than others, being found at most locations.

Great Spotted Cuckoo *Clamator glarius*— TZ (2) Two were seen near the Bat-eared Fox den in ND, they fed on the ground so we got very good looks. Seen again at Lake Manyara.

Pied (Jacobin) Cuckoo *Clamator jacobinus*— KY, TZ (7) Seen as lone individuals or pairs at several locations: TG, ND, NGC and Lake Manyara.

Dideric Cuckoo *Chrysococcyx caprius*— KY, TZ (6) One heard calling while stopped on our safari at Nakuru. One seen in Amboseli and several in Serengeti. There was in a tree as we waited to load luggage at Lake Manyara

Klaas’s Cuckoo *Chrysococcyx klaas*— KY, TZ (3) A female was seen in with a mixed flock, working the branches of Yellow Fever acacia trees in the company of a White-winged Tit and Cardinal Woodpecker at Lake Nakuru. One seen in AMB and another at ND.

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African Emerald Cuckoo *Chrysococcyx cupreus*— KY, TZ (2) **HO** on our walk at Mountain Lodge, it came close but in the thick forest we could not locate it. We had another tease us at the gate leaving NGC, high in the trees it called regularly but would not come in to view.

Red-chested Cuckoo *Cuculus solitarius*— KY, TZ (5) One posed for us on the optional early morning walk at Sentrin Amboseli. We then heard several in TG park. One was calling at the Baobab tree platform at the entrance to Tarangire NP. At our second lodge there, Tarangire Safari Lodge, one was seen several times on the grounds.

African Cuckoo *Cuculus gularis*— TZ (1) One seen the day we left ND as we crossed a waterway and climbed up through the acacia woodland heading to Lake Masik. It left a perch and flew across behind us, then perched in a larger acacia tree.

NIGHTJARS: Caprimulgidae (1)

Square-tailed Nightjar *Caprimulgus fossii*— TZ (1) Seen well, flying and then landing to sit on the road at close range on our night drive at Lake Manyara.

SWIFTS: Apodidae (6)

Nyanza Swift *Apus niansae*— KY, TZ (2) Seen at Mountain Lodge and then again from the expansive patio of the Crater Rim, Sopa Lodge NGC.

African (Black) Swift *Apus barbatus*— KY (4) A few seen as we came out of customs through the large airport windows at Nairobi. Also present at Mountain Lodge.

Little Swift *Apus affinis*— KY, TZ (14) Big flocks chattering away at the Nairobi airport, also at Ole Serena hotel and under bridges as we traveled. 1000+ Tana River bridge. Seen at Nakuru and Amboseli. Seen at all locations in Tanzania.

Horus Swift *Apus horus*— KY, TZ (5) Two seen at the airport. Small groups observed over the marshes of Amboseli. Groups of ten or more at a time over the grassland in Tarangire.

White-rumped Swift *Apus caffer*— KY, TZ (3) Noted at AMB. This was then the common swift seen in Serengeti alongside Little Swift.

African Palm-Swift *Cypsiurus parvus*— KY, TZ (5) Hundreds seen at the Nairobi airport, very busy in and out of standing palms. Numerous around the palm areas of Amboseli. Numerous in Arusha and Tarangire.

RAILS, CRAKES, AND ALLIES: Rallidae (2)

Red-knobbed Coot *Fulica cristata*— KY (4) The lead van had quick looks at this species, one individual, at a pond along the road up to Mountain Lodge, before the park boundary. Groups of 12-30 seen at various spots on the lakeshore of Lake Nakuru. Also seen on our travel day over to TZ.

Black Crane *Zapornia flavirostra*— KY, TZ (6) Seen at Nakuru and Amboseli, one or two individuals working the margins of wetlands. We found them readily at various Hippo Pools in Serengeti, often coming out into the open.

CRANES: Gruidae (1)

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Gray Crowned-Crane *Balearica regulorum*— KY, TZ (8) Jack and Nancy spied two from the Ole Serena patio in Nairobi. We had wonderful views repeatedly, mainly of pairs at Amboseli. They had big chicks, and fed with them, often splitting apart one chick, one adult as our Sandhill Cranes do. One pair had three and we watched them at close range, able to photograph and video. Widespread, we could not see too many of this elegant crane!

THICK-KNEES: Burhinidae (2)

Water Thick-knee *Burhinus vermiculatus*— KY, TZ (2) One pair seen well on a small island in a flooded part of the grassland at Amboseli. We had one at the flooded lakeshore at Manyara.

Spotted Thick-knee *Burhinus capensis*— KY (2) We saw two pair the first day, then a lone individual the second, in flooded grassland areas of Amboseli.

STILTS AND AVOCETS: Recurvirostridae (2)

Black-winged Stilt *Himantopus himantopus*— KY, TZ (6) Seen on all of our three drives in Lake Nakuru NP, high count of 10 at one time. Numerous at Amboseli, thirty to forty a day.

Pied Avocet *Recurvirostra avocetta*— KY, TZ (6) Four individuals seen in a small freshwater pond below the southern shore of Lake Nakuru with quite a few other shorebirds present. Seen all days at Amboseli, with 20 being the conservative high count.

PLOVERS AND LAPWINGS: Charadriidae (9)

Long-toed Lapwing *Vanellus crassirostris*— KY, TZ (3) Seen well in good number at Amboseli, both days, then a few again at Lake Manyara.

Spur-winged Lapwing *Vanellus spinosus*— KY, TZ (6) Seen in small number at Lake Nakuru. Similar small numbers (compared to Blacksmith) at Amboseli. One sighting in SG and then found again in good number at Lake Manyara.

Blacksmith Lapwing *Vanellus armatus*— KY, TZ (10) Very common at Lake Nakuru, up to 100 seen in a day with pairs, small groups present. Very common at Amboseli. Numerous throughout the journey, particularly at ND along the linear waterways we traveled looking for lions and other cats.

Crowned Lapwing *Vanellus coronatus*— KY, TZ (11) Two pairs seen in Lake Nakuru, not numerous. Very common at Amboseli, evenly spaced in grassland areas, maybe 15 to 20 pair a day. Common throughout ND and Serengeti as well.

Kittlitz's Plover *Charadrius pecuarius*— KY, TZ (6) At the water flow outlet from the small pond back to the main Lake Nakuru, there were at least a dozen along the lakeshore. Seen at water areas but also in open grassland areas, up to a dozen a day.

Common Ringed Plover *Charadrius hiaticula*— KY, TZ (2) Four individuals seen in with the Kittlitz's Plovers at the end of Lake Nakuru. Two seen at a water feature in Serengeti.

Little Ringed Plover *Charadrius dubius*— KY (1) Two individuals seen on the water channel running in to the south shore of Lake Nakuru.

Three-banded Plover *Charadrius tricollaris*— KY, TZ (8) The first one seen very well at the flooded former park entrance of Lake Nakuru, then two more at the southern end of the lake. Another beauty

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was seen at Lake Amboseli. They turned out to be with us throughout the journey, typically one or two at wetland stops.

Chestnut-banded Plover *Charadrius pallidus*— KY, TZ (2) A good find at Lake Amboseli, six in total. We then far surpassed that, along the shore of Lake Masik in ND, there were at least forty, packed in tightly together. Both sightings were through the legs of flamingoes which they seem to keep company within their chosen habitat.

PAINTED-SNIPES: Rostratulidae (1)

Greater Painted-Snipe *Rostratula benghalensis*— TZ (1) Jean pointed to two snipes at the edge of a small pond crossing Serengeti's main road and Peg gave a shout – these were two Painted Snipe, not frequently encountered. We got very good looks.

JACANAS: Jacanidae (1)

African Jacana *Actophilornis africanus*— KY, TZ (5) Two bright individuals worked the ponds at the southern end of Lake Nakuru. Abundant in the marshes of Amboseli. We found them again on the flooded lakeshore of Lake Manyara.

SANDPIPERS AND ALLIES: Scolopacidae (11)

Ruff *Calidris pugnax*— KY, TZ (6) Big flocks, thirty or more, seen far in the distance on the wastewater ponds of Nakuru but with luck several were soon seen well at close range on the southern lakeshore. Twelve to fifteen a day in marshes of Amboseli. They were regularly encountered in small number at water features in Ndotu and Serengeti.

Curlew Sandpiper *Calidris ferruginea*— TZ (1) Not common, we found two with searching among the other shorebirds at along the shallow waterways of Ndotu.

Sanderling *Calidris alba*— KY (1) A few individuals were found both days in Amboseli, in with other shorebirds.

Little Stint *Calidris minuta*— KY, TZ (6) Quite numerous, up to 50 individuals in the marshes of Amboseli. Present in most wetland areas in good number at ND and SG.

Common Snipe *Gallinago gallinago*— KY, TZ (4) Five seen our first day, and three our second, at Nakuru, totally out in the open at times. We had one in SG and then one on our final safari day at Lake Manyara.

Common Sandpiper *Actitis hypoleucos*— KY, TZ (7) Quite common in Nakuru in any watered area, and along flooded roadways there. They were seen as scattered individuals along the waterways of ND, and at various Hippo Pools in SG. Seen our final day on the flooded lakeshore of Manyara.

Green Sandpiper *Tringa ochropus*— KY, TZ (3) One individual busy feeding in the flooded areas adjacent to the waterhole of Mountain Lodge, Mt. Kenya NP. We had one individual, luckily parked next to a Ruff for comparison at Amboseli. One encountered later in Ndotu in the water channels there.

Common Greenshank *Tringa nebularia*— KY, TZ (5) One individual seen on the northern side of Lake Nakuru where floodwaters blocked our passage. Two seen in the marshy area on our first full day in Amboseli. There were scattered individuals encountered along waterways in ND, and then at least fifteen in a group our final safari day at Manyara along the lakeshore.

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Marsh Sandpiper *Tringa stagnatilis*— KY, TZ (10) Lone individuals seen in most wetland pond stops around Nakuru. Up to ten a day seen in the marsh at Amboseli. They stayed with us as regular members of wetland shorebird aggregates through the trip, including our final day when four were seen in flight at Manyara.

Wood Sandpiper *Tringa glareola*— KY, TZ (6) A few scattered individuals were seen at ponds in Nakuru, then a group of nine posed well for us, showing quite a size variation, at the road end at flood parts of northern Lake Nakuru. Present but not numerous at Amboseli. They stayed with us as regular members of wetland shorebird aggregates, both river courses and lake shorelines.

Common Redshank *Tringa tetanus*— KY (1) One individual, uncommon here, seen with Black-winged Stilts and Pied Avocets our first day at Amboseli.

Turnicidae: Buttonquails (1)

Common (Little) Buttonquail *Turnix sylvatica*— TZ (1) Very quick looks in the road track, so tiny it looked like a chick, except for its signature yellow iris and plumage. Just a single bird, Ndotu.

PRATINCOLES AND COURSERS: Glareolidae (2)

Double-banded Courser *Scolopax africana*— KY, TZ (11) Excellent looks at this beauty in the grasslands of Amboseli. Seen at close range then on many days, particularly numerous at ND.

Collared Pratincole *Glareola pratincola*— TZ (2) Seen in large number, at least 150 one day roosting on the sandy margins of the waterway we explored, at ND.

GULLS AND TERNS: Laridae (4)

Gray-hooded Gull *Chroicocephalus cirrocephalus*— KY, TZ (3) Big numbers, several hundred on Lake Nakuru, seen along the lakeshore regularly and then seen as a big group roosting at the southern end. A few seen in Amboseli and a few were noted in Ndotu on one day.

Gull-billed Tern *Gelochelidon nilotica*— KY, TZ (5) First present on day two in the bigger open marsh of Amboseli. Widespread, we had individuals and small groups in Amboseli, Ndotu, NGC and Lake Manyara.

White-winged Tern *Chlidonias leucopterus*— KY (1) A group of thirty or more were actively feeding in the water outlet of the small pond to Lake Nakuru, where shorebirds gathered as well. Close proximity to Black-winged Stilts gave us an immediate size measuring tool!

Whiskered Tern *Chlidonias hybrid*— KY, TZ (5) Two flying over flooded bulrush areas extending from the pond at the southern end of Lake Nakuru. Numerous at Amboseli, showing all phases of plumage from breeding to non-breeding, adult and immatures.

STORKS: Ciconiidae (5)

Abdim's Stork *Ciconia abdimii*— TZ (8) Seen in abundance on the drive from Arusha to Tarangire NP. Seen again in abundance in the crater at NGC and on the drive back to Arusha.

White Stork *Ciconia ciconia*— KY, TZ (8) Kathy spied a small kettle and above Thompson's Falls and we poured out of the restaurant to get a view. Seen going into the marsh our first day at Amboseli, in a curious straight line along the marsh, widely spaced but linear. We found them by the thousands at ND,

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perching in trees and lining the waterways. Big groups seen in flight and feeding there. They were present on the road into Serengeti in lands used by the Maasai for grazing before the park.

Saddle-billed Stork *Ephippiorhynchus senegalensis*— KY, TZ (4) Good views in Amboseli, a female at close range and then two far individuals tending treetop nest sites. We found them again on nesting trees in Tarangire. An immature was seen along the flooded lakeshore of Manyara our final afternoon.

Marabou Stork *Leptoptilos crumenifer*— KY, TZ (17) A big kettle was first seen from the Nairobi airport. They were quite common in Nakuru, adults and large immatures in small groups throughout the area. Standing guard faithfully in dead trees going in and out of our lodge at Amboseli, then scattered throughout the park in small number. Present then throughout our journey, we got to know this species well. Mike doing a headstand at the Hippo Pool in NGC next to a very tolerant one was memorable!

Yellow-billed Stork *Mycteria ibis*— KY, TZ (4) Our first two very bright and clean individuals near Thika on our first travel day north from Nairobi. At Nakuru several were staking out possible nest placement in tall trees of the lakeshore and many were seen feeding. Close to a hundred was the estimate for our morning outing to the southern lakeshore. A half-dozen seen at Amboseli, mixed in with other waders. We then saw them in small numbers at wetland areas in TZ, but no breeding activity noted at any locations there.

DARTERS AND ANHINGA: Anhingidae (1)

African Darter *Anhinga melanogaster*— KY (3) Quite common and regularly spaced going down the lakeshore at Nakuru. Often seen in flight, and perched with wings extended.

CORMORANTS: Phalacrocoracidae (2)

Long-tailed Cormorant *Microcarbo africanus*— KY (3) Several flying past the Ole Serena patio, from wetland to wetland crossing. Present at Lake Nakuru but in far fewer numbers than Great Cormorants.

Great Cormorant *Phalacrocorax carbo*— KY (1) Hundreds at Lake Nakuru, decorating dead trees along the lakeshore where high water continues to flood the forests. Also seen in the bulrush area at the end of the lake.

PELICANS: Pelecanidae (2)

Great White Pelican *Pelecanus onocrotalus*— KY, TZ (6) Wow – this was a spectacle to remember, hundreds and hundreds (1000 total a conservative estimate) on Lake Nakuru. They packed into the southern end of the lake, and would erupt in flight, sunlight catching the wings – just lovely! Many, 200+ at Amboseli. A small (six) flotilla was present at the Hippo Pool in NGC. We also had some flyovers in Tarangire.

Pink-backed Pelican *Pelecanus rufescens*— KY (1) Pat spotted one lone individual, a young bird, swimming below the Baboon Cliffs at Lake Nakuru, and got the scope on it for us.

HAMERKOP: Scopidae (1)

Hamerkop *Scopus umbretta*— KY, TZ (12) One seen well, perched on a fencepost and flying, from Ole Serena hotel, Nairobi. Another seen feeding at the Tana River Bridge stop by the power plant. We had very good views of a lone one feeding in a muddy channel below Lake Nakuru – its color matched

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perfectly. It was fishing, raising its crest – Peg got a fun video. One flew over our lodge at Sentrim Amboseli, but otherwise not numerous here. A nesting pair on the grounds of our lodge in Arusha were courting, calling, and mating on their huge stick nest. We found them several days as we made our way out to Serengeti, single birds feeding or pairs attending their nests. Widespread.

HERONS AND EGRETS: Ardeidae (10)

Gray Heron *Ardea cinerea*— KY, TZ (8) Seen well at Lake Nakuru, several individuals in flooded areas along the lakeshore. Scattered individuals at Amboseli. Seen along the road between Arusha and Tarangire. Seen at Manyara our final afternoon.

Black-headed Heron *Ardea melanocephala*— KY, TZ (11) Half a dozen seen from our hotel patio in Nairobi, using the wetland created by the rains uncommon for January this year. We had others in wet areas below Lake Nakuru, there while we watched White Rhino feeding. Present at marshes in Amboseli. They were nesting – a group of ten or more – at the Hippo Pool in Serengeti. Present at most wetland areas, more numerous than the Gray once in TZ.

Great Egret *Ardea alba*— KY (5) First seen on the water hole at Mountain Lodge, where it stayed constant for the time we were there. Then a few individuals were seen at Lake Nakuru. Scattered individuals in Amboseli.

Intermediate Egret *Ardea intermedia*— KY, TZ (2) Peg spied one as we were watching a herd of Elephants in Amboseli. There were three along the lakeshore at Manyara.

Little Egret *Egretta garzetta*— KY, TZ (4) A group of a dozen or so were feeding in a flooded woodland setting alongside Lake Nakuru. Seen regularly at marshes in Amboseli. One present along the lakeshore of Lake Manyara, flying in to join and Intermediate and sporting a lovely breeding plume. One individual put it on the list for TZ this tour.

Black Heron *Egretta armboodesiaca*— KY, TZ (2) Fabulous views of this species and its tenting behavior at Amboseli – up to nine individuals in one area and seen in two locations there. We found them again at Lake Manyara, five individuals.

Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis*— KY, TZ (19) Very common. Seen on the travel day and coming from the Nairobi airport our first afternoon. Fifty or so were on our tally for the Lake Nakuru morning drive, mainly associated with African Cape Buffalo herds. Good numbers at Amboseli, often on Elephants and Cape Buffalo. Many along the roadside from Arusha to Tarangire. They were present in ND, SG and NGC and we found them feeding around and sometimes riding atop Hippo, Buffalo, Giraffe and Wildebeest.

Squacco Heron *Ardeola ralloides*— KY, TZ (3) A well-developed marsh species, four individuals were seen in Amboseli at the larger marsh area. One individual seen at Lake Manyara.

Striated Heron *Butorides striata*— TZ (1) Just one individual seen on the trip, in the marshy area we were able to reach in TG, seen in flight.

Black-crowned Night-Heron *Nycticorax nycticorax*— KY (1) Pat spotted one from the Ole Serena patio our first evening. As we could not reach several Hippo Pools or wetland areas, this was our only one of the trip!

IBIS AND SPOONBILLS: Threskiornithidae (4)

Glossy Ibis *Plegadis falcinellus*— KY (2) Seen in Nakuru and one lone one at Amboseli.

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African Sacred Ibis *Threskiornis aethiopicus*— KY, TZ (7) Quite common in flight over our hotel adjacent to Nairobi National Park. Present at Lake Nakuru in numbers less than 100. Present but in small number at both marshes Amboseli. Encountered again in NGC near the Hippo Pool stop.

Hadada Ibis *Bostrychia hagedash*— KY, TZ (8) Vocal as they flew to and fro, seen from the patio of Ole Serena, Nairobi. Seen on travel days along roadsides. Several fed on the lawn at Flamingo Tented Camp, Nakuru. They also flew over us in groups of three or four at Nakuru. Seen regularly at Sentrim Lodge in Amboseli. Countryside drives around Arusha. Calling as they flew over our lodge at Manyara.

African Spoonbill *Platalea alba*— KY, TZ (4) One van spied about fifteen at a distance while watching Impala at the northern end of Lake Nakuru. Sixty or more, fun to watch feeding at the marshes of Amboseli. One present our final day at Manyara, feeding alongside Black-necked Herons.

SECRETARYBIRD: Sagittariidae (1)

Secretarybird *Sagittarius serpentarius*— KY, TZ (7) Excellent close-range views in Amboseli, we watched our first one preen and feed in awe. We then had them every day in ND and SG. We had really good luck with this species, voted as one of the three top birds of the trip, as all enjoyed seeing individuals and pairs at close range in ND, SG and NGC.

HAWKS, KITES, AND EAGLES: Accipitridae (26)

Black-winged Kite *Elanus caeruleus*— KY, TZ (6) Two seen in the distance from Ole Serena, over lands of the national park. One seen at Nakuru. One seen in flight, Amboseli. We found them on a couple of days in SG. Then on in NGC as well – small numbers but widespread.

African Harrier-Hawk *Polyboroides typus*— TZ (1) Just one pair seen, as we entered Tarangire, perched together.

Palm-nut Vulture *Gypohierax angolensis*— TZ (1) One individual seen in flight, on the morning walk at our hotel in Arusha.

Lappet-faced Vulture *Torgos tracheliotos*— KY, TZ (8) The first sighting was a nesting pair sighted on their nest tree, in Amboseli. We found them readily in ND and SG, often atop large trees but also at carcasses and in flight. We had a pair very close at NGC atop a huge fig tree.

Hooded Vulture *Necrosyrtes monachus*— TZ (2) We saw them only in ND, on a carcass of a wildebeest yearling that numerous vultures gathered by. Some also perched up in trees nearby.

White-backed Vulture *Gyps africanus*— KY, TZ (10) We found several perched (high count 20) in the higher trees, surveying, and we had a few flying in Amboseli. The most common vulture we would then encounter across TZ.

Ruppell's Griffon *Gyps rueppelli*— TZ (3) Seen infrequently, mainly in SG. In the long grass this year, we could not find carcasses with ease. We found this species perched up but not numerous, in TG, ND and SG.

Bateleur *Terathopius ecaudatus*— KY, TZ (9) One perched for close inspection for our first sighting in Amboseli. Mike spotted the first in flight, and then we started to encounter them almost daily in small number throughout the journey.

Black-chested Snake-Eagle *Circaetus pectoralis*— TZ (2) Seen twice perched in Nduu, one time being harassed to the point of contact by a determined Fork-tailed Drongo.

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Martial Eagle *Polemaetus bellicosus*— KY, TZ (6) Excellent views perched and in flight at Amboseli. We had good look with this magnificent raptor, getting repeated looks at fairly close range in TG, ND and SG.

Long-crested Eagle *Lophaetus occipitalis*— KY, TZ (5) Seen on the travel day north from Nairobi. One seen each day at Nakuru. One seen perched and feeding on a rodent in ND as we made our way along the shore of Lake Masik in Ndutu.

Wahlberg's Eagle *Hieraetus wahlbergi*— TZ (2) Not common, we did have good looks in Tarangire, and then at Ndutu, where we watched one perched regally in a tree, feeding on a rodent it had killed.

Tawny Eagle *Aquila rapax*— KY, TZ (12) An immature was spotted posing in a Yellow Fever tree driving back from the southern end of Lake Nakuru. One perched regally on a dead tree in Amboseli, seen as we came and went to our lodge, and we also spotted a few flying. They became daily sightings in ND, and SG. Widespread and regularly sighted!

Verreaux's Eagle *Aquila verreauxii* — TZ (1) Seen by some of our group in Ndutu.

African Hawk-Eagle *Aquila spilogaster*— KY, TZ (2) One was encountered a lone individual at Nakuru. Another was found in Tarangire, giving us a second chance to study them.

Dark Chanting-Goshawk *Melierax metabates*— KY, TZ (3) First seen by some of the group in Amboseli. We all had very good views in SG, one individual on the road into our lodge in SG was seen regularly and we found a few others as we explored as well.

Eastern Chanting-Goshawk *Melierax poliopterus*— KY, TZ (4) One seen on the ground, then low-flying as it hunted the grassland at Amboseli. One walked beside us in the shorter grass area of ND as we left that area to move on to SG. We found one more on a power pole driving back to Arusha our final day.

Gabar Goshawk *Micronisus gabar*— TZ (2) Finding a melanistic individual in TG was a treat. Another was seen in Ndutu.

African Marsh-Harrier *Circus ranivorus*— KY (1) One individual seen as we were leaving Nakuru.

Pallid Harrier *Circus macrourus*— KY, TZ (5) Seen in Amboseli, then scattered across the grasslands, often seen on same day as Montagu's – a lot of overlap to their wintering areas.

Montagu's Harrier *Circus pygargus*— KY, TZ (5) First seen on the wing in Amboseli, returning our second day. Then seen in TZ in all the grassland areas.

Black Kite *Milvus migrans*— KY, TZ (7) Common over Nairobi. Scattered individuals in Nakuru, near the town. Julie had read they could ravage picnic areas and we saw this first hand at the Hippo Pool in NGC.

African Fish-Eagle *Haliaeetus vocifer*— KY, TZ (5) Wonderful to hear and see these regal birds much at home along Lake Nakuru. Kathy described it as “eagle alley” and our high count was close to twenty. Excellent looks at Amboseli. We had just one our final day at Manyara, perched at a distance.

Common Buzzard *Buteo buteo*— KY (1) Both vans saw a lone bird independently while at Nakuru.

Mountain Buzzard *Buteo oreophilus*— TZ (2) One flying individual seen both days as we crossed the highland area between the rim view of NGC descending to Serengeti, in highlands above the Maasai village and lush pasture land there.

Augur Buzzard *Buteo augur*— KY, TZ (11) Our most common raptor. A pair was working the area just in front of Ole Serena hotel, one had a kill and dismembered it on a fence post nearby. Seen at the Tana River Bridge. We saw several at Lake Nakuru, memorable were two courting above the Lion Hill cliffs at Nakuru. Seen in Arusha, perched at our lodge. A regular species for us as we explored the chain of parks in TZ.

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OWLS: Strigidae (4)

African Scops-Owl *Otus senegalensis*— TZ (1) Preston found a roosting individual we had good close looks at along the walkway to our tents in TG.

Spotted Eagle-Owl *Bubo africanus*— TZ (2) We first heard this among the incredible night sounds at Ndutu, Pat then found a pair roosting by Kathy and Trina's tent in the daytime. Seen both days there. Fun!

Verreaux's Eagle-Owl *Bubo lacteus*— KY, TZ (2) Jean spotted a pair at the Mountain Lodge waterhole which we got the scope on, then watched fly. Pat just got the scope on them as rain started to fall. Wilfred later spotted another as we drove into Tarangire.

Pearl-spotted Owlet *Glaucidium perlatum*— KY, TZ (8) Calling frequently by our tents at Amboseli. We heard them many times, but finally got good looks at them while at TG.

MOUSEBIRDS: Coliidae (2)

Speckled Mousebird *Colius striatus*— KY, TZ (14) A few individuals seen well from Ole Serena Hotel, Nairobi. Tana River bridge. Mountain Lodge and travel days. Nakuru. Common in the garden at Amboseli. Then found commonly throughout our route in TZ, an almost everyday bird.

Blue-naped Mousebird *Urocolius macrourus*— TZ (1) A few individuals this year, seen by some of the group while in more arid terrain at Oldapai.

HOOPOES: Upupidae (1)

Eurasian Hoopoe *Upupa epops*— KY, TZ (6) We first saw this species as we got out at the park gate for Lake Nakuru, a great welcome to Africa! We saw another on our morning outing there. We then found scattered individuals, always a treat, at TG, ND and SG. At times we got to watch them feed, raising their odd crest in animation at a find of a good morsel. Probably nesting as most sightings were individuals.

WOODHOOPES: Phoeniculidae (2)

Green Woodhoopoe *Phoeniculus purpureus*— KY, TZ (3) Two individuals poked and probed in the branches of an acacia tree along the north shore of Lake Nakuru. A vocal group ("the giggling ladies") flew over the big group of male elephants we watched resting in the shade at TG.

Abyssinian Scimitarbill *Rhinopomastus minor*— KY, TZ (2) One individual was seen probing in shrubs and scattered trees upland of the lush lakeshore habitat at Lake Nakuru. We had another in view from the breakfast area at Lake Ndutu, probing in low bushes there.

GROUND HORNBILLS: Bucorvidae (1)

Southern Ground-Hornbill *Bucorvus leadbeateri*— TZ (3) We first encountered this species in Tarangire, where luckily a family group of six posed up on a termite mound (so we could see them in the tall grass) before taking flight. We then found pairs and trios (adults with young) on several days in ND and SG. Our final drive in Manyara a cooperative pair walked down the road very close to our vehicle.

HORNBILLS: Bucerotidae (6)

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Crowned Hornbill *Lophoceros alboterminatus*— KY, TZ (3) One individual seen in the tree canopy on our walk at Mountain Lodge, Mt. Kenya NP. We found them on the travel day around Mt. Kilimanjaro on our way to Arusha. We found them again at Lake Manyara, lone individuals.

African Gray Hornbill *Lophoceros nasutus*— KY, TZ (8) Two at the Tana River Bridge driving north to Mountain Lodge were our first. We had some giving out great vocalizations and preening atop shrubs amid the butterfly clouds at TG. Present in ND and SG, we then had a group of four very cooperative on our final day at Manyara where we parked to survey the shoreline.

Von der Decken's Hornbill *Tockus deckeni*— KY, TZ (5) Male and female individuals were seen in Amboseli. We had a nesting pair above Jack and Nancy's tent at Tarangire Safari Lodge. Seen all days at Tarangire, then not again.

Northern Red-billed Hornbill *Tockus erythrorhynchus*— KY (2) A few lone individuals seen in Amboseli but numbers overall for all the smaller hornbills seemed low this year.

(E) Tanzanian (Northern) Red-billed Hornbill *Tockus ruahae*— TZ (3) Seen all three days at Tarangire.

Silvery-cheeked Hornbill *Bycanistes brevis*— KY, TZ (4) Great views as we set up scopes on the observation deck at Mountain lodge, seen perched and in flight. At Lake Manyara we saw SO many! Two family groups were first encountered, down below us feeding among downed logs and thickets at small stream crossings the road. We then found over a dozen in one tree – a high count of 23 that day. Again on the night drive we found an individual sleeping – fun.

KINGFISHERS: Alcedinidae (7)

Malachite Kingfisher *Corythornis cristatus*— KY (1) Kathy spotted our first beauty right off the road near the flooded entrance gate to Lake Nakuru, kingfisher species number three for that morning, all 3 in sight at one location (Malachite, Giant and Pied). Nakuru was our only sighting this year!

African Pygmy Kingfisher *Ispidina picta*— KY (1) A few of the group got a quick look on our travel day, stopped at a roadside wetland.

Gray-headed Kingfisher *Halcyon leucocephala*— KY, TZ (5) First kingfisher of the trip, a good show at the Tana River bridge. Two seen separately in the woods of Nakuru. Seen at our rest stop at the African Flower hotel going around Mt. Kilimanjaro to Arusha. Also seen in Tarangire.

Woodland Kingfisher *Halcyon senegalensis*— TZ (3) Individuals and pairs seen all days while at Tarangire.

Striped Kingfisher *Halcyon chelicuti*— TZ (3) Lone individuals seen in Arusha, one in TG and one sighting in Serengeti, vocal!

Giant Kingfisher *Megaceryle maxima*— KY (1) One of our first birds seen on the morning outing at Nakuru NP, Pat waved the second van to come over with a particularly big smile on her face! It was a male, one individual. The only sighting of the trip.

Pied Kingfisher *Ceryle rudis*— KY, TZ (3) Family groups present in small waterways at Lake Nakuru. One seen over the marshes at Amboseli. And a couple seen as we explored Tarangire.

BEE-EATERS: Meropidae (6)

White-fronted Bee-eater *Merops bullockoides*— KY (1) Several individuals seen perched and flying, as we'd come and go from Flamingo Tented Camp, Nakuru.

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Little Bee-eater *Merops pusillus*— KY, TZ (8) Four or five seen a day in Amboseli. Widespread, we found them fairly close on our drive in NGC. Good views at Lake Manyara.

Cinnamon-chested Bee-eater *Merops oreobates*— KY, TZ (4) Five or six worked the grass and waterhole area of Mountain Lodge, sallying out for insects and putting on a good show. Several seen at Nakuru. Found again at the rim driving up to our hotel, Sopa Lodge at NGC.

White-throated Bee-eater *Merops albicollis*— TZ (2) Seen at the border crossing, almost our first Tanzania bird right in trees at the entry station at close range – nice! Also seen in Tarangire.

Blue-cheeked Bee-eater *Merops persicus*— TZ (1) Seen perched high in the tree canopy, several individuals as we explored a marsh area in Tarangire.

European Bee-eater *Merops apiaster*— KY, TZ (3) A small flock was working the open areas in front of Ole Serena hotel, their beautiful colors shining in the intermittent sun. Several lined the wires leading into our camp at Nakuru. We found them again on one day in Tarangire.

ROLLERS: Coraciidae (3)

European Roller *Coracias garrulus*— TZ (4) We first noted this species in Tarangire, then found several individuals found on widespread shrubs of the grasslands at ND.

Lilac-breasted Roller *Coracias caudatus*— KY, TZ (15) Though common, this species got the vote for being in the top 3 birds based on its beauty! First seen at Lake Nakuru, five or six individuals, one pair was mating. Great views at Amboseli, not numerous but seen daily, four or five individuals. They became an “everyday bird” but one we still stopped for at times when light played off the brilliance of their feathers, just too pretty to ignore! We learned their shape when perched as they were numerous. One stop we found a large chick begging and being fed – adult size with no tail.

Rufous-crowned Roller *Coracias naevius*— TZ (2) We found our first individuals while watching Giraffes in SG. One was present our final afternoon at Lake Manyara.

AFRICAN BARBETS: Lybiidae (8)

Red-and-yellow Barbet *Trachyphonus erythrocephalus*— TZ (4) Seen all days at Tarangire in small numbers, a stunning bird! We typically found pairs, at times a trio.

D’Arnaud’s Barbet *Trachyphonus darnaudii*— KY, TZ (4) Two were first encountered at the Tana River Bridge stop driving north to Mountain Lodge in Kenya. We had good looks our final day at Lake Manyara.

Usambiro (D’Arnaud’s) Barbet *Trachyphonus usambiro*— TZ (2) Pairs seen on two days in Serengeti, good views in downed trees and brushpiles at close range.

Moustached Tinkerbird *Pogoniulus leucomystax*— KY (1) A pair was sighted on our walk at Mountain Lodge, Mt. Kenya NP. They were high in the canopy but vocalizing and moving around so this year we got decent looks at a species we don’t often see.

Yellow-rumped Tinkerbird *Pogoniulus bilineatus*— KY (1) One individual seen in the tree canopy on our walk at Mountain Lodge.

Red-fronted Tinkerbird *Pogoniulus pusillus*— KY, TZ (3) Feeding in the orange flowers (Lion’s Tail or Leonotis leonurus) so prized by sunbirds, just outside the van in Lake Nakuru NP. One was near our tents at Amboseli. We heard them a couple of times but had good views our last morning before leaving Lake Manyara in the hotel parking area.

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Red-fronted Barbet *Tricholaema diademata*— TZ (1) One individual calling and seen at the Visitor Centre in Serengeti where they seem to frequent the large Candelabra trees.

White-headed Barbet *Lybius leucocephalus*— TZ (1) A pair was seen in NGC, by Preston's van and in flight for the others, first found in a large tree with courting Hamerkops at the start of our drive through the crater.

HONEYGUIDES: Indicatoridae (1)

Lesser Honeyguide *Indicator minor*— TZ (1) Seen our final morning from the hotel parking area at Lake Manyara, feeding in the tall trees near the reception area.

WOODPECKERS: Picidae (4)

Cardinal Woodpecker *Chloropicus fuscescens*— KY (1) Seen feeding above the road as a mixed flock passed across, in Nakuru NP.

Bearded Woodpecker *Chloropicus namaquus*— TZ (1) A pair was seen well while at Ndotu, in small trees along the roadway.

Mountain Gray Woodpecker *Chloropicus spodocephalus*— TZ (4) Trina found a pair quite active in a large tree between the dining area and parking area of ND and many were able to get good looks. Seen there and then in SG.

Nubian Woodpecker *Campethera nubica*— KY, TZ (6) We heard them first, then watched a pair working a nest in a hole in a low fencepost very close to the patio of Ole Serena, fun! One seen near our tents at Sentrim Camp, Amboseli. Widespread, but most often seen as individuals, seen again at AMB, TG, ND and SG.

FALCONS AND CARACARAS: Falconidae (7)

Pygmy Falcon *Polihierax semitorquatus*— KY, TZ (6) One seen by Preston's van, navigating the mud on the detour route out of our lodge into the park at Amboseli. They proved to be more numerous and widespread this year and we also got fine views and photographs in ND and SG.

Lesser Kestrel *Falco naumanni*— TZ (2) A group (20+) was present coming and going, near Naabe Hill entry station to SG. Feeding on insects, seen perched and in flight.

Greater Kestrel *Falco rupicoloides*— TZ (2) We had good looks in the Naabe Hill area, coming and going to SG, with a couple of perched individuals along the roadside and several in flight.

Gray Kestrel *Falco ardosiaceus*— TZ (4) Wonderful views this year, several times in ND and SG. One came right in above us at the breakfast picnic atop a hill in ND.

African (Eurasian) Hobby *Falco subbuteo*— TZ (1) One individual was a quick sighting, though perched and flying as it passed along a line of trees in Lake Manyara, near the Northern Brownbul sighting.

Lanner Falcon *Falco biarmicus*— TZ (1) This elegant species came into view as we also watched the drama of a Serval and Denham's Bustard – a richness of species! Luckily it landed on the road and Peg was able to snap some record shots.

Peregrine Falcon *Falco peregrinus*— KY (2) One seen daily near the east side park entrance, Amboseli.

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Fischer's Lovebird *Agapornis fischeri*— KY, TZ (10) One individual seen from the patio of Ole Serena hotel, Nairobi. One seen in Nakuru NP. One individual spotted by Mike in Amboseli. They then became more numerous in ND and SG, seen in small groups daily.

Yellow-collared Lovebird *Agapornis personatus*— TZ (4) We had great looks at the entrance station at Tarangire, where they perched above the gift store and came into the huge Baobab tree a platform walkway is built into. They were present each day in good number at TG.

AMERICAN AND AFRICAN PARROTS: Psittacidae (3)

Red-fronted Parrot *Poicephalus gulielmi*— KY (2) Seen from the observation deck and on our walk from Mountain Lodge, high count 11 one evening.

Meyer's Parrot *Poicephalus meyeri*— KY (1) A small flock was frequenting our Flamingo Tented Camp lodge, and we'd hear them as we gathered in the parking area ready to explore Lake Nakuru. Flight views only.

Red-bellied Parrot *Poicephalus rufiventris*— TZ (2) We saw them on several occasions well, in Tarangire. Seen in small groups and as pairs.

OLD WORLD ORIOLES: Oriolidae (2)

African Black-headed Oriole *Oriolus larvatus*— TZ (1) One sighting of an individual in Tarangire.

Black-tailed (Montane) Oriole *Oriolus percivali*— KY (2) Formerly called Montane Oriole, we saw this beauty on two occasions on our overnight stay at Mountain Lodge, Mt. Kenya.

WATTLE-EYES AND BATISES: Platysteiridae (1)

Chinstrap Batis *Batis molitor*— KY, TZ (2) Seen at Mountain Lodge in Kenya, then we had great views of this little dynamo as we went out from our lodge one morning in Nduu, calling loudly on both side of the road in acacias – a pair.

BUSHSHRIKES AND ALLIES: Malaconotidae (5)

Brubru *Nilaus afer*— TZ (3) John loved their call and recorded it from his porch at the tents of Kubu Kubu in SG. We had them each day while in SG.

Black-backed Puffback *Dryoscopus cubla*— KY, TZ (4) Seen on our walk at Mountain Lodge, and then a pair was at the head of a fast-moving flock across the road at Nakuru NP. We saw them on a travel day at the gate of NGC National Park, and finally we had a pair quite friendly at the Serena hotel above Lake Manyara.

Brown-crowned Tchagra *Tchagra australis*— TZ (2) Just a couple of quick sightings, one by Preston's van in Tarangire, and Peg had one off her porch at Kubu Kubu, Serengeti.

Tropical Boubou *Laniarius major*— KY, TZ (4) One individual vocalizing at the edge of the water hole at Mountain Lodge, Mt. Kenya NP. Seen and heard at Nakuru NP. Then with us again when we returned to the highlands at Sopa Lodge on the NGC rim.

Slate-colored Boubou *Laniarius funebris*— KY, TZ (2) Three seen in Amboseli, then a pair at Tarangire.

DRONGOS: Dicruridae (1)

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Fork-tailed Drongo *Dicrurus adsimilis*— KY, TZ (16) One individual working the area in front of Ole Serena hotel put on a good show. Tana River Bridge. Two individuals seen uphill from the lake at Nakuru NP. Scattered individuals seen and heard in Amboseli. Then this species proved to be one of our most regular sightings, throughout the day, individuals here and there. Memorable was one harassing a perched Black-chested Snake Eagle, repeatedly hitting it in the head to no avail.

MONARCH FLYCATCHERS: Monarchidae (1)

African Paradise-Flycatcher *Terpsiphone viridis*— KY, TZ (4) We were delighted to see this species well from the Ole Serena hotel, first from the hotel, then Trina found them as we gathered to go the first morning, outside the big glass windows of the lobby. Seen again at Mountain Lodge. Trina and Kathy found one for us in TZ near our lodge in NGC.

SHRIKES: Laniidae (8)

Red-backed Shrike *Lanius collurio*— KY, TZ (3) A few individuals in Amboseli. We then saw them again, an immature, at NGC on the rim road, and at Lake Manyara NP.

Isabelline Shrike *Lanius isabellinus*— KY, TZ (4) Six to eight individuals seen a day in Amboseli, mainly lone individuals. Seen again in small number at TG and SG.

Gray-backed Fiscal *Lanius excubitoroides*— KY, TZ (3) Seen by some of the group in Nakuru, then fairly common in SG on two days.

Long-tailed Fiscal *Lanius cabanisi*— KY, TZ (9) Several pairs were courting in the shrubs of the more open terrain at Nakuru. A half dozen seen hawking insects from the Whistling Thorn Acacias off the patio at Ole Serena. Several seen on travel days. Seen in small number in Amboseli. Several pairs were courting in the shrubs of the more open terrain at Nakuru. Then seen on all days at Tarangire and again at Lake Manyara.

Taita Fiscal *Lanius dorsalis*— TZ (4) Much at home in Ndotu, seen all three days, quite a few individuals each day.

Southern (Common) Fiscal *Lanius collaris*— KY, TZ (7) One individual perched for us at close range from Ole Serena patio was our first. Widespread, we saw them on travel days in Kenya, then at Tarangire in Tanzania.

Magpie Shrike *Corvinella melanoleuca*— KY, TZ (8) In Kenya, seen out of range, we were errant not to photo one individual seen on the fencewire as we stood in line for the bathroom at the Lake Nakuru entrance station. We saw the full black breast well but at the time did not realize we were north of its range. But we did have numerous individuals later in the trip at TG and SG and some groups were seven or eight individuals at a sighting, several sightings a day.

White-rumped (Northern White-crowned) Shrike *Eurocephalus ruppelli*— KY, TZ (11) Two individuals seen together at Amboseli, at short range were our first. This perky species was paired up and we saw numerous pairs per day, especially in the acacia woodland habitat all through Tanzania.

CROWS AND JAYS: Corvidae (3)

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Cape Crow *Corvus capensis*— KY, TZ (3) Seen on the travel day between Mt. Kenya and Nakuru, several individuals in agricultural pastures and fields. Seen again around the turnoff to Nduu at the arch noting entry to Serengeti NP, a flock of twenty or so.

Pied Crow *Corvus albus*— KY, TZ (10) Seen at the Nairobi airport, three individuals. Seen readily in small towns and agricultural areas while traveling. Seen in Amboseli, at the border crossing, then fewer in TZ but present on travel days.

Fan-tailed Raven *Corvus rhipidurus*— KY (1) Two pair seen on our travel day north from Nairobi and crossing past the Aberdare Range to Thompson's Falls.

TITS AND CHICKADEES: Paridae (1)

White-bellied Tit *Melaniparus albiventris*— KY (1) One individual seen in a mixed flock in Yellow Fever acacias of Nakuru.

LARKS: Alaudidae (4)

Fischer's Sparrow-Lark *Eremopterix leucopareia*— KY, TZ (8) This pint size cutie is widespread and numerous, seen in small flocks throughout the trip.

Rufous-naped Lark *Mirafraga africana*— KY, TZ (9) Several individuals singing and posing for us in Nakuru NP were our first. Their sweet song became very common as we got to Nduu and SG, numerous individuals seen daily, including NGC.

Flappet Lark *Mirafraga rufocinnamomea*— TZ (2) Known for their song in flight, we got a few looks and heard song while at Tarangire on two days.

Red-capped Lark *Calandrella cinerea*— KY (2) Individuals seen several times a day while in Amboseli.

AFRICAN WARBLERS: Macrosphenidae (1)

Red-faced Crombec *Sylvietta whytii*— TZ (2) Seen on Naabi Hill in SG for those that climbed, and then again when leaving Oldapai, spotted by Kathy.

CISTICOLAS AND ALLIES: Cisticolidae (18)

Yellow-bellied Eremomela *Eremomela icteropygialis*— TZ (1) Seen on travel day from Nduu to SG

Black-collared Apalis *Oreolais pulcher*— TZ (1) Seen leaving Nduu in acacia woodland.

Green-backed Camaroptera *Camaroptera brachyura*— KY, TZ (17) One working the trees off the patio at Ole Serena. A pair very active, likely feeding young on the trail at Mountain Lodge, Mt. Kenya. A pair seen in shrubs of Nakuru NP. We ticked them most every day, often by call, but they were around our lodges at each location, at rest stops, at the Visitor Center in SG, very common.

Buff-bellied Warbler *Phyllolais pulchella*— TZ (2) Seen off our patios at Kubu Kubu working the acacia, then at the hotel we had lunch at before embarking on our flights at Arusha the final day.

Bar-throated Apalis *Apalis thoracica*— TZ (1) A pair observed in Nduu in acacias.

Yellow-breasted Apalis *Apalis flavida*— TZ (1) A pair seen at Tarangire.

Chestnut-throated Apalis *Apalis porphyrolaema*— KY (1) One singing individual seen well on our early morning walk at Mountain Lodge, Mt. Kenya.

Gray Apalis *Apalis cinerea*— KY, TZ (1) Several pairs seen at Mountain Lodge, Mt. Kenya.

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- Brown-headed Apalis** *Apalis alticola* — TZ (1) One individual in with sunbirds at Sopa Lodge, NGC rim.
- Tawny-flanked Prinia** *Prinia subflava*— KY, TZ (3) A family group observed at Nakuru. Then seen two days in SG, small numbers noticed when stopped for various mammal sightings.
- Red-faced Cisticola** *Cisticola erythropus*— TZ (1) Seen and photographed, perched with Little Bee-eaters, our NGC day.
- Singing Cisticola** *Cisticola cantans*— KY, TZ (2) Vocalizing and good views, Tana River bridge. Also noted at a hippo pool stop in SG.
- Hunter's Cisticola** *Cisticola hunteri*— KY, TZ (3) A courting pair entertained us for hours at Mountain Lodge, rarely not singing the entire time we were there. We found them again in similar habitat at Sopa Lodge, NGC rim.
- Rattling Cisticola** *Cisticola chiniana*— KY, TZ (16) Widespread and common, vocal. One individual calling and perching up in view from the patio at Ole Serena, Nairobi was our first. Very common and vocal at Nakuru, on the morning trip we estimated forty or more. Then they continued...
- Winding Cisticola** *Cisticola marginatus*— KY, TZ (7) One individual calling and seen in the wetland vegetation of the lakeshore, Nakuru. We got to know their sounds better and found them on multiple days. They sing in flight a lot.
- Stout Cisticola** *Cisticola robustus*— KY, TZ (5) A very active pair gave us good views off the patio of Ole Serena, Nairobi. Two pair observed at Nakuru. Good views and photos at a hippo pool in SG.
- Zitting Cisticola** *Cisticola juncidis*— KY, TZ (11) Our first individual seen and heard in the grassy open area of Nakuru near the main entry route. We then learned their songs and habit of flight singing and they became constant companions. Have grassland, have this species...
- Desert Cisticola** *Cisticola aridulus*— KY (2) Singing and present at the same spot each day while at Amboseli. Odd in a wet year but there!

REED WARBLERS: Acrocephalidae (1)

Eastern Olivaceous Warbler *Iduna pallida*— KY, TZ (2) Very good views in the parking area at Amboseli where we walked one morning before leaving in the vehicles. Also seen going into Kubu Kubu, SG.

SWALLOWS AND MARTINS: Hirundinidae (9)

- Plain Martin** *Riparia paludicola*— KY, TZ (7) Numerous outside our lodge at Flamingo Tented Camp, grouped up on the power wires, perhaps 200 in total. Seen in AMB, TG and again in SG.
- Banded Martin** *Riparia cincta*— KY, TZ (2) Seen in small numbers, at AMB and again at SG.
- Rock Martin** *Ptyonoprogne fuligula*— KY, TZ (5) At least ten were active around the tall building at Mountain Lodge. They were nesting and we found two fat chicks perched on a light by the staff housing area. We had them again in SG, and at Sopa Lodge, NGC.
- Barn Swallow** *Hirundo rustica*— KY, TZ (10) One individual in with Little Swifts, feeding at close range from the patio at Ole Serena, Nairobi. A few individuals coursing over the grassland areas of Nakuru. They then became common and widespread, a fairly regular species to encounter.
- Wire-tailed Swallow** *Hirundo smithii*— KY, TZ (5) Encountered near the marshes in AMB, then seen in Tarangire and around some of the larger water courses, ND.

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Red-rumped Swallow *Cecropis daurica*— KY, TZ (10) Several individuals feeding on the wing off the patio at Ole Serena, Nairobi. Seen at Mountain Lodge, four or five individuals. Seen in grasslands of SG and ND and at Sopa Lodge on the rim of NGC.

Lesser Striped Swallow *Cecropis abyssinica*— KY, TZ (8) One of the more common (and beautiful!) swallows of our journey, widespread.

Mosque Swallow *Cecropis senegalensis*— KY, TZ (4) Three seen at Nakuru, one perched atop a shrub with its cap at first looked like a small falcon. Seen in flight and perched, not typical here so we documented it with photographs. Encountered at TG, then seen in small numbers at stops in SG.

Black Sawwing *Psalidoprocne pristoptera*— KY, TZ (3) A few were flying our first afternoon at Mountain Lodge, Mt. Kenya. We found them again in similar habitat, Sopa Lodge, NGC.

BULBULS: Pycnonotidae (5)

Eastern Mountain Greenbul *Arizelocichla nigriceps*— KY (1) Two seen well on the early morning walk at Mountain Lodge, calling.

Yellow-whiskered Greenbul *Eurillas latirostris*— KY (1) One vocal one held court in the parking lot of Mountain Lodge, Mt. Kenya. Seen only on our morning walk there.

Northern Brownbul *Phyllastrephus strepitans*— TZ (1) Seen well on a dead tree opposite several Little Bee-eaters in Lake Manyara NP.

Cabanis's Greenbul *Phyllastrephus cabanisi*— KY (1) **HO** on the walk at Mountain Lodge, pointed out by Preston, our guide.

Common Bulbul *Pycnonotus barbatus*— KY, TZ (12) One greeted us, singing, at the Nairobi airport. Present in small number at Nakuru. They were around our lodge in Amboseli, singing. And then we saw them daily in SG and Lake Manyara.

LEAF WARBLERS: Phylloscopidae (1)

Willow Warbler *Phylloscopus trochilus*— TZ (1) A pair was feeding above us outside the reception area of Lake Manyara Serena hotel as we packed to go our final morning.

SYLVIID WARBLERS: Sylviidae (1)

Banded Parisoma *Sylvia boehmi*— TZ (1) A pair seen on one of our stops in Tarangire, feeding in acacias.

WHITE-EYES AND YUHINAS: Zosteropidae (2)

Kikuyu White-eye *Zosterops kikuyuensis*— KY (2) Several seen well at Mountain Lodge, formerly known as Montane.

Kilimanjaro (Broad-ringed, Montane) White-eye *Zosterops euryzocotus*— TZ (1) Seen feeding on the rock wall that defines the broad patio of Sopa Lodge, NGC on the rim.

LAUGHINGTHRUSHES AND ALLIES: Leiothrichidae (4)

Rufous Chatterer *Turdoides rubiginosa*— KY (1) Seen well in the parking lot on a morning walk in Amboseli at our lodge.

Black-lored Babbler *Turdoides sharpei*— TZ (3) Seen in SG at Naabi Hill and near our lodge.

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Arrow-marked Babbler *Turdoides jardineii*— KY, TZ (2) Two seen noisy and busy at Nakuru NP. Then a small group seen again in Tarangire.

African Hill Babbler *Pseudoalcippe abyssinica*— KY (1) One individual seen well on the walk at Mountain Lodge, at very close range. Vocalizing.

OXPECKERS: Buphagidae (2)

Red-billed Oxpecker *Buphagus erythrorhynchus*— KY, TZ (11) Quite common at Nakuru, seen on buffalo and impala and Zebra. Then common throughout our entire route in TZ.

Yellow-billed Oxpecker *Buphagus africanus*— TZ (4) We may have overlooked some, but generally much less common than Red-billed. Seen in TG, ND and SG in small flocks.

STARLINGS AND MYNAS: Sturnidae (8)

Wattled Starling *Creatophora cinerea*— KY, TZ (7) Seen around large herds of grazing animals, often 30 or more at a time.

Red-winged Starling *Onychognathus morio*— KY, TZ (4) Seen from the airport on arrival at Nairobi. Then also seen in Tarangire at Sopa Lodge there. One posed on the porch while we had breakfast.

Stuhlmann's (Kenrick's) Starling *Poeoptera kenricki*— KY (1) Three seen perched in a dead tree across from the waterhole at Mountain Lodge, Mt. Kenya.

Hildebrandt's Starling *Lamprotornis hildebrandti*— KY, TZ (6) First encountered at Amboseli then at Naabi Hill we had a good study. Most common in Ndotu area and shorter grass areas of SG.

Ruppell's Starling *Lamprotornis purpuroptera*— KY, TZ (4) Seen in small number at Nakuru, groups of 2-5. We found them again at Lake Manyara.

Ashy Starling *Lamprotornis unicolor*— TZ (5) Most at home in the Tarangire area, then noted one day in SG by Preston's vehicle.

Superb Starling *Lamprotornis superbus*— KY, TZ (20) Airport, hotel and roadsides, Nairobi. Travel days. Common at all locations of our journey, urban or wild.

Greater Blue-eared Starling *Lamprotornis chalybaeus*— KY (3) One perched for good views at the airport, Nairobi. Seen at Nakuru at close range, several individuals.

Violet-backed Starling *Cinnyricinclus leucogaster*— TZ (1) **HO** Preston pointed out the call as we were checking into our rooms at the Lake Manyara Serena, in the check-in shuttle this opportunity got lost!

THRUSHES: Turdidae (1)

Abyssinian (Northern Olive) Thrush *Turdus abyssinicus*— KY (2) Airport and hotel, Nairobi. Also seen at our rest stop at 8900 ft., as we climbed the pass out of the Great Rift Valley.

OLD WORLD FLYCATCHERS: Muscicapidae (23)

African Dusky Flycatcher *Muscicapa adusta*— KY, TZ (4) Two pair in different locations seen at Mountain Lodge, Mt. Kenya. We then had them in the front entry area of Sopa Lodge, NGC.

Spotted Flycatcher *Muscicapa striata*— KY, TZ (3) One individual seen at Lake Nakuru. Then found at TG and Lake Manyara.

African Gray Flycatcher *Bradornis microrhynchus*— TZ (3) Fairly common in SG.

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Pale Flycatcher *Bradornis pallidus*— KY, TZ (2) A few individuals noted at both Amboseli and later at Ndutu.

Southern Black Flycatcher *Melaenornis pammelaina* — KY (1) Seen by those in Preston's vehicle in Amboseli.

Ashy Flycatcher *Fraseria caerulescens*— TZ (1) Seen well in Arusha at our hotel on the first afternoon bird walk.

Silverbird *Melaenornis semipartitus*— TZ (7) Fairly common, we'd find individuals or a pair when stopped for mammal sightings, in acacias and other trees at TG, SG, and SG.

Southern Black-Flycatcher *Melaenornis pammelaina*— KY (1) One individual found in Amboseli as we explored there.

White-eyed Slaty-Flycatcher *Melaenornis fischeri*— KY, TZ (4) Several individuals at Mountain Lodge, Mt. Kenya NP. Encountered again at NGC at our lodge on the rim.

Red-backed (White-browed) Scrub-Robin *Cercotrichas leucophrys*— KY (1) Seen on our morning walk by the lodge in Amboseli, a pair.

Cape Robin Chat *Cossypha caffra*— KY (1) Seen well in the garden at Thompson's Falls.

Ruppell's Robin-Chat *Cossypha semirufa*— KY, TZ (4) Seen daily at Mountain Lodge, then we found a secretive individual with some work our first afternoon bird walk at Arumeru Lodge, Arusha.

White-browed Robin-Chat *Cossypha heuglini* TZ (1) Seen around our lodge at Nakuru NP.

Spotted Morning-Thrush *Cichladusa guttata*— KY, TZ (3) A happy sight and sound at our lodge in Amboseli each morning, then we found this songster again in Tarangire.

Little Rock-Thrush *Monticola rufocinereus*— KY (1) One individual seen preening after bathing on a shrub at Nakuru NP. Just under the Lion Cliffs area.

Rufous-tailed (Common) Rock Thrush *Monticola saxatilis*— KY, TZ (2) Seen on our long travel day from Nakuru to Amboseli on the higher pass area, then again at the Visitor Center in SG in lush vegetation, singing.

Whinchat *Saxicola rubetra*— TZ (1) Seen in the open area coming from ND to SG.

African Stonechat *Saxicola torquatus*— TZ (3) Seen in the Serengeti, and then a delightful family group with fledged youngsters was feeding on the grassy lawn below the pool at Sopa Lodge, NGC.

Northern Anteater-Chat *Myrmecocichla aethiops*— KY, TZ (3) Very numerous this year at two locations, Nakuru and then NGC, just everywhere in the lush vegetation brought on by unseasonable rains. They were flight singing, courting, and very happy!

Northern Wheatear *Oenanthe oenanthe*— KY, TZ (4) Adult and immature birds were seen at Nakuru NP, a few individuals. Then seen at Amboseli, and at shorter grass areas of SG and the road out from SG past Oldapai.

Capped Wheatear *Oenanthe pileata*— TZ (2) Seen in the very short grass areas near the turn to Oldapai and into Ndutu, both coming and going from those locations.

Isabelline Wheatear *Oenanthe isabellina*— KY (2) Seen in Amboseli, both days, fairly common.

Abyssinian (Schalow's) Wheatear *Oenanthe lugubris*— KY (1) Seen on the roof of the rest stop convenience store at 8900 feet crossing from Nakuru back to Nairobi.

SUNBIRDS: Nectariniidae (11)

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Collared Sunbird *Hedydipna collaris*— KY (4) Scope views of an individual at Mountain Lodge, Mt. Kenya NP. Nakuru NP, one individual. Also seen on our hotel grounds at Amboseli.

Amethyst Sunbird *Chalcomitra amethystina*— KY, TZ (3) Seen two days at Nakuru, and then seen very well our final morning at Serena Lake Manyara hotel.

Scarlet-chested Sunbird *Chalcomitra senegalensis*— KY, TZ (7) One serenaded us at breakfast, providing good views from the Ole Serena patio, Nairobi. Ten were seen at close range in the Lion's Tail flowers that lined parts of the road in Nakuru. Widespread then, our lodge in Arusha, TG and then Lake Manyara.

Hunter's Sunbird *Chalcomitra hunteri*— KY (1) Very good views of a pair, male signing at Amboseli at the lodge, on our morning walk there.

Tacazze Sunbird *Nectarinia tacazze*— KY, TZ (3) Seen well in fuchsia bushes flowering at Thompson's Falls. Then seen both days on the grounds of Sopa Lodge in lush vegetation of the NGC rim.

Bronze Sunbird *Nectarinia kilimensis*— KY (3) Two pair active off the patio at Ole Serena, Nairobi. Numerous individuals seen in a patch of orange tubular flowers on our travel day crossing over to Thompson Falls, above the Aberdere Mountains.

Golden-winged Sunbird *Drepanorhynchus reichenowi*— TZ (2) Not seen until our two days at Sopa Lodge, NGC rim. Worth the wait. Several pair feeding in orange flowers of abundant trees in bloom there.

Northern Double-collared Sunbird *Cinnyris reichenowi*— KY (3) Seen at Thompson's Falls, several.

Eastern Double-collared Sunbird *Cinnyris mediocris*— KY, TZ (1) A couple of individuals seen at Mountain Lodge. Also at Sopa Lodge on the NGC rim.

Beautiful Sunbird *Cinnyris pulchellus*— KY, TZ (6) First seen at Amboseli. We then found them widespread including a final one at Oldapai.

Variable Sunbird *Cinnyris venustus*— KY, TZ (5) Several at Tana River Bridge. Two seen at Lake Nakuru. Seen at Arusha, SG, a singing male at Oldapai and Lake Manyara.

WEAVERS: Ploceidae (25)

Red-billed Buffalo-Weaver *Bubalornis niger*— KY, TZ (12) Widespread and numerous, we watched a lot of nest building on their huge, pendulous stick nests ornamenting larger trees.

White-headed Buffalo-Weaver *Bubalornis dinemlli*— KY, TZ (9) Less numerous than their cousins, the Red-billed, but widespread and present.

Speckle-fronted Weaver *Sporopipes frontalis*— TZ (4) Seen in small flocks, often at the road margin, in TG and SG.

White-browed Sparrow-Weaver *Plocepasser mahali*— KY, TZ (6) Tame at the feeders at Ole Serena, Nairobi. Also seen in Amboseli and Arusha.

Rufous-tailed Weaver *Histurgops ruficauda*— TZ (7) Widespread and common, some were working their hanging nests.

Gray-headed Social-Weaver *Pseudonigrita arnaudi*— TZ (1) Abundant over the car park in a large colony at the Visitor Center in SG.

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Red-headed Weaver *Anaplectes rubriceps*— TZ (4) Such a stunning bird, we were happy to find them near our lodges, intent on nest building so we could really watch them. First seen well in TG, then at Kubu Kubu in SG.

Baglafaecht Weaver *Ploceus baglafaecht*— KY, TZ (5) Ole Serena hotel, Nairobi. Several individuals seen at Nakuru in shrub areas. We had them at Nakuru and then at the end of our journey at NGC.

Spectacled Weaver *Ploceus ocularis*— KY (1) A few were seen in Amboseli only.

Holub's Golden-Weaver *Ploceus xanthops*— KY (1) First spotted at Kenya's Tana River Bridge, a pair. This surprisingly was our only trip sighting.

Northern Masked-Weaver *Ploceus taeniopterus*— KY (1) Nesting observed at Amboseli.

Lesser Masked-Weaver *Ploceus intermedius*— KY, TZ (3) First encountered at the Tana River bridge. Then seen on a couple of days in Ndotu.

Vitelline Masked-Weaver *Ploceus vitellinus*— TZ (6) The more common of this group of weavers that we encountered, at almost all locations in TZ.

Speke's Weaver *Ploceus spekei*— KY, TZ (10) A nesting colony was seen at Ole Serena hotel where they put out feed for them, great for close views. Several seen out of colonies feeding on shrubs in Nakuru NP. Seen at TG and ND, SG – at the Hippo Pool there they numbered in the 100's and tried to get into our car for lunch scraps.

Village Weaver *Ploceus cucullatus*— KY, TZ (5) Seen well very busy at nests at a fruit stand north of Thika, we enjoyed while feasting on fresh mango. Two seen in Lion's Tail flowers at Nakuru NP. Also seen well in colonies in the SG.

Golden-backed Weaver *Ploceus jacksoni*— TZ (4) Great shows by this species displaying at their marsh nests, what beautiful creatures! The rains and resulting lush vegetation really got them excited.

Chestnut Weaver *Ploceus rubiginosus*— TZ (1) A few were seen at our airport "coffee" stop at ND.

Brown-capped Weaver *Ploceus insignis*— KY (1) Seen in the forest on our walk at Mountain Lodge, a pair.

Cardinal Quelea *Quelea cardinalis*— KY (2) Such beauties, a pair, probably the same pair was seen on the main road in and out of the park to our camp in Amboseli, in lush grass. Peg spotted them with excitement as we watched a herd of Elephants.

Southern Red Bishop *Euplectes orix*— KY, TZ (5) Seen in Amboseli, Arusha, TG, ND and SG – a photographer's dream species!

Yellow Bishop *Euplectes capensis*— TZ (1) Seen in NGC, good looks at several individuals as we made our way down into the crater.

Yellow-crowned Bishop *Euplectes afer*— KY (3) Two males showing off in display flight by a small pond off the patio at Ole Serena hotel, Nairobi. Also seen at the Tana River bridge.

White-winged Widowbird *Euplectes albonotatus*— KY, TZ (12) Big flocks were first seen from the Ole Serena patio, Nairobi. They proved to be ubiquitous and numerous, going into breeding.

Fan-tailed Widowbird *Euplectes axillaris*— KY, TZ (6) Good numbers seen in Amboseli, then seen again in wetter areas of SG.

Grosbeak Weaver *Amblyospiza albifrons*— KY, TZ (2) A male and female courting were seen on our morning walk at the lodge in Amboseli. We then encountered this species again, a female only, in Tarangire.

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Gray-headed Nigrita *Nigrita canicapillus*— KY (1) Two individuals seen on our walk at Mountain Lodge, Mt. Kenya.

Crimson-rumped Waxbill *Estrilda rhodopyga*— KY (1) A lovely individual seen in tall grasses in Amboseli, there as we watched Elephants and other mammals.

Black-faced Waxbill *Estrilda erythronotos*— KY, TZ (2) Seen at Amboseli then again as we left Nduu.

Black-cheeked Waxbill *Estrilda charmosyna*— TZ (1) A few were seen by one of our vehicles in Nduu as we explored.

Red-cheeked Cordonbleu *Uraeginthus bengalus*— KY, TZ (10) Tana River bridge. Regular sightings of small groups in Nakuru NP. Then seen regularly, small groups of 3-5 in TG, ND and SG. Also seen at Oldapai.

Blue-capped Cordonbleu *Uraeginthus cyanocephalus*— TZ (3) A few were seen at Oldapai, then at Lake Manyara around the lodge.

Purple Grenadier *Granatina ianthinogaster*— KY, TZ (5) Three at a good distance from the patio at Ole Serena, still bright despite the long view. One seen with a group of cordonbleus at Nakuru NP. We then had scattered individuals in ND and going into our lodge at Kubu Kubu, SG.

Green-winged Pytilia *Pytilia melba*— TZ (1) Just one sighting as we went into Kubu Kubu, in a mixed flock. Well-admired!

Red-billed Firefinch *Lagonosticta senegala*— KY, TZ (6) Jack and Nancy spied the little bird bath off the patio at Ole Serena, Nairobi. Tana River Bridge. Seen at Nakuru NP in mixed flocks with cordonbleus. Also seen at Oldapai.

Quailfinch *Ortygospiza atricollis*— KY (1) Seen well and photographed in Amboseli, such a decorated species, lovely to find.

Bronze Mannikin *Spermestes cucullata*— KY, TZ (2) Ten or so at Tana River bridge. Then found again as we had lunch at our lodge at Lake Manyara.

WHYDAHs AND WIDOWBIRDS: Viduidae (5)

Pin-tailed Whydah *Vidua macroura*— KY, TZ (8) First seen on our travel day between Mt. Kenya and Thompson's Falls. This one caused ooh's and aah's with its long showy tail. Widespread in small numbers.

Eastern Paradise-Whydah *Vidua paradisaea*— TZ (2) Our first sighting was of males atop trees displaying in TG as we went to a marshy area. One other was seen in SG – stunning long tails!

Steel-blue Whydah *Vidua hypocherina*— TZ (1) Just one individual seen by Preston's van as they left the gas station in SG!

Straw-tailed Whydah *Vidua fischeri*— KY, TZ (2) Individuals seen on our long travel day into Amboseli, then again in Nduu.

Village Indigobird *Vidua chalybeate*— KY, TZ (2) Seen on a phone wire across from our first curio shop pit stop, coming north from Nairobi. Seen again, one male, in Tarangire, atop a tree.

OLD WORLD SPARROWS: Passeridae (5)

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House Sparrow *Passer domesticus*— KY, TZ (5) Nairobi. Arusha and at Kubu Kubu lodge in SG, feasting on crumbs in the dining area.

Kenya Rufous Sparrow *Passer rufocinctus*— KY (5) Airport and hotel, Nairobi. Several seen at Nakuru NP in shrubby areas. Also seen in Amboseli.

Northern Gray-headed Sparrow *Passer griseus*— KY, TZ (13) Our first were noted at the Tana River Bridge going north from Nairobi, then we found them regularly throughout the journey.

Chestnut Sparrow *Passer eminibey*— TZ (1) Seen in SG.

Yellow-spotted Bush Sparrow *Gymnoris pyrgita*— TZ (1) A small flock was seen as we were going in to Tarangire.

PIPITS AND WAGTAILS: Motacilidae (10)

Mountain Wagtail *Motacilla clara*— TZ (1) Seen on our travel day from SG to NGC

Western Yellow Wagtail *Motacilla flava*— KY, TZ (5) Seen feeding around antelope herds in Nakuru NP. Seen regularly in SG.

African Pied Wagtail *Motacilla aguimp*— KY, TZ (8) Working the road margins and at the hotel, Nairobi. Seen at Nakuru NP, pairs and small groups. Seen in Amboseli and at our lodge at Kubu Kubu, SG.

African Pipit *Anthus cinnamomeus*— KY, TZ (6) A good number of individuals seen scattered in distribution, Amboseli, then TG, ND, SG.

Long-billed Pipit *Anthus similis*— KY, TZ (3) One individual seen in open areas of Nakuru NP. Also noted in Amboseli. Encountered our day in NGC in small number.

Plain-backed Pipit *Anthus leucophrys*— KY, TZ (3) Seen along the road in Nakuru NP, one individual. Found again with more time to study in SG.

Yellow-throated Longclaw *Macronyx croceus*— KY, TZ (4) Seen as we drove out from the lodge at Flamingo Tented Camp, northern end of Nakuru NP. Seen again at TG and NGC. This meadowlark look alike was a hit with our photographers.

Pangani Longclaw *Macronyx aurantiigula*— KY (1) A couple of individuals seen and photographed at Amboseli.

Rosy-throated Longclaw *Macronyx ameliae*— KY, TZ (2) Seen at Amboseli and NGC by a few of the group.

Gray Wagtail *Motacilla cinerea*— KY (1) Seen well working the water hole area of Mountain Lodge, Mt. Kenya

FINCHES AND EUPHONIAS: Fringillidae (9)

Yellow-fronted Canary *Crithagra mozambica*— TZ (1) Seen at our breakfast with Wildebeest in TG.

African Citril *Crithagra citrinelloides*— KY (1) Tana River Bridge, one individual.

Reichenow's Seedeater *Crithagra reichenowi*— KY (2) Noted at the Ole Serena hotel.

White-bellied Canary *Crithagra dorsostriata*— TZ (3) A few individuals encountered in ND and SG, often at rest stops.

Brimstone Canary *Serinus sulphuratus*— KY (1) Seen by some of the group at the Tana River Bridge.

Streaky Seedeater *Crithagra striolata*— KY, TZ (4) Ole Serena patio, quite common, Nairobi. Then seen at the rim of NGC. Singing and present at our lodge.

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Thick-billed Seedeater *Crithagra burtoni*— KY, TZ (3) Several individuals seen at the hotel in Nairobi, then again off the patio at our lodge at NGC, Sopa Lodge.

Yellow-rumped Seedeater *Serinus reichenowi*— KY (2) Flocks seen off the patio at Ole Serena hotel, Nairobi

Yellow-crowned Canary *Serinus flavivertex*— KY (2) Seen at the waterhole at Mountain Lodge, Mt. Kenya.

OLD WORLD BUNTINGS: Emberizidae (1)

Cinnamon-breasted Bunting *Emberiza tahapisi*— TZ (1) Seen in trees atop Naabi Hill entrance to SG.

MAMMALS (47 species recorded):

Blue Monkey *Cercopithecus mitis*— TZ (2) Seen at NGC, those near Sopa Lodge have gotten very bold and made runs at people having cocktails on the porch, successfully stealing popcorn and other snacks. They moved about the ground and trees with ease.

Sykes Monkey *Cercopithecus albogularis*— KY (2) Seen around the hotel at Mountain Lodge where they are all too comfortable! Their sounds on the morning walk were fun to hear.

Black-faced Vervet Monkey *Cercopithecus aethiops*— KY, TZ (12) First seen on the travel day between Mt. Kenya and Thompson's Falls. They were frequently encountered after that, at all locations across SG.

Olive Baboon *Papio anubis*— KY, TZ (12) Several on the road going into Mt. Kenya. Many in Nakuru NP, one troop was bold and a big male actually jumped into one of our vehicles! It grabbed some of Pat's gear, more excitement than we needed – with luck it dropped it on the road and we could retrieve it. That was our only negative encounter. We then had good fun watching troops as there were many young babies throughout the journey as we saw them at all the major parks except Amboseli, where Yellow Baboon is the local species.

Yellow Baboon *Papio cynocephalus*— KY (2) Readily seen in big groups at Amboseli.

Mantled Guereza *Colobus guereza*— KY (2) Great views on our walk at Mountain Lodge, big males, females and one female with a baby. Francis spotted three high in Yellow Fever Acacia trees at Nakuru.

Lesser Bush Baby *Galago senegalensis*— TZ (1) Heard on our night drive at Lake Manyara

African Savanna Hare *Lepus microtis*— KY (1) Seen early in the morning by Pat and Mike en route to their balloon ride over Tarangire.

Unstriped Ground Squirrel *Xerus rutilus*— TZ (3) Common in TG.

Tree Squirrel (Smith's Squirrel) *Paraxerus cepapi*— KY, TZ (6) Two seen at Mountain Lodge on our walk. Seen at Arusha, TG and our final day at Lake Manyara at the lodge.

Bat-eared Fox *Otocyon megalotis*— KY, TZ (3) A great year for this species, we saw them at a distance first, a trio in Amboseli, and later we found a den site where one adult would lounge with four youngsters almost grown at ND.

Black-backed Jackal *Canis mesomelas*— KY, TZ (4) A couple of individuals were first seen at Lake Nakuru. We had two young ones lounging on the road at ND, then saw them at NGC. In the long grass this year they were harder to spot.

African Civet *Civettictis civetta*— TZ (1) Good views on the night drive at Lake Manyara, one individual.

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Slender Mongoose *Herpestes sanguineus*— TZ (3) First seen in TG. One individual crossed the road the morning we drove out of NGC along the rim.

Banded Mongoose *Mungos mungo*— TZ (3) Great to see these large groups on termite mounds and along the roadsides at TG and SG.

White-tailed Mongoose *Ichneumia albicauda*— KY, TZ (2) One active much of the night feeding on the lawn, routing out insects, at Mountain Lodge. We also saw a pair on the night drive at Lake Manyara.

Common Dwarf Mongoose *Helogale parvula*— TZ (5) Good views at TG and ND.

Spotted Hyena *Crocuta crocuta*— TZ (11) The first one was spotted as we drove into ND, along the roadside, sleeping. It barely lifted its head. We then found individuals and small groups on several days in ND and SG for excellent viewing.

Wildcat *Felis silvestris lybica*— KY, TZ (2) Peg saw one in the lush vegetation between Amboseli NP and our camp, and then Pat and Mike saw one in the early morning hours driving to their balloon ride in Tarangire.

Serval *Felis serval*— TZ (2) Two sightings this year was a thrill this year, as some years we miss them. The first was seen as we drove into ND, it worked open areas in mid-height grasses out to a small mound where it disappeared. The second vehicle spotted it and called the first one back. They stayed longer and found a Denham's Bustard, back our first vehicle went to find it – alongside the Serval! Wonderful behavior and interactions observed. We then had another closer sighting along the road in SG.

Lion *Panthera leo*— TZ (4) We worked some time before spotting our first, two females in ND. One of the females became alert, watching Wildebeest and actually crossed a large open area to kill a newborn calf, quite a gripping introduction to this top predator. We then had a LOT of great viewing in ND and SG! We saw a family group up in a tree, watched some powerful females come down off Simba Kopje to the road, walking RIGHT beside our vehicles, one of John's favorite moments. We then had good views in NGC of a group of nine females, a lone female with tiny cubs on a picturesque rock and then an amorous couple we watched resting, teasing each other a bit – fascinating and at very close range.

Cheetah *Acinonyx jubatus*— TZ (3) Great views this year, each time mothers with fairly well-grown youngsters. With luck they posed well on termite mounds, and one time we found them resting in the shade at close range beneath a bush. ND and SG.

African Elephant *Loxodonta africana*— KY, TZ (9) Iconic, and just wonderful to spend time with. Biggest numbers were in Amboseli and TG, but we saw big bulls in NGC to be just magnificent. Seen only at a distance in SG and one quick sighting in ND. Memorable was a group of females protecting a very small baby taking a nap in Amboseli. The research vehicle there had none other than Cynthia Moss inside! We had one group at ND but overall they were shy there. A distant group walked across a slope at SG. Big bulls were a hit with a background of brilliant scenery at NGC.

Rock Hyrax *Procavia capensis*— KY, TZ (5) Great views at the Baboon Cliffs, Nakuru. We found them quite comfortable at our lodge in TG. They were also around the visitor center in SG.

Tree Hyrax *Dendrohyrax arboreus*— KY, TZ (3) HO, screaming at night outside Mountain Lodge. We then heard them at close range outside our rooms at the rim of NGC. Julie was thrilled and passed that energy to us!

Burchell's Zebra *Equus burchelli*— KY, TZ (14) Fat and plentiful herds at Nakuru NP. Common throughout, big numbers were moving with the Wildebeest with young, just a few months-old calves.

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Black Rhinoceros *Diceros bicornis*— TZ (2) First distant views, then good views in NGC, several sightings.

White Rhinoceros *Ceratotherium simum*— KY (1) We found TEN at the Southern end of Lake Nakuru, and were thrilled that they were up and feeding. One resting group had a single baby. Just a thrill to see these in the wild and have time to watch them.

Warthog *Phacochoerus aethiopicus*— KY, TZ (12) Numerous at Nakuru NP. We joked that we saw one masquerading as a lion and another as a baby rhino. They were plentiful and wary, when we'd stop to photo they would trot off, tail erect as a little warning flag. We saw family groups with at least half grown young but no small babies. Widespread, we saw them at all the major parks.

Hippopotamus *Hippopotamus amphibius*— KY, TZ (7) Five were seen at the south end of Lake Nakuru, several in a shallow area were out of the water for super views. Seen at Hippo Pools in SG and several out of the water at NGC.

Common Giraffe *Giraffa camelopardalis*— KY, TZ (12) So elegant, thankfully still commonly seen. Three approached our vehicle at very close range one day, we could have almost touched them. We watched their huge tongues wrap around acacia leaves. At times we found one cantering – so graceful!

Bushbuck *Tragelaphus scriptus*— KY (2) One well-patterned male and five females at Mountain Lodge, feeding in the clay lick area much of the night.

Common Eland *Taurotragus oryx*— KY, TZ (4) A few were seen at a distance in Nakuru NP. Also seen in Ndotu.

African (Cape) Buffalo *Syncerus caffer*— KY, TZ (12) One individual resting in view from the patio of Ole Serena hotel, Nairobi. Several seen driving in to Mountain Lodge but for the first time ever, no herds at the water hole there. Big herds in Nakuru NP. Common throughout, often in fairly large groups.

Common Waterbuck *Kobus ellipsiprymnus*— KY, TZ (8) They liked the vegetated areas, AMB, TG, NGC.

Defassa Waterbuck *Kobus defassa*— KY, TZ (4) Small herds and some magnificent bucks in Nakuru NP. Also seen in SG.

Bohor Reedbuck *Redunca redunca*— KY, TZ (3) A pair worked the small wetland area off the patio of Ole Serena Hotel, Nairobi. A lone one was seen in a wet area of SG.

Topi *Damaliscus lunatus*— TZ (2) Not numerous but present in SG.

Hartebeest (Kongoni) *Acelaphus buselaphus*— TZ (6) TG, ND and SG, seen in small groups.

Blue Wildebeest *Connochaetes taurinus*— TZ (9) Seeing the migration was a highlight of the journey, at times we had half a million in view, all moving in whatever direction something would lead them. The sightings, the sounds, young calves and a calf newly born being taken by a lion. Just so moving to see all this life in motion.

Kirk's Dik-Dik *Modoqua kirki*— KY, TZ (10) Widespread, but the individuals we watched at our lodge in Arusha were the best. Julie noted them reacting with alarm calls to a house cat – prelude to SG!

Impala *Aepyceros malampus*— KY, TZ (13) Big groups seen in Nakuru NP, a few with month old young. We watched a lot of behavior and admired their sleek, healthy coats.

Thomson's Gazelle *Gazella thomsoni*— KY, TZ (11) A few were seen at Nakuru NP at the start of our journey, they then became common from AMB to SG.

Grant's Gazelle *Gazella granti*— KY, TZ (11) Seen at a distance in Nairobi NP from the porch at Ole Serena. Several groups were seen at Nakuru NP. Widespread and common throughout.

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Giant Forest Hog *Hylochoerus meinertzhageni*—KY (1) Two dashed across our view from the large picture window, looking at the waterhole at Mountain Lodge, morning daylight hours!

African Grassland Mouse *Lemniscomys*— TZ (4) Common at rest stops, SG.

African Porcupine *Hystrix cristata*— TZ (1) Excellent view of one in an open area on our night drive at Lake Manyara.

REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS (9 species recorded):

Nile Crocodile *Crocodylus niloticus*—TZ (2) Seen in the Hippo Pool off the main road into Serengeti, one huge one basking in the sun and another small one Jean spied near the roadway culvert.

Red-headed Agama *Agama agama*—TZ (7) Common in the parks of our route across northern Serengeti. Large males with big red heads were most impressive! The Visitor Center was a great spot to photograph them.

Flap-necked Chameleon *Chamaeleo dilepis*— TZ (2) One seen in SG and another spotlit on our night drive in Manyara.

Jackson's Chameleon *Trioceros jacksonii*—TZ (1) Julie found this species on a walk at our hotel in Arusha.

Striped Skink *Trachylepsis striata*— TZ (1) Seen at our lodge at TG.

Common Skink *Lampropholis guichenoti*— TZ (3) Seen at Arusha and Tarangire.

Nile Monitor Lizard *Varanus niloticus*— KY, TZ (2) We watched one swimming, then pull up on to the bank, later retracing our route, it was up sunning on a dead log very close to Snowy Egrets! Another was seen in Tarangire at a small pond where the road was blocked and we had to turn around.

Rock Python *Python sebae*— TZ (1) Great views of one crossing the road on our night drive at Lake Manyara.

Terrapin, sp. — TZ (1) One by a small pond in TG, good views but yet to ID!