

Uganda: Fabulous Birds & Mammals

With Murchison Falls Extension | Species List

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SUMMARY: Uganda, the “Pearl of Africa”, lived up to its reputation as a fabulous country plentiful with birds, mammals, breathtaking scenery, and friendly industrious citizens! We saw 402 bird species in addition to Lion, Leopard, Elephant, Giraffes, Zebras, and other mammals. Five boat cruises gave us the opportunity to view water birds and mammals at close range, including the prehistoric looking Shoebill, Goliath Heron, Storks, and 11 species of waders. Our expert local guides and observant clients found 28 species of raptors, 10 kingfishers, 8 bee-eaters, 14 sunbirds, 13 cisticolas, and 20 weavers. Three very special land destinations added many species seen only once: Bwindi Impenetrable Forest-40, Budongo Forest Reserve’s Royal Mile-35, and Bigodi Swamp-12. Our exciting and unbelievably short gorilla trek resulted in a memorable experience we will never forget! Thank-you Uganda for the trip of a lifetime!

KEY:

HO = Heard only

QENP = Queen Elizabeth National Park

MFNP = Murchison Falls National Park

LOCATIONS:

February 5 – Bona Hotel, Entebbe / Entebbe Botanical Garden

February 6 – Mabamba Swamp/ Drive to Lake Mburo NP

February 7 – Lake Mburo NP cruise

February 8 -- Lake Mburo NP/ Drive to Bwindi NP, Gorilla Mist Lodge

February 9 – Bwindi NP / Gorilla trek

February 10 – Bwindi NP/ Rahuhesa School Trail

February 11 – Bwindi NP / Drive to Queen Elizabeth NP, Enganzi Game Lodge

February 12 – Queen Elizabeth NP/ Kazinga Channel Cruise

February 13 – Queen Elizabeth NP / Drive to Chimpanzee Guesthouse, Kibale NP

February 14 – Chimpanzee Guesthouse/ Chimp tracking, Kibale Forest/ Bigodi Swamp

February 15 – Chimpanzee Guesthouse/ Drive to Misindi Hotel

February 16 – Budongo Forest Reserve -Royal Mile

February 17 – Drive to Murchinson Falls NP/ Pakuba Safari Lodge

February 18 – Murchinson Falls/ Alberta Nile River Cruise

February 19 – Murchinson Falls/ Alberta Nile Delta Cruise

February 20 – Pakuba Safari Lodge/ Kasese Airport to Entebbe

BIRDS (402 SPECIES)

ANSERIFORMES: Anatidae (4)

White-faced Whistling-Duck *Dendrocygna viduata* — (1) We found these handsome ducks on the Nile River cruises

Egyptian Goose *Alopochen aegyptiaca* — (7) These geese were seen often at many locations with water including all Murchinson Falls locations

Spur-winged Goose *Plectropterus gambensis* — (2) A lucky sighting of 3 while leaving Lake Mburo and a group of 12 on the Nile River cruise

Yellow-billed Duck *Anas undulata* —(1) A male & female together on the channel in Mabamba Swamp

GALLIFORMES: Numididae (2)

Helmeted Guineafowl *Numida meleagris* — (5) Seen often in large groups at Lake Mburo & MFNP

Handsome Francolin *Pternistis nobilis*—(2) Herbert was very excited when we found 4 of this rare francolin crossing the road as we approached Bwindi and again when we left

GALLIFORMES: Phasianidae (3)

Heuglin's Francolin *Pternistis ictororhynchus* — (1) seen in the road and then on the bank for a close and long look as we drove on safari in MFNP

Red-necked Francolin *Pternistis afer* —(4) Seen often crossing the road especially in Lake Mburo & QENP

Crested Francolin *Dendroperdix sephaena* —(1) Seen only once, a group of five, on safari at QENP

COLUMBIFORMES: Columbidae (14)

Rock Pigeon *Columba livia* —(5) A common sighting as we drove thru villages, also at Lake Mburo & QENP

Speckled Pigeon *Columba guinea* — (3) Best look at one perched in Mabamba Swamp

Afep Pigeon *Columba uncinata*—(1) Judith heard the vocalization resulting in a sighting high in a tree during the Chimpanzee tracking

Rameron Pigeon *Columba arquatrix*—(2) Previously Olive Pigeon, seen twice at Bwindi NP

Mourning Collared-Dove *Streptopelia decipiens* —(2) Seen in the road at MFNP & on the Nile River cruise

Red-eyed Dove *Streptopelia semitorquata* —(8) Seen or heard almost daily at most locations

Ring-necked Dove *Streptopelia capicola* — (4) Seen at Lake Mburo NP & QENP & perched on drives

Vinaceous Dove *Streptopelia vinacea* —(2) Herbert was very excited to show us this lovely small dove twice at close range feeding in the road at MFNP

Laughing Dove *Streptopelia senegalensis* —(4) Seen four times and studied perched on wires at Lake Mburo & QENP

Emerald-spotted Wood-Dove *Turtur chalcospilos* — (2) Seen twice at close range feeding in the road at Lake Mburo NP

Black-billed Wood-Dove *Turtur abyssinicus* —(3) Good looks feeding in the road on safari at MFNP

Blue-spotted Wood-Dove *Turtur afer* — (4) Seen feeding in the road at four different locations

Tambourine Dove *Turtur tympanistria* — (2) Quick looks while flying at Bwindi & QENP

African Green-Pigeon *Treron calvus* —(3) Beautiful pigeon first seen on day 1 at Entebbe Botanical Garden

CUCULIFORMES: Musophagidae (5)

Great Blue Turaco *Corythaeola cristata* — (5) We had great looks at this species, especially on our walk at Bigodi Swamp, where the bird sat on a branch for a length of time to give us great photo opportunities

Black-billed Turaco *Tauraco schuettii* — (3) Good looks three times during our visit to Bwindi NP

Ross's Turaco *Musophaga rossae* —(2) One of our first Uganda birds, we saw this species numerous times at the Boma Guesthouse & again at the Entebbe Botanical Garden

Bare-faced Go-away-bird *Corythaixoides personatus* —(1) We spotted this species only once, at Lake Mburo NP

Eastern Plantain-eater *Crinifer zonurus* — (6) This large species we saw quickly on the first day at the Boma, again at the botanical garden, and often later in the trip

CUCULIFORMES: Cuculidae (12)

Senegal Coucal *Centropus senegalensis* —(1) Only one sighting, seen on our very productive walk on the Royal Mile in the Budongo Forest Reserve

Blue-headed Coucal *Centropus monachus* —(1) Lucky sighting in the reeds after we enjoyed many minutes observing the Shoebill at Mabamba Swamp

White-browed Coucal *Centropus superciliosus* — (4) This coucal was seen frequently including the botanical garden & QENP

Great Spotted Cuckoo *Clamator glandarius*—(1) While driving the safari track at MFNP, a pair of this striking species was found perched & then flew by the bus for good looks by all

Levaillant's Cuckoo *Clamator levaillantii* —(2) We spotted the white wing patches on this otherwise black cuckoo as it flew, both at Bwindi and MFNP

Dideric Cuckoo *Chrysococcyx caprius* —(3) We got lucky the last morning with close looks at a pair of this species below us from the pool at the Pakuba Safari Lodge

Klaas's Cuckoo *Chrysococcyx klaas* —(1) Seen only once, but well, on our walk at Bigodi Swamp

African Emerald Cuckoo *Chrysococcyx cupreus* —(2) This striking bird was seen twice, on the Bigodi Swamp walk & the Royal Mile

Dusky Long-tailed Cuckoo *Cercococcyx mechowi* —(1) Spotted by our local guide for good looks on the walk on the Royal Mile

Barred Long-tailed Cuckoo *Cercoccyx montanus*—(1) Heard first by Herbert, then scope views, on our walk at Bwindi NP

Red-chested Cuckoo *Cuculus solitarius* —(1) Again heard by Herbert, four of this exciting species were seen interacting at close range & with scope views on our walk at Bwindi NP

African Cuckoo *Cuculus gularis* —(1) Spotted perched close to the road on our safari drive at MFNP

CAPRIMULGIFORMES: Caprimulgidae (3)

Black-shouldered Nightjar *Caprimulgus nigriscapularis* — (2) Herbert heard this nightjar vocalize at Lake Mburo from the dining room **(HO)**

Swamp Nightjar *Caprimulgus natalensis*—(1) Heard from the porch at Lake Mburo **(HO)**

Square-tailed Nighthawk *Caprimulgus fossil*—(2) Heard both evenings from Lake Mbuoro porch, called in with playback the first night

CAPRIMULGIFORMES: Apodidae (5)

Sabine's Spinetail *Rhaphidura sabini*—(1) Many of this swallow-type species were seen feeding over the creek on our walk at Budongo's Royal Mile

Alpine Swift *Apus melba*—(1) Seen on our visit to a higher altitude at Bwindi NP

Little Swift *Apus affinis* —(5) The white rump was distinctive, seen often at most of our locations

White-rumped Swift *Apus caffer* —(3) Distinguished from the Little Swift by the longer, forked tail

African Palm-Swift *Cypsiurus parvus* —(9) Seen almost daily, especially at MFNP, around the many palm trees

GRUIFORMES: Sarothruridae (1)

White-spotted Flufftail *Sarothrura pulchra* —(1) Heard, but not seen well, this small, rail type bird was lurking deep in the brush on our walk at Bigodi Swamp

GRUIFORMES: Rallidae (2)

African Swamphe *Porphyrio madagascariensis*—(1) We saw this species only once, but well with photos, on our Alberta Nile cruise

Black Crake *Zapornia flavirostra* —(5) Seen often, around water & from our boats, walking on the ground in the marshes

GRUIFORMES: Heliornithidae—(1)

African Finfoot *Podica senegalensis* —(1) The target bird on our Mbuoro cruise, we & our guides worked hard to find this sought after & elusive bird. We were well rewarded with good looks at four individuals including males & a female. Wow!

GRUIFORMES: Gruidae (1)

Gray Crowned-Crane *Balearica regulorum* —(4) **The National Bird of Uganda**, always a sought after group favorite, our best sighting was of two parents with two chicks close to the road at QENP. So cute!

CHARADRIIFORMES: Burhinidae (3)

Water Thick-knee *Burhinus vermiculatus* —(4) Seen often along water edges and the first day by the lake at Entebbe Botanical Garden

Senegal Thick-knee *Burhinus senegalensis* — (2) Seen twice along the Nile in MFNP during our cruises

Spotted Thick-knee *Burhinus capensis*—(1) Seen in a field on our safari drive at MFNP

CHARADRIIFORMES: Recurvirostridae (1)

Black-winged Stilt *Himantopus himantopus* —(2) Seen along a pond on our safari drive at MFNP

CHARADRIIFORMES: Charadriidae (6)

Long-toed Lapwing *Vanellus crassirostris* — (4) Seen on our first day near the lake at the botanical garden; again at the Mabamba Swamp and MFNP Nile cruises

Spur-winged Lapwing *Vanellus spinosus* — (6) Seen often around water & ponds

Senegal Lapwing *Vanellus lugubris* — (1) Pair seen once on safari drive at QENP

Wattled Lapwing *Vanellus senegallus* —(5) Seen often on boat rides at most locations and our safari drive at QENP

Kittlitz's Plover *Charadrius pecuarius* — (1) We only saw this small, cute plover once, a group of nine on a pond at QENP

Common Ringed Plover *Charadrius hiaticula*—(1) Seen along the road near puddles on drive at QENP

CHARADRIIFORMES: Jacanidae (1)

African Jacana *Actophilornis africanus* — (5) Seen at all locations with water especially on the MFNP Nile cruises

CHARADRIIFORMES: Scolopacidae (10)

Black-tailed Godwit *Limosa limosa*—(1) Two individuals seen on our Kazinga Channel boat trip

Temminck's Stint *Calidris temminckii*—(1) Seen feeding on a sand island from our boat near the African Skimmers on the Nile River cruise

Sanderling *Calidris alba*—(1) Seen on the sand island with skimmers & stints on the Nile River cruise

Little Stint *Calidris minuta* —(1) Group of five seen in a wet area along the road at QENP

Common Sandpiper *Actitis hypoleucos* – (6) Common sandpiper seen often at many locations; reminded us of a Spotted Sandpiper

Green Sandpiper *Tringa ochropus*—(6) Seen often around water at many locations

Common Greenshank *Tringa nebularia* —(3) Very large sandpiper, seen near water at QENP & MFNP

Marsh Sandpiper *Tringa stagnatilis* — (1) Seen on the Kazinga Channel during boat cruise

Wood Sandpiper *Tringa glareola* — (7) Seen often whenever we were near water, especially on boat trips at QENP & MFNP

Temminck's Courser *Cursorius temminckii*—(1) Four of this upland shorebird were seen on our drive at QENP

CHARADRIIFORMES: Glareolidae (1)

Rock Pratincole *Glareola nuchalis* — (2) We saw four brave individuals of this species standing fearlessly on rocks in the center of the raging waters of Murchison Falls, later on the Nile River cruise

CHARADRIIFORMES: Laridae (5)

Gray-hooded Gull *Chroicocephalus cirrocephalus* —(2) Large groups loafing on sand bars on the Kazinga Channel cruise, again on the Nile River cruise

Lesser Black-backed Gull *Larus fuscus*—(2) Large number, over 100, standing with other gulls and terns on the Kazinga Channel cruise

Lesser Black-backed Gull (Heuglin's) *Larus fuscus heuglini*—(1) Sub-species of Lesser Black-backed Gull, pointed out by Herbert, similar to Herring Gull so easy to separate from Lesser Black-backed, standing with other gulls and terns on the Kazinga Channel cruise

Gull-billed Tern *Gelochelidon nilotica*—(1) Many individuals seen loafing on the shore around the skimmers on the Kazinga Channel cruise

White-winged Tern *Chlidonias leucopterus*—(2) Loafing on the shore with other gulls & terns on the Kazinga Channel and Nile River cruises

African Skimmer *Rynchops flavirostris* —(2) Another crowd favorite, hundreds seen loafing & flying on the Kazinga Channel cruise & hundreds on the sand bar on the Nile River cruise

CICONIIFORMES: Ciconiidae (5)

African Openbill *Anastomus lamelligerus* —(2) A surprise to see this species on our first day at the Entebbe Botanical Garden

Abdim's Stork *Ciconia abdimii*—(5) Wow! We hit the migration dates of this stork over Uganda, seeing a conservative estimate of 2,000 in the sky over Lake Myburo and hundreds on the ground at MFNP.

Saddle-billed Stork *Ephippiorhynchus senegalensis* — (3) What a beautiful bird! We had 3 encounters with this 5' tall, distinctive species

Marabou Stork *Leptoptilos crumenifer* — (13) A daily bird that we saw in all locations including on the roofs of buildings in villages, standing on nests on top of trees, and in the pool at Pakuba Safari Lodge

Yellow-billed Stork *Mycteria ibis* — (1) Only encountered this species once, during our Kazinga Channel cruise

SULIFORMES: Anhingidae (1)

African Darter *Anhinga rufa* —(2) Many individuals seen perched drying out their wings during the Nile River & Delta cruises

SULIFORMES: Phalacrocoracidae (2)

Long-tailed Cormorant *Microcarbo africanus* —(5) Common cormorant seen on our many boat cruises

Great Cormorant *Phalacrocorax carbo* — (4) Seen perched and feeding from the boat on our cruises in the Mabamba Swamp, Kazinga Channel, and the Nile River.

PELECANIFORMES: Pelecanidae (1)

Pink-backed Pelican *Pelecanus rufescens* — (3) Ironically, our first sighting was over the town where we had a flat tire, additional sightings on Lake Mburo and Kazinga cruises

PELECANIFORMES: Balaenicipitidae (1)

Shoebill *Balaeniceps rex* — (1) Target bird of any trip to Uganda, our boat drivers quickly found a juvenile bird feeding at close range to our canoes. We watched it find food, swallow it, and then hunt for additional food. Most exciting was, when we decided to depart after about 15 minutes, the Shoebill flew a short distance out of sight so we got to see it's flight. Such a prehistoric looking species. Unbelievable!

PELECANIFORMES: Scopidae (1)

Hamerkop *Scopus umbretta* —(7) Another target species, we encountered many Hamerkop during our trip and saw a few of the huge nests they build

PELECANIFORMES: Ardeidae (11)

Gray Heron *Ardea cinerea* —(5) Many sightings of this species along water & during cruises

Black-headed Heron *Ardea melanocephala* — (11) A species seen daily in all habitats & locations

Goliath Heron *Ardea goliath* —(2) So exciting to find and watch this species building a nest in the marsh on our Nile River cruise!

Purple Heron *Ardea purpurea* —(3) Good looks at this less common heron at Mabamba Swamp & on the MFNP Nile cruise

Great Egret *Ardea alba* — (4) Easy for us to identify, we found this species on our cruises at all locations

Intermediate Egret *Ardea intermedia* —(3) Easiest to identify when Great & Snowy Egrets were present, seen on the Kazinga and MFNP cruises

Little Egret *Egretta garzetta* — (6) Seen frequently with other waders on boat cruises at all locations

Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis* —(10) Seen almost daily at a variety of habitats & locations, usually around mammals

Squacco Heron *Ardeola ralloides* — (3) A beautiful heron that's easy to identify, seen at Kazinga Channel and on MFNP Nile cruises

Striated Heron *Butorides striata* —(3) We spotted this species on three cruises & at the Entebbe Botanical Garden

Black-crowned Night-Heron *Nycticorax nycticorax*—(1) Seen on the Nile Delta River cruise

PELECANIFORMES: Threskiornithidae (3)

African Sacred Ibis *Threskiornis aethiopicus* — (5) Seen often from river cruises

Hadada Ibis *Bostrychia hagedash* — (13) One of the species seen every day of the trip in all habitats & locations

African Spoonbill *Platalea alba* —(1) Seen on the shore with skimmers & other waders on the Kazinga Channel cruise

ACCIPITRIFORMES: Accipitridae (28)

Osprey *Pandion haliaetus*—(2) Seen over water on the Lake Mburo & MFNP cruises

Black-winged (shouldered) Kite *Elanus caeruleus* —(2) Seen on the first day at the botanical garden; again over QENP

African Harrier-Hawk *Polyboroides typus* —(7) What luck to see this species often at many locations!

Palm-nut Vulture *Gypohierax angolensis* — (7) Another species seen often; at close range in a palm tree next to our dining room at the Chimpanzee Guest House

Hooded Vulture *Necrosyrtes monachus* —(1) Three seen perched in a tree on our first day at the Entebbe Botanical Garden

White-backed Vulture *Gyps africanus* —(2) All seen soaring at MFNP

Rüppell's Griffon *Gyps rueppelli* —(1) Seen the last morning as we drove to the Kasese Airport in MFNP

Bateleur *Terathopius ecaudatus* —(7) Beautiful raptor seen often at many locations perched & flying

Beaudouin's Snake-Eagle *Circaetus beaudouini*—(1) Seen perched on our Nile Delta cruise at MFNP

Black-chested Snake-Eagle *Circaetus pectoralis* — (4) We were lucky to see this species four times, twice at QENP & twice at MFNP

Brown Snake-Eagle *Circaetus cinereus* —(2) One seen on our drive at Lake Mburo & another on our safari drive at MFNP

Banded Snake-Eagle *Circaetus cinerascens* —(1) Seen perched in a tree on our drive to Misindi

Crowned Eagle *Stephanoaetus coronatus*—(1) Heard vocalizing during walk on the Royal Mile (**HO**)

Martial Eagle *Polemaetus bellicosus*—(1) Spotted perched on safari drive at MFNP, got distant photos

Long-crested Eagle *Lophaetus occipitalis* — (4) The most often seen raptor, perched on posts as we traveled between towns

Wahlberg's Eagle *Hieraetus wahlbergi* — (4) Usually seen soaring, we found two on a nest as we arrived at the Royal Mile

African Hawk-Eagle *Aquila spilogaster*—(1) Two were seen perched, one very close to the road in town as we left the Chimpanzee Guesthouse

Lizard Buzzard *Kaupifalco monogrammicus* — (3) What a treat to see this raptor on our first day at the botanical garden!

Dark Chanting-Goshawk *Melierax metabates* —(1) Seen only once, perched along the safari road in MFNP

Grasshopper Buzzard *Butastur rufipennis*—(2) We had close looks and photos of this species only a few feet from the bus in MFNP

Eurasian Marsh-Harrier *Circus aeruginosus*—(2) Seen perched & hunting over the marsh on both Nile River cruises

African Marsh-Harrier *Circus ranivorus* — (1) Seen hunting over the marsh on our boat ride in Mabamba Swamp

Montagu's Harrier *Circus pygargus*—(1) Distinctive harrier-type flight seen from this species as we drove the safari road in MFNP

African Goshawk *Accipiter tachiro* —(1) Close looks while perched of this species on our first morning at Entebbe Botanical Garden

Black Kite *Milvus migrans* —(13) Another species seen daily at all locations

African Fish-Eagle *Haliaeetus vocifer* —(7) Pairs and nests seen on all visits to water locations, over 26 counted on our boat cruise on Lake Mburo

Mountain Buzzard *Buteo oreophilus*—(2) Distinctive underside pattern seen while soaring at Bwindi NP

Augur Buzzard *Buteo augur* — (6) Fairly common raptor seen soaring at many locations

STRIGIFORMES: Strigidae (2)

Barn Owl *Tyto alba*—(1) Fun sighting of this owl in a cavity in a mud cliff on our Nile River cruise

Verreaux's Eagle-Owl *Bubo lacteus* —(1) Heard calling one evening from the dining area at Lake Mburo (HO)

COLIIFORMES: Coliidae (2)

Speckled Mousebird *Colius striatus* —(18) Most common species & a group favorite, seen daily at all locations

Blue-naped Mousebird *Urocolius macrourus* —(3) Great looks at this species in good light to view the distinctive blue nape on the safari drive in MFNP

TROGONIFORMES: Trogonidae (1)

Narina Trogon *Apaloderma narina*—(4) After hearing this species often, we finally found one perched in Bwindi NP

BUCEROTIFORMES: Upupidae (1)

Eurasian Hoopoe *Upupa epops*—(1) Another group favorite, this bird flew into a tree for all to see on our Nile River Cruise

BUCEROTIFORMES: Phoeniculidae (3)

Green Woodhoopoe *Phoeniculus purpureus* — (4) All sightings of this interesting dark bird with a red bill and long tail were at MFNP

Black Scimitarbill *Rhinopomastus aterrimus*—(1) Only one sighting of this black bird with white wing patches on a safari drive at MFNP

Common Scimitarbill *Rhinopomastus cyanomelas* —(1) Herbert heard & then called in this species for all to see its very curved bill on our walk at Lake Mburo

BUCEROTIFORMES: Bucorvidae (1)

Abyssinian Ground-Hornbill *Bucorvus abyssinicus* — (4) Wow, numerous sightings of males and females of this huge and unique ground bird on safari drives at MFNP

BUCEROTIFORMES: Bucerotidae (5)

Crowned Hornbill *Lophoceros alboterminatus* — (3) We got great pictures of this species perched on a cactus close to the bus in QENP

African Gray Hornbill *Lophoceros nasutus* —(6) The most common hornbill, seen at many locations

Black-casqued Hornbill *Ceratogymna atrata*—(1) Seen once on the grounds of the Chimpanzee Guest House

Black-and-white-casqued Hornbill *Bycanistes subcylindricus* —(7) Another common hornbill seen often in pairs at many locations

White-thighed Hornbill *Bycanistes albotibialis*—(1) A target bird on our trip to the Royal Mile, Herbert taught us the field marks of this species so that we could identify it from the similar Black-and-white-casqued Hornbill

CORACIIFORMES: Alcedinidae (10)

Shining-blue Kingfisher *Alcedo quadibrachys*—(1) Spotted only once, at lunch spot in route to MFNP

Malachite Kingfisher *Corythornis cristatus* —(4) This petite & beautiful kingfisher was seen often on our boat cruises

African Pygmy-Kingfisher *Ispidina picta* — (6) Seen often on our boat cruises at all locations

African Dwarf Kingfisher *Ispidina lecontei*—(1) Good looks at this tiny kingfisher during our walk at the Royal Mile near the creek

Chocolate-backed Kingfisher *Halcyon badia*—(1) A target species on the Royal Mile, we got great looks at this distinctive woodland kingfisher

Gray-headed Kingfisher *Halcyon leucocephala* — (7) Many sightings of this beautiful bird as we drove, most often in MFNP

Woodland Kingfisher *Halcyon senegalensis* —(3) The first and best sighting was on the first day at Entebbe Botanical Garden

Striped Kingfisher *Halcyon chelicuti* —(3) Seen three times on boat cruises including QENP & MFNP

Giant Kingfisher *Megaceryle maxima* — (1) We finally spotted a pair of this vocal & active species on our Nile River cruise

Pied Kingfisher *Ceryle rudis* —(8) One of the most common kingfishers, we counted over 150 on the Lake Mburo cruise, feeding and nesting in the mud banks

CORACIIFORMES: Meropidae (8)

Black Bee-eater *Merops gularis*—(1) Lovely bird seen from our boats on the Kazinga Channel

Red-throated Bee-eater *Merops bulocki* —(4) Well photographed species seen on the Kazinga Channel & the Nile River

Little Bee-eater *Merops pusillus* —(1) Seen on the walk at Lake Mburo

Cinnamon-chested Bee-eater *Merops oreobates* — (6) Seen often perched at the top of trees on trips at Bwindi & QENP

Swallow-tailed Bee-eater *Merops hirundineus* —(2) Only bee-eater with a swallowtail, seen on boat trips at MFNP

White-throated Bee-eater *Merops albicollis*—(3) Good views on the Bigodi Swamp & Royal Mile walks

Blue-cheeked Bee-eater *Merops persicus* —(5) Seen often, another treat on our first day at the botanical garden

Northern Carmine Bee-eater *Merops nubicus* —(1) Only seen once but perched at treetop on Nile River cruise

CORACIIFORMES: Coraciidae (3)

Abyssinian Roller *Coracias abyssinicus*—(4) Wow, a striking bird of many colors, seen well close to the bus on safari drive at MFNP

Lilac-breasted Roller *Coracias caudatus* — (2) Seen early in the trip, usually perched on wires as we drove thru rural areas, a very colorful bird!

Broad-billed Roller *Eurystomus glaucurus* — (6) Common roller seen at many locations usually perched on utility wires

PICIFORMES: Lybiidae (10)

Crested Barbet *Trachyphonus vaillantii*—(1) We found this species on our walk at Lake Mburo

Gray-throated Barbet *Gymnobucco bonapartei* —(1) We found this species while birding the road in Bwindi

Speckled Tinkerbird *Pogoniulus scolopaceus* — (1) We had good looks while birding along the road near the Chimpanzee Guesthouse

Yellow-throated Tinkerbird *Pogoniulus subsulphureus* —(4) Good looks on the walk on the Royal Mile

Yellow-rumped Tinkerbird *Pogoniulus bilineatus* — (4) Seen well on our walk on the school road in Bwindi

Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird *Pogoniulus chrysoconus*—(2) Seen twice, best at our lunch spot at MFNP

Hairy-breasted Barbet *Tricholaema hirsuta* — (1) Great looks on our walk at Bigodi Swamp

Spot-flanked Barbet *Tricholaema lacrymosa* —(3) Seen well on our trip along the safari road in QENP

Black-billed Barbet *Lybius guifsohalito* —(5) Seen often at many locations, especially at our Pakuba Safari Lodge, MFNP

Double-toothed Barbet *Lybius bidentatus* —(6) Nice looks on our first day at the Boma Guest House and many additional locations

PICIFORMES: Indicatoridae (2)

Dwarf Honeyguide *Indicator pumilio*—(1) Nice looks while walking the school trail in Bwindi

Thick-billed Honeyguide *Indicator conirostris*—(1) Seen in a mixed feeding flock on the school trail in Bwindi

PICIFORMES: Picidae (7)

Speckle-breasted Woodpecker *Chloropicus poecilolaemus* —(1) Found while birding on the grounds of the Chimpanzee Guest House

Cardinal Woodpecker *Chloropicus fuscescens* —(1) Lucky sighting when we stopped to see the Northern Masked-Weavers on the drive to Misindi

Bearded Woodpecker *Chloropicus namaquus* —(1) Found when we birded at Lake Mburo NP

Golden-crowned Woodpecker *Chloropicus xantholophus*—(1) Seen well by all on our walk at the Royal Mile

African Gray Woodpecker *Chloropicus goertae* —(2) Seen best on our walk at Bigodi Swamp

Brown-eared Woodpecker *Campethera caroli*—(2) Pair watched at length on our walk on the Royal Mile

Nubian Woodpecker *Campethera nubica* —(3) Seen best on our trip to Lake Mburo for the cruise

FALCONIFORMES: Falconidae (5)

Eurasian Kestrel *Falco tinnunculus*—(1) Spotted on a roof in town after we left Lake Mburo NP

Gray Kestrel *Falco ardosiaceus* — (6) Seen on drives at MFNP, often on the grounds of the Pakuba Safari Lodge

Red-necked Falcon *Falco chicquera* —(2) Seen perched as we entered the Royal Mile

Eurasian Hobby *Falco subbuteo*—(1) What a great sighting on our first day at Entebbe Botanical Garden!

African Hobby *Falco cuvierii* —(1) Seen perched on a small tree in town after leaving Lake Mburo

PSITTACIFORMES: Psittacidae (3)

Red-headed Lovebird *Agapornis pullarius*—(1) Heard by Herbert & local guide on our Royal Mile walk (HO)

Gray Parrot *Psittacus erithacus* —(4) Residents near the dining room at the Chimpanzee Guest House

Meyer's Parrot *Poicephalus meyeri* —(3) Seen best on our walk at Bigodi Swamp

PASSERIFORMES: Campephagidae (1)

Gray Cuckooshrike *Coracina caesia*—(2) Good looks at this bird on the school trail at Bwindi

PASSERIFORMES: Oriolidae (3)

Western Black-headed Oriole *Oriolus brachyrynchus* —(1) We saw three of this species well on the walk on the Royal Mile

African Black-headed Oriole *Oriolus larvatus*—(1) Seen on our boat trip at Mburo NP

Black-tailed Oriole *Oriolus percivali*—(2) Seen well on our walk on the school trail at Bwindi

PASSERIFORMES: Platysteiridae (7)

Brown-throated Wattle-eye *Platysteira cyanea* —(1) Good looks at this striking though small bird on our Bigodi Swamp walk

Black-throated Wattle-eye *Platysteira peltata*—(1) Seen on our morning safari drive at QENP

Chestnut Wattle-eye *Platysteira castanea* —(1) Fun seeing two of this species on our walk on the Royal Mile

Rwenzori Batis *Batis diops*—(3) Seen well on our school trail walk at Bwindi NP

Chinspot Batis *Batis molitor* —(2) We worked hard on the school trail in Bwindi to see this evasive species in the deep roots but were rewarded with good looks

Gray-headed Batis *Batis orientalis*—(1) Herbert did the identification for us during our safari trip at QENP

Western Black-headed Batis *Batis erlangeri*—(1) We saw two of this species on the Kazinga Channel cruise

PASSERIFORMES: Vangidae (1)

African Shrike-flycatcher *Megabyas flammulatus*—(1) Reminiscent of our U.S. shrikes, we saw this species on our walk on the Royal Mile

PASSERIFORMES: Malaconotidae (10)

Brubru *Nilaus afer*—(1) Herbert heard this species at the pool. Unfortunately, we got quick, not very satisfying, looks

Northern Puffback *Dryoscopus gambensis*—(5) We saw this species the first day at Boma, then again often during the tour

Marsh Tchagra *Tchagra minutus* —(1) Seen once while on the Kazinga Channel at QENP

Black-crowned Tchagra *Tchagra senegalus* —(1) A pair were seen low in the bushes along the road on our safari drive at MFNP

Brown-crowned Tchagra *Tchagra australis* —(1) Wren-type bird, we got good looks on our walk at Bogodi Swamp

Luhder's Bushshrike *Laniarius luehderi* —(2) Large bird, we had good looks on both walks on the school trail at Bwindi

Tropical Boubou *Laniarius major* —(4) Seen well at Lake Mburo, QENP, & Bigodi Swamp

Black-headed Gonolek *Laniarius erythrogaster* —(9) Common, but beautiful, bird and a group favorite

Papyrus Gonolek *Laniarius mufumbiri* —(2) We worked hard and often, with mixed results, for some of the group to get good looks at this elusive species

Doherty's Bushshrike *Telophorus dohertyi*—Herbert & Judith heard this species vocalize on our afternoon walk at Bwindi **(HO)**

PASSERIFORMES: Dicruridae (1)

Fork-tailed Drongo *Dicrurus adsimilis* —(1) Surprisingly, we saw this species only once, on our safari drive at QENP

PASSERIFORMES: Monarchidae (1)

African Paradise-Flycatcher *Terpsiphone viridis* —(2) Lovely bird, our best looks were the first day at the Entebbe Botanical Garden

PASSERIFORMES: Laniidae (3)

Gray-backed Fiscal *Lanius excubitoroides* —(8) Seen often perched on utility wires and on top of bushes during our travels

Mackinnon's Shrike *Lanius mackinnoni* — (1) Seen well , perched at the top of a bush at the end of our walk in Bwindi

Northern Fiscal *Lanius humeralis* — (4) Seen perched on wires & bushes during our travels

PASSERIFORMES: Corvidae (3)

Piapiac *Ptilosotomus afer*—(7) Seen when we first arrived at Misindi, then often the remainder of the trip, usually with elephants and other large mammals

Pied Crow *Corvus albus*—(13) Seen almost daily at all locations

White-necked Raven *Corvus albicollis*—(3) Distinguished from Pied Crow by white only on the back of the neck, seen only in Bwindi

PASSERIFORMES: Stenostiridae (2)

African Blue Flycatcher *Elminia longicauda* —(5) A lovely bird similar in color to Mountain Bluebird, seen feeding at close range near the Chimpanzee Guesthouse dining room

White-tailed Flycatcher *Elminia albicauda* —(1) Spotted by Herbert, we had a pair interacting on our walk at Bwindi, long tailed like a Scissor-tailed Flycatcher

PASSERIFORMES: Paridae (3)

White-winged Black-Tit *Melaniparus leucomelas* —(1) Good looks at this bird on our cruise at Lake Mburo

Dusky Tit *Melaniparus funereus* —(1) Seen well on our walk on the Royal Mile

Striped-breasted Tit *Melaniparus fascliventer*—(2) We worked hard for good looks at this diminutive chickadee-type tit, while birding on the school trail at Bwindi

PASSERIFORMES: Alaudidae (3)

Rufous-naped Lark *Mirafra africana* —(1) Seen often singing & feeding on our safari drive at QENP

White-tailed Lark *Mirafra albicauda* —(1) Seen with other lark species on our safari drive at QENP

Red-capped Lark *Calandrella cinerea* —(1) Distinctive rufous cap, seen with other larks on our safari drive at QENP

PASSERIFORMES: Macrosphenidae (6)

Green Crombec *Sylvietta virens* —(2) Small tail-less species seen best on our walk at Bigodi Swamp

White-browed Crombec *Sylvietta leucophrys*—(1) Seen best lurking in the vines on our walk on school trail in Bwindi

Northern Crombec *Sylvietta brachyura*—(1) Seen from the bus on our safari drive at MFNP

Red-faced Crombec *Sylvietta whytii*—(1) Seen on our walk at the Royal Mile, reminiscent of our U.S. nuthatches

Moustached Grass-Warbler *Melocichla mentalis* —(1) Pair seen in the reeds when we stopped along the road near the construction equipment as we drove to MFNP

Green Hylia *Hylia prasina* —(1) Distinct eyebrows seen on this species on our walk on the Royal Mile

PASSERIFORMES: Cisticolidae (26)

Yellow-bellied Eremomela *Eremomela icteropygialis*—(1) A pair seen when we stopped near the road construction equipment on the drive to MFNP

Green-backed Eremomela *Eremomela canescens*—(1) A pair seen in the tree near our Red Chill lunch spot in route to MFNP

Rufous-crowned Eremomela *Eremomela badiceps*—(1) Seen well on our walk at the Royal Mile

White-chinned Prinia *Schistolais leucopogon*—(1) White seen in the otter tail feathers of this small species on the walk at Bigodi Swamp

Rwenzori Apalis *Oreolais ruwenzorii*—(3) Pretty bird, seen on our walks in Bwindi including the school trail

Green-backed Camaroptera (Gray-backed) *Camaroptera brachyura*—(4) Gnatcatcher-like species, seen on our first day at the botanical garden

Olive-green Camaroptera *Camaroptera chloronota*—(1) Plain small species, seen on our walk at the Royal Mile

Buff-bellied Warbler *Phyllolais pulchella*—(1) Had three of this species together on our safari drive at QENP

Black-faced Apalis *Apalis personata*—(2) Seen both days on our walks in Bwindi

Buff-throated Apalis *Apalis rufogularis* —(1) Seen well on our walk on the Royal Mile

Chestnut-throated Apalis *Apalis porphyrolaema* —(3) Seen with mixed feeding flocks on all three walks at Bwindi

Tawny-flanked Prinia *Prinia subflava*—(2) Seen best on our walk on the Royal Mile

Gray-capped Warbler *Eminia lepida*—(3) We worked hard one afternoon at the Boma House following this warbler's song, only getting brief glances; heard also at Lake Mburo

Red-faced Cisticola *Cisticola erythrops* —(3) Seen near water three times including the Royal Mile

Singing Cisticola *Cisticola cantans*—(1) Seen in a field on our walk at the Royal Mile

Trilling Cisticola *Cisticola woosnami* —(2) Perched and singing on our boat rides at the Mabamba Swamp & Lake Mburo

Chubb's Cisticola *Cisticola chubbi* —(2) Seen on both walks in Bwindi

Rattling Cisticola *Cisticola chiniana* —(3) Seen & heard on the MFNP safari drive & Nile River cruise

Winding Cisticola *Cisticola marginatus* —(2) Seen perched in the reeds at the botanical garden & Mabamba Swamp

Carruthers's Cisticola *Cisticola carruthersi* —(2) We worked hard to get good looks at this species calling and lurking in the reeds on our Nile River cruise

Stout Cisticola *Cisticola robustus*—(1) Seen perched on our safari drive at QENP

Croaking Cisticola *Cisticola natalensis* —(1) Seen on the savanna on our safari drive at QENP

Siffling Cisticola *Cisticola brachypterus*— (1) Seen on the savanna on our safari drive at QENP

Foxy Cisticola *Cisticola troglodytes*—(1) Seen only by one of the clients, Susan, when we topped at the road equipment location on the road to MFNP

Zitting Cisticola *Cisticola juncidis* —(3) Seen when we stopped along the road in route to MFNP

Wing-snapping Cisticola *Cisticola ayresii*—(1) Seen on our drive at Lake Mburo

PASSERIFORMES: Acrocephalidae (2)

Mountain Yellow-Warbler *Iduna similis*—(1) Pair seen on our walk in Bwindi

Greater Swamp Warbler *Acrocephalus rufescens*—(1) We worked hard to get good looks at one of the six of these wetland warblers that were vocalizing around our boat on the Nile River

PASSERIFORMES: Locustellidae (2)

Little Rush-Warbler *Bradypterus baboecala* —(2) The best looks at this warbler, four individuals, was when we stopped along the road to see the Northern Masked-Weaver

White-winged Swamp-Warbler *Bradypterus carpalis* — (2) Working hard, we finally got good looks at four of this warbler in the reeds on the Nile River cruise

PASSERIFORMES: Hirundinidae (8)

Bank Swallow *Riparia riparia* — (1) We saw the band on the chest of these swallows while we were parked on the road after walking the Royal Mile

Rock Martin *Ptyonoprogne fuligula* — (2) Seen flying at higher altitudes when we visited Bwindi

Barn Swallow *Hirundo rustica* —(6) Frequent sightings of this swallow over savannas and ponds at many locations

Angola Swallow *Hirundo angolensis* —(7) Another frequently seen swallow, perched & flying, at many locations

Wire-tailed Swallow *Hirundo smithii* —(3) The distinctive tail of this swallow seen often on our trips at MFNP

Lesser Striped-Swallow *Cecropis abyssinica* —(6) What a beautiful bird, seen often perched & feeding

White-headed Sawwing *Psalidoprocne albiceps* —(2) White seen on the head obvious while birding on the Nile River cruise

Black Sawwing *Psalidoprocne pristopectera* —(4) We watched many of this species coming to and from their nests in the mud banks on the birding road at Bwindi

PASSERIFORMES: Pycnonotidae (10)

Slender-billed Greenbul *Stelgidillas gracilirostris* —(1) Good looks at his species when we birded along the road in Bwindi

Eastern Mountain Greenbul *Arizelocichla nigriceps*—(3) Seen three times on the roads we birded in Bwindi

Yellow-throated Greenbul *Atimastillas flavicollis* —(1) We saw this larger greenbul while birding the road in Bwindi

Spotted Greenbul *Ixonotus guttatus*—(1) We could see the spots on the wings of 10 of this greenbul on the walk on the Royal Mile

Red-tailed Greenbul *Criniger calurus*—(1) Reminiscent of a Hermit Thrush with a red tail, we saw this species on the ground on the Royal Mile walk

Gray Greenbul *Eurillas gracilis*—(1) Seen in the trees on our Royal Mile walk

Yellow-whiskered Greenbul *Eurillas latirostris*—(3) Fun seeing the yellow whiskers up close on our walks on the road at Bwindi

White-throated Greenbul *Phyllastrephus albigularis*—(1) Dark cap visible on this greenbul on our walk on the Royal Mile

Yellow-streaked Greenbul *Phyllastrephus flavostriatus*—(2) This species flicked its wings often like a kinglet, seen well on the school trail at Bwindi

Common Bulbul *Pycnonotus barbatus* —(21) Seen everyday at all locations, running joke amongst the group about the frequency and number of sightings of this species throughout the tour!

PASSERIFORMES: Phylloscopidae (3)

Willow Warbler *Phylloscopus trochilus*—(2) This pale species seen best on our walk at Bigodi Swamp

Red-faced Woodland-Warbler *Phylloscopus laetus*—(3) Another species that we found with mixed feeding flocks on our walks on the road at Bwindi

Uganda Woodland-Warbler *Phylloscopus budongoensis*—(1) We saw four of this species while birding on the Royal Mile

PASSERIFORMES: Cettidae (1)

Chestnut-capped Flycatcher *Erythrocerus mccallii*—(1) A pair of this distinctive bird seen on the walk on the Royal Mile

PASSERIFORMES: Sylviidae (2)

African Hill Babbler *Sylvia abyssinica*—(1) This darker warbler was seen on our walk on the road at Bwindi

Rwenzori Hill Babbler *Sylvia atriceps*—(1) Found lurking in the vines of the understory on our walk on the road at Bwindi

PASSERIFORMES: Zosteropidae (1)

African Yellow White-eye *Zosterops senegalensis* —(7) Seen often, easy to identify this very small yellow bird with a white eye

PASSERIFORMES: Pellorneidae (1)

Scaly-breasted Illadopsis *Illadopsis albipectus* —(1) Our only sighting of a bird in this thrush-like family was while birding the Royal Mile

PASSERIFORMES: Leiothrichidae (2)

Black-lored Babbler *Turdoides sharpei* —(2) We found three of this species on the ground while having a picnic lunch at the Mabamba Swamp village

Arrow-marked Babbler *Turdoides jardineii* —(2) Good looks at a pair of this species in a bush on our safari drive at QENP

PASSERIFORMES: Buphagidae (1)

Yellow-billed Oxpecker *Buphagus africanus* — (3) Seen on our safari drives, perched and feeding on the backs of animals at QENP & MFNP

PASSERIFORMES: Sturnidae (8)

Violet-backed Starling *Cinnyricinclus leucogaster* — (3) Lovely starling seen at the Chimpanzee Guesthouse & the Royal Mile

Waller's Starling *Onychognathus walleri*—(2) Seen on our walks on the road at Bwindi

Sharpe's Starling *Pholia sharpii*—(1) Lovely starling seen on our walk on the road in Bwindi

Purple-headed Starling *Hylopsar purpureiceps* —(2) Seen best on our walk at Bigodi Swamp

Rüppell's Starling *Lamprotornis purpuroptera* —(13) Most common starling seen at most locations

Splendid Starling *Lamprotornis splendidus* —(4) We saw this starling on our first day at the botanical garden and again at other locations

Greater Blue-eared Starling *Lamprotornis chalybaeus*—(1) Nice looks in the village at Mabamba Swamp

Bronze-tailed Starling *Lamprotornis chalcurus*—(1) Only seen once, on our walk on the Royal Mile

PASSERIFORMES: Turdidae (2)

Rufous Flycatcher-Thrush *Neocossyphus fraseri* —(2) Thrush type bird seen at the Chimpanzee Guesthouse & Bigodi Swamp

African Thrush *Turdus pelios* —(4) Seen best in the garden and the bird bath at the Boma Guesthouse our first day

PASSERIFORMES: Muscicapidae (20)

African Dusky Flycatcher *Muscicapa adusta* —(3) Small, plain flycatcher seen on our walks on the road in Bwindi

Spotted Flycatcher *Muscicapa striata*—(2) Seen from our boat on both Nile River cruises

Swamp Flycatcher *Muscicapa aquatica* —(4) Seen around water in Mabamba Swamp & Nile River

Dusky-blue Flycatcher *Bradornis comitatus* —(2) Seen best on our walk at Bigodi Swamp

Pale Flycatcher *Agricola pallidus* —(1) Seen on the grounds of the Pakuba Safari Lodge

African Forest-Flycatcher *Fraseria ocreata*—(1) A pair seen on our walk on the Royal Mile

Ashy Flycatcher *Fraseria caerulescens*—(1) Nondescript flycatcher seen on our walk on the Royal Mile

Silverbird *Melaenornis semipartitus* —(4) Lovely blue & rufous bird seen best on the grounds of the Pakuba Safari Lodge

Yellow-eyed Black-Flycatcher *Melaenornis ardesiacus*—(1) A target species in Bwindi, we found a pair nest building while walking the road

Northern Black-Flycatcher *Melaenornis edolioides* —(4) Seen fly catching often at many locations

White-eyed Slaty-Flycatcher *Melaenornis fischeri* —(4) Seen often in Bwindi, best on the grounds of the Gorilla Mist Lodge

Brown-backed Scrub-Robin *Cercotrichas hartlaubi* —(3) Seen best on the Bigodi Swamp & the Royal Mile

Red-backed (White-browed) Scrub-Robin *Cercotrichas leucophrys* —(2) Nice looking species seen on our Kazinga Channel cruise

White-browed Robin-Chat *Cossypha heuglini* —(6) We had great looks at this species on the grounds of the Boma Guesthouse

Red-capped Robin-Chat *Cossypha natalensis* —(1) We had looks at this species on our walk at Bigodi Swamp

Spotted Morning-Thrush *Cichladusa guttata* —(3) Bold spots on this thrush, seen on our safari drives at MFNP

Whinchat *Saxicola rubetra* —(6) Seen often perched at the top of bushes on our safari drives at many locations

Ruaha Chat *Mymecocichia collaris*—(1) Lucky sighting by Herbert as we drove through a residential area of Mbarara on our way to Misindi, a Rwanda species just recently documented by sightings as expanding now into Uganda

Northern Wheatear *Oenanthe oenanthe*—(3) Seen our first day at Entebbe Botanical Garden and at MFNP

Gray-chested Babbler *Kakamega poliothorax*—(1) Seen while birding on the grounds of the Chimpanzee Guesthouse

PASSERIFORMES: Nectariniidae (14)

Collared Sunbird *Hedydipna collaris* —(2) Seen well on our walk on the school trail in Bwindi

Green-headed Sunbird *Cyanomitra verticalis* —(5) Best seen on the grounds of the Boma Guesthouse

Blue-headed Sunbird *Cyanomitra alinae*—(2) Deeply curved bill, seen on our walk on the road at Bwindi

Olive Sunbird *Cyanomitra olivacea* —(2) The yellow wing tufts of this species seen on our walk on the grounds of the Chimpanzee Guesthouse

Scarlet-chested Sunbird *Chalcomitra senegalensis* —(8) What a beautiful bird, such fun to enjoy it often on the grounds of the Boma Guesthouse

Bronze Sunbird *Nectarinia kilimensis* —(5) Less colorful sunbird, we saw this species on our drive at Lake Mburo

Olive-bellied Sunbird *Cinnyris chloropygius* —(3) Seen while birding on the grounds of the Chimpanzee Guesthouse

Northern Double-collared Sunbird *Cinnyris reichenowi* —(3) A group favorite, this beautiful sunbird was seen on walks on the road at Bwindi

Regal Sunbird *Cinnyris regius* —(3) Seen well on the school trail road in Bwindi

Mariqua Sunbird *Cinnyris mariquensis*—(1) This species, another lovely sunbird, was spotted on our Kazinga Channel cruise

Red-chested Sunbird *Cinnyris erythrocerus* —(4) Lucky to see this sunbird up close on the grounds of the Boma Guesthouse

Superb Sunbird *Cinnyris superbus*— (2) Indeed superb! This lovely bird was seen our first day in the Entebbe Botanical Garden

Variable Sunbird *Cinnyris venustus* —(5) The yellow belly of this sunbird is diagnostic; seen best on our walks on the road at Bwindi

Copper Sunbird *Cinnyris cupreus* — (1) On seen once, this dark sunbird was seen on the walk on the Royal Mile

PASSERIFORMES: Ploceidae (24)

Speckle-fronted Weaver *Sporopipes frontalis* —(1) Seen on our safari drive at MFNP

White-browed Sparrow-Weaver *Plocepasser mahali* —(2) Seen on the river cruise on the Nile

Chestnut-crowned Sparrow-Weaver *Plocepasser superciliosus* —(4) With a face pattern reminiscent of a Lark Sparrow, this sparrow-weaver was seen often on drives at MFNP & nest building at Pakuba Safari Lodge

Red-bellied Malimbe *Malimbus erythrogaster*—(1) We heard, and then got quick looks, at this species in the field near the Royal Mile

Red-headed Weaver *Anaplectes rubriceps*—(1) Unfortunately, this distinctive species was seen only by guide Pat while driving where the bus couldn't stop on the road to MFNP

Baglafaecht Weaver *Ploceus baglafaecht* —(3) Bright yellow, this weaver was seen along the road on our walks in Bwindi

Little Weaver *Ploceus luteolus* —(2) Smaller weaver, we saw this bird and its nests near the Pakuba Safari Lodge at MFNP

Slender-billed Weaver *Ploceus pelzelni* —(2) We saw this weaver on the Mabamba Swamp & Lake Mburo cruises

Spectacled Weaver *Ploceus ocularis* —(1) Seen on the Kazinga Channel Cruise

Holub's Golden-Weaver *Ploceus xanthops* —(2) Little facial markings & a pale eye, we saw this yellow weaver while birding the road in Bwindi

Orange Weaver *Ploceus aurantius*—A target species on our trip to the Entebbe Botanical Garden, we saw a few of this bright orange weaver building nests in a bush on the shore of Lake Victoria

Northern Brown-throated Weaver *Ploceus castanops* —(3) Many best seen nest building on the grounds of the Boma Guesthouse

Northern Masked-Weaver *Ploceus taeniopterus* —(1) We stopped along the road specifically to see this weaver species in route to the city of Misindi

Lesser Masked-Weaver *Ploceus intermedius* —(1) With a very black mask, we saw this weaver on our safari drive at QENP

Vitelline Masked-Weaver *Ploceus vitellinus* —(1) Seen on our last morning when we left the grounds of the Pakuba Safari Lodge

Vieillot's Weaver *Ploceus nigerrimus* —(2) Many nests and individuals seen on the grounds of the Chimpanzee Guesthouse

Village Weaver *Ploceus cucullatus* —(9) Yellow with a red eye, seen often at many locations including the Boma Guesthouse

Black-headed Weaver *Ploceus melanocephalus* —(4) Close looks at the Boma Guesthouse & the botanical garden

Brown-capped Weaver *Ploceus insignis* —(1) Seen on our walk on the road at Bwindi

Red-billed Quelea *Quelea quelea* — (2) A very attractive sparrow-type species, we saw a pair from the bus close to the road as we entered Lake Mburo NP

Black Bishop *Euplectes gierowii*—(2) Best sighting was on our walk on the Royal Mile

Red-collared Widowbird *Euplectes ardens*—(1) Seen on our safari drive at QENP

Fan-tailed Widowbird *Euplectes axillaris* —(2) Perched on a fence post near the entrance to Lake Mburo NP; great photo opportunity

Grosbeak Weaver *Amblyospiza albifrons* —(1) Strong grosbeak bill distinctive; pair seen on our walk at Bigodi Swamp

PASSERIFORMES: Estrildidae (14)

Gray-headed Nigrita *Nigrita canicapillus* —(4) Seen best on our walks on the road at Bwindi

Chestnut-breasted Nigrita *Nigrita bicolor*—(1) Dark with a brown breast, we saw this species on our walk at Bigodi Swamp

White-breasted Nigrita *Nigrita fusconotus* —(1) Striking bird with a white breast, we saw this species on our walk on the Royal Mile

Fawn-breasted Waxbill *Estrilda paludicola* —(1) Bright bird with a reddish pink bill, this species was seen in the field on our safari drive at QENP

Crimson-rumped Waxbill *Estrilda rhodopyga* —(1) Four of this finch-type waxbill were seen on our safari drive at QENP

Black-rumped Waxbill *Estrilda troglodytes* —(2) We saw eight of this not-often seen species at the beginning of our safari drive at MFNP

Black-crowned Waxbill *Estrilda nonnula* —(3) We saw five of this species while birding on the grounds of the Chimpanzee Guesthouse

Red-cheeked Cordonbleu *Uraeginthus bengalus* —(8) After many encounters, we finally got good looks at this lovely species; also seen often on drives at MFNP

Dusky Twinspot *Euschistospiza cinereovinacea*—(1) Seen on our walk on the road at Bwindi

Brown Twinspot *Clytospiza monteiri*—(1) Only quick looks at this unique species on our walk on the Royal Mile

Red-billed Firefinch *Lagonosticta senegala* —(8) Seen often, good looks our first day at the Boma Guesthouse

African Firefinch *Lagonosticta rubricata* —(1) Seen on our safari drive in QENP

Bronze Mannikin *Spermestes cucullate* —(7) A sparrow-like bird, we had our first sightings in the grass on our first day at the Entebbe Botanical Garden, seen often afterwards

Black-and-white Mannikin *Spermestes bicolor* — (1) We saw this bird well feeding in the grass on our walk at Bigodi Swamp

PASSERIFORMES: Viduidae (1)

Pin-tailed Whydah *Vidua macroura* —(4) A very exotic species reminiscent of a Fork-tailed Flycatcher, we enjoyed watching a male and female at length on the safari drive at QENP

PASSERIFORMES: Passeridae (4)

House Sparrow *Passer domesticus* — (1) Seen in the village after our boat trip at Mabamba Swamp

Shelley's Rufous Sparrow *Passer shelleyi* —(1) Seen only once, we spotted this sparrow while birding on the last morning from the pool area at Pakuba Safari Lodge

Northern Gray-headed Sparrow *Passer griseus* —(8) This sparrow was seen almost daily at a variety of locations & habitats

Chestnut Sparrow *Passer eminibey*—(1) Three of this sparrow were seen on our last morning at Pakuba Safari Lodge from the pool area

PASSERIFORMES: Motacillidae (5)

Western Yellow Wagtail *Motacilla flava* —(4) Seen often during the tour, we saw our first wagtail at the Entebbe Botanical Garden the first morning

African Pied Wagtail *Motacilla aguimp* —(9) Seen often at many locations & habitats

African Pipit *Anthus cinnamomeus* —(2) We had good looks at this pipit on the ground after our boat trip at Mabamba Swamp

Plain-backed Pipit *Anthus leucophrys* —(1) Seen along the road on our trip to the Royal Mile

Yellow-throated Longclaw *Macronyx croceus* — (4) Very similar to a meadowlark, we viewed this species often on our safari drives at Lake Mburo & QENP

PASSERIFORMES: Fringillidae (4)

Yellow-fronted Canary *Crithagra mozambica* —(5) First seen from the lodge at Lake Mburo upon our arrival

Brimstone Canary *Crithagra sulphurata* —(5) Seen on our bird walk at the Chimpanzee Guesthouse

Streaky Seedeater *Crithagra striolata* —(1) Good looks on our walk on the school trail at Bwindi NP

Thick-billed Seedeater *Crithagra burtoni* —(1) Large seedeater, seen along the road as we birded in Bwindi

PASSERIFORMES: Emberizidae (2)

Cabanis's Bunting *Emberiza cabanisi*—(1) Lovely bunting that we heard, but never did see well, near the open field on our trip to the Royal Mile **(HO)**

Golden-breasted Bunting *Emberiza flaviventris* —(3) Distinctive face pattern, we saw this species on all walks on the road at Bwindi

PASSERIFORMES: Phaenicophilidae (1)

White-winged Warbler *Xenoligea montana*—Mossy green back evident, we had good looks at this species perched in the reeds on the Nile Delta Cruise

MAMMALS (39)

Elephants (1)

Bush (Savanna) Elephant *Loxodonta africana* —(6) We had great, close views of elephants, babies & adults, stopping at length to observe their behavior and for great photos, on our safari drives at QENP & MFNP. Unique to this area of East Africa, the elephants had flocks of Piapiacs following them.

Primates (11)

Patas monkey *Erythrocebus patas* —(3) We stopped often to view this monkey, individuals and family groups with young, on our safari drives at MFNP

Vervet monkey *Chlorocebus pygerythrus* —(8) Seen often; and, as Herbert instructed, black shoes & black-tipped tail separated this monkey from the similar Tantalus monkey.

Tantalus monkey *Chlorocebus tantalus* —(2) We saw this monkey only in MFNP

Red-tailed monkey *Cercopithecus ascanius* —(2) This monkey was seen while we were Chimp tracking and again on the Royal Mile.

L'Hoest's monkey *Cercopithecus lhoesti* —(2) We saw this monkey at the Gorilla Mist Lodge and in Bwindi NP.

Blue Monkey *Cercopithecus mitis* —(2) Seen twice, in Bwindi on our walk on the road, and on the walk on the Royal Mile.

Olive baboon *Papio anubis* —(10) Seen almost daily at all locations, many sitting in the road on safari drives at MFNP

Mantled Guereza (Black-and-white Colobus) *Colobus guereza* —(5) First seen at the Entebbe Botanical Garden & other various locations

Central African Red Colobus *Piliocolobus oustaleti*—(1) Lucky sighting when we drove the road in Bwindi

Eastern Mountain Gorilla *Gorilla beringei beringei* —(1) Wow, was our group so lucky! We walked downhill for 45 minutes and found the Bitukura Group of 12 family members that we were tracking. We spent an hour quietly photographing and observing the silverback, females, and juveniles, an experience we'll never forget!

Common Chimpanzee *Pan troglodytes* —(1) We found a large group and watched three males fight over an observing female involving earsplitting screams and violent, aggressive behavior. A little unsettling!

Rodents (3)

Striped Ground Squirrel *Xerus erythropus* —(2) Seen in the Entebbe Botanical Garden & in MFNP

Carruther's Mountain Squirrel *Funisciurus carruthersi* —(3) Seen often on our walks on the road at Bwindi

Red-legged Sun Squirrel *Heliosciurus rufobrachium*—(1) Close looks on our walk on the Royal Mile

Hares and Rabbits (1)

Bunyoro rabbit *Poelagus marjorita*—(2) Seen on safari drives in QENP & MFNP

Bats (2)

Straw-coloured Fruit Bat *Eidolon helvum*—(2) We stopped for restrooms in route to Misindi and found thousands of this very large bat vocalizing, flying, and roosting near the country club. An unbelievable sighting!

Yellow winged bat *Lavia frons* —(2) This bat was seen feeding at dusk from the lodge at Lake Mburo

Carnivores (8)

African lion *Panthera leo* —(1) Herbert got word of the sighting of two males on our safari drive at QENP. We were only yards from two males lying in the grass. One eventually got up and wandered around before lying back down. So exciting to view these beautiful predators at such close range for an extended period of time. What a fabulous photo opportunity!

African leopard *Panthera pardus pardus* —(1) Shortly after viewing the male lions, we spotted a large herd of Kob standing at attention indicating a nearby predator. We patiently watched and then spotted a leopard standing near them on a termite hill. We then watched for a short time as the leopard slowly advanced towards the Kob, eventually losing sight of it in the tall grass. Later, others saw the same leopard loafing near that location in a tree and shared photos with us.

Blotched genet *Genetta tigrina*—(1) Those in the front of the bus had a quick sighting of this cat-like carnivore while on a safari drive at MFNP

White-tailed mongoose *Ichneumia albicauda*—(1) Seen on a night drive at MFNP

Banded mongoose *Mungos mungo* —(1) Seen on our Kazinga Channel cruise

Spotted hyena *Crocuta crocuta* —(1) Two were seen close to the bus on our QENP safari drive right before we saw the African lions. One stood alert for a length of time for great photos.

Black-backed jackal *Canis mesomelas*—(2) Seen well while running parallel to the bus on our safari drive in MFNP

Side-striped jackal *Canis adustus*—(1) Herbert pointed out the stripe when we spotted this jackal on our drive at MFNP

Perissodactyla (odd-toed ungulates) (1)

Common (Bohemi) Zebra *Equus quagga* —(3) Seen at Lake Mburo, we spotted many herds with large numbers of adults and some with very young, still furry looking, foals.

Artiodactyla (even-toed ungulates) (12)

Common Warthog *Phacochoerus africanus*—(8) Seen often at all National Parks we visited

Hippopotamus *Hippopotamus amphibious* — (6) Seen close on all our river cruises, adults and young, in the water and on land, providing many photo opportunities!

Rothschild'S Giraffe *Giraffa camelopardalis rothschildi* —(3) Many seen daily at MFNP including adults with different shades of darkness to distinguish their ages. Magnificent animals!

Lelwel (Jackson's) Hartebeest *Alcelaphus buselaphus* —(3) Seen on our safari drives at MFNP

Topi *Damaliscus korrigum* —(2) Seen well on our drives at Lake Mburo

Oribi *Ourebia ourebi* —(3) Seen at MFNP on our safari drives

African buffalo *Syncerus caffer* —(7) Seen on all drives at all of the National Parks

Nile bushbuck *Tragelaphus sylvaticus* —(4) Seen at Lake Mburo and then all days at MFNP

Black-fronted Duiker *Cephalophus nigrifrons* —(3) Seen crossing the road on our drives at Bwindi

Impala *Aepyceros melampus* — (3) Large herds seen on all of our drives at Lake Mburo NP

Waterbuck *Kobus ellipsiprymnus* — (8) Seen at all of the National Parks on our safari drives

Kob *Kobus kob* —(5) Very abundant at QENP and especially large herds at MFNP

REPTILES (5)

Common House Gecko *Hemidactylus frenatus* —(5) Most of our lodges and tents enjoyed at least one

Blue-headed Agama *Acanthocercus ugandaensis* —(3) Seen often at QENP

Red-headed Agama *Agama agama* —(3) Very abundant, especially around the Pakuba Safari Lodge, at MFNP

Nile (Water) Monitor *Varanus niloticus* — (2) Seen well on our Kazinga Channel cruise

Nile Crocodile *Crocodylus niloticus* —(4) Large crocodiles were seen lying on the shore on our Kazinga Channel cruise and Nile River cruises