Tanzania: Wildlife & Birding Safari With Naturalist Journeys



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Summary: An incredible safari guided and organized by Naturalist Journeys and Cisticola Birding, with Washington Wachira, Martin, and Peg Abbott guiding as well as our keen-eyed drivers Silva, Peter and Boniface. We visited classic sites of the northern part of Tanzania, seeing 50 mammals as well as a stunning array of birds. Favorites were too numerous to tally, but the iconic species of Africa like Gray-crowned Crane, Secretarybird and Southern Ground Hornbill were noted by many in the group. Everyone loved the colorful sunbirds (10 species), barbets (8 species) and of course the Lilac-breasted Roller. We took time to watch behavior, sort out cisticolas (18 species) and were thrilled to find 30 species of raptors. Rains were starting a bit early and we enjoyed displays by several of the whydahs with their long fancy tails.

There were about twenty additional species noted by other observers than the compiler, to be expected as we had three vehicles and were not always together. These will be added to the annotated species list and posted with regional Species Lists on www.naturalistjourneys.com. East Africa is blessed with SO many birds!

The eBird Link to our 2023 Tanzania Journey: <u>https://ebird.org/tripreport/108858</u>