



# **Parque Nacional da Gorongosa Mozambique**

## **“Africa’s Lost Eden”**

**19<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> November 2011**

### **Trip Report**



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## Tour Summary

**Tour Participants:** Terry Boss, Clive and Philippa Manvell

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**Temperature Range:** 16 – 39°C

**Total Birds Seen:** 211

**Total Birds Heard Only:** 5

**Total Mammals Seen:** 23

**Bird of the Trip:** Green-headed Oriole

**Trip Report Compiled By:** Leon Marais

Note:

The species mentioned in the report are only some of the species seen at each locality. Please refer to detailed checklists at end of the report for all species seen on this specific tour.

Below: Red-necked Spurfowl (*swynnertoni* race).



## Trip Breakdown

### Day 1: Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> November 2011 ~ Arrival

After a slight delay at OR Tambo International Airport in Johannesburg we departed for Beira, a large town on the Mozambique coastline close to the Pungwe River estuary. Procedures at the 1960's style airport were fairly simple and we boarded our passenger van for the three hour drive to Gorongosa National Park in Sofala Province. Our driver dropped us off at Chitengo Camp, where Rob from Explore Gorongosa met us. We then had a 20 minute drive to our small 'eco-camp' on the banks of the Rio Mussicadzi. We arrived at dusk and immediately settled in around the fire for a welcome drink after the long journey. We then had dinner to the sounds of a Square-tailed Nightjar before heading to bed in our safari tents in anticipation of an exciting day to come.

**Route:** Johannesburg to Beira; Beira to Gorongosa.

**Weather:** hot and humid.

**Temperature range:** 16 – 34 °C.

**Birds seen:** 9

### Day 2: Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> November 2011 ~ Gorongosa National Park

It's pretty hard to sleep in with a strident dawn chorus beginning at 04h30, and not long after 05h00 we met up for a pastry and cup of coffee before departure on a morning excursion, though being so far east we should have been within a different time zone and could thus mentally switch



our clocks by an hour at least. The morning drive in a Land-Cruise Game Viewer took us out onto the vast Lake Urema flood plain, a flat, green expanse ringed by striking yellow Fever Trees and teeming with Common Waterbuck, Common Reedbuck, Oribi and Warthogs, and past the Casa dos Leões, the ruin of a restaurant built by the Portuguese in the early 1960's (but soon deserted due to the seasonal flooding regime of the area). We also saw a single Bushpig, while troops of Yellow Baboon were common in the surrounding Borassus palm savannah and out in the open on the floodplain. The

general idea for the morning was to have an introductory drive, just to give us an idea of the park and its myriad micro-habitats and spectacular aesthetic components. Birds seen included **Grey Crowned Crane** (above), **Saddle-billed Stork**, **Blacksmith Lapwing**, **Black-bellied Korhaan**, **Burchell's Coucal**, **African Marsh Harrier**, **White-headed Vulture**, **Bateleur**, **African Fish-Eagle**, **Green Sandpiper**, **Blue-cheeked**, **Southern Carmine**, **Little** and **European Bee-eaters**, **Red-throated Twinspot**, **Orange-bellied Waxbill**, **Pale Batis** and many others. With the temperatures rising steadily we headed back to camp for breakfast and relaxation through the heat of the day. During the day we gathered at a shady spot along the dry Mussicadzi riverbed, enjoying the breeze and looking at those birds active through the midday heat. In the afternoon we had tea and cake and then set off on another drive, circling around the floodplain in the opposite direction, ending off with a walk before a superb sundowner stop with four **Grey Crowned Cranes** flying over to alight in a tree close by and an overflight by four **Openbill Storks** while we had our Dois M beers and cashew nut snacks. New species on the mammal side included Lichtenstein's Hartebeest and the peculiar Large Grey Mongoose. After dark we cut a path straight across the floodplain, heading for our camp somewhere on the other side, much like a boat crossing a featureless sea. Our guide Robbie knew exactly where we were going however, and on cue we popped out near the Casa dos Leões and headed on back to camp. We

then had some drinks and a fine fillet steak dinner before retiring on another warm, still savannah night.

**Route:** Lake Urema floodplain drives.

**Weather:** Hot and humid.

**Temperature range:** 20 – 37 °C.

**Birds seen:** 95.

**Birds of the day:** Grey Crowned Crane.

### **Day 3: Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> November 2011 ~ Gorongosa National Park**

After another perfectly still and warm night we met up for coffee and then headed off on a long birding walk along the Rio Mussicadzi with game scout Jinga, guide Geoff and assistant Rui. The birding was a bit quiet, but we recorded **Red-faced Crombec** and **Wood Owl** as lifers for at least some of the group. We narrowly missed Narina Trogon and Green Malkoha, but saw plenty of Warthogs, and Jinga was nearly bowled over by at least four which we surprised on a path leading into a thicket. We also came across a large Nile Crocodile, large specimens living in vegetation-covered pools in the riverbed which seem impossibly small and shallow to house large crocodiles. With the day warming up considerably we got back to camp at around 09h00 for breakfast and relaxation through the heat of the day. After high tea at 15h00 we departed on a long afternoon



drive, making for a spot known as 'Paradise Pan'. We saw quite a bit on the way, including three separate herds of Elephants (left), which ultimately kept us from reaching our destination. The Elephants in the park have survived through decades of war and heavy poaching, so they are understandably wary of humans and can be very aggressive if approached too closely, hence us not trying to push past them to get to the pan. With a large herd of around 60 individuals blocking the road we turned around for a sundowner stop before continuing back to camp after darkness. The afternoon and evening produced a few new birds, such as **Bronze-**

**winged Courser, Senegal Lapwing and African Spoonbill**, as well as five new mammal species: African Civet, Large-spotted Genet, Elephant and Scrub Hare and a single Cheetah. The two Cheetahs currently living in the park are recent reintroductions, having been translocated from South Africa a few months ago. Originally there were four, but one died during transit and another was found dead alongside a Bushbuck ram. Bushbuck can be quite tenacious fighters, and it was assumed that the Cheetah had not had previous experience with Bushbuck and took on more than it could handle, resulting in the death of both animals. The habitat and conditions look perfect for Cheetah, with plenty of small antelope living on the edge of the floodplain where Cheetah are in their element as far as hunting conditions go, so it is hoped that a viable population of this endangered cat will be established in the future. Back at camp we settled in for a drink around the fire before another wonderful evening meal.

**Route:** Morning birding walk along the Mussicadzi River; afternoon drive towards Paradise Pan.

**Weather:** Hot and humid.

**Temperature range:** 19 – 37 °C.

**Birds seen:** 66.

**Birds of the day:** African Wood Owl.

#### **Day 4: Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2011 ~ Mount Gorongosa**

Again we opted for a morning walk, and after coffee in camp we headed out with guide Geoff and game scout Perreira. Our saunter took us out through a fantastic Fever Tree forest, out onto the edge of the floodplain and back along the Mussicadzi River, which held several semi-permanent pools which teemed with birds such as **Saddle-billed Stork, Goliath Heron, African Jacana, Water Thick-knee, Hamerkop** and **Great White Heron**. We searched for Pel's Fishing-Owl at a known nesting site, but couldn't find any trace of the birds. We then headed back to camp for breakfast and some time to pack for our excursion to Mount Gorongosa. It was quite a lengthy drive, with a little bit of birding on the way, as well as a lunch stop at Chitenga Camp on the way through. We eventually arrived at our fly camp (right) at Niyankuku in the late afternoon, and after a cup of tea and some cake headed off on a short birding walk of the area, seeing **Variable Sunbird, Bronze Mannikin, Jameson's Firefinch, Yellow-fronted Canary** and others before returning to camp for drinks and a barbecued Peri Peri chicken dinner.



**Route:** morning walk along the Mussicadzi River; drive to Mount Gorongosa.

**Weather:** hot and humid.

**Temperature range:** 20 – 34 °C.

**Birds seen:** 71.

**Birds of the day:** Red-throated Twinspot

#### **Day 5: Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2011 ~ Mount Gorongosa**

The Oriole Quest... After a hot previous day we awoke to cool and cloudy conditions on the lower slopes of the mountain. After getting ready and having some tea and pastries we began our Green-headed Oriole quest. The path took us ever upwards through the degraded lower slopes of subsistence villages before we reached the first few patches of forest higher up on the slopes. Soon we heard an oriole calling and, with a bit of patience, had some spectacular views of one of Southern Africa's most range-restricted birds, the *speculifer* race of **Green-headed Oriole**, which is endemic to Mount Gorongosa. We were fortunate in that they were on the edge of the forest, so we weren't looking up at small silhouettes 50 feet above our heads but had good, prolonged views. Other new birds recorded included **Singing Cisticola, Eastern Saw-wing, Livingstone's Turaco, White-eared Barbet, Grey Cuckooshrike, Moustached Grass-Warbler, Mountain Wagtail, Red-winged Starling, Variable Sunbird, Red-collared Widow, Grey Waxbill, Broad-tailed Warbler** and many others. After a session in the spectacular gallery forest high up on the mountain, where birds were heard rather than seen, we made our way down, with a lunch and swim stop at the cascading Murombodzi Waterfall (left) before heading back to the base camp to board the vehicle for the long drive back to the reserve. We arrived at 17h00 for some ice cold beers before having a very welcome hot shower before dinner.



**Route:** birding walks / hikes on the mountain.

**Weather:** Overcast and warm.

**Temperature range:** 17 – 27 °C.

**Birds seen:** 44.

**Birds of the day:** Green-headed Oriole.

### **Day 6: Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> November 2011 ~ Gorongosa National Park**

With an early departure at 05h00 we had a long morning drive, heading along the edge of the floodplain and on to the shallow Sungue Lagoon, which was humming with waterbirds and raptors. We had a great coffee stop alongside the lagoon, recording **Pallid Harrier, Red-necked Falcon, Long-toed Lapwing, Malachite Kingfisher, Purple Heron, Rufous-winged Cisticola, African Fish Eagle, Saddle-billed Stork, Goliath, Grey and Purple Herons, African Jacana** and plenty of others before continuing. At a shallow pan on the way back we spent some time watching birds such as **Grey Crowned Crane, Marabou and Saddle-billed Storks, White-headed Vulture, Spur-winged Goose** and others feeding in among Common Reedbuck, Bushbuck, Warthog and Yellow Baboons. After a rest period in camp through the heat of the day we took a drive to Chitengo Rest Camp and the Pungwe River for some forest birding with game scout Perreria and guide Rob. New birds recorded included **Scaly-throated Honeyguide, Narina Trogon** (brief views), **African Golden Oriole, Yellow-rumped Tinkerbird, White-crowned Lapwing** seen in addition to other species already seen, including **African Wood-Owl**. The sought-after Black-and-white Flycatcher eluded us however and at dusk we headed on for a sundowner stop and night drive back to camp for another wonderful dinner (produced somewhat miraculously by Chef Kim in a very simple kitchen).

**Route:** Morning drive to Sungue Lagoon; afternoon walk along the Pungwe River.

**Weather:** Hot and humid.

**Temperature range:** 21 – 39 °C.

**Birds seen:** 106.

**Birds of the day:** Pallid Harrier and Red-necked Falcon.

### **Day 7: Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> November 2011 ~ Gorongosa National Park**

At around 01h00 in the morning we were woken by a huge thunderstorm rolling across the Gorongosa plains. Fortunately the wind wasn't too bad, though a lot of much-needed rain fell during the night. We set off a bit behind schedule at 05h30 as the staff were tidying up camp after the storm. It wasn't raining initially, but at 07h00 it began, and didn't stop for about four hours, making our drive out to the Hippo House (right) on the current edge of Lake Urema rather interesting indeed. Birds seen included **Moustached Grass-Warbler, African Openbill**, over 15 **Saddle-billed Storks, Comb Ducks** (good duck and waterbird weather!), **European Honey-Buzzard, Martial Eagle, Dickinson's Kestrel, Purple-crested Turaco, Red-chested Cuckoo, Southern Ground-Hornbill, Lesser Honeyguide, Flappet Lark** and many others. We also had a second Serval sighting on the mammal side. By about 11h30 the rain stopped, leaving the roads through the clay floodplain in a terrible state. We made it back to camp for lunch and a short rest before a final afternoon expedition to the Sungue Lagoon. Here we set up the scope and mobile bar, enjoying sundowners under an awesome cloudscape while tracking large numbers of water-associated birds moving to and from the lake and floodplain, such as **Black-crowned Night-**



**Hérons, Purple Herons, Glossy Ibises, Black Herons** and the full range of egrets (**Cattle, Yellow-billed, Little and Great White**), while on the water we had **Lesser Jacana** as a new record and **Marsh Owls** hawking insects on the wing in the twilight as we made our way back to camp. We also had a Water Mongoose as a new mammal record (and only the second time I've seen this species). All in all a fantastic afternoon and a fitting end to an unbelievable recce tour.

**Route:** Morning drive to the Hippo House; afternoon drive to Sungue Lagoon.

**Weather:** Rain AM; cloudy and warm PM.

**Temperature range:** 15 – 30 °C.

**Birds seen:** 107.

**Birds of the day:** Dickinson's Kestrel.

### **Day 8: Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> November 2011 ~ Departure**

Most of the day was taken up by travelling, though we got in a bit of birding along the Pungwe River in the early morning, which was a bit quiet but did produce a humble Green-backed Cameroptera as a new record. Just after 07h00 we met our driver at Chitengo camp for the drive back to Beira, where we did our final list before the flight back to Johannesburg.

**Route:** Explore Gorongosa Camp to Beira; Beira to Johannesburg.

**Weather:** hot and humid.

**Temperature range:** 18 – 26 °C.

Below: Sundowner stop on the floodplain and Collared Palm-Thrush. To see more photos visit the Lawson's Flickr site: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/leonmars/sets/72157628233223551/>



### Bird List

	<b>COMMON NAME</b>	<b>19-Nov-11</b>	<b>20-Nov-11</b>	<b>21-Nov-11</b>	<b>22-Nov-11</b>	<b>23-Nov-11</b>	<b>24-Nov-11</b>	<b>25-Nov-11</b>	<b>26-Nov-11</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>SCIENTIFIC NAME</b>
60	African Darter						X			1	<i>Anhinga rufa</i>
62	Grey Heron			X	X		X	X		4	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>
63	Black-headed Heron		X				X	X	X	4	<i>Ardea melanocephala</i>
64	Goliath Heron			X			X	X		3	<i>Ardea goliath</i>
65	Purple Heron						X	X		2	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>
66	Great Egret		X		X		X	X		4	<i>Casmerodiusa albus</i>
67	Little Egret		X				X	X		3	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>
68	Yellow-billed Egret	X	X				X	X		4	<i>Egretta intermedia</i>
69	Black Heron							X		1	<i>Egretta ardesiaca</i>
71	Cattle Egret	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	8	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>
72	Squacco Heron		X		X		X	X		4	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>
74	Green-backed Heron			X						1	<i>Butorides striatus</i>
76	Black-crowned Night-Heron			X				X		2	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>
81	Hamerkop		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	7	<i>Scopus umbretta</i>
83	White Stork						X			1	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>
86	Woolly-necked Stork		X		X					2	<i>Ciconia episcopus</i>
87	African Openbill		X					X		2	<i>Anastomus lamelligerus</i>
88	Saddle-billed Stork		X		X		X	X		4	<i>Ephippiorhynchus senegalensis</i>
89	Marabou Stork						X	X	X	3	<i>Leptoptilos crumeniferus</i>
90	Yellow-billed Stork		X	X						2	<i>Mycteria ibis</i>
91	African Sacred Ibis		X				X	X		3	<i>Threskiornis aethiopicus</i>
93	Glossy Ibis						X	X		2	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>
94	Hadedda Ibis		X		X		X	X	X	5	<i>Bostrychia hagedash</i>
95	African Spoonbill			X				X		2	<i>Platalea alba</i>
99	White-faced Duck						X	X		2	<i>Dendrocygna viduata</i>
102	Egyptian Goose		X				X	X		3	<i>Alopochen aegyptiacus</i>
115	Comb Duck						X	X		2	<i>Sarkidiornis melanotos</i>
116	Spur-winged Goose		X	X	X		X	X		5	<i>Plectropterus gambensis</i>
123	White-backed Vulture		X	X				X	X	4	<i>Gyps africanus</i>
124	Lappet-faced Vulture						X			1	<i>Torgos tracheliotus</i>
125	White-headed Vulture		X	X			X	X	X	5	<i>Trigonoceps occipitalis</i>
126b	Yellow-billed Kite	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	7	<i>Milvus aegyptius</i>
127	Black-shouldered Kite				X		X	X		3	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>
130	European Honey-Buzzard							X		1	<i>Pernis apivorus</i>
134	Lesser Spotted Eagle		X							1	<i>Aquila pomarina</i>
135	Wahlberg's Eagle						X			1	<i>Aquila wahlbergi</i>
137	African Hawk-Eagle		X							1	<i>Hieraaetus fasciatus</i>
139	Long-crested Eagle								X	1	<i>Lophaetus occipitalis</i>
140	Martial Eagle							X	X	2	<i>Polemaetus bellicosus</i>
142	Brown Snake-Eagle		X	X			X	X		4	<i>Circaetus cinereus</i>
143	Black-chested Snake-Eagle		X		X		X	X		4	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>
146	Bateleur		X	X	X		X	X	X	6	<i>Terathopius ecaudatus</i>
148	African Fish Eagle		X	X	X		X	X	X	6	<i>Haliaeetus vocifer</i>
149	Steppe Buzzard							X		1	<i>Buteo buteo</i>
165	African Marsh-Harrier		X				X	X		3	<i>Circus ranivorus</i>

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167	Pallid Harrier						X				<i>Circus macrourus</i>
169	African Harrier-Hawk		X					X		2	<i>Polyboroides typus</i>
178	Red-necked Falcon						X			1	<i>Falco chicquera</i>
185	Dickinson's Kestrel							X		1	<i>Falco dickinsoni</i>
198	Red-necked Spurfowl	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	8	<i>Pternistes afer</i>
203	Helmeted Guineafowl		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	7	<i>Numida meleagris</i>
204	Crested Guineafowl						X			1	<i>Guttera pucherani</i>
209	Grey Crowned Crane		X	X			X	X		4	<i>Balearica regulorum</i>
213	Black Crake			X			X			2	<i>Amauornis flavirostris</i>
238	Black-bellied Bustard		X	X	X		X			4	<i>Eupodotis melanogaster</i>
240	African Jacana		X		X		X	X		4	<i>Actophilornis africanus</i>
241	Lesser Jacana							X		1	<i>Microparra capensis</i>
249	Three-banded Plover		X				X	X	X	4	<i>Charadrius tricollaris</i>
256	Senegal Lapwing			X				X		2	<i>Vanellus lugubris</i>
258	Blacksmith Lapwing		X				X	X		3	<i>Vanellus armatus</i>
259	White-crowned Lapwing						X			1	<i>Vanellus albiceps</i>
260	African Wattled Lapwing				X					1	<i>Vanellus senegallus</i>
261	Long-toed Lapwing						X	X		2	<i>Vanellus crassirostris</i>
264	Common Sandpiper						X	X		2	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>
265	Green Sandpiper		X		X			X		3	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>
266	Wood Sandpiper		X				X	X		3	<i>Tringa glareola</i>
270	Common Greenshank		X				X	X	X	4	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>
298	Water Thick-Knee		X	X	X		X	X		5	<i>Burhinus vermiculatus</i>
303	Bronze-winged Courser			X						1	<i>Rhinoptilus chalcopterus</i>
304	Collared Pratincole		X				X			2	<i>Glareola pratincola</i>
338	Whiskered Tern						X			1	<i>Chlidonias hybridus</i>
351	Eastern Bronze-naped Pigeon					H					<i>Columba delegorguei</i>
352	Red-eyed Dove		X	X	X	X		X		5	<i>Streptopelia semitorquata</i>
354	Cape Turtle-Dove		X				X	X	X	4	<i>Streptopelia capicola</i>
355	Laughing Dove		X				X	X		3	<i>Streptopelia senegalensis</i>
358	Emerald-spotted Wood-Dove	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		7	<i>Turtur chalcospilos</i>
359	Tambourine Dove				X					1	<i>Turtur tympanistria</i>
363	Brown-headed Parrot								H		<i>Poicephalus cryptoxanthus</i>
370b	Livingstone's Turaco					X				1	<i>Tauraco livingstonii</i>
371	Purple-crested Turaco							X		1	<i>Tauraco porphyreolophus</i>
373	Grey Go-away-bird						X			1	<i>Corythaixoides concolor</i>
377	Red-chested Cuckoo							X		1	<i>Cuculus solitarius</i>
378	Black Cuckoo						X			1	<i>Cuculus clamosus</i>
382	Jacobin Cuckoo			X						1	<i>Clamator jacobinus</i>
386	Diderick Cuckoo		X							1	<i>Chrysococcyx caprius</i>
387	Green Malkoha			X						1	<i>Ceuthmochares aereus</i>
391a	Burchell's Coucal (NE)		X	X	X		X	X	X	6	<i>Centropus burchellii</i>
394	African Wood-Owl			X			X			2	<i>Strix woodfordii</i>
395	Marsh Owl							X		1	<i>Asio capensis</i>
409	Square-tailed Nightjar			X			X			2	<i>Caprimulgus fossii</i>
417	Little Swift	X							X	2	<i>Apus affinis</i>
421	African Palm Swift	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	7	<i>Cypsiurus parvus</i>

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424	Speckled Mousebird				X	X		X		3	<i>Colius striatus</i>
426	Red-faced Mousebird			X						1	<i>Urocolius indicus</i>
427	Narina Trogon						X			1	<i>Apaloderma narina</i>
428	Pied Kingfisher						X	X		2	<i>Ceryle rudis</i>
431	Malachite Kingfisher			X			X			2	<i>Alcedo cristata</i>
433	Woodland Kingfisher		X		X			X		3	<i>Halcyon senegalensis</i>
435	Brown-hooded Kingfisher		X	X	X		X	X	X	6	<i>Halcyon albiventris</i>
436	Grey-headed Kingfisher	X					X			2	<i>Halcyon leucocephala</i>
437	Striped Kingfisher				X			X		2	<i>Halcyon chelicuti</i>
438	European Bee-eater		X		X		X			3	<i>Merops apiaster</i>
440	Blue-cheeked Bee-eater		X	X			X			3	<i>Merops persicus</i>
441	Southern Carmine Bee-eater		X		X					2	<i>Merops nubicoides</i>
444	Little Bee-eater		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	7	<i>Merops pusillus</i>
447	Lilac-breasted Roller		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	7	<i>Coracias caudata</i>
450	Broad-billed Roller					X				1	<i>Eurystomus glaucurus</i>
452	Green Wood-Hoopoe			X				X		2	<i>Phoeniculus purpureus</i>
454	Common Scimitarbill		X				X	X		3	<i>Rhinopomastus cyanomelas</i>
455	Trumpeter Hornbill	X								1	<i>Bycanistes bucinator</i>
457	African Grey Hornbill		X				X	X		3	<i>Tockus nasutus</i>
460	Crowned Hornbill		X					X		2	<i>Tockus alboterminatus</i>
463	Southern Ground-Hornbill							X	X	2	<i>Bucorvus leadbeateri</i>
466	White-eared Barbet					X				1	<i>Stactolaema leucotis</i>
471	Yellow-rumped Tinkerbird						X			1	<i>Pogoniulus bilineatus</i>
475	Scaly-throated Honeyguide						X			1	<i>Indicator variegatus</i>
476	Lesser Honeyguide							X		1	<i>Indicator minor</i>
483	Golden-tailed Woodpecker		X				X	X		3	<i>Campethera abingoni</i>
486	Cardinal Woodpecker		X		X					2	<i>Dendropicos fuscescens</i>
496	Flappet Lark							X		1	<i>Mirafra rufocinnamomea</i>
518	Barn Swallow		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	7	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>
522	Wire-tailed Swallow		X						X	2	<i>Hirundo smithii</i>
527	Lesser Striped Swallow				X					1	<i>Hirundo abyssinica</i>
530	Common House Martin			X						1	<i>Delichon urbica</i>
531	Grey-rumped Swallow						X			1	<i>Pseudhirundo griseopyga</i>
532	Sand Martin		X							1	<i>Riparia riparia</i>
536	Black Saw-wing					X				1	<i>Psalidoprocne holomelas</i>
537	Eastern Saw-wing					X				1	<i>Psalidoprocne orientalis</i>
538	Black Cuckooshrike			X						1	<i>Campephaga flava</i>
540	Grey Cuckooshrike					X				1	<i>Coracina caesia</i>
541	Fork-tailed Drongo		X				X	X	X	4	<i>Dicrurus adsimilis</i>
542	Square-tailed Drongo			X		X				2	<i>Dicrurus ludwigii</i>
544	African Golden Oriole						X			1	<i>Oriolus auratus</i>
546	Green-headed Oriole					X				1	<i>Oriolus chlorocephalus</i>
548	Pied Crow					X	X	X	X	4	<i>Corvus albus</i>
558	Grey Penduline Tit						X			1	<i>Anthoscopus caroli</i>
560	Arrow-marked Babbler		X	X			X	X		4	<i>Turdoides jardineii</i>
568	Dark-capped Bulbul		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	7	<i>Pycnonotus barbatus</i>
569	Terrestrial Brownbul		X	X	X			X	X	5	<i>Phyllastrephus terrestris</i>

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572	Sombre Greenbul							X		1	<i>Andropadus importunus</i>
574	Yellow-bellied Greenbul		X	X	X					3	<i>Chlorocichla flaviventris</i>
575	Eastern Nicator				H				H		<i>Nicator gularis</i>
576	Kurrichane Thrush				X				X	2	<i>Turdus libonyana</i>
579	Orange Ground-Thrush					H					<i>Zoothera gurneyi</i>
599	White-browed Robin-Chat		X				X	X		3	<i>Cossypha heuglini</i>
603	Collared Palm Thrush		X	X	X		X	X		5	<i>Cichladusa arquata</i>
613	White-browed Scrub-Robin							X		1	<i>Erythropygia leucophrys</i>
617	Bearded Scrub-Robin		X		X				X	3	<i>Erythropygia quadrivirgata</i>
642	Broad-tailed Warbler					X				1	<i>Schoenicola brevirostris</i>
648	Yellow-breasted Apalis							X	X	2	<i>Apalis flavida</i>
650	Red-faced Crombec			X						1	<i>Sylvietta whytii</i>
657a	Green-backed Camaroptera								X	1	<i>Camaroptera brachyura</i>
663	Moustached Grass-Warbler					X		X		2	<i>Melocichla mentalis</i>
664	Zitting Cisticola		X	X			X			3	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>
672	Rattling Cisticola		X	X	X		X	X		5	<i>Cisticola chiniana</i>
673	Singing Cisticola					X				1	<i>Cisticola cantans</i>
675	Rufous-winged Cisticola						X	X		2	<i>Cisticola galactotes</i>
678	Croaking Cisticola		X				X			2	<i>Cisticola natalensis</i>
681	Neddicky					X				1	<i>Cisticola fulvicapillus</i>
683	Tawny-flanked Prinia			X		X	X	X		4	<i>Prinia subflava</i>
689	Spotted Flycatcher		X							1	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>
691	Ashy Flycatcher				X			X		2	<i>Muscicapa caerulescens</i>
694	Southern Black Flycatcher				X		X	X		3	<i>Melaenornis pammelaina</i>
700	Cape Batis (E)					X				1	<i>Batis capensis</i>
702	Pale Batis		X	X	X	X				4	<i>Batis soror</i>
708	Blue-mantled Crested Flycatcher			X						1	<i>Trochocercus cyanomelas</i>
710	African Paradise Flycatcher				X	X		X		3	<i>Terpsiphone viridis</i>
712	Mountain Wagtail					X				1	<i>Motacilla clara</i>
716	African Pipit		X				X	X		3	<i>Anthus cinnamomeus</i>
728	Yellow-throated Longclaw		X				X	X		3	<i>Macronyx croceus</i>
733	Red-backed Shrike		X	X	X		X	X		5	<i>Lanius collurio</i>
736	Southern Boubou		X							1	<i>Laniarius ferrugineus</i>
737	Tropical Boubou		X		X					2	<i>Laniarius aethiopicus</i>
740	Black-backed Puffback		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	7	<i>Dryoscopus cubla</i>
741	Brubru			X						1	<i>Nilaus afer</i>
744	Black-crowned Tchagra		X		X	X	X	X		5	<i>Tchagra senegala</i>
748	Orange-breasted Bush-Shrike		X							1	<i>Telophorus sulfureopectus</i>
751	Grey-headed Bush-Shrike			X						1	<i>Malaconotus blanchoti</i>
753	White-crested Helmet-Shrike				X					1	<i>Prionops plumatus</i>
760	Wattled Starling		X							1	<i>Creatophora cinerea</i>
761	Violet-backed Starling		X					X		2	<i>Cinnyricinclus leucogaster</i>
768	Black-bellied Starling			X						1	<i>Lamprotornis corruscus</i>
769	Red-winged Starling					X				1	<i>Onychognathus morio</i>
780	Purple-banded Sunbird			X	X			X		3	<i>Nectarinia bifasciata</i>
786	Variable Sunbird				X	X				2	<i>Nectarinia venusta</i>
791	Scarlet-chested Sunbird						H	H			<i>Nectarinia senegalensis</i>

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793	Collared Sunbird			X	X				X	3	<i>Anthreptes collaris</i>
801	House Sparrow						X			1	<i>Passer domesticus</i>
804	Southern Grey-headed Sparrow				X					1	<i>Passer diffusus</i>
805	Yellow-throated Petronia				X		X	X		3	<i>Petronia superciliaris</i>
808	Dark-backed Weaver		X	X			X	X		4	<i>Ploceus bicolor</i>
810	Spectacled Weaver		X		X		X	X		4	<i>Ploceus ocularis</i>
811	Village Weaver			X			X			2	<i>Ploceus cucullatus</i>
815	Lesser Masked-Weaver		X		X		X			3	<i>Ploceus intermedius</i>
816	Golden Weaver				X					1	<i>Ploceus xanthops</i>
818	Southern Brown-throated Weaver		X		X			X		3	<i>Ploceus xanthopterus</i>
819	Red-headed Weaver				X					1	<i>Anaplectes rubriceps</i>
821	Red-billed Quelea		X				X			2	<i>Quelea quelea</i>
824	Southern Red Bishop						X			1	<i>Euplectes orix</i>
828	Fan-tailed Widowbird						X	X		2	<i>Euplectes axilaris</i>
829	White-winged Widowbird				X					1	<i>Euplectes albonotatus</i>
831	Red-collared Widowbird					X				1	<i>Euplectes ardens</i>
834	Green-winged Pytilia		X		X				X	3	<i>Pytilia melba</i>
839	Red-throated Twinspot		X	X	X					3	<i>Hypargos niveoguttatus</i>
840	African Firefinch				X					1	<i>Lagonosticta rubricata</i>
841	Jameson's Firefinch		X		X	X				3	<i>Lagonosticta rhodopareia</i>
842	Red-billed Firefinch		X	X		X	X	X		5	<i>Lagonosticta senegala</i>
844	Blue Waxbill		X	X	X	X	X	X		6	<i>Uraeginthus angolensis</i>
846	Common Waxbill				X	X				2	<i>Estrilda astrild</i>
848	Grey Waxbill					X				1	<i>Estrilda perreini</i>
852	African Quail Finch		X							1	<i>Ortygospiza atricollis</i>
854	Orange-breasted Waxbill		X	X						2	<i>Sporaeginthus subflavus</i>
857	Bronze Mannikin					X				1	<i>Spermestes cucullatus</i>
858	Red-backed Mannikin			X						1	<i>Spermestes nigriceps</i>
860	Pin-tailed Whydah				X	X				2	<i>Vidua macroura</i>
869	Yellow-fronted Canary				X	X	X			3	<i>Serinus mozambicus</i>
	Daily totals:	9	95	66	71	44	106	107	37		
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1	Baboon, Yellow	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	8	<i>Papio cynocephalus</i>
2	Bushbuck	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	8	<i>Tragelaphus scriptus</i>
3	Bushpig		X	X				X		3	<i>Potamochoerus porcus</i>
4	Cheetah			X						1	<i>Acinonyx jubatus</i>
5	Civet, African			X			X			2	<i>Civettictis civetta</i>
6	Elephant, African			X			X	X		3	<i>Loxodonta africana</i>
7	Genet, Large-spotted			X			X			2	<i>Genetta tigrina</i>

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8	Hartebeest, Lichtenstein's		X				X	X		3	<i>Sigmoceros lichtensteinii</i>
9	Hippopotamus							X		1	<i>Hippopotamus amphibius</i>
10	Impala		X	X	X		X	X	X	6	<i>Aepyceros melampus</i>
11	Kudu, Greater				X		X			2	<i>Tragelaphus strepsiceros</i>
12	Mongoose, Large Grey		X							1	<i>Herpestes ichneumon</i>
13	Mongoose, Water							X		1	<i>Atilax paludinosus</i>
14	Monkey, Samango				X					1	<i>Cercopithecus mitis</i>
15	Monkey, Vervet		X				X	X		3	<i>Cercopithecus aethiops</i>
16	Nyala		X	X		X	X	X		5	<i>Tragelaphus angasii</i>
17	Oribi		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	7	<i>Ourebia ourebi</i>
18	Reedbuck, Common		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	7	<i>Redunca arundinum</i>
19	Sable Antelope				X					1	<i>Hippotragus niger</i>
20	Serval							X	X	2	<i>Felis serval</i>
21	Scrub Hare			X						1	<i>Lepus saxatalis</i>
22	Warthog		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	7	<i>Phacochoerus aethiopicus</i>
23	Waterbuck, Common	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	7	<i>Kobus ellipsiprymnus</i>
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>8</b>		

Below: Beautiful isolation.

