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Experience the Yellow Headed Picathartes during all our birdwatching tours in Ghana



## Ghana Trip Report 1st to 14th November 2008 by Robert Ntakor of Ashanti African Tours

Client

Sunbird Tours

Number of Tour Participants

11

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Top 10 Birds Seen on the Trip Voted By Tour Participants

- Yellow – headed Picathartes
- Blue-Headed Bee-Eater
- Congo Serpent-Eagle
- Black Bee-Eater
- White-Spotted Flufftail
- Long Tailed Hawk
- Yellow Footed Honeyguide
- Brown Nightjar
- African Finfoot
- African Piculet



*Standard Winged Nightjar Sam Woods Ghana 2008 Tour*

## Tour Highlights

This was a 14 day tour covering the entire vegetation zones of Ghana, from the coastal wetlands through the lowland evergreen upper guinea rainforest, transitional woodlands in central Ghana, the high mountainous ranges and finally the Guinea savannah of the North.

During the trip, Ghana's 2 main National Parks were visited, in addition to other wildlife protected areas. We also visited some unprotected areas in search of the many quality bird species Ghana has to offer. In total there were 10 full days of birdwatching during this tour, each day was split into 2 birding sections each averaging approximately 4 hours in duration with a 3 hour afternoon break when the bird activities are down. The remainder of the days were dedicated to travelling to and from destinations with some stopovers at special birding areas.

The trip was very successful especially since approximately 30% of birding areas at Mole National Park were inaccessible due to the record rain fall of the previous 2 months. More than 350 birds species were recorded including the main target species of every Ashanti African birdwatching trip, "the stunning Yellow-Headed Picathartes". Other highlights were the extraordinary Brown Nightjar, eye catching Rufous – Sided Broadbill, beautiful Blue-Headed and Black Bee-Eaters, Oriole Warbler, legendary Long-Tailed Hawk, distinguished Dwarf Hornbill, elusive African Finfoot as well as the majority of Ghana's upper guinea endemic species.

Quality mammal species were in abundance which included the worlds largest land moving animal, "African Elephant" seen on foot at a close range on a number of occasions. Primates were a plenty with the endangered Olive Colobus a highlight from the canopy walkway in the North Patas, Baboons and Vervet monkeys were common as were Kobs, Waterbuck and Bushbucks.

# Daily Activities

## Day 1+2

As the majority of flights arrive in the evening our first night was spent in Accra acclimatising ourselves to tropical Africa. Day 2 was the very first birding day and the only late start of the entire trip, our first destination was at the Sakumono lagoon in Tema which was teeming with shore birds and many species were recorded. We left the lagoon at around 10.30am and headed on for lunch at Winneba. From there, we visited the winneba plains for some coastal savannah birds and excellent views of Black Bellied Bustard after which we left and transferred to Hans Cottage Botel near Cape Coast. At this point, around 90 species had already been recorded including species such as, Collared Pratincole, African Spoonbill, Black coucal, Vieillot's Barbet, and Snowy Crown Robin-chat.

## Day 3 to 7

Day 3 was the beginning of our Upper Guinea Rainforest birding adventure at the amazing Kakum National Park. We started off on the wonderful canopy walkway, continuing the following day venturing deep into the park exploring the many trails it has to offer and incorporated birding on old timber roads around the reserve to cover both strict rainforest, canopy and forest edge species. The rainforest birding was excellent with many quality species recorded which included excellent views of some specialities like the secretive White-Spotted Fluftail, Blue -Headed Wood Dove, African Grey Parrot, Yellow Billed Turaco, African Emerald Cuckoo, the incredible Brown nightjar, Black Bee-eater, White-Crested, Piping, Black casqued, Yellow Casqued and Brown Cheeked Hornbills, Fraser's Eagle Owl, an abundance of Barbets that included Bristle Nosed, Naked-Faced, Hairy-Breasted, Yellow-Spotted and Yellow Billed. Other sought after species included excellent views of African Piculet, displaying Rufous-sided Broadbill and the dream bird "Yellow Headed Picathartes" (what a bird). We should not overlook the beautiful White-throated Blue Swallow, many Greenbuls, Starlings and the four Malimbés of Ghana. By the time we left Kakum after five days of intensive rainforest birding we had recorded well over 240 species in 6 days of birding. We transferred to Kumasi, capital of the Ashanti region after evening birding on day 7.

## Day 8

Today was dedicated to driving the 415km to Mole National Park in the Northern region of Ghana, leaving the upper guinea rainforest and moving into the guinea woodland and sahelian savannah plains of the dryer North. During the journey we picked different species not yet recorded, stopped for a packed lunch and a few leg stretch and scanning breaks. On our arrival at Mole we enjoyed the final few hours of daylight on the terrace overlooking the two watering holes picking more new bird and mammal species.

## Day 9+10

The next two days were highly productive birding as we added to our lists barley catching our breath between new species, but taking our time to enjoy the wonderful birdlife and mammals Mole has to offer. The guinea savannah woodland produced some special birds like the immense Abyssinian Ground Hornbill, Stone Partridge, Four Banded Sandgrouse, Woolly-necked and Saddle-billed Storks, African White-backed,

and White-headed Vultures, Martial Eagle, Wahlbergs Eagle, Bruce's Pigeon, Violet Turaco, Greyish Eagle Owl and Oriole Warbler. Considering 30% of the birding areas were not accessible due to the record rain fall during the previous 2 months which hindered our chance of more quality species we still achieved an impressive and enjoyable few days birding. Other species we had excellent views of included Striped Kingfisher, Red-throated Bee-eater, Northern Red billed-hornbill, Bearded Barbet, Greater Honeyguide Sulphur-Breasted Bush-shrike, White-breasted and Red-shouldered Cuckoo-Shrikes, African Golden oriole, Yellow-Throated Leaflove, Pygmy, Splendid, Scarlet-chested, and Beautiful Sunbirds, Chestnut-crowned Sparrow Weaver, Bush Patronia, Red-billed Firefinch, Red cheeked cordonbleu, Wilson's indigobird, Togo and Exclamatory paradise whydahs and Cinnamon-Breasted (rock) Bunting to mention but a few species recorded.



*Violet Turaco Sam Woods Mole National Park 2008*

### *Day 11*

After spending three nights and two days in the northern woodland savannah of Ghana, we set off back to the upper guinea rainforest zone of the south, our guests always comment how nice it is to break up the forest and savannah birding and this tour combines both perfectly. The day was again dedicated to travel but as usual we always pick off new species en-route to new destinations.

### *Day 12+13*

Day 12 took us to the beautiful Bobiri forest which is actually a sanctuary for butterflies you can see why when one bush has recorded more than 128 species. Here we recorded the rarely seen Afep Pigeon, excellent views of Black Dwarf Hornbill Purple-Throated

Cuckoo-Shrike, Red-Thighed Sparrow Hawk, Western Bluebill, Black-capped Apalis. With the definite highlight being the stunning Long-Tailed Hawk. Atewa threw up some specialities and none more so than the beautiful Blue-Headed Bee-eater, Yellow Footed Honeyguide and Narinas Trogon. After a final mornings birding at Atewa on day 13 we returned to where we started as we transferred back to our beach front hotel near Accra. The following morning we visited the Shi-hills Resource Reserve picking up the final species for our trip and some only found here like the Mocking Cliff Chat other species included Blue-spotted Wood Dove, Blackcap Babbler, Double Toothed Barbet, and the impressive Blue Bellied Roller. We returned to our hotel freshened up and enjoyed a complementary late check out (courtesy of Ashanti African Tours) as our flights were not leaving until later in the evening. On reflection the trip was very successful with excellent feedback from all of the participants, we enjoyed well over 350 species which was an excellent achievement especially since so many birding areas were cut off due to the record rainfall of the previous two months.

## Annotated List Of Bird Species Recorded.

### BIRD LIST

Taxonomic order and nomenclature follow Clements, 6th edition updated 2007.

All bird species mentioned below were seen as we do not record heard or leader only

#### Cormorants & Shags *Phalacrocoracidae*

Long-Tailed Cormorant

*Phalacrocorax africanus*

#### Hérons, Egrets, & Bitterns *Ardeidae*

Striated Heron

*Butorides stratus*

Squacco Heron

*Adeola raloides*

Cattle Egret

*Bubulcus ibis*

Grey Heron

*Ardea cinerea*

Great White Egret

*Egretta alba*

Purple Heron

*Ardea purpurea*

Intermediate Egret

*Egretta termdea*

Black Heron

*Egretta ardsaica*

Little Egret

*Egretta garzetta*

Western Reef Egret

*Egretta gularis*

Black-headed Heron

*Ardea melanocephala*

#### Hamerkop *Scopidae*

Hamerkop

*Scopus umbretta*

#### Storks *Ciconidae*

Woolly-necked Stork

*Ciconia episcopus*

Saddle-billed Stork

*Ephippiorhynchus senegalensis*

#### Ibis & Spoonbills *Threskiornithidae*

Glossy Ibis

*Plegadis falcinellus*

Hadada Ibis

*Bostrychia hagedash*

African Spoonbill

*Platalea alba*

#### Swans, Geese & Ducks *Anatidae*

White-Faced Whistling-Duck

*Dendrocygna viduata*

### **Hawks, Kites, Eagles & Vultures *Accipitridae***

Black-shouldered Kite	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>
Black [Yellow-billed] Kite	<i>Milvus [migrans] aegyptius</i>
Ruppel's Vulture	<i>Gyps ruoellii</i>
Hooded Vulture	<i>Necrosyrtes monachus</i>
Palm-nut Vulture	<i>Gypohierax angolensis</i>
African White-backed Vulture	<i>Gyps africanus</i>
White-headed Vulture	<i>Trindonoceph occipitalis</i>
Dark Chanting-goshawk	<i>Meliterax metabates</i>
Bateleur	<i>Terathopius ecaudatus</i>
Western [European] Marsh-Harrier	<i>Circus aerugenosus</i>
African Harrier-Hawk [Gymnogene]	<i>Polyboroides typus</i>
European Honey Buzzard	<i>Pernis apivorus</i>
African Cuckoo-hawk	<i>Aviceda cuculoides</i>
Black Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter melanoleucus</i>
Red-thighed Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter erythropus</i>
Gabar Goshawk	<i>Meliterax gabar</i>
Red-necked Buzzard	<i>Buteo auguralis</i>
Grasshopper Buzzard	<i>Butastur rufipennis</i>
Lizard Buzzard	<i>Kaupifalco monogrammicus</i>
Red-chested Goshawk	<i>Accipiter toussenelii</i>
Shikra [Little Banded Goshawk]	<i>Accipiter badius</i>
Wahlberg's Eagle	<i>Aquila wahlbergi</i>
Congo Serpent Eagle	<i>Dryotriorchis spectabilis</i>
Martial Eagle	<i>Polemaetus bellicosus</i>

### **Falcons & Caracaras *Falconidae***

Common [Eurasian] Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>
Grey Kestrel	<i>Falco ardosiaceus</i>
African Hobby	<i>Falco cuvierii</i>
Lanner Falcon	<i>Falco biarmicus</i>

### **Pheasants & Partridges *Phasianidae***

Ahanta Francolin	<i>Francolinus achantesis</i>
Double-spurred Francolin	<i>Francolinus bicalcaratus</i>
Stone Partridge	<i>Ptilopachus petrosus</i>

### **Guineafowl *Numididae***

Helmeted Guineafowl	<i>Numida meleagris</i>
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### **Rails, Gallinules & coots *Rallidae***

Black Crake	<i>Amaurornis flavirostra</i>
White-spotted Fluftail	<i>Sarothrura pulchra</i>
Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>

### **Finfoots *Heliornithidae***

African Finfoot	<i>Podica senegalensis</i>
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### **BUSTARDS: *Otididae***

Black Bellied Bustard	<i>Lissotis melanogaster</i>
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### **Jacanas *Jacanidae***

African Jacana

*Actophilornis africanus*

**Painted Snipes *Rostratulidae***

Painted Snipe

*Rostratula benghalensis*

**Stilts & Avocets *Recurvirosteidae***

Black-winged Stilt

*Himantopus himantopus*

**Thick-Knees *Burhinidae***

Senegal Thick-knee

*Burhinus senegalensis*

**Coursers & Pratincoles *Glareolidae***

Collared [Red-winged] Pratincole

*Glareola pratincola*

Rock Pratincole

*Glareola nuchalis*

**Plovers & Lapwings *Charadriidae***

Spure-winged Plover [Lapwing]

*Vanellus spinosus*

Senegal [Wattled] Plover [Lapwing]

*Vanellus senegalensis*

Common Ringed Plover

*Charadrius hiaticula*

Grey Plover

*Pluvialis squatarola*

Kittlitz's Plover

*Charadrius pecuarius*

**Sandpipers & Allies *Scolopacidae***

Whimbrel

*Numenius pjaeopus*

Common Redshank

*Tringa tetanus*

Spotted Redshank

*Tringa erythropus*

Common Greenshank

*Tringa nebularia*

Marsh Sandpiper

*Tringa stagnatilis*

Wood Sandpiper

*Tringa glareola*

Black-tailed Godwit

*Limosa limosa*

Common Sandpiper

*Actitis hypoleucos*

Curlew Sandpiper

*Calidris ferruginea*

Sanderling

*Calideis alba*

Dunlin

*Calidris alpina*

Little Stint

*Calidris minuta*

Ruff

*Philomachus pugnax*

**Skuas *Stercorariidae***

Arctic Skua

*Stercorarius parasiticus*

**Terns *Sternidae***

Sandwich Tern

*Sterna sandvicensis*

Common Tern

*Sterna hirundo*

Black Tern

*Chlidonias niger*

Little Tern

*Sterna albifrons*

**Sandgrouses *Pteroclididae***

Four-banded Sandgrouse

*Pterocles flavirostris*

**Doves & Pigeons *Collumbidae***

Rock [Feral] Pigeon

*Columba livia*

Red-eyed Dove

*Streptopelia semitoquata*

Vinaceous Dove  
Laughing Dove  
Black-billed Wood Dove  
Red-billed [Blue-spotted] Wood Dove  
Tambourine Dove  
Blue-headed Wood Dove  
Afepe Pigeon  
Bronze-naped Pigeon  
Bruce's Pigeon  
African Green Pigeon

*Streptopelia vinacea*  
*Streptopelia senegalensis*  
*Turtur abyssinicus*  
*Turtur afar*  
*Turtur tympanistria*  
*Turtur brehmeri*  
*Columba unicincta*  
*Columba malherbii*  
*Treron waalia*  
*Treron calva*

### **Parrots, Macaws & Allies Psittacidae**

Rose-ringed Parakeet  
African Grey Parrot  
Red-fronted Parrot  
Black-collared Lovebird  
Senegal Parrot

*Psittacula krameri*  
*Psittacus erithacus*  
*Poicephalus gulielmi*  
*Agapornis swinderniana*  
*Poicephalus senegalensis*

### **Turacos Musophagidae**

Yellow-billed Turaco  
Violet Turaco  
Western Grey Plantain-eater

*Tauraco macrorhynchus*  
*Musophaga violacea*  
*Crinifer piscator*

### **Cuckoos Cucullidae**

Levaillant's Cuckoo  
Black Cuckoo  
Diederik Cuckoo  
Klaas' Cuckoo  
African Emerald Cuckoo  
Thick-billed Cuckoo  
Great-spotted Cuckoo  
Black-throated Coucal  
Black Coucal  
Yellowbill [Green Malkhoa]  
Senegal Coucal

*Clamator levaillantii*  
*Cuculus clamosus*  
*Chrysococcyx caprius*  
*Chrysococcyx klaas*  
*Chrysococcyx cupreus*  
*Pachycoccyx audeberti*  
*Clamator glandarius*  
*Centropus leucogaster*  
*Centropus grilii*  
*Ceuthmochares aereus*  
*Centropus senegalensis*

### **Typical Owls Strigidae**

Fraser's Eagle-Owl  
Grayish Eagle-Owl  
Pearl-spotted Owlet

*Bubo poensis*  
*Bubo cinerascens*  
*Glaucidium perlantum*

### **Nightjars & Allies Caprimulgidae**

Brown Nightjar  
Long-tailed Nightjar  
Standard-winged Nightjar

*Caprimulgus binotatus*  
*Scotornis climacuras*  
*Macrodypterix longipennis*

### **Swift Apodidae**

Black Spinetail  
Sabine's Spinetail  
Cassin's Spinetail  
African Palm-Swift  
Common Swift  
Little Swift

*Telacanthura melanopygia*  
*Rhaphidura sabini*  
*Neafrapus cassini*  
*Cypsiurus parvus*  
*Apus apus*  
*Apus affinis*



### **Trogon *Trogonidae***

Narina's Trogon

*Apaloderma narina*

### **Kingfishers *Alcedinidae***

Malachite Kingfisher

*Alcedo cristata*

African Pygmy-Kingfisher

*Ispidina picta*

Chocolate-backed Kingfisher

*Halcyon badia*

Striped Kingfisher

*Halcyon cheliculi*

Grey-headed Kingfisher

*Halcyon leucocephala*

Woodland Kingfisher

*Halcyon senegalensis*

Blue-breasted Kingfisher

*Halcyon malimbica*

Giant Kingfisher

*Megaceryle maxima*

Pied Kingfisher

*Ceryle rudis*

### **Bee-eaters *Meropidae***

Blue-headed Bee-eater

*Merops muelleri*

White-throated Bee-eater

*Merops albicollis*

Black Bee-eater

*Merops gularis*

Red-throated Bee-eater

*Merops bullocki*

Little Bee-eater

*Merops pusilus*

### **Rollers *Coraciidae***

Abyssinian Roller

*Coracias abyssinica*

Rufous-crowned Roller

*Coracias naevia*

Blue-bellied Roller

*Coracias cyanogaster*

Broad-billed Roller

*Eurystomus glaucurus*

Blue-throated Roller

*Eurystomus gularis*

### **Woodhoopoes *Phoeniculidae***

Green Woodhoopoe

*Phoeniculus purpureus*

White-headed Woodhoopoe

*Phoeniculus bollei*

Forest Woodhoopoe

*Phoeniculus castaneiceps*

### **Hornbills *Bucerotidae***

White-crested Hornbill

*Tockus albocristatus*

Red-billed Dwarf Hornbill

*Tockus camurus*

Black Dwarf Hornbill

*Tockus hartlaubi*

Northern Red-billed Hornbill

*Tockus erythrorhynchus*

African Pied Hornbill

*Tockus fasciatus*

African Gray Hornbill

*Tockus nasutus*

Piping Hornbill

*Ceratogymna fistulator*

Brown-cheeked Hornbill

*Bycanistes cylindricus*

Black-casqued Hornbill

*Ceratogymna atrata*

Yellow-casqued Hornbill

*Ceratogymna elata*

### **Barbets *Capitonidae***

Naked-faced Barbet

*Gymnobucco calvus*

Bristle-nosed Barbet

*Gymnobucco peli*

Speckle Tinkerbird

*Pogoniulus scolopaeceus*

Red-rumped Tinkerbird

*Pogoniulus atroflavus*

Yellow-throated Tinkerbird

*Pogoniulus subsulphureus*

Yellow (Golden)-rumped Tinkerbird  
Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird  
Yellow-spotted Barbet  
Hairy-breasted Barbet  
Vieillot's Barbet  
Double-toothed Barbet  
Bearded Barbet  
Yellow-billed Barbet

*Pogoniulus bilineatus*  
*Pogoniulus chrysoconus*  
*Buccanodon duchaillui*  
*Tricholaema hirsuta*  
*Lybius vieilloti*  
*Lybius bidentatus*  
*Lybius dubius*  
*Trachyphonus purpuratus*

### **Honeyguides Indicatoridae**

Least Honeyguide  
Yellow-footed Honeyguide  
Cassin's honeybird

*Indicator exilis*  
*Melignomon eisentrauti*  
*prodotiscus insignis*

### **Woodpecker & Allies Picidae**

Little Green Woodpecker  
Buff-spotted woodpecker  
Melancholy woodpecker  
Fire-bellied woodpecker  
Gray woodpecker

*Campethera maculosa*  
*Campethera nivosa*  
*Dendropicos lugubris*  
*Dendropicos pyrrhogaster*  
*Dendropicos goertae*

### **Broadbills Eurylaimidae**

Rufous-sided broadbill

*Smithornis rufolateralis*

### **Swallows Hirundinidae**

Barn Swallow  
Ethiopian Swallow  
Wire-tailed Swallow  
White-throated Blue Swallow  
Lesser-striped Swallow  
Mosque Swallow  
Preuss' Cliff-Swallow  
Fanti Sawwing

*Hirundo rustica*  
*Hirundo aethiopica*  
*Hirundo smithii*  
*Hirundo nigrita*  
*Cecropis abyssinica*  
*Cecropis senegalensis*  
*Hirundo preussi*  
*Psalidoprocne obscura*

### **Wagtails Pipits Motacillidae**

African Pied Wagtail  
Yellow-throated Longclaw  
Yellow Wagtail  
Plain-backed Pipit  
Tree Pipit

*Motacilla aguimp*  
*Macronyx croceus*  
*Motacilla flava*  
*Anthus leucophrys*  
*Anthus trivialis*

### **Cuckoo-shrikes Campephagidae**

Blue Cuckoo-shrike  
Red-shouldered Cuckoo-shrike  
Purple-throated Cuckoo-shrike

*Coracina azurea*  
*Campephaga phoenicea*  
*Campephaga quiscalina*

### **Bulbuls Pycnonotidae**

Common Bulbul  
Little Greenbul  
Ansorge's Greenbul  
Plain Greenbul  
Slender-billed Greenbul  
Yellow-whisked Greenbul

*Pycnonotus barbatus*  
*Andropadus virens*  
*Andropadu ansorgei*  
*Andropadus curvirostris*  
*Andropadus grcilirostris*  
*Andropadus latirostris*

Golden Greenbul  
Honeyguide Greenbul  
Yellow-throated Greenbul  
Simple Greenbul  
Swamp-palm Greenbul  
White-throated Greenbul  
Red-tailed Greenbul  
Icterine Greenbul  
Western Bearded Greenbul  
Little-grey Greenbul  
Red-tailed Bristlebill  
Gray-headed Bristlebill  
Western Nicator

*Calyptocichla serina*  
*Baeopogon indicator*  
*Chlorochicla flavicollis*  
*Chlorochicla simplex*  
*Thescelocichla leucopleura*  
*Phyllastrephus albigularis*  
*Griniger calurus*  
*Phyllastrephus icterinus*  
*Criniger barbatus*  
*Andropadus gracilis*  
*Blada syndactyla*  
*Blada canicapilla*  
*Nicator chloris*

### **Thrushes & Allies *Turdidae***

White-tailed Ant-thrush  
Finsch's Flycatcher-Thrush  
African Thrush  
White-tailed Alethe  
Snowy-crown Robin-chst  
Mockling Cliff-chat  
Forest Robin

*Neocossyphus poensis*  
*Neocossyphus finschii*  
*Turdus pelios*  
*Pseudaethe diademata*  
*Cossypha niveicapilla*  
*Myrmecocichla cinnamomeiventris*  
*Stiphornis erythrothorax*

### **Old world Warblers *Sylviidae***

Red-faced Cisticola  
Siffling [Short-winged] Cisticola  
Zitting [Fan-tailed] Cisticola  
Whistling Cisticola  
Singing Cisticola  
Tawny-flanked Prinia  
Willow Warbler  
Red-winged Prinia [Warbler]  
Black-capped Apalis  
Yellow-breasted Apalis  
Sharpe's Apalis  
Oriole Warbler  
Gray-backed Camaroptera  
Yellow-browed Camaroptera  
Olive-green Camaroptera  
Moustached Grass-Warbler  
Senegal Eremomela  
Rufou-crowned Eremomela  
Green Crombec  
Gray Longbill  
Violet-backed Hylia  
Green Hylia

*Cisticola erythropus*  
*Cisticola brachypterus*  
*Cisticola juncidis*  
*Cisticola lateralis*  
*Cisticolacantaris*  
*Prinia subflava*  
*Phylloscopus trochilus*  
*Heliolais erythroptera*  
*Apalis nigriceps*  
*Apalis flavida*  
*Apalis sharpie*  
*Hypergerus atriceps*  
*Camaroptera brachyura*  
*Camaroptera superciliaris*  
*Camaroptera chloronota*  
*Melocichla mentalis*  
*Eremomela pusilla*  
*Eremomela badiceps*  
*Sylvietta virens*  
*Macrosphenus concolor*  
*Hylia violacea*  
*Hylia prasina*

### **Old World Flycatchers *Muscicapidae***

Pale Flycatcher  
Northern Black-Flycatcher  
Spotted Flycatcher  
Ashy Flycatcher  
Ussher's Flycatcher  
Pied Flycatcher

*Bradornis pallidus*  
*Melaenornis edolioides*  
*Muscicapa striata*  
*Muscicapa caerulescens*  
*Artomyias ussheri*  
*Ficedula hypoleuca*

Forest Flycatcher  
Dusky-blue Flycatcher  
Grey-throated Tit Flycatcher  
Grey Tit-Flycatcher

*Fraseria ocreata*  
*Muscicapa comitata*  
*Muscicapa griseigularis*  
*Myioparus plumbeus*

### **Monarch Flycatchers *Monarchidae***

Chestnut-capped Flycatcher  
African Blue Flycatcher  
Black-headed Paradise-Flycatcher  
African Paradise-Flycatcher  
Blue-headed Crested Flycatcher

*Erythrocercus mccallii*  
*Elminia longicauda*  
*Terpsiphone rufiventer*  
*Terpsiphone viridis*  
*Trochocercus nitens*

### **Wattle-eyes & Allies *Platysteiridae***

Chestnut Wattle-eye  
Common Wattle-eye  
Senegal Batis

*Platysteira castanea*  
*Platysteira cyanea*  
*Batis senegalensis*

### **Picathartes *Picathartidae***

Yellow-headed Picathartes  
\*BIRD OF THE TRIP\*

*Picathartes gymnocephalus*

### **Babblers *Timaliidae***

Black-cap Babbler  
Brown Babbler  
Brown Illadopsis

*Turdoides reinwardtii*  
*Turdoides plebejus*  
*Trichastoma fulvescens*

### **Chickadees & Tits *Paridae***

White-shouldered Black Tit

*Melaniparus guineensis*

### **Penduline Tits *Remizidae***

Tit-hylia

*Pholidornis rushiae*

### **Sunbirds and Allies *Nectariniidae***

Collared Sunbird  
Fraser's Sunbird  
Green Sunbird  
Olive-bellied Sunbird  
Buff-throated Sunbird  
Splendid Sunbird  
Copper Sunbird  
Blue-throated Brown Sunbird  
Johanna's Sunbird  
Tiny Sunbird  
Olive Sunbird  
Pygmy Sunbird  
Beautiful Sunbird  
Little Green Sunbird  
Scarlet-chested Sunbird  
Superb Sunbird  
Green-headed Sunbird

*Anthreptes collaris*  
*Anthreptes fraseri*  
*Anthreptes rectirostris*  
*Nectarinia chloropygia*  
*Nectarinia adelberti*  
*Nectarinia coccinigaster*  
*Nectarinia cuprea*  
*Nectarinia cyanolaema*  
*Nectarinia johannae*  
*Nectarinia minulla*  
*Nectarinia olivacea*  
*Hedydypna platura*  
*Nectarinia pulchella*  
*Nectarinia seimundi*  
*Nectarinia senegalensis*  
*Nectarinia superba*  
*Nectarinia verticalis*

### **White-eyes *Zosteropidae***

Yellow White-eye

*Zosterops senegalensis*

### **True Shrikes *Lanidae***

Common Fiscal  
Yellow-billed Shrike

*Lanius collaris*  
*Corvinella corvina*

### **Bush-Shrikes *Malaconotidae***

Northern Puff-back  
Sabine's Puff-back  
Common Gonolek  
Sulpher-breasted Bush-shrike  
Black-crown Tchagra  
Brubru

*Dryoscopus gambensis*  
*Dryoscopus sabini*  
*Laniarius barbarus*  
*Malaconotus sulfureopectus*  
*Tchagra senegala*  
*Nilaus afer*

### **Helmet-Shrikes *Prionopidae***

Red-billed Helmet-shrike  
White-crested Helmet-shrike

*Prionops caniceps*  
*Prionops plumata*

### **Orioles *Oriolidae***

African Golden Oriole  
Black-headed Oriole  
Western Black-winged Oriole

*Oriolus auratus*  
*Oriolus brachyrhynchus*  
*Oriolus nigripennis*

### **Drongos *Dicruridae***

Velvet-mantled Drongo  
Shining Drongo  
Fork-tailed Drongo

*Dicrurus modestus*  
*Dicrurus atripennis*  
*Dicrurus adsimilis*

### **Crows & Allies *Corvidae***

Pied Crow  
Piapiac

*Corvus alba*  
*Ptilostomus afer*

### **Starlings *Sturnidae***

Violet-backed Starling  
Long-tailed Glossy Starling  
Bronze-tailed Glossy Starling  
Greater Blue-eared Glossy Starling  
Copper-tailed Glossy Starling  
Purple Glossy Starling  
Splendid Glossy Starling  
Forest Chestnut-winged Starling  
Chestnut-bellied Starling

*Cinnyricinclus leucogaster*  
*Lamprotornis caudatus*  
*Lamprotornis chalcurus*  
*Lamprotornis chalybaeus*  
*Lamprotornis cupreocauda*  
*Lamprotornis purpureus*  
*Lamprotornis splendidus*  
*Onychognathus fulgidus*  
*Spreo pulcher*

### **Sparrows *Passeridae***

Grey-headed Sparrow  
Bush Petronia  
Chestnut-crown Sparrow-weaver

*Passer griseus*  
*Petronia dentata*  
*Plocepasser superciliosus*

### **Weavers & Allies**

Grosbeak Weaver  
Maxwell's Black Weaver  
Golden-backed Weaver

*Amblyospiza albifrons*  
*Ploceus albinucha*  
*Ploceus preussi*

Orange Weaver  
 Village Weaver  
 Little Weaver  
 Black-headed Weaver  
 Vieillot's Black Weaver  
 Black-necked Weaver  
 Yellow-mantled Weaver  
 Crested Malimbe  
 Grey's Malimbe  
 Red-headed Malimbe  
 Red-vented Malimbe  
 Red-headed Weaver  
 Yellow-mantled Widow-bird  
 Northern Red Bishop  
 Black-winged Red Bishop  
 Red-headed Quelea

*Ploceus aurantius*  
*Ploceus cucullatus*  
*Ploceus luteolus*  
*Ploceus melanocephalus*  
*Ploceus nigerrimus*  
*Ploceus nigricollis*  
*Ploceus tricolor*  
*Malimbus malimbicus*  
*Malimbus nitens*  
*Malimbus rubricollis*  
*Malimbus scutatus*  
*Malimbus rubriceps*  
*Euplectes macrourus*  
*Euplectes orix*  
*Euplectes hordeaceus*  
*Quelea erythroptera*

**Finches Estrildidae**

Red-cheeked Cordon-roule  
 Orange-cheeked Waxbill  
 Bar-breasted fire-Finch  
 Black-bellied fire-Finch  
 Black & White Mannikin  
 Bronze Mannikin  
 Chestnut-breasted Nigro-Finch  
 Grey-headed Nigro-Finch  
 White-breasted Nigro-Finch  
 Western Blue-bill

*Estrilda bengala*  
*Estrilda melpoda*  
*Lagonosticta rufopicta*  
*Lagonosticta rara*  
*Lonchura bicolor*  
*Lonchura cucullata*  
*Nigrita bicolor*  
*Nigrita canicapilla*  
*Nigrita fusconota*  
*Spermophaga haematina*

**Indigobirds & Whydahs**

Wilson's Indigobird  
 Pin-tailed Whydah  
 Exclamatory Paradise Whydah

*Vidua wilsoni*  
*Vidua macroura*  
*Vidua interjecta*

**True Finches Fringillidae**

Yellow-fronted Canary

*Serinus mozambicus*

**Buntings Emberizidae**

Cinnamon-breasted Rock-bunting

*Emberiza tahapisi*

