

Madagascar

Comprehensive III

21st October to 11th November 2022 (15 days)

Trip Report



Long-tailed Ground Roller by Andre Bernon

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Tour Summary

Madagascar is home to some amazing fauna and flora. Being relatively close to Africa, yet separated by oceanic currents, made the fourth largest island in the world a unique centre of endemism and nature lovers paradise! We explored the rich eastern rainforest, dry forest of the north west and the spiny forests down south. We traversed Madagascar by regular internal flights, bus, 4x4, boat rides and even zebu carts! We had a great time cleaning up Ground Rollers and Couas, all whilst spending time with the special lemurs and all else Madagascar had to offer.

Tour in Detail

We started in the capital city Antananarivo (Tana), at our very comfortable accommodations with Madagascar Nightjar serenading us to sleep. We explored the rainforest around Perinet, including Mantadia, Iaroka and Analamazaotra. Our arrival here was quite memorable because we were greeted by lemurs; the magnificent Indri with their loud whale-like vocalizations and our first Brown Lemur! Birding highlights included Short-legged, Pitta-like and Rufous-headed Ground Rollers, Blue, Red-breasted and Red-fronted Couas, Rainforest Scops and Madagascar Owls, a swimming White-throated Rail, Madagascar Pygmy Kingfisher and Madagascar Flufftail crossing the trail for all to gaze upon.



Madagascar Paradise Flycatcher by Andre Bernon

We made the journey back to Tana and winged our way to Mahajanga. Here, we took a boat trip and explored the fantastic Betsiboka Delta. We added Saunders's Tern nearer the mouth as some Humblot's Heron flew overhead. We managed to find our main targets and afforded great views; Bernier's Teal and Malagasy Sacred Ibis! Ankarafantsika National Park was next up and provided a great experience. We had fun finding the extremely rare Madagascar Fish Eagle, a stunning male Schlegel's Asity, Van Dam's Vanga, White-breasted

Mesite and Coquerel's Coua at the last minute! We also had our first Red-capped and Crested Couas, Rufous and Sickle-billed Vangas and Madagascar Buttonquail.



Malagasy Pond Heron by Andre Bernon

A flight back to Tana saw us exploring Lac Alarobia and found a stunning male Malagasy Pond amongst many Squacco Herons. There were many Red-billed and Blue-billed Teals, White-faced Whistling Duck, Black and Black-crowned Night Herons as well as Madagascar Hoopoe. We visited the "Old City" and had a great lunch overlooking the beautiful city.

We had an early flight to the city of Fort Dauphin before making our way to the fantastic Berenty Lemur Reserve. We were greeted by "King Julian"

the Ring-tailed Lemurs, whilst some even stole some food from right under our noses. We also got to spend time with the dancing Verreaux's Sifaka and the many Red-fronted Brown Lemur. Our first introduction into the Spiny Forest was here, on a night walk! We found White-footed Sportive and Grey-brown Mouse Lemurs amongst the many Warty Chameleons in this unique habitat. Avian highlights included watching a large flock of Grey-headed Lovebirds foraging, Giant Coua at our feet, Frances's Sparrowhawk and Hook-billed Vanga in the gallery forests.



Petter's Sportive Lemur by Andre Bernon

The following leg saw us take two flights from Fort Dauphin and ending in Toliara or Tulear. We added Zebu Carts to our mode of travel list, boarded a speed boat as we made our way to the fantastic Nosy Ve. We were greeted by a large flock of Crab-plover with Lesser Crested and Greater Crested Terns making a show too. We then found ourselves amongst a breeding colony of Red-tailed Tropicbirds; watching these amazing and large seabirds was a true highlight. Some enjoyed a cold beverage on the beautiful beach whilst others had fun having a look at the sealife the coral had on offer.

We reached small village of Ifaty and wasted no time in finding the reare Madagascar Plover which showed well amongst some Kittlitz's Plover for a good comparison. From here, we explored the spiny forest and were treated to a great Long-tailed Ground Roller upon our arrival early morning, before the sun rays hit this dry ecosystem. We were also treated to Sub-desert Mesite, Madagascar Cuckoo-Hawk, Madagascar Harrier-Hawk, Toratoroka Scops Owl, Running Coua, Thamnornis, Archbold's Newtonia and the cute Petter's Sportive Lemur. The nearby La Table found us the localised Verreaux's Coua and Red-shouldered Vanga! We had a great stop over in Isalo National Park and enjoyed the stunning scenery of the surrounding sandstone formations.



Crab-plover by Andre Bernon

Ranomafana National Park was our last birding destination of the tour and we had two full-days to explore this rich forest. We lucked out and found our last Ground Roller – Scaly! Other special sightings included Common Sunbird-Asity, Madagascar Snipe and Grey Emutail. We also got to see Red-bellied, Golden Bamboo and the minute Rufouse Mouse Lemurs, as well as Ring-tailed Vontsira and Red Forest Rat. We broke the long journey in two on our way back to Tana and had a great night at an old French hotel before reaching Tana for our final departures home. *We enjoyed a great final dinner reminiscing of the fantastic sightings and memories made.*



Giant Coua by Andre Bernon

Annotated List of species recorded

Note: Number in brackets () indicate number of days on the tour the species was recorded. List powered through the report generator of our partner iGoTerra.

Birds (159 in total: 157 seen, 2 heard)

Nomenclature and taxonomy follows Gill F, D Donsker & P Rasmussen (Eds). 2023. IOC World Bird List (v13.1). doi : 10.14344/IOC.ML.13.1.

Status codes: E = Endemic, NE = Near-endemic, I = Introduced. **IUCN codes:** CR = Critically endangered, EN = Endangered, VU = Vulnerable, EW = Extinct in the Wild, NT = Near Threatened, DD = Data Deficient

Ducks, Geese, Swans Anatidae

White-faced Whistling Duck (LC)

Dendrocygna viduata

(4) en route 21.10, 1 heard Mahajanga 27.10, Ankarafantsika NP 28.10 and Lac Alarobia 30.10.



Knob-billed Duck (LC)

Sarkidiornis melanotos

(1) 2 Lac Alarobia 30.10.

Blue-billed Teal (LC)

Spatula hottentota

(1) 30 Lac Alarobia 30.10.

Meller's Duck (EN)

Anas melleri

(1) 3 Ranomafana NP 8.11.

Eventually, three flying over hidden marsh.

Red-billed Teal (LC)

Anas erythrorhyncha

(2) Analamazoatra Reserve--Perinet Reserve 23.10 and 150 Lac Alarobia 30.10.

Bernier's Teal (EN)

Anas bernieri

(1) 4 Betsiboka delta 26.10.

Guineafowl Numididae

Helmeted Guineafowl

Numida meleagris mitratus

(2) Berenty Reserve 31.10 and Berenty Reserve 1.11.

Nightjars Caprimulgidae

Collared Nightjar (LC)

Gactornis enarratus

(1) 2 Analamazoatra Reserve--Perinet Reserve 23.10.

Roosting and an individual on our night walk!

Madagascar Nightjar

Caprimulgus madagascariensis madagascariensis

Observed 3 days in total.

Swifts Apodidae

Madagascar Spinetail

Zoonavena grandidieri grandidieri

(2) VOI MMA 21.10 and Mantadia NP 22.10.

Malagasy Palm Swift

Cypsiurus gracilis gracilis

Observed 7 days in total.

Malagasy Black Swift

Apus balstoni balstoni

(2) Ifaty--Spiny forest 4.11 and Ranomafana NP 9.11.

Cuckoos Cuculidae



Malagasy Coucal

Centropus toulou toulou

Observed 1 day in total.

Crested Coua (LC)

Coua cristata

Observed 1 day in total.

Verreaux's Coua (LC)

Coua verreauxi

(1) 1 Toliara--La Table 5.11.

Blue Coua (LC)

Coua caerulea

(4) Mantadia NP 22.10, Iaroka Forest 24.10, Ranomafana NP 7.11 and 1 heard Ranomafana NP 8.11.

Good looks at many!

Red-capped Coua (LC)

Coua ruficeps

(3) Ankarafantsika NP 27.10, Ankarafantsika NP 28.10 and Ifaty--Spiny forest 4.11.

Including the "Green-capped" sub.sp.

Red-fronted Coua (LC)

Coua reynaudii

(3) Analamazoatra Reserve--Perinet Reserve 23.10, Iaroka Forest 24.10 and Ranomafana NP 8.11.

Coquerel's Coua (LC)

Coua coquereli

(1) 2 Ankarafantsika NP 28.10.

Eventually, seen well!

Running Coua (LC)

Coua cursor

(1) Ifaty--Spiny forest 4.11.

Giant Coua (LC)

Coua gigas

(3) Berenty Reserve 31.10, Berenty Reserve 1.11 and Zombitse 5.11.

Red-breasted Coua (LC)

Coua serriana

(1) Analamazoatra Reserve--Perinet Reserve 23.10.

Our first coua!

Madagascar Cuckoo (LC)

Cuculus rochii

Observed 2 days in total.

Mesites Mesitornithidae

White-breasted Mesite (VU)

Mesitornis variegatus

(1) Ankarafantsika NP 27.10.

Brown Mesite (VU)

Mesitornis unicolor

(1) 2 Ranomafana NP 7.11.

Subdesert Mesite (VU)

Monias benschi

(1) 1 Ifaty--Spiny forest 4.11.

Sandgrouse Pteroclididae

Madagascar Sandgrouse (LC)

Pterocles personatus

(1) Berenty Reserve 31.10.

Seen briefly en route.

Pigeons, Doves Columbidae

Rock Dove

Columba livia domestica

Observed 14 days in total.

Malagasy Turtle Dove

Nesoenas picturatus picturatus

Observed 1 day in total.

Namaqua Dove

Oena capensis aliena

Observed 4 days in total.

Madagascar Green Pigeon (LC)

Treron australis

(1) Berenty Reserve 31.10.

Madagascar Blue Pigeon (LC)

Alectroenas madagascariensis

Observed 2 days in total.

Flufftails Sarothruridae

Madagascar Wood Rail (LC)

Mentocrex kiolooides

(2) 1 heard VOI MMA 21.10 and 1 heard Ranomafana NP 8.11.

Madagascar Flufftail (LC)

Sarothrura insularis

(3) Mantadia NP 22.10, Analamazoatra Reserve--Perinet Reserve 23.10 and 1 heard Ranomafana NP 8.11.

We had the best looks at a male crossing the trail twice!

Rails, Crakes & Coots Rallidae

Madagascar Rail (VU)

Rallus madagascariensis

(1) Mantadia NP 22.10.

White-throated Rail

Dryolimnas cuvieri cuvieri

(2) VOI MMA 21.10 and Iaroka Forest 24.10.



Swimming rail!

Common Moorhen

Gallinula chloropus pyrrhorrhoa

(3) en route 21.10, Mantadia NP 22.10 and Lac Alarobia 30.10.

Flamingos *Phoenicopteridae*

Greater Flamingo (LC)

Phoenicopterus roseus

(1) Betsiboka delta 26.10.

Lesser Flamingo (NT)

Phoeniconaias minor

(1) Betsiboka delta 26.10.

Buttonquail *Turnicidae*

Madagascar Buttonquail (LC)

Turnix nigricollis

(3) Ankarafantsika NP 29.10, Berenty Reserve 31.10 and Berenty Reserve 1.11.

Stilts, Avocets *Recurvirostridae*

Black-winged Stilt (LC)

Himantopus himantopus

(2) Ifaty--Salt pans 3.11 and en route 5.11.

Plovers *Charadriidae*

Grey Plover

Pluvialis squatarola squatarola

(2) Betsiboka delta 26.10 and Nosy Ve Is. 3.11.

Common Ringed Plover

Charadrius hiaticula tundrae

(1) 2 Betsiboka delta 26.10.

Madagascar Plover (VU)

Charadrius thoracicus

(1) 1 Ifaty--Salt pans 3.11.

A beautiful bird seen well!

Kittlitz's Plover (LC)

Charadrius pecuarius

(1) 2 Ifaty--Salt pans 3.11.

White-fronted Plover

Charadrius marginatus tenellus

(2) 2 Betsiboka delta 26.10 and 1 Mahajanga 29.10.

Greater Sand Plover

Charadrius leschenaultii scythicus

(2) 2 Betsiboka delta 26.10 and 2 Nosy Ve Is. 3.11.

Sandpipers, Snipes Scolopacidae

Eurasian Whimbrel (LC) *Numenius phaeopus*

(2) 40 Betsiboka delta 26.10 and 40 Nosy Ve Is. 3.11.

Curlew Sandpiper (NT) *Calidris ferruginea*

(1) 80 Betsiboka delta 26.10.

Sanderling *Calidris alba alba*

(1) 20 Betsiboka delta 26.10.

Madagascar Snipe (VU) *Gallinago macrodactyla*

(1) 1 Ranomafana NP 8.11.

Terek Sandpiper (LC) *Xenus cinereus*

(1) 1 Betsiboka delta 26.10.

Common Sandpiper (LC) *Actitis hypoleucos*

(1) Ranomafana NP 7.11.

Common Greenshank (LC) *Tringa nebularia*

(2) 1 Betsiboka delta 26.10 and Antsirabe 9.11.

Crab-plover Dromadidae

Crab-plover (LC) *Dromas ardeola*

(1) 35 Nosy Ve Is. 3.11.

Gulls, Terns, Skimmers Laridae

Greater Crested Tern *Thalasseus bergii thalassinus*

(1) Nosy Ve Is. 3.11.

Lesser Crested Tern *Thalasseus bengalensis bengalensis*

(1) Nosy Ve Is. 3.11.

Saunders's Tern (LC) *Sternula saundersi*

(1) 7 Betsiboka delta 26.10.

Black outer primaries seen well, flying alongside the boat.

Tropicbirds Phaethontidae

Red-tailed Tropicbird *Phaethon rubricauda rubricauda*

(1) 20 Nosy Ve Is. 3.11.

Wow, a lifetime memory!

Ibises, Spoonbills *Threskiornithidae*

Malagasy Sacred Ibis

Threskiornis bernieri bernieri

(1) 5 Betsiboka delta 26.10.

Madagascar Ibis (NT)

Lophotibis cristata

(2) Ankarafantsika NP 28.10 and Zombitse 5.11.

Hérons, Bitterns *Ardeidae*

Black-crowned Night Heron

Nycticorax nycticorax nycticorax

(2) Lac Alarobia 30.10.

Striated Heron

Butorides striata rutenbergi

(3) Lac Alarobia 30.10.

Squacco Heron (LC)

Ardeola ralloides

(3) en route 27.10, en route 28.10 and Lac Alarobia 30.10.

Malagasy Pond Heron (EN)

Ardeola idae

(1) 2 Lac Alarobia 30.10.

Western Cattle Egret (LC)

Bubulcus ibis

Observed 4 days in total.

Grey Heron

Ardea cinerea firasa

(1) 1 Nosy Ve Is. 3.11.

Humblot's Heron (EN)

Ardea humbloti

(1) 5 Betsiboka delta 26.10.

Purple Heron

Ardea purpurea madagascariensis

Observed 1 day in total.

Great Egret

Ardea alba melanorhynchos

Observed 2 days in total.

Black Heron (LC)

Egretta ardesiaca

Observed 1 day in total.

Dimorphic Egret

Egretta dimorpha

Observed 1 day in total.

Hamerkop *Scopidae*

Hamerkop

Scopus umbretta umbretta

Observed 2 days in total.

Kites, Hawks, Eagles *Accipitridae*

Madagascar Harrier-Hawk (LC)

Polyboroides radiatus

(2) 1 Mantadia NP 22.10 and 1 Ifaty--Spiny forest 4.11.

Madagascar Cuckoo-Hawk (LC)

Aviceda madagascariensis

(1) 1 Ifaty--Spiny forest 4.11.

Frances's Sparrowhawk

Accipiter francesiae francesiae

(1) 1 Berenty Reserve 31.10.

Henst's Goshawk (VU)

Accipiter henstii

(1) 1 heard Analamazoatra Reserve--Perinet Reserve 23.10.

Malagasy Harrier (EN)

Circus macrosceles

(1) 1 Mantadia NP 22.10.

Yellow-billed Kite

Milvus aegyptius parasitus

Observed 6 days in total.

Madagascar Fish Eagle (CR)

Haliaeetus vociferoides

(1) 2 Ankarafantsika NP 28.10.

A rare bird, seen well!

Madagascar Buzzard (LC)

Buteo brachypterus

Observed 2 days in total.

Barn Owls *Tytonidae*

Western Barn Owl (LC)

Tyto alba

(2) 1 Berenty Reserve 1.11 and 1 Antsirabe 9.11.

Owls *Strigidae*

White-browed Owl (LC)

Athene superciliaris

(3) Berenty Reserve 31.10, Berenty Reserve 1.11 and Zombitse 5.11.

Torotoroka Scops Owl

Otus madagascariensis

(2) 1 heard Berenty Reserve 1.11 and 1 Ifaty--Spiny forest 4.11.

Rainforest Scops Owl (LC)

Otus rutilus

(1) 2 VOI MMA 21.10.

Madagascar Owl (LC)

Asio madagascariensis

(1) 1 Analamazoatra Reserve--Perinet Reserve 23.10.

Cuckoo-roller *Leptosomidae*

Cuckoo-roller

Leptosomus discolor discolor

(4) 1 Mantadia NP 22.10, 2 Zombitse 5.11, 2 Ranomafana NP 7.11 and 1 heard Ranomafana NP 8.11.

Hoopoes *Upupidae*

Madagascar Hoopoe (LC)

Upupa marginata

Observed 1 day in total.

Rollers *Coraciidae*

Broad-billed Roller

Eurystomus glaucurus glaucurus

Observed 1 day in total.

Ground Rollers *Brachypteraciidae*

Short-legged Ground Roller (VU)

Brachypteracias leptosomus

(1) 1 Mantadia NP 22.10.

This guy gave us a chase but it paid off!

Scaly Ground Roller (VU)

Geobiastes squamiger

(1) 1 Ranomafana NP 7.11.

Eventually we found our last GR!

Pitta-like Ground Roller (LC)

Atelornis pittoides

(2) 2 Mantadia NP 22.10 and 2 Ranomafana NP 7.11.

A stunning bird seen well a few times.

Rufous-headed Ground Roller (NT)

Atelornis crossleyi

(1) 1 Iaroka Forest 24.10.

A few feet from us!

Long-tailed Ground Roller (VU)

Uratelornis chimaera

(1) 1 Ifaty--Spiny forest 4.11.

Wow!

Kingfishers Alcedinidae

Madagascar Pygmy Kingfisher (LC)

Corythornis madagascariensis

(2) 1 Analamazoatra Reserve--Perinet Reserve 23.10 and 1 Ankarafantsika NP 27.10.

A great look at close quarters!

Malagasy Kingfisher

Corythornis vintsioides vintsioides

Observed 3 days in total.

Bee-eaters Meropidae

Olive Bee-eater

Merops superciliosus superciliosus

Observed 2 days in total.

Caracaras, Falcons Falconidae

Malagasy Kestrel

Falco newtoni newtoni

Observed 6 days in total.

Old World Parrots Psittaculidae

Greater Vasa Parrot (LC)

Coracopsis vasa

(2) VOI MMA 22.10 and Iaroka Forest 24.10.

Lesser Vasa Parrot (LC)

Coracopsis nigra

Observed 1 day in total.

Grey-headed Lovebird (LC)

Agapornis canus

(2) Berenty Reserve 1.11 and Ifaty--Spiny forest 4.11.

A large flock in an open field was memorable!

Asities Philepittidae

Schlegel's Asity (NT)

Philepitta schlegeli

(1) 1 Ankarafantsika NP 28.10.

We saw a beautiful male, servicing the nest twice!

Velvet Asity (LC)

Philepitta castanea

(3) 1 Analamazoatra Reserve--Perinet Reserve 23.10, 2 Ranomafana NP 7.11 and 1 Ranomafana NP 8.11.

Common Sunbird-Asity (LC)

Neodrepanis coruscans

(1) 2 Ranomafana NP 8.11.

We had a great look at a pair that came down from the canopy!

Vangas & Allies Vangidae

Red-tailed Vanga (LC)

Calicalicus madagascariensis

(3) 2 Analamazoatra Reserve--Perinet Reserve 23.10, 1 heard Iaroka Forest 24.10 and 1 Ranomafana NP 7.11.

Red-shouldered Vanga (VU)

Calicalicus rufocarpalis

(1) 1 Toliara--La Table 5.11.

An extremely range-restricted species seen well.

Hook-billed Vanga (LC)

Vanga curvirostris

(1) 1 Berenty Reserve 1.11.

Van Dam's Vanga (EN)

Xenopirostris damii

(2) 1 heard Ankarafantsika NP 27.10 and 1 Ankarafantsika NP 28.10.

Pollen's Vanga (NT)

Xenopirostris polleni

(1) 1 Analamazoatra Reserve--Perinet Reserve 23.10.

Sickle-billed Vanga (LC)

Falcula palliata

(2) 1 Ankarafantsika NP 28.10 and 6 Ifaty--Spiny forest 4.11.

White-headed Vanga (LC)

Artamella viridis

(1) 2 Analamazoatra Reserve--Perinet Reserve 23.10.

Chabert Vanga (LC)

Leptopterus chabert

Observed 1 day in total.

Madagascar Blue Vanga (LC)

Cyanolanius madagascarinus

(2) Analamazoatra Reserve--Perinet Reserve 23.10 and Iaroka Forest 24.10.

Rufous Vanga (LC)

Schetba rufa

(3) Ankarafantsika NP 27.10, Ankarafantsika NP 28.10 and Ranomafana NP 7.11.

Tylas Vanga (LC)

Tylas eduardi

Observed 2 days in total.

Dark Newtonia (LC)

Newtonia amphichroa

(1) Iaroka Forest 24.10.

Common Newtonia (LC)

Newtonia brunneicauda



Observed 2 days in total.

Archbold's Newtonia (LC)

Newtonia archboldi

(1) 1 Ifaty--Spiny forest 4.11.

Ward's Flycatcher (LC)

Pseudobias wardi

(1) 6 Ranomafana NP 7.11.

Crossley's Vanga (LC)

Mystacornis crossleyi

(1) 1 Mantadia NP 22.10.

An individual was watched from 20 yards, singing his heart out.

Cuckooshrikes *Campephagidae*

Madagascar Cuckooshrike (LC)

Ceblepyris cinereus

(3) 1 Ankarafantsika NP 27.10, 1 Ranomafana NP 7.11 and 2 Ranomafana NP 8.11.

Drongos *Dicruridae*

Crested Drongo

Dicrurus forficatus forficatus

Observed 4 days in total.

Monarchs *Monarchidae*

Malagasy Paradise Flycatcher

Terpsiphone mutata mutata

Observed 2 days in total.

Crows, Jays *Corvidae*

Pied Crow (LC)

Corvus albus

Observed 2 days in total.

Larks *Alaudidae*

Madagascar Lark (LC)

Eremopterix hova

Observed 1 day in total.

Bulbuls *Pycnonotidae*

Malagasy Bulbul

Hypsipetes madagascariensis madagascariensis

Observed 22 days in total.

Swallows, Martins *Hirundinidae*

Mascarene Martin

Phedina borbonica madagascariensis

Observed 5 days in total.

Brown-throated Martin

Riparia paludicola cowani

(3) Mantadia NP 22.10, Iaroka Forest 24.10 and Ranomafana NP 8.11.

Reed Warblers & Allies *Acrocephalidae*

Malagasy Brush Warbler (LC)

Nesillas typica

Observed 2 days in total.

Subdesert Brush Warbler (LC)

Nesillas lantzii

(3) 1 heard Berenty Reserve 1.11, 2 Nosy Ve Is. 3.11 and 1 heard Toliara--La Table 5.11.

A great lunch time addition.

Madagascar Swamp Warbler (LC)

Acrocephalus newtoni

(3) 2 Mantadia NP 22.10, 1 heard Lac Alarobia 30.10 and 2 Ranomafana NP 8.11.

Grassbirds & Allies *Locustellidae*

Grey Emutail (LC)

Bradypterus seebohmi

(1) 2 Ranomafana NP 8.11.

A great expedition to a hidden swamp.

Tetrakas & Allies *Bernieridae*

White-throated Oxylobes (LC)

Oxylobes madagascariensis

(1) 2 Ranomafana NP 7.11.

A good show by a pair, low in the undergrowth.

Long-billed Bernieria (LC)

Bernieria madagascariensis

Observed 1 day in total.

Cryptic Warbler (LC)

Cryptosylvicola randrianasoloi

(1) 2 Iaroka Forest 24.10.

Wedge-tailed Jery (NT)

Hartertula flavoviridis

(1) 2 Ranomafana NP 8.11.

Thamnornis (LC)

Thamnornis chloropetoides

(1) 1 Ifaty--Spiny forest 4.11.

Spectacled Tetraka (LC)

Xanthomixis zosterops

(2) Ranomafana NP 7.11 and Ranomafana NP 8.11.

Madagascar Yellowbrow (LC)

Crossleyia xanthophrys

(1) 1 Ranomafana NP 8.11.

Rand's Warbler (LC)

Randia pseudozosterops

(3) 2 Mantadia NP 22.10, 1 heard Ranomafana NP 7.11 and 1 Ranomafana NP 8.11.

Cisticolas & Allies Cisticolidae

Common Jery (LC)

Neomixis tenella

Observed 2 days in total.

Green Jery (LC)

Neomixis viridis

(2) 2 VOI MMA 21.10 and Ranomafana NP 7.11.

Stripe-throated Jery (LC)

Neomixis striatigula

(2) Analamazoatra Reserve--Perinet Reserve 23.10 and Iaroka Forest 24.10.

Madagascar Cisticola (LC)

Cisticola cherina

(5) en route 27.10, Berenty Reserve 1.11, en route 5.11, en route 9.11 and en route 10.11.

White-eyes Zosteropidae

Malagasy White-eye

Zosterops maderaspatanus maderaspatanus

Observed 2 days in total.

Starlings, Rhabdornises Sturnidae

Common Myna

Acridotheres tristis tristis

Observed 14 days in total.

Madagascar Starling (LC)

Hartlaubius auratus

(2) Mantadia NP 22.10 and Iaroka Forest 24.10.

Chats, Old World Flycatchers Muscicapidae

Madagascar Magpie-Robin (LC)

Copsychus albospecularis

Observed 6 days in total.

Forest Rock Thrush (LC)

Monticola sharpei

(1) 1 Ranomafana NP 7.11.

A stunning male singing from a perch.

Madagascar Stonechat

Saxicola sibilla

Observed 2 days in total.

Sunbirds Nectariniidae

Souimanga Sunbird (LC)

Cinnyris sovimanga

Observed 5 days in total.

Malagasy Green Sunbird

Cinnyris notatus notatus

Observed 1 day in total.

Old World Sparrows, Snowfinches Passeridae

House Sparrow

Passer domesticus domesticus

Observed 3 days in total.

Weavers, Widowbirds Ploceidae

Nelicourvi Weaver (LC)

Ploceus nelicourvi

(4) VOI MMA 21.10, Analamazoatra Reserve--Perinet Reserve 23.10, Iaroka Forest 24.10 and Ranomafana NP 7.11.

Sakalava Weaver (LC)

Ploceus sakalava

Observed 2 days in total.

Red Fody (LC)

Foudia madagascariensis

Observed 1 day in total.

Forest Fody (LC)

Foudia omissa

(1) 5 Ranomafana NP 8.11.

Waxbills, Munias & Allies Estrildidae

Madagascar Mannikin (LC)

Lepidopygia nana

Observed 1 day in total.

Wagtails, Pipits Motacillidae

Madagascar Wagtail (LC)

Motacilla flaviventris

Observed 5 days in total.

Mammals (25 in total: 24 seen, 1 heard)

Malagasy Carnivores Eupleridae

- Ring-tailed Vontsira (LC)** *Galidia elegans*
(1) Ranomafana NP 7.11.

Old World Leafnose Bats Hipposideridae

- Commerson's Leaf-nosed Bat (NT)** *Macronycteris commersoni*
(1) 2 Ankarafantsika NP 28.10.

Dwarf and Mouse Lemurs Cheirogaleidae

- Crossley's Dwarf Lemur (VU)** *Cheirogaleus crossleyi*
(2) VOI MMA 22.10 and Analamazoatra Reserve--Perinet Reserve 23.10.

- Fat-tailed Dwarf Lemur (VU)** *Cheirogaleus medius*
(1) Ankarafantsika NP 27.10.

- Grey-brown Mouse Lemur (LC)** *Microcebus griseorufus*
(3) Berenty Reserve 31.10, Berenty Reserve 1.11 and Ifaty--Spiny forest 4.11.

- Goodman's Mouse Lemur (NT)** *Microcebus lehilahytsara*
(1) VOI MMA 22.10.

- Grey Mouse Lemur (LC)** *Microcebus murinus*
(1) Ankarafantsika NP 27.10.

- Rufous Mouse Lemur (VU)** *Microcebus rufus*
(1) Ranomafana NP 7.11.

What a look!

Sportive Lemurs Lepilemuridae

- White-footed Sportive Lemur (EN)** *Lepilemur leucopus*
(1) Berenty Reserve 31.10.

- Petter's Sportive Lemur (EN)** *Lepilemur petteri*
(1) Ifaty--Spiny forest 4.11.

Lemurs Lemuridae

Brown Lemur (VU)

Eulemur fulvus

Observed 1 day in total.

Mongoose Lemur (CR)

Eulemur mongoz

(1) Ankarafantsika NP 28.10.

Red-bellied Lemur (VU)

Eulemur rubriventer

(2) Ranomafana NP 7.11 and Ranomafana NP 8.11.

Red-fronted Brown Lemur (VU)

Eulemur rufifrons

(3) Berenty Reserve 31.10, Berenty Reserve 1.11 and Ranomafana NP 7.11.

Golden Bamboo Lemur (CR)

Hapalemur aureus

(1) 1 Ranomafana NP 7.11.

Extremely rare and recently described!

Gray Bamboo Lemur (VU)

Hapalemur griseus griseus

(1) Analamazoatra Reserve--Perinet Reserve 23.10.

Ring-tailed Lemur (EN)

Lemur catta

(2) Berenty Reserve 31.10 and Berenty Reserve 1.11.

A great close up study, stealing our food!

Black-and-white Ruffed Lemur (CR)

Varecia variegata

(2) 1 heard Mantadia NP 22.10 and 1 heard Ranomafana NP 7.11.

Indrid Lemurs, Sifakas Indriidae

Eastern Woolly Lemur (VU)

Avahi laniger

(1) VOI MMA 22.10.

Western Woolly Lemur (VU)

Avahi occidentalis

(1) Ankarafantsika NP 28.10.

Indri (CR)

Indri indri

(4) VOI MMA 21.10, VOI MMA 22.10, 1 heard Iaroka Forest 24.10 and 1 heard Iaroka Forest 25.10.

Coquerel's Sifaka (CR)

Propithecus coquereli

(2) Ankarafantsika NP 27.10 and Ankarafantsika NP 28.10.

Verreaux's Sifaka (CR)

Propithecus verreauxi

(2) Berenty Reserve 31.10 and Berenty Reserve 1.11.

The dancing lemur!

Climbing Mice, Rock Mice, White-tailed Rat, Malagasy Rats and Mice *Nesomyidae*

White-bellied Nesomys (LC) *Nesomys audeberti*

(1) Iaroka Forest 24.10.

Red Forest Rat (LC) *Nesomys rufus*

(2) Ranomafana NP 7.11 and Ranomafana NP 8.11.

Reptiles (18 in total: 18 seen)

Tortoises *Testudinidae*

Southern Spider Tortoise (CR) *Pyxis arachnoides*

(1) Berenty Reserve 1.11.

Chameleons *Chamaeleonidae*

Short-horned Chameleon (LC) *Calumma brevicorne*

(3) VOI MMA 22.10, VOI MMA 23.10 and Iaroka Forest 24.10.

Parson's Chameleon (NT) *Calumma parsonii*

(3) VOI MMA 21.10, VOI MMA 23.10 and Iaroka Forest 24.10.

Oustalet's Chameleon (LC) *Furcifer oustaleti*

(3) Ankarafantsika NP 27.10, Ankarafantsika NP 28.10 and Ranomafana NP 8.11.

Warty Chameleon (LC) *Furcifer verrucosus*

(3) Berenty Reserve 31.10, Berenty Reserve 1.11 and Ifaty--Spiny forest 4.11.

Madagascan Iguanas *Opluridae*

Madagascar Iguana (LC) *Chalarodon madagascariensis*

(1) Ifaty--Spiny forest 4.11.

Three-eyed Lizard!

Geckos *Gekkonidae*

House Gecko (LC) *Hemidactylus mabouia*

(3) 1 heard Ankarafantsika NP 27.10, Ankarafantsika NP 28.10 and Ranomafana NP 8.11.

Grandidier's Dwarf Gecko (LC) *Lygodactylus tolampyae*

(1) Berenty Reserve 1.11.

Striped Day Gecko (LC)

Phelsuma lineata

(1) Berenty Reserve 1.11.

Madagascar Day Gecko (LC)

Phelsuma madagascariensis

(4) Analamazoatra Reserve--Perinet Reserve 23.10, Iaroka Forest 24.10, Iaroka Forest 25.10 and Ranomafana NP 8.11.

Modest Day Gecko (LC)

Phelsuma modesta

(1) Iaroka Forest 25.10.

Standing's Day Gecko (VU)

Phelsuma standingi

(2) Ifaty--Spiny forest 4.11 and Toliara--La Table 5.11.

Henkel's Leaf-tailed Gecko (VU)

Uroplatus henkeli

(1) Ranomafana NP 8.11.

Awesome camouflage!

Plated Lizards *Gerrhosauridae*

Western Girdled Lizard (LC)

Zonosaurus laticaudatus

(2) Ankarafantsika NP 27.10 and Ankarafantsika NP 28.10.

Typical Boas *Boidae*

Dumeril's Boa (LC)

Acrantophis dumerili

(1) 1 Berenty Reserve 1.11.

Lamprophiid Snakes *Lamprophiidae*

Blonde Hognose Snake (LC)

Leioheterodon modestus

(2) Ankarafantsika NP 27.10 and Ankarafantsika NP 28.10.

Some large specimens!

Malagasy Cat-eyed Snake (LC)

Madagascarophis colubrinus

(1) Ankarafantsika NP 28.10.

Psammophiidae

Mahafaly Sand Snake (LC)

Mimophis mahfalensis

(1) Ifaty--Spiny forest 4.11.

Amphibians (1 in total: 1 seen)

Mantellas *Mantellidae*

Green Bright-eyed Frog (LC)

Boophis viridis

(1) 1 VOI MMA 22.10.

Insects (2 in total: 2 seen)

Emperor Moths *Saturniidae*

Madagascan Moon Moth

Argema mittrei

(1) Ranomafana NP 9.11.

Leaf-rolling Beetles *Attelabidae*

Giraffe Weevil (NT)

Trachelophorus giraffa

(2) Mantadia NP 22.10 and Iaroka Forest 24.10.



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