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Trip Report



White-necked Rockfowl by Stephan Lorenz

Trip report compiled by Tour Leader: Stephan Lorenz

Tour Summary

Ghana is not only the premier birding destination in West Africa, but also one of the finest countries to visit on the entire continent. Our comprehensive tour travelled the entire length of the country from coastal lagoons in the south to the White Volta River and adjacent Sahelian savannas in the far north at the border with Burkina Faso. In between, we visited the diverse rainforest of Kakum National Park, the endless woodland and savanna of the pristine Mole National Park, and of course made a stop at the world-famous hill forest near the village of Bonkro to see one of the star birds of the entire region. The Shai Hills, Bobiri Forest, and our final location of the tour, the remote Atewa Forest also added immensely to our list. The top three birds as chosen by participants offer a great overview of Ghana's special and diverse avifauna. Number one was the unique White-necked Rockfowl and after a patient wait, we enjoyed an incredible experience as three of these mythical birds hopped around right in front of us. Number two was the stunning Violet Turaco, which revealed itself at the last minute and offered incredible views. The third choice was the one-of-a-kind Egyptian Plover and the main reason for traveling north. We encountered half-a-dozen of this monotypic species, including scope views for as long as we wanted. Honorable mentions went to Rufous-sided Broadbill, Black-bellied Seedcracker, Abyssinian Roller, Chocolate-backed Kingfisher, White-spotted Flufftail, Black Bee-eater, Guinea Turaco, Pygmy Sunbird, West African Seedeater, and Preuss's Weaver. While the birding was challenging at times, we managed to record an astounding 437 species, including several range-restricted species and specialties. Overall, the weather cooperated, we got to enjoy the famous Kakum National Park canopy walkway, saw a varied cross-section of West African landscapes, and most important of all, had a great time.

Tour in Detail

While some had arrived early, we met officially for the first dinner at the comfortable Erata Hotel in Accra, Ghana's busy and overflowing capital. We enjoyed the first meal together and talked about the plans for the upcoming two weeks.

Our first outing in Ghana took us to the Shai Hills Resource Reserve and we left very early, reaching the entrance road just after sunrise. The Shai Hills offer a great mix of habitats, including rocky outcrops, dense riparian forest, woodland, and grassland. We spent a full and productive morning here, seeing several specialties. Some of the highlights included Stone Partridge, Double-spurred Francolin, Red-eyed, Vinaceous and Blue-spotted Wood Doves, Guinea Turaco, Western Plantain-eater, Senegal Coucal,



Rufous-sided Broadbill by Stephan Lorenz

Mottled Spinetail, and Little and African Palm Swifts. A Long-crested Eagle was a surprise and welcome find, but a locally rare African Barred Owlet remained heard only. A Striped Kingfisher was seen early on and colorful Blue-bellied Rollers had us exiting the vehicle quickly for tremendous scope views, while a single Purple Roller was found later, just outside the park. Both, Yellow-rumped and Yellow-fronted Tinkerbirds showed close and well and Senegal Parrots flew over. We also got a head start on the variety

of cisticolas found in Ghana with Singing, Croaking, and Short-winged all seen well. We also noted a few Palearctic migrants with Spotted and European Pied Flycatchers and Whinchat all seen well. One of



Mangrove Sunbird by Stephan Lorenz

of the Shai Hill's specialties is the White-crowned Cliff Chat and upon reaching the right habitat it only took a few moments before we had a pair in the scope. The same area also held a few Rock Martins that circled in front of the cliff face. In addition, we found Simple Greenbul, Common Bulbul, Violet-backed Starling, African Thrush, Pale Flycatcher, Northern Black Flycatcher, Splendid and Copper Sunbirds, Village Weaver, Yellow-mantled Widowbird, Orange-cheeked Waxbill, Bronze Mannikin, African Pied Wagtail, Plain-backed Pipit, and Yellow-fronted Canary. We kept a careful eye on the grassland during the drive out and located a pair of Flappet Larks, the only ones of the tour. We then continued to lunch at a restaurant along the banks of the mighty Volta River and before settling in for a delicious meal, we tracked down a pair of Mangrove Sunbirds at their nest, a very localized species. After lunch, we carried on towards the Kpong Wetlands where we made a short stop and quickly added new species to the list. Foremost was the beautiful White-bibbed Swallow that perched on one of the anchored boats. Other good finds included many Ethiopian Swallows and a Winding Cisticola trilling away in the reeds that showed well in the scope. The final location for the day was the productive Sakumono Lagoon right along Ghana's coastline and the late afternoon here was very exciting with new species appearing every few minutes and giving our first day a huge boost, pushing the list past one hundred species. The shallows and muddy margins hosted several resident and migrant shorebirds, including Black-winged Stilt, Black-bellied Plover, Spur-winged and Wattled Lapwings, Common Ringed Plover, a cooperative pair of Greater Painted-Snipes, Whimbrel, Black-tailed Godwit, Ruddy Turnstone, Curlew Sandpiper, Common Snipe, Common Sandpiper, Common Greenshank, and Marsh and Wood Sandpipers. Royal Terns flew along the oceanside while a single, distant Black Tern was more unexpected. A helicopter doing maneuvers nearby kicked up around sixty Collared Pratincoles that offered great views as the flock swirled in front of us. Herons and egrets stalked through the marsh and included Grey and Purple Herons, Great, Intermediate, and Little Egrets, Western Reef Heron, Cattle Egret, and Squacco Heron. Two Western Yellow Wagtails and a Yellow-throated Longclaw in flight rounded out the first day. We then tackled the traffic as we made our way back into the city, arriving in time for a celebratory dinner after a successful first day.



Eurasian Hobby by Stephan Lorenz

We began early, eating a quick breakfast at the hotel, and then loaded the vehicle for the drive to Kakum National Park. Of course, we had several stops in mind. At first, we beat the traffic, but as we neared our first birding location at Winneba, the road narrowed, and progress was at a snail's pace. Fortunately, we



Yellow-crowned Gonolek by Stephan Lorenz

still reached the Winneba Plains in time and enjoyed a full morning of excellent birding here, seeing several species we would not find elsewhere. Some of the best sightings included African Pygmy and Woodland Kingfishers, White-throated Bee-eater, Vieillot's and Double-toothed Barbets, and Eurasian Hobby, the latter a very rare bird in Ghana. Incredibly, a pair of African Hobbies circled above us almost at the same time as we discovered the Eurasian Hobby for great comparisons. We also tracked down Black-crowned Tchagra, Yellow-crowned Gonolek, Sulphur-breasted Bushshrike, and Moustached Grass Warbler. Walking away from the main track, we eventually found a vocal family of Red-winged Warblers, but best of all were no less than four Oriole Warblers, one of the country's most beautiful birds, that emerged from a thicket to perch in an open bush for enough time to get the scope on them. What a find right before we had to leave the spot. We then carried on to the Cape Coast where we paused for lunch, after a quick stop in the town of Mankessim to admire a small colony of Slender-billed Weavers. We also saw several House Sparrows, a recent arrival to Ghana and a species that appears to be spreading. We carried on towards Kakum National Park and in order to continue with the theme of uncommon weavers at their colonies, we stopped at the Hans Cottage Botel where a small colony of Orange Weavers was present near a much larger colony of Village Weavers. We then checked in at the comfortable Rainforest Lodge and after a short break carried on, to do some initial birding on the edges of Kakum National Park, birding the farm bush and forest patches along the Abrafo Road. The first stop kept us busy and we didn't have to move

for nearly thirty minutes as new birds dropped in all around us. Some of the best finds included African Green Pigeons, Diederik, Klaas's and African Emerald Cuckoos, all offering perched views with the former two showing on the same branch! Circling above us, we found two Mottled Spinetails among the scores of Common and Little Swifts. We could barely keep up with the many new additions and while we only covered a few hundred metres along the dirt road, we added African Harrier-Hawk, African Pied and Piping Hornbills, Black Bee-eater, Naked-faced Barbet, Speckled and Yellow-throated Tinkerbirds, Yellow-spotted Barbet, Black-winged Oriole, Fanti Drongo, Red-bellied Paradise Flycatcher, Grey-backed and Yellow-browed Camaropteras, Tawny-flanked Prinia, Red-faced Cisticola, Lesser Striped and Mosque Swallows, Fanti Saw-wing, Common Bulbul, Northern Yellow White-eye, Splendid Starling, Collared, Blue-throated Brown, Buff-throated, Olive-bellied and Superb Sunbirds, Black-necked and Vieillot's Black Weavers,



Slender-billed Weaver by Stephan Lorenz

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Grey-headed Nigrita, African Firefinch, Bronze Mannikin, and Pin-tailed Whydah. With our heads spinning from such a diversity of birds, we returned to the hotel for a well-earned dinner.



Orange Weaver by Stephan Lorenz

and Forest Woodhoopoes, brief White-crested Hornbill, Bristle-nosed Barbet, Melancholy and Firebellied Woodpeckers, Violet-backed Hylia, Green Crombec, good views of Sharpe's Apalis, a regional endemic, confiding Ussher's Flycatcher, Little Green, Grey-chinned, Olive, Tiny, Johanna's and Superb Sunbirds, Red-headed Malimbe, Yellow-mantled and Maxwell's Black Weavers, and Grey-headed and White-breasted Nigritas. The canopy was also busy with greenbuls and we located Slender-billed, Golden, and Spotted. After descending from the canopy walkway, we bumped into a busy feeding flock along the trail which included Brown-throated and West African Wattle-eyes, Grey-headed Bristlebill, and White-throated Greenbul. Near the park's visitor center, we found a Tit Hylia at an active nest and enjoyed superb views of one of Africa's smallest songbirds. Back at the lodge, we found an active Magpie Mannikin nest, another local species. After lunch and a bit of rest, we returned to the canopy walkway for the late afternoon. It was much quieter, but two star birds made the effort worthwhile. First, we spotted a Long-tailed Hawk that showed well in the scope and minutes later, the same tree



White-crested Hornbill by Stephan Lorenz

held a male Brown-cheeked Hornbill, another regional endemic. We waited until dusk on the platform in order to look for nocturnal species, but a storm was fast approaching. We left the walkway in time, but the storm caught up with us as we hiked back to the entrance station. The deluge was a first-hand

experience why Kakum is a true rainforest. Upon returning to the lodge, we hung up clothes, changed into something dry, and enjoyed dinner.

This morning, we drove towards the northern sector of Kakum National Park, where we spent time exploring forest patches and farm scrub alongside roads and sandy tracks. We made a few stops along the way towards the main birding site and found Tambourine Dove, Black-throated Coucal, and a cooperative White-spotted Flufftail. Once we reached the Antwikwaa area, we added a perched Red-chested Goshawk, Yellow-billed Barbet at a nest cavity, Grey Kestrel, Black-and-white Shrike-flycatchers, a reluctant Kemp's Longbill, excellent views of Rufous-crowned Eremomela, Swamp Palm Bulbul, and many Black-and-white Mannikins. Once the morning warmed up, we headed back to the vehicle and drove to the Pra River. Here, we carefully scanned the banks and bridge pylons and although the water levels were very high, we spotted several Rock Pratincoles, White-bibbed Swallows, and a



Brown-throated Wattle-eye by Stephan Lorenz

single Cassin's Flycatcher, the latter a rarely encountered species on this itinerary. A quick stop at a small bridge got us hundreds of Preuss's Cliff Swallows near their colony. In the evening, we returned to the entrance area of Kakum National Park and after a near miss found an Akun Eagle-Owl wonderfully perched on a telephone post.

For the final full day in Kakum National Park, we returned to the Abrafo Forest area with several excellent targets in mind and we did very well. Some of the highlights included a vocal Olive Long-tailed Cuckoo seen by most of us, Buff-spotted Woodpecker, a displaying Rufous-sided Broadbill, Red-cheeked Wattle-eye, Lemon-bellied Crombec, Grey Longbill, Green Hylia, Olive-green Camaroptera, Red-tailed Greenbul, skulky Puvel's Illadopsis, Green-headed Sunbird, and an incredible trio of malimbos Red-vented, Blue-billed and Crested Malimbos, and secretive Western Bluebill for some. We then walked further into the farm scrub and found an immense flock of beautiful Rosy Bee-eaters, this species is a non-breeding



Tit Hylia by Stephan Lorenz

visitor and prefers specific trees for roosting. It was quite the sight in the scope as dozens of these colorful birds lit up the canopy. In the afternoon, we checked forest patches and farm scrub along the Stingless Bee Center Road and were able to find Blue-headed Crested-Flycatcher that revealed itself to most,

Yellow-whiskered and Little Greenbuls, and had fantastic views of the incomparable Black-bellied Seedcracker for another excellent finish to the day.

With plans to continue towards Kumasi in the center of the country and a stop at the famous Bonkro village along the way, we only had limited time to bird in the morning. We decided to return to the Stingless Bee Center Road in order to improve on some of the species we had only glimpsed the previous



Magpie Mannikin by Stephan Lorenz

day and to see what we could add to the already impressive list. New finds included Blue-headed Coucal and White-throated Greenbul, while most of us had improved views of Buff-spotted Woodpecker, Red-cheeked Wattle-eye, Puvell's Illadopsis, Blue-billed Malimbe, and Western Bluebill. We then returned to the lodge, packed up, and started the lengthy drive north. We stopped for lunch along the way before continuing to the remote village of Bonkro. The area hit the spotlight after the discovery of several colonies of White-necked Rockfowl in the nearby forest. This species was believed extinct in Ghana until it's rediscovery and was now reliably seen with the help of local guides near Bonkro. We started the hike into the hill forest during the early afternoon. We tackled the trek quickly and soon found ourselves at a rocky overhang in the middle of tall, dense rainforest. After admiring the cup shaped mud nest plastered to the rock wall, we took seats in order to wait quietly for the rockfowl to appear. It was a sunny afternoon and it took two hours of patient waiting, but suddenly a single rockfowl appeared quietly, perching in view for just a moment. We all scanned carefully around us and eventually three birds emerged from the dark forest, sitting in the open very close, preening and foraging, with one bird even hopping along the base of the overhanging rock right in front of us. We could not have asked for better views and after we all had chances to study these prehistoric birds in detail and got some photos, we started the walk back to the vehicle. We reached the edge of the forest before dark and then continued the drive towards Kumasi where we arrived at our hotel just in time for dinner.

We again packed up early, had a quick breakfast, and drove out of Kumasi mostly before the heavy traffic started. Our first stop was along the entrance road towards the Opro Forest and we were able to bird here for several hours. The open woodland and savanna type habitat yielded a few new species and highlights. Here we were able to

add Red-necked Buzzard, African Grey Woodpecker, Northern Puffback, and seldom recorded Red-headed Quelea. We also spent considerable time tracking down a few skulky species, most notably Snowy-crowned Robin-Chat and the neat Forest Robin, both of which showed well, while the very rare Forest Scrub-Robin was mainly seen in flight. We returned to the main road and carried on with the



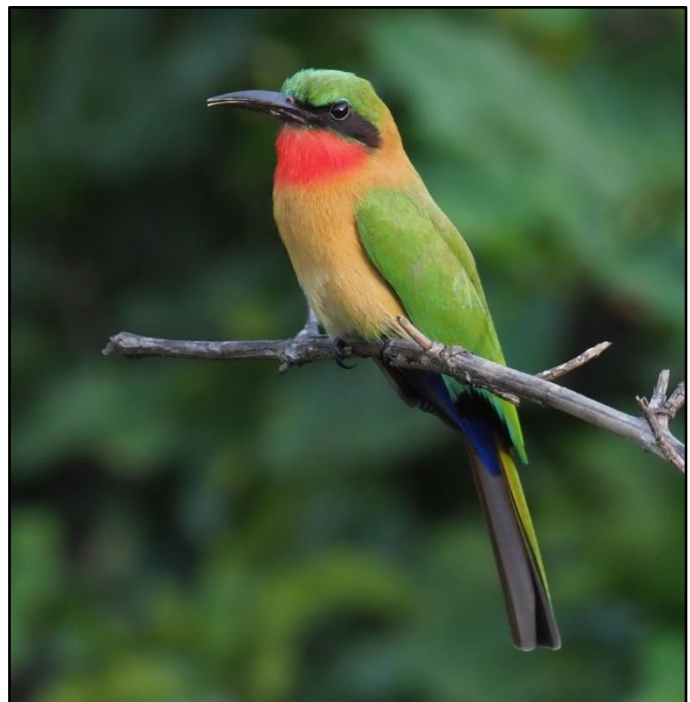
Long-tailed Hawk by Stephan Lorenz

journey north. The habitat changed from green farm bush and forest to more open savanna. Along the way, we kept a careful watch for raptors and were rewarded with excellent views of Beaudouin's Snake Eagle, Dark Chanting Goshawk, Grasshopper Buzzard, and Western Marsh Harrier. The sought-after snake eagle showed well in particular with an adult bird perched on a pylon in perfect light, offering great scope studies. We reached the turnoff towards Mole National Park in the late afternoon and made a quick stop at Busunu Pond. We quickly added several species to the list, enjoying great views of White-faced Whistling Duck, Speckled Pigeon, Bruce's Green Pigeon, the only Green Sandpipers of the tour, Black-headed Heron, Malachite Kingfisher, Piapiac, and an unexpected Gosling's Bunting. A great introduction to the birding we had ahead of us for the next two days. We tackled the rest of the distance and arrived at the lodge in Mole National Park in time for dinner.



Akun Eagle-Owl by Stephan Lorenz

The lodge in Mole National Park is beautifully situated atop a bluff overlooking wetlands, an elephant wallow, and the endless woodland beyond. After breakfast, we had to make a quick scan from the viewpoint and added several species, including Spur-winged Goose, Helmeted Guineafowl, Senegal Thick-knee, several Woolly-necked Storks, the first Hamerkop, and Hadada Ibis. We then boarded the vehicle in order to explore the savanna along the extensive road system, focusing on the Samole Loop. Soon, we bumped into lots of bird activity and a large feeding flock. Here we found Black-billed Wood Dove, Pearl-spotted Owllet, Green Woodhoopoe, scarce Black Scimitarbill, Northern Red-billed Hornbill, abundant Red-throated Bee-eaters, colorful Abyssinian and Broad-billed Rollers, Bearded Barbet, Lesser Honeyguide, great views of Fine-spotted Woodpecker, White-breasted and Red-shouldered Cuckooshrikes, African Golden Oriole, Senegal Batis, White-crested Helmetshrike, White-shouldered Black Tit, Chestnut-backed Sparrow-Lark, the localized Sun Lark, Senegal Eremomela, Rufous Cisticola, Long-tailed Glossy, Lesser Blue-eared and Purple Starlings. The grassy margins and woodland openings held many seed eating finches and weavers, including Chestnut-crowned Sparrow-Weaver, Red-headed and Little Weavers, uncommon Lavender Waxbill, pleasantly common Red-cheeked Cordonbleu, rare Red-winged Pytilia, and Red-billed and Bar-breasted Firefinches. A stop at a productive pond and its surrounding dense woodland yielded Levillant's Cuckoo, a surprise Pallid Swift, Wire-tailed Swallow, habitat specific



Red-throated Bee-eater by Stephan Lorenz

Swamp Flycatcher, and a stunning trio of sunbirds with good views of Pygmy, Scarlet-chested and Beautiful Sunbirds. In the afternoon, we returned to the same stretch of road and systematically looked



White-crested Helmetshrike by Stephan Lorenz

found half a dozen Forbes's Plovers, one of the highlights of the day. Yet, despite the sun going down, the birding was not finished, and we found a pair of Four-banded Sandgrouse that showed close and extremely well in the spotlight and added many Long-tailed Nightjars sitting on the road. A return trip to the airstrip, resulted in close studies of a cooperative Plain Nightjar and we also found an approachable Greyish Eagle-Owl sitting in the road.

Our second full day in Mole National Park also resulted in a day list well above 100 species and we did focus on a different area of the park. We again spent some time scanning the wetland below the lodge right after breakfast and then continued to the savanna around the airstrip where an early highlight included a White-throated Francolin that crossed the road right in front of us twice! We then set out along a loop road skirting wetlands and passing through riparian forest. Some of the highlights of the morning's outing included Violet Turaco, Sulphur-breasted and Grey-headed Bushshrikes, Glossy-backed Drongo, African Paradise-Flycatcher, African Blue Flycatcher, Yellow-breasted Apalis, West African Swallow, great views of the skulky Blackcap Babbler, and had excellent comparisons between Village and Wilson's Indigobirds. Back at the lodge, we kept an eye to the sky and found a locally rare Alpine Swift while new additions to the raptor tally included locally rare Rüppell's Vulture, Martial



Bateleur by Stephan Lorenz

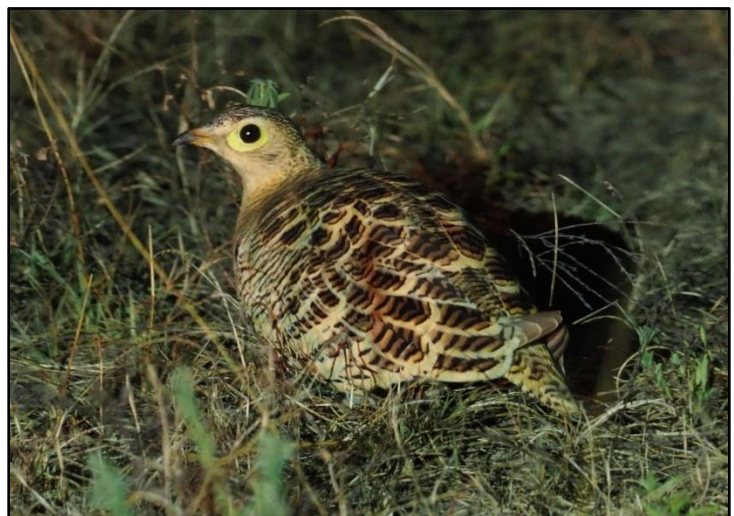
Rüppell's Vulture, Martial

Eagle, and a pair of African Hawk-Eagles right above the lodge. During the afternoon, we checked some of the same spots from the previous day and were able to add Eurasian Hoopoe, Melodious Warbler, and had excellent studies of several Black-rumped Waxbills near a waterhole.



Forbes's Plover by Stephan Lorenz

It was going to be a long transfer day as we had to drive up north to reach the town of Bolgatanga on the northern border of Ghana. After an early breakfast and packing up, we did squeeze in a productive birding session at the lodge, airstrip, and then along the entrance road to the national park. The lodge ground held the only Familiar Chats of the tour and at the 11th hour a pair of Western Violet-backed Sunbirds showed well. We had several specific targets in mind at the airstrip and did very well, finding a handful of missing species before we left the savannas of Mole National Park behind. We were able to track down Swallow-tailed Bee-eater, another Brown-backed Woodpecker, a single Dorst's Cisticola after much effort, and vociferous Brown Babblers. We stopped at the Larabanga mosque and had close views of the resident Red-chested Swallows. During the drive towards the main highway, we found a Brown-rumped Bunting at the last possible spot and chanced upon a pair of Violet Turacos that showed very well. The first cooperative Lizard Buzzard perched in a roadside tree and a family group of Yellow-billed Shrikes was fun to watch. Then we turned north on the main road and continued driving into the early afternoon, making a stop at the Nasia River after lunch. A short birding session here harbored many new species and by standing on the bridge, scanning the wetlands and grasses below, we added Black Crake, Black-headed Weaver, Red-billed Quelea, and Yellow-crowned Bishop to the list. Before reaching our lodgings for the night, we made a late afternoon stop at the Tongo Hills and during the final hour of the day here located a pair of Fox Kestrels, soaring Booted Eagles, scores of Gosling's Buntings, an unexpected Common Rock Thrush, a first for the tour, another White-crowned Cliff Chat, and brief views of the specialized Rock-loving Cisticola that we planned to improve on during a follow-up visit. We then drove a short distance to the hotel to check in and have dinner.



Four-banded Sandgrouse by Stephan Lorenz

For the only full day in the far north of the country, we planned to head to the White Volta River during the morning to search for the second star bird of the tour, the monotypic Egyptian Plover. We made several stops during the long drive to the river, some planned and others impromptu as new birds popped up along the roadside. The first stop in a section of farmland yielded excellent views of Great Spotted Cuckoo, Greater Blue-eared, Purple and Bronze-tailed Starlings. We then stopped in a stretch of dry acacia woodland where we walked through the habitat for about two hours and located flighty Black-

headed Lapwing, uncommon Eurasian Wryneck, hoped-for Chestnut-bellied Starling, and localized Speckle-fronted Weaver. Here, we also found a Cut-throat Finch that was tending a nest, a rare species in Ghana and usually not a breeding bird. A roadside Gabar Goshawk chasing a Dark-chanting Goshawk was also new.



Long-tailed Nightjar by Stephan Lorenz

Driving towards the river, we stopped in various sections of farmland with scattered trees, adding a few species, including Yellow-billed Oxpecker and White-billed Buffalo Weavers at a colony. We reached the river in the late morning and it took only a few moments of scanning before we had a pair of Egyptian Plovers in the scope and then found at least four more further downstream. We walked along a small path paralleling the river and added Mourning Collared and Namaqua Doves, and fast flying Red-necked Falcon to the list. On the edge of a small wetland, we found Zitting Cisticola, Quailfinch in flight, and a flock of African Silverbills. We drove back to town and our accommodations for lunch and some rest. In the afternoon, we drove in the opposite direction towards Tono Dam. The birding in the afternoon was quieter, but we still managed to add a pair of roosting Spotted Thick-knees, good views of Little Bee-eaters, glimpses of the localized Black-backed Cisticola, and a locally rare Variable Sunbird. Despite our best efforts, we could not find Quailfinches on the ground, but had many close flight views. We then enjoyed a proper sundowner overlooking the lake from the dam before returning to the hotel for dinner and some well-earned rest.



Greyish Eagle-Owl by Stephan Lorenz

This would be the longest transfer day as we had to drive from the far north to the central part of Ghana and the city of Kumasi where we would overnight. We were able to squeeze in a short birding session at the Tongo Hills where we had fabulous views of a pair of Rock-loving Cisticolas that true to form hopped around atop the granite boulders. We also had good views of another Lesser Honeyguide and a Red-necked Falcon zipped past. For the remainder of the day, we drove south with a brief break for lunch, arriving at the hotel in Kumasi just in time for dinner.

An early start ensured that we had a good amount of time to bird the tall forest of the Bobiri Butterfly Sanctuary and a long list of targets kept us busy all morning. With a good selection of forest species still missing from our list, we were glad to catch up with quite a few as we walked down the dirt road winding its way through some truly impressive lowland forest. Some of the highlights worth mentioning included a brief Red-thighed Sparrowhawk, excellent views of a Red-billed Dwarf Hornbill, finally views of a

Hairy-breasted Barbet, scope studies of a pair of stunning Blue Cuckooshrikes, Western Oriole, a flock of comical Red-billed Helmetshrikes, a group of Chestnut-capped Flycatchers in the canopy, noisy Fraser's Forest Flycatchers, Red-vented Malimbos finally offered perched views, and everyone caught up with a Yellow-mantled Weaver. The rare



Lizard Buzzard by Stephan Lorenz

Tessmann's Flycatcher emerged from the tangles to perch in the open and sing, finishing a spectacular morning. We then continued our journey towards New Tafo and the Atewa Forest. After a late lunch, we continued straight towards the farm bush at the base of the Atewa Ridge and despite the afternoon heat found some excellent birds. One of the best finds of the day flew in within minutes of arriving at the birding site, a pair of scarce Little Green Woodpeckers, this regional endemic can be difficult to track down. Other additions included two skulky Marsh Tchagras, Square-tailed Saw-wing, Compact Weaver, and Chestnut-breasted Nigrita. Despite our best efforts that evening, we only heard a Fraser's Eagle-Owl call briefly.

The final full day of birding was devoted to a longer hike into the pristine forest atop the Atewa Ridge. We had exceptional luck with cloudy conditions keeping the temperatures down and bird activity high. Although, at one point it looked like dense fog was going to cancel birding early, we persevered and were well rewarded. It was a long day with some difficult forest birding, but lots of highlights. Some of the best finds included Blue-headed Wood-Dove perched for scope views, several Yellow-billed Turacos seen, a pair of showy Black Cuckoos, Sabine's Spinetails above, a cooperative Chocolate-backed Kingfisher, Purple-throated Cuckooshrikes, African Shrike-flycatcher, Sabine's Puffback, Many-colored Bushshrike, Shining Drongo, Western Nicator, Black-capped Apalis, Western Bearded and Icterine Greenbuls, the regional endemic Copper-tailed Starling, Little Grey Flycatcher, and, near the end of the day, a beautiful Preuss's Weaver that sat still for scope views. This was a truly impressive haul of new species. The star bird of the day, Blue-moustached Bee-eater, took some time to locate, but we all ended up with good views. By the end of the day, we had put in a few miles of walking, but it was well worth the effort.



Blue Cuckooshrike by Stephan Lorenz

The final day of the tour had arrived, and we were going to finish strong. Returning to the Atewa Forest, we hiked all the way up to the top of the ridge, tracking down any new species, especially focusing on

birds we had heard only during previous days. While our legs were a bit weary, we continued birding steadily throughout the morning, finding several new species, including Narina Trogon, Fernando Po Batis at the last chance, Brown and Blackcap Illadopsis for some, Finsch's Rufous Thrush, and White-tailed Alethe. We also enjoyed better views of Forest Woodhoopoe, Black Bee-eater, Western Oriole, Black-capped Apalis, and Yellow-mantled Weaver. The final new bird seen by all for the tour was a calling Crowned Eagle, what a fitting finish to a very enjoyable and successful Ghana birding adventure. We returned to the vehicle by midday, drove back to the hotel to pack up and started the return journey to Accra. Back at the familiar Erata Hotel in Accra, we had a celebratory farewell dinner, completed the final checklist, talked about the amazing sightings we shared, and wished everyone a safe homeward journey.



Little Grey Flycatcher by Stephan Lorenz

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 (437 in total: 424 seen, 13 heard)

Nomenclature and taxonomy follows Gill, F and D Donsker (Eds). 2019. IOC World Bird List (v 9.1).

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 *Dendrocygna viduata*

(4) 1 Busunu roadside lake 14.11, 30 Mole NP 16.11 and 25 Nasia River 17.11.

Common in wetlands, particularly in the north.

Spur-winged Goose *Plectropterus gambensis gambensis*

(2) 3 Mole NP 15.11 and 5 Mole NP 16.11.

Seen well in the wetlands right below the lodge in Mole NP.

Guineafowl *Numididae*

Helmeted Guineafowl *Numida meleagris galeatus*

(2) 30 Mole NP 15.11 and 3 Mole NP 16.11.

Fairly common in Mole NP.

New World Quail *Odontophoridae*

Stone Partridge *Ptilopachus petrosus petrosus*

(3) 1 Shai Hills 8.11, 3 Mole NP 15.11 and 12 Mole NP 16.11.

First a single seen in the Shai Hills and then repeated great views of small coveys in Mole NP.

Pheasants, Grouse, and Allies *Phasianidae*

Latham's Francolin *Peliperdix lathamii lathamii*

(1) 1 heard Kakum NP and surrounds 10.11.

This secretive species was heard only at dusk at Kakum NP.

White-throated Francolin *Peliperdix albogularis buckleyi*

(1) 1 Mole NP 16.11.

After patiently waiting and calling it in, a bird crossed the road right in front of us twice at the Mole NP airstrip.

Ahanta Francolin *Pternistis ahantensis ahantensis*

(2) 4 heard Kakum NP and surrounds 11.11 and 2 heard Kakum NP and surrounds 13.11.

Heard frequently in the Kakum area, but this secretive species was next to impossible to lure into view.

Double-spurred Francolin *Pternistis bicalcaratus bicalcaratus*

(4) 3 Shai Hills 8.11, 2 Mole NP 15.11 and 10 Mole NP 16.11.

This confiding francolin was seen well in savanna habitats.

Storks *Ciconiidae*

Woolly-necked Stork (VU) *Ciconia episcopus microscelis*

(2) 5 Mole NP 15.11 and 8 Mole NP 16.11.

Common in Mole NP.

Ibises, Spoonbills *Threskiornithidae***Hadada Ibis***Bostrychia hagedash brevirostris*

(2) 6 Mole NP 15.11 and 8 Mole NP 16.11.

Common in the wetland by the lodge in Mole NP.

Hérons, Egrets, and Bitterns *Ardeidae***Black-crowned Night Heron***Nycticorax nycticorax nycticorax*

(1) 2 Mole NP 16.11.

Two flushed in a wooded wetland in Mole NP.

Striated Heron*Butorides striata atricapilla*

(4) 1 Pra River 11.11, 1 Mole NP 15.11 and 2 Mole NP 16.11.

Seen in various wetlands in the north.

Squacco Heron*Ardeola ralloides*

(5) 1 Sakumono Lagoon 8.11, 2 Mole NP 15.11, 1 Mole NP 16.11 and 2 Nasia River 17.11.

Uncommon but frequently encountered in various wetlands.

Western Cattle Egret*Bubulcus ibis*

(14) 1 Atewa 22.11.

Abundant and widespread.

Grey Heron*Ardea cinerea cinerea*

(5) 4 Sakumono Lagoon 8.11, 4 Mole NP 15.11, 4 Mole NP 16.11, 1 Nasia River 17.11 and 1 White Volta 18.11.

Common and widespread.

Black-headed Heron*Ardea melanocephala*

(3) 1 Busunu roadside lake 14.11, 1 Mole NP 17.11 and 3 White Volta 18.11.

A few noted in the dry savanna in the north.

Purple Heron*Ardea purpurea purpurea*

(1) 1 Sakumono Lagoon 8.11.

Only one noted at Sakumono Lagoon.

Great Egret*Ardea alba melanorhynchos*

(5) 5 Sakumono Lagoon 8.11, 1 Mole NP 15.11, 1 Mole NP 16.11 and 5 Nasia River 17.11.

Fairly common and widespread.

Intermediate Egret*Ardea intermedia brachyrhyncha*

(1) 1 Sakumono Lagoon 8.11.

Only one seen well at Sakumono Lagoon.

Little Egret*Egretta garzetta garzetta*

(3) 1 Sakumono Lagoon 8.11, 1 Busunu roadside lake 14.11 and 1 White Volta 18.11.

A few seen in scattered wetlands.

Western Reef Heron*Egretta gularis gularis*

(1) 1 Sakumono Lagoon 8.11.

A single white morph noted at Sakumono Lagoon.

Hamerkop *Scopidae***Hamerkop***Scopus umbretta umbretta*

(3) 4 Mole NP 15.11, 2 Mole NP 16.11, 1 White Volta 18.11 and 2 en route 18.11.

This unique species was common and widespread in the north.

Cormorants and Shags *Phalacrocoracidae***Reed Cormorant***Microcarbo africanus africanus*

(3) 2 Sakumono Lagoon 8.11, 2 en route 8.11, 5 Kakum NP and surrounds 9.11 and 4 Nasia River 17.11.

Never common, but widespread in wetlands and along rivers throughout the tour.

Kites, Hawks & Eagles *Accipitridae***Black-winged Kite***Elanus caeruleus caeruleus*

(2) 4 en route 8.11 and 1 Winneba Plains 9.11.

Mainly seen in the south, often along main roads.

African Harrier-Hawk*Polyboroides typus pectoralis*

(8) 1 Winneba Plains 9.11, up to 2 Kakum NP and surrounds 10-12.11, 1 Mole NP 15.11, 2 Mole NP 16.11, 2 Atewa farm bush 20.11 and 1 Atewa 22.11.

One of the most common and widespread raptors of the tour.

Palm-nut Vulture*Gypohierax angolensis*

(2) 1 Kakum NP and surrounds 10.11 and 1 Mole NP 15.11.

Only infrequently seen with the best views in Kakum and Mole NP.

European Honey Buzzard*Pernis apivorus*

(1) 1 Kakum NP and surrounds 10.11.

One adult seen well from the Kakum NP canopy walkway.

African Cuckoo-Hawk*Aviceda cuculoides batesi*

(5) 1 Kakum NP and surrounds 10.11, 2 Kakum NP and surrounds 11.11, 1 Mole NP 15.11, 1 Mole NP 16.11 and 1 Atewa 22.11.

This usually scarce species we encountered often with many great, close views, including a displaying individual above the Atewa forest.

Hooded Vulture (EN)*Necrosyrtes monachus*

(7) 2 en route 9.11, 1 Kakum NP and surrounds 10.11, 2 Pra River 11.11, 5 Mole NP 15.11 and 12 Mole NP 16.11.

The most common vulture of the tour with large numbers noted in the north.

White-backed Vulture (NT)*Gyps africanus*

(2) 15 Mole NP 15.11 and 25 Mole NP 16.11.

Common in Mole NP where large numbers soared above the lodge during the late morning.

Rüppell's Vulture (EN)*Gyps rueppelli rueppelli*

(1) 1 Mole NP 16.11.

An immature bird soared right above us in the wetland at Mole NP, first identified by Dick Forsman.

This species is rarely recorded in Ghana and may reasonably be often overlooked.

White-headed Vulture (VU)*Trionoceps occipitalis*

(2) 1 Mole NP 15.11 and 2 Mole NP 16.11.

Great views one morning of two birds soaring right past the lodge at Mole NP.

Beudouin's Snake Eagle (VU)*Circaetus beudouini*

(3) 2 Kumasi to Mole NP 14.11, 1 Mole NP 15.11 and 1 Mole NP 16.11.

Our vigil from the vehicle during the drive to Mole NP paid off and we spotted an adult perched on a pylon that offered scope views in great light. Also noted by some in flight at Mole NP.

Brown Snake Eagle*Circaetus cinereus*

(1) 2 Mole NP 15.11.

Two high flying individuals seen at Mole NP.

Congo Serpent Eagle*Circaetus spectabilis spectabilis*

(1) 1 heard Kakum NP and surrounds 10.11.
 Heard only from the Kakum NP canopy walkway.

Bateleur (NT)*Terathopius ecaudatus*

(3) 4 Mole NP 15.11, 8 Mole NP 16.11 and 2 en route 17.11.
 Common in the Mole NP area.

Crowned Eagle (NT)*Stephanoaetus coronatus*

(1) 1 Atewa 22.11.

This was essentially the last new bird of the tour and what a way to finish, a calling bird soaring above the Atewa forest.

Martial Eagle (NT)*Polemaetus bellicosus*

(1) 1 Mole NP 16.11.

Very brief views of a low flying individual at Mole NP.

Long-crested Eagle*Lophaetus occipitalis*

(1) 1 Shai Hills 8.11.

Good views of this locally scarce raptor in the savanna of the Shai Hills.

Booted Eagle*Hieraaetus pennatus*

(1) 2 Tongo Hills 17.11.

Great views of two soaring above the Tongo Hills.

Cassin's Hawk-Eagle*Aquila africana*

(1) 1 Atewa 22.11.

Seen soaring above Atewa forest by some.

African Hawk-Eagle*Aquila spilogaster*

(1) 2 Mole NP 16.11.

Good views right from the lodge at Mole NP as a pair soared above during the late morning.

Lizard Buzzard*Kaupifalco monogrammicus monogrammicus*

(2) 1 Mole NP 17.11 and 1 White Volta 18.11.

Excellent views along the roadside in the north.

Gabar Goshawk*Micronisus gabar niger*

(1) 1 White Volta 18.11.

Quick views of a bird chasing the next species in the north.

Dark Chanting Goshawk*Melierax metabates metabates*

(2) 1 Kumasi to Mole NP 14.11 and 2 White Volta 18.11.

A few noted in the north.

Long-tailed Hawk*Urotriorchis macrourus*

(1) 1 Kakum NP and surrounds 10.11.

One of the best raptors in Ghana and we scoped an adult in the afternoon from the Kakum NP canopy walkway.

Red-chested Goshawk*Accipiter toussenelii macroscelides*

(1) 2 Kakum NP and surrounds 11.11.

Excellent perched views in the Antikwaa section of Kakum NP.

Shikra*Accipiter badius sphenurus*

(3) 1 Shai Hills 8.11, 1 en route 8.11, 1 en route 9.11 and 1 en route 22.11.

The most common Accipiter of the tour.

Red-thighed Sparrowhawk*Accipiter erythropus erythropus*

(1) 1 Bobiri FR 20.11.

Brief flight views right in front of us of an immature at Bobiri forest, a very rare species.

Black Sparrowhawk*Accipiter melanoleucus temminckii*

(1) 1 Kakum NP and surrounds 11.11.

A high flying individual noted in the Kakum NP area.

Western Marsh Harrier*Circus aeruginosus aeruginosus*

(4) 1 Kumasi to Mole NP 14.11, 1 Busunu roadside lake 14.11, 1 Mole NP 16.11, 1 Nasia River 17.11 and 1 White Volta 18.11.

This migrant we fairly common in the north.

Yellow-billed Kite*Milvus aegyptius parasitus*

(14) 1 Mole NP 15.11 and 5 Mole NP 16.11.

The most abundant raptor in Ghana, present everywhere.

African Fish Eagle*Haliaeetus vocifer*

(1) 2 Mole NP 15.11.

Surprisingly scarce in Ghana so two immature birds chasing each other in front of the lodge in Mole NP was unusual.

Grasshopper Buzzard*Butastur rufipennis*

(4) 2 Kumasi to Mole NP 14.11 and up to 5 en route 17-19.11.

Seen in good numbers in the north.

Red-necked Buzzard*Buteo auguralis*

(4) 1 Opro River Forest 14.11, 1 Mole NP 16.11, 1 Mole NP 17.11 and 1 Atewa 22.11.

Excellent views of a few individuals from the north all the way to Atewa forest.

Flufftails Sarothruridae**White-spotted Flufftail***Sarothrura pulchra pulchra*

(2) Up to 1 Kakum NP and surrounds 10-11.11.

This secretive species showed well in the Kakum NP area with a calling bird emerging from dense tangles at close quarters.

Rails, Crakes & Coots Rallidae**Black Crake***Amaurornis flavirostra*

(2) 3 Nasia River 17.11.

Seen well at the Nasia River bridge.

Thick-knees Burhinidae**Senegal Thick-knee***Burhinus senegalensis*

(3) 5 Mole NP 15.11, 2 Mole NP 16.11 and 5 White Volta 18.11.

Common in the north.

Spotted Thick-knee*Burhinus capensis maculosus*

Observed 1 day(s) in total.

We found a pair of these scarce birds in the Tono Dam area in the north and they hung around for great studies.

Stilts and Avocets Recurvirostridae**Black-winged Stilt***Himantopus himantopus*

(1) 20 Sakumono Lagoon 8.11.

Common in the coastal wetlands we visited.

Plovers and Lapwings Charadriidae**Spur-winged Lapwing***Vanellus spinosus*

(5) 20 Sakumono Lagoon 8.11, 2 Busunu roadside lake 14.11, 1 Mole NP 15.11, 2 Mole NP 16.11 and 30 White Volta 18.11.

Widespread and common.

Black-headed Lapwing*Vanellus tectus tectus*

(1) 1 White Volta 18.11.

Onl brief flight views of a calling bird in the acacia scrub near the White Volta in the far north.

African Wattled Lapwing*Vanellus senegallus senegallus*

(6) 30 Sakumono Lagoon 8.11, 10 Busunu roadside lake 14.11, 10 Mole NP 15.11, 20 Mole NP 16.11 and 10 en route 17.11.

Common, noisy, and fairly widespread.

Grey Plover*Pluvialis squatarola squatarola*

(1) 2 Sakumono Lagoon 8.11.

Two noted along the margins of the Sakumono lagoon.

Common Ringed Plover*Charadrius hiaticula hiaticula*

(1) 2 Sakumono Lagoon 8.11.

Present on the dry sand at Sakumono lagoon.

Forbes's Plover*Charadrius forbesi*

(1) 7 Mole NP 15.11.

We fortunately had no problems finding good numbers of these special plovers at Mole NP where they showed very well in a patch of open ground.

Egyptian Plover Pluvianidae**Egyptian Plover***Pluvianus aegyptius*

(1) 6 White Volta 18.11.

One of the mega birds of the tour and it took less than a minute to find them along the sandbars of the White Volta and we studied these gorgeous birds at length, watching a pair engaged in a territorial tussle with a pair of Spur-winged Lapwings.

Painted-Snipes Rostratulidae**Greater Painted-snipe***Rostratula benghalensis*

(1) 2 Sakumono Lagoon 8.11.

A pair was spotted on the edge of the Sakumono lagoon, a great find and excellent scope views.

Jacanas Jacanidae**African Jacana***Actophilornis africanus*

(7) 30 Sakumono Lagoon 8.11, 1 Kakum NP and surrounds 12.11, 2 Kakum NP and surrounds 13.11, 2 Mole NP 15.11, 2 Mole NP 16.11 and 4 Nasia River 17.11.

Common in wetlands.

Sandpipers and Allies Scolopacidae**Whimbrel***Numenius phaeopus islandicus*

(1) 1 Sakumono Lagoon 8.11.

A single roosting at Sakumono lagoon.

Black-tailed Godwit (NT)*Limosa limosa limosa*

(1) 25 Sakumono Lagoon 8.11.

A sizeable flock of these migrant waders was feeding in the shallows at Sakumono lagoon.

Ruddy Turnstone*Arenaria interpres interpres*

(1) 2 Sakumono Lagoon 8.11.

Seen very distantly at Sakumono lagoon.

Curlew Sandpiper*Calidris ferruginea*

(1) 30 Sakumono Lagoon 8.11.

Very distant views at Sakumono lagoon.

Common Snipe*Gallinago gallinago gallinago*

(1) 2 Sakumono Lagoon 8.11.

Seen well as some were feeding in the open at Sakumono lagoon.

Common Sandpiper*Actitis hypoleucos*(5) 5 Sakumono Lagoon 8.11, 1 Mankessim 9.11, 1 Pra River 11.11 and 6 Busunu roadside lake 14.11.
Widespread.**Green Sandpiper***Tringa ochropus*

(1) 2 Busunu roadside lake 14.11.

Two noted during our stop at Busunu pond.

Marsh Sandpiper*Tringa stagnatilis*

(1) 3 Sakumono Lagoon 8.11.

Some feeding among the godwits at Sakumono lagoon.

Wood Sandpiper*Tringa glareola*

(3) 5 Sakumono Lagoon 8.11 and 4 Busunu roadside lake 14.11.

A few noted at Sakumono and Busunu and even at Tono Dam.

Common Greenshank*Tringa nebularia*

(2) 2 Sakumono Lagoon 8.11 and 1 White Volta 18.11.

Low numbers seen.

Pratincoles and Coursers Glareolidae**Collared Pratincole***Glareola pratincola fuelleborni*

(1) 60 Sakumono Lagoon 8.11.

A massive flock emerged from the vegetation at Sakumono lagoon after a helicopter flew past.

Rock Pratincole*Glareola nuchalis liberiae*

(1) 7 Pra River 11.11.

Seen well roosting on bridge pylons and a log from the Pra River bridge where the water was very high.

Gulls, Terns & Skimmers Laridae**Royal Tern***Thalasseus maximus albididorsalis*

(1) 2 Sakumono Lagoon 8.11.

Seen from the Cape Coast Castle area and on the ocean side of the Sakumono lagoon.

Black Tern*Chlidonias niger niger*

(1) 1 Sakumono Lagoon 8.11.

A distant bird scoped roosting on a sandbar in the Sakumono lagoon.

Sandgrouse Pteroclididae**Four-banded Sandgrouse***Pterocles quadricinctus*

(2) 6 Mole NP 15.11 and 1 White Volta 18.11.

Wow, after a bird zipped past at dusk at the pond in Mole NP, we discovered several in the open area after dark and a pair stayed put for incredible close views!

Pigeons and Doves *Columbidae***Rock Dove***Columba livia var. domestica*

Observed 12 day(s) in total.

Widespread in towns and villages.

Speckled Pigeon*Columba guinea guinea*

(4) 1 Busunu roadside lake 14.11, 2 Nasia River 17.11 and 10 en route 19.11.

Common and numerous in the north.

Western Bronze-naped Pigeon*Columba iriditorques*

(1) 1 heard Atewa 21.11.

Heard only as we walked down from the ridge top at Atewa forest and despite scanning we could not locate it.

Mourning Collared Dove*Streptopelia decipiens shelleyi*

(1) 15 White Volta 18.11.

Numerous in the trees along the White Volta.

Red-eyed Dove*Streptopelia semitorquata*

(12) 2 Kakum NP and surrounds 10.11, 4 Kakum NP and surrounds 11.11, 2 Mole NP 15.11, 2 Mole NP 16.11, 2 Atewa farm bush 20.11, 2 Bobiri FR 20.11, 4 Atewa 21.11 and 2 Atewa 22.11.

Abundant throughout.

Vinaceous Dove*Streptopelia vinacea*

(6) 2 Shai Hills 8.11, 10 Busunu roadside lake 14.11, 10 Mole NP 15.11 and 10 Mole NP 16.11.

Very common in savanna habitats.

Laughing Dove*Spilopelia senegalensis senegalensis*

(14) 2 Kakum NP and surrounds 10.11, 4 Pra River 11.11, 2 Kakum NP and surrounds 12.11, 5 Mole NP 15.11, 4 Mole NP 16.11 and 10 en route 19.11.

Common and widespread.

Black-billed Wood Dove*Turtur abyssinicus*

(5) 1 Kumasi to Mole NP 14.11, 2 Busunu roadside lake 14.11, 2 Mole NP 15.11, 2 Mole NP 16.11, 2 Tongo Hills 17.11 and 2 White Volta 18.11.

The common small dove on savanna habitats.

Blue-spotted Wood Dove*Turtur afer*

(5) 1 Shai Hills 8.11, 2 Winneba Plains 9.11, 1 Kakum NP and surrounds 11.11, 2 Kakum NP and surrounds 12.11 and 1 Opro River Forest 14.11.

This small dove replaced the previous species in wetter forests.

Tambourine Dove*Turtur tympanistria*

(7) Up to 2 Kakum NP and surrounds 11-13.11, 1 Opro River Forest 14.11, 1 Bobiri FR 20.11, 2 Atewa 21.11 and 2 Atewa 22.11.

Common with several great views.

Blue-headed Wood Dove*Turtur brehmeri infelix*

(5) 2 heard Kakum NP and surrounds 10.11, 1 heard Bonkro 13.11, 1 heard Bobiri FR 20.11, 1 Atewa 21.11 and 1 heard Atewa 22.11.

Often heard and a dedicated effort had one land right in front of us in the Atewa forest for unbeatable scope views of this gorgeous wood dove.

Namaqua Dove*Oena capensis capensis*

(3) 1 Busunu roadside lake 14.11, 2 Tongo Hills 17.11 and 1 White Volta 18.11.

Only a handful noted in the far north, mainly birds in flight.

Bruce's Green Pigeon*Treron waalia*

(4) 2 Busunu roadside lake 14.11, 2 Mole NP 15.11 and 1 Mole NP 16.11.

Common in the Mole NP area and a large flock noted at Tono Dam.

African Green Pigeon*Treron calvus sharpei*

(11) Up to 15 Kakum NP and surrounds 9-13.11, 1 Mole NP 15.11, 1 Mole NP 16.11, 10 Bobiri FR 20.11, 10 Atewa 21.11 and 6 Atewa 22.11.

Widespread and common.

Turacos *Musophagidae***Guinea Turaco***Tauraco persa persa*

(6) 1+1 heard Shai Hills 8.11, 1 Winneba Plains 9.11, 1 heard Kakum NP and surrounds 10.11, 1 Kakum NP and surrounds 12.11, 1 heard Kakum NP and surrounds 13.11 and 1 heard Opro River Forest 14.11.

This bird gave us some trouble with many easily heard, but finally seen well by all in the Kakum NP area.

Yellow-billed Turaco*Tauraco macrorhynchus macrorhynchus*

(5) Up to 2 Kakum NP and surrounds 10-12.11 and up to 5 Atewa 21-22.11.

Best seen in the Atewa forest after hearing it daily in the Kakum NP area, the species eventually offered great close views.

Violet Turaco*Musophaga violacea*

(3) 2 heard Shai Hills 8.11, 2 Mole NP 16.11 and 2 Mole NP 17.11.

As we were leaving Mole NP one flew across the road and a quick exit from the vehicle resulted in perched views.

Western Plantain-eater*Crinifer piscator*

(8) 4 Winneba Plains 9.11, 2 en route 9.11, 1 Kakum NP and surrounds 12.11, 2 Mole NP 15.11, 2 Nasia River 17.11, 2 Mole NP 17.11, 6 White Volta 18.11 and 1 en route 22.11.

Common and present even in the middle of Accra.

Cuckoos *Cuculidae***Black-throated Coucal***Centropus leucogaster leucogaster*

(5) Up to 2 Kakum NP and surrounds 9-12.11 and 1 heard Bobiri FR 20.11.

Seen well in flight and briefly perched in the Kakum NP area.

Senegal Coucal*Centropus senegalensis senegalensis*

(8) 1 Shai Hills 8.11, up to 1 Kakum NP and surrounds 11-13.11, 1 Kumasi to Mole NP 14.11, 2 Mole NP 16.11, 2 en route 17.11 and 1 White Volta 18.11.

The most commonly seen coucal species of the tour.

Blue-headed Coucal*Centropus monachus occidentalis*

(4) 1 heard Kakum NP and surrounds 12.11, 2 Kakum NP and surrounds 13.11, 3 Atewa farm bush 20.11 and 2 Atewa 21.11.

Seen well in the Kakum farm bush and at the bottom of the Atewa ridge.

Blue Malkoha*Ceuthmochares aereus flavirostris*

(3) 2 Kakum NP and surrounds 10.11, 2 heard Bonkro 13.11 and 4 Atewa 21.11.

We enjoyed the best views from the Kakum NP canopy walkway where a bird perched in the open for minutes on end.

Great Spotted Cuckoo*Clamator glandarius*

(1) 2 White Volta 18.11.

Good views of this large migrant cuckoo in the White Volta area.

Levaillant's Cuckoo*Clamator levaillantii*

(1) 2 Mole NP 15.11.

Excellent views of two responsive birds at the pond in Mole NP.

Diederik Cuckoo*Chrysococcyx caprius*

(4) 2 Kakum NP and surrounds 9.11, 1 Kakum NP and surrounds 12.11, 1 heard Bonkro 13.11 and 1 Tongo Hills 19.11.

Heard often and seen well in the Kakum NP area.

Klaas's Cuckoo*Chrysococcyx klaas*

(6) 1 Kakum NP and surrounds 9.11, 1 heard Kakum NP and surrounds 11.11, 1 heard Bonkro 13.11, 1 Bobiri FR 20.11, 1 Atewa 21.11 and 1 heard Atewa 22.11.

One of the most frequently heard cuckoos and seen well several times.

African Emerald Cuckoo*Chrysococcyx cupreus*

(6) Up to 2 Kakum NP and surrounds 9-11.11, 1 heard Bobiri FR 20.11, 1+3 heard Atewa 21.11 and 1 Atewa 22.11.

A stunning cuckoo that was easily seen in several locations, it's distinctive call a common background sound in many wetter forests.

Olive Long-tailed Cuckoo*Cercococcyx olivinus*

(2) 1 heard Kakum NP and surrounds 9.11 and 1 Kakum NP and surrounds 12.11.

This tricky species showed to most in the Abrafo forest area of Kakum NP.

Black Cuckoo*Cuculus clamosus gabonensis*

(2) 1 heard Bonkro 13.11 and 2 Atewa 21.11.

A vocal pair showed exceptionally well in the Atewa forest.

Owls Strigidae**African Scops Owl***Otus senegalensis senegalensis*

(2) 2 heard Mole NP 15.11 and 2 heard Mole NP 16.11.

Heard only in th Mole NP area as birds refused to come closer.

Northern White-faced Owl*Ptilopsis leucotis*

(1) 1 heard Mole NP 16.11.

Heard only after dark just outside of Mole NP.

Greyish Eagle-Owl*Bubo cinerascens*

(3) 1 Kumasi to Mole NP 14.11, 1 Mole NP 15.11 and 1 Mole NP 16.11.

Great views of one sitting in the road as we did a night drive in Mole NP.

Fraser's Eagle-Owl*Bubo poensis*

(1) 1 heard Atewa FR 20.11.

Heard only in the Atewa area.

Akun Eagle-Owl*Bubo leucostictus*

(2) 1 Kakum NP and surrounds 11.11 and 1 Atewa 21.11.

At the last minute we spotted one perched on a telephone pole at the entrance to Kakum NP.

African Wood Owl*Strix woodfordii nuchalis*

(2) 2 heard Kakum NP and surrounds 12.11 and 1 heard Bobiri FR 20.11.

Heard only in various locations.

Pearl-spotted Owlet*Glaucidium perlatum perlatum*

(2) 2 Mole NP 15.11 and 1 heard Mole NP 16.11.

One was seen very well in Mole NP.

African Barred Owlet*Glaucidium capense ethecopari*

(1) 1 heard Shai Hills 8.11.

Heard well and close in the Shai Hills, but it went quiet and we could not locate it.

Nightjars and Allies *Caprimulgidae***Plain Nightjar***Caprimulgus inornatus*

(1) 1 Mole NP 15.11.

Great, close views at the end of the airstrip in Mole NP.

Long-tailed Nightjar*Caprimulgus climacurus sclateri*

(3) 3 Kumasi to Mole NP 14.11, 14 Mole NP 15.11 and 1 Mole NP 16.11.

Numerous after dark in Mole NP.

Swifts *Apodidae***Mottled Spinetail***Telacanthura ussheri ussheri*

(5) 2 Shai Hills 8.11 and up to 2 Kakum NP and surrounds 9-12.11.

The most commonly encountered spinetail species.

Sabine's Spinetail*Rhaphidura sabini*

(2) 1 Kakum NP and surrounds 10.11 and 2 Atewa 21.11.

Brief views of fast flying birds in the Kakum NP area.

Cassin's Spinetail*Neafrapus cassini*

(1) 1 Kakum NP and surrounds 10.11.

Very quick views in Kakum NP.

African Palm Swift*Cypsiurus parvus brachypterus*

(11) 10 Mole NP 16.11, 4 Nasia River 17.11 and 1 Atewa 21.11.

Common and widespread.

Alpine Swift*Tachymarptis melba*

(1) 1 Mole NP 16.11.

This is an uncommon species in Ghana with one noted flying high above the lodge Mole NP.

Common Swift*Apus apus apus*

(7) 20 Kakum NP and surrounds 9.11 and 10 Atewa 21.11.

Abundant and widespread.

Pallid Swift*Apus pallidus*

(2) 1 Mole NP 15.11 and 2 Mole NP 17.11.

This species appeared to be numerous above Mole NP with several seen well and identified.

Little Swift*Apus affinis aerobates*

(14) 2 Atewa 21.11.

Very common and widespread.

Trogons *Trogonidae***Narina Trogon***Apaloderma narina constantia*

(2) 1 Atewa 21.11 and 1 Atewa 22.11.

Great scope views in the Atewa forest.

Rollers *Coraciidae***Purple Roller***Coracias naevius naevius*

(3) 1 Shai Hills 8.11, 1 Mole NP 15.11 and 3 White Volta 18.11.

Seen well along the roadside on numerous occasions with one chasing a Purple Starling in Mole NP being especially memorable.

Abyssinian Roller*Coracias abyssinicus*

(6) 1 Kumasi to Mole NP 14.11, 1 Mole NP 15.11, 2 Mole NP 16.11, 1 en route 17.11 and 2 Tongo Hills 19.11.

This beautiful roller was readily found in the north.

Blue-bellied Roller*Coracias cyanogaster*

(4) 5 Shai Hills 8.11, 1 Opro River Forest 14.11, 1 Mole NP 16.11 and 1 en route 19.11.

Excellent views of several at the Shai Hills and seen again in the north.

Broad-billed Roller*Eurystomus glaucurus afer*

(2) 1 Mole NP 15.11 and 10 Mole NP 16.11.

Common in Mole NP, especially one morning when nearly a dozen circled above us at once.

Kingfishers Alcedinidae**Chocolate-backed Kingfisher***Halcyon badia*

(2) 1 heard Kakum NP and surrounds 12.11 and 1 Atewa 21.11.

After only hearing it in the Kakum NP area we found one perched for lengthy scope views in the Atewa forest.

Grey-headed Kingfisher*Halcyon leucocephala leucocephala*

(2) 1 Mole NP 15.11 and 1 Mole NP 16.11.

Common in the Mole NP area.

Striped Kingfisher*Halcyon chelicuti chelicuti*

(3) 2 Shai Hills 8.11, 1 heard Mole NP 15.11 and 2 Mole NP 16.11.

Seen well in savanna habitats.

Blue-breasted Kingfisher*Halcyon malimbica forbesi*

(1) 1 Mole NP 16.11.

Quick flight views for some in Mole NP.

Woodland Kingfisher*Halcyon senegalensis fuscopileus*

(9) 2 en route 8.11, 3 en route 9.11, up to 1 Kakum NP and surrounds 9-13.11, 1 Kumasi to Mole NP 14.11, 1 Mole NP 16.11 and 1 Bobiri FR 20.11.

Widespread and common in various open habitats.

African Pygmy Kingfisher*Ispidina picta picta*

(2) 1 Winneba Plains 9.11 and 1 Kakum NP and surrounds 11.11.

The best views were in a scrubby section of the Winneba Plains.

Malachite Kingfisher*Corythornis cristatus galeritus*

(4) 1 Busunu roadside lake 14.11, 1 Nasia River 17.11, 2 Bobiri FR 20.11 and 1 Atewa 21.11.

Seen well in the north and again Atewa.

Pied Kingfisher*Ceryle rudis rudis*

(5) 3 Sakumono Lagoon 8.11, 4 Kakum NP and surrounds 9.11, 1 Nasia River 17.11 and 2 White Volta 18.11.

Readily seen in various wetlands.

Bee-eaters Meropidae**Blue-moustached Bee-eater (NT)***Merops mentalis*

(1) 1 Atewa 21.11.

One of the star birds of the tour and after some searching we found one along the trail in Atewa forest for brief but good scope views.

Black Bee-eater*Merops gularis gularis*

(4) 1 Kakum NP and surrounds 9.11, 1 Kakum NP and surrounds 11.11, 2 Kakum NP and surrounds 12.11 and 2 Atewa 22.11.

A beautiful species that was readily seen in the Kakum NP and Atewa areas.

Swallow-tailed Bee-eater*Merops hirundineus chrysolaimus*

(1) 1 Mole NP 17.11.

A surprise find at the airstrip in Mole NP.

Little Bee-eater*Merops pusillus pusillus*

(2) 5 Bobiri FR 20.11.

Excellent views at the Tono Dam and again in the Atewa area.

Red-throated Bee-eater*Merops bulocki bulocki*

(2) 20 Mole NP 15.11 and 20 Mole NP 16.11.

Common in Mole NP.

White-throated Bee-eater*Merops albicollis*

(8) 30 en route 8.11, 5 Kakum NP and surrounds 10.11 and 3 Atewa 22.11.

Common and widespread.

Rosy Bee-eater*Merops malimbicus*

(2) 2 Kakum NP and surrounds 9.11 and 20 Kakum NP and surrounds 12.11.

It was worth the extra taxi ride to make it down the muddy road to see them in their roosting trees in the Kakum NP area, what a stunning species!

Hoopoes *Upupidae***Eurasian Hoopoe***Upupa epops senegalensis*

(1) 1 Mole NP 16.11.

Seen well in Mole NP.

Wood Hoopoes *Phoeniculidae***Forest Wood Hoopoe***Phoeniculus castaneiceps castaneiceps*

(2) 2 Kakum NP and surrounds 10.11 and 1 Atewa 22.11.

Quick views from the Kakum NP canopy walkway and much better views in the Atewa forest.

White-headed Wood Hoopoe*Phoeniculus bollei bollei*

(1) 2 Kakum NP and surrounds 10.11.

Great views from the Kakum NP canopy walkway.

Green Wood Hoopoe*Phoeniculus purpureus senegalensis*

(4) 1 en route 9.11, 15 Mole NP 15.11, 25 Mole NP 16.11 and 3 en route 21.11.

Common in the Mole NP.

Black Scimitarbill*Rhinopomastus aterrimus aterrimus*

(3) 1 Mole NP 15.11, 1 Mole NP 16.11 and 1 White Volta 18.11.

This uncommon bird showed well in the Mole NP and again along the banks of the White Volta.

Ground Hornbills *Bucorvidae***Abyssinian Ground Hornbill***Bucorvus abyssinicus*

(2) 3 Mole NP 15.11 and 5 Mole NP 16.11.

We had tremendous luck with this scarce species, encountering two family groups during our time in Mole NP, first three birds and then five.

Hornbills *Bucerotidae***Northern Red-billed Hornbill***Tockus erythrorhynchus*

(3) 4 Mole NP 15.11, 3 Mole NP 16.11 and 2 White Volta 18.11.

Seen well in Mole NP.

African Pied Hornbill*Lophoceros fasciatus semifasciatus*

(9) 2 Kakum NP and surrounds 9.11, 2 Kakum NP and surrounds 10.11, 2 Kakum NP and surrounds 13.11, 2 Opro River Forest 14.11, 8 Atewa 21.11 and 6 Atewa 22.11.

Abundant in wetter forests.

African Grey Hornbill*Lophoceros nasutus nasutus*

(8) 2 en route 9.11, 2 Kumasi to Mole NP 14.11, up to 8 Mole NP 15-17.11 and 2 en route 19.11.
Common in drier habitats.

Red-billed Dwarf Hornbill*Lophoceros camurus*

(1) 2 Bobiri FR 20.11.

Yes, we found one that showed very well along the road in the Bobiri forest, a difficult species.

Piping Hornbill*Bycanistes fistulator fistulator*

(1) 3 Kakum NP and surrounds 9.11.

Seen well in flight in the Kakum NP area.

Brown-cheeked Hornbill (NT)*Bycanistes cylindricus*

(2) 1 Kakum NP and surrounds 10.11 and 2 Kakum NP and surrounds 11.11.

Good views of this range-restricted species in the Kakum NP area.

White-crested Hornbill*Horizocerus albocristatus macrourus*

(3) 1 Kakum NP and surrounds 10.11, 1 heard Bonkro 13.11 and 1 Atewa 22.11.

Good views as one flew in right in front of us during our vigil on the Kakum NP canopy walkway.

African Barbets *Lybiidae***Bristle-nosed Barbet***Gymnobucco peli*

(1) 1 Kakum NP and surrounds 10.11.

Seen briefly in the Kakum NP area.

Naked-faced Barbet*Gymnobucco calvus calvus*

(6) Up to 6 Kakum NP and surrounds 9-12.11, 4 Atewa farm bush 20.11 and 1 Atewa 22.11.

Common and seen frequently.

Speckled Tinkerbird*Pogoniulus scolopaceus scolopaceus*

(8) Up to 2 Kakum NP and surrounds 9-13.11, 1 Atewa farm bush 20.11, 1 Bobiri FR 20.11, 4 Atewa 21.11 and 2 Atewa 22.11.

The most common tinkerbird during the tour.

Red-rumped Tinkerbird*Pogoniulus atroflavus*

(4) 1 heard Kakum NP and surrounds 10.11, 2 Kakum NP and surrounds 11.11, 2 heard Atewa 21.11 and 1 heard Atewa 22.11.

This canopy dweller was seen well in the Kakum NP area when one descended and offered great scope studies.

Yellow-throated Tinkerbird*Pogoniulus subsulphureus chrysopygus*

(2) 2 Kakum NP and surrounds 9.11 and 1 Kakum NP and surrounds 12.11.

Good views in the Kakum NP area.

Yellow-rumped Tinkerbird*Pogoniulus bilineatus leucolaimus*

(1) 1 Shai Hills 8.11.

A species of drier habitats and seen well in the Shai Hills reserve.

Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird*Pogoniulus chrysoconus chrysoconus*

(2) 2 Shai Hills 8.11 and 1 Tongo Hills 17.11.

Great views in the Shai Hills reserve.

Yellow-spotted Barbet*Buccanodon duchaillui*

(3) 1 Kakum NP and surrounds 9.11, 1 heard Kakum NP and surrounds 10.11 and 1 Atewa 21.11.

Good views of one in the Kakum NP area.

Hairy-breasted Barbet*Tricholaema hirsuta hirsuta*

(3) 1 heard Kakum NP and surrounds 10.11, 1 heard Kakum NP and surrounds 11.11 and 1 Bobiri FR 20.11.

Excellent views in the Bobiri forest after only hearing the species in Kakum NP.

Viellot's Barbet*Lybius vielloti rubescens*

(7) 1 heard Shai Hills 8.11, 1 Winneba Plains 9.11, 2 Kakum NP and surrounds 11.11, 2 Kakum NP and surrounds 13.11, 2 Opro River Forest 14.11, 1 Mole NP 15.11 and 2 Atewa 22.11.

This small barbet was frequently seen in a variety of habitats.

Double-toothed Barbet*Lybius bidentatus bidentatus*

(2) 1 Winneba Plains 9.11 and 1 Opro River Forest 14.11.

Good views in various savanna habitats, this species has a limited distribution in Ghana.

Bearded Barbet*Lybius dubius*

(4) 2 Mole NP 15.11, 1 Mole NP 16.11, 2 Tongo Hills 17.11 and 2 White Volta 18.11.

This impressive barbet was seen well several times in Mole NP and further north.

Yellow-billed Barbet*Trachyphonus purpuratus goffinii*

(2) 1 heard Kakum NP and surrounds 10.11 and 1 Kakum NP and surrounds 11.11.

Good views of one peeking from its nest cavity in the Kakum NP area.

Honeyguides Indicatoridae**Least Honeyguide***Indicator exilis exilis*

(1) 1 Atewa FR 22.11.

Seen by some in the Atewa forest.

Thick-billed Honeyguide*Indicator conirostris ussheri*

(1) 1 Kakum NP and surrounds 11.11.

Brief views in the Kakum NP area.

Lesser Honeyguide*Indicator minor senegalensis*

(2) 1 Mole NP 15.11 and 1 Tongo Hills 19.11.

Good views in Mole NP.

Woodpeckers Picidae**Eurasian Wryneck***Jynx torquilla*

(1) 1 White Volta 18.11.

A bird flushed into view in the acacia woodland near the White Volta for great views.

African Piculet*Sasia africana*

(1) 1 heard Bobiri FR 20.11.

Unfortunately heard only in the Bobiri forest as the bird went quiet soon after we heard it.

Fine-spotted Woodpecker*Campethera punctuligera punctuligera*

(1) 1 Mole NP 15.11.

Great views of a single individual along the main track in Mole NP.

Little Green Woodpecker*Campethera maculosa*

(1) 2 Atewa farm bush 20.11.

This difficult species showed well at the base of the Atewa ridge when a pair flew in close and offered lengthy scope studies, a fantastic find!

Buff-spotted Woodpecker*Campethera nivosa nivosa*

(3) 2 Kakum NP and surrounds 12.11, 2 Kakum NP and surrounds 13.11 and 1 Opro River Forest 14.11.

Sometimes tricky to see in the tangles that the species prefers, but we all managed to see one or two in various locations.

Fire-bellied Woodpecker*Chloropicus pyrrhogaster*

(3) 1 Kakum NP and surrounds 10.11, 2 Kakum NP and surrounds 11.11 and 1 heard Atewa 21.11.

Great views in the Kakum NP area, including from the canopy walkway.

Cardinal Woodpecker *Dendropicos fuscescens lafresnayi*

(1) 1 Shai Hills 8.11.

Seen briefly in the Shai Hills by some.

Melancholy Woodpecker *Dendropicos lugubris*

(2) 1 Kakum NP and surrounds 10.11 and 1 heard Atewa 21.11.

Seen well in the Kakum NP area.

African Grey Woodpecker *Dendropicos goertae centralis*

(3) 1 Opro River Forest 14.11, 2 Mole NP 15.11 and 1 Mole NP 16.11.

Common in open woodlands and savanna habitats.

Brown-backed Woodpecker *Dendropicos obsoletus obsoletus*

(2) 2 Mole NP 15.11 and 1 Mole NP 17.11.

This scarce species was found twice in the Mole NP, a great find since it is often missed.

Falcons and Caracaras *Falconidae*

Common Kestrel *Falco tinnunculus rufescens*

(4) 2 en route 8.11, 4 en route 9.11, 1 Kakum NP and surrounds 13.11 and 1 en route 14.11.

Seen mainly en route in various locations, often perching on buildings.

Fox Kestrel *Falco alopex*

(1) 2 Tongo Hills 17.11.

A pair of these beautiful falcons was scoped at length on the granite outcrops in the Tongo Hills.

Grey Kestrel *Falco ardosiaceus*

(6) 1 Kakum NP and surrounds 11.11, 1 Kakum NP and surrounds 12.11, 2 Opro River Forest 14.11, 1 Nasia River 17.11, 1 Tongo Hills 19.11 and 1 Atewa farm bush 20.11.

The most widespread falcon.

Red-necked Falcon (NT) *Falco chicquera ruficollis*

(2) 1 White Volta 18.11 and 1 Tongo Hills 19.11.

Fast flying birds along the White Volta and in the Tongo Hills, only seen by some of us.

Eurasian Hobby *Falco subbuteo subbuteo*

(1) 1 Winneba Plains 9.11.

A first for the tour, but we studied an adult bird perched in some eucalypts at length in the Winneba Plains, incredibly the following species was circling above us at the same time!

African Hobby *Falco cuvierii*

(1) 2 Winneba Plains 9.11.

Great views of a soaring pair on the Winneba Plains.

Lanner Falcon *Falco biarmicus abyssinicus*

(5) 1 en route 8.11, 1 en route 9.11, 1 en route 14.11, 2 Tongo Hills 17.11 and 1 White Volta 18.11.

A common and widespread falcon.

African & New World Parrots *Psittacidae*

Grey Parrot (NT) *Psittacus erithacus*

(1) 2 Kakum NP and surrounds 12.11.

Seen briefly in flight in the Kakum NP area.

Red-fronted Parrot *Poicephalus gulielmi fantiensis*

(1) 2 Kakum NP and surrounds 10.11.

Seen in flight in the Kakum NP area.

Senegal Parrot *Poicephalus senegalus versteri*

(5) 2 Shai Hills 8.11, up to 6 Mole NP 15-17.11 and 2 White Volta 18.11.

Many excellent views in savanna habitats.

Old World Parrots *Psittaculidae***Rose-ringed Parakeet***Psittacula krameri krameri*

(3) Up to 8 Mole NP 15-17.11.
Common in Mole NP.

Broadbills *Eurylaimidae***Rufous-sided Broadbill***Smithornis rufolateralis rufolateralis*

(1) 1 Kakum NP and surrounds 12.11.
After a dedicated search we found one in the Abrafo forest in the Kakum NP area and it even performed one display for us.

Wattle-eyes, Batises *Platysteiridae***Senegal Batis***Batis senegalensis*

(3) Up to 2 Mole NP 15-17.11.
Encountered regularly in Mole NP.

Fernando Po Batis*Batis poensis occulta*

(1) 2 Atewa 22.11.
At the 11th hour we found a pair high in the canopy in the Atewa forest.

West African Wattle-eye*Platysteira hormophora*

(4) 2 Kakum NP and surrounds 10.11, 1 Kakum NP and surrounds 12.11, 1 Atewa 21.11 and 2 Atewa 22.11.

Seen frequently in wetter forests.

Brown-throated Wattle-eye*Platysteira cyanea cyanea*

(5) 1 Shai Hills 8.11, 1 Winneba Plains 9.11, 1 Kakum NP and surrounds 10.11, 2 Kakum NP and surrounds 13.11 and 2 heard Mole NP 16.11.

The most widespread wattle-eye during the tour.

Red-cheeked Wattle-eye*Platysteira blissetti*

(2) 1 Kakum NP and surrounds 12.11 and 1 Kakum NP and surrounds 13.11.
After two or three attempts most of us managed to see this small wattle-eye that prefers dark, shady thickets.

Bushshrikes and Allies *Malaconotidae***Grey-headed Bushshrike***Malaconotus blanchoti blanchoti*

(1) 1 Mole NP 16.11.
Great views of a singing bird in Mole NP.

Many-colored Bushshrike*Chlorophoneus multicolor multicolor*

(1) 1 Atewa 21.11.
A scarce bird on this itinerary and we scoped a calling bird well. It was a dark morph in the Atewa forest.

Orange-breasted Bushshrike*Chlorophoneus sulfureopectus sulfureopectus*

(2) 1 Winneba Plains 9.11 and 1 Mole NP 16.11.
Eventually we obtained good views in Mole NP.

Marsh Tchagra*Bocagia minuta minuta*

(1) 2 Atewa farm bush 20.11.
After searching for this species in various locations, we finally saw two in the farm bush at the base of the Atewa ridge.

Brown-crowned Tchagra*Tchagra australis ussheri*

(2) 1 Kakum NP and surrounds 11.11 and 1 heard Opro River Forest 14.11.

Glimpsed by some in the Kakum NP area.

Black-crowned Tchagra*Tchagra senegalus senegalus*

(3) 1 heard Shai Hills 8.11, 3 Winneba Plains 9.11 and 3 Mole NP 17.11.

Common in farm bush and savanna with three displaying on the road as we were leaving Mole NP.

Sabine's Puffback*Dryoscopus sabini sabini*

(1) 2 Atewa 21.11.

Great views of a pair in the canopy of the Atewa forest.

Northern Puffback*Dryoscopus gambensis gambensis*

(5) 2 Shai Hills 8.11, 2 Opro River Forest 14.11 and up to 2 Mole NP 15-17.11.

Seen frequently in the savanna of the north.

Yellow-crowned Gonolek*Laniarius barbarus barbarus*

(5) 4 Winneba Plains 9.11 and up to 4 Mole NP 15-17.11.

We tracked them down on the Winnaba Plains and heard in various locations.

Brubru*Nilaus afer afer*

(2) 1 Mole NP 15.11 and 2 Mole NP 16.11.

Seen well in Mole NP.

Vangas Vangidae**White-crested Helmetshrike***Prionops plumatus plumatus*

(2) 10 Mole NP 15.11 and 15 Mole NP 16.11.

These distinctive birds were seen well in restless flocks in the savanna of Mole NP.

Red-billed Helmetshrike*Prionops caniceps caniceps*

(4) 2 Bonkro 13.11, 15 Bobiri FR 20.11, 2 Atewa 21.11 and 3 Atewa 22.11.

This forest helmetshrike was seen well at Bobiri and Atewa forests.

African Shrike-flycatcher*Megabyas flammulatus flammulatus*

(2) 1 Atewa 21.11 and 1 Atewa 22.11.

This locally scarce species was seen at Atewa forest.

Black-and-white Shrike-flycatcher*Bias musicus musicus*

(3) Up to 2 Kakum NP and surrounds 11-13.11.

Good views of pairs in the Kakum NP area.

Cuckoo-shrikes Campephagidae**White-breasted Cuckooshrike***Ceblepyris pectoralis*

(1) 2 Mole NP 15.11.

Excellent views in Mole NP.

Red-shouldered Cuckooshrike*Campephaga phoenicea*

(2) 1 Mole NP 15.11 and 1 Mole NP 16.11.

Seen twice in Mole NP with the first sighting in the scope.

Purple-throated Cuckooshrike*Campephaga quiscalina quiscalina*

(1) 3 Atewa 21.11.

Great views of a male and two females on top of the ridge in Atewa forest.

Blue Cuckooshrike*Cyanograucalus azureus*

(2) 1 heard Kakum NP and surrounds 10.11 and 2 Bobiri FR 20.11.

After missing the species in Kakum NP, we made up for it big time with great scope studies in the Bobiri forest.

Shrikes *Laniidae***Yellow-billed Shrike***Corvinella corvina togoensis*

(5) 5 en route 8.11, 2 en route 9.11, 15 Mole NP 17.11, 6 White Volta 18.11 and 1 en route 19.11.

Groups of this distinctive and large shrike seen well in the north with up to eleven birds on one branch!

Northern Fiscal*Lanius humeralis smithii*

(9) 2 en route 9.11, 1 Kakum NP and surrounds 10.11, 1 en route 11.11, 1 Kakum NP and surrounds

12.11, 1 Kakum NP and surrounds 13.11, 1 en route 14.11, 2 Atewa farm bush 20.11, 1 en route 21.11 and 1 Atewa 22.11.

Widespread and common in open habitats in the south.

Old World Orioles *Oriolidae***African Golden Oriole***Oriolus auratus auratus*

(3) Up to 2 Mole NP 15-17.11.

Excellent views of this colorful species in Mole NP.

Western Oriole*Oriolus brachyrynchus brachyrynchus*

(3) 2 Bobiri FR 20.11, 1 Atewa 21.11 and 1 Atewa 22.11.

The best and closest views were in Atewa forest where we could clearly see all the field marks.

Black-winged Oriole*Oriolus nigripennis*

(5) Up to 1 Kakum NP and surrounds 9-11.11, 1 Bobiri FR 20.11 and 1 Atewa 21.11.

Seen well in Kakum NP and a few other locations.

Drongos *Dicruridae***Shining Drongo***Dicrurus atripennis*

(2) 2 Atewa 21.11 and 2 Atewa 22.11.

Seen well among the feeding flocks at Atewa forest.

Glossy-backed Drongo*Dicrurus divaricatus divaricatus*

(5) 2 Shai Hills 8.11, up to 2 Mole NP 15-17.11 and 2 White Volta 18.11.

Commonly encountered in savanna habitats of the north.

Fanti Drongo*Dicrurus auctus*

(7) Up to 2 Kakum NP and surrounds 9-12.11, 2 Atewa 21.11 and 1 Atewa 22.11.

Frequent in the wetter forests of the south.

Monarchs *Monarchidae***Blue-headed Crested Flycatcher***Trochocercus nitens reichenowi*

(2) 1 heard Kakum NP and surrounds 10.11 and 1 Kakum NP and surrounds 12.11.

Always skulky but most of us managed to see it along the Stingless Bee road in the Kakum NP area.

Red-bellied Paradise Flycatcher*Terpsiphone rufiventer nigriceps*

(9) Up to 4 Kakum NP and surrounds 9-13.11, 1 Opro River Forest 14.11, 1 Bobiri FR 20.11, 1+1 heard Atewa 21.11 and 2 Atewa 22.11.

Common in the wetter forests of the south.

African Paradise Flycatcher*Terpsiphone viridis ferreti*

(1) 3 Mole NP 16.11.

Great views, including a white morph, in Mole NP.

Crows, Jays, and Magpies *Corvidae***Piapiac***Ptilostomus afer*

(5) 4 en route 8.11, 2 en route 9.11, 2 Kumasi to Mole NP 14.11 and 2 en route 19.11.

Frequent in open habitats of the south and north.

Pied Crow *Corvus albus*

(14) 30 Kakum NP and surrounds 10.11 and 1 Mole NP 16.11.

Abundant and seen daily.

Rockfowl Picathartidae**White-necked Rockfowl (VU)** *Picathartes gymnocephalus*

(1) 4 Bonkro 13.11.

The top bird of the tour, although we had to wait for two hours, we were rewarded with incredibly close views of three birds hopping around right in front of us at their colony in the Bonkro forest.

Fairy Flycatchers Stenostiridae**African Blue Flycatcher** *Elminia longicauda longicauda*

(1) 1 Mole NP 16.11.

One seen well in riparian forest in Mole NP.

Tits, Chickadees Paridae**White-shouldered Black Tit** *Melaniparus guineensis*

(2) 4 Mole NP 15.11 and 4 Mole NP 16.11.

Seen regularly in the savanna of Mole NP.

Dusky Tit *Melaniparus funereus funereus*

(1) 1 Bobiri FR 20.11.

One seen briefly by one observer in Bobiri forest.

Nicator Nicatoridae**Western Nicator** *Nicator chloris*

(5) 1 heard Kakum NP and surrounds 11.11, 1 Kakum NP and surrounds 12.11, 1 heard Bobiri FR 20.11, 1 Atewa 21.11 and 1 heard Atewa 22.11.

Seen in Atewa forest after hearing it often in wetter forests.

Larks Alaudidae**Chestnut-backed Sparrow-Lark** *Eremopterix leucotis melanocephalus*

(3) 4 Mole NP 15.11 and 10 Mole NP 16.11.

Great views in Mole NP.

Flappet Lark *Mirafra rufocinnamomea buckleyi*

(1) 2 Shai Hills 8.11.

Flight views in the savanna of the Shai Hills.

Sun Lark *Galerida modesta modesta*

(1) 8 Mole NP 15.11.

Excellent, close studies in the open areas of Mole NP.

Bulbuls Pycnonotidae**Common Bulbul** *Pycnonotus barbatus inornatus*

(13) 2 Tongo Hills 19.11.

Widespread and very abundant.

Slender-billed Greenbul *Stelgidillas gracilirostris gracilirostris*

(8) Up to 2 Kakum NP and surrounds 9-13.11, 4 Bobiri FR 20.11, 2 Atewa 21.11 and 2 Atewa 22.11.

The common canopy greenbul.

Little Greenbul*Eurillas virens erythroptera*

(3) 2 Kakum NP and surrounds 12.11, 1 heard Atewa farm bush 20.11 and 2 heard Atewa 21.11.
Heard often and seen on a few occasions.

Little Grey Greenbul*Eurillas gracilis extrema*

(3) 1 Kakum NP and surrounds 9.11, 1 Kakum NP and surrounds 10.11 and 1 Kakum NP and surrounds 12.11.

Seen occasionally.

Plain Greenbul*Eurillas curvirostris*

(3) 1 heard Bobiri FR 20.11, 2 heard Atewa 21.11 and 2 heard Atewa 22.11.

This species remained heard only.

Yellow-whiskered Greenbul*Eurillas latirostris congener*

(4) 2 heard Kakum NP and surrounds 11.11, 1 Kakum NP and surrounds 12.11, 5 heard Atewa 21.11 and 2 heard Atewa 22.11.

Very vocal and heard often with one excellent view in the Kakum NP area.

Golden Greenbul*Calyptocichla serinus*

(2) 1 Kakum NP and surrounds 10.11 and 2 Kakum NP and surrounds 11.11.

Seen well and close from the Kakum NP canopy walkway.

Honeyguide Greenbul*Baeopogon indicator leucurus*

(2) 1+1 heard Bobiri FR 20.11 and 2 heard Atewa 21.11.

Heard often and seen in flight in the Bobiri forest.

Spotted Greenbul*Ixonotus guttatus*

(1) 8 Kakum NP and surrounds 10.11.

Great views of a responsive flock from the Kakum NP canopy walkway.

Simple Greenbul*Chlorocichla simplex*

(6) 1 Shai Hills 8.11, 1 Kakum NP and surrounds 9.11, up to 4 Kakum NP and surrounds 11-13.11 and 1 Atewa farm bush 20.11.

Seen frequently in farm bush habitats of the south.

Swamp Palm Bulbul*Thescelocichla leucopleura*

(3) 3 Kakum NP and surrounds 11.11, 3 Kakum NP and surrounds 12.11 and 2 Atewa farm bush 20.11.

A few seen in farm bush areas of Kakum NP and Atewa.

Icterine Greenbul*Phyllastrephus icterinus*

(1) 2 Atewa 21.11.

Excellent views of this small greenbul species in the Atewa forest.

White-throated Greenbul*Phyllastrephus albigularis albigularis*

(2) 1 Kakum NP and surrounds 10.11 and 1 Kakum NP and surrounds 13.11.

A skulky greenbul seen by most in the Kakum NP area.

Red-tailed Bristlebill*Bleda syndactylus syndactylus*

(1) 1 Atewa 21.11.

Glimpsed in the dark forest of the Atewa area.

Grey-headed Bristlebill*Bleda canicapillus canicapillus*

(3) 2 Kakum NP and surrounds 10.11, 1 heard Kakum NP and surrounds 12.11 and 1 Kakum NP and surrounds 13.11.

Seen well in Kakum NP.

Western Bearded Greenbul*Criniger barbatus barbatus*

(2) 1 heard Kakum NP and surrounds 10.11 and 2+2 heard Atewa 21.11.

Seen in the Atewa forest and frequently heard in Kakum NP.

Red-tailed Greenbul*Criniger calurus verreauxi*

(1) 1 Kakum NP and surrounds 12.11.
 Seen well once in Kakum NP.

Swallows *Hirundinidae***Square-tailed Saw-wing***Psalidoprocne nitens nitens*

(3) 1 Atewa farm bush 20.11, 1 Atewa 21.11 and 2 Atewa 22.11.
 Best views above the Atewa forest.

Fanti Saw-wing*Psalidoprocne obscura*

(3) 2 Kakum NP and surrounds 9.11, 10 Kakum NP and surrounds 10.11 and 1 Kakum NP and surrounds 13.11.

Great studies from the Kakum NP canopy walkway.

Barn Swallow*Hirundo rustica rustica*

(11) 20 Kakum NP and surrounds 10.11.
 Abundant in many areas.

Red-chested Swallow*Hirundo lucida lucida*

(2) 2 Mole NP 17.11 and 20 White Volta 18.11.
 Seen well at the Larabanga mosque.

Ethiopian Swallow*Hirundo aethiopica aethiopica*

(2) 20 en route 8.11 and 10 Kakum NP and surrounds 10.11.
 Common around Kpong wetlands and other locations in the south.

Wire-tailed Swallow*Hirundo smithii smithii*

(4) 2 Mole NP 15.11, 1 Mole NP 16.11, 2 Nasia River 17.11 and 1 en route 18.11.
 Seen well in Mole NP.

White-bibbed Swallow*Hirundo nigrita*

(2) 1 en route 8.11 and 3 Pra River 11.11.
 Great close views at Kpong wetlands and seen again along the Pra river.

Pied-winged Swallow*Hirundo leucosoma*

(1) 3 Mole NP 15.11.
 This rare species was seen well above the open areas in Mole NP.

Rock Martin*Ptyonoprogne fuligula bansoensis*

(1) 2 Shai Hills 8.11.
 Circling in front of the rocky cliffs in the Shai Hills.

Common House Martin*Delichon urbicum urbicum*

(3) Up to 10 Mole NP 15-17.11.
 Numerous in Mole NP where migrants were just arriving.

Lesser Striped Swallow*Cecropis abyssinica puella*

(4) 6 Kakum NP and surrounds 9.11, 5 Kakum NP and surrounds 12.11, 4 Kakum NP and surrounds 13.11 and 1 en route 21.11.

Commonly seen in the Kakum NP area and other locations.

Mosque Swallow*Cecropis senegalensis saturator*

(1) 2 Kakum NP and surrounds 9.11 and 2 en route 9.11.
 Noted only in the south, a large swallow species.

West African Swallow*Cecropis domicella*

(2) 2 Mole NP 16.11 and 2 White Volta 18.11.
 Seen well in the wetland at Mole NP and again in the far north.

Preuss's Cliff Swallow*Petrochelidon preussi*

(1) 150 Kakum NP and surrounds 11.11.

Big numbers at the colony at a bridge between the Pra River and Kakum NP, great close studies as they swirled above the small stream.

Crombees, African warblers *Macrosphenidae***Moustached Grass Warbler***Melocichla mentalis mentalis*

(2) 1 Winneba Plains 9.11 and 1 Mole NP 16.11.

Seen briefly at Winneba and seen very well at the airstrip in Mole NP.

Kemp's Longbill*Macrosphenus kempii kempii*

(3) 1 Kakum NP and surrounds 11.11, 1 heard Atewa 21.11 and 1 heard Atewa 22.11.

Despite several attempts most of us only heard this very skulky species.

Grey Longbill*Macrosphenus concolor*

(5) 1 Kakum NP and surrounds 12.11, 1 Kakum NP and surrounds 13.11, 1 Atewa farm bush 20.11, 2 heard Atewa 21.11 and 2 heard Atewa 22.11.

Seen well in Kakum NP and heard often thereafter.

Green Crombec*Sylvietta virens flaviventris*

(4) 3 Kakum NP and surrounds 10.11, 1 heard Bobiri FR 20.11, 2 heard Atewa 21.11 and 2 heard Atewa 22.11.

Seen well from the Kakum NP canopy walkway and heard often afterwards.

Lemon-bellied Crombec*Sylvietta denti hardyi*

(1) 1 Kakum NP and surrounds 12.11.

Excellent views of this canopy dweller in the Abrafo section of Kakum NP.

Yellow Flycatcher *Erythroceridae***Chestnut-capped Flycatcher***Erythrocerus mccallii nigeriae*

(3) 6 Bobiri FR 20.11, 2 Atewa 21.11 and 1 Atewa 22.11.

Seen well in Bobiri and Atewa forests, an active canopy species.

Family Uncertain *Incertae Sedis***Green Hylia***Hylia prasina prasina*

(7) Up to 1 Kakum NP and surrounds 10-13.11, 1 heard Bobiri FR 20.11, 1 Atewa 21.11 and 1 heard Atewa 22.11.

Heard often and seen well in various locations.

Tit Hylia*Pholidornis rufiae ussheri*

(2) 1 Kakum NP and surrounds 10.11 and 2 Bobiri FR 20.11.

Great views at a nest in Kakum NP.

Leaf warblers and allies *Phylloscopidae***Wood Warbler***Phylloscopus sibilatrix*

(2) 2 Atewa 21.11 and 2 Atewa 22.11.

Seen well in the Atewa forest.

Willow Warbler*Phylloscopus trochilus trochilus*

(3) Up to 5 Mole NP 15-17.11.

Common in the north.

Reed warblers and allies *Acrocephalidae***Melodious Warbler***Hippolais polyglotta*

(2) 1 Mole NP 16.11 and 1 Tongo Hills 17.11.
 Seen very well in the gravel pit in Mole NP.

Cisticolas and allies *Cisticolidae***Red-faced Cisticola***Cisticola erythrops erythrops*

(4) 4 Kakum NP and surrounds 9.11, 2 Kakum NP and surrounds 11.11, 1 Kakum NP and surrounds 12.11 and 1 Opro River Forest 14.11.
 Widespread and seen in various locations.

Singing Cisticola*Cisticola cantans swanzii*

(3) 1 Shai Hills 8.11, 2 Winneba Plains 9.11 and 1 White Volta 18.11.
 Seen well in various savanna habitats.

Whistling Cisticola*Cisticola lateralis lateralis*

(2) 1 Kakum NP and surrounds 11.11 and 1 heard Kakum NP and surrounds 12.11.
 This large and noisy species was seen well on the edge of Kakum NP.

Rock-loving Cisticola*Cisticola emini admiralis*

(2) 1 Tongo Hills 17.11 and 2 Tongo Hills 19.11.

It took two attempts, but we ended up with great views of a pair in the Tongo Hills.

Winding Cisticola*Cisticola marginatus amphilectus*

(1) 1 en route 8.11.

Great scope views at Kpong Wetlands and seen again from the Nasia River bridge.

Croaking Cisticola*Cisticola natalensis strangei*

(2) 2 Shai Hills 8.11 and 1 Winneba Plains 9.11.

Good views of this stout species in the savanna of the Shai Hills.

Dorst's Cisticola*Cisticola guinea*

(1) 1 Mole NP 17.11.

One eventually emerged from the tall grasses near the airstrip in Mole NP.

Short-winged Cisticola*Cisticola brachypterus brachypterus*

(3) 2 Shai Hills 8.11, 2 Winneba Plains 9.11 and 1 Tongo Hills 19.11.

Common in the Shai Hills and Winneba Plains, the old name was Siffling Cisticola.

Rufous Cisticola*Cisticola rufus*

(1) 3 Mole NP 15.11.

Good views in Mole NP.

Zitting Cisticola*Cisticola juncidis uropygialis*

(1) 1 White Volta 18.11.

Flight views of a displaying bird above the wetland near the White Volta.

Black-backed Cisticola*Cisticola eximius occidens*

Observed 1 day(s) in total.

We managed brief views in the wetland at Tono Dam.

Tawny-flanked Prinia*Prinia subflava melanorhyncha*

(5) 2 Kakum NP and surrounds 11.11, 2 Kakum NP and surrounds 12.11, 2 Opro River Forest 14.11 and 2 Mole NP 16.11.

Common and widespread.

Red-winged Warbler*Heliolais erythropterus erythropterus*

(2) 4 Winneba Plains 9.11 and 1 Mole NP 15.11.

Excellent views of calling birds on the Winneba Plains.

Yellow-breasted Apalis*Apalis flavida caniceps*

(1) 3 Mole NP 16.11.

Great views in the riparian forest in Mole NP.

Black-capped Apalis*Apalis nigriceps nigriceps*

(2) 2 Atewa 21.11 and 1 Atewa 22.11.

This canopy dweller showed well in the Atewa forest.

Sharpe's Apalis*Apalis sharpii*

(3) 1 Kakum NP and surrounds 10.11, 1 Bobiri FR 20.11 and 1+1 heard Atewa 21.11.

This regional endemic was seen well from the Kakum NP canopy walkway and again in the Bobiri and Atewa forests.

Oriole Warbler*Hypergerus atriceps*

(4) 1 heard Shai Hills 8.11, 4 Winneba Plains 9.11, 1 heard Mole NP 15.11 and 2 Mole NP 16.11.

What an incredible encounter with this striking species as four came out of a tangle to perch in an open bush right in front of us.

Grey-backed Camaroptera*Camaroptera brevicaudata tinctoria*

(6) 2 Shai Hills 8.11, 1 Kakum NP and surrounds 9.11, 1 Kakum NP and surrounds 11.11, 1 Kakum NP and surrounds 12.11, 2 Mole NP 15.11 and 2 Mole NP 16.11.

Common and widespread.

Yellow-browed Camaroptera*Camaroptera superciliaris*

(3) 1 Kakum NP and surrounds 9.11, 1 heard Kakum NP and surrounds 11.11 and 1 Atewa 21.11.

A vocal species in wetter forests with good views in a few locations.

Olive-green Camaroptera*Camaroptera chloronota kelsalli*

(4) 1 Kakum NP and surrounds 12.11, 1 heard Bobiri FR 20.11, 2 heard Atewa 21.11 and 2 heard Atewa 22.11.

Seen well once in Kakum NP and only heard afterwards.

Senegal Eremomela*Eremomela pusilla*

(4) Up to 10 Mole NP 15-17.11 and 2 Tongo Hills 19.11.

Common in Mole NP with many great views.

Rufous-crowned Eremomela*Eremomela badiceps fantiensis*

(3) 3 Kakum NP and surrounds 11.11, 3 Atewa 21.11 and 2 Atewa 22.11.

Seen well in Kakum NP and Atewa forest.

Fulvettas, Ground Babblers *Pellorneidae***Blackcap Illadopsis***Illadopsis cleaveri cleaveri*

(1) 1 Atewa 22.11.

Some of us managed to glimpse this secretive species in the Atewa forest, while all of us could hear the distinctive call clearly.

Puvel's Illadopsis*Illadopsis puveli puveli*

(3) Up to 2 Kakum NP and surrounds 11-13.11.

After some attempts most of us managed to glimpse this skulker of the undergrowth in Kakum NP.

Brown Illadopsis*Illadopsis fulvescens moloneyana*

(1) 1 Atewa 22.11.

We heard the species well at Atewa forest and briefly saw it fly across the road.

Laughingthrushes *Leiothrichidae***Brown Babbler***Turdoides plebejus platycirca*

(1) 2 Mole NP 17.11.

Excellent views at the airstrip in Mole NP.

Blackcap Babbler*Turdoides reinwardtii stictilaema*

(2) 1 Shai Hills 8.11 and 2 Mole NP 16.11.
Great views in the riparian forest at Mole NP.

Sylviid Babblers *Sylviidae***Garden Warbler***Sylvia borin borin*

(1) 1 Winneba Plains 9.11.
Good views of this migrant warbler at Winneba Plains.

White-eyes *Zosteropidae***Northern Yellow White-eye***Zosterops senegalensis quanzae*

(3) 2 Mole NP 15.11, 2 Mole NP 16.11 and 1 Tongo Hills 19.11.
Seen in a few locations and we always noted the lack of obvious white eye arcs.

Hyliotas *Hyliotidae***Violet-backed Hyliota***Hyliota violacea nehrkorni*

(1) 2 Kakum NP and surrounds 10.11.
Great views of this special species from the Kakum NP canopy walkway where a pair foraged in a tree right next to us.

Treecreepers *Certhiidae***African Spotted Creeper***Salpornis salvadori emini*

(1) 1 Mole NP 15.11.
Only seen briefly and poorly in flight in Mole NP.

Starlings *Sturnidae***Copper-tailed Starling***Hylopsar cupreocauda*

(1) 8 Atewa 21.11.
Great views of this regional endemic in the Atewa forest.

Greater Blue-eared Starling*Lamprotornis chalybaeus chalybaeus*

(1) 6 White Volta 18.11.
A small flock noted along the road during our journey to the White Volta in the far north.

Lesser Blue-eared Starling*Lamprotornis chloropterus*

(1) 6 Mole NP 15.11.
Seen well in Mole NP.

Bronze-tailed Starling*Lamprotornis chalcurus chalcurus*

(1) 1 White Volta 18.11.
We picked one out along the road on our way to the White Volta and enjoyed great scope views.

Splendid Starling*Lamprotornis splendidus chrysonotis*

(5) 6 Kakum NP and surrounds 10.11.
Seen regularly in Kakum NP where the species was noisy and conspicuous.

Purple Starling*Lamprotornis purpureus purpureus*

(4) 2 Mole NP 15.11, 1 Nasia River 17.11, 2 White Volta 18.11 and 1 en route 21.11.
Good views of several of these large starlings in the north.

Long-tailed Glossy Starling*Lamprotornis caudatus*

(3) 3 Mole NP 15.11, 10 Mole NP 16.11 and 3 White Volta 18.11.
Seen very well in Mole NP.

Chestnut-bellied Starling*Lamprotornis pulcher*

(1) 3 White Volta 18.11.

We tracked down this species in the acacia woodland near the White Volta river and it was Ian's 3000th species, a very beautiful starling.

Violet-backed Starling*Cinnyricinclus leucogaster leucogaster*

(2) 30 Shai Hills 8.11 and 4 Kakum NP and surrounds 10.11.

Seen in flocks in the Shai Hills and Kakum NP.

Chestnut-winged Starling*Onychognathus fulgidus hartlaubii*

(3) 4 Kakum NP and surrounds 10.11, 2 Atewa 21.11 and 2 Atewa 22.11.

Seen well from the Kakum NP canopy walkway and in flight in Atewa forest.

Narrow-tailed Starling*Poeoptera lugubris*

(1) 3 Bobiri FR 20.11.

Seen briefly in flight in the Bobiri forest.

Oxpeckers Buphagidae**Yellow-billed Oxpecker***Buphagus africanus africanus*

(1) 1 White Volta 18.11.

A single bird in flight near the White Volta.

Thrushes and Allies Turdidae**White-tailed Ant Thrush***Neocossyphus poensis poensis*

(2) 1 heard Atewa 21.11 and 1 heard Atewa 22.11.

Heard only in the Atewa forest.

Finsch's Rufous Thrush*Stizorhina finschi*

(3) 2 heard Bobiri FR 20.11, 1 heard Atewa 21.11 and 1 Atewa 22.11.

Incredible scope views along the track in the Atewa forest where a bird perched in the scope right above us.

African Thrush*Turdus pelios chiguancooides*

(5) 2 Shai Hills 8.11, 1 Mole NP 15.11, 1 Tongo Hills 17.11, 1 White Volta 18.11 and 1 Tongo Hills 19.11.

Seen in various dry habitats.

Chats, Old World Flycatchers Muscicapidae**White-tailed Alethe***Alethe diademata*

(2) 1 heard Atewa 21.11 and 1 Atewa 22.11.

Excellent views in the dense forest in the Atewa Ridge area.

Forest Scrub Robin*Cercotrichas leucosticta leucosticta*

(1) 1 Opro River Forest 14.11.

This extremely skulky species showed well to some and everyone had views of it flying across the road.

Fraser's Forest Flycatcher*Fraseria ocreata prosphora*

(3) 3 Bobiri FR 20.11, 4 Atewa 21.11 and 2 Atewa 22.11.

Many good views between the Bobiri and Atewa forests, where they were noisy in the canopy.

Grey-throated Tit-Flycatcher*Myioparus griseigularis parelii*

(1) 1 Kakum NP and surrounds 12.11.

Seen briefly by some in the Abrafo section of the Kakum NP.

Grey Tit-Flycatcher*Myioparus plumbeus plumbeus*

(4) 1 Kakum NP and surrounds 11.11, 1 Mole NP 16.11, 1 Mole NP 17.11 and 1 Atewa 21.11.

Several sightings in various open habitats.

Northern Black Flycatcher*Melaenornis edolioides edolioides*

(4) 1 Shai Hills 8.11 and up to 4 Mole NP 15-17.11.

Common in savanna of the Shai Hills and Mole NP.

Pale Flycatcher*Melaenornis pallidus modestus*

(4) 1 Shai Hills 8.11, 1 Kakum NP and surrounds 12.11, 1 Mole NP 17.11 and 1 White Volta 18.11.

Noted in various locations.

Spotted Flycatcher*Muscicapa striata striata*

(2) 2 Shai Hills 8.11 and 1 Winneba Plains 9.11.

This migrant flycatcher was present in savanna habitats of the south.

Swamp Flycatcher*Muscicapa aquatica aquatica*

(1) 2 Mole NP 15.11.

Seen well at the pond in Mole NP.

Cassin's Flycatcher*Muscicapa cassini*

(1) 1 Pra River 11.11.

This is an uncommon species on this itinerary so we were pleased with finding one at the Pra river.

Olivaceous Flycatcher*Muscicapa olivascens olivascens*

(1) 1 Atewa 22.11.

Seen by one person in the Atewa forest.

Little Grey Flycatcher*Muscicapa epulata*

(1) 4 Atewa 21.11.

Seen very well in the Atewa forest where several birds were very approachable.

Dusky-blue Flycatcher*Muscicapa comitata aximensis*

(4) 1 Kakum NP and surrounds 11.11, 1 Kakum NP and surrounds 12.11, 1 Atewa 21.11 and 1 Atewa 22.11.

Seen in several forest locations in the south.

Tessman's Flycatcher (DD)*Muscicapa tessmanni*

(1) 1 Bobiri FR 20.11.

This rare species showed exceptionally well in the Bobiri forest and perched on the edge of the forest to sing in full view.

Ussher's Flycatcher*Muscicapa ussheri*

(4) 4 Kakum NP and surrounds 10.11, 1 Kakum NP and surrounds 11.11, 1 Atewa 21.11 and 3 Atewa 22.11.

Seen well in the Kakum and Atewa areas, a swallow-like flycatcher.

Snowy-crowned Robin-Chat*Cossypha niveicapilla niveicapilla*

(2) 1 heard Shai Hills 8.11 and 2 Opro River Forest 14.11.

This species showed well but briefly along the road towards the Opro forest.

White-crowned Robin-Chat*Cossypha albicapillus giffardi*

(2) 1 heard Mole NP 16.11 and 1 heard Mole NP 17.11.

Although heard well this species frustrated us by staying completely hidden.

Forest Robin*Stiphornis erythrothorax*

(2) 1 heard Kakum NP and surrounds 12.11 and 2 Opro River Forest 14.11.

Exceptional close views of this secretive species at the Opro forest.

European Pied Flycatcher*Ficedula hypoleuca hypoleuca*

(4) 2 Shai Hills 8.11 and up to 2 Mole NP 15-17.11.

This migrant was present in several savanna habitats and often common.

Common Rock Thrush*Monticola saxatilis*

(1) 1 Tongo Hills 19.11.

This species is uncommon on this itinerary and we surprisingly found one in the Tongo Hills.

Whinchat*Saxicola rubetra*

(3) 1 Shai Hills 8.11, 1 Mole NP 15.11 and 2 White Volta 18.11.

A migrant species to savanna habitats.

White-crowned Cliff Chat*Thamnolaea coronata coronata*

(2) 2 Shai Hills 8.11 and 1 Tongo Hills 17.11.

Great views on the cliffs of the Shai Hills and Tongo Hills.

White-fronted Black Chat*Oenanthe albifrons frontalis*

(1) 1 Mole NP 15.11.

Unfortunately only a few of us managed brief views of a female in Mole NP.

Familiar Chat*Oenanthe familiaris falckensteini*

(1) 2 Mole NP 17.11.

Seen well right by the lodge in Mole NP.

Sunbirds and Spiderhunters Nectariniidae**Fraser's Sunbird***Deleornis fraseri idius*

(2) 2 Kakum NP and surrounds 10.11 and 4 Atewa 21.11.

Good views of some in feeding flocks in Kakum and Atewa forests.

Mangrove Sunbird*Anthreptes gabonicus*

(1) 2 en route 8.11.

A nesting pair right by our lunch restaurant on the banks of the Volta River.

Western Violet-backed Sunbird*Anthreptes longuemarei longuemarei*

(1) 2 Mole NP 17.11.

We searched for this species a bit only to find it last minute in the lodge gardens at Mole NP.

Grey-chinned Sunbird*Anthreptes rectirostris rectirostris*

(4) 2 Kakum NP and surrounds 10.11, 2 Kakum NP and surrounds 12.11, 2 Atewa 21.11 and 2 Atewa 22.11.

Seen well in the wetter forests of Kakum and Atewa.

Collared Sunbird*Hedydipna collaris subcollaris*

(8) Up to 2 Kakum NP and surrounds 9-13.11, 6 Atewa 21.11 and 4 Atewa 22.11.

One of the most common sunbirds in the south.

Pygmy Sunbird*Hedydipna platura*

(4) 5 Mole NP 15.11, 5 Mole NP 16.11, 2 Tongo Hills 17.11 and 2 White Volta 18.11.

Great views of this stunning species in Mole NP and further north.

Green-headed Sunbird*Cyanomitra verticalis verticalis*

(2) 2 Kakum NP and surrounds 12.11 and 1 Mole NP 16.11.

Seen well in the Kakum NP area, an uncommon species.

Blue-throated Brown Sunbird*Cyanomitra cyanolaema magnirostrata*

(5) Up to 2 Kakum NP and surrounds 9-12.11 and 1 Atewa farm bush 20.11.

Common in the Kakum NP area.

Olive Sunbird*Cyanomitra olivacea cephaelis*

(6) 1 Kakum NP and surrounds 10.11, 1 Kakum NP and surrounds 12.11, 2 Kakum NP and surrounds 13.11, 1 Bobiri FR 20.11, 1 Atewa 21.11 and 1 Atewa 22.11.

The common sunbird of wetter forests.

Buff-throated Sunbird*Chalcomitra adelberti adelberti*

(6) Up to 2 Kakum NP and surrounds 9-11.11, 1 Opro River Forest 14.11, 1 Bobiri FR 20.11 and 1 Atewa 22.11.

This beautiful sunbird was pleasantly common in forest areas of Kakum NP and other places in the south.

Scarlet-chested Sunbird*Chalcomitra senegalensis senegalensis*

(4) Up to 3 Mole NP 15-17.11 and 1 Tongo Hills 19.11.

Common in savanna habitats of the north.

Olive-bellied Sunbird*Cinnyris chloropygius kemp*

(6) 1 Kakum NP and surrounds 9.11, up to 4 Kakum NP and surrounds 11-13.11, 2 Opro River Forest 14.11 and 1 Bobiri FR 20.11.

Common in farm bush habitats of the south.

Tiny Sunbird*Cinnyris minullus*

(3) 2 Kakum NP and surrounds 10.11, 2 Bobiri FR 20.11 and 1 Atewa 22.11.

Seen well from the Kakum NP canopy walkway and in the Atewa forest.

Beautiful Sunbird*Cinnyris pulchellus pulchellus*

(2) 1 Mole NP 15.11 and 1 Mole NP 16.11.

Good views at the pond in Mole NP.

Splendid Sunbird*Cinnyris coccinigastrus*

(3) 4 Shai Hills 8.11, 1 Winneba Plains 9.11 and 1 Atewa farm bush 20.11.

Seen well in open savanna habitats and farm bush of the south.

Johanna's Sunbird*Cinnyris johannae fasciatus*

(2) 1 Kakum NP and surrounds 10.11 and 1 Kakum NP and surrounds 11.11.

Seen well in forest around Kakum NP with some of the best views from the canopy walkway.

Superb Sunbird*Cinnyris superbus ashantiensis*

(6) Up to 2 Kakum NP and surrounds 9-13.11 and 1 Atewa 21.11.

Fairly widespread in forests.

Variable Sunbird*Cinnyris venustus venustus*

Observed 1 day(s) in total.

A scarce species in Ghana with an immature male seen well at the Tono Dam.

Copper Sunbird*Cinnyris cupreus cupreus*

(5) 5 Shai Hills 8.11, 1 Kakum NP and surrounds 10.11, 1 Kakum NP and surrounds 12.11, 1 Kakum NP and surrounds 13.11 and 1 Opro River Forest 14.11.

Common in open habitats in the south.

Old World Sparrows *Passeridae***House Sparrow***Passer domesticus*

(1) 3 en route 9.11.

A recent arrival in Ghana with several seen in the Cape Coast area.

Northern Grey-headed Sparrow*Passer griseus griseus*

(12) 2 Kakum NP and surrounds 10.11, 2 Kakum NP and surrounds 11.11, 2 Tongo Hills 19.11 and 2 en route 21.11.

Abundant and widespread.

Sahel Bush Sparrow*Gymnoris dentata*

(5) 50 Mole NP 15.11.

The most numerous bird in Mole NP.

Weavers, Widowbirds *Ploceidae***White-billed Buffalo Weaver***Bubalornis albirostris*

(1) 10 White Volta 18.11.

We saw them well at a colony near the White Volta.

Chestnut-crowned Sparrow-Weaver*Plocepasser superciliosus*

(4) Up to 10 Mole NP 15-17.11 and 1 White Volta 18.11.

Common in Mole NP and further north.

Speckle-fronted Weaver*Sporopipes frontalis frontalis*

(1) 10 White Volta 18.11.

This species is uncommon in Ghana but we saw several in the acacia woodland near the White Volta in the far north.

Slender-billed Weaver*Ploceus pelzelni monacha*

(2) 10 Mankessim 9.11

We saw this species very well at a small colony on the way to the Cape Coast.

Little Weaver*Ploceus luteolus luteolus*

(3) 2 Mole NP 15.11, 2 Mole NP 16.11 and 1 White Volta 18.11.

Good views in Mole NP.

Black-necked Weaver*Ploceus nigricollis brachypterus*

(5) 3 Kakum NP and surrounds 9.11, up to 30 Kakum NP and surrounds 11-13.11 and 4 Atewa farm bush 20.11.

Fairly common and widespread in farm bush in the south.

Orange Weaver*Ploceus aurantius aurantius*

(1) 8 Kakum NP and surrounds 9.11.

This stunning weaver was present at a small colony at the Hans Cottage Botel near Kakum NP.

Village Weaver*Ploceus cucullatus cucullatus*

(10) 10 Atewa farm bush 20.11.

The most widespread and numerous weaver during the tour.

Viellot's Black Weaver*Ploceus nigerrimus castaneofuscus*

(5) 20 Kakum NP and surrounds 9.11, 20 Kakum NP and surrounds 11.11 and 40 Atewa farm bush 20.11.

Common in the Kakum and Atewa areas.

Black-headed Weaver*Ploceus melanocephalus capitalis*

(2) 5 Mole NP 16.11 and 2 Nasia River 17.11.

Excellent views of a male at the Nasia River bridge.

Yellow-mantled Weaver*Ploceus tricolor tricolor*

(3) 1 Kakum NP and surrounds 10.11, 2 Atewa farm bush 20.11, 1 Bobiri FR 20.11 and 1 Atewa 22.11.

We were happy that we could all enjoy great views at Atewa forest, a very attractive weaver.

Maxwell's Black Weaver*Ploceus albinucha albinucha*

(4) 20 Kakum NP and surrounds 10.11, 2 Bobiri FR 20.11, 2 Atewa 21.11 and 4 Atewa 22.11.

Seen in the canopy of various wetter forests.

Compact Weaver*Ploceus superciliosus*

(1) 5 Atewa farm bush 20.11.

Excellent studies of this unique weaver in the Atewa farm bush.

Preuss's Weaver*Ploceus preussi*

(1) 1 Atewa 21.11.

After we thought we had missed this species, we found a male in the canopy of the Atewa forest, a truly gorgeous species and the bird stayed around for lengthy scope studies.

Red-vented Malimbe*Malimbus scutatus scutatus*

(3) 3 Kakum NP and surrounds 11.11, 2 Kakum NP and surrounds 12.11 and 2 Bobiri FR 20.11.
Eventually we had good perched views in the Bobiri forest.

Blue-billed Malimbe*Malimbus nitens*

(2) 2 Kakum NP and surrounds 12.11 and 1 Kakum NP and surrounds 13.11.
Several great views in the Kakum NP area.

Red-headed Malimbe*Malimbus rubricollis bartletti*

(3) 2 Kakum NP and surrounds 10.11, 1 Kakum NP and surrounds 12.11 and 3 Bobiri FR 20.11.
The most common malimbe with many good views.

Crested Malimbe*Malimbus malimbicus nigrifrons*

(4) 1 Kakum NP and surrounds 12.11, 1 Bobiri FR 20.11, 2 Atewa 21.11 and 2 Atewa 22.11.
Seen well in various locations.

Red-headed Weaver*Anaplectes rubriceps leuconotos*

(2) 1 Mole NP 15.11 and 1 Mole NP 16.11.
Good views of two individuals in Mole NP.

Red-headed Quelea*Quelea erythroptus*

(1) 8 Opro River Forest 14.11.
Not a common species on this tour, but we had a small flock in the scope at the Opro forest.

Red-billed Quelea*Quelea quelea quelea*

(3) 50 Nasia River 17.11, 30 White Volta 18.11 and 10 Tongo Hills 19.11.
Common and numerous in the north.

Yellow-crowned Bishop*Euplectes afer afer*

(2) 1 Nasia River 17.11 and 1 White Volta 18.11.
Great views of two males, one at the Nasia River and the other in the wetland near the White Volta.

Black-winged Red Bishop*Euplectes hordeaceus hordeaceus*

(6) 1 Kakum NP and surrounds 11.11, 1 Kakum NP and surrounds 12.11, 2 Kumasi to Mole NP 14.11,
5 Nasia River 17.11, 2 Tongo Hills 19.11 and 1 Atewa 22.11.
Fairly common and widespread.

Northern Red Bishop*Euplectes franciscanus franciscanus*

(7) 1 en route 8.11, 1 Winneba Plains 9.11, 2 Kumasi to Mole NP 14.11, 1 Mole NP 15.11, 2 Tongo
Hills 19.11 and 2 Atewa farm bush 20.11.
This stunning species was pleasantly common in savannas and farm bush.

Yellow-mantled Widowbird*Euplectes macroura macroura*

(2) 1 Shai Hills 8.11 and 1 Kumasi to Mole NP 14.11.
Seen well, especially the first full day in the Shai Hills savanna.

Waxbills, Munias and allies Estrildidae**White-breasted Nigrita***Nigrita fusconotus uropygialis*

(4) Up to 2 Kakum NP and surrounds 10-12.11 and 1 Atewa 21.11.
The least common nigrita species, but seen well in various locations.

Chestnut-breasted Nigrita*Nigrita bicolor bicolor*

(6) 1 heard Kakum NP and surrounds 10.11, 1 Kakum NP and surrounds 12.11, 1 Kakum NP and
surrounds 13.11, 1 Atewa farm bush 20.11, 1 Bobiri FR 20.11, 2 Atewa 21.11 and 2 Atewa 22.11.
Seen well, especially in the Atewa forest.

Grey-headed Nigrita*Nigrita canicapillus emiliae*

(8) Up to 2 Kakum NP and surrounds 9-13.11, 2 Atewa farm bush 20.11, 3 Atewa 21.11 and 3 Atewa
22.11.
Widespread and common in any forest in the south.

- Red-winged Pytilia** *Pytilia phoenicoptera phoenicoptera*
 (1) 2 Mole NP 15.11.
 Brief but good views in Mole NP.
- Yellow-winged Pytilia** *Pytilia hypogrammica*
 (1) 1 Winneba Plains 9.11.
 Leader only on the Winneba Plains.
- Cut-throat Finch** *Amadina fasciata fasciata*
 (1) 2 White Volta 18.11.
 This species is uncommon in Ghana, but we found one on an active nest in the acacia woodland near the White Volta.
- Black-bellied Seedcracker** *Pyrenestes ostrinus*
 (1) 2 Kakum NP and surrounds 12.11.
 We enjoyed truly amazing views along the Stingless Bee Center road near Kakum NP.
- Western Bluebill** *Spermophaga haematina haematina*
 (3) Up to 2 Kakum NP and surrounds 11-13.11.
 Several views of skulking birds and most of us eventually caught a glimpse.
- Bar-breasted Firefinch** *Lagonosticta rufopicta rufopicta*
 (3) 1 Kakum NP and surrounds 9.11, 1 Kakum NP and surrounds 10.11 and 2 Mole NP 15.11.
 Fairly common around the Kakum NP area.
- Red-billed Firefinch** *Lagonosticta senegala senegala*
 (4) 4 Mole NP 15.11, 2 Mole NP 16.11, 2 Tongo Hills 17.11 and 2 White Volta 18.11.
 Seen readily in Mole NP.
- African Firefinch** *Lagonosticta rubricata polionota*
 (3) 1 Winneba Plains 9.11, 1 Kakum NP and surrounds 12.11 and 3 Opro River Forest 14.11.
 Seen well in various locations.
- Red-cheeked Cordon-bleu** *Uraeginthus bengalus bengalus*
 (5) 2 Mole NP 15.11, 2 Mole NP 16.11 and 2 Tongo Hills 19.11.
 Common around Mole NP, a beautiful species.
- Lavender Waxbill** *Estrilda caerulescens*
 (3) 1 Mole NP 15.11, 2 Mole NP 16.11 and 2 Tongo Hills 19.11.
 We saw this species very well in Mole NP and again in the Tongo Hills.
- Orange-cheeked Waxbill** *Estrilda melpoda*
 (4) 2 Shai Hills 8.11, 2 Winneba Plains 9.11, 2 Opro River Forest 14.11 and 10 Atewa farm bush 20.11.
 Common and widespread in savanna and farm bush.
- Black-rumped Waxbill** *Estrilda troglodytes*
 (4) 1 Shai Hills 8.11, 1 Busunu roadside lake 14.11, 4 Mole NP 16.11 and 1 Nasia River 17.11.
 Great views of three in the gravel pond area of Mole NP and seen briefly in other locations.
- Quailfinch** *Ortygospiza atricollis ansorgei*
 (1) 10 White Volta 18.11.
 Flight views only, but we flushed many near Tono Dam.
- African Silverbill** *Euodice cantans cantans*
 (1) 12 White Volta 18.11.
 Another scarce species in Ghana, but we saw a dozen very well near a small wetland near the White Volta.
- Bronze Mannikin** *Lonchura cucullata cucullata*
 (11) 1 Mole NP 15.11.
 Widespread and common.

Black-and-white Mannikin*Lonchura bicolor bicolor*

(5) 10 Kakum NP and surrounds 11.11.

Widespread and common.

Magpie Mannikin*Lonchura fringilloides*

(3) 1 Kakum NP and surrounds 10.11, 1 Kakum NP and surrounds 11.11 and 1 Kakum NP and surrounds 13.11.

Nesting in the gardens of the Rainforest Lodge at Kakum NP.

Indigobirds Viduidae**Village Indigobird***Vidua chalybeata neumanni*

(1) 1 Mole NP 16.11.

Seen very well in Mole NP.

Wilson's Indigobird*Vidua wilsoni*

(1) 1 Mole NP 16.11.

Seen soon after the previous species in Mole NP for a great comparison.

Pin-tailed Whydah*Vidua macroura*

(5) 1 Kakum NP and surrounds 9.11, 1 Kakum NP and surrounds 10.11, 4 Kakum NP and surrounds 12.11, 1 Mole NP 16.11 and 5 Nasia River 17.11.

Fairly common with a male seen in full display in the Kakum NP area.

Exclamatory Paradise Whydah*Vidua interjecta*

(2) 1 Mole NP 15.11 and 1 en route 19.11.

Only noted in flight in the Mole NP area and always flying a long distance away.

Wagtails, Pipits Motacillidae**Western Yellow Wagtail***Motacilla flava*

(3) 2 Sakumono Lagoon 8.11 and 1 Mole NP 16.11.

Seen well at Sakumono lagoon.

African Pied Wagtail*Motacilla aguimp vidua*

(5) 3 en route 8.11, 2 en route 9.11, 1 Kakum NP and surrounds 11.11, 1 Kakum NP and surrounds 12.11 and 1 en route 21.11.

Widespread with several sightings.

Yellow-throated Longclaw*Macronyx croceus croceus*

(1) 1 Sakumono Lagoon 8.11.

Distant flight views at Sakumono lagoon.

Plain-backed Pipit*Anthus leucophrys zenkeri*

(1) 1 Shai Hills 8.11 and 2 Sakumono Lagoon 8.11.

Excellent views, especially at Sakumono lagoon.

Finches Fringillidae**Yellow-fronted Canary***Crithagra mozambica caniceps*

(7) 1 Shai Hills 8.11, 1 Winneba Plains 9.11, 10 Mole NP 15.11 and 10 Mole NP 16.11.

Common in savanna habitats.

West African Seedeater*Crithagra canicapilla canicapilla*

(2) 2 Mole NP 15.11 and 1 Mole NP 16.11.

A very rare species that showed well with a singing bird coming in close at Mole NP.

Old World Buntings *Emberizidae***Gosling's Bunting***Emberiza goslingi*

(5) 1 Busunu roadside lake 14.11, 1 Mole NP 15.11, 10 Tongo Hills 17.11, 1 White Volta 18.11 and 2 Tongo Hills 19.11.

Very common in the north.

Brown-rumped Bunting*Emberiza affinis nigeriae*

(1) 1 Mole NP 17.11.

It took a lot of searching, but we found one last minute as we were leaving the Mole NP area.

Mammals (24 in total: 23 seen, 1 heard)

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Elephants *Elephantidae***African Elephant***Loxodonta africana*

(1) 2 Mole NP 16.11.

Hylaxes *Procaviidae***Western Tree Hyrax***Dendrohyrax dorsalis*

(2) 2 heard Kakum NP and surrounds 11.11 and 2 heard Kakum NP and surrounds 12.11.

Lorises, Potto *Lorisidae***Potto***Perodicticus potto*

(3) 1 Kakum NP and surrounds 11.11, 2 Kakum NP and surrounds 12.11 and 1 en route 21.11.

Galagos *Galagidae***Demidoff's Dwarf Galago***Galagoides demidovii*

(2) 1 heard Kakum NP and surrounds 11.11 and 1 Kakum NP and surrounds 12.11.

Old World monkeys *Cercopithecidae***Mona Monkey***Cercopithecus mona*

(1) 1 Kakum NP and surrounds 11.11.

Lesser Spot-nosed Monkey*Cercopithecus petaurista petaurista*

(1) 1 Kakum NP and surrounds 10.11.

Green Monkey*Chlorocebus sabaues*

(3) 2 Shai Hills 8.11, 5 Mole NP 15.11 and 10 Mole NP 16.11.

Patas Monkey*Erythrocebus patas*

(1) 15 Mole NP 16.11.

Olive Baboon*Papio anubis*

(3) 5 Shai Hills 8.11 and 10 Mole NP 15.11.

Rabbits, Hares *Leporidae***African Savanna Hare***Lepus microtis*

(1) 1 Mole NP 15.11.

Hedgehogs, Gymnures *Erinaceidae***Four-toed Hedgehog***Aterix albiventris*

(1) 1 Mole NP 15.11.

Scaly-tailed Squirrels *Anomaluridae***Beecroft's Flying Squirrel***Anomalurus beecrofti*

(1) 1 Kakum NP and surrounds 11.11.

Climbing Mice, Rock Mice, White-tailed Rat, Malagasy Rats and Mice *Nesomyidae***Forest Giant Pouched Rat***Cricetomys emini*

(2) 1 Kakum NP and surrounds 12.11 and 1 Kumasi to Mole NP 14.11.

Squirrels *Sciuridae***Gambian Sun Squirrel***Heliosciurus gambianus*

(1) 1 Kakum NP and surrounds 10.11.

Red-legged Sun Squirrel*Heliosciurus rufobrachium*

(1) 1 Kakum NP and surrounds 10.11.

Striped Ground Squirrel*Xerus erythropus*

(2) 6 Mole NP 15.11 and 4 Mole NP 16.11.

Mongoose *Herpestidae***Slender Mongoose***Herpestes sanguineus*

(1) 1 Mole NP 16.11.

Pigs *Suidae***Common Warthog***Phacochoerus africanus africanus*

(3) 10 Mole NP 15.11 and 10 Mole NP 16.11.

Cattle, Antelopes, Sheep, Goats *Bovidae***Waterbuck***Kobus ellipsiprymnus defassa*

(2) 2 Mole NP 15.11 and 2 Mole NP 16.11.

Kob*Kobus kob kob*

(3) 10 Shai Hills 8.11, 10 Mole NP 15.11 and 10 Mole NP 16.11.

Bushbuck*Tragelaphus scriptus*

(2) 10 Mole NP 15.11 and 20 Mole NP 16.11.

Sac-winged or Sheath-tailed Bats *Emballonuridae***Mauritian Tomb Bat***Taphozous mauritanus*

(1) 15 Shai Hills 8.11.

Old World Fruit Bats *Pteropodidae***African Straw-coloured Fruit-bat***Eidolon helvum*

(2) 100 en route 8.11 and 200 en route 20.11.

Hammer-headed Fruit Bat*Hypsignathus monstrosus*

(1) 1 Kakum NP and surrounds 12.11.

Reptiles (3 in total: 3 seen)

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Agamas Agamidae

Common Agama

Agama agama

Observed 16 day(s) in total.

Monitor Lizards Varanidae

Nile Monitor

Varanus niloticus

Observed 2 day(s) in total.

Crocodiles and relatives Crocodylidae

Nile Crocodile

Crocodylus niloticus

(1) 1 White Volta 18.11.

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