

Northern Tanzania

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General information

This trip was done with the swedish travel agent TEMA-resor. The purpose was a combined general safari/wildlife trip and not a dedicated birdning trip. Birding was mainly done early mornings and late afternoons as well as during the game-drives. Being a very small group of only eight people, we travelled with ease in two Landcruisers.

Despite the limited possibilities to do proper birding I managed to score on about 360 species. From a birding perspective I mainly focused on the 40 possible lifers and therefore missed a few of the more common species, especially forest birds.

Having been to the Gambia, Kenya, Uganda and South Africa I recorded a total of 27 new birds.

The following parks were visited:

- Tarangire National Park
- Lake Manyara National Park
- Serengeti National Park (Lake Ndutu, Seronera and Lobo)
- Oldupai Gorge
- Ngorongoro Crater
- Arusha National Park

If faced with a choice of going to Kenya or Tanzania for the first time I would make the following recommendation. Tanzania is by far the best place for mammals with good numbers of Cheetahs, Lions, Elephants and of course the chance of catching up with the Wildebeest migration during the northern winter (when most people go to East Africa). Also I would rate the scenery as much superior in Tanzania with the Ngorongoro Crater being the highlight. I would not recommend to first go to Serengeti and later to Masai Mara, as the number of mammals is much larger in Serengeti and the number of white minibuses is much larger in Masai Mara, whereas they are very rare south of the border.

If the focus is only on birds, I would recommend Kenya for the sheer magnitude of species with the possibility of seeing 700+ birds during a three week trip. Also the number of restricted range species is much higher in Kenya.

A nice extension in Tanzania would of course be to go further east to the isolated Usambara Mountains, but unfortunately we did not have that possibility this time.

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Itinerary and short diary

Separate report written in danish by tour leader.

Weather

Normally there is a short rain period in November to beginning of December, although there has not been any normal weather during the last few years. This year had not brought any rain until beginning of December and the quantities had been very small. During our visit we experienced a few showers, which was quite refreshing as well as dust-settling. The weather was often very bright and clear giving excellent photo opportunities.

List of Birds

The names of the birds is a mixture of those used in Zimmerman et al and Sibley & Monroe. However, for someone with a basic knowledge of african birds it should be easy to follow.

Subspecific identification is mainly based on information in Zimmerman et al.

Ostrich, *Struthio camelus massaicus*

Seen with up to 10 daily in Tarangire, Manyara, Serengeti and Ngorongoro.

Little Grebe, *Tachybaptus ruficollis capensis*

One in a pool in the Ngorongoro Crater and common in Momella Lakes.

Great White Pelican, *Pelecanus onocrotalus*

10 in the Ngorongoro Crater

Pink-backed Pelican, *Pelecanus rufescens*

One at Momella Lakes.

Long-tailed Cormorant, *Phalacrocorax africanus africanus*

20 at Momella Lodge and Lakes.

Great Cormorant, *Phalacrocorax carbo lucidus*

20 at Momella Lakes.

Black Heron, *Egretta ardesiaca*

Two at Hippo Pool, Lake Manyara.

Little Egret, *Egretta garzetta garzetta*

One at Lake Manyara and two in Arusha NP.

Grey Heron, *Ardea cinerea cinerea*

Seen in small numbers in most wet areas.

Black-headed Heron, *Ardea melanocephala*

Small numbers at Tarangire, Serengeti, Ngorongoro and Karatu.

Great White Egret, *Casmerodius albus melanorhyncos*

One at Lake Manyara and two in Arusha NP.

Intermediate Egret, *Mesophoyx intermedia brachyrhyncha*

Common at Lake Manyara, 10 at Ngorongoro Crater and one at Arusha NP.

Cattle Egret, *Bubulcus ibis ibis*

Common in areas like Lake Manyara, Ngorongoro Crater and Arusha NP, otherwise only smaller numbers.

Squacco Heron, *Ardeola ralloides*

Two at Lake Manyara, one at Seronera and one in the Ngorongoro Crater.

Striated Heron, *Butorides striatus atricapillus*

One near Seronera.

Black-crowned Night-Heron, *Nycticorax nycticorax nycticorax*

10 in a pool in the Ngorongoro Crater.

Hammerkop, *Scopus umbretta umbretta*

Seen in small numbers at most places.

Yellow-billed Stork, *Mycteria ibis*

Three along the road west of Arusha.

Abdim's Stork, *Ciconia abdimii*

One between Seronera and Lobo.

White Stork, *Ciconia ciconia ciconia*

Flocks of up to 1000+ birds seen feeding in Serengeti and also smaller numbers in the Ngorongoro Crater.

Saddle-billed Stork, *Ephippiorhynchus senegalensis*

One at the Hot Springs at Lake Manyara and one in the Ngurdoto Crater.

Marabou Stork, *Leptoptilus crumeniferus*

This disgusting creature was commonly seen in most areas, preferably near rubbish bins.

Glossy Ibis, *Plegadis falcinellus falcinellus*

Common at Lake Manyara and the Ngorongoro Crater.

Hadada Ibis, *Bostrychia hagedash brevirostris*

Two in Arusha and three in Arusha NP.

Sacred Ibis, *Threskiornis aethiopicus aethiopicus*

Common at Lake Manyara, in the Ngorongoro Crater and in Arusha NP.

African Spoonbill, *Platalea alba*

Five at Lake Manyara and five in the Ngorongoro Crater.

Lesser Flamingo, *Phoeniconaias minor*

Huge flocks in Lake Manyara, eight near Seronera, 3000+ in the Ngorongoro Crater and tens of thousands in one of the Momella Lakes.

Greater Flamingo, *Phenicopterus (ruber) roseus*

100+ in Lake Manyara, 300+ in the Ngorongoro Crater and common in one of the Momella Lakes.

White-faced Whistling-Duck, *Dendrocygna viduata*

50 at Lake Manyara.

Egyptian Goose, *Alopochen aegyptiacus*

Smaller numbers or sometimes common in most areas.

Spur-winged Goose, *Plectropterus gambensis gambensis*

50 west of Arusha, 10 at Lake Manyara, one in the Ngorongoro Crater and common in Arusha NP.

Knob-billed Duck, *Sarkidiornis melanotos melanotos*

20 at Lake Manyara.

Cape Teal, *Anas capensis*

Two in the Ngorongoro Crater and four at Momella Lodge.

Northern Shoveler, *Anas clypeata*

Five in the Ngorongoro Crater and 50+ at the Momella Lakes.

Red-billed Duck, *Anas erythrorhyncha*

Five near Seronera, 10 in the Ngorongoro Crater, 100+ at the Momella Lakes.

Hottentot Teal, *Anas hottentota*

Four in the Ngorongoro Crater and four at Momella Lodge.

Southern Pochard, *Netta erythrophthalma brunnea*

200+ at the Momella Lakes.

Black-winged Kite, *Elanus caeruleus caeruleus*

Small numbers seen in most of the drier areas, except near Arusha.

Yellow-billed Kite, *Milvus (migrans) parasitus*

Seen in small numbers in most areas, except at Ngorongoro where common.

African Fish-Eagle, *Haliaeetus vocifer*

Two at Tarangire, one at Lake Manyara, one in the Ngorongoro Crater and two at Momella Lakes.

Palm-nut Vulture, *Gypohierax angolensis*

One at Lake Manyara.

Egyptian Vulture, *Neophron percnopterus percnopterus*

Three separate birds in Serengeti.

Hooded Vulture, *Necrosyrtes monachus pileatus*

50 one day in Serengeti.

White-backed Vulture, *Gyps africanus*

Common in most areas, especially Tarangire and Serengeti.

Rueppel's Vulture, *Gyps rueppellii rueppellii*

Five to ten daily at Tarangire, Serengeti and Ngorongoro.

Lappet-faced Vulture, *Torgos tracheliotus tracheliotus*

Up to five daily in Serengeti and Ngorongoro.

White-headed Vulture, *Trigonoceps occipitalis*

One at Tarangire and five in Serengeti.

Black-chested Snake-Eagle, *Circaetus pectoralis*

Two in Serengeti and one in the Ngorongoro Crater.

Brown Snake-Eagle, *Circaetus cinereus*

Two in Serengeti.

Bateleur, *Terathopius ecaudatus*

Small numbers, although sometimes up to 20 a day, in most areas.

Western Marsh Harrier, *Circus aeruginosus aeruginosus*

Two at Lake Manyara and three at Ngorongoro.

African Marsh Harrier, *Circus ranivorus*

One in the Ngorongoro Crater.

Pallid Harrier, *Circus macrourus*

One male and one female at Tarangire and one male and one female at Ngorongoro. Also several unidentified Pallid/Montagu's Harriers.

Montagu's Harrier, *Circus pygargus*

A few males seen at Tarangire, Serengeti and Ngorongoro.

African Harrier-Hawk, *Polyboroides typus typus*

Two at Arusha, three at Lake Manyara and two at Gibb's Farm.

Dark Chanting Goshawk, *Melierax metabates metabates*

Two separate birds in Serengeti.

Eastern Chanting Goshawk, *Melierax poliopterus*

Two along the road between Tarangire and Lake Manyara.

Gabar Goshawk, *Micronisus gabar aequatorius*

One near Seronera.

Shikra/Little Sparrowhawk, *Accipiter badius sphenurus/minullus*

One briefly at the Ngorongoro Crater rim.

Rufous-chested Sparrowhawk, *Accipiter rufiventris rufiventris*

One flew past Ngorongoro Wildlife Lodge late afternoon. According to Zimmermann et al this species is rare in northern Tanzania.

Augur Buzzard, *Buteo augur augur*

Small numbers seen in most areas.

Tawny Eagle, *Aquila rapax*

Seen almost daily, sometimes up to 20 a day.

Steppe Eagle, *Aquila nipalensis orientalis*

Up to 10 a day in Tarangira, otherwise only single individuals. Less common than the previous species.

Verreaux's Eagle, *Aquila verreauxii*

One pair along the ridge above Lake Manyara and two near Lobo.

African Hawk-Eagle, *Hiraaetus spilogaster*

One at Tarangire and one in the Ngorongoro Crater.

Booted Eagle, *Hiraaetus pennatus*

One pale phase at Ngorongoro Wildlife Lodge.

Ayre's Hawk-Eagle, *Hiraaetus ayresii*

One subadult above Gibb's Farm.

Martial Eagle, *Polemaetus bellicosus*

Two at Lake Manyara and one near Seronera.

Long-crested Hawk-Eagle, *Lophaetus occipitalis*

One at Tarangire, Lake Manyara, Seronera, Ngorongoro and Gibb's Farm respectively.

Secretarybird, *Sagittarius serpentarius*

A total of 15 birds seen at Tarangire, Serengeti and Ngorongoro.

Pygmy Falcon, *Polihierax semitorquatus castanonotus*

10 at Tarangire and three in Serengeti.

Common Kestrel, *Falco tinnunculus*

Not racially identified, but presumably several were of the resident ssp. A total of eight birds in Serengeti and Ngorongoro.

Grey Kestrel, *Falco ardosiaceus*

Two separate birds near Seronera.

Amur Falcon, *Falco amurensis*

A much wanted surprise as birthday present! One adult male together with two females plus a separate immature male in the Ngorongoro Crater. According to Zimmermann et al this species is very rare this far west.

African Hobby, *Falco cuvieri*

One pair seen early morning and late afternoon at Ngorongoro Wildlife Lodge.

Lanner Falcon, *Falco biarmicus biarmicus*

Two separate birds around kopjes near Seronera.

Peregrine Falcon, *Falco peregrinus calidus*

One at Oldupai Gorge, one at Ngorongoro Crater and one near Gibb's Farm.

Coqui Francolin, *Francolinus coqui*

Ssp maharao: Six birds at Tarangire.

Ssp hubbardii: Four birds in Serengeti.

Crested Francolin, *Francolinus sephaena rovuma*

Four at the campsite at Tarangire.

Shelley's Francolin, *Francolinus shelleyi uluensis*

One plus three birds near Lobo. Zimmermann et al does not mention this species from Serengeti.

Hildebrandt's Francolin, *Francolinus hildebrandti*

10 at Tarangire, 15 in Serengeti, 10 at Ngorongoro and five in Arusha NP. Most authors recognises it as monotypic.

Scaly Francolin, *Francolinus squamatus schuetti*

Two duetting (?) pairs heard before dawn each morning at Ngorongoro Wildlife Lodge and two most likely of this species above Gibb's Farm.

Yellow-necked Spurfowl, *Francolinus leucoscepus*

Common at Tarangire and 10 west of Arusha. See also the following species.

Grey-breasted Spurfowl, *Francolinus rufopictus*

Tanzanian endemic. About ten at Ndutu Wildlife Lodge which showed intermediate characters with the previous species. 15 at Seronera River Valley and near Lobo were all clearly rufopictus. Easily heard, and most often seen, early morning and late afternoon when calling loudly.

Red-necked Spurfowl, *Francolinus afer ssp?*

Common at Tarangire, but not racially identified.

Helmeted Guineafowl, *Numida meleagris reichenowi*

Common in most areas.

(Kenya) Crested Guineafowl, *Numida pucherani pucherani*

Three in gallery forest at Lake Manyara.

Grey Crowned-Crane, *Balearica regulorum gibbericeps*

Four at Tarangire, ten at Lake Manyara and 50+ at the Ngorongoro Crater.

African Water Rail (Kaffir Rail), *Rallus caerulescens*

Two separate birds in the Ngorongoro Crater.

Black Crake, *Amaurornis flavirostris*

Two at Lake Manyara and five in the Ngorongoro Crater.

Common Moorhen, *Gallinula chloropus meridionalis*

10 in the Ngorongoro Crater and three in Seneto Pool in Arusha NP.

Red-knobbed Coot, *Fulica cristata*

Five in Seneto Pool in Arusha NP.

Kori Bustard, *Ardeotis kori struthiunculus*

50-60 in Serengeti and 10+ in the Ngorongoro Crater.

White-bellied Bustard, *Eupodotis senegalensis canicollis*

Five at Tarangire and four in Serengeti.

Black-bellied Bustard, *Eupodotis melanogaster melanogaster*

One near Seronera and two in the Ngorongoro Crater.

African Jacana, *Actophilornis africanus*

Two at Lake Manyara and one in the Ngorongoro Crater.

Pied Avocet, *Recurvirostra avosetta*

20 at Lake Manyara and 15 at Momella Lakes.

Black-winged Stilt, *Himantopus himantopus himantopus*

Small numbers at Tarangire, Serengeti, Ngorongoro and Arusha NP.

Double-banded Courser, *Rhinoptilus africanus gracilis*
Three plus one at Lake Manyara and 40+ near Seronera.

Three-banded Courser, *Rhinoptilus cinctus emini*
One near Lake Ndutu.

Temminck's Courser, *Cursorius temminckii*
Three near Lobo and two near Seronera.

Common Ringed Plover, *Charadrius hiaticula tundrae*
Two in the Ngorongoro Crater.

Kittlitz's Plover, *Charadrius pecuarius*
One at Lake Manyara and ten in the Ngorongoro Crater.

Three-banded Plover, *Charadrius tricollaris tricollaris*
10+ at Tarangire, one at Lake Manyara, one in Serengeti and two in the Ngorongoro Crater.

Chestnut-banded Plover, *Charadrius pallidus venustus*
Four near the hot springs at Lake Manyara and two in the large lake in the Ngorongoro Crater.

Caspian Plover, *Charadrius asiaticus*
Three at Tarangire and large flocks with totally 150+ birds at short grass plains in Serengeti.

Long-toed Plover, *Vanellus crassirostris crassirostris*
Common in the Ngorongoro Crater.

Blacksmith Plover, *Vanellus armatus*
Common in most areas.

Spur-winged Plover, *Vanellus spinosus*
Two at Lake Manyara.

Black-winged Plover, *Vanellus melanopterus minor*
Two at Tarangire and two in Serengeti.

Crowned Plover, *Vanellus coronatus coronatus*
Common in most areas.

Common Snipe, *Gallinago gallinago gallinago*
Two at Lake Manyara and one in the Ngorongoro Crater.

Marsh Sandpiper, *Tringa stagnatilis*
Common at Tarangire and Lake Manyara.

Common Greenshank, *Tringa nebularia*
Five at Tarangire, common at Lake Manyara and Arusha NP and five in the Ngorongoro Crater.

Wood Sandpiper, *Tringa glareola*
Common in most wet areas.

Green Sandpiper, *Tringa ochropus*
Two at Tarangire, one in Serengeti and common in Arusha NP.

Common Sandpiper, *Actitis hypoleucos*
Ten at Lake Manyara, one in Serengeti and one at Momella Lakes.

Little Stint, *Calidris minuta*
20 at Lake Manyara and common in the Ngorongoro Crater.

Curlew Sandpiper, *Calidris ferruginea*
20 at Lake Manyara.

Ruff, *Philomachus pugnax*
Common in most wet areas.

Gull-billed Tern, *Sterna nilotica nilotica*
Many flocks at short grass plains at southern Serengeti and in the Ngorongoro Crater.

White-winged Tern, *Chlidonias leucopterus*
Two in the Ngorongoro Crater.

Chestnut-bellied Sandgrouse, *Pterocles exustus olivascens*
Three at Tarangire.

Yellow-throated Sandgrouse, *Pterocles gutturalis saturiator*
50+ at Tarangire, six near Seronera and 100+ in the Ngorongoro Crater.

Black-faced Sandgrouse, *Pterocles decoratus*
Ssp decoratus: At least two, probably many more, at Tarangire.
Ssp loveridgei: Two between Seronera and Lobo.

Speckled Pigeon, *Columba guinea guinea*
Small number at most places, except in Arusha NP where common.

African Olive Pigeon, *Columba arquatrix*
Five at the slopes of Mt Meru in Arusha NP.

Dusky Turtle-Dove, *Streptopelia lugens lugens*
Five at Gibb's Farm.

Laughing Dove, *Streptopelia senegalensis senegalensis*
Common at Tarangire and Serengeti.

African Mourning Dove, *Streptopelia decipiens perspicillata*
Common in Serengeti.

Ring-necked Dove, *Streptopelia capicola tropica*
Common in most areas except at Arusha.

Red-eyed Dove, *Streptopelia semitorquata*
Common at Arusha and Tarangire.

Emerald-spotted Wood-Dove, *Turtur chalcospilos*
Five at Tarangire, common at Lake Manyara and four in Arusha NP.

Tambourine Dove, *Turtur tympanistria*
Two at Lake Manyara, one at Gibb's Farm and two in Arusha NP.

Namaqua Dove, *Oena capensis capensis*
Common at Tarangire and 10 at Lake Manyara.

African Green Pigeon, *Treron calva brevicera*
20 at the Novotel in Arusha.

Meyer's (Brown) Parrot, *Poicephalus meyeri saturatus*
One near Lobo and three near Seronera.

Orange-bellied Parrot, *Poicephalus rufiventris rufiventris*

One at the camp at Tarangire.

Fischer's Lovebird, *Agapornis fischeri*

Tanzanian endemic. Five at Lake Manyara was more east than usual. Common, sometimes large flocks, in Serengeti where especially numerous around Lake Ndutu. Also a single bird at Gibb's Farm.

Yellow-collared Lovebird, *Agapornis personatus*

Tanzanian endemic. Common at Tarangire with sometimes large flocks.

Schalow's Turaco, *Tauraco schalowi*

One flew across the road near the viewpoint at the Ngorongoro Crater rim, one flew past Ngorongoro Wildlife Lodge and two were eventually seen nicely perched near Gibb's Farm.

Hartlaub's Turaco, *Tauraco hartlaubi*

15+ at the slopes of Mt Meru in Arusha NP.

Bare-faced Go-away-bird, *Corythaixoides personata leopoldi*

Three at Tarangire, two at Lake Manyara and five near Seronera.

White-bellied Go-away-bird, *Corythaixoides leocogaster*

10 at Tarangire.

Great Spotted Cuckoo, *Clamator glandarius*

Three near Lake Ndutu.

Red-chested Cuckoo, *Cuculus solitarius solitarius*

Small numbers, mainly heard, at Ngorongoro.

Klaas's Cuckoo, *Chrysococcyx klaas*

One at Lake Manyara and one at Lake Ndutu.

Diederik Cuckoo, *Chrysococcyx caprius*

Small numbers in Serengeti and Arusha NP.

White-browed Coucal, *Centropus superciliosus loandae*

Small numbers at Tarangire, Lake Manyara, Serengeti and Arusha NP.

Barn Owl, *Tyto alba affinis*

One heard and spotlighted in the evening at Ndutu Wildlife Lodge.

Verreaux's Eagle Owl, *Bubo lacteus*

One seen two consecutive evenings at Ngorongoro Wildlife Lodge.

Pearl-spotted Owlet, *Glaucidium perlatum licua*

One seen in daylight at Seronera Wildlife Lodge.

Mountain Nightjar, *Caprimulgus poliocephalus poliocephalus*

Up to three birds heard calling in evening and early morning at Gibb's farm. None was heard at Ngorongoro Wildlife Lodge.

Freckled Nightjar, *Caprimulgus tristigma tristigma*

One heard calling in the evening and early morning at Lobo Wildlife Lodge.

Slender-tailed Nightjar, *Caprimulgus clarus clarus*

One heard calling in the evening at Ndutu Wildlife Lodge. One seen at the same site was presumably this species.

African Palm Swift, *Cypsiurus parvus*

Ssp laeostigma: Common at Tarangire and Lake Manyara and one in Arusha NP.

Ssp myochrous: Common near Seronera.

Mottled Swift, *Apus aequatorialis aequatorialis*

Three at Ngorongoro Wildlife Lodge and two at Momella Lakes.

Nyanza Swift, *Apus niansae niansae*

10 at Lake Manyara Hotell.

African Black Swift, *Apus barbatus roehli*

Common in the Ngorongoro Crater.

Little Swift, *Apus affinis affinis*

Common in most areas.

Horus swift, *Apus horus horus*

Two at apparent breeding site near Momella Lodge in Arusha NP.

White-rumped Swift, *Apus caffer*

Two at Novotel in Arusha and 10 at Seronera Wildlife Lodge.

Speckled Mousebird, *Colius striatus cinerascens*

Common in most areas.

White-headed Mousebird, *Colius leucocephalus leucocephalus*

One along the road between Tarangire and Lake Manyara.

Blue-naped Mousebird, *Urocolius macrourus pulcher*

One at Tarangire, one between Tarangire and Lake Manyara and 30 at Lake Manyara.

African Pygmy Kingfisher, *Ispidina picta picta*

One at Lake Manyara.

Grey-headed Kingfisher, *Halcyon leucocephala leucocephala*

One at Tarangire and two at Lake Manyara.

Woodland Kingfisher, *Halcyon senegalensis senegalensis*

Four separate birds in Serengeti.

Striped Kingfisher, *Halcyon chelicuti chelicuti*

Two at Lake Manyara and six in Serengeti.

Pied Kingfisher, *Ceryle rudis rudis*

One at Lake Manyara.

White-fronted Bee-eater, *Merops bullockoides bullockoides*

30+ in Arusha NP.

Little Bee-eater, *Merops pusillus meridionalis*

Small numbers seen in most areas.

Cinnamon-chested Bee-eater, *Merops oreobates*

10 at Ngorongoro and 20 at Gibb's Farm.

Blue-cheeked Bee-eater, *Merops persicus persicus*

Four at Tarangire and two at Lake Manyara.

European Bee-eater, *Merops apiaster*

Five at Lake Manyara, two near Seronera and ten at Novotel in Arusha. All were migrants in wingmoult.

European Roller, *Coracias garrulus garrulus*

Two separate birds near Seronera.

Lilac-breasted Roller, *Coracias caudata caudata*

FAIrly common in most areas except Arusha NP.

Broad-billed Roller, *Eurystomus glaucurus suahelicus*

One in the Ngorongoro Crater.

African Hoopoe, *Upupa (epops) africana*

Small numbers in most areas.

Green Wood-Hoopoe, *Phoeniculus purpureus marwizi*

Five at Lake Manyara, four in Serengeti, two at Ngorongoro and two in Arusha NP.

Abyssinian Scimitar-bill, *Rhinopomastus minor cabanisi*

Two at Tarangire and two at Lake Nduu.

Red-billed Hornbill, *Tockus erythrorhynchus erythrorhynchus*

Seven at Tarangire.

Von der Decken's Hornbill, *Tockus deckeni*

Four at Tarangire and four in Serengeti.

Crowned Hornbill, *Tockus alboterminatus geloensis*

One at Lake Manyara.

African Grey Hornbill, *Tockus nasutus epirhinus*

One at Tarangire, five at Lake Manyara and one near Seronera.

Silvery-cheeked Hornbill, *Bycanistes brevis*

Five at Novotel in Arusha, 10+ at Lake Manyara, one at Ngorongoro and one in Arusha NP.

Southern Ground Hornbill, *Bucorvus leadbeateri*

Five at Lake Manyara and a total of eight in Serengeti.

Red-fronted Barbet, *Pogoniulus pusillus affinis*

One at Lake Manyara, Serengeti, Oldupai and Arusha NP respectively.

Spot-flanked Barbet, *Tricholaema lacrymosa radcliffei*

One at Lake Manyara and one near Seronera.

White-headed Barbet, *Lybius leucocephalus albicauda*

Two at Lobo Wildlife Lodge.

Brown-breasted Barbet, *Lybius melanopterus*

Ten at Novotel garden in Arusha was a nice find the first morning.

Red-and-yellow Barbet, *Trachyphonus erythrocephalus shelleyi*
Five at the picnic area at Oldupai Gorge.

Usambiro Barbet, *Trachyphonus usambiro*
One at Nabi Hill and one near Seronera. This species is sometimes lumped with the following species.

D'Arnaud's Barbet, *Trachyphonus darnaudii boehmi*
Four at Lake Manyara.

Greater Honeyguide, *Indicator indicator*
One above Gibb's Farm.
Two larger honeyguides at Tarangire might have been Scaly-throated, *I variegatus*.

Green-backed Honeybird (Eastern Honeybird), *Prodotiscus zambesiae ellenbecki*
One performed nicely at the feeding station at Gibb's Farm. Zimmermann et al does not mention it from Ngorongoro, although as close as Lake Manyara.
One possible of this species was seen in flight at Lake Manyara.

Wahlberg's Honeybird, *Prodotiscus regulus regulus*
One near Lake Ndotu. Zimmermann et al mentions it from Serengeti only with old records.

Nubian Woodpecker, *Campethera nubica nubica*
One at Tarangire and one at Lake Manyara.

Cardinal Woodpecker, *Dendropicos fuscescens hartlaubii*
One near Seronera and one in the Ngorongoro Crater.

Bearded Woodpecker, *Dendropicos namaquus namaquus*
One at Tarangire.

Grey-headed Woodpecker, *Dendropicos rhodeogaster*
Two at Tarangire campsite, one near Lake Ndotu and one at Naabi Hill. Sometimes considered conspecific with *D goertae*.

White-tailed Lark, *Mirafra albicauda*
Two plus one on grassy plains with scattered bushes southwest of Seronera.

Rufous-naped Lark, *Mirafra africana*
Ssp tropicalis: Common in Serengeti and Ngorongoro.
Ssp athi: Five in Arusha NP.

Flappet Lark, *Mirafra rufocinnamomea*
Ssp torrida: One at Tarangire.
Ssp kawirondensis: Two near Lobo.

Fawn-coloured Lark, *Mirafra africanoides intercedens*
Common in southern Serengeti and Ngorongoro.

Fischer's Sparrow-Lark, *Eremopterix leucopareia*
Common in most dry areas.

Red-capped Lark, *Calandrella cinerea saturator*
10 + in Serengeti and 10 in the Ngorongoro Crater.

Short-tailed Lark, *Pseudalaemon fremantlii delamarei*
One near Lobo.

African Pied Wagtail, *Motacilla aguimp vidua*
Small numbers in most areas.

Yellow Wagtail, *Motacilla flava ssp*
One at Lake Manyara and common in the Ngorongoro Crater.

Yellow-throated Longclaw, *Macronyx croceus croceus*
One at Lake Manyara and five in Serengeti.

Rosy-throated Longclaw, *Macronyx ameliae wintoni*
One near Lobo.

African (Grassland) Pipit, *Anthus cinnamomeus lacuum*
Two near Seronera and five in the Ngorongoro Crater.

Plain-backed Pipit, *Anthus leucophrys goodsoni*
One near Lobo and one near Seronera.

Bush Pipit, *Anthus caffer blayneyi*
One skulking in grass tufts just outside Lobo Wildlife Lodge.

Red-throated Pipit, *Anthus cervinus*
Three in the Ngorongoro Crater and one in Arusha NP.

Sand Martin, *Riparia riparia riparia*
One in the Ngorongoro Crater.

Plain Martin, *Riparia paludicola ducis*
Two at Lake Manyara and one in the Ngorongoro Crater.

Banded Martin, *Riparia cincta suahelica*
Two at Tarangire and one near Seronera.

Rock Martin, *Hirundo fuligula fusciventris*
Common in most areas.

Barn Swallow, *Hirundo rustica rustica*
Common or very common in most areas.

Wire-tailed Swallow, *Hirundo smithii smithii*
Four at Ndutu Wildlife Lodge and one in Arusha NP.

Lesser Striped-Swallow, *Hirundo abyssinica unitatis*
10+ at Lake Manyara and common in Serengeti.

Mosque Swallow, *Hirundo senegalensis monteiri*
10+ at Tarangire, two at Lake Manyara and five at Seronera.

Red-rumped Swallow, *Hirundo daurica emini*

50 at Lobo, five at Seronera, one at Ngorongor and five at Gibb's Farm.

Black Sawwing, *Psalidoprocne holomelas*

10+ at Ngorongoro, three in Serengeti, 10 at Gibb's farm and common in Arusha NP.

Common Bulbul, *Pycnonotus barbatus*

Ssp tricolor: Common west of the Rift.

Ssp layardi: Common east of the Rift.

Mountain Grenbul, *Andropadus nigriceps nigriceps*

Two at Ngorongoro Wildlife Lodge and one at Gibb's Farm.

Stripe-cheeked Greenbul, *Andropadus milanjensis striifacies*

Two separate birds on the slopes of Mt Meru in Arusha NP.

Yellow-bellied Greenbul, *Chlorocichla flaviventris centralis*

Two at Gibb's Farm.

Cabanis's Greenbul, *Phyllastrephus cabanisi sucosus*

Two above Gibb's farm.

Black-lored Babbler, *Turdoides sharpei sharpei*

Ten at Lake Ndutu Wildlife Lodge and three near Seronera.

Arrow-marked Babbler, *Turdoides jardineii emini*

Two at Gibb's Farm.

Northern Pied Babbler, *Turdoides hypoleucus rufuensis*

3+ at Tarangire campsite.

Scaly Chatterer, *Turdoides aylmeri mentalis*

Three at Lake Manyara.

African Hill Babbler, *Pseudoalcippe abyssinica abyssinica*

One above Gibb's Farm.

White-browed Robin-Chat, *Cossypha heuglini heuglini*

One at Lake Manyara Hotel, three in Serengeti, two at Ngorongoro Wildlife Lodge and one at Gibb's Farm.

Cape Robin-Chat, *Cossypha caffra iolaema*

Small numbers seen around Ngorongoro.

Spotted Mourning-Thrush, *Cichladusa guttata intercalans*

Two at Tarangire campsite and three at Lake Manyara.

Thrush Nightingale, *Luscinia luscinia*

Two at Novotel in Arusha and three at Lake Manyara.

Red-backed (White-browed) Scrub-Robin, *Cercotrichas leucophrys*

Ssp zambesiana: Three near Seronera.

Ssp brunneiceps: Two at Ngorongoro and one at Gibb's Farm.

Ssp sclateri: One at Lake Manyara.

Common (African) Stonechat, *Saxicola (torquata) axillaris*

More than ten at Ngorongoro and five in Arusha NP.

Northern Wheatear, *Oenanthe oenanthe oenanthe*

At least five near Lobo, five at Ngorongoro and five in Arusha NP.

Schalow's Wheatear, *Oenanthe schalowi*

One at Manyara escarpment, one at Ngorongoro and two at Manyara escarpment on the return trip.

Pied Wheatear, *Oenanthe pleschanka pleschanka*

One at Tarangire and common in Serengeti, especially the northern parts.

Isabelline Wheatear, *Oenanthe isabellina*

Two at Tarangire, two at Lake Manyara, three in Serengeti and two at Ngorongoro.

Capped Wheatear, *Oenanthe pileata livingstonii*

Very common in Serengeti, especially on short grass plains.

Northern Anteater Chat, *Myrmecocichla aethiops cryptoleuca*

Small numbers in Serengeti and common in the Ngorongoro Crater.

Cliff (Mocking) Chat, *Thamnolaea cinnamomeiventris subrufipennis*

Three at Lobo Wildlife Lodge.

Common Rock-Thrush, *Monticola saxatilis*

One female near Lake Ndutu and one female at Naabi Hill.

Spotted Flycatcher, *Muscicapa striata (neumanni?)*

Two at Tarangire, one at Lake Manyara and three near Seronera.

African Dusky Flycatcher, *Muscicapa adusta murina*

Ten around Ngorongoro.

Ashy Flycatcher, *Muscicapa caerulescens brevicaudata*

15 around Ngorongoro.

White-eyed Slaty Flycatcher, *Melaeornis fischeri fischeri*

Two on the slopes of Mt Meru in Arusha NP.

African Grey Flycatcher, *Bradornis microrhynchus microrhynchus*

One at Seronera Wildlife Lodge.

Pale Flycatcher, *Bradornis pallidus*

Ssp murinus: One near Seronera.

Ssp griseus: Two at Tarangire.

Silverbird, *Empidonax semiparitus*

Seven separate individuals in Serengeti from Ndutu to Lobo.

Lesser Swamp-Warbler, *Acrocephalus gracilirostris parvus*

Two in the pool in the Ngorongoro Crater.

Olivaceous Warbler, *Hippolais pallida elaeica*

Two at Tarangire, one at Lake Manyara and one near Seronera.

Icterine Warbler, *Hippolais icterina*

One at Naabi Hill.

Common Whitethroat, *Sylvia communis icterops/volgensis*

One at Arusha, one at Tarangire and one at Oldupai Gorge.

Garden Warbler, *Sylvia borin woodwardii*

One at Lake Manyara.

Blackcap, *Sylvia atricapilla (damholzi?)*

Two at Gibb's Farm and one in Arusha NP.

Willow Warbler, *Phylloscopus trochilus (yakutensis?)*

Small numbers in Serengeti, Ngorongoro and Arusha NP.

Brown Woodland-Warbler, *Phylloscopus umbrovirens mackenzianus*

One on the slopes of Mt Meru in Arusha NP.

Cinnamon Bracken Warbler, *Bradypterus cinnamomeus rufiflavus*

One seen nicely when singing on two mornings just outside Ngorongoro Wildlife Lodge.

Yellow Flycatcher-Warbler, Dark-capped Yellow Warbler, *Chloropeta natalensis massaica*

One in the reedy pool in the garden at Gibb's Farm.

Mountain Yellow Warbler, *Chloropeta similis*

One or two at Ngorongoro Wildlife Lodge.

Hunter's Cisticola, *Cisticola hunteri*

One at Ngorongoro Wildlife Lodge.

Winding Cisticola, *Cisticola galactotes suahelicus*

Probably two at Tarangire and one at Ngorongoro.

Croaking Cisticola, *Cisticola natalensis matengorum*

One near Lobo.

Rattling Cisticola, *Cisticola chiniana*

Ssp victoria: One near Seronera.

Ssp fischeri: Two at Tarangire.

Desert Cisticola, *Cisticola aridulus tanganyika*

Seven near Lobo.

Pectoral-patch Cisticola, *Cisticola brunnescens nakuruensis*

Common in Serengeti.

Tawny-flanked Prinia, *Prinia subflava melanorhyncha*

Small numbers at Tarangire, Lake Manyara, Serengeti and Ngorongoro.

Grey-backed Camaroptera, *Camaroptera brachyura griseigula*
Small numbers at Tarangire, Lake Manyara, Serengeti and Arusha NP.

Yellow-breasted Apalis, *Apalis flavida pugnax*
One at Ngorongoro.

Grey Apalis, *Apalis cinerea cinerea*
One at Gibb's Farm.

Brown-headed Apalis, *Apalis alticola*
One heard and seen well at the southern gate at Ngorongoro Conservation Area and one heard at the Ngorongoro Crater rim. One seen and heard in the garden at Gibb's Farm.

Grey-capped Warbler, *Eminia lepida*
One at Ngorongoro Wildlife Lodge and one at Gibb's Farm.

Red-faced Crombec, *Sylvietta whytii jacksoni*
One at Lake Manyara and five in Serengeti.

Buff-bellied Warbler, *Phyllolais pulchella*
Three at Tarangire campsite and one near Seronera.

Brown Parisoma (Warbler), *Parisoma (Sylvia) lugens jacksoni*
Two in the canopy of fever acacias in the Ngorongoro Crater.

Banded Parisoma (Warbler), *Parisoma (Sylvia) boehmi boehmi*
Two at Naabi Hill.

African Yellow White-eye, *Zosterops senegalensis ssp*
Five near Lobo.

Montane (Broad-ringed) White-eye, *Zosterops poliogaster*
Ssp mbuluensis: 25 at Ngorongoro and 10 at Gibb's Farm.
Ssp eurycricotus: Five in Arusha NP.

White-bellied Tit, *Parus albiventris*
Two at Lobo Wildlife Lodge.

Red-throated Tit, *Parus fringillinus*
Tanzanian near-endemic. One came easily, but silent, in to the tape and performed superbly just outside of Lake Ndutu Wildlife Lodge. One of the highlights of the trip!

White-tailed Blue Flycatcher, *Elminia albicauda*
1-2 in the garden at Gibb's Farm.

African Paradise Flycatcher, *Tersiphone viridis ssp*
5-10 at Gibb's Farm.

Chin-spot Batis, *Batis molitor*
One at Tarangire, five in Serengeti, one at Ngorongoro and one in Arusha NP.

Black-throated Wattle-eye, *Platysteira peltata peltata*
One above Gibb's Farm.

Northern White-crowned (White-rumped) Shrike, *Eurocephalus rueppelli*
Common at Tarangire, Lake Manyara and Serengeti.

Magpie Shrike, *Urolestes melanoleucus aequatorialis*
20-30 at Tarangire, 30+ near Seronera and 15+ near Lobo. Many stunning views of this strange, but beautiful shrike.

Red-backed Shrike, *Lanius collurio kobylini*

One along the road to Lake Manyara.

Isabelline Shrike, *Lanius isabellinus phoenicuroides*

Small numbers at Tarangire, Lake Manyara Serengeti, Ngorongoro and Arusha NP.

Grey-backed Fiscal, *Lanius excubitoroides boehmi*

Common in Serengeti.

Long-tailed Fiscal, *Lanius cabanisi*

Two at Tarangire.

Taita Fiscal, *Lanius dorsalis*

Two in south Serengeti.

Common Fiscal, *Lanius collaris humeralis*

Small numbers at Arusha, Lake Manyara and Ngorongoro and common around Arusha NP.

Brubru, *Nilaus afer*

Ssp massaicus: Three near Seronera and one at Ngorongoro.

Ssp minor: One at Tarangire.

Brown-crowned Tchagra, *Tchagra australis*

Ssp emini: Four separate birds in Serengeti.

Ssp minor: Two at Tarangire and two at Lake Manyara.

Sulphur-breasted Bush-shrike, *Malaconotus sulfureopectus similis*

One at Tarangire campsite and one at Naabi Hill.

Grey-headed Bush-shrike, *Malaconotus blanchoti approximans*

Two showing well at Lobo Wildlife Lodge.

Rosy-patched Bush-shrike, *Rhodophoneus cruentus cathemagmena*

One seen nicely when singing along the road between Tarangire and Lake Manyara.

Tropical Boubou, *Laniarius aethiopicus*

Ssp major: Ten at Ngorongoro and five at Gibb's Farm.

Ssp ambiguus: One in Arusha NP.

Slate-coloured Boubou, *Laniarius funebris*

Two at Tarangire campsite and two at Oldupai Gorge.

Black-backed Puffback, *Dryoscopus cubla hamatus*

One at Lake Manyara Hotel and one at Gibb's Farm.

Black Cuckoo-Shrike, *Campephaga flava*

Two at Lake Manyara, one at Lake Ndutu and two at Gibb's Farm.

Fork-tailed Drongo, *Dicrurus adsimilis*

Small numbers at Tarangire, Lake Manyara and Serengeti.

Black-headed Oriole, *Oriolus larvatus rolleti*

Ten at Arusha, one at Tarangire, two at Gibb's Farm and one in Arusha NP.

Eurasian Golden Oriole, *Oriolus oriolus oriolus*

One at Lake Manyara.

Pied Crow, *Corvus albus*

Ten at Arusha.

White-naped Raven, *Corvus albicollis*

Two at Ngorongoro Wildlife Lodge and one at Gibb's Farm.

Cape Rook, *Corvus capensis*

5+ near Seronera.

Kenrick's Starling, *Poeoptera kenricki kenricki*

50+ at Novotel in Arusha and a flock of 15 on the slopes of Mt Meru in Arusha NP.

Waller's Starling, *Onychognathus walleri elgonensis*

20 at Ngorongoro Crater rim.

Red-winged Starling, *Onychognathus morio*

Often fairly common in most areas.

Blue-eared Glossy Starling, *Lamprotornis chalybaeus sycobius*

50+ in Serengeti.

Rüppell's Long-tailed Starling, *Lamprotornis purpuropterus*

Common around Seronera.

Hildebrandt's Starling, *Lamprotornis hildebrandti*

Common around Seronera.

Superb Starling, *Lamprotornis superbus*

Common in most areas.

Ashy Starling, *Cosmopsarus unicolor*

Tanzanian endemic. Common at Tarangire and easily seen at the campsite.

Violet-backed Starling, *Cinnyricinclus leucogaster verreauxi*

Seven at Lake Manyara and one near Seronera.

Wattled Starling, *Creatophora cinerea*

One near Lake Manyara and small numbers in Serengeti and the Ngorongoro Crater.

Red-billed Oxpecker, *Buphagus erythrorhynchus*

Fairly common at Tarangire, Lake Manyara, Serengeti, Ngorongoro and Arusha NP.

Yellow-billed Oxpecker, *Buphagus africanus africanus*

10 at Tarangire and two near Seronera.

Eastern (Kenya) Violet-backed Sunbird, *Anthreptes orientalis*

One female at Lake Manyara Hotel.

Collared Sunbird, *Anthreptes collaris garguensis*

One at Lake Manyara and two at Gibb's Farm.

Amethyst Sunbird, *Nectarinia amethystina kirkii*

One at Novotel in Arusha.

Scarlet-chested Sunbird, *Nectarinia senegalensis*

Ssp lamperti: Two at Lake Ndutu and one near Seronera.

Ssp gutturalis: Two at Tarangire and two in Arusha NP.

Variable Sunbird, *Nectarinia venusta falkensteini*

Small numbers at Arusha, Lake Manyara, Ngorongoro and Arusha NP.

Eastern Double-colored Sunbird, *Nectarinia mediocris mediocris*
Common at Ngorongoro Crater rim.

Marico Sunbird, *Nectarinia mariquensis*
One at Lobo Wildlife Lodge and two at Seronera Wildlife Lodge.

Tacazze Sunbird, *Nectarinia tacazze jacksoni*
About five (males and females) of this magnificent sunbird just outside Ngorongoro Wildlife Lodge.

Bronze Sunbird, *Nectarinia kilimensis kilimensis*
Five at Novotel in Arusha, common at Gibb's Farm and five in Arusha NP.

Golden-winged Sunbird, *Nectarinia reichenowi reichenowi*
Five at Ngorongoro Crater rim.

Beautiful Sunbird, *Nectarinia pulchella melanogastra*
Five at Tarangire and one in Serengeti.

Grey-headed Sparrow, *Passer griseus ssp*
Fairly common at Tarangire, Lake Manyara, Serengeti and Ngorongoro. According to Zimmerman et al ssp ugandae is principally west of the Rift and ssp gongonensis east of the Rift.

Kenya Rufous Sparrow, *Passer rufocinctus rufocinctus*
One near Seronera and two at Oldupai Gorge.

Chestnut Sparrow, *Passer eminibey*
Two at Tarangire campsite.

Yellow-spotted Petronia, *Petronia pyrgita*
Two at Lake Manyara and five at Lobo.

White-headed Buffalo-Weaver, *Dinemellia dinemelli boehmi*
Common at Tarangire, Lake Manyara and Serengeti.

Red-billed Buffalo-Weaver, *Bubalornis niger intermedius*
Common at Tarangire and Serengeti.

Rufous-tailed Weaver, *Hirundo ruficaudus*
Tanzanian endemic. Common and conspicuous breeder at Tarangire, Lake Ndutu, Naabi Hill, Seronera and the Ngorongoro Crater.

Grey-capped Social-Weaver, *Pseudonigrita arnaudi dorsalis*
10-15 near Seronera.

Speckle-fronted Weaver, *Sporopipes frontalis emini*
Five at Tarangire, ten at Lobo, five at Seronera and 20 at Oldupai Gorge.

Grosbeak-Weaver, *Amblyospiza albifrons montana*
Three at Lake Manyara and one nest-building in the garden at Gibb's Farm.

Baglafaecht Weaver, *Ploceus baglafaecht reichenowi*
50 at Arusha, two at Lake Manyara, common at Ngorongoro and 10 in Arusha NP.

Spectacled Weaver, *Ploceus ocularis crocatus*
One above Gibb's Farm.

Holub's Golden Weaver, *Ploceus xanthops*
Three at Gibb's Farm.

Taveta Golden Weaver, *Ploceus castaneiceps*

Tanzanian near-endemic. Four at Lake Jembamba in Arusha NP. Possibly two more seen at nearby Seneto Pool.

Vitelline Masked Weaver, *Ploceus velatus uluensis*

Two at Tarangire.

Lesser Masked Weaver, *Ploceus intermedius intermedius*

One near Seronera and common at Oldupai Gorge.

Speke's Weaver, *Ploceus spekei*

Common at Novotel in Arusha.

Red-billed Quelea, *Quelea quelea aethiopica*

Common at Tarangire and the Ngorongoro Crater.

Yellow Bishop, *Euplectes capensis crassirostris*

Two in the garden at Gibb's Farm And one near Momella Lakes in Arusha NP.

Fan-tailed Widowbird, *Euplectes axillaris phoeniceus*

50+ in a pool in the Ngorongoro Crater.

Red-collared Widowbird, *Euplectes ardens suahelica*

20 near Momella Lakes in Arusha NP.

Grey-headed Negrofinch, *Nigrita canicapilla diabolica*

One above Gibb's Farm and one on the slopes of Mt Meru in Arusha NP.

Green-winged Pytilia, *Pytilia melba belli*

Two at Lake Manyara.

African (Blue-billed) Firefinch, *Lagonosticta rubricata hildebrandti*

Two at Tarangire, 5+ at Lake Manyara and 10+ at Ngorongoro.

Red-cheeked Cordon-bleu, *Uraeginthus bengalus ugogoensis*

Fairly common at Tarangire, Lake Manyara and Serengeti.

Purple Grenadier, *Uraeginthus ianthinogaster*

One at Lake Manyara, two at Lobo Wildlife Lodge, 10+ at Oldupai Gorge and five at Ngorongoro.

Yellow-bellied Waxbill, *Estrilda quartinia kilimensis*

Five at Ngorongoro Wildlife Lodge and 10+ at Gibb's Farm.

Crimson-rumped Waxbill, *Estrilda rhodopyga centralis*

300+ at Lake Manyara Hotel, 50+ at Lake Manyara and four at Gibb's farm.

Black-faced (Black-cheeked) Waxbill, *Estrilda erythronotus delamerei*

One at Ndotu Wildlife Lodge, one at Naabi Hill and two at Oldupai Gorge.

African/Grey-headed Silverbill, *Lonchura cantans/griseicapilla*

One at Lake Manyara was probably griseicapilla.

Bronze Mannikin, *Lonchura cucullata scutata*

50+ at Lake Manyara and 50+ at Gibb's Farm.

Black-and-white Mannikin, *Lonchura bicolor nigriceps*

10 in the garden at Gibb's Farm were of the red-backed race.

Cut-throat, *Amadina fasciata alexanderi*

Two at Tarangire campsite and one at Lake Manyara Hotel.

Streaky Seedeater, *Serinus striolatus striolatus*

Common at Ngorongoro.

(Kenya) Yellow-rumped Seedeater, *Serinus reichenowi*

One at the gate at Tarangire.

Thick-billed Seedeater, *Serinus burtoni kilimensis*

One at Ngorongoro Wildlife Lodge and four at Gibb's Farm.

East African Citril, *Serinus citrinelloides hypostictus*

Two at Novotel in Arusha, one at Lake Manyara and three at Gibb's Farm.

Yellow-fronted Canary, *Serinus mozambicus barbatus*

Six near Lobo.

Brimstone Canary, *Serinus sulphuratus sharpii*

Two near Lobo.

Golden-breasted Bunting, *Emeriza flaviventris kalaharica*

One near Lobo.

List of Mammals

Pallid Ground Squirrel

A few around the campsite at Tarangire.

Huet's Bush-Squirrel, *Funesciurus ochraceus*

One near Gibb's Farm.

Savanna Mouse

One at Tarangire, five at Oldupai Gorge and one at Ngorongoro.

"Seven-striped Mouse", *Lemniscomys barbarus*

One seen several times in the garden at Gibb's Farm.

Fruit-Bat

A few roosted in the roof at Tarangire restaurant.

African Hare

Five at Tarangire campsite, 10+ at Lake Ndutu and five at Seronera.

Olive Baboon

Common in most areas, sometimes flocks of 200+.

Blue Monkey

40+ at Lake Manyara.

Vervet (Green) Monkey

Smaller numbers seen in most areas.

Abyssinian Black-and-white Colobus

10+ in Arusha NP.

Common (Golden) Jackal

One near Lake Ndutu and eight (often in twos) near Seronera. Only seen on short grass plains. Should be the most uncommon of the three jackals.

Side-striped Jackal

Two near Seronera was a nice sighting. Obvious white tail-tips and dark stripe along the side of body.

Black-backed Jackal

10+ at Lake Ndutu and three around Seronera.

Bat-eared Fox

Two parties of five and three respectively near Seronera.

Common Genet

Two at night at Tarangire campsite and two habituated at (or actually in!) Ndutu Wildlife Lodge.

Bushy-tailed Mongoose

One ran across the road just outside Ngorongoro Wildlife Lodge.

Slender Mongoose

One at Seronera Wildlife Lodge and one in Arusha NP.

Dwarf Mongoose

40+ at Tarangire and 10 near Seronera.

Banded Mongoose

40+ at Tarangire, 10+ at Lake Manyara and small numbers in Serengeti.

Spotted Hyaena

Several groups in Serengeti, especially around Seronera.

Serval

One of the highlights of the trip was to find this difficult-to-see cat in broad daylight in low vegetation along the Seronera River Valley.

Lion

Three males of the Tarangire mane-less form near Tarangire campsite. In Serengeti we saw several groups each day, especially around kopjes near Seronera and Lobo. Several were old black-maned males. In the Ngorongoro Crater two males were seen to catch a Hippo right in front of our eyes in broad daylight! To kill the Hippo took almost half an hour despite them being able to turn the Hippo on its back.

Leopard

One performing classically in an Acacia tree along the river at Tarangire was the only sighting.

Cheetah

Female with a young near Seronera, female with four youngsters near Lobo and a total of ten one day around Seronera.

Rock Dassie

Common at Lobo and Seronera Wildlife Lodges.

Tree Dassie

One at Lobo Wildlife Lodge and common at Seronera Wildlife Lodge. Identified only on tree-climbing behaviour.

African Elephant

Common at Tarangire and Lake Manyara and small numbers at Lake Ndutu and Ngorongoro.

Burchell's Zebra

Common at Tarangire, Lake Manyara and Ngorongoro. In Serengeti they were sometimes abundant, especially on short grass plains in the south.

Black Rhinoceros

Three seen in the Ngorongoro Crater at a distance from the rim viewpoint. One seen equally distant from Ngorongoro Wildlife Lodge and then finally two separate individuals seen at closer range in the crater. Apparently only about 15 are left in the Ngorongoro area and a further 30-40 in the rest of Tanzania, despite the government claiming at least 400. If not extirpated by poachers, it will probably suffer from poor gene-flow.

Hippopotamus

30+ at Lake Manyara, smaller numbers near Seronera (one grazing just outside our window at night at Seronera), 50+ at Ngorongoro and five in Arusha NP.

Warthog

Common in most areas.

Giraffe

Common in most areas.

Cape Eland

One at Tarangire and a sizable gathering of 300+ near Lobo and one near Seronera. The Swedish name "Elk Antelope" seems really appropriate!

Southern Bushbuck

One at Lake Manyara, one at Lobo and five on the slopes of Mt Meru in Arusha NP.

Defassa Waterbuck

10+ at Ngorongoro.

Common Waterbuck

Common at Tarangire, ten near Seronera and five in Arusha NP.

Bohor Reedbuck

One at Tarangire, one at Lobo and four near Seronera.

Coke's Hartebeest

Five at Tarangire, large flocks in the northern parts of Serengeti totalling several hundreds and 50+ in the Ngorongoro Crater.

Topi

Common around Lobo and ten near Seronera.

Wildebeest

After having seen smaller numbers at Tarangire and Lake Manyara it was incredible to see the peak migration in the southern/central Serengeti. During a few seconds we probably saw more Wildebeests than we had ever seen cattle in our lives! To see this ancient relicts slowly move across the short grass plains in such unbelievable masses, must surely be one of the most magnificent mammal experiences. To estimate the numbers is a sheer impossibility, but Serengeti has a population of about 1.2 million and this was probably the larger proportion of those.

Impala

Common in most areas.

Grant's Gazelle

20 at Tarangire and common in Serengeti. This is a real dry country gazelle which urinates pure crystals not to loose fluid.

Thomson's Gazelle

Common at Lake Manyara and very common in Serengeti, especially on the short grass plains in the south.

Red Duiker

Two seen and a few more heard when bouncing away in the understorey on the slopes of Mt Meru in Arusha NP.

Klipspringer

Conspicuous and easily seen on the kopjes at Lobo Wildlife Lodge. Most stunning pattern on the insides of the ears!

Steenbok

One at Tarangire and 6 near Lobo.

Kirk's Dikdik

15+ at Tarangire, one at Lake Manyara and four at Lobo.

African Buffalo

30 at Lake Manyara, common in central and northern Serengeti, Ngorongoro and Arusha NP.