

Report of a Birding Trip to

Uganda

From 15th February 2020 to 23th February 2020

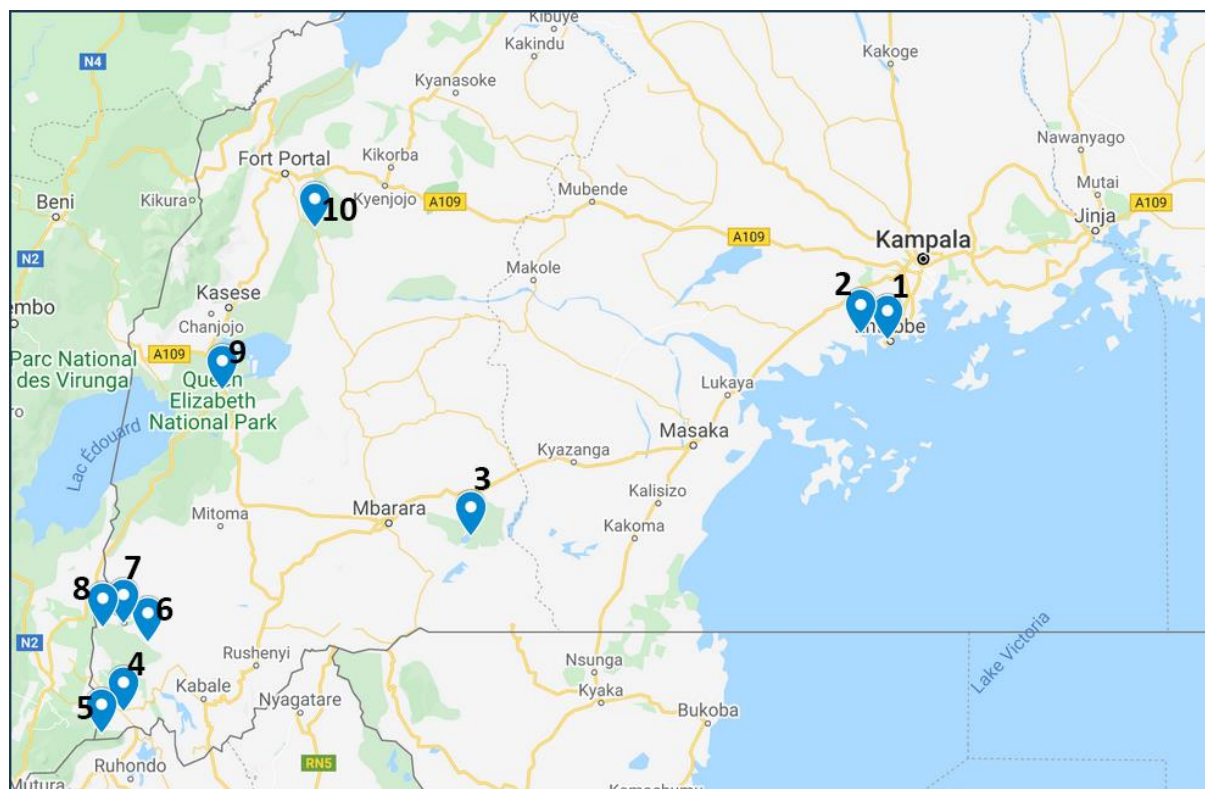
Participants:

Arjan Brenkman, Jan van der Laan, Arshley Brian (guide)



Green-breasted Pitta, 23 February 2020, Kibale NP, Uganda; © Jan van der Laan.

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Introduction

Between 14 and 23 February 2020, Arjan Brenkman and me, Jan van der Laan travelled to Uganda, Africa. We both had visited South Africa in the past, but we had no experience in birding in tropical Africa. We checked several trip reports on CloudBirders and especially the [trip report](#) of Scott Kampmeier made us to choose for the [BirdingInUganda](#) company. The owner Paul Tamwenya said he could not guide us himself but offered the services of Arshley Brian. We negotiated for an itinerary in the south-west with emphasis on Green-breasted Pitta, Shoebill, African Finfoot and the Albertine Rift Endemics. Also included were a day Gorilla tracking and an afternoon Chimpanzee tracking.

Itinerary

- 14 Feb** We took the KLM KL0535 flight of 9:55 hours from **Amsterdam** via Rwanda to **Entebbe, Uganda**. Flight departed in time and nothing worth to mention happened during the flight. We arrived at c 22:00 on **Entebbe International Airport**, where it was 2 hours later. They checked at the customs if we had a Yellow Fever vaccination and also we had to pay \$50 for an entrance visa. Our luggage appeared quickly and at around 22:30 we were at the exit. We had to wait c 20 minutes before Arshley arrived. Arshley brought us the [Papyrus Lodge](#). At 23:30 hours we went to sleep.
- 15 Feb** We were awake while it was still dark and in the garden of the lodge we had our first bird, a Grey-backed Caromeptera. After a quick breakfast we drove through the outskirts of **Entebbe** in the direction of our first target area, the **Mabamba Swamp**, a beautiful swamp mainly consisting of Papyrus. We embarked in a wooden boat and we went looking for our main quarry, the Shoebill. Several boats were in the area and with mobile phones they keep in contact with each other. After an half hour we were directed to a small channel and suddenly, a large bird flew off and landed before us. It took some 10 long minutes to push the boat through a small overgrown channel, but the Shoebill was present and stayed, giving us prolonged views. After half an hour we went looking for Papyrus Gonolek and Lesser Jacana. The Gonolek stayed out of sight, but after some careful searching we found two Lesser Jacanas. Other birds were Blue-breasted Bee-eater, Winding Cisticola, Swamp Flycatcher, Yellow-billed Duck, African Jacana, African and Western Marsh Harrier and several species of weavers. Moreover another Shoebill was found, together with the first bird. Unfortunately a thunder storm was developing so Arshley suggested it was best to leave the area and head for Lake Mburo. We had a quick lunch in a road restaurant at the Equator and continued our journey to Lake Mburo. Along the road we saw Wahlberg's Eagle, Southern Red Bishop, African Wattled Lapwing and Brown Snake Eagle. We arrived at around 16:15 hours at our hotel, the [Eagle's Nest](#). After dropping our bags we started birding in the savanna area of **Lake Mburo NP**, mainly along the Impala trail. Best birds were Grey Kestrel, Grey Penduline Tit, Meyer's Parrot, Red-cheeked Cordon-bleu, Striped Kingfisher, Orange-breasted Bushshrike, African Grey Hornbill, Meyer's Parrot, Crested Barbet, Nubian Woodpecker, Little Bee-eater, Spot-flanked Barbet, Red-necked Spurfowl, Crested Francolin, Black-headed Gonolek and a Black-shouldered Nightjar on the road! After dinner and a beer we went to sleep. The beds were in a tent with a neat bathroom outside. At night Arjan heard an African Scops Owl.
- 16 Feb** In morning some birding in the **savanna area** of Lake Mburo NP. At 8:00 hours we were present at the boat ramp for the boat trip on **Lake Mburo**. We shared the boat with 5 other tourists and most attention was payed to the hippo's that gave excellent views. Best birds were Swamp Flycatcher, Grey-capped Warbler, African Fish Eagle, Water Dikkop, Striated Heron, Black Crake, Woodland, Malachite and Pied Kingfishers, Blue-cheeked Bee-eater and the main quarry, the African Finfoot. After two hours we returned and first we looked for the Red-faced Barbet in the savanna area. As we could not obtain good views we decided to drive to the **Rwakobo Rock lodge**, the best place for Red-faced Barbet in Africa. After two hours search we gave up and drove to the north to connect with the road

that directed us to Kisoro. Best birds during the RB Barbet search were Steppe Buzzard, White-headed Vulture, Blue-naped Mousebird, Little Weaver, Black-faced Waxbill, Meyer's Parrot and Greater Blue-eared Starling. After a lunch stop at the **Kaahwa Kanuzire Restaurant, Biharwe** we continued our journey to the west. We had a stop near **Mungenyi**, along the Kabala-Mbarara road in a papyrus swamp for the Papyrus Yellow Warbler. After a few responses we managed to get a glimpse of a bird moving from a papyrus stem into the reeds. Other good birds there were Black-headed Weaver, Carruthers's and Chubb's Cisticola, Grey-crowned Crane and White-winged Swamp Warbler. And again an heard-only of Papyrus Gonolek. Next on the program was the **Echuya Forest Reserve** where we had our first Albertine Rift endemics, Red-faced Wood Warbler and Regal Sunbird. Other good birds were Kandt's Waxbill, White-eyed Slaty Flycatcher, Cinnamon Chested Bee-eater, Northern Puffback and Yellow-whiskered Greenbul. Later we reached **Kisoro** and checked-in in our hotel for two days, the [Travelers Rest Hotel](#).

17 Feb Early morning we drove from **Kisoro** to the **Mgahinga Gorilla NP**. The road was very bad, but there had been no rainfall the past week, so we could continue without problems. On arrival at the visitor centre we had our first White-starred Robin and Northern Double-collared Sunbird. No less than two armed guards plus a guard with a lot of birding experience, Rwamuhanda Levi were assigned to us. After a short briefing we started to walk in the direction of the omnipresent Sabinyo Volcano. The trail is not steep and climbs from 2300 to 2900 meters over a distance of c 6 km. The closer you get to the volcano, the shorter the trees get. Sometimes you pass large stands of bamboo. Our goal was to reach the **Sabinyo Gorge** and to look for specialties like the Ruwenzori Turaco, Ruwenzori Double-collared Sunbird and Shelley's and Dusky Crimsonwings. We also met a group of Gorilla trackers and later we learned we had passed a group of Gorilla's within a 100 meters. Best birds were Archer's Ground Robin, Red-faced Woodland Warbler, Variable and Northern Double-collared Sunbird, Olive-breasted Greenbul, African Olive Pigeon, Afep Pigeon, Ruwenzori Batis, Western Tinkerbird, Ruwenzori Double-collared Sunbird, Strange Weaver, Chubb's Cisticola, Kandt's Waxbill, Doherty's Bushshrike (heard only), Crowned Eagle, Ruwenzori Hill Babbler, Mountain Masked Apalis, Chestnut-throated Apalis and a Montane Nightjar flushed from the trail. Around noon we reached the gorge and at a stream crossing we had lunch and search the undergrowth for both crimsonwings. No crimsonwings, but Ruwenzori Apalis, White-necked Raven, Cinnamon Bracken Warbler and Albertine Boubou gave good views. During the descent we had finally good views of several Ruwenzori Turaco's and a single Dusky Turtle Dove. Also a Golden Monkey gave good views. At 17:00 hours we were back at the parking lot and drove back to **Kisoro**, where spent the night again in the **Travelers Rest Hotel**.

18 Feb Today Gorilla tracking was on the program. Our departure point would be the **Rushaga Sector, Bwindi Impenetrable Forest**. First we had a briefing at the **UWA Ranger station**. Before the briefing started we had some biding behind the building that produced Black-and-white Shrike-flycatcher, African Goshawk, Baglafecht Weaver, Lühder's Bushshrike, Collared Sunbird, Black-billed Weaver and Yellow-billed Barbet. During the briefing c 100 tourists were dived over several groups and we were assigned to a group consisting of seven people, with two guards (one armed) and one helper, who carries your bag and drags you through difficult passages. Next we drove to the point where we would enter the forest to start the walk. At that point we saw our only Sharpe's Starling of the trip. At 9:30 we started to walk. Immediately it became clear that the pace for me was too high, so I had to walk in front. The first hill was very steep, but this proved to be the steepest. It took four hours to reach the so called [Mucunguzi Gorilla family](#). The group consisted of eight individuals. We had very close looks of the Gorilla's and one time the Silverback did charge us, because the guards were cutting down the vegetation to give us better photographic opportunities. The Gorillas were a little bit annoyed by us and some individuals including the Silverback climbed into the trees. After staying with the Gorillas for about an hour we started to go back again. Birds were very few in this area, but that was also caused by the fact we were walking faster than we do normally when looking for birds. Arjan flushed an

Handsome Spurfowl on the trail, just when I was in the back of the group. Only birds we saw during this walk were Black-billed Turacos, Brown-capped Weaver, African Black Swifts, Scarce Swifts and our only Mountain Buzzard. At 18:00 hours we were back at the starting point and Arshley was waiting for us. Next we drove to Ruhija and the last part was in the dark along a bending road through the forest. At c 20:00 hours we reached our hotel in **Ruhija**, the nice [Trekking Tavern Cottages](#), where we had dinner and a cold beer. At night it started to rain.

19 Feb In the morning we heard the rain had not stop. After a quick breakfast and check-out, we went to the **Ruhija Ranger Station** to obtain permit and a guard for the track to the **Mubwindi Swamp**, supposed to be the best place in Uganda. The trail descends and was very slippery and almost waterfall-like. After 2 km walking we came upon an area where obviously a large group of elephants had recently passed. They were still close as we could smell them! For Arjan this was bad news. Moreover the guard told us there was currently a large herd present in the swamp itself. So we decided this was not a good idea and returned. We arrived at c 11:00 hours at the main road again and did some birding at **Ruhija** along the road. Best birds were Tambourine Dove, Rock Martin, Stripe-breasted Tit, Dwarf Honeyguide, Regal Sunbird, White-tailed Blue Flycatcher, Doherty's Bushshrike (heard only, again!), Barred Prinia and White-browed Crombec. We slowly moved in the direction of **the Neck**, an area where the road passed the narrowest part of Bwindi. Fortunately it stopped raining, so we finally had some pleasant and relaxed birding without any physical effort. We had good looks of Grey-throated Barbet, Speckled Tinkerbird, Least Honeyguide, Slender-billed & Yellow-whiskered Greenbul, Grey-headed & White-breasted Nigrita, White-chinned Prinia, Dusky-blue Flycatcher, Black-necked Weaver, Bocage's Bushshrike, Petit's Cuckooshrike, Black-faced Rufous Warbler, Black-throated Apalis and Olive, Blue-throated Brown, Little Green and Green-headed Sunbirds. Where the road crosses a stream we had good views of Black Bee-eater, Cassin's Flycatcher and Mountain Wagtail. Finally we reached **Buhoma** village where we checked in for two nights in the [Ride 4 a Woman lodge](#), a place run by women. The lodge has a very nice veranda and the cottages have a nice porch too. At 21:30 we went to sleep, after a good dinner and a beer.

20 Feb Today we birded the trail that goes south from **Buhoma**. Halfway there is a side trail going to a waterfall. We had arranged a local guide called Nicolas, a young and very good and knowledgeable birder. We started to look for Chapin's Flycatcher, just behind the briefing area. We heard and singing and just when we had it in sight it flew away. Other birds at the start of the trail were Scaly-breasted Illadopsis, Many-colored Bushshrike, Lühder's Bushshrike, Cassin's Honeybird, Black-necked Weaver, Narrow-tailed Starling and Plain Greenbul. We were just going south again, when one of Nicolas's friend phoned to tell they had found a Kivu Ground Thrush, We started to run to the place and happily it was only c 500 meter running and on arrival we heard the bird singing. The bird moved on, but the second time we could catch a glimpse of the bird, when it flew away from its perch. We continued birding and spent some time getting an African Broadbill into view, with in the meantime birds like Chestnut Wattle-eye, Scaly-breasted Illadopsis, African Shrike-flycatcher, White-headed Wood Hoopoe, Red-throated Alethe, Bar-tailed Trogon (heard only) and White-bellied Robin-Chat. Again the other guards phoned again, telling they had found another Kivu Ground Thrush! We had to run for about a kilometre and the bird was c 100 meters into the thick forest, but to our surprise the bird was close and started to sing at close range on a mossy branch. We could film it, photograph it and sound recording it. Next we started to look for Neumann's Warbler along the **Waterfall Trail**. Unfortunately it started to rain heavily and we had to hide under a shelter and stayed there for more than two hours. When it stopped we continued birding along the main trail and we finally saw a Bar-tailed Trogon plus Elliot's Woodpecker, Grey Apalis, Green Hylia, White-tailed Ant Thrush, Ansorge's Greenbul, Yellow-spotted Barbet, African Emerald Cuckoo and Yellow-streaked Greenbul. Then we heard a Neumann's Warbler singing along the main trail, so we had to go off trail. After some careful scrutinizing of the forest floor we managed to get very good and close looks of this skulking species until a Black-faced

Rufous Thrush chased it away. Also at the same location we heard a Red-tailed Bristlebill, but we discovered we were standing on an ant gathering so we were bitten all over and we had to run to get back to the safety of the trail again! We walked slowly back to **Buhoma** again, with new additions like Dusky Long-tailed Cuckoo, Hairy-breasted Barbet, Purple-headed Starling, Fraser's Rufous Thrush, Black Bee-eater, Little Green Sunbird, Equatorial Akalat, Red-tailed Greenbul, Grey-throated Tit-Flycatcher, Grey-headed Sunbird, Pink-footed Puffback and Buff-throated Apalis. We arrived at the parking lot at around 18:00 and said goodbye to our guards. A raptor flying over the mountain ridge turned out to be a Cassin's Hawk Eagle. We returned to the **Ride 4 a Woman lodge** again where we had a good dinner together with Arshley and Nicolas and made appointments with him to look for Red-chested Flufftail the next day.

21 Feb After an early breakfast and check-out we went to a location **outside Buhoma** where we would meet Nicolas again. Nicolas knew a swamp that was supposed to be good for Red-chested Flufftail. The swamp was very small and the strategy was to entice a bird to cross a small corridor in the reed. One bird responded immediately to our tape and walked at the edge of the reeds and crossed the channel twice, the last time in full view. A Ross's Turaco and a close Grey-capped Warbler completed our success. We said goodbye to Nicolas. Now we had an all day long drive to Kibale NP through **Queen Elizabeth NP**. It takes you through all kind of habitats like open rain forest to grassy savannas. Unfortunately we had no time to visit the tree climbing Lions here or do a boat trip in the Kazinga Channel, but we had enough birds this day to soften the pain, like Spot-flanked Barbet, Fan-tailed Grassbird, Eurasian Hobby, Palm-nut Vulture, Red-headed Lovebird, Flappet Lark, Sooty Chat, White-browed Coucal, Levaillant's Cuckoo, Red-faced Crombec, White-headed Barbet, African Pygmy Kingfisher, White-rumped Swift, Ayres's Hawk-Eagle, Long-toed Lapwing, Blue Malkoha, Saddle-billed Stork, Blue-breasted Kingfisher (heard-only), African Grey Woodpecker, Black-winged Kite, Verreaux's Eagle-Owl, good views of an immature White-backed Vulture, Red-shouldered Cuckooshrike, Violet-backed Starling and White-headed Saw-wing. Tension rose when we reached the bridge over the **Kazinga Channel** where we would obviously had our last chance to see Papyrus Gonolek. We played the song once and there it was in full sight, a beautiful and angry Papyrus Gonolek. A Carruthers's Cisticola was a new bird for Arjan and a large flock of Little Swift offered wonderful photographic opportunities to catch different positions of Little Swifts in flight. Also Martial Eagle, Black-chested Snake Eagle and Grey-headed Kingfisher were good roadside sightings. At 19:00 hours we reached our hotel for the last two days, the wonderful and friendly [Kibale Forest Lodge](#) at the edge of **Kibale NP**.

22 Feb Today would be the day where we all longed for, to look for an find our man quarry, the Green-breasted Pitta. We woke up early, had a quick breakfast with lots of coffee and moved to the **Visitors Center of Kibale NP**. There we heard that our guide for the day, Olibokiriho Justice, had seen a bird during the night walk, the evening before, just 200 m behind the center. So our expectations were high. We positioned ourselves in the dark and waited till the bird would start to call. At 6:50 the bird started to call and we approached the tree carefully where the sound was coming from. The tree appeared to be just next to the trail. Then it happened... flash lights and people talking aloud were approaching. We could not stop them in time and only Arshley saw the bird taking off and disappeared. We waited for another 15 minutes, but nothing. Then the guide of the group that chased the bird away phoned us and told us he had two displaying birds just a ten minutes away from us, so we started to run in that direction. On arrival there was nobody anymore, nor was there any bird calling. We spent the rest of the morning looking for the pitta, hoping we would find it on the ground, but we only heard it two times more between the two locations. Birds were few and while looking for the pitta I saw a Chimpanzee walking through the forest (we heard many). We ended the morning with some birding on the parking lot at the entrance of the national park. Best birds were Western Oriole, Red-chested Cuckoo, Red-tailed Ant Thrush, Western Nicator, Red-capped Robin-Chat, Red-bellied Paradise

Flycatcher, Green Hylia and Little Greenbul. At the parking lot before the visitor center we observed three Alpine Swifts, two Yellow-mantled Weavers, Collared Sunbird and our only Yellow-throated Tinkerbird. Also we found a nesting Yellow-crested Woodpecker at the entrance road. We had lunch at our lodge and at 14:00 we started the Chimpanzee trekking in **Kibale NP**. We were assigned to a group of in total eight people, plus two guards and a guide. We had to drive a few kilometres and then we took a forest road and walked for some ten minutes until we came close to a group. We had great opportunities to see them at close range, but after an hour or so we had enough of chasing the animals in such a way and I had the impression the chimps did not like it in the end. With one chase off trail to go, I said I would stay on the main trail and watch the canopy for birds. So I stood all alone in the forest, when the alfa male appeared and walked towards me. A few meters in front of me he sat down and this lasted for five minutes. I stood quiet and when he scratched himself, I scratched myself too. When he looked in the canopy, I looked too. Then his lieutenant appeared with a large amount of fruit and they disappeared in the forest. Then my group came back asking me if I had seen something! Very happy with this experience we left the forest again, looked for a short while for the Blue-throated Roller (nothing) and to end the day, Arshley suggested to look for White-spotted Flufftail in the **Bigodi Swamp** behind the **Kibale Forest Camp**. We were granted permission, thanks to the smooth talking of Arshley and after a five minutes' walk we positioned ourselves on the trail and waited. Immediately a flufftail responded and after some patient waiting, the bird showed itself very well. In the evening we dinner in our lodge and a good beer, but we were afraid we would miss the Green-breasted Pitta.

23 Feb We woke up early, had breakfast and waited for Arshley to pick us up. He arrived on time and at 6:30 we were at the **Visitor Center of Kibale NP** again and waited for Justice to arrive. We immediately went to the spot were normally everybody goes and waited. At 7:00 I heard a pitta far away in the direction of the visitor center, so we walked in that particular direction. The bird stopped before we arrived at the place and now the forest seemed empty and silent (there were actually a lot of birds singing and the chimps started to scream too). Justice offered to go off trail to look for the birds, we stayed on the trail and hoped for the best. At first he phoned us to tell us he had chased a bird from the forest floor, but he could not relocate it. We went to another place and again Justice would go off trail and we would wait on the trail. A Chimpanzee suddenly appeared behind us, but he walked on, totally *not* paying attention to us. Then, at 10:10 we heard an owl imitation from beneath. It was Justice warning us he had found the bird. We ran and jumped to the place and after five long minutes we connected with him and he showed us two Green-breasted Pittas on the forest floor! We could follow the birds for c 20 minutes and were able to take good pictures and video footage. After some kind of celebration we slowly walked the trail in the direction of the car. Last birds in the forest were Dusky Tit, Velvet-mantled Drongo and Brown-eared Woodpecker. We returned to our lodge, packed our things, said farewell to the wonderful personal and at 12:00 hours we drove to Fort Portal. We checked some dead trees on our way for Blue-throated Roller, but again the bird would not show up. We had lunch at Fort Portal at 13:30 hours and from there we had a long drive to Entebbe, seeing only a few birds on our way, like African Palm Swift, Lappet-faced Vulture, Brown Snake Eagle and in the outskirts of **Kampala** we had our only Hooded Vultures. In **Entebbe** we could use a hotel room in the [Victoria View Guest House](#) for an hour to have a shower and prepare for our flight to Amsterdam. After a quick dinner Arshley and his brother brought us to **Entebbe International Airport**. We said farewell to him and thanked us for being a great guide, driver and companion. Check-in went smoothly and our flight departed in time at 23:35.

24 Feb We arrived at 6:00 hours at **Schiphol Airport, Amsterdam**. The luggage arrived quickly and customs let us through without any checking. We both took the train home, Arjan to **Culemborg** and me to **Alkmaar**. Next year the Black-faced Pitta in the Solomons, some left-overs in Northern Thailand or something new: Yunnan, Myanmar, Assam or Cameroon?

Species Accounts

Order and nomenclature follows www.worldbirdnames.org, version 11.2. Species important to us are in capitals. The order in the photographs are on the date taken.

Recommended Literature

We used the Birds Of Eastern Africa by Terry Stevenson and John Fanshawe (2003 edition) which was quite good, although a lot of information is out-dated, like the occurrence of Ansorge's Bulbul at Buhoma or any descriptions of the sounds of Green-breasted Pitta. There is a new version announced, but that will be somewhere in the end of 2020. Trip reports can be found at www.cloudbirders.com, www.surfbirds.com and www.birdtours.co.uk

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[Jan van der Laan](#) and Arjan Brenkman, Alkmaar & Culemborg February-March 2020.

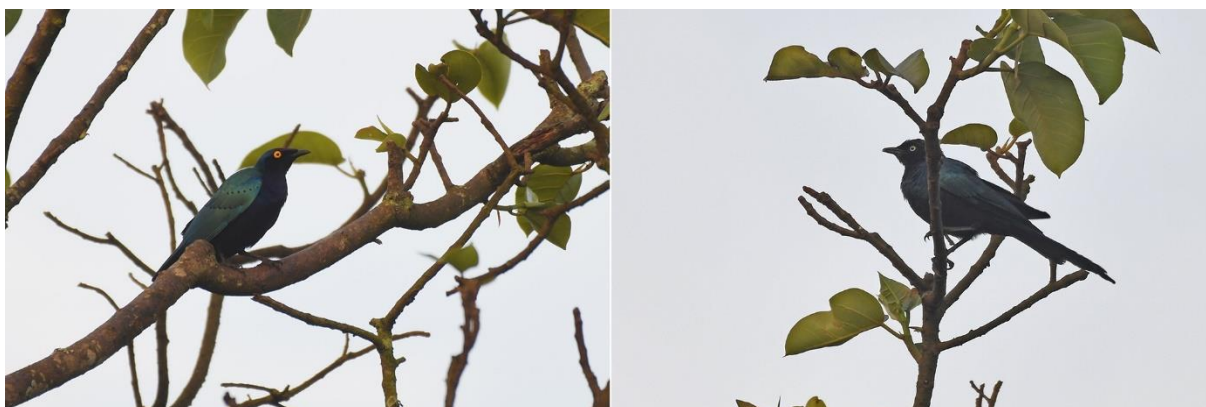


Victory at the Green-breasted Pitta. From left to right: Justice, Jan, Arshley and Arjan; © Arjan Brenkman.

On 14 November 2022 we heard Justice had passed away. Rest in peace, Justice, we will never forget you.



Left: Great Blue Turaco; right: White-throated Bee-eater; both on 15 February 2020, Entebbe-Mabamba Swamp; © Jan van der Laan.



Left: Purple Starling; right: Rüppell's Starling; both on 15 February 2020, Entebbe-Mabamba Swamp; © Jan van der Laan.



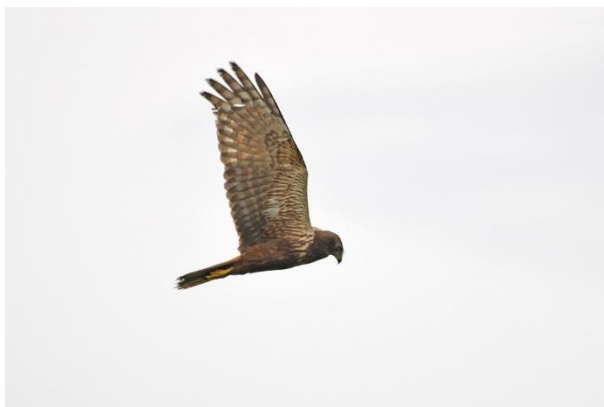
Left: Blue-breasted Bee-eater; right: Swamp Flycatcher; both on 15 February 2020, Mabamba Swamp; © Jan van der Laan.



Left: adult African Jaçana; right: juvenile African Jaçana; both on 15 February 2020, Mabamba Swamp; © Jan van der Laan.



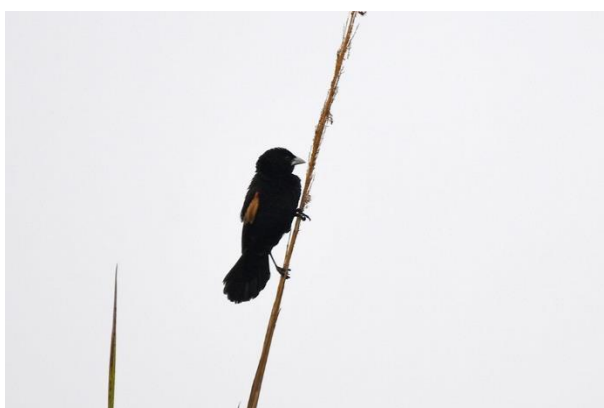
The first Shoebill we saw, most probably an immature, 15 February 2020, Mabamba Swamp; © Jan van der Laan.



Left: African Marsh Harrier; right: Western Osprey; both on 15 February 2020, Mabamba Swamp; © Jan van der Laan.



Left: Wood Sandpiper; right: Yellow-billed Ducks; 15 February 2020, Mabamba Swamp; © Jan van der Laan.



Left: Fan-tailed Widowbird; right: Winding Cisticola (very common); 15 February 2020, Mabamba Swamp; © Jan van der Laan.



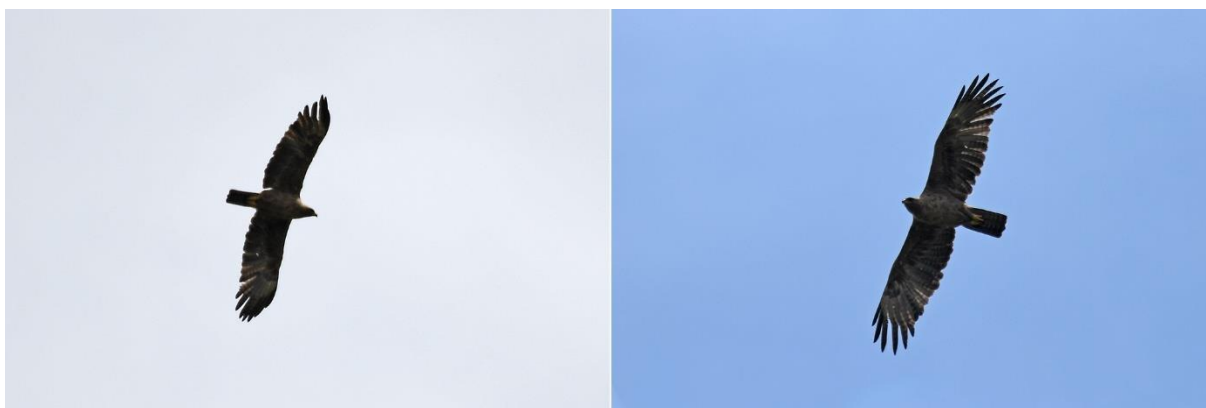
Lesser Jacanas, after a long search, 15 February 2020, Mabamba Swamp; © Jan van der Laan.



The second Shoebill, now an adult, 15 February 2020, Mabamba Swamp; © Jan van der Laan.



The first bird, now in another part of the swamp, showing its enormous wings, 15 February 2020, Mabamba Swamp; © Jan van der Laan.



The same Wahlberg's Eagle in different light conditions, 15 February 2020, east of Lake Mburo NP; © Jan van der Laan.



Left: African Wattled Lapwings; right: Golden-backed Weavers; 15 February 2020, Lake Mbuo NP; © Jan van der Laan.



Left: Fork-tailed Drongo; right: Red-necked Spurfowl; 15 February 2020, Lake Mbuo NP; © Jan van der Laan.



Left: Grey Kestrel; right: Yellow-billed Oxpecker on a Zebra; 15 February 2020, Lake Mbuo NP; © Jan van der Laan.



Left: Striped Kingfishers; right: Little Bee-eater; 15 February 2020, Lake Mbuo NP; © Jan van der Laan.



Left: immature African Fish Eagle; right: adult African Fish Eagle; 16 February 2020, Lake Mburo NP; © Jan van der Laan.



Left: Woodland Kingfisher; right: the very common Malachite Kingfisher; 16 February 2020, Lake Mburo NP; © Jan van der Laan.



Left: Water Thick-knees; right: Black Crane; 16 February 2020, Lake Mburo NP; © Jan van der Laan.



Two different African Finfoots, our main target in Lake Mburo; 16 February 2020, Lake Mburo NP; © Jan van der Laan.



Left: Blue-cheeked (or Olive?) Bee-eater; right: Lappet-faced Vulture; 16 February 2020, Lake Mburo NP; © Jan van der Laan.



Left: Yellow Wagtail (ssp *thunbergi*); right Common Buzzard (ssp *vulpinus*); 16 February 2020, Lake Mburo NP; © Jan van der Laan.



Left: Black-headed Weaver; right: Grey-crowned Crane; 16 February 2020, Mungenyi, along the Kabala-Mbarara road; © Jan van der Laan.



Left: Yellow-rumped Tinkerbird; right: Regal Sunbird; 16 February 2020, Echuya Forest Reserve; © Jan van der Laan.



Left: White-starred Robin; right: Red-faced Woodland Warbler; 17 February 2020, Mgahinga Gorilla NP; © Jan van der Laan.



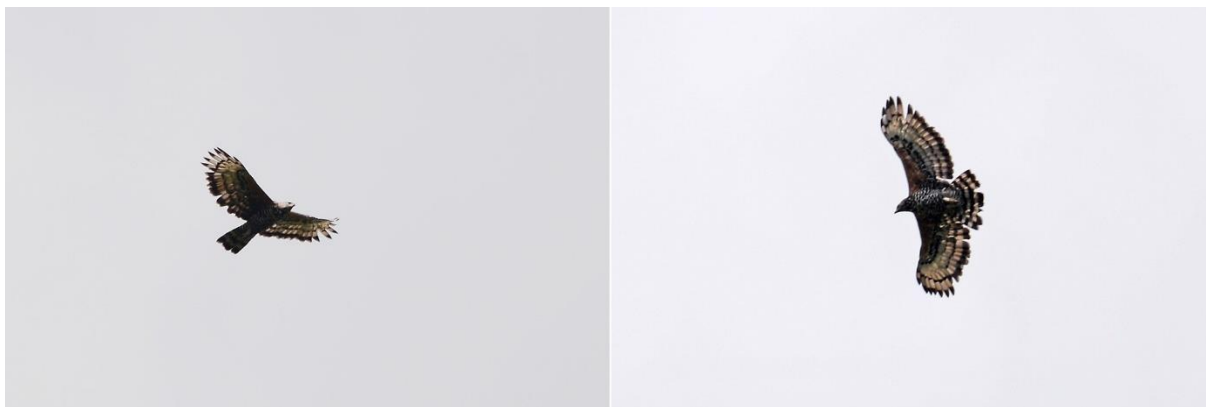
Left: Olive-breasted Greenbul; right: Western Tinkerbird; 17 February 2020, Mgahinga Gorilla NP; © Jan van der Laan.



Left: Kandt's Waxbills; right: Mountain Masked Apalis; 17 February 2020, Mgahinga Gorilla NP; © Jan van der Laan.



Left: Chestnut-throated Apalis; right: Ruwenzori Double-collared Sunbird; 17 February 2020, Mgahinga Gorilla NP; © Jan van der Laan.



Crowned Eagle, probably searching for Golden Monkeys; 17 February 2020, Mgahinga Gorilla NP; © Jan van der Laan.



Left: adult Ruwenzori Turaco; right: immature Ruwenzori Turaco; 17 February 2020, Mgahinga Gorilla NP; © Jan van der Laan.



Left: the scarce Dusky Turtle Dove; right: Cinnamon-breasted Bee-eater; 17 February 2020, Mgahinga Gorilla NP; © Jan van der Laan.



Left: McKinnon's Shrike, 18 February 2020, Rushaga Sector, Bwindi Impenetrable Forest; right: Dwarf Honeyguide, 19 February 2020, Ruhija, Bwindi Impenetrable Forest; © Jan van der Laan.



Left: Grey-throated Barbet; right: White-chinned Prinia; 19 February 2020, The Neck, Bwindi Impenetrable NP; © Jan van der Laan.



Left: Black-necked Weaver; right: Yellow-whiskered Greenbul; 19 February 2020, The Neck, Bwindi Impenetrable NP; © Jan van der Laan.



Black Bee-eater, 19 February 2020, The Neck, Bwindi Impenetrable NP; © Jan van der Laan.



Left: Cassin's Flycatcher; right: Mountain Wagtail; 19 February 2020, The Neck, Bwindi Impenetrable NP; © Jan van der Laan.



Left: Bronze Sunbird; right: Plain Greenbul; 19 February 2020, Buhoma, Bwindi Impenetrable NP; © Jan van der Laan.



Left: Many-coloured Bushshrike; right: Chestnut Wattle-eye; 20 February 2020, Buhoma; © Jan van der Laan.



Left: Abyssinian or Kivu Ground Thrush; right: Bar-tailed Trogon; 20 February 2020, Buhoma; © Jan van der Laan.



Left: Yellow-spotted Barbet; right: Hairy-breasted Barbet; 20 February 2020, Buhoma; © Jan van der Laan.



Left: Fraser's Rufous Thrush; right: Brown-capped Weaver; 20 February 2020, Buhoma; © Jan van der Laan.



Left: Ross's Turaco; right: Grey-capped Warbler; 21 February 2020, Buhoma; © Jan van der Laan.



Left: African Harrier-Hawk looking for the nest of the African Pied Wagtail; 21 February 2020, Buhoma; © Jan van der Laan.



Left: Shikra; right: Flappet Lark; 21 February 2020, Queen Elizabeth NP; © Jan van der Laan.



Left: Red-headed Lovebird; right: Palm-nut Vulture; 21 February 2020, Queen Elizabeth NP; © Jan van der Laan.



Left: White-browed Coucal; right: Levillant's Coucal; 21 February 2020, Queen Elizabeth NP; © Jan van der Laan.



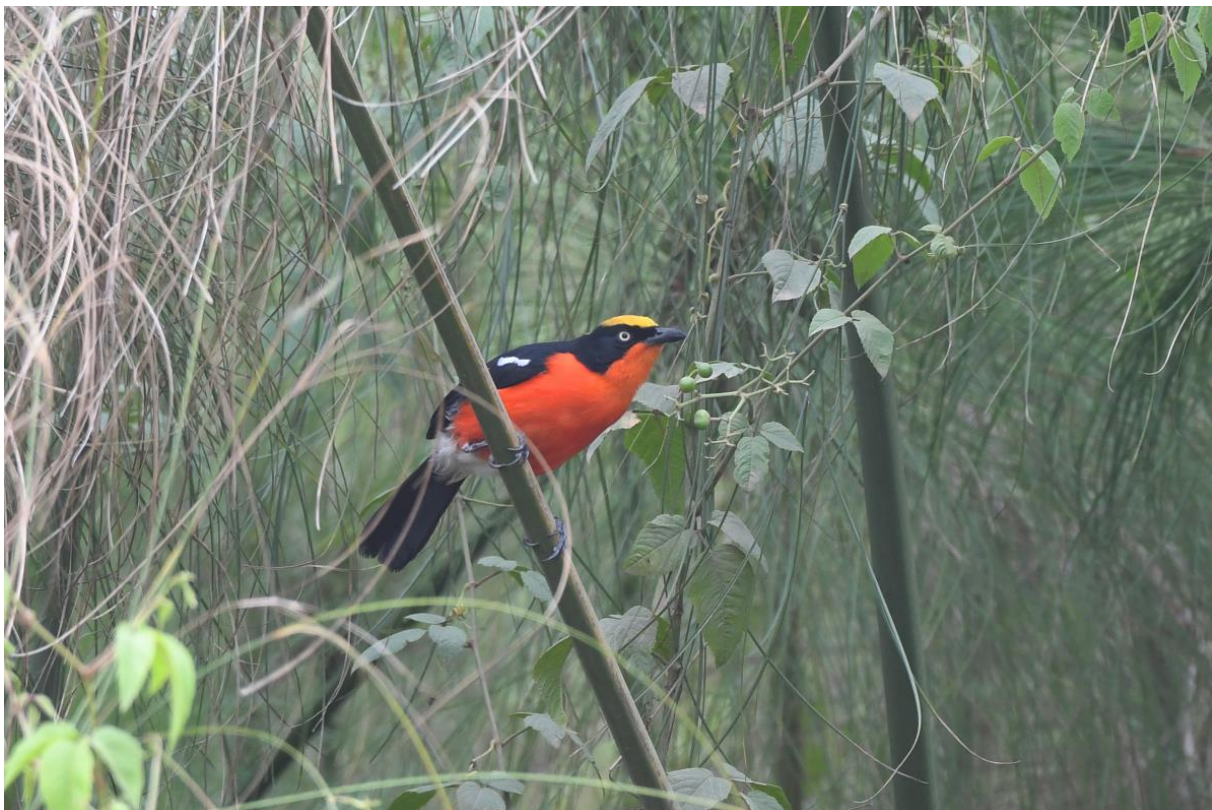
Left: Ayer's Hawk Eagle; right: Blue Malkoha; 21 February 2020, Queen Elizabeth NP; © Jan van der Laan.



Left: African Grey Woodpecker, pretending to be a sapsucker by making little holes; right: Red-faced Cisticola; 21 February 2020, Queen Elizabeth NP; © Jan van der Laan.



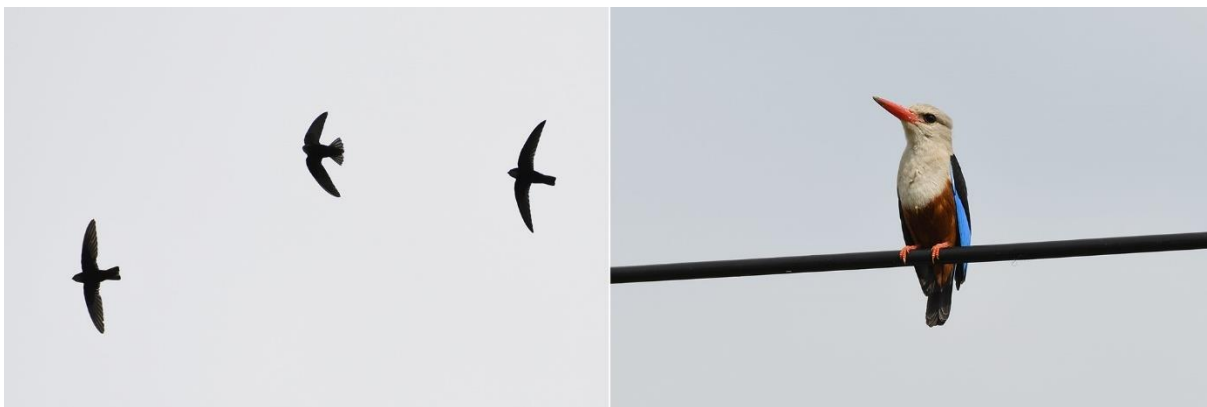
Left: Verreaux's Eagle-Owl; right: immature White-backed Vulture; 21 February 2020, Queen Elizabeth NP; © Jan van der Laan.



Papyrus Gonolek, finally out of the Papyrus jungle, 21 February 2020, Kazinga Channel, Queen Elizabeth NP; © Jan van der Laan.



Left: Martial Eagle; right: Black-chested Snake Eagle; 21 February 2020, north of Kazinga Channel; © Jan van der Laan.



Left: Little Swifts; right: Grey-headed Kingfisher; 21 February 2020, north of Kazinga Channel; © Jan van der Laan.



Left: Little Greenbul; right: Western Oriole; 22 February 2020, Kibale NP; © Jan van der Laan.



Left: Yellow-throated Tinkerbird; right: Yellow-crested Woodpecker; 22 February 2020, Kibale NP; © Jan van der Laan.



Left: White-browed Robin-Chat, 22 February 2020, Kibale Forest Lodge; right: Green-throated Sunbird, 22 February 2020, Visitors Center Kibale NP; © Jan van der Laan.



At last! Green-breasted Pitta, 23 February 2020, Kibale NP; © Jan van der Laan.



Note how the iridescent blue feathers stand out in the gloom of the forest; 23 February 2020, Kibale NP; © Jan van der Laan.

027. **Levaillant's Cuckoo** - *Clamator levaillantii*
21-02 2 ([pair well seen](#)) Queen Elizabeth NP.
028. **Klaas's Cuckoo** - *Chrysococcyx klaas*
19-02 1 ([heard only](#)) between The Neck and Buhoma, Bwindi Impenetrable Forest.
029. **African Emerald Cuckoo** - *Chrysococcyx cupreus*
20-02 2 ([male seen well](#)) Buhoma, Bwindi Impenetrable Forest.
030. **Dusky Long-tailed Cuckoo** - *Cercococcyx mechowi*
18-02 2 (heard only) during the Gorilla track, Rushaga Sector, Bwindi Impenetrable Forest.
20-02 c 5 (2 seen well) Buhoma, Bwindi Impenetrable Forest.
22-02 2-3 Kibale NP; also on 23-02.
031. **Red-chested Cuckoo** - *Cuculus solitarius*
15-02 1 ([photographed](#)) savanna area of Lake Mburo NP.
20-02 c 10 (1 seen well, others heard only) Buhoma, Bwindi Impenetrable Forest.
22-02 c 5 (1 seen well) Kibale NP; also on 23-02.
032. **African/Common Cuckoo** - *Cuculus gularis/canorus*
15-02 2 savanna area of Lake Mburo NP. No calling was heard.
033. **Rock Dove** - *Columba livia*
Several observed in towns. A feral population.
034. **Speckled Pigeon** - *Columba guinea guinea*
Several times observed along roadsides, especially during the first days on our way to the south-west.
035. **Afep Pigeon** - *Columba unicincta*
17-02 1 [Mgahinga Gorilla NP](#).
036. **African Olive Pigeon** - *Columba arquatrix*
16-02 2-3 Echuya Forest Reserve.
17-02 c 10 (all in flight) Mgahinga Gorilla NP.
037. **Dusky Turtle Dove** - *Streptopelia lugens*
17-02 2 ([one seen](#), the other heard only) Mgahinga Gorilla NP.
038. **Red-eyed Dove** - *Streptopelia semitorquata*
The most common pigeon, seen almost daily, especially in secondary growth, but also in the middle of good primary forest, like Mgahinga Gorilla NP.
039. **Ring-necked Dove** - *Streptopelia capicola tropica*
Common in Lake Mburo NP, seen both on 15-02 and 16-02.
040. **Laughing Dove** - *Spilopelia senegalensis senegalensis*
Small numbers on our way to Mabamba Swamp and in Lake Mburo NP. Also between seen along the road between Fort Portal and Entebbe.



041. **Emerald-spotted Wood Dove** - *Turtur chalcospilos*
 15-02 3-4 savanna area of Lake Mburo NP.
042. **Blue-spotted Wood Dove** - *Turtur afer*
 16-02 2 (pair) at the boat ramp of Lake Mburo.
 21-02 c 5 Queen Elizabeth NP.
043. **Tambourine Dove** - *Turtur tympanistria*
 17-02 1 at the car park of Mgahinga Gorilla NP.
 19-02 1 ([immature seen well](#)) side trail of the Bwindi Forest Road, Ruhija.
 20-02 1 along the Buhoma Trail, Buhoma.
 22-02 1 Kibale NP.
044. **African Green Pigeon** - *Treron calvus gibberifrons*
 15-02 c 20 [on the way towards](#) Mabamba Swamp.
 21-02 3 Kibale NP.
045. **African Finfoot** - *Podica senegalensis senegalensis*
 16-02 2 (c 100 meters apart) [during](#) the [boat trip](#), Lake Mburo NP.
046. **White-spotted Flufftail** - *Sarothrura pulchra centralis*
 22-02 1 (finally good views of a male) [Bigodi Swamp](#) behind the Kibale Forest Camp.
 Seen while skulking in undergrowth in a marshy area behind a luxurious lodge.
047. **Red-chested Flufftail** - *Sarothrura rufa elizabethae*
 21-02 1 (seen) in a [small marsh](#) just outside Buhoma.
 One bird crossed a one meter gap in the reeds twice, giving incredible views!
048. **Black Crane** - *Zapornia flavirostra*
 15-02 c 5 (one seen, others heard) Mabamba Swamp.
 16-02 4 ([pair with two chicks](#)) during the boat trip, Lake Mburo NP.
049. **Grey Crowned Crane** - *Balearica regulorum gibbericeps*
 15-02 1 just before main entrance of Lake Mburo NP.
 16-02 2 [Papyrus Yellow Warbler site](#), Mungenyi, along the Kabala-Mbarara road.
 21-02 1 just outside Buhoma.
050. **Little Grebe** - *Tachybaptus ruficollis capensis*
 21-02 1 Queen Elizabeth NP.
051. **Water Thick-knee** - *Burhinus vermiculatus vermiculatus*
 16-02 5 in one group on the [banks of the lake](#) during the boat trip on Lake Mburo NP.
052. **Black-winged Stilt** - *Himantopus himantopus*
 15-02 c 20 rice paddies along the road to Lake Mburo NP.
053. **Long-toed Lapwing** - *Vanellus crassirostris*
 15-02 2 at [the boat ramp](#) of Mabamba Swamp.
 21-02 2 Queen Elizabeth NP.



054. **African Wattled Lapwing** - *Vanellus senegallus lateralis*
 15-02 3 rice paddies along the road to Lake Mburo NP.
 2 [half way between Nombi and the Eagle's Nest](#), Lake Mburo NP.
 2 savanna area of Lake Mburo.
055. **Three-banded Plover** - *Charadrius tricollaris tricollaris*
 15-02 1 rice paddies along the road to Lake Mburo NP.
056. **Lesser Jaçana** - *Microparra capensis*
 15-02 2 ([seen well](#); after quite a search) Mabamba Swamp.
057. **African Jaçana** - *Actophilornis africanus*
 15-02 c 30-40 [Mabamba Swamp](#).
 21-02 5 (pair with 3 chicks) Queen Elizabeth NP.
058. **Common Snipe** - *Gallinago gallinago*
 15-02 1 (flushed) Mabamba Swamp.
059. **Common Sandpiper** - *Actitis hypoleucos*
 15-02 1 savanna area of Lake Mburo.
 16-02 3 Lake Mburo NP.
060. **Green Sandpiper** - *Tringa ochropus*
 16-02 1 Lake Mburo NP.
061. **Wood Sandpiper** - *Tringa glareola*
 15-02 4 Mabamba Swamp.
 21-02 2 Queen Elizabeth NP.
062. **White-winged Tern** - *Chlidonias leucopterus*
 15-02 1 (winter plumage) rice paddies along the road to Lake Mburo NP.
063. **African Openbill** - *Anastomus lamelligerus lamelligerus*
 16-02 2 (in flight) between Lake Mburo NP and the main road to the east.
064. **Woolly-necked Stork** - *Ciconia episcopus episcopus*
 15-02 2 [rice paddies](#) along the road to Lake Mburo NP.
 21-02 3 Queen Elizabeth NP.
065. **Saddle-billed Stork** - *Ephippiorhynchus senegalensis*
 21-02 1 [Queen Elizabeth NP](#). New bird for Arjan, his bogey bird!
066. **Marabou Stork** - *Leptoptilos crumenifer*
 Common in cities and several colonies seen.
067. **Reed Cormorant** - *Microcarbo africanus africanus*
 15-02 c 10 Mabamba Swamp.
 21-02 1 Kazinga Channel, Queen Elizabeth NP.



068. **African Sacred Ibis** - *Threskiornis aethiopicus*
16-02 2 Lake Mburo NP.
069. **Hadada Ibis** - *Bostrychia hagedash nilotica*
Fairly common roadside bird, seen throughout the whole country.
070. **Striated Heron** - *Butorides striata atricapilla*
16-02 2-3 during the boat trip, Lake Mburo NP.
071. **Squacco Heron** - *Ardeola ralloides*
15-02 1 (winter plumage) Mabamba Swamp.
072. **Western Cattle Egret** - *Bubulcus ibis*
Few groups near cattle observed along the various highways.
073. **Grey Heron** - *Ardea cinerea cinerea*
16-02 1 rice paddies between Lake Mburo NP and Echuya Forest Reserve.
074. **Black-headed Heron** - *Ardea melanocephala*
Regularly seen through the whole country. An active heronry was at the Kaahwa Kanuzire Restaurant, Biharwe, Mbarara-Masaka Road on 16-02.
075. **Purple Heron** - *Ardea purpurea purpurea*
15-02 c 5 Mabamba Swamp.
076. **Great Egret** - *Ardea alba melanorhynchos*
21-02 1 at the Kazinga Channel, Queen Elizabeth NP.
077. **Little Egret** - *Egretta garzetta garzetta*
15-02 c 20 rice paddies along the road to Lake Mburo NP.
17-02 1 between Kisoro and Ruhija.
078. **Hamerkop** - *Scopus umbretta umbretta*
Fairly common roadside bird throughout the whole country.
079. **Shoebill** - *Balaeniceps rex*
15-02 2 (one imm., one adult) Mabamba Swamp. Bizarre and huge birds.
The immature was seen along a [small channel](#), later along main channel where the adult [was too](#).
080. **Great White Pelican** - *Pelecanus onocrotalus*
15-02 2 Lake Mburo NP.
081. **Pink-backed Pelican** - *Pelecanus rufescens*
Several colonies in major cities (e.g. Entebbe) and often nesting together with Marabou Storks.
082. **Western Osprey** - *Pandion haliaetus haliaetus*
15-02 1 [Mabamba Swamp](#).



083. **Black-winged Kite** - *Elanus caeruleus caeruleus*
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| 15-02 | 1 | Mabamba Swamp . |
| 21-02 | 1 | Queen Elizabeth NP. |
| | 1 | west of Kibale NP. |
084. **African Harrier-Hawk** - *Polyboroides typus*
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| 16-02 | 1 | during the drive from Lake Mburo NP to Kisoro. |
| 17-02 | 2 | between Rushaga and Buhoma. |
| 21-02 | 1 | inspecting a roof for African Wagtail nests, just outside Buhoma. |
085. **Palm-nut Vulture** - *Gypohierax angolensis*
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| 21-02 | 3 | (two adults, one immature) Queen Elizabeth NP. |
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086. **Hooded Vulture** - *Necrosyrtes monachus*
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| 16-02 | 1 | during the drive from Lake Mburo NP to Kisoro. |
| 23-02 | 3 | (perched in an electricity mast) at the turn off to Entebbe, Kampala. |
087. **White-backed Vulture** - *Gyps africanus*
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| 21-02 | 1 | (immature) Queen Elizabeth NP . |
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088. **Rüppell's Vulture** - *Gyps rueppelli rueppelli*
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| 15-02 | 1 | (soaring with a Lappet-faced) Eagle's Nest, Lake Mburo NP. |
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089. **White-headed Vulture** - *Trionoceph occipitalis*
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| 15-02 | 2 | Lake Mburo NP. |
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090. **Lappet-faced Vulture** - *Torgos tracheliotos tracheliotos*
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| 15-02 | 1 | (soaring with a Rüppell's) Eagle's Nest, Lake Mburo NP. |
| 16-02 | 1 | Lake Mburo NP. |
| 23-02 | 1 | along the A109 during the drive from Fort Portal to Entebbe. |
091. **Black-chested Snake Eagle** - *Circaetus pectoralis*
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| 21-02 | 2 | (one photographed) Queen Elizabeth NP. |
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092. **Brown Snake Eagle** - *Circaetus cinereus*
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| 15-02 | 2 | during drive from Mabamba Swamp and Lake Mburo NP. |
| 23-02 | 1 | along the A109 during the drive from Fort Portal to Entebbe. |
093. **Western Banded Snake Eagle** - *Circaetus cinerascens*
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| 21-02 | 1 | Queen Elizabeth NP. |
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094. **Bataleur** - *Terathopius ecaudatus*
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| 16-02 | 1 | (adult) Lake Mburo NP. |
| 21-02 | 2-3 | (one juvenile photographed) Queen Elizabeth NP. |
095. **Crowned Eagle** - *Stephanoaetus coronatus*
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| 17-02 | 1 | (adult) Mgahinga Gorilla NP. |
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096. **Martial Eagle** - *Polemaetus bellicosus*
21-02 1 [c 2 km north](#) of the Kazinga Channel, Queen Elizabeth NP.
097. **Long-crested Eagle** - *Lophaetus occipitalis*
Common roadside raptor, seen almost daily.
098. **Wahlberg's Eagle** - *Hieraaetus wahlbergi*
Singles seen almost daily, the silhouette is characteristic. Only one light bird was seen. Some birds were identified first as Tawny Eagle or even Lesser Spotted Eagle. Photographs proved otherwise.
099. **Ayres's Hawk-Eagle** - *Hieraaetus ayresii*
21-02 1 ([immature](#)) Queen Elizabeth NP.
100. **Cassin's Hawk-Eagle** - *Aquila africana*
20-02 1 (adult) Buhoma.
101. **Lizard Buzzard** - *Kaupifalco monogrammicus monogrammicus*
Several seen in the outskirts of Entebbe and Buhoma. Also seen in Kibale NP including a displaying pair.
102. **African Goshawk** - *Accipiter tachiro sparsifasciatus*
18-02 1 at the [Rushaga meeting point](#), Bwindi Impenetrable Forest.
103. **Shikra** - *Accipiter badius sphenurus*
Fairly common roadside raptor, most common at cities. Several seen perched.
104. **Black Sparrowhawk** - *Accipiter melanoleucus melanoleucus*
15-02 1 (perched in a large fig tree) Entebbe.
 1 on our way from the Mabamba Swamp to the Masaka-Kampala Road.
18-02 1 along [the road between](#) Rushaga and Buhoma.
105. **Western Marsh Harrier** - *Circus aeruginosus aeruginosus*
15-02 1 Mabamba Swamp.
106. **African Marsh Harrier** - *Circus ranivorus*
15-02 1 ([adult](#)) Mabamba Swamp.
21-02 1 ([or a Western??](#)) Queen Elizabeth NP; suggestions are welcome!
107. **Yellow-billed Kite** - *Milvus aegyptius parasiticus*
Common in cities and roadside. The birds checked were all this species and not *M. migrans*.
108. **African Fish Eagle** - *Haliaeetus vocifer*
15-02 2 Eagle's Nest, Lake Mburo NP.
16-02 c 15 Lake Mburo NP.
21-02 5 Queen Elizabeth NP.
109. **Steppe Buzzard** - *Buteo buteo vulpinus*
16-02 2 Lake Mburo NP.
21-02 1 Queen Elizabeth NP.
22-02 1 Kibale NP.

110. **Mountain Buzzard** - *Buteo oreophilus*
 18-02 1 during the Gorilla trek, Rushaga Sector, Bwindi Impenetrable Forest.
111. **Augur Buzzard** - *Buteo augur*
 16-02 c 8 between Lake Mburo NP and Echuya Forest Reserve.
 17-02 1 Mgahinga Gorilla NP.
 21-02 1 [north of Buhoma](#).
 23-02 1 Kibale NP.
112. **Red-chested Owlet** - *Glaucidium tephronotum medje*
 22-02 1 (heard only) just behind the Visitor Center, Kibale MP; also on 23-02.
113. **African Scops Owl** - *Otus senegalensis*
 16-02 1 (heard only at night) Eagle's Nest, Lake Mburo.
114. **Verreaux's Eagle-Owl** - *Bubo lacteus*
 21-02 1 perched in a tree [along the road](#), Queen Elizabeth NP.
115. **Speckled Mousebird** - *Colius striatus kiwuensis*
 Common to very common throughout the country, seen daily.
116. **Blue-naped Mousebird** - *Urocolius macrourus griseogularis*
 16-02 c 6 savanna area of Lake Mburo NP.
 21-02 c 15 (several groups) Queen Elizabeth NP.
117. **Bar-tailed Trogon** - *Apaloderma vittatum*
 20-02 2 ([one seen](#), one heard only) Buhoma Community Trail, Buhoma.
118. **White-headed Wood Hoopoe** - *Phoeniculus bollei jacksoni*
 20-02 8 (feeding on mossy branches) Buhoma Community Trail, Buhoma.
119. **Green Wood Hoopoe** - *Phoeniculus purpureus marwitzi*
 16-02 c 5 savanna area of Lake Mburo NP.
120. **Crowned Hornbill** - *Lophoceros alboterminatus*
 Regularly seen around Entebbe, Mabamba Swamp, in the garden of Kibale Lodge and one or two during the long drive between Fort Portal and Entebbe.
121. **African Grey Hornbill** - *Lophoceros nasutus epirhinus*
 15-02 c 5 savanna area of Lake Mburo NP.
 16-02 2-3 savanna area of Lake Mburo NP.
 21-02 c 5 Queen Elizabeth NP.
122. **Black-and-white-casqued Hornbill** - *Bycanistes subcylindricus subquadratus*
 15-02 1 along the [Masaka road](#) from Mabamba Swamp to Lake Mburo NP.
 19-02 1 [Ruhija](#).
 22-02 3 Kibale NP.
 23-02 2 Kibale NP.



123. **Lilac-breasted Roller** - *Coracias caudatus caudatus*
 15-02 8 [along the road](#) to Lake Mburo NP.
 16-02 1 along the road from Lake Mburo to the east.
124. **Broad-billed Roller** - *Eurystomus glaucurus suahelicus*
 A common roadside bird, seen throughout the whole country during the trip.
125. **Grey-headed Kingfisher** - *Halcyon leucocephala palliventris*
 21-02 c 10 ([exclusively on wires](#)) in the northern part of Queen Elizabeth NP.
126. **Striped Kingfisher** - *Halcyon chelicuti chelicuti*
 15-02 c 10 [savanna area](#) of Lake Mburo NP.
 16-02 c 5 savanna area of Lake Mburo NP.
 21-02 1 Queen Elizabeth NP.
127. **Blue-breasted Kingfisher** - *Halcyon malimbica malimbica*
 21-02 1 (heard-only; bird stayed in [dense forest edge](#)) Queen Elizabeth NP.
128. **Woodland Kingfisher** - *Halcyon senegalensis senegalensis*
 Fairly common on the roadside wires to Mabamba Swamp, several during the boat trip in Lake Mburo and several more roadside birds throughout the trip.
129. **African Pygmy Kingfisher** - *Ispidina picta ferrugina*
 21-02 2 at the [junction](#) with the road to Ishasha airstrip, Queen Elizabeth NP.
130. **Malachite Kingfisher** - *Corythornis cristatus cristatus*
 Very common in Mabamba Swamp on 15-02 and during the boat trip in Lake Mburo on 16-02.
131. **Pied Kingfisher** - *Ceryle rudis rudis*
 Abundant in Mabamba Swamp and during the boat trip in Lake Mburo and a single bird seen from the birds over the Kazinga Channel in Queen Elizabeth NP.
132. **Black Bee-eater** - *Merops gularis australis*
 19-02 5 [The Neck](#), Bwindi Impenetrable Forest NP.
 20-02 1 Buhoma Community Trail.
 23-02 2 Kibale NP.
133. **Little Bee-eater** - *Merops pusillus meridionalis*
 15-02 2-3 [savanna area](#) of Lake Mburo NP
 21-02 2 Queen Elizabeth NP.
134. **Blue-breasted Bee-eater** - *Merops variegatus loringi*
 15-02 c 5-6 [Mabamba Swamp](#); always perched on Papyrus stems.
135. **Cinnamon-chested Bee-eater** - *Merops oreobates*
 16-02 1 [Echuya Forest Reserve](#).
 17-02 1 parking lot of Mgahinga Gorilla NP.
 18-02 c 8 on wires in the Rushaga Sector, Bwindi Impenetrable Forest NP.

136. **White-throated Bee-eater** - *Merops albicollis*
 15-02 c 50 ([on wires](#)) along the road leading to Mabamba Swamp.
 21-02 1 Queen Elizabeth NP.
137. **Blue-cheeked Bee-eater** - *Merops persicus persicus*
 15-02 4 Masaka, along the Mbarara-Masaka Road.
 16-02 c 10 [during the boat trip](#) on Lake Mburo.
 21-02 c 5 Queen Elizabeth NP.
138. **European Bee-eater** - *Merops apiaster*
 17-02 c 10 along the road between Kisoro and Mgahinga Gorilla NP.
139. **Grey-throated Barbet** - *Gymnobucco bonapartei cinereiceps*
 19-02 2 ([one photographed](#)) along the Bwindi Forest Road, Ruhija.
 20-02 2 Buhoma Community Trail.
 22-02 c 10 Kibale NP; also on 23-02.
140. **Speckled Tinkerbird** - *Pogoniulus scolopaceus flavisquamatus*
 19-02 1 [The Neck](#), Bwindi Impenetrable Forest.
 20-02 3-4 Buhoma Community Trail.
 22-02 c 5 Kibale NP; also on 23-02.
141. **Western Tinkerbird** - *Pogoniulus coryphaei hildamariae*
 17-02 2 ([one seen brilliantly](#), other heard only) Mgahinga Gorilla NP.
142. **Yellow-throated Tinkerbird** - *Pogoniulus subsulphureus flavimentum*
 22-02 1 [at the Visitor Center](#), Kibale NP.
143. **Yellow-rumped Tinkerbird** - *Pogoniulus bilineatus mfumbiri*
 First seen along [the road](#) when leaving Mabamba Swamp on 15-02, seen or heard daily since then. On 19-02 we observed an individual in Ruhija who was constantly harassing the Dwarf Honeyguide.
144. **Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird** - *Pogoniulus chrysoconus chrysoconus*
 21-02 2 (twice one bird) Queen Elizabeth NP.
145. **Yellow-spotted Barbet** - *Buccanodon duchaillui*
 20-02 2 ([one photographed](#)) Buhoma Community Trail.
146. **Hairy-breasted Barbet** - *Tricholaema hirsuta ansorgii*
 20-02 1 ([seen well](#)) Buhoma Community Trail.
 22-02 1 (heard only) Kibale NP.
147. **Spot-flanked Barbet** - *Tricholaema lacrymosa radcliffei*
 15-02 c 5 Lake Mburo NP; also on 16-02.
 21-02 1 Queen Elizabeth NP.
148. **White-headed Barbet** - *Lybius leucocephalus leucocephalus*
 16-02 1 Lake Mburo NP.
 21-02 2 (pair close by) Queen Elizabeth NP.

149. **RED-FACED BARBET** - *Lybius rubrifacies*
16-02 1 (untickable views) savanna area of Lake Mburo NP.
150. **Double-toothed Barbet** - *Lybius bidentatus aequatorialis*
Four birds [together](#) on the drive in to Mabamba on 15-02 and several singles at Lake Mburo on 15-02 and 16-02, Echuya Forest Reserve on 16-02, Mgahinga on 17-02 and Buhoma on 20-02.
151. **Yellow-billed Barbet** - *Trachyphonus purpuratus elgonensis*
18-02 1 (seen well) [Rushaga Sector](#), Bwindi Impenetrable Forest NP.
20-02 1 (heard only) Buhoma Community Trail.
22-02 1 (heard only) Kibale NP.
152. **Crested Barbet** - *Trachyphonus vaillantii suahelicus*
15-02 2 savanna area of Lake Mburo NP.
21-02 1 Queen Elizabeth NP; an apparent range extension.
153. **Cassin's Honeybird** - *Prodotiscus insignis insignis*
20-02 1 (in display) at the start of the Buhoma Community Trail.
154. **DWARF HONEYGUIDE** - *Indicator pumilio*
19-02 1 [Ruhija](#), Bwindi Impenetrable Forest NP.
155. **Willcocks's Honeyguide** - *Indicator willcocksi*
One flushed at Mgahinga Gorilla NP on 17-02 in a small flock of Greenbuls and Mountain Yellow Warbler was based on occurrence most likely this species.
156. **Least Honeyguide** - *Indicator exilis pachyrhynchus*
19-02 1 (high up in a tree) [The Neck](#), Bwindi Impenetrable Forest.
157. **Brown-eared Woodpecker** - *Campethera caroli caroli*
23-02 2 (pair in a bird flock) [Kibale NP](#).
158. **Nubian Woodpecker** - *Pardipicus nubica nubica*
15-02 2 savanna area, Lake Mburo BP.
159. **Yellow-crested Woodpecker** - *Chloropicus xantholophus*
22-02 1 ([nesting](#)) at the entrance of the Visitor Center of Kibale NP.
160. **Cardinal Woodpecker** - *Dendropicos fuscescens lepidus*
16-02 1 savanna area, Lake Mburo NP.
161. **Elliot's Woodpecker** - *Dendropicos elliotii elliotii*
18-02 1 (female) Gorilla trek, Rushaga Sector, Bwindi Impenetrable Forest.
20-02 3 (pair and a lone male) along the Buhoma Trail, Buhoma.
162. **African Grey Woodpecker** - *Dendropicos goertae centralis*
21-02 2 ([one photographed](#)) Queen Elizabeth NP.
Their behaviour looks a little like sapsuckers as they make small holes in the tree bark.



163. **Common Kestrel** - *Falco tinnunculus rufescens*
 15-02 2 Lake Mburo NP.
164. **Grey Kestrel** - *Falco ardosiaceus*
 15-02 1 ([close views](#)) savanna area of Lake Mburo NP.
 21-02 1 Queen Elizabeth NP.
165. **Eurasian Hobby** - *Falco subbuteo subbuteo*
 21-02 1 ([adult](#)) Queen Elizabeth NP.
166. **Grey Parrot** - *Psittacus erithacus*
 22-02 1 (heard only, while waiting for the Green-breasted Pitta) Kibale NP.
 The search for the Green-breasted Pitta took us so much time we had not enough time to concentrate on the specific Kibale birds. Grey Parrot is a good place to see this endangered parrot.
167. **Meyer's Parrot** - *Poicephalus meyeri saturatus*
 15-02 2-3 outskirts of Entebbe.
 c 5 savanna area of Lake Mburo.
 16-02 2 (near a nesting hole) Rwakobo Rock Lodge, Lake Mburo NP.
168. **Red-headed Lovebird** - *Agapornis pullarius ugandae*
 15-02 2 (untickable views) Lake Mburo NP.
 21-02 2 ([pair well seen](#)) Queen Elizabeth NP.
169. **African Broadbill** - *Smithornis capensis meinertzhageni*
 20-02 1 (heard only) [Buhoma Community Trail](#), Buhoma.
170. **GREEN-BREASTED PITTA** - *Pitta reichenowi*
 22-03 1 (heard only) [just behind](#) the Visitor Centre, Kibale NP
 23-03 3 (one heard only, [two seen well](#)) Kibale NP.
 Bird of the trip! We heard one close-by at dawn on the first morning but the bird was unexpectedly flushed when a small group of tourists passed us. The next morning we heard one at a distance but no show. After this disappointment, Olibokiriho Justice, our ranger, turned the site upside down and after finding one which he flushed himself, he finally found a pair an hour before we needed to go, resulting in a twenty minutes view.
171. **RUWENZORI BATIS** - *Batis diops*
 17-02 8 (including a group of 5) Mgahinga Gorilla NP.
 20-02 1 The Neck, Bwindi Impenetrable Forest.
172. **Chinspot Batis** - *Batis molitor puella*
 16-02 1 (female) savanna area, Lake Mburo NP.
 18-02 1 during the Gorilla trek, Rushaga Sector, Bwindi Impenetrable Forest.
173. **Chestnut Wattle-eye** - *Platysteira castanea*
 20-02 2 ([pair, but both immature](#)) Buhoma Community Trail, Buhoma.
174. **Brown-throated Wattle-eye** - *Platysteira cyanea nyansae*
 16-02 2 (male) Rwakobo Rock Lodge, Lake Mburo NP.
 22-02 1 (female) Kibale Forest Lodge.



175. **Many-colored Bushshrike** - *Chlorophoneus multicolor graueri*
 20-02 2 ([male plus immature](#)) Buhoma Community Trail, Buhoma.
176. **Bocage's Bushshrike** - *Chlorophoneus bocagei bocagei*
 19-02 4 (pair with two juveniles) [The Neck](#), Bwindi Impenetrable Forest.
 20-02 3 (1 female seen, others heard) Buhoma Community Trail, Buhoma.
177. **Orange-breasted Bushshrike** - *Chlorophoneus sulfureopectus sulfureopectus*
 15-02 1 ([seen well](#)) savanna area, Lake Mburo NP.
178. **Doherty's Bushshrike** - *Telophorus dohertyi jacksoni*
 17-02 1 (heard only) [Mgahinga Gorilla NP](#).
 19-02 1 (heard only) [Ruhija](#).
179. **Brown-crowned Tchagra** - *Tchagra australis emini*
 19-02 1 [between The Neck and Buhoma](#), Bwindi Impenetrable Forest.
180. **Pink-footed Puffback** - *Dryoscopus angolensis nandensis*
 20-02 2 (twice a female) Buhoma Community Trail, Buhoma.
181. **Northern Puffback** - *Dryoscopus gambensis erwini*
 16-02 c 5 Echuya Forest Reserve.
 18-02 1 during the Gorilla Trek, Rushaga Sector, Bwindi Impenetrable Forest.
 19-02 2-3 Ruhija area, Bwindi Impenetrable Forest.
182. **ALBERTINE SOOTY BOUBOU** - *Laniarius holomelas*
 17-02 1 at the start of the Sabinyo Gorge, Mgahinga Gorilla NP.
183. **Lühder's Bushshrike** - *Laniarius luehderi*
 18-02 1 (seen well) [UWA Ranger station](#), Rushaga, Bwindi Impenetrable Forest NP.
 19-02 1 (heard only) The Neck, Bwindi Impenetrable Forest.
 20-02 2 (heard only) at [the start](#) of the Buhoma Community Trail, Buhoma.
184. **Papyrus Gonolek** - *Laniarius mufumbiri*
 15-02 2-3 (heard only) Mabamba Swamp.
 16-02 1 (heard only) during the boat trip, Lake Mburo NP.
 1 (heard only) Mungenyi, along the Kabala-Mbarara road.
 21-02 1 (heard only) [some papyrus swamp](#) along the road, Queen Elizabeth NP.
 1 (very good views) [Kazinga channel bridge](#), Queen Elizabeth NP.
185. **Black-headed Gonolek** - *Laniarius erythrogaster*
 16-02 3 (one seen well, other two heard only) savanna area of Lake Mburo NP.
 21-02 2-3 (one seen, others heard only) Queen Elizabeth NP.
186. **African Shrike-flycatcher** - *Megabyas flammulatus aequatorialis*
 20-02 2 (twice a male) Buhoma Community Trail, Buhoma.
 22-02 2 (pair) Visitor Centre, Kibale NP.
187. **Black-and-white Shrike-flycatcher** - *Bias musicus musicus*
 18-02 1 (female) UWA Ranger station, Rushaga, Bwindi Impenetrable Forest.



188. **Grey Cuckooshrike** - *Cebalepyris caesius purus*
 18-02 1 Rushaga Sector, Bwindi Impenetrable Forest.
 19-02 3-4 (in one flock) Ruhija Area, Bwindi Impenetrable Forest.
189. **Black Cuckooshrike** - *Campephaga flava*
 15-02 1 (male with yellow shoulders) savanna area of Lake Mburo NP.
190. **Red-shouldered Cuckooshrike** - *Campephaga phoenicea*
 21-02 2 (males fighting with each other) [Queen Elizabeth NP](#).
191. **Petit's Cuckooshrike** - *Campephaga petiti*
 19-02 2 (pair) The Neck, Bwindi Impenetrable Forest.
192. **Mackinnon's Shrike** - *Lanius mackinnoni*
 Several roadside birds in the Bwindi area, first birds on the drive in to UWA Ranger station, Rushaga.
193. **Grey-backed Fiscal** - *Lanius excubitoroides boehmi*
 Common from Mabamba to Lake Mburo, after this park birds are replaced by Common Fiscal.
194. **Northern Fiscal** - *Lanius humeralis capelli*
 Common roadside bird in the greener parts of Uganda, replacing Grey-backed which prefers the drier/acacia dominated areas.
195. **Western Oriole** - *Oriolus brachyrhynchus laetior*
 22-02 2 ([adult](#) plus immature) Kibale NP.
196. **Mountain Oriole** - *Oriolus percivali*
 19-02 2 at the start of the trail to the Mubwindi Swamp, Bwindi Impenetrable Forest.
197. **Velvet-mantled Drongo** - *Dicrurus modestus coracinus*
 23-02 1 (in a feeding flock) Kibale NP.
198. **Fork-tailed Drongo** - *Dicrurus adsimilis adsimilis*
 15-02 c 5 [one at the Eagle's Nest](#), other in the savanna area of Lake Mburo NP
 16-02 c 8 Lake Mburo NP.
 Regularly observed along the main roads between 17-02 and 23-02.
199. **Red-bellied Paradise Flycatcher** - *Terpsiphone rufiventer somereni*
 22-02 1 (well seen) Kibale NP.
200. **African Paradise Flycatcher** - *Terpsiphone viridis kivuensis*
 22-02 1 (heard only) Kibale NP.
201. **Pied Crow** - *Corvus albus*
 Common in towns and settlements.
202. **White-necked Raven** - *Corvus albicollis*
 17-02 2 Mgahinga Gorilla NP.

203. **African Blue Flycatcher** - *Elminia longicauda teresita*
 21-02 2 in a banana plantation just outside Buhoma.
 22-02 1-2 in [the garden](#) of the Kibale Forest Lodge.
204. **White-tailed Blue Flycatcher** - *Elminia albicauda*
 19-02 1 Ruhija area, Bwindi Impenetrable Forest.
205. **White-tailed Crested Flycatcher** - *Elminia albonotata albonotata*
 17-02 1 at the start of the Sabinyo Gorge, Mgahinga Gorilla NP.
206. **Dusky Tit** - *Melaniparus funereus funereus*
 20-02 2 (pair) Buhoma Community Trail, Buhoma.
 23-02 4 ([in a feeding flock](#)) Kibale NP.
207. **STRIPE-BREASTED TIT** - *Melaniparus fasciiventer fasciiventer*
 19-02 2 [Ruhija area](#), Bwindi Impenetrable Forest.
208. **Grey Penduline Tit** - *Anthoscopus caroli roccatii*
 15-02 1 [savanna area](#) of Lake Mburo NP.
 At first this sighting looked unexpected, but on Ebird we found more sightings in the same area.
209. **Western Nicator** - *Nicator chloris*
 22-02 1 (seen well) Kibale NP.
 23-02 1 (heard only) Kibale NP.
210. **Flappet Lark** - *Mirafraga rufocinnamomea kawirondensis*
 21-02 2 [Ishasha sector](#), Queen Elizabeth NP.
211. **Slender-billed Greenbul** - *Stelgidillas gracilirostris gracilirostris*
 19-02 2 (1 [seen well](#)) The Neck, Bwindi Impenetrable Forest.
 22-02 1 Kibale NP.
212. **Red-tailed Bristlebill** - *Bleda syndactylus woosnami*
 20-02 2-3 (heard only) Buhoma Community Trail, Buhoma.
 Several heard at an ant swarm near the Neumann's Warbler but they wouldn't come out and it certainly didn't help that ants were all over us as well, so we had to leave this part of forest quickly.
213. **Yellow-throated Leaflove** - *Atimastillas flavicollis flavigula*
 15-02 2 at the boat departure, Mabamba Swamp.
 16-02 1 at the shores of Lake Mburo.
 19-02 1 between Ruhija and Buhoma.
214. **Honeyguide Greenbul** - *Baeopogon indicator indicator*
 20-02 1 at the Neumann's Warbler site, Buhoma Community Trail, Buhoma.
215. **Kakamega Greenbul** - *Arizelocichla kakamegae kakamegae*
 19-02 2 The Neck, Bwindi Impenetrable Forest.
 20-02 3-4 Buhoma Community Trail, Buhoma.
 This distinctive greenbul was formerly known as a subspecies of Shelley's Greenbul - *A. tephrolaema*.



216. **Olive-breasted Greenbul** - *Arzelocichla kikuyuensis*
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| 16-02 | 1-2 | Echuya Forest Reserve. |
| 17-02 | c 10 | Mgahinga Gorilla NP . |
| 18-02 | c 5 | during Gorilla trek, Rushaga Sector, Bwindi Impenetrable Forest. |
217. **Red-tailed Greenbul** - *Criniger calurus calurus*
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| 20-02 | c 6 | (including a group of 4 seen) Buhoma Community Trail, Buhoma. |
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218. **Little Greenbul** - *Eurillas virens virens*
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| 20-02 | 2-3 | Buhoma Community Trail, Buhoma. |
| 22-02 | 2 | Visitor Center , Kibale NP. |
219. **Yellow-whiskered Greenbul** - *Eurillas latirostris latirostris*
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| 16-02 | 1-2 | Echuya Forest Reserve. |
| 19-02 | 2-3 | The Neck , Bwindi Impenetrable Forest. |
| 20-02 | c 5 | Buhoma Community Trail, Buhoma. |
220. **Plain Greenbul** - *Eurillas curvirostris curvirostris*
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| 19-02 | 1 | The Neck , Bwindi Impenetrable Forest. |
| 20-02 | 2 | (pair nest-building) Buhoma Community Trail, Buhoma. |
- The broken eye-ring and their call are the distinguishing features from Little Greenbul.
221. **Ansorge's Greenbul** - *Eurillas ansorgei ansorgei*
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| 20-02 | 1 | Buhoma Community Trail , Buhoma. |
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- The call is different from Little Greenbul, on plumage it is very difficult. There is an Uganda population in e.g. Buhoma, a fact that was not known in the Birds of East Africa guide from 2002.
222. **Yellow-streaked Greenbul** - *Phyllastrephus flavostriatus olivaceogriseus*
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| 20-02 | 2 | Buhoma Community Trail, Buhoma. |
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- This is an easy to identify, large Greenbul species, rather pale from below, but with distinctive grey head and back in the race *olivaceogriseus*. Flicking the wings while foraging.
223. **Toro Olive Greenbul** - *Phyllastrephus hypochloris*
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| 23-02 | 1 | Kibale NP. |
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224. **Dark-capped Bulbul** - *Pycnonotus tricolor tricolor*
- The most abundant bird of the trip, everywhere where there even a suggestion of a tree.
225. **Black Saw-wing** - *Psalidoprocne pristopectera ruwenzori*
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| 16-02 | c 5 | between Echuya Forest Reserve and Kisoro. |
| 17-02 | c 10 | Mgahinga Gorilla NP. |
| 18-02 | c 5 | Rushaga Sector, Bwindi Impenetrable Forest. |
| 19-02 | c 5 | (some breeding in banks of the road) Ruhija, Bwindi Impenetrable Forest. |
226. **White-headed Saw-wing** - *Psalidoprocne albiceps albiceps*
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| 21-02 | 4-8 | coming and going in 4 nests in a nesting bank, just before the bridge over Kazinga channel, Queen Elizabeth NP. |
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227. **Banded Martin** - *Neophedina cincta suahelica*
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| 15-02 | c 25 | Mabamba Swamp. |
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228. **Sand Martin** - *Riparia riparia*
22-03 c 10 hawking over Kibale NP.
229. **Rock Martin** - *Ptyonoprogne fuligula rufigula*
19-02 3 Ruhija area, Bwindi Impenetrable Forest.
230. **Wire-tailed Swallow** - *Hirundo smithii smithii*
21-02 2 Queen Elizabeth NP.
231. **Barn Swallow** - *Hirundo rustica*
The most common swallow, seen daily throughout the whole country.
232. **Angolan Swallow** - *Hirundo angolensis*
15-02 c 10 perched on wires along the road to the Mabamba Swamp.
233. **Mosque Swallow** - *Cecropis senegalensis monteiri*
15-02 3 Lake Mburo NP.
21-02 1 Queen Elizabeth NP.
234. **Lesser Striped Swallow** - *Cecropis abyssinica unitatis*
Common in towns and villages throughout the whole country.
235. **Red-rumped Swallow** - *Cecropis daurica*
20-02 2-3 above Buhoma Village; unknown ssp, as these could be wintering or local birds.
236. **Moustached Grass Warbler** - *Melocichla mentalis amauroura*
15-02 1 (seen) along the road to the Mabamba Swamp.
237. **Red-faced Crombec** - *Sylvietta whytii jacksoni*
21-02 1 Ishasha sector, Queen Elizabeth NP.
238. **White-browed Crombec** - *Sylvietta leucophrys chloronota*
19-02 1 (in a flock of Grey Cuckooshrikes) Ruhija area, Bwindi Impenetrable Forest.
239. **NEUMANN'S WARBLER** - *Urosphena neumanni*
20-02 1 (seen well) [Buhoma Community Trail](#), Buhoma.
Certainly the Number Two bird of the trip, with Grauer's Broadbill not seen. We heard one singing and after some effort we both got to see it really well, creeping on the ground and on logs. A stunning bird. [Irestedt et al \(2011\)](#) stated that "*Hemitesia neumanni* is deeply nested within the *Cettiidae*" ... and "*This disjunct distribution could be a result of colonization of Africa by long-distance dispersal, or the Cettiidae may at some point in the past have had a much larger geographical distribution that also covered parts of Africa*".
240. **Green Hylia** - *Hylia prasina prasina*
15-02 1 (heard only) Mabamba Swamp.
20-02 2 (seen) Buhoma Community Trail, Buhoma.
22-02 1 Kibale NP.
241. **Willow Warbler** - *Phylloscopus trochilus*
18-02 1 during the Gorilla trek, Rushaga Sector, Bwindi Impenetrable Forest.



242. **RED-FACED WOODLAND WARBLER** - *Phylloscopus laetus laetus*
 16-02 c 5 Echuya Forest Reserve.
 17-02 c 10 ([one photographed](#)) Mgahinga Gorilla NP.
 20-02 1 Buhoma Community Trail, Buhoma.
243. **Sedge Warbler** - *Acrocephalus schoenobaenus*
 15-02 3 (minimum) Mabamba Swamp.
244. **African Reed Warbler** - *Acrocephalus baeticatus cinnamomeus*
 15-02 3 (one seen well) Mabamba Swamp.
245. **Mountain Yellow Warbler** - *Iduna similis*
 17-02 c 8 (one seen well) Mgahinga Gorilla NP.
246. **Papyrus Yellow Warbler** - *Calamonastides gracilirostris gracilirostris*
 16-02 2 (one seen, one heard only) Mungenyi, along the Kabala-Mbarara road.
 It took a bit of a struggle to see this local specialty at a [papyrus swamp](#) on our way to Mgahinga NP.
247. **Fan-tailed Grassbird** - *Catriscus brevirostris alexinae*
 21-02 1 ([in display](#)) Queen Elizabeth NP.
248. **Cinnamon Bracken Warbler** - *Bradypterus cinnamomeus cinnamomeus*
 17-02 3-4 (one seen well) Mgahinga Gorilla NP.
 18-02 2 Rushaga Sector, Bwindi Impenetrable Forest.
249. **White-winged Swamp Warbler** - *Bradypterus carpalis*
 15-02 1-2 (heard only) Mabamba Swamp.
 16-02 2 (heard only) during boat trip at Lake Mburo.
 1-2 (heard only) in some papyrus swamp between Lake Mburo and Mungenyi.
 1 (seen well) [Mungenyi](#), along the Kabala-Mbarara road.
250. **Red-faced Cisticola** - *Cisticola erythrops sylvia*
 21-02 1 [northern part](#) of Queen Elizabeth NP.
251. **Trilling Cisticola** - *Cisticola woosnami woosnami*
 15-02 c 10 (with telephone song) [savanna area](#) of Lake Mburo NP; also on 16-02.
 21-02 c 10 Queen Elizabeth NP.
252. **Chubb's Cisticola** - *Cisticola chubbi chubbi*
 Common, heard or seen daily with about 5-10 birds a day in the Rushaga Sector, Ruhija and Buhoma, Bwindi Impenetrable Forest.
253. **Winding Cisticola** - *Cisticola marginatus nyansae*
 15-02 c 15 [Mabamba Swamp](#).
 Easy to find by its song and their preference to sing in a top of a papyrus.
254. **Carruthers's Cisticola** - *Cisticola carruthersi*
 16-02 1 (one singing and seen) [Mungenyi](#), along the Kabala-Mbarara road.
 21-02 1 (seen well) [papyrus swamp](#) before Kazinga Channel, Queen Elizabeth NP.
 The rufous on the head is quite different than that of *C. marginatus*.



255. **Croaking Cisticola** - *Cisticola natalensis strangei*
 15-02 1 (seen) along the road to the Mabamba Swamp.
 21-02 1 Queen Elizabeth NP.
256. **Zitting Cisticola** - *Cisticola juncidis uropygialis*
 21-02 1 Queen Elizabeth NP.
257. **Tawny-flanked Prinia** - *Prinia subflava melanorhyncha*
 22-02 c 4 (one seen) on the [grounds](#) of Kibale Forest Camp.
258. **Black-faced Prinia** - *Prinia melanops obscura*
 19-02 2 along the road in Ruhija, Bwindi Impenetrable Forest.
 c 3 (heard only) The Neck, Bwindi Impenetrable Forest.
259. **White-chinned Prinia** - *Schistolais leucopogon reichenowi*
 19-02 c 5 along the road in Ruhija, Bwindi Impenetrable Forest.
 c 5 ([one photographed](#)) The Neck, Bwindi Impenetrable Forest.
 20-02 2-3 Buhoma.
260. **RUWENZORI APALIS** - *Oreolais ruwenzorii*
 17-02 4 (well seen) at the start of the Sabinyo Gorge, Mgahinga Gorilla NP.
261. **Buff-bellied Warbler** - *Phyllolais pulchella*
 16-02 1 [Lakeside Track](#), Lake Mburo NP.
262. **MOUNTAIN MASKED APALIS** - *Apalis personata personata*
 17-02 c 8 ([2-3 well seen](#)) Mgahinga Gorilla NP.
 18-02 c 6 Rushaga Sector, Bwindi Impenetrable Forest.
263. **Black-throated Apalis** - *Apalis jacksoni jacksoni*
 19-02 1 at the start of the Mubwindi Swamp trail, Bwindi Impenetrable Forest.
 2 ([nest building](#)) The Neck, Bwindi Impenetrable Forest.
 20-02 1 along the Buhoma Community Trail, Buhoma.
264. **Chestnut-throated Apalis** - *Apalis porphyrolaema*
 17-02 c 5 ([1 well seen](#)) Mgahinga Gorilla NP.
 18-02 2-3 Rushaga Sector, Bwindi Impenetrable Forest.
 19-02 c 3 Ruhija, Bwindi Impenetrable Forest.
265. **Buff-throated Apalis** - *Apalis rufogularis kigezi*
 18-02 1 (heard only) Gorilla trek meeting point, Rushaga, Bwindi Impenetrable Forest.
 20-02 1 along the Buhoma Community Trail, Buhoma.
266. **Grey Apalis** - *Apalis cinerea cinerea*
 20-02 2 (pair) at the start of the Buhoma Community Trail, Buhoma.
267. **Grey-capped Warbler** - *Eminia lepida*
 Heard at Mabamba Swamp with poor views on 15-02, seen at Lake Mburo with nice views of a bird at the water's edge on 16-02, heard at Buhoma on 20-02 and Kibale on 22-02, seen well at the Flufftail site on 21-02.



268. **Grey-backed Camaroptera** - *Camaroptera brevicaudata aschani*
Our first bird in Uganda, chasing insects at the garden light of the Papyrus Inn, Entebbe. Several heard throughout the trip in scrubs but not much attention was paid after the initial bird.
269. **Olive-green Camaroptera** - *Camaroptera chloronota toroensis*
20-02 5 (2 seen, 3 heard) along the Buhoma Community Trail, Buhoma.
270. **Black-faced Rufous Warbler** - *Bathmocercus rufus vulpinus*
19-02 2 (pair well seen) The Neck, Bwindi Impenetrable Forest.
20-02 1 (female) along the Buhoma Community Trail, Buhoma.
The female on 20-02 was not pleased with the presence of the Neumann's Warbler. Stunning bird!
271. **Eurasian Blackcap** - *Sylvia atricapilla*
16-02 1 (male) Echuya Forest Reserve.
18-02 1 during the Gorilla trek, Rushaga, Bwindi Impenetrable Forest.
272. **Ruwenzori Hill Babbler** - *Sylvia atriceps*
17-02 c 8 (in three flocks) Mgahinga Gorilla NP.
18-02 1 UWA Ranger station, Rushaga, Bwindi Impenetrable Forest.
273. **Green White-eye** - *Zosterops stuhlmanni*
Common throughout, seen at all sites. Some birds were notably green. At Mabamba birds belong to the race *stuhlmanni*, at Bwindi to race *scotti* and in Western Uganda to the race *toroensis*.
274. **Brown Illadopsis** - *Illadopsis fulvescens ugandae*
23-02 1 (seen well) Kibale NP.
275. **Scaly-breasted Illadopsis** - *Illadopsis albipectus*
20-02 2-3 (heard only) along the Buhoma Community Trail, Buhoma.
22-02 1-2 (heard only) Kibale NP; also on 23-02.
276. **Brown Babbler** - *Turdoides plebejus cinerea*
15-02 1 Eagle's Nest, Lake Mburo NP.
16-02 3 during lunch stop at Mbarara.
277. **Black-lored Babbler** - *Turdoides sharpei sharpei*
15-02 c 5 entrance of Lake Mburo NP.
21-02 c 8 [between](#) Buhoma and the Ishasha sector of Queen Elizabeth NP.
278. **Wattled Starling** - *Creatophora cinerea*
16-02 7 (in flight) Lake Mburo NP
21-02 2 southern part of Queen Elizabeth NP.
279. **Purple-headed Starling** - *Hylopsar purpureiceps*
20-02 1 along the Buhoma Community Trail, Buhoma.
22-03 1 Kibale NP.
280. **Greater Blue-eared Starling** - *Lamprotornis chalybaeus sycobius*
16-02 2 on the grounds of the Rwakobo Rock Lodge, Lake Mburo NP.



281. **Splendid Starling** - *Lamprotornis splendidus splendidus*
Common along the road to the Mabamba Swamp, with even a flock of 20+ birds on 15-02. One at Kibale NP on 22-02 and one near Entebbe on 23-02.
282. **Purple Starling** - *Lamprotornis purpureus amethystinus*
15-02 3 [along the road](#) to the Mabamba Swamp.
283. **Rüppell's Starling** - *Lamprotornis purpuroptera purpuroptera*
The most common starling observed from Entebbe ([photographed](#)) to Queen Elizabeth NP.
284. **Violet-backed Starling** - *Cinnyricinclus leucogaster leucogaster*
21-02 2 ([males](#)) Queen Elizabeth NP.
285. **Slender-billed Starling** - *Onychognathus tenuirostris theresae*
18-02 c 20 (most probably this species) Rushaga Sector, Bwindi Impenetrable Forest.
20-02 2 (drying after rain) along the Buhoma Community Trail, Buhoma.
286. **Waller's Starling** - *Onychognathus walleri elgonensis*
18-02 c 5 (most probably this species) Rushaga Sector, Bwindi Impenetrable Forest.
19-02 c 5 Ruhija Community, Bwindi Impenetrable Forest.
20-02 2-3 along the Buhoma Community Trail, Buhoma.
287. **Narrow-tailed Starling** - *Poeoptera lugubris*
20-02 2-3 (yellow eye!) along the Buhoma Community Trail, Buhoma.
288. **Sharpe's Starling** - *Poeoptera sharpii*
18-02 1 [at the start of the Gorilla trek](#), Rushaga Sector, Bwindi Impenetrable Forest.
289. **Yellow-billed Oxpecker** - *Buphagus africanus langi*
15-02 1 (feeding on Zebra's) savanna area of Lake Mburo NP,
290. **Fraser's Rufous Thrush** - *Stizorhina fraseri vulpina*
20-02 1 (seen and [photographed](#)) Buhoma, Bwindi Impenetrable Forest.
291. **White-tailed Ant Thrush** - *Neocossyphus poensis*
20-02 1 (seen) [past the Waterfall trail](#), Buhoma, Bwindi Impenetrable Forest.
292. **Red-tailed Ant Thrush** - *Neocossyphus rufus gabunensis*
22-02 1 [just behind](#) the Visitor Center, Kibale NP.
23-02 1 Kibale NP.
293. **Abyssinian Ground Thrush** - *Geokichla piaggiae tanganjicae*
20-02 1 [Buhoma](#), Bwindi Impenetrable Forest.
 1 [just before](#) the Water Fall trail, Buhoma, Bwindi Impenetrable Forest.
The first bird was found by some local guides who phoned Nicolas and immediately we start running. The bird was singing loudly, but it was difficult to get it into view. Finally we saw it perched on a branch but it flew away, not to be seen again. The second bird was seen at a short distance of less than five meters while foraging, then singing until we left it after 15 min to go after a Bare-tailed Trogon. A stunning bird with a great song. Also known as Kivu Ground Thrush.

294. **African Thrush** - *Turdus pelios centralis/graueri*
Several at most locations, e.g. one bird [photographed](#) between the Neck and Buhoma on 19-02 or one singing in banana plantations just outside Buhoma on 21-02.
295. **Abyssinian Thrush** - *Turdus abyssinicus baraka*
16-02 1 (feeding in the road side ditch) Echuya Forest Reserve.
17-02 1 (carrying food) Mgahinga Gorilla NP.
296. **Brown-backed Scrub Robin** - *Cercotrichas hartlaubi*
16-02 4 (2 seen, others heard) savanna area of Lake Mburo NP.
297. **Grey-throated Tit-Flycatcher** - *Myioparus griseigularis griseigularis*
19-02 2 at the start of the trail to the Mubwindi Swamp, Ruhija.
298. **Grey Tit-Flycatcher** - *Myioparus plumbeus plumbeus*
20-02 1 (eating a caterpillar) Buhoma, Bwindi Impenetrable Forest.
299. **White-eyed Slaty Flycatcher** - *Melaenornis fischeri toruensis*
First seen in [Echuya Forest Reserve](#) on 16-02, then small numbers at the edge of forest at all locations in Bwindi between 18-02 and 20-02.
300. **Northern Black Flycatcher** - *Melaenornis edolioides lugubris*
15-02 1 savanna area of Lake Mburo NP.
21-02 c 5 Ishasha section of Queen Elizabeth NP.
301. **Pale Flycatcher** - *Melaenornis pallidus murinus*
16-02 1 at the same location as the Buff-bellied Warbler, Lake Mburo NP.
302. **Swamp Flycatcher** - *Muscicapa aquatica infulata*
Seen at most papyrus swamp sites: [Mabamba Swamp](#) on 15-02, Lake Mburo on 16-02 and also on 16-02 at the Papyrus Yellow Warbler near Mungenyi, along the Kabala-Mbarara road.
303. **Cassin's Flycatcher** - *Muscicapa cassini*
19-02 2 ([pair in a stream](#)) The Neck, Bwindi Impenetrable Forest.
304. **Chapin's Flycatcher** - *Muscicapa lendu*
20-02 1 at the start of the trail, Buhoma, Bwindi Impenetrable Forest.
While watching the Many-coloured Bush-Shrike, we heard it clearly before we saw a flycatcher flying off.
305. **African Dusky Flycatcher** - *Muscicapa adusta*
Fairly common, recorded at all Bwindi sites and Kibale with many of them nesting. Unknown to which subspecies.
306. **Dusky-blue Flycatcher** - *Muscicapa comitata comitata*
19-02 1 The Neck, Bwindi Impenetrable Forest.
20-02 2 Buhoma, Bwindi Impenetrable Forest.
307. **RED-THROATED ALETHE** - *Chamaetylas poliophrys poliophrys*
20-02 1 (seen well) Buhoma, Bwindi Impenetrable Forest.

308. **Brown-chested Alethe** - *Chamaetylas poliocephala carruthersi*
22-03 2-3 (heard only) Kibale NP; also on 23-02. Too much time was spent on the GB Pitta.
309. **White-bellied Robin-Chat** - *Cossyphicula roberti rufescentior*
20-02 1 ([seen well](#)) just before the Waterfall trail, Buhoma.
 1 (heard only) along the Waterfall trail, Buhoma.
310. **ARCHER'S GROUND ROBIN** - *Cossypha archeri archeri*
17-02 c 6 (one seen well) Mgahinga Gorilla NP.
18-02 3 (heard only) during Gorilla trek, Rushaga Sector, Bwindi Impenetrable Forest.
311. **White-browed Robin-Chat** - *Cossypha heuglini heuglini*
15-02 2 (pair) in the garden of the Papyrus Lodge, Entebbe.
22-03 1 in the garden of the Kibale Forest Lodge.
312. **Red-capped Robin-Chat** - *Cossypha natalensis intensa*
16-02 1 savanna area Lake Mburo NP
22-03 2-3 (one seen well) Kibale NP
313. **Snowy-crowned Robin-Chat** - *Cossypha niveicapilla melanonota*
22-02 1 on the [grounds](#) of Kibale Forest Camp.
314. **White-starred Robin** - *Pogonocichla stellata ruwenzorii*
17-02 c 5 ([one photographed](#)) Mgahinga Gorilla NP.
19-02 1-2 Ruhija area.
315. **Equatorial Akalat** - *Sheppardia aequatorialis aequatorialis*
20-02 2 ([one seen](#) quite well) Buhoma, Bwindi Impenetrable Forest.
316. **Whinchat** - *Saxicola rubetra*
21-02 3 (single birds) Queen Elizabeth NP.
317. **African Stonechat** - *Saxicola torquatus axillaris*
A frequent road side bird, especially around Kisoro.
318. **Sooty Chat** - *Myrmecocichla nigra*
15-02 2 along the road to Mabamba Swamp.
 3-4 savanna area of Lake Mburo NP; also there on 16-02.
21-02 c 6 southern section of Queen Elizabeth NP.
319. **Grey-headed Sunbird** - *Deleornis axillaris*
20-02 1 Buhoma, Bwindi Impenetrable Forest.
320. **Little Green Sunbird** - *Anthreptes seimundi minor*
19-02 c 10 The Neck, Bwindi Impenetrable Forest.
20-02 c 5 mainly in secondary forest of the Buhoma community Trail, Buhoma.
321. **Grey-chinned Sunbird** - *Anthreptes tephrolaemus*
18-02 1 UWA Ranger station, Rushaga, Bwindi Impenetrable Forest.



- 20-02 1 ([female](#)) at the start of the Buhoma Trail, Buhoma.
322. **Collared Sunbird** - *Hedydipna collaris garguensis*
- 18-02 1 UWA Ranger station, Rushaga, Bwindi Impenetrable Forest.
 20-02 c 5 Buhoma community Trail, Buhoma.
 22-02 2-3 Visitor Center, Kibale NP.
323. **Green-headed Sunbird** - *Cyanomitra verticalis viridisplendens*
- 19-02 1 checking out the mirror in the lobby of our hotel in Buhoma.
 20-02 2-3 in flowers at the start of the Buhoma community Trail, Buhoma.
324. **Blue-throated Brown Sunbird** - *Cyanomitra cyanolaema octaviae*
- 19-02 1 (male) The Neck, Bwindi Impenetrable Forest.
 20-02 3-4 in flowers at the start of the Buhoma community Trail, Buhoma.
 22-02 2 (males) Kibale NP.
325. **Olive Sunbird** - *Cyanomitra olivacea ragazzii*
- 17-02 c 5 Mgahinga Gorilla NP.
 19-02 1 The Neck, Bwindi Impenetrable Forest.
 20-02 c 5 along Waterfall trail, Buhoma.
326. **Green-throated Sunbird** - *Chalcomitra rubescens rubescens*
- 22-02 2 (pair, [male photographed](#)) Visitor Center, Kibale NP.
 23-02 1 Visitor Center, Kibale NP.
327. **Scarlet-chested Sunbird** - *Chalcomitra senegalensis lamperti*
- 15-02 1 on or way to Mabamba Swamp.
 16-02 1 at the [boat ramp](#) of Lake Mburo.
328. **Bronzy Sunbird** - *Nectarinia kilimensis kilimensis*
- 17-02 1 (female) car park of Mgahinga Gorilla NP.
 1 (male) between Mgahinga Gorilla NP and Kisoro.
 19-02 c 3 between Ruhija and Buhoma, Bwindi Impenetrable Forest.
 20-02 1 (male) in the village of Buhoma.
329. **Olive-bellied Sunbird** - *Cinnyris chloropygius orphogaster*
- 22-02 2 (pair) Visitor Center, Kibale NP.
 23-02 1 Visitor Center, Kibale NP.
330. **Tiny Sunbird** - *Cinnyris minullus*
- 22-02 1 [along the road](#) to the Primate Lodge, Kibale NP.
331. **RUWENZORI DOUBLE-COLLARED SUNBIRD** - *Cinnyris stuhlmanni graueri*
- 17-02 c 15 ([several photographed](#)) Mgahinga Gorilla NP.
 Mgahinga Gorilla NP and the Ruwenzori Mountains are the only locations in Uganda to see this species.
332. **Northern Double-collared Sunbird** - *Cinnyris reichenowi reichenowi*
- 17-02 c 5 at the start of the trail in Mgahinga Gorilla NP.
 19-02 1-2 Ruhija area.
 20-02 c 5 at the start of the Buhoma community Trail, Buhoma.



333. **REGAL SUNBIRD** - *Cinnyris regius regius*
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| 16-02 | 2 | (pair, male photographed) Echuya Forest Reserve. |
| 17-02 | c 10 | Mgahinga Gorilla NP. |
| 19-02 | 1-2 | Ruhija area. |
| 20-02 | 1 | at the start of the Buhoma community Trail, Buhoma. |
334. **Marico Sunbird** - *Cinnyris mariquensis suahelicus*
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| 15-02 | 1 | (male) savanna area of Lake Mburo NP |
| 16-02 | 2 | (males) Lake Mburo NP. |
335. **Red-chested Sunbird** - *Cinnyris erythrocerus*
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| 15-02 | 1 | Mabamba Swamp. |
| 16-02 | 2 | (pair) Mungenyi, along the Kabala-Mbarara road. |
336. **Superb Sunbird** - *Cinnyris superbus buvuma*
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| 16-02 | 1 | (male) at the Kaahwa Kanuzire Restaurant , Biharwe, Mbarara-Masaka Road. |
| 19-02 | 1 | (female) Ruhija area. |
| 20-02 | 1 | (on a wire) Buhoma Village. |
337. **Variable Sunbird** - *Cinnyris venustus igniventris*
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| 17-02 | c 10 | Mgahinga Gorilla NP. |
| 20-02 | c 5 | along the Buhoma Community Trail, Buhoma. |
338. **Copper Sunbird** - *Cinnyris cupreus cupreus*
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| 19-02 | 2 | (pair building a nest) between Ruhija and Buhoma. |
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339. **Northern Grey-headed Sparrow** - *Passer griseus ugandae*
Common throughout the country.
340. **House Sparrow** - *Passer domesticus*
A few seen in some cities or villages; introduced.
341. **Thick-billed Weaver** - *Amblyospiza albifrons melanota*
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| 15-02 | 1 | (female) during the drive to the Mabamba Swamp. |
| 22-02 | c 3 | (males in a canopy flock), Kibale NP. |
342. **Baglaffeht Weaver** - *Ploceus baglaffeht stuhlmanni*
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| 17-02 | c 10 | between Kisoro and Mgahinga Gorilla NP. |
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- Small numbers (often pairs) at all locations at Bwindi between 18-02 and 21-02. Nesting at the Red-chested Flufftail Swamp on 21-02.
343. **Slender-billed Weaver** - *Ploceus pelzelni pelzelni*
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| 15-02 | 3 | (2 males, 1 female) Mabamba Swamp. |
| 16-02 | 2-3 | Papyrus Yellow Warbler site, Mungenyi, along the Kabala-Mbarara road. |
| 21-02 | c 20 | Kazinga channel bridge, Queen Elizabeth NP. |
344. **Little Weaver** - *Ploceus luteolus kavirondensis*
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| 16-02 | 2 | (females) in a small pool close to the Rwakobo Rock Lodge, Lake Mburo NP. |
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345. **Spectacled Weaver** - *Ploceus ocularis crocatus*
 16-02 2 boat ramp, Lake Mburo NP.
 21-02 c 10 (collecting nesting material) Red-chested Flufftail Swamp, Buhoma.
346. **Black-necked Weaver** - *Ploceus nigricollis nigricollis*
 19-02 1 The Neck, Bwindi Impenetrable Forest.
 20-02 1 at the start of the Buhoma Trail, Buhoma.
347. **STRANGE WEAVER** - *Ploceus alienus*
 17-02 2 Mgahinga Gorilla NP.
 One at an open area just before the former forest edge and one heard at the start of the Sabinyo Gorge.
348. **Black-billed Weaver** - *Ploceus melanogaster stephanophorus*
 18-02 1 (male) [UWA Ranger station](#), Rushaga, Bwindi Impenetrable Forest.
349. **Holub's Golden Weaver** - *Ploceus xanthops*
 First seen at Lake Mburo boat trip on 16-02, then several more roadside birds between 16-02 and 20-02 plus several at the Red-chested Flufftail marsh, Buhoma Village on 21-02.
350. **Northern Brown-throated Weaver** - *Ploceus castanops*
 15-02 c 5 Mabamba Swamp.
 16-02 c 10 Lake Mburo NP.
351. **Lesser Masked Weaver** - *Ploceus intermedius intermedius*
 19-02 c 10 Buhoma Village.
352. **Village Weaver** - *Ploceus cucullatus bohndorffi*
 Abundant, major colonies at Mabamba Swamp, Buhoma Village and Kibale lodge grounds but seen at most locations, except in true forest.
353. **Vieillot's Black Weaver** - *Ploceus nigerrimus nigerrimus*
 Often nesting together with Village Weaver. Seen in colonies at the boat ramp of Mabamba Swamp, at Buhoma Village and in the lodge grounds of Kibale NP as well as several roadside colonies along the highways.
354. **Weyns's Weaver** - *Ploceus weynsi*
 15-02 c 100 (several flocks of 30-50 birds) Mabamba Swamp.
355. **Black-headed Weaver** - *Ploceus melanocephalus fischeri*
 15-02 1 (male) Mabamba Swamp.
 16-02 c 20 [Papyrus Yellow Warbler site](#), Mungenyi, along the Kabala-Mbarara road.
 21-02 c 10 between Queen Elizabeth NP and Kibale NP.
356. **Golden-backed Weaver** - *Ploceus jacksoni*
 15-02 5 (2 males, 3 females) on [the access road](#) to Eagle's Nest in Lake Mburo NP.
357. **Yellow-mantled Weaver** - *Ploceus tricolor interscapularis*
 22-02 2 (pair nesting) [Visitor Center](#), Kibale NP.



358. **Brown-capped Weaver** - *Ploceus insignis*
 18-02 1 (male) Gorilla trek, Rushaga Sector, Bwindi Impenetrable Forest.
 19-02 2 (pair) The Neck, Bwindi Impenetrable Forest.
 20-02 2 (pair) along the Buhoma Trail, Buhoma.
359. **Red-headed Malimbe** - *Malimbus rubricollis rubricollis*
 20-02 2 (pair foraging on mossy branches) along the Buhoma Trail, Buhoma.
360. **Southern Red Bishop** - *Euplectes orix*
 15-02 2 [on our way](#) to Lake Mburo NP.
 21-02 1 Queen Elizabeth NP.
361. **Yellow Bishop** - *Euplectes capensis crassirostris*
 18-02 3-4 Rushaga Sector, Bwindi Impenetrable Forest.
362. **Fan-tailed Widowbird** - *Euplectes axillaris phoeniceus*
 15-02 c 25 (several in display) Mabamba Swamp.
363. **Bronze Mannikin** - *Spermestes cucullata cucullata*
 Commonly seen throughout the whole country.
364. **Maggie Mannikin** - *Spermestes fringilloides*
 21-02 1 Ishasha section, Queen Elizabeth NP.
365. **Yellow-bellied Waxbill** - *Coccyzygia quartinia kilimensis*
 21-02 3 (between Common Waxbills) Queen Elizabeth NP.
366. **White-breasted Nigrita** - *Nigrita fusconotus fusconotus*
 19-02 1 The Neck, Bwindi Impenetrable Forest.
367. **Grey-headed Nigrita** - *Nigrita canicapillus schistaceus*
 19-02 1 The Neck, Bwindi Impenetrable Forest.
 22-02 3 Kibale NP.
368. **Black-faced Waxbill** - *Estrilda erythronotos delamerei*
 16-02 c 5 (1 one seen, others heard) near the Rwakobo Rock Lodge, Lake Mburo NP.
369. **Kandt's Waxbill** - *Estrilda kandti kandti*
 16-02 c 5 [Echuya Forest Reserve](#).
 17-02 c 10 (in two groups) [Mgahinga Gorilla NP](#).
370. **Common Waxbill** - *Estrilda astrild adesma*
 21-02 c 25 Queen Elizabeth NP.
371. **Crimson-rumped Waxbill** - *Estrilda rhodopyga centralis*
 21-02 c 25 Queen Elizabeth NP.
372. **Red-cheeked Cordon-bleu** - *Uraeginthus bengalus bengalus*
 15-02 1 (female) savanna area of Lake Mburo NP.



373. **Red-headed Bluebill** - *Spermophaga ruficapilla ruficapilla*
 16-02 1 (immature) Mgahinga Gorilla NP.
374. **Red-billed Firefinch** - *Lagonosticta senegala ruberrima*
 21-02 c 10 Queen Elizabeth NP.
 c 5 Kibale Forest Lodge.
375. **African Firefinch** - *Lagonosticta rubricata haematocephala*
 16-02 2 savanna area, Lake Mburo NP.
 2 boat ramp, Lake Mburo NP.
376. **Village Indigobird** - *Vidua chalybeate centralis*
 15-02 3-4 along the road to the Mabamba Swamp.
 16-02 1 at the [Kaahwa Kanuzire Restaurant](#), Biharwe, Mbarara-Masaka Road.
 17-02 c 5 between Kisoro and Mgahinga Gorilla NP.
377. **Pin-tailed Whydah** - *Vidua macroura*
 16-02 2 savanna area of Lake Mburo NP.
 19-02 c 5 between Ruhija and Buhoma, Bwindi Impenetrable Forest.
 21-02 1 in a swamp just outside Buhoma, Bwindi Impenetrable Forest.
 c 10 Queen Elizabeth NP.
378. **Western Yellow Wagtail** - *Motacilla flava*
 Fairly common, mainly at Lake Mburo NP and Queen Elizabeth NP. Both *flava* and *thunbergi* races were recorded.
379. **Cape Wagtail** - *Motacilla capensis wellsi*
 18-02 2 between Rushaga and the start of the Gorilla trek, Bwindi Impenetrable Forest.
380. **Mountain Wagtail** - *Motacilla clara torrentium*
 19-02 4 (family) in [a river crossing the road](#) at The Neck, Bwindi Impenetrable Forest.
381. **African Pied Wagtail** - *Motacilla aguimp vidua*
 Seen daily in small numbers, mostly near villages.
382. **Yellow-throated Longclaw** - *Macronyx croceus croceus*
 Fairly common in fields near Mabamba Swamp, in the savanna area of Lake Mburo and in Queen Elizabeth NP.
383. **Plain-backed Pipit** - *Anthus leucophrys zenkeri*
 15-02 1 along the road from the Mabamba Swamp.
 1 in the savanna area of Lake Mburo NP.
384. **Western Citril** - *Crithagra frontalis*
 17-02 1 (male) past the waterfall of the Sabinyo Gorge, Mgahinga Gorilla NP.
 2 just outside Kisoro.
385. **Yellow-fronted Canary** - *Crithagra mozambica barbata*
 21-02 1 Queen Elizabeth NP.



386. **Brimstone Canary** - *Crithagra sulphurata sharpii*

16-02 2 during lunch stop at Mbarara.

387. **Thick-billed Seedeater** - *Crithagra burtoni tanganjicae*

16-02 1 Echuya Forest Reserve.

17-02 2-3 Mgahinga Gorilla NP.

19-02 c 5 Ruhija Area, Bwindi Impenetrable Forest.

20-02 c 5 Buhoma, Bwindi Impenetrable Forest.

388. **Streaky Seedeater** - *Crithagra striolata graueri*

19-02 1 (in a group of *C striolata*) between Ruhija and Buhoma.

389. **Golden-breasted Bunting** - *Emberiza flaviventris kalaharica*

15-02 1 c 2 km before the entrance of the Mabamba Swamp.

18-02 2 in pines in the Rushaga Sector, Bwindi Impenetrable Forest.



Left: moving our way out of an overgrown channel; right: Lesser Jacana habitat; 15 February 2020, Mabamba Swamp; © Jan van der Laan.



View from Eagle's Nest, 15 February 2020; © Arjan Brenkman; right: volcanoes at the border with Rwanda; from left to right: Muhavura, Gahinga and Sabinyo Volcano; 16 February 2020; © Jan van der Laan.



Left: Good forest from the road; 16 February 2020, Echuya Forest Reserve; right: Sabinyo Volcano, seen from the start of the Sabinyo Gorge trail; on the right bushes where Gorillas were seen by another group; 17 February 2020, Mgahinga Gorilla NP; © Arjan Brenkman.



Left: top of the Sabinyo Volcano; right: habitat in the Sabinyo Gorge, between the start of the gorge and the darker trees in the front is the place where Levi had seen the Shelley's Crimsonwing most; 17 February 2020, Mgahinga Gorilla NP; © Jan van der Laan.



Arjan, me, John R and Joseph, after the Gorilla Trekking, 18 February 2020, Rushaga Sector, Bwindi Impenetrable Forest NP.



Arjan inspecting a large tree; 23 February 2020, Kibale NP; © Jan van der Laan.



Mammals observed between 14 and 23 February 2020

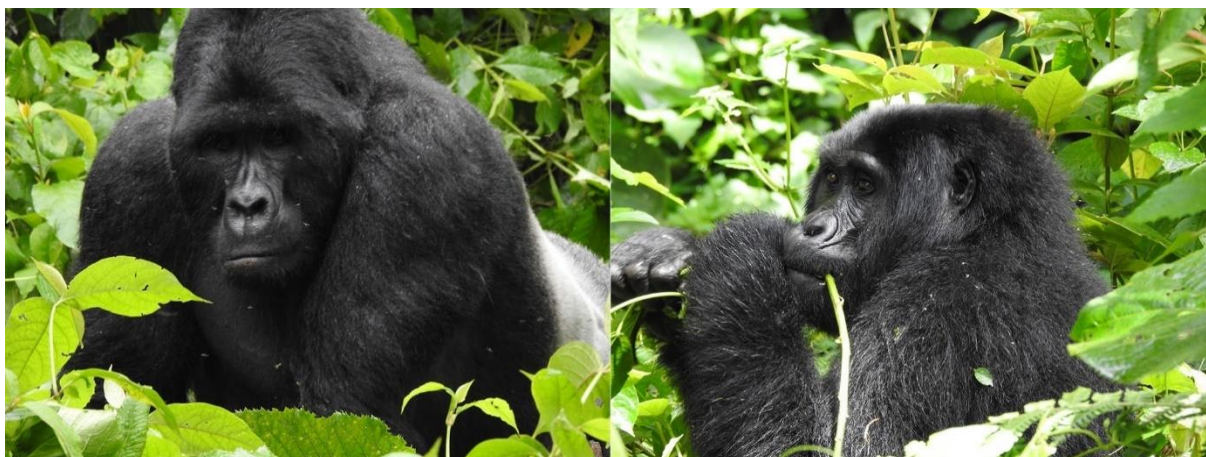
01. **Chimpanzee** - *Pan troglodytes*
Heard from a distance at Buhoma, about 10 individuals seen at Kibale during the tracking afternoon and the beta male came checking out our Pitta efforts the day after at the main entrance trail.
02. **Eastern Lowland Gorilla** - *Gorilla gorilla graueri*
The Silverback, two females, one of which was carrying a baby and an infant were seen on the Rushaga Gorilla trek. An amazing experience, the Silverback which is named Mucunguzi (the saviour) even at some point decided to climb a Mahogany tree like a true King kong.
03. **Uganda Red Colobus** - *Piliocolobus tephrosceles*
A few were seen in Kibale NP.
04. **Guereza Colobus** - *Colobus guereza*
These thumb-less beauties were seen in numbers at Buhoma and Kibale. First noted on the drive from Ruhija to Buhoma.
05. **Olive Baboon** - *Papio anubis*
Abundant at Mburo NP and Kibale NP.
06. **Grey-checked Mangabey** - *Lophocebus albigena*
Common at Kibale NP.
07. **Vervet Monkey** - *Cercopithecus pygerythrus*
Several troops at Lake Mburo NP.
08. **L'Hoest's Monkey** - *Cercopithecus hoesti*
Just one, which crossed the Buhoma trail at the very start.
09. **Golden Monkey** - *Cercopithecus kandti*
At least three troops heard, very shy but two Monkeys seen eventually at Mgahinga.
10. **Blue Monkey** - *Cercopithecus stuhlmanni*
A troop with 5+ monkeys in the forest part of Queen Elizabeth NP.
11. **Red-tailed Monkey** - *Cercopithecus ascanius*
First seen at the Neck, then common at Buhoma and Kibale.
12. **Galago** - *Galago spec.*
Bushbabies were heard in early morning from our tent at Eagle's nest, Lake Mburo.
13. **Ruwenzori Shrew** - *Ruwenzorisorex suncoides*
An all-black rodent crossed the trail at Buhoma and was probably this species.
14. **Alexander's Dwarf Squirrel** - *Paraxerus alexandri*
One at the Neck was thought to be this Squirrel.



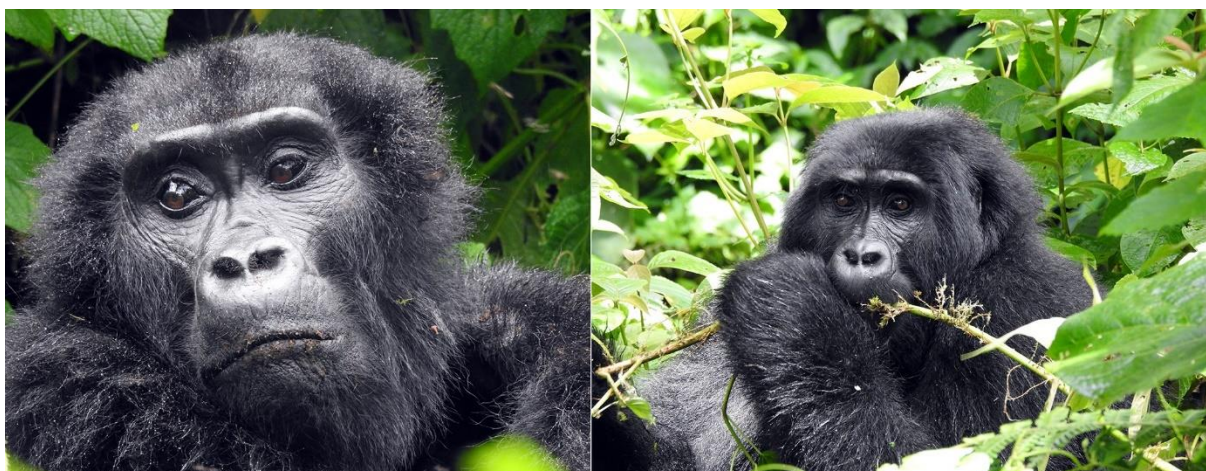
15. **Red-legged Sun Squirrel** - *Heliosciurus mutabilis*
Several seen at Buhoma.
16. **Dwarf Mongoose** - *Helogale parvula*
Two in a termite hill at Lake Mburo.
17. **White-tailed Mongoose** - *Ichneumia albicauda*
One crossed the road at night just before Ruhija coming from Mgahinga.
18. **Banded Mongoose** - *Mungos mungo*
Two at Queen Elizabeth NP.
19. **Forest Elephant** - *Loxodonta cyclotis*
Traces at the trail to Mubwindi Swamp, Ruhija.
20. **Common Zebra** - *Equus quagga*
Common at Lake Mburo NP.
21. **Hippopotamus** - *Hippopotamus amphibius*
Common with several families at Lake Mburo. One in a pond at Queen Elizabeth NP.
22. **Warthog** - *Phacochoerus africana*
Very common at Lake Mburo NP.
23. **African Buffalo** - *Syncerus caffer*
Common at Lake Mburo NP and Queen Elizabeth NP.
24. **Bushbuck** - *Tragelaphus scriptus*
Several at Lake Mburo.
25. **Black-fronted Duiker** - *Cephalophus nigrifrons kivuensis*
Twice a single at Mgahinga and once briefly seen during the Gorilla trek.
26. **Uganda Kob** - *Kobus (kob) thomasi*
A few groups were seen at Queen Elizabeth NP.
27. **Waterbuck** - *Kobus ellipsiprymnus*
Very common at Lake Mburo NP.
28. **Impala** - *Aepyceros melampus*
Very common at Lake Mburo NP.
29. **Topi** - *Damaliscus lunatus*
Several at Lake Mburo.



Mucunguzi, the Silverback; 18 February 2020, Rushaga Sector, Bwindi Impenetrable Forest NP; © Arjan Brenkman (from video).



Mucunguzi, the Silverback and a female; 18 February 2020, Rushaga Sector, Bwindi Impenetrable Forest NP; © Arjan Brenkman.



Female Gorillas; 18 February 2020, Rushaga Sector, Bwindi Impenetrable Forest NP; © Arjan Brenkman.



The Silverback had just climbed in a tree; 18 February 2020, Rushaga Sector, Bwindi Impenetrable Forest NP; © Arjan Brenkman.



Alpha male of the group Chimpanzees we visited; 22 February 2020, Kibale NP; © Jan van der Laan.



Left: Topi Antelope; right: Common Zebra; 15 February 2020, Lake Mburo NP; © Jan van der Laan.



Left: Waterbuck; right: Warthog; 15 February 2020, Lake Mburo NP; © Jan van der Laan.



Left: Dwarf Mongoose, 15 February 2020; right: Hippopotamus; 16 February 2020, both in Lake Mburo NP; © Jan van der Laan.



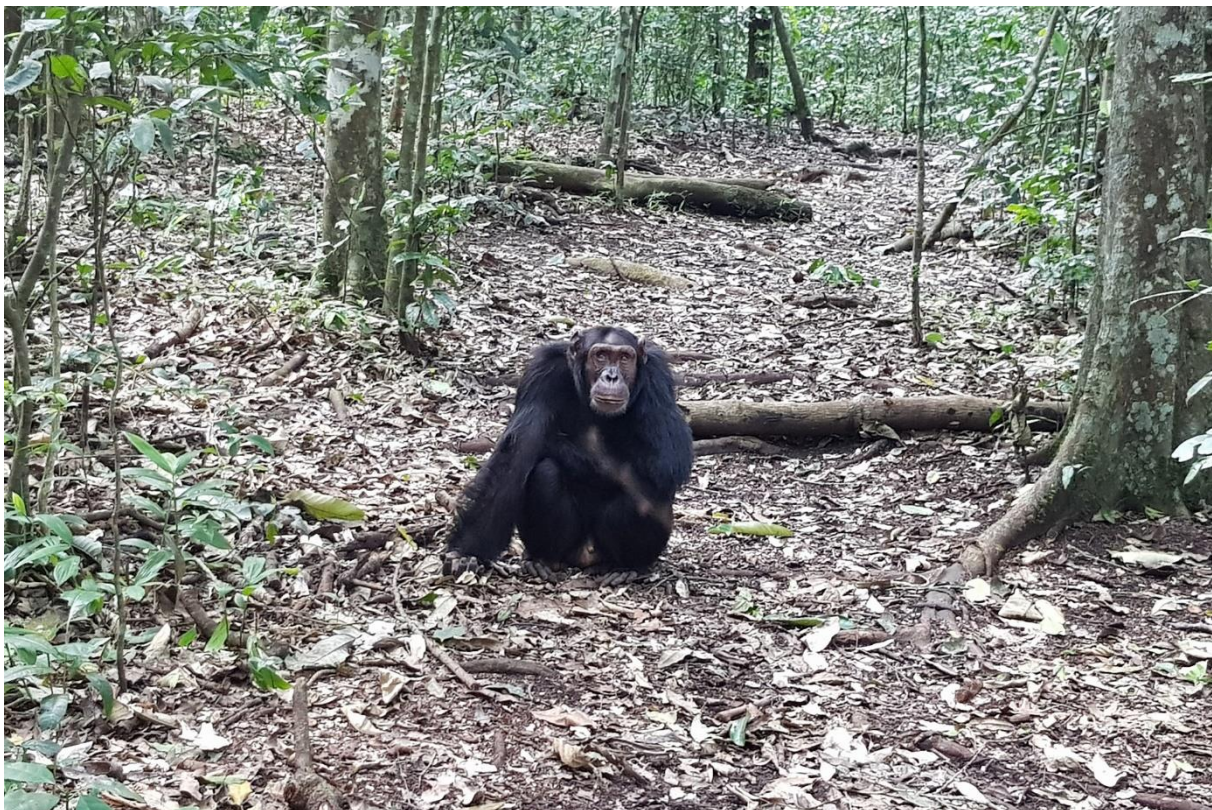
Left: Golden Monkey; 17 February 2020, Mgahinga Gorilla NP; right: Guereza Colobus; 20 February 2020, Buhoma; © Jan van der Laan.



Left: Blue Monkey; right: Red-tailed Monkey; both on 21 February 2020, Queen Elizabeth NP; © Jan van der Laan.



Uganda Red Colobus; 21 February 2020, Kibale NP; © Jan van der Laan.



The alpha male of the Chimpanzee-group we visited. This was the moment he came out from the right, where my group went to the left off-trail. He sat there in front of me for five minutes at c five meters distance; 22 February 2020, Kibale NP; © Jan van der Laan.



Jackson's Chameleons; 17 February 2020, Mgahinga Gorilla NP; © Jan van der Laan.



Butterflies in the Neck; 19 February 2020, The Neck, Bwindi Impenetrable Forest NP; © Jan van der Laan.



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Left: dragonfly spec; 19 February 2020, The Neck, Bwindi Impenetrable Forest NP; right: damselfly spec; 20 February 2020, Buhoma, Bwindi Impenetrable Forest NP; © Jan van der Laan.