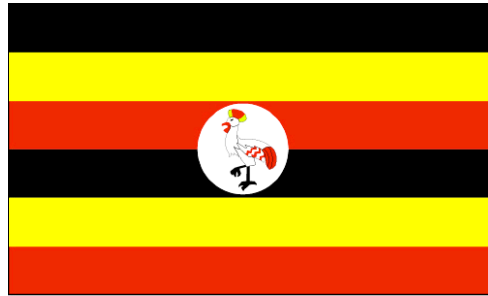
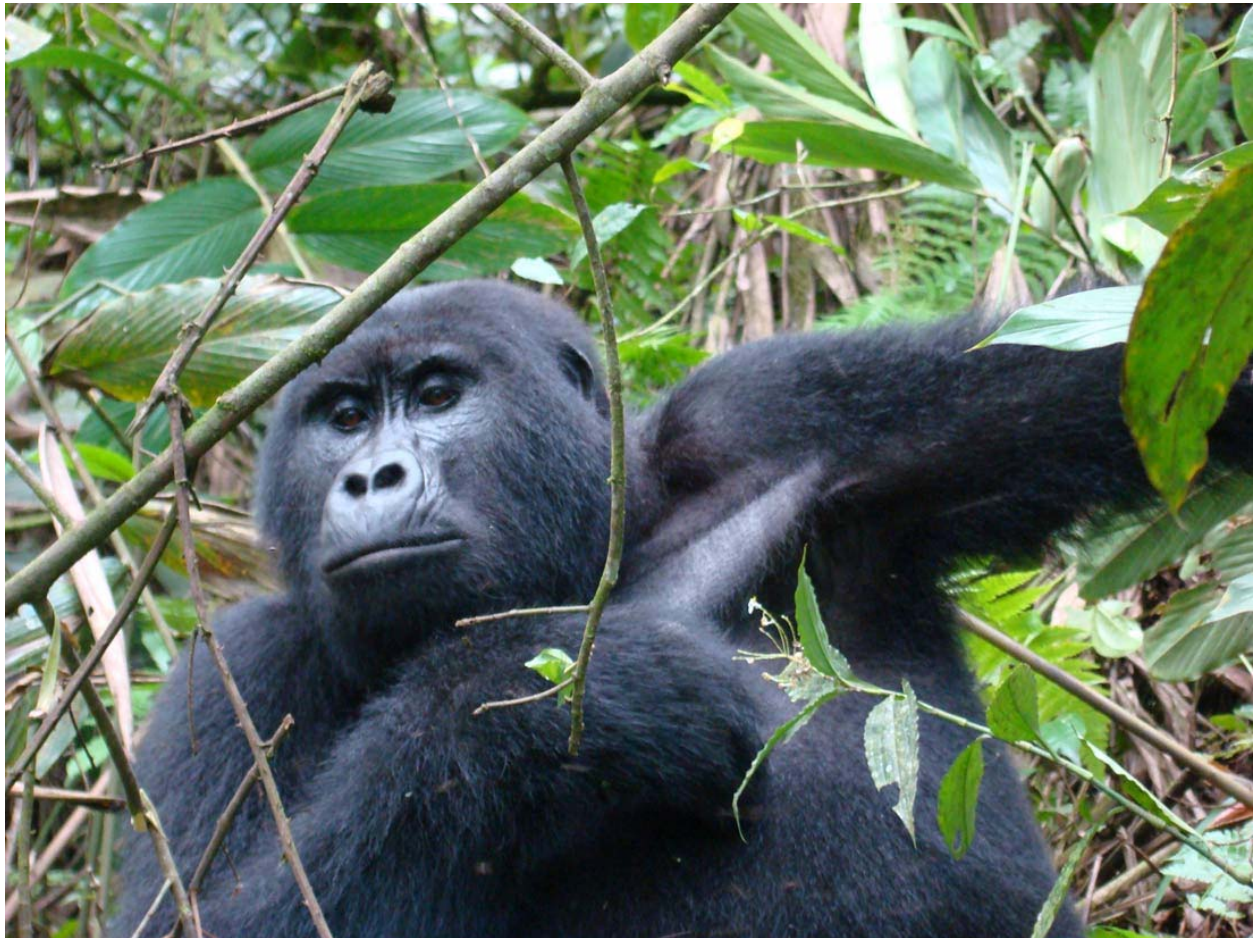


UGANDA REPORT



13 JUNE - 30 JUNE 2008



GENERAL

After visiting Kenya in 2006 I did not expect to be back in East-Africa already so soon. As a matter of fact the plan to visit Uganda originated from my wife's desire for years on to see Chimpanzees and especially Mountain Gorilla's in the wild. Since the gorilla trekking is physically quite challenging we decided not to wait any longer and do it now. So I started surfing the web for information in order to built a birding itinerary around the two primate activities. It was soon pretty obvious that Uganda has a lot to offer bird wise and despite my earlier visit to Kenya in 2006 would yield a nice number of lifers. After reading several trip reports I decided to contact two local companies namely Access Uganda Tours and Avian Watch Uganda. In the end I decided for AWU for two reasons: they offered the best price and on top of that Alfred Twinomujuni (the founder of AWU) was able to guide us in person. Alfred is probably the best bird watching guide in Uganda and a real godfather of birding in his country. He knows practically all birds by call and if he is not calling them in by tape he is whistling them in. His skill to mimic birdcalls is really outstanding. He also does a lot of other good work to help improve eco-tourism by educating a new generation of bird guides all over the country and by involving the local communities. Besides that Alfred is a great person and very pleasant company. The entire trip was perfectly arranged and apart from some minor hick-ups everything went smoothly. All accommodation, transportation, food, entrance fees and Chimpanzee/Gorilla permits were arranged beforehand by Emmanuel who works at the office from AWU. We had a spacious 4WD car with pop-up roof perfectly driven by Gideon. The AWU home page is located at www.avianwatchuganda.co.ug

PREPARATIONS

For general birding preparations we used the usual websites like www.fatbirder.com and www.bsc-eoc.org/links/links.jsp. For reports we used www.travellingbirder.com and www.birdtours.co.uk. One particularly interesting report of Petri Hottola from Finland is available at www.bongariliitto.fi/matkakertomukset/Afrikka/Uganda/Uganda_2007-10-11_Hottola.pdf The report contains a lot of birding as well as general information which can be a great help for preparations of your trip to Uganda. Other interesting websites included: www.africanbirdclub.org/countries/Uganda/introduction.html,

www.visituganda.com, www.ugandatourism.org and www.traveluganda.co.ug. For birding preparations we used following books: Field Guide to the birds of East Africa by Stevenson/Fanshawe (Helm Field Guides) which is probably the best guide for the region. Where to watch birds in Uganda by Rossouw/Sacchi is an excellent site guide book describing most of the best birding locations including (trail) maps and a list of species to be expected for every site. For mammal identification we used the Kingdon Field Guide to African Mammals (pocket version). For general travel information we used the Uganda Bradt Travel Guide.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Uganda is a very scenic and beautiful country with a very diverse set of different habitats. The people are extremely friendly and helpful. Most people speak English as a result of it's British colonial background. The unit of currency is the Ugandan Shilling. The exchange rate during our trip was about USH 2.500 for 1 Euro, and USH 1.750 for 1 USD. Money changing is usually at the so called Forex offices. It is advised to use USD cash, but the Euro is also excepted. There are Forex offices at the airport and in all cities. ATM's are a rare find in Uganda. The only place where you can find them is at the airport and in Kampala. A visa costing USD50 is required to enter the country. The visa can be obtained on arrival. It is advised to take vaccinations against yellow fever (you need to have a certificate) and malaria prophylactics. For info contact your local health authorities.

GETTING THERE

KLM has direct flights from Amsterdam to Entebbe. Another option is to fly with SN Brussels Airlines. They also provide direct flights from Brussels to Entebbe. In our case flying with KLM from Dusseldorf via Amsterdam to Entebbe was the cheapest option. We paid Euro 715 each including taxes.

GETTING AROUND

All transport was pre-arranged by Avian Watch Uganda. During the whole trip we had a 4WD van with pop-up roof which came in very handy especially in the game parks. Road conditions are as one could expect in an African country. They vary from good asphalted roads to bumpy unpaved tracks. The main road from Kampala until Kabale was in fairly good condition. After Kabale all roads are unpaved into the south-west corner of the country. The main road from Queen Elizabeth NP to Fort Portal was an excellent paved road. Roads to Semliki and to Masindi via Hoima are all unpaved. The old potholed main road

from Masindi back to Kampala has been improved a lot. During our visit only a small tract of the road was still in bad condition but the whole route will be repaired in the coming months.

WEATHER AND WHEN TO GO

The southern region has two rainy seasons notably from March to May and October to November. Annual rainfall here is between 1500 and 2000 millimetres. The northern region gets far less rain with occasional rains between April and October. Most of the country lies at a relatively high altitude (above 1000 masl) with pleasant temperatures between 18 and 25 degrees C. The exceptions are Semliki NP and the north (Murchison Falls NP) with temperatures between 30 and 35 degrees C. During our trip we were really lucky with the weather with virtually no rain at all.

ACCOMODATIONS & FOOD

If you are looking for haute cuisine Uganda isn't the place to be. However generally meals were quite okay except at the Vanilla Hotel in Bundibuygo. I only had beans as they only had meat for one of us. The meat appeared to be some kind of rubbery chicken. Lodges and hotels range from very basic to luxury depending on the budget you want to spend. Except in QENP we mainly stayed in basic to midrange lodging:

Hotel Central Inn Entebbe <http://www.traveluganda.co.ug/central-inn-entebbe/index.html> : midrange hotel near the airport. Rooms with private bathroom and TV. Clean and good value.

Mantana Tented Camp in Lake Mburo NP www.lakemburocamp.com: nice semi-luxury tented camp. Tents on raised wooden platform with private bathroom overlooking the lake. Great food and service. Recommended.

Kisoro Tourist Hotel in Kisoro <http://www.aboutuganda.com/kisorotourist.html>: lower midrange hotel. Rooms with private bathroom. Food quality was mediocre.

ITFC Guesthouse in Ruhija: very basic with dormitory style bunk beds but nonetheless we had a great time there.

Bwindi View Banda's in Buhoma www.traveluganda.co.ug/bwindi-view-bandas/index.html: banda's with private bath but fairly basic. However the service and food was okay.

Hippo Hill Camp in Queen Elizabeth NP www.adventurecamps.co.ug/hippo_hill_camp.htm#: luxury tented camp. Poor service and mediocre food. You pay about USD 150 each but they are not even able to serve a cold beer.

Vanilla Hotel in Bundibuygo: lower midrange. Cramped rooms, noisy and very poor food. Only option in the area.

Chimpanzee Forest Guest House near Kibale
www.traveluganda.co.ug/chimpguesthousekibale/index.html: midrange lodge with self-contained cottages. Beautiful location with great views of the crater lakes and Kibale NP. Excellent service and food. Recommended.

Nyabyaya Forestry Guesthouse near Budongo: basic and dirty self-contained rooms. Poor food. Not recommended but close to the Royal Mile.

Red Chilli Rest Camp in Murchison Falls NP www.redchillihideaway.com/paraa.htm: midrange camp. We had a nice self-contained banda. Good food and one of the only places with ice cold beers. Recommended.

BIRDING FACTS

Uganda has a great variety of habitats and despite it's relatively small size it has a bird list of about 1080 species. With the exception of the game reserves (which hold more or less the same birds as neighbouring Kenya and Tanzania), the birding is mostly focussed on forests and swamps. These areas hold most of Uganda's main specialties that do not occur in other east African countries. The main attraction here are the so called Albertine Rift endemics, of which we managed to see 20 out of 24. Our total bird list ended up at 524 species and an additional 9 heard only. I saw 157 new species resulting in a life list of 2753 species. The highlights for me were Shoebill, White-spotted Flufftail, Pennant-winged Nightjar, Papyrus Gonolek, Shelley's Crimsonwing and last but not least African Green Broadbill. All of the sites we visited produced a nice set of new birds although Semliki NP was a bit of a disappointment as a result of

the very dry conditions during our visit. See the chart below to give you an impression of the quality of each birding site. However one must take in account that the duration of stay at each site is different and of course effects the number of birds seen. In general I must say that the best sites were Ruhija, Buhoma, Budongo and Murchison Falls. Although the chart does not really show it we were a bit disappointed in Semliki because we had expected more of this remote lowland forest site.

Location	length of visit	Total	Seen at one site only	Lifers
Mabamba Swamp	3 hrs	48	8	6
Lake Mburo NP	8 hrs	66	14	12
Mgahinga NP	4 hrs	27	8	6
Ruhija (Bwindi NP)	1 ½ days	71	23	16
The Neck (Bwindi NP)	4 hrs	42	14	6
Buhoma (Bwindi NP)	1 ½ days	67	25	20
Queen Elizabeth NP	2 days	87	29	9
Semliki NP	1 ½ days	52	20	12
Kibale NP (morning chimp trekking)	1 day	83	14	12
Budongo Forest Reserve	1 day	79	22	13
Lake Albert escarpment	2 hrs	34	11	7
Murchison Falls NP	1 ½ days	105	36	23
Other (birding en route)			24	14

Site accounts

Below a short description of the sites we visited. For detailed descriptions and target birds at each site you can buy the highly recommended “Where to watch birds in Uganda” by Jonathan Rossouw and Marco Sacchi. The book also contains a complete checklist including the status at each site.

Mabamba Wetland: large papyrus swamp close to Kampala. Excellent site for Shoebill and other papyrus specialties.

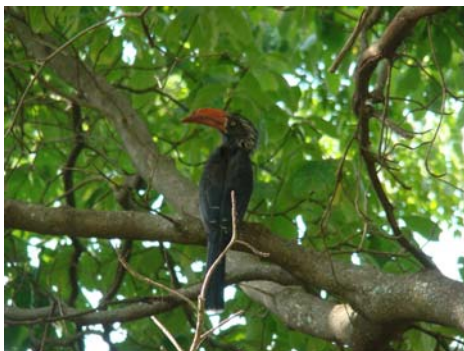
Lake Mburo NP: lake surrounded by savanna woodlands located halfway between Kampala and Bwindi. Best place to see southern savanna species like red-faced barbet. The lake is good for African Finfoot.

Mgahinga NP: Uganda’s most scenic National Park located in the extreme south-western corner of the country. Three extinct volcanoes part of the Virungas lie within it’s boundaries. Best site for amongst Rwenzori Turaco and Shelley’s Crimsonwing.

Bwindi Impenetrable NP: excellent montane forest holding 23 out of 24 Albertine Rift endemics and of course mountain Gorillas. The birding hotspots are at Ruhija, Buhoma and “The Neck”, a narrow stretch of forest connecting the southern and northern part of the park.

Queen Elizabeth NP: Uganda’s most popular game park with a wide variety of habitats that range from savanna and wetlands to gallery forest. This variety is reflected in it’s bird list of about 550 species.

Semliki NP: located in a remote corner in South-western Uganda. The park consists of the eastern extension of the vast lowland Ituri forest which stretches into Congo until the Zambezi river. Excellent site to find central African specialties.



Kibale NP: large section of rainforest that offers excellent forest birding and Chimp trekking. It harbours the greatest variety of primates found in East Africa. Specialties of the area are amongst Green-breasted Pitta, Masked Apalis and African Broadbill.

Budongo Forest Reserve: the largest natural forest in East Africa located just south of Murchison Falls NP. It has an impressive bird list of over 350 species of which many sought after birds like Nahan's Francolin and Ituri Batis.



Murchison Falls NP: located in the north near Lake Albert this park holds a variety of habitats, game and birds. The park holds many northern specialties not present in southern Uganda.



ITINERARY

Friday 13 June : Arrival in Entebbe at 20:15 hrs. Transfer to Hotel
Central Inn Entebbe

Saturday 14 June : Morning birding Mabamba Swamp. Afternoon drive to Lake Mburo for overnight stay.

Sunday 15 June : Morning birding Lake Mburo NP. Afternoon drive to Kisoro for overnight stay.

Monday 16 June : Drive to Nkuringo and onwards Gorilla trekking. Overnight in Kisoro again.

Tuesday 17 June : Birding Mgahinga NP and afternoon transfer to Ruhija for overnight stay.

Wednesday 18 June : Whole day birding the trail to Mubwindi Swamp. Overnight at Ruhija again.

Thursday 19 June : Transfer to Buhoma birding "the neck" en route. Overnight at Buhoma.

Friday 20 June : Whole day birding Bwindi trails. Overnight in Buhoma again.

Saturday 21 June : Transfer to Queen Elizabeth NP birding en route. Overnight in QENP.

Sunday 22 June : Whole day birding and game drives in QENP. Overnight in QENP again.

Monday 23 June : Transfer to Semliki birding en route. Visit Hot Springs. Overnight in Bundibuygo.

Tuesday 24 June : Birding Kirumia Trail. Late afternoon transfer to Kibale for overnight stay.

Wednesday 25 June : Morning Chimp trekking. Afternoon birding in and around Kibale. Overnight in Kibale.

Thursday 26 June : Transfer to Budongo Forest birding en route. Birding Busingiro. Overnight near Budongo.

Friday 27 June : Birding the Royal Mile. Afternoon transfer to Murchison Falls NP for overnight stay.

Saturday 28 June : Whole day birding and game drives in Murchison Falls NP. Overnight at MFNP again.

Sunday 29 June : Transfer to Entebbe birding en route. Evening flight home arriving next day.

DAILY ACCOUNTS

Friday 13 June

Our KLM flight from Dusseldorf to Entebbe via Amsterdam went smoothly and we arrived on schedule at Entebbe Airport at 20:15. We went through customs and walked to the arrival hall where our guide Alfred and driver Gideon were already waiting for us. While Gideon brought our luggage to the car we changed some money at a Forex office in the airport building. We arrived at Hotel Central Inn at around 21:15 which was located only a 5 to 10 minutes drive from the airport. We dropped our luggage in the room and onwards went through the itinerary together with Alfred while enjoying our first Ugandan beer. After Alfred left we watched the EURO 2008 football match between Holland and France which ended up in a spectacular 4:1 victory of our Dutch team. Tired but satisfied because of the Dutch win we went to bed far too late at around 23:30.

Saturday 14 June

We were up already at around 5:30 for breakfast before heading out to Mabamba swamp, our first destination of the trip. Our main target at Mabamba was of course the **Shoebill**, one of the most sought after birds in Uganda. The drive over sometimes poor unpaved roads took about 1½ hours. During the drive we spotted our first birds like **Common Bulbul**, **Hadada Ibis**, **Broad-billed Roller**, **Ross' Turaco** and **Vieillot's Black Weavers**. We arrived at the boat landing of Mabamba at around 8:00 for our onward 2 ½ hours boat trip into the swamp in a dugout canoe. The papyrus at the boat landing held a nesting colony of **Weyns' Weavers**, my first lifer of the trip. During the boat trip we noted amongst **African Crake**, **Lesser Jacana**, **Long-toed Lapwing**, **Swamp Flycatcher** and **Blue-headed Coucal**. After about an hour of peddling we finally found our main target. We had excellent views of a **Shoebill** fishing for Lungfish which is its main food source.

After observing the bird for a few minutes we turned and peddled back to the boat landing stage. Then we headed to a site along Victoria Lake for **Orange Weaver** but due to the high water level we couldn't reach the nesting site. It was already 12:00 when we headed further towards Lake Mburo. On the way to the main road we passed an interesting papyrus swamp but we decided to head on because it was already late. Alfred promised we would have another chance the next day at Kaaku Swamp on the way to Kabale. Besides that bird activity was very low at the swamp in the middle of the day. Halfway towards Lake Mburo we had a heavy rain shower and we decided to have lunch at a roadside restaurant. During the onwards drive to Lake Mburo we noted amongst **Meyer's Parrot, Black-headed Gonolek** and **Fan-tailed Widowbird**. Around 4:30 we entered Lake Mburo and did a game drive. Apart from the game (Lake Mburo is the only park in Uganda holding Impala's) we saw amongst **Bateleur, Crested Francolin, Bare-faced Go-away-bird** and **Black Cuckoo-shrike**. Just before dusk we arrived at the excellent Mantana Tented Camp. We had a nice luxury tent with private bathroom overlooking the beautiful park and the lake in the background. At the restaurant we had an excellent dinner. After dinner we made our daily checklist having seen 123 species of which 14 were lifers for me. Bird of the day was undoubtedly **Shoebill**.

Sunday 15 June

We were up just before dawn for a nice breakfast before heading out for another game drive. During the first 1 ½ hours we saw quite some good birds like **Blue-naped Mousebird, Emerald Spotted Wood-dove, Red-shouldered Cuckoo-shrike, Grey Tit-flycatcher** and finally also one of our aimed targets this morning: **Red-faced Barbet**. We then went to the park headquarters to pick up a park ranger and the boatman and headed to the lake for an onward boat trip on the lake. We first checked out the papyrus stands along the lake where we found our first target namely **Papyrus Gonolek**. Heading further we saw at least five pairs of **African Fish-eagles**. After about an hour we found our second target: a male **African Finfoot**. It was almost noon when we set foot on land again and decided to leave the park as we still had a long way to go to Kisoro in the extreme south-western corner of Uganda. During the drive we had our packed lunch in the car and noted amongst **Woolly-necked Stork, White-headed Barbet** and **Yellow Bishop** which were all new on our trip list. In Kabale we stocked up with provisions for the next couple of days and headed further over an unpaved bumpy road towards Kisoro. Halfway we made a detour for a short visit to Kaaku Swamp. Here we saw amongst **Mackinnon's Shrike, White-tailed Blue Flycatcher** and one of the specialties of the site: **White-winged Scrub-warbler**. Unfortunately we

missed the other specialties like **Papyrus Yellow-warbler** (heard only) and **Papyrus Canary**. However a nice bonus was a **Spot-necked Otter** swimming just a couple of meters in front of us. We then headed on to Kisoro where we arrived at the Kisoro Tourist Hotel just before dusk. We dropped our luggage in the room and had a cool beer and later dinner. After dinner we checked off our daily sightings having seen 102 species of which 42 were new on the trip list of now 165 species. Bird of the day: **Red-faced Barbet**.

Monday 16 June

Today is Gorilla day, an experience where my wife has been waiting for since many years. After breakfast we headed out for a 2 hours drive over bumpy roads to the Nkuringo ranger station. We arrived there around 8:00 and after the briefing we were brought to the start of the trail in a mini-van. After an hours descend we crossed a small river and from here the trail went up into the forested mountains. The hike was pretty strenuous so there was not much time to look for birds. The only new bird I could identify was a **Regal Sunbird**, an Albertine Rift endemic. After 2½ hours our tracker informed us that we were close to the Gorilla's. We had to descend into a very steep gully and when we arrived down we were surrounded by a group of about ten Mountain Gorilla's. What an overwhelming experience this was!! We were allowed to stay near the gorilla's for an hour, and it was great to see these magnificent creatures in there natural habitat. With pain in our hearts we said goodbye to the gorilla's. Coming out of the gully we first had a short break before commencing the strenuous hike back to the starting point. When we arrived back we were exhausted but also each one of us was an unforgettable experience richer. Back at the ranger station Alfred and Gideon were already waiting for us. We were supposed to receive a Gorilla certificate but the ranger said they did not have any. Alfred promised us to arrange one for us in Buhoma where we would be staying after a couple of days.

We had a drink at the ranger station when Alfred told us that he had found a nice bird. Well it appeared to be a nice bird indeed. He had called in a beautiful male **Doherty's Bushshrike**. It was already 3:30 when we decided to drive back to Kisoro. During the drive back we enjoyed the beautiful scenery of lakes and the Virunga Volcanoes in the back. We arrived back at the hotel around 5:00 where we had a well deserved cold beer in the hotel's garden. After a hot shower we had dinner, and afterwards made our checklist. As today's focus was not on birds alone we finished the checklist in just a couple of minutes. Today we saw 29 species of which 8 were new for the trip. Bird of the day was **Doherty's Bushshrike**. The highlight of the day was pretty obvious: **Mountain Gorilla's**.

Tuesday 17 June

We were up before dusk and after a quick breakfast headed to Mgahinga NP. The drive over bumpy unpaved tracks took about 75 minutes. We arrived at the park entrance at around 7:30 and after a short visit to the beautiful visitor centre we started to walk the Gorge trail up to Mt. Sabinyo accompanied by a park ranger. Mgahinga is really a beautiful and very scenic park. First we passed an area of former farmland, a bamboo zone and then an open heath area before entering the tall montane forest at an altitude of about 2700 masl. Then the trail forks to the left with magnificent views into a forested gully that cuts into Mount Sabinyo. The trail up and down took us about 5 hours and was not only scenically rewarding. We saw a nice set of very good birds of which many were ARE's. One of the first highlights was an **Oriole Finch**, which was according to Alfred the first record in Mgahinga. Other goodies we saw included amongst **Western Green Tinkerbird**, **Collared Apalis**, **Malachite Sunbird** and **Ruwenzori Double-collared Sunbird**. At the gully we found **Ruwenzori Turaco** and in a flock of foraging **Dusky Crimson-wings** I noted a very bright coloured bird: the rare and very local **Shelley's Crimson-wing**. Back at the visitor centre it was already 1:00 and we decided to head towards the Ruhija section of Bwindi NP. During the 2 ½ hours drive through beautiful scenery we noted amongst **Little Grebe** and **White-necked Raven**, a lifer for me. From the entrance gate we birded our way to the ITFC guesthouse where we arrived around 5:00. We used the last hour of daylight by birding near the guesthouse having amongst **Least Honeyguide**, **Red-faced Woodland-warbler**, **Stripe-breasted Tit** and **Ruwenzori Hill-babbler**. Back in the guesthouse we had a beer at the fireplace and dinner afterwards. The plan to look for Rwenzori Nightjar unfortunately failed because of the strong wind that blew over the ridge all night. We checked off our bird list having seen 72 species of which 40 were new on the trip list of now 213 species. Bird of the day: **Ruwenzori Turaco**.

Wednesday 18 June

Today the trek to Mubwindi swamp was on the program. After an early breakfast we were off at around 7:00 packed with enough drinking water and lunch in our backpack. We followed the unpaved road for a few hundred meters and then took a trail to the right that leads through beautiful montane forest down to Mubwindi swamp. New birds recorded during the descend included amongst **Black-billed Turaco**, **Dwarf Honeyguide**, **Yellow-streaked Bulbul**, **Archer's Robin-chat**,

Yellow-eyed Black Flycatcher, White-bellied Crested Flycatcher and Black-tailed Oriole. Just before a stream crossing we reached a clearing which was supposed to be the famous nesting site of the **African Green Broadbill.** It took Alfred only a couple of minutes to point out a male specimen of this highly sought after bird. From the clearing it was only a 30 minutes walk to the swamp that we reached around noon. We set down along the swamp and scanned the area for birds. We soon found two **Grauer's Scrub-warblers** one of the specialties of the area. Other birds noted included **Carruthers' Cisticola, Black-throated Apalis, Bronze Sunbird** and **Angola Swallows** hawking over the swamp for insects. **Red-chested Flufftails** were calling but unfortunately did not show. We headed back to the clearing to have a break and have our packed lunch. Around 1:30 we started the fairly strenuous ascent back to the main road. New birds that showed up included amongst **Grey Cuckoo-shrike, Crowned Hornbill, Grey-throated Barbet** and **Elliot's Woodpecker.** While walking back over the main road to the guesthouse we noted a **Mountain Buzzard** soaring over the forested mountains. It was 4:30 when we reached the guesthouse and we decided not to go out for more birding. The long hike to Mubwindi was quite tiresome and we decided to relax in the sun outside the lodge while enjoying a nice cool beer. In the trees around the lodge we noted **Golden-breasted Bunting** and **White-headed Woodhoopoe** which was new on the list. In the evening we had dinner at the fireplace and afterwards made our daily checklist. Today we saw 63 species of which 30 were new. After only 5 days our trip list is now at 243 species. Choosing the bird of the day was not so difficult: **African Green Broadbill.**

Thursday 19 June

Up early again and after a quick breakfast we packed our luggage and dropped it in the car. Before leaving we decided to do some birding on the "school" trail near the ITFC guesthouse. New birds we found here included amongst **Lanner Falcon, Olive Thrush** and **Sharpe's Starling.** We then headed out towards the "Neck" making several stops en route. New birds included **Singing Cisticola, Copper Sunbird, Brown-crowned Tchagra** and **Red-collared Widowbird.** A stop at a tea plantation produced **Yellow-bellied Waxbill, Brimstone Canary** and one of our main targets this morning: **Dusky Twinspot.** Around 8:30 we reached the "Neck" that we birded for about 3 hours. Here we found some excellent birds like **Black Bee-eater, Slender-billed Greenbul, Ansorge's Greenbul, African Shrike-Flycatcher, Many-coloured Bushshrike** and **Crested Malimbe.** A bit of a surprise was the sighting of a **Greater Honeyguide,** wrong habitat one would say. We left the forest of the "Neck" behind us around noon and decided to have our packed lunch. The onward drive to Buhoma took about one hour arriving at the

Bwindi View Banda's around 2:00. It was fairly hot today and we decided to have a break until 4:00. While enjoying a cold beer we noted **Green-throated Sunbird**, **Magpie Mannikin** and **Village Indigobird**. We then headed out again birding the wide trail towards Bwindi NP before taking a left turn to the Munyaga river trail. We birded until dusk having new birds like **Cassin's Hawk-Eagle**, **Tambourine Dove**, **Petit's Cuckoo-shrike**, **Red-capped Robin-chat**, **Cassin's Grey Flycatcher**, **Tiny Sunbird** and **Black-and-White Shrike-flycatcher**. Back at the lodge we had shower and onwards had an excellent dinner. Today's checklist showed us that we had seen 96 species of which a remarkable 52 were new for the list, with a trip list of now 295 species. Bird of the day: **Black Bee-eater**.

Friday 20 June

Today we have a full day to explore Bwindi. Accompanied by a park ranger we headed out into the park. After a couple of hundred meters over the main trail we took a left into the forest along the waterfall trail. We had some great birds this morning of which several were ARE's. Highlights included **Red-throated Alethe**, **Short-tailed Warbler**, **Chapin's Flycatcher**, **African Broadbill**, **Red-headed Malimbe** and **Red-fronted Antpecker**. Around noon we walked back to the lodge to have lunch. During the midday break we noted **African Blue-Flycatcher**. Around 3:30 we headed out again for our second birding session of the day. This time we stayed on the main trail, and again we found some great new species like **Crowned Hawk-Eagle**, **Bronze-naped Pigeon**, **Bar-tailed Trogon**, **Yellow-throated Tinkerbird**, **Yellow-spotted Barbet**, **Willcock's Honeyguide**, **Red-tailed Greenbul** and **Equatorial Akalet**. Before heading back to the lodge we went to the Park Headquarters where Alfred picked up our Gorilla certificates. Back at the lodge we had a shower and an onwards dinner. Today we saw 67 species of which 24 new on the list having a trip total of now 319 species. Bird of the day: **African Broadbill**.

Saturday 21 June

After an early breakfast we packed our luggage and left Bwindi. During our drive over unpaved roads towards the Ishasha section of Queen Elizabeth NP we made a few stops for birds which included new ones like **Klaas' Cuckoo**, **Double-toothed Barbet**, **Rufous-necked Wryneck**, **Banded Martin**, **Northern Crombec** and **White Helmetshrike**. Around 10:00 we reached the Ishasha gate and entered the park for a game drive and several birding stops. New birds noted included amongst

Rueppell's Griffon, Woodland Kingfisher, White-throated Bee-eater and Wire-tailed Swallow. One of our targets of this morning where the famous **Climbing Lions** which we found after an 1 ½ hours drive. Back at the gate we took a left turn along the park's border to the northern section of the park which was another 90 km drive. During the drive we had our lunch in the car. After crossing the Kazinga Channel we took a left turn heading to the Hippo Hill Camp where we arrived around 2:00. As it was quite hot today we decided to have a break until 4:00 before heading out for a game drive in the Crater area, a scenically beautiful section of the park. During the two hours drive we noted new birds like **Little Sparrowhawk, Alpine Swift, Scarlet-chested Sunbird, Hoopoe, Compact Weaver** and **Black-headed Gonolek.** The grassy area's produced typical species like **Common Quail, Croaking Cisticola, Long-billed Pipit, Red-billed Quelea** and **Red-billed Quailfinch.** Back at the lodge we had a nice shower before having dinner. Despite being a "luxury" camp the lodge was not able to serve a cold beer and the food was of a mediocre standard. Besides that their TV wasn't working and we had to go to the village to watch the quarterfinal match between the Dutch and Russia. Before heading to the village we made our checklist having 102 species with 40 new ones having a trip list of 359 species. Bird of the day: **Common Quail,** a species that I have never seen before in Europe. Around 8:30 we went to the village to watch the football match in a local bar. Unfortunately the Dutch lost after extra time (3:1). We arrived back at the lodge far too late around midnight.

Sunday 22 June

In the early morning we headed out towards the main asphalted road. We crossed the road and onwards birded the Kasenyi Track in the northern-eastern section of the park. It was a cloudy morning and the bird activity was fairly low. Nevertheless we managed to see some new species like **African Harrier-Hawk, Wahlberg's Eagle, Martial Eagle, Rufous-naped** and **White-tailed Lark, Marico Sunbird** and **Red Bishop.** Around noon we headed back to the lodge for lunch. At 2:00 we left the lodge again because we had booked a boat trip on the Kazinga Channel at 2:30. The boat trip on a fairly large boat was quite touristy, but nevertheless produced some nice new birds for our trip list like **Great White & Pink-backed Pelican, Squacco Heron, Goliath Heron, African Spoonbill, Water Thick-knee** and **Dideric Cuckoo.** Two lifers for me were **Collared Pratincole** and **Kittlitz's Plover.** After embarking the boat we decided to do a game drive over the Mweya peninsula which produced amongst **Plain Martin, White-headed Vulture,** the beautiful **Green-winged Pytilia** and a flock of about 50 **African Skimmers** foraging over the Kazinga Channel. It was nearly dark when we arrived back at the

lodge. After heaving a nice hot shower we had dinner, and afterwards made our daily checklist. Today we saw 111 species of which 27 were new on the trip list which ended up at 386 species after 9 days of birding. Bird of the day: **African Skimmer**.

Monday 23 June

After having an early breakfast we packed our luggage and headed out for our next destination. We birded our way out of the park via the Crater Track. The only new birds we noted during the 2 1/2 hours of birding were **African Hawk-Eagle** and a brief view of a **Harlequin Quail**. We paid a short visit to a visitor centre close to the main road before heading out on an excellent asphalted road towards Port Fortal. Here we had lunch at a local restaurant after which we started the last leg to Semliki over an unpaved road. Halfway we stopped for **Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird** a new bird on our trip list. During the descend towards Semliki we had a great view over the vast lowland rainforest. We made a brief stop because Alfred heard a flock of **Green-backed Twinspots** but unfortunately we did not manage to locate them. We arrived at the ranger station around 3:30 and accompanied by a park ranger we took the trail towards the Sempaya Hot Springs. According to the ranger there had been almost no rain the last 3 to 4 weeks which proved to be a bad sign for the bird activity. Nevertheless we saw some new birds along the forest trail towards the hot springs like **Scaly Francolin**, **Toro-olive Greenbul**, **Red-tailed Ant-Thrush** and **Rufous Flycatcher-Thrush**. At the springs we also found **Three-banded Plover**. We were back at the car around 5:45 and decided to head on to our hotel in Bundibugyo which was another 45 minutes drive. When we arrived at the Vanilla Hotel it was already dark. The hotel appeared to be fully booked and they first tried to give us a room not much bigger than a toilet room. We refused the room and in the end we got a somewhat bigger room which was acceptable. After refreshing ourselves we went for a beer and dinner. However it appeared that they had meat only for one of us. The meat appeared to be some kind of rubbery chicken while my dinner and Alfred's consisted of beans only. On top of that the waiter was apparently very surprised that I complained which turned me a bit angry. I really cannot recommend Vanilla Hotel but unfortunately it's the only hotel option in the area. We went to our room where I made today's checklist. Because most of the day consisted of travelling we only saw 38 species of which 10 were new on the list of now 396 species. Bird of the day: **Harlequin Quail** despite the brief view. Getting asleep wasn't easy with the constant noise of the generator next to our room.

Tuesday 24 June

Up early for a poor breakfast and left the hotel around 6:00. We drove back towards Semliki for about 15 km where we parked the car near the bridge at the start of the Kirumia Trail. Packed with enough drinking water and lunch we headed into the forest. From 7:00 in the morning until 4:00 in the afternoon we birded the trail until the first oxbow lake about 5 km from the main road. The bird activity was extremely low apparently because of the dry conditions in the forest. On our way to the oxbow lake we noted new birds like **Dusky Long-tailed Cuckoo, Piping Hornbill, Red-billed Dwarf Hornbill, Red-rumped Tinkerbird, Xavier's Greenbul, Green-tailed Bristlebill, Chestnut-breasted Negrofinch, Black-bellied Seedcracker** and a very hard to localize **Yellow-throated Nicator**. When we arrived at the first oxbow lake it was already past noon and decided to have our packed lunch there. Here we heard **Shining Blue Kingfisher** which we couldn't localize. We crossed the oxbow lake where we found a displaying **Rufous-sided Broadbill** just about 100 meters after the oxbow lake. As it was already 1:00 PM we decided to walk back to the main road as we still had to drive to Kibale. On our way back we noted amongst **Black-throated Coucal, Brown-eared Woodpecker, Plain Greenbul, Scaly-breasted Illadopsis** and **Blue-headed Crested-Flycatcher**. Pretty exhausted because of the long walk and high temperature we arrived back at the car around 4:00 and headed back to Kibale via Fort Portal. It was already dark when we arrived at the excellent Chimpanzee Forest Guesthouse near Kibale. Because of yesterday's misfortune at the Vanilla Hotel Alfred had arranged a spacious bungalow with private bathroom. After a hot shower we went for dinner in the main house and afterwards enjoyed a cold beer on the terrace while making our daily checklist. We saw 55 species of which 22 were new resulting in a trip list of 418. Bird of the day: **Rufous-sided Broadbill**.

Wednesday 25 June

Up again early and after a good breakfast we headed out towards Kibale. When we walked outside to the car we realized what a marvellous location the lodge had. It was located on top of a hill and surrounded by a nice big garden and tea plantations. The view from it was really outstanding with on one side Lake Nyabikere and Kibale NP on the other. We followed the main road through the park and made a few stops for birds which included **Narina Trogon, Blue-breasted Kingfisher** (near the bridge), **Ashy Flycatcher** and **Velvet-mantled Drongo**. Around 8:00 we arrived at the visitor centre. Next on the program was Chimpanzee tracking. In parties of six people we were brought to the start of a forest trail by car

around 9:00. From there we headed into the forest accompanied by a park ranger. The ranger had radio contact with the other rangers and after about an hours walk we ran into a large group of chimps. It was a phenomenal experience to observe our closest relatives. During an hour or so we enjoyed watching their natural behaviour like climbing around in trees, feeding, communicating with each other, responding to us, caring for their young and even mating. We arrived back at the visitor centre around noon and decided to have a break and lunch at the nearby Primate Lodge. We then headed out to a swampy area located near the former Mantana Camp outside of the park and birded there for about an hour. Here we saw amongst **Yellowbill, Elliot's Woodpecker, White-throated Greenbul** and a beautiful **White-spotted Flufftail** which was taped in by Alfred. We then went back to Kibale and birded the main road through the park making several stops en route. New birds included amongst **Crested Guineafowl, Hairy-breasted Barbet, Cabanis' Greenbul, White-tailed Ant-Thrush, Chestnut Wattle-eye** and a flock of **Grosbeak Weavers** in flight. Back at the lodge we made a short stroll through the garden having **Speckle-breasted Woodpecker** new for the list. While sitting on the terrace we enjoyed a beautiful sunset while sipping on a nice cool beer. Life's good!! In the evening we again had an excellent dinner and a beer on the terrace. The day list produced 59 species, 18 new ones and a trip list of now 436 species. Bird of the day: **White-spotted Flufftail**.

Thursday 26 June

A very early start because we had to travel a fairly long distance to Budongo today. After breakfast we left the lodge at around 6:30 and headed towards Port Fortal. Just before town we took a shortcut to the right over an unpaved road leading through an area of cultivated fields alternated by large grassy patches which produced new birds like **Western Banded Snake-Eagle, African Harrier-Hawk, Siffling Cisticola** and **African Firefinch**. We arrived back on a paved road leading along Kibale Forest Reserve. Here we stopped several times having some excellent new birds including **White-chinned Prinia, Masked Apalis, Little Green Sunbird** and **Buff-spotted Woodpecker**. Besides we finally managed to have brief views of a flock of **Green-backed Twinspots**. We then headed on taking a left onto the long and unpaved road to Masindi via Hoima. After a long and dusty drive we arrived in Masindi at around 2:00 and had lunch in the garden of a local restaurant. The onwards drive to Budongo Forest Reserve took about one hour arriving there around 4:15. We decided to do some birding along the road in the Busingiro section of the reserve which produced birds like **Chocolate-backed**

Kingfisher, Dwarf Kingfisher, Blue-throated Roller, White-thighed Hornbill and **Spotted Greenbul**. Just before dusk we went to the Nyabyaya Forestry Guesthouse located near the "Royal Mile". The place was pretty basic and the bathroom did not look very inviting. We went for a beer at the restaurant and after the onwards dinner did our daily checklist. Today we saw 79 species including 17 new ones which resulted in a trip list of 453 species. Bird of the day: **Chocolate-backed Kingfisher**.

Friday 27 June

First on the program was a visit to the famous "Royal Mile" which was only about 2 km from our guesthouse. The open area towards the forest produced **Whistling Cisticola**. We arrived at the entrance gate of the royal mile around 7:30 and started birding the wide track through the beautiful forest. New birds we noted included amongst **Sabine's Spinetail, Golden-crowned Woodpecker, Grey Greenbul, Forest Robin, Rufous-crowned Eremomela, Black-capped Apalis, African Forest Flycatcher, Chestnut-capped Flycatcher, Superb Sunbird** and **Yellow-mantled Weaver**. Nearly at the end of the track we finally managed to see **Nahan's Francolin**, and near the river crossing we tried to tape in **White-spotted Fluftail** but this time we did not succeed. We arrived back at the entrance gate around 11:30 and drove for a couple of hundred meters before getting out of the car. From there we birded the agricultural fields on foot. Within half an hour we found three new species for the trip list namely **Red-headed Quelea, Bar-breasted Firefinch** and **Brown Twinspot**. Back at the car we drove back to the lodge where we had lunch. Around 1:30 we packed our luggage and left for Murchison Falls our next destination. Our car got overheated on the road towards Busingiro. While Gideon checked what the problem was we tried for **Ituri Batis** but unfortunately we were not successful. However we were lucky that the problem with the car was soon fixed and we headed on to the more open area just past the Busingiro Tourist Centre. Here we found **Black-headed Batis** and **White-rumped Seedeater** which were new for the list. We approached Murchison Falls via the escarpment along Lake Albert where we had quite a nice list of some excellent new species like **Black-billed Barbet, Cliff Chat, Yellow-bellied Hylia, Foxy Cisticola, Silverbird, Beautiful Sunbird, Red-winged Pytilia** and **Brown-rumped Bunting**. We then headed on towards Murchison Falls. New birds noted en route included **Dark Chanting-Goshawk, Black-billed Wood-dove, Vitelline Masked Weaver, Orange Bishop** and **Black-rumped Waxbill**. We arrived at the entrance gate around 5:30 and continued to the Red Chilly Rest Camp just before

dusk. We dropped our luggage in our nice and spacious bungalow and went to the bar to order dinner and drink a nice and cool beer. The camp was very busy with mostly young American and European backpackers. Tomorrow's plan was to do a game drive in the morning and the boat trip to the falls in the afternoon. However Alfred informed us that the afternoon boat was fully booked so we decided to swap the program and do the boat trip first. We then had a hot shower before having dinner. Today's checklist produced 111 species of which 28 were new, resulting in a trip list of 481 species. Bird of the day: **Red-winged Pytilia**.

Saturday 28 June

The day started with a nice breakfast at the bar before heading to the Paraa boat landing where we arrived around 7:30. Here we embarked the boat for a 2 ½ hours trip over the Victoria Nile towards the falls. New birds noted during the boat ride included amongst **Tawny Eagle, Senegal Thick-knee, African Darter, Giant Kingfisher** and several **Red-throated Bee-eaters**. On the rocks near the falls we had four **Rock Pratincoles**. Unfortunately the view on the falls was very poor because of the glare of the low sun. We were back around 10:00 and disembarked on the northern side of the river where Alfred and Gideon were waiting for us. We then decided for a game drive and birding in the northern section of the park following the Albert Nile Track and returning via the Victoria Track. The game drive produced a nice set of new birds like **Blue Quail, Spotted Thick-knee, Black-headed Lapwing, Northern Carmine Bee-eater, Abyssinian Ground-Hornbill, Grey Woodpecker, Green-backed Eremomela, Rattling Cisticola, Pale Flycatcher, Gambaga Flycatcher, Brubru, Rufous Sparrow, Black-headed Weaver** and **African Quailfinch**. We had our packed lunch in the shade under a big tree before heading towards the northern Tangi Gate birding en route. We had a refreshing beer in Pakwach village before heading back to the ferry at Paraa. The northern section consisted of open dry savanna with Borassus palms and produced some specialties for the area like **Senegal Coucal, Sun Lark, Yellow-billed Shrike, Piapiac** and **Red-billed Hornbill** of which Alfred thought it was the first record in the park. We planned to take the 4:00 ferry for an onward visit to the top of falls but when we arrived it appeared that the 4:00 crossing was cancelled. That's Africa too! The next ferry was at 5:00 only so unfortunately there was not enough time left to visit the falls. Because we had another hour for birding we decided to go for another short game drive which produced **White-crested Turaco** new for the list and back at the ferry we had **Red-winged Grey-Warbler**. In the end the ferry finally crossed at 5:15. Back at the lodge we had a beer before heading out for an evening drive to the air strip for nocturnal birds. Nightjarring as I always call it is one of the delights of birding. The sight of several **Pennant-**

winged Nightjars flying around us was really spectacular. Besides we saw other goodies like **Swamp Nightjar** and **Fiery-necked Nightjar**. On our way back to the lodge we had a **Greyish Eagle-Owl** which is sometimes considered a split of the **Spotted Eagle-Owl**. Back at the lodge we had dinner and made our daily checklist having 112 species, 32 new ones and a trip list of now 513 species. Bird of the day: **Pennant-winged Nightjar**.

Sunday 29 June

Our last day of the trip has arrived. After breakfast we packed our luggage and headed out for a long drive back to Entebbe. We planned to do a birding stop at the Kaniyo Pabidi Forest to try for the very localized Puvel's Illadopsis. En route to the forest we stopped for new birds like **Heuglin's Francolin** and **Fan-tailed Grassbird**. We arrived at the newly built visitor centre at Kaniyo Pabidi around 9:30. We decided to have a drink first at the visitor centre but before coffee was served Alfred already had taped in **Puvel's Illadopsis** at the trail head next to the visitor centre. After having coffee we went into the forest accompanied by a local bird guide who was another student of Alfred. The only new birds we found were **Brown-chested Alethe** and **Grey Longbill**, but we saw some other good birds as well like **Narina Trogon** and **Forest Robin**. Around 11:00 we headed on towards Masindi where we picked up a packed lunch at the Masindi Hotel. While we waited for the packed lunch to be prepared Gideon informed at the bus station what the best route was back to Kampala. Apparently the direct route had been improved a lot which saved us some 1 ½ hours extra driving time via Hoima. Around 00:30 we headed towards Kampala. Just outside Masindi we stopped for **Red-headed Lovebird**. Other new birds we saw en route included **Eastern Chanting-Goshawk**, **Lizard Buzzard**, **Shikra** and **Marsh Widowbird** which was a lifer for me. Approaching Kampala we saw a familiar bird from home: **Eurasian Kestrel**. After finally leaving the busy Kampala behind us we arrived back in Entebbe around 4:30. Reliable as always Alfred had arranged a hotel for us near the airport where we could take a shower and have dinner. After dinner I made my checklist having seen 38 species, 11 new for the trip resulting in an excellent final trip list of 524 species. Bird of the day: **Red-headed Lovebird**. Around 6:30 Alfred returned back at the hotel accompanied by Gideon, another driver from AWU and Emmanuel, the man who had arranged everything so well at the AWU office. We had a last beer together and said farewell to Emmanuel and the other employees from AWU. Alfred and Gideon accompanied us to the airport where we arrived at around 7:30. We thanked Gideon and Alfred for taking care of us so well the last 16 days and for making the trip an unforgettable experience. Our flight to Dusseldorf via Amsterdam departed 20 minutes before schedule at 10:00. After a 3 hours

stopover in Amsterdam we arrived in Dusseldorf at 8:45 the next morning. Another excellent holiday has come to an end.....

List follows the plate numbers of the Helm Field Guide "Birds of East Africa"
published by A&C Black Publishers Ltd.

Birds marked with * have been heard only. Underlined names marks Albertine Rift Endemics.

Anyone interested in a detailed excel file of birds recorded per day can e-mail me at
[jos.birds\(at\)hetnet.nl](mailto:jos.birds(at)hetnet.nl)

1. **Black-throated Coucal**: one along Kurimia trail in Semliki NP
2. **Great White Pelican**: 10+ QENP during boat trip
3. **Pink-backed Pelican**: 10+ QENP during boat trip
4. **Little Grebe**: one en route to Ruhija
5. **Great Cormorant**: 3 on Lake Mburo, 100+ in QENP during boat trip
6. **Long-tailed Cormorant**: 6 on Lake Mburo, 10+ in QENP, 10+ in Murchison Falls
7. **African Darter**: 10+ in Murchison Falls
8. **African Finfoot**: one male on Lake Mburo
9. **Little Bittern**: one in QENP during boat trip
10. **Black-crowned Night-heron**: 4 along Lake Mburo
11. **Cattle Egret**: common in cultivated areas and most game parks
12. **Squacco Heron**: 3 in QENP and 6 in Murchison Falls

13. **Striated Heron:** 3 along Lake Mburo
14. **Little Egret:** 4 at Mabamba, 4 in QENP and 15 in Murchison Falls
15. **Black Heron:** one in QENP during boat trip
16. **Intermediate Egret:** 2 at Mabamba and 4 in Murchison Falls
17. **Great Egret:** 3 at Mabamba, 2 in QENP and 20+ in Murchison Falls
18. **Goliath Heron:** 2 in QENP and 4 in Murchison Falls
19. **Purple Heron:** 2 at Mabamba, 1 en route to Kabale
20. **Grey Heron:** 6 in QENP
21. **Black-headed Heron:** common throughout in suitable habitat except in Murchison Falls
22. **Hamerkop:** 10+ Mabamba, 5 Lake Mburo, 5 QENP, 4 Murchison Falls
23. **Yellow-billed Stork:** 2 seen en route, 6 at QENP, 3 at Murchison Falls
24. **Woolly-necked Stork:** one en route to Lake Mburo
25. **African Openbill:** 2 at Mabamba, 4 at Murchison Falls
26. **Saddle-billed Stork:** 2 at Mabamba, 2 at QENP, 3 at Murchison Falls
27. **Marabou Stork:** 10+ Mabamba, 10+ QENP, 10+ en route to Masindi, common in Kampala
28. **Shoebill Stork:** one at Mabamba
29. **Sacred Ibis:** 10 at Kaaku Swamp, 2 at QENP, 4 at Semliki Hot Springs
30. **Hadada Ibis:** fairly common throughout except in mountainous south-west
31. **African Spoonbill:** 2 at QENP
32. **Egyptian Goose:** 2 at Lake Mburo, 100+ at QENP, 10+ at Murchison Falls
33. **Spur-winged Goose:** one en route to Kabale, 6 at Murchison Falls

34. **White-faced Whistling-Duck:** 2 at Mabamba, 20+ at QENP, 7 at Murchison Falls
35. **Yellow-billed Duck:** 2 at Mabamba, 4 en route to Kisoro, 6 en route to Buhoma
36. **Yellow-billed Kite:** 5 at Mabamba, 20+ en route, common around Kampala
37. **Black-shouldered Kite:** 2 near Mabamba, 2 at QENP, several en route
38. **African Fish-Eagle:** 2 at Mabamba, 10 at Lake Mburo, 10+ at QENP, 8 at Murchison Falls
39. **Palm-nut Vulture:** 1 at Mabamba, 4 at QENP, several en route
40. **Hooded Vulture:** 2 near Mabamba
41. **White-headed Vulture:** one at QENP
42. **White-backed Vulture:** 6 at Lake Mburo, 10+ at QENP, 4 at Murchison Falls
43. **Rueppell's Griffon:** 2 at QEP Ishasha sector
44. **Lappet-faced Vulture:** 2 at Lake Mburo, 1 at QENP, 1 at Murchison Falls
45. **Brown Snake-Eagle:** 3 at Lake Mburo, 3 at QENP
46. **Western Banded Snake-Eagle:** one en route to Hoima
47. **African Marsh-Harrier:** 4 at Mabamba
48. **Eastern Chanting-Goshawk:** 1 at Murchison Falls
49. **Dark Chanting-Goshawk:** 1 en route to Murchison Falls
50. **Gabar Goshawk:** 1 at Lake Mburo
51. **Lizard Buzzard:** 2 en route back to Kampala
52. **Shikra:** 1 at Mabamba, 2 en route back to Kampala
53. **Little Sparrowhawk:** 1 at QENP
54. **African Harrier-Hawk:** 1 at QENP, 1 en route to Masindi, 1 near Masindi

55. **Augur Buzzard:** 6 en route in mountains south-west
56. **Mountain Buzzard:** 3 near Ruhija
57. **Tawny Eagle:** 1 at Murchison Falls
58. **Wahlberg's Eagle:** 1 at QENP
59. **Lesser Spotted Eagle:** 1 at QENP
60. **African Hawk-Eagle:** 1 at QENP, 1 at Murchison Falls
61. **Ayres' Hawk-Eagle:** 1 at QENP
62. **Cassin's Hawk-Eagle:** 1 at Buhoma 1 at Royal Mile
63. **Bateleur:** 2 at Lake Mburo, 6 at QENP, 10 at Murchison Falls
64. **Long-crested Eagle:** 2 at QENP, several seen en route
65. **Martial Eagle:** 2 at QENP, 1 at Murchison Falls
66. **Crowned Hawk-Eagle:** 1 at Buhoma
67. **Eurasian Kestrel:** 1 near Kampala
68. **Grey Kestrel:** 1 at Mabamba, 2 at Murchison Falls
69. **African Hobby:** 1 en route to Masindi
70. **Red-necked Falcon:** 1 at Murchison Falls
71. **Lanner Falcon:** 1 at Ruhija
72. **Helmeted Guineafowl:** common in Game Parks; Lake Mburo, QENP, Murchison Falls
73. **Crested Guineafowl:** 4 at Kibale
74. **Scaly Francolin:** 1 at Semliki
75. **Nahan's Francolin:** 2 at Royal Mile
76. ***Coqui Francolin:** heard only at Lake Mburo
77. **Hueglin's Francolin:** 1 at Murchison Falls

78. **Crested Francolin:** 8 at Lake Mburo, 10 at Lake Albert escarpment, 4 at Murchison Falls
79. **Red-necked Spurfowl:** 4 at Lake Mburo, very common at QENP (50+)
80. **Harlequin Quail:** 1 at QENP
81. **Common Quail :** 3 at QENP
82. **Blue Quail :** 1 at Murchison Falls
83. **White-spotted Flufftail:** 1 at swamp near Kibale, 1 heard at Royal Mile
84. ***Red-chested Flufftail:** heard only at Mubwindi Swamp
85. **African Crake:** 1 at Mabamba, 1 at QENP
86. **Black Crake:** 1 at Mabamba, 4 at QENP, 2 at Murchison Falls
87. **Common Moorhen:** 1 en route to Ruhija
88. **African Jacana:** common at Mabamba, QENP, Murchison Falls
89. **Lesser Jacana:** 1 at Mabamba
90. **Grey-crowned Crane:** common in the south and at Murchison Falls
91. **Black-bellied Bustard:** 3 at Lake Mburo, 4 at QENP
92. **Black-winged Stilt:** 8 at QENP
93. **Spotted Thick-knee:** 2 at Murchison Falls
94. **Water Thick-knee:** 4 at QENP
95. **Senegal Thick-knee:** 2 at Murchison Falls
96. **Collared Pratincole:** 15 at QENP
97. **Rock Pratincole:** 4 at Murchison Falls
98. **Spur-winged Plover:** common at QENP (40+) and Murchison Falls (15+)
99. **Long-toed Lapwing:** 8 at Mabamba, 2 at Lake Mburo, 2 at Kaaku Swamp
100. **Wattled Lapwing:** 8 at Lake Mburo, 15 at QEN, 1 at Murchison Falls

101. **Black-headed Lapwing:** 3 at Murchison Falls
102. **Senegal Lapwing:** 8 at Lake Mburo, 4 at QENP
103. **Kittlitz's Plover:** 10 at QENP
104. **Three-banded Plover:** 1 at Semliki Hotsprings
105. **Grey-headed Gull:** 20+ at QENP
106. **Gull-billed Tern:** flock at Mabamba of 100+
107. **African Skimmer:** 50+ at QENP
108. **White-winged Tern:** 200+ at Mabamba, 100+ at QENP
109. **African Green Pigeon:** 6 at Lake buro, 2 at Buhoma
110. **Bronze-naped Pigeon:** 1 at Buhoma
111. **Speckled Pigeon:** 20+ at Lake Mburo, one near Nkuringo
112. **Olive Pigeon:** common at Ruhija (30+)
113. **Rock Dove:** 15 near Lake Mburo
114. **Emerald-Spotted Wood-dove:** one at Lake Mburo
115. **Blue-spotted Wood-dove:** 2 at Lake Mburo, 4 at Buhoma, 10+ at QENP
116. **Black-billed Wood-dove:** 10 at Murchison Falls
117. **Tambourine Dove:** 3 at Buhoma, 4 at Semliki, 6 at Kibale, 3 at Royal Mile
118. **Ring-necked Dove:** common at Lake Mburo, QENP and Murchison Falls
119. **Red-eyed Dove:** common throughout
120. **African Mourning Dove:** 2 en route to Murchison Falls
121. **Vinaceous Dove:** 8 at Murchison Falls
122. **Laughing Dove:** common at QENP (50+)
123. **Dusky Turtle-dove:** 4 at Mgahinga

124. **Meyer's Parrot:** 5 en route to Lake Mburo
125. **Grey Parrot:** 2 at Mabamba
126. **Red-headed Lovebird:** one near Masindi en route back to Kampala
127. **Great Blue Turaco:** 4 near Mabamba, 8 at Buhoma, 4 at Semliki
128. **Ross' Turaco:** 2 near Mabamba, 2 at Budongo (lodge)
129. **Ruwenzori Turaco:** one at Mgahinga
130. **White-crested Turaco:** 1 at Murchison Falls
131. **Black-billed Turaco:** 2 at Ruhija, 2 at Buhoma
132. **Bare-faced Go-away-bird:** 4 at Lake Mburo, 2 at QENP
133. **Eastern Grey Plantain-eater:** 10 at Mabamba, 2 at Budongo (lodge), 2 at Murchison Falls
134. **Levaillant's Cuckoo:** one at Lake Mburo
135. **Red-chested Cuckoo:** one at Busingiro
136. **Dusky Long-tailed Cuckoo:** one at Semliki
137. **Dideric Cuckoo:** 1 at QENP
138. **Klaas' Cuckoo:** one en route to QENP
139. **African Emerald Cuckoo:** one at Semliki
140. ***Yellow-throated Cuckoo:** heard only at Semliki
141. **Yellowbill:** one at Semliki, one at swamp near Kibale
142. **White-browed Coucal:** 2 near Mabamba, 2 at Lake Mburo, common at QENP (30+), 1 at MFNP
143. **Blue-headed Coucal:** 3 at Mabamba, one at Kaaku Swamp
144. **Senegal Coucal:** 1 at Murchison Falls
145. **Verreaux's Eagle-Owl:** one at Lake Mburo
146. **Greyish Eagle-Owl:** one at Murchison Falls

147. **Pearl-spotted Owlet:** one at Murchison Falls
148. **Swamp Nightjar:** one at Murchison Falls
149. **Fiery-necked Nightjar:** one at Murchison Falls
150. **Pennant-winged Nightjar:** 6 at Murchison Falls
151. **Little Swift:** 15+ at QENP, 25+ at lodge in Budongo
152. **White-rumped Swift:** 6 at Lake Mburo, 50+ at QENP, 30+ near Budongo
153. **Alpine Swift:** 2 at QENP
154. **African Palm-swift:** 15 at Mabamba, common at QENP, 15 at MFNP
155. **Sabine's Spinetail:** one at Budongo (royal mile)
156. **Speckled Mousebird:** very common throughout
157. **Blue-naped Mousebird:** 8 at Lake Mburo, common at QENP (50+), 4 at MFNP
158. **Narina Trogon:** one at Kibale, one at Kaniyo Pabidi (MFNP)
159. **Bar-tailed Trogon:** one at Buhoma
160. **Pied Kingfisher:** 2 at Mabamba, 10 at Lake Mburo, very common at QENP and MFNP
161. **Striped Kingfisher:** 4 at Lake Mburo, 2 at Murchison Falls
162. **Grey-headed Kingfisher:** 2 at QENP, 3 at Murchison Falls
163. **Giant Kingfisher:** one at Murchison Falls
164. **Woodland Kingfisher:** 3 at QENP, one at Murchison Falls
165. **Blue-breasted Kingfisher:** one at Kibale, one at Budongo (Royal Mile)
166. **Chocolate-backed Kingfisher:** 2 at Budongo (Busingiro and Royal Mile)
167. **Malachite Kingfisher:** 2 at Mabamba, 2 at QENP, 2 at Murchison Falls
168. **African Pygmy-Kingfisher:** one at Kaaku Swamp, one at Budongo, one at MFNP

169. **Dwarf Kingfisher:** one at Budongo
170. ***Shining-blue Kingfisher:** heard only at Semliki
171. **Little Bee-eater:** 5 at QENP
172. **Cinnamon-chested Bee-eater:** 2 at Kaaku Swamp, 2 at Ruhija, 2 at The Neck
173. **Blue-breasted Bee-eater:** 2 at Mabamba
174. **White-throated Bee-eater:** 6 at QENP
175. **Swallow-tailed Bee-eater:** 2 at escarpment, 2 at Murchison Falls
176. **Black Bee-eater:** 3 at The Neck, 2 at Buhoma
177. **Madagascar Bee-eater:** 4 at QENP
178. **Red-throated Bee-eater:** 10+ at Murchison Falls (boat trip)
179. **Northern Carmine Bee-eater:** 8 at Murchison Falls
180. **Broad-billed Roller:** 4 at Mabamba, 2 at QENP, 8 at Murchison Falls
181. **Blue-throated Roller:** Budongo: 3 at Busingiro, 2 at Royal Mile
182. **Lilac-breasted Roller:** 3 at Lake Mburo
183. **Green Woodhoopoe:** 3 at Lake Mburo, 4 at QENP
184. **White-headed Woodhoopoe:** 2 at Ruhija
185. **African Hoopoe:** one at QENP
186. **Common Scimitar-bill:** 2 at Lake Mburo, 8 at QENP
187. **Red-billed Hornbill:** one at Murchison Falls (first record?)
188. **African Grey Hornbill:** 3 at Lake Mburo, 8 at Murchison Falls
189. **Crowned Hornbill:** 3 at Ruhija, 1 at Buhoma
190. **African Pied Hornbill:** 3 at Mabamba, 4 en route to Semliki
191. **Piping Hornbill:** 2 at Semliki

192. **Red-billed Dwarf Hornbill:** 5 at Semliki
193. ***White-crested Hornbill:** heard only at Semliki
194. **Black-and-white-casqued Hornbill:** 4 at Mabamba, 4 at Ruhija, 4 at Kibale, 10 at Budongo
195. **White-thighed Hornbill:** 8 at Budongo
196. **Abyssinian Ground-Hornbill:** 6 at Murchison Falls one en route to Kaniyo Pabidi
197. **Yellow-rumped Tinkerbird:** 2 at Nkuringo, 3 at Ruhija, 4 at The Neck, 2 at Buhoma, 1 at Kibale
198. **Yellow-throated Tinkerbird:** 2 at Buhoma, 1 en route to Semliki, 1 at Royal Mile
199. **Red-rumped Tinkerbird:** one at Semliki
200. **Western Green-tinkerbird:** one at Mgahinga
201. **Speckled Tinkerbird:** one at the Neck, 10 at Kibale, 2 at Royal Mile
202. **Grey-throated Barbet:** 2 at Ruhija, 1 at Buhoma, 2 at Kibale
203. **Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird:** one en route to Semliki
204. **Spot-flanked Barbet:** 2 at Lake Mburo, 1 at QENP
205. **Hairy-breasted Barbet:** 2 at Kibale
206. **Yellow-spotted Barbet:** one at Buhoma, one at Kibale
207. **White-headed Barbet:** one near Lake Mburo, 2 en route to QENP
208. **Black-billed Barbet:** 2 at escarpment, 2 at Murchison Falls
209. **Red-faced Barbet:** 2 at Lake Mburo
210. **Double-toothed Barbet:** one en route to QENP
211. **Yellow-billed Barbet:** one at Semliki, one at Royal Mile
212. **Greater Honeyguide:** one at the Neck, 2 at QENP, one at Escarpment
213. **Willcock's Honeyguide:** one at Buhoma, one at Royal Mile

214. **Least Honeyguide:** one at Ruhija
215. **Dwarf Honeyguide:** 2 at Ruhija
216. **Cassin's Honeyguide:** one at the Neck
217. **Rufous-necked Wryneck:** 5 en route to QENP
218. **Buff-spotted Woodpecker:** one at Kibale, one at Royal Mile
219. **Brown-eared Woodpecker:** 2 at Kibale
220. **Cardinal Woodpecker:** one at Ruhija, one at Kibale (lodge), one at MFNP
221. **Elliot's Woodpecker:** 2 at Ruhija, one at Buhoma, one at Kibale
222. **Golden-crowned Woodpecker:** 2 at Royal Mile
223. **Grey Woodpecker:** one at Murchison Falls
224. **African Broadbill:** one at Buhoma
225. **Rufous-sided Broadbill:** one at Semliki
226. **African Green Broadbill:** one at Ruhija (Mubwindi Trail)
227. **Rufous-naped Lark:** 4 at QENP
228. **Flappet Lark:** one at Lake Mburo, common at QENP (40+), 10 at escarpment, 4 at MFNP
229. **Sun Lark:** one at Murchison Falls
230. **White-tailed Lark:** 2 at QENP
231. **Red-capped Lark:** 2 at QENP
232. **Rock Martin:** 2 at Ruhija
233. **Plain Martin:** 4 at QENP
234. **Banded Martin:** 4 en route to QENP, 15 at Murchison Falls
235. **Mosque Swallow:** 2 en route to QENP, 2 at Murchison Falls
236. **Rufous-chested Swallow:** 2 at Mabamba, 4 en route

237. **Lesser Striped-swallow:** fairly common throughout
238. **Angola Swallow:** 25+ at Mabamba, 10+ Bwindi, 5 at Kibale (lodge)
239. **Wire-tailed Swallow:** 2 at QENP, 4 at Murchison Falls
240. **Black Sawwing:** common at Ruhija and Buhoma (100+), 10 at Budongo
241. **White-headed Sawwing:** one at Lake Mburo, 4 near QENP, 2 at Budongo
242. **African Pied Wagtail:** common throughout
243. **Mountain Wagtail:** 2 at the Neck
244. **Cape Wagtail:** 2 at Kaaku Swamp, one at Nkuringo, one at Mubwindi Swamp
245. **Yellow-throated Longclaw:** 2 at Mabamba, 10+ at QENP
246. **African Pipit:** 10+ at QENP, one en route to Budongo
247. **Long-billed Pipit:** one at QENP
248. **Plain-backed Pipit:** 4 at QENP
249. **Black Cuckoo-shrike:** 2 at Lake Mburo, one at QENP, one at escarpment
250. **Red-shouldered Cuckoo-shrike:** one at Lake Mburo
251. **Petit's Cuckoo-shrike:** one at Buhoma
252. **Grey Cuckoo-shrike:** 2 at Ruhija, 2 at the Neck
253. **Yellow-spotted Nicator:** 2 at Semliki, one at Royal Mile
254. **Yellow-throated Nicator:** one at Semliki
255. **Common Bulbul:** common throughout
256. **Yellow-whiskered Bulbul:** 6 at Ruhija, 4 at Buhoma, 2 at Kibale, 4 at Budongo
257. **Little Greenbul:** 2 at the Neck, 4 at Buhoma, 6 at Kibale, 6 at Budongo
258. **Mountain Greenbul:** 2 at Mgahinga, 5 at Ruhija

259. **Slender-billed Greenbul:** 2 at the Neck
260. **Shelley's Greenbul:** one at the Neck, one at Buhoma
261. **Yellow-streaked Bulbul:** one at Ruhija
262. **Cabanis' Greenbul:** one at Kibale
263. **Grey Greenbul:** 3 at Royal Mile, one at Kaniyo Pabidi
264. **Ansorge's Greenbul:** one at the Neck
265. **Toro Olive Greenbul:** one at Semliki, 2 at Kibale
266. **Plain Greenbul:** one at Kibale
267. **Xavier's Greenbul:** 5 at Kibale
268. ***Leaf-love:** heard only at Kibale
269. **Joyful Greenbul:** one at Budongo
270. **Common Bristlebill:** one at Buhoma
271. **Green-tailed Bristlebill:** 2 at Semliki
272. **Red-tailed Greenbul:** one at the Neck, one at Buhoma
273. **White-throated Greenbul:** one at Kibale, one at Royal Mile
274. **Swamp Greenbul:** one at Semliki
275. **Honeyguide Greenbul:** 2 at Budongo
276. **Spotted Greenbul:** one at Budongo
277. **White-starred Robin:** 2 at Ruhija
278. **Equatorial Akalet:** one at Buhoma
279. **Forest Robin:** one at Royal Mile, one at Kaniyo Padibi
280. **Brown-chested Alethe:** one at Kaniyo Padibi
281. **Red-throated Alethe:** one at Kaniyo Padibi
282. **White-browed Robin-Chat:** one at Lake Mburo, 10 at QENP

283. ***Snowy-crowned Robin-Chat:** heard only at Budongo (lodge)
284. **Red-capped Robin-Chat:** one at Buhoma
285. **Grey-winged Robin-Chat:** one at Buhoma
286. **Archer's Robin-Chat:** 2 at Ruhija, one at Buhoma
287. **White-bellied Robin-Chat:** one at Buhoma
288. **Olive Thrush:** 5 at Ruhija
289. **African Thrush:** one at Kaaku Swamp, one at QENP, one at Kibale, one at MFNP
290. ***Kivu Ground-thrush:** heard only at Mgahinga
291. **White-tailed Ant-Thrush:** 2 at Kibale
292. **Red-tailed Ant-Thrush:** 3 at Semliki
293. **Rufous Flycatcher-Thrush:** one at Semliki, one at Budongo
294. **Sooty Chat:** 2 at Lake Mburo, 30+ at QENP
295. **Mocking Cliff-Chat:** 2 at escarpment
296. **African Stonechat:** several seen en route (10)
297. **Red-backed Scrub-Robin:** one near Mabamba, one at Lake Mburo, one at QENP
298. **Brown-backed scrub-Robin:** one at Kibale (swamp)
299. **Spotted Mourning-Thrush:** 4 at Murchison Falls
300. **Mountain Yellow-warbler:** 2 at Mgahinga
301. ***Papyrus Yellow-warbler:** heard only at Kaaku Swamp
302. **Lesser Swamp-warbler:** one at Kaaku Swamp
303. **Greater Swamp-warbler:** 2 at Kaaku Swamp
304. **White-winged Scrub-Warbler:** one at Kaaku Swamp
305. **Cinnamon Bracken-Warbler:** 2 at Mgahinga, one at Ruhija

306. **Cameroon Scrub-Warbler:** one at Ruhija
307. **Grauer's Scrub-Warbler:** 2 at Mubwindi Swamp
308. **Buff-bellied Warbler:** 2 at Lake Mburo
309. **Red-faced Woodland-Warbler:** 2 at Ruhija, one at Buhoma
310. **Green Hylia:** one at the Neck, one at Buhoma, one at Kibale, one at Kaniyo Pabidi
311. **Short-tailed Warbler:** one at Buhoma
312. **White-browed Crombec:** one at the Neck
313. **Green Crombec:** one at Buhoma, one at Semliki, one at Kibale
314. **Grey Longbill:** one at Kaniyo Pabidi
315. **Northern Crombec:** one near QENP, 2 at escarpment
316. **Green-backed Eremomela:** one at Murchison Falls
317. **Rufous-crowned Eremomela:** 2 at Royal Mile
318. **Yellow-bellied Hyliota:** one at escarpment
319. **Black-faced Rufous Warbler:** 2 at Buhoma, one at Kibale Forest
320. **Moustached Grass-Warbler:** 2 at QENP, 2 at Murchison Falls
321. **Fan-tailed Grassbird:** one at Murchison Falls
322. **Grauer's Warbler:** one at Ruhija
323. **Zitting Cisticola:** 4 at QENP, one at Murchison Falls
324. **Croaking Cisticola:** 7 at QENP, 4 at Murchison Falls
325. **Rattling Cisticola:** 2 at Murchison Falls
326. **Winding Cisticola:** 3 at Mabamba, 2 at QENP
327. **Carruther's Cisticola:** one at Mabamba, 3 at Kaaku Swamp, one at Mubwindi Swamp
328. **Singing Cisticola:** 2 en route to Ruhija

329. **Red-faced Cisticola:** 2 at Mabamba
330. **Chubb's Cisticola:** 2 at Mgahinga, 6 at Ruhija
331. **Trilling Cisticola:** 2 at Lake Mburo, 4 at QENP
332. **Whistling Cisticola:** one at grassland before Royal Mile
333. **Siffling Cisticola:** one en route to Masindi
334. **Foxy Cisticola:** 3 at escarpment
335. **Red-winged Grey Warbler:** 2 at Murchison Falls
336. **Tawny-flanked Prinia:** several en route, 2 at Murchison Falls
337. **White-chinned Prinia:** one at Kibale Forest
338. **Banded Prinia:** one at Mgahinga, one at Ruhija
339. **Grey-capped Warbler:** one at Mabamba
340. **Green-backed Camaroptera:** 2 at Buhoma, 2 at the Neck, 2 at Buhoma, 2 at Royal Mile
341. **Olive-green Camaroptera:** one at the Neck
342. **Yellow-browed Camaroptera:** one at Budongo
343. **Grey Apalis:** 2 at the Neck
344. **Chestnut-throated Apalis:** 2 at Ruhija
345. **Buff-throated Apalis:** 4 at the Neck, 2 at Buhoma, 5 at Kibale
346. **Collared Apalis:** one at Mgahinga
347. **Black-throated Apalis:** one at Mubwindi, 2 at the Neck, 4 at Kibale
348. **Masked Apalis:** 2 at Kibale Forest
349. **Black-faced Apalis:** 2 at Mgahinga, 2 at Ruhija
350. **Black-capped Apalis:** 2 at Royal Mile
351. **White-eyed Slaty Flycatcher:** fairly common in and around Bwindi (15+)

352. **Northern Black-Flycatcher:** 2 at QENP
353. **Yellow-eyed Black-Flycatcher:** one at Ruhija
354. **Pale Flycatcher:** one at Murchison Falls
355. **Ashy Flycatcher:** 4 at Kibale
356. **Gambaga Flycatcher:** 2 at Murchison Falls
357. **African Dusky Flycatcher:** 6 at Ruhija
358. **Grey Tit-Flycatcher:** one at Lake Mburo
359. **Grey-throated Tit-Flycatcher:** 2 at Kibale
360. **Swamp Flycatcher:** one at Mabamba, 2 at Kaaku Swamp, one at QENP
361. **Cassin's Flycatcher:** one at Buhoma
362. **Dusky-blue Flycatcher:** 2 at Buhoma
363. **Chapin's Flycatcher:** 2 at Buhoma
364. **Sooty Flycatcher:** 2 at Buhoma
365. **African Forest-Flycatcher:** 2 at Royal Mile
366. **Chinspot Batis:** 2 at Ruhija
367. **Black-headed Batis:** one en route to Murchison Falls
368. **Ruwenzori Batis:** 2 at Ruhija
369. **African Shrike-Flycatcher:** one at the Neck, one at Kibale, 2 at Royal Mile, one at Kaniyo Pabidi
370. **Black-and-White Shrike-Flycatcher:** one at Buhoma
371. **Brown-throated Wattle-eye:** 2 at Buhoma
372. **Chestnut Wattle-eye:** 2 at Kibale, 5 at Budongo
373. **African Paradise-Flycatcher:** 2 at Lake Mburo, 3 at Ruhija, 4 at the Neck, 2 at Buhoma

374. **Red-bellied Paradis-Flycatcher:** one at Buhoma, 6 at Kibale, one at Royal Mile, one at Kaniyo P.
375. **Silverbird:** 3 at escarpment, common around camp at MFNP (8)
376. **Blue-headed Crested-Flycatcher:** one at Kibale
377. **White-bellied Crested-Flycatcher:** one at Ruhija
378. **African Blue-Flycatcher:** one at Buhoma, one at Budongo (lodge)
379. **White-tailed Blue-Flycatcher:** one at Kaaku Swamp, one at Nkuringo, one at Ruhija
380. **Chestnut-capped Flycatcher:** 2 at Royal Mile
381. **Scaly-breasted Illadopsis:** one at Kibale
382. **Mountain Illadopsis:** one at Buhoma
383. **Brown Illadopsis:** 2 at Semliki, 2 at Kibale
384. **Puvel's Illadopsis:** 2 at Kaniyo Pabidi
385. **Ruwenzori Hill-Babbler:** 2 at Ruhija
386. **Arrow-marked Babbler:** 8 at QENP
387. **Brown Babbler:** 4 at QENP, 2 at Murchison Falls
388. **Black-lored Babbler:** one en route to Lake Mburo, 8 at QENP
389. **Dusky Tit:** common at the Neck (20+), 6 at Kibale
390. **White-winged Black-Tit:** one at lodge Budongo
391. **Stripe-breasted Tit:** 7 at Ruhija
392. **African Yellow White-eye:** common in and around Bwindi (15+), 2 at Kibale Forest
393. **Bronze Sunbird:** 7 at Lake Mburo, 8 at Bwindi NP
394. **Malachite Sunbird:** 2 at Mgahinga
395. **Green-headed Sunbird:** one at Kaaku Swamp, 2 at the Neck, 2 at Kibale

396. **Blue-throated Brown Sunbird:** one at Buhoma, 4 at Kibale
397. ***Blue-headed Sunbird**: heard only at Mgahinga and Ruhija
398. **Northern Double-collared Sunbird:** 3 at Ruhija, 2 at Buhoma
399. **Olive-bellied Sunbird:** one at escarpment
400. **Tiny Sunbird:** 2 at Buhoma
401. **Rwenzori Double-collared Sunbird**: one at Mgahinga
402. **Regal Sunbird**: common at Mgahinga and Ruhija (20+)
403. **Green-throated Sunbird:** 4 at Buhoma
404. **Green Sunbird:** one at the Neck, one at Buhoma
405. **Olive Sunbird:** one at Buhoma, 10 at Kibale
406. **Little Green Sunbird:** 2 at Kibale Forest
407. **Grey-headed Sunbird:** 2 at the Neck, 4 at Kibale
408. **Copper Sunbird:** 6 en route to the Neck, 4 at Buhoma
409. **Superb Sunbird:** one at Royal Mile
410. **Marico Sunbird:** one at QENP
411. **Scarlet-chested Sunbird:** one at QENP, one at Budongo (lodge)
412. **Beautiful Sunbird:** 2 at escarpment
413. **Red-chested Sunbird:** 2 at Mabamba
414. **Variable Sunbird:** 6 at Mgahinga, one at Buhoma
415. **Collared Sunbird:** one at Nkuringo, 2 at Buhoma
416. **Common Fiscal:** one near Lake Mburo, 15+ at QENP, 5 en route to Semliki, one at Kibale
417. **Grey-backed Fiscal:** 6 at Lake Mburo, 40+ at QENP, several en route (10+)
418. **Mackinnon's Shrike:** 3 at Kaaku Swamp, 2 at Ruhija, 2 near Kibale

419. **Yellow-billed Shrike:** 4 at Murchison Falls
420. **Tropical Boubou:** one at Ruhija
421. **Luehder's Bushshrike:** 3 at Ruhija, one at Buhoma, one at Kibale Forest
422. **Black-headed Gonolek:** 3 en route to Lake Mburo, 8 at QENP, 5 at Murchison Falls
423. **Papyrus Gonolek:** 5 at Lake Mburo
424. **Mountain Boubou:** one at Mgahinga, one at Ruhija
425. **Sooty Boubou:** one at Kibale
426. **Brubru:** one at Murchison Falls
427. **Northern Puffback:** one at Ruhija, 2 at Kibale, 2 at Murchison Falls
428. **Pink-footed Puffback:** one at the Neck
429. **Black-crowned Tchagra:** 4 at QENP, 2 at Murchison Falls
430. **Brown-crowned Tchagra:** one en route to the Neck, one at Buhoma
431. **Marsh Tchagra:** one at swamp near Kibale
432. **Sulphur-breasted Bushshrike:** one at Lake Mburo
433. **Many-colored Bushshrike:** one at the Neck
434. **Doherty's Bushshrike:** one at Nkuringo
435. **Grey-green Bushshrike:** one at Ruhija, one at Buhoma
436. **White Helmetshrike:** one en route to QENP
437. **Fork-tailed Drongo:** 7 at Lake Mburo, 50+ at QENP
438. **Velvet-mantled Drongo:** one at Kibale
439. **Piapiac:** 30 at Murchison Falls
440. **Pied Crow:** 6 en route to Lake Mburo, 50+ at Lake Mburo, one near Kampala
441. **White-necked Raven:** 5 en route to Ruhija

442. **African Black-headed Oriole:** one at Lake Mburo, one at Buhoma, one at Budongo
443. **Black-tailed Oriole:** one at Ruhija, one at the Neck
444. **Western Black-headed Oriole:** one at QENP, 2 at Kibale
445. **Black-winged Oriole:** 2 at Kibale
446. **Yellow-billed Oxpecker:** 5 at Lake Mburo, 30+ at QENP
447. **Stuhlmann's Starling:** 2 at Buhoma
448. **Narrow-tailed Starling:** 2 at Buhoma, 8 at Kibale
449. **Waller's Starling:** 20+ at Ruhija
450. **Slender-billed Starling:** 7 at Ruhija
451. **Greater Blue-eared Starling:** 2 en route to Lake Mburo
452. **Lesser Blue-eared Starling:** 6 at escarpment, 4 at Murchison Falls
453. **Rueppell's Glossy-Starling:** 50+ at Lake Mburo, 30+ at QENP, 30+ at MFNP
454. **Purple-headed Glossy-Starling:** 10+ at Kibale
455. **Splendid Glossy-Starling:** 2 at Mabamba, 2 at Semliki
456. **Violet-backed Starling:** one at Lake Mburo, flock of 25 at QENP
457. **Sharpe's Starling:** 2 at Ruhija
458. **Rufous Sparrow:** 6 at Murchison Falls
459. **Speckle-fronted Weaver:** 4 at Murchison Falls
460. **Grey-headed Sparrow:** common at nearly all sites (100+)
461. **Chestnut-crowned Sparrow-weaver:** 6 at escarpment
462. **Village Weaver:** 15+ at Mabamba, 4 at Lake Mburo, 15+ at MFNP, several en route
463. **Lesser Masked Weaver:** 4 at Murchison Falls

464. **Vitelline Masked Weaver:** 2 en route to MFNP
465. **Spectacled Weaver:** 2 at Mgahinga, 2 at Buhoma, 2 at Budongo
466. **Black-necked Weaver:** one at the Neck, 4 at Budongo
467. **Baglafecht Weaver:** 2 at Kaaku Swamp, 2 at Mgahinga, 2 at Ruhija
468. **Grosbeak Weaver:** flock of 50+ at Kibale
469. **Little Weaver:** 2 at escarpment, 2 at MFNP
470. **Slender-billed Weaver:** 2 at Kaaku Swamp
471. **Golden-backed Weaver:** 2 at Kaaku Swamp, 3 at QENP
472. **Black-headed Weaver:** 2 at Murchison Falls
473. **Compact Weaver:** 2 at QENP
474. **Holub's Golden-Weaver:** 2 at the Neck
475. **Weyn's Weaver:** 10 at Mabamba nesting in papyrus
476. **Strange Weaver:** 2 at Ruhija
477. **Brown-capped Weaver:** 2 at Ruhija, 2 at the Neck
478. **Yellow-mantled Weaver:** 2 at Royal Mile
479. **Black-billed Weaver:** 2 at Buhoma, 2 at Kibale Forest
480. **Vieillot's Black Weaver:** 20 at Mabamba, common in Budongo area (100+)
481. **Red-billed Quelea:** abundant at Mabamba and Lake Mburo (300+), 20 at QENP, 40+ at MFNP
482. **Red-headed Quelea:** 4 at grassland near Royal Mile
483. **Red-headed Malimbe:** one at the Neck, one at Buhoma
484. **Crested Malimbe:** one at the Neck
485. **Red-collared Widowbird:** 2 en route to the Neck, one near Hoima
486. **Fan-tailed Widowbird:** 2 en route to Lake Mburo, 4 en route to QENP

487. **Marsh Widowbird:** 2 near Masindi
488. **Black Bishop:** one en route to the Neck
489. **Yellow Bishop:** several en route in south-west
490. **White-winged Widowbird:** 10 at QENP
491. **Red Bishop:** 4 at QENP
492. **Orange Bishop:** 4 en route to MFNP, 8 at MFNP
493. **Black-winged Bishop:** 4 at Murchison Falls
494. **Grey-headed Negrofinch:** 2 at the Neck, one at Buhoma, one at Semliki, one at Kibale
495. **Chestnut-breasted Negrofinch:** one at Semliki
496. **White-breasted Negrofinch:** one at the Neck, 3 at Kibale, one at Budongo
497. **Red-fronted Antpecker:** 2 at Buhoma
498. **Green-winged Pytilia:** 2 at QENP, one en route to MFNP
499. **Red-winged Pytilia:** 2 at escarpment
500. **Brown Twinspot:** 2 in grassland near Royal Mile
501. **Green-backed Twinspot:** 2 at road along Kibale Forest
502. **Dusky Twinspot:** 2 en route to the Neck
503. **Dusky Crimsonwing:** one at Mgahinga, one at Ruhija
504. **Shelley's Crimsonwing:** one at Mgahinga
505. **Black-bellied Seedcracker:** one at Semliki
506. **Red-cheeked Cordonbleu:** one at Lake Mburo, 4 at escarpment, 6 at MFNP
507. **Red-billed Firefinch:** common at most sites (200+)
508. **African Firefinch:** one en route to Hoima

509. **Bar-breasted Firefinch:** one at grassland near Royal Mile
510. **Yellow-bellied Waxbill:** 5 en route to the Neck
511. **Common Waxbill:** 15 en route to Lake Mburo, 4 at Kaaku Swamp, 30+ at QENP
512. **Black-rumped Waxbill:** 8 en route to MFNP, 6 at MFNP
513. **Fawn-breasted Waxbill:** 4 at QENP
514. **Black-crowned Waxbill:** 4 en route to Lake Mburo, 2 at the Neck, 10 en route to Masindi
515. **Black-headed Waxbill:** 4 at Mgahinga, 2 at Ruhija, 4 at the Neck
516. **African Quailfinch:** 4 at Murchison Falls
517. **Red-billed Quailfinch:** 4 at QENP
518. **Bronze Mannikin:** 15 at Mabamba, 10 at grassland near Royal Mile
519. **Black-and-White Mannikin:** 4 en route to Kabale, 6 at Nkuringo, 7 at Buhoma
520. **Magpie Mannikin:** one at Buhoma
521. **Pin-tailed Whydah:** 4 en route to the Neck, 12 at QENP, 10 at MFNP
522. **Village Indigobird:** 3 at Buhoma
523. **Brimstone Canary:** one en route to the Neck, 10 at QENP, 2 at escarpment
524. **Yellow-fronted Canary:** one at Kaaku Swamp, one at Mgahinga, 2 at QENP, 4 at escarpment
525. **Cape Canary:** 4 en route to the Neck
526. **Thick-billed Seedeater:** 2 at Ruhija
527. **Western Citril:** 6 en route to Lake Mburo, one at Mgahinga, one at Ruhija
528. **White-rumped Seedeater:** 2 en route to Murchison Falls
529. **Streaky Seedeater:** 2 at Kaaku Swamp, 2 at Mgahinga, one at Ruhija

- 530. **Oriole Finch:** one at Mgahinga (first record for the park)
- 531. **Cinnamon-breasted Bunting:** 2 at QENP, 2 at escarpment
- 532. **Golden-breasted Bunting:** one at Lake Mburo, 2 at Ruhija, 6 near QENP
- 533. **Brown-rumped Bunting:** 3 at escarpment

REPTILES & MAMMALS

- 1. **Mountain Bush-Viper:** Mgahinga
- 2. **Green Leaf Snake:** Mgahinga
- 3. **Blue-headed Agama Lizard:** The Neck, Buhoma
- 4. **Red-headed Agama Lizard:** Murchison Falls
- 5. **Nile Crocodile:** QENP, Murchison Falls
- 6. **Chimpanzee:** Kibale (habituated group), heard at the Neck
- 7. **Mountain Gorilla:** Nkuringo (habituated group)
- 8. **Central African Red Colobus Monkey:** Kibale
- 9. **Black-and-White Colobus Monkey:** The Neck, Kibale
- 10. **Olive Baboon:** Lake Mburo, QENP, Murchison Falls
- 11. **Grey-cheeked Mangabey:** Semliki, Kibale
- 12. **Vervet Monkey:** Lake Mburo, QENP
- 13. **Patas Monkey:** Murchison Falls
- 14. **I'Hoest's Monkey:** Ruhija, Buhoma
- 15. **De Brazza's Monkey:** Semliki

16. **Golden Monkey:** Mgahinga
17. **Red-tailed Monkey:** The Neck, Buhoma, Semliki
18. **Blue Monkey:** Semliki
19. **Uganda Grass-Hare:** Murchison Falls
20. **Striped Ground-Squirrel:** Lake Mburo, Ruhija
21. **Boehm's Squirrel:** Buhoma
22. **Spot-necked Otter:** Kaaku Swamp
23. **Lion:** QENP, Murchison Falls
24. **Giant Elephant Shrew:** Semliki
25. **African Elephant:** QENP, Murchison Falls
26. **Common Zebra:** Lake Mburo
27. **Hippopotamus:** Lake Mburo, Murchison Falls
28. **Warthog:** Lake Mburo, QENP, Murchison Falls
29. **Giraffe:** Murchison Falls
30. **African Buffalo:** QENP, Murchison Falls
31. **Bushbuck:** Lake Mburo, Murchison Falls
32. **Blue Duiker:** Semliki
33. **Grey Bushduiker:** Lake Mburo
34. **Grey-breasted Duiker:** Buhoma
35. **Oribi:** Lake Mburo, Murchison Falls
36. **Uganda Kob:** QENP, Murchison Falls
37. **Waterbuck:** Lake Mburo, QENP, Murchison Falls
38. **Impala:** Lake Mburo
39. **Topi:** Lake Mburo, QENP

40. **Hartebeest:** Murchison Falls