

# Kenya

## *Mammal watching*

### A Greentours trip report

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#### Summary

The first ten days of this trip went as planned but against a backdrop of civil unrest in our next destination country – Tanzania. When the British Foreign Office indicated that travel to Tanzania for UK nationals was no longer advisable we had to hastily plan an additional ten days in Kenya. Nineteen days in the field in Kenya was, of course, excellent and we did very well for mammals. Highlights included the first two mammals (alphabetically) – aardvark and aardwolf, as well as the highly sought after maned rat, golden-rumped sengi and five species of cat (including multiple opportunities to look at serval). Our session spent in the bat caves north of Watamu early on in the trip was a real highlight – a wildlife spectacular.

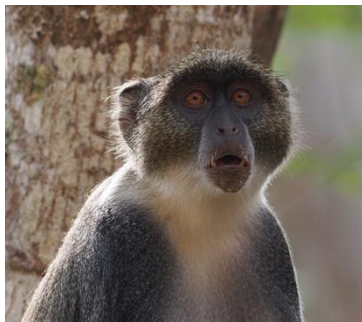
#### Daily diary

##### **31/10 to Nairobi**

Our late night arrival was a bit messy with the team arriving at one terminal and the leader arriving at another. Phil was disappointed to find that his bag had failed to make the short connection in Paris and steeled himself for three more days in his travel clothes... We were quickly checked into our comfortable airport hotel and getting some shuteye.

##### **1/11 to Malindi and on to Arabuko Sokoke**

We breakfasted early and shuttled over to the nearby domestic terminal for our hour-long flight to Malindi. On arrival we were met by Johnson and had to solve some of Phil's clothing issues in town. By the time we got to the resort it was too late and too hot to get into the park, so we relaxed and waited patiently for our rooms to become available. We did the introductory talk before lunch and at 1430 headed out with Johnson to explore the park on foot.



The park entrance area quickly produced our first primate in the form of a number of Sykes' monkeys. Also a small group of yellow baboon made a brief and shy appearance. Walking the trails produced some good birds including Eastern nicator, grey flycatcher, plain-backed sunbird and best-of-all perhaps a Narina trogon. Impressive rough-scaled plated lizards posed for photographs. In amongst all these bird sightings were numerous but slightly unsatisfactory encounters with our target mammal, the golden-rumped sengi. Patience would be required. Bumping into the main area we had a splendid road-crossing Eastern green mamba, too brief! We worked hard to try and find a roosting Sokoke scops owl

but it was not our day today. Bumping out at dusk we could hear fiery-necked nightjars and then had a brief encounter with our first four-toed sengi.

**2/11 Arabuko Sokoke**



A pre-breakfast session produced more views of the elusive golden-rumped sengi. Birds were active and we connected with a splendid roosting African wood-owl. We moved on to the main forest and searched hard and were rewarded with a nice moment with a pair of diminutive coastal suni (and a coincidental male Narina trogon). A brief look at a red-bellied bush squirrel crossing the road in front of the wagon was less useful. Arriving at the swamp we picked up a number of new birds including good looks at knob-billed duck, African fish-eagle, palmnut vulture and woolly-necked stork. It was time for breakfast though and we bumped out and headed for the resort.

Our afternoon session involved chasing more sengi for a while before we tired. We found several but they would not pose for the cameras. They were often associated with red-capped ant-chat and we managed photos of these OK! Our first photographable four-toed sengi was a trial, hidden in thick vegetation and difficult to connect with. Eventually we called it a day and trundled into the park.

Johnson had worked hard through the heat of the day to find us a roosting Sokoke scops owl and now we were going to cash in on his efforts. As we bumped along two crested guineafowl made themselves scarce by sprinting off the track and into the forest. We arrived at the owl site at the same time as a Rockhopper team. The two guides quickly organised a code-share and we were taken in small groups to see the owl. Despite the size of the two groups when combined we all eventually managed great views of a cross-



looking, restricted-range scops owl perched at close range. A very short nightwalk at dusk and a little beyond produced calling small-eared greater galago and a brief look at a Kenya coast galago.

Later back at base a small team attempted to photograph the frogs calling in the pond, we could not find any frogs but Eric found us a super little four-toed hedgehog. It froze and refused to defrost and eventually we left it and went to bed.

**3/11 Arabuko Sokoke**



It was still dark when a team of diehard sengi photographers arrived at the park this morning. Two white-tailed mongoose were fossicking about the park buildings. We drove into the swamp hoping for a duiker on the road but it was not to be. The swamp was nice this early and we connected with Malindi pipit and Eric enjoyed his first dwarf bittern. Near the vehicle we had a great encounter with two red-bellied bush squirrels scampering about and hiding in a strangler fig. Back at the gate our sengi safari finally



produced acceptable images as we connected with the two golden-rumped that live nearby and were almost habituated.

In the afternoon we headed out into the flat, coastal plain north of Watamu and picked up our bat guide – the famous Kajengo. He took us to the first of three thrilling caves. Access was technical at times at the first two entrances but Kajengo but luckily a few helpful men materialised by magic and helped us down into these subterranean grottos in the

limestone. What followed was astonishing and a huge highlight of the trip. Trudging through dry guano, seething with invertebrates, we marvelled as large numbers of bats swirled in the light filtering through the many holes in the limestone ceiling. Around the cave entrances we encountered our first African sheath-tailed bats, further inside we came upon huge roosts of the excellent African trident



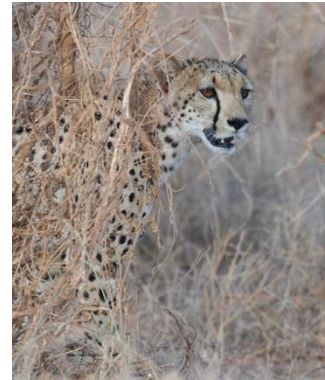
bat, a species with a stunning golden morph. A narrow chimney had a small number of rare Hildegard's tomb bats. There were a few head-scratchers in the mix though including a bentwing bat and a roundleaf bat that were best left unidentified. The last cave was on Kajengo's family's land (it was accessed easily by steps but containing some unpredictable bees) had the a small gathering of excellent heart-nosed bat. Elated we headed back to the resort for a much-needed shower.



#### 4/11 to Tsavo East via Aruba

We packed up our bags and left the coast at 0800 for the long drive into Tsavo. Before too long wildlife intruded on our steady progress and we enjoyed stopping for a huge flock of vulturine guinea fowl and our first von der Deckens hornbill. Stopping by the Galana River at the Sala Gate ticket office we checked the river – lots of yellow-billed storks. The ticket office had a small roost of rather shy bats (*Tadarida aegyptica*) and a number of good birds including our first red-billed buffalo-weavers and red-billed quelea. Our entry paperwork was eventually sorted and we drove in to the park for a short distance until we encountered a big bull elephant and stopped to enjoy our lunch whilst watching this leviathan.

Continuing our drive on an awful corrugated washboard road we stopped occasionally for some nice birds including some very photogenic rosy-patched bushshrikes and our only buff-crested korhaan of the trip. Not just birds though, we connected with our first Grant's gazelle (subspecies *petersi*) and had an excellent time with a very tame male gerenuk. Our first giraffe appeared and closer to the lodge we came upon a large group of dozing lions. Nearby some unconcerned beisa oryx. Completing the last section of our journey we stopped again for white-bellied bustard and a number of other good birds including white-throated bee-eater. But the best was saved for last, as the sun started to drop Shem spotted two fine cheetah just beside the road. Superb! Eventually we continued on and reached the lodge, checking in for our three-night stay.



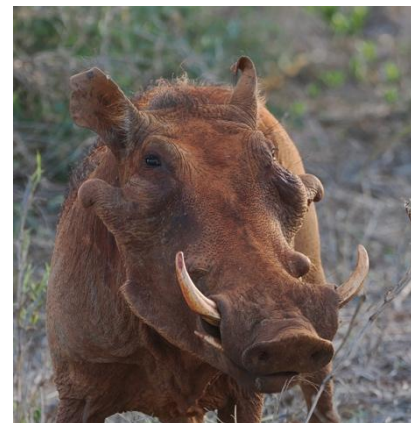
For the undefeated there was an exciting night drive before dinner which was excellent for plain and slender-tailed nightjar. Mammals featured too of course and Phil's spotlight illuminated a single African wild cat and a calling Verreaux's eagle owl. Northern small-spotted genet were frequently discovered, we saw five in the end, but perhaps the best of it though was a big Ashe's spitting cobra that slowly crossed the road in front of us. Hinde's dikdik were present in good numbers.



#### 5/11 Tsavo East

Our morning session was great for photography, we bagged our first kori bustard and larks and pipits were apparent. Two aardwolves on the track made themselves scarce very quickly and were missed by most of us. The strangely-named unstriped ground squirrel appeared and prompted a plethora of alternative animal names - the unsociable lapwing, the unhinged tortoise etc etc.

The afternoon session produced two superb desert warthog, a pedagogical moment as we worked our way through the features of this cryptic species. A single red-backed shrike was a nice connection to home. Trundling back we stopped for a nice pygmy falcon and some lappet-faced vultures perched over an idyllic grassy bowl filled with peacefully grazing ungulates.



Before dinner a second night drive for Eric and Phil produced three wildcats, one genet, a great look at an African marsh owl and two white tailed mongooses (one standard, another an educational and much scarcer dark phase). The reptile highlights tonight were a superb red spitting cobra (like a jelly snake from a sweet shop but more deadly) and a fascinating East African sand boa (stranded on the hard surface of the road but going fossorial as soon as it made it back to 'dry' land). Toads made a racket from the pipeline wetlands and have yet to be identified... We also enjoyed our first Cape hares and spotted thick-knee.

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### Tsavo East and on to Aberdares

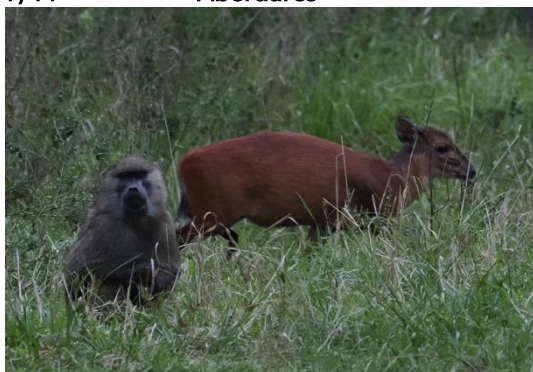


Pre-breakfast birding around the lodge produced a nice pair of mocking cliff-chat and a skulky barred warbler. Driving out we stopped by the cape buffalo herd at the gate for our first red-billed oxpeckers. A long drive took us out of the park and off up to the Aberdares. We checked into the Country Club, a place redolent of the evil empire. That said the garden was excellent for wildlife and we quickly added southern bushbuck and ochre bush squirrel to our trip tally.

Phil was excited to get an undescribed and previously unknown prominent moth (*Cerurinae*) as part of the haul at his light during the night.

7/11

### Aberdares



Pre-breakfast look at the garden was great with a few mountain suni, a couple of Harvey's duiker and our first *kolbi* Sykes' monkey. Birds featured too with our first white-eyed slaty flycatchers, the recently split Kikuyu white-eye and excellent crowned hornbills



coming to the bird feeder. As we sorted our luggage out for transfer to the Ark, cape robin-chats hopped around the waiting vehicles in the car park.

We headed into the tracks of the park to explore the land of the bongo. No such luck on this tour but the area was of great interest. We found a nice troupe of mantled guereza and we were never far from a gang of Sykes' monkey during the morning. The roadsides held occasionally small groups of Jackson's francolin. In the middle of the day we made it to Chania falls and chance to get out of the vehicle, explore the falls and have lunch. The falls trail was more interesting for its botany but had a colony of slender-billed starlings. The reason we came here though was for mammals of course. This particular lunch spot being famous for its small rodents which come to scraps from peoples lunch boxes. They were quite nervous but after we had finished lunch and put out some groundbait they timorously appeared often emboldened by the close presence of a pair of eager moorland chat providing top-cover. We managed photographs of mesic four-striped mouse and Afrotropical vlei rat. Eric was busy down in the stream and found some nice fork-tailed bluets (*Proischnura subfurcata*). Nearby flowering shrubs held a beautiful male Eastern double-collared sunbird. As we motored out we stopped for photographic sessions with gangs of Sykes' monkey and encountered our first giant forest hogs. At one point we were astonished to find someone practising their golf swing in the middle of the park but stopping at the stream here produced a brief view of the regrettably introduced coypu, a trigger mammal for the Norfolk-raised leader and our first African black duck.

Arriving at the incredible Ark (our home for the night) we eventually tracked down the whereabouts of our luggage in the jumble of cabins in this indeed rather nautical lodging. The balcony overlooking the waterhole was a great place to enjoy a cup of tea and we took in a scene that included a good number of grazing ungulates. Huge male southern bushbuck were present and yet more giant forest

hogs. Elephants were present in large numbers during our time here and were great fun to watch. Birds featured too and included African snipe, African spoonbill and our only moorhens of the trip! Towards dusk we witnessed an horrific interaction between two hunting spotted hyaena and an old retired male cape buffalo. They pursued with great vim, ripping at anything they could hold of at the poor buffalos rear. Eventually the hyaena were driven off by a couple of retired male colleagues of the buffalo and he was left trembling and bloodied standing in the water. There was little doubt that the hyaena would eventually win this one but that we were not to witness the final chapter of the tale. Although only two hyaena took part in this operation there were at least eight in the 'pack' present this evening. Although there is tendency to think that spotted hyena are mostly scavengers they indulge in a large amount of active hunting and predation.



After dinner those able to stay up and watch were treated to constant entertainment at the waterhole. A new mammal made itself known close to the lodge, as a pair of rusty-spotted genet made frequent appearances below the balcony.

### **8/11                   Aberdare and the Solio Conservancy**

Dawn rose and some watchers saw the sun come up and noted that the lodge had a small colony of slender-billed starlings. Hunter's cisticola hopped about, tropical boubous looked at us from nearby bushes, fantastic and rather gregarious golden-winged sunbirds were present and Phil managed a view of a skulking cinnamon bracken warbler. Abyssinian thrushes and streaky seedeaters were enjoyed by all and a brief thick-billed seedeater put in an appearance. Out on the waterhole we were treated to very close views of the splendid resident pair of grey crowned-cranes.

Our drive this morning took us along new roads ride out to *Rhino Retreat*, the here manager thrilling us with the latest bongo sightings at the salt lick besides this charming little lodge. Later we all enjoyed watching a young hamerkop pair nest-building near the stream. New mammals were hard to find however and we resorted to photographing birds including some obliging cinnamon-chested bee-eaters.

Relocating to Creaky Cottage we had a few roadside stops along the fenceline of the Solio Conservancy for birds which included pallid harrier, long-tailed widowbird, cape rook and brimstone canary. Arriving at Creaky Cottage it became apparent that we could not all stay there and we made alternative accommodation arrangements for part of the team. Joseph (our ratman) was great and together with him some of us searched the grounds of the trout farm for a nice troupe of habituated mantled guereza, two Jackson's chamaeleon and some shed-dwelling tree hyraxes. Joseph also showed us the maned rat bolthole and explained the plan in preparation for our nocturnal attempt to see this fascinating mammal.

Some of the team moved to their more comfortable accommodation nearby after dinner but the keen rat team stayed in place and accompanied Joseph on the hunt. First up though was a massive southern giant pouched rat that was seen well but disappeared before we could get our lenses on it.

Drat! The maned rat hunt involved uncovering the burrow, introducing some bait and waiting patiently in the dark. The rat came, it was wonderful, a male apparently. The cameras flashed and images were obtained of this rather rarely recorded animal. Later another trundled past us on the path, a pregnant female coming from a different burrow to visit its mate. We searched hard afterwards around the restaurant (!) for other rat species but to no avail and eventually we drifted off to our beds.



### 9/11 **Aberdares and on to Sweetwaters**

It was goodbye to the departing McCabe's after breakfast, they would be missed. We then started our hastily re-arranged tour to replace the Tanzania leg of the trip. We experienced rain for the first time during the day as we drove to nearby the Sweetwaters Conservancy. Our morning at Sweetwaters produced both species of rhino including a blind and rather scabrous rhino earning his keep in the sanctuary (think rhino petting zoo). We also enjoyed photographing the *notata* subspecies of Grant's gazelle. Arriving at the lodge we all appreciated the bird-filled garden and nearby waterhole. Our tents looked out over the waterhole and we could see rhino and elephant in the distance.



Our afternoon drive was good for baby elephants, both white and black rhino and a small gang of lions. The brief highlight came from an all-too-brief single striped hyaena as it ran up the road ahead of our vehicle before running off into thick scrub and vanishing. Black-bellied bustards posed beside the road. Back in the hotel grounds in time for dusk a yellow-winged bat hung around until flushed by a Verreaux's eagle owl as it left its day roost.

Phil went for a rather too speedy lodge night drive before dinner recording two white-tailed mongooses, hares, three hyaena and two black-backed jackal plus the usual day stuff including a pair of amorous lions.



**10/11 Sweetwaters**  
Our pre-breakfast trundle in the mist was good for bustards with three species encountered. We also found more, very impressively horned, Grant's gazelles. We also finally got photographs of the *defassa* waterbuck the subspecies that seems standard at Sweetwaters.

Our afternoon session was undertaken in cool and very overcast conditions and dusk inevitably came rather prematurely. Surprisingly we struggled to find new stuff but were pleased to find a tiny and rather skittish steenbok well past the halfway point of the drive. At one point we had to reverse and turn around when an elephant indicated he would rather be left alone. Otherwise although we bumped past a number of species that were novel just yesterday, we stopped only for good images and to enjoy a super male lion and the hares back in the garden.

After dinner Phil teamed up with one of the security guards in the garden to show bushbabies to Terry and Brian. They performed superbly giving great views, both at close range and in a large tree (at least five together at this point!). We marvelled at their energy as they sprang about. Nearby their nemesis the Verreaux's eagle owl sat under one of the mushroom path lights like a malevolent pixie.

#### 11/11 Sweetwaters to Lake Elementeita and Soysambu Conservancy



Our last morning was great in the garden of the lodge this morning. We found where the Verreaux's eagle owls were roosting and connected with red-fronted barbet and red-headed weaver. A lengthy five-hour drive got us to pelican lodge on the shores of Lake Elementeita in time for lunch. On the shore of Lake Elementeita there were plenty of birds here too. After lunch we headed out on a game drive at the nearby Soysambu Conservancy. It was nice to trundle along lakeshore and great for birds. Mammal highlights included our first three common eland, two hyaena and it was nice to discover that the conservancy provided shelter for a translocated population of the *rothschildi* subspecies of giraffe, a taxon

completely extirpated in its natural range. Handsome animals.

#### 12/11 Lake Elementeita to the Maasai Mara

An early 0700 start saw us tackling the long drive to the Maasai Mara. We had plenty of stops along the way, the first to say goodbye and thanks to Shem and welcome Peter to the 'team'. We negotiated the road to the first gate, met some Maasai ladies, ignored the new mammals and large herds as we drove to the second gate (a huge croc and our first hippos here in the Mara River) and finally arrived at the snazzy lodge for a late lunch before our first afternoon drive.

On the afternoon drive a smaller team chased a leopard reported during the morning. We got to the tree ten minutes after the cat had left sadly but vowed to return in the morning. Tsessebe perched on termite mounds surveying their domain. A bull elephant put on a show and we got very close to females and calves. The highlight of the drive was encountering two gangs of banded mongoose. One of these very close and in great evening light for the inevitable photographs.



#### 13/11 the Maasai Mara



After an early breakfast we headed out for a long game drive. At the start by the lodge gate we were greeted by a sunbathing huddle of dwarf mongooses that were very photogenic. We checked the leopard tree next and found it empty but we were told he was nearby. Sure enough we found a group of vehicles watching a big male leopard lounging in the shade. After a lengthy wait he stood up, and moved slightly. Even later we negotiated with the ranger team to drive a little closer for a quick snap. We drove off, all around us blotting paper flower (*Cycnium adonense*) littered the plains like the feathers of a plucked bird.

Next Peter took us down to the border with Tanzania, en route a single lioness that we watched hill-topping a scrub-covered volcanic plug rising from the grassland – perhaps going to find some cached cubs. Down on the Tanzania border we crossed it to enjoy an hour with the rest of the lion pride who were sitting around the carcass of a topi. All around scavengers of various types waited more-or-less



patiently for the lions to release the remains. A sneaky black-backed jackal trotted in risking the ire of a protective female with three ridiculously small cubs. We watched as this female slowly dragged the halved topi into the shade. Nice moment, and we had finally made it into Tanzania!



Our afternoon session was every bit as successful. We trundled along enjoying the wildlife and on into an area that Peter said was good for serval. Sure enough Peter spotted one running along the road ahead of us and we got brief views as it looked back at us and then ran into cover. Views were ok but images grabbed were somewhat lacking. More to do tomorrow hopefully. We soon got over the slight disappointment of this encounter because we ran into some vehicles enjoying a mother cheetah and two well-grown male cubs. A great session topped off with our first ground hornbills as we headed for home.

#### 14/11 the Maasai Mara

Our morning session today was another cracker. We worked our way out beyond the second gate, which had a single Abdim's stork. Crossing a stream we flushed a surprise rufous-bellied heron, getting great images. Terry was on fire this morning with black-backed jackal, a culvert hyaena and our first water thick-knee. The hippo beach was fantastic, littered with hippos it was. Plenty of recently burned grassland at one point and much favoured by the softer-mouthed grazers like Thomson's gazelle. It was no surprise therefore when Peter pointed out a cheetah lounging on a nearby termite mound. Nice! Further along a head popped up and we had a great photo session with a young grey-brown serval before it got tired of us and buried itself in a clump of grass. A nervous looking male steenbok seen later may well have been involved in a collision with a tourist vehicle as it sat shivering beside ours unwilling to move.



The afternoon session was in many ways just as exciting as the morning one. We found another serval, a nice golden one but it quickly hid and stared back at us from long grass. Great little cats but generally frustrating to photograph! We stepped up in size 15 minutes later when we joined a throng of vehicles watching a bunch of lions eating a hippo! Many were lounging about full of food after gorging all night. Whilst here a big male wandered in from his daytime sleeping place away from the cubs and he started ripping into the carcass.

Phil went out for a night drive with a team from the lodge that needed a bit of training. We watched a lot of day mammals, best of all a pride of lions cavorting and playing as they went out for the night. Phil spotted two hyaena and a rusty-spotted genet. That the driver failed to respond to Phil's shout when he found an aardvaark by the road was without doubt the most frustrating point of the trip. The

animal made its getaway but difficult not to be a little excited, if only we had been in our vehicle... The reptile highlight of the drive was a single red-lipped snake.

### **15/11 the Maasai Mara to Nairobi**

A travel day that started with us trundling out of the park, we were supposed to be transitting out but we could not avoid stopping for hyaenas, jackals and a large male lion still with an overnight buffalo kill that was mostly gone - a large and very full pride of lions must have been hidden nearby (possibly the one Phil saw during the night drive).

We negotiated the two gates and headed on for lunch in a restaurant near the junction with the main road to Nairobi. That just left the climb up the escarpment with all the Nairobi-bound traffic and getting round Nairobi to the airport hotel.

### **16/11 Nairobi to Amboseli**

A pleasant breakfast in the hotel was followed by us tackling the busy Nairobi-Mombasa road again. We eventually turned off the highway and drove up to the gate for the inevitable paperwork and eventually we were checking in to yet another Serena lodge. The garden ponds had a few frogs and some odonates for Phil.



The afternoon drive was mostly about birds with plenty of new species encountered but the easy highlight was time spent at a couple of ponds that held both species of flamingo. At one point a spotted hyaena trotted through the pan, no doubt checking for damaged flamingos. In the edge of this marshy area we had a too-brief encounter with a marsh mongoose. Black crakes were seen and photographed at close range and flocks of feeding red-knobbed coot littered the surface of the water. As dusk arrived 8 white stork dropped out of migration and landed to roost in a

nearby acacia. After the hustle and bustle and huge herds of the Mara it was hard to adjust to the drier, dustier and less populated plains of Amboseli but it was without its own appeal.

Phil's moth light was excellent during the night, an amazing set of moths including the improbably named inclusive goat! The longhorn beetle diversity was stunning and included several species that were new to iNaturalist.

### **17/11 Amboseli**

Our morning session today was again rather quiet, the mammal density at Amboseli is much lower, but it was not without its highlights and magical moments. Early on Peter spotted a couple of bat-eared foxes hunting out on the plains. We trundled along enjoying the famous Amboseli marsh elephants as they grazed half submerged in the marsh. The smaller young either easily walking around without sinking in or floundering behind in their mothers wake. Two dogs running in the distance were photographed at extreme range and proved to be more bat-eared foxes when the images were examined on a big screen later. A close Hartlaub's bustard was educational.

The afternoon drive was rather quiet, plenty of birds of course but the highlight was a pack of four lions that included two handsome dark-maned males (brothers no doubt).

**18/11            Amboseli**

Our morning drive after breakfast was good for birds; we finally found a perched martial eagle and connected with spur-winged goose and purple heron. We also found the lion foursome again, this time at very close range as they slept beside the road. At the furthest point of the drive we came upon an incubating spotted thick-knee and disturbed a surprise osprey from its roost. We were back by 1100, allowing for a bit of a rest up before the last afternoon drive of the tour.



Peter was well therefore rested for our 1600 departure this afternoon and was on fire bagging us a leopard tortoise and not one but two good looks at yet more serval as we searched in vain for dikdik. We enjoyed photographing a gang of spotted thick-knee and near the lodge at dusk we stopped to enjoy a feeding slender-tailed nightjar.

**19/11            Amboseli and back to Nairobi and the flight home**

Tired after a long trip we bumped out to the gate, 'normal' stuff was bypassed but it was good to connect with zebra and giraffe one last time (strangely absent in the park so far). A number of good birds passed us by too including white-bellied go-away-bird and three close chestnut-bellied sandgrouse.

At the hotel we said our goodbyes to Peter and re-arranged ourselves prior to our evening flight. An astonishing trip with a special group of people.

## Mammals recorded in Kenya between 1<sup>st</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> November

The taxonomic order follows Kingdon's *Field Guide to African Mammals* (2015). Nomenclature follows that adopted by iNaturalist.

<b>Mantled guereza</b>	<i>Colobus guereza kikuyuensis</i>	The Mount Kenya race seen at Aberdare NP and we had a nice habituated troupe at nearby Creaky Cottage too.
<b>Olive baboon</b>	<i>Papio anubis</i>	This bruiser was recorded at Aberdare, Sweetwaters, Soysambu Conservancy and the Maasai Mara.
<b>Yellow baboon</b>	<i>Papio cynocephalus</i>	This more delicate and less intimidating baboon at Arabuko Sokoke, Tsavo (East) and Amboseli.
<b>Vervet monkey</b>	<i>Chlorocebus pygerythrus</i>	Recorded at Tsavo (East), Sweetwaters, Soysambu Conservancy and Amboseli.
<b>Sykes' monkey</b>	<i>Cercopithecus mitis</i>	The subspecies <i>albogularis</i> at Arabuko Sokoke and <i>kolbi</i> at Aberdare and Sweetwaters.
<b>[Small-eared greater galago]</b>	<i>Galago garnetti</i>	Heard at Arabuko Sokoke.
<b>Northern lesser galago</b>	<i>Galago senegalensis braccatus</i>	Good numbers of the Kenyan race of this engaging bush-baby in the grounds at Sweetwaters. Phil also had one in the lodge grounds at Amboseli.
<b>Kenya coast galago</b>	<i>Paragalago cocos</i>	One at night at Arabuko Sokoke.
<b>African sheath-tailed bat</b>	<i>Coleura afra</i>	Watamu bat caves.
<b>Hildegarde's tomb bat</b>	<i>Taphozous hildegardae</i>	Watamu bat caves.
<b>Heart-nosed bat</b>	<i>Cardioderma cor</i>	Watamu bat caves.
<b>Yellow-winged bat</b>	<i>Lavia frons</i>	One in the grounds at Sweetwaters.
<b>a roundleaf bat</b>	<i>Hipposideros caffer</i> complex	Watamu bat caves.
<b>African trident bat</b>	<i>Triaenops afer</i>	Watamu bat caves.
<b>a bentwing</b>	<i>Miniopterus cf minor</i>	Watamu bat caves.
<b>Egyptian free-tailed bat</b>	<i>Tadarida aegyptica</i>	Four or five in the Sala Gate ticket office going into Tsavo (East).
<b>Four-toed hedgehog</b>	<i>Atelerix albiventris</i>	One at Watamu – in the resort grounds.
<b>Four-toed sengi</b>	<i>Pterodromus tetradactylus</i>	Three at Arabuko Sokoke but never seen well.
<b>Golden-rumped sengi</b>	<i>Rhynchocyon chrysopygus</i>	Frequently encountered in habitat at Arabuko Sokoke but a bugger to photograph. The die-hards finally scored on the last morning!
<b>Savanna hare</b>	<i>Lepus microtis</i>	Recorded, mostly at night, at Sweetwaters, the Maasai Mara and Amboseli
<b>Cape hare</b>	<i>Lepus capensis</i>	Common at night in Tsavo (East) and Amboseli.

<b>Unstriped ground squirrel</b>	<i>Xerus rutilus</i>	A few daily at Tsavo (East).
<b>Red bush squirrel</b>	<i>Paraxerxes palliatus</i>	A nice sighting of a pair in a strangler fig at Arabuko Sokoke.
<b>Ochre bush squirrel</b>	<i>Paraxerxes ochraceus</i>	Frequently encountered in the Aberdare region.
<b>Maned rat</b>	<i>Lophiomys imhausi</i>	Two superb individuals at the Creaky Cottage (Aberdare).
<b>Southern giant pouched rat</b>	<i>Cricetomys ansorgei</i>	One at Creaky Cottage (Aberdare) – a monster!
<b>Afroalpine vlei rat</b>	<i>Otomys orestes</i>	A curious individual at the lunch stop at Chania falls (Aberdare NP).
<b>Mesic four-striped mouse</b>	<i>Rhabdomys dilectus</i>	One coming to lunch scraps at Chania Falls (Aberdare NP).
<b>Coypu</b>	<i>Myocastor coypus</i>	Single briefly at Aberdare NP.
<b>Black-backed jackal</b>	<i>Lupulella mesomelas</i>	Recorded at Sweetwaters, the Maasai Mara and Amboseli.
<b>Eastern bat-eared fox</b>	<i>Otocyon megalotis virgatus</i>	One at night at Tsavo (East). Four in total at Amboseli.
<b>Marsh mongoose</b>	<i>Atilax paludinosus</i>	One on the first afternoon at Amboseli was seen far too briefly.
<b>Dwarf mongoose</b>	<i>Helogale parvula</i>	A few parties at Tsavo (East), the Maasai Mara and Amboseli.
<b>Banded mongoose</b>	<i>Mungos mungo</i>	Two parties watched on the first afternoon drive in the Maasai Mara. Ian had a small band in the garden of the lodge at Amboseli.
<b>White-tailed mongoose</b>	<i>Ichneumia albicauda</i>	Two seen poorly at Arabuko Sokoke pre-dawn on the last morning there. Two on the second night at Tsavo (East), including an educational dark morph individual. One at night at Sweetwaters.
<b>Spotted hyaena</b>	<i>Crocuta crocuta</i>	Recorded at Aberdare NP (The Ark), Sweetwaters, Soysambu Conservancy, the Maasai Mara (even in the lodge grounds at night) and at Amboseli.
<b>Striped hyaena</b>	<i>Hyaena hyaena</i>	Single very briefly at Sweetwaters on the first afternoon.
<b>Eastern aardwolf</b>	<i>Proteles septentrionalis</i>	An all-too-brief encounter of two at Tsavo (East).
<b>Northern small-spotted genet</b>	<i>Genetta genetta</i>	Frequently encountered at night in Tsavo (East).
<b>Rusty-spotted genet</b>	<i>Genetta fieldiana</i>	Two together at night at The Ark (Aberdare). One on the nightdrive in the Maasai Mara.
<b>African wild cat</b>	<i>Felis lybica</i>	One on the first night drive at Tsavo (East). Three the next night there.
<b>Serval</b>	<i>Felis serval lipostictus</i>	One on the first full day in the Maasai Mara. A superb young

		individual on the second morning there and another brief sighting in the afternoon. A final animal on the morning we left the park, clearly the Maasai Mara was good for this species. We said goodbye to this excellent species with two excellent sightings on the last afternoon at Amboseli.
<b>Leopard</b>	<i>Panthera pardus</i>	Just one, a big male on the first full day in the Maasai Mara.
<b>Lion</b>	<i>Panthera leo</i>	A sleepy group of 18 greeted us on the drive into Tsavo (East). WE had daily encounters in Sweetwaters and the Maasai Mara. Amboseli produced further encounters with single lionesses and a group of four including two fine males.
<b>Cheetah</b>	<i>Acinonyx jubatus</i>	Two seen very well on the drive into Tsavo (East). A female and two well-grown cubs at the end of the first day in the Maasai Mara. Another loafing individual on the morning of the second day there. A good effort.
<b>Aardvark</b>	<i>Orycteropus afer</i>	One for Phil on the nightdrive in the Maasai Mara.
<b>Rock hyrax</b>	<i>Procavia capensis</i>	Recorded in the gardens of the lodges at Sweetwaters and the Maasai Mara.
<b>Yellow-spotted hyrax</b>	<i>Heterohyrax brucei</i>	Abundant in the lodge grounds at Tsavo (East).
<b>Tree hyrax</b>	<i>Dendrohyrax arboreus crawshay</i>	Noisy and frequently observed in the Aberdare region and at Sweetwaters.
<b>African savanna elephant</b>	<i>Loxodonta africana</i>	Recorded daily in the parks visited. The red elephants of Tsavo (East) were excellent. Beautiful views at close range from The Ark (Aberdare). Also at Sweetwaters, the Maasai Mara and Amboseli.
<b>Plains zebra</b>	<i>Equus quagga</i>	Recorded in Tsavo (East), Sweetwaters, the Soysambu Conservancy, the Maasai Mara and Amboseli (where very few).
<b>Black rhinoceros</b>	<i>Diceros bicornis</i>	Small numbers at Sweetwaters.
<b>Southern white rhinoceros</b>	<i>Ceratotherium simum simum</i>	Quite numerous at Sweetwaters. Large numbers noted when driving past the Solio Conservancy.
<b>Hippopotamus</b>	<i>Hippopotamus amphibius</i>	Recorded in the Maasai Mara and Amboseli.
<b>Giant forest hog</b>	<i>Hylochoerus meinertzhageni</i>	One of the highlights of the Aberdare region.

<b>Desert warthog</b>	<i>Phacochoerus aethiopicus delamerei</i>	'Somali warthog', just two at Tsavo (East).
<b>Common warthog</b>	<i>Phacochoerus africanus</i>	Recorded at Aberdare, Sweetwaters, Soysambu Conservancy, the Maasai Mara and Amboseli.
<b>Giraffe</b>	<i>Giraffa camelopardalis</i>	Recorded at Tsavo (East), Sweetwaters, the Soysambu Conservancy (introduced <i>rothschildii</i> ) and the Maasai Mara. Only noted at Amboseli just outside the park.
<b>African buffalo</b>	<i>Syncerus caffer</i>	Widespread.
<b>Southern bushbuck</b>	<i>Tragelaphus sylvaticus</i>	Only in the Aberdare region.
<b>Common eland</b>	<i>Tragelaphus oryx pattersonianus</i>	Three in the Soysambu Conservancy. Amazing large herds in the Maasai Mara.
<b>Harvey's duiker</b>	<i>Cephalophorus harveyi</i>	Two on the lawn at Aberdare Country Club at dawn.
<b>Suni</b>	<i>Nesotragus moschatus</i>	We had a reasonable encounter of the dainty nominate subspecies on one day at Arabuko Sokoke (others glimpsed there). The garden at the Aberdare Country Club was good for the <i>kirchenpaueri</i> subspecies (mountain suni)– one or two seen.
<b>Steenbok</b>	<i>Rhaphicerus campestris neumanni</i>	One of these on the last afternoon drive at Sweetwaters. Another male in the Maasai Mara. This mostly southern species has this outlying tropical subspecies in central and eastern Africa.
<b>Hinde's dik-dik</b>	<i>Madoqua hindei</i>	Abundant at Tsavo (East).
<b>Waterbuck</b>	<i>Kobus ellipsiprymnus</i>	Nominate subspecies recorded at Tsavo (East), Soysambu Conservancy, the Maasai Mara and Amboseli. The western subspecies <i>defassa</i> recorded at Sweetwaters, where introduced.
<b>Grant's gazelle</b>	<i>Gazella grantii</i>	'Peter's gazelle' subspecies <i>petersii</i> at Tsavo (East). 'Bright's gazelle' (subspecies <i>notata</i> ) at Sweetwaters, the Soysambu Conservancy and Amboseli.
<b>Thomson's gazelle</b>	<i>Eudorcas thomsonii</i>	Recorded in the Solio Conservancy, Sweetwaters, Soysambu Conservancy, the Maasai Mara and Amboseli.
<b>Gerenuk</b>	<i>Litocranius walleri walleri</i>	A few on the drive into Tsavo (East), one male performing beautifully daintily nibbling flowers from a shrub right beside the vehicle.

<b>Common impala</b>	<i>Aepyceros melampus melampus</i>	Recorded in all the parks; Tsavo (East), Aberdare, Sweetwaters, Soysambu Conservancy, the Maasai Mara and Amboseli.
<b>Tsessebe</b>	<i>Damaliscus lunatus jimela</i>	aka topi. Common in the Maasai Mara.
<b>Hartebeest</b>	<i>Alcelaphus busephalus cokii</i>	Recorded at Tsavo (East), Sweetwaters, Soysambu Conservancy and the Maasai Mara.
<b>Common wildebeest</b>	<i>Connochaetes taurinus</i>	A few in the Maasai Mara and Amboseli.
<b>Fringe-eared oryx</b>	<i>Oryx beisa callotis</i>	Two on the drive into Tsavo (East). Also recorded whilst driving past the Solio Conservancy.
<b>Bohor reedbuck</b>	<i>Redunca redunca wardi</i>	Single male in the Maasai Mara. Encountered daily at Amboseli but in very small numbers.

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The taxonomic order follows Stevenson & Fanshawe *et al.* (2013). Nomenclature is taken from that adopted by iNaturalist

<b>Common ostrich</b>	<i>Struthio camelus</i>	Widespread.
<b>Great white pelican</b>	<i>Pelecanus onocrotalus</i>	First seen in the Soysambu Conservancy. Good numbers at Amboseli.
<b>Little grebe</b>	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>	Small numbers at Soysambu Conservancy and elsewhere on Lake Elementeita.
<b>Greater cormorant</b>	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>	Only at the Tana river reservoir en route to Aberdare and on Lake Elementeita (Soysambu Conservancy).
<b>Reed cormorant</b>	<i>Microcarbo africanus africanus</i>	Just one at Amboseli, on the dam by the lodge.
<b>Dwarf bittern</b>	<i>Botaurus sturmii</i>	One at the 'swamp' at Arabuko Sokoke NP. Another at Sweetwaters.
<b>Squacco heron</b>	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>	Small numbers daily at Amboseli.
<b>Rufous-bellied heron</b>	<i>Ardeola rufiventris</i>	One on a small stream in the Maasai Mara was a surprise.
<b>Little egret</b>	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	Recorded in small numbers in Tsavo (East) and Amboseli.
<b>Cattle egret</b>	<i>Ardea ibis</i>	Widespread.
<b>Yellow-billed egret</b>	<i>Ardea brachyrhyncha</i>	Noted at Arabuko Sokoke and Amboseli, but doubtless under-recorded.
<b>Great egret</b>	<i>Ardea alba</i>	Noted at Arabuko Sokoke and Amboseli.
<b>Goliath heron</b>	<i>Ardea goliath</i>	Small numbers daily at Amboseli.
<b>Grey heron</b>	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	Scattered records.
<b>Purple heron</b>	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>	One at Amboseli.
<b>Black-headed heron</b>	<i>Ardea melanocephala</i>	Widespread.
<b>Hamerkop</b>	<i>Scopus umbretta</i>	Recorded in small numbers at Arabuko Sokoke, Aberdare NP and the Maasai Mara.
<b>African woolly-necked stork</b>	<i>Ciconia microscelis</i>	A few at Arabuko Sokoke and in Tsavo (East).
<b>White stork</b>	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>	A small migrating flock of eight birds dropped in to roost at dusk one evening at Amboseli and were refuelling there the next day.
<b>Abdim's stork</b>	<i>Ciconia abdimii</i>	One in the Maasai Mara.
<b>African open-billed stork</b>	<i>Anastomus lamelligerus</i>	Small numbers at Amboseli.
<b>Marabou stork</b>	<i>Leptoptilus crumeniferus</i>	Widespread.
<b>Yellow-billed stork</b>	<i>Mycteria ibis</i>	Recorded in small numbers at Tsavo (East), Sweetwaters and Lake Elementeita.

<b>African sacred ibis</b>	<i>Threskiornis aethiopicus</i>	Widespread.
<b>Hadada ibis</b>	<i>Bostrychia hagedash</i>	Widespread and noisy.
<b>Glossy ibis</b>	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>	One at the Soysambu Conservancy. Recorded daily at Amboseli in small numbers.
<b>African spoonbill</b>	<i>Platalea alba</i>	Small numbers noted at Aberdare NP, Sweetwaters, the Soysambu Conservancy and Amboseli.
<b>Greater flamingo</b>	<i>Phoenicopterus roseus</i>	A highlight of the Soysambu Conservancy and Amboseli
<b>Lesser flamingo</b>	<i>Phoeniconaias minor</i>	Impressive flocks at the Soysambu Conservancy and Amboseli.
<b>Egyptian goose</b>	<i>Alopochen aegyptiacus</i>	Widespread.
<b>Spur-winged goose</b>	<i>Plectopterus gambensis</i>	Just two on one day at Amboseli.
<b>Southern pochard</b>	<i>Netta erythrophthalma</i>	Single on the lake in the Soysambu Conservancy.
<b>White-faced whistling-duck</b>	<i>Dendrocygna viduata</i>	Noted en route to Aberdare on an urban sewage farm and also at Sweetwaters and Amboseli.
<b>Knob-billed duck</b>	<i>Sarkidornis melanotus</i>	A pair at Arabuko Sokoke.
<b>White-backed duck</b>	<i>Thalassornis leuconotus leuconotus</i>	Large flock on one of the lakes at Amboseli.
<b>Red-billed teal</b>	<i>Anas erythrorhyncha</i>	Recorded in Tsavo (East), Sweetwaters, Soysambu Conservancy and Amboseli.
<b>Cape teal</b>	<i>Anas capensis</i>	Only recorded on Lake Elementeita (Soysambu Conservancy).
<b>Yellow-billed duck</b>	<i>Anas undulata</i>	Recorded at Aberdare NP, Sweetwaters and the Soysambu Conservancy.
<b>African black duck</b>	<i>Anas sparsa</i>	Two pairs at Aberdare NP.
<b>Northern pintail</b>	<i>Anas acuta</i>	One with other duck on Lake Elementeita (Soysambu Conservancy).
<b>Black kite</b>	<i>Milvus migrans</i>	Widespread in very small numbers.
<b>Black-winged kite</b>	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>	Widespread, often seen in transit.
<b>Secretarybird</b>	<i>Sagittarius serpentarius</i>	One or two daily at Tsavo (East). Also seen in the Maasai Mara and Amboseli.
<b>African fish-eagle</b>	<i>Ichthyophaga vocifer</i>	Recorded at Arabuko Sokoke, Tsavo (East), Sweetwaters and Amboseli.
<b>African white-backed vulture</b>	<i>Gyps africanus</i>	Small numbers in the Maasai Mara and Amboseli.
<b>Lappet-faced vulture</b>	<i>Torgos tracheliotus tracheliotus</i>	A few in Tsavo (East) and the Maasai Mara.
<b>Hooded vulture</b>	<i>Necrosyrtes monachus</i>	Note en route to Lake Elementeita and in the Maasai Mara.

<b>Palmnut vulture</b>	<i>Gypohierax angolensis</i>	One immature at Arabuko Sokoke NP.
<b>Osprey</b>	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>	One at Amboseli.
<b>Black-chested snake-eagle</b>	<i>Circaetus pectoralis</i>	Singles in Tsavo (East) and the Maasai Mara.
<b>African marsh harrier</b>	<i>Circus ranivorus</i>	A few at Amboseli.
<b>Montagu's harrier</b>	<i>Circus pygargus</i>	Frequently encountered in the grasslands of the Maasai Mara and Amboseli.
<b>Pallid harrier</b>	<i>Circus macrourus</i>	Noted in the grasslands of the Solio Conservancy, Sweetwaters, Soysambu Conservancy, the Maasai Mara and Amboseli.
<b>Eastern chanting-goshawk</b>	<i>Melierax poliopterus</i>	First recorded at Tsavo (East), frequent but more often recorded in transit thereafter.
<b>Little sparrowhawk</b>	<i>Tachyspiza minulla</i>	One en route to Aberdare on the big drive.
<b>Gabar goshawk</b>	<i>Micronisus gabar</i>	Singles at Sweetwaters and Amboseli.
<b>African harrier-hawk</b>	<i>Polyboroides typus</i>	Single just off the windscreen in transit between the Maasai Mara and Nairobi.
<b>Common buzzard</b>	<i>Buteo buteo</i>	Two seen en route to Aberdare.
<b>Augur buzzard</b>	<i>Buteo augur</i>	Recorded in Tsavo (East) and the Maasai Mara.
<b>Tawny eagle</b>	<i>Aquila rapax</i>	Small numbers daily in Tsavo (East), the Maasai Mara and Amboseli. As always in a startling variety of plumages.
<b>Steppe eagle</b>	<i>Aquila nipalensis</i>	One in the Maasai Mara.
<b>Lesser spotted eagle</b>	<i>Aquila pomarina</i>	One migrating through Tsavo (East). One at Soysambu Conservancy.
<b>Booted eagle</b>	<i>Hieraetus pennatus</i>	A few at Sweetwaters.
<b>Bateleur</b>	<i>Terathopius ecaudatus</i>	Recorded at Tsavo (East) the Maasai Mara and Amboseli.
<b>Martial eagle</b>	<i>Polemaetus bellicosus</i>	A few young birds at Amboseli.
<b>Long-crested eagle</b>	<i>Lophaetus occipitalis</i>	First recorded at Tsavo (East), thereafter a few in transit and in the Maasai Mara.
<b>Lizard buzzard</b>	<i>Kaupifalco monogrammicus</i>	One briefly at Arabuko Sokoke NP.
<b>Greater kestrel</b>	<i>Falco rupicoloides</i>	Single at Amboseli.
<b>Common kestrel</b>	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	Single at Amboseli.
<b>Grey kestrel</b>	<i>Falco ardosiaceus</i>	One seen well in the Maasai Mara.
<b>Lanner falcon</b>	<i>Falco biarmicus</i>	Just two birds together at Amboseli.
<b>Pygmy falcon</b>	<i>Polihierax semitorquatus</i>	One at Tsavo (East). Another in the Maasai Mara.
<b>Helmeted guineafowl</b>	<i>Numida meleagris</i>	Widespread.

<b>Eastern crested guineafowl</b>	<i>Guttera pucherani</i>	Two very briefly at Arabuko Sokoke.
<b>Vulturine guineafowl</b>	<i>Acryllium vulturinum</i>	Seen whilst driving into Tsavo (East).
<b>Scaly spurfowl</b>	<i>Pternistis squamatus</i>	Just one at Aberdare NP.
<b>Jackson's spurfowl</b>	<i>Pternistis jacksoni</i>	Common at Aberdare NP.
<b>Yellow-necked spurfowl</b>	<i>Pternistis leucoscepus</i>	Frequently encountered at Tsavo (East), Sweetwaters and Amboseli.
<b>Red-necked spurfowl</b>	<i>Pternistis afer</i>	A few daily in the Maasai Mara.
<b>Hildebrandt's spurfowl</b>	<i>Pternistes hildebrandti</i>	One in the Maasai Mara.
<b>Crested francolin</b>	<i>Ortygornis sephaena</i>	Recorded in Tsavo (East), Sweetwaters and Amboseli.
<b>Coqui francolin</b>	<i>Campocolinus coqui</i>	Small numbers in the Soysambu Conservancy and the Maasai Mara.
<b>Common quail</b>	<i>Coturnix coturnix</i>	Two seen at night in the Maasai Mara.
<b>Black crake</b>	<i>Zapornia flavirostra</i>	Three on one pond in the Maasai Mara. Frequently encountered in the marshes at Amboseli.
<b>Red-knobbed coot</b>	<i>Fulica cristata</i>	A few flocks on one of the lakes at Amboseli.
<b>Common moorhen</b>	<i>Gallinula chloropus meridionalis</i>	Only at the Ark (Aberdare NP).
<b>Grey crowned-crane</b>	<i>Balearica regulorum</i>	Recorded at the Ark (Aberdare NP), Sweetwaters, the Maasai Mara and Amboseli.
<b>Common buttonquail</b>	<i>Turnis sylvaticus</i>	One flushed by our vehicle in the Maasai Mara.
<b>Kori bustard</b>	<i>Ardeotis kori</i>	A few at Tsavo (East) and Sweetwaters.
<b>Black-bellied bustard</b>	<i>Lissotis melanogaster</i>	A few at Sweetwaters and the Maasai Mara.
<b>Hartlaub's bustard</b>	<i>Lissotis hartlaubii</i>	Two males at Amboseli.
<b>White-bellied korhaan</b>	<i>Eupodotis senegalensis</i>	A few in Tsavo (East), Sweetwaters, the Maasai Mara and Amboseli.
<b>Buff-crested bustard</b>	<i>Lophotis gindiana</i>	A couple in Tsavo (East).
<b>African jacana</b>	<i>Actiphilornis africanus</i>	Noted at Arabuko Sokoke, the Maasai Mara and Amboseli
<b>Black-winged stilt</b>	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>	Recorded in Tsavo (East), Sweetwaters and Amboseli.
<b>Pied avocet</b>	<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>	Noted in the Soysambu Conservancy and at Amboseli.
<b>Spotted thick-knee</b>	<i>Burhinus capensis</i>	Two at night at Tsavo (East). A few at Sweetwaters both by day and night. Four during the day at Amboseli.
<b>Water thick-knee</b>	<i>Burhinus vermiculatus</i>	Single in the Maasai Mara. Two at Amboseli.
<b>Temminck's courser</b>	<i>Cursorius temminckii</i>	Two on the way into Tsavo (East).

<b>Double-banded courser</b>	<i>Smutsornis africanus</i>	Small numbers daily at Amboseli.
<b>Collared pratincole</b>	<i>Glareola pratincola</i>	Good numbers at Amboseli.
<b>Blacksmith lapwing</b>	<i>Vanellus armatus</i>	Recorded at Aberdare NP, Sweetwater, Soysambu Conservancy and Amboseli.
<b>Spur-winged lapwing</b>	<i>Vanellus spinosus</i>	Recorded in Tsavo (East), the Maasai Mara and Amboseli.
<b>Long-toed lapwing</b>	<i>Vanellus crassirostris</i>	Recorded in marshes in the Maasai Mara and Amboseli.
<b>Crowned lapwing</b>	<i>Vanellus coronatus</i>	Frequently encountered in Tsavo (East), Sweetwaters and Amboseli.
<b>Wattled lapwing</b>	<i>Vanellus senegallus</i>	A few in the Maasai Mara.
<b>Kittlitz's sandplover</b>	<i>Anarhynchus pecuarius</i>	Recorded at Sweetwaters, Soysambu Conservancy and Amboseli.
<b>Three-banded plover</b>	<i>Thinornis tricolor</i>	Recorded in Tsavo (East), Sweetwaters and Amboseli.
<b>Common ringed plover</b>	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>	A few noted at Turtle Bay resort (Watamu), Tsavo (East), Soysambu Conservancy and Amboseli.
<b>Ruff</b>	<i>Calidris pugnax</i>	Recorded at Sweetwaters, Soysambu Conservancy and Amboseli.
<b>Common sandpiper</b>	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	Recorded at Tsavo (East), Sweetwaters, the Maasai Mara and Amboseli.
<b>Wood sandpiper</b>	<i>Tringa glareola</i>	Widespread.
<b>Green sandpiper</b>	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>	On small streams in the Maasai Mara.
<b>[Spotted redshank]</b>	<i>Tringa erythropus</i>	Heard at the Ark (Aberdare NP).
<b>Common greenshank</b>	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>	Noted in small numbers at Tsavo (East), Sweetwaters, Soysambu Conservancy, the Maasai Mara and Amboseli.
<b>Marsh sandpiper</b>	<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>	Recorded at Tsavo (East), Sweetwaters, Soysambu Conservancy and Amboseli.
<b>Little stint</b>	<i>Calidris minuta</i>	A few at wetlands in Tsavo (East), Sweetwaters, Soysambu Conservancy and Amboseli.
<b>Curlew sandpiper</b>	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>	A small flock on the shores of Lake Elementeita (Soysambu Conservancy).
<b>Black-tailed godwit</b>	<i>Limosa limosa</i>	One in Tsavo (East).
<b>African snipe</b>	<i>Gallinago nigripennis</i>	Photographed at Aberdare NP.
<b>Eurasian whimbrel</b>	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>	Recorded along the coast at Watamu.
<b>Grey-hooded gull</b>	<i>Chroicocephalus cirrocephalus</i>	Only on Lake Elementeita (Soysambu Conservancy).
<b>Gull-billed tern</b>	<i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i>	Recorded at Soysambu Conservancy and Amboseli.

<b>White-winged tern</b>	<i>Chlidonias leucopterus</i>	Recorded at Soysambu Conservancy and Amboseli.
<b>Whiskered tern</b>	<i>Chlidonias hybrida</i>	Recorded at Soysambu Conservancy and Amboseli.
<b>Black-faced sandgrouse</b>	<i>Pterocles decoratus</i>	Small numbers daily at Tsavo (East).
<b>Chestnut-bellied sandgrouse</b>	<i>Pterocles exustus</i>	Three on the drive out of Amboseli on the last morning.
<b>Speckled pigeon</b>	<i>Columba guinea</i>	Small numbers in Nairobi and in transit.
<b>Feral pigeon</b>	<i>Columba livia domestica</i>	Noted in Nairobi and larger towns.
<b>African green-pigeon</b>	<i>Treron calvus</i>	Only in the Maasai Mara.
<b>Tambourine dove</b>	<i>Turtur tympanistria</i>	Recorded at Tsavo (East ) and Aberdare NP.
<b>Emerald-spotted wood-dove</b>	<i>Turtur chalcospilos</i>	Widespread.
<b>Namaqua dove</b>	<i>Oena capensis</i>	Widespread.
<b>Red-eyed dove</b>	<i>Streptopelia semitorquata</i>	Widespread.
<b>Ring-necked dove</b>	<i>Streptopelia capicola</i>	Noted at Tsavo (East).
<b>Laughing dove</b>	<i>Spilopelia senegalensis</i>	A few daily at Tsavo (East).
<b>Red-bellied parrot</b>	<i>Poicephalus rufiventris</i>	Only noted at Aberdare NP.
<b>[Fischer's turaco]</b>	<i>Tauraco fischeri</i>	Heard at Arabuko Sokoke.
<b>Hartlaub's turaco</b>	<i>Tauraco hartlaubi</i>	Aberdare NP, seen well at Creaky Cottage.
<b>White-bellied go-away-bird</b>	<i>Crinifer leucogastor</i>	Recorded at Tsavo (East) and Amboseli.
<b>African cuckoo</b>	<i>Cuculus gularis</i>	Single in flight at Amboseli.
<b>White-browed coucal</b>	<i>Centropus superciliosus</i>	Widespread in small numbers.
<b>[Diederik cuckoo]</b>	<i>Chrysococcyx caprius</i>	Heard in Aberdare NP.
<b>Sokoke scops-owl</b>	<i>Otus ireneae</i>	One roosting bird at Arabuko Sokoke – an honorary mammal.
<b>African barred owl</b>	<i>Glaucidium capense</i>	One at night at Arabuko Sokoke.
<b>African wood-owl</b>	<i>Strix woodfordii</i>	A roosting bird at Arabuko Sokoke.
<b>Marsh owl</b>	<i>Asio capensis</i>	One during the second nightdrive at Tsavo (East).
<b>Verreaux's eagle-owl</b>	<i>Ketupa lactea</i>	One on a night drive at Tsavo (East) and a pair roosting in the garden at Sweetwaters.
<b>Fiery-necked nightjar</b>	<i>Caprimulgus pectoralis</i>	Common at night at Arabuko Sokoke.
<b>Slender-tailed nightjar</b>	<i>Caprimulgus clarus</i>	One on a night drive at Tsavo (East). Common at dusk at Amboseli.
<b>Plain nightjar</b>	<i>Caprimulgus inornatus</i>	One on a night drive at Tsavo (East).
<b>Mottled spinetail</b>	<i>Telacanthura ussheri</i>	Noted over the resort at Watamu and at Arabuko Sokoke NP.
<b>Little swift</b>	<i>Apus affinis</i>	Widespread.
<b>White-rumped swift</b>	<i>Apus caffer</i>	Scattered records.

<b>African palm swift</b>	<i>Cypsiurus parvus</i>	Scattered records.
<b>Speckled mousebird</b>	<i>Colius striatus</i>	Widespread.
<b>Narina trogon</b>	<i>Apaloderma narina</i>	Two seen at Arabuko Sokoke. Another at Creaky Cottage.
<b>Pied kingfisher</b>	<i>Ceryle rudis</i>	One at Amboseli.
<b>Grey-headed kingfisher</b>	<i>Halcyon leucocephala</i>	En route to Tsavo (East). Tsavo (East). Amboseli.
<b>Striped kingfisher</b>	<i>Halcyon chelicuti</i>	Arabuko Sokoke.
<b>Little bee-eater</b>	<i>Merops pusillus</i>	Only seen well in Amboseli, also seen in transit.
<b>Cinnamon-chested bee-eater</b>	<i>Merops oreobates</i>	Frequently encountered at Aberdare NP.
<b>White-throated bee-eater</b>	<i>Merops albicollis</i>	Small numbers at Tsavo (East).
<b>Northern carmine bee-eater</b>	<i>Merops nubicus</i>	Recorded en route to Tsavo (East) and in Tsavo (East).
<b>European bee-eater</b>	<i>Merops apiaster</i>	A few at Sweetwaters.
<b>Lilac-breasted roller</b>	<i>Coracias caudatus</i>	Widespread.
<b>European roller</b>	<i>Coracias garrulus</i>	A few recorded in Tsavo (East), the Maasai Mara and Amboseli.
<b>Green wood-hoopoe</b>	<i>Phoeniculus purpureus</i>	Noted at Arabuko Sokoke and the Soysambu Conservancy.
<b>African hoopoe</b>	<i>Upupa epops africana</i>	A few in Tsavo (East) and Amboseli.
<b>Northern red-billed hornbill</b>	<i>Tockus erythrorhynchus</i>	Only in Tsavo (East).
<b>von der Decken's hornbill</b>	<i>Tockus deckeni</i>	A few in Tsavo (East) and Amboseli.
<b>African grey hornbill</b>	<i>Lophoceros nasutus</i>	Recorded at Tsavo (East) and Amboseli.
<b>Crowned hornbill</b>	<i>Lophoceros alboterminatus</i>	Only at Aberdare NP.
<b>Silvery-cheeked hornbill</b>	<i>Bycanistes brevis</i>	Only at Aberdare NP.
<b>Trumpeter hornbill</b>	<i>Bycanistes bucinator</i>	Poor views at Arabuko Sokoke NP.
<b>Southern ground-hornbill</b>	<i>Bucorvus leadbeateri</i>	Groups watched on both days in the Maasai Mara.
<b>Red-fronted barbet</b>	<i>Tricholaema diademata</i>	One at Sweetwaters.
<b>Spot-flanked barbet</b>	<i>Tricholaema lacrymosa</i>	One in the Maasai Mara.
<b>[Green barbet]</b>	<i>Cryptolybia olivacea</i>	Heard at Arabuko Sokoke.
<b>Cardinal woodpecker</b>	<i>Dendropicos fuscescens</i>	One at the Ark (Aberdare NP).
<b>Rufous-naped lark</b>	<i>Corypha africana</i>	Noted in the Maasai Mara.
<b>Red-winged lark</b>	<i>Mirafra hypermetra</i>	Recorded at Tsavo (East).
<b>Singing bushlark</b>	<i>Mirafra cantillans</i>	Noted at Amboseli.
<b>Pink-breasted lark</b>	<i>Calendulauda poecilosterna</i>	A few in Tsavo (East).
<b>Red-capped lark</b>	<i>Calandrella cinerea</i>	Recorded at Sweetwaters.
<b>Fischer's sparrow-lark</b>	<i>Eremopterix leucopareia</i>	Recorded at Tsavo (East), Sweetwaters and Amboseli.
<b>Chestnut-headed sparrow-lark</b>	<i>Eremopterix signatus</i>	A few seen in Tsavo (East).
<b>Red-throated crag-martin</b>	<i>Ptyonoprogne rufigula</i>	Recorded.

<b>Brown-throated martin</b>	<i>Riparia paludicola</i>	Recorded at Aberdare and Amboseli.
<b>Banded martin</b>	<i>Neophedina cincta</i>	Noted in the Maasai Mara.
<b>African red-rumped swallow</b>	<i>Cecropis melanocrissus</i>	Recorded at Tsavo (East) and Amboseli.
<b>Mosque swallow</b>	<i>Cecropis senegalensis</i>	A pair in the Maasai Mara.
<b>Lesser striped swallow</b>	<i>Cecropis abyssinica</i>	A pair in Tsavo (East).
<b>Barn swallow</b>	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	Recorded almost daily.
<b>Wire-tailed swallow</b>	<i>Hirundo smithii</i>	Recorded in Tsavo (East) and Amboseli.
<b>Western house martin</b>	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>	A few migrants noted on the coast.
<b>Black saw-wing</b>	<i>Psalidoprocne pristopectera</i>	Recorded in the forest in Aberdare region.
<b>White-headed saw-wing</b>	<i>Psalidoprocne albiceps</i>	A few in the Maasai Mara.
<b>African pied wagtail</b>	<i>Motacilla aguimp</i>	Widespread.
<b>Western yellow wagtail</b>	<i>Motacilla flava</i>	Recorded at Tsavo (East), Sweetwaters and Amboseli.
<b>Cape wagtail</b>	<i>Motacilla capensis</i>	Aberdare.
<b>Golden pipit</b>	<i>Timotothylacus tenellus</i>	One male on the way into Tsavo (East).
<b>Rosy-breasted longclaw</b>	<i>Macronyx ameliae</i>	Pair at Amboseli.
<b>Yellow-throated longclaw</b>	<i>Macronyx croceus</i>	A few in the Maasai Mara.
<b>Pangani longclaw</b>	<i>Macronyx aurantiigula</i>	Pair in Tsavo (East).
<b>African pipit</b>	<i>Anthus cinnamomeus</i>	Daily at Amboseli.
<b>Malindi pipit</b>	<i>Anthus melindae</i>	One or two at the swamp at Arabuko Sokoke.
<b>Long-billed pipit</b>	<i>Anthus similis</i>	Single in Tsavo (East).
<b>Plain-backed pipit</b>	<i>Anthus leucophrys</i>	Single at Sweetwaters.
<b>Red-throated pipit</b>	<i>Anthus cervinus</i>	Single in the Maasai Mara.
<b>[Tree pipit]</b>	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>	Heard in Aberdare NP.
<b>Common bulbul</b>	<i>Pycnonotus barbatus</i>	Widespread.
<b>Eastern nicator</b>	<i>Nicator gularis</i>	Oen seen well at Arabuko Sokoke NP.
<b>Red-capped robin-chat</b>	<i>Cossypha natalensis</i>	Recorded at Arabuko Sokoke and the Soysambu Conservancy.
<b>Cape robin-chat</b>	<i>Dessonornis caffer</i>	Recorded at various sites in the Aberdare.
<b>European rock thrush</b>	<i>Monticola saxatilis</i>	A few at Sweetwaters.
<b>Little rock thrush</b>	<i>Monticola rufocinereus</i>	One male in the garden at Pelican Lodge (Lake Elementeita).
<b>Northern wheatear</b>	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>	A few noted in Tsavo (East) and the Solio Conservancy.
<b>Isabelline wheatear</b>	<i>Oenanthe isabellina</i>	Widespread.
<b>Pied wheatear</b>	<i>Oenanthe pleschanka</i>	Single male in Tsavo (East).
<b>Familiar chat</b>	<i>Oenanthe familiaris</i>	Recorded in the the Maasai Mara.
<b>Stonechat</b>	<i>Saxicola torquata</i>	A few in the Aberdare region.
<b>Whinchat</b>	<i>Saxicola rubetra</i>	Single at Aberdare.
<b>Moorland chat</b>	<i>Pinarochroa sordida</i>	A confiding pair at Chania falls (Aberdares NP).

<b>White-browed scrub-robin</b>	<i>Cercotrichas leucophrys</i>	One at Arabuko Sokoke NP.
<b>Northern anteater chat</b>	<i>Myrmecocichla aethiops</i>	Recorded at Sweetwaters and the Maasai Mara.
<b>Sooty chat</b>	<i>Myrmecocichla nigra</i>	A few noted in the Maasai Mara.
<b>Mocking cliff-chat</b>	<i>Thamnolaea cinnamomeiventris</i>	Pair at Voi Lodge - Tsavo (East).
<b>Willow warbler</b>	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>	Single at Pelican Lodge (Lake Elementeita).
<b>Red-faced crombec</b>	<i>Sylvietta whytii</i>	Occasional in the lodge garden at Sweetwaters.
<b>Cinnamon bracken-warbler</b>	<i>Bradypterus cinnamomeus</i>	One of these skulking warblers at the Ark (Aberdare NP).
<b>Rattling cisticola</b>	<i>Cisticola chiniana</i>	Noted at Sweetwaters.
<b>Hunter's cisticola</b>	<i>Cisticola hunteri</i>	Recorded at the Ark (Aberdare NP).
<b>Winding cisticola</b>	<i>Cisticola marginatus</i>	Recorded in the Maasai Mara and Amboseli.
<b>Croaking cisticola</b>	<i>Cisticola natalensis</i>	Noted in the Maasai Mara.
<b>Barred warbler</b>	<i>Curruca nisoria</i>	Two birds seen in Tsavo (East).
<b>Spotted flycatcher</b>	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>	Small numbers at Tsavo (East).
<b>Northern black-flycatcher</b>	<i>Malaenornis edolioides</i>	A single bird in the lodge garden in the Maasai Mara.
<b>White-eyed slaty-flycatcher</b>	<i>Malaenornis fischeri</i>	Recorded at Aberdare NP, Sweetwaters and Lake Elementeita.
<b>African grey flycatcher</b>	<i>Muscicapa microrhynchus</i>	Only in Arabuko Sokoke NP.
<b>Chin-spot batis</b>	<i>Batis molitor</i>	One in the garden of the Aberdare Country Club.
<b>African paradise-flycatcher</b>	<i>Terpsiphone viridis</i>	A few in the Aberdare region and the lodge garden in the Maasai Mara.
<b>White-bellied tit</b>	<i>Melaniparus albiventris</i>	One in a bird flock through the Sweetwaters lodge garden.
<b>Kikuyu white-eye</b>	<i>Zosterops kikuyensis</i>	Single in the garden at the Aberdare Country Club.
<b>Northern yellow white-eye</b>	<i>Zosterops senegalensis</i>	One in a bird flock in the lodge garden at Sweetwaters.
<b>Golden-winged sunbird</b>	<i>Drepanorhynchus reichenowi</i>	A highlight in the Aberdare NP.
<b>Bronze sunbird</b>	<i>Nectarinia kilimensis</i>	Small numbers at Aberdare NP, Sweetwaters and Lake Elementeita.
<b>Northern double-collared sunbird</b>	<i>Cinnyris reichenowi</i>	One male in the garden of the Aberdare Country Club.
<b>Eastern double-collared sunbird</b>	<i>Cinnyris mediocris</i>	One photographed well at Chania falls (Aberdare NP).
<b>Marico sunbird</b>	<i>Cinnyris mariquensis</i>	Only recorded in the Maasai Mara.
<b>Variable sunbird</b>	<i>Cinnyris venustus</i>	Pelican Lodge (Lake Elementeita) and the Maasai Mara.
<b>Collared sunbird</b>	<i>Hedydipna collaris</i>	Noted in the Aberdare region.
<b>Scarlet-chested sunbird</b>	<i>Chalcomitra senegalensis</i>	Noted at Sweetwaters.

<b>Hunter's sunbird</b>	<i>Chalcomitra hunteri</i>	Noted in Tsavo (East).
<b>Plain-backed sunbird</b>	<i>Anthreptes reichenowi</i>	A highlight at Arabuko Sokoke.
<b>Northern fiscal</b>	<i>Lanius humeralis</i>	Recorded.
<b>Taita fiscal</b>	<i>Lanius dorsalis</i>	Recorded at Tsavo (East).
<b>Long-tailed fiscal</b>	<i>Lanius cabanisi</i>	Recorded at Tsavo (East).
<b>Red-backed shrike</b>	<i>Lanius collurio</i>	One at Tsavo (East).
<b>Brubru</b>	<i>Nilaus afer</i>	One at Sweetwaters.
<b>Rosy-patched bushshrike</b>	<i>Rhodophoneus cruentus</i>	A few pairs at Tsavo (East).
<b>Tropical boubou</b>	<i>Laniarius major</i>	Widespread.
<b>Slate-coloured boubou</b>	<i>Laniarius funebris</i>	One in the lodge garden at Amboseli.
<b>White-rumped shrike</b>	<i>Eurocephalus ruppelli</i>	Widespread.
<b>Fork-tailed drongo</b>	<i>Dicrurus adsimilis</i>	Recorded daily.
<b>House crow</b>	<i>Corvus splendens</i>	Widespread in the wider countryside near the coast.
<b>Pied crow</b>	<i>Corvus albus</i>	Seen on transit days along the main road.
<b>Cape crow</b>	<i>Corvus capensis</i>	Noted in transit on roads in grassland areas.
<b>Black-headed oriole</b>	<i>Oriolus larvatus</i>	Recorded at Arabuko Sokoke and Sweetwaters.
<b>Eurasian golden oriole</b>	<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>	Only noticed at Arabuko Sokoke.
<b>Yellow-billed oxpecker</b>	<i>Buphagus africanus</i>	Aberdare, Sweetwaters and the Maasai Mara.
<b>Red-billed oxpecker</b>	<i>Buphagus erythrorhyncha</i>	A few at Tsavo (East) Sweetwaters and Amboseli.
<b>Red-winged starling</b>	<i>Onychognathus morio</i>	Resident on the lodge roof at Tsavo (East) and Pelican Lodge (Lake Elementeita).
<b>Slender-billed starling</b>	<i>Onychognathus tenuirostris</i>	Recorded at Chania falls and the Ark (Aberdare NP).
<b>Golden-breasted starling</b>	<i>Lamprotornis regius</i>	Occasional flocks encountered in Tsavo (East).
<b>Greater blue-eared starling</b>	<i>Lamprotornis chalybaeus</i>	seen en route to Tsavo (East) on the first day and in the Maasai Mara.
<b>Ruppell's starling</b>	<i>Lamprotornis purpuroptera</i>	Noted in the lodge garden at Sweetwaters.
<b>Superb starling</b>	<i>Lamprotornis superbus</i>	Widespread
<b>Hildebrandt's starling</b>	<i>Lamprotornis hildebrandti</i>	One or two en route to Amboseli.
<b>Fischer's starling</b>	<i>Lamprotornis fischeri</i>	Noted in Tsavo (East).
<b>Black-bellied starling</b>	<i>Notopholia corusca</i>	Quite commonly encountered at Arabuko Sokoke NP.
<b>Violet-backed starling</b>	<i>Cinnyricinclus leucogaster</i>	Recorded at Tsavo (East) and Aberdare NP.
<b>Wattled starling</b>	<i>Creatophora cinerea</i>	A few at Amboseli.
<b>Magpie starling</b>	<i>Speculipastor bicolor</i>	Noted occasionally in Tsavo (East).
<b>House sparrow</b>	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	Recorded.
<b>Kenya rufous sparrow</b>	<i>Passer rufocinctus</i>	A few at Aberdare NP and Sweetwaters.

<b>Northern grey-headed sparrow</b>	<i>Passer griseus</i>	Noted in the Maasai Mara.
<b>Parrot-billed sparrow</b>	<i>Passer gongonensis</i>	Recorded at Tsavo (East) and Amboseli.
<b>White-browed sparrow-weaver</b>	<i>Plocepasser mahali</i>	Widespread.
<b>Grey-capped social-weaver</b>	<i>Pseudonigritta arnaudi</i>	Noted en route to Pelican Lodge and in the Maasai Mara.
<b>White-headed buffalo-weaver</b>	<i>Dinemellia dinemelli</i>	Recorded in Tsavo (East) and Amboseli.
<b>Red-billed buffalo-weaver</b>	<i>Bubalornis niger</i>	Small numbers in Tsavo (East) and the Maasai Mara.
<b>Village weaver</b>	<i>Ploceus cucullatus</i>	Breeding colony outside the restaurant in the Maasai Mara.
<b>African golden weaver</b>	<i>Ploceus subaureus</i>	A colony in the garden at Turtle Bay resort (Watamu).
<b>Golden palm weaver</b>	<i>Ploceus bojeri</i>	A colony in the garden at Turtle Bay resort (Watamu).
<b>Speke's weaver</b>	<i>Ploceus spekei</i>	Breeding in the lodge garden at Amboseli.
<b>Lesser masked weaver</b>	<i>Ploceus intermedius</i>	A few at Amboseli.
<b>Baglafaecht weaver</b>	<i>Ploceus baglafaecht</i>	Recorded at the Aberdare Country Club, the Ark (Aberdare NP) and Amboseli.
<b>Chestnut weaver</b>	<i>Ploceus rubiginosus</i>	Single female or immature male photographed at Amboseli.
<b>Red-headed weaver</b>	<i>Anaplectes rubriceps</i>	One at Sweetwaters.
<b>Red-billed quelea</b>	<i>Quelea quelea</i>	Occasional encounters in Tsavo (East) and Amboseli.
<b>Yellow bishop</b>	<i>Euplectes capensis</i>	Only recorded in the Maasai Mara.
<b>Fan-tailed widowbird</b>	<i>Euplectes axillaris</i>	Recorded in Amboseli.
<b>Long-tailed widowbird</b>	<i>Euplectes progne</i>	A few along the fenceline of the Solio conservancy.
<b>Red-cheeked cordon-bleu</b>	<i>Uraeginthus bengalus</i>	Widespread.
<b>Purple grenadier</b>	<i>Granatina ianthinogastor</i>	Small numbers at Aberdare, Sweetwaters and the Maasai Mara.
<b>Red-billed firefinch</b>	<i>Lagonosticta senegala</i>	Recorded at Aberdare Country Club, Creaky Cottage and Amboseli.
<b>Bronze mannikin</b>	<i>Spermestes cucullata</i>	One in the lodge garden in the Maasai Mara.
<b>Common waxbill</b>	<i>Estrilda astrild</i>	Noted at Aberdare and Sweetwaters.
<b>Crimson-rumped waxbill</b>	<i>Estrilda rhodopyga</i>	Recorded in the lodge garden at Amboseli.
<b>African silverbill</b>	<i>Euodice cantans</i>	A few at Sweetwaters.
<b>Eastern paradise-whydah</b>	<i>Vidua paradisaea</i>	Single male on the way in to Tsavo (East).
<b>Thick-billed seedeater</b>	<i>Crithagra burtoni</i>	One photographed at the Ark (Aberdare NP).

<b>Brimstone canary</b>	<i>Crithagra sulphurata</i>	Small numbers at the Solio Conservancy and Sweetwaters.
<b>African citril</b>	<i>Crithagra citrinelloides</i>	Single in the Maasai Mara.
<b>Streaky seedeater</b>	<i>Crithagra striolata</i>	Noted at Aberdare NP.
<b>Reichenow's seedeater</b>	<i>Crithagra reichenowi</i>	Noted in the Aberdare region and Sweetwaters.

## Reptiles and amphibians recorded in Kenya between 1<sup>st</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> November

The taxonomy follows Spawls *Reptiles of East Africa*.

<b>Leopard tortoise</b>	<i>Geochelone pardalis</i>	Two at Amboseli.
<b>Tropical house gecko</b>	<i>Hemidactylus mabouia</i>	Widespread.
<b>Striped skink</b>	<i>Mabuya striata</i>	Noted in the lodge garden at Amboseli.
<b>Red-headed rock agama</b>	<i>Agama agama</i>	Widespread.
<b>Nile monitor</b>	<i>Varanus niloticus</i>	Two seen in the The Maasai Mara. Another at Amboseli.
<b>Nile crocodile</b>	<i>Crocodylus niloticus</i>	Some sizeable individuals noted in the Mara river (Maasai Mara).
<b>White-headed dwarf gecko</b>	<i>Lygodactylus mombasicus</i>	Common around the park buildings at Arabuko Sokoke NP.
<b>Eastern green mamba</b>	<i>Dendroaspis angusticeps</i>	One crossing the road at Arabuko Sokoke NP.
<b>Rough-scaled plated lizard</b>	<i>Broadlaysaurus major</i>	At least two of these fine lizards performed at Arabuko Sokoke NP.
<b>Red-lipped snake</b>	<i>Crotaphopeltis hotamboeia</i>	One at night in the Maasai Mara.
<b>Ashe's spitting cobra</b>	<i>Naja ashei</i>	One at night at Tsavo (East).
<b>Red spitting cobra</b>	<i>Naja pallida</i>	One at night at Tsavo (East).
<b>East African sand boa</b>	<i>Eryx colubrinus</i>	One at night at Tsavo (East).
<b>[Ruspoli's shovelnout snake]</b>	<i>Prosymna ruspolii</i>	One dead at Mara Serena lodge.
<b>Flap-necked chameleon</b>	<i>Chamaeleo dilepis</i>	One at Arabuko Sokoke NP.
<b>Jackson's chameleon</b>	<i>Trioceros jacksonii</i>	Two in the Creaky Cottage grounds.
<b>a clawed frog</b>	<i>Xenopus</i> sp.	Noted in the ponds at the lodge in the Maasai Mara.
<b>Anchieta's ridged frog</b>	<i>Ptychadena anchietae</i>	Noted in the ponds at the lodge in the Maasai Mara.
<b>Peters' reed frog</b>	<i>Hyperolius glandicolor</i>	Noted in the ponds at the lodge at Amboseli.

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The taxonomy follows Dijkstra and Clausnitzer (2014).

<b>Common citril</b>	<i>Ceriagrion glabrum</i>	Amboseli.
<b>Tropical bluetail</b>	<i>Ischnura senegalensis</i>	Lake Elementeita.
<b>Maasai sprite</b>	<i>Pseudagrion (B) massaicum</i>	Amboseli.
<b>Natal sprite</b>	<i>Pseudagrion (?) spernatum</i>	Amboseli.
<b>Southern banded groundling</b>	<i>Brachythemis leucosticta</i>	Recorded abundantly in the Maasai Mara and Amboseli.
<b>Eastern blacktail</b>	<i>Nesciothemis farinosa</i>	Amboseli.
<b>Julia skimmer</b>	<i>Orthetrum julia</i>	Amboseli
<b>Wandering glider</b>	<i>Pantala flavescens</i>	Widespread, often away from water and sometimes seen 'testing' the shiny bonnets of the vehicles.
<b>Jaunty dropwing</b>	<i>Trithemis stictica</i>	Amboseli.
<b>Blue basker</b>	<i>Urothemis edwardsi</i>	Amboseli.