

Tanzania 14th December 2000 to 9th January 2001

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Introduction

I spent a month over Christmas 2000 visiting my partner, Brita, in Arusha who was working there on a Danish overseas aid (Danida) Research Council project for 5 months. Brita stayed at a training centre, MS-TCDC, run by a Danish NGO (MS – *mellempfolkeligesammenvirke*). My brother joined us over Christmas when we travelled in the northern part of the country. We visited all the National Parks in the region except Kilimanjaro. Tarangire was reached by a privately organised, one day trip (85 spp.), whereas a longer safari with "Sunbird" took in Lake Manyara (an afternoon and night) Ngorongoro (2 whole days) and Serengeti (2 whole days). In addition, Brita and I visited the Agricultural University at Morogoro, 624 Km from Arusha, 200 Km west of Dar es Salaam and broke the journey back to Arusha at Loshoto in the north-eastern Usambara Mountains. With respect to the birdlife, this, the short wet season, is a good time to visit as lots of local species are nesting, and a lot of palearctic migrants are there. In total, we saw in excess of 330 spp. of bird and 40 spp. mammal including all the large and spectacular species. The northern circuit safari trip yielded over 200 spp. bird and 30 spp. mammal including the three cats, and black rhino.

Tanzania was both a marvellous and shocking experience. This was my first visit to Africa and I was not prepared for the extent to which Africa differs from Europe – some impressions:

Tanzania is very different from anywhere else I have been. I think it would be very tough to live there permanently as a Western European who is used to:

- being able to buy things in shops when they need them.
- being able to press the switch and the lights always turn on
- being able to drink the water without getting sick.
- use a telephone or send an email at convenience.
- not having to worry about being bitten by mosquitoes.

The negative things include

- corrupt police who expect a payment now and then for letting people pass a checkpoint.
- the constant hassle when you walk the streets as a rich white man from people who want to sell you things you do not need - and cannot take home since you can only take 20 Kg.
- vehicles that leave a thick cloud of choking black smoke when they pass.
- The filth: rubbish on the streets everywhere. Though it does provide food for the Black Kites (I did not know about yellow-billed kites in 2000).

However, there were a lot of positive things like:

- the warmth of the climate (it is about freezing point here in January – and over 20°C down there).
- the warmth of the people - over 90% of the people I met are incredibly friendly and helpful, and are not after milking you for dollars.
- the wildlife – birds and lots of mammals, like lions, leopard, cheetah, elephant, rhino, hippo, giraffe, warthog, zebra, buffalo, mongooses, jackals, hyenas, hyrax and countless species of antelope ranging in size to tiny dik diks the size of a small dog and looking just like bambi to the elands, taller than a buffalo (Arusha, Ngogorongoro, Serengeti and Tarangire National Parks).

Arusha

Frankly I did not like Arusha town. It had its oases: Patrick's office at Sunbird travel, the Bamboo Cafe (where I ate their greek green salad in a rash moment but did not regret it), the Meat King, the Upper Zonal Trading wine emporium..... but not a lot else. It is busy, noisy, dusty, and above all dirty. I will be eternally grateful to Brita for finding somewhere decent to stay – 20 Km away at Usa River at the oasis known as MS-TCDC (see 2004 report for some pictures). This is a training centre run by a Danish NGO - ("Mellempfolkelig Sammenvirke")

But Arusha cannot be avoided if one is to go on safari. And the surrounding area is nice. The area near Usa River has the Hotel Dik-Dik and Ngere Sero Lodge, both of which are upmarket hotels within easy reach of MS-TCDC by foot in a varied, wooded landscape (MS-TCDC visitors have not been hassled here). There is also Arusha National park – a chapter for itself in this account since it includes Mount Meru. Patrick lives behind the Tanganyika Hotel and entertained us for an evening – where the dinner party was visited by a 10 cm Tarantula. There is a small lake in front of the hotel, and there were lots of birds on an island, including an unperturbed African Fish Eagle.

Closer to Arusha is Tengeru and Lake Dulutti which I visited with Brita for an hour or so on my last afternoon and saw several new species for the trip - for instance Anhinga, Osprey, Pygmy and Pied Kingfishers. It is said that Lake Dulutti has been the scene of several attacks against tourists. Access is via the Mountain Lodge Hotel, who provided a guide for a walk round the lake (90 minute walk). It would be possible to walk to the 2 Km to the lake from Tengeru through coffee plantations by heading for the hotel

(signposted) then cutting right along the edge of the houses. We were with a guide. Patrick warned against snakes.

The MS-TCDC itself comprises a wooded park habitat, and it has a small, productive sewage treatment plant. AVRDC (Asian vegetable crops institute, where Brita was working in 2000-1) is also adjacent to woodland. Both these places are private areas but seem typical of the area.

Mt. Meru and Arusha National Park

It is physically possible to climb Mt. Meru (4655 m 15 272 ft) in 2 days on the west side from Arusha, but it is only allowed to use a minimum three days on it on the east side from the Momela gate. It is advised, and more relaxing to use 4 days. We used 4 days and did not regret it. See here to read our negative experience with organising this trip.

We were picked up at 8:30am in a battered Peugeot 503 (there are a lot of those in Tanzania) and arrived at the Momela Gate at 10:05 having seen Long-crested Eagle, Giraffes, Buffalo, Dik-Diks, Zebra, Warthog and two spp. monkey from the car. The walk did not start until 11:10 as the personal is first sorted out on arrival there – porters and official National Park ranger. One of the less rational aspects of a Meru trip is the need to take cooking equipment as well as food all the way. We walked up through the forest along the Landrover track which leads all the way to the Momela hut. (Worth doing as it gives more wildlife though it takes 5 rather than 3 hours - the direct path is fine for the descent). The first part of the walk is across a grassy plateau dotted with Giraffes, Buffalo and Warthog as well as White-fronted Bee Eaters. The forest was rich with Hartlaub's Turacos and lots of unseen noises. Mammals included a Duiker and two troupes of Colobus Monkeys (Guereza), which are rather more elegant than the commoner Vervets and Syke's. The final part of the first leg of the walk is across the lower part of the crater to the Miriakanda hut (2400 m – 8250 ft). The huts are fairly standard mountain huts with primitive facilities.

The second phase took us to the Saddle hut (3600 m, 11 700 ft). We took 3½ h over this 1200 m of steep ascent, seeing among other things, an elephant less than 100m away and bushbucks within 10m. Birds included Long-crested Eagle and 3 spp. of Sunbird, all altitude specialists. After lunch, and a few hours rest, we ascended the minor summit - Little Meru (12 450 ft, 3800 m). On our descent the cloud parted sufficiently for us to see the top peeping out from behind the end of the ridge, Rhino Point. One understands the reason for the early starts for the summit. The vegetation up here is interesting. Birds in the area included a lot of the striking African Stonechats and White-necked Ravens. We did not see Lammergeier on Mt. Meru at all.

There is a modernisation programme in progress on Mt. Meru: at Miriakanda, a kitchen block is nearly finished. The old "kitchen" can best be described as a stable where the food is prepared on the floor. At the Saddle Hut a completely new dormitory building is almost finished, and a rather fine washhouse. It is unclear (to me) whether the new toilets are water or earth closets.

The departure for the summit took place at 2 am on 1st January; just as the New Year was being rang in, in Europe (*i.e.* an hour before those well-know offshore islands). So a good torch is advisable – with extra batteries. It was a clear, and higher up, frosty night, which gave me an opportunity to enjoy the unfamiliar Southern hemisphere stars (a certain Paul Simon song kept me company in my head all the way up). Five hours later we reached the summit of Socialist Peak, just after dawn, about 1200 m of ascent. The first birds were Alpine Swifts, followed by a White-necked Raven. On the descent we could see the barrenness of the landscape, and enjoy stunning views along the ridge and across to Kilimanjaro some 40 Km to the east. We could not make out Mount Kenya, or details of Usa River (SE and therefore into the sun) though Arusha is very clear from up there. We saw Klippespringer, a Chamois-like antelope, on the ridge close to Rhino Point. The descent to the Saddle Hut took us about 3½ h. We attempted a couple of hours rest (unfortunately our arrival coincided with that of a large Swiss party for whom the concept that we might be tired after getting up at 2 am was totally alien, so we did not get any sleep), and continued down to Miriakanda. This problem should be solved in the new hut since it is equipped with small rooms. We were all fairly whacked when we made it down here – after about 2300 m descent, and I cannot really understand why people will continue for a further 1000 m or so down to the Momela Gate.



Some Meru scenery



Our final day took us down to Momela Gate by the direct path. The first barrier was two large and stupid-looking Buffalo (tautology - they all look stupid, but at that size they can afford to) blocking the path. Given the caution that Frederick dealt with them, we began to understand the reason that he walked everywhere with a rifle, though he says that he

has never needed to use it. He was very good at throwing stones, and eventually they ambled off into the bush. At the gate we were met by a new driver, Meshack, in a decent, though oldish, Landrover. He delivered Frederick back to the Park headquarters and took us on a 3 hr game drive round the Eastern part of Arusha NP.

The game drive is worth having in a 4 day trip, even though the prime thought one has is that one would really prefer to take the car home and get a warm bath and in fact we didn't see much new (only 3 new bird species for example). The first part is round the Momela Lakes (there are two of them), and included time for a picnic lunch, watching Hippos. This part is not terribly different from other parks, but we saw a lot less – except for Giraffes, which are very abundant here - we must have seen 50. From here we continued to the Ngurdoto Crater, where the highlights included a Peregrine and Black Stork. The view is fine though tame after Ngorongoro and Mt. Meru!

Little Grebe, White-breasted Cormorant, Long-tailed (Reed) Cormorant, AFRICAN DARTER, Cattle Egret, Squacco Heron, Striated (Little) Heron, Little Egret, BLACK HERON, Intermediate (Yellow-billed) Egret, Great White Egret, Grey Heron, Black-headed Heron, Hamerkop, Yellow-billed Stork (Wood Ibis), Marabou Stork, Sacred Ibis, HADADA IBIS, Egyptian Goose, Black Kite, African Fish Eagle, OSPREY, HOODED VULTURE, African White-backed Vulture, BLACK-CHESTED SNAKE-EAGLE, Montagu's Harrier, Eastern Chanting-Goshawk, Gabar Goshawk, BLACK GOSHAWK (GREAT SPARROWHAWK), African Harrier-Hawk, Augur Buzzard, Steppe Eagle Mountain Buzzard, Tawny Eagle, Booted Eagle?, Long-crested Eagle, Lesser Kestrel, MOORHEN, African Jacana, Black-winged Stilt, Crowned Lapwing, Ruff, Common Sandpiper, Wood Sandpiper, Green Sandpiper, African Green-Pigeon, Speckled Pigeon, African Olive-Pigeon, Rock Pigeon, Ring-necked Dove, Red-eyed Dove, Laughing (Palm) Dove, Yellow-collared Lovebird, RED-CHESTED CUCKOO, White-browed Coucal, AFRICAN WOOD-OWL, VERREAUX'S EAGLE-OWL, Little Swift, Mottled Swift, Alpine Swift, Speckled Mousebird, PIED KINGFISHER, Grey-headed Kingfisher GIANT KINGFISHER, AFRICAN PYGMY-KINGFISHER, Red-billed Hornbill, Silvery-cheeked Hornbill, WHITE-EARED BARBET, RED-FRONTED TINKERBIRD, BROWN-BREASTED BARBET, WHITE-HEADED BARBET, LESSER HONEYGUIDE, Singing (Bush) Lark, Fischer's Sparrow-Lark, Plain Sand Martin HOUSE MARTIN, Red-rumped Swallow, Wire-tailed Swallow, Black Sawwing, African Pied Wagtail, Yellow-throated Longclaw, Common Bulbul, Cape Robin-Chat, (Northern) Wheatear, Isabelline Wheatear, Willow Warbler, YELLOW-BELLIED EREMOMELA, SINGING CISTICOLA, Yellow-breasted Apalis, White-eyed Slaty-Flycatcher, Southern Black-Flycatcher, Pale Flycatcher, Spotted Flycatcher, Chinspot Batis, African Paradise-Flycatcher, Montane (Broad-ringed) White-eye, Bronze Sunbird, TACAZZE SUNBIRD, RED-TUFTED (SCARLET-TUFTED MALACHITE) SUNBIRD, AMETHYST SUNBIRD, SCARLET-CHESTED SUNBIRD, Variable Sunbird, Collared Sunbird, Common Fiscal, Long-tailed Fiscal, Brubru, Black-backed Puffback, Brown-crowned Tchagra, Fork-tailed Drongo, Pied Crow, Red-winged Starling, WALLER'S STARLING, Violet-backed Starling, Superb Starling, KENYA RUFOUS-SPARROW, Grey-headed Sparrow, Swahili Sparrow, Village (Black-headed) Weaver, Lesser Masked Weaver, Chestnut Weaver, Grosbeak Weaver, Baglafaecht Weaver, Taveta Golden Weaver, Red-

headed Weaver, Bronze Munia, BLACK-AND-WHITE MUNIA, Pin-tailed Whydah, Thick-billed Seedeater, Kenya Yellow-rumped Seedeater (129 spp.)

GUEREZA, Olive Baboon, Vervet Monkey, SYKES MONKEY, SWYNNERTON'S BUSH SQUIRREL, RED-LEGGED SUN SQUIRREL, African Elephant, Burchell's Zebra, Wart Hog, Giraffe, African Buffalo, Bushbuck, RED DUIKER, KLIPSPRINGER, Kirk's Dik-dik

Loshoto (Usambara mountains) and Morogoro

We took the bus to Morogoro where we stayed at the Oasis Hotel and visited the Sokoine Agricultural University. This direct bus took 8 hours for 600 Km, initially in the northern hilly district, then through extensive sisal plantations. We saw no mammals on the way, not a single monkey. Morogoro is hotter and more humid than Arusha, and we saw a number of species here that were not encountered in the north of which the most spectacular were a lot of fruit bats.

We took the same bus back and hopped off at Mombo, where we took a local daladala up into the hills to Loshoto. The Usambaras are old fold mountains sticking out of the plain. Very dramatically so and have a number of specialities! There is a cooperative who arranges guides to take people for guided walks (details in the lonely planet guide). Recommended as it would be difficult to find one's way around otherwise. It rained. We stayed at the little hotel run by the Montessori order of nuns, who make their own banana wine – recommended!



Some impressions of Loshoto



Loshoto (L), Morogoro (M)

Black-headed Heron, Hamerkop (L), Black Kite, African Fish Eagle (L), African White-backed Vulture (M), African Harrier-Hawk (L), Augur Buzzard (L - common), Mountain Buzzard (L - common), Tawny Eagle (L), Long-crested Eagle (L), Peregrine Falcon (L), Rock Pigeon, Red-eyed Dove, White-browed Coucal (L), Little Swift, Mottled Swift, African (Black) Swift (L), African Palm-Swift (L, M), Speckled Mousebird, WHITE-HEADED MOUSEBIRD (L), CINNAMON-CHESTED BEE-EATER (L), Green Woodhoopoe (L), RED-AND-YELLOW BARBET, Rock Martin (L), Red-rumped Swallow, Mosque Swallow (L – 2 pairs at Montessori), Wire-tailed Swallow, Black Sawwing (L 4), African Pied Wagtail (M), Common Bulbul, Cape Robin-Chat, White-browed Robin-Chat, Stonechat (L 2), Willow Warbler, Yellow-throated Woodland-Warbler (L), Tawny-flanked Prinia (L), Yellow-breasted Apalis (L), Black-headed Apalis (M), Large (African Grey) Flycatcher (L), Pale Flycatcher (L), AFRICAN DUSKY FLYCATCHER (Dusky Alseonax) (L), African Paradise-Flycatcher (L 4), MALACHITE SUNBIRD (L), HUNTER'S SUNBIRD (L), Collared Sunbird (M), Common Fiscal, LESSER GREY SHRIKE (L), FUELLEBORN'S BOUBOU (L), Black-backed Puffback (L), Black-fronted Bushshrike (L), Fork-tailed Drongo, HOUSE CROW (Chalinze), Pied Crow, White-necked Raven, Red-winged Starling, Violet-backed Starling, HOUSE SPARROW (Mombe), Grey-headed Sparrow, Red-billed Buffalo-Weaver, Village (Black-headed) Weaver, Baglafaecht Weaver (L - common), African Golden-Weaver (L, M), JAMESON'S FIREFINCH (Mombo), COMMON WAXBILL (L), Bronze Munia, Pin-tailed Whydah, African Citril, YELLOW-FRONTED CANARY (M), Kenya Yellow-rumped Seedeater, CABANIS'S BUNTING (L)

A short mammal list from these days!

ANGOLAN COLOBUS, STRAW-COLOURED FRUIT BAT

English name	Latin name	Danske navne	Arusha	MS-centre	Arusha NP
Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>	Lille Lappedykker		16/12 Ngere Sero Lodge 5	2/1 Momela 10
White-breasted Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax (carbo) lucidus</i>	Komorán	9/1-01 Duluti		
Long-tailed (Reed) Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax africanus</i>	Rørskarv	9/1-01 Duluti 2	2 resident; 16/12 1 Ngere Sero Lodge 5	2/1 Arusha NP
African Darter	<i>Anhinga rufa</i>	Afrikansk Slangehalsfugl	9/1-01 Duluti		
Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	Kohejre	seen most days up to 50 per field. Dulutti	Max 22 (16/12) at sewage farm, also flying to roost	17/12 15 near Usa
Squacco Heron	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>	Tophejre		16/12	
Striated (Little) Heron	<i>Butorides striatus</i>	Mangrovehejre		16/12 Ngere Sero Lodge	
Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	Silkehejre	21/12 Makiyuni 2; 8/1 Moshi		
Black Heron	<i>Egretta ardesiaca</i>	Skyggehejre		28 & 29/12; 9/1 2	
Intermediate (Yellow-billed) Egret	<i>Mesophoyx (Egretta) intermedia</i>	Mellemhejre		singles, max 3; 16/12 Hotel dik-dik 2	
Great White Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>	Sølvhejre		singles; 16/12 Hotel dik-dik 3	
Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	Fiskehejre		15/12; 18/7; 28/12	2/1 Momela
Black-headed Heron	<i>Ardea melanocephala</i>	Fiskehejre	up to 5 a day around Arusha; Hotel Tanganyika 10	16/12 Hotel dik-dik 2, MS 1; 18/7 2; 20/12 3	
Hamerkop	<i>Scopus umbretta</i>	Hammerhoved	Widespread; Nest by roadside 10 Km east.	15/12; 16/12 2 fish farm; 20/12	
Yellow-billed Stork (Wood Ibis)	<i>Mycteria ibis</i>	Skovstork	29/12 Usa River at Hotel Tanganyika; 8/1 Moshi 2	18/12-00 3 perched by sewage works; 9/1 2	2/1 Momela 2
Black Stork	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>	Sort Stork			2/1 crater floor
Marabou Stork	<i>Leptoptilos crumeniferus</i>	Marabustork	Town centre - up to 5; 3/1 near Kili airport		
Sacred Ibis	<i>Threskiornis aethiopicus</i>	Hellig Ibis	29/12 Usa River at Hotel Tanganyika 5	Several most days; 16/12 Hotel Dik-Dik 7	17/12 6 near Usa; 2/1 Momela 12
Hadada Ibis	<i>Bostrychia (Hagedashia) hagedash</i>	Hadadaibis	19/12 2	16/12 5, 1 near dik dik; heard or seen most days	17/12 near park gate 5

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Egyptian Goose	<i>Alopochen aegyptiacus</i>	Nilgås	21/12 4; 9/1 Duluti 2	singles most days, especially afternoon	2/1 Momela 18
Red-billed Duck	<i>Anas erythrorhyncha</i>	Rødnæbbet And			2/1 Momela
Cape Teal	<i>Anas capensis</i>	Kapand			2/1 Momela
Southern Pochard	<i>erythrophthalma</i>	Mørk Taffeland			2/1 Momela
Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>	Sort Glente	19/12 AVRDC; Typically 8 hunting over the town		
(Common) Black-shouldered Kite	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>	Blå Glente			2/1 Mt. Meru
African Fish Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus vocifer</i>	Skrigørn	29/12 Usa River at Hotel Tanganyika; 9/1 Duluti	16/12 dik-dik 2	2/1 Momela 3
Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>	Fiskeørn	9/1 Duluti		
Hooded Vulture	<i>Necrosyrtes monachus</i>	Hættegrib		18/7	
African White-backed Vulture	<i>Gyps africanus</i>	Hvidrygget Grib	19/12 AVRDC 3; 20/12 Arusha 2 - AVRDC 2	15/12 2; 16 1 imm; 18/7; 9/1	
Black-chested Snake-Eagle	<i>Circaetus pectoralis</i>	Hvidbuget Slangeørn		16/12	
Montagu's Harrier	<i>Circus pygargus</i>	Hedehøg	21/12 SW of Arusha 5; 8/1 Moshi	16/12 Ngere Sero Lodge male	
Eastern Chanting-Goshawk	<i>Melierax poliopterus</i>	Somalisanghøg	21/12 Makiyuni		
Gabar Goshawk	<i>Micronisus gabar</i>	Gabarhøg		16/12	17/12 near Usa; 30/12 Arusha NP 2?; 2/1 Momela
Rufous-chested Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter rufiventris</i>	Brunbrystet Spurvehøg			1/1 on ridge
Black Goshawk (Great Sparrowhawk)	<i>Accipiter melanoleucus</i>	Sorthvid Duehøg		16/12 Ngere Sero Lodge 2	
African Harrier-Hawk	<i>Polyboroides typus</i>	Afrikansk Klatrehøg	29/12 AVRDC dismantling a weaver nest		
Augur Buzzard	<i>Buteo augur</i>	Augurvåge	19/12 AVRDC; 20/12 Arusha 21/12 3	19/12	2/1
Steppe Eagle	<i>Aquila nipalensis</i>	Steppeørn		18/12 a flock of about 20 eagles	1/1 Mt. Meru

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Mountain Buzzard	<i>Buteo oreophilus</i>	Bjergvåge		16/12 2?	several
Tawny Eagle	<i>Aquila rapax</i>	Rovørn	14/12 Arusha	18/12 several	17/12 at park gate; 30/12 above Momela Gate 2
Booted Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus pennatus</i>	Dværgørn	? 20/12		
Long-crested Eagle	<i>Lophaetus occipitalis</i>	Topørn		18/12 2	30/12 Arusha NP; 31/12 above Miriakamba
Verreaux's Eagle	<i>Aquila verreauxii</i>	Verreaux Ørn			30/12
Lesser Kestrel	<i>Falco naumanni</i>	Lille Tårnfalk	21/12 SW of Arusha		
Hobby	<i>Falco subbuteo</i>	Lærkefalk			17/12 near Arusha NP?
Yellow-necked Spurfowl	<i>Francolinus leucoscepus</i>	Gulstrubbet Spurfugl	21/12 Makiyuni		
Quail	<i>Coturnix coturnix</i>	Vagtøl			17/12
Crested (Red-knobbed) Coot	<i>Fulica cristata</i>	Kamblishøne			2/1 Momela
Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	Grønbenet Rørhøne	16/12 Ngere Sero Lodge	16/12 Ngere Sero Lodge 6	
African Jacana	<i>Actophilornis africanus</i>	Afrikansk Bladhøns		1 resident at sewage farm; 16/12 Ngere Sero Lg 2	2/1 Arusha NP
Grey Crowned-Crane	<i>Balearica regulorum</i>	Grå Krontrane			2/1 Momela
Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>	Stylteløber	9/1 Duluti	5 ad, 1 imm resident at sewage farm	
Crowned Lapwing	<i>Vanellus coronatus</i>	Kronvibe	21/12 SW of Arusha 8		
Ruff	<i>Philomachus pugnax</i>	Brusehane		28/12	2/1 Momela 32
Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis (Tringa) hypoleucos</i>	Mudderklire		Up to 2 at sewage farm	
Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>	Tinksmed		Up to 2 at sewage farm; 16/12 Usa River	2/1 Momela
Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>	Svaleklire		Up to 2 at sewage farm	
African Green-Pigeon	<i>Treron calva</i>	Papagøjedue	20/12 AVRDC	16/12 Dik Dik area	17/12 near Usa 2
Speckled Pigeon	<i>Columba guinea</i>	Guineadue	14/12 6; 20/12 AVRDC; 21/12 10		
African Olive-Pigeon	<i>Columba arquatrix</i>	Olivenduen	20/12 AVRDC; 21/12		17/12 near Arusha NP 14; 1/1 Mt. Meru

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Rock Pigeon	<i>Columba livia</i>	Klippedue	14, 19 & 20/12 10		
Namaqua Dove	<i>Oena capensis</i>	Namaquadue	21/12 Makiyuni 2		
Ring-necked Dove	<i>Streptopelia capicola</i>	Savannaskoggerdue	21/12 SW of Arusha	3/1	
Red-eyed Dove	<i>Streptopelia semitorquata</i>	Rødøjet Skoggerdue	Arusha city centre; 19/12 AVRDC	resident; dik dik area 4	17/12 near Usa; 2/1 Momela
Laughing (Palm) Dove	<i>Streptopelia senegalensis</i>	Senegaldue	14/12 Ciat/Selian		
Dusky Turtle-Dove	<i>Streptopelia lugens</i>	Mørk Turteldue			31/12 near Miriakamba
Yellow-collared Lovebird	<i>Agapornis personatus</i>	Sorthovedet Dværgpapagøje	21/12 Makiyuni		
Hartlaub's Turaco	<i>Tauraco hartlaubi</i>	Hartlaubs Turako			common and conspicuous on Meru
Red-chested Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus solitarius</i>	Eremitgøg		regular	
White-browed Coucal	<i>Centropus superciliosus</i>	Hvidbrynet Sporegøg		18/7	
African Wood-Owl	<i>Strix woodfordii</i>	Afrikansk Natugle		16/12, heard before	
Verreaux's Eagle-Owl	<i>Bubo lacteus</i>	Savannahornugle		regular	
Little Swift	<i>Apus affinis</i>	Lille Sejler	14/12 hundreds	Most days, especially at dawn and dusk	17/12 near Usa
Mottled Swift	<i>Tachymarptis aequatorialis</i>	Skellet Murseler		regular	2/1 Mt. Meru
Alpine Swift	<i>Tachymarptis melba</i>	Alpesejler		singles	17/12 near Usa; 30-3/12 Arusha NP; 1/1 Meru common
African (Black) Swift	<i>Apus barbatus</i>	Afrikansk Sortsejler			17/12 at park gate ?
Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>	Mursejler			2/1 Momela 3
Speckled Mousebird	<i>Colius striatus</i>	Brun Musefugl	9/1 Duluti	16/12 Hotel Dik-dik area	17/12 8 near Usa
Pied Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle rudis</i>	Gråfisker	9/1 Duluti		
Striped Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon chelicuti</i>	Stribet Isfugl			17/12 near Usa
Grey-headed Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon leucocephala</i>	Gråhovedet Isfugl		Up to 2 near house	
Brown-hooded Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon albiventris</i>	Brunskuldret Isfugl			2/1 Momela

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Giant Kingfisher	<i>Megaceryle maxima</i>	Kæmpe Stødfisker	29/12 Usa River at Hotel Tanganyika	16/12 nearby fish farm	
African Pygmy-Kingfisher	<i>Ispidina (Ceyx) picta</i>	Afrikansk Dværgisfugl	9/1 Duluti		
Little Bee-eater	<i>Merops pusillus</i>	Dværgbiæder			2/1 Momela
White-fronted Bee-eater	<i>Merops bullockoides</i>	Hvidpandet Biæder			Common on plain above Momela Gate 10
Broad-billed Roller	<i>Eurystomus glaucurus</i>	Brednæbbet Ellekrage			17/12 near Arusha NP 3
Lilac-breasted Roller	<i>Coracias caudata</i>	Lillebrystet Ellekrage			8/1 nr. Kili airport
Red-billed Hornbill	<i>Tockus erythrorhynchus</i>	Rødnæbbet Toko		29/12 2	
Silvery-cheeked Hornbill	<i>Ceratogymna (Bycanistes) brevis</i>	Sølvkindet Hornfugl	19 & 20/12 AVRDC up to 6; 20/12 Arusha 5	9/1	30/12 above Momela Gate 2
White-eared Barbet	<i>Stactolaema (Smilorhis) leucotis</i>	Hvidøret Skægfugl		19/12; 20/12 2	
Red-fronted Tinkerbird	<i>Pogoniulus pusillus</i>	Rødpandet Tinkerfugl		18/12 calling	
Brown-breasted Barbet	<i>Lybius melanopterus</i>	Brunbrystet Tandskægfugl	9/1 Duluti	Up to 5 seen most days in a dead tree by our house	
White-headed Barbet	<i>Lybius leucocephalus</i>	Hvidhovedet Tandskægfugl	20/12 AVRDC 3	18/12 in woods 2; 19/12	
Greater Honeyguide	<i>Indicator indicator</i>	Sortstrubet Honninggøg		3/1 MS centre	
Singing (Bush) Lark	<i>Mirafra cantillans</i>	Busklærke	21/12 SW of Arusha		
Fischer's Sparrow-Lark	<i>Eremopterix leucopareia</i>	Savannalærke	21/12 Makiyuni 20		
Plain Sand Martin	<i>Riparia paludicola</i>	Brun Klippesvale	21/12 Makiyuni	18/12 several	
House Martin	<i>Delichon urbica</i>	Bysvale		18/12 above woods	
Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Hirundo (Cecropis) daurica</i>	Rødrygget Svale	14/12; 21/12 5	18/7 2	17/12 at park gate
Wire-tailed Swallow	<i>Hirundo smithii</i>	Trådhaalesvale	19/12 AVRDC	Breeding at the cow house	
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Black Sawwing	<i>Psalidoprocne holomelas</i>	Sort Skovsvale	MS-TCDC	max 6 hawking in the treetops	31/12 near Miriakamba
African Pied Wagtail	<i>Motacilla aguimp</i>	Afrikansk Vipstjært	19 & 29/12 AVRDC 3	15/12; 16/12 2; 3/1	
Yellow-throated Longclaw	<i>Macronyx croceus</i>	Gulbrystet Sporepibe	14/12 CIAT		
Purple-throated Cuckoo-shrike	<i>Campephaga quiscalina</i>	Purpurstrubbet Larveæder			2/1 Momela
Common Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus barbatus</i>	Almindelig Bulbul	common	common	17/12 near Usa; 30/12 above Momela Gate 10; 2/1
Mountain Greenbul	<i>Andropadus (Pycnonotus) nigriceps</i>	n/a			greenbuls >1500, those identified this species
Cape Robin-Chat	<i>Cossypha caffra</i>	Drosselsanger		16/12 just outside!	
Chat	<i>Cossypha heuglini</i>	n/a			17/12 at park gate
Stonechat	<i>Saxicola torquata</i>	Sortstrubet Bynkefugl			17/12 at park gate; 31/12 near saddle hut
(Northern) Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>	Almindelig Stenpikker	21/12 SW of Arusha		
Isabelline Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe isabellina</i>	Isabella Stenpikker	21/12 SW of Arusha 3		
White-throated Robin (Irania)	<i>Irania gutturalis</i>	Hvidhals			17/12 at park gate
Eastern Olivaceous Warbler	<i>Hippolais pallida</i>	Bleg Gulbug			2/1 Mt. Meru
Willow Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>	Løvsanger	16/12 Hotel dik-dik	16/12 Hotel dik-dik	1/1 Mt. Meru
Yellow-bellied Eremomela	<i>Eremomela icteropygialis</i>	n/a	16/12 Ngere Sero Lodge	16/12 Ngere Sero Lodge	
Singing Cisticola	<i>Cisticola cantans</i>	n/a	18/12 in woods nr MS-TCDC	18/12 in woods	
Trilling Cisticola	<i>Cisticola woosnami</i>	n/a			2/1 Momela
Yellow-breasted Apalis	<i>Apalis flavida</i>	n/a		14/12 1	17/12 near Arusha NP
White-eyed Slaty-Flycatcher	<i>Dioptrornis (Meleanornis) fischeri</i>	n/a	9/1 Duluti		31/12 Mt. Meru

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Southern Black-Flycatcher	<i>Melaenornis pammelaina</i>	n/a		15/12; 16/12 2	31/12 near Miriakamba
Large (African Grey) Flycatcher	<i>Bradornis (Melaenornis) microrhynchus</i>	n/a			30/12 above Momela Gate
Pale Flycatcher	<i>Bradornis (Melaenornis) pallidus</i>	n/a		15/12	31/12 Miriakamba
Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>	Grå Fluesnapper	17/12 at park gate	Singles seen regularly	1/1 Mt. Meru
Chinspot Batis	<i>Batis molitor</i>	Brunstrubbet Batis		9/1	
African Paradise-Flycatcher	<i>Terpsiphone viridis</i>	Afrikansk Paradisfluesnapper		15/12; 9/1 2	
African Penduline-Tit	<i>Anthoscopus caroli</i>	Gulpandet Pungmejse			17/12 at park gate
Montane (Broad-ringed) White-eye	<i>Zosterops poliogaster</i>	Bredringet Brillfugl		18/12 in village	Mt. Meru common
Bronze Sunbird	<i>Nectarinia kilimensis</i>	Bronzesolfugl		15/12	17/12 near park gate
Golden-winged Sunbird	<i>Nectarinia reichenowi</i>	Gyldenvinget Solfugl			31/12 above Miriakamba 10
Tacazze Sunbird	<i>Nectarinia tacazze</i>	Tacazzesolfugl	31/12 Mt. Meru	31/12 Mt. Meru	31/12 near Saddle hut
Red-tufted (Scarlet-tufted Malachite) Sunbird	<i>Nectarinia johnstoni</i>	Smaragdsolfugl	31/12 Mt. Meru	31/12 Mt. Meru	31/12 near saddle hut
Eastern Double-collared Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris (Nectarinia) mediocris</i>	Østlig Halsbåndsolflugl			30 & 31/12 near Miriakamba
Amethyst Sunbird	<i>Chalcomitra (Nectarinia) amethystina</i>	Ametystsolfugl	28/12 town centre	Pair at the house	
Scarlet-chested Sunbird	<i>Chalcomitra (Nectarinia) senegalensis</i>	Skarlagenbrystet Solfugl		15/12; 16/12 pair	
Variable Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris (Nectarinia) venusta</i>	Savannasolfugl		14/12	30/12 above Momela Gate
Collared Sunbird	<i>Hedydipna (Anthreptes) collaris</i>	Kravesolfugl		most days	17/12 at park gate

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Kenya Violet-backed Sunbird	<i>Anthreptes orientalis</i>	Østafrikansk Solfugl			17/12 at park gate
Common Fiscal	<i>Lanius collaris</i>	Sortrygget Tornskade	suburban and rural	16/12 dik-dik area 4	17/12 5 near Usa; 30/12 above Momela Gate 10
Long-tailed Fiscal	<i>Lanius cabanisi</i>	Kenyatornskade	21/12 Makiyuni		
Brubru	<i>Nilaus afer</i>	Nilaus		29/12	
Black-backed Puffback	<i>Dryoscopus cubla</i>	Sortrygget Kvastryg		15/12-00 male; 9/1 2	
Brown-crowned Tchagra	<i>Tchagra australis</i>	Brunkronet Krattornskade		17/12	2/1 Momela
Fork-tailed Drongo	<i>Dicrurus adsimilis</i>	Gaffelhalet Drongo		15/12	
Pied Crow	<i>Corvus albus</i>	Broget Krage	Common in and around Arusha, max 40.	15/12; 16/12 Usa River	
White-necked Raven	<i>Corvus albicollis</i>	Hvidhalset Ravn			31/12 near saddle hut; 1/1 summit to Miriakamba
African Black-headed Oriole	<i>Oriolus larvatus</i>	Østafrikansk Hættepirol			17/12 near Arusha NP 2
Red-winged Starling	<i>Onychognathus morio</i>	Rødvinget Sortstær	Urban; AVRDC 3	15/12 2; 16/12 2	31/12 near saddle hut
Waller's Starling	<i>Onychognathus walleri</i>	Korthalet Sortstær		20/12 4	
Violet-backed Starling	<i>Cinnyricinclus leucogaster</i>	Ametyststær	16/12-00 Hotel dik-dik 21/12-00 SW of Arusha towards Tarangire, common		
Superb Starling	<i>Lamprotornis superbus</i>	Trefarvet Glansstær		3/1	
Kenya Rufous-Sparrow	<i>Passer rufocinctus</i>	Kenyastær	21/12 SW of Arusha		17/12 Arusha NP
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Grey-headed Sparrow	<i>Passer griseus</i>	Gråhovedet Spurv	3/1 near Kili airport		
Swahili Sparrow	<i>Passer suahelicus</i>	Swahilispurv	21/12 Makiyuni		
Village (Black-headed) Weaver	<i>Ploceus cucullatus</i>	Stor Maskevæver	70 nests in colony	16/12 colony; 16/12 Ngere Sero Lodge area 20	

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Lesser Masked Weaver	<i>Ploceus intermedius</i>	Lille Væver	21/12 SW of Arusha		
Chestnut Weaver	<i>Ploceus rubiginosus</i>	Rødbrun Væver	21/12 SW of Arusha		
Grosbeak Weaver	<i>Amblyospiza albifrons</i>	Tyknæbbet Væver	20/12 AVRDC 8		
Speke's Weaver	<i>Ploceus spekei</i>	Somalivæver			17/12 near Arusha NP
Baglafaecht Weaver	<i>Ploceus baglafaecht</i>	Baglafaecht Væver	16/12 Ngere Sero Lodge	16/12 Ngere Sero Lodge	
Taveta Golden Weaver	<i>Ploceus castaneiceps</i>	Tavetavæver	9/1 Duluti		
Red-headed Weaver	<i>Anaplectes rubriceps</i>	Skarlagenvæver	singles high in Acacias	singles high in Acacias	
Yellow Bishop	<i>Euplectes capensis</i>	Fløjsvæver			2/1 Momela 2
Crimson-rumped Waxbill	<i>Estrilda rhodopyga</i>	Tøjleastrild			2/1 Momela
Bronze Munia	<i>Lonchura cucullata</i>	Skadefinke	Flock of up to 20 by sewage farm; Nr Ngere Sero	Flock of up to 20 by sewage farm; Nr Ngere Sero	17/12 near Usa
Black-and-white Munia	<i>Lonchura bicolor</i>	Glansskadefinke		28/12	
Pin-tailed Whydah	<i>Vidua macroura</i>	Dominikanerenke	20/12 AVRDC ca. 30		
African Citril	<i>Serinus citrinelloides</i>	Finnæbbet Sisken			17/12 at park gate 31/12 & 1/1 near Miriakamba
Thick-billed Seed eater	<i>Serinus burtoni</i>	Kernebidersisken	14/12 CIAT		
Kenya Yellow-rumped Seed eater	<i>Serinus reichenowi</i>	Gulgumpet Sisken	21/12; 22/12 near Makiyuni		

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Guereza	<i>Colobus guereza</i>	Mbega	Guereza	18/12 nr. MS-TCDC; 30/12 to 1/2 Mt. Meru, 3 places
Angolan Colobus	<i>Colobus angolensis palliatus</i>	Mbega	Guereza	7/1 Loshoto 7 - 2 troupes
Olive Baboon	<i>Papio anubis</i>	Nyani	Bavian	30/12 Arusha NP 2

Vervet Monkey	<i>Cercopithecus pygerythrus</i>	Ngedere	Marekatten	Troupe resident MS-TCDC
Sykes Monkey	<i>Cercopithecus albogularis</i>	Kima	Marekatten	Several times MS-TCDC; 30/12 Arusha NP
Swynnerton's Bush Squirrel	<i>Paraxerus vexillarius</i>			15/12 MS-TCDC; 17/12 near Arusha NP
Red-legged Sun Squirrel	<i>Heliosciurus rufobrachium</i>			15/12-00 MS-TCDC
African Elephant	<i>Loxodonta africana</i>	Tembo	Afrikansk Elefant	30/12 dung; 31/12 Miriakamba hut
Burchell's Zebra	<i>Equus /uagga/burchelli</i>	Punda milia	Böhms/Burchell Zebra	30/12 Arusha NP 20
Wart Hog	<i>Phacochoerus aethiopicus</i>	Ngiri	Vortesvin	30/12 Arusha NP 10 below Momilla, 20 above
Giraffe	<i>Giraffa cameoleoparis</i>	Twiga	Giraf	17/12 5 at park gate; 30/12 Arusha NP 30
African Buffalo	<i>Syncerus cafer</i>	Nyati	Kafferbøffel	Common in Arusha NP from lower slopes to 2400 m 40
Bushbuck	<i>Tragelaphus scriptus</i>	Mbawala	Hieroglyfantilopen	30/12 above Momela Gate 2; near Miriakamba
Red Duiker	<i>Cephalophus natalensis</i>	Funu	Skovdykker	30/12 above Momela Gate ?
Klipspringer	<i>Oreotragus oreotragus</i>	Mbuzi mawe	Klippespringer	1/1 Mt. Meru
Kirk's Dik-dik	<i>Madoqua kirki</i>	Dikidiki	Dik-dik	30/12 Arusha NP