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Kenyan safari 29th December 2004 to 4th January 2005

Nairobi area, Limuru, Lake Naivasha, Kinangop Plateau, Aberdares, Trout Tree Restaurant, Samburu

Safari operator: Africhoice (who we do not recommend)

Supplemented by a trip to Tanzania from 21st to 29th December 2005 (separate report).

We stayed at the misnamed “Fairview” Hotel, as there is no view; this is a pleasant and secure business hotel on the hills fairly close to the city centre. Refreshed by a lunch on the garden, we took a taxi trip to Karen Blixen’s home, organised on the spot, so familiar from “Out of Africa”. From there we went to the giraffe sanctuary and saw the rare Rothschild’s giraffe – differs from the Masai beast in having whitish unpatterned “stockings”.



a whole district is named after the Baroness

Betty, the Rothschild’s giraffe.



Final stop was the entrance area of the Nairobi National Park, but is raining by now and getting late. I wrote this at the gate in the airport on the way home, where I had a view over the park with a large herd of Impala about 500m away, a stone which I tried to string into a rhino, and a giraffe. This park is remarkable and worth visiting if in Nairobi for some days, as we weren’t! They seem to have introduced most of the significant wildlife in the country here, so there are (white?) rhinos (which we didn’t see elsewhere).

Our Kenyan operator, Moses came to meet us at the hotel, half an hour later than arranged due to traffic problems caused by torrential rains late afternoon, and went through the itinerary with us. He informed us of one change due to distances, an inkling of problems to come. Moses had arranged dinner at the famous “carnivores” restaurant, famous for its barbecued game. Sadly the current government has changed the policy on game management and meat sale, so there is no supply of game at present. We had farmed game – crocodile, between fish and chicken, but distinct, ostrich, which we are familiar with from home and camel, which was tough. Something of a disappointment. Had Moses informed us of that policy, we would, of course have chosen to stay at the hotel restaurant as we were tired after the long journey from Arusha.

30/12 8am next morning found us checked out after a peaceful night, and waiting for our driver Ben so we could set off for Lake Navaisha on the rift valley. He was 30 minutes late due to unexpected traffic problems. Our hotel was on the right side of the city and we were soon driving through mundane suburbs heading north-west. We stopped a couple of times, for birds, by a tea plantation and by the Limuru Ponds for birding, where Ben informed us that there was a fairly serious security risk and that we should be prepared to get into the car quickly and leave. This means that we didn’t completely screen the lake - The next stop was at a Great Rift Valley viewpoint.



Rift valley
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overlooking
Navaisha and
Longonot



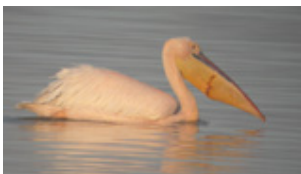
The view can best be described as stunning. A second stop gave us views of the Longonot volcanic crater (inactive), our destination, Lake Naivasha and a chance to talk to some farmers about the vegetables.

L = Limuru Ponds

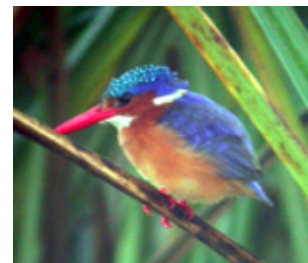
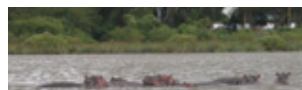
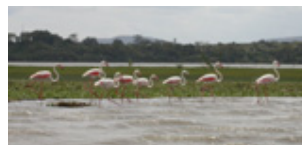
Cattle Egret, Intermediate (Yellow-billed) Egret, Grey Heron (L2), Yellow-billed Stork (Wood Ibis), Sacred Ibis (5 + L5), Hadada Ibis (L), African Spoonbill (L3), Egyptian Goose (L2), MACCOA DUCK (L), RED-BILLED DUCK (L), Hottentot Teal (L3), Yellow-billed Duck (L), Shoveler (L20), Black Kite (L2), Yellow-billed Kite (L2), Tawny Eagle (L), Crested (Red-knobbed) Coot (L8), Black-winged Stilt (L4), Blacksmith Lapwing (L2), Common Sandpiper (L2), LITTLE STINT (L10), Speckled Pigeon, MOTTLED SWIFT (L4), Speckled Mousebird, RED-FRONTED TINKERBIRD, Flappet Lark, SINGING (BUSH) LARK, PLAIN SAND MARTIN, SAND MARTIN, LESSER STRIPED-SWALLOW, GREY-RUMPED SWALLOW, WHITE-BROWED ROBIN-CHAT, Olive Thrush, Northern Anteater-Chat, African Stonechat, GOLDEN-WINGED SUNBIRD, AMETHYST SUNBIRD, Common Fiscal, KENYA RUFOUS-SPARROW, HOUSE SPARROW, Baglafaecht Weaver, AFRICAN GOLDEN-WEAVER, COMMON WAXBILL, PIN-TAILED WHYDAH (at a Tea plantation), STREAKY SEEDEATER

Burchell's Zebra, Thompson's Gazelle, Impala, Bubal Hartebeest (all near Naivasha)

We arrived at the Lake Naivasha Lodge for our scheduled lake sail before 12. This would have been a good time for lunch but that was planned at the Cray Fish Camp, 30 minutes drive though a mere 10 Km down the potholed road (actually the worse road we met in Africa since it was a poorly maintained tarmac road – dirt tracks can be bumpy but OK). The boat trip was excellent affording excellent views of some 50 spp of bird and mammal including some of the more spectacular – flamingos, 5 spp heron, ibises, pelicans and so on, as well as a few excellent mammals, including hippos, zebra, and waterbuck. Lake Naivasha is therefore a fresh water lake.



White Pelican - migrant from "Europe". Greater Flamingo – ditto



Malachite Kingfisher

We didn't visit the next lake, Lake Nakuru which is a soda lake. So the flamingos here were Greater in species and fewer in number as opposed to the hordes of Lesser Flamingos on the soda lake, as in

Lake Manyara and Ngorongoro crater (which we had visited the previous week). At 2:30 we headed for our camp. It was a dump. So we spent an hour trying to get Moses to arrange something new for us. Finally I phoned the Lake Naivasha Lodge directly (using my Danish mobile since Brita's Tanzanian card does not work in Kenya) and confirmed a room and the rate, an acceptable 6000 shillings (about £40), as opposed to the dump which cost 3800 shillings. Half an hour and a lot of bumps later we arrived back at the camp having wasted 2hrs of our expensive safari. Ben continued 10 more minutes into town to stay and we walked down to the lake for the sunset and more birdies, and grunting hippos. Slept well, though the hippos were grunting.



African Spoonbill,
Sacred Ibis, Black
Heron



31/12 Awoke before dawn because of a singing thrush. The security lights lulled me into a false hope of dawn so I was dressed and out before I realised it was pitch black! Dawn came 45 minutes later as I sat out listening to the hippos and decided it was probably unwise to go down to the lakeside before it was light enough to pick out any animals. (It transpired that the hippos were in the lake). Dawn on the lakeside was very pleasant and yielded many of the same species as the day before plus Malachite Kingfisher. The small alteration to the programme Moses had informed us about entailed dropping a bird walk at the Aberdare Country Club. This is was because Ben had said that the programme was too hard that day since it entailed driving across the Aberdares, a high mountain range – up to 3000m, then 70 Km back towards Nairobi on the east side of the range. We had also discussed whether the Wajee camp was as bad as Cray Fish. The result was that Ben phoned the office to get them to organise an alternative accommodation, for example, at the Aberdare Country Club. This cost a further 90 minutes with the issue unresolved.

Most spp in table from Lake Naivasha Lodge or the boat trip taken from here.

WHITE PELICAN (42), LITTLE GREBE (2), WHITE-BREADED CORMORANT (20), LONG-TAILED (REED) CORMORANT (28), Cattle Egret (19), SQUACCO HERON (3), LITTLE EGRET (2), Black Heron (4), Intermediate (Yellow-billed) Egret, Goliath Heron, Grey Heron (2), HAMERKOP, Yellow-billed Stork (Wood Ibis) (2), SADDLE-BILLED STORK, Sacred Ibis (5), Hadada Ibis, GLOSSY IBIS (6), African Spoonbill (5), GREATER FLAMINGO (20), Egyptian Goose (18), FULVOUS WHISTLING DUCK (30), Hottentot Teal (8), CAPE TEAL, Yellow-billed Duck (2), Shoveler (20), GARGANEY, SOUTHERN POCHARD (4), Black Kite (2), African Fish Eagle (12), OSPREY, Rüppell's Vulture, BLACK-CHESTED SNAKE-EAGLE, AFRICAN MARSH-HARRIER, Marsh Harrier (2), Augur Buzzard, BLACK CRAKE, KAFFIR (AFRICAN WATER) RAIL, Crested (Red-knobbed) Coot (30), MOORHEN, Black-winged Stilt (6), AVOCET, Blacksmith Lapwing, Spur-winged Plover, RUFF, Common Sandpiper, Wood Sandpiper, GREEN SANDPIPER (2), GREENSHANK, MARSH SANDPIPER, BAR-TAILED GODWIT (6), SNIPE (28), GREY-HEADED GULL (10), BLACK-HEADED GULL, SLENDER-BILLED GULL, GULL-BILLED TERN (3), WHISKERED TERN, Speckled Pigeon, Red-eyed Dove, Laughing (Palm) Dove (2), Fischer's Lovebird, Red-chested Cuckoo, AFRICAN EMERALD

CUCKOO, White-browed Coucal, Little Swift, Swift, Speckled Mousebird, Pied Kingfisher (3), MALACHITE KINGFISHER (2), Cinnamon-chested Bee-eater, Lilac-breasted Roller, GREEN WOODHOOPUE (4 – Cray-fish Camp), GREY WOODPECKER (Cray-fish Camp), Flappet Lark, Rock Martin, BANDED MARTIN, Swallow, African Pied Wagtail (Cray-fish Camp), Yellow/Blue-headed Wagtail (2), Common Bulbul (2), CAPE ROBIN-CHAT, Olive Thrush, Northern Anteater-Chat (Cray-fish Camp 4), African Stonechat, LESSER SWAMP-WARBLER, Willow Warbler (3), WINDING CISTICOLA, WHITE-EYED SLATY-FLYCATCHER (2), Rufous Chatterer, SHARPE'S PIED-BABBLER, COLLARED SUNBIRD, Common Fiscal (5), Lesser Grey Shrike (4), Tropical Boubou, Fork-tailed Drongo (2), Pied Crow, Red-winged Starling, Superb Starling, Baglafaecht Weaver, RED-BILLED QUELEA

Vervet Monkey, Burchell's Zebra, HIPPOPOTAMUS, Waterbuck, Thompson's Gazelle, Grant's Gazelle, Impala, White-bearded Wildebeest



early morning at Lake Naivasha



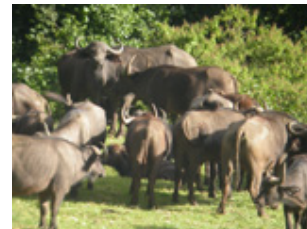
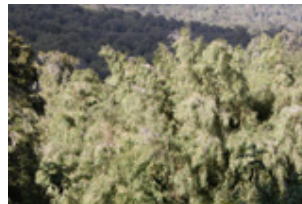
Right: Long-tailed Bishop



We headed for town, stocked up on supplies and diesel before heading uphill. Initially the landscape was open farmland then grass pasture: the Kinangop Plateau, the home of the endemic Long-tailed Widowbird – it's spectacular breeding plumage must be a selective disadvantage for the species, but the phenomenon is common (read Darwin's "Origin of the species")! Further up, we entered forest to emerge on open moor at about 3000m to enter the park. The drive across the moor was fairly uneventful and yielded a few species of birds and a few bushbuck and Reedbuck. At lunch we were warned of lions as we sat out on the grass near the car, but we weren't that lucky! We picked up a ranger who wanted a lift and drove down through fine bamboo forest where there were numerous signs of elephant.



Aberdare NP



We hardly saw any mammals until we came down to the lower forests where there was a pool. Other beasts here included buffalo, warthog and yellow baboon, confined in Kenya to this region. Having been out of mobile range we didn't know whether Moses had sorted alternative accommodation, rang again and headed directly for the Aberdare Country Club where we were informed that we didn't have a reservation but suggested we drove 20 Km south down the road (i.e. wrong direction) to their sister hotel, the oddly named Outspan Hotel in Nyeri. The church where

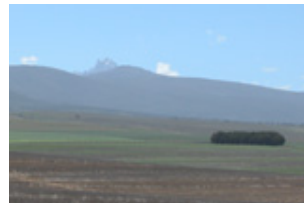
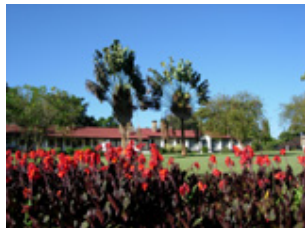
Baden Powell was married was pointed out and is opposite the aptly named Baden Powell Road. We arrived at the hotel to be stung about £100 for a very fine room, but this did include the New Year party. A fine colonial style hotel with an excellent annex. We enjoyed the local tribal dancing and other entertainments but retired at about 10, mentally and physically exhausted after the long day with uncertainty about accommodation.

A = Aberdare NP (lower part), K = Kinangop Plateau, M = Aberdare mountain plateau
 Cattle Egret (K5), Goliath Heron (Ndindi imm), Black-headed Heron (K3), Sacred Ibis (K3), Hadada Ibis (K), Montagu's Harrier (K?), Augur Buzzard (M3), AFRICAN HAWK-EAGLE (K), Kestrel, JACKSON'S FRANCOLIN, Ring-necked Dove, Red-chested Cuckoo, MONTANE NIGHTJAR, Speckled Mousebird, Pied Kingfisher, Cinnamon-chested Bee-eater, SILVERY-CHEEKED HORNBILL, Rock Martin, Plain Sand Martin, HOUSE MARTIN, Swallow, BLACK SAWWING, Yellow/Blue-headed Wagtail, SHARPE'S PIPIT, White-browed Robin-Chat, Olive Thrush, Northern Anteater-Chat, African Stonechat, MOORLAND CHAT, Green-backed Camaroptera, Southern Black-Flycatcher, ASHY ALSEONAX (FLYCATCHER), Spotted Flycatcher, Golden-winged Sunbird, RED-TUFTED (SCARLET-TUFTED MALACHITE) SUNBIRD, Common Fiscal, Tropical Boubou, Kenya Rufous-Sparrow, Long-tailed Widowbird, REICHARD'S (STRIPE-BREASTED) SEEDEATER

YELLOW BABOON, AFRICAN ELEPHANT, WART HOG, AFRICAN BUFFALO, BUSHBUCK, BLACK-FRONTED DUIKER, Waterbuck



Outspan Hotel- Nyeri



Mt Kenya overlooking wheat fields. Site of a new form of black rust – a devastating disease.



1/1 The view at breakfast was panoramic, of Mount Kenya. Somewhat spoiled by a loud group of Americans asking each other across the terrace whether they should try various delicacies. Problem solved by moving to the periphery of the area, giving peace and better views. We set off north again on good roads still in the highlands, skirting the base of Mt Kenya from SW to north. Not the steep cone of Kilimanjaro, but with a spectacular precipitous peak, also covered in snow. A short stop at the equator at Nanyuki where a local wanted to present the draining water trick, as exposed by Michael Palin “from pole to pole”. North of here, the landscape falls rapidly (500m in a few Km) from extensive verdant highland wheat to scrublands and the population from agrarian to Samburu herders. Their culture and habits, and of course language are related to those of the Maasai.

PINK-BACKED PELICAN, Black Heron, Grey Heron, Yellow-billed Stork (Wood Ibis), WHITE STORK (huge flock following a plough), Marabou Stork, Sacred Ibis, Hadada Ibis, Egyptian Goose, Yellow-billed Kite, Steppe Eagle, Tawny Eagle, Kestrel, Red-eyed Dove, Red-chested Cuckoo, White-browed Coucal, Swift, Speckled Mousebird, Bee-eater, Lilac-breasted Roller, YELLOW-RUMPED TINKERBIRD, RUFOUS-NAPED LARK, Singing (Bush) Lark, Plain Sand

Martin, Swallow, African Pied Wagtail, Common Bulbul, YELLOW-WHISKERED GREENBUL, White-browed Robin-Chat, Olive Thrush, African Stonechat, (Northern) Wheatear, Willow Warbler, PECTORAL-PATCH CISTICOLA, Green-backed Camaroptera, Southern Black-Flycatcher, Spotted Flycatcher, AFRICAN DUSKY FLYCATCHER (DUSKY ALSEONAX), AFRICAN PARADISE-FLYCATCHER, NORTHERN DOUBLE-COLLARED SUNBIRD, VARIABLE SUNBIRD, Common Fiscal, LONG-TAILED FISCAL, Lesser Grey Shrike, Tropical Boubou, Northern White-crowned (White-rumped) Shrike, Fork-tailed Drongo, Pied Crow, AFRICAN GOLDEN-ORIOLE, Red-winged Starling, GREATER BLUE-EARED GLOSSY-STARLING, RUEPPELL'S GLOSSY-STARLING, Superb Starling, HILDEBRANDT'S STARLING, GREY-HEADED SPARROW, White-browed Sparrow-Weaver, DONALDSON-SMITH'S SPARROW-WEAVER, White-headed Buffalo-Weaver, Speke's Weaver, Long-tailed Widowbird, YELLOW BISHOP, RED-BILLED FIREFINCH, Common Waxbill, BLACK-AND-WHITE MUNIA, Streaky Seedeater

At Isiolo the road deteriorates to a gravel road 277 Km to the Ethiopian border, rather less rough than that at Lake Naivasha. We took this at a fair speed (60 kph) for 31 Km to Archers Post where we joined a dirt track for 22Km into Samburu Park to the Samburu Lodge in time for lunch at 2pm only to meet the same ghastly Americans with the 12 year old who had pinched the strawberries of the pie at Nyesi at the New Year Dinner. Ensneced, and not put off our lunch by the crocodiles below, we took an evening game drive in Samburu until passed curfew time (6:30). This meant that we missed out on the staged leopard feeding at 6:15 and only saw a little of the crocodile baiting, but enough! The afternoon gave about 80 spp of bird and mammal including specialities like Gernuk, an odd antelope which is long and thin to stand up tree trunks to feed on the foliage, the reticulated giraffe Baisa Oryx and the finely stripped Grevy's Zebra. No ground hornbills or ostriches, though. The highlight of the afternoon was a Martial Eagle dismembering a Nile Monitor Lizard. The eagle is very solid and was dismembering the viscera of the lizard. The lizard moved (you can pick out its form on the picture). At first I thought this was a reflex, but it made movements which seemed to imply it was still alive, eyes open etc. I hope its sense of pain was poorly developed.



tawny & martial eagles, cheetah ignoring the car



2/1 saw an early start. Ben had seen a leopard crossing the car park at 9pm (each evening he washed the car and cleared out the dust and dirt). We had an early night again. Sounds included a roaring lion, our only direct experience of the beast in Kenya. We started by following the leopard tracks along the road (why walk through the bush where there is a sandy track), but found nothing. The highlight of our morning drive (and indeed safari) came 30 minutes later when a pair of hunting cheetahs walked right past the car totally unconcerned. The advantage of birding is that you stop for no apparent reason! I took the stills, Brita had the presence of mind to take a short video with her little camera. After this the rest of the day was almost an anticlimax, though a nest with Wahlberg's

Eagle, a fairly small species, was fun to find. Breakfast finishes at 9 and we set off again at 10:15, heading for the river where small families of elephants guard their young. Beautiful experience. The Wahlberg's Eagles were displaying above their nest by climbing high and diving low. Some birds sing, some dance. Vultures in the treetops with distended crop. At lunch the guests included Superb Starlings and Red-billed Hornbills. No Americans, they must have left for Marsabit already.



A couple of hours rest in the heat of the day gave Brita a chance to see a Samburu performance. I did pictures and had a short nap, and found an African Broadbill displaying – a real puzzle to me, it was some months before I identified it after seeing David Attenborough's life of birds DVD's!. Off again at 4:30 to 6:30 into the bush away from the river and this time the highlight was Bat-eared foxes at dusk on the way back to the lodge, three on the road in front. We also found a Martial Eagle sitting in a tree with the back half of a Nile monitor in its talons – about 5 Km from yesterday, so conceivably the same bird. We had a beer and fed the mosquitoes while the crocs digested their goats. Fortunately, we stayed longer at dinner and enjoyed the company of a genet. The night watchman took me for a short Walk near our lodge and found a second, lactating individual, presumably female ((-: Quite ruined its figure! Samburu is definitely worth the effort, and justifies the two days we gave it. A long way but perhaps it gives a taste of the Sahara. Make sure you have written in your contract to visit Buffalo springs too.



3/1 We took breakfast at the Lodge and set off slowly for the park gate at 8:20. We took a similar route to the day before, and Ben spotted the vultures near the Tawny Eagle I had spotted. There had clearly been a kill, not a large one and Tawny Eagles and vultures were feeding on different parts of the same carcass some distance from each other. Not much new, until we approached the gate. We stopped at the highest point on the road and scanned the horizon. Finally, about 4 Km away over in Buffalo Springs (the adjacent reserve on the South side of the Samburu River, I finally found a Somali Ostrich (different species with a blue not pink neck). OK. I confess, I identified it on the basis of range, but my new Leica telescope proved its worth! We were a little disappointed in the numbers of animals we saw. Spoilt rotten by Ngorongoro and Tarangire of course, and when you think about it, of course there is less life in a dry scrub landscape than on a verdant plain. The

wildlife we saw was exciting enough – the only crocodiles I have seen in Africa, not all in the “zoo” as it were.



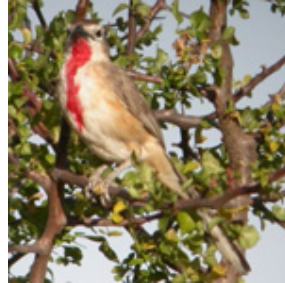
Black – faced sandgrouse – these are more closely related to pigeons than grouse.
The narrow-striped Grevy's zebra

SOMALI OSTRICH, STRIATED (LITTLE) HERON, Grey Heron, Black-headed Heron, Yellow-billed Stork (Wood Ibis), Marabou Stork, Sacred Ibis, Egyptian Goose, Yellow-billed Kite, (COMMON) BLACK-SHOULDERED KITE, SECRETARYBIRD, African Fish Eagle, PALM-NUT VULTURE, EGYPTIAN VULTURE, AFRICAN WHITE-BACKED VULTURE, Rüppell's Vulture, Marsh Harrier, Montagu's Harrier, PALLID HARRIER, EASTERN CHANTING-GOSHAWK, OVAMPO SPARROWHAWK, Augur Buzzard, Steppe Eagle, WAHLBERG'S EAGLE, Tawny Eagle, BATELEUR, LONG-CRESTED EAGLE, MARTIAL EAGLE, LESSER KESTREL, PYGMY FALCON, TUFTED (HELMETTED) GUINEA FOWL, CRESTED FRANCOLIN, YELLOW-NECKED SPURFOWL, GREY CROWNED-CRANE, Blacksmith Lapwing, Spur-winged Plover, Common Sandpiper, Wood Sandpiper, BLACK-FACED SANDGROUSE, Speckled Pigeon, EMERALD-SPOTTED WOOD-DOVE, NAMAQUA DOVE, Ring-necked Dove, MOURNING COLLARED-DOVE, Laughing (Palm) Dove, DUSKY TURTLE-DOVE, RED-BELLIED PARROT, Fischer's Lovebird, WHITE-BELLIED GO-AWAY-BIRD, Red-chested Cuckoo, White-browed Coucal, AFRICAN SCOPS OWL, DONALDSON-SMITH'S NIGHTJAR, Little Swift, NYANZA SWIFT, AFRICAN PALM-SWIFT, WHITE-HEADED MOUSEBIRD, BLUE-NAPED MOUSEBIRD, GREY-HEADED KINGFISHER, LITTLE BEE-EATER, WHITE-FRONTED BEE-EATER, Lilac-breasted Roller, RUFOUS-CROWNED ROLLER, VIOLET WOODHOPOE, AFRICAN HOPOE, HOPOE, EASTERN YELLOW-BILLED HORNBILL, RED-BILLED HORNBILL, VON DER DECKEN'S HORNBILL, D'ARNAUD'S BARBET, RED-AND-YELLOW BARBET, CARDINAL WOODPECKER, BEARDED WOODPECKER, AFRICAN BROADBILL, RED-WINGED LARK, FAWN-COLORED LARK, Singing (Bush) Lark, Swallow, BLACK CUCKOO-SHRIKE, NORTHERN BROWNBUL, BARE-EYED THRUSH, (Northern) Wheatear, WHITE-THROATED ROBIN (IRANIA), Willow Warbler, TAWNY-FLANKED PRINIA, GREY APALIS, Southern Black-Flycatcher, LARGE (AFRICAN GREY) FLYCATCHER, Spotted Flycatcher, Rufous Chatterer, SHINING SUNBIRD, MARIQUA SUNBIRD, TEITA FISCAL, ISABELLINE (RUFOUS-TAILED) SHRIKE, SLATE-COLORED BOUBOU, FIERY-BREASTED BUSHSHRIKE, Northern White-crowned (White-rumped) Shrike, Fork-tailed Drongo, RED-BILLED OXPECKER, GOLDEN-BREASTED STARLING, Superb Starling, Kenya Rufous-Sparrow, CHESTNUT SPARROW, PARROT-BILLED SPARROW, YELLOW-SPOTTED PETRONIA, White-browed Sparrow-Weaver, BLACK-CAPPED SOCIAL-WEAVER, White-headed Buffalo-Weaver, CRIMSON-RUMPED WAXBILL, GREY-HEADED SILVERBILL, AFRICAN GOLDEN-BREASTED BUNTING

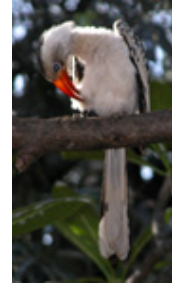
OLIVE BABOON, Vervet Monkey, OCHRE BUSH SQUIRREL, LION, CHEETAH, BUSH (GREY - YELLOW-SPOTTED) HYRAX, AFRICAN ELEPHANT, GREVY'S ZEBRA, GIRAFFE, KIRK'S DIK-DIK, Thompson's Gazelle, Grant's Gazelle, GERENUK, Impala, BEISA ORYX



White-browed Sparrow-Weaver, Wahlberg's Eagle,



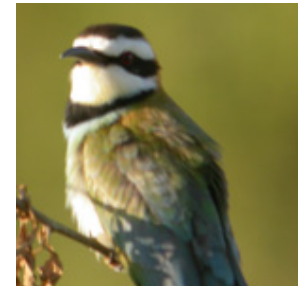
Rosy-patched Bushshrike



Red-billed Hornbill



Von der Decken's Hornbill, Red-winged Lark, White-fronted Bee-eater



We spent the rest of the day driving the 272 Km from Isiolo to Nairobi. First we stopped at a pit-stop on the outskirts of Isiolo where we succumbed to buying a few small souvenirs while Ben held a break (he had been driving for three hours with “game-drive” pauses and the park check-out – in Tanzania by paperwork, in Kenya by “smart Card” – not that that seems to speed the process up!). We drove initially through bush, then cereals as we ascended to the wheat belt, then over the equator where the forlorn figure of the Corioli's force was awaiting punters. Then a plain where the goats and cattle mixed with zebra, Hartebeest and a Topi. No ostrich though. Lunch at the trout tree restaurant where there is a trout farm and a flock of photogenic colobus. Oddly, the restaurant is



built into a couple trees. Good food and a really nice stop Through Nyeri and up into the agricultural part of the Aberdares where Ben comes from. We had a short stop at Ben's home and saw the coffee and bananas and the foundations of his home, which will cost less for him to build (in materials) than my flight or new telescope. Final stop was the Thika Blue Post waterfalls before the traffic of Nairobi. Ben duly informed that the road we were driving along was frequented by carjackers who used 25 tricks to steal cars.... After 9 pm. Made it to our hotel in Nairobi unscathed and said our fond farewells to Ben who had done an excellent job. Pizza and beer, packing and the end of a reasonable safari.

On balance, this was an excellent tour. The places were selected as to contrast with those visited in Tanzania. The biggest problem was that we spent too much time travelling. I would not miss any of these out but I would prefer to spend an extra day in the rift valley, and perhaps drop the transit of the Aberdares for a night on top. An alternative could be to take a Mt Kenya trek. Samburu and Lake Naivasha were both excellent and should not be missed. A couple of extra days and we would

probably have spent a further day in the Rift Valley to visit Lake Baringo. Perhaps even travel up to Marsabit, though the 300 Km dirt track must be something of an ordeal.

Safari organised by Africhoice – we do not recommend them since, briefly, they put together an unrealistic itinerary and were unsympathetic to our need to change. Moral, plan, find the destinations on maps, try and find out what the driving time is between destinations and be certain about what you pay for! We couldn't find Cray Fish Camp on the net, but we understood that the it would be comparable to the campsites we had stayed used in Tanzania. No so. Small things like visiting both Samburu/Buffalo Springs National Reserves was specified, but we didn't get into Buffalo Springs (even though it is shorter to drive that way) and therefore undoubtedly missed out on several spp (the local guineafowl, a proper view of a Somali ostrich). Ben was a competent guide, and had stake outs for endemics, but he is not in the same class as Anthony Rafael.

There are two good bird guides: Stevenson & Zimmeman. The former is better for Tanzania but as it was unavailable for my first trip. I benefited from having both with me.

I have the Kingdon Guide for the mammals, as opposed to the shorter field guide. Same pictures in the latter, half the weight...

I have three CD's:

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| Matheu, Eloisa | Wild Africa | 1996 | sit 30009-2 | Sitelle |
| Roché, Jean C. | African forests and savannas | 1989 | 22306 | Sitelle |
| Walker, Anthony | African sounds at dusk | 1996 | sit 30009-2 | Sitelle |

All helped – “African sounds at dusk”, for example, has the relevant owls, “African forests and savannas” has a good species list. I converted the files to mp3 files had had them with me on my computer for reference (needed the computer anyway for downloading the 3000 pictures we took.) and computers count give an extra bag – if you don't abuse! I would not have known to listen for fruit bats, without them.

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| Somali Ostrich | <i>Struthio molybdophanes</i> | Somalistruds | | | | | 3/1 |
| White Pelican | <i>Pelecanus onocrotalus</i> | Almindelig Pelikan | | 30/12 42 & 31/12 2 | | | |
| Pink-backed Pelican | <i>Pelecanus rufescens</i> | Rødrygget Pelikan | | | | 1/1 nr. Nanyuki | |
| Little Grebe | <i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i> | Lille Lappedykker | | 30/12 2 | | | |
| White-breasted Cormorant | <i>Phalacrocorax (carbo) lucidus</i> | Komorán | | 30/12 20 | | | |
| Long-tailed (Reed) Cormorant | <i>Phalacrocorax africanus</i> | Rørskarv | | 30/12 28 & 31/12 | | | |
| Cattle Egret | <i>Bubulcus ibis</i> | Kohejre | 30/12 nr Naivasha 2; 30/12 Naivasha | 30/12 19 | 31/12 Kinangop Plateau 5 | | |
| Squacco Heron | <i>Ardeola ralloides</i> | Tophejre | | 30/12 3 | | | |
| Striated (Little) Heron | <i>Butorides striatus</i> | Mangrovehejre | | | | | 1/1 2 |
| Little Egret | <i>Egretta garzetta</i> | Silkehejre | | 30/12 2 & 31/12 | | | |
| Black Heron | <i>Egretta ardesiaca</i> | Skyggehejre | | 30/12 4 | | 1/1 nr. Nanyuki | |
| Intermediate (Yellow-billed) Egret | <i>Mesophoyx (Egretta) intermedia</i> | Mellemhejre | 30/12 nr Limuru | 30/12 | | | |
| Goliath Heron | <i>Ardea goliath</i> | Kæmpehejre | | 30/12 & Cray Fish Camp | 31/12 Ndindi imm | | |
| Grey Heron | <i>Ardea cinerea</i> | Fiskehejre | 30/12 Limuru 2 | 30/12 2 | | 1/1 nr. Nanyuki | 1/1 |
| Black-headed Heron | <i>Ardea melanocephala</i> | Fiskehejre | | | 31/12 Kinangop Plateau 3 | | 1/1 4 |
| Hamerkop | <i>Scopus umbretta</i> | Hammerhoved | | 31/12 | | | |
| White Stork | <i>Ciconia ciconia</i> | Hvid Stork | | | | 1/1 nr. Nanyuki 100; 3/1 Nr Nanyuki 50 | |
| Yellow-billed Stork (Wood Ibis) | <i>Mycteria ibis</i> | Skovstork | 30/12 Limuru | 30 & 31/12 2 | | 1/1 nr. Nanyuki 4 | 1/1 |
| Saddle-billed Stork | <i>Ephippiorhynchus senegalensis</i> | Afrikansk Sadelstork | | 30/12 | | | |

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| Marabou Stork | <i>Leptoptilos crumeniferus</i> | Marabustork | | | | 1/1 nr. Nanyuki 7 | 1/1 Isiolo 10 |
| Sacred Ibis | <i>Threskiornis aethiopicus</i> | Hellig Ibis | 30/12 Nairobi 5; 30/12 nr Limuru 3; 30/12 Limuru 5 | 30/12 5 & 30/12 Cray Fish Camp | 31/12 Kinangop Plateau 3 | 1/1 nr. Nanyuki 9 | 1/1 |
| Hadada Ibis | <i>Bostrychia (Hagedashia) hagedash</i> | Hadadaibis | 30/12 nr Limuru | 30/12 & Cray Fish Camp | 31/12 Kinangop Plateau | 1/1 Nyeri | |
| Glossy Ibis | <i>Plegadis falcinellus</i> | Sort Ibis | | 30/12 6 & & 31/12 | | | |
| African Spoonbill | <i>Platalea alba</i> | Afrikansk Skestork | 30/12 Limuru 3 | 30/12 5 & 31/12 3 | | | |
| Greater Flamingo | <i>Phoenicopterus roseus</i> | Stor Flamingo | | 30/12 20 | | | |
| Egyptian Goose | <i>Alopochen aegyptiacus</i> | Nilgås | 30/12 Limuru 2 | 30/12 18 | | 1/1 nr. Nanyuki | 1/1 |
| Fulvous Whistling Duck | <i>Dendrocygna bicolor</i> | Okkertræand | | 30/12 30 & 31/12 8 | | | |
| Maccoa Duck | <i>Oxyura maccoa</i> | Afrikansk skarveand | 30/12 Limuru | | | | |
| Red-billed Duck | <i>Anas erythrorhyncha</i> | Rødnæbbet And | 30/12 Limuru | | | | |
| Hottentot Teal | <i>Anas hottentota (punctata)</i> | Hottentotand | 30/12 Limuru 3 | 30/12 8 & 31/12 2 | | | |
| Cape Teal | <i>Anas capensis</i> | Kapand | | 30/12 | | | |
| Yellow-billed Duck | <i>Anas undulata</i> | Gulnæbbet And | 30/12 Limuru | 30/12 2 & 31/12 3 | | | |
| Shoveler | <i>Anas clypeata</i> | Skeand | 30/12 Limuru 20 | 30/12 20 | | | |
| Garganey | <i>Anas querquedula</i> | Atlingand | | 30/12 | | | |
| Southern Pochard | <i>Netta erythrophthalma</i> | Mørk Taffeland | | 30/12 4 & 31/12 2 | | | |
| Yellow-billed Kite | <i>Milvus parasiticus</i> | Gulnæbbet Glente | 30/12 Nairobi 2 | | | | 1/1 Isiolo |
| Black Kite | <i>Milvus migrans</i> | Sort Glente | 30/12 Nairobi 2 | 31/12 Naivasha 2 | | | |
| (Common) Black-shouldered Kite | <i>Elanus caeruleus</i> | Blå Glente | | | | | 2/1 |

| Secretarybird | <i>Sagittarius serpentarius</i> | Sekretær | | | | | 2/1 |
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| African Fish Eagle | <i>Haliaeetus vocifer</i> | Skrigørn | | 30/12 12 & 31/12 | | | 1/1 |
| Palm-nut Vulture | <i>Gypohierax angolensis</i> | Palmegrib | | | | | 1/1 |
| Osprey | <i>Pandion haliaetus</i> | Fiskeørn | | 30/12 | | | |
| Egyptian Vulture | <i>Neophron percnopterus</i> | Ådselgrib | | | | | 2/1 |
| African White-backed Vulture | <i>Gyps africanus</i> | Hvidrygget Grib | | | | | 1/1 7 |
| Rüppell's Vulture | <i>Gyps rueppellii</i> | Rüppells Grib | | 31/12 Naivasha | | | 1/1 |
| Black-chested Snake- | <i>Circaetus pectoralis</i> | Hvidbuget | | 31/12 Naivasha | | | |
| African Marsh-Harrier | <i>Circus ranivorus</i> | Afrikansk Rørhøg | | 30 & 31/12 & Cray Fish Camp | | | |
| Marsh Harrier | <i>Circus aeruginosus</i> | Rørhøg | | 30/12 2 | | | 1/1 |
| Montagu's Harrier | <i>Circus pygargus</i> | Hedehøg | | | 31/12 | | 1/1 Isiolo |
| Pallid Harrier | <i>Circus macrourus</i> | Steppehøg | | | | | 3/1 |
| Eastern Chanting-Goshawk | <i>Melierax poliopterus</i> | Somalisanghøg | | | | | 1/1 |
| Shrika | <i>Accipiter badius</i> | Shrika | | | | | |
| Ovampo Sparrowhawk | <i>Accipiter ovampensis</i> | Ovampo Spurvehøg | | | | | 2/1 |
| African Harrier-Hawk | <i>Polyboroides typus</i> | Afrikansk Klatrehøg | | | | | |
| Augur Buzzard | <i>Buteo augurMelanocorypha</i> | Augurvåge | | 30/12: 31/12 Naivasha | 31/12 Aberdare top 3 | | 1/1 Isiolo |
| Steppe Eagle | <i>Aquila nipalensis</i> | Steppeørn | | | | 3/1 Nr Nanyuki | 2/1 |
| Wahlberg's Eagle | <i>Aquila (Hieraetus) wahlbergi</i> | Savannaørn | | | | | 2/1 |
| Tawny Eagle | <i>Aquila rapax</i> | Rovørn | 30/12 Limuru | | | 1/1 nr. Nanyuki | 2/1 |
| African Hawk-Eagle | <i>Hieraaetus spilogaster</i> | Afrikansk Høgeørn | | | 31/12 | | |
| Bateleur | <i>Terathopius ecaudatus</i> | Gøglerørn | | | | | 2/1 |
| Long-crested Eagle | <i>Lophaetus occipitalis</i> | Topørn | | | | | 1/1 |

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| Martial Eagle | <i>Polemaetus (Hieraetus) bellicosus</i> | Kampørn | | | | | 1/1 |
| Kestrel | <i>Falco tinnunculus</i> | Tårnfalk | | | 31/12 | 1/1 nr. Nanyuki | |
| Lesser Kestrel | <i>Falco naumanni</i> | Lille Tårnfalk | | | | | 2/1 |
| Greater Kestrel | <i>Falco rupicoloides</i> | Afrikansk Tårnfalk | | | | | |
| Pygmy Falcon | <i>Polihierax semitorquatus</i> | Afrikansk Pygmæfalk | | | | | 1/1 2 |
| Tufted (Helmetted) Guinea Fowl | <i>Numida meleagris</i> | Perlehøne | | | | | 2/1 |
| Jackson's Francolin | <i>Francolinus jacksoni</i> | Francolin | | | 31/12 | | |
| Crested Francolin | <i>Francolinus sephaena</i> | Topfrankolin | | | | | 1/1 |
| Yellow-necked Spurfowl | <i>Francolinus leucoscepus</i> | Gulstrubbet Spurfugl | | | | | 1/1 |
| Black Crane | <i>Amaurornis (Porzana) flavirostra</i> | Sort Rørvagtel | | 31/12 | | | |
| Kaffir (African Water) Rail | <i>Rallus caerulescens</i> | Kafferrikse | | 31/12 | | | |
| Crested (Red-knobbed) Coot | <i>Fulica cristata</i> | Kamblishøne | 30/12 Limuru 8 | 30/12 30 | | | |
| Moorhen | <i>Gallinula chloropus</i> | Grønbenet Rørhøne | | 31/12 | | | |
| Grey Crowned-Crane | <i>Balearica regulorum</i> | Grå Krontrane | | | | | 1/1 |
| Black-winged Stilt | <i>Himantopus himantopus</i> | Stylteløber | 30/12 Limuru 4 | 30/12 6 | | | |
| Avocet | <i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i> | Klyde | | 30/12 | | | |
| Blacksmith Lapwing | <i>Vanellus (Antibyx) armatus</i> | Broget Vibe | 30/12 Limuru 2 | 30/12 30 & 31/12 2 | | | 1/1 Archer's Post |
| Spur-winged Plover | <i>Vanellus (Hoplopterus) spinosus</i> | Sporevibe | | 30/12 10 | | | 1/1 3 |

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| Ruff | <i>Philomachus pugnax</i> | Brusehane | | 30/12 100; 30/12 Cray Fish Camp 3 | | | |
| Common Sandpiper | <i>Actitis (Tringa) hypoleucos</i> | Mudderklire | 30/12 Limuru | +E10331/12 | | | 1/1 |
| Wood Sandpiper | <i>Tringa glareola</i> | Tinksmed | | 30 & 31/12 | | | 1/1 |
| Green Sandpiper | <i>Tringa ochropus</i> | Svaleklire | | 30/12 2 | | | 1/1 |
| Greenshank | <i>Tringa nebularia</i> | Hvidklire | | 31/12 | | | |
| Marsh Sandpiper | <i>Tringa stagnatilis</i> | Damklire | | 30/12 | | | |
| Little Stint | <i>Calidris minuta</i> | Dværgryle | 30/12 Limuru 10 | | | | |
| Bar-tailed Godwit | <i>Limosa lapponica</i> | Lille Kobbersneppe | | 30/12 6 | | | |
| Snipe | <i>Gallinago gallinago</i> | Dobbeltbekkasin | | 30/12 28 | | | |
| Grey-headed Gull | <i>Larus cirrocephalus</i> | Gråhovedet Måge | | 30/12 10 | | | |
| Black-headed Gull | <i>Larus ridibundus</i> | Hættemåge | | 30/12 | | | |
| Slender-billed Gull | <i>Larus genei</i> | Tyndnæbbet Måge | | 30/12 | | | |
| Gull-billed Tern | <i>Gelochelidon (Sterna) nilotica</i> | Sandterne | | 30/12 3 & 31/12 | | | |
| Whiskered Tern | <i>Chilodnias hybrida</i> | Hvidskægget Terne | | 30/12 | | | |
| Black-faced Sandgrouse | <i>Pterocles decoratus</i> | Hvidbrystet Sandhøne | | | | | 2/1 |
| Speckled Pigeon | <i>Columba guinea</i> | Guineadue | 30/12 nr Naivasha | 30/12 Cray Fish Camp & 31/12 | | | daily |
| Rock Pigeon | <i>Columba livia</i> | Klippedue | | | | | |
| Emerald-spotted Wood-Dove | <i>Turtur chalcospilos</i> | Smaragdpletue | | | | | 3/1 |
| Namaqua Dove | <i>Oena capensis</i> | Namaquadue | | | | | 1/1 Archer's Post; 2/1 & 3/1 |
| Ring-necked Dove | <i>Streptopelia capicola</i> | Savannaskoggerdu | | | 31/12 | | daily |
| Red-eyed Dove | <i>Streptopelia semitorquata</i> | Røddøjet Skoggerdue | | 30/12 Cray Fish Camp & 31/12 | | 1/1 Nyeri | |
| Mourning Collared-Dove | <i>Streptopelia decipiens</i> | Guløjet Skoggerdue | | | | | daily |

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| Laughing (Palm) Dove | <i>Streptopelia senegalensis</i> | Senegaldue | | 30/12 2 | | | 1/1 |
| Dusky Turtle-Dove | <i>Streptopelia lugens</i> | Mørk Turteldue | | | | | 2/1 & 3/1 |
| Red-bellied Parrot | <i>Poicephalus rufiventris</i> | Rødbuget Brunpapagøje | | | | | 1/1 |
| Fischer's Lovebird | <i>Agapornis fischeri</i> | Rødhovedet Dværgpapagøje | | 30/12 Cray Fish Camp | | | 1/1 |
| White-bellied Go-away-bird | <i>Corythaixoides leucogaster</i> | Hvidbuget Larmfugl | | | | | 1/1 Archer's Post; 1/1 5 at lodge (also seen!) |
| Red-chested Cuckoo | <i>Cuculus solitarius</i> | Eremitgøg | | 30 & 31/12 | 31/12 Nyeri | 1/1 Nyeri | |
| African Emerald Cuckoo | <i>Chrysococcyx cupreus</i> | Gulbugetgøg | | 30/12 | | | |
| White-browed Coucal | <i>Centropus superciliosus</i> | Hvidbrynet Sporegøg | | 30 & 31/12 | | 1/1 Nyeri | 1/1 |
| African Scops Owl | <i>Otus senegalensis</i> | Savanna-dværghornugle | | | | | 2/1 |
| Montane Nightjar | <i>Caprimulgus poliocephalus</i> | Etiopisk Natravn | | | 31/12 Nyeri | | |
| Donaldson-Smith's Nightjar | <i>Caprimulgus donaldsoni</i> | Østafrikansk Natravn | | | | | 1/1 |
| Little Swift | <i>Apus affinis</i> | Lille Sejler | | 31/12 Naivasha | | | 1/1 Isiolo & park |
| Mottled Swift | <i>Tachymarptis</i> | Skellet Mursejer | 30/12 Limuru 4 | | | | |
| Nyanza Swift | <i>Apus niansae</i> | Nyanzasejler | | | | | 2/1 |
| Swift | <i>Apus apus</i> | Mursejler | | 30/12 | | 1/1 nr. Nanyuki | |
| African Palm-Swift | <i>Cypsiurus parvus</i> | Afrikansk Palmsejler | | | | | 1/1 8 |
| Speckled Mousebird | <i>Colius striatus</i> | Brun Musefugl | 30/12 Nairobi 11; 30/12 Naivasha 2 | & 31/12 ; 31/12 Naivasha | 31/12 Aberdare | 1/1 Nyeri; 1/1 nr. Nanyuki | |
| White-headed Mousebird | <i>Colius leucocephalus</i> | Hvidhvedet Musefugl | | | | | 2/1 |
| Blue-naped Mousebird | <i>Urocolius macrourus</i> | Blånakked Musefugl | | | | | 1/1 Isiolo; 3/1 |

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| Pied Kingfisher | <i>Ceryle rudis</i> | Gråfisker | | 30/12 3 & 31/12 | 31/12 Kinangop Plateau 2 | | |
| Grey-headed Kingfisher | <i>Halcyon leucocephala</i> | Gråhovedet Isfugl | | | | | 1/1 2 |
| Malachite Kingfisher | <i>Alcedo (Corythornis) cristata</i> | Malakitisfugl | | & 31/12 2 | | | |
| Little Bee-eater | <i>Merops pusillus</i> | Dværgbiæder | | | | | 1/1 2 |
| Cinnamon-chested Bee-eater | <i>Merops oreobates</i> | Okkerbrystet Biæder | | 31/12 Naivasha | 31/12 Ndindi | | |
| Bee-eater | <i>Merops apiaster</i> | Biæder | | | | 3/1 nr Maranga 11 | |
| White-fronted Bee-eater | <i>Merops bullockoides</i> | Hvidpandet Biæder | | | | | 1/1 5 |
| Lilac-breasted Roller | <i>Coracias caudata</i> | Lillebrystet Ellekrage | | 30 & 31/12 ; 30/12 Cray Fish Camp | | 1/1 nr. Nanyuki | 1/1 |
| Rufous-crowned Roller | <i>Coracias naevia</i> | Blåvinget Ellekrage | | | | | 2/1 |
| Green Woodhoopoe | <i>Phoeniculus purpureus</i> | Purpurskovhærfugl | | 30/12 Cray Fish Camp 4 | | | |
| Violet Woodhoopoe | <i>Phoeniculus damarensis</i> | Violet Skovhærfugl | | | | | 2/1 |
| African Hoopoe | <i>Upupa africana</i> | Afrikansk Hærfugl | | | | | 2/1 |
| Hoopoe | <i>Upupa epops</i> | Hærfugl | | | | | 1/1 |
| Eastern Yellow-billed Hornbill | <i>Tockus flavirostris</i> | Gulvinget Toko | | | | | 1/1 |
| Red-billed Hornbill | <i>Tockus erythrorhynchus</i> | Gulnæbbet Toko | | | | | daily |
| Von der Decken's Hornbill | <i>Tockus deckeni</i> | Sortvinget Toko | | | | | 1/1 2 |
| Silvery-cheeked Hornbill | <i>Ceratogymna (Bycanistes) brevis</i> | Sølvkindet Hornfugl | | | 31/12 Aberdare 4 | | |
| Yellow-rumped Tinkerbird | <i>Pogoniulus bilineatus</i> | Gulgumpet Tinkerfugl | | | | 1/1 Nyeri | |

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| Red-fronted Tinkerbird | <i>Pogoniulus pusillus</i> | Rødpandet Tinkerfugl | 30/12 Banana | | | | |
| D'Arnaud's Barbet | <i>Trachyphonus darnaudii</i> | Perleskægflugt | | | | | 1/1 |
| Red-and-yellow Barbet | <i>Trachyphonus erythrocephalus</i> | Pragtperleskægflugt | | | | | 2/1 |
| Cardinal Woodpecker | <i>Dendropicos fuscescens</i> | Kardinalspætte | | | | | 1/1 |
| Bearded Woodpecker | <i>Dendropicos namaquus</i> | Skægspætte | | | | | 1/1 |
| Grey Woodpecker | <i>Dendropicos goertae</i> | Gulbuget Askespætte | | 30/12 Cray Fish Camp | | | |
| African Broadbill | <i>Smithornis capensis</i> | Afrobrednæb | | | | | 2/1-05 Samburu |
| Rufous-naped Lark | <i>Mirafra africana</i> | Rødnakket | | | | 1/1 nr. Nanyuki | |
| Red-winged Lark | <i>Mirafra hypermetra</i> | Rødvinget Busklærke | | | | | 2/1 |
| Flappet Lark | <i>Mirafra rufocinnamomea</i> | Kanelbusklærke | 30/12 nr Limuru ? | 30/12 | | | |
| Fawn-colored Lark | <i>Mirafra (Calendulauda) africanoides</i> | Steppe Busklærke | | | | | 1/1 |
| Singing (Bush) Lark | <i>Mirafra cantillans</i> | Busklærke | 30/12 nr Limuru | | | 1/1 nr. Nanyuki | 1/1 |
| Pink-breasted Lark | <i>Mirafra (Calendulauda) poecilosterna</i> | Rosabrystet Busklærke | | | | | |
| Fischer's Sparrow-Lark | <i>Eremopterix</i> | Savannalærke | | | | | |
| Rock Martin | <i>Hirundo</i> | Bleg Klippesvale | | 31/12 Naivasha | 31/12 | | |
| Plain Sand Martin | <i>Riparia paludicola</i> | Brun Klippesvale | 30/12 nr Limuru | | 31/12 | 1/1 Nyeri | |
| Sand Martin | <i>Riparia riparia</i> | Digesvale | 30/12 Naivasha | | | | |
| Banded Martin | <i>Riparia cincta</i> | Stor Digesvale | | 30/12 | | | |
| House Martin | <i>Delichon urbica</i> | Bysvale | | | 31/12 | | |
| Red-rumped Swallow | <i>Hirundo (Cecropis) daurica</i> | Rødrygget Svale | | | | | |

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| Lesser Striped-Swallow | <i>Hirundo (Cecropis) abyssinica</i> | Stribesvale | 30/12 Nairobi | | | | |
| Swallow | <i>Hirundo rustica</i> | Landsvale | | 30 & 31/12 | 31/12 Kinangop Plateau | 1/1 nr. Nanyuki 50 | 1/1 |
| Black Sawwing | <i>Psalidoprocne</i> | Sort Skovsvale | | | 31/12 Ndindi | | |
| Grey-rumped Swallow | <i>(Pseudo)Hirundo griseopyga</i> | Grårumpet Svale | 30/12 Nairobi | | | | |
| African Pied Wagtail | <i>Motacilla aguimp</i> | Afrikansk Vipstjært | | 30/12 Cray Fish | | 1/1 Nyeri; 3/1 nr | |
| Yellow/Blue-headed Wagtail | <i>Motacilla flava</i> | Gul Vipstjært | | 30/12 2; 30/12 Cray Fish Camp | 31/12 Aberdare | | |
| Sharpe's Pipit | <i>Anthus (Hemimacronyx) sharpei</i> | Kenyasporpiber | | | 31/12 Kinangop Plateau | | |
| African (Grasslands) Black Cuckoo-shrike | <i>Anthus cinnamomeus</i> | Savannapiber | | | | | |
| | <i>Campephaga flava</i> | Sort Larvæder | | | | | 2/1 |
| Common Bulbul | <i>Pycnonotus barbatus</i> | Almindelig Bulbul | | 30/12 2 | | 1/1 Nyeri; 1/1 Isiolo | |
| Yellow-whiskered Greenbul | <i>Andropadus (Pycnonotus) latirostris</i> | n/a | | | | 1/1 Nyeri | |
| Northern Brownbul | <i>Phyllastrephus strepitans</i> | n/a | | | | | 2/1 |
| Cape Robin-Chat | <i>Cossypha caffra</i> | Drosselsanger | | & 31/12 | | | |
| White-browed Robin- | <i>Cossypha heuglini</i> | n/a | 30/12 nr Limuru | | 31/12 | 1/1 Nyeri | |
| Olive Thrush | <i>Turdus olivaceus</i> | Olivendrossel | 30/12 Banana | 30/12 Cray Fish Camp & 31/12 | 31/12 Aberdare | 1/1 Nyeri | |
| Bare-eyed Thrush | <i>Turdus tephronotus</i> | Nøjenøjendrossel | | | | | 2/1 |
| Northern Anteater-Chat | <i>Myrmecocichla aethiops</i> | Myrepikker | 30/12 nr Naivasha | 30/12 Cray Fish Camp 4; 31/12 Naivasha | 31/12 Kinangop Plateau | | |
| African Stonechat | <i>Saxicola axilaris</i> | Afrikansk Bynkefugl | 30/12 nr Limuru | 30/12 | 31/12 Kinangop Plateau | 3/1 Nr Nanyuki | |

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| (Northern) Wheatear | <i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i> | Almindelig Stenpikker | | | | 1/1 nr. Nanyuki | 1/1 Archer's Post 2 & 3/1 3 |
| Isabelline Wheatear | <i>Oenanthe isabellina</i> | Isabella Stenpikker | | | | | |
| White-throated Robin (Irania) | <i>Irania gutturalis</i> | Hvidhals | | | | | 3/1 |
| Moorland Chat | <i>Cercomela sordida</i> | n/a | | | 31/12 | | |
| Lesser Swamp-Warbler | <i>Acrocephalus gracilirostris</i> | n/a | | 30 & 31/12 | | | |
| Willow Warbler | <i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i> | Løvsanger | | 30/12 3 | | 1/1 Nyeri | 2/1 |
| Pectoral-patch | <i>Cisticola brunnescens</i> | n/a | | | | 3/1 nr Niganjo | |
| Winding Cisticola | <i>Cisticola galactotes</i> | n/a | | & 31/12 | | | |
| Tawny-flanked Prinia | <i>Prinia subflava</i> | Almindelig Prinia | | | | | 3/1 |
| Green-backed Camaroptera | <i>Camaroptera brachyura</i> | n/a | | | 31/12 Aberdare; | 1/1 Nyeri | |
| Grey Apalis | <i>Apalis cinerea</i> | n/a | | | | | 2/1 |
| White-eyed Slaty-Flycatcher | <i>Dioptrornis (Melaenornis) fischeri</i> | n/a | | 30/12 2 | | | |
| Southern Black-Flycatcher | <i>Melaenornis pammelaina</i> | n/a | | | 31/12 Nyeri | 31/12 Nyeri | 2/1 |
| Large (African Grey) Flycatcher | <i>Bradornis (Melaenornis) microrhynchus</i> | n/a | | | | | 2/1 |
| Ashy Alseonax | <i>Muscicapa</i> | n/a | | | 31/12 | | |
| Spotted Flycatcher | <i>Muscicapa striata</i> | Grå Fluesnapper | | | 1/1-05 Nyeri | 1/1 Nyeri | 1/1 |
| African Dusky Flycatcher (Dusky) | <i>Muscicapa adusta</i> | n/a | | | | 3/1 Trout Tree Restaurant | |
| African Paradise- | <i>Terpsiphone viridis</i> | Afrikansk Rødbrun Larmdrossel | | | | 1/1 Nyeri | |
| Rufous Chatterer | <i>Turdoides rubiginosus</i> | Larmdrossel | | 31/12 nr Naivasha | | | 2/1 & 3/1 6 |
| Sharpe's Pied-Babbler | <i>Turdoides sharpei</i> | Victorialarmdrossel | | & 31/12 | | | |

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| Golden-winged Sunbird | <i>Nectarinia reichenowi</i> | Gyldenvinget Solfugl | 30/12 Banana | | 31/12 Mutabio | | |
| Red-tufted (Scarlet-tufted Malachite) Sunbird | <i>Nectarinia johnstoni</i> | Smaragdsolfugl | | | 31/12 Mutabio | | |
| Northern Double-collared Sunbird | <i>Nectarinia preussi</i> | Nordelig Halsbåndsolflugl | | | | 3/1 Trout Tree Restaurant | |
| Shining Sunbird | <i>Nectarinia habessinica</i> | Glanssolflugl | | | | | 2/1 |
| Amethyst Sunbird | <i>Chalcomitra (Nectarinia)</i> | Ametystsolflugl | 30/12 Banana | | | | |
| Mariqua Sunbird | <i>Cinnyris (Nectarinia) mariquensis</i> | Mariqusolflugl | | | | | 2/1 |
| Variable Sunbird | <i>Cinnyris (Nectarinia)</i> | Savannasolflugl | | | | 1/1 Nyeri | |
| Collared Sunbird | <i>Hedydipna (Anthreptes) collaris</i> | Kravesolflugl | | 30/12 Cray Fish Camp | | | |
| Common Fiscal | <i>Lanius collaris</i> | Sortrygget Tornskade | 30/12 Banana 4; 30/12 nr Limuru | 31/12 Naivasha 5 | 31/12 Kinangop Plateau; 31/12-04 Aberdare 2 | 1/1 nr. Nanyuki; 3/1 Isiolo | |
| Teita Fiscal | <i>Lanius dorsalis</i> | Taitatornskade | | | | | 1/1 |
| Long-tailed Fiscal | <i>Lanius cabanisi</i> | Kenyatatornskade | | | | 1/1 nr. Nanyuki 2; | |
| Lesser Grey Shrike | <i>Lanius minor</i> | Rosenbrystet Tornskade | | 30 & 31/12 4; 30/12 Cray Fish Camp | | 1/1 nr. Nanyuki 2; 3/1 Isiolo 5 | |
| Isabelline (Rufous-tailed) Shrike | <i>Lanius isabellinus</i> | Brun Tornskade | | | | | 1/1 3 & 3/1 |
| Tropical Boubou | <i>Laniarius aethiopicus</i> | Bubu | | 30 & 31/12 | 31/12 Ndindi; 31/12 Aberdare | 1/1 Nyeri | |
| Slate-colored Boubou | <i>Laniarius funebris</i> | Sodbubu | | | | | 2/1 |

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| Rosy-patched Bushshrike | <i>Rhodophoneus cruentus</i> | Rosabrystet Busktornskade | | | | | |
| Fiery-breasted Bushshrike | <i>Malaconotus cruentus</i> | Ilbrystet Busktornskade | | | | | 2/1 |
| Northern White-crowned (White-rumped) Shrike | <i>Eurocephalus rueppelli</i> | Hvidgumpet Tornskade | | | | 1/1 nr. Nanyuki | 3/1 2 |
| Fork-tailed Drongo | <i>Dicrurus adsimilis</i> | Gaffelhalet Drongo | | 30/12 Naivasha 2 & 31/12 | | 1/1 Kikuma | 1/1 |
| Pied Crow | <i>Corvus albus</i> | Broget Krage | | 31/12 Naivasha | | 1/1 Nyeri 20; 3/1 Nr | |
| African Golden-Oriole | <i>Oriolus auratus</i> | Sortmasket Pirol | | | | 3/1 nr Maranga | |
| Red-billed Oxpecker | <i>Buphagus erythrorhynchus</i> | Rødnæbbet Oksehakker | | | | | 2/1 |
| Golden-breasted Starling | <i>Cosmopsarus regius</i> | Kongegansstær | | | | | 2/1 3 |
| Red-winged Starling | <i>Onychognathus morio</i> | Rødvinget Sortstær | | & 31/12 | | 1/1 nr. Nanyuki | |
| Greater Blue-eared Glossy-Starling | <i>Lamprotornis chalybaeus</i> | Blåøret Glansstær | | | | 1/1 nr. Nanyuki 2 | |
| Rueppell's Glossy- | <i>Lamprotornis</i> | Blågrøn Glansstær | | | | 1/1 nr. Nanyuki | |
| Superb Starling | <i>Lamprotornis superbus</i> | Trefarvet Glansstær | | 30/12 Naivasha 3 & 31/12 | | 1/1 nr. Nanyuki | common, tame at lodge |
| Hildebrandt's Starling | <i>Lamprotornis (Spreo) hildebrandti</i> | Masaiglansstær | | | | 1/1 nr. Nanyuki | |
| Kenya Rufous-Sparrow | <i>Passer rufocinctus</i> | Kenyastær | 30/12 Nairobi | | 31/12 Ndindi | | 1/1 |
| House Sparrow | <i>Passer domesticus</i> | Gråspurv | 30/12 Nairobi | | | | |
| Chestnut Sparrow | <i>Passer eminibey</i> | Kastaniebrunstær | | | | | 1/1 |
| Grey-headed Sparrow | <i>Passer griseus</i> | Gråhovedet Spurv | | | | 1/1 nr. Nanyuki | |
| Parrot-billed Sparrow | <i>Passer gongonensis</i> | Tyknæbbet Spurv | | | | | 1/1 |
| Yellow-spotted Petronia | <i>Petronia pyrgita</i> | Pyrgitastenspruv | | | | | 1/1 Isiolo |
| White-browed Sparrow-Weaver | <i>Plocepasser mahali</i> | Spurvevæver | | | | 1/1 Isiolo | v. common |

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| Donaldson-Smith's Sparrow-Weaver | <i>Plocepasser donaldsoni</i> | Hvidkindet Spurveæver | | | | 2/1 | |
| Black-capped Social-Weaver | <i>Pseudonigrita cabanisi</i> | Perlehalsamidine | | | | | 1/1 |
| White-headed Buffalo-Weaver | <i>Dinemellia dinemelli</i> | Hvidhovedet Bøffelvæver | | | | 1/1 Isiolo | 2/1 3 |
| Southern (Vitelline) Masked-Weaver | <i>Ploceus velatus</i> | Sydlig Maskevæver | | | | | |
| Grosbeak Weaver | <i>Amblyospiza albifrons</i> | Tyknæbbet Væver | | | | | |
| Speke's Weaver | <i>Ploceus spekei</i> | Somalivæver | | | | 1/1 Isiolo | |
| Baglafaecht Weaver | <i>Ploceus baglafaecht</i> | Baglafaecht Væver | 30/12 Banana | 30/12 Cray Fish | | | |
| African Golden-Weaver | <i>Ploceus subaureus</i> | Gylden Væver | 30/12 Banana | | | | |
| Red-billed Quelea | <i>Quelea quelea</i> | Blodnæbsvæver | | & 31/12 | | | |
| Long-tailed Widowbird | <i>Euplectes progne</i> | Hanehalet Vidafinke | | | 31/12 Kinangop | 1/1 nr. Nanyuki 20; 3/1 Nr Niganjo | |
| Yellow Bishop | <i>Euplectes capensis</i> | Fløjsvæver | | | | 3/1 nr Maranga | |
| Red-billed Firefinch | <i>Lagonosticta senegala</i> | Amarant | | | | 3/1 Nr Kaweru ? | |
| Common Waxbill | <i>Estrilda astrild</i> | Helenaastrild | 30/12 Banana | | | 3/1 Isiolo | |
| Crimson-rumped Waxbill | <i>Estrilda rhodopyga</i> | Tøjleastrild | | | | | 2/1 2 |
| Grey-headed Silverbill | <i>Lonchura griseicapilla</i> | | | | | | 1/1 |
| Black-and-white Munia | <i>Lonchura bicolor</i> | Glansskadefinke | | | | 3/1 Trout Tree | |
| Pin-tailed Whydah | <i>Vidua macroura</i> | Dominikanerenke | 30/12 nr Limuru | | | | |
| Streaky Seedeater | <i>Serinus striolatus</i> | Stribet Siskan | 30/12 Banana | | | 1/1 Nyeri | |
| Reichard's (Stripe-breasted) Seedeater | <i>Serinus reichardi</i> | Miombosiskan | | | 31/12 Ndindi; 31/12 Nyeri | | |
| African Golden-breasted Bunting | <i>Emberiza flaviventris</i> | | | | | | 3/1 Trout Tree Restaurant |

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| Olive Baboon | <i>Papio anubis</i> | Nyani | Bavian | 1/1 Samburu | 1/1 | | |
| Yellow Baboon | <i>Papio cyanocephalus</i> | Nyani | Babuin (Gul Bavian) | 31/12-04 Aberdare | | | 31/12 13 |

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| Vervet Monkey | <i>Cercopithecus pygerythrus</i> | Ngedere | Marekatten | 30/12 Lake Naivasha Lodge | 1/1 | 30/12 Lake Naivasha Lodge 5 | |
| Ochre bush squirrel | <i>Paraxerus ochreatus</i> | | | 2/1 Samburu | 2/1 | | |
| Lion | <i>Panthera leo</i> | Simba | Løve | 1/1 Samburu | 1/1 roaring | | |
| Cheetah | <i>Acinonyx jubatus</i> | Duma | Geoparde | 2/1 Samburu | 2/1 2 | | |
| Bush (Grey - Yellow-spotted) Hyrax | <i>Heterohyrax brucei</i> | Pimbi | Gulplettede Klippegrævling | 2/1 Samburu | 2/1 3 | | |
| African Elephant | <i>Loxodonta africana</i> | Tembo | Afrikansk Elefant | 31/12-04 Aberdare | common | | 31/12 7 |
| Burchell's Zebra | <i>Equus /uagga/burchelli</i> | Punda milia | Böhms/Burchell Zebra | 21/12 nr Namanga | | 30/12 nr Naivasha 5, 10 & Crescent Island 16; | |
| Grevy's Zebra | <i>Equeus grevyi</i> | | Grevyzebra | 1/1 Samburu | 1/1 & 2/1 | | |
| Hippopotamus | <i>Hippopotamus amphibius</i> | Kiboko | Flodhest | 30/12 Lake Naivasha | | 30/12 & 31/12 Lake Naivasha 20 | |
| Wart Hog | <i>Phacochoerus aethiopicus</i> | Ngiri | Vortesvin | 31/12-04 Aberdare | | | 31/12 6; 31/12 Aberdare Country Club 2 + 4u |
| Giraffe | <i>Giraffa cameoleoparis</i> | Twiga | Giraf | 2/1 Samburu | 2/1 | | |
| African Buffalo | <i>Syncerus cafer</i> | Nyati | Kafferbøffel | 31/12-04 Aberdare | | | 31/12 30 |
| Bushbuck | <i>Tragelaphus scriptus</i> | Mbawala | Hieroglyf-antilopen | 31/12-04 Aberdare top | | | 31/12 10 |
| Black-fronted Duiker | <i>Cephalophus nigrifrons</i> | | Skovdykker | 31/12-04 Aberdare | | | 31/12 |
| Kirk's Dik-dik | <i>Madoqua kirki</i> | Dikidiki | Dik-dik | 1/1 Samburu | 1/18 | | |
| Mountain Reedbuck | <i>Redunca fulvorufula</i> | | Rørbuk | 31/12-04 Aberdare top | | | |
| Waterbuck | <i>Kobus ellipsiprymnus</i> | Kuru | Vandbuk | 30/12-04 Lake Naivasha | | 30/12 Lake Naivasha 9 | 31/12 Aberdare 20 |
| Thompson's Gazelle | <i>Gazella thomsoni</i> | Swala tomi | Thompson-Gazelle | 29/12 nr Namanga | 1/1 | 30/12 Crescent Island | |
| Grant's Gazelle | <i>Gazella granti</i> | Swala granti | Grantsgazelle | 30/12 Crescent Island | 1/1 Samburu | 30/12 Crescent Island 5 | |

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| Gerenuk | <i>litocranius walleri</i> | | Gerenuk | 1/1 Samburu | 1/1 Samburu 5 | | |
| Impala | <i>Aepyceros melampus</i> | Swala pala | Impala | 29/12 nr Kajido | 1/1 Samburu 14 | 30/12 Cresent Island 5 | |
| Bubal Hartebeest | <i>Alcelaphus buselaphus</i> | Kongoni | Kongoni | 29/12 nr Kajido | | | |
| White-bearded Wildebeest | <i>Connochaetes taurinus</i> | Nyumbu | Hvidskæggede Gnu | 30/12 Cresent Island | | 30/12 Cresent Island 50 | |
| Beisa oryx | <i>Oryx beisa</i> | | Sabeloryx | 1/1 Samburu | 1/1 | | |