



ROCKJUMPER

Worldwide Birding Adventures

Tanzania 18th May to 2nd June 2013 (16 days)

Annotated List of Birds recorded

Nomenclature and taxonomy follows the IOC 2.7 list of: Gill, F. and Wright, M. Birds of the World: Recommended English Names. Princeton NJ: Princeton University Press.

NR = National Reserve

NP = National Park

Total species recorded: 388 (386 seen 2 heard only)

Ostriches Struthionidae

Common Ostrich

Struthio camelus

The world's largest extant bird species was common in Tarangire, Ngorongoro, Serengeti and Manyara NPs.

Guineafowl Numididae

Helmeted Guineafowl

Numida meleagris

We encountered this striking gamebird often in Tarangire, Serengeti and Manyara NPs.

Crested Guineafowl

Guttera pucherani

We flushed a few of the East African red-faced subspecies of this forest guineafowl along the Elephant Cave Trail.

Francolins & Quails Phasianidae

Coqui Francolin

Peliperdix coqui

We enjoyed numerous good sightings of this handsome little francolin in Tarangire and Serengeti NPs.

Crested Francolin

Dendroperdix sephaena

Most of our sightings of this bantam-like gamebird were in Tarangire NP.

Hildebrandt's Francolin

Pternistis hildebrandti

After our first sightings in Tarangire we had better views of birds along the Ngorongoro Crater rim.

Yellow-necked Spurfowl (Francolin)

Pternistis leucoscepus

The commonest francolin in Tarangire NP.

Grey-breasted Spurfowl (Francolin)

Pternistis rufopictus

This species replaced the previous spurfowl in the Serengeti ecosystem, where it was common.

Red-necked Spurfowl (Francolin) *Pternistis afer*

Like its yellow-necked cousin, this spurfowl was common in Tarangire NP.

Harlequin Quail *Coturnix delegorguei*

We had a few sightings of this quail, almost always females, and on one occasion, with chicks!

Ducks & Geese Anatidae**White-faced Whistling Duck** *Dendrocygna viduata*

We found this slender duck at Tarangire and Manyara NPs.

Fulvous Whistling Duck *Dendrocygna bicolor*

Nine birds were seen at Tarangire NP.

White-backed Duck *Thalassornis leuconotus*

We found three of these unexpected ducks in the Silale Swamp in Tarangire NP.

Spur-winged Goose *Plectropterus gambensis*

We found this large anatid in Arusha and Ngorongoro NPs.

Knob-billed Duck *Sarkidiornis melanotos*

We saw a total of three birds in Tarangire NP.

Egyptian Goose *Alopochen aegyptiaca*

The commonest waterfowl of the trip, seen at most waterbodies.

Cape Teal *Anas capensis*

We encountered this pale duck at Arusha, Ngorongoro and Serengeti NPs.

African Black Duck *Anas sparsa*

A pair was present at our lodge near Arusha.

Red-billed Teal (Duck) *Anas erythrorhyncha*

This teal was spotted in Tarangire and Ngorongoro NPs.

Hottentot Teal *Anas hottentota*

This diminutive duck was found alongside the previous species.

Southern Pochard *Netta erythrophthalma*

A single male was observed in Tarangire NP.

Grebes Podicipedidae**Little Grebe** *Tachybaptus ruficollis*

This diminutive waterbird was seen at scattered waterbodies throughout the tour.

Flamingos Phoenicopteridae**Greater Flamingo** *Phoenicopterus ruber*

After our initial sighting of seven at Arusha NP, we found this flamingo at a few other waterbodies, including a couple thousand in the Ngorongoro Crater.

Lesser Flamingo *Phoenicopterus minor*

We saw 3000 of these lovely birds in Arusha NP's soda lakes, and smaller numbers alongside the previous species in the Serengeti and the Crater.

Storks Ciconiidae**Yellow-billed Stork** *Mycteria ibis*

We saw these storks on nine consecutive days, including huge flocks of 40-60 birds in Tarangire NP.

African Openbill *Anastoma lamelligerus*

We came upon a flock of five alongside Silale Swamp in Tarangire NP.

Saddle-billed Stork *Ephippiorhynchus senegalensis*

We saw one of these magnificent birds in Tarangire NP.

Marabou Stork *Leptoptilos crumeniferus*
This grotesque species was seen on ten days of the tour, at various localities.

Ibises & Spoonbills Threskiornithidae

African Sacred Ibis *Threskiornis aethiopicus*
A common waterbird, which we saw in Arusha, Tarangire, Manyara and Ngorongoro NPs.

Hadada Ibis *Bostrychia hagedash*
This noisy species was often found around our lodge near Arusha.

Glossy Ibis *Plegadis falcinellus*
We saw flocks numbering around a dozen in Tarangire, Manyara and Ngorongoro NPs.

African Spoonbill *Platalea alba*
We saw reasonable numbers in Lake Manyara and Ngorongoro NPs.

Hérons, Egrets & Bitterns Ardeidae

Dwarf Bittern *Ixobrychus sturmii*
A single bird stunned us as it landed on the top a tall *Acacia* and stayed there for a minute before flying on.

Striated (Green-backed) Heron *Butorides striatus*
We saw one of these attractive little herons over two days in Serengeti NP.

Squacco Heron *Ardeola ralloides*
Rather scarce, we encountered it only at our Arusha lodge and in Lake Manyara NP.

Malagasy Pond Heron *Ardeola idea*
We found a non-breeding individual in Tarangire NP.

Rufous-bellied Heron *Ardeola rufiventris*
We found a pair nest-building in Tarangire NP.

Western Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis*
A common species at various waterbodies throughout.

Note: Clements does not yet recognise the split of the Cattle Egret complex.
Grey Heron *Ardea cinerea*

Seen at Tarangire, Lake Manyara, Ngorongoro and Serengeti NPs.
Black-headed Heron *Ardea melanocephala*

A common grassland heron, seen at various sites.
Goliath Heron *Ardea goliath*

We had distant views of the largest heron in the world at Tarangire NP.
Great Egret *Ardea alba*

We encountered this large white heron in Tarangire, Lake Manyara and Ngorongoro NPs.
Intermediate Egret *Egretta intermedia*

More plentiful than the previous species, seen at the same localities.
Little Egret *Egretta garzetta*

Also seen at the same localities as the previous two species.

Hamerkop Scopidae

Hamerkop *Scopus umbretta*
This characterful monotypic species was seen often on tour, at various waterbodies and rivers.

Pelicans Pelecanidae

Great White Pelican *Pelecanus onocrotalus*
We had various sightings of small groups in Tarangire, Lake Manyara and Ngorongoro NPs.

Cormorants & Shags Phalacrocoracidae

Reed (Long-tailed) Cormorant *Phalacrocorax africanus*

We had a large flock of about 30 birds in Tarangire NP.

White-breasted Cormorant *Phalacrocorax lucidus*

Seen in Arusha and Lake Manyara NPs.

Note: Clements still regards this species as part of the Great Cormorant (Phalacrocorax carbo).

Secretarybird Sagittariidae

Secretarybird *Sagittarius serpentarius*

We found a total of seventeen of these curious, long-legged raptors in Tarangire, Serengeti and near Oldupai Gorge.

Hawks, Eagles & Kites Accipitridae

Black-winged (-shouldered) Kite *Elanus caeruleus*

A common little grassland raptor, especially abundant in the vast plains of the Serengeti.

NOTE: The Clements common name for this species is Black-shouldered Kite. Some authorities lump this species with Australian Kite E. axillaris and the American E. leucurus White-tailed Kite.

Black Kite *Milvus migrans*

A single bird was seen near our lodge overlooking Lake Manyara.

Yellow-billed Kite *Milvus aegyptius*

We saw a handful of individuals around Lake Manyara and in the Ngorongoro Crater.

Note: Some authorities split this complex into Black Kite M. migrans and Yellow-billed Kite M. aegyptius. The IOC now recognises this split.

African Fish Eagle *Haliaeetus vocifer*

We enjoyed several sightings of this African icon in Tarangire, Arusha, Lake Manyara and Serengeti NPs.

Bearded Vulture *Gypaetus barbatus*

We had cripplingly close views of this magnificent creature in Oldonyo Sambu.

Hooded Vulture *Necrosyrtes monachus*

We found this small vulture on a few occasions in Serengeti NP.

White-backed Vulture *Gyps africanus*

The commonest raptor on tour, with reasonable numbers in all savanna areas.

Rüppell's Vulture (Griffon) *Gyps rueppellii*

We had good views of this scaly-feathered vulture in Tarangire and Serengeti NPs.

Lappet-faced Vulture *Torgos tracheliotus*

This huge scavenger was found in Tarangire and Serengeti NPs.

Black-chested (-breasted) Snake Eagle *Circaetus pectoralis*

We found singletons in Tarangire, Lake Manyara and Serengeti NPs.

Brown Snake Eagle *Circaetus cinereus*

We found this uniformly-coloured eagle in Arusha, Tarangire and Serengeti NPs.

Bateleur *Terathopius ecaudatus*

This short-tailed aerial acrobat was a common sight over savanna areas.

African Marsh Harrier *Circus ranivorus*

We had excellent views of birds in Tarangire NP and in the Ngorongoro Crater.

African Harrier-Hawk *Polyboroides typus*

We saw this raptor in Lake Manyara and Serengeti NPs.

Dark Chanting Goshawk *Melierax metabates*

We encountered this upright raptor in the Western Serengeti.

Eastern Chanting Goshawk *Melierax poliopterus*

Preferring drier habitat to the previous species, we found this goshawk in Tarangire NP and near Lark Plains.

Gabar Goshawk *Micronisus gabar*

We saw this little raptor in Tarangire and Serengeti NPs.

African Goshawk *Accipiter tachiro*

Seen once, in Arusha NP.

Black Sparrowhawk *Accipiter melanoleucus*

We had a couple of sightings of this large accipiter around the Elephant Cave Trail and Gibb's Farm.

Augur Buzzard *Buteo augur*

One of the most familiar raptors of the tour, seen at various sites and in various habitats.

Tawny Eagle *Aquila rapax*

Apart from the Bateleur, the commonest eagle on tour, recorded in all savanna sites.

African Hawk-Eagle *Aquila spilogaster*

Seen twice, in Tarangire and Serengeti NPs.

Ayre's Hawk-Eagle *Hieraaetus ayresii*

We were stunned to find one of these small forest eagles soaring over the Elephant Cave Trail.

Martial Eagle *Polemaetus bellicosus*

We had excellent views of this huge eagle, especially a seemingly immovable immature bird in Lake Manyara NP.

Long-crested Eagle *Lophaetus occipitalis*

This attractive eagle showed well in Tarangire and Serengeti NPs.

Crowned (Hawk-)Eagle *Stephanoaetus coronatus*

We saw this large forest eagle in the vicinity of Lake Manyara and the Ngorongoro Crater.

Falcons & Kestrels Falconidae

Pygmy Falcon *Polihierax semitorquatus*

We found this lovebird-sized falcon in various dry savanna areas.

Common (Eurasian) Kestrel *Falco naumanni*

A single bird was seen on our way to Lark Plains.

NOTE: Some authorities split this species into Common Kestrel, F. tinnunculus which we observed (occurring in East and West Africa and the Palaearctic region) and Rock Kestrel, F. rupicolis which occurs in Southern Africa. Clements does not as yet recognize this split, while IOC does.

Greater Kestrel *Falco rupicoloides*

The grassy plains of the southern Serengeti were a good spot to look for this species.

Grey Kestrel *Falco ardosiaceus*

We enjoyed some very good sightings of this uncommon falcon in Tarangire and Serengeti NPs.

Red-necked Falcon *Falco chicquera*

We couldn't believe our eyes when we found this normally drier-country species nibbling on some rodent prey in moist Tarangire NP.

Lanner Falcon *Falco biarmicus*

Seen in the Ngorongoro Crater and Serengeti NP.

Peregrine Falcon *Falco peregrinus*

Two birds were seen around Lake Manyara.

Bustards Otididae

Kori Bustard *Ardeotis kori*

We saw big numbers of these heaviest of all flying landbirds, including 18 in the Ngorongoro Crater and 22 on our way out of the Serengeti towards the end of the tour.

White-bellied Bustard *Eupodotis senegalensis*

Encountered almost daily in Serengeti NP.

NOTE: This species represents the northern form of White-bellied Bustard. IOC and Clements lump the northern form of White-bellied Bustard E. senegalensis with the Southern African endemic Barrow's or Southern White-bellied Bustard E. barrowi.

Black-bellied Bustard *Lissotis melanogaster*

A single bird was seen briefly in Tarangire NP.

Rails, Gallinules & Coots Rallidae

Black Crake *Amaurornis flavirostra*

Seen in Tarangire and Serengeti NPs.

African (Purple) Swampen *Porphyrio madagascariensis*

One of these large rallids was seen in Silale Swamp in Tarangire NP.

Common Moorhen *Gallinula chloropus*

We found this species in Tarangire and Ngorongoro NPs and around our Arusha lodge.

Allen's Gallinule *Porphyrio alleni*

We saw two adults and a juvenile in Silale Swamp in Tarangire NP.

Lesser Moorhen *Gallinula angulata*

We found an incredible 30 (at least!) of these normally scarce rallids in Silale Swamp, Tarangire NP.

Red-knobbed Coot *Fulica cristata*

We saw three in Ngorongoro Crater.

Cranes Gruidae

Grey Crowned Crane *Balearica regulorum*

We saw this elegant bird on a few occasions, with biggest numbers recorded in the Ngorongoro Crater.

Thick-knees Burhinidae

Water Thick-knee (Dikkop) *Burhinus vermiculatus*

A few were seen in Tarangire NP.

Stilts & Avocets Recurvirostridae

Black-winged Stilt *Himantopus himantopus*

Recorded at Lake Manyara, Ngorongoro and Serengeti NPs.

Plovers & Lapwings Charadriidae

Long-toed Lapwing *Vanellus crassirostris*

We found this wetland lapwing in Tarangire, Lake Manyara and Ngorongoro NPs.

Blacksmith Lapwing (Plover) *Vanellus armatus*

Recorded almost daily, always near water.

Spur-winged Lapwing (Plover) *Vanellus spinosus*

Three birds were seen in Lake Manyara NP.

Black-winged Lapwing *Vanellus melanopterus*

While scanning along the drive into the Serengeti we came across a flock of 44 of these lapwings!

Crowned Lapwing *Vanellus coronatus*

Recorded almost every day in grassland habitat.

[African] Wattled Lapwing *Vanellus senegallus*

We found a single immature bird in Serengeti NP.

Kittlitz's Plover *Charadrius pecuarius*

We found this little plover in Lake Manyara, Ngorongoro and Serengeti NPs.

Three-banded Plover *Charadrius tricollaris*

This boldly-marked little wader was found at waterbodies in Tarangire, Lake Manyara and Serengeti NPs.

Chestnut-banded Plover *Charadrius pallidus*

We had very distant scoped views of a single bird in the Ngorongoro Crater.

Jacanas Jacanidae

African Jacana *Actophilornis africanus*

We saw this “lily-trotter” at various waterbodies in the first half of the tour.

Sandpipers & Allies Scolopacidae

Common Greenshank *Tringa nebularia*

A few birds were seen along the shores of Lake Manyara.

Courser & Pratincoles Glareolidae

Temminck's Courser *Cursorius temminckii*

Our first views of a crippled bird alongside the road were quickly followed by a sighting of two healthier individuals on the other side of the road, en route back to Arusha.

Double-banded Courser *Rhinoptilus africanus*

The commonest courser, seen in Tarangire and Serengeti NPs.

Note: Clements places this species in a different genus to the IOC nomenclature, namely Smutsornis.

Three-banded Courser *Rhinoptilus cinctus*

We were thrilled to find a pair of these lovely coursers hiding in the grass in Tarangire NP.

Collared Pratincole *Glareola pratincola*

We saw 25 of these elegant birds at Lake Manyara.

Gulls, Terns & Skimmers Laridae

Grey-hooded (-headed) Gull *Larus cirrocephalus*

Three birds were present in Ngorongoro Crater.

Gull-billed Tern *Sterna nilotica*

We saw four birds in the crater.

Whiskered Tern *Chlidonias hybrid*

We encountered this tern in its attractive smoky grey breeding plumage in Tarangire, Lake Manyara and Ngorongoro NPs.

Sandgrouse Pteroclididae

Chestnut-bellied Sandgrouse *Pterocles exustus*

We saw two birds well at Lark Plains.

Yellow-throated Sandgrouse *Pterocles gutturalis*

We saw big numbers of this large, colourful sandgrouse in Ngorongoro Crater and Serengeti NP.

Black-faced Sandgrouse *Pterocles decoratus*

This bird was commonly found sitting on roads in Tarangire and Serengeti NPs

Doves & Pigeons Columbidae

Speckled Pigeon	<i>Columba guinea</i>
Found often throughout the tour.	
Eastern Bronze-naped (Delegorgue's) Pigeon	<i>Columba delegorguei</i>
We enjoyed excellent views of two birds along the Elephant Cave Trail.	
Dusky Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia lugens</i>
Good numbers were seen around the Ngorongoro Crater rim.	
Mourning Collared (African Mourning) Dove	<i>Streptopelia decipiens</i>
Seen in savanna habitat of Tarangire, Lake Manyara and Serengeti NPs	
Red-eyed Dove	<i>Streptopelia semitorquata</i>
This species was seen in areas of tall woodland around Arusha, the Ngorongoro Crater and the Elephant Cave Trail.	
Ring-necked (Cape Turtle) Dove	<i>Streptopelia capicola</i>
Very common, seen almost every day.	
Laughing Dove	<i>Streptopelia senegalensis</i>
Another common columbid, mostly seen in the Serengeti.	
Emerald-spotted (Green-spotted) Wood Dove	<i>Turtur chalcospilos</i>
This pretty little dove was seen in Tarangire, Lake Manyara and Serengeti NPs	
Tambourine Dove	<i>Turtur tympanistria</i>
We saw these shy forest doves at Arusha and Lake Manyara NPs and along the Elephant Cave Trail.	
Namaqua Dove	<i>Oena capensis</i>
This petite dove was most common in Tarangire NP.	
African Green Pigeon	<i>Treron calva</i>
We found 13 of these stunners in Lake Manyara NP.	

Parrots & Allies Psittacidae

Fischer's Lovebird	<i>Agapornis fischeri</i>
This cute little parrot delighted us in Lake Manyara and Serengeti NPs	
Yellow-collared Lovebird	<i>Agapornis personatus</i>
This East African endemic was very common in Tarangire NP.	
Meyer's (Brown) Parrot	<i>Poicephalus meyeri</i>
We had numerous sightings of this species in Tarangire, Lake Manyara and Serengeti NPs	
Red-bellied (African Orange-bellied) Parrot	<i>Poicephalus rufiventris</i>
We saw mostly females in Tarangire NP.	

Turacos Musophagidae

Hartlaub's Turaco	<i>Tauraco hartlaubi</i>
Two of these beautiful birds put in an appearance in Arusha NP.	
Purple-crested	<i>Tauraco hartlaubi</i>
We saw three birds at Lake Manyara NP.	
Bare-faced Go-away-bird	<i>Corythaixoides personatus</i>
This comical species was common in Tarangire and Serengeti NPs.	
White-bellied Go-away-bird	<i>Corythaixoides leucogaster</i>
We had daily sightings of this turaco in Tarangire NP.	

Cuckoos Cuculidae

White-browed Coucal	<i>Centropus superciliosus</i>
We encountered this skulker in Tarangire, Lake Manyara and Serengeti NPs.	
Black Coucal	<i>Centropus grillii</i>

We saw a single bird in the western Serengeti.

Great Spotted Cuckoo *Clamator glandarius*

We had two sightings of this cuckoo in Serengeti NP.

Jacobin (Pied) Cuckoo *Clamator jacobinus*

We saw this cuckoo in Tarangire and Serengeti NPs.

Dideric Cuckoo *Chrysococcyx caprius*

We saw this dazzling cuckoo in Tarangire and Serengeti NPs.

Klaas's Cuckoo *Chrysococcyx klaas*

This small cuckoo was seen in the Serengeti.

Red-chested Cuckoo *Cuculus solitarius*

We got views of this vocal yet reclusive cuckoo in Tarangire NP.

Owls Strigidae

African Scops Owl *Otus senegalensis*

We had absolutely marvellous views from a few centimetres away of a day-roosting bird in Tarangire NP.

Pearl-spotted Owlet *Glaucidium perlatum*

We saw just a single of these excitable little owls in Serengeti NP.

Nightjars Caprimulgidae

Montane Nightjar *Caprimulgus poliocephalus*

We saw a single bird, and heard a few more, at our lodge overlooking Ngorongoro Crater.

Freckled Nightjar *Caprimulgus tristigma*

We had terrific views of this large nightjar at our lodge in Tarangire.

Slender-tailed Nightjar *Caprimulgus tristigma*

We had up to six of this nightjar alongside the previous species at our lodge in Tarangire.

Swifts Apodidae

Mottled Spinetail *Telacanthura ussheri*

We saw this swift well in the baobab savanna of Tarangire, including a large flock of 15.

African Palm Swift *Cypsiurus parvus*

This slender swift was common in the first half of the tour, particularly around palms.

Mottled Swift *Tachymarptis aequatorialis*

We saw eight of these large swifts in Serengeti NP.

Nyanza Swift *Apus apus*

We had two of these birds in the Serengeti.

African Black Swift *Apus barbatus*

Four birds appeared around Lake Manyara.

Little Swift *Apus affinis*

A common swift, it was seen almost every day.

Horus Swift *Apus affinis*

We had good views of a 30-strong flock on our way to Lark Plains.

White-rumped Swift *Apus caffer*

Along with the Little Swift, one of the commonest swift species of the tour.

Mousebirds Coliidae

Speckled Mousebird *Colius striatus*

Common throughout the tour, and seen on most days.

Blue-naped Mousebird *Urocolius macrourus*
We found this mousebird in Tarangire, Lake Manyara and Serengeti NPs.

Trogons Trogonidae

Narina Trogon *Apaloderma narina*
We had a fabulous sighting of a pair along the Elephant Cave Trail.

Rollers Coraciidae

Purple (Rufous-crowned) Roller *Coracias naevia*
We recorded singletons on two occasions in Serengeti NP.

Lilac-breasted Roller *Coracias caudata*
This stunning species was common in savanna habitat throughout the tour.

Kingfishers Alcedinidae

Grey-headed (-hooded) Kingfisher *Halcyon leucocephala*
We encountered this beautiful kingfisher numerous times in Tarangire and Lake Manyara NPs.

Brown-hooded Kingfisher *Halcyon albiventris*
Seen on two consecutive days around our lodge near Arusha.

Striped Kingfisher *Halcyon chelicuti*
Our highest number of sightings came from Lake Manyara NP.

Woodland Kingfisher *Halcyon senegalensis*
This lovely bird dazzled us in Tarangire, Lake Manyara and Serengeti NPs.

African Pygmy Kingfisher *Ispidina picta*
We saw a single bird in Lake Manyara NP.

Malachite Kingfisher *Alcedo cristata*
Two of these bright little birds were seen at Tarangire NP.

Giant Kingfisher *Megaceryle maxima*
Common around our lodge near Arusha, and also seen at Lake Manyara.

Pied Kingfisher *Ceryle rudis*
This kingfisher was most plentiful in Tarangire NP.

Bee-eaters Meropidae

Little Bee-eater *Merops pusillus*
We saw this small bee-eater often throughout the tour, in moist grassland.

Cinnamon-chested Bee-eater *Merops oreobates*
After reasonable sightings around the Ngorongoro Crater, we had excellent views along the Elephant Cave Trail.

White-fronted Bee-eater *Merops bullockoides*
This colourful bird vied for our attention while we were watching the Bearded Vulture.

Hoopoes Upupidae

African Hoopoe *Upupa africana*
We found this characterful bird at Tarangire and Serengeti NPs.

NOTE: The Hoopoe complex has had a confusing taxonomic history, with one to four species being recognised by various authorities. Clements splits the group into two forms, Madagascar U. marginalis and Eurasian U. eops. The most generally accepted treatment is that of three species, Madagascar, Eurasian and African. The IOC accepts the splits of Madagascar, African and Eurasian Hoopoes.

Wood Hoopoes Phoeniculidae

Green Wood Hoopoe *Phoeniculus purpureus*

Three of these comical cacklers were seen in Serengeti NP.

Common Scimitarbill *Rhinopomastus cyanomelas*

We observed singletons at Lake Manyara and on the Elephant Cave Trail.

Abyssinian Scimitarbill *Rhinopomastus minor*

We had good views in Tarangire and Serengeti NPs.

Hornbills Bucerotidae

Crowned Hornbill *Tockus alboterminatus*

We found this hornbill in the moist woodland and forest that it prefers around Arusha and Lake Manyara.

African Grey Hornbill *Tockus nasutus*

Common in savannah and grassland habitat.

Northern Red-billed Hornbill *Tockus erythrorhynchus*

We found this hornbill in Tarangire NP.

Tanzanian Red-billed Hornbill *Tockus rauhae*

This western counterpart of the previous species was common in the Serengeti.

Von der Decken's Hornbill *Tockus deckeni*

We found this colourful hornbill in Tarangire, Lake Manyara and Serengeti NPs.

Silvery-cheeked Hornbill *Bycanistes brevis*

This large hornbill was common around our lodge near Arusha.

Note: Clements places this species in a different genus to the IOC nomenclature, namely Ceratogymna.

Ground Hornbills Bucorvidae

Southern Ground Hornbill *Bucorvus leadbeateri*

We saw a total of 14 of these charismatic chaps in Tarangire and Lake Manyara NPs.

African Barbets Lybiidae

White-eared Barbet *Stactolaema leucotis*

A couple of these barbets were present around our lodge near Arusha.

Red-fronted Barbet *Tricholaema diademata*

We had good views of juvenile birds at Oldupai Gorge and Serengeti NP.

Spot-flanked Barbet *Tricholaema lacrymosa*

We enjoyed good sightings of these characters in Arusha NP and later around Lake Manyara.

White-headed Barbet *Lybius leucocephalus*

We had distant views of a pair at Lake Manyara NP before enjoying excellent views of another pair in Serengeti NP.

Red-and-yellow Barbet *Trachyphonus erythrocephalus*

This striking barbet never failed to attract our gaze in Tarangire and Lake Manyara NPs.

D'Arnaud's Barbet *Trachyphonus darnaudii*

We recorded both forms of this barbet – the nominate in Tarangire and the Usambiro subspecies in the Serengeti.

NOTE: The drabber sub-species, Usambiro Barbet (T. d. usambiro), that we recorded in the Serengeti is sometimes treated as a full species. This is due to larger size, greyer bill, and greenish tone to the head and a darker breast band. IOC does not recognize this split, however Clement's does.

Honeyguides Indicatoridae

- Green-backed Honeybird** *Prodotiscus zambesiae*
We worked so hard to get our first sighting of this little species – if only we'd known what amazing, close views we'd have at Gibb's Farm!
- Lesser Honeyguide** *Indicator minor*
A pair of these birds was less than co-operative in Lake Manyara NP.
- Greater Honeyguide** *Indicator indicator*
We only heard this species giving its “victor” call at Tarangire and Lake Manyara NPs.

Woodpeckers & Allies Picidae

- Nubian Woodpecker** *Campethera nubica*
We found this woodpecker near Lark Plains and in Tarangire NP.
- Cardinal Woodpecker** *Dendropicos fuscescens*
This tiny woodpecker proved common in dry woodland throughout the tour.
- Bearded Woodpecker** *Dendropicos namaquus*
We enjoyed multiple sightings of this large woodpecker in Tarangire, Lake Manyara and Serengeti NPs.
- African Grey Woodpecker** *Dendropicos goertae*
We saw this colourful woodpecker in Tarangire NP.

Broadbills Eurylaimidae

- African Broadbill** *Smithornis capensis*
We had wonderfully close, if slightly obscured views of a displaying bird along the Elephant Cave Trail.

Wattle-eyes, Batises & Allies Platysteiridae

- Chinspot Batis** *Batis molitor*
Seen at Arusha NP, near Oldupai Gorge and along the Elephant Cave Trail.
- Black-throated Wattle-eye** *Platysteira peltata*
We found a pair along the Elephant Cave Trail.

Helmetshrikes Prionopidae

- Grey-crested Helmetshrike** *Prionops poliophus*
We were thrilled to stumble upon six of this sought-after species in Serengeti NP.
- Retz's Helmetshrike** *Prionops retzii*
David and Amanda found several of these striking birds at our lodge near Arusha.

Bushshrikes Malaconotidae

- Black-fronted Bushshrike** *Chlorophoneus nigrifrons*
We had fabulous views of two birds along the Elephant Cave Trail.
- Orange (Sulphur)-breasted Bushshrike** *Chlorophoneus sulfureopectus*
We saw this stunner in Lake Manyara NP.
- Rosy-patched Bushshrike** *Telophorus cruentus*
We found three of these beauties on the last day while heading back to Arusha.
- Brown-crowned Tchagra** *Tchagra australis*
We had multiple sightings of this bird at various localities including Arusha NP.
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Black-crowned Tchagra *Tchagra senegala*
We saw this tchagra in moist thicket in Arusha NP and the Ngorongoro Crater.

Black-backed Puffback *Dryoscopus cubla*
We encountered this small shrike in Tarangire, Lake Manyara and Serengeti NPs.

Slate-coloured Boubou *Laniarius funebris*
A common bird of savanna thickets.

Tropical Boubou *Laniarius aethiopicus*
This boubou replaced the previous species in the moister forest habitat around Arusha, Karatu and Ngorongoro.

Black-headed Gonolek *Laniarius erthrogaster*
We saw two of these dazzling bushshrikes in riverine vegetation in the western Serengeti.

Brubru *Nilaus afer*
Our first sighting was in the dry savanna surrounding Lark Plains, and we also saw it later in the Serengeti.

Cuckooshrikes Campephagidae

Black Cuckooshrike *Campephaga flava*
We saw a single bird in Arusha NP.

Purple-throated Cuckooshrike *Campephaga quiscalina*
We had a brief sighting of a pair on the Elephant Cave Trail.

Shrikes Laniidae

Magpie (Long-tailed) Shrike *Urolestes melanoleucus*
A common, gregarious species in savanna habitats.
NOTE: Clements places this species in a different genus to the IOC nomenclature, namely Corvinella.

Northern White-crowned Shrike *Eurocephalus rueppelli*
Found in similar numbers and areas to the previous shrike.

NOTE: The Clements common name for this species is White-rumped Shrike.
Grey-backed Fiscal *Lanius excubitoroides*
We found this gregarious shrike in the Serengeti.

Long-tailed Fiscal *Lanius cabanisi*
This shrike was common in Tarangire NP.

Taita Fiscal *Lanius dorsalis*
We found this shrike in drier areas like around Lark Plains and near Oldupai Gorge.

Northern Fiscal *Lanius humeralis*
A common roadside species on tour.

NOTE: Common Fiscal Lanius collaris was recently split by IOC into Southern Fiscal L. collaris found in southern and south-central Africa, and Northern Fiscal L. humeralis (which we saw) found over much of east Africa and across to savannas in west Africa.

Old World Orioles Oriolidae

(African) Black-headed Oriole *Oriolus larvatus*
We had singletons in Arusha, Tarangire and Lake Manyara NPs.

Drongos Dicruridae

Fork-tailed Drongo *Dicrurus adsimilis*
Widespread in woodland, savanna and forest areas.

Monarchs Monarchidae

African Paradise Flycatcher *Terpsiphone viridis*
Best views were obtained along the Elephant Cave Trail.

Crows, Jays & Magpies Corvidae

Cape (Black) Crow *Corvus capensis*
Our sightings of this species were obtained on travel days to and from the Serengeti.

Pied Crow *Corvus albus*
The commonest corvid, often close to human habitation.

White-necked Raven *Corvus albicollis*
We had quite a few sightings of this heavy-billed corvid, usually in higher-lying grassy areas.

Fairy Flycatchers Stenostiridae

White-tailed Blue Flycatcher *Elminia albicauda*
We saw an incredible 12 of these hyperactive little flycatchers in and around Gibb's Farm.

Tits Paridae

White-bellied Tit *Parus (Melaniparus) albiventris*
After much searching we eventually glimpsed one of these tits at our lodge overlooking Lake Manyara.

Red-throated Tit *Parus (Melaniparus) fringillinus*
We saw a trio of these tits at Oldonyo Sambu, with later sightings in the Serengeti.

Penduline Tits Remizidae

Mouse-coloured Penduline Tit *Anthoscopus musculus*
We enjoyed great views of one of these tiny birds alongside Lark Plains.

Grey (African) Penduline Tit *Anthoscopus caroli*
We were fortunate to find two of the Serengeti form of this species, sometimes called Buff-bellied Penduline Tit.

Larks Alaudidae

White-tailed Lark *Mirafraga albicauda*
We found five very responsive birds in Serengeti NP.

Rufous-naped Lark *Mirafraga africana*
This lark was common in grasslands throughout the tour, especially in the Ngorongoro Crater and Serengeti NP.

Flappet Lark *Mirafraga rufocinnamomea*
We had some excellent views of this little lark in the bushveld of Tarangire NP.

Foxy Lark *Calendulauda alopex*
We had five of these attractive larks on the edges of Lark Plains.

NOTE: This species is treated as a race of Fawn-coloured Lark (M. africanoides) by some authorities.

Beesley's Lark *Chersomanes beesleyi*
We saw two of these incredibly range-restricted larks on the Lark Plains.

Red-capped Lark *Calandrella cinerea*
Good views were had in Ngorongoro Crater.

Short-tailed Lark *Psuedalaemon fremantlii*
We had a chance sighting of three of this nomadic species in Tarangire NP.

Chestnut-headed Sparrow-Lark *Eremopterix signatus*

We enjoyed excellent sightings of this species just metres from us at Lark Plains and near Oldupai Gorge.

Fischer's Sparrow-Lark

Eremopterix leucopareia

These small larks were very common and often found sitting on the road in places like Tarangire and the Serengeti.

Bulbuls Pycnonotidae

Dark-capped Bulbul

Pycnonotus tricolor

Found in woodland and forest, this species was seen on all but two days of the tour!

NOTE: Part of another very confusing polytypic species complex. In Africa the IOC nomenclature recognises the following good species: Common Bulbul (P. barbatus), Dark-capped Bulbul (P. tricolor), Somali Bulbul (P. somaliensis) and Dodson's Bulbul (P. dodsoni). Clement's lumps all of the above as Common Bulbul (P. barbatus).

(Eastern) Mountain Greenbul

Andropadus nigriceps

Three of these attractive bulbuls put in an appearance on the Elephant Cave Trail.

Martins & Swallows Hirundinidae

Black Saw-wing

Psalidoprocne pristoptera

Apart from a few scattered sightings of birds near Ngorongoro and Karatu, we saw an incredible 120 (give or take!) around one of the lakes in Arusha NP.

Brown-throated (Plain) Martin

Riparia paludicola

This small brown martin was seen around Arusha, Lake Manyara and Tarangire NPs.

Banded Martin

Riparia cincta

We had 35 birds in the Ngorongoro Crater.

Wire-tailed Swallow

Hirundo smithii

We saw this dainty little swallow daily in Serengeti NP.

Rock Martin

Ptyonoprogne fuligula

This brown swallow was also seen daily in the Serengeti.

Lesser Striped Swallow

Cecropis abyssinica

A beautiful, boldly-marked bird, we found good numbers around Arusha, Tarangire, Lake Manyara and Serengeti NPs.

Mosque Swallow

Cecropis senegalensis

We encountered four birds one morning in Tarangire NP.

Red-rumped Swallow

Cecropis daurica

More common in higher-lying areas, especially along the Ngorongoro Crater rim.

Crombecs, African Warblers Macrosphenidae

Moustached Grass Warbler

Melocichla mentalis

We found a single bird in a rank drainage line in Arusha NP.

Northern Crombec

Sylvietta brachyura

We found four birds in the scrub around Lark Plains.

Red-faced Crombec

Sylvietta whytii

Singletons were seen at Lark Plains, Lake Manyara and Serengeti NPs.

Leaf warblers & allies Phylloscopidae

Brown Woodland Warbler

Phylloscopus umbrovirens

This lovely little bird showed nicely along the Elephant River Trail.

Reed Warblers & Allies Acrocephalidae

Lesser Swamp Warbler *Acrocephalus gracilirostris*
One bird was seen at a wetland in the Ngorongoro Crater.

Grassbirds & Allies Locustellidae

Little Rush Warbler *Bradypterus baboecala*
We heard this bird around our Arusha lodge and in the Ngorongoro Crater.

Fan-tailed Grassbird *Schoenicola brevirostris*
After being alerted to its presence by its “pinging” call, we saw a single bird in Arusha NP.

Cisticolas & Allies Cisticolidae

Red-faced Cisticola *Cisticola erythropus*
We had our best views of a pair of birds along the Elephant Cave Trail.

Singing Cisticola *Cisticola cantans*
This was present in good numbers at Arusha NP.

Trilling Cisticola *Cisticola woosnami*
This cisticola was also common in Arusha NP.

Hunter's Cisticola *Cisticola hunteri*
We had close, if misty, views of this vocal species along the Ngorongoro Crater rim.

Rattling Cisticola *Cisticola chiniana*
Common in savannah habitat everywhere.

Winding Cisticola *Cisticola marginatus*
Found in rank grassland around Arusha and in Ngorongoro Crater.

NOTE: The IOC nomenclature has split this widespread African group into five species. Winding Cisticola (C. galactotes) that we observed is now C. marginatus and occurs in East, Central and West Africa. The other four species are Coastal Cisticola (C. haematocephalus) that occurs in coastal East Africa, Luapula Cisticola (C. luapula) occurring largely in Zambia, Rufous-winged Cisticola (C. galactotes) of coastal Southern Africa and Ethiopian Cisticola (C. lugubris) endemic to Ethiopia. Clements does not as yet recognise these splits.

Croaking Cisticola *Cisticola natalensis*
This large cisticola was seen in Tarangire NP.

Tiny Cisticola *Cisticola nana*
This aptly-named cisticola was seen alongside Lark Plains.

Zitting Cisticola *Cisticola juncidis*
The common cisticola of grassland areas, we saw or heard it in Tarangire, Ngorongoro and Serengeti NPs.

Desert Cisticola *Cisticola aridulus*
Seen and heard in Serengeti NP.

Pectoral-patch Cisticola *Cisticola brunnescens*
Rounding out the trio of very similar-looking and habitat-sharing little birds, this species was recorded in Ngorongoro and Serengeti NPs.

Tawny-flanked Prinia *Prinia subflava*
We had four in Arusha NP.

Buff-bellied Warbler *Phyllolais pulchella*
We saw four of these tiny warblers in Tarangire NP.

Yellow-breasted Apalis *Apalis flavida*
A colourful species, we saw this in Tarangire, Lake Manyara and Serengeti NPs.

Karamoja Apalis *Apalis karamojae*
We braved the hordes of tsetse flies and found our prize – two of these highly sought-after birds doing their tail-wagging in the western Serengeti.

Brown-headed Apalis *Apalis alticola*

This species showed well along the Elephant Cave Trail.

Red-fronted Warbler *Urorhipis rufifrons*

We found an incredible nine of these critters in the short scrub of the Lark Plains.

Grey-capped Warbler *Eminia lepida*

We enjoyed great views of this beautiful warbler along the Elephant Cave Trail.

Grey-(Green) backed Camaroptera *Camaroptera brevicaudata*

A common species; seen or heard in shubby or tangled vegetation at various sites.

Yellow-bellied Eremomela *Eremomela icteropygialis*

Four were seen along the periphery of Lark Plains.

Laughingthrushes Leithrichidae

Rufous Chatterer *Turdoides rubiginosa*

Seen on two occasions, five apiece, at Lark Plains and around Lake Manyara.

Black-lored Babbler *Turdoides sharpei*

Seen well in woodland of the Serengeti.

Arrow-marked Babbler *Turdoides jardineii*

Seen in Tarangire NP and near Karatu.

Northern Pied Babbler *Turdoides hypoleuca*

This East African endemic was seen daily in Tarangire NP.

Sylvid Babblers Sylviidae

African Hill Babbler *Pseudoalcippe abyssinica*

Two birds were observed along the Elephant River Trail.

Brown Warbler (Parisoma) *Sylvia (Parisoma) lugens*

We found four birds on the descent into the Ngorongoro Crater.

Banded Warbler (Parisoma) *Sylvia (Parisoma) boehmi*

This attractive warbler was seen a few times, including at Tarangire NP and Oldupai Gorge.

White-eyes Zosteropidae

Montane White-eye *Zosterops poliogastrus*

This super-saturated yellow little fellow was seen in forest in Arusha NP and along the Elephant Cave Trail.

NOTE: Clements does not split this from the Broad-ringed White-eye, and instead names them Broad-ringed White-eye Z. poliogastrus.

Starlings Sturnidae

Wattled Starling *Creatophora cinerea*

Seen in good numbers – and good plumage – at various sites.

Greater Blue-eared (Glossy-) Starling *Lamprotornis chalybaeus*

We had some marvellous views of these stunners right outside our rooms in Tarangire NP.

Rüppell's (Glossy-) Starling *Lamprotornis purpuroptera*

This long-tailed starling was common in Serengeti NP.

Superb Starling *Lamprotornis superbus*

Lovely, but common. Common, but lovely. This bird was seen almost daily in most places except true forest.

Hildebrandt's Starling *Lamprotornis hildebrandti*

Similar to the previous species, but less abundant, we had it in Lake Manyara and Serengeti NPs.

Ashy Starling *Lamprotornis unicolor*

This slender, endemic starling was common in Tarangire NP.

NOTE: Clements places this species in a different genus to IOC, namely: *Spreo*.

Red-winged Starling *Onychognathus morio*

This starling was present around our lodge in Tarangire NP.

Kenrick's Starling *Poeoptera kenricki*

A distant, scoped pair high up in Arusha NP's forest canopy kept us wondering for ages until we were finally able to obtain definitive looks.

Oxpeckers Buphagidae

Yellow-billed Oxpecker *Buphagus africanus*

Most common in Serengeti NP, with sightings from Lake Manyara and Ngorongoro Crater as well.

Red-billed Oxpecker *Buphagus erythrorhynchus*

Starting off with fabulous views of five birds alongside Lark Plains, we encountered this species almost daily in savannah habitats.

Thrushes & Allies Turdidae

Bare-eyed Thrush *Turdus tephronotus*

Somewhat of a surprise, we saw two of these normally drier-country birds in Tarangire NP.

NOTE: The Olive Thrush complex has been split into 6 full species. Clements does not as yet recognise these splits.

Chats, Old World Flycatchers Muscicapidae

Cape Robin-Chat *Cossypha caffra*

This species was common in higher-lying forests on Ngorongoro Crater rim and around Karatu.

White-browed Robin-Chat *Cossypha heuglini*

Seen around Arusha and Karatu and in Serengeti NP.

Spotted Palm (Morning-) Thrush *Cichladusa guttata*

Common and vocal around Tarangire and Lake Manyara NPs.

Collared Palm Thrush *Cichladusa arquata*

We had great views in Lake Manyara NP of a pair in a palm tree!

White-browed Scrub Robin *Erythropygia leucophrys*

Seen in scrubby *Acacia* vegetation at various sites, including Oldupai Gorge.

African Stonechat *Saxicola torquatus*

Most common in and around the Ngorongoro Crater.

NOTE: Clement's does not recognise this as a full species and lumps it with Eurasian Stonechat.

Capped Wheatear *Oenanthe pileata*

Commonly encountered on Lark Plains and in, and en route to, Serengeti NP.

Mourning Wheatear *Oenanthe lugens schalowi*

We had initial views at Oldonyo Sambu, with more close-up sightings at our lodge near Karatu.

NOTE: The form we saw is sometimes split as Schalow's Wheatear *O. schalowi*, however this treatment is not followed by IOC or Clements.

(Northern) Anteater Chat *Myrmecocichla aethiops*

Ten birds were seen in the Ngorongoro Crater.

Mocking Cliff Chat *Thamnolaea cinnamomeiventris*

A female bird was seen near our lodge overlooking Lake Manyara.

White-eyed Slaty Flycatcher *Dioptornis (Melaenornis) fischeri*

A common and conspicuous species in forest along the Ngorongoro Crater rim and near Karatu.

NOTE: Clements places this species in a different genus to the IOC nomenclature, namely *Melaenornis*.

African Grey Flycatcher *Bradornis microrhynchus*

Common in Tarangire, Lake Manyara and Serengeti NPs.

- Silverbird** *Empidonis semipartitus*
We saw this pretty flycatcher in Tarangire before encountering up to 13 in a day in Serengeti NP.
- Ashy Flycatcher** *Muscicapa caerulescens*
We found one bird in Lake Manyara NP.
- African Dusky Flycatcher** *Muscicapa adusta*
This confiding species was seen in forest habitat throughout the tour.

Sunbirds Nectarinidae

- Eastern (Kenya) Violet-backed Sunbird** *Anthreptes orientalis*
We saw this sunbird near Lark Plains and Lake Manyara.
- Collared Sunbird** *Hedydipna collaris*
We saw plenty of these short-billed sunbirds along the Elephant Cave Trail.
- Green-headed Sunbird** *Cyanomitra verticalis*
After nearly giving up on this, we had phenomenally close views of two birds at Gibb's Farm.
- (Eastern) Olive Sunbird** *Cyanomitra olivacea*
We saw two of these forest sunbirds in Arusha NP.
- Amethyst Sunbird** *Chalcomitra amethystina*
A pair was seen at our lodge near Arusha.
- Scarlet-chested Sunbird** *Chalcomitra senegalensis*
This species was seen a few times, with the best sighting of a dashing male outside our rooms in Tarangire NP.
- Bronzy (Bronze) Sunbird** *Nectarinia kilimensis*
We enjoyed good views of this dazzler at Ngorongoro Crater and at our lodge near Karatu.
- Malachite Sunbird** *Nectarinia famosa*
A gorgeous male gave quick views as we were heading down into the Ngorongoro Crater.
- Golden-winged Sunbird** *Drepanorhynchus reichenowi*
We saw 18 of these stunners on our way down into the crater!
- Eastern Double-collared Sunbird** *Cinnyris mediocris*
Quite common in highland forest along the slopes and rim of Ngorongoro Crater, and near Karatu.
- Beautiful Sunbird** *Cinnyris pulchella*
Never sitting still long enough for a good photo we nevertheless had great views of these lovely birds.
- Marico (Mariqua) Sunbird** *Cinnyris mariquensis*
We saw this sunbird in Tarangire and Serengeti NPs.
- Variable Sunbird** *Cinnyris venusta*
The most widespread sunbird of the tour, and seen in a variety of habitats.

Old World Sparrows Passeridae

- White-browed Sparrow-Weaver** *Plocepasser mahali*
We saw one bird in Tarangire NP.
- Rufous-tailed Weaver** *Histurgops ruficauda*
This East African endemic was common in Tarangire, Ngorongoro and Serengeti NPs.
- Grey-capped (headed) Social Weaver** *Pseudonigrita arnaudi*
We saw these cute weavers near Lark Plains and Serengeti NP.
- House Sparrow** *Passer domesticus*
Seen on many days of the tour, always in association with human settlement.
- Kenya (Rufous) Sparrow** *Passer rufocinctus*
Our first views were of half a dozen birds near Olodonyo Sambu.
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NOTE: Some authorities including Clements split this African sparrow into five species. Shelley's Sparrow (*P. shelleyi*) occurs largely in Ethiopia, Great Sparrow (*P. motitensis*) occurs in Southern Africa, Kenya Sparrow (*P. rufocinctus*) occurs in East Africa, Kordofan Sparrow (*P. cordofanicus*) occurs in Sudan and Socotra Sparrow (*P. insularis*) which is endemic to Socotra.

Northern Grey-headed Sparrow *Passer griseus*

We saw this sparrow often in savannah habitats.

NOTE: The Clements common name for this species is Gray-headed Sparrow.

Chestnut Sparrow *Passer eminibey*

Seen in small numbers at Lake Manyara and Serengeti NPs.

Yellow-spotted Petronia *Gymnoris (Petronia) superciliaris*

Also seen in small numbers at Lake Manyara and Serengeti NPs.

Weavers & Allies Ploceidae

Red-billed Buffalo Weaver *Bubalornis niger*

We saw up to 70 birds a day in Tarangire and Serengeti NPs.

White-headed Buffalo Weaver *Dinemellia dinemelli*

This striking bird was also seen in good numbers in Tarangire and Serengeti NPs.

Speckle-fronted Weaver *Sporopipes frontalis*

We found this dinky weaver in Tarangire and Serengeti NPs.

Thick-billed (Grosbeak) Weaver *Amblyospiza albifrons*

Seen near Arusha and Lake Manyara.

Baglafaecht Weaver *Ploceus baglafaecht*

We encountered this forest weaver near Arusha, Karatu and Ngorongoro.

Spectacled Weaver *Ploceus ocularis*

We had sightings of this weaver in Arusha NP and along the Elephant Cave Trail.

Black-necked Weaver *Ploceus nigricollis*

We saw a marvellous male in the western Serengeti.

Holub's Golden Weaver *Ploceus xanthops*

We saw a single bird in Serengeti NP.

Taveta (Golden-) Weaver *Ploceus castaneiceps*

This bright, range-restricted species was seen at our lodge near Arusha.

Lesser Masked Weaver *Ploceus intermedius*

We had good views in Tarangire NP.

Vitelline Masked Weaver *Ploceus vitellinus*

Seen mostly in Serengeti NP.

Speke's Weaver *Ploceus spekei*

We saw two birds around Lake Manyara.

Golden-backed (Jackson's) Weaver *Ploceus jacksoni*

We had ten of these beautiful weavers nest-building alongside the river in Tarangire NP.

Chestnut Weaver *Ploceus rubiginosus*

Good numbers were seen en route to Lark Plains and Lake Manyara.

Red-headed Weaver *Anaplectes melanotis*

Singletons were observed at Tarangire and Serengeti NPs.

NOTE: This species complex might be split into two, the southern nominate group would remain Red-headed Weaver and the northern black-faced form which we recorded in Tanzania would become Red-winged Weaver (*A. leuconotos*). IOC does not as yet recognize this split.

Cardinal Quelea *Quelea cardinalis*

Single birds were observed in Tarangire, Lake Manyara and Serengeti NPs.

Red-billed Quelea *Quelea quelea*

We were wowed by the sight and sound of thousands of these little birds going about their business in Tarangire NP.

Black Bishop *Euplectes gierowii*

We saw quite a few in Lake Manyara NP, more at Oldupai Gorge.

Southern Red Bishop *Euplectes orix*

We enjoyed excellent views at a lek en route to Tarangire NP.

Yellow Bishop *Euplectes capensis*

Seen at Arusha NP and near Karatu.

Fan-tailed (Red-shouldered) Widowbird *Euplectes axillaris*

We saw a dozen in the Ngorongoro Crater.

White-winged Widow *Euplectes albonotatus*

Just a single male was seen in Tarangire NP.

Red-collared Widowbird *Euplectes ardens*

Breeding males were seen in Arusha and Ngorongoro NPs.

Waxbills & Allies Estrildidae

Grey-headed Nigrita (Negrofinch) *Nigrita canicapillus*

This delightful songster entertained us on the Elephant Cave Trail.

Green-winged Pytilia *Pytilia melba*

We had two sightings of these colourful birds in Tarangire NP.

Cut-throat Finch *Amadina fasciata*

Two birds were seen in Serengeti NP.

Red-billed Firefinch *Lagonosticta senegala*

Seen in small numbers in Arusha, Tarangire and Serengeti NPs.

Red-cheeked Cordon-bleu *Uraeginthus bengalus*

These blushing cuties were seen in Tarangire and Serengeti NPs.

Blue-capped Cordon-bleu *Uraeginthus cyanocephalus*

We saw these cordon-bleus in Tarangire and Serengeti NPs.

Purple Grenadier *Uraeginthus (Granatina) ianthinogaster*

We eventually had good views despite this species always seeming to give us the slip.

Yellow-bellied Waxbill *Estrilda quartinia*

Two birds were seen on the Elephant Cave Trail.

Crimson-rumped Waxbill *Estrilda rhodopyga*

We saw a dozen in Tarangire NP.

Common Waxbill *Estrilda astrild*

Distant views in Arusha NP, with far-improved sightings in the Ngorongoro Crater.

Black-faced (cheeked) Waxbill *Estrilda erythronotos*

Seen near Lark Plains and in Serengeti NP.

African Quail-Finch *Ortygospiza fuscocrissa*

We enjoyed superlative views of this flighty bird in the Ngorongoro Crater.

African Silverbill *Eudice cantans*

A pair showed nicely near Lark Plains.

Bronze Mannikin *Lonchura (Spermestes) cucullata*

A few were seen in Serengeti NP.

Red-backed (Black-and-white) Mannikin *Lonchura (Spermestes) nigriceps*

We had nine birds near Arusha.

Indigobirds Viduidae

- Village Indigobird** *Vidua chalybeata*
We encountered this species a few times, with most sightings from Lake Manyara NP.
- Pin-tailed Whydah** *Vidua macroura*
Singletons were seen at various sites throughout the tour.
- Steel-blue Whydah** *Vidua hypocherina*
We saw an amazing three birds in great plumage in the Western Serengeti.
- Straw-tailed Whydah** *Vidua fischeri*
This lovely whydah was seen well near Oldupai Gorge.
- Long-tailed (Eastern) Paradise Whydah** *Vidua paradisaea*
Also seen a number of times, most notably at Lake Manyara NP.

Wagtails & Pipits Motacillidae

- Mountain Wagtail** *Motacilla clara*
A single bird was seen at our lodge near Arusha. We later saw a pair along the Elephant Cave Trail.
- African Pied Wagtail** *Motacilla aguimp*
Common at waterbodies and rivers throughout the tour.
- Yellow-throated Longclaw** *Macronyx croceus*
We had a sighting of one bird in the Serengeti.
- Pangani Longclaw** *Macronyx aurantiigula*
We enjoyed great sightings of this pretty bird in Tarangire and Serengeti NPs.
- Rosy-throated (Pink-throated) Longclaw** *Macronyx ameliae*
We saw two of these beauties in the Ngorongoro Crater.
- African Pipit** *Anthus cinnamomeus*
Recorded in Tarangire, Ngorongoro Crater, and the Serengeti.
NOTE: African pipit taxonomy is in rather disarray and much further research is required in the phylogeny of this grouping. Several forms which are considered subspecies are likely to become full species in their own rights and several new forms are surely still to be described.
- Plain-backed Pipit** *Anthus leucophrys*
This species showed well in the Ngorongoro Crater and the Serengeti.

Finches Fringillidae

- Southern Citril** *Crithagra (Serinus) hyposticta*
Half a dozen birds were seen along the Ngorongoro Crater rim.
- Reichenow's (Yellow-rumped) Seed-eater** *Crithagra (Serinus) reichenowi*
One bird was seen en route to Lark Plains.
- White-bellied Canary** *Crithagra (Serinus) dorsostriata*
Common at Lark Plains and in the Serengeti.
- Southern Grosbeak-Canary** *Crithagra (Serinus) buchanani*
A single bird was seen near Lark Plains.
- Streaky Seedeater** *Crithagra (Serinus) striolata*
A common species in the highland forest of the Ngorongoro Crater rim and Arusha NP.
- Thick-billed Seedeater** *Crithagra (Serinus) burtoni*
We saw four birds very well along the crater rim.

Buntings Emberizidae

- Cinnamon-breasted Bunting** *Emberiza tahapisi*
A singleton was seen in the Serengeti.
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Golden-breasted Bunting

Emberiza flaviventris

We had two birds around Lark Plains.

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