



# ROCKJUMPER

Worldwide Birding Adventures

**Tanzania** 18<sup>th</sup> May to 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2013 (16 days)

## Annotated List of Reptiles recorded

**Total species recorded: 15**

**Leopard Tortoise**

*Geochelone pardalis*

We saw a total of two of this species, the largest African tortoise, in Serengeti NP.

**Striped Skink**

*Trachylepis striata*

Seen around Tarangire and Lake Manyara NPs.

**Variable Skink**

*Trachylepis varia*

We had a couple of these around Moru Kopjies in the Serengeti.

**Red-headed Rock Agama**

*Agama agama*

This striking lizard was seen at Tarangire, Lake Manyara and Oldupai Gorge.

**Mwanza Flat-headed Agama**

*Agama mwanzae*

This purple, pink and indigo lizard was common within the Serengeti ecosystem.

**Tropical House Gecko**

*Hemidactylus mabouia*

Seen at Lake Manyara and in the Serengeti.

**Tree/Flat-headed Gecko**

*Hemidactylus platycephalus*

Sometimes lumped with the previous species, this gecko was found at our lodge near Lake Manyara.

**Rock Monitor**

*Varanus albigularis*

We found one of these large lizards in Tarangire NP.

**Nile Monitor**

*Varanus niloticus*

We saw a couple of these aquatic equivalents of the previous species, also in Tarangire NP.

**Nile Crocodile**

*Crocodylus niloticus*

Two of these ancient reptilians were seen in Serengeti NP.

**Flap-necked Chameleon**

*Chamaeleo dilepsis*

We found one crossing the road just outside Tarangire NP.

**Rwenzori Side-striped Chameleon**

*Chamaeleo rudis*

A large specimen was seen about 9m up a tree at the start of the Elephant Cave Trail.

**Southern African Rock Python**

*Python natalensis*

We found a richly-coloured young snake while on an afternoon drive in the Serengeti.

**Black Mamba**

*Dendroaspis polylepis*

We saw a medium-large (+2,5m) individual crossing the road in the Serengeti.

**Common Reed Frog**

*Hyperolius viridiflavus/glandicolor*

We saw a particularly tiny specimen of this already small frog at our lodge near Arusha.

*NOTE: The Common Reed Frog species complex is a little uncertain, with many subspecies that may warrant full species status.*

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