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Savile's Bustard was one of the Sahel specialities seen on Limosa's first Senegal tour © Frank Lambert

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SYSTEMATIC LIST OF BIRDS SEEN ON THE TOUR

[NP = National Park]

White-faced Whistling Duck *Dendrocygna viduata*

Thousands around Djoudj NP, a flock at Wassadou.

Fulvous Whistling Duck *Dendrocygna bicolor*

Good numbers Djoudj NP.

Egyptian Goose *Alopochen aegyptiaca*

Small numbers in the wetlands in the vicinity of Djoudj NP.

African Pygmy Goose *Nettapus auritus*

Small numbers in wetlands of Tres Marigots.



Waterbirds at Djoudj NP, with myriads of Sand Martins in the background. Spot the three Marbled Ducks! © Frank Lambert

Garganey *Spatula querquedula*

Good numbers Djoudj NP and a few around Tres Marigots.

Northern Shoveler *Spatula clypeata*

Good numbers Djoudj NP.

Northern Pintail *Anas acuta*

Good numbers Djoudj NP.

Marbled Duck *Marmaronetta angustirostris*

At least three at Djoudj NP.

Helmeted Guineafowl *Numida meleagris*

Only seen in the vicinity of Wassadou, with 20 in one group.

Stone Partridge *Ptilopachus petrosus*

Heard near Wassadou but, unfortunately, only seen by Frank.

Double-spurred Spurfowl *Pternistis bicalcaratus*

Commonly encountered during the second half of the tour.

Golden Nightjar *Caprimulgus eximius*

At least four seen near Podor, in flight and on the ground calling.

Long-tailed Nightjar *Caprimulgus climacurus*

A roost with 15-20 birds visited near St Louis and one at the Ranch de Bango.

Standard-winged Nightjar *Caprimulgus longipennis*

One roosting near St Louis.

Mottled Spinetail *Telacanthura ussheri*

Only seen on two occasions, with five in total.

African Palm Swift *Cypsiurus parvus*

Seen throughout the trip in small numbers.

Pallid Swift *Apus pallidus*

Observed on two occasions near the Saloum Delta.

Little Swift *Apus affinis*

Most common near Podor, but occasional observations elsewhere.

Horus Swift *Apus horus*

At least ten seen near Podor, visiting a mixed colony with Little Swift.

Western Grey Plantain-eater *Crinifer piscator*

Only seen in the southern areas visited during the trip, with up to eight in a single day.



Western Grey Plantain-eater was seen daily on the second half of the Senegal tour © Frank Lambert

Savile's Bustard *Lophotis savilei*

One seen extremely well in a narrow strip of Acacia dominated habitat near Tres Marigots.

Senegal Coucal *Centropus senegalensis*

Commonly seen throughout in small numbers.

Chestnut-bellied Sandgrouse *Pterocles exustus*

About 85 seen, including one flock of 63, during the first four days of the trip.

Four-banded Sandgrouse *Pterocles quadricinctus*

Seen coming to the Gambia River to drink after dark, and at sites near Toubakouta.



A Four-banded Sandgrouse slinking off in thick grass on Sipo Island, Saloum Delta © Frank Lambert

Rock Dove *Columba livia*

Noticed in some urban areas.

Speckled Pigeon *Columba guinea*

Commonly seen throughout in small numbers.

European Turtle Dove *Streptopelia turtur*

One seen in the Wassadou area was the sole sighting of the tour.

Adamawa Turtle Dove *Streptopelia hypopyrrha*

Only seen at Wassadou, with small numbers noted.

African Collared Dove *Streptopelia roseogrisea*

Seen almost daily in small numbers during the first half of the trip.

Mourning Collared Dove *Streptopelia decipiens*

Ubiquitous and common, and seen nearly every day of the trip.

Red-eyed Dove *Streptopelia semitorquata*

Only seen during the second half of the trip, when found to be fairly common.

Vinaceous Dove *Streptopelia vinacea*

Commonly seen and heard throughout the tour.

Laughing Dove *Spilopelia senegalensis*

Widespread and common.

Black-billed Wood Dove *Turtur abyssinicus*

Commonly seen during the second half of the trip, but only two were found during our first week.

Namaqua Dove *Oena capensis*

Very common and widespread in Senegal.



Namaqua Doves were seen and heard daily during our Senegal tour © Frank Lambert

Bruce's Green Pigeon *Treron waalia*

Only found in the areas visited near Toubakouta, where reasonably common.

African Green Pigeon *Treron calvus*

Only two sightings, both in flight, and both near Toubakouta.

African Finfoot *Podica senegalensis*

Only seen at Wassadou, with at least three seen on one boat trip.

Common Moorhen *Gallinula chloropus*

Found in Djoudj NP and in wetlands of the Tres Marigots.

Allen's Gallinule *Porphyrio alleni*

10-15 observed in a small wetland near Djoudj NP just as it got dark, but otherwise only seen at Tres Marigots.

African Swampphen *Porphyrio madagascariensis*

Fairly common in freshwater wetlands of Djoudj NP and around Tres Marigots.



African Swampphen hides for much of the day but was sometimes found feeding in the open at dusk © Frank Lambert

Black Crake *Zapornia flavirostra*

Small numbers in freshwater wetlands of Djoudj NP and around Tres Marigots. One near Toubakouta.

Black Crowned Crane *Balearica pavonina*

Seen only in Djoudj NP, where one flock totalled about 75 birds, with a few other small groups also found.

Little Grebe *Tachybaptus ruficollis*

A couple seen on the drive from Thies to St Louis.

Greater Flamingo *Phoenicopterus roseus*

Only found at Djoudj National Park and near Richard Toll.

Lesser Flamingo *Phoeniconaias minor*

Seen only in Djoudj National Park.

Quail-plover *Ortyxelos meiffrenii*

One or two between St Louis and Kaolack.

Eurasian Stone-Curlew *Burhinus oediconemus*

A group of at least 80 near St Louis.

Senegal Thick-knee *Burhinus senegalensis*

Widespread and regularly seen in small numbers.

Spotted Thick-knee *Burhinus capensis*

Small numbers seen in the north, particularly near Podor.

Eurasian Oystercatcher *Haematopus ostralegus*

Two seen near Richard Toll.

Black-winged Stilt *Himantopus himantopus*

Common in wetlands during the first five days of the trip, and abundant in some places.

Pied Avocet *Recurvirostra avosetta*

Small numbers at in Djoudj NP.

Spur-winged Lapwing *Vanellus spinosus*

Small numbers seen at various locations, usually in or near wetlands, on nearly every day of the tour.

Black-headed Lapwing *Vanellus tectus*

Mostly seen in the Podor area, where small groups of up to 8 were occasionally observed, but a few also near Toubakouta.

White-crowned Lapwing *Vanellus albiceps*

At least four seen on the Gamia River at Wassadou.

African Wattled Lapwing *Vanellus senegallus*

Two seen near Richard Toll, and eight together on the bank of the Gambia River at Wassadou.



African Wattled Lapwing near Richard Toll © Frank Lambert

Grey Plover *Pluvialis squatarola*

Seen only near Richard Toll.

Common Ringed Plover *Charadrius hiaticula*

Fairly common in some wetlands visited during the first part of the tour, and in the Saloum Delta.

Little Ringed Plover *Charadrius dubius*

A couple observed near Tres Marigots.

White-fronted Plover *Charadrius marginatus*

Seen only in the Saloum Delta.

Kentish Plover *Charadrius alexandrinus*

One seen in Djoudj NP.

Kittlitz's Plover *Charadrius pecuarius*

Only found in Djoudj National Park.



An immature Kittlitz's Plover at Djoudj NP © Frank Lambert

Egyptian Plover *Pluvianus aegyptius*

At least four on the Gambia River at Wassadou.

Greater Painted-snipe *Rostratula benghalensis*

Four skulking under a bush near Djoudj NP not long after dawn gave excellent scope views.

African Jacana *Actophilornis africanus*

Commonly seen in wetlands in the north, with a few seen elsewhere.

Eurasian Whimbrel *Numenius phaeopus*

Not uncommon in coastal wetlands, mud flats and estuaries.

Eurasian Curlew *Numenius arquata*

Small numbers in coastal wetlands, mud flats and estuaries.

Bar-tailed Godwit *Limosa lapponica*

One seen near St Louis.

Black-tailed Godwit *Limosa limosa*

Small numbers in Djoudj NP and near St Louis.

Ruddy Turnstone *Arenaria interpres*

One in Djoudj NP and others near St Louis.

Ruff *Calidris pugnax*

Small numbers in Djoudj NP and near St Louis.

Curlew Sandpiper *Calidris ferruginea*

Small numbers observed on mudflats around St Louis.

Sanderling *Calidris alba*

Small numbers observed on mudflats around St Louis.

Dunlin *Calidris alpina*

Small numbers observed in Djoudj NP and on mudflats around St Louis and in the Saloum Delta.

Little Stint *Calidris minuta*

Large numbers around St Louis in various wetlands. Elsewhere smaller numbers occasionally noted.

Common Snipe *Gallinago gallinago*

Three seen near Podor.

Common Sandpiper *Actitis hypoleucos*

Regularly seen in wetland during the tour.

Green Sandpiper *Tringa ochropus*

Occasionally seen in wetland during the tour.

Common Redshank *Tringa totanus*

Observed in Djoudj NP and on mudflats around St Louis and in the Saloum Delta.

Marsh Sandpiper *Tringa stagnatilis*

Small numbers in Djoudj NP and on mudflats around St Louis.

Wood Sandpiper *Tringa glareola*

Small numbers seen in wetlands during the first part of the tour.

Spotted Redshank *Tringa erythropus*

A few found in wetlands in and around Djoudj NP.

Common Greenshank *Tringa nebularia*

Small numbers in Djoudj NP, near St Louis and in the Saloum Delta.

Temminck's Courser *Cursorius temminckii*

Only seen in dry, bushy plains in the vicinity of Richard Toll, with at least ten in one small area, including a few recently fledged juveniles.

Collared Pratincole *Glareola pratincola*

Only encountered in Djoudj NP, where c.15 were seen resting near a large wetland.

Slender-billed Gull *Chroicocephalus genei*

The most common gull, in coastal areas and larger rivers and wetlands in the north and west.



Slender-billed Gull was the commonest gull species encountered in Senegal © Frank Lambert

Grey-headed Gull *Chroicocephalus cirrocephalus*

Found in the same areas as Slender-billed Gull, but in lower numbers.

Audouin's Gull *Ichthyaetus audouinii*

An immature seen resting on a sandbank with other birds at the edge of St Louis.

Lesser Black-backed Gull *Larus fuscus*

Small numbers in wetlands near the coast from Richard Toll to the Saloum Delta.



Caspian Tern was a relatively common species in Senegal, especially along the coast © Frank Lambert

West African Crested Tern *Thalasseus albididorsalis*

One seen on a sandbar in the Saloum Delta was the only one of the trip.

Gull-billed Tern *Gelochelidon nilotica*

Not uncommon on larger rivers and estuaries visited in the western part of Senegal.

Caspian Tern *Hydroprogne caspia*

Not uncommon on larger rivers and estuaries visited in the western part of Senegal.

Sandwich Tern *Thalasseus sandvicensis*

Small numbers seen in wetlands around St Louis.

Whiskered Tern *Chlidonias hybrida*

Small numbers in wetlands in the north and west.

Arctic Skua (Parasitic Jaeger) *Stercorarius parasiticus*

One seen heading north past a beach to the west of St Louis.

Black Stork *Ciconia nigra*

A total of five seen, with two in the vicinity of Djoudj NP, 2 near St Louis and one in the Wassadou area.

Yellow-billed Stork *Mycteria ibis*

Only seen in the Djoudj National Park.



Yellow-billed Stork was only seen at Djoudj NP © Frank Lambert

African Darter *Anhinga rufa*

Common in the vicinity of Djoudj NP, around Richard Toll and St Louis, with small numbers also seen in the Saloum Delta and Saloum River.

Reed Cormorant *Microcarbo africanus*

Very common in wetland areas visited in the west and north, including both estuaries and larger rivers and lakes.

White-breasted Cormorant *Phalacrocorax lucidus*

Very common in wetland areas visited in the west and north, including both estuaries and larger rivers and lakes. Groups numbering in the hundreds seen fishing in the estuary near St Louis.

African Sacred Ibis *Threskiornis aethiopicus*

Uncommon. Seen near St Louis, in Djoudj NP and the vicinity of the Saloum Delta.

Hadada Ibis *Bostrychia hagedash*

Only seen in the southern areas visited, mostly at Wassadou.



Hadada Ibis was only seen in the Wassadou area, where it was very approachable by boat on the Gambia River © Frank Lambert

Glossy Ibis *Plegadis falcinellus*

Small numbers in the vicinity of Djoudj NP, St Louis and a few near Podor.

Eurasian Spoonbill *Platalea leucorodia*

Good numbers in Djoudj NP and around St Louis.

African Spoonbill *Platalea alba*

One observed with Eurasian Spoonbills in Djoudj NP.

White-crested Tiger Heron *Tigriornis leucolopha*

Two birds at the edge of Red Mangrove in the Saloum Delta.

White-backed Night Heron *Gorsachius leuconotus*

One found skulking in dense undergrowth just above the water in the Gambian River at Wassadou.

Black-crowned Night Heron *Nycticorax nycticorax*

Seen at various wetlands, particularly common in Wassadou.

Striated Heron *Butorides striata*

Only a couple seen, on the Gambia River at Wassadou.

Squacco Heron *Ardeola ralloides*

Widespread in freshwater wetlands.

Western Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis*

Ubiquitous in wetter areas where cattle were grazing.

Grey Heron *Ardea cinerea*

Fairly common in freshwater wetland areas where seen in small numbers, although not noted in the Saloum Delta.



Black-headed Heron was only seen in one freshwater wetland area © Frank Lambert

Black-headed Heron *Ardea melanocephala*

Only seen at one location, not far from Toubacouta, where 2-3 were present.

Goliath Heron *Ardea goliath*

At least three at the mangrove edge in Saloum Delta.

Purple Heron *Ardea purpurea*

Widespread. Occasionally seen in freshwater wetlands, but also in the Saloum Delta.

Great Egret *Ardea alba*

Widespread and small numbers seen on most days of the tour.

Yellow-billed Egret *Ardea brachyrhyncha*

Observed on half the days of the trip, but nowhere common.

Black Heron *Egretta ardesiaca*

Seen occasionally in freshwater wetlands, especially common around Tres Marigots.

Little Egret *Egretta garzetta*

Observed in wetlands during the first part of the trip, but nowhere common.

Western Reef Heron *Egretta gularis*

Common to very common along coasts and in estuaries, as well as inland along tidal parts of larger rivers.

Hamerkop *Scopus umbretta*

Seen near Podor, along the river at Wassadou, and in the vicinity of Toubakouta.



Hamerkop was easily seen at close quarters along the Gambia River at Wassadou © Frank Lambert

Great White Pelican *Pelecanus onocrotalus*

Several thousand seen in Djoudj NP, where a large breeding colony was visited.

Pink-backed Pelican *Pelecanus rufescens*

Small numbers at Djoudj NP and in estuaries and wetlands close to the coast. Seen on eight days.

Osprey *Pandion haliaetus*

Occasionally seen at wetlands throughout the tour, with up to four in a day.

Black-winged Kite *Elanus caeruleus*

Seen around St Louis, with about eight found on 20 January.

Scissor-tailed Kite *Chelictinia riocourii*

Thousands seen at the kite roost on Kousmar Island near Kaolack.

African Harrier-hawk *Polyboroides typus*

A few seen around Wassadou and one near Toubakouta.

Palm-nut Vulture *Gypohierax angolensis*

Only seen in the Saloum Delta, where a few birds were observed.

White-backed Vulture *Gyps africanus*

Only seen in the area between Thies and Richard Toll, gathering with other feeding vultures.

Ruppell's Vulture *Gyps rueppelli*

Only seen in the area between Thies and Richard Toll, gathering with other feeding vultures. At least 20 were found on one of these days.

Griffon Vulture *Gyps fulvus*

Only seen in the area between Thies and Richard Toll, gathering with other feeding vultures. An estimated 40 were seen on one day.

Lappet-faced Vulture *Torgos tracheliotos*

At least five were found, mostly with other vultures at dead animals, but also one at a nest on our way to the airport.



Hooded Vultures with a few Piaciac near the main E-W highway © Frank Lambert

Hooded Vulture *Necrosyrtes monachus*

The most widespread vulture encountered, with groups of up to 20 seen on a number of occasions.

Bateleur *Terathopius ecaudatus*

Only seen on one occasion, in the east.

Short-toed Snake Eagle *Circaetus gallicus*

Seen on most days during the first part of the tour, with five during our drive from Thies to Podor.

Beaudouin's Snake Eagle *Circaetus beaudouini*

First seen on the drive from Kaolack to Tambacounda, and subsequently at least three seen in and around Wassadou.

Brown Snake Eagle *Circaetus cinereus*

Seen on the drive from Kaolack to Tambacounda.

Western Banded Snake Eagle *Circaetus cinerascens*

One seen on the drive from Tambacounda to Toubakouta.

Long-crested Eagle *Lophaetus occipitalis*

Only seen once, a bird in flight near Toubakouta

Martial Eagle *Polemaetus bellicosus*

One seen near Toubakouta

Wahlberg's Eagle *Hieraaetus wahlbergi*

A few sightings at Wassadou and one near Toubakouta.

Booted Eagle *Hieraaetus pennatus*

Only seen in the far north.

Bonelli's Eagle *Aquila fasciata*

One seen in the far north near Podor and another north of Kaolack.

African Hawk-eagle *Aquila spilogaster*

Two seen soaring above the Gambia River at Wassadou.

Lizard Buzzard *Kaupifalco monogrammicus*

One in the hotel garden near the Saloum River.

Gabar Goshawk *Micronisus gabar*

One observed near Wassadou and another on our journey to Toubakouta.

Dark Chanting Goshawk *Melierax metabates*

A few seen during the tour, usually perched on roadside pylons and wires.



Dark Chanting Goshawk was occasionally seen perched along roadsides during our Senegal tour © Frank Lambert

Shikra *Accipiter badius*

A couple seen in the Wassadou area and another near Toubakouta.

Western Marsh Harrier *Circus aeruginosus*

Fairly common in wetlands with up to 15 in Djoudj NP.

Pallid Harrier *Circus macrourus*

A male in Djoudj NP.

Montagu's Harrier *Circus pygargus*

A male in Djoudj NP and two near the Saloum River, flying towards Kousmar Island.

Black Kite *Milvus migrans*

Only identified in the Saloum Delta, where much rarer than Yellow-billed Kite.

Yellow-billed Kite *Milvus aegyptius*

Very common in the western areas visited, particularly in and around towns and villages.

African Fish Eagle *Haliaeetus vocifer*

Common in Djoudj NP and seen at Wassadou.

Western Barn Owl *Tyto alba*

An observation hide in Djoudj NP contained seven well-grown fledglings.

Pearl-spotted Owlet *Glaucidium perlatum*

Widespread, with several heard and a few seen.

Northern White-faced Owl *Ptilopsis leucotis*

One at Ranch de Bango and another at Wassadou, both seen at night.

Greyish Eagle-owl *Bubo cinerascens*

One on mudflats in the Saloum Delta just before dawn.

Verreaux's Eagle-owl *Ketupa lactea*

One roosting atop a large tree between Tambacounda and Kaolack.

Blue-naped Mousebird *Urocolius macrourus*

First seen outside our hotel in Thies, then subsequently occasionally observed in areas visited in the north and east.

Eurasian Hoopoe *Upupa epops*

Relatively common in the drier areas of the north, less so moving southwards.

Eurasian Hoopoe *Upupa [epops] senegalensis*

A couple identified in the north.

Green Wood Hoopoe *Phoeniculus purpureus*

Widespread and seen occasionally in both drier areas and wetter sites visited, such as Wassadou.

Black Scimitarbill *Rhinopomastus aterrimus*

Only seen on one occasion, a pair near Toubakouta.

Western Red-billed Hornbill *Tockus kempfi*

Widespread and seen daily.

African Grey Hornbill *Lophoceros nasutus*

Widespread in the south and east, but not seen in drier areas near Podor and Richard Toll.



African Grey Hornbill is widespread and common, but rare in the north of Senegal © Frank Lambert

Purple Roller *Coracias naevius*

One at Wassadou and several near Toubakouta, where seen daily. The English name of this species was changed from Rufous-crowned Roller to what can only be described as a confusing name.

Abyssinian Roller *Coracias abyssinicus*

Widespread, seen daily.

Broad-billed Roller *Eurystomus glaucurus*

A few observed near Wassadou.

Grey-headed Kingfisher *Halcyon leucocephala*

Only seen at Wassadou where a few were noted.

Striped Kingfisher *Halcyon chelicuti*

Widespread but only a few observed.

Blue-breasted Kingfisher *Halcyon malimbica*

Only seen at Wassadou where a few were noted.

Malachite Kingfisher *Corythornis cristatus*

Widespread and seen in wetlands regularly.

Giant Kingfisher *Megaceryle maxima*

Only seen at Wassadou where a few were noted.

Pied Kingfisher *Ceryle rudis*

Widespread and seen in most major wetland areas visited.



Giant Kingfisher was easily seen along the banks of the Gambia River at Wassadou © Frank Lambert

Swallow-tailed Bee-eater *Merops hirundineus*

Seen only near Toubakouta, where up to six seen together.

Blue-cheeked Bee-eater *Merops persicus*

Widespread and seen regularly during the trip.

European Bee-eater *Merops apiaster*

Small numbers observed daily in the Toubakouta area.

Northern Carmine Bee-eater *Merops nubicus*

Large groups, at least 60, observed near the Gambia River, Wassadou.



Small numbers of Little Bee-eaters were seen on a number of occasions © Frank Lambert

Little Bee-eater *Merops pusillus*

Found in the vicinity of Djoudj NP, and St Louis, as well as near Wassadou.

African Green Bee-eater *Merops viridissimus*

Only observed in the Podor area and near Richard Toll.

Red-throated Bee-eater *Merops bulocki*

A large colony observed on the banks of the Gambia River near Wassadou, and a few seen noted in the east.



The nest holes of Red-throated Bee-eater are relatively small, neat and densely packed © Frank Lambert

Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird *Pogoniulus chrysoconus*

First observed at Ranch de Bango, and subsequently heard or observed in several areas.

Vieillot's Barbet *Lybius vieilloti*

Widespread and seen regularly during the trip.

Bearded Barbet *Lybius dubius*

Sightings mostly confined to the area near Toubakouta.



The 'beard' of Bearded Barbet is apparent even at a distance © Frank Lambert

Lesser Honeyguide *Indicator minor*

One observed near Toubakouta.

Greater Honeyguide *Indicator indicator*

Widespread. Found on three dates.

Eurasian Wryneck *Jynx torquilla*

A few seen in the north, in drier habitats near Richard Toll.

Fine-spotted Woodpecker *Campethera punctuligera*

Several in the Toubakouta area.

Little Grey Woodpecker *Dendropicos elachus*

Only seen in the north, in an area between Richard Toll and Podor.



The only Cardinal Woodpecker seen on the tour was near Wassadou © Frank Lambert

Cardinal Woodpecker *Dendropicos fuscescens*

Recorded only once, at Wassadou.

African Grey Woodpecker *Dendropicos goertae*

The most widespread woodpecker, seen regularly during the tour.

Lesser Kestrel *Falco naumanni*

A few seen from our hotel in Kaolack and about 60 observed as we left Kousmar Island around dusk.



African Grey Woodpecker was seen in many locations, here with a Northern Grey-headed Sparrow © Frank Lambert

Common Kestrel *Falco tinnunculus*

Widespread but uncommon. Noted occasionally.

Grey Kestrel *Falco ardosiaceus*

The most commonly seen kestrel species on the tour, primarily in southern areas we visited.

Red-necked Falcon *Falco chicquera*

Small numbers noted in the vicinity of Wassadou and near Toubakouta.

African Hobby *Falco cuvierii*

One seen near Wassadou.

Lanner Falcon *Falco biarmicus*

A pair and an individual seen on different days near Toubakouta.

Peregrine Falcon *Falco peregrinus*

One on the mud along the river near Kousmar Island

Senegal Parrot *Poicephalus senegalus*

Widespread in southern areas visited, especially around Toubakouta.

Rose-ringed Parakeet *Psittacula krameri*

Widespread, with occasional sightings of small groups.

Senegal Batis *Batis senegalensis*

First seen at Ranch de Bango, and subsequently at a couple of other sites.

Brown-throated (Common) Wattle-eye *Platysteira cyanea*

Observed only at Wassadou.

Black-crowned Tchagra *Tchagra senegalus*

Widespread and occasionally seen.

Northern Puffback *Dryoscopus gambensis*

Observed a few times near Toubakouta.

Yellow-crowned Gonolek *Laniarius barbarus*

Widespread, and encountered most days, although heard more often than seen.

Brubru *Nilaus afer*

Two seen on our first day, but not encountered subsequently.



A male Senegal Batis at Ranch de Bango hotel © Frank Lambert

Great Grey Shrike *Lanius excubitor*

Small numbers observed daily in the north, especially around Podor. Most birds were *leucopygos*, which breeds in the Sahel, but near Podor we also saw 1-2 birds of the subspecies *elegans*, which breeds in the Sahara.

Woodchat Shrike *Lanius senator*

Very widespread, with the nominate subspecies greatly outnumbering birds from the West Mediterranean (Balearic) *badius*.

White (Long-crested) Helmetshrike *Prionops plumatus plumatus*

A large group, including young birds, seen very well at Wassadou.



Part of a large group of White Helmetshrikes seen at Wassadou, exhibiting their distinctive long crests © Frank Lambert

Yellow-billed Shrike *Corvinella corvina*

Small numbers at Wassadou and around Toubakouta.

African Golden Oriole *Oriolus auratus*

Individual males seen twice, both near Toubakouta.



Glossy-backed Drongo was seen regularly on the trip © Frank Lambert

Glossy-backed Drongo *Dicrurus divaricatus*

Widespread and seen in small numbers.

African Paradise Flycatcher *Terpsiphone viridis*

Only seen near Wassadou.

Piapiac *Ptilostomus afer*

First seen on route to Wassadou, and subsequently seen daily.



A group of Piapiac riding on the backs of goats near Kaolack © Frank Lambert

Pied Crow *Corvus albus*

Widespread, but most common in the north and west.

African Blue Flycatcher *Elminia longicauda*

One heard at Wassadou.

Sennar Penduline Tit *Anthoscopus punctifrons*

One, perhaps two, seen well between Richard Toll and Podor on our first full day.

Yellow Penduline Tit *Anthoscopus parvulus*

A single bird found near Toubakouta.

Black-crowned Sparrow-lark *Eremopterix nigriceps*

Observed only in the dry north, with up to eight in one day.



A pair of Black-crowned Sparrow-larks near Richard Toll © Frank Lambert

Chestnut-backed Sparrow-Lark *Eremopterix leucotis*

Widespread, seen occasionally in small numbers.

Singing Bush Lark *Mirafra cantillans*

Only seen in the vicinity of Tres Marigots.

Crested Lark *Galerida cristata*

Widespread but not particularly common, encountered mostly in the north.

Common Bulbul *Pycnonotus barbatus*

Widespread and common.

Sand Martin *Riparia riparia*

Hundreds of thousands seen swarming in Djoudj NP, and smaller numbers occasionally seen elsewhere.

Barn Swallow *Hirundo rustica*

Small numbers observed in the north, around Podor and Djoudj NP.

Red-chested Swallow *Hirundo lucida*

A few seen in the vicinity of Richard Toll and Toubakouta, where very localised.

Western House Martin *Delichon urbicum*

Thousands seen congregating near Toubakouta on one occasion. A few birds seen elsewhere in this area.

Mosque Swallow *Cecropis senegalensis*

Only observed once, near Toubakouta.

West African Swallow *Cecropis domicella*

Only observed once, near Toubakouta, where about five individuals were probably breeding.

Northern Crombec *Sylvietta brachyura*

Widespread, especially in the north, with individuals occasionally seen.

Western Bonelli's Warbler *Phylloscopus bonelli*

Commonly observed in the north and west.

Willow Warbler *Phylloscopus trochilus*

Only identified once during the tour.

Common Chiffchaff *Phylloscopus collybita*

Small numbers seen, with most in the garden of Ranch de Bango.

Greater Swamp Warbler *Acrocephalus rufescens*

Only seen in Djoudj NP, where more easily heard than seen.

Sedge Warbler *Acrocephalus schoenobaenus*

Not uncommon in Djoudj NP. Not seen elsewhere.

African Reed Warbler *Acrocephalus (scirpaceus) baeticatus*

A couple observed in Djoudj NP.

Western Olivaceous Warbler *Iduna opaca*

Widespread in the north and east, particularly in Acacia trees, where a few seen most days.

Melodious Warbler *Hippolais polyglotta*

Only seen a couple of times, once at Wassadou, and once near Toubakouta.

Singing Cisticola *Cisticola cantans*

A couple seen during roadside stops in the Wassadou/Tambacounda area.

Winding Cisticola *Cisticola marginatus*

One seen in the vicinity of Djoudj NP.

'African' Zitting Cisticola *Cisticola juncidis uropygialis*

One seen very well near Podor and another near Toubakouta.

Desert Cisticola *Cisticola aridulus*

A couple seen well in the general area where we searched for Quail-plover.

Tawny-flanked Prinia *Prinia subflava*

Widespread and seen almost daily.

River Prinia *Prinia fluviatilis*

This cryptic, localised endemic was seen only in Djoudj NP and at Trest Marigots near St Louis.

Cricket Warbler *Spiloptila clamans*

At least seven observed near Podor.

Oriole Warbler *Hypergerus atriceps*

Heard and glimpsed at Wassadou.

Grey-backed Camaroptera *Camaroptera brevicaudata*

Regularly encountered on the trip.

Yellow-bellied Eremomela *Eremomela icteropygialis*

Fairly common in the drier north.

Senegal Eremomela *Eremomela pusilla*

Found commonly from Wassadou to the Saloum Delta.

Western Orphean Warbler *Curruca hortensis*

Only observed in the drier north, in the vicinity of Podor and Richard Toll.

Western Subalpine Warbler *Curruca iberiae*

The most encountered *Curruca*, mostly seen in the dry north, with up to 4-5 recorded each day.

Common Whitethroat *Curruca communis*

Uncommon, and only seen twice during our tour.

Northern Yellow White-eye *Zosterops senegalensis*

Small numbers seen during the second half of the tour.

Fulvous Babbler *Argya fulva*

Only seen near Podor, where a group of 6-7 birds was observed.

Brown Babbler *Turdoides plebejus*

Widespread from the Saloum Delta to Wassadou.

Blackcap Babbler *Turdoides reinwardtii*

Widespread from the Saloum Delta to Wassadou.

Greater Blue-eared Starling *Lamprotornis chalybaeus*

Widespread and common between Dakar and Podor, but much rarer to the east.



Greater Blue-eared Starlings are commonly seen along the roadside from Thies to Richard Toll © Frank Lambert

Lesser Blue-eared Starling *Lamprotornis chloropterus*

Only seen during the second part of the tour, with up to 15 in a day.

Purple Glossy Starling *Lamprotornis purpureus*

Good numbers at Wassadou and occasionally seen elsewhere in eastern areas visited.

Long-tailed Glossy Starling *Lamprotornis caudatus*

Widespread and seen daily.

Chestnut-bellied Starling *Lamprotornis pulcher*

Widespread and common in the north and west.

Yellow-billed Oxpecker *Buphagus africanus*

Only observed twice, both times on cows between Dakar and Richard Toll.

African Thrush *Turdus pelios*

Only observed in the hotel garden in Toubakouta and at a couple of sites not far from the town.

Black Scrub Robin *Cercotrichas podobe*

Widespread and seen in small numbers daily in the north, especially from Richard Toll to Podor.



Black Scrub Robin was seen daily in small numbers in the Podor area © Frank Lambert

Rufous-tailed Scrub Robin *Cercotrichas galactotes*

Only seen twice, between Richard Toll and Podor.

Grey Tit-flycatcher *Myioparus plumbeus*

Only observed at Wassadou.

Northern Black Flycatcher *Melaenornis edolioides*

Small numbers seen in the southern areas visited, from the Saloum Delta to Wassadou.

Spotted Flycatcher *Muscicapa striata*

This wintering species was only observed once.

Swamp Flycatcher *Muscicapa aquatica*

Only observed along the edge of the Gambia River at Wassadou, where at least five birds were seen on our boat trips.



Swamp Flycatcher was relatively common along the edge of the Gambia River at Wassadou © Frank Lambert

White-crowned Robin-chat *Cossypha albicapillus*

A few seen in the south, at Wassadou and adjacent to freshwater wetlands near Toubakouta.

European Pied Flycatcher *Ficedula hypoleuca*

A few noted during the tour.

Common Redstart *Phoenicurus phoenicurus*

A couple noted during the tour.

African Stonechat *Saxicola torquatus moptanus*

Seen briefly in the vicinity of Djoudj NP.

Northern Anteater Chat *Myrmecocichla aethiops*

Widespread but localised in northern areas, where seen occasionally.

Northern Wheatear *Oenanthe oenanthe*

Seen daily in small numbers.

Atlas (Seebom's) Wheatear *Oenanthe seebohmi*

A male seen well near Podor.

Western Black-eared Wheatear *Oenanthe hispanica*

A few sightings in the north between Richard Toll and Podor.

Mangrove Sunbird *Anthreptes gabonicus*

A few seen in the mangroves of the Saloum Delta.

Western Violet-backed Sunbird *Anthreptes longuemarei*

A couple seen near Wassadou.

Pygmy Sunbird *Hedydipna platura*

Widespread and common.

Scarlet-chested Sunbird *Chalcomitra senegalensis*

Widespread, with regular sightings from Ranch de Bango to Wassadou.

Beautiful Sunbird *Cinnyris pulchellus*

Widespread and common.

Variable Sunbird *Cinnyris venustus*

A few seen daily in the Toubakouta area.

Sahel Bush Sparrow (Bush Petronia) *Gymnoris dentata*

Observed only near Wassadou.



Never abundant, but Northern Grey-headed Sparrow was the most widespread of the sparrows in Senegal © Frank Lambert

Northern Grey-headed Sparrow *Passer griseus*

Widespread and commonly seen during our Senegal tour

House Sparrow *Passer domesticus*

Seen regularly throughout the trip near human habitation.

Sudan Golden Sparrow *Passer luteus*

Abundant in the north where large flocks were encountered daily.



Sudan Golden Sparrow was probably the most abundant passerine in northern Senegal © Frank Lambert

White-billed Buffalo Weaver *Bubalornis albirostris*

Widespread and seen regularly, seemingly being most common in drier areas.

Speckle-fronted Weaver *Sporopipes frontalis*

About ten seen in the area where we found Quail-plover north of Kaolack.

Little Weaver *Ploceus luteolus*

Observed a few times, most commonly near Toubakouta.

Vitelline Masked Weaver *Ploceus vitellinus*

Regularly seen in the north. Like all the weavers observed, none were in breeding plumage since weavers breed in the wet season.

Black-necked Weaver *Ploceus nigricollis*

Seen mainly near Wassadou.

Village Weaver *Ploceus cucullatus*

Widespread and common, though less so in the north.



A Village Weaver in non-breeding plumage near Toubakouta © Frank Lambert

Black-headed Weaver *Ploceus melanocephalus*

Seen around Djoudj, and between Richard Toll and St Louis.

Red-billed Quelea *Quelea quelea*

Small flocks seen regularly throughout the tour.

Northern Red Bishop *Euplectes franciscanus*

Two seen near Podor, and several found near Wassadou.

Bronze Mannikin *Spermestes cucullata*

One flock seen near Toubakouta.

African Silverbill *Euodice cantans*

Small numbers seen daily during the first half of the trip.

Lavender Waxbill *Glaucostrelda caerulea*

Seen occasionally around Toubakouta.

Black-rumped Waxbill *Estrilda troglodytes*

Only found in the south, from the Toubakouta area to Wassadou.

Quailfinch (Black-faced) *Ortygospiza atricollis atricollis*

At least 20 at a site near Toubakouta.

Cut-throat Finch *Amadina fasciata*

Widespread but apparently scarce. A few observed on four dates.

Orange-breasted (Zebra) Waxbill *Amandava subflava*

Small flocks seen in Djoudj NP. Not seen elsewhere.

Red-cheeked Cordonbleu *Uraeginthus bengalus*

Widespread and seen most days in small numbers.

Green-winged Pytilia *Pytilia melba*

Two seen in the same vicinity as Sahel Paradise Whydah, a species for which it is a host.

Red-billed Firefinch *Lagonosticta senegala*

Widespread and seen most days in small numbers.

Village Indigobird *Vidua chalybeata*

Widespread and seen most days.



A male Village Indigobird near Toubakouta © Frank Lambert

Pin-tailed Whydah *Vidua macroura*

Four seen near Toubakouta in the same area frequented by Quailfinches.

Sahel Paradise Whydah *Vidua orientalis*

Two males in full breeding plumage seen at a roadside stop around a village between Kaolack and Koungeul. Lays its eggs in the nest of Green-winged Pytilia.

African Pied Wagtail *Motacilla aguimp*

Only seen on the Gambian River at Wassadou where a few were observed.

Western Yellow Wagtail *Motacilla flava flavissima*

Good numbers seen in the north and at some wetlands around the Saloum Delta. Of the birds that could be identified, 'Blue-headed' Wagtail *M. (flava) flava* and 'Spanish' Yellow Wagtail *M. (flava) iberiae* seemed to be most common, but **Western Yellow Wagtail** *M. (flava) flavissima* was also observed a few times.



A male Western Yellow Wagtail showing the white throat of the Spanish subspecies *iberiae* © Frank Lambert

Tawny Pipit *Anthus campestris*

One seen near Podor.

Tree Pipit *Anthus trivialis*

One observed near Toubakouta.

White-rumped Seedeater *Crithagra leucopygia*

Widespread and occasionally seen in small numbers.

Yellow-fronted Canary *Crithagra mozambica*

Widespread and occasionally seen in small numbers.



Getting close to Yellow-crowned Canary was easiest in our hotel gardens in Toubacouta © Frank Lambert

SYSTEMATIC LIST OF MAMMALS

African Golden Wolf *Canis anthus*

Good numbers observed in the north, almost all in Djoudj NP. Previously had the English name of Golden Jackal, but DNA studies has shown that this canid is more closely related to species of 'wolf' than to 'jackals'.



African Golden Wolf © Frank Lambert

Pale Fox *Vulpes pallida*

One seen after dark in the Podor area.

Common Warthog *Phacochoerus africanus*

Commonly seen in the north.

Hippopotamus *Hippopotamus amphibius*

Three in the Gambia River at Wassadou.



Gambian Epauletted Fruit Bats at their daytime roost in Toubacouta © Frank Lambert

Gambian Epauletted Fruit Bat

A daytime roost seen at our hotel in the Saloum Delta.

Green Monkey (*Callithrix M*) *Chlorocebus sabaesus*

Widespread in the southern areas we visited.

Patras Monkey *Erythrocebus patas*

Widespread, seen at various locations throughout the trip.



Patras Monkey is mainly terrestrial and not particularly uncommon © Frank Lambert

Guinea Baboon *Papio papio*

Many seen in the vicinity of Wassadou.

West African Red Colobus *Procolobus badius*

Small numbers observed along the Gambia River at Wassadou.

Egyptian Mongoose *Herpestes ichneumon*

A single seen by some of the group near Toubakouta.



A Marsh Mongoose hunting for crabs at low tide in the Saloum Delta © Frank Lambert

Marsh Mongoose *Atilax paludinosus*

Several seen well in the Saloum Delta.

African Savanna Hare *Lepus microtis*

Regularly seen in the dry areas of the north.

Striped Ground Squirrel (Geoffrey's Ground Squirrel) *Xerus erythropus*

Occasionally seen in the drier northern parts of Senegal we visited.

Gambian Sun Squirrel *Heliosciurus gambianus*

Small numbers in the vicinity of Wassadou and the Saloum Delta.



The Gambia River at Wassadou © Frank Lambert



The minibus used during Limosa's Senegal tour, here in typical habitat at the southern edge of the Sahel © Frank Lambert