

Tanzania

Birds & Big Cats

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*(Trip photos, clockwise from top left): A majestic **Crowned Eagle** so close you could almost touch it • Likewise, we had amazing views of **Ruppell's Griffon Vulture** • **Lilac-breasted Rollers** are always one of the highlights • We saw several **Hildebrandt's Starlings** coming to waterbaths • A fine male **Beautiful Sunbird** shows off its scarlet breast patch nicely • A **Lioness** descends from her tree in the Serengeti © all photos courtesy of tour leader Callan Cohen*

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Trip Diary

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Northern Tanzania offers perhaps the ultimate wildlife experience. Its forests, lakes and savannas teem with birds, including a suite of Serengeti endemics. There are also extraordinary numbers of large mammals, from unimaginable herds of wildebeest, zebra and gazelle tramping across the plains, through to top predators such as Lion, Leopard and Cheetah. The birdlife is incredible, from Crowned eagles to Red-cheeked Cordon-bleus. Yet, even without this superabundance of bird- and wildlife, the landscape backcloth to our tour is some of the most awe-inspiring and incredibly beautiful landscapes on Earth!

Day 1 - 4 May Arusha

The group arrived in the evening at KIA, in Tanzania and spent the night in Arusha Safari Lodge, ready for the exciting 10 days ahead.

Day 2 - 5 May Arusha–Arusha National Park–Arusha

We had a leisurely breakfast and left the lodge at 8:30, heading east towards the Arusha National Park. First up were Broad-tailed Warbler, Grey-backed Camaroptera and Tawny-flanked Prinia in the parking area and Wire-tailed Swallow on a nest at the park offices. A Suni antelope made an appearance and a Brown Snake-eagle perched on a tree some way off.

Once in the park White-browed Coucal soon appeared as we stopped overlooking a large wetland area called 'The Little Serengeti': here we found Plains Zebra, Warthogs and Buffalos; the latter covered by swarms of Red-billed Oxpeckers. A kettle of 12 European Honey-buzzards rose up into the sky as we moved to a picnic site, passing Pangani Longclaw, Grey Crowned Crane, Lanner Falcon and Long-crested Eagle. Onwards we traveled to the museum where Sykes's Monkeys greeted us in the trees and we called up the superbly coloured, but highly cryptic, Narina Trogon. The lunch boxes came out and we had lunch surrounded by swarms of butterflies that flitted around us.

After lunch we drove up the local crater ridge, soon coming across Guereza Colobus Monkeys with their contrasting black-and-white pattern up in the trees. Forest birds became apparent, with Montane White-eye, Cinnamon-chested Bee-eater and Stripe-faced Greenbul amongst others. Near the summit we came across large numbers of bright colourful butterflies that were 'hill-topping' to attract mates. Black Saw-wing Swallows wheeled about, followed by Scare Swift.

We stopped with the call of "African Crowned Eagle" and not 20m in front of us stood an adult on a tree, completely ignoring us: surely our best sighting ever! This impressive and powerful predator tolerated good views and photographs before flying off a short distance with strong wing beats, showing clearly why it is capable of taking prey up to the size of Bushbuck. Almost as soon as this bird left a male Narina Trogon came in and almost landed on one of our vehicles, settling not far away. At the viewpoint we had a spectacular panorama across the Ngordoto Crater, with Buffalo looking like miniatures below on the crater floor. A pair of Silvery-cheeked Hornbills sat on a tree growing out of a cliff side as Nyanza Swift passed by. To top all of this, after a few moments the snow-capped crown of Mount Kilimanjaro appeared through the clouds, giving us a perfect view of the highest free standing mountain in the world! We headed for home, where a fine supper awaited us and we could compare notes about the excellent day we had had.

Day 3 - 6 May Arusha–Lake Manyara

In order to avoid the early morning traffic, before leaving we did some early morning birding around the lodge, finding amongst others Brown-breasted Barbet, Golden-backed Weaver and Speckled Mousebird.

We were all packed and left at 09:00, passing through the busy city of Arusha. Once out on the western side of the town we stopped at a roadside wetland near the airport, picking up several wetland species: Red-backed Mannikin, Red-headed Weaver, Black-winged Kite and an unexpected Basra Reed Warbler. Onward and westwards we travelled, having lunch at a big wetland off the highway. Here amongst huts in the agricultural fields we passed Admin's Stork and Capped Wheatear before breaking out the lunchboxes. It was hard to eat with the selection of birds before us in the wetland: Fulvous and White-faced Whistling Ducks, Knob-billed Duck, Olive Bee-eaters and Red-collared Widowbird. By the time we had finished lunch we had picked up two dozen or so bird species and headed westwards for the Rift Valley.

We turned off the main road tarred toward Maramboi Lodge, where we were to stay for the next two nights, and immediately noticed a change in habitat. There was open Acacia and palm tree habitat with small wetlands, which supported a variety of birds. Crowned Lapwings and Double-banded Coursers dominated the ground, whilst Blue-capped Cordon-bleus flitted about and African Palm Swifts patrolled the sky. A Lilac-breasted Roller allowed good views as we stopped our vehicles really close to it while it hawked for insects from its perch. Some game species started to appear: Giraffe, Impala, Warthogs, Blue Wildebeest and a few Plains Zebra. Rounding a corner we had a vista through these animals with a clear view to Lake Manyara. It took some time for our brains to register what our eyes were seeing; the pink haze across the lake was in fact hundreds of thousands of Lesser Flamingos!

Bags were quickly unpacked and we explored the lodge grounds in the afternoon, with friendly Superb Starlings at every turn and Spotted Palm Thrush. A Black-backed Jackal disturbed White-bellied Bustard as Collared Pratincoles flew about. Scarlet-chested and Beautiful Sunbirds, with their indescribably brilliant colours, fed on flowering *Leonotus* plants next to us, allowing for excellent viewing and photographic opportunities. Impala, Blue Wildebeest and Thompson's Gazelle wandered about in front of the constant backdrop of thousands upon thousands of Lesser Flamingos that washed Lake Manyara pink.

When the sun set we retired to the lodge for supper which was an open air affair on the deck overlooking the lake with the stars above us.

Day 4 - 7 May Maramboi Lodge-Tarangire National Park–Maramboi Lodge

After an early breakfast, which was interrupted by Rufous-tailed Weavers and Superb Starlings landing at our table, we left with some light rain about. This didn't last long and on our drive out to the main road we came across a mother Giraffe and her suckling calf. Yellow-collared Lovebirds called, with Lilac-breasted Rollers on trees. A Village Indigobird displayed whilst Grey-capped Sociable Weavers were also seen.

We arrived at the gate of the Tarangire National Park, finding White-headed Buffalo Weavers accompanied by Ashy Starlings in the parking area. Once in the park animals soon appeared, with Impala, Common Waterbuck, Plains Zebra and our first herd of African Elephant amongst a stand of baobab trees. The birds however were not to be outdone, with dozens of species about. A Viteline Masked Weaver worked hard at a nest, which his female then inspected; Bateleurs flew overhead whilst Lappet-faced Vultures sat on flat-topped acacia trees.

We had lunch at a termite mound that housed a colony of Dwarf Mongoose, which were scent-marking their surrounds before setting off on a foraging expedition. Gabar Goshawk was seen, with White-winged Widowbird and Black-winged Bishops showing occasionally in the grasslands. After lunch we visited a river, finding Three-banded Plover and an over-wintering Greenshank. More Elephants were about and we watched as they bathed, accompanied by birds such as Lilac-breasted Rollers and Yellow-collared Lovebirds in the nearby trees and a Bronze-winged Courser. We passed through an enormous breeding ground of Wattled Starlings, with thousands of nests in a small area of trees. These irruptive breeding birds had obviously taken advantage of the recent rains in the area and the sound of their chicks calling for food from the nests was overpowering.

With the day drawing to a close we headed for home and used the last hour of sunlight to bird around the lodge and lakeshore, where dozens of species allowed close views once more. With light rain about supper was an inside affair with bats about and rain on the roof.

Day 5 - 8 May Maramboi Lodge–Ndotu Lodge

We birded around the lodge in the morning, with the usual Superb Starlings trying to get into our breakfast bowls at the table. On the drive out from the lodge the same mother Giraffe stood guard with her calf and we found a male Steel-blue Whydah. A pair of Amethyst Starlings sat on top of a nearby tree, the male's dazzling plumage highlighted by the early morning sun. We headed north and then west through the town of Mto wa Mbu, with its large groundwater-fed forests. Here we found Blue Monkey in the trees and a large flock of Yellow-billed Storks overhead.

We headed up the escarpment, getting a spectacular view of the eastern Rift Valley below us and stopped at a viewpoint, picking up Buffalo and a large group of Baboon on the plain below. Rock Martins flew past whilst a pair of Crowned Hornbills called from the valley below. A large variety of butterflies were hill-topping around us as a male Schalow's Wheatear perched nearby to give excellent views. We drove on, passing through farm fields before arriving at the gate of the Ngorongoro Conservation Area, which had a large troop of Baboons in the parking area. A large 3-D scale model of the greater Ngorongoro–Serengeti area was on display, clearly showing how the landscape had been moulded by the titanic volcanic forces that have been at work in this part of the world.

We headed up the eastern side of the main crater, stopping in a patch of excellent rain forest to find amongst others Schalow's Turaco, Yellow-bellied Waxbill, Mountain Greenbul and Brown Apalis. Onwards we went to stop at the lookout point with a breathtaking view over the Ngorongoro Crater before us. Driving further on, a dark form Augur Buzzard rose up right next to us on the road, allowing excellent views. Over the crater rim we descended on the eastern side, passing Masaai herders with striking traditional dress and herds of cattle. Plains Zebra and Blue Wildebeest were scattered amongst the herds, and we soon came across a large herd of Masaai Giraffe that allowed close views of them as they move past our vehicles.

Once down on the Serengeti Plains, numbers of Grant's and Thompson's Gazelles started appearing, whilst pairs of Fischer's Sparrow-lark appeared to be everywhere. We drove westward across the flat plains, finding Golden Jackal and the slimmer Black-backed Jackal. A Spotted Hyena passed us as we descended a depression toward Lake Ndotu, entering a sparse Acacia forest which hosted Northern White-crowned Shrike and Lilac-breasted Roller. A pair of Kirk's Dikdik, with their huge shiny eyes, met us as we arrived at the Ndotu Lodge; a campfire was burning with a view over the lake in the background. Birds were settling to roost around the lodge as the sun set in the west and got ready for supper in an excellent setting.

Dinner was interrupted by the appearance of a tame Common Genet, which strolled along the roof rafters above our heads.

Day 6 - 9 May Ndotu Lodge

We were up from breakfast at 6:15, leaving the lodge at 6:45 for a game drive. We immediately found Hildebrandt's Starling in the parking lot and Kirk's Dikdik met us we drove out of the lodge grounds. Within a short while we had found a Cheetah in the tall grass beside a track. After a while it got up and moved close to us next to the ground and was content to lie back and watch some Thompson's and Grant's Gazelles some distance off. All around were birds, with White-bellied Bustard calling and a Secretarybird walking past us. Pairs of Fischer's Sparrow-larks were dotted about, Rufous-naped Larks called from low bushes and the odd Bateleur flew overhead. Some Bat-eared Foxes were sleeping nearby as Impala and zebra also milled about.

We had our packed breakfasts until the Cheetah made a move; which it did by simply walking up to the gazelles that were undecided what to do. The Cheetah only started running once the gazelle's had started running and we assumed it was hoping one of the gazelles would make a mistake. With no kill

and the Cheetah some distance off, we moved across the plains, driving through an area totally saturated by tens of thousands of Red-billed Quelea nests. The entire area reverberated to the sizzling sounds of the thousands upon thousands of quelea chicks and Gabar Goshawk in attendance. A wetland area turned up Yellow-throated and Cinnamon-bellied Sandgrouse that were drinking, whilst Black-lored Babbler and Blue-capped Cordon-bleus hung about in the trees. Moving on, an adult Martial Eagle gave good views before flying off as we headed across the plains, passing Kori Bustard striding confidently across the veld.

Our two vehicles spilt up to improve our chances of finding Lions which led to a dilemma, as the one vehicle found another Cheetah and the second vehicle found four Lions. What to do? Eventually we congregated at the Lions, which consisted of a mother with her older cubs and another Lioness a small ways off. We stayed with these Lions for some time, with birds such as African Hoopoe and the peculiarly marked Silverbird about our vehicle. At midday we headed back toward the lodge, passing a large herd of Buffalo along the shores of Lake Ndutu with its Greater Flamingos, Three-banded and Kittlitz's Plovers. Back at the lodge we had a three-course lunch whilst watching the birdbath.

Under normal circumstances this would be a quiet affair, but in this part of the world when a birdbath gets filled the birding is fast and furious, with over 14 species coming in to drink within a short time of the bath being filled. Superb Starling jostled places with Fischer's Lovebirds and Blue-capped Cordon-bleus; Swahili Sparrows traded places with African Mourning Dove and Village Weavers as streams of birds moved through to drink.

This went on for the better part of the afternoon, which we spent birding around the lodge. At 17:00 we went off on a sunset game drive, heading off to the lakeshore and coming across Buffalo and a herd of Giraffe that were off to drink. Coqui Francolin made an appearance with more Kori Bustard as we found our pair of Kirk's Dikdik still on guard at the lodge entrance when we returned for an excellent evening meal once again.

Day 7 - 10 May Ndutu Lodge–Serengeti

We left the lodge just after sunrise to maximize our time in this area and took a packed breakfast with us. We had this at a wetland edge, where flocks of Yellow-throated and Chestnut-bellied Sandgrouse dropped in around us to drink. Black-headed Herons patrolled the reed edges as flocks of smaller seedeaters descended. White-bellied Canaries mixed with Red-cheeked and Blue-capped Cordon-bleus and a Pin-tailed Whydah put in an appearance. Flocks of Red-billed Queleas came in like single living organisms; the avian equivalent of a flying train.

We returned to the Ndutu Lodge where we packed our bags for departure. We found Green Wood Hoopoes around the parking area and then headed out, saying goodbye to the Northern White-crowned Shrikes and Kirk's Dikdik still on guard at the entrance. We headed northwest across the back roads of the plains, passing Lilac-breasted Rollers on trees, Tawny Eagles and a herd of Elephants.

We stopped for a packed lunch under a tree with no sign of human influence as far as the eye could see, surrounded by the birds and animals of the Serengeti. Onward we traveled, finding a European Marsh Harrier over a wetland. We traveled northwards, with large rainstorms that stayed some distance away from us. The landscape changed, with the long grasses being replaced by the short grass plains, which were dotted with granite outcrops poking out the ground. On these granite hills we found both Rock and Yellow-spotted Hyrax clambering about the rocks and trees respectively. On one of these we found a large congregation of dozens of vultures: African White-backed, Lappet-faced and Ruppell's Griffon all with close views. Bateleurs shadowed us as we traveled further north and we found two male Lions sunning themselves on a granite boulder: what a sight!

Von der Decken's Hornbills made an appearance and we found a pair of White-headed Vultures on a nest near to our hotel, where we were to spend the next two days. No sooner had we unpacked than a Senegal Galago was active in the trees and Yellow-winged Bat was flying amongst the hotel grounds. With night having arrived, we had an excellent supper before retiring for our viewing the next day.

Day 8 - 11 May Serengeti

We had an early breakfast and set off, quickly finding Kongoni antelope amongst the herds of other game on the plains. Striated Heron was quickly found, with a large pod of Hippopotamus soon following. Grey-breasted Spurfowl males were calling and Augur Buzzards flew overhead as we came across a Leopard up a tree. There was half an Impala up the tree and a second Leopard clambered out of the canopy; signifying that this was probably a mating pair. As we traveled on, a herd of Elephants passed our vehicle as we watched another pod of Hippos, with White-headed Barbet and Abyssinian Scimitarbill in the trees.

We had lunch at the Serengeti Information Centre, where Speckled-fronted Weavers and Grey-capped Social Weavers hopped over our feet and across our tables as we tried to enjoy our lunch. The splendidly coloured Purple Grenadier made an appearance, along with a Slender Mongoose. Lesser Masked Weavers had nests that were being frequented by a number of other species above our heads.

On the way back to the hotel we came across a Lioness up a tree with an older Lioness at the bottom of the tree. These animals allowed close views, ignoring us and our vehicles parked on the side of the road - especially when she jumped out of the tree! Herds of Impala were about amongst the Acacias near the hotel, along with Topi and De Fassa Waterbuck. Vervet Monkeys were amongst the trees along the river edge. Back at the hotel we had numerous species of butterflies display on flowers in the garden as a rainstorm passed nearby. At sunset Senegal Galago came out once again and Little Epauletted Fruit Bat showed well in the trees alongside Arrow-marked Babbler.

Day 9 - 12 May Serengeti–Ngorongoro Crater

We were up early again for breakfast and left just after 8:00, finding a number of Little Epauletted Fruit Bats, hanging like ripe fruit from the trees in the parking area. At a river-crossing a Water Monitor lizard crept passed, whilst a Nile Crocodile sunned itself in the background. Black Crake and Three-banded Plover patrolled very close to the crocodile, with its large open mouth. A migrating herd of a couple of hundred Blue Wildebeest crossed the road in front of us, heading northwards.

Four Spotted Hyena appeared close to us as they headed across the plain and eastwards to our lunch stop, at the Naabi Gate. Here a small birdbath of water turned up the goods, with Superb and Hildebrandt's Starlings dropping in around us. Blue-capped Cordon-bleu and Black-faced Waxbill made an appearance along with the amazingly coloured Amethyst Starling. Big pink-headed Mwanza Agama lizards sunned themselves on rocks around us as

We headed east towards the Ngorongoro Crater, stopping in at the Oldupai Gorge which is renowned for the palaeontological discoveries that have been made there. After a presentation about the site and a walk through the museum, we set about a bit of birding in the museum grounds. Rock Martins cruised about whilst we found Rufous Chatterer and White-browed Scrub-robin. Purple Grenadier was present, along with White-eyed Slaty Flycatcher and Eastern Violet-backed Sunbird.

In the ladies toilet some sleeping Heart-nosed Bats were rudely interrupted (the bats, not the ladies) as we came in to have a look at them hanging from the roof rafters. We travelled on up the western side of the Ngorongoro Crater rim, finding Malachite Sunbird and Shelley's Francolin en route.

The lodge where we were to spend the next two nights had a breathtaking view of the crater below, where animals could be seen as small dots on the floor. Hildebrandt's Francolin were calling along with White-browed Robin-chats as the sun set over the crater rim and we had an excellent dinner before retiring for the night.

Day 10 - 13 May Ngorongoro Crater

After breakfast we headed out for the day, finding White-necked Raven in the parking area and Bushbuck as we got ready to leave. Golden-winged Sunbird met us along the road on the way to the descent into the Crater.

We met a large troop of Baboons on the way down to the crater floor, along with Little Rock Thrush, Levallant's Cuckoo and Schalow's Wheatear. No sooner had we arrived at the crater floor than we found two Spotted Hyena feeding on a carcass, with Black-backed Jackal in close attendance. A lone Lioness stood some distance off watching the affair, whilst African White-backed, Lappet-faced and Ruppell's Griffon Vultures dropped in from the sky above. There was much jostling between the vultures, White-necked Ravens and a hyena about the remains of the carcass until the hyena settled the matter by running off with the spoils. The vultures and ravens took off, passing directly over us, giving fantastic views of their huge wings as they sought to gain height. Grey Crowned Cranes strode about in pairs against a backdrop of pink from the thousands of Lesser Flamingos in the Crater Lake.

We drove on and stopped at a small waterhole to enjoy our packed lunch, with a dozen Hippopotamus in the waterhole next to us. They splashed their backs with a sweep of their tails and occasionally rolled over onto their backs when they got too hot (with all four legs in the air!). A large bull Elephant stood and watched us nearby whilst a herd of over a hundred Buffalo grazed some distance off. We saw a large pack of 16 Spotted Hyena form and start to harass the outlying Buffalos and soon they had dragged a calf down into their midst. A few Buffalos formed a line and tried to drive off the hyenas by charging through their ranks. The hyenas would retaliate, getting behind the Buffalos and trying to bite their tails. The Buffalos would retreat and then drive forward again whilst shaking their huge horned heads for side to side. Wow! It was however too little response too late and very soon hyenas could be seen with bloody faces and bodies as they quickly devoured the Buffalo calf. Oblivious to this, two large male Buffalos were fighting each other - slamming into each other and locking horns and stirring up their own dust storm. Whilst this drama was unfolding itself, the wetland next to us was quietly delivering birds with Malachite Kingfisher, Common Moorhen, Lesser Swamp Warbler and Long-toed Plover all giving good views.

We moved on, passing flocks of Ostrich and Warthogs up close. In the background was the back drop of zebras, wildebeest and the pink haze of flamingos on the lake. We started up the ascent road, finding a lek of Jackson's Widowbird males, which looked as if they were being tossed up into the air by an invisible trampoline to show off their long flowing tails. Up on the slopes of the crater slopes we entered Acacia forest, finding a beautiful Golden-winged Sunbird and a Variable Sunbird on some flowering plants.

Once out of the crater we drove along the crater rim road, passing through rainforest with incredible views of the crater below and the rift valley off to the east. Our last bird of the day was a European Honey-buzzard which we found as we entered the lodge grounds; with perfect timing we entered the lodge as the heavens opened and the rain came pouring down. We took in an excellent supper and then fell asleep to sound of Montane Nightjar calling plaintively into the night.

Day 11 - 14 May Ngorongoro Crater–Arusha

After a leisurely breakfast we were ready to leave at 8:00, but were delayed as Tacazze Sunbird and Abyssinian Crimson-wing made an appearance. We retraced our route from a few days before, stopping at a viewpoint over the eastern Rift and Lake Manyara. Eastern Violet-backed Sunbirds showed beautifully amongst colourful butterflies, with Nyanza and Little Swifts flying around. We travelled on down into the plains and eastwards toward Arusha with rain falling on and off.

Once in Arusha we wound our way through the crowded streets until arrived at a hotel for lunch. A Silvery-cheeked Hornbill greeted us in the parking area and we found Amethyst Sunbird and White-breasted Cormorant along the lakeshore. After an excellent lunch we moved on to the KIA Lodge near the Kilimanjaro International Airport to await the flight in a few hours' time. Here the extensive ground turned up Wattled Starlings, Grey-headed Kingfisher and Red-billed Firefinch.

By early evening it was time to depart and after farewells everyone took to the skies on the flight over Kilimanjaro and away from the wonderland of northern Tanzania, arriving in the UK on the morning of 15 May. In total, we recorded 377 species, including some heard only.

ANNOTATED BIRD LIST

Common Ostrich *Struthio camelus* The world's largest bird was first seen in Tarangire NP and after then it was common in the Serengeti.

Helmeted Guineafowl *Numida meleagris* Common and widespread and seen almost every day.

Coqui Francolin *Peliperdix coqui* Good views in the Ser (=Serengeti)

Shelley's Francolin *Scleroptila shelleyi* Seen on Ngorongoro Crater rim

Crested Francolin *Dendroperdix sephaena* Small numbers in bush country and seen well Tarangire

Scaly Francolin *Pternistis squamatus* Seen well ANP (=Arusha National Park)

Hildebrandt's Francolin *Pternistis hildebrandti* Seen well Ngorongoro Crater and Serena Lodge

Yellow-necked Spurrow *Pternistis leucoscepus* Common in Tarangire and seen well

Grey-breasted Spurrow *Pternistis rufopictus* This special common in the Seronera and Nduu areas.

Red-necked Spurrow *Pternistis afer* Seen very well in Tarangire

Harlequin Quail *Coturnix delegorguei* Flushed with brief views at Nduu

White-faced Whistling Duck *Dendrocygna viduata* Seen well at Eluanata Dam and Lake Manyara

Fulvous Whistling Duck *Dendrocygna bicolor* Seen well at Eluanata Dam

Spur-winged Goose *Plectropterus gambensis* Seen well in the Ngorongoro Crater

Knob-billed Duck *Sarkidiornis melanotos* Seen well at Eluanata Dam and Lake Manyara

Egyptian Goose *Alopochen aegyptiaca* Common and widespread

Cape Teal *Anas capensis* Seen at Eluanata dam and other saline lakes

African Black Duck *Anas sparsa* Seen well in the Ngorongoro Crater

Red-billed Teal *Anas erythrorhyncha* Seen well in the Ser and Ngorongoro Crater

Southern Pochard *Netta erythrophthalma* Seen at Eluanata dam

Little Grebe *Tachybaptus ruficollis* Seen in Tarangire NP

Greater Flamingo *Phoenicopterus roseus* Large numbers on many alkaline lakes

Lesser Flamingo *Phoeniconaias minor* Large numbers on many alkaline lakes

Yellow-billed Stork *Mycteria ibis* Seen at Lake Manyara and large flock overhead Manyara

African Openbill *Anastomus lamelligerus* Seen at Eluanata dam

Abdim's Stork *Ciconia abdimii* Close views at Eluanata dam

White Stork *Ciconia ciconia* Seen on the Serengeti plains

Saddle-billed Stork *Ephippiorhynchus senegalensis* Seen Tarangire NP

Marabou Stork *Leptoptilos crumenifer* Small numbers in widespread places

African Sacred Ibis *Threskiornis aethiopicus* Lake Manyara and Tarangire NP

Hadada Ibis *Bostrychia hagedash* Seen and heard ANP

Glossy Ibis *Plegadis falcinellus* Seen Eluanata Dam

African Spoonbill *Platalea alba* Seen Eluanata Dam and Manyara

Dwarf Bittern *Ixobrychus sturmii* Excellent views of this nomadic species at Lake Manyara

Black-crowned Night Heron *Nycticorax nycticorax* Seen in Ngorongoro Crater

Striated Heron *Butorides striata* Seen on a nest in Serengeti

Western Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis* Common in ANP and Tarangire NP

Grey Heron *Ardea cinerea* Small numbers at many places near water

Black-headed Heron *Ardea melanocephala* Quite common in grassy fields and towns

Purple Heron *Ardea purpurea* Seen in Ngorongoro Crater

Great Egret *Ardea alba* Seen Eluanata Dam and Manyara

Intermediate Egret *Egretta intermedia* Seen Eluanata Dam

Little Egret *Egretta garzetta* Seen Tarangire NP

Hamerkop *Scopus umbretta* Small numbers at wetlands, often near their giant nests

Great White Pelican *Pelecanus onocrotalus* Seen over Lake Manyara

White-breasted Cormorant *Phalacrocorax lucidus* One bird in Arusha at lunch on the last day

Secretarybird *Sagittarius serpentarius* Fantastic views of a number in the Serengeti and Nduu

European Honey Buzzard *Pernis apivorus* Twelve in a flock Arusha NP

Black-winged Kite *Elanus caeruleus* Small numbers along roadsides and Serengeti

Yellow-billed Kite *Milvus aegyptius* Seen in Manyara

African Fish Eagle *Haliaeetus vocifer* First seen in Serengeti

Hooded Vulture *Necrosyrtes monachus* Seen in the central Serengeti

White-backed Vulture *Gyps africanus* The common vulture in the parks
 Rueppell's Vulture *Gyps rueppellii* Smaller numbers of this cliff-nesting species in the Serengeti and Ngorongoro
 White-headed Vulture *Trigonoceps occipitalis* Pair nesting in the Serengeti
 Lappet-faced Vulture *Torgos tracheliotos* Small numbers of this giant bird from Tarangire to the Serengeti
 Black-chested Snake Eagle *Circaetus pectoralis* Small numbers of this smart bird from Nduu and Serengeti
 Brown Snake Eagle *Circaetus cinereus* Arusha NP and the Serengeti
 Bateleur *Terathopius ecaudatus* Wonderfully common in the big parks!
 Western Marsh Harrier *Circus aeruginosus* Single bird in Serengeti near Nduu
 Montagu's Harrier *Circus pygargus* Seen in the Serengeti
 African Harrier-Hawk *Polyboroides typus* Great views Manyara and Tarangire NP
 Dark Chanting Goshawk *Melierax metabates* Small numbers in the Serengeti
 Eastern Chanting Goshawk *Melierax poliopterus* Seen near Nduu
 Gabar Goshawk *Micronisus gabar* Small numbers, seen hunting at a Nduu water hole
 African Goshawk *Accipiter tachiro* Arusha NP
 Little Sparrowhawk *Accipiter minullus* Seen at our Arusha Lodge
 Rufous-breasted Sparrowhawk *Accipiter rufiventris* Seen flying past on the Ngorongoro Crater rim road
 Mountain Buzzard *Buteo oreophilus* Seen in Arusha NP
 Augur Buzzard *Buteo augur* Common in areas with cliffs and seen very well
 Tawny Eagle *Aquila rapax* Common in the big parks and seen most days
 Ayres's Hawk-Eagle *Hieraaetus ayresii* Three seen in the Ngorongoro area
 Martial Eagle *Polemaetus bellicosus* Good views of this huge predator in ANP and the Serengeti
 Long-crested Eagle *Lophaetus occipitalis* Great views Arusha and Tarangire NP's
 Crowned Eagle *Stephanoaetus coronatus* Incredible extended views at nest in Arusha NP!!!
 Pygmy Falcon *Polihierax semitorquatus* Great views in the Serengeti
 Rock Kestrel *Falco rupicolus* Seen at Oldupai
 Greater Kestrel *Falco rupicoloides* A few seen on the Serengeti plains
 Grey Kestrel *Falco ardosiaceus* Seen in the Serengeti
 Amur Falcon *Falco amurensis* Seen by some at Nduu
 Lanner Falcon *Falco biarmicus* Seen Arusha NP, Nduu and Ngorongoro Crater
 Kori Bustard *Ardeotis kori* Fantastic views of the world's heaviest flying bird in Tarangire, Serengeti and crater
 White-bellied Bustard *Eupodotis senegalensis* Great views in Tarangire NP and the Serengeti
 Black Crake *Amaurornis flavirostra* Good views in the Serengeti and Ngorongoro Crater
 African Swampphen *Porphyrio madagascariensis* Seen at Eluanata Dam
 Common Moorhen *Gallinula chloropus* Good views in Ngorongoro Crater with hippos!
 Red-knobbed Coot *Fulica cristata* Seen in near Manyara
 Grey Crowned Crane *Balearica regulorum* Great views Arusha NP, Manyara and Ngorongoro Crater
 Water Thick-knee *Burhinus vermiculatus* Seen in the Serengeti
 Spotted Thick-knee *Burhinus capensis* Seen in the Serengeti
 Black-winged Stilt *Himantopus himantopus* Small numbers at many waterbodies
 Pied Avocet *Recurvirostra avosetta* Seen at Manyara
 Long-toed Lapwing *Vanellus crassirostris* Seen in the Ngorongoro Crater
 Blacksmith Lapwing *Vanellus armatus* Common around wetlands
 Crowned Lapwing *Vanellus coronatus* Very common on dry grassy plains
 Kittlitz's Plover *Charadrius pecuarius* This distinctive plover seen in the crater and Nduu
 Three-banded Plover *Charadrius tricollaris* Small numbers of this smart bird at fresh water wetlands
 Chestnut-banded Plover *Charadrius pallidus* Great views of this special plover at Manyara
 African Jacana *Actophilornis africanus* Seen in ANP
 Common Greenshank *Tringa nebularia* Seen in the Ngorongoro Crater
 Wood Sandpiper *Tringa glareola* Seen at Tarangire NP, Serengeti and Ngorongoro Crater
 Little Stint *Calidris minuta* Seen in the Serengeti

Ruff Philomachus pugnax Small numberd at scattered sites esp. Nduu
 Temminck's Courser *Cursorius temminckii* Seen at Maramboi
 Double-banded Courser *Rhinoptilus africanus* Commonly seen at Maramboi, Tarangire NP and Serengeti
 Three-banded Courser *Rhinoptilus cinctus* Heard at Nduu
 Bronze-winged Courser *Rhinoptilus chalcopterus* Seen at Tarangire NP
 Collared Pratincole *Glareola pratincola* Fantastic views at Lake Manyara
 Grey-headed Gull *Chroicocephalus cirrocephalus* Small numbers at Maramboi and Ngorongoro Crater
Gull-billed Tern Gelocheidon nilotica Fair numbers on the plains near Nduu and Serengeti
Whiskered Tern Chlidonias hybrida Seen at Eluanata Dam
 Chestnut-bellied Sandgrouse *Pterocles exustus* Seen well near Manyara esp. the Nduu waterholes!
 Yellow-throated Sandgrouse *Pterocles gutturalis* Good views on the Serengeti plains
 Black-faced Sandgrouse *Pterocles decoratus* Seen Manyara and great views Serengeti
 Feral Pigeon *Columba livia* Seen near Arusha and Tarangire
 Speckled Pigeon *Columba guinea* Small numbers throughout, often in rocky places or towns
 African Olive Pigeon *Columba arquatrix* This fruit-eater seen in the crater rim forests
 Lemon Dove *Columba larvata* Heard in the escarpment forest near Manyara
 Dusky Turtle Dove *Streptopelia lugens* Common in open areas on the crater rim, including our hotel
 Mourning Collared Dove *Streptopelia decipiens* Quite common in acacia woodland from Tarangire to Nduu, and the airport
 Red-eyed Dove *Streptopelia semitorquata* Seen near Arusha NP
 Ring-necked Dove *Streptopelia capicola* Very common and widespread!
 Laughing Dove *Stigmatopelia senegalensis* Very common!
 Emerald-spotted Wood Dove *Turtur chalcospilos* Seen Arusha NP and Maramboi
 Tambourine Dove *Turtur tympanistria* Seen Arusha NP
 Namaqua Dove *Oena capensis* Small numbers in dry areas, mainly Tarangire onwards
 African Green Pigeon *Treron calvus* Seen feeding on figs at Arusha
 Fischer's Lovebird *Agapornis fischeri* Common Nduu and also Serengeti!
 Yellow-collared Lovebird *Agapornis personatus* Common Tarangire and Manyara
 Meyer's Parrot *Poicephalus meyeri* Great views Serengeti
 Red-bellied Parrot *Poicephalus rufiventris* Great views Tarangire NP
 Schalow's Turaco *Tauraco schalowi* Seen in the crater forest
 Hartlaub's Turaco *Tauraco hartlaubi* Heard in Arusha NP
 Bare-faced Go-away-bird *Corythaixoides personatus* Great views Tarangire and central Serengeti
 White-browed Coucal *Centropus superciliosus* Widespread in small numbers throughout
 Green Malkoha *Ceuthmochares australis* Seen by some Arusha NP
 Levaillant's Cuckoo *Clamator levaillantii* Seen at the bottom of the descent road Ngorongoro Crater
 Jacobin Cuckoo *Clamator jacobinus* Seen Tarangire
 Diederik Cuckoo *Chrysococcyx caprius* Seen very well at Manyara and many other places
 Klaas's Cuckoo *Chrysococcyx klaas* Heard a few times but evaded a sight view!
 African Emerald Cuckoo *Chrysococcyx cupreus* Great views at Arusha
 Red-chested Cuckoo *Cuculus solitarius* Seen Tarangire and heard elsewhere
 African Cuckoo *Cuculus gularis* Amazing views of one feeding on caterpillars at Nduu Lodge
 African Scops Owl *Otus senegalensis* Heard near Tarangire
 Pearl-spotted Owlet *Glaucidium perlatum* Great views at Nduu Lodge
 Montane Nightjar *Caprimulgus poliocephalus* Heard at our crater rim lodge
 Slender-tailed Nightjar *Caprimulgus clarus* Heard at our Manyara lodge
 Scarce Swift *Schoutedenapus myoptilus* Good views Arusha NP and on the crater rim. The nest has never been found!
 Mottled Spinetail *Telacanthura ussheri* Seen by some at Tarangire NP.
 African Palm Swift *Cypsiurus parvus* This slender swift quite common around palms at Lake Manyara
 Mottled Swift *Tachymarptis aequatorialis* Brief views leaving the Serengeti NP
 Common Swift *Apus apus* Seen over the Serengeti
 Nyanza Swift *Apus niansae* Over the crater at Arusha NP

African Black Swift *Apus barbatus* Seen over the Serengeti
 Little Swift *Apus affinis* Very common especially around buildings where they nest
 Horus Swift *Apus horus* Common in the river gully at Tarangire NP
 White-rumped Swift *Apus caffer* Seen en route to Lake Manyara
 Speckled Mousebird *Colius striatus* Very common!
 Blue-naped Mousebird *Urocolius macrourus* Small numbers, seen well Tarangire NP
 Narina Trogon *Apaloderma narina* Fantastic views in ANP!
 Purple [Rufous-crowned] Roller *Coracias naevius* One bird at Oldupai Gorge
 Lilac-breasted Roller *Coracias caudatus* Very common, luckily for the photographers!
 Grey-headed Kingfisher *Halcyon leucocephala* Seen at Lake Manyara
 Brown-hooded Kingfisher *Halcyon albiventris* Seen ANP
 Striped Kingfisher *Halcyon chelicuti* Seen Manyara
 Woodland Kingfisher *Halcyon senegalensis* Seen in small numbers from Manyara onwards
 Malachite Kingfisher *Corythornis cristata* Seen Ngorongoro Crater
 Pied Kingfisher *Ceryle rudis* Heard at Lake Manyara
 Little Bee-eater *Merops pusillus* Very pleasantly common
 Cinnamon-chested Bee-eater *Merops oreobates* Seen in the Arusha and Ngorongoro crater forest
 White-fronted Bee-eater *Merops bullockoides* Seen at their nest in ANP
 Blue-cheeked Bee-eater *Merops persicus* One flock in Tarangire NP
 Olive Bee-eater *Merops superciliosus* Widespread flocks
 African Hoopoe *Upupa africana* Widespread and seen well many times, esp. Ndutu
 Green Wood Hoopoe *Phoeniculus purpureus* Seen well at Ndutu Lodge
 Abyssinian Scimitarbill *Rhinopomastus minor* Scattered sightings from Tarangire to Serengeti
 Crowned Hornbill *Tockus alboterminatus* Birds below the Lake Manyara escarpment look out point
 African Grey Hornbill *Tockus nasutus* Seen in Serengeti
 Northern Red-billed Hornbill *Tockus erythrorhynchus* Quite common in Tarangire
 Tanzanian Red-billed Hornbill *Tockus ruahae* This special hornbill in the vicinity of our Serengeti lodge
 Von der Decken's Hornbill *Tockus deckeni* Small numbers from Tarangire onwards
 Silvery-cheeked Hornbill *Bycanistes brevis* Great views of a pair in Arusha NP and crater rim
 White-eared Barbet *Stactolaema leucotis* Great views at our Arusha Lodge and Arusha NP
 Moustached Tinkerbird *Pogoniulus leucomystax* Heard Arusha NP & crater forests
 Red-fronted Tinkerbird *Pogoniulus pusillus* Seen at Oldupai Gorge
 Red-fronted Barbet *Tricholaema diademata* Seen at Oldupai Gorge
 Spot-flanked Barbet *Tricholaema lacrymosa* Seen ANP
 White-headed Barbet *Lybius leucocephalus* Seen in the Serengeti
 Brown-breasted Barbet *Lybius melanopterus* This special barbet seen well at Arusha
 Red-and-yellow Barbet *Trachyphonus erythrocephalus* Seen well at Arusha, Tarangire and near Manyara
 Usambiro Barbet *Trachyphonus [darnaudii] usambiro* Fantastic views in the Serengeti. Sometimes considered a subspecies of D'Arnaud's.
 D'Arnaud's Barbet *Trachyphonus darnaudii* Seen Tarangire
 Greater Honeyguide *Indicator indicator* Heard in the Serengeti
 Nubian Woodpecker *Campethera nubica* Seen Tarangire NP
 Cardinal Woodpecker *Dendropicos fuscescens* Seen widespread Arusha, Tarangire, Serengeti
 Bearded Woodpecker *Dendropicos namaquus* Seen Ndutu & Serengeti
 Eastern Grey Woodpecker *Dendropicos spodocephalus* Small numbers seen well, Tarangire & Serengeti. Sometimes called African Grey-headed Woodpecker, and sometimes lumped with African Grey Woodpecker.
 Chinspot Batis *Batis molitor* Seen Arusha NP & Serengeti
 Grey-crested Helmetshrike *Prionops poliophus* Great views in the central Serengeti
 Rosy-patched Bushshrike *Rhodophoneus cruentus* Seen by some in the Serengeti
 Brown-crowned Tchagra *Tchagra australis* Widespread in small numbers
 Black-backed Puffback *Dryoscopus cubla* Seen Arusha & Tarangire NP
 Slate-colored Boubou *Laniarius funebris* Quite common at Ndutu and the Serengeti

Tropical Boubou *Laniarius major* Seen in the Arusha crater forests
 Brubru *Nilaus afer* Seen Tarangire and the Serengeti
 Magpie Shrike *Urolestes melanoleucus* Groups quite common from Tarangire onwards
 Northern White-crowned Shrike *Eurocephalus ruppelli* Groups quite common from Tarangire onwards
 Grey-backed Fiscal *Lanius excubitoroides* Family groups common in the Serengeti
 Long-tailed Fiscal *Lanius cabanisi* Common at Tarangire NP
 Taita Fiscal *Lanius dorsalis* Small numbers in the Serengeti and near Olduvai
 Northern Fiscal *Lanius humeralis* Common at Arusha and Ngorongoro. A recent split from Common Fiscal.
 Black-headed Oriole *Oriolus larvatus* Seen well at Arusha NP
 Fork-tailed Drongo *Dicrurus adsimilis* Small numbers throughout bush country
 African Paradise Flycatcher *Terpsiphone viridis* Heard in Arusha NP
 Cape Crow *Corvus capensis* Small numbers west of the crater
 Pied Crow *Corvus albus* Common on roadsides through towns and farms
 White-necked Raven *Corvus albicollis* Common along the Ngorongoro crater rim
 White-tailed Blue Flycatcher *Elminia albicauda* Seen Ngorongoro Crater forest
 Red-throated Tit *Parus fringillinus* Great views Serengeti
 Singing Bush Lark *Mirafra cantillans* Heard in display near Manyara
 White-tailed Lark *Mirafra albicauda* Seen in display above black-cotton soils at Lake Eluanata
 Rufous-naped Lark *Mirafra africana* Abundant, many in grasslands on most days!
 Foxy Lark *Calendulauda alopex* Small numbers in Tarangire NP
 Red-capped Lark *Calandrella cinerea* Very common on low grassy plains and road edges in the Serengeti and Ngorongoro
 Athi Short-toed Lark *Calandrella athensis* Seen on the Serengeti short grass plains
 Fischer's Sparrow-Lark *Eremopterix leucopareia* Abundant in grasslands and bare ground throughout
 Dark-capped Bulbul *Pycnonotus tricolor* Common and widespread!
 Mountain Greenbul *Arizelocichla nigriceps* Seen Arusha NP & Ngorongoro Forests
 Stripe-faced Greenbul *Arizelocichla striifacies* Seen Arusha NP
 Yellow-bellied Greenbul *Chlorocichla flaviventris* Heard in thickets near Manyara
 Grey-olive Greenbul *Phyllastrephus cerviniventris* Heard in Arusha NP
 Black Saw-wing *Psalidoprocne pristoptera* Common ANP and the crater rim
 Grey-rumped Swallow *Pseudhirundo griseopyga* A few in Ngorongoro Crater
 Brown-throated [Plain] Martin *Riparia paludicola* Quite common around wetlands in Arusha NP & Ngorongoro
 Banded Martin *Riparia cincta* Common in the crater
 Wire-tailed Swallow *Hirundo smithii* Common near water, excellent views in ANP
 Rock Martin *Ptyonoprogne fuligula* Quite common near cliffs and buildings, esp crater
 Lesser Striped Swallow *Cecropis abyssinica* Quite common around our lodges where they are making their long mud nests
 Mosque Swallow *Cecropis senegalensis* Seen at Tarangire NP
 Red-rumped Swallow *Cecropis daurica* Small numbers crater and Serengeti
 Moustached Grass Warbler *Melocichla mentalis* Hear in Arusha NP
 Red-faced Crombec *Sylvietta whytii* Small numbers of this tail-less bird in the Serengeti
 Brown Woodland Warbler *Phylloscopus umbrovirens* Heard in Arusha NP
 Basra Reed Warbler *Acrocephalus griseldis* A surprise bird near Arusha
 Lesser Swamp Warbler *Acrocephalus gracilirostris* Seen well in Ngorongoro
 Mountain Yellow Warbler *Iduna similis* Heard in the crater rim shrublands
 Fan-tailed Grassbird [Broad-tailed Warbler] *Schoenicola brevirostris* Seen in Arusha NP
 Little Rush Warbler *Bradypterus baboecala* Hear in Ngorongoro
 Cinnamon Bracken Warbler *Bradypterus cinnamomeus* Heard in Arusha NP
 Singing Cisticola *Cisticola cantans* Great views Arusha NP & Ngorongoro
 Trilling Cisticola *Cisticola woosnami* Great views Arusha NP
 Hunter's Cisticola *Cisticola hunteri* Seen in the crater highlands
 Rattling Cisticola *Cisticola chiniana* Very common and noisy in bush country!

Lynes's Cisticola *Cisticola distinctus* Seen in Ngorongoro
 Winding Cisticola *Cisticola marginatus* Common on wetland edges, esp Tarangire and crater
 Croaking Cisticola *Cisticola natalensis* Great views of this huge cisticola in the Serengeti
 Short-winged Cisticola *Cisticola brachypterus* Common in Ngorongoro
 Zitting Cisticola *Cisticola juncidis* Widespread in the Serengeti & Ngorongoro
 Desert Cisticola *Cisticola aridulus* Seen in the Serengeti
 Pectoral-patch Cisticola *Cisticola brunnescens* Amazingly common in the crater
 Tawny-flanked Prinia *Prinia subflava* Seen well Arusha NP and small numbers throughout
 Buff-bellied Warbler *Phyllolais pulchella* Seen in the canopy of acacia trees from Tarangire to Serengeti
 Bar-throated Apalis *Apalis thoracica* Seen by some near our crater lodge
 Yellow-breasted Apalis *Apalis flavida* This little warbler seen in the Serengeti
 Black-headed Apalis *Apalis melanocephala* Heard in Arusha NP
 Brown-headed Apalis *Apalis alticola* Seen in Ngorongoro crater forest
 Grey-capped Warbler *Eminia lepida* Heard only in the crater forests
 Grey-backed Camaroptera *Camaroptera brevicaudata* Small numbers throughout but quite skulking
 Yellow-bellied Eremomela *Eremomela icteropygialis* Seen at Ndutu
 Rufous Chatterer *Turdoides rubiginosa* Great views at Oldupai
 Black-lored Babbler *Turdoides sharpei* Common Ndutu to Serengeti
 Arrow-marked Babbler *Turdoides jardineii* Seen around our lodge in the Serengeti
 Brown Parisoma *Sylvia lugens* Seen by some in Ngorongoro
 Banded Parisoma *Sylvia boehmi* Single bird in Serengeti
 Abyssinian White-eye *Zosterops abyssinicus* Seen Ngorongoro
 Montane White-eye *Zosterops poliogastrus* Seen Arusha NP and crater forests
 Wattled Starling *Creatophora cinerea* Very common, and lots in Serengeti. Amazing numbers nesting in Tarangire
 Rueppell's Starling *Lamprotornis purpuroptera* Common in the central Serengeti
 Superb Starling *Lamprotornis superbus* This beautiful species is abundant throughout!
 Hildebrandt's Starling *Lamprotornis hildebrandti* Quite common in denser woodlands than Superb and seen Serengeti and Ndutu
 Ashy Starling *Lamprotornis unicolor* Very common Tarangire!
 Violet-backed Starling *Cinnyricinclus leucogaster* Tarangire and seen well in Serengeti
 Red-winged Starling *Onychognathus morio* Seen crater hotel
 Waller's Starling *Onychognathus walleri* Seen Arusha NP
 Kenrick's Starling *Poeoptera kenricki* Seen Arusha NP
 Abbott's Starling *Poeoptera femoralis* Seen by some in Arusha NP
 Yellow-billed Oxpecker *Buphagus africanus* Mostly seen in the Serengeti
 Red-billed Oxpecker *Buphagus erythrorhynchus* Seen very well in Arusha and widespread
 Abyssinian [Mountain] Thrush *Turdus abyssinicus* Seen crater hotel
 White-starred Robin *Pogonocichla stellata* Seen by some in Arusha NP
 Cape Robin-Chat *Cossypha caffra* Seen Arusha NP and the crater rim
 Rueppell's Robin-Chat *Cossypha semirufa* Heard Arusha NP
 White-browed Robin-Chat *Cossypha heuglini* Seen in crater
 Spotted Palm Thrush *Cichladusa guttata* Seen Manyara
 White-browed Scrub Robin *Erythropygia leucophrys* Seen Serengeti & Oldupai
 African Stonechat *Saxicola torquatus* Seen well Arusha NP, Serengeti and crater rim
 Capped Wheatear *Oenanthe pileata* Very common on the open plains of the Serengeti
 Abyssinian [Schalow's] Wheatear *Oenanthe lugubris* Great views on Manyara escarpment & crater
 Anteater Chat *Myrmecocichla aethiops* Great views in the crater
 Little Rock Thrush *Monticola rufocinereus* Seen Ngorongoro Crater descent road
 White-eyed Slaty Flycatcher *Dioptrornis fischeri* Seen Arusha NP and crater forests
 African Grey Flycatcher *Bradornis microrhynchus* Family groups in dry acacia country, from Tarangire onwards
 Silverbird *Empidonax semipartitus* Great views from Manyara to the Serengeti
 African Dusky Flycatcher *Muscicapa adusta* Good views of this dumpy flycatcher in Arusha NP

Eastern Violet-backed Sunbird *Anthreptes orientalis* Seen Oldupai
 Collared Sunbird *Hedydipna collaris* Seen Arusha NP & Manyara
 Amethyst Sunbird *Chalcomitra amethystina* Seen Arusha
 Scarlet-chested Sunbird *Chalcomitra senegalensis* This striking sunbird was common, often in lodge grounds!
 Tacazze Sunbird *Nectarinia tacazze* Great views at our crater rim lodge
 Bronzy Sunbird *Nectarinia kilimensis* Seen Arusha NP & on the crater rim
 Malachite Sunbird *Nectarinia famosa* Seen on the crater rim
 Golden-winged Sunbird *Drepanorhynchus reichenowi* Amazing views of many males on the crater rim
 Eastern Double-collared Sunbird *Cinnyris mediocris* Seen well in the crater forests and our crater lodge
 Beautiful Sunbird *Cinnyris pulchellus* Small numbers in dry bush such as near Arusha & Manyara
 Marico Sunbird *Cinnyris mariquensis* Seen in the Serengeti
 Variable Sunbird *Cinnyris venustus* Common in dry bush, mainly seen around the airport, Arusha NP
 Rufous-tailed Weaver *Histurgops ruficauda* This endemic very common from Tarangire onwards
 Grey-capped Social Weaver *Pseudonigrita arnaudi* Very common in the Serengeti
 House Sparrow *Passer domesticus* Common around the Manyara, Olduvai, etc
 Kenya Sparrow *Passer rufocinctus* Seen Serengeti and crater
 Northern Grey-headed Sparrow *Passer griseus* Common east of the rift, eg Arusha, Tarangire
 Swahili Sparrow *Passer suahelicus* Common Serengeti and Nduu
 Chestnut Sparrow *Passer eminibey* Seen near Manyara
 Red-billed Buffalo Weaver *Bubalornis niger* Very common from Tarangire onwards.
 White-headed Buffalo Weaver *Dinemellia dinemelli* Very common - and especially conspicuous in flight!
 Speckle-fronted Weaver *Sporopipes frontalis* Small numbers in dry country throughout!
 Baglafaecht Weaver *Ploceus baglafaecht* Widespread. Seen well on the crater rim and ANP
 Lesser Masked Weaver *Ploceus intermedius* Seen Manyara & Serengeti
 Vitelline Masked Weaver *Ploceus vitellinus* Small numbers throughout
 Speke's Weaver *Ploceus spekei* Seen very well in the crater!
 Village Weaver *Ploceus cucullatus* Common at Nduu Lodge
 Golden-backed Weaver *Ploceus jacksoni* Seen at our lodge near Arusha NP
 Chestnut Weaver *Ploceus rubiginosus* Big colonies en route to Manyara & Tarangire NP
 Red-headed Weaver *Anaplectes rubriceps* Seen in the Manyara
 Cardinal Quelea *Quelea cardinalis* Seen at Lake Eluanata and Tarangire
 Red-billed Quelea *Quelea quelea* Big numbers Tarangire and thousands of nests near Nduu
 Yellow-crowned Bishop *Euplectes afer* Seen at Lake Eluanata
 Black Bishop *Euplectes gierowii* Seen Tarangire
 Southern Red Bishop *Euplectes orix* Seen in full plumage at Manyara & Tarangire
 Fan-tailed Widowbird *Euplectes axillaris* Seen in the Ngorongoro crater
 White-winged Widowbird *Euplectes albonotatus* Seen in Tarangire
 Red-collared Widowbird *Euplectes ardens* Common on crater rim in breeding plumage, also Arusha NP.
 Jackson's Widowbird *Euplectes jacksoni* Great views of the males dancing Masaai-style in the crater!
 Grey-headed Nigrita *Nigrita canicapillus* Seen in the forests of Arusha NP
 Cut-throat Finch *Amadina fasciata* Seen by some at Nduu
 Abyssinian Crimsonwing *Cryptospiza salvadorii* A pair of these elusive birds seen at our Ngorongoro Lodge
 Red-billed Firefinch *Lagonosticta senegala* Small numbers from Arusha onwards
 Red-cheeked Cordon-bleu *Uraeginthus bengalus* Small numbers of this smart bird from near Tarangire onwards
 Blue-capped Cordon-bleu *Uraeginthus cyanocephalus* Widespread in small numbers Tarangire onwards
 Purple Grenadier *Uraeginthus ianthinogaster* Views of this handsome species in the Serengeti
 Yellow-bellied Waxbill *Coccygia quartinia* Seen in the Ngorongoro escarpment forest

Common Waxbill *Estrilda astrild* Seen Arusha NP and Ngorongoro
Black-faced Waxbill *Estrilda erythronotos* Seen in Tarangire and the Serengeti
African Quailfinch *Ortygospiza fuscocrissa* Common in the Serengeti and tricky to see well
Grey-headed Silverbill *Odontospiza caniceps* Seen at the bird bath at Ndutu
Bronze Mannikin *Lonchura cucullata* Seen Arusha NP
Red-backed Mannikin *Lonchura nigriceps* Seen Arusha NP
Village Indigobird *Vidua chalybeata* Great views Manyara
Pin-tailed Whydah *Vidua macroura* Males in breeding plumage Manyara and Serengeti
Steel-blue Whydah *Vidua hypocherina* Seen Ndutu
Straw-tailed Whydah *Vidua fischeri* Great views in Serengeti
Long-tailed Paradise Whydah *Vidua paradisaea* Male in display seen Tarangire
African Pied Wagtail *Motacilla aguimp* Low numbers at a few places
Yellow-throated Longclaw *Macronyx croceus* Seen Serengeti
Pangani Longclaw *Macronyx aurantiigula* Seen well Arusha NP
Rosy-throated Longclaw *Macronyx ameliae* Seen well in Ngorongoro crater
African Pipit *Anthus cinnamomeus* Quite common on open plains
Long-billed Pipit *Anthus similis* Seen well in Ngorongoro crater
Plain-backed Pipit *Anthus leucophrys* Seen on the Serengeti plains
Yellow-crowned Canary *Serinus flavivertex* Seen on crater rim
Southern Citril *Crithagra hyposticta* Seen Arusha NP and crater
Reichenow's Seedeater *Crithagra reichenowi* Seen Manyara
Yellow-fronted Canary *Crithagra mozambica* Seen Arusha NP
Southern Grosbeak-Canary *Crithagra buchanani* Seen Oldupai
White-bellied Canary *Crithagra dorsostriata* Common Ndutu and Serengeti
Streaky Seedeater *Crithagra striolata* Seen Arusha and on crater rim
Cinnamon-breasted Bunting *Emberiza tahapisi* Seen Ngorongoro descent road